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Dear Cambridgeshire County Council,

Parking consultations for Ascham and Victoria, Cambridge

We, Cambridge Cycling Campaign, object to the Ascham and Victoria resident parking scheme on the basis that the need to accommodate cycle parking has not been considered, and no cycle parking is included in the proposals.

Cambridge has the highest levels of cycling of anywhere in the UK, accounting for 26% of all modes, according to Cambridgeshire County Council's own travel survey in 2016.

Currently, there is no provision for on-street cycle parking in either of the two consultation areas.

At present car and cycle parking is informal, in that both can park anywhere where there is not a double-yellow line. If the proposals are implemented, then car parking will only be permitted in marked areas. A cycle parked in a marked parking bay may cause resentment from residents who have paid an annual fee for the privilege.

In these areas most of the properties have access to off-street cycle parking in their front or rear gardens. For the residents of those properties cycle parking is not likely to be an issue.

However, visitors arriving by cycle will have no public place to park their bikes securely. Cycles of all shapes and sizes are now an increasingly common sight in Cambridge and these need to be securely parked.

We are asking for on-street cycle parking facilities on each street of the consultation area, to allow people to securely lock cycles when visiting these areas. Ten cycles can be accommodated in the space required for one motor vehicle.

We note that your survey expected all respondents to have a car. A significant number of residents do not have a car and therefore their opinions have not been taken into account by your survey.

Yours sincerely,

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