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Dear Mr Joyce

**ETO Torrington Tavistock Trial Public Enquiry
ETO Dangers and Health Risks for Pedestrians and Residents**

We see from Camden Council's website that comments on the Torrington Tavistock Trial should be sent to you for consideration by the Public Enquiry Inspector.

As long term residents and council tax payers in an area affected by the ETO, we wish to make the following observations:

- Despite Camden's stated aim of prioritising pedestrians, the experimental road layout is confusing and dangerous for pedestrians. There are many near-miss collisions with cyclists that do not appear in any statistics.
- **It would be far preferable to have two-way vehicle traffic** along the Torrington-Tavistock corridor at the minor expense of slightly narrowing the two new cycle lanes. This would greatly assist legitimate road users, particularly the Emergency Services, taxis and delivery vehicles.
- The ETO's potentially **deleterious effects on the health of pedestrians and residents**: noise and air pollution from traffic displaced into adjacent residential streets (e.g. West side of Tavistock Square, Endsleigh Street and Endsleigh Gardens – where there are lengthy stationary tailbacks) have increased greatly. In addition we now have polluting double decker tour buses slowly negotiating the North arm of Tavistock Square. Please see Camden's own figures for the increase in traffic along Endsleigh Street, and the results of the *post hoc* air quality monitoring in Endsleigh Gardens. In their Statement of Case Camden seem to play down this increase in traffic and pollution as a price worth paying.
- This part of Bloomsbury is a mixed area with a large residential component, and one group of road users (transient cyclists) should not be prioritised to the detriment of the quality of everyday life of pedestrians and residents.

Yours sincerely,



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