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New cycle cut-through on Linstead Street

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to inform you of minor changes the Council is making to the pavement on Linstead Street, to provide a new cut-through for cyclists.

Currently, the northern end of Linstead Street is shut to traffic, with a continuous pavement along Netherwood Street. A cycle cut-through will be provided through the closure, across the pavement, to link the two streets. This cut-through will enable cyclists to connect to Netherwood Street and Sherriff Road from Linstead Street, to other destinations such as West Hampstead to the east, and Kilburn to the west.

This plan is part of the Council's Covid-19 Safer Travel measures, to provide high quality sustainable travel options. The Covid-19 pandemic has created new road safety challenges in Camden that the Council is taking seriously. We want to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle locally, shop on their local high street, reach their local green spaces, schools and NHS sites, all while maintaining physical distancing. We are also looking to tackle future challenges caused by changes in the way that people travel now that lockdown restrictions have eased. This includes a predicted rise in walking, cycling and car use with people less likely to choose public transport. Further details on our plans can be found here: www.camden.gov.uk/making-travel-safer-in-camden

As part of this response, the Council has developed a programme of cycle permeability improvements, to make more Camden streets accessible to cyclists by providing better connections and links. This includes creating cut-throughs on dead end streets and two-way cycling on one way streets where it is safe to do so. Further details of our approved Phase 1 cycle permeability plans (including these works) can be found on our website.

We have identified a number of locations across the borough where new cycle links can be provided in order to deliver high quality sustainable travel options. These have been selected based on engagement with stakeholders, requests from the public, links to key destinations such as schools, high streets, hospitals and essential services, and deliverability.

What's going to change?

The Council will implement a cut through at the northern end of Linstead Street. Work will start from the 29th September 2020 and will include the following changes:

- Two 'permit holders only' parking bays on Netherwood Street will be removed
- The short section of guardrail will be removed and the cycle parking will be relocated
- The single yellow line at the northern end of Linstead Street will be upgraded to 'no waiting' and 'no loading' at any time (double yellow lines and double kerb blips)

The changes are illustrated in detail on the plan overleaf.

How can you give your views?

To help deliver our response to Covid-19 as quickly as possible, the Council is using Experimental Traffic Orders (ETOs) which, once made, can be brought into force relatively quickly. We have already consulted with statutory emergency services on these changes, who have raised no objections. On 17th September the Council also advertised the ETO in the local newspapers (The Camden New Journal and London Gazette), as statutorily required.

We are now notifying local residents, businesses and stakeholder groups within the local area. The experimental scheme will run for a trial period of up to 18 months and you can provide feedback at any time on the changes we have implemented.

The Council would like to carry out a full public consultation after the experimental scheme has run for 12 months and will take a decision as to whether it can do this nearer the time in light of the circumstances then prevailing. This consultation, together with feedback received during the trial period, will then inform the Council's decision as to whether, at the end of the 18-month experiment, the changes should be made permanent. We will be in contact with you again with more details on this closer to the time.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, or wish to provide feedback or comments, please email us on safetravel@Camden.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Camden Safer Travel

