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King Henry's Road area Safe and Healthy Streets consultation

This response to the consultation on the above proposals from Camden Council is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign. 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 online (using Cyclescape).

We are strongly in support of this scheme because the design appears to prevent any motor traffic from cutting through from one boundary road to another, for example between Primrose Hill Road and Adelaide Road via King Henry's Road, between Primrose Hill Road and Avenue Road via Elsworthy Road and between Adelaide Road and Avenue Road via Harley Road.

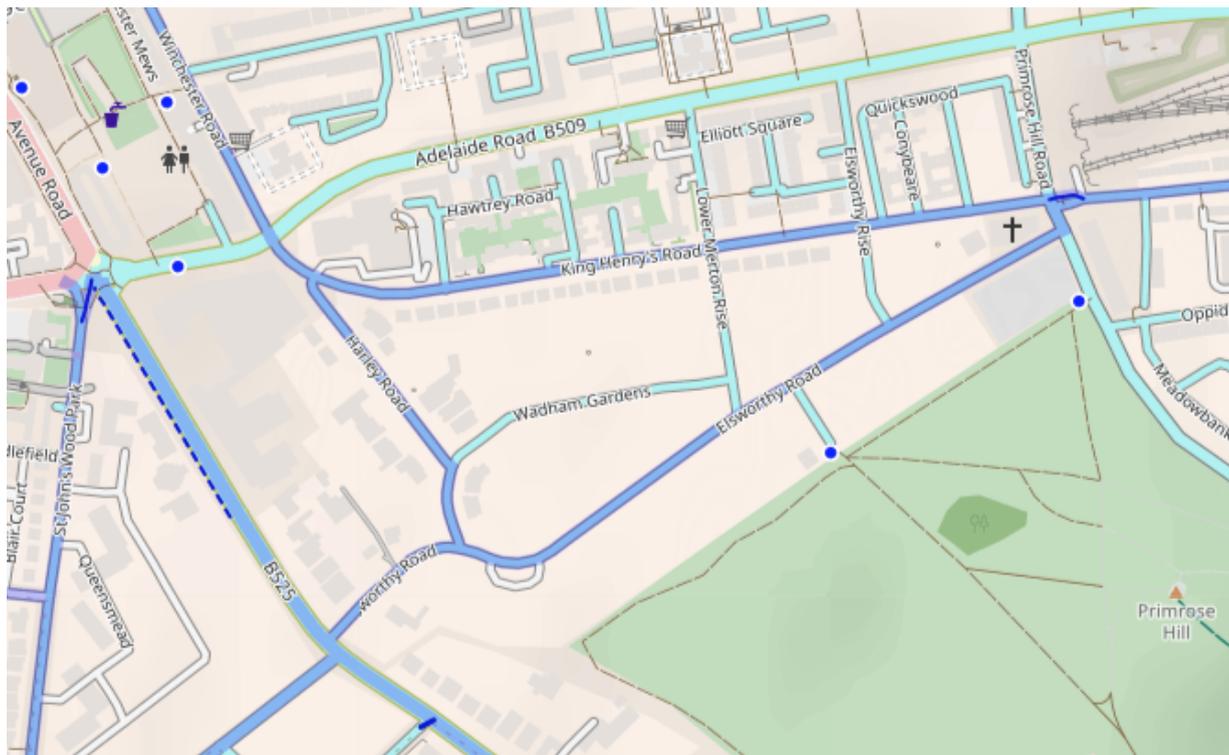
Cycle routes

The map extract below shows parts of several popular and long-standing cycle routes that use these roads:

The route from the Parkway junction via Gloucester Avenue and the western end of King Henry's Road continues:

- along Elsworthy Road and then
 - via Boundary Road to Kilburn
 - or via Fairhazel Gardens to West Hampstead and Quietway 3
- along King Henry's Road and then via Winchester Road to the Swiss Cottage Library, Hampstead Theatre, School of Speech and Drama and the Farmers Market and the zig-zag north-south route parallel to Finchley Road.

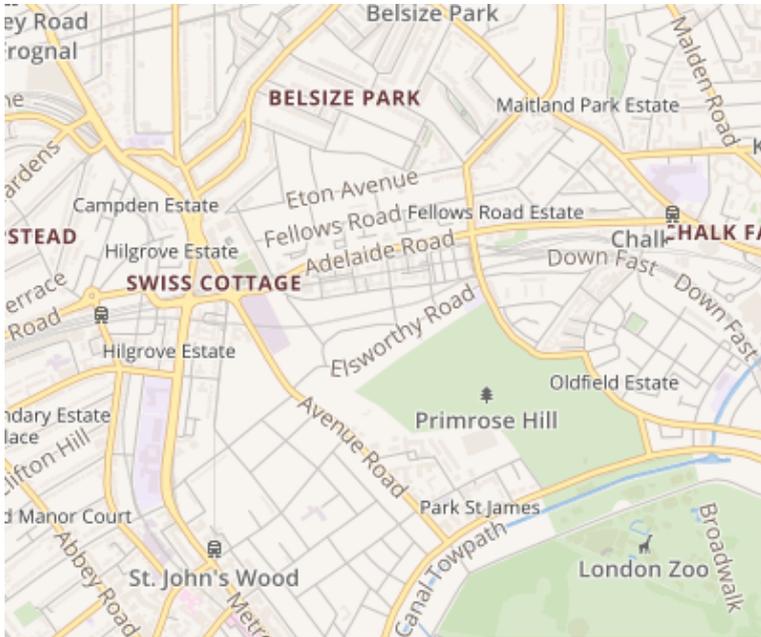
Another route via Harley Road links the zig-zag north-south route with the routes to Kilburn and West Hampstead.



The current motor traffic flows on King Henry's Road and Elsworthy Road, both of which have ~ 2000 motor vehicle movements per day in each direction, are totally unsuitable for use by any but seasoned cyclists. The removal of the 74% through traffic should reduce these numbers to ~ 500 motor vehicle movements per day in each direction which is more suitable for the goal of making it possible for everyone to cycle.

The route via Gloucester Avenue and the western end of King Henry's Road uses roads that are already suitable for everyone who wants to cycle since they are in an area that has had low traffic since the closure of the railway bridge and associated measures in the 1960s. It also links up via the railway bridge and the cycle crossing to Crogsland Road to the new route along Prince of Wales Road.

Primrose Hill open space



This map illustrates the fact that there is a large area to the north of Adelaide Road for which Primrose Hill is the nearest green space.

A trip from Swiss Cottage, Chalk Farm or Belsize Park to Primrose Hill can be walked in about 15 minutes.

The proposed changes will make the trip much more pleasant and people may then prefer to walk, thus reducing the number of trips by car.

School Street for St Paul's School

We support the proposals to restrict motor traffic on Elsworthy Road outside St Paul's School during drop-off and pick-up times, making the road safer, improving air quality and encouraging people to walk, cycle or scoot.

We are concerned that the suggested times may not be long enough. People could arrive by car before 3 pm for example and then wait for children to emerge.

We also oppose the use of exemptions as the presence of any motor traffic means that children and parents can't use the road to meet and socialise; very important when schools go back but social distancing is still important.

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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