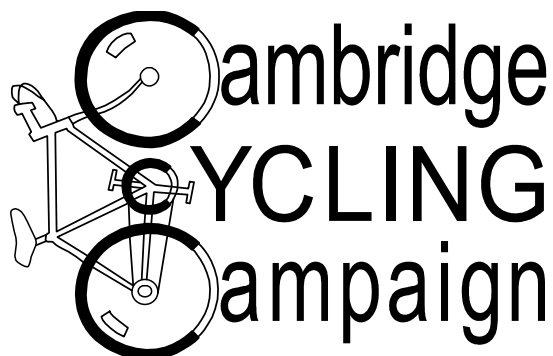


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Dear Marie-Louise Holland,

#### **Coverage of Area Joint Committee in the Newsletter**

Many thanks for your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2004, responding to a few points we made in the most recent edition of our *Newsletter*. We are grateful that you have taken the time to write to us. Apologies for the delay in replying.

Addressing your points in order:

#### **1. Contraflow cycling in Trinity Street / St. John's Street**

We were pleased that this proposal was passed by the Area Joint Committee.

Many thanks for the useful information about the Cabinet meeting, at which this issue was subsequently considered. Following your suggestion, we put together a petition which gave us speaking rights at the meeting.

Although we were disappointed with the Cabinet's decision to refer the scheme back to the AJC, we hope to make some suggestions on a way forward shortly.

#### **2. Trumpington Street – Fen Causeway – Lensfield Road junction**

We note your points on this. The reference in our Newsletter was to the clear comment made by Richard Preston that the proposal for traffic lights (rather than other measures) was "dead in the water".

Although we feel the points you note outlining your group's objections are all valid points, we feel it was very clear to the observers at the meeting that the clear and overriding reason for opposing lights at this location was the potential for delays to traffic. We remain disappointed that the safety of road users was not put before the convenience of motorists at this location.

Richard Preston stated clearly that he did not feel any other measure would be as effective in reducing casualties. He particularly stated that encouraging cyclists to take an alternative

route was unlikely to be effective. However given the Committee's refusal to accept signals we are keen that alternative measures are explored given the casualty toll at this junction.

Members of the Campaign recently visited this junction to observe its use. We will be writing to Officers to set out some of our suggestions resulting from this visit, and I will ensure you receive a copy of our letter.

We feel there are a number of signage and layout options, including reducing the number of lanes at some points, which might make the junction less hostile for cyclists. We agree with Richard Preston that changes such as these would not be nearly as effective as the installation of traffic signals, and so the poor collision record at this junction is unfortunately likely to remain. In summary, we feel there is very little scope to reduce casualties here other than signals.

### **3. King Street – Hobson Street – St Andrew's Street route**

Many thanks for the information you noted. We are pleased to hear that improvements to the signage and road markings here are being considered, as we often received complaints from our members regarding this area. As you may be aware, we are also supportive of LAPE, having written on several occasions to Richard Preston in support of this scheme.

As you will have seen, we have written to Richard Preston asking that the long delay to all road users at the junction of Hobson Street with Jesus Lane be reduced as part of any changes.

Once again, many thanks for writing to us. We do hope that you will stay in contact and we would remind you of our invitation to meet with you at any point, should you wish to discuss any cycling-related issues.

Yours sincerely,  
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

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