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### **Maygrove Road - Road Safety Measures**

This response to the consultation on the proposed road safety improvements in Maygrove 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 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 in favour of a new raised junction at Maygrove Road / Ariel Road, as shown in the consultation plan.

However, we do not believe the above measure alone would be sufficient to address the domination of motor traffic, including not only the speeding issues on Maygrove Road but also the sheer volume of motor traffic.

We will now respond to the invitation to respondents to provide comments and to make suggestions for longer-term measures to better manage traffic levels on Maygrove Road. We believe that the following context is relevant:

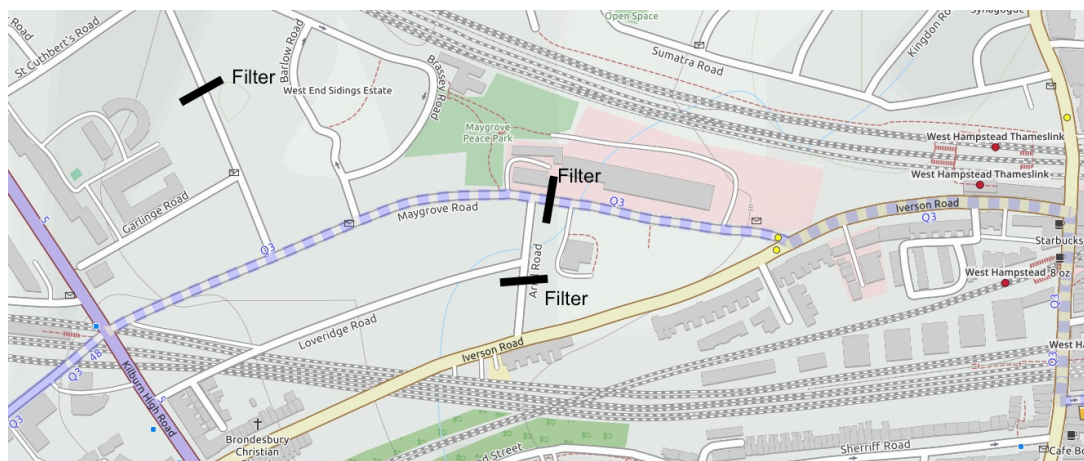
- Maygrove Road is on the proposed alignment of QW3 and is used by people cycling between the Gladstone Park area, West End Lane and Regent's Park.
- The entrance to the new building for the Infant section of Kingsgate School is on Maygrove Road.
- Fordwych Road is on a potential cycling route to Hampstead School.
- Maygrove Road between the A5 and Fordwych Road has considerably higher motor traffic flows than the rest of the road. This section is very unsuitable for use by a 12-year-old on a bike.
- The motor traffic flows on both Maygrove Road and Fordwych Road are above the numbers suitable for access roads.
- To quote a local resident: "Maygrove and Fordwych Roads are major East-West and North-South rat runs."

We believe that the best way to manage traffic levels on both Maygrove Road and Fordwych Road is to do the following:

- stop through motor traffic on Maygrove Road between the A5 and Iverson Road;
- stop through motor traffic on Fordwych Road between Mill Lane and Maygrove Road;
- avoid any increase motor traffic on the side roads and also on Iverson Road east of Maygrove Road which is also on the QW3 alignment and on walking routes to the new school building.

We suggest that the above could be achieved by means of placing filters at carefully selected points on Maygrove Road and Fordwych Road. These filters would allow cycles to pass while they block all motor vehicles. The map below shows an example of how this might be done with filters placed:

- on Maygrove Road east of Ariel Road;
- on Ariel Road south of Loveridge Road;
- on Fordwych Road between Maygrove Road and Mill Lane.



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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