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## **Response to Fitzrovia Area Safe and Healthy Streets – Phase 1 Consultation**

This response to the consultation on the above proposal from Camden Council is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of the 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.

### **Contraflow cycle lane on Whitfield Street north of Howland Street**

The proposal is to replace a short length of advisory cycle lane by a longer 1.5 m mandatory lane (not going as far as Maple Street).

We agree that this entry treatment should be at least 1.5m wide and mandatory. But it is unclear whether a longer cycle lane is needed. Camden's usual practice was established around 2012 when the contraflows in Whitfield Street and Fitzroy Street were put in. That is: the implementation is 'lightweight' in that it is done using signs and road markings; separation by a kerb or a continuous white line is not considered necessary in roads with low traffic speeds and flows.

We therefore suggest that the entry treatment be improved but that the cycle lane should not be extended. In this road with low traffic levels, there is no need for cycles to stay within 1.5m of the kerb and our experience of lane markings is that they may encourage drivers to pass closer to cycles than they would without markings.

### **New cycle parking**

The proposed new cycle parking stands on Whitfield Street and Tottenham Mews will help to meet demand.

### **Permeability for cycling**

Over the years, Camden has added permeability through Fitzrovia e.g. in Warren Street, Tottenham Street and Windmill Street in 2021. But the work isn't yet complete. Two essential links remain one way for cycling:

- Tottenham Street east of Whitfield Street is one-way eastbound.
- Grafton Way east of Whitfield Street is one-way westbound.

We ask Camden to take this opportunity to complete the task of making all roads two-way for cycling.

### **Junction improvements including continuous footway**

We support the proposed measures, including continuous footways and 'Dutch' entry kerbs, at Whitfield Street / Howland Street, Howland Street / Howland Mews East and Tottenham Mews / Tottenham Street.

### **Footway widening**

We support the proposed measures in Whitfield Street, Howland Street, and Tottenham Mews (to include removing car parking to make room for rain gardens)

### **Two new parking bays for electric vehicles.**

We support these proposed measures.

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