





Making your neighbourhood safer and healthier

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how communities in Camden live, travel and work. Many of us have been spending more time closer to home, making quieter and safer neighbourhoods more important than ever. We want our streets to have more space for everyone to walk and cycle, for you to be breathing cleaner air, for children to get to and from school safely and for businesses to be able to flourish. Whether it's an essential journey like taking your children to school, getting to work or just popping out to enjoy your local park we want you to love where you live, and to love Camden.

To help we are going to making changes to support more cycling across Camden, including adding a northbound cycling route on Huntley Street, between Torrington Place and Chenies Street. This will make it easier for you to make convenient and safe local journeys by bike.



What is the challenge on Huntley Street

Huntley Street is a one-way road, with low volumes of traffic.

We have already seen cycle flows at two of Camden's count points on weekdays increase by an average of 106% this August compared to last. TfL predicts a 10 fold increase in kilometres cycled in London, and a 5 fold increase in walking as a result of Covid-19. We need to respond to this increase locally.

On our Commonplace engagement website we had comments making great suggestions on how to improve this part of Camden, which you can read here:

<https://camdensafetravel.commonplace.is/>.

We also want to support the 17 recommendations from Camden's Citizens Assembly on the climate crisis, which included requests for more segregated cycle lanes. This scheme also helps to deliver our own Transport Strategy priorities, which were strongly supported when we consulted on them, including increasing walking and cycling, improving public transport, improving air quality and making our streets and transport networks safe, accessible and inclusive for all. You can read more about our strategy on our website.





What's going to change?

We are making changes on Huntley Street, between Torrington Place and Chenies Street, to make it safer and easier for you to cycle in the area to reach key locations.

To do this we will:

- Introduce a northbound contraflow cycle facility marked with signs and cycle logos on the western side of Huntley Street, between Torrington Place and Chenies Street
- Introduce short sections of mandatory cycle lane on the northbound approach Torrington Place and northbound exit from Chenies Street
- Remove one residential parking bay from the western side of Huntley Street, at the junction of Chenies Street
- Introduce double yellow line markings, with double kerb blips at the junctions with University Street, Capper Street, Chenies Mews, Torrington Place and Chenies Street
- Relocate one disabled bay, and remove one pay-by-phone bay, on Chenies Street, west of Huntley Street
- Work is scheduled to start the week commencing on the 30th November, between 9am and 5pm - some minor noise should be expected

How can you give your views?

We are using Experimental Traffic Orders to make these changes quickly. This allow us to trial changes on streets as an experiment so that we can see how they work before any decision on whether to make them permanent is made. We have already consulted with the emergency services and statutory groups on these changes and you will also see information going up on the local streets and on our website.

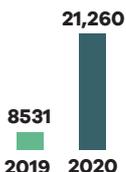
You have the right to comment at any point during the trial period. You can use our new dedicated Commonplace website to suggest improvements on our scheme map: www.camden.gov.uk/safetravelmap . Or email us via safetravel@camden.gov.uk

We will contact all residents and stakeholders with more information ahead of a full public consultation on the scheme after the trial has been in place for around 12 months. Any changes to our plans, for example due to the impact of Covid-19, will be updated on our website along with all the latest developments.

Responding to the challenges of Covid-19 in your neighbourhood

We want to keep your neighbourhoods safe from speeding...

Speeding is the main cause of road death.



London speeding enforcements till August (149% increase)

BAME Londoners are more at risk of being killed or seriously injured, BAME children are on average **1.5x** more likely to be affected than non-BAME children.



...so we are reducing traffic in residential streets

Covid-19 is causing extra cars across Camden... and it's getting busier on our streets

TfL estimates if all car owning households switched their usual public transport journeys to cars there would be **nearly double** the traffic in Camden plus extra from other boroughs

38% of people at risk of deprivation, 36% of women and 31% of disabled people who don't cycle said **they'd like to give it a go**



Supporting Camden residents to travel sustainably

8/10 trips by Camden residents are not made by car.



Almost 50% of journeys by Camden residents are on foot or by bike.



In Camden, 69% of households **don't have a car**, so providing safe and easy walking and cycling facilities is crucial.

Camden residents love their bikes

Weekday cycling at 2 locations in Camden have seen an average increase of 106% this August to last.



Children want to travel healthily and safely to school

We surveyed 14 local schools and 51% of pupils walked, scooted or cycled to school.



We want you to breathe easy...

Breathing in polluted air can have short and long-term impacts on our health, at any stage in our lives.

Lockdown measures led to a 53% reduction in traffic levels in London, reducing the overall level of pollutants in our air. We want to see **air quality improvements continue** now lockdown has eased.



Health is everything

42% of Camden residents are overweight or obese, increasing the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19.

Just a 20-minute walk can prevent long-term health conditions like Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers, as well as being good for your mental health.

20 mins



Find out more

To find out more on how we are making travel safer in Camden visit:

www.camden.gov.uk/making-travel-safer-in-camden
safetravel@camden.gov.uk / 020 7974 4444

To give your suggestions and feedback visit:
safetravelcamden.commonplace.is

To learn to cycle for the first time, improve your cycling skills or for a bike loan to help you get on your way visit:

www.camden.gov.uk/cycling

