London Cycling Campaign

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This response is made on behalf of the London Cycling Campaign, the capital's leading cycling organisation with more than 12,000 members and 40,000 supporters. We welcome the opportunity to comment on these plans and our response was developed with input from the co-chairs of our Infrastructure Review Group and is in support of the response of Haringey Cycling Campaign, our local group.

This brief response is to make a single, simple point – whichever of the four options for the Area Action Plan for the Wood Green area that Haringey Council move forward, it's clear that sustainable transport modes have not been, but should be, central to this plan.

London, Haringey and Wood Green face a future of increasing population density. Given that, and the already clear and massive issues of inactivity, pollution, congestion and climate change we already collectively face, any Area Action Plan Haringey produces should put cycling, walking and public transport use as one of the highest priorities, along with reducing private motor vehicle use.

Given this, it's surprising that the Wood Green proposals barely mention cycling, and only tangentially, and feature few concrete proposals and little clarity as to how to solve Wood Green's huge traffic issues.

We would therefore ask that whichever proposal goes forward, as part of it, Haringey includes a comprehensive plan to provide a network (400m distance maximum "mesh") of safe, convenient and direct cycling routes; and that similar attention is to paid to both walking routes and infrastructure, and to restricting, removing and discouraging private motor vehicle use.

As these plans move forwards, the London Cycling Campaign want (as we do in general), as a condition of funding, all highway development designed to London Cycling Design Standards (LCDS), with a Cycling Level of Service (CLoS) rating of 70 or above, with all "Critical Fails" eliminated.