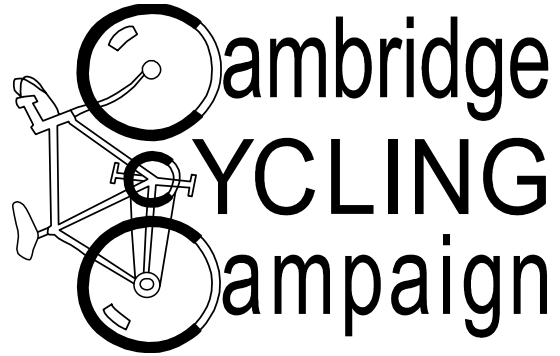


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Dear Ms Elder,

A14 Consultation

Cambridge Cycling Campaign receives regular representations from members and other cyclists about the major problems of cycling along the A14 and the absence of satisfactory direct alternative routes.

We ask that, whatever design is selected for the A14, proper provision is made to accommodate cyclists. In the case of the A14 we consider that off-highway cycle paths are needed along both sides of the road. They should be away from the highway, perhaps behind a hedge to give some protection from splashing, headlamp blinding and, of course, vehicle collisions.

They should be constructed to the most recent standards for cycle paths, with particular attention to the need for adequate width and the proper treatment of junctions. They should be machine-laid with adequate foundations and provide a surface that is at least as good as the surface of the adjacent road.

These cycle paths are essential because of the level of cycling in Cambridge and its surroundings. Here more than 25% of people cycle to work. This is much the highest figure in the UK and nearly twice as many as the next most popular UK cycling places such as Oxford and York. Cycling here is as important as public transport. We consider that it is unacceptable to provide direct roads for motorists unless equally direct ways for cyclists are provided alongside as they are in those parts of continental Europe where cycling levels are similar to those in the Cambridge area.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

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