

Traffic Management Information: Wightman Road Bridge and associated works

Dear Resident or Trader,

I write to inform you of the traffic management arrangements that have been put in place for the duration of the Wightman Road Bridge strengthening works. I am also providing a brief overview of other works underway in your area. This includes:

- Electrification of the Gospel Oak to Barking Train Line
- Green Lanes Traffic Study
- Improvement to Finsbury Park Station.

Wightman Road Rail Bridge Replacement

As you may be aware, Haringey Council secured funding from Transport for London (TfL) for the strengthening of the Wightman Road Bridge. Work includes replacement of the bridge deck and raising its height to accommodate the electrification of the Gospel Oak to Barking train line. Carrying out these works simultaneously will minimise disruption to the transport network. Please be assured that the strengthening of the bridge is not intended as a means to allow heavier vehicles to use Wightman Road.

The construction of the new bridge on Wightman Road is being undertaken by Network Rail and their contractors. The road closure will be in place for 5 months.

Haringey Council has been supporting Network Rail with community engagement since December 2015 and raising awareness of the work, which will of course cause some disruption for local residents and businesses. A series of public meetings, presentations and drop-in sessions have been held. In addition both Haringey Council and Network Rail have distributed letters to residents and businesses.

Detailed preparations have been underway for several months to minimise the impact of the road closure and ensure continuity of operation for businesses and schools. Every effort has been made to anticipate problems, with contingency plans in place to deal with any additional issues arising during this period that may impact on the road network.

The closure will increase the numbers of vehicles attempting to use the ladder roads to either gain access to Green Lanes or avoid traffic congestion on it.

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It was therefore considered important that physical closures were placed strategically to minimise the increase of traffic on the ladder roads, whilst maintaining access for residents, businesses and emergency services. It was agreed to close Wightman Road at the junction with Turnpike Lane and intersperse further closures along Wightman Road to inhibit its use as a route to avoid traffic on Green Lanes. We are using signage and traffic marshals to allow access to businesses and properties as far south as Hampden Road only. This will ensure that business premises and other organisations such as the Hornsey rail depot have access. All other access to Wightman Road will be by way of the ladder roads and we believe that this achieves the right balance. Please see the attached plan for details.

Further information regarding traffic management arrangements and the Wightman Road project is updated regularly and available on Haringey Council's website here: www.haringey.gov.uk/wightman-road

Electrification of Gospel Oak to Barking train Line

The Electrification project will allow the replacement of the existing two carriage diesel trains with four carriage electric trains, greatly increasing capacity on the line which currently suffers from severe overcrowding on some services in the peak periods.

There will be no service between South Tottenham and Barking on weekdays and no service between Gospel Oak and Barking on weekends between June and September 2016. There will be a full closure of the line from September 2016 to February 2017. TfL will run rail replacement bus services during the period of the closure. Further information is available at: <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/gobe/?cd=1>

Green Lanes Area Transport Study

In response to concerns raised by residents, Haringey Council agreed to undertake a review of traffic arrangements in the Green Lanes area. This study has now commenced, following the appointment of a consultancy: Steer Davies Gleave (SDG) in February 2016.

The aim of the study is to identify measures to:

- improve road safety for all road users;
- enhance pedestrian and cycle accessibility into and within the study area;
- maintain or enhance bus service journey times and reliability;
- rationalise traffic volume and routes and;
- improve quality of life for residents.

SDG are tasked with developing a series of proposals to identify and achieve a number of outcomes including a better and more equitable distribution of traffic, recognising the specific issues and problems within the area.

Nothing is being ruled out in terms of the options to be examined, and these options will be informed by stakeholder input and other evidence gathered. It is important that any options taken forward are supported by the wider community. The first stages will involve SDG working with Haringey Council, local Councillors and key stakeholders, businesses,

residents and local community groups. SDG have commenced the collection of evidence, and anticipate further engagement at the following points in addition to the ongoing dialogue that we anticipate and welcome:

- Spring 2016: an opportunity to share your views on the key issues affecting the area, and what you think a successful option should achieve;
- Autumn 2016: your chance to have a say on potential options.

Information on the proposals will be made available on the council's website and will be updated regularly at: <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/green-lanes-area-transport-study>

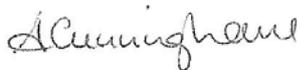
Wells Terrace and other Finsbury Park Related Works

Work has already commenced at Finsbury Park Underground station to transform it over the next few years. When the upgrade is complete Finsbury Park Tube station will be more accessible (step-free), with passengers having more space. Journeys through the station will be quicker and more pleasant. A new, larger, and more accessible western station entrance will open by 2018, and lifts will be installed by mid 2018 providing step-free access to all tube platforms. Further information is available on TFL website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/>

Cross Boundary CPZ Issues (Islington)

The London Borough of Islington viewed a number of CPZs bordering Haringey between July and September 2015. Haringey officers are working closely with them on changes arising to ensure that any impact on our roads is managed. We will work with our residents to ensure that their interests are safeguarded and relayed to Islington Council.

Yours faithfully,



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