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Dear Mrs Jackson,

**Kings Parade Anti-Terrorism Barriers**

Camcycle is a volunteer-led organisation with 1,400 members that works for more, better and safer cycling, for all ages and abilities in and around Cambridge.

In March 2019 we spoke at the Cambridge City Joint Area Committee (CJAC) raising our concerns about the proposal to install barriers to prevent terrorism on King's Parade which is a very heavily used cycle route. Whilst we welcomed the opportunity to drastically reduce the number of vehicles passing through here, there were several problems. We argued that 1.2 metres is in no way wide enough to accommodate the numbers of bikes that will pass through here and will be too narrow for many cargo bikes. We suggested that this could lead to pavement cycling and conflict with pedestrians as people tried to avoid an awkward barrier. We raised fears, highlighted by the use of similar barriers in London, that people could be injured as a result of being squeezed into such inadequate spaces. Camcycle does not wish to see any of this behaviour normalised. We raise it again because we are concerned that installing these barriers will do just that. Please note that Camcycle is not objecting to the principle of removing the danger from motorised traffic, but to the proposed design.

Since that meeting in March, there does not appear to have been any consultation with local councillors, with groups such as ourselves or with any disability groups to find the best solution, in spite of assurances that officers would be happy to talk to us about it.

Please can a pause be put on the project to allow for an open consultation to take place?

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Danish  
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign