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Holmes Road Healthy School Streets Consultation Dec 2021

This response to the consultation on the above proposal 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.

In principle we support all proposals to restrict motor traffic on streets outside schools during drop-off and pick-up times, making the roads safer, improving air quality and encouraging people to walk, cycle or scoot. We have discussed our position in our monthly meetings.

In answer to the specific questions:

Holmes Road

We strongly agree with the proposal to trial the Healthy School Street restriction on Holmes Road on Mondays to Fridays during school term time between 8am - 10am and 2pm - 4pm, as set out in the consultation information. We are pleased that the hours of closure are longer than in other trials and hope that this will lead to a full closure in the future. The road is very busy with school children attending both St Patrick's Primary School and the Collège Français Bilingue de Londres as well as other pedestrians and cyclists and the traffic restrictions will have a very beneficial effect on air quality, safety and the nature of the street, thereby encouraging pupils to use active travel methods to get to and from school.

We note the list of exemptions. One advantage of a Healthy School Street is that children and parents can congregate in the street during arrival and departure hours; this is not possible if there are any motor vehicles using the street so we would like to see the list minimized. Specifically, we believe that residents' exemptions should be limited to blue badge holders.

Raglan Street

We strongly agree with the proposal to trial the 'at all times' restriction of motor vehicles on Raglan Street. This proposal will remove through motor traffic from this residential road; a problem that is likely to become more severe once Anglers Lane is closed to through motor traffic.

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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