



London Cycling Campaign response to Camden Council consultation on “Safe and Healthy Streets” changes to High Holborn, Drake Street & Procter Street

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/high-holborn-drake-street-procter-street/>

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About LCC

London Cycling Campaign (LCC) is a charity with more than 20,000 supporters, of whom more than 11,000 are fully paid-up members. We speak up on behalf of everyone who cycles or wants to cycle in Greater London; and we speak up for a greener, healthier, happier and better-connected capital.

Response

LCC strongly supports the proposed changes by Camden Council to High Holborn, Drake Street & Procter Street. We are very pleased to see action to make the Holborn Gyratory safer given ongoing serious and fatal collisions here, particularly to those cycling. Most recently Shatha Ali died at the junction of High Holborn and Procter Street, triggering another protest at Holborn from London Cycling Campaign. LCC is campaigning for all Dangerous Junctions in London to be fixed.

We are also pleased to see the reference to the Liveable Neighbourhood plan in Holborn that will transform the area and continue to press for an area-wide solution. We applaud Camden Council improving both the junction at Theobalds Road and Southampton Row, and this one until the Liveable Neighbourhood plan can be implemented.

LCC fully agrees with Camden Cycling Campaign’s more detailed response to the consultation. For specific and detailed feedback on the proposals, please see their response.

We are most concerned in these proposals with the section of High Holborn between Procter Street and Kingsway/Southampton Row, where two people, Alan Neve in 2013 and Shatha Ali in 2022, were killed while cycling. There is a risk that motor vehicles will not clear this zone before cycles are released from Procter Street and/or High Holborn resulting in people cycling trying to get to the ASL at the Kingsway Junction while there is motor traffic, including HGVs, in this section. This can happen if High Holborn or Kingsway are backed up due to congestion. The design of the scheme should consider this risk carefully.