

## **Consultation on improvements to the Leather Lane Market Area**

To Peter Ashley and Simi Shah

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 and on CycleScape on this issue and this response reflects the views of the membership.

The consultation document (paragraph 3) uses the phrase: "to stop vehicles using Leather Lane while the market is on" and speaks of similar closures for Hatton Wall and St Cross Street; and the Questionnaire Proposal 1 uses the phrase: "Close Leather lane and several adjacent roads to all traffic on market days (Monday to Friday between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm).

We believe that these closures should not apply to cycles since people travelling to the market and other destinations in the area should be allowed to ride there, just getting off their bikes when appropriate to pass through the market area. It would be unreasonable to expect cyclists to walk through these roads to the market area.

After raising these issues by email, we have been informed in email and verbally by Peter Ashley that: The signage that will be used at all the entry points of the road closure will "technically" permit cyclists to cycle through. He subsequently confirmed that the 619 'flying motorcycle' sign would be used.

We do support the proposal to stop **motor** vehicles using Leather Lane, Hatton Wall and Cross Street during market hours and prefer option A because it will be more effective. But we have to modify the wording in our response to the questionnaire so that it's clear that we insist that cycles should be excluded from this ban.

### **Proposal 1**

Close Leather Lane and several adjacent roads to all **motor** traffic on market days (Monday to Friday between 10:30am and 2:30pm). This will mean making parking changes to parking bays. **Option A**

### **Proposal 2**

Convert all trader parking bays to shared-use parking bays. If a trader does not occupy a bay by 11am then residents with a CA-D permit will be able to park in these bays. **No Opinion**