

Non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement

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Location	Comber Grove
Proposal	Permanent closure of Comber Grove, directly outside Comber Grove Primary School, in order to Pedestrianise the area
Ward(s) affected	Camberwell Ward

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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.

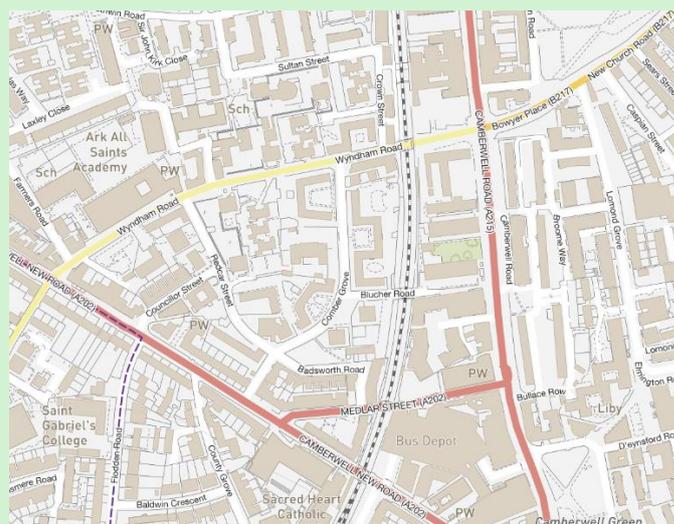
Under Part 3D of the council's constitution, the Cabinet Member is responsible for Transport Issues: To decide to implement a traffic and highway improvement project, subject to statutory consultation.

Background / Request

This request came from parents of children who attend the school, teachers and local residents who are concerned that Comber Grove has become a rat-run for vehicles, who speed and create an unsafe environment, especially considering there is a Primary School located here. Areas of the footway are unsuitable for parents with pushchairs and those needing wheelchair access, due to mature trees which limit the footway width to 900mm in some areas. The location is also part of the network that links the Low Line route to Camberwell Station Road and the Walworth Low Emission Neighbourhood, along which the GLA aim to improve air quality.

Location

- Comber Grove, Camberwell
- Comber Grove has a short length of controlled parking.
- The restriction there is Mon – Sat 8am – 6.30pm



Investigation and conclusions

- Officers visited site, and data was collected to analyse the situation raised by the parents and residents adequately. It was concluded that there is indeed vehicles using Comber Grove as a rat-run, and regularly driving over the speed limit. Areas of the footway were found to be unsuitable for parents with children, wheelchair users and most other members of the public. It was noted that a total of 8 Permit Holder bays will need to be removed in order to facilitate the works.



Recommendation

It was recommended to make permanent the carriageway closure outside the Primary School. As part of this it is also necessary to provide suitable cycle facilities, in order to maintain active travel across the Pedestrianised zone. Footway buildouts and road narrowing should also be used where necessary, to improve currently footway conditions.

This proposal is subject to Traffic Management Order (TMO) statutory consultation. 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.

A detailed design drawing of the proposal is provided within this document.

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.

Reference	1
Report author	BR
Ward members notified	Yes
Comments	None