

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS UNABLE TO ATTEND BRAG'S PUBLIC MEETING ON 24 JULY 2018



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Tuesday 24 July 2018, at Lumen Church, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

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MONICA	COOMBS	JOHN STREET		H	

Thanks for all your work in mobilising residents.

I will be away & unable to make the meeting but a point that struck me looking at the results of the consultation was that the views of Brent Cyclists are apparently given equal weight to those of the residents!

It is also shocking that the independent report into Torrington / Tavistock noted that Camden simply didn't have the data on the traffic displacement & negative impact on the wider area.

I am a John St resident & this proposal will no doubt cause traffic to build up in Guilford/Doughty & John Streets.

Camden must be made to conduct a proper study into the impact on the wider area if it is to have a realistic model of the traffic patterns & impact across our area.

* **KX** - Kings Cross
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SIMON	PEARSON	DUKE'S ROAD	WC1H 9AD	KX	

I believe this plan to be concerning for the following reasons:

- a) a number of local residents on Duke's Road and Woburn Walk appear not to have received the consultation that was sent out in Spring 2016;
- b) the consultation contains traffic modelling information but does not at any point mention Duke's Road, despite the fact that after the closure of Judd Street, Duke's Road would become the most direct entrance to Bloomsbury from Euston Road. An FOI request, submitted to the council in July 2018, reveals that the modelling does not find that Duke's Road, Cartwright Gardens, nor Marchmont St, will receive significant additional traffic. This is at best questionable, as this would become the most direct route into Bloomsbury from Euston Road [2];
- c) the junction of Duke's Road and Euston Road is already a very busy pedestrian route, but without any official crossing it is also a dangerous one, where safety needs to be reviewed – something our local councillor Jonathan Simpson pledged to do [3] following the death of Mark Welsh on 6 July 2017 [4]. A significant increase of traffic would serve to also significantly increase the already high safety risk;
- d) Duke's Road is a narrow, brick-paved one-way street (two-way to cycles) with parking provision and a narrow entry to Burton Street. Its buildings have significant historical value. The additional traffic seems not only impractical in terms of road capacity, but will also have a significant negative impact on local residents, businesses and the character of the area.

[1] <http://democracy.camden.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=205&MId=7982&Ver=4>

[2] https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/detail_of_traffic_modelling_done

[3] <https://twitter.com/CamdenJonathan/status/882934730244665345>

[4] <https://thelincolnite.co.uk/2017/07/he-will-be-greatly-missed-tributes-to-council-manager-from-lincoln-killed-in-crash/>

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LYNN	BARLOW	THANET		KX	

Thank you for the email of 16 July, confirming the decision of the Council following the meeting on 27 June. I did turn up to the meeting but was unable, due to lack of space, to get inside the committee room. There are a few points I would like to make about the Council's proposals, as follows:

1. I have been a resident of Rashleigh House in Thanet Street for over 30 years. I have never seen the Brunswick Square Consultation document of March 2016, nor did I know of its existence, until I saw it referred to in the Committee document of 27 June, although I accept that Thanet Street is not within the consultation area referred to on page 21 of that document.
2. However, as I understand the position, the Council proposed to treat the proposed Brunswick Square closure and the Judd Street/Euston Road/Midland Road scheme as one unified plan. Although, in Appendix A at page 99 of the document, there is reference to public discussion hearings in February 2016 about the closure of Judd Street, I have neither seen nor heard of any reference to this proposal before. I do not think, therefore, that the Council has gone to any great lengths to consult local residents and I say this particularly, as the managers of this block of flats and Queen Alexandra Mansions and a block at the top end of Grays Inn Road, had never heard of these proposals before your notification of the meeting on 27 June. QAM and RH are both at the northern end of Judd Street and their residents are people who will be affected by these proposals.
3. So far as I understand the analysis of the consultation process given at pages 105, 106 and 112 of the consultation document, it shows a clear majority of respondents disagreeing with the schemes. Further, you say that of the nine deputations represented at the meeting on 27 June, seven were against and only two in favour. Despite this and the response to the consultation paper being against the proposals, you say that the Council is going to go ahead. This does not seem to give any weight to the democratic process, and makes a mockery of the proceedings.
4. I should say that I own neither a car nor a bicycle, and use buses, tube, walk or take a taxi - in connection with the latter, I see that the LTA does not appear to have been consulted on the Judd Street/Euston Road scheme, although I am sure that they would be firmly against. Given the attitude of many cyclists who regularly jump the lights at the junctions of Judd Street and Marchmont Street with Tavistock Place, I cannot see that any part of this scheme will benefit pedestrians.

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I am unable to attend the very important meeting this evening. I am sorry that I failed to respond in time to the consultation as well.

So many of us who are affected by these capricious alterations to traffic patterns are away or have not had sufficient time to respond. This is no way means that we are indifferent to the incessant "tinkering" that goes on the neighbourhoods in which we live.

What can we do?

I find that increasingly, I sometimes have to take a taxi in order to return to my home in Russell Square when I cannot muster the energy to go by public transport or to walk. Camden has made it increasingly more difficult and much more expensive for me to reach the home where I live and for which I pay a considerable council tax (recently increased by Ms. Gould) due to byzantine road closures and one way systems. Decisions are often made by employees (council officers) who are not elected and therefore are not accountable to us the voters, (although we certainly pay their salaries through our council taxes.) I fear that I could go on and on.

I greatly appreciate your efforts and the efforts of others in BRAG to try to raise the profile of those of us who live in Bloomsbury, but who are often overlooked by those who are in a position of decision making.