

## **Deputation to Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee 10th March 2026**

### **Call in of Fitzjohn's Avenue Area Safe and Healthy Streets Proposal**

Camden Cycling Campaign asks for permission to bring a deputation to the meeting in support of the original decision and to counter the reasons for call-in.

This scheme is designed to improve safety and make a key route more accessible to cyclists of all ages and abilities. We believe that the reasons for call in have either been answered in the officer's report or can be addressed at detailed design stage under the authority of the Chief Engineer or the Director of Environment and Sustainability.

The points we want to make are:

1. **Bus Stop design:** Camden have made it clear that they will comply with the latest design standards for floating bus stops. As the Liberal-Democrat councillors acknowledge, levels of collisions between cyclists and pedestrians at these bus stops are very low. We do recognise the concern among bus users but believe that the proposed designs minimise the risk to pedestrians and users while ensuring the safety of all cyclists, especially vulnerable ones, for example children and the elderly.
2. **Shared pavement sections:** We agree that these are a compromise and should be minimised by placing crossings as close to the junctions as possible. Because of the layout, cycle speeds in these sections will be very low, as will likely numbers, but they are essential in order to provide a safe crossing of the main road and access to side roads.
3. **Pavement widths:** We recognise the hierarchy of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport, then private cars and will always support wider footways if this can be done without compromising the safety of cyclists. We would point out that the presence of a cycle track provides a useful buffer between the footway and the main carriageway.

We ask the Scrutiny Committee to approve the original decision to implement the cycle lane and associated measures while leaving open the possibility of further changes at design stage.

Thank you

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