

Planning Application 2023/5240/P Euston Tower

Comments from Camden Cycling Campaign

We are the local branch of the London Cycling Campaign and represent the interests of cyclists living or working in or travelling through the Borough of Camden.

We have comments that relate to cycle access and storage and the draft CMP.

Cycle Access and Storage

In the Transport Assessment, section 5.2, reference is made to a number of cycle routes in the area, such as C27 and C6. However, it is difficult to access these routes from the site; this particularly applies to routes south of the Euston Road. It is not sufficient to list routes in the vicinity without some discussion of how these can be accessed. For example, the junction of Hampstead Road and Euston Road (Euston Circus) is notoriously poor for cycling and forms a significant barrier to north-south travel. We would like to see explicit reference to this issue and a commitment to a financial contribution to provide safe cycling between the site and the protected cycle routes.

We are pleased to see the proposal to use the existing ramp for access to cycle parking and storage; this is much the best way when cycle storage is not at ground level. We note that a lift will also be provided for people with mobility issues and that the requirements for cargo and other non-standard cycles are addressed.

CMP

We are very concerned about the proposal to use Osnaaburgh and Longford Streets for access from the Euston Road and Longford Street for access from Hampstead Road (sections 18 and 20). Longford Street is a useful and relatively quiet local cycle and walking route that avoids the Euston Road and connects Euston station via Drummond Street to the Regent's Park Estate, and onwards to Regent's Park and Camden Town. As well as the impact and risk associated with the use of these roads, HGVs turning in and out from the strategic road network present an additional risk especially as this is happening away from the site boundary.

Site entrance from the Euston Road slip and/or Hampstead Road directly into the site would be preferable; careful marshalling would avoid risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

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