



Andrew Dismore AM
Cllr Barry Rawlings

Heidi Alexander
Deputy Mayor for Transport
BY EMAIL

Date: 21 September 2020

Dear Heidi,

Re: A1000 Cycle Lane

We are writing with regard to the work that has already started to install a temporary segregated cycle lane on the A1000 from East Finchley Station to North Finchley. We welcome the works as a whole, and the much-needed investment into Barnet's cycle infrastructure, however there are some details that could be improved upon, which we seek your assistance in taking up with Barnet Council.

Firstly, could we confirm that The London Fire Brigade, London Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Police have been consulted on these plans? If so, will you ask Barnet Council to publish these responses?

Secondly, residents have raised concerns with regard to the junction at Fortis Green/ East End Road. The segregated cycle lane removes two lanes of traffic for all but a very short stretch before these traffic lights. We are concerned that vehicles turning right on the northbound lane would hold up the rest of the traffic behind them, causing tailbacks. Can engineers look at putting the northbound/southbound lane on different green light phases, as is the case at the junction with Granville Road?

Thirdly, we would like some reassurance about the safety of pedestrian crossings. One crossing is removed near Creighton Avenue, and two lose their buildouts opposite the entrance to the Islington and St Pancras Cemetery. Can the first be reinstated, and can we ensure there are markings on the road that make the latter two crossings highly visible?

Fourthly, much of the segregation in the scheme is achieved through the use of wands. We understand that wands have had a mixed story of success in other locations, and would like reassurance that these will be effective in keeping cyclists safe.

Finally, whilst we recognise that this is a Barnet Council scheme, and a temporary one at that, we are concerned that consultation has been poor. Councillors were only sent copies of the final plans on Friday 18th September, with work due to commence on Monday 21st, which was not enough time to consider the details and send feedback in before work started. Whilst we acknowledge that this scheme is

only temporary, it still needs proper consultation with residents, and there is a legal obligation to do so if this becomes a permanent scheme.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Andrew Dismore".

Andrew Dismore AM

London Assembly Member
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Leader of the Barnet Labour Group