

To Healthy.School.Streets@camden.gov.uk; Jon Legge

Five Healthy School Streets Permanency Consultations Oct 2022

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| 1. Kentish Town Primary | Islip Street |
| 2. Ecole Jeannine Manuel | Bedford Square |
| 3. Christopher Hatton | Mount Pleasant |
| 4. Brookfield | Croftdown Road |
| 5. Argyle Primary | Tonbridge Street |

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

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 parents and children to walk, cycle or scoot. So we support making all of these Healthy School Streets Schemes permanent. We have some additional comments as follows:

For all the schemes, we believe that exemptions should be kept to a minimum and so we do not support exemptions for residents except in exceptional circumstances (e.g. blue badge holders).

1. Kentish Town Primary

We support the proposal to extend the area west to the junction with Kentish Town Road. This will stop vehicles drivers entering the street to drop off and pick up children and will reduce traffic levels on Wolsey Mews,

We support the vehicle restriction measures on Hammond Street but are concerned by the length of the build-outs which extends the zone where there are potential conflicts between northbound cycles and southbound motors. We suggest that a cycle bypass is built through the build-out on the west side.

We support the installation of two cycle hangars.

2. Ecole Jeannine Manuel

We support the proposals including the retention of two-way cycling on the south side of Bedford Square and the change in hours of operation, though we are a bit surprised that the afternoon period starts as late as 4 p.m. rather than 3:30.

We note the increase of motor traffic on some neighbouring streets and although the absolute numbers are small, we encourage Camden to continue to look at ways to reduce this.

We are pleased to see the change of attitude of some parents as seen in the Sustrans survey and the increase in numbers of children cycling to school. Any additional bike parking for the children would be welcomed.

3. Christopher Hatton

We are pleased to see the increase in numbers of children cycling to school.

We support the proposals including the installation of two cycle hangars.

4. Brookfield

We support the proposals including the installation of two cycle hangars. And the permanent closure of the slip road.

5. Argyle Primary

We support the proposals including the installation of two cycle hangars and the retention of two-way cycling on Bidborough, Tonbridge and Hastings Streets.

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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