

Camden Cycling Campaign

12th February 2021

To:safetravel@camden.gov.uk; Anthony Christofi

Mansfield Road and Estelle Road 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 support the motivation behind this scheme which is to provide a safer and more convenient cycle crossing over Mansfield Road between Elaine Grove and Estelle Road. This crossing is on a popular route to the Heath, particularly for people living in the estates south of Lismore Circus. With the proposed extension of the C6 cycle route to Savernake Bridge, it is likely to be used more heavily by people on bikes.

For these reasons, we also support the No Entry into Estelle Road as this will reduce motor traffic on this narrow road and hence reduce conflicts.

We also support the plan to install a Tiger crossing at this location. But we have the following criticisms of the design shown on the drawing:

- A large area of 'Shared Space' is created on the south side of the crossing. It stretches right back to the kerb at the end of Elaine Grove (~14m).
- For northbound cycles, the cycle part of the crossing should be aligned with the entry to Estelle Road to avoid the excessive use of 'Shared Space'.

We are unable to accept this design because we believe that the unnecessary use of 'Shared Space' will lead to conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists, particularly as this is on a designated cycle route. See the [Living Streets Report](#) with City of London and Westminster University March 2016. Even if there are no actual collisions, shared space represents a loss of amenity for pedestrians.

We have been unable to find an example of a Tiger crossing that is an exact mirror of the Mansfield Road. However, these two are helpful:

- The [crossing from Gough Street over Calthorpe Street](#) where there is a continuous footway on both ends at which cycles give way to pedestrians.
- The [crossing of Richmond Road in Hackney](#) which crosses directly from one alleyway to another. Continuous footway on both ends.

To summarise:

- The cycle side of the Tiger crossing should be lined up with Estelle Road on the north side and with a carriageway level cycle track on the south side.
- There should be a continuous footway across both ends of the cycle crossing.

We are aware that the position of the junction box on the southern footway makes this hard or even impossible to achieve. If that is the case, then the box will need to be relocated. In the meantime, on the south side at least, instead of shared space, the existing track should be relocated to align with the crossing.

Please acknowledge receipt of this response. We would be very happy to discuss any aspect of our comments; contact details are below.

Jean Dollimore, John Chamberlain and George Coulouris

john@camdencyclists.org.uk

Camden Cycling Campaign, 11 Grove Terrace, London NW5 1PH