

Stance on Road Access around the South Kensington Campus

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Union notes:

1. Road access around the South Kensington campus has been completely changed over the past year.
2. Previously, campus was entirely a circular one-way system whereby vehicles could safely enter and leave from the same access point on Exhibition Road⁵.
3. Alongside the construction of a path through Queen's Lawn, it initially appeared that the pedestrianised section on Imperial College Road outside the Sir Alexander Fleming building would be a mixed pedestrian and vehicle area with a speed limit of 5 mph¹. This would have allowed vehicle access to continue while improving safety for pedestrians.
4. It has since changed to a no vehicle zone at all with permanent bollards erected^{2 6}.
5. The Union's Transport Assistants found the circular access very useful while conducting driving tests for the Union's minibus fleet which benefits a lot of CSPs.
6. Additionally, some CSPs under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Sector such as RSM Motor, RCS Motor and Team Bo' as well as the CGCU's Motor (C&G) found the circular access around campus incredibly useful when training their members to drive their vehicles.

Union believes:

1. That this apparent double change in road layout has caused confusion to members of the wider College Community with what appears to be little consultation with them.
2. Because of this, the temporary traffic lights which control access around Ayrton, Unwin and Imperial College Roads must now become more permanent^{3 4}. Most leaving vehicles must now exit via Prince Consort Road making the system very messy and potentially unsafe for any pedestrians on the campus roads.
3. The enter via Exhibition Road and leave via Prince Consort Road with temporary traffic lights is an unsuitable and unsustainable long-term solution for road access on the South Kensington campus with safety concerns etc.
4. Some CSPs such as those mentioned under Union notes will struggle to recruit members and thus function as effectively as per their own constitutions with the current road layout around the South Kensington Campus.

Union resolves:

1. To mandate the Union President to raise this issue with the College Council and negotiate with College Estates to explore the possibility of replacing the permanent bollards with moveable ones or remove them altogether.
2. To mandate the Union President to find out from the College Council simply what College plans to do with road access around the South Kensington in the future and to provide greater transparency with the whole issue.

Sources:

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