

Response ID ANON-WVHD-NGUN-H

Submitted to **Safer Junctions - A1 Holloway Road (including Drayton Park junction)**

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Our proposals

1 Overall, how safe do you think our proposals will make people feel when travelling through the area in the following ways?

Overall, how safe do you think our proposals will make people feel when travelling through the area in the following ways? - Walking:

Safer

Overall, how safe do you think our proposals will make people feel when travelling through the area in the following ways? - Cycling:

No different

Overall, how safe do you think our proposals will make people feel when travelling through the area in the following ways? - Using public transport:

No different

Overall, how safe do you think our proposals will make people feel when travelling through the area in the following ways? - Using motor vehicles for personal or business journeys:

Safer

Comments:

2 Please let us know if the proposals would have a positive or negative impact on you or the journeys you make. Please explain how, and how we could mitigate or reduce any negative impacts.

Comments:

This response comes from London Living Streets. We are supportive of a number of aspects of this scheme including the conversion of staggered crossings to straight across crossings, the removal of redundant crossovers, narrowing of some junctions and the creation of a new signalised crossing for Liverpool Road.

Overall we are concerned at the retention of so much carriageway capacity for general traffic and that these proposals fail to a) improve conditions for people cycling with segregated cycling facilities (in some junctions there are no lead-in lanes to ASLs) and b) overtly support improved bus journey times to the detriment of general traffic. The area will remain a busy, unpleasant series of junctions because the scheme seeks to maintain motor traffic levels. Of concern is the retention of Drayton Park/Palmers Place as a major commuter route even though there is another consultation about creating a Quietway for cyclists and pedestrians along Drayton Park. In fact, the scheme might even encourage rat-running, eg by making the right turn from Holloway Rd into St George's Road easier. Amazingly, bus lanes will also be lost. There is little sense of the transformation here which a Climate Emergency demands and putting sustainable modes of transport - walking, cycling and public transport - right at the top of pile of London's transport priorities. Again more generally, this is an incredibly harsh urban landscape in which to be a pedestrian with vast swathes of carriageway, little greening and relatively few crossing points. While this scheme may address specific issues it does nothing to alter the Holloway Road from being a sewer of traffic with people as an afterthought. There are significant amounts of crossing hatching in the centre of the road...could not consideration have been given to creating a median strip with significant volumes of tree planting or making use of this capacity for segregated cycle lanes? No steps have been taken as part of this scheme to address vehicle speeds and significant work is needed to reduce the operating speed of vehicles to a maximum of 20mph...it is noted that this is one of the stretches of TLRN that is scheduled for a 20mph limit in the Vision Zero Action Plan (Figure 10 location 2).

We would request the following amendments in particular. Firstly we are mystified at the refusal to bring the bus lane on the northbound approach to the junction with Palmer Place fully to the junction. We were told in the review meeting that this was not possible whereas from our point of view it is a very clear opportunity to prioritise exclusively bus movement over general traffic. In the Kennington Park Road/Braganza St proposals

(https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/kennington-park-road/user_uploads/kennington-park-road-scheme.pdf), the bus lane westbound along KPR is brought fully to the junction and there is a parallel similarity in both these scheme with the left turn at the junction now being banned. There is an interesting tweet about this issue from Danny Williams at twitter.com/citycyclists/status/1168545158683643904

We oppose the removal of the bus lane outside the petrol station and do not understand TfL's apparent assertion that this is necessary to maintain bus journey times.

We are concerned about any planned facilitation of right turns from Holloway Road into Eden Grove and St George's Road which may encourage further rat running through the surrounding residential areas.

More generally we are concerned that the underlying modelling is now out-of-date and continues to prioritise the maintenance of existing general traffic capacity; it fails to take into account changes at Highbury Corner and the ULEZ and the trajectory towards lower volumes of traffic as set out in the MTS.

Generally too we are concerned about excessive long signal cycle timings which will make pedestrians wait for prolonged periods and encourage them to engage in risky and dangerous behaviour. We would like to see changes to signal times to make Palmer's Place/Drayton Park traffic wait longer.

3 Are you responding as (please tick all that apply):

Not local, but interested in the proposals

4 How often, on average, do you travel using each of these forms of transport?

How often, on average, do you travel using each of these forms of transport? - Walking:

Every day

How often, on average, do you travel using each of these forms of transport? - Cycling:

2-3 days a week

How often, on average, do you travel using each of these forms of transport? - Using public transport:

4-6 days a week

How often, on average, do you travel using each of these forms of transport? - Using a motor vehicle for a personal or business journey:

Never

About you

5 If responding on behalf of an organisation, business or campaign group, please provide us with the name:

Organisation:

London Living Streets

6 What is your name?

Name:

Jeremy Leach

7 What is your email address?

Email:

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8 Please provide us with your postcode?

Postcode:

SE17 3EQ

9 How did you find out about this consultation?

Received a letter from TfL

Other:

10 What do you think about the quality of this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and questionnaire etc.)?

What do you think about the quality of this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and questionnaire etc.)? - Website structure & ease of finding what you needed:

Very good

What do you think about the quality of this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and questionnaire etc.)? - Written information:

Very good

What do you think about the quality of this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and questionnaire etc.)? - Maps, images & related diagrams:

Very good

What do you think about the quality of this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and questionnaire etc.)? - Online survey format:

Very good

What do you think about the quality of this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and questionnaire etc.)? - Website accessibility:

Very good

What do you think about the quality of this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and questionnaire etc.)? - Events & drop-in sessions:

Very good

What do you think about the quality of this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and questionnaire etc.)? - Promotional material:

Very good

Do you have any further comments about the quality of the consultation material?:

Equality Monitoring

11 Gender:

Male

12 Ethnic Group:

White – British

13 Age:

56-60

14 Sexual Orientation:

Not Answered

15 Religious faith:

Not Answered

16 Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? (Please include problems related to old age)

No