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Imperial College Union
A paper for decision on Exhibition Road
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This paper provides a means by which to clarify the intended function and use of the redesigned Exhibition Road and to lobby for effective change.

Noting that,

1. Some motorists are not slowing down or taking care as this road has intended, as well as going over the speed limit.
2. The intended use of the 'roundabout' (Prince Consort Road and Exhibition Road) is unclear and has increased the risk to cyclists
3. Some motorists (and some cyclists) don't give way to pedestrians.
4. Stone pedestals of lamp posts are not clearly marked, making them hazardous for a car or bicycle wheel.
5. There is sufficient space for more Sheffield stands in the centre of the street
6. There are 800 metres without assisted crossing, particularly for the elderly or those with disabilities
7. There is uncertainty about the boundaries of the road on the west side, particularly the tactile borders.

This board resolves to lobby Westminster Council to:

1. Clarify the following:
 1. Intended use of the road
 2. Whether it is a shared space
 3. Priorities on roundabout
2. Erect signage at the entrance to the 'shared space' clearly indicating its use
3. Either create a true shared space or build a pedestrian crossing near Imperial College Road using the facilities in place under the road
4. Consider using average speed cameras to enforce the 20mph speed limit
5. Share more information on the use of the road with IC and ICU who are major stakeholders representing a daily footfall of over 15000 per day.