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Millfield Lane Safe and Healthy Streets

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).

Millfield Lane is a very popular walking and cycling route which has for many years been made very unsafe by the drivers of large numbers of motor vehicles competing for the parking spaces on the steep and narrow section beside the Heath.

The trial scheme on Millfield Lane with motor traffic restricted to one way northbound has made cycling up the steep part of Millfield Lane much safer since there is no risk of meeting a motor vehicle coming down the hill. The removal of parking spaces has provided more room for walking and cycling. We are therefore strongly in favour of retaining the trial scheme on Millfield Lane.

Conversion of 10 parking spaces on Millfield Lane to double yellow lines and double kerb blips. We are also strongly in favour of this proposal. Many drivers concentrate more on the parking manoeuvres rather than on taking care of pedestrians and cyclists; therefore the fewer parking spaces the better.

Removal of a parking space at the junction of Merton Lane: We always support the conversion of parking spaces to double yellow lines within 10 m of junctions so as to provide visibility of people crossing the road.

Merton Lane one way: We are strongly opposed to the option of making Merton Lane one-way eastbound. It provides access to the quite large numbers of properties in Fitzroy Park and Merton Lane, including West Hill Park. We believe it would be detrimental to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists to force all motor vehicles including HGVs such as bin lorries to approach via Millfield Lane.

Cycle logos and two-way cycling signs: the trial scheme proposed frequent cycle logos close to the bend in the road and one two-way cycling sign (960.1) at the bottom. We would like to see more logos right through to the Merton Lane junction and a repetition of the two-way cycling sign to remind drivers that cycles do come down the hill.

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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