

**LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

The Camden (Torrington Place to Tavistock Square)(Prescribed Routes, Waiting and Loading Restrictions and Loading Places) Traffic Order [2017]

PRE-INQUIRY NOTE

1. The Inquiry will commence at **10:00 am on 10 October 2017** at the offices of the London Borough of Camden, Floor 11, 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG.
2. A pre-Inquiry meeting will commence at **1:00 pm on 31 August 2017** in the Council Chamber, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9LP. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss procedural and administrative matters relating to the Inquiry and, as far as possible, to establish a programme for hearing the cases of the various parties at the Inquiry. All participants who wish to speak at the Inquiry should attend the pre-Inquiry meeting.
3. I will be assisted in the running of the inquiry by a Programme Officer (PO), Pauline Butcher (Tel: 07823 494353, email: camdentransportinquiry@outlook.com). She is not employed by the Planning Inspectorate and will not have any influence on my recommendation to the Council.

Purpose of the Inquiry

4. The purpose of the Inquiry is to hear representations for and against the proposed Traffic Regulation Order. In considering the proposed Order I will wish to ascertain: whether or not it is made for a qualifying purpose; and, whether any disadvantages which would arise as a result of the Order would be outweighed by the advantages which would be conferred by it.
5. Following the Inquiry I will submit a report to Camden Council setting out the gist of the representations made at the Inquiry and in writing, together with my conclusions and recommendations. It will be for the Council to decide, in the light of my report, whether or not to pursue the making of the Order.

Inquiry procedure

6. I propose to follow the *Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994* (to the extent applicable). In general terms, this will involve the formal presentation of evidence by witnesses

followed by questions in the form of cross-examination and re-examination.

7. At this stage I envisage that the Inquiry will proceed as follows:
 - a) The Inspector's opening announcements and preliminary matters;
 - b) Brief opening statement by the advocate for the Council (the promoter of the Order);
 - c) The Council's presentation of evidence-in-chief by its witnesses, tested in each case by cross-examination by the objectors who will be speaking, followed by re-examination by the Council's advocate;
 - d) Any other supporters of the Order - presentation of evidence-in-chief by their witnesses, tested in each case by cross-examination by the objectors who will be speaking, followed by the reply to the cross-examination (or re-examination if the supporter is represented by an advocate);
 - e) The objectors presentation of the evidence-in-chief by their witnesses, tested in each case by cross-examination by the Council (and if necessary other supporters who have spoken), followed by the reply to the cross-examination (or re-examination if the objector is represented by an advocate);
 - f) Closing statements on behalf of the objectors, supporters and finally the Council;
 - g) Arrangements for a site inspection (if necessary); and,
 - h) The Inspector's closing announcements.
8. Site visits will generally be made on an unaccompanied basis unless it is necessary to enter land which is not open to the public, in which case I will be accompanied by representatives of the Council and other parties as appropriate. However, an accompanied visit would not present an opportunity for additional representations or submissions to be made. All that has to be said must be said openly at the Inquiry.

Inquiry Notices

9. The Council shall issue notices of the Inquiry by **29 August 2017**.

Submission of written evidence

Statement of Case

10. The Council shall submit to the PO sufficient paper copies of its Statement of Case (SoC), for distribution to the Inspector and Objectors, by **25 August 2017**. The SoC should provide particulars of the case which the Council intends to put forward at the Inquiry, together with a copy of the proposed Order, a copy of the representations received in connection with the

Order and a list of any other documents that it intends to refer to at the Inquiry.

11. Others parties who propose to give evidence to the Inquiry shall submit three paper copies of their SoC to the Programme Officer by **8 September 2017**. The SoC should provide particulars of the case intended to be put forward at the Inquiry and a list of any documents which it is intended to refer to at the Inquiry. An electronic copy, in Word or pdf format, should also be provided by the same date.

Proofs of evidence

12. Where the Council or others propose to give evidence at the Inquiry by reading from a document (known as a 'proof of evidence'), a copy of this must be submitted in advance. Proofs should be as succinct as possible, avoiding unnecessary or extraneous material which only serves to obscure the key points to be made. If the proof exceeds 1500 words, it must be accompanied by a summary of not more than 1500 words. In that case the proof will be taken as read with only the summary being presented orally at the Inquiry. However, the whole proof will be taken into account and may be the subject of cross-examination. If, in evidence, reference is made to any other document, a copy of that document (or the relevant extract plus the cover page), must be submitted as an appendix to the proof of evidence.
13. Three paper copies of the proofs of evidence (including where necessary summaries and appendices to proofs), as well as an electronic copy in Word or pdf, must be submitted to the Programme Officer by **22 September 2017**.

Availability and submission of documents

14. The arrangements for the submission of documents will be confirmed at the pre-Inquiry meeting. All inquiry documents will be available online at:
www.camden.gov.uk/tavistockpublicinquiry.

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INSPECTOR