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Andrew Dismore AM

Date: 16 December 2016

Dear Val,

Re: Cycle Superhighway 11

I am writing with regard to my continued reservations with the proposed scheme for Cycle Superhighway 11, in light of today's announcement.

Of greatest concern are the plans for the Swiss Cottage Gyratory. The proposal to retain the bus stops on Avenue Road are welcome, but the scheme still proposes to reduce the current five lanes of traffic southbound on Avenue Road down to two lanes on Finchley Road. Consequently, four lanes of northbound traffic will be reduced to two on Finchley Road.

I do not believe that TfL can have properly modelled the impact of removing the gyratory system on the network further north, with a consequent prospect of gridlock and rat running. There is a clear risk of traffic backing up from the A1 and the M1, both of which feed into the A41 southbound and which would thus have severe repercussions on strategic traffic routes into central London, especially in Hendon, Cricklewood and Hampstead.

Whilst I welcome the proposal to reduce the gate opening hours at Regent's Park, I still do not believe that this issue has been adequately resolved, in particular all four gates do not need to be closed at the same time to achieve its objectives.

Could you also confirm whether the welcome 20mph zone proposed for the Outer Ring in Regents Park will be enforced against cyclists, as well as other vehicles?

I would also like to know the details of which originally proposed banned turns will now be permitted; and whether a traffic light system is to be installed at the junction of Queen's Grove, Elsworthy Road and Avenue Road to form a safer junction, as I originally proposed, rather than closing off Queen's Grove.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Dismore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew Dismore AM

Labour London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden