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Macklin Street and Stukeley Street Cycling Improvements 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. We have discussed this proposal within our committee by email.

We strongly support the proposal to introduce two-way cycling on the western section of Macklin Street and the eastern section of Stukeley Street. The main advantage to be gained from the proposed scheme is the ability to retrace a route, e.g. to St Joseph's school, in the opposite direction.

With the relatively low traffic levels in the very narrow Macklin Street and Stukeley Street, we agree that entry/exit treatments are not needed.

We believe that the combination of contraflow cycling signs (960.2) at regular intervals and the replacement of the One Way sign by a contraflow cycling sign at the entry from Drury Lane together with the addition of an Except Cycles subplate to the No Entry sign at Stukeley Street will be effective.

The proposal shown only on the drawing states "to remove 7 cycle stands to make room for benches". If the grey lines indicate seven more cycle stands then this may be acceptable otherwise we believe that the stands should be retained.

More permeability is needed

We remind Camden of our suggestion that the pedestrianised eastern end of Macklin Street should be opened up for two-way cycling so as to connect Drury Lane to the C52 cycle route on Newton Street. This would require the following:

- An Except Cycles subplate to be added to the No Entry sign at the entrance from Stukeley Street
- An Except Cycles to be added to the No Through Road sign at Newton Street

The leaflet mentions "clear signage to allow cyclists to access the wider cycle network" but as far as we can see, this signage isn't specified on the scheme drawing anywhere in the leaflet. One possibility would be to sign a northbound route to Bloomsbury via Newton Street,

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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