



Your voice for a cycling city

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London Cycling Campaign response to Kensington & Chelsea consultation on Kensington Park Road

<https://consult.rbkc.gov.uk/communities/kensington-park-road-one-way>

About LCC

London Cycling Campaign (LCC) is a charity with more than 20,000 supporters, of whom more than 11,000 are fully paid-up members. We speak up on behalf of everyone who cycles or wants to cycle in Greater London; and we speak up for a greener, healthier, happier and better-connected capital.

Response

The London Cycling Campaign strongly opposes these proposals.

- These plans would likely result in an increase in use of motor vehicles – by providing more capacity for them. This is running counter to policy direction and particularly poor for a council that has declared a climate emergency.
- The plans would negatively impact a walking and cycling corridor by establishing a one-way through motor traffic route – likely both reducing cycling and walking rates here, and also increasing collision rates.
- The plans would also negatively impact amenity of and likely footfall for local retailers along this street, again counter to policy.
- The trialed scheme worked, was popular locally, and was consulted on effectively in 2023. The consultation page for these new proposals says they are "required to improve permeability of the road network, whilst maintaining a safe environment for pedestrians and pedal cycles." There is no evidence presented to establish that "permeability" needs improvement or was negatively impacted to significant degree by the trialed scheme. Whereas the proposals would clearly reduce safety by adding through motor traffic to this street.