

Lower Clapton Road and Clarence Place Proposals

Quietway 2: Bloomsbury to Walthamstow

Public Consultation

July 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 pedestrians along the 'Quietways' route in the Lower Clapton Area. The Quietways are a network of cycle routes throughout London.

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.

In spring 2013 the Mayor of London published the Cycling Vision for London — a 10 year strategy with approximately £1bn investment to increase the levels of cycling in London. One of the primary objectives of the strategy is to create a "tube network for the bike" containing a mixture of Superhighway and Quietway routes. Quietways are well signed, connected cycle routes that provide an attractive and accessible environment for cyclists on low-traffic roads.

One of the key objectives of the Quietways is to link destinations, following backstreet routes, through parks, along waterways or tree-lined streets. The Quietways aim to improve the cycling experience by providing cyclists with a quieter, low-traffic route for those cyclists who

want to travel at a more gentle pace.

In addition to meeting this objective the Quietways will encourage the use of cleaner and greener transport options, particularly cycling and walking. It will also reduce non-essential private car journeys which is key to the long-term objectives for the Council and brings a wide range of benefits, including:

- Reducing road danger and accidents
- Improving personal mobility
- Creating safer, cleaner, and quieter residential neighbourhoods
- Achieving a successful balance between pedestrians and other modes of transport, in order to improve the pedestrian and cyclist experience
- Improving pedestrian and cyclist crossing facilities

The Quietway 2 from Bloomsbury to Walthamstow begins at the boundary with Islington at Southgate Road and runs eastwards to London Fields via Middleton Road, and then north-eastwards towards Lea Bridge Road at the boundary of Waltham Forest.

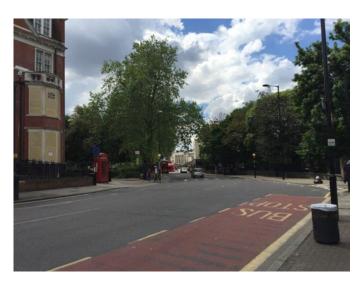
A number of key issues have been identified along the Quietway 2 route and because of this Transport for London (TfL) have provided the Council with funding to make considerable improvements.

Hackney Council is consulting residents and businesses on a range of potential proposals aimed at improving pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities in the Lower Clapton Area. In 2010 Hackney Council consulted residents in Clapton Square about a proposal to make improvements to the pedestrian crossing on Lower Clapton Road and the closure of the eastern arm of Clapton Square. Due to concerns about an increase of through traffic on the western arm of Clapton Square the scheme wasn't progressed further than the consultation stage. Given the time since the last consultation, the growth in cycling and the introduction of this new cycle route, the Council considers it appropriate to consult on a revised scheme which addresses some of the previous concerns. This new scheme proposes an additional road closure at Clarence Place to address the through traffic concern.



More information regarding the Quietways can be found at:

tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/ improvements-and-projects/quietways



The proposals include:

- Introducing a parallel cycle crossing at the zebra crossing on Lower Clapton Road to create a safer crossing facility for pedestrians and cyclists
- New raised junction table at Lower Clapton Road junction with Clapton Square to reduce traffic speed
- Closing the eastern arm of Clapton Square at the junction with Lower Clapton Road and extending the pavement across the junction

- Introducing a road closure at Clarence Place to prevent traffic displacement.
- Cycle and emergency vehicle access will be provided through both closures
- Maintaining two-way traffic on Clapton Square
- Removing three parking spaces on the eastern arm of Clapton Square by the junction with Lower Clapton Road.
- Landscape improvements including decluttering street furniture.

This crossing will link to a series of proposals along the Quietway 2 Route:

- Churchwell Path footway improvements
- Morning Lane parallel zebra and cycle crossing improvements.
- Chatsworth Road junction improvements

How to have your say

Your views are important to us and will help the Council make a decision.

- A questionnaire has been provided for you to give your views on the outlined proposals.
 Please complete and return the questionnaire using the FREEPOST Streetscene envelope supplied before Friday 12 August 2016.
- Visit https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/ streetscene/lower-clapton-road-clarenceplace-qw2 to complete the questionnaire online.
- Attend the drop-in session:

Date	Location
Saturday 23 July 2016, 3pm - 7pm	King's Hall Leisure Centre 39 Lower Clapton Rd Hackney E5 ONU

Return your completed questionnaire in the **FREEPOST** envelope or online by **Friday 12 August 2016**.



What happens next?

Your feedback will help us reach a decision on whether to proceed with these proposals in your area. The results of this consultation will be available at www.hackney.gov.uk. Should the Council agree to proceed with these proposals, residents and businesses will receive a letter and public notices advising them on the exact start date of the works.

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

Information

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

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