

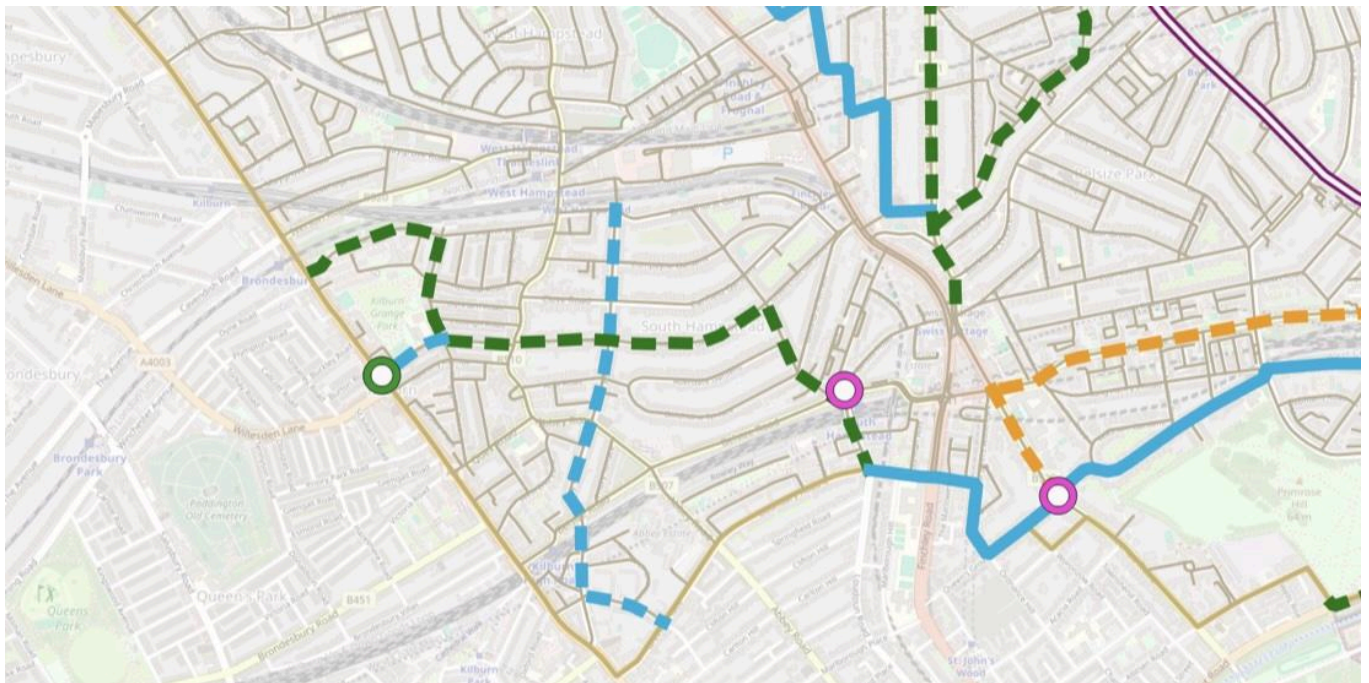
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## Fairhazel Gardens and Loudoun Road area proposals

This response to the above consultation 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 discussed this proposal by email and at our March members meeting.

This drawing is an extract from the Cycle Network Map in [Camden Transport Strategy Annual Update](#), showing (on the left of the map) a planned cycle route (in green dashes) from Kilburn High Road via Greencroft Gardens and Fairhazel Gardens to the junction with Belsize Road (at the Belsize roundabout - pink circle) and then continuing on Loudoun Road.



The Camden Transport Strategy Annual Update [Appendix B2 – 2026-6 and 2027-8 delivery plan](#) includes the following:

- **A2: "New"/emerging strategic cycle corridor schemes - consultation and delivery in 25-28 period**
  - **Kilburn High Road to South Hampstead** High quality cycling corridor (secondary route). Link between LB Brent border and South Hampstead/onward connections using mainly residential streets; Feasibility underway on several interventions along length of the route, most of which would be delivered through associated Safe & Healthy Streets projects
- **F: Healthy Junctions.**
  - **Belsize Road/ Hilgrove Road roundabout** Healthy Junctions  
Road safety, cycling and walking enhancements at this junction and on adjoining streets including Loudoun Road (outside South Hampstead. Engagement and feasibility to be undertaken in 2026/27 with consultation and further phases from 2027/28 onwards.

**Consultation Feb 2026:** The *Fairhazel Gardens and Loudoun Road area proposals* are concerned with two of the roads on the Kilburn High Road to South Hampstead cycling corridor. The main issues on the Fairhazel Gardens and Loudoun Road section of the Kilburn High Road to South Hampstead cycling corridor are:

- The motor traffic levels are too high for all types of cyclists to share the road with motor vehicles, particularly on Loudoun Road . See the Appendix below for traffic counts.
- Cycling between Fairhazel Gardens and Loudoun Road involves using the Belsize Roundabout which is very challenging, especially in the southbound direction, even for many experienced cyclists.

Our questions:

- Why is there no reference to the Kilburn High Road to South Hampstead cycling corridor or to plans to improve it? Camden’s other preliminary consultations (e.g. on Fitzrovia or Somerstown) refer to future plans.
- Why is there no reference to the plans for the Belsize Roundabout?
- Why is Camden proposing to make the following changes on the Belsize Roundabout:
  - Add a raised zebra crossing with widened pavements on Loudoun Road, approaching the roundabout
  - Relocate the zebra crossings on the both sides of Belsize Road to be closer to the junction with Fairhazel Gardens
  - Raise the informal crossings over Fairfax Road

When it is very likely that they will all need to be undone when the junction is upgraded?

### CCC’s response to the consultation

We cannot support the proposals in this consultation on the following grounds:

- In ignoring the above two specific items in the current delivery plan, Camden Council is failing to conform to the policies in its own Transport Strategy.
- In failing to take this opportunity to reduce the impact of motor traffic in Fairhazel Gardens and Loudoun Road, Camden is delaying its central goal for there to be “more cycling, more safely and more often in Camden” (Cycling Action Plan 2019) by delaying actions that support that aspiration.
- The proposed changes on the Belsize Roundabout may delay or have an adverse impact on the final design.

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### Appendix: Traffic Counts

We have requested recent traffic counts via Rena at safetravel but so far have not received any. Here are the latest that we have:

#### Ten year old Traffic Counts

Traffic counts were carried out at Belsize Roundabout by Sustrans on Thurs 23rd, Sat 25th and Tues 28th April 2015 (06:00 -10:00 and 16-:00 - 20:00).

<i>Sustrans counts average of Tuesday &amp; Thursday</i>		<i>Counts provided by Camden in 2015</i>
Belsize Road 7497	Fairfax Road 1914	Fairhazel Gardens PM peak counts: Southbound – 196 per hour Northbound – 340 per hour
Hilgrove Road 5425	Loudoun Road 2581	

With the possible exception of Fairfax Road, these numbers are all well in excess of what is permissible for an unprotected cycle route.