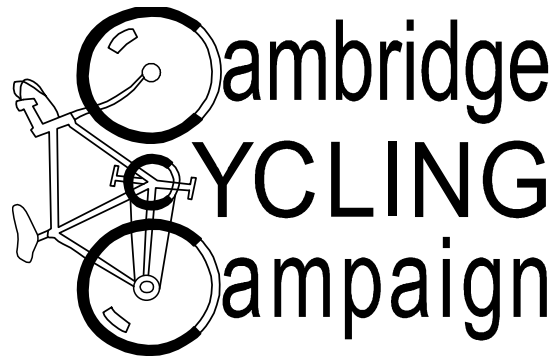


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Dear Mr Finney,

Accident Reduction Scheme: Coldham's Lane

We are writing in response to the consultation on this scheme. Your help in explaining the details of the scheme to us is much appreciated.

In our considered opinion narrow cycle lanes on Coldham's Lane could increase the dangers to cyclists for the reasons set out by Nigel Deakin in his letters of March 24th and April 8th. These two letters should be treated as part of our formal response to the present consultation. A width of 1.2 metres is too narrow and will force cyclists to ride closer to the kerb than they do at present and bring them into potential conflict with parked cars. It will also encourage drivers to leave insufficient room when overtaking cyclists. Such substandard lanes would make conditions worse, not better, for cyclists. In our view, any cycle lane along here, whether advisory or mandatory, must be at least 1.5 metres wide.

After our discussion last Thursday we have made further visits to Coldham's Lane to consider what you told us. If we understood you correctly, parking, including pavement parking, is now to be removed along one side of the road. If this is so, would it not be possible to obtain the funds to widen the carriageway sufficiently to permit the construction of 1.5 metre wide cycle lanes in both directions protected by a buffer zone from the parked cars which will remain on one side of the road?

We must, in the circumstances, formally object to the proposals but we would, of course, be very willing to withdraw our objections if the road could be widened sufficiently to enable standard width cycle lanes adequately protected from parked cars to be installed.

Thank you again for your helpful explanations.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

Jim Chisholm