

## **Bartholomew Road Area Proposals consultation**

This response to the consultation on the proposed Improvements to the Bartholomew Road Area is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign (LCC). We represent the interests of cyclists living or working in the borough of Camden. We consulted our members by email and on *CycleScape* on this issue. This response reflects the views of the membership.

We welcome these proposals to tackle the problems caused by rat runs.

### **Junction of Leighton Road and Bartholomew Road**

We fully support the pair of proposals:

- "No Right Turn (Except Cyclists) " from Leighton Road into Bartholomew Road
- "No Left Turn (Except Cyclists)" from Bartholomew Road into Leighton Road

We believe that these measures alone will significantly reduce the number of motor vehicles on the AM peak rat run 'A' and the PM peak rat run 'B2' (shown on the map on the front page of the consultation document).

### **Junction of Sandall Road and Camden Road**

We fully support the following proposals:

- "No right turn (Except Cyclists)" from Camden Road into Sandall Road.
- " No right turn (Except Cyclists)" from Sandall Road into Camden Road.
- Extend the central traffic island on Camden Road at the junction with Sandall Road to stop the above manoeuvres. There will be a gap in the island to allow cyclists to make these turns.

The Sandall Road changes will not only make the junction with Camden Road a lot safer for pedestrians and people who cycle, but also will reduce rat running. In particular, it will significantly reduce the number of motor vehicles on the rat runs 'C' and 'B1'

### **Kentish Town Road/ Patshull Road**

- Convert to two way traffic on Patshull Road between Kentish Town Road and Bartholomew Villas. Widen the carriageway at Patshull Road junction with Kentish Town Road to accommodate two way.
- Relocate the 'No Entry' signs at Patshull Road/ Kentish Town Road junction to Patshull Road at the junction with Bartholomew Villas.

We reject this proposal because it causes a 'leakage' – allowing extra motors to enter and move around in roads where the aim is to reduce rat runs. We also believe that this error has given objectors something to get their teeth into.

We had expected the 'No Entry' signs to be placed by Cresta Motors so as to provide access for traders without compromising the rest of the scheme.

### **Bartholomew Road**

- Convert the section of single yellow line at the bend of 60 Bartholomew Road to double yellow lines; this will result in the loss of one resident parking space.
- Convert a section of single yellow line at the bend outside 59 Bartholomew Road between the resident parking bay and the School Keep Clear sign to double yellow lines.

We fully support these proposals.

We are concerned that potential support for these two proposals may be lost due to an error in the 'On Line Survey form' that was corrected only on 11th January 2016. It was supposed to be question 4, but before that date question 3 was substituted.

### **Other points that are of concern to cyclists**

- Lorries and vans at Jewson's often reverse in to Bartholomew Road without banksman;
- It would help to have a refuge for cyclists turning right into the southern end of Bartholomew Rd from Kentish Town Road;
- the emergency gate across the southern end of Bartholomew Road should be replaced by bollards before anyone else crashes into it. This is well overdue - action was promised over a year ago;
- In a message sent to us on 1 December Hasher Mahnavi told us that the previously agreed action to add 'except cyclists' to the No Entry signs on Gaisford Rd and Caversham Rd would not go ahead. We do not accept the points in that message as adequate and wish to discuss this again.

Please would you acknowledge receipt of this response. We would be very happy to discuss any aspect of our comments; contact details are below.

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