

Kingston Cycling Campaign

Borough group of the London Cycling Campaign

Bread Pudding rides This SPRING

Sunday 8th March
Local day's ride 10.30am

Sunday 22nd March
Morning ride 10.30am-12.30pm
Afternoon ride 2.00-4.00pm

Sunday 12th April
Local day's ride 10.30am

Sunday 26th April
Local day's ride 10.30am

Sunday 29th April
Morning ride 10.30am-12.30pm
Afternoon ride 2.00-4.00pm

Sunday 10th May
Challenge ride **Note: 10am start
A bit hillier to stretch the legs**

Sunday 20th May
Morning ride 10.30am-12.30pm
Afternoon ride 2.00-4.00pm

Sunday 24th May
Local day's ride 10.30am

Rides usually start in Kingston's ancient market place (except some challenge / train assisted rides). Day rides usually stop for a pub lunch.

Note: You may need lights for getting home after the day rides at this time of year.

Blazing Saddles Newsletter

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Picture courtesy of Ruth Crumey

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First mini-Holland proposal 'inadequate'

Members of the KCC committee have been very busy responding to the first mini-Holland proposal from Kingston Council, writes KCC coordinator Jon Fray.

The design for the busy Portsmouth Road route was very different from that put forward in the original bid for funding that KCC supported. Communication from the council has been poor and we only heard about the plan by reading about it in the local newspaper.

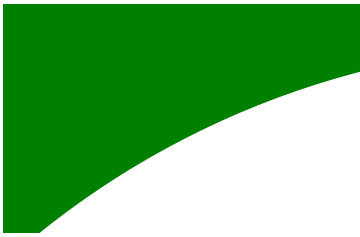
At the council's Infrastructure, Projects & Contracts Committee in January, KCC proposed that the council should not consult the public on a design that we felt to be inadequate and contrary to the aims of the mini-Holland project which is to make Kingston 'every bit as cycle-friendly' as an equivalent Dutch town. Nevertheless the council pursued the consultation and we have been very active trying to get people to

respond to it and to demand more protected space for people on bikes. We understand that the council has had in excess of 500



responses and that a common theme has been that people want more protected space.

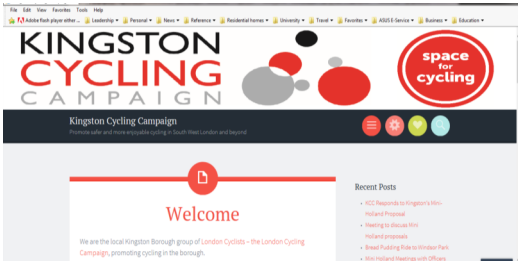
Following our intervention at the council committee we were offered and accepted separate meetings with council officers and leading councillors, and attended a liaison meeting with campaigners from other mini-Holland boroughs (Enfield and Waltham Forest). We believe that better and earlier communication from the council in future will help to further the cause for protected space. *For more about what the mini-Hollands programme means for Kingston, see over.*



Cycle Shorts

New website

David Williams with support from Nick Davies and Ruth Crumey have been busy developing a new look website and new content in WordPress format. The new site makes it easier for more contributors to post information and to include photos and links to social media. We're very grateful in particular for David's expertise and time spent building the site.



New road schemes

- A scheme to widen the Brighton Road in Surbiton approach to Maple Road (northbound) has been designed and work is expected to take place in March. We will be examining it closely when it gets put in as we expressed the opinion that it will not improve things for cyclists and may even make things worse.
- Also in Surbiton some reinforcement of 20mph signage in Kingsdowne Road (primarily extra painted roundels and lowering the 20mph signs) is being

implemented in March.

- South of the Borough Neighbourhood Committee resolved to progress a 20mph scheme in Woodgate Avenue.
- Wood Street cycle crossing 'snagging' and road surfacing should be complete by March.
- Skerne Road improvements have been approved by Kingston Town Neighbourhood Committee.
- We have requested that the protruding piece of tarmac left over after the changes to the pedestrian crossing at the Fountain roundabout be removed.

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mini-Hollands for Kingston – an overview

Schemes in the Kingston's mini-Holland Programme - for which £34m was granted from the Mayor of London - are split in to 'routes' and 'projects'. Projects are the more 'iconic' ones including the planned path between New Malden Station and Raynes Park along the line of a Thames Water pipe. Consultation on that project is planned for June this year, and a £6m plaza outside Kingston Station will be consulted on in October.

The next route to go to consultation is connectivity to Kingston Bridge in August followed by Kingston Hill and Vale in September. The Riverside Boardway route which most people seem to have heard about is scheduled for consultation in February 2016.

Surbiton's 20mph

More 20 mph limits will be appearing this year in Surbiton following the decision of the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee last month to approve lower limits that are not only restricted to outside schools and nurseries. Conservatives on the council had wanted to see speed limits reduced only in the locality of school entrances while Lib Dems sought to implement the scheme put forward by council officers to have whole roads deemed 20 mph including the main shopping street, Victoria Road.



A middle way appears to have been achieved which means that with the new 20 mph limits extremely short sections of 30 mph limit will not be left, minimising the amount of signing needed, but

disappointingly does not result in a lower speed limit on Victoria Road nor all the residential streets in Surbiton. KCC supported the original plan to have consistent 20 mph speed limits in Surbiton. The original plan will be revisited at the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee after a borough-wide review of consultation processes completes

The next Kingston Cycling Campaign meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10th March at 8.30pm and every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Check the website nearer the time for the location. We are currently at the Willoughby Arms, Willoughby Road, Kingston, KT2 6LN