MAYOR OF LONDON

Jennette Arnold OBE AM

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Dear Jennette

Re: London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 3 June 2015 - Petition

Thank you for your letter of 5 June and enclosed petition about the provision of cycle facilities along Tooting Bec Road. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The minimum standard for a two-way cycle facility is 3m, with some additional space needed depending on the form of segregation used. Along the A214, which has two general traffic lanes, there is potentially physical space for cycle lanes. As you will appreciate, the needs of cyclists need to be carefully balanced against those of other road users along this busy corridor, including bus passengers. Transport for London (TfL) would also need to carefully consider the needs of numerous retail and residential premises along the route, particularly in relation to parking and loading activity.

A key component of my 'Vision for Cycling' is to work with the London Boroughs to create a network of Quietways, which are pleasant backstreet routes that provide improved connections for cyclists away from the most heavily trafficked roads.

TfL is undertaking design work along the section of Tooting Bec Road between Dr Johnson Avenue and Aldrington Road to provide a cycle link, as part of a Quietway route to connect Croydon and Waterloo. The design is at an early stage. However, a bi-directional segregated cycle facility alongside the bridleway is one option under consideration. You can find out more about the Quietways programme on TfL's website at https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/quietways

TfL will also continue to actively monitor collisions along the A214. Where particular issues are identified, TfL will of course allocate funding to further improvements for cyclists in future.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours ever,

Boris Johnson Mayor of London