

Camden's Response to TfL Streetspace Initiative

To: Sam Margolis, Strategic Lead Transport Planning
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We were very pleased to see TfL's Streetspace announcement and set of documents which were published last Friday 15th May. We have reviewed them as regards the implications for cycling in Camden and note that funds and support will be available for fast-track projects including Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, interventions on major roads and safe routes to schools. And, of course, safe travel will now mean social distancing as well as protection from motorised traffic for vulnerable road users.

We expect that you are preparing bids for some of the funds available and we would like to give you our priority list. This list is based on previous campaigns as well as feedback from members and supporters during the Covid-19 crisis including responses to Camden's Safe Travel Commonplace website as well as our own tracking system.

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

Based on previous engagement and recent responses we would prioritise the introduction of LTNs as follows:

1. East Kentish Town (bordered by Fortess Road, Kentish Town Road, Royal College Street, Camden Road and the Borough boundary (York Way/Brecknock Road but, realistically, probably split into two by Leighton Road).
2. West Hampstead (several possible zones within the area bounded by Kilburn High Road, Finchley Road and the Borough boundaries with Barnet and Westminster).
3. Camden Town (one or more within the LEN project area discussed in December 2019).
4. Dartmouth Park - extend current de-facto LTN to include Chetwynd Road and neighbouring streets.

In all of these areas we are aware of previous consultations and there is local support.

Major Roads

Based on the same criteria we would prioritise the following Camden roads (we have responded separately to TfL concerning the TRLN network):

1. Haverstock Hill (northbound a priority as it is uphill)
2. Prince of Wales road eastbound (westbound has a new segregated track)
3. York Way/Torriano Avenue/Brecknock Road
4. Kentish Town Road
5. Fortess Road (northbound a priority as it is uphill)
6. Heath Street and North End Road

Routes to Schools

In December 2019 we did a survey that identified barriers to school travel. We have linked this to the issues identified on Commonplace to help identify which interventions would have the greatest impact in helping children and parents get to school without using cars or public transport. This report is attached. Of the interventions identified, our priorities for urgent measures would be:

1. Cycle crossing over Fortess Road between Lady Somerset and Raveley St and removal of railings.
2. Cycle crossing of Kentish Town Road between Holmes Rd and Islip Street
3. Safe walking and cycling crossing over Agar Grove between Murray Street and the entrance to the Agar-Camley link.

There are other high-priority issues such as Gordon House Road but we feel that these cannot be solved with fast-track schemes.

School Streets

These suggestions are to improve streets outside schools to facilitate social distancing as well as for safe walking and cycling:

- Torriano School- reduce to single lane for motors
- Kentish Town School
- St Patrick's Holmes Road
- Kingsgate School - both sites
- Hampstead School
- Hawley School - reduce to single lane for motors

We hope you find this useful; as always we are available for clarification or discussion at any time.

Regards
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