

Response to Consultation on Brunswick Square Walking and Cycling Improvements

To Dan Tait

This response to the consultation on the Brunswick Square Walking and Cycling Improvements, is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign (LCC). We have over 500 members and represent the interests of cyclists living or working in the borough of Camden. We consulted members and others by email, on our website and on CycleScope about this issue and the proposals have been well received.

We strongly support the following measures:

- The proposal to close Lansdowne Terrace to all through journeys by motor vehicles. This change should greatly enhance the already signed quiet cycle route from Judd Street to Holborn via Lamb's Conduit Street. It is likely that this route will become even more popular once there is two-way cycling in Midland Road.
- The replacement of the existing roundabout by a simple cross roads. Currently northbound cycles have to take the lane when using the roundabout which is not suitable for inclusive (8 to 80) cycling. It is regrettable that northbound cycles have to 'Give Way' but we acknowledge that it would be hard to find an alternative.
- the blended junction at the north side of Brunswick Square

Other comments:

- We approve the two-way cycle track through the road closure at Lansdowne Terrace but are concerned that the width should be generous. LCDS 2 Section 4.4 recommends 3m for medium flow and 4m+ for high flow – above 2000 per day.
- We approve the use of inset parking bays outside the Renoir Cinema which leave a straight line for the carriageway.
- We approve the proposed removal of the central island, which is a potential pinch point for cycles – on the zebra crossing outside the Renoir Cinema.
- Every scheme should provide new cycle parking and the proposed additional places outside the School of Pharmacy and International Hall will be welcome but we believe that more are needed elsewhere, for example outside the Renoir Cinema.
- The proposed public realm improvements will make the area much more pleasant for walking and cycling through and for lingering in the area.

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