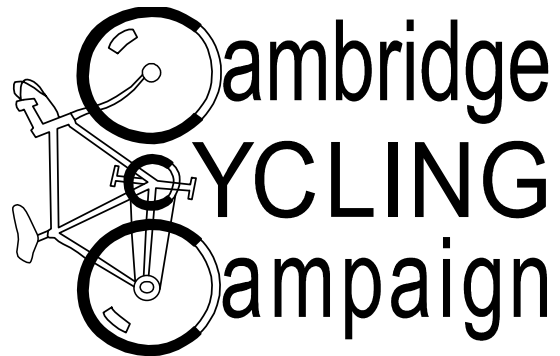


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PRESS RELEASE

Historic decision for the historic core

Cambridge Cycling Campaign welcomes the clear decision made yesterday by the Council Committee responsible for transport matters to suspend the historic city centre cycling restriction for a trial period, starting later this year.

Currently there is no adequate south to north cycling route through the city centre.

Campaigner Martin Lucas-Smith said "The current daytime cycling ban forms a real barrier for many journeys by bike. We have lobbied hard to have this ban overturned. We believe that pedestrians and cyclists can co-exist in the city centre and that a Pedestrian Priority Zone would be workable. Indeed, cycling is currently allowed on Sundays and causes few problems."

Current government guidance states that "there are no real factors to justify excluding cyclists from pedestrianised areas" [see note 5, below].

Campaigner Jim Chisholm said "The Campaign strongly supports enforcement measures against irresponsible cycling. We believe that current enforcement levels are insufficient."

We believe the proposed arrangements would simplify the current bewildering array of restrictions.

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Notes for editors:

1. Cambridge Cycling Campaign was formed in 1995 and now has around 700 members. Run by volunteers, it campaigns for "better safer and more cycling in and around Cambridge". Its website, at www.camcycle.org.uk , contains a wide range of information on its activities.
2. Two years ago, Cambridge Cycling Campaign released its Position Paper on Responsible, Legal Cycling. The policy makes clear the Campaign's advocacy of responsible, legal cycling. The paper is available on our website at <http://www.camcycle.org.uk/campaigning/papers/legality/> .
3. The daytime city centre cycling ban was introduced in 1993, and went beyond the recommendations of a public enquiry held at the time.
4. This decision replaces an earlier decision by the Cambridge Environment & Transport Area Joint Committee to allow two-way cycling in Trinity Street, which County Council officers considered to be impracticable.
5. See the Department for Transport's website at:
www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_localtrans/documents/page/dft_localtrans_028707-08.hcsp#P371_68381