East Acton–Chiswick cycle route – proposals for south end of Mansell Road

Background

The north-south cycle route between Chiswick and East Acton, via Southfield Recreation Ground, is being upgraded. A particular pinch-point is the alley connecting Mansell Road with Southfield Recreation Ground, which is at most 1.8 metres wide. It meets Mansell Road adjacent to the access to an industrial estate (Impress House), with large vehicles turning in and out, poor sightlines, and limited space to turn.

I approached the managing agents for the site, and asked them about the possibility of taking some of their land to widen the path, but without moving their gate. They responded with a proposal to move the gate and fence to widen the alley to 3 metres – a standards-compliant width for shared pedestrian and cycle use. But they also want some changes to the public realm to make it easier for lorries to turn into and out of their site.

Proposal

The proposal is therefore as follows:

Relocate fence and gate to make space for widened path: £10,250, as quoted by gate contractors.

Legal agreement (Jaggard Macland costs): £750

Legal agreement (Ealing costs): £750

Traffic order for changes to yellow lines: £1000

Civils to adjust kerblines on Mansell Road: £3000

Surfacing of widened path/alley: £6000

Grand total: £21750.

Costs for highway works need to be estimated properly.

In principle, owners of Impress House will contribute to the cost, exact amount to be negotiated.