

Estreham Road northbound restricted access – six month scheme trial



Background

Estreham Road will form part of Quietway 5, a cycling route linking Waterloo to Norbury. This has presented a unique opportunity for Estreham Road to benefit from TfL investment.

Quietways will be a network of high quality, well signed cycle routes throughout London, mostly using backstreets. The routes will link key destinations and will appeal to new and existing people that cycle who want to use quieter, low-traffic routes. Quietways will complement other cycling initiatives in London, such as the Cycle Superhighways.

Context

Estreham Road is currently used as a 'rat-run', with non-local motor traffic using this road to avoid the traffic signals at the junction of Greyhound Lane and Streatham High Road.

By reducing the amount of motor traffic using Estreham Road, we hope to create a better street environment which prioritises people over vehicles, making it more pleasant for residents and visitors to walk through.

This route is already well used for cycling, and our proposals aim to attract more people to cycle for everyday journeys and cater for the predicted increase in the number of people using bicycles.

An average of 3118 vehicles use Estreham Road daily in both directions.

Engagement to date

Between July 2015 and January 2016, Lambeth engaged with local residents to identify existing transport issues, develop solutions that may enhance the area for those who live here and improve safety on the roads for more vulnerable road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists.

Three design proposals were developed, and feedback was sought from residents through online and postal surveys and public drop in sessions. The most popular design option was taken to public consultation in February 2016.

Consultation

In February 2016 TfL and London Borough of Lambeth consulted on the proposed design for Estreham Road on Quietway 5 Waterloo to Norbury:

- Trial to restrict access to Estreham Road for northbound motor traffic at the existing zebra crossing outside Streatham Common Station. Retain two-way cycle traffic through existing zebra crossing.

56% supported or partially supported the proposals, 37% did not support or were unsure of the proposals, and 7% had no opinion. Of the responses, 91% were received from the public and 9% from stakeholder groups.

Trial

Having considered all responses to the consultation and reviewed the proposals, Lambeth has implemented a six month trial of the scheme. Whilst the concerns of some respondents are acknowledged, the council considers that the proposal will make Estreham Road a safer and more enjoyable place for residents and for those on bikes.

Lambeth Council will assess the impact of the changes by conducting pre and post implementation monitoring during this period.

The six-month trial period will form a further public consultation period in relation to the proposals, and any representations received during this period in support or opposition to the scheme will feed into the assessment process.

At the end of the six-month trial period the council will take a decision as to whether to make the scheme permanent (by introducing a permanent traffic order), or to remove the one-way closure.

Please visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/estreham for FAQs and to comment on the proposal.