

Lewisham Cyclists (London Cycling Campaign group for Lewisham Borough) response to London Borough of Lewisham Consultation on Blackheath Common - Proposed Cycling and Walking Improvements (26/11/18 to 18/1/19)

While wider paths between the crossings remain under discussion with the landowner, it is clear the current path width is insufficient for even low volumes of cyclists on a shared pedestrian path. A bare minimum 3m width should be adopted, but target width here should be 4.5m or above, as per TfL's London Cycling Design Standards.

Prince Charles Road/Prince of Wales Road - both of these crossings need to accommodate cyclists joining or leaving QW1 at this point from the road (e.g. dropped kerbs leading onto the new build out and onto paving allowing turn onto the crossing). Sufficient space is needed to ensure these cyclists do not conflict with cyclists or pedestrians waiting at the crossing.

Prince Charles Road - Even if the path is wider along its length a splay is needed where it joins the road/footpath. Pedestrian desire lines cutting the corner can be clearly seen looking at Streetview.

South Row - the kerb splay on Morden Road is likely to encourage motor traffic to join South Row at high speed. The opportunity this scheme represents should be used to realign and significantly tighten the entrance to Morden Road so that it joins South Row at 90 degrees.

Further North along the proposed route of QW1 the Toucan crossing of Shooters Hill Road has very long wait times, even if the lights haven't changed for a while. These need to be reduced for the benefit of pedestrians and cyclists using the crossing.

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