

## Camden Cycling Campaign

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### **King Henry's Road Area Safe and Healthy Streets Consultation – Permanent Proposal**

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 agree without much enthusiasm to the proposal to make the trial 7.5 tonne weight restriction in the King Henry's Road area permanent. We were very disappointed that the original scheme to reduce through-traffic on King Henry's Road and Elsworthy Road did not even have a trial. These roads which are on important cycle routes between Primrose Hill and a safe crossing over Finchley Road carry far too much motor traffic for safe use by cyclists of all ages and abilities.

We support the following proposals:

- Widening the pavements on Elsworthy Road outside St Paul's CE Primary School and removing guardrail and replacing it with a rain garden.
- Two raised tables on Elsworthy Road.
- A new zebra crossing on King Henry's Road to the east of the junction with Elsworthy Rise.
- Improved junctions on Wadham Gardens at Elsworthy Road, Harley Road and Lower Merton Rise (comprising narrowing the road and raising the junction).
- Four new cycle hangars (2 on King Henry's Road and 2 on Elsworthy Road).
- Extending the dockless e-scooter and cycle hire bay on King Henry's Road.
- Adding double yellow lines to improve sight lines at several junctions – this is a very important measure for improving the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians.

### **Speed Cushions**

We were shocked to see the depiction of speed cushions on two of the scheme drawings – one set on sheet 6 and two sets on Sheet 5. A search on our website will find consultation responses over the last 20 years saying something along the following lines:

*Speed cushions cause both cyclists and drivers of other vehicles to take up poor road positions, for example a cyclist may go too close to a car door, or a passing motorist may go too close to a cyclist. We would like to see replacement of speed cushions by sinusoidal road humps throughout Camden.*

And many other responses (including the one on this month's Oval Road- Gloucester Crescent consultation) saying:

*We strongly support the proposal to change from cushions to road humps (sinusoidal).*

As well as the speed cushions shown on the scheme drawings there are at least half a dozen more sets on Elsworthy Road. All of these sets of cushions should be replaced by sinusoidal humps.

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