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To: Joanna Alker and Simi Shah

Camley Street - proposed pedestrian improvements

This response to the consultation on the proposed Camley Street - proposed pedestrian improvements 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.

Our response

We support the proposal to introduce a new raised table on Camley Street, on the bend by Camley Nature Reserve, as described in the consultation document.

For people cycling via the link between Agar Grove and Camley Street the new bridge over the canal is providing a very useful connection to both Granary Square and the canal towpath. However the sharp left turn at the entrance to the Nature Reserve onto the bridge is awkward, especially when entering from the north. So slowing traffic down at the entrance to the bridge is good.

In addition, we have the following suggestions:

People have reported a problem with motor vehicles parked / stopped on the northbound side just south of the entrance to the bridge path, thereby blocking one's line of sight up towards the railway bridge. Anything that could be done to discourage / prevent motor vehicles doing this would be helpful.

We understand that there are now more people using the Agar Camley link, including families that live in Kentish Town/Camden New Town and cycle to and from the Kings Cross Academy (now on the Kings Cross site). The Camley Street is not a through road and when the link was first put in, it was little used. The main problem for cyclists is the vast line of parked vehicles under the Overground railway bridge. And there are other issues with the construction vehicles working on the new developments. We are aware that those issues are outside the scope of this consultation but we would like to ask officers to consider a site visit with a view to making the road safe for children of say 12+ to ride or even walk on their own.

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