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Dear Sir or Madam,

## **PROPOSED ONE WAY ALONG CAMDEN MEWS BETWEEN CAMDEN PARK ROAD & YORK WAY**

We are writing to seek your views on the Council's proposals to convert Camden Mews between Camden Park Road and York Way from a one way street northbound to one way street southbound towards Camden Park Road.

### **Background**

Local residents have informed us via Ward members that they are concerned about the increased number of vehicles that are using this section of Camden Mews as a short cut to access York Way. The concerns relate to safety as this stretch of Camden Mews is a cobbled street with narrow footways and parking on one side; therefore to pass each other vehicles are driving very close to property frontages posing a risk to residents especially children.

Camden officers were asked to investigate the concerns and arrive at possible solutions that would address the problem that residents had highlighted. To fully appreciate the level of traffic using this street, officers obtained information of the volume of traffic using this and neighbouring streets and this indicated that this street is used as a cut through to access York Way and beyond.

To address this, officers developed two options, the details of which were sent to the residents who had raised concerns. The options included converting the road to one way street in the southbound direction or banning the right turn into Camden Mews from Camden Park Road. Officers made it clear that whilst the one way option addresses the rat run issue, residents in this part of the street will have to take a slight detour and travel via Torriano Avenue, Leighton Road, Brecknock Road and York Way to access their street when arriving from the south. The right turn ban option only provides a partial solution as it still allows traffic to use North Villas and the southern section of Camden Mews to access York Way via the northern section of Camden Mews.

Camden officers were informed that the options were shared with Camden Square Neighbourhood Association and some of the residents in neighbouring streets and initial views are that a slight majority are supportive of the option of converting the road to one way street southbound which is the proposal we are now consulting upon. Officers did consider allowing entry and exit from York Way as currently this is possible from Camden Park Road, however this was rejected as the road width at the junction with York Way is too narrow to safely accommodate two way traffic.

We are therefore asking for your opinion on the following proposals:

## Proposal

1. Convert Camden Mews between Camden Park Road and York Way from a one way street northbound which currently allows entry and exit from Camden Park Road and exit only at York Way to a one way street in the southbound direction from York Way towards Camden Park Road.
2. The proposals will entail placing 'NO ENTRY' sign at Camden Mews at its junction with Camden Park Road and 'ONE WAY' sign at the entry into Camden Mews from York Way.

## Who is being consulted?

All properties within the consultation area outlined on the drawing showing the proposals; local and statutory groups; emergency services and Ward members. At the same time, we are also advertising the proposed changes in the local newspapers (Ham and High and London Gazette).

## What will happen next?

We will consider all responses received during the consultation period and these will help us make our recommendations, which will be submitted for approval, to the Assistant Director for Environment & Transport. If approved, the changes will be made early in the new year and will be funded from Camden's own budget.

Please respond to this consultation letter by 30 January 2015 to the **London Borough of Camden, Culture Environment & Directorate, Transport Strategy Service, FREEPOST RSLT-RJBR-TXAA, London, WC1H 9JE**, please note no stamp is required and only ONE reply per household, business or organisation will be accepted. Alternatively you can send your response by email to [Sadiq.merchant@camden.gov.uk](mailto:Sadiq.merchant@camden.gov.uk) you **must** give your full postal address when responding to this letter if you want us to consider your views.

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Yours faithfully

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**Thank you for replying to this consultation**