

APPENDIX 2

INFORMATION TO TFL 12TH JULY 2017: JUSTIFICATION FOR 'NO LEFT TURN'

Junction A1 and Tithe Walk NW7

The summary of the traffic situation is that cars come both up and down Tithe Walk at speed, using it as a rat run to avoid going through the lights at Fiveways Corner and / or to shortcut tailbacks that often mount up when the phasing of the lights at Fiveways is poor. The volume and type of traffic that comes through is unsuitable for a road of this size – including HGVs - and there is considerable risk on the blind bends. It is pretty much impossible to slow to an acceptable speed when turning left off the A1 when the traffic is moving at speed. Hence there is considerable risk to pedestrians - and especially young children - when cars screech around the corner.

The residents' proposal, therefore, is that there should be a no left turn from the A1 into our road, albeit keeping the road 2-way for all the reasons discussed (i.e. if a road is one-way, speeding is made worse). We recognise that this won't address the issue of cars using the road as a rat run coming *down* to the A1, but we hope it will at least improve the situation considerably.

Other similar roads have no left turns off the A1, which surely indicates that this is a risk which has been identified and mitigated in similar settings.

For example, Courtland Avenue and Westfield Road. I have included pictures of each below. Not only have TFL made these roads no entry, but they have also constructed an additional grass verge to make it physically impossible to make the turn.

The presence of nearby schools is relevant. There is one on Courtland Avenue. Hasmorean pupils alight at the bus stop at the end of Tithe Walk and walk up the road to get to school.

Both Courtland Avenue and Tithe Walk have dual subway entrances and bus stops at their junctions with the A1. This means that larger numbers of pedestrians use the area. Of particular importance is the fact that a disabled person or parents with prams coming from the subway, and wishing to access the southbound A1 bus stop, would have to cross Tithe Walk as the ramped exit from the subway is on the opposite side of the road from the staired subway exit.

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