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Resident of
Gilbert Road, Cambridge



Cambridge Cycling Campaign

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Dear Resident,

ACCIDENT REDUCTION AND TRAFFIC CALMING IN GILBERT ROAD

We are very concerned to hear that some residents of Gilbert Road apparently see Cambridge Cycling Campaign as opponents over the issues of accident reduction and traffic calming on Gilbert Road. We want to say that, to the best of our knowledge, we share most of the concerns that have recently been expressed by residents about the issues and about the proposed County Council accident reduction scheme. We would greatly welcome cooperation over the search for solutions which will both reduce cycle accidents and at the same time improve the residential environment of the road.

In our opinion:

- **The safety of the unusually large number of young people walking and cycling to school in the area should come first.**
- **The cycleway along the south side of the road in the County Council's proposed scheme does not make sense. We oppose it and have always opposed it since it was first put forward.**
- **Better street lighting proposed by the Council is much needed.**
- **Traffic calming is needed to reduce vehicle speeds along the road.**

We attach a letter which we have just sent to members of the County Council's Cabinet which gives more detail about our suggestions. We earnestly hope that this clears up any misunderstandings about the views of Cambridge Cycling Campaign and that it will pave the way for future discussion and cooperation. If you support what we suggest, we would very much like to hear from you by post, by email or by leaving a message on our telephone contact number.

For those of you who do not know who we are, here are some brief details. Cambridge Cycling Campaign is a local organisation, run wholly by volunteers and with more than 700 subscription-paying members, which seeks to work closely and cooperatively with local authorities and a wide range of other bodies to improve cycle facilities and provision for cycling in and near Cambridge. Our aim is to try to mobilise our combined knowledge and skills to represent the interests and concerns of all who cycle and wish to cycle locally - young and old, committed and uncommitted, confident and less confident. Our intention is to enhance Cambridge's international renown as Britain's premier cycling city in which more than 25% of local people cycle to work and even greater numbers cycle for recreation. We are, and always have been, strong advocates of legal, responsible cycling (see <http://www.camcycle.org.uk/campaigning/papers/legality/>).

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

James Woodburn