

Camden Cycling Campaign

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Commonplace engagement on St Christopher's and Maria Montessori schools

We request that you accept this response from Camden Cycling Campaign by email as the Commonplace platform is not really designed for use by groups.

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. We therefore support making both of these Healthy School Streets Schemes permanent.

We have discussed these schemes in committee and believe that it is very important that parents, children and staff cycling to these two schools should be able to benefit from the new protected cycle route on Haverstock Hill.

However there is heavy motor traffic (rat running between Haverstock Hill and Fitzjohns Avenue) on the roads connecting Haverstock Hill to the roads being treated as School Streets. We therefore ask Camden to consider extending the timed closures to include the sections of Belsize Lane and Wedderburn Road between Lyndhurst Gardens and Haverstock Hill as well as the section of Lyndhurst Road east of Lyndhurst Gardens, which would provide alternative quiet links between Haverstock Hill and both schools.

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