

MAYOR OF LONDON

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I am committed to being the most cycling-friendly Mayor that London has ever had. Making cycling and walking safer and easier is one of my top priorities and I will be increasing the amount of money that Transport for London (TfL) spends on cycling. We want London to be a clean, green city which is a pleasure to walk and cycle in. The way our public spaces are designed has an important part to play in achieving this. Getting more people cycling will help improve the health and wellbeing of Londoners, and the quality of our city's polluted air.

CS11 represents a major opportunity to boost the uptake of cycling in London. Removing the barriers that currently stop people cycling, particularly the intimidating and traffic-dominated Swiss Cottage Gyratory, is key to unlocking these trips. The scheme also provides the opportunity to create a significantly safer and better environment for pedestrians.

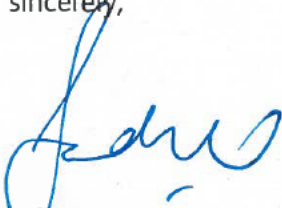
I appreciate the strength of feeling being generated by some residents over the proposals for CS11. Please be assured that TfL is engaging extensively with interested parties following the consultation through a series of meetings and roundtables. My Deputy Mayor for Transport, Valerie Shawcross CBE, has also taken part in meetings to discuss the concerns of residents. TfL has reviewed the designs in light of the feedback it received at these meetings and during the consultation, and I can confirm that it is actively exploring the viability of a number of options to reduce any traffic displacement on to residential streets to balance the concerns of different groups.

Tackling air pollution is also one of my highest priorities and I am determined to make a difference where others have previously failed. I want to bring forward and extend the introduction of the Ultra Low Emission Zone, as well other measures which will make a real difference to Londoners. Creating an environment where people feel able to walk and cycle safely will help to reduce vehicle traffic and air pollution in London.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write to me. I do hope this assures you that I am determined to address your concerns and improve safety for cyclists.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London