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Dear Mr Finney,

**Coldhams Lane**

Thank you for your letter H/2R/C about the proposal to introduce cycle lanes in Coldham's Lane between Cromwell Road and the Brooks Road roundabout. As we said in our initial letter, we are grateful for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

We feel you may have misunderstood our earlier response, and so we write again to clarify. We have also sent the text of this letter by e-mail.

We are very disappointed to read that that you are considering introducing advisory cycle lanes whose width will be a mere 1.2m. This is too narrow and will force cyclists to ride closer to the kerb than they do at present and bring them in potential conflict with parked cars. It will also encourage drivers to leave insufficient room when overtaking cyclists. In our view, any cycle lane along here, whether advisory or mandatory, must be at least 1.5m wide. 1.5m is the width of the cycle lanes on nearby Brooks Road and is described in the draft Cambridgeshire Design Guide (which is based on official guidance elsewhere) as an 'absolute minimum'.

We are therefore writing to confirm that we would totally oppose the introduction of 1.2 cycle lanes along this section, irrespective of whether they are mandatory or advisory. Such substandard lanes would make conditions worse, not better, for cyclists. In our view the most useful thing that could be done here is to leave this section of Coldham's Lane as it is.

We would be very pleased to discuss proposals further with you in advance of the consultation.

Yours sincerely,  
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

Nigel Deakin