

Non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement

Appendix	003
Location	Windsor Walk
Proposal	Experimental closure of street
Community council	Camberwell Community Council
Ward(s) affected	St Giles and Champion Hill

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A non-strategic traffic and highway improvement is a small project where the council proposes to modify the existing Highway layout. This may include changes to waiting and loading restrictions, traffic calming, improved crossing facilities etc..

Under Part 3D of the council's constitution, the Cabinet Member is responsible for Transport Issues: To decide to implement a traffic and highway improvement project, subject to statutory consultation.

Background / Request

- The road was closed nearly four years ago to allow for Network Rail bridge works, these works are now complete however the bridge is still only capable of supporting vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes.
- During the period of the closure no major issues have been raised with the council. However it is recommended that an experimental order is put in place to continue the current closure while further consultation is carried out.
- This proposal is in line with the council's transport plan, in particular the following policies:
 - **Policy 1.1** – Pursue overall traffic reduction
 - **Policy 1.8** – Improve the walking environment and ensure people have the information and confidence to use it
 - **Policy 4.2** – Create places that people can enjoy

Location

- Proposal is for a short section of Windsor Walk outside Denmark Hill Station.
- Windsor Walk is located within the Camberwell CPZ (Zone L) operating Mon – Fri 0830 – 1830 implemented in 1999

Investigation and conclusions

- The footway width outside the station is approximately 2.5m, in line with the council's design standards
- The carriageway is approximately 6.5m wide
- The footway on the opposite side of the road to the station is 1m wide, this is less than the 1.2m that the council considers as the absolute minimum required for safe use by pedestrians and, in particular, disabled users.
- Pedestrian usage in this area is high due to the presence of the national rail station and walking routes to SLaM and Kings College Hospitals

Recommendation

Close the section of the street to motor traffic; pedestrians and cycle access will be maintained.

This proposal would be subject to an experimental Traffic Management Order (TMO) where statutory consultation is carried out concurrently with an 18 month trial of the proposed restriction. A TMO is the legal mechanism the council, as traffic authority, uses to control aspects of the way that the highway is used. They provide the legal backing to signs and road markings used on the highway and allow them to be enforceable.

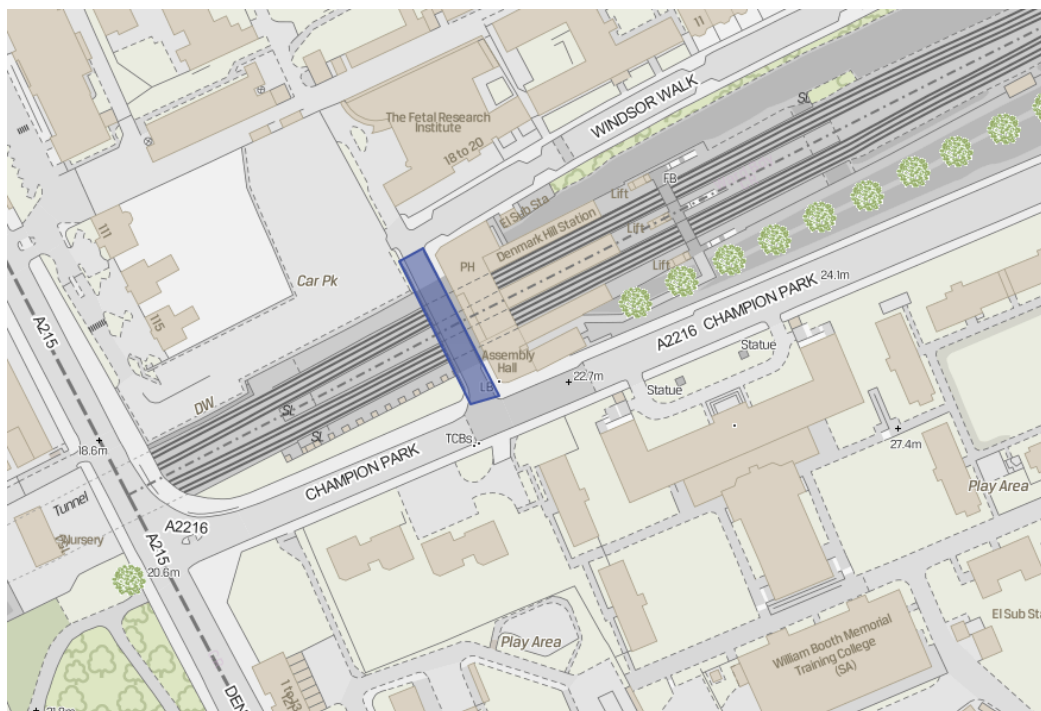
The area to which this order will apply is shown blue on the plan below.

Next steps

Should this non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement proposal be approved, then arrangement will be made to carryout statutory consultation.

Following the statutory consultation period, the council will make arrangements to install the restrictions (road marking and signage).

Should objections be received during the statutory consultation period, these will be presented to the Cabinet Member for determination.



Audit trail

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