

Camden Cycling Campaign

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To safetravel@camden.gov.uk;

Somers Town Parklets consultation Jan 2022

This response to the consultation on the above proposal 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 response within our committee.

We are very much in favour of reducing the space available for car parking so as to discourage the ownership of private cars. In the past we have supported the removal of car parking so as to provide space for cycle lanes, for bikehangars, for cycle parking stands, for EVCPs unless they will obstruct cycle lanes or footways and more recently for parking areas for hire bikes and e-scooters.

We are also very happy to support the conversion of parking spaces to parklets, in particular the proposed parklets in Phoenix Road and Chalton Street. We agree with the points made in the consultation as to the benefits of greenery in encouraging active travel and that a parklet can provide a place where people can meet their neighbours or rest on the way home from a walk e.g. to the shops.

Regarding this particular scheme, the greening of Phoenix Road together with the proposed parklets will be a very positive addition to the experience of the children attending Edith Neville School and their families. The same will be true for the children's centre. This street will have most of TfL's Healthy Streets indicators (pedestrians from all walks of life, with clean air, places to rest, shade and shelter) and will enable families to linger and to mingle safely.

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