

Important- Public Consultation

This is your opportunity to comment on the Council's plans

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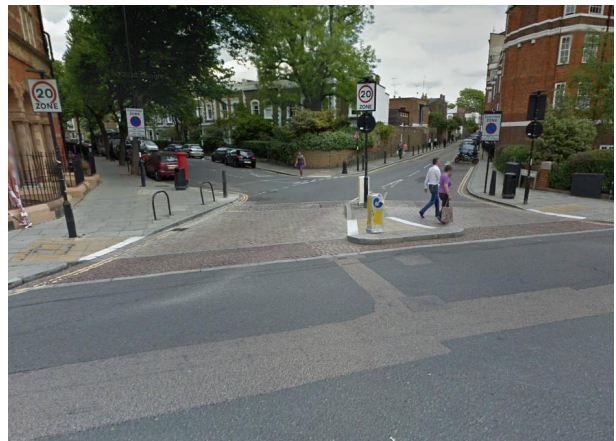
Kentish Town Area Wide Improvements

Kentish Town is an important and established town centre in the London Borough of Camden, with a lively high street offering a variety of shops, cafes and restaurants along Kentish Town Road. Camden Council has identified a range of road safety and public realm improvements to make the area a safer and more attractive place for residents, businesses and visitors.

This leaflet sets out these proposals and how they will affect the area. As a local resident, business or group, this is your opportunity to let us know what you think.



Torriano Avenue / Leighton Road junction



Prince of Wales Road / Anglers Lane junction



Leighton Road approaching Kentish Town Road



Wolsey Mews

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We need your views as this consultation is intended to find out if there is broad public support for the proposals set out in this leaflet.

Please send your response by **28th March 2014** to: **London Borough of Camden, Culture and Environment Directorate, Transport Strategy Service, FREEPOST RSLT-RJBR-TXAA, London, WC1H 8EQ**. 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 raymond.cheng@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 Cabinet Member for Sustainability will make a decision whether or not to proceed with the scheme and you will be informed via the council's website of the outcome of this consultation within three months, where possible.

Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, your response is 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.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Council has undertaken borough wide road traffic casualty analysis to identify corridors and neighbourhoods across the borough in need of road safety measures. The areas with the worst casualty problem have been prioritised. There have been 165 collisions (accidents) in the 36-month period up until the end of July 2013. These have been classified as 16 serious and 146 slight accidents involving 52 pedestrians and 65 cyclists. An analysis of these casualties has led to a range of road safety proposals to help make the area safer.

This project focuses on the areas adjacent to the Kentish Town Road, aiming to improve walking and cycling in the area as well as creating safer, more attractive streets for the residents, workers and visitors in the area. A map of the project area and proposal locations is included within this leaflet.

What has happened so far?

