



Central London Cycle Grid

Whiston Road

Cycle Route Improvements

Public Consultation

September 2016



What is this document about?

This consultation document is about gathering views from the public on proposals to improve the environment for cycling and walking along the Central London Cycle Grid along Whiston Road.

Why are changes being proposed for this area?

The Council is committed to making Hackney's roads safer for everyone living in, working in and visiting the Borough. Creating an environment that will encourage more walking and cycling is a key part of the Council's Transport Vision and an essential part of Hackney's Transport Strategy.

Hackney Council has partnered with a number of other London authorities and Transport for London (TfL) to deliver the Central London Cycle Grid (CLG). The CLG is a network of cycle routes in Central London Zone 1, containing a mixture of Cycle Superhighway and Quietway routes. Quietways are well sign posted, connected cycle routes that provide an attractive and accessible environment for cyclists on low-traffic roads.

More detailed information on the CLG, along with a number of other cycle initiatives can be found on TfL's website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/central-london-cycling-grid>

To achieve a safer, more pleasant environment on the CLG in Hackney, a number of improvements have been identified which will be funded by TfL and designed and implemented on Hackney roads by the Council.

The section of the CLG being consulted on in this document includes the entire length of Whiston Road which forms part of the wider Quietway route that runs along Shepherdess Walk, Eagle Wharf Road, Poole Street, Penn Street, Hyde Road, Hoxton Street and Nuttall Street. The Council is currently consulting on further improvements along this part of the route. Visit consultation.hackney.gov.uk to get more information on the proposals along

this CLG route ([Hoxton Area – Cycle Route Improvements](#)).

This CLG route has been prioritised for delivery in 2016/17 and will create a better street environment for residents, businesses, pedestrians and cyclists, whilst maintaining access for residents and allowing businesses to continue to operate.

Additional footway improvement works will also be carried out along Whiston Road between Kingsland Road and Queensbridge Road. The timescale for these works are subject to the completion of the new developments along this section of road.

The proposals for this route along Whiston Road include:

Removing some of the existing speed cushions and replacing them with raised carriageway tables. These speed tables will be raised to footway level to provide a traffic calming feature to assist in reducing the speed of traffic along Whiston Road, making it a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

(See attached numbered plans).

- ① Removing the existing speed cushions on Whiston Road adjacent to Laburnum Lane and replacing them with a new raised table with uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and build out. This will add an additional pedestrian crossing point in this area.
- ① Removing the speed cushions on Whiston Road adjacent to Bryant Street and installing a new raised zebra crossing with footway build outs to narrow the crossing area outside the playground. This will improve the pedestrian crossing facilities and it will make it safer for children to cross the road from the playground area. The installation of this new zebra crossing will require the removal of 10 resident permit parking spaces.
- ② Removing the existing speed cushions on Whiston Road adjacent to Thurtle Road and replacing them with a raised uncontrolled

pedestrian crossing, also providing a levelled access to the cycle track on Swimmers Lane. The installation of this new crossing will require the removal of 1 resident permit parking space.

- ② Providing a raised entry treatment on Thurtle Road to slow down the traffic approaching Whiston Road from the side road.
- ② Installing low level traffic signals with early release for cyclists on Whiston Road at its junctions with Queensbridge Road and Goldsmiths Row. This will provide a green signal to cyclists before vehicular traffic is released, giving cyclists extra time to clear the junction and therefore making it safer for cyclists crossing the main road.
- ③ Providing a new raised table on Whiston Road in the proximity to the northern entrance to Haggerston Park to slow traffic in the proximity to the park.
- ③ Relocating the bus stops currently situated adjacent to Cester Street, creating a bigger gap between the stops and allowing vehicles to overtake buses while stopped, improving the flow of traffic and reducing congestion.
- ③ Relocating the existing bus stops to the east of Nicholl Street further away from each other to eliminate pinch points and allow a smooth flow of traffic while buses are stopped.
- ④ Removing the existing speed cushions on Whiston Road opposite Northchurch House and replacing them with a raised table to further reduce traffic speed.
- ④ Removing part of the existing resident / permit holders parking bays and introducing new waiting and loading restrictions (double yellow lines) along Whiston Road between Queensbridge Road and Goldsmiths Row. This will facilitate the smooth flow of traffic along this narrow section which is often congested. The overall number of resident permit parking in this section of Whiston Road will decrease by 9 spaces.

- ④ Replacing the existing single yellow line outside Whiston House with double yellow lines. The loss of parking outside the CPZ hours of operation will be reduced by 2 spaces.
- ④ Creating 8 new inset parking bays on Hay Street (2 resident permit bays and 6 permit holders only bays) to replace the ones removed from Whiston Road.

Introducing raised crossings will improve pedestrian facilities while reducing traffic speeds making it safer for all users.

The removal/relocation of parking will reduce congestion and long queues of traffic next to Goldsmiths Row. The parking rearrangement will facilitate the flow of traffic including buses between Queensbridge Road and Goldsmiths Row.

Please refer to the enclosed map for details of the proposals.

How to have your say

Your views are important to us and will help us to make an informed decision. A questionnaire has been provided for you to give your views on the outlined options. Please read, complete and return the questionnaire using the **FREEPOST Streetscene** envelope supplied by **Friday 21 October 2016**.

Alternatively, visit



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if you wish to complete the questionnaire online and find out more.

Information

For further information on these proposals, please contact us on: Hackney Service Centre by calling: **020 8356 2897** or by emailing: info@hackney.gov.uk.

What happens next?

The consultation results will help us reach a decision on whether to proceed with these proposals in your area. The Council will publish the consultation results at www.hackney.gov.uk. Should the Council agree to proceed with these

proposals, residents and businesses will receive a letter and see public notices advising them on the exact start date of the works.

Thank you for taking the time to reply to this consultation.

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