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It is said that no news is good news, but I think good news is better than no news. So I have been waiting for good news, [which is why this news letter has been delayed], and then two have come along together: Station Parking, and the Dacorum Cycle Strategy.

TRING STATION



London Midland (LM) informed us that they plan to double the number of forecourt cycle parking spaces by putting in another "Broxap" shelter which will mirror the existing cycle storage, and provide for another 40 cycles. This should be installed soon. It should be noted that the picture above is an **"artist's interpretation"**, and so the actual dimensions are approximate. Funding is not sufficient at present to refurbish the existing low level cycle shed, which will be retained in its current form.

There are three parts to the **Berkhamsted Station** cycle storage improvement programme. The first two parts of the scheme are imminent; one part is the installation of a CCTV security camera to cover the existing cycle storage. The second part is the installation of 10 stands (20 cycle spaces) and shelters on the car park adjacent to the entrance to the London bound platform. The third part is the installation of cycle storage which happens next year when stands and shelters will be installed on the traffic island opposite the side entrance of the station.

LM also plans to install improved cycle parking at Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, Cheddington and Kings Langley stations. We will let you know details of these in due course

DACORUM CYCLE STRATEGY

The Dacorum Cycle Strategy which is currently on the DBC website (under "Street care") is a draft that dates back to 2001, and is aspirational rather than specific. TCC and 17 other groups commented on this, and a revision was thought to be necessary. Much work was done by cycling groups (e.g. TCC and BCG, before we merged, the Hemel Hempstead Cycling Club and "Groundwork" to produce a considerably revised version. You have probably noticed that in several news sheets we have complained that this seemed to have been forgotten.

However recently this version has eventually been examined by a Dacorum Scrutiny Panel which recommended that it should be adopted by the DBC cabinet, subject to a few revisions to bring it up to date. As the Scrutiny Panel commented "the risk involved in not having a Strategy, particularly at present in the absence of a comprehensive coverage of transport plans and an infrastructure planning process, is that possible funding for cycling measures and direct measures on site could be missed". We can cite several recent instances where funding for cycling has been missed and we hope the revision is done rapidly so that cycling throughout the Borough can benefit.

Sometimes attempts to improve cycle design are unsuccessful



CYCLE PARKING

We have noticed that in many cases cycle parking has been provided, but it is in the rear of a car park and in such a position that it is obscured by parked cars. This is particularly the case for Pubs and for Tring Museum. We shall be urging such places to provide signs indicating the cycle parking, and hope that you will let us know places that would benefit from such signs.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be at 8.15pm on November 3rd upstairs at the Green House in Tring

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