

CPT STATEMENT OF CASE OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CAMDEN (Torrington PI to Tavistock PI) (Prescribed Routes Waiting and Loading Restrictions and Parking Places) Traffic Order 2017

The Confederation of Passenger Transport UK is the trade association of the bus and coach industry, representing over 1000 operators including large bus and coach companies and numerous SME companies.

STATEMENT OF CASE

The bus and coach industry welcomes any balanced proposals which, having considered the impact on all affected parties, and where an overall net benefit can be gained without placing a substantial disadvantage on any one party, will enhance the environment and air quality in the Capital, making it more attractive and appealing to Londoners and visitors alike.

The proposals for the Torrington PI - Tavistock PI corridor present a number of issues which we believe far outweigh the benefit of this particular scheme. Those of particular significance to the passenger transport sector are:

- 1) There are a number of coach bays in Bedford Place. Malet St and Montague PI providing parking and layover facilities for the tourist coaches serving the hotels and attractions in the area. These facilities are essential for ensuring that the coach industry can continue to serve London and operate legally.

As a result of prohibition on certain turns as a result of the scheme, journeys to these bays from the hotels and attractions are longer, increase the likelihood of congestion through increased traffic on the diversionary routes and resulting increased emissions contributing to poorer air quality

- 2) Access to the Tavistock Hotel has been restricted as a result of the temporary scheme. Customers, usually with baggage, have to walk further as there is no kerbside access to the main hotel entrance.
- 3) Access for groups on coaches and minibuses to properties along the corridor is restricted as a result of the parallel cycle lanes effectively restricting access to being available only using the side roads.
- 4) The longer term impact of the West End Project is yet to be fully realised on the coach industry.

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