

Report for: Environment and Community Scrutiny Panel, September 2020

Item number: 11

Title: Update on the 'Streetspace Plan' cycling infrastructure bids

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Ward(s) affected: ALL

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 Haringey has been working in partnership with residents, stakeholders, the Mayor of London, Transport for London (TfL) and the Department for Transport (DfT) on a transport and highways response to the Covid 19 crisis to enable social distancing in our town centres and outside our schools, providing new cycleways and introducing low traffic neighbourhoods. This will help active and safe travel whilst the public transport system cannot operate at full capacity due to social distancing.

1.2 The Council has been working on proposals to give people safe alternatives to travel around the borough through 'active travel' such as walking and cycling. Haringey submitted 18 bids to TfL to access a share of the £45m London Streetspace Plan fund¹. The cycleway bids are listed below. A full list of Haringey's submitted bids can be found on the Council's dedicated webpage². The Council was successful in securing £1.1m from its bids.

1.3 TfL and the DfT released a second tranche of funding worth £20m in July 2020. The deadline for submissions was Friday 24 July 2020. We resubmitted all the unsuccessful first round TfL Streetspace bids except for the bids which did not meet the criteria to deliver schemes for Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs), School Streets and cycleways. We also submitted a new bid for a LTN in Bounds Green. We expect to hear the outcome later this summer. The additional Bounds Green LTN bid can also be found on the Council's dedicated webpage.

¹ <https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/streetspace-for-london>

² <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/travel/transport-strategy/haringey-s-streetspace-plans>

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to note the progress made to date in achieving funding from TfL and the DfT and the delivery progress of the funded cycling schemes.

3. Reasons for decision

- 3.1. N/A

4. Alternative options considered

- 4.1. N/A

5. Background information

- 5.1. On 1 May 2020 TfL announced to the boroughs that all TfL funded projects, including our annual Local Implementation Plan (LIP) allocation of £1.9m, would be suspended and boroughs would need to submit proposals to access a new funding package called 'The London Streetspace Plan'³. The suspension of existing funding was the result of a fall in passenger numbers during the Covid 19 pandemic lockdown period. The Streetspace Plan was funded by a settlement package to TfL from the DfT. £45m of the settlement was made available for boroughs to bid for projects which delivered social distancing measures, new cycleways, school streets and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs).
- 5.2. The DfT separately released additional funding of up to £100,000 per borough to deliver emergency active travel projects. Boroughs needed to also apply for this funding⁴.
- 5.3. To help inform our bids, and future funding opportunities, the Council has sought the views and input from the community and our stakeholders. The Council launched an interactive Commonplace Map⁵ which allowed residents and business owners to identify cycle routes and LTNs. The consultation opened on 2 June and closed on 26 June 2020. A special Transport Forum was held on 1 July 2020 to share our bids with stakeholders, followed by an all member briefing on the bids on 8 July 2020. Haringey was also the first borough to hold a TfL virtual 'Town Hall' meeting on 10 August 2020 which was an opportunity for residents, stakeholders and members to question TfL on their Streetspace Plan and their plans for supporting Haringey deliver its response to Covid 19.
- 5.4. Haringey submitted 18 bids to the Streetspace Plan fund⁶ and a single bid comprising 5 cycleway improvements for the full £100,000 to the DfT. The Council was successfully awarded £1,139,285 which included the DfT funding. This

³ <https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/streetspace-for-london>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/emergency-active-travel-fund-local-transport-authority-allocations>

⁵ <https://haringeystreetspaces.commonplace.is/>

⁶ <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/travel/transport-strategy/haringey-s-streetspace-plans>.

amount marks the Council as the 8th highest borough in London for the funding secured.

5.5. The funded cycleway projects include:

- Improvements to Cycle Superhighway 1 (CS1)
- The extension of CS1 to connect to the London Borough of Enfield
- Designing a new cycle route which will connect Haringey to Islington via Crouch End with the aim to secure further funding later this year to implement the scheme
- DfT funded improvements to existing advisory cycle lanes in the borough at five locations – Ferry Lane, Station Road N22, High Road N22, Bounds Green Road and the southern end of Green Lanes.

5.6. In July 2020, TfL and the DfT jointly released a further £20m for the boroughs to bid for. The cycleway projects bid for were:

- The implementation of the Crouch End and Hornsey Cycleway which received funding for designing in the first funding round
- A Wood Green to Finsbury Park Cycleway
- Implementation of Cycle Future Route 2 between Tottenham Hale and Finsbury Park in Haringey
- Implementation of Quietway 10 between Bowes Park and Finsbury Park in Haringey.

5.7. We expect an announcement from TfL imminently on the second round of funding.

6. Progress update on 'Streetspace Plan' funded Cycleways projects

6.1. The successfully funded cycleway projects are well underway. The progress update is as follows:

6.2. The DfT funded emergency cycleway improvements:

- Relining and widening measures completed.
- Light segregation measures (orcas and wands) were ordered prior to approval of funding
- Delivery is due imminently and implementation will commence immediately and is expected to be completed within two weeks of delivery.

6.3. Streetspace Plan funded cycleway projects including the improvement and extension of cycle superhighway 1 (CS1)

- A series of nine measures currently making up the project. 5 of these elements have been designed, notifications sent out and will commence works in early September.

- More complicated 4 elements still being designed, including the new CS1 link into Enfield
- TfL are involved in this process

6.4. Designing the Hornsey and Crouch End Cycleway

- Design work is underway to determine a route through Hornsey and Crouch End wards towards the border with Islington. This design work builds on the work and engagement carried out as part of the Crouch End Liveable Neighbourhood Project. Officers have been engaging with ward councillors to ensure support for the route. TfL have also been involved in the design work. An officer working group from teams across the Council has also been convened to look holistically at Crouch End Town Centre to ensure the future cycling route supports the wider aspirations for delivering a positive economic future for the high street as we emerge from the pandemic lockdown period.
- It is anticipated that the design work will be finalised by the end of September and we hope the implementation will commence if we are awarded funding in the second round of TfL funding mentioned in paragraph 1.3 above.

7. Walking and Cycling Action Plan

- 7.1. Before the Covid 19 crisis the Council was already working on an emerging draft Walking and Cycling Action Plan (WCAP) as a commitment in the adopted Transport Strategy and to help fulfil other objectives set out in the Borough Plan, Air Quality Action Plan and draft Climate Change Action Plan etc.
- 7.2. The Streetspace Plan work set out above in this report sets out how some of the emerging projects in the draft WCAP were accelerated as part of the Council's response to COVID-19.
- 7.3. The draft WCAP will be published later this year for public consultation, for adoption in 2021. It will set out the Council's current response to COVID-19 through the Streetspace Plan but also the more medium and long term ambitions of the Council to support walking and cycling. It will support the Council in future funding bid opportunities and coordinating a borough wide and strategic approach to walking and cycling.