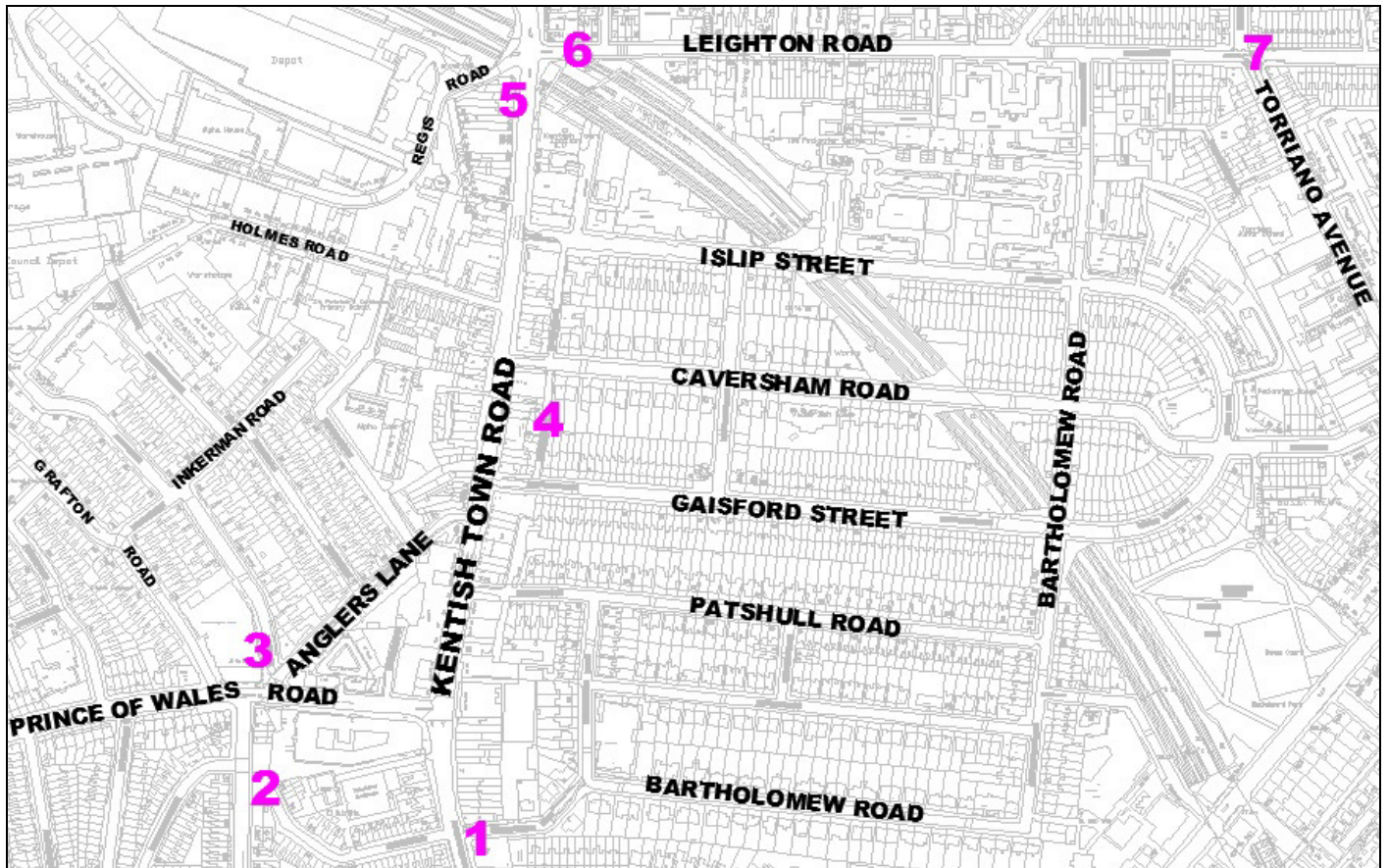
Camden has been working with stakeholder groups to identify some of the problems in the area. This included working with Camden Cycling Campaign, participating in the Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum organised by the Prince's Trust and attending the Kentish Town Stakeholder Workshop. In addition, Camden officers have analysed the road collision data and have undertaken visits to the Kentish Town area to identify possible solutions to address the high collision rate. Additional improvements have also been identified which will help to reduce speeds as well as improve safety. These measures form the proposals detailed within this leaflet.

What will happen next?

All responses will be taken into account in the report to Camden's Cabinet member for Sustainability due to be presented in April 2014. The funding for this has been secured from Transport for London.

PROPOSALS

The map shows the area covered by the project. The numbers refer to the specific locations of proposed improvements. These proposals are described in detail in the following pages, along with diagrams. In addition to the measures outlined below, the Council will seek to increase cycle parking and reduce street clutter where possible. Public realm improvements such as lining and general maintenance works will also be carried out.



1. Raise the road to footway level on Bartholomew Road at its junction with Kentish Town Road
2. Provide cycle gap in Kelly Street at its junction with Castlehaven Road as a link from Bartholomew Road to Castlehaven Road
3. Raise the Anglers Lane/Willies Road junction to where it meets Prince of Wales Road
4. Introduce cycle contraflow on Wolsey Mews (allow cyclists to travel in both directions)
5. Relocate 4 Pay & Display bays from 337 - 343 Kentish Town Road to 323, 329 – 333. This will help reduce congestion on the northbound approach to the signals with Regis Road/Leighton Road.
6. Replace single yellow line with double yellow lines on both sides of the road from Assembly House, Leighton Road (at its junction with Kentish Town Road) to the junction with Leverton Street.
7. Raise the Leighton Road / Torriano Avenue junction and introduce cycle gap at the central refuge island

PROPOSAL 1: Raise the road to footway level on Bartholomew Road at its junction with Kentish Town Road

Existing



Bartholomew Road / Kentish Town Road junction

Issues:

