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Sandall Road Safe and Healthy Streets scheme

This response to the consultation on the proposal to make permanent the May 2020 changes in Sandall Road 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 at a committee meeting and online (using Cyclescape). We strongly agree with the proposal to make the motor vehicle traffic restriction on Sandall Road permanent.

The main benefit is that it is a step towards enabling safer and more comfortable cycling in the area for a wider demographic due to the removal of several popular rat runs through east Kentish Town:

- From Camden Road to Kentish Town Road mainly via Patshull Road
- From Kentish Town Road via Bartholomew Road south to Camden Road
- Between Camden Road and the northern part of East Kentish Town via Bartholomew Road (north end), Leighton Road and Leighton Grove

The monitoring data sheet summary states: “Lower traffic levels on Patshull Road, Gaisford Street and Caversham Road and higher traffic levels (adjusted) on Bartholomew Road (south), Leighton Road and Camden Road.”

We note that no traffic counts were reported for the northern section of Bartholomew Road – because the boundary of the 2019 O and D survey was on Brecknock Road. We would like to see data on motor traffic flows on Bartholomew Road north of Sandall Road.

Bartholomew Road is a useful north-south cycle link enabling people to join C6 without needing to ride the length of Kentish Town Road. Traffic levels were too high before the changes were made in Sandall Road. There is therefore an urgent need to carry out further measures in the area as well as retaining the experimental motor traffic restriction on Sandall Road.

Although the changes have improved the area around Camden School for Girls and some walking routes e.g. from Kentish Town Road, much more needs to be done to encourage cycling to this school, e.g. via Bartholomew Road.

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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