

Camden Cycling Campaign

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Response to TfL consultation on Netley Primary School and Everton Buildings Development, NW1 3EX

Road Safety and Public Realm Improvements

This response is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign (LCC). We have approximately 600 members and represent the interests of cyclists living or working in the borough of Camden. We consulted our members by email and online (using Cyclescape) on this issue and this response reflects the views of the membership.

This proposal takes a very 'local' view of improvements and does not consider other possible ways to encourage walking and cycling to Netley School and in the area.

Camden's proposal to improve the local roads in front of the school entrance are sensible and will improve conditions for parents and children arriving at the school. The traffic calming measures – raised junctions and widened footways along Stanhope Street – should be effective in slowing motor vehicles at the junction and outside the school entrance. However, at present there are railings along Stanhope Street as far as the junction with William Road and the plans do not indicate whether it is intended to replace these when the pavements have been altered. We would like to know whether it is proposed to reinstate these? In general, we do not approve of railings as they may trap cyclists at pinch-points, but appreciate that very short sections of railings may be appropriate around zebra crossings at the school entrance.

As the building works to Everton Buildings are not yet completed, it is not possible to examine the impact of the proposal to install lockable bollards for emergency vehicle access.

Stanhope Street is part of the useful cycle route from the Outer Circle, via Park Village East to Gordon Street and Malet Street on the Central London Grid (GNS1) and it is hoped that improvements to calm motor traffic on this street will be of benefit to the route as a whole.

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