

To: Joel Mimbo-Hontang

Brecknock School – Proposed road safety improvements, Cliff Villas

This response to the consultation on the proposed road safety improvements in Cliff Villas for Brecknock 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.

We are strongly in support of Proposal 1: to make Cliff Villas one way for motor vehicles from Camden Park Road to Cliff Road while allowing cyclists to continue to travel along Cliff Villas in both directions. In particular, making the road one-way for motors is a basic necessary preparation in case a Healthy School Street is to be implemented.

We commend officers for carrying out a parking occupancy survey so as to justify the removal of six parking spaces. We would like to see a more widespread use of parking occupancy surveys so that space in our streets can be put to the best possible use and poor parking locations, e.g. close to junctions, can be avoided.

We are strongly in support of Proposal 2: to widen the footway outside the nursery entrance on Cliff Villas so as to provide extra space for parents and children walking between the two entrances and waiting.

We are against Proposal 3: to convert double yellow lines located near the main school entrance into a parking space, because the existing double yellow lines prevent parking close to the school gate; a large vehicle parked here would obscure visibility for people crossing at the narrow point. And more importantly we believe that people should be discouraged from driving to the school and especially from parking so close to the school gate.

We support Proposal 4: to provide secure cycle parking in Cliff Villas and we encourage LB Camden to install the Cyclehoop bikehangars here, as already deployed elsewhere in Camden. We would prefer not to shorten the widened footway opposite the main entrance but the bikehangars will not have the same disadvantages as a car parking space.

Finally, we urge LB Camden to follow up with the implementation of a Healthy School Street (with closure of Cliff Villas to motor traffic at the start and end of each school day).

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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