

Camden Cycling Campaign

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To:safetravel@camden.gov.uk

Prowse Place and Wilmot Place Healthy Streets scheme

This response to the consultation on the proposal for the Prowse Place and Wilmot Place scheme 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 support the following proposals:

- To make permanent the motor vehicle restriction, enforced by bollards, on Wilmot Place at the junction with St Pancras Way.
- To make permanent the motor vehicle restriction, enforced by ANPR, on Prowse Place near Bonny Street.

We have some reservations regarding the proposal to make Jeffrey's Street/ Wilmot Place, between Prowse Place and St Pancras Way, two-way for motor vehicles.

- We do support allowing motor vehicles to travel westbound from St Pancras Way to Prowse Place along Wilmot Place and Jeffrey's Street because this enables them to access the Prowse Place area from Kentish Town Road.
- But we strongly object to any further additional options being provided for motor vehicles at the junction with Royal College Street.
 - In particular, we cannot accept that a northbound motor vehicle on Royal College Street be allowed to turn left across the northbound cycle track into Jeffrey's Street. Adding another location with a potential left-hook risk is a bad idea; access to Jeffrey's Street from northbound motor traffic on Royal College Street should continue to be via Ivor Street where sight-lines are much better and not obscured by parked vehicles.
 - But we also object to westbound motor vehicles on Wilmot Place west being allowed to turn right into Royal College Street which will add complexity to the junction and potential for conflicts for cycles also making turns here.

(The drawing does not make it clear as to whether these turns are to be permitted or not).

We support the proposed changes for cycling on Wilmot Place west:

- The protected eastbound cycle lane together with the place to wait before entering the southbound cycle lane on St Pancras Way (and sometimes turning into Wilmot Place east).
- The proposed Tiger crossing to allow westbound cyclists to enter Wilmot Place west from the southbound cycle lane on St Pancras Way.

We ask Camden to consider further enhancements at the Royal College Street junction to facilitate the following cycle manoeuvre:

- Cycling north on Royal College Street and turning right into Wilmot Place

This is difficult at the moment but will become more complex in the presence of westbound motor traffic in Wilmot Place west.

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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