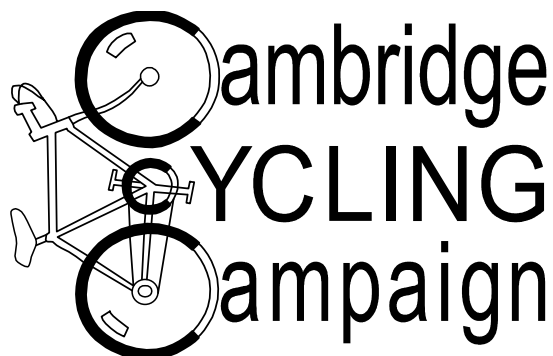


September 1, 2004

Our ref: C 04 020
Your ref:

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Dear Councillor Reid,

Exempting cyclists from one-way streets

We are writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the Cambridge Environment & Transport Area Joint Committee.

On April 8th 2002, the Committee resolved unanimously¹:

to make permanent the experimental TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for the Bene't Street-King's Parade junction and approve the layout changes shown in Plan 4 of the report

We note that, two years on, this work to implement the layout changes has still not been carried out.

Also, the additional comments from Members included:

the hope that further one-way streets appropriate for two-way cycling would be identified for possible inclusion in the cycleway improvement programme

Sadly, this aim has also not been progressed, despite the fact that such measures are an inexpensive yet highly effective measure for encouraging cycling.

When we asked a representative of the County Council, at a recent Cycling Liaison Group² meeting, for a progress report, we were told that no progress had been made, and that, if we

¹ Minutes available on the County Council website at: <http://tinyurl.com/6mj9g>

wanted it to be progressed, we (the Campaign) should state that we wanted the work prioritised.

We write to put on record our opinion that the agreed action should now be taken as soon as possible and our concern that decisions taken by the Area Joint Committee are not always allocated appropriate priority and followed through. We ask that the work at Bene't Street approved by the AJC be carried out with due urgency and that plans are put forward for further one-way streets to be exempted for cyclists.

Whilst writing, you may be interested to see our policy paper dating from 1998 on the issue of one-way streets. The paper includes (on page 10) a suggested list of streets which could be targeted for improvement as described above, although a few have now been implemented since the paper was written. I enclose a copy of the paper for your information, and further copies are available on our website³ or on request.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

Martin Lucas-Smith
Co-ordinator

² This is a forum which includes representatives of Cambridge Cycling Campaign, Living Streets (formerly the Pedestrians' Association), the City and Council Councils and others.

³ <http://www.camcycle.org.uk/campaigning/papers/OneWayStreets.pdf>