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East-West Cycle Superhighway - A major attack on London's road network.

Transport for London (TfL) have launched detail proposals for the East-West Cycle Superhighway that is intended to run along the Embankment and through the City of London on Upper and Lower Thames Street. These proposals, which involve reducing much of the route from two traffic lanes to one, will surely create major additional congestion on this main arterial route between the City and West End contrary to the stated objectives of TfL and the Mayor, and the wishes of the vast majority of the road using public.

Such a reduction in road capacity will have damaging impacts on the business vitality and economy of London - for example taxis will be delayed substantially and the movement of goods delayed and hence made more expensive. Routing cyclists down these roads is in essence not wise. It might look nice having them cycle next to the Thames but in reality they will be mixing with heavy traffic on a polluted road when they could be located on quieter roads further north with less disruption to vehicular traffic.

The ABD objects to the reallocation of road space from vehicles to cyclists when no justification is proposed for these measures. Cyclists are a very small proportion of the road using public and there is no reason why they could not share roads with other road users rather than have exclusive space dedicated to them.

In addition there are no costs provided for this development as part of the public consultation, and no cost/benefits analysis to support the proposals. The developers of these plans must never have regularly driven along this route or they would not have proposed such changes to a route that is already heavily congested during much of the day.

The ABD strongly urges all those who drive in London to object to these proposals by responding to the on-line public consultation (see link below).

More Information

You can learn more about these proposals and the ABD's detail objections in the document on this web page:

www.freedomfordrivers.org/Cycle%20Superhighway%20East-West.pdf

The public consultation is accessible here:

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/cycling/eastwest>

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About The Alliance of British Drivers (ABD)

The Alliance of British Drivers was formed from a merger between the Association of British Drivers and the Drivers Alliance. The ABD is the leading independent organisation which represents the interests of private motorists in the United Kingdom. We campaign to protect the rights of individual road users and believe that road transport is a beneficial and essential element in the UK transport infrastructure. We oppose excessive taxation of motorists and are against tolls and road usage charging. We also campaign for more enlightened road safety policies. The Alliance is a "not for profit" voluntary organisation which is financially supported primarily by its individual members. More information on the ABD is available from our web sites at www.freedomfordrivers.org and www.abd.org.uk