

To: Michelle Jamieson

Consultation on the New End Healthy School Street

This response to the consultation on Camden Council's proposal for a Healthy School Street at New End School is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign. We represent the interests of cyclists living or working in the Camden and aim to expand the opportunities for all to cycle safely in the borough. We have discussed this consultation by email and online (using Cyclescape).

It is shocking to hear that 22% of children at New End School are currently driven to the school, and many of these trips are being made for distances that could be walked or cycled. This needs to be changed, for the health of those children that are driven and for the safety of those that walk, scoot or cycle.

We are therefore very supportive of implementing both proposals together for the following reasons:

- **Proposal A** - Restricting access to the part of New End closest to New End School at school opening/closing times.

Keeping moving motor vehicles out of the road nearest to the school is essential for the safety of the majority of children who walk, scoot or cycle to school. This is not only because of the danger caused by moving motor vehicles but, just as importantly, the health impacts of emissions and other forms of pollution.

We also believe that making it harder to park near to the school may encourage others to give up driving to school.

We are neutral as to whether to use collapsible bollards or ANPR.

- **Proposal B** - Create a timed road closure at the junction of New End and Heath Street during the morning peak times of 7.30am-9.30am only.

This traffic clearly uses roads that will be on walking and cycling routes to New End and Heathside schools as well as routes used by parents wishing to drive their children to these school. We therefore strongly support this proposal.

In fact, we would suggest that there should also be an afternoon closure to correspond with the school closing times.

Please 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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