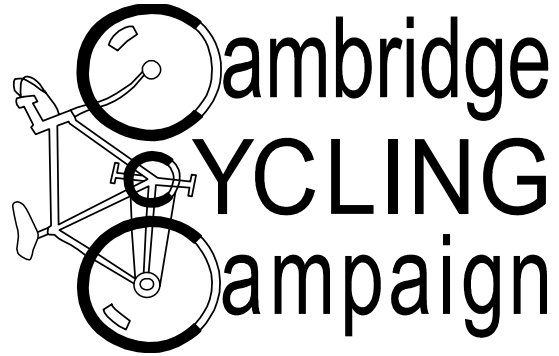


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CC Howard Roscoe

Dear Clare Rankin,

Barton Cycle Path White Lining

We are writing to request that white lining be added to the Barton Road Cycle Path on the unlit section that falls under the City Council, we believe up to the first M11 roundabout coming out of Cambridge. The path here is unlit and at night, with cycle lights, the edge of the path is impossible to see against oncoming car headlights.

We have spoken to Howard Roscoe who is investigating white lining on the cycle path between Comberton and Barton. We shall also making a similar request to the County Council to action white lining on the section of path without street lighting that falls under their responsibility. This will then make whole path length usable at night.

At the moment there are several places where grass and hedges overhang the path, these will obviously need trimming before white lines can be applied.

We ask for two details in general for white lining on cycle paths (though in this instance there are no obstructions in the path) :-

- Where there are any obstructions in the path that the white lines be brought in advance with a hatched area to give warning of the obstruction, just as in the road.
- Where the white lines approach a dropped kerb they are no wider than the width of the dropped kerb so as not to lead cyclists off a full height kerb.

We would like to see this actioned as soon as is possible as the winter commuting nights are closing in. The result of a cyclist misreading the edge of the path and falling into oncoming traffic would, most likely, be fatal.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

Richard Taylor