

Dear Members and Chair of the Civic Works Committee,

I'm writing to express my disappointment in the proposed cycling lane design for Dundas Place. As a regular cyclist, I can only look at the image and see a space in which I'd feel incredibly unsafe cycling. I can tell you right now: I won't use it.

Since Dundas Place opened, it's become evident that the lack of physically-separated sidewalks has created a misconception that drivers can park wherever they like on this stretch of road. I can only assume that these painted lanes (which, surely, we should know by now are unacceptable in 2021), will serve as a welcome mat for parked cars, idling cars, and the seemingly endless amount of drivers that "will only be stopped here for a minute!"

Moreover, to put cyclists in the direct path of opening car doors can be fatal. To put cyclists moving against one way traffic can be fatal. To not provide cyclists with AAA cycling infrastructure can be fatal.

Please, let's stop trying to reinvent the wheel on cycling infrastructure in London. There are so many proven solutions we could implement here in lieu of poorly-thought out street designs and meaningless feedback rounds.

If you can't give cyclists physically-separated lanes on Dundas Place, then remove cars from Dundas Place. If you can't remove cars from Dundas Place, then admit the flex street isn't working and keep Dundas Place as it is: don't waste my tax dollars on paint, as it will only maintain the status quo and will not offer any sort of meaningful improvement.

In the meantime, I'll take my bike, and the money I'd like to spend at the small businesses along this road, elsewhere. Dundas Place is simply too dangerous for road users like me.

Devan Vanden Boomen