

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

Somers Town Healthy School Streets Consultations October 2022

1. St Mary & St Pancras and Blossom House School
Werrington Street, Polygon Road, Aldenham Street
2. Regent High School
Chalton and Cranleigh Streets
3. Edith Neville
Purchase and Charrington Streets

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 all of these Healthy School Streets Schemes.

We are pleased to see that the combined effect will be to close a considerable part of Somers Town to motor traffic during these periods, enhancing the effect of recent changes that have removed through-traffic (e.g. no left turn into Ossulston Street from Euston Road), and we believe that the plans are consistent with the long-term plans for the area. We were also pleased to see the positive reaction from parents and carers of children at St Mary & St Pancras to the trial scheme.

We strongly support the installation of cycle hangars and the banning of parking and loading within 10m of junctions.

We have some additional comments as follows:

1. Exemptions

For all 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).

2. St Mary & St Pancras and Blossom House Schools

We support the extension of the morning hours to achieve consistency across the area and to prevent the area near this school being used for drop-offs for the other schools. We also support the extension of the streets covered by the closure to parts of Werrington Street and Polygon Road and all of Aldenham Street.

3. Regent High School

We support the proposals including the provision of planters.

4. Edith Neville

We support the proposals.

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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