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About Lewisham Cyclists

Lewisham Cyclists (LC) are the local borough group of the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) with more than 3000 supporters of whom over 650 are fully paid-up members of LCC. We speak up on behalf of everyone who cycles or wants to cycle in the London Borough of Lewisham and its adjacent local parks; and we speak up for a greener, healthier, happier and better-connected capital.

Lee Terrace and Belmont Hill Road Safety Consultation. October 2024.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/roads-and-transport/have-your-say-on-current-schemes>

London Borough of Lewisham are proposing road safety improvements on Lee Terrace and Belmont Hill to encourage drivers to slow down, reduce the chance of collisions and make the road safer for all users.

The current proposals include:

- introducing new traffic calming measures at Lee Terrace and Belmont Hill
- introducing junction improvements to the mini roundabout between Lee Terrace, Lee Road and Lee Park to provide better crossing provision, and slow down vehicles entering and exiting the junction
- exploring the relocation of the parking bays along the east end of Lee Terrace, from the southern to the northern side of the carriageway

You can view the proposed measures in this [drawing](#)

Lewisham Cyclists' (LC) Response

Lewisham Cyclists don't support the introduction of speed cushions to reduce traffic speeds. The safety of people on bicycles is commonly jeopardised by oncoming vehicles swerving around cushions directly towards cyclists, or vehicles from behind cutting in front of cyclists to 'straddle' the cushion. We would prefer to see other more integrated design features such as raised tables, additional planting, and enhanced signage to convey the residential aspect of this road and its 20mph status.

Regarding the Lee Park/Lee Terrace/Blackheath Village junction pedestrian crossing points, from our observations the most hostile one is the northern arm of Lee Road. Pedestrians here are faced with speeding cars entering the mini roundabout downhill towards the village when drivers' attention is potentially diverted because of competition to get through the junction. However, the other arms of the junction are also potentially hazardous for active travellers (pedestrians and people on bicycles) accessing the village's many services and cultural offerings. LC do support the proposal to realign the junction to reduce vehicle speeds.



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Blackheath Village, potentially an attractive and vibrant place, is currently blighted by rat-running traffic during peak periods which is likely damaging to the local economy and harms its potential to fully serve the needs of local residents.

Lewisham Cyclists oppose the plan to relocate parking bays which seems designed solely to reduce traffic disruption. We'd prefer to see a strategic approach to traffic reduction by incrementally removing the number of parking bays taking valuable road space from people on bicycles. A scheme like this would be designed to improve safety for all road users. Reducing the amount of space allocated to parking bays would allow for wider pavements and potentially, bike lanes enabling people on bicycles to cycle in safety.

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