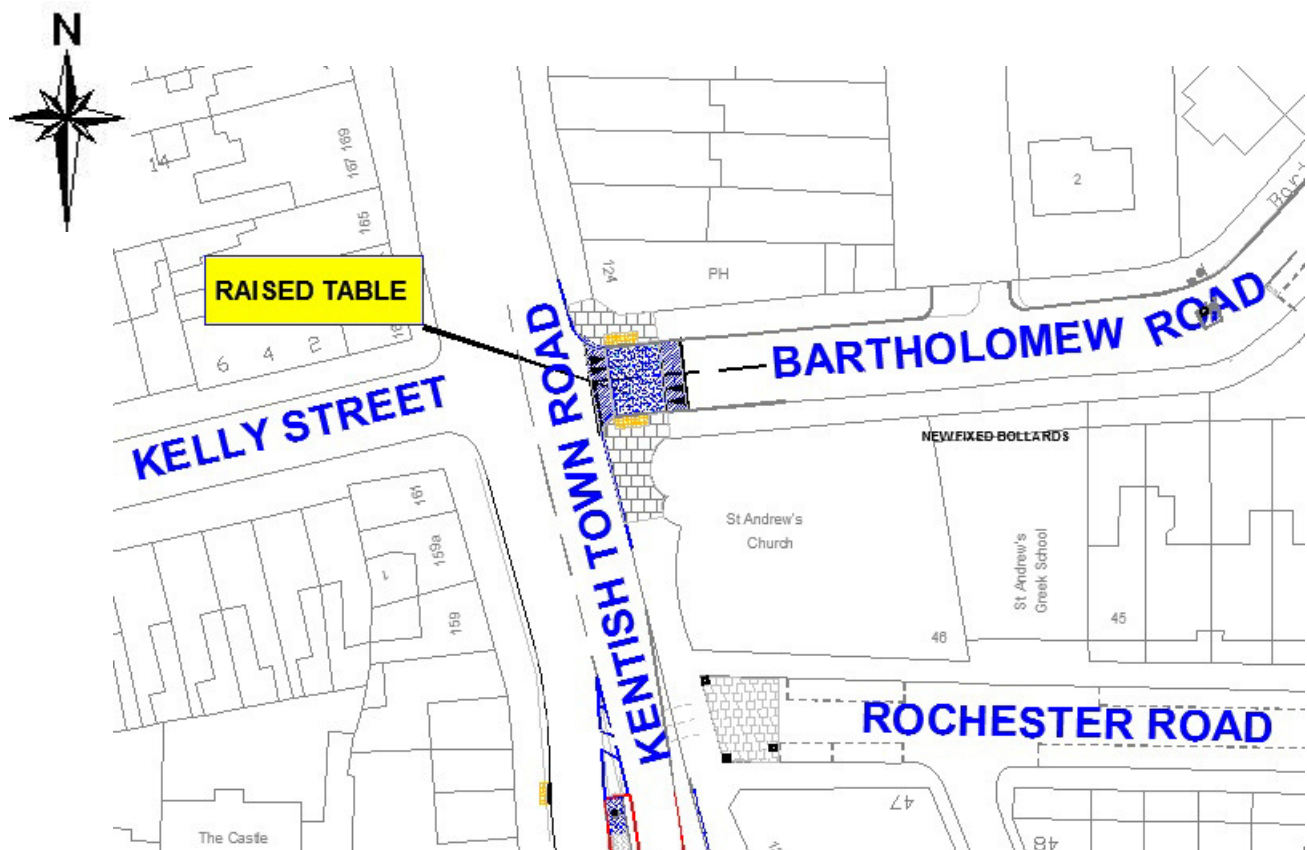
To encourage slower driving speeds approaching the junction and allow step free crossing for pedestrians

Proposal:

Raise the road to footway level (raised table) on Bartholomew Road at its junction with Kentish Town Road.

This will help reduce speed of vehicles on approach but also provide pedestrians with a level crossing point making it easier with those with mobility issues and parents/carers pushing buggies

Proposed



PROPOSAL 2: Provide a cycle gap in Kelly Street at its junction with Castlehaven Road

Existing



Kelly Street / Castlehaven Road junction

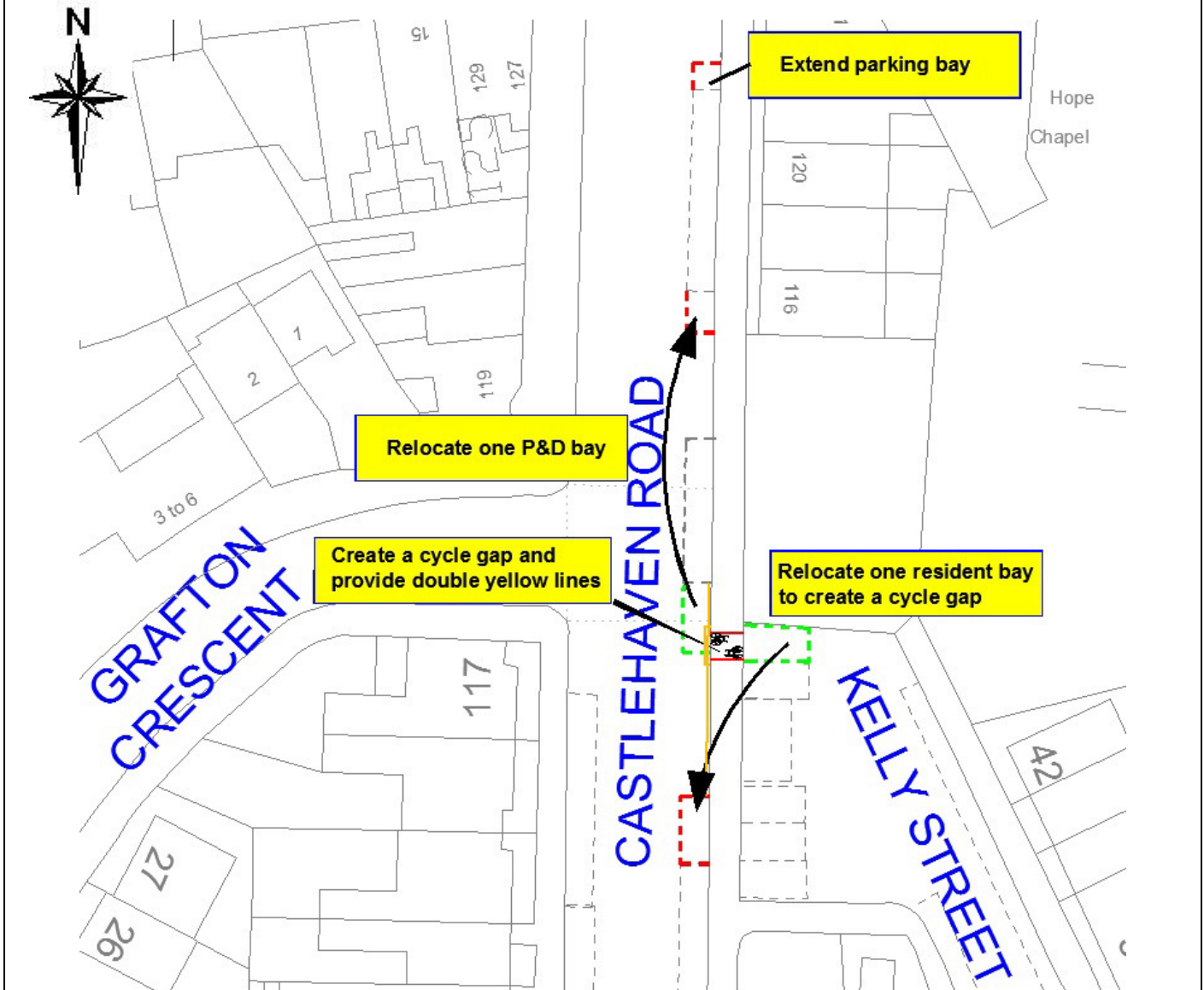
Issues:

There is no link from Bartholomew Road to Castlehaven Road via Kelly Street for cyclists which would help them to avoid difficult left right turn manoeuvres on Kentish Town Road

Proposal:

Provide a cycle gap on Kelly Street at its junction with Castlehaven Road. This will mean moving a pay and display bay some 20metres north on Castlehaven Road and moving one resident bay from Kelly Street to to Castlehaven Road. Implement a waiting ban at the gap. There will be no net loss in parking.

