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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.

Lewisham Retail Park redevelopment initial consultation. October 2024.

<https://lewishamretailpark.commonplace.is/>

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Lewisham Cyclists' (LC) Response

LC have the following initial comments on the redevelopment of this site.

- The Waterlink Way/National Cycle Network route 21 bi-directional cycle path currently passes round the east and north sides of the site. This is a heavily used cycle route being one of the two or three most popular routes for commuting into Central London from Lewisham.
 - The path is substandard in a number of ways – it is too narrow for a bi-directional path, there is no priority over motor vehicles at the entry & exit points from the car parking, there is poor visibility for emerging drivers at the exit point from the car parking and pedestrians often walk on the cycle path because their section of pavement is blocked by large trees.
 - As part of the redevelopment this path should be brought in line with current London Cycle Design Standards. Amongst other issues to be addressed as noted above, this would require widening it to a minimum of 3m.
- Most cyclists proceeding towards Deptford (and Central London), from this point follow Thurston Road/Brookmill Road, then onto Deptford Church Street (where segregated cycle lanes are currently under construction) and finally follow Cycleways 4 or 10 into Central London. The next phase of the 'Lewisham Spine' segregated cycleway that needs to be constructed is along Thurston Road/Brookmill Road. We propose that this development contributes Section 106 monies to help to facilitate the implementation of this cycleway. This will be very beneficial to the development as it will provide safe cycling access from a large area of the north of the borough around Deptford.
- The development itself should be fully 'permeable' for cyclists to ride right to their destination whether it be residential buildings, retail outlets or offices. This means that pathways through the development should be constructed wide enough that people on bicycles and pedestrians can pass without conflict.



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- Provision of secure cycle parking within any residential buildings or offices should at least meet, and preferably exceed, the current planning standards defined by the Greater London Authority and London Boroughs.
- There should be no motor vehicle parking on site for residents or visitors, apart from the minimum required for disabled access. With no rights for residents to park in the surrounding roads – this is already the norm for central Lewisham developments. Lewisham is extremely well served by public transport, but has significant traffic problems so we must avoid introducing any more motor vehicles into the area.
- There should be plentiful visitor cycle parking throughout the development. Wherever possible covered – a good opportunity to incorporate 'green' roofs into the development. Visitor cycle parking should also include spaces for larger adaptive and cargo cycles, plus some cycle recharging facilities for e-bikes.
- There should be a number of clearly defined parking areas for dockless hire e-cycles.

We look forward to further Stakeholder engagement with the Developers over the coming months. Please contact us on the email address in the header of this document when this is taking place.

Tim Collingridge (LC Secretary) 20/10/2024