

Monday 26th June 2023

To the Owner/Occupier

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Romford Road Active Travel scheme – Phase 2

Newham Council is committed to encouraging active travel so that more people choose to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to where they need to. Better health, cleaner air and quieter streets are some of the benefits of active travel.

Romford Road is a key part our 15-minute neighbourhoods programme, which aims to create safer roads and nicer streets so that people can carry out their regular day-to-day activities within 15 minutes from their homes - whether walking, cycling or using public transport.

The Romford Road Active Travel scheme will make changes to Romford Road so that it is more people-friendly and not dominated by vehicles.

The feedback from our early engagement in March reflects overall support for the scheme's objectives, which include:

- making it easier and safer for people to choose to walk, cycle and use public transport for local journeys
- improving road safety and reducing the risk of traffic accidents
- creating a better road that people enjoy using.

As Romford Road is a Strategic Road Network within the Greater London Authority (GLA) boundary, this means that any changes to traffic lights will require an approval process from Transport for London (TfL) to assess the impacts on those.

While we are going through this process with TfL, we are proposing changes to sections that have no impacts on traffic lights and bus journeys.

Phase 2 includes the following section of Romford Road:

- between Dersingham Avenue and Fifth Avenue

The proposal includes:

1. Creating 1km of stepped and separated cycle lane
2. Improving pavements where these are unsafe
3. Creating blended crossings
4. Improving two bus stops (of which one will be relocated)
5. Identifying locations for possible new trees and planting
6. Removing and relocating some of the parking from Romford Road onto side roads
7. Creating safer loading and unloading facilities

In order to make these improvements some parking bays on Romford Road will need to be relocated and new loading bays added onto Dersingham Avenue, Sheringham Avenue, Colchester Avenue, Gloucester Road, Eighth Avenue, Worcester Avenue, Toronto Avenue and Sixth Avenue. These changes will result in a small net loss of three parking bays overall across the extent of the proposals, which is essential so that we can make Romford Road a safer and nicer place for people.

Documents giving detailed information of the proposed plan can be made available during normal office hours on Monday to Friday by telephoning 020 3373 6415, by emailing traffic.orders@newham.gov.uk, or inspected at Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road E16 2QU.

Any objections and comments relating to the proposal must be made in writing by Wednesday 12th July 2023 and all objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

They should be sent to the Director of Highways, Transportation & Parking, London Borough of Newham, 3rd Floor West, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU or by email to: traffic.orders@newham.gov.uk.

Drop-in session:

If you would like to speak to a member of our team about this scheme come along to our drop-in session at **Manor Park Library**, 685-693 Romford Rd, London, E12 5BS, on **Tuesday 4th July, 5pm-7pm.**

For more information on the Romford Road Active Travel scheme and proposals for Phase 2 visit: <https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/luf-romford>.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Wadey
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