

Camden Cycling Campaign

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Consultation on Camden Road Crossings

This response to the consultation on the above proposals from TfL 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 meeting and online (using Cyclescape).

We support the aim behind these proposals, which is to provide safe cycle crossings over Camden Road so as to make it possible for people to cycle between the Camden Square cycle route and destinations such as Kentish Town on the north west side of Camden Road.

However we reject the proposal to convert footways into shared use for pedestrians and cyclists – the extra space needed for cycling should be taken from the motor traffic on Camden Road. To quote from LTN 1/20:

6.5.4 In urban areas, the conversion of a footway to shared use should be regarded as a last resort. Shared use facilities are generally not favoured by either pedestrians or cyclists, particularly when flows are high. It can create particular difficulties for visually impaired people. Actual conflict may be rare, but the interactions between people moving at different speeds can be perceived to be unsafe and inaccessible, particularly by vulnerable pedestrians. This adversely affects the comfort of both types of user, as well as directness for the cyclist.

We therefore suggest for both schemes that protected two-way cycle tracks should be created on the north-west side of Camden Road to enable cyclists to travel between the side road/paths and the Toucan crossings.

At the crossing from Rochester Road to Rochester Square a better solution for both pedestrians and cyclists would be to create a wide signalised crossing spanning the distance from Rochester Road to Rochester Square (the length of the crossing's 'tails' – shown as wavy lines on the scheme drawing).

At the crossing from Canteloves Road to Canteloves Gardens a two-way cycle track should be created between the Gardens entrance and the Toucan crossing. However we think that a connection to Pandian Way (north east edge of the Gardens), which is open at all hours, would be preferable. We recognise that a two-way cycle track to Pandian Way would require the bus stop to be relocated.

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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