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Antrim Road Parklet

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 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 parklet in Antrim Road. We agree with the points made in the consultation as to the benefits of greenery in encouraging active travel, providing places to stop and rest, with shade and shelter and that a parklet may improve revenue and footfall for local businesses.

We note that the design of the Parklet would include a cycle parking stand taking up 1.6m out of the 5m width. We discussed this in our meeting on 21st March and the feeling was that in the context of a shopping street where bike parking is already provided we would prefer that the space be used for seating. It was also noted that people who walk through this street may welcome a rest while people who arrive with a bike may not want to sit down. However, if the sponsors, Camden Clean Air, requested a cycle stand, we would defer to them, but suggest that the cycle stand should be near the end of the parklet, allowing space for several additional seats.

Neither do we see merit in placing rubbish/recycling bins within the parklet when they could just as well be placed free-standing on the footway.

We would be interested in discussing these issues further if appropriate

Please acknowledge that you have received this response.

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