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## **Response to Consultation on Somers Town Green Mobility Hubs Phase 3**

This response to the consultation on the above proposal 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 proposal within our committee.

### **General Comments**

We are very pleased to see the proposals for phase 3 of this innovative and pioneering scheme, which we hope will continue to be a model for similar schemes across Camden and beyond. The proposed hubs are a big step towards moving away from the dominance of motor vehicles on our streets and we think that the integration of active travel options, improved streetscape and environmental improvements is important in normalising active travel modes. The mobility hub proposed for Brill Place will be particularly well-sited for the new residential development (Brill Place Tower).

### **Motor Vehicle Parking**

The reduction in parking spaces is welcome, especially those for visitors. Along with previous plans to change the hours of the CPZ and increase the fees for parking it should reduce the number of journeys made into the area by non-residents and encourage residents to use active travel modes.

### **Car Club Bays**

We recognise that the availability of car clubs may reduce private ownership and that the vehicles are typically only used for necessary trips so we support the provision of car club bays. We are pleased to see that the proposed three new bays are for EVs and suggest that the existing bays on Werrington Street could be converted to EV when they are moved to their new locations. We suggest that, if installed, they are reviewed at an early stage to confirm demand. If usage is low, the number of bays could be reduced and they could be repurposed for active travel.

### **Cycle Parking and Storage**

We are pleased to see the proposals for cycle parking and storage (hangars) and that these include "stands designed to facilitate parking of larger cycles such as adapted or cargo bikes".

### **Cycle Maintenance Stands**

We welcome this idea. From our experience at Dr Bike sessions, lack of simple tools, especially easy-to-use tyre pumps, is a major obstacle to people using cycles. We are concerned about vandalism; we assume that they would be robust and well maintained. It might be better if those that include tools were adopted by a local business as is proposed for the shared e-cargo bikes at the other locations..

## **Specific Comments**

### **Werrington Street**

We welcome the following proposals:

- Greenery/rain garden on east side.
- Additional green space on the west side
- New paving at crossing point near Phoenix Road

## **Brill Place**

We welcome the following proposals:

- The continuous footway at Midland Road
- Greening/rain garden

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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