

COVID-19 Post-Lockdown Highway Schemes

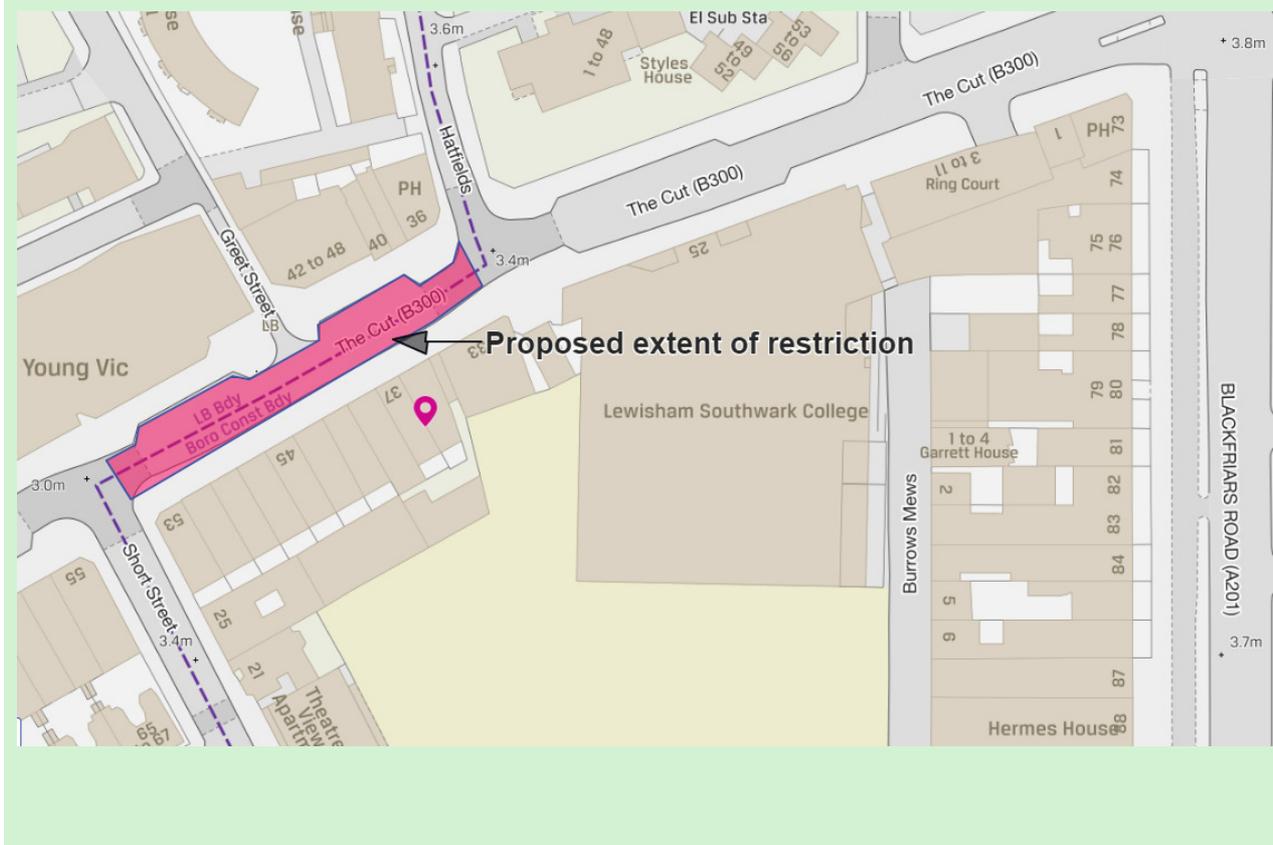
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Location	The Cut
Proposal	Introduce an “at any time” prohibition of motor vehicles on The Cut between Hatfields and Short Street
Ward(s) affected	Borough & Bankside

Background / Request

- In order to ensure that the recovery from COVID-19 is achieved without excessive use of motor vehicles TfL have created a central London Plan to create low traffic corridors.
- TfL and Lambeth have identified the need for significant improvements to active travel along The Cut.
- The scheme proposed for this is to introduce a modal filter between Hatfields and Short Street. The majority of this proposal will be within the borough of Lambeth, however the southern section will straddle the boundary with Southwark Council.

Location

The Cut between Hatfields and Short Street as shown below.



Feedback from Stakeholders

- The details of this report have been sent to ward councillors for comment.
- In excess of 40 representations (including likes) have been made through the Council's Commonplace website relating to the need for more space for cycling and requests to close the road.
- Some initial discussions with the WeAreWaterloo (WAW) business improvement district have been carried out and initial responses have been positive. WAW have stated that they would be happy to facilitate business engagement going forward.
- London Borough of Lambeth and TfL will carry out any further engagement required.

Investigation and conclusions

- Officers met with TfL and Lambeth Council to determine proposals.
- The borough boundary runs along the centre of The Cut where the closure is proposed.
- The need for rapid intervention before traffic levels increase to an unacceptable level has been identified and it is not practical to introduce camera enforcement in the available time.
- Managing a timed closure has been investigated but the resource requirements for this do not make it practical at this time.
- Following implementation of an "at any time" closure the impacts will be assessed and, if needed an alternative solution of timed closures can be investigated, however this will represent a downgrading of the restrictions so can be achieved easily within the restrictions of the traffic order proposed in this report.
- This is a cross boundary scheme and is to be led by Lambeth Council and TfL.

Recommendation

It is recommended that approval is given for Lambeth Council to prepare a traffic order preventing the use of motor vehicles on The Cut between Hatfields and Short Street.

Next steps

Should this non-strategic Traffic and Highway improvement proposal be approved the council will make arrangements to install the restrictions (road marking and signage).

Audit trail

Reference	12
Report author	RW
Ward members notified	Yes
Comments	