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Dear Mr Griffiths,

Pedestrian and Cyclist access

Further to your email of 8th July 2009, officers have now reported back to me on your multiple concerns raised, as follows:

Safe passage east to west

The Council is mindful of the busy road network around Shepherds Bush and the need to provide suitable facilities for all the competing road users here. The facilities we have delivered as part of the Westfield planning gain, and as part of the Green redevelopment, concentrate on improving the off street facilities providing safe and efficient segregated routes for cyclists to use, away from the traffic. New cycle tracks and crossing facilities will assist new cyclists and those who are less confident cycling with traffic.

With regard to the new toucan crossing on the northern arm of the A3220, officers considered that the best approach would be to build the entire scheme as designed and allow cyclists and pedestrians to use it to see if any alterations are needed. The transition from Uxbridge Road to the northern footway cycle tracks is to be installed as indicated by officers as a package of minor alterations identified by an independent safety audit carried out by the Council's consultants.

Eastern access cycle track

The cycling facilities on this unadopted road are inconsistent, caused by accessibility requirements, and have been identified in the safety audit carried out by Westfield's consultants. It has been suggested that the low volume of traffic using this road would suit an on carriageway cycle facility. We would want to see how cyclists and pedestrians use this area, before we start to consider making changes.

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Valet parking sign

A bespoke cantilevered post has been ordered and upon delivery it will be installed by the Council at Westfield's expense.

Visibility distances

Due to the nature of the cycle route and the junction control, officers do not consider there to be any undue risk of a collision between a cyclist and vehicle at this location. The Council will however, continue to monitor the use of this new road layout by all users and make any necessary alterations should the need arise.

Bridge over A3220

As you know TfL have yet to make the necessary alterations to the crossing facilities at this junction before they will open it to the public. The Council have asked TfL to make these changes as soon as possible, however we would not want to rush the opening of this essential link before the safety needs of its users has been fully addressed.

As you will know the step/ramp structure gaining access to the Edward Woods Estate was built many years ago to an entirely different set of standards. Upon the opening of the crossing facilities, officers will make the necessary investigations into what alterations need to be carried out.

6. Cycle parking

Officers are monitoring cycle parking occupancy rates across the site and have secured sufficient funding to install more, as and when they are needed.

The Council is committed to encouraging and supporting cycling as a sustainable mode of transport throughout the Borough. In the meantime, if you need any further clarification on any of the points above please contact Nick Boyle, Transportation and Development Manager direct on 0208 753 3069. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment