

Important- Public Consultation This is your opportunity to comment on the Council's plans

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Great Ormond Street Area Proposed pedestrian & Cycling improvements.

We are seeking your views on the Council's proposal to implement improved crossing points for pedestrians on Queen Square and Great Ormond Street, and to improve the contraflow cycling facility on Lambs Conduit Street.

Queen Square and Great Ormond Street are home to the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Lambs Conduit Street is a popular shopping and eatery street, which is one-way northbound and closed to through traffic except bicycles. All these streets cater for a large amount of pedestrian traffic, many of whom are either patients or visitors to the hospitals. Lambs Conduit Street is also a popular north-south cycle route for those avoiding the busier Grays Inn Road and Southampton Row / Upper Woburn Place.

To improve facilities for pedestrians, we propose to raise the carriageway at key pedestrian crossing points. This will improve the walking corridors in this area, particularly for those with wheelchairs, pushchairs or other walking aids. The alterations will create level, step free crossing surfaces and informal priority for pedestrians, as well as reduce traffic speeds.

To improve facilities for cyclists, we propose to simplify the existing contraflow cycling facility on Lambs Conduit Street by removing the cycle entry "gate" and erecting "No Entry Except Cycles" signage.

The proposals are shown on the drawing and listed below:

- 1. Create a raised crossing point at the corner of Great Ormond Street and Queen Square to aid pedestrian movements to and from Queen Square boulevard.
- 2. Create a raised crossing point with widened footways at the end of Cosmo place to aid pedestrian movements to and from Queen Square boulevard.
- **3.** Create a raised crossing point on Queen Square close to the entrance of the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery aiding pedestrian movements to and from Queen Square Gardens.
- 4. Construct a raised junction speed table at the junction of Great Ormond Street and Lambs Conduit Street aiding pedestrian crossing movements at this junction.
- 5. Remove contraflow cycle entry "gates" and erect "No Entry Except Cycles" signage.
- 6. There will be no reduction to existing Resident and Pay&Display parking bays.

All proposed raised crossing points will be designed and built to cause minimum impact to passing vehicles. This is to reduce discomfort for patients travelling to and from the hospitals by car or ambulance.

These proposals will be combined with the Councils plan to change all the Ambulance zigzags in the area to Ambulance bays of equal length.

If the proposals are agreed, the majority of the works will be carried out in Autumn / Winter 2012, with the exception of Lambs Conduit Street cycle improvements which may be completed earlier.

Funding for the scheme will be supplied by money from local development and Transport for London.

The Council would be pleased to hear your views on the proposed measures. Details on how to respond to this consultation are included.

This is your opportunity to comment

We need your views as this consultation exercise is intended to find out if there is broad public support for the proposals set out in this leaflet. Please send your response by **15 June 2012** to: Transport Strategy Service – **TS/DT/S106/08/GOSH-JA,** RSLT-RJBR-TXAA, London Borough of Camden, Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9JE. Please note no stamp is required and only **ONE** reply per household, business or organisation will be accepted. Alternatively, you can send your response by email to joanna.alker@camden.gov.uk. You must give your postal address if you want us to consider your views.

While it will not be possible to reply to you individually, all comments will be taken into account. The Assistant Director of Culture and Environment (Environment and Transport) will make a decision whether or not to proceed with the scheme, and the decision will be made available on the Council's website shortly after. You will be informed of the outcome of this consultation and the Council's decision within three months, where possible.

Details of this consultation are also available on the Council's website, <u>www.camden.gov.uk/consultations</u>.

Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, we may not treat your response confidentially, as it will be available for public inspection. Please only write to us about the consultation issue. If you want to comment on any other matter, please use a separate letter.



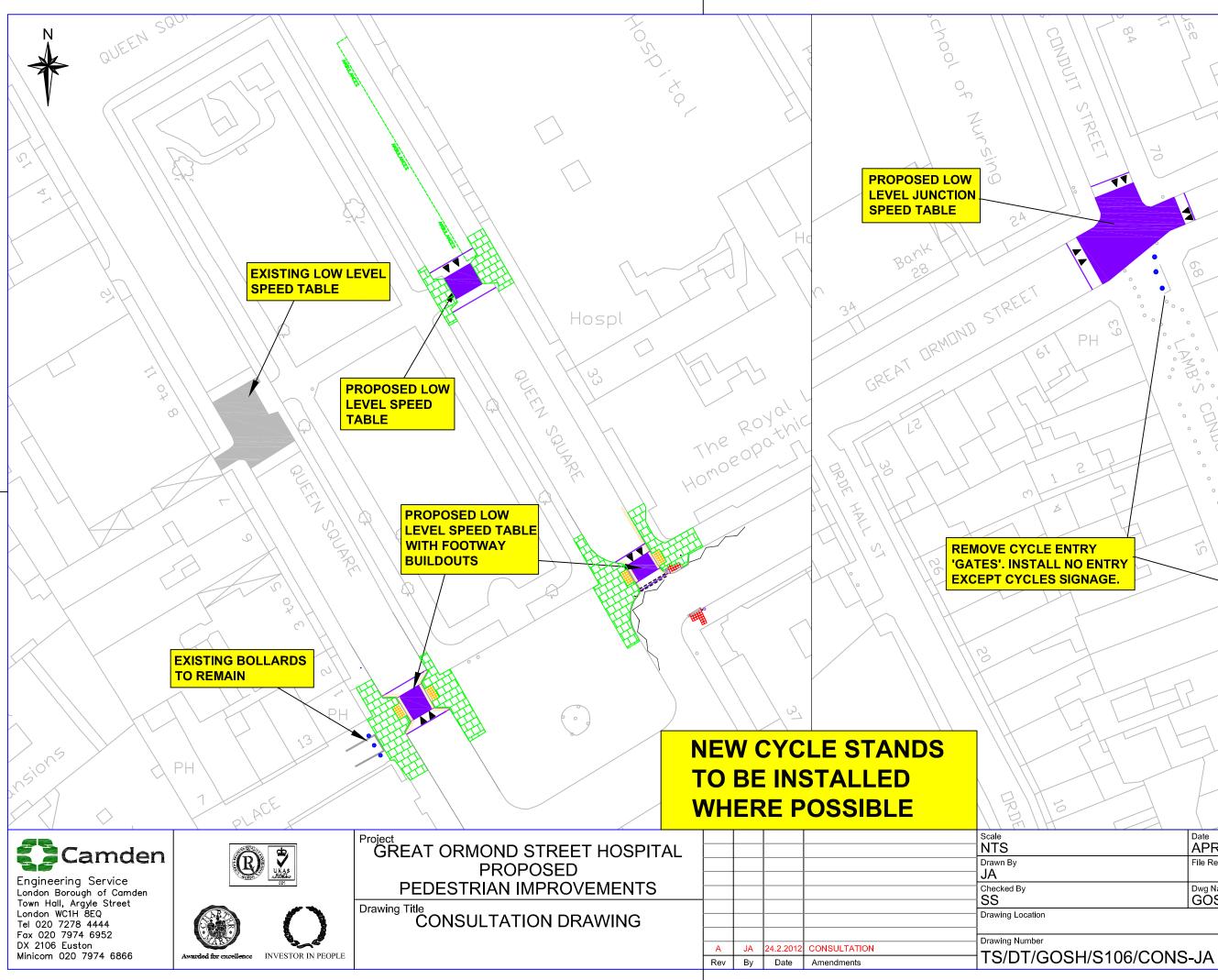
Who is being informed?

All properties on affected roads outlined in red on the plan will be informed along with Local and Statutory Groups, Emergency Services and Ward Councillors.

If you would like further information then please contact us using the information provided below.

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