

2014 – 2015 activity as CTC Right to Ride representative in Plymouth

Plymouth Plan.

The consultation documents were pretty vague but in the final document cycling both for leisure purposes and as a primary means of transport has been made integral to policies, particularly those concerning Health and Transport. E.g. -

- Ensuring that highway infrastructure projects take full account of the needs of pedestrians, cyclists
- Ensuring through the planning process that new development delivers safe and convenient facilities for walking, cycling,
- Promoting transport measures that maximise modal shift from car to alternative sustainable travel choices, including, walking and cycling routes,

How far this was due to my comments I do not know.

There are plans for major changes on Tavistock Road between Crownhill and The George, particularly the Derriford roundabout.

The original proposals seemed designed to discourage cycling. The designs now have parallel cycling provision both on and off carriageway. Not perfect but there are site constraints.

How much effect did my detailed comments have?

The new development at Sherford.

Within the “town” cycling is still not being taken seriously. I have hopes that the A379 route into Plymouth will be made safe for cycling.

There is a scheme to provide a better environment along the “Wolseley Road Corridor”. I have made suggestions to improve the proposed cycle provision.

Good news - over the border in Cornwall there is a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over the A38. at Carkeel.

Bad news – my suggestions that it should be connected to the road system were ignored. I have been told that cyclist should get off and walk but no solution offered as to how to cross a busy road while doing this.

2016 and onwards.

An octogenarian non-cyclist is not well qualified for the post, so who is taking over or is the role seen as unnecessary?

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