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York Way/Agar Grove/Brewery Road Healthy Junction Consultation Camden Cycling Campaign Response

This response to the consultation on the above proposal from Camden Council is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the Camden 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 in depth at our monthly members meeting in November.

General Comments

We strongly agree with the changes proposed as part of the York Way/Agar Grove/Brewery Road Healthy Junction scheme.

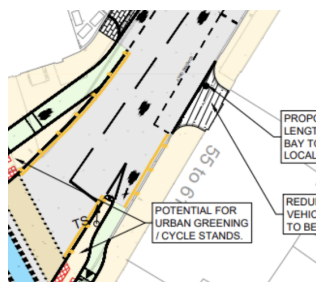
We are pleased to see Camden tackle this dangerous junction to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Dangerous junctions form barriers to adoption of active travel modes for day to day journeys. We are pleased to see Camden introduce infrastructure to make it safer for everyone and to connect with the new cycle lanes on York Way. We congratulate Camden on their innovative design which provides benefits for all road users:

- Provision of cycle lanes around the junction that are segregated from motor traffic making the junction more manageable for vulnerable cyclists.
- Segregated cycle lanes on the junction that allow cyclists to make left turns at all arms of the junction without the need to wait for signals.
- Shorter signalised crossings that allow cyclists to cross the junction at a different stage from motor traffic.
- Diagonal cycle crossing making it safer for cyclists to make right turns out of Agar Grove and Brewery Road.
- Simple 3-stage system of signals allowing cyclists to go at the same time as pedestrians, thus giving them more time to use the junction (compared with dedicated cycle stages).

We strongly support the introduction of a parallel crossing on Agar Grove to Marquis Road, allowing cyclists to safely connect with the C50 cycle route on Camden Square.

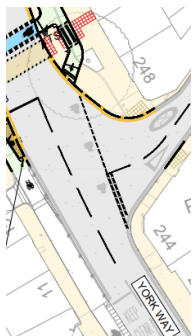
We are pleased to see the proposal to add cycle stands and greening, both increasing the utility of the area and improving its look and feel.

Loading Bay on south side of Brewery Road



We urge Camden and Islington to ensure strong enforcement is in place for the new loading bay on the South side of Brewery Road and the double yellow line section between here and the short cycle lane. If vehicles stop to load or park at the entrance to the junction's segregated cycle lanes, it will negate the benefit of the infrastructure and make the junction dangerous for cyclists.

No southbound cycle lanes on York Way south of the junction



Cyclists travelling southbound on York Way face the challenge of joining the main carriage way after the junction. Unfortunately there is no space for a segregated cycle track for this section.

We urge Camden to consider signage, paint on the road or other measures to ensure that motor traffic is aware of cyclists. In particular, there is potential for a pinch point on York Way just south of Brandon Road. Motor traffic may attempt to pass cyclists too closely at this point. We ask Camden to consider measures that could mitigate this risk.

Response to Specific Proposals

Consultation Questions

17.	Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes proposed as part of the York Way/Agar Grove/Brewery Road Healthy Junction scheme?	• Strongly Agree
18.	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposals?	• Cycling proposals: Strongly Agree • Walking and wheeling proposals: Strongly Agree • Motor vehicles, parking and loading proposals: Strongly Agree
19.	Do you have any suggestions on how we could improve the look and feel of the green space at Agar Grove/Marquis Road?	• Seating • More lighting • Cycle stands • Planting
20.	If implemented, what do you think you might like about the changes proposed?	• Walking will be easier and safer • Crossing the road will be easier and safer • Cycling will be easier and safer • Cycling around the junction will be easier and safer • Driving will be easier and safer • Traffic dominance will be reduced • Air quality will be better • Using a wheelchair / mobility aid will be easier and safer • Noise and disturbance will be reduced • Visiting the area will be easier and safer
21.	If implemented, what do you think you might not like about the changes proposed? (you can choose more than one)	-
22.	Do you think the proposals may have an impact on you (or others) with reference to any one or more of the following protected characteristics?	The proposals will have a positive impact on younger and older people using the junction. The segregated routes through the junction will allow less confident cyclists to use the junction more safely avoiding risks including close passes and left hooks.

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