

Spokes Hustings 6.4.17, notes by Peter Hawkins

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Introductory speech

Need to improve quality of roads for all users, not just for cycling – and we all use many modes of transport, so it is wrong to pick out one particular mode.

Conservatives have been pushing hard for bike hire scheme, disappointed not happened yet – Boris Bikes works very well in London.

Questions in groups

20mph – why are Conservatives questioning it? Need a lot more evidence and impartial assessment before rolling it out further. Evidence on whether it helps/hinders pollution is conflicting. Also not convinced that 20mph so far has made any worthwhile improvement to any other aspects.

Pavement parking : not a council issue; there will be a bill in parliament and public consultation. Problem that it will need enforcement and a culture shift.

Roseburn route: Conservatives joined other parties in supporting Option A in final vote. Segregation should solve the problem of parking in the cycle lane.

Seg routes: No decision on which route after the W-E route, but will need a network, and the experience of the W-E route will help guide next steps.

Road repairs how done?: Best is a mix of private and public contractors.

Summing-up speech

Road maintenance should be designed & funded to benefit all

Design of cycle facilities important – need to note experience and learn from it.

Secure bike storage important, needs expanded.

20mph – not happy with current approach; other means of control are needed, e.g. road & junction design.