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The London Cycling Campaign is 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 from our local group RBKC Cycling and in support of their consultation response.

The London Cycling Campaign want, 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.

Likely this scheme retains "Critical Fails" with left hook risks on most arms of the junction. These must be fixed as a matter of urgency.

On top of that, turns for those cycling should be comfortable, convenient and safe – right turns in this proposal are anything but. And crossings for pedestrians should be direct and straight over, while neither pedestrians or those cycling should be delayed unnecessarily at lights.

Gloucester Road also is currently used for much north-south through traffic. We would urge the borough to work on a comprehensive and area-wide traffic management plan that removes through traffic from quieter streets using modal filters or opposing one-ways, as well as consider modal filters for Exhibition Road.

We far prefer Option 2 because it enables direct pedestrian crossings, and removes one left hook risk. That said, we believe it likely the left-turn ban from Gloucester Road may be ignored without enforcement, and this option retains other issues listed above.