Huntick Cycleway Report for Full Council 19 Aug 2017

Cllr Andrew Huggins

Over the last month, Cllr Bush and I have received some communications from Helen Jackson (DCC Highways) and Cllr Wharf and we met on Friday 18th Aug to try to work out a route forward, as there is a lack of clarity on

1. Which route is favoured by DCC, if any route were to be invested in
2. What the topographical survey is actually of and how much it would cost (Helen has quoted figures between £8-15K in different emails).
3. Whether DCC would consider splitting the cost of the Topo. Survey if we could get funding.

We agreed that we will take this in stages and I will write to Helen Jackson and try to get Highways to acknowledge that, just because there \*might\* in future be a greater (student) population on Wareham Road and Deans Drove who might more naturally be “drawn” to use Stafford Row, if it is fundamentally viewed as unsafe by parents, then they will NOT use it and simply more pupils will be driven to the Minster School. The only solution to that would be to widen Stafford Row, tarmac it, and illuminate it, as it is still a secluded path. Our stance is that if they were to spend money doing this they may as well develop the Huntick Road route which is inherently less secluded, and which will also better serve the core village population.

Once we have agreement that Stafford Row is unsuitable, we can work on getting more details of the exact proposed route by DCC, and get a better idea about the Topo survey and any requests we might have from C Lees and /or A Rockley.

We acknowledge that this is an ambitious and expensive project, but it has a lot of support, and we really need the support of Cllr Wharf to keep the positive pressure on at DCC.