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## **Consultation Christopher Hatton School – Proposed improvements for Poole’s Building & Laystall Street, EC1R.**

To Chris Smith

I am writing on behalf of Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign (LCC). We have over 600 members and represent the interests of cyclists living or working in the borough of Camden. We have consulted our members by email on this issue and this response reflects the views of the membership.

We fully support Camden Council’s proposals for improved access to Christopher Hatton School as follows:

- Raise the road along Poole’s Building to footway level to provide a step free access to the school’s new main entrance.
- Pave the area leading to the school’s main entrance and relay the setts in the carriageway to footway level
- Close off the road along Poole’s Building to all motor vehicles except pedal cycles.

However, we believe that access by cycle to Christopher Hatton School would be greatly improved by allowing two-way cycling in both parts of Laystall Street, which is oneway northbound from Clerkenwell Road to Roseberry Avenue and one way southbound bound between Mount Pleasant and Roseberry Avenue. This is a very quiet road with no end-to-end through traffic due to the opposing directions of the one-way sections.

In addition to encouraging children, parents and staff to cycle to Christopher Hatton School this will be part of a useful quiet route via Doughty Street to Hatton Garden that avoids the main junctions on Gray’s Inn Road.

This would be cheap and simple to implement by applying a "Cyclists exemption" to:

- the "No Entry" to the northbound part of Laystall Street from Roseberry Avenue <http://goo.gl/cYJN9t> (StreetView)
- and to the "No Entry" the southbound part to Laystall Street from Roseberry Avenue <http://goo.gl/w3515m> (StreetView)

One way streets normally have "ONE WAY" signs at the entrance and in this case they would need to be replaced by a 960.2 sign but there does not appear to be one either at the Clerkenwell road entrance. <http://goo.gl/JmaZHG> or at the entrance from Mount Pleasant <http://goo.gl/0pXHGP>

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