

COVID-19 Post-Lockdown Highway Schemes

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Location	Braganza Street
Proposal	To implement one way only northbound on Braganza Street
Ward(s) affected	Newington

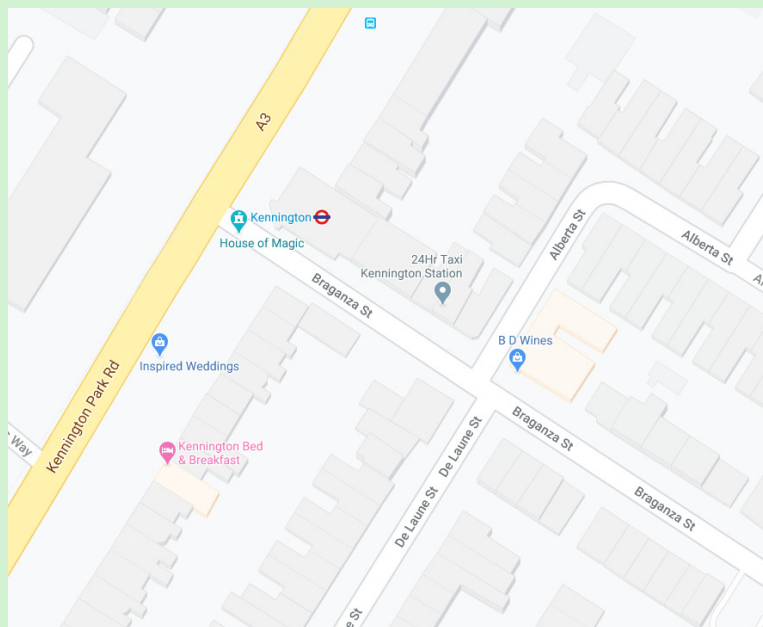
Background

The area around Kennington Underground station has suffered from insufficient footway width for some time and, with the need for increased social distancing, this situation needs to be addressed. Kennington Park Road forms the route of the CS7 cycleway which provides a major route from south London into the city. As Londoners return to work many people will seek to avoid the busier, central London, sections of the Underground and bus routes. It is vital to provide safe links from Southwark's residential communities into strategic cycle routes like CS7.

The council have been engaging residents in the Walworth area on measures to discourage residential streets from being used as a cut-through by traffic, and create safer streets for active travel, social and play activities. Feedback received shows support for measures to improve road safety conditions and encourage active travel and play within the community.

Location

Braganza Street, from the junction of Alberta Street to Kennington Park Road



Investigation and conclusions

- Crowding on the footways outside Kennington Underground station has been raised as a concern even prior to the introduction of social distancing rules.
- Safer walking and cycling routes have been requested by the local community and will help to encourage walking and cycling to tackle air pollution.
- Through-traffic and high speeds have previously been identified by local residents as major concern
- TfL has recently carried out works to the traffic signals at this location, including the introduction of a right turn filter light from Kennington Park Road into Braganza Street

Feedback from Councillors

Comments	Tbc
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Recommendation

The following measures and traffic management orders are proposed:

- Introduction of a northbound one-way on Braganza Street, with a contra-flow cycle lane.
- Widening the footway outside Kennington Underground station into the, now partly redundant, southbound carriageway.
- Converting the existing right turn filter phase of the traffic signals to a cyclists only right turn.
- Measures will result in the loss of five parking spaces within this parking zone.

A traffic management order 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. This proposal is experimental is to be implemented under experimental traffic order powers contained in section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act. Consultation for experimental orders is carried out during the period of the trial and representations made to the council about the measures will be considered at the conclusion of the trial.

Audit trail

Reference	C19MTSB1-006
Report author	RW
Ward members notified	TBC

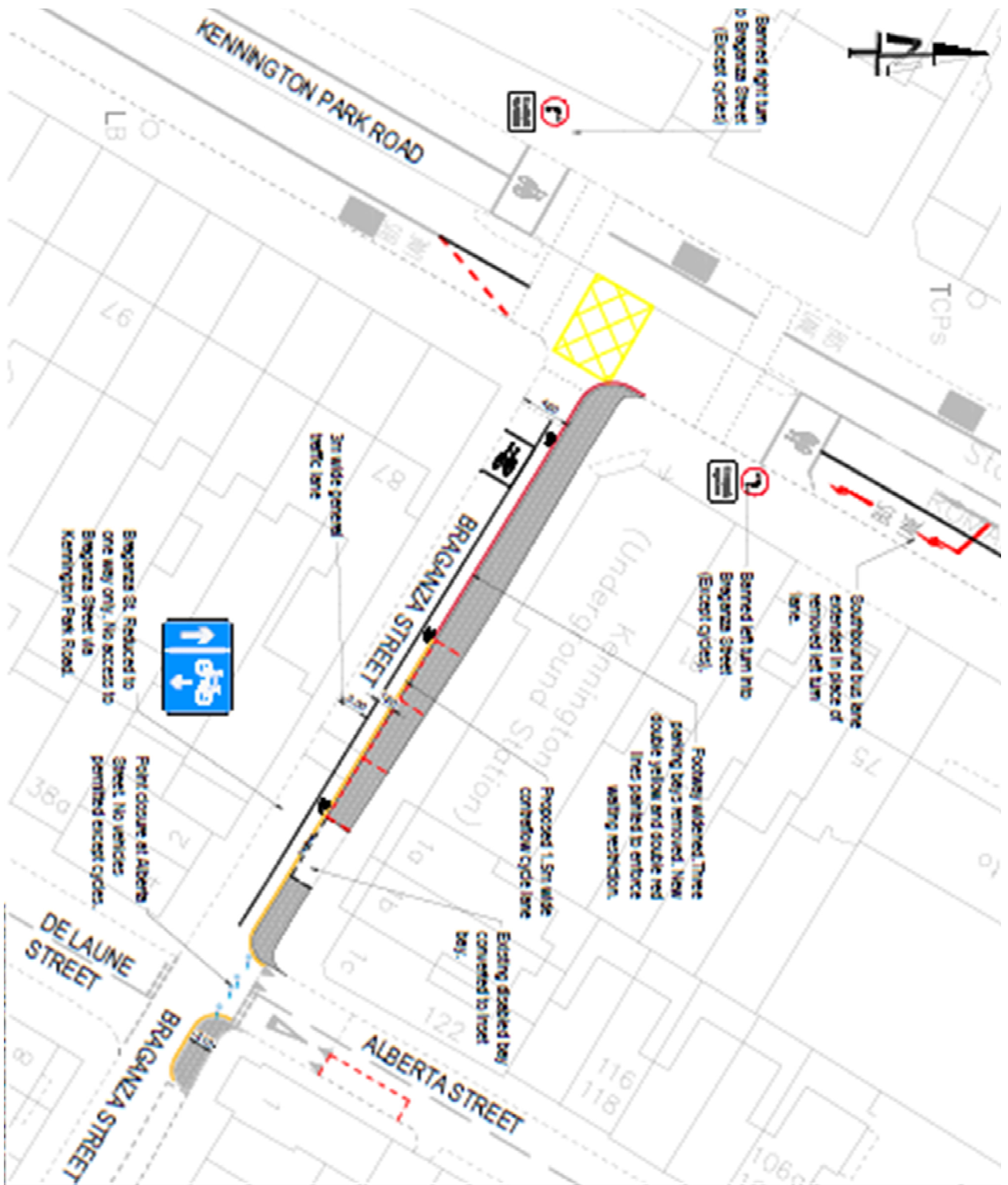


Fig. 1: Braganza Street junction of Kennington Park