

building a better biking borough – part of London Cycling Campaign

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Dear Highways Design Team

Torrington Park and surrounding area road safety consultation

Barnet cycling campaign is part of the London Cycling Campaign, which has about 300 members in Barnet and 12,000 across the capital. We are making this submission to the council in respect of the above consultation.

Overall, the introduction of a 20-mph zone and other safety measures in the area proposed is welcomed. Creating a 20 mph in the area North of the existing 20 mph stretch of Woodhouse Road is something that Barnet Cycling Campaign have raised with the council in the past, as the area is used extensively by children travelling to the numerous local schools. Unfortunately, it is also used a rat run by motorists, particularly during the morning and evening rush hours.

We would argue for the safety of residents, particularly children, motor traffic cutting through the area should be heavily reduced or removed entirely using traditional traffic management measures, such as modal filters.

Looking ahead to the future, there are numerous schools in the adjoining areas, for example east of Friern Barnet Road, and South of Woodhouse Road, which would make those equally suitable for road safety measures, which could include safer school streets.

There are several specific points that we would like to make in relation to the proposed measures as follows:

- a. The introduction of continuous pavements by default across the whole area along with measures to reduce or restrict turning movements across these on junctions with the A1000 and Friern Barnet Lane, where there are larger volumes of traffic.
- b. Refreshment of existing cycle quiet way along Friern Park, including installation of double yellow lines either side of existing deflection points and new signage for the route. This will prevent parked cars blocking the entry and exit points to existing filter at the deflection points and encourage more people to cycle along the route.
- c. Extension of the existing 20 mph limit to cover the whole of Woodhouse Road from the A1000 to the junction with Friern Barnet Lane.
- d. Extend 20 mph zone to include Friern Barnet Lane, particularly as it passes past Friary Park, and is used by local children walking to and from school, or to the park.

Finally, the consultation includes very little explanation of some of the technical terms used and assumes that people will understand these. Illustrations of the key measures would be helpful, along with non-technical explanations.

Yours faithfully

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