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Draft Camden Town Vision

This response to the draft Camden Town Vision 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.

Thank you for inviting us to the drop-ins and for the opportunity to comment and list our priorities. We will restrict our comments to theme 8 – Public Realm & Transport.

We support all the proposed projects in this theme and have comments on several of the key ones. In the list below we select those projects most relevant to cycling and provide comments on details we consider important:

T.P1 Deliver enhanced pedestrianisation.

This includes making the Camden High Street pedestrianisation scheme permanent and extending it to Castlehaven Road. This is a very important scheme for pedestrians and cyclists and is critical for filling gaps in the cycle network around the southern end of Chalk Farm Road. Additionally, the proposed two-way cycling link over the canal bridge would connect to a southbound route on Arlington Road that crosses to the proposed southern branch of the Cross Camden Cycleway and goes on to Hampstead Road (see also T.P13).

T.P2 Camden High Street South scheme

This needs a reference to the provision of protected cycle lanes on Camden High Street.

T.P4 Cross Camden Cycleway

This is a key element of the planned development of the Camden cycle network, as detailed in the Transport Strategy, and we fully support it.

T.P7 Supporting the Stephenson Walk

This is another key route to improve permeability but it needs a reference to cycling as well as walking. Included in this project should be an early re-opening of the link to Oval Road via Gilbeys Yard which avoids the main roads and is a key route for visitors to and residents of the Camden Goods Yard development including the Morrison's supermarket.

T.P8 Improved streets towards Euston

Eversholt Street provides a very poor environment for walking, wheeling and cycling and we look forward to improvements here and on the other roads in the area, once the HS2 works are complete.

T.P9 Healthy School Streets

This has been a very successful element of Camden's plan to improve the streets for walkers and wheelers and we are pleased to see it as a key strategy. In the Vision, CCC would like to see Camden align with the GOV.UK CWIS3 new national target: 60% of children aged 5–16 usually walk or cycle to school by 2035.

T.P12 Mornington Crescent improvements

Include a project to connect the cycle routes on Arlington Road and Crowndale Road so that they work in both directions. We appreciate that Cobden junction is very complex but this is a very

important missing link. A first stage could be to provide contraflow cycling on Crowndale Road between Camden High Street and Bayham Street.

T.P13 Enhanced cycle routes

We strongly support this element which also addresses the point made under T.P1 above. This category should also include two-way cycling on Hawley Road/Castlehaven Road to enable the northern arm of the proposed Cross Camden Cycleway.

T.P18 Sustainable servicing and deliveries

This should include delivery hubs and the encouragement and facilitation of the use of cargo bikes. CCC believes that Camden should align to the TfL Cargo Bike Action Plan:

<https://content.tfl.gov.uk/tfl-cargo-bike-action-plan-2023-acc.pdf>

T.P24 Junction improvements

This is very important. Improved cycle routes are completely dependent on the quality of the junctions, which must all be made safe for all pedestrian and cycle movements. We would like to see Cobden junction on the list of junctions for improvement to support our suggestions for T.P13.

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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