

Cycling Quietway 14 – Blackfriars Road to Tower Bridge Road

Update following the scrutiny call-in request

Subsequent to the decision being called-in for scrutiny the cabinet member for environment and the public realm on 13 July 2016 agreed with officers and Transport for London (TfL) the following further commitments:

1. That officers will work with TfL to study the existing 'rat-run' issues around Copperfield Street/Great Guildford Street/Southwark Bridge Road that may be made worse by point closure of Union Street at Southwark Bridge Road which was part of my original decision, and to seek to implement any measures subject to local consultation and approvals.
2. That officers will investigate ways in detailed design of improving the delineation of the route for cyclists across 'Flat Iron Square' to reduce cycle/pedestrian conflict – for example by way of additional planters or street furniture – and implement these as part of my original decision.
3. That officers, with TfL, will investigate whether an alternative alignment of the section west of Great Suffolk Street which follows Union Street and Blackfriars Road can be implemented instead of the proposed alignment Great Suffolk Street/Dobden Street/Nicholson Street.
4. That the Council will not proceed to statutory consultation and implementation of that section Great Suffolk Street/Dobden Street/Nicholson Street until results of 3. above are known and shared with ward councillors and that if it is feasible and preferable to use the alternative route that that would be the subject of a separate further IDM decision.
5. That the decision by TfL to allow the reversal of the proposed one way sections in Tanner Street and Leathermarket Street should allow this section (D) to now proceed to a formal IDM decision, following the statutory consultation that is required.

Officers will also consult with ward councillors in respect of street furniture.

Local ward councillors also met with officers on 13 July 2016 to discuss their concerns.

In light of the commitments made set out in 1 to 5 above and the undertaking in respect of consultation on street furniture, the scrutiny call-in request was withdrawn.

The decision taken by the cabinet member on 15 June is therefore implementable taking into account the above commitments.

Proper Constitutional Officer

Dated: 20 July 2016