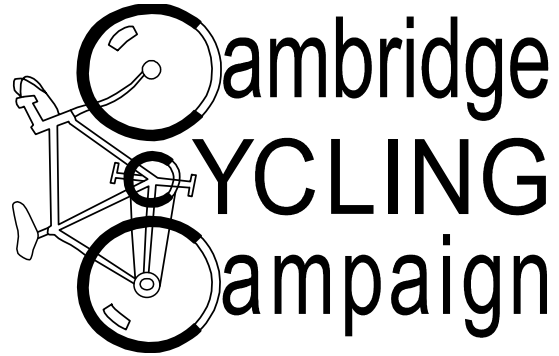


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Dear Mr Bainton

**Planning Application C/03/0118/FP Coldham's Lane**

This letter is Cambridge Cycling Campaign's strong formal objection to this planning application.

The original outline plan, and the Section106 agreement both stipulate a 3.0 m wide cycle path with a pedestrian path of 1.8 m throughout the area covered by the above application. All the plans for the outline application (C/00/0047/OP) show this width, as do those for the Section106 agreement that is on the public file.

We are surprised and dismayed to see that this new application is for a cycle path width of only 1.75 m. No explanation is offered with the application as to why such a radical reduction is proposed.

Government Guidance (Cycle Friendly Infrastructure) recommends a minimum width of 3.0 m for two way cycling. A cycle path 1.75 m wide is simply too narrow for two way cycling and will force cyclists to ride on the adjacent pedestrian path in order to avoid other cyclists.

We are even more concerned as it has been suggested that it may be the City's own Planning Department that has asked the developer to reduce the width. We can see no reason why the width of the path should be reduced from the original 3.0 m specified along the whole length of the route that is the subject of this application.

We ask that this application for narrowing the path be withdrawn or rejected and that the cycle path be reinstated in the plans at the originally proposed 3.0 m width over the whole 450 metres.

We are also concerned that even though Cambridge Cycling Campaign submitted a letter of objection to the outline plans (C/00/0047/OP), in letter reference C00023 dated 28 August 2000, we received no formal notification of the changes proposed.

We should also be grateful if you would give us a full explanation as to why, it is proposed to narrow this important two-way cycle route to 1.75 m. If this application should get as far as a planning committee, we wish to be informed, by email, of the date for the meeting, at least 10 working days in advance.

Yours sincerely,  
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

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