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Dear Ms Fallows,

Proposals by Camden for one way working in Dartmouth Park -
Response from Dartmouth Park Road Residents Association

Following your presentation to local groups on 20th June 2018, at which you requested feedback, Dartmouth Park Road Residents Association (DPRRA) met on 16th July to discuss your proposals. The meeting was attended by 50 Dartmouth Park Road residents and 15 observers from other streets in the area. We are acutely aware that these issues have been raised twice in the last twenty years and have generated animosity between streets that took years to heal. We are determined not to let this happen again.

The three Camden options plus option of “do nothing” (Option 4) were considered in detail. Discussions were constructive and inclusive allowing all those present to express their views. The conclusion was that we do not support any of the proposals put forward by the council because they do not deal satisfactorily with the factors listed below. We therefore support Option 4 “do nothing” until a better solution is found.

To this end we wish to work with the community and all other streets to develop an “Option Five” which must take account of:

1. Robust traffic information on traffic flows throughout the entire area (Swains Lane to Churchill Road) to be provided by the council.
2. Considering stopping traffic rat running at the specific times of day by the use of rising bollards, cameras or other means of policing one-way working during specified hours
3. Taking into consideration the fact that one-way systems encourage speeding and risk taking.

4. Avoiding one-way systems that result in vehicles having to travel further so increasing pollution.
5. Taking into account the large amount of traffic that is generated by local schools in the morning and mid-afternoon noting that there is substantial reduction in traffic during school holidays.
6. Including effective measures to substantially reduce air pollution particularly in proximity to the many schools in the area.
7. Avoiding schemes that simply displace traffic onto adjoining roads in the area.
8. One-way working proposals must accommodate ambulances and cyclists both in Dartmouth Park Road and elsewhere.

To achieve this those present at the meeting volunteered, including people from other streets, to serve on an "Option Five" working group. As detailed above considerable information is needed in order to progress this option. We therefore request council officers to contribute by providing the information requested and attending meetings in order to produce a technically competent solution. We will also need to ensure that we have participants from other streets who are not currently represented.

We look forward to effective collaboration on this project.

Yours Sincerely,

Nick Bradfield
Secretary, Dartmouth Park Road Residents Association

CC: Ward Councillors
Posted on: dartmouthpark.org
Circulated by email to other contacts who have expressed an interest.