

South Carriage Drive City of Westminster

Description

The scheme is part of Link 237 in the City of Westminster, which travels east/west through Hyde Park. Link 221 joins the scheme just north of the crossing of South Carriage Drive. The scheme was developed over a two-year period in consultation and collaboration with the City of Westminster and the Royal Parks. The LCN+ PM Team were also involved in the scheme development and so informally reviewed the designs as they were submitted. The un-signalised parallel crossing was implemented in order to provide a legal cycle crossing. The main issue with the existing layout was the potential for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists. Cyclists were using the existing zebra crossing to cross the road into the cycle track and this meant they were clashing with the high pedestrian flows into and out of the park. It should be noted that video studies con-

ducted at the crossing showed very few conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians and so the issue seemed to be more about perceived rather than actual danger. Having a parallel crossing has meant that the cyclists still benefit from the facility whilst having their own distinct route across the crossing point. Due to the large number of complaints received by the council about conflict at this point the scheme has been the subject of rigorous safety check. The scheme has undergone a stage 2 safety audit and is due to have a stage 3 carried out in the near future. The introduction of tactile paving, give-way markings and the parallel crossing were all recommended in the stage 2 audit. Issues about the legality of cycle crossings are currently being debated at a high level between TfL (CCE) and the Department for Transport.

Existing conditions

- Crossing of road with 30mph speed limit
- High pedestrian density
- High cycle flows
- Royal Parks is the highway authority

Scheme details

- Un-signalised parallel cycle crossing adjacent to a Zebra crossing
- LCDS Ref CCE/C19
- Stage 1 & 2 Safety Audit completed
- Stage 3 Safety Audit still to be completed
- Raised table - tarmac
- Blocked paving at entry/exit points
- Granite kerbing
- Give way markings

Scheme Plan

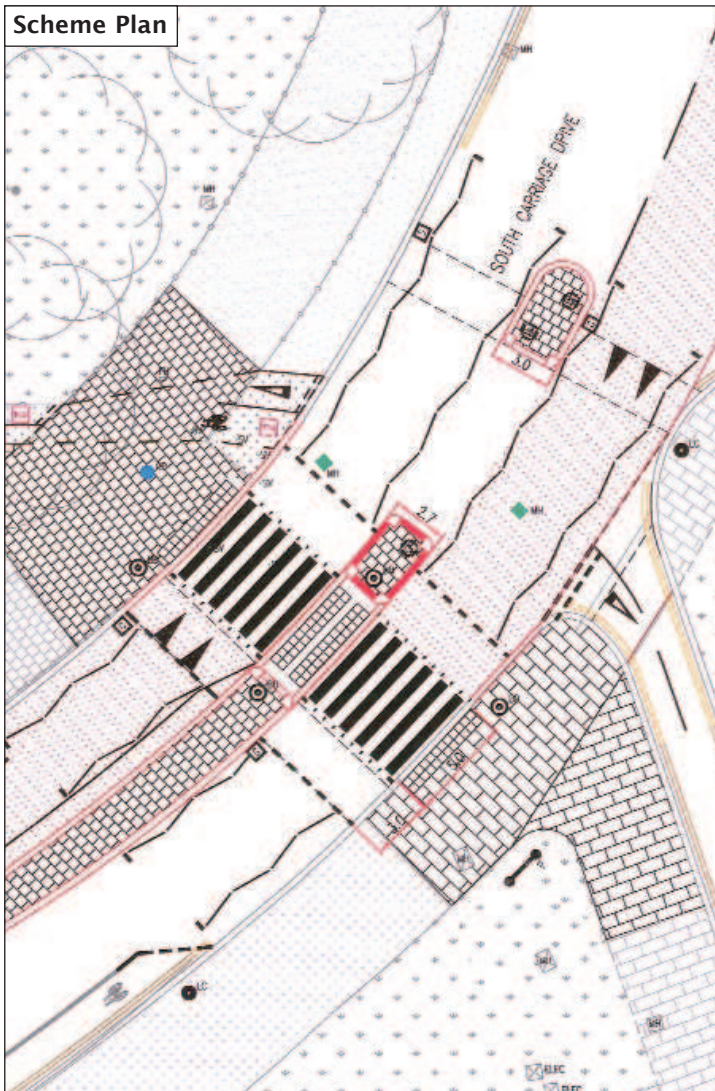


Photo 1: Before



Photo 2: After