

## Camden Cycling Campaign

30th August 2021

To:safetravel@camden.gov.uk

### **Red Lion and Dane Street Healthy Streets scheme**

This response to the consultation on the proposal to make permanent the Summer 2020 changes in Red Lion Street and Dane Street 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 all of the following proposals:

- to make the motor vehicle traffic restrictions on Red Lion Street and Dane Street permanent;
- to create a pedestrian and cycle only zone on Red Lion Street south of the junction with Princeton Street with new trees and cycle parking;
- to stop southbound motor traffic on Bedford Row from accessing Sandland Street, while introducing a wide build out with new trees, seating and cycle parking.

For people who cycle, the main benefit from the trial scheme has been the absence of through motor vehicles on Red Lion Street which is on a signed cycle route between the Town Hall and High Holborn and used to be choked with motor traffic at all times of day.

Red Lion Street south of the junction with Princeton Street has become a place to linger, to get refreshment and to meet – the proposed pedestrian and cycle zone should enhance these activities.

The above two closures together with the one in Princeton Street have made the streets in the area bounded by High Holborn, Theobalds Road, Red Lion Street and Proctor Street much safer and more pleasant for walking and cycling than it was when motor vehicles were cutting through between Proctor Street, Theobalds Road and High Holborn. The proposed new restriction in Bedford Row is the first step towards extending the protected area east towards Gray's Inn Road.

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, George Coulouris

[john@camdencyclists.org.uk](mailto:john@camdencyclists.org.uk)

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