Proposed



PROPOSAL 3: Raise the Anglers Lane/Willies Road junction to where it meets Prince of Wales Road

Existing



Anglers Lane / Willies Road/Prince of Wales Road junction

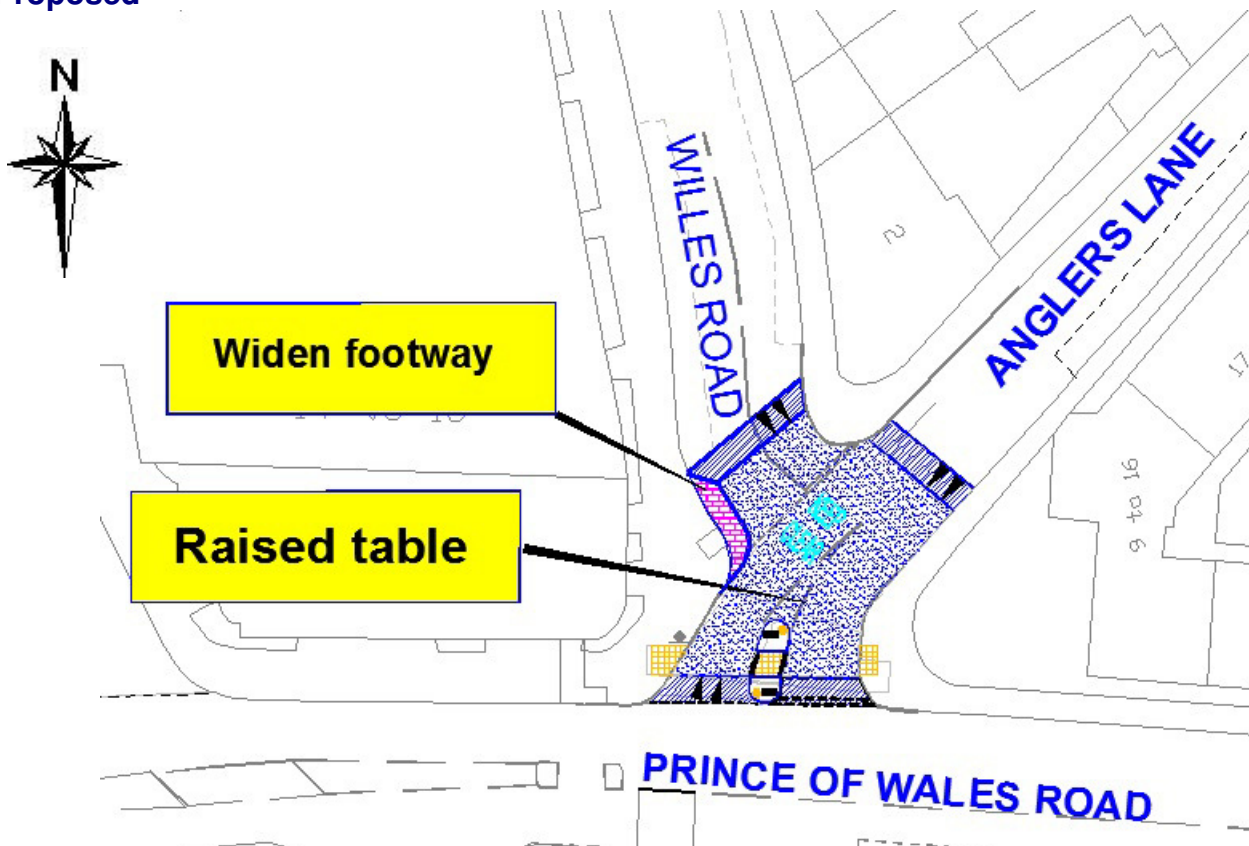
Issues:

To encourage slower driving speeds of vehicles approaching the junction and allow step free crossing for pedestrians

Proposal:

Raise the road to footway level across the junction of Anglers lane and Willies Road to where it meets Prince of Wales Road (table junction) and widen the footway on the south side of Willes Road junction. This will help reduce vehicle speeds on approach, provide a level crossing point for pedestrians helping those with mobility issues and parents/carers pushing buggies and reduce the width of crossing Willes Road.

