

Camden Cycling Campaign, 11 Grove Terrace, London, NW5 1PH
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To: Simi Shah and Tabrez Hussein

Consultation on Cycling Improvements on Arlington Road

This response to the consultation on Cycling Improvements on Arlington Road 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 have discussed the consultation by email and on CycleScape and all the responses express astonishment at the lack of provision for cycling.

The only proposed improvement is to remove 10 metres of parking opposite Marsala Zone on Arlington Road on the southern approach to the junction of Parkway. This could be seen as an improvement enabling people on bikes to access the ASL. However, the consultation says it is to accommodate queuing traffic. Hence it appears that there are no intended improvements for cycling.

The consultation refers to “our proposal to introduce a cycle ‘Quietway’ route in Arlington Road” but the consultation drawing refers only to the section between Parkway and Delancey Street.

When we discussed the planning of this Quietway with Ben Knowles in Autumn 2015 we were under the impression that the Quietway would run all the way along Arlington Road from Jamestown Road to Mornington Crescent as is shown on maps of GRID routes. Since then, we have heard nothing to indicate that the length of the route would be cut.

Because of the reasons given above, we feel that we must reject this proposal. We plan in the meantime to carry out a thorough site visit to establish what would need to be done to make an attractive cycle route in Arlington Road. We would very much appreciate it if a Camden officer would agree to study the route with us.

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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