

Appendix 3: Draft response from the City Council on TfL's proposals for CS11

Have your say on proposals for Cycle Superhighway Route 11 – overall proposals

1. Do you support our overall proposals for Cycle Superhighway 11?

(Required)

Yes

Partially

Not sure

No opinion

No

2. Do you have any comments about our overall proposals for Cycle Superhighway 11?

Comments:

“The City Council supports the Mayor of London’s Vision for Cycling in London, which was published by the Greater London Authority in March 2013.

The City Council considers that it is essential that TfL shares its strategic traffic modelling in a meaningful way to assist all stakeholders to properly understand the traffic impacts associated with the Cycle Superhighway 11 (CS11) proposals.

The City Council supports the strong local feelings that TfL should adopt a holistic approach by considering the combined impacts of several schemes and major redevelopments in its modelling of CS11. There is real local concern that TfL’s modelling needs to consider the redevelopment of the St John’s Wood Barracks and the potential traffic impact of HS2, albeit that the works for the latter will not happen for at least five years.

Two options are presented for the Portland Place element of the CS11 scheme, yet the traffic modelling outputs have not been presented for either. TfL should not expect those being consulted to indicate a scheme preference without this information being available.

The City Council wants TfL to review TfL’s traffic modelling data presented to date and ensure that those being consulted on TfL’s proposals for CS11 have greater clarity on the reassignment of traffic onto alternative routes (e.g. local roads in the St John’s Wood area) and any potential air quality issues as a result of this reassignment.

The City Council is very concerned that TfL’s traffic modelling data for Cycle Superhighway 11 (CS11) demonstrates that the CS11 scheme is likely to result in significant detriment to pedestrian amenity at important crossing locations along Finchley Road. Similarly, bus journey times on a significant number of routes specified by TfL will increase by at least 0-2 minutes throughout the peak periods (and probably throughout the day), resulting in a significant disbenefit to buses across their routes.

Further and more detailed traffic modelling needs to be carried out to demonstrate that the forecast traffic reassignments can be accommodated at key junctions as expected. If the

network is not capable of accommodating the reassigned flows, then TfL should advise to what degree further traffic reduction is required, or how this might affect network wide journey times.

It would be more transparent if TfL provided details of how it intends deploying Active Traffic Management (ATM) to manage real time congestion through changes to the timing of traffic signals to hold back or redirect traffic at critical points.

TfL should show the changes in traffic flows along roads forming the sections of the CS11 route being consulted upon, within broad band widths, which is considered reasonable and allows for inevitable modelling inaccuracies. This data has not been presented as part of the consultation material.

The City Council therefore objects to the proposals being implemented on behalf of its residents and businesses who have requested detailed information on the traffic modelling work undertaken on several occasions.”

Section 1 – Have your say on proposals for Swiss Cottage (including proposals for bus services)

3. Do you support our proposals for CS11 at Swiss Cottage?

Yes

Partially

Not sure

No opinion

No

4. Do you have any comments about our proposals for CS11 at Swiss Cottage?

No comments

5. What do you think about our proposals to change route 31?

Neutral

6. What do you think about our proposals to change route 268?

Neutral

7. What do you think about our proposals to change route 46?

Neutral

8. What do you think about our proposals to change route 603?

Neutral

9. What do you think about our proposals to change route C11?

Neutral

10. Do you have any comments about our proposals to make changes to bus services?

“No comments.”

Section 2 – Have your say on proposals for Avenue Road (north)

11. Do you support our proposals for CS11 on Avenue Road (north)?

Yes

Partially

Not sure

No opinion

No

12. Do you have any comments about our proposals for Avenue Road (north)?

“The City Council supports the proposed mandatory cycle lanes, but shares the local community’s concerns on the potential traffic impact of the proposed point closure for motor vehicles in Queen’s Grove at its junction with Avenue Road.”

Section 3 – Have your say on proposals for Avenue Road (south)

13. Do you support our proposals for CS11 on Avenue Road (South)?

Yes

Partially

Not sure

No opinion

No

14. Do you have any comments about our proposals for Avenue Road (South)?

“The City Council supports the mandatory cycle lanes and associated “At Any Time” waiting and loading restrictions on its section of Avenue Road, but the City Council needs further information on the traffic impacts of this proposal and other measures associated with CS11.”

Section 4 – Have your say on proposals for The Regent’s Park

15. Do you support TfL’s and The Royal Parks’ proposals for CS11 through The Regents Park?

Yes

Partially

Not sure

No opinion

No

16. TfL and The Royal Parks are considering a number of different measures to reduce the speed and volume of vehicles using the Outer Circle. We'd like to know what you think of these suggestions.

Access restrictions for motor vehicles at four of the gates into the park:

Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

Raised junctions at four locations around the Outer Circle:

Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

Use of speed cameras to enforce the 30mph speed limit:

Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

Use of signage to remind drivers of the speed limit in the park:

Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

17. Do you have any comments about the proposals for The Regent's Park?

Comments:

"Due to the lack of clarity of the traffic impacts of the proposals, the City Council objects to the proposed closure of the four gates in The Regent's Park (Macclesfield Bridge, York Gate, Park Square West and Park Square East). The City Council has been consistent in its advice to TfL and The Royal Parks Agency to take measures to slow traffic on the Outer Circle for this scheme, rather than adopt gate closures."

Section 5 – Have your say on our proposals for Park Crescent and Portland Place, (up to the junction with Devonshire Street)

18. Which option do you prefer?

“The City Council cannot confirm preference between Option A and Option B without understanding the traffic impact of both options.”

19. Do you have any comments about our proposals for Park Crescent and Portland Place (up to the junction with Devonshire Street)?

“The City Council cannot confirm preference between Option A and Option B without understanding the traffic impact of both options.”

Section 6 – Have your say on our proposals for Portland Place, junction with Weymouth Street and junction with New Cavendish Street

20. Which option do you prefer?

“The City Council cannot confirm preference between Option A and Option B without understanding the traffic impact of both options.”

21. Do you have any comments about our proposals for Portland Place, junction with Weymouth Street and junction with New Cavendish Street?

“The City Council cannot confirm preference between Option A and Option B without understanding the traffic impact of both options.”

Section 7 – About You

22.Name Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Parking, Westminster City Council

23.Email hacton@westminster.gov.uk

24.Postcode SW1E 6QP

25.Age range N/A

26.Interest in CS11 (resident/commuter/interested/business owner etc.) Response on behalf of Westminster City Council

27.Name of organisation (if responding on its behalf) Westminster City Council

28.What types of transport do you normally use locally: Private car , taxi, bus, coach, bicycle, walk, tube, train

29.How often do you cycle Most days

30.If you do cycle, is it for: (leisure/training/work/commuting/other): leisure/work/commuting

31.How often do you catch a bus through or around Swiss Cottage Rarely

32.How did you hear about this consultation Email and Other. I have worked with TfL during development of the proposals with other Members, officers and local residents and businesses and other stakeholders.

33.How good is our consultation (info/printed material/plans/questionnaire etc.)?

TfL's engagement during formulation of the proposals was good, but little information has been shared on the traffic impacts evaluated through TfL's transport modelling. It is really important that TfL reviews its current approach to sharing transport modelling information and that those being consulted are advised on the transport modelling assumptions and proposed changes to traffic flows.

34.Are you happy for us to contact you in the future about CS11? Yes