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Hi,

I lived on Saybrook Rd for several years, and I still bike on Hammersley periodically when visiting friends. I support local residents calling for a multi-use path along Hammersley as it gets reconstructed.

Hammersley not only connects to the southwest commuter path, but also provides a direct east-west route across to Elver Park, connecting to other paths there. It also functions as a tree-shaded alternative to the wider, busier Raymond Rd.

There isn't a pressing need for motor vehicle traffic to cut across Hammersley at high speed or high volume. People living along Hammersley would benefit from making the road calmer and quieter, and to do so by road design rather than by using police resources. Narrowing the roadway will help with that.

However, I'm not sure that alone would be enough to make the travel lanes safe for everyone to share, as they have to today. In particular, because it has no stops/turns/destinations, drivers tend to speed through the long block between Brookwood and Whitney. It has ups and downs that limit visibility, and between cars and bikes and pedestrians with dogs, it has often felt like a tight fit.

That's why I agree that a multi-use path would create safe, consolidated space for both cyclists and pedestrians, while requiring a minimum of the overall width.

Thank you!

Nick Davies Richard St