

Beddington Park cycle track LB Sutton

Description:

The route forms part of link 191 and travels east-west across the park from London road to Streeters Lane. Before scheme implementation cycle counts recorded along the route showed over 100 cyclists used the route in both directions everyday. The route provides an alternative to the busy A232 and has always proved popular despite the lack of any previous cycling provision.

Overcoming objections:

- A consultation in 2000/01 for un-segregated use of the footways for cycling received objections from the Ramblers Association and from the Joint Committee on Mobility of Blind and Partially Sighted People. The objections were unresolved.

- The scheme was revisited during a CRISP study in March 2004.

- Previous objections were accommodated by the suggested introduction of segregated lanes where possible. Cycle speed reduction methods were also proposed.

- A cycle track order was issued in January 2005 stating two of the footpaths would be converted into a shared use path and a cycle track respectively.

Photo 1: Before



Photo 1: After



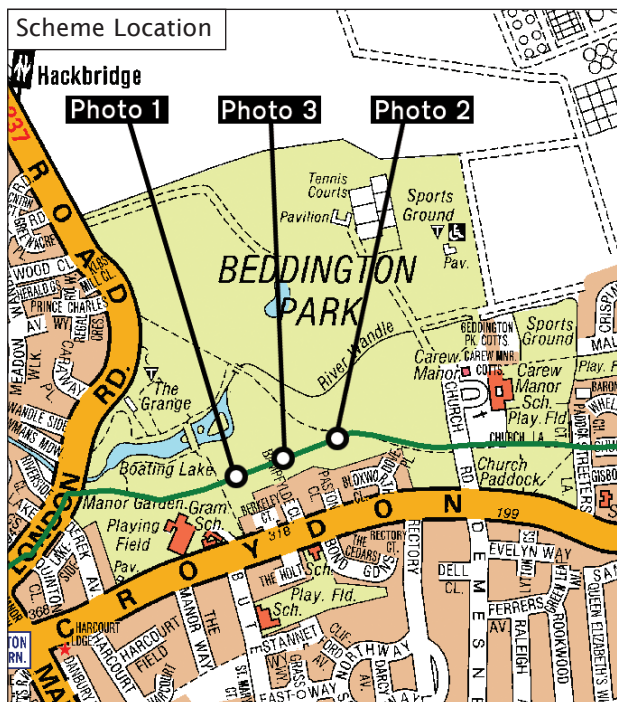
Photo 2: Before



Photo 2: After



Photo 3: After



Scheme details:

- 2.5m wide shared use path serving a school.
- A new 3m wide cycle track runs for a distance of 300m.
- As a speed reduction measure bollards were used.
- A conflict point where the cycle track crosses the pedestrian foot way was resolved by providing a curve in the cycle track to reduce speeds. Original scheme proposals included a chicane but a com promise was found (see photo above).