Proposed



PROPOSAL 4: Introduce cycle contraflow on Wolsey Mews (allow cyclists to travel in both directions)

Existing



Wolsey Mews

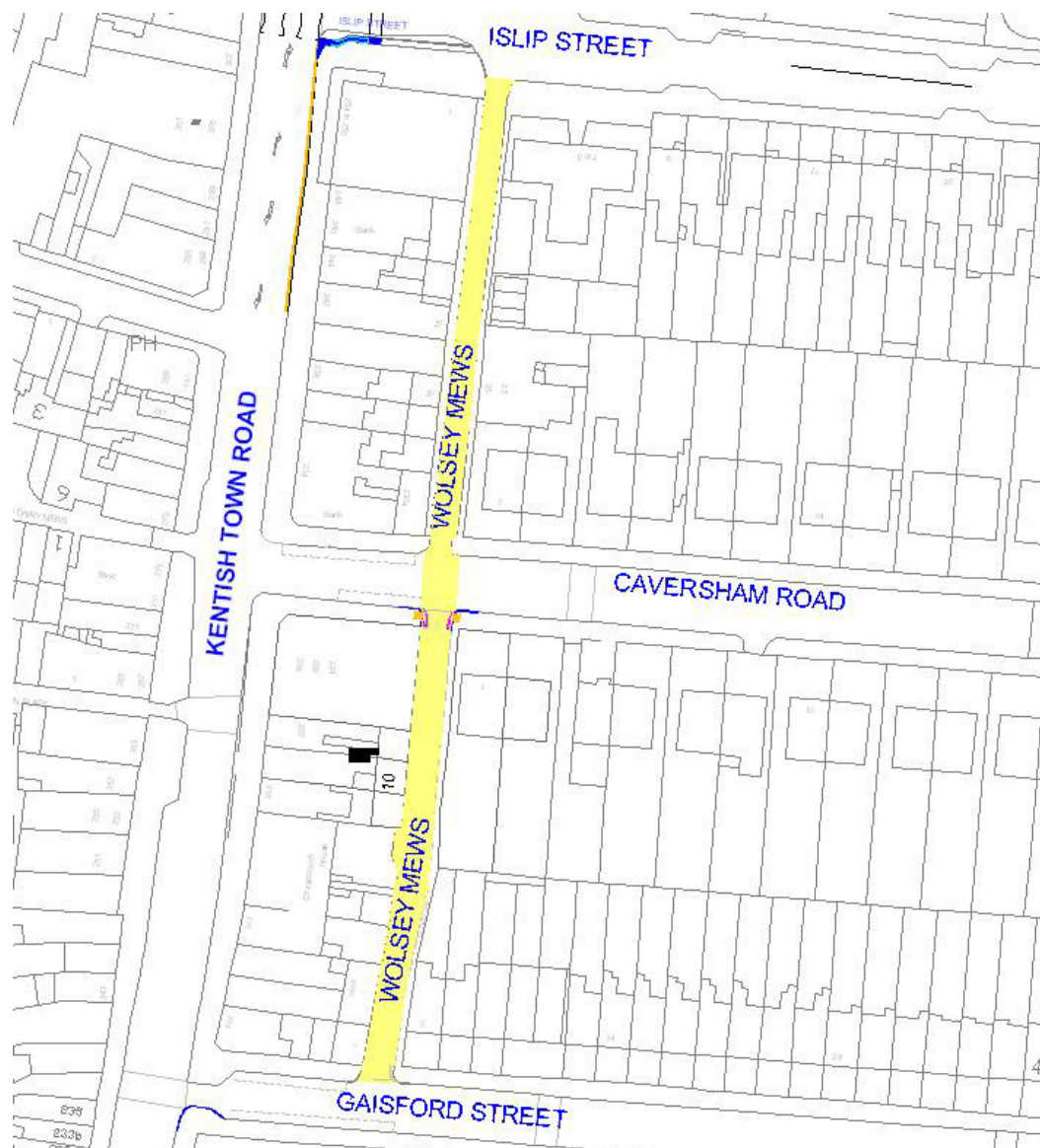
Issues:

There were 65 cyclists involved in collisions on Kentish Town Road area during the last 36 months. Some of these collisions may be due to cyclists not having an alternative parallel route away from the busy Kentish Town Road. Wolsey Mews which run's parallel to Kentish Town Road one-way south bound from Islip Street, across Caversham Road to Gaisford Street, is an ideal alternative route for contraflow cycling

Proposal:

Introduce contraflow cycling with signs and markings in the northbound direction. This will allow cyclists to travel in both directions

Proposed



PROPOSAL 5: Relocate 4 Pay & Display bays from 337 - 343 Kentish Town Road to 323 and 329 – 333 Kentish Town Road

Existing



Kentish Town Road