

Camden Cycling Campaign

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Transforming Gordon Square

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 or travelling through Camden and aim to expand the opportunities for all to cycle safely in the borough. We have discussed this consultation within our organisation by email.

We are strongly in favour of closing the north side of Gordon Square to motor vehicles using planters and creating a two-way cycle lane. We think that the design of the cycle lane with an informal crossing will be a good way to reduce any potential conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.

We also support the improvements to the area including the biodiverse planting, seating using sustainable furniture and cycle parking.

However, we strongly feel that the scheme does not go far enough. Gordon Street will be closed to motor traffic at Euston Road as part of the HS2 station development. This should be done now as part of this scheme. Further closures to through traffic on Endsleigh Gardens would then create a Low Traffic Neighbourhood bounded by Euston Road, Gower Street, Torrington-Tavistock Place and Woburn Place, which would have huge benefits for people working, living and travelling through the area on foot, by cycle or on scooters. And with lower traffic volumes, Gower Place could be made two-way for cycles.

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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