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To: Tabrez Hussein and Simi Shah

Proposed New Healthy School Street Scheme on Savernake Road (Gospel Oak Primary School)

This response to the consultation on the proposed Healthy School Streets for Gospel Oak Primary School is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign (LCC). We represent the interests of cyclists living or working in Camden and aim to expand the opportunities for all to cycle safely in the borough. We have discussed this consultation by email and on CycleScape.

This consultation has raised considerable interest and our contacts are very pleased to see that Camden is consulting on its third "Healthy School Street".

Our response

We strongly support the proposal to designate Savernake Road as a Healthy School Street – prohibiting motor vehicles from entering the section of Savernake Road between Mansfield Road and Rona Road during school term time, Monday – Friday between 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-4:00pm.

We prefer Option 1 – in which Savernake Road is to be one way northbound for all motor traffic (except cyclists) between Mansfield Road and Rona Road. Only that option will substantially reduce the rat-running on Constantine and Savernake Roads, making them a pleasant and healthy street for everyone (but for a full solution see our additional suggestion below).

In addition, we have the following suggestion:

The consultation document notes that about 100 vehicles travel through Savernake Road southbound towards Mansfield Road in the morning rush hour, most of them turning left onto Mansfield Road. It goes on to say that officers consider that most of these vehicles are travelling through Savernake Road to avoid the busy signal junction at Agincourt Road/ Mansfield Road.

As a remedy to this rat running the consultation proposes an option to make Savernake Road one way northbound between Mansfield Road and Rona Road. We predict that rat runners will still avoid those signals and then cut through via one of the other roads between Rona Road and Roderick Road. We therefore suggest that a much more effective solution would be to make the 1-way northbound section of Savernake extend up to the entrance to the Heath at Savernake Bridge.

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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