

Camden Cycling Campaign

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To:safetravel@camden.gov.uk; Anthony Christofi

Mansfield Road and Estelle Road – make permanent consultation

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 a site visit.

We are strongly in favour of making the scheme permanent and we support the proposed improvements, in particular:

- widening the crossing so that the cycle crossing aligns better with the cycle lanes on the west side of Estelle Road;
- raising the crossing to slow the approaching vehicles and to provide a level crossing surface;
- banning motor vehicles from turning right out of Estelle Road – with the new wider crossing they could not turn without encroaching on the cycle side of the crossing
- Re-aligning and raising the segregated cycle track on the southern side to footway level, which is beneficial to visually impaired pedestrians and less confusing for cyclists. Note: we assume:
 - that there is a dropped kerb on the curve at the southern end of this shared space.
 - and that all southbound cyclists will enter this shared space at the same place (by the cycle crossing)

We also support the removal of parking spaces on Estelle Road at the junction of Savernake Road with a view to improving the visibility of cyclists on Estelle Road and prevent them being forced out into the centre of the road. There has recently been a serious collision at this junction and removal of the parking should help. However, we believe that if more collisions occur consideration should be given to an entry treatment with a separator kerb.

The value of this scheme

We are pleased to hear that the number of cyclists using the crossing has more than doubled during the trial period.

We believe that this Tiger crossing over Mansfield Road is a useful paradigm for situations where a cycle route crosses over a road (in this case, Mansfield Road) that has priority. It would be nice to see another similar crossing where the C6 cycle route crosses Calthorpe Street. Similarly, we would like to see the recently constructed Tiger crossing from Stratford Villas over Agar Grove replicated where the cycle link between Murray Street and Camley Street crosses Agar Grove.

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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