

QW7 New Church Road/ Edmund Street junction to Peckham Road

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Generally do you support the proposal?

NO

Do you support double yellow line extension at junctions to improve safety for all road users?

YES

Do you support proposals at Brunswick Park junction with Benhill Road?

YES

This submission is made on behalf of the London Cycling Campaign.

The plans as currently proposed offer merely marginal improvements to existing roads, but do not in any meaningful way represent a cycling route that is "quiet".

The crossing at New Church Road involves 4.0m traffic lanes. The 3.2-4.0m range of widths is considered a "critical fail" in the new CLoS system as part of the LCDS. The implication is that the lane is wide enough to allow vehicles to speed up and pass cyclists within the lane, but not wide enough for them to do so safely. At the same time, the nearby zebra crossing provides an opportunity to use some kind of dual crossing to get cyclists across the road more safely.

The London Cycling Campaign joins both Southwark Cyclists and Living Streets in asking that Edmund Street is closed to through motor traffic. Edmund Street is narrow and there is parking retained forcing cyclists out from the kerb, that makes the experience of cycling less comfortable and again less "quiet". A filtered permeability approach is by far the best option here, but failing that, much more work needs to be done on Edmund Street to make it feel sufficiently quiet and calm for less confident cyclists.

Benhill Road can be fairly busy for a primarily residential street. Given that, we need measures to ensure it's properly calm and safe. The current scheme represents very little change from the present. At the very least we'd like to see more done around the junctions to ensure good sightlines and calmed traffic.