

Following recent consultation, we are making improvements in the Chatsworth Road area to create streets that are safer, more welcoming, and accessible for everyone.

This project is part of our wider commitment to building a greener, healthier, and safer Hackney. We have designed the changes to encourage more walking and cycling, improve journey times for buses, and enhance Chatsworth Road as a vibrant place to live, visit, and shop.

Background

Over the past two years, we’ve worked with local residents and businesses to shape the plans. We began by developing initial proposals based on feedback from our 2023 travel survey, where you told us you wanted to see:

- Improved conditions for pedestrians and cyclists in the area
- A car-free town centre on Sundays
- The 308 bus service for the King’s Park ward on Sundays
- Consideration for essential car journeys by people who live and work in the area, particularly at nighttimes

In January and February 2025, we ran a public consultation on the draft proposals. Over 2,000 residents responded and shared their views. We also consulted with key stakeholders, including emergency services.

In response to feedback from the 2025 consultation, we’ve made updates to the proposals, including:

- Replacing proposed double yellow lines on Dunlace Road with single yellow lines (7am-7pm) to limit parking loss at nighttime
- Delaying enforcement to allow time for Blue Badge and HAC01 permit applications
- Developing a monitoring plan that reflects key concerns raised during the consultation, including impact on boundary main roads and side streets, and options for improving left-turn priority for vehicles turning out of Median Road onto Lower Clapton Road.

You can view the original consultation materials and the final decision report at:

bit.ly/Chatsworth-Road

What changes are coming?

- Introduction of a southbound motor vehicle restriction from 7am-7pm on Chatsworth Road (five metres south of its junction with Clifden Road). Buses, cyclists, pedestrians, emergency service vehicles, council refuse vehicles and HAC01 permit holders will be exempt
- Pedestrianisation of Chatsworth Road, between Dunlace Road and Blurton Road, on Sundays 6am-8pm. Emergency service vehicles, council refuse vehicles, and market traders will be exempt
- Introduction of turn restrictions and one-way systems (see drawing on pages 4-6 for locations)
- Installation of rain gardens (south of Clifden Road) to help capture rainfall and manage surface water runoff, as well as enhance the space
- Installation of new signage and road markings for the updated traffic management systems
- Relocation of the existing disabled parking bay outside number 5 Elderfield Road to outside number 7 Elderfield Road
- New parking restrictions on Blurton Road, Glenarm Road, Dunlace Road, Elderfield Road and Chatsworth Road

For more details, please refer to the drawing on pages 4-6.

Construction and traffic management

Work is expected to begin mid-August and take approximately four weeks to complete. The improvements will require that suitable traffic management be in place for the duration of the works. Should they be required, temporary parking suspension on parking bays and temporary traffic lights on Chatsworth Road will be in place. Emergency access will be maintained at all times. We apologise for any inconvenience these works may cause you.

Why are these works taking place?

We have designed these changes to make the area safer, greener and more accessible. They aim to deliver the following outcomes, which have been shaped through consultation and engagement:

- Make cycling and walking safer and easier on Chatsworth Road and in the surrounding area

- Improve journey times for buses, giving people who live and work in the area a greater range of affordable transport options
- Enable and incentivise residents to use active travel for short, local journeys, leading to health and wellbeing benefits
- Improve the area as a place to visit and shop, including on market day

How can disabled car users drive through the bus gate?

Organisational and resident Blue Badge holders in Hackney can nominate a vehicle of their choice for the HAC01 permit. Vehicles with a HAC01 permit are allowed to drive through a number of traffic restrictions in the borough, including the bus gate on Chatsworth Road.

To apply for the HAC01 permit, or find out how to apply for a Blue Badge if you don’t have one already, visit:

hackney.gov.uk/blue-badge

If you need help with your application, you can contact the mobility team by calling:

020 8356 6262

Additionally, all taxi journeys booked through the subsidised Taxicard service will be automatically exempt from the bus gate on Chatsworth Road. For more information on Taxicards, visit:

hackney.gov.uk/getting-around

How will the scheme be monitored?

The impact of the scheme will be monitored for a minimum of three years. We commit to publishing the first set of data by December 2025. Monitoring will reflect the main concerns we heard from residents during the consultation.

What support is available to start cycling?

We offer a variety of free, bespoke cycle training, including:

- One-to-one and group learn to cycle sessions for adults, families and children
- Cycling improvement training
- Specialised training for Hackney care leavers
- Sessions for people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

To find out more about the options and book a session, visit:

hackney.gov.uk/cycle-training

To learn more about cycle training for individuals with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), email:

cycletraining@hackney.gov.uk

You can also get your bike safety checked for free at our weekly drop-in Dr Bike sessions. For the latest event and location details, visit:

hackney.gov.uk/cycle-training#events

Cycle hangars, on-street, secure cycle parking storage units, are available for residents. To apply for a space, visit:

hackney.gov.uk/cycle-hangar

What support is available for businesses?

The Zero Emissions Network (ZEN) supports businesses in switching to sustainable transport by providing trials, leases, grants and discounts for cycles, e-bikes, cargo bikes, electric vehicles and car clubs.

A new cargo bike public hire scheme is set to launch soon, which will enable businesses and residents to rent a cargo bike to carry passengers or goods. Local businesses can arrange free cargo bike training through ZEN.

ZEN is currently looking for a local business to host one of the cargo bikes. As a host, you will receive 20 hours of free cargo bike use per month.

If you’re interested, please get in touch at:

zen@hackney.gov.uk

Contact us

If you require further information or have any comments on this scheme, please contact the Hackney Service Centre by telephone on 020 8356 2897 or email:

streetscene.enquiries@hackney.gov.uk

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