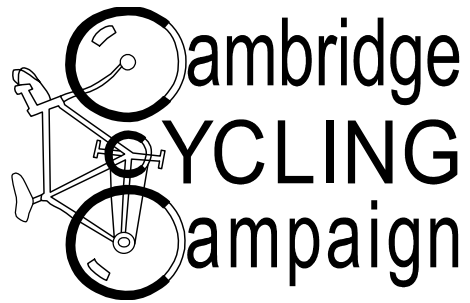


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Dear Mr Preston,

Historic Core Cycling consultation

We write in response to this consultation¹ and warmly welcome the proposed experimental suspension.

Very many cyclists continue to find the existing ban a considerable inconvenience, one on which we have campaigned for very many years. We are glad that the long-standing lack of an adequate south to north cycling route through the city centre is finally being addressed, and indeed hope that the experiment will prove successful. We believe that pedestrians and cyclists can co-exist in the city centre, as demonstrated by the lack of current major problems on Sundays, when cycling has always been permitted.

We believe the matter of signage will be an important part in ensuring success of the experimental suspension. The signage should aim to encourage an air of co-operation and respect between user groups. As you will be aware, we would strongly support the re-designation of the area as a 'Pedestrian Priority Zone', which we feel would best summarise the new regulations, if the Department for Transport would feel able to approve such a term.

We reiterate our commitment to support enforcement action on illegal cycle movements and to promote sensible and responsible cycling throughout the area. We support and request enhanced targeted enforcement by the police against illegal cycling. We look forward to working with the City Council's Walking & Cycling Promotion Officer in helping produce materials to support the aim of responsible cycling in a way which does not decrease pedestrian comfort in the area.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

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¹ <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/projects/cambridge/historic+centre+cycling.htm>