

Low Traffic Neighbourhood

ARLINGTON ROAD AREA

information on our plans
to create safer, healthier
streets in your area





Improving neighbourhoods

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how communities in Camden live, travel and work. Throughout the pandemic many of us spent more time closer to home, making our neighbourhoods more important than ever. We want our streets to have more space for you to walk and cycle, for children to get to and from school safely and by healthy means of travel, for businesses to be able to flourish and for you to be breathing cleaner air.

So we are reducing the dominance of motor vehicles on our residential streets to make travelling locally easier, safer, healthier and more enjoyable. These changes will mean less traffic using residential streets to cut-through between main roads. This will benefit all local people whether you walk, use a wheelchair/other aid, drive or cycle.

We are making lots of changes to help you move around locally, to start to enjoy getting out into Camden again. 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.



What you've told us

We've heard a lot from the local community in the streets to the west of Camden High Street. On our Commonplace engagement website we had a large number of comments making great suggestions on how to improve this part of Camden, which you can read here: <https://camdensafetravel.commonplace.is/>. Residents have also told us:

- While lockdown was in place they enjoyed the quieter streets and cleaner air, with more space to walk and cycle locally without cars.
- That motor vehicles, including heavy goods vehicles, use the residential streets to the west of Camden High Street between Mornington Crescent and Camden Town as a cut through to avoid using main roads.
- That significant volumes of traffic are using Mornington Street and Mornington Crescent to access Camden High Street, and lots of through traffic uses streets north of Parkway.



In July 2020 a petition signed by 613 people asked for a local weight restriction on streets in this area to create a Low Emission Neighbourhood / Low Traffic Neighbourhood. We are also aware that Transport for London are considering, as part of Streetspace for London plans, improvements to bus lanes and widening pavements on the southern section of Camden

High Street. If these proposals do come forward, this could also increase the number of cars trying to take short cuts. TfL will share details on plans here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/streetspace-for-london>



What's going to change?

We are going to make the streets around the Arlington Road area, from Mornington Crescent to Camden Town, friendlier for pedestrians, people with mobility scooters or wheelchairs, children and those who cycle. The changes will significantly reduce the amount of vehicles using these residential streets to cut-through between main roads, including Heavy Goods Vehicles. We are going to make these street quieter, safer and healthier as well as contribute to cleaner air just as the community asked.

To do this we will:

- Reduce traffic levels on the residential streets around the Arlington Road area from Mornington Crescent to Camden Town, as well on Buck Street.
- We will do this by making changes at six different locations. The measures will include restricting traffic via no entry signs, planters, islands and cameras.
- Work is scheduled to commence on 24th September between 9am and 5pm - some minor noise should be expected.

What's not going to change?

- How you drive to a property might change but you will still be able to reach every house, on every street by car and receive home deliveries.
- Pedestrians and those on bikes will always be able to travel freely without restrictions.
- Emergency services and refuse vehicles can always access every property.



How can you give your views?

We are using Experimental Traffic Orders to make these changes quickly so that we can respond to the safety challenges of Covid-19. These orders allow us to trial changes on streets as an experiment for 18 months instead of consulting in advance.

We would still like to carry out a full public consultation after 12 months but because we know that Covid-19 might cause extra challenges, we will take a decision on whether and, if so, how we do a consultation closer to the time.

In the meantime you can still comment on the changes we are making at any point. Your comments, the consultation, traffic monitoring and other evidence will all then help us to decide if the changes should be made permanent. We will be back in touch with you again with more information on possible future consultations.

We have already consulted with statutory emergency services on these changes. You will also see information going up on the local streets and on our website. We will be in contact with you again with more details on the public consultation closer to the time.



See the changes

Below is a map of the changes we are making in the Arlington Road area. The visuals over the page may also help you understand how the changes will look on each street, although the final scheme may look slightly different. You can see detailed drawings which shows the full changes on our website.

LOW TRAFFIC

NEIGHBOURHOOD





1 Jamestown Road junction with Arlington Road

A physical traffic restriction added to prevent traffic cutting east along Jamestown Road through to Camden High Street



2 Buck Street junction with Kentish Town Road

A physical traffic restriction added to prevent traffic trying to avoid the traffic lights on Kentish Town Road to access Hawley Crescent



3 Arlington Road junction with Delancey Street

A physical traffic restriction added, 3 resident permit parking spaces removed and 3 paid for parking bays replaced with single yellow lines to prevent traffic cutting north through Arlington Road



4 Mornington Street junction with Albert Street

Planters added and restriction enforced by Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras to prevent traffic using Mornington Street to cut through Albert Street and Arlington Road



5 Albert Street junction with Mornington Place

A physical traffic restriction added to prevent traffic using Albert Street to cut through to Mornington Place



6 Mornington Place junction with Mornington Crescent

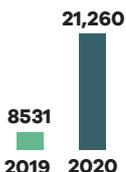
Island added to prevent traffic using Mornington Place to cut through to Albert Street and Mornington Crescent

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 so far (149% increase)

BAME Londoners are more at risk of being killed or seriously injured on London's roads, BAME children are on average 1.5x more likely to be affected than none-BAME children.



..so we are reducing traffic in residential streets



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

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



So far 91% of the pre lockdown traffic in Camden has returned

TfL predicts



10 x increase in kilometres cycled

and 5 x

amount of walking compared to pre-covid



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**



Camden residents leave their cars at home

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.

During lockdown we saw...

39% drop in harmful nitrogen dioxide (NO²) on

and 24% less NO² on



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 please visit:

www.camden.gov.uk/making-travel-safer-in-camden

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