

## **Transportation**

Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills  
Floor 5  
The Woolwich Centre  
35 Wellington Street  
Woolwich, London  
SE18 6HQ

3 March 2021

Dear Resident,

### **Strategic Cycle Routes – have your say on our proposals**

The Royal Borough is proposing two brand new, safe and, attractive cycle routes - to support more cycling, more often and even more safely.

#### **Why we're proposing new cycle routes**

The Royal Borough's Local Implementation Plan for transport sets out a vision to create an attractive, accessible, healthy and sustainable transport network. This will help make Royal Greenwich a brilliant place to live, work and play – opening up the great opportunities it offers to all of its residents. This includes being on-track to help realise the Mayor of London's aim for 80 per cent of all trips in London to be made on foot, by cycle or using public transport by 2041. The draft Carbon Neutral Plan shows that a 45% reduction in private car use - due to a shift to more active travel and public transport - is required to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

We need to provide safe and attractive cycling infrastructure to help make these targets a reality.

Our new cycle routes will connect up with other high-quality cycle routes, both existing routes and other new routes in development. These include the Greenwich to Woolwich Cycleway and the Greenwich to Waterloo Quietway (also known as Quietway 1). The new cycle routes are also designed to provide safer cycle routes to primary and secondary schools. This will give parents and their children more confidence to travel independently to schools, as they reopen for more pupils.

#### **Overview of the route**

We're proposing to create a new cycle route between Eltham High Street and Greenwich Park. Please see the enclosed map for the full route. Some of the key changes we're proposing include:

- Light segregated cycle lanes on Eltham Hill, including bus stop bypasses
- New toucan crossing on Eltham Hill
- A cycle contraflow on Eltham Green to allow cyclists to travel eastbound
- Modal filters on Birdbrook Road, Shawbrooke Road and Kidbrooke Gardens to prevent through-traffic and provide acceptable levels of traffic for cyclists to mix with.
- Upgrades to the existing Rochester Way cycleway, including light segregated protection to Kidbrooke Way / Kidbrooke Park Road junction

We're also delivering road safety improvements at the Blackheath Gate entrance to Greenwich Park, which was subject to a full public consultation in 2019.

We're looking at the existing measures on Eltham High Street to help cycling and social distancing, with a view to delivering further cycling improvements along the High Street and at the junctions of Footscray Road, Westmount Road and Southend Crescent. We're also working with TfL to improve the existing crossings of Eltham Hill and the A205 Westthorne Avenue for pedestrians and cyclists. Both of these proposals require more design work and we hope to share them with you at a later date

### **How we're going to deliver these routes**

We're intending to deliver these proposals as experimental schemes. Once a scheme is put into place, considering the feedback we receive during this consultation, a six-month public consultation period on the scheme would begin. This will allow you to provide more feedback, based on your experience of the trial. A decision would then be taken on whether to make the experimental scheme permanent, amend it or remove it.

### **Have your say**

We want to know how you think the routes would work best, to help us deliver the best possible scheme.

If you have access to the internet, **check out our dedicated Commonplace page: <https://greenersafergreenwich.commonplace.is>** This has a full overview of the proposed changes and you can make your comments in a simple, intuitive way.

If you'd like your feedback to be logged but you don't have access to the internet, please call: **020 8921 6000** and we'll make a note of your comments.

You can comment on the scheme between **1 and 21 March 2021**.

As an experimental scheme further, formal, consultation will be undertaken whilst the scheme is in place. Your thoughts on how the routes will work best are vital, we are not carrying out a referendum on whether to create these new cycle routes.

Yours sincerely,



### **Graham Cox**

Assistant Director, Transportation and Sustainability  
Royal Borough of Greenwich