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Oakley Square (north) – Safe and Healthy Streets Consultation

This response to the consultation on the proposal to make permanent the Autumn 2020 changes in Oakley Square (north) 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 online.

We strongly support the proposal to make permanent the trial changes at Oakley Square (north) at the junction with Crowndale Road put in under an ETO in December 2020. (No Entry for motor vehicles from Crowndale Road into Oakley Square (north)).

Oakley Square (north) is an essential northbound cycle link allowing people to cycle from Eversholt Street to Royal College Street. It will become even more useful when TfL implements the contraflow on Harrington Square and Lidlington Place.

The removal of southbound motor traffic on Oakley Square (north) has made cycling much safer.

Continuous footway across the junctions with Crowndale Road and with Eversholt Street: we strongly support continuous footway junctions because they are designed to slow down vehicles when entering or exiting side roads. This encourages drivers to give way to pedestrians crossing the road and cyclists going straight ahead.

Left turn from Oakley Square (south) into Eversholt Street: when TfL installed the protected cycle lane on Oakley Square (south), motors were banned from turning left into Eversholt Street. But we see from the Fact Sheet that Camden Council is working with TfL to allow the left turn from Oakley Square (south) into Eversholt Street, whilst ensuring cycle safety is in place. We would support removing the turn ban only if the junction was made safe for westbound cyclists by a separate cycle stage or a cycle gate (as was shown in the plans we saw in 2019).

We strongly support the remaining proposed measures:

Junction with Crowndale Road:

- The cycle entry gap to be re-aligned to accommodate the pavement.
- A new tree and bench to be installed alongside the continuous footway.
- A new bike hangar to replace a residents' parking bay outside 50 Oakley Square (north).

Junction with Eversholt Street:

- Widen the footway and narrow the junction.
- Remove guardrails along the motorcycle parking bay outside number 70.
- Plant a new tree near where the new pavement meets the Oakley Square (north) pavement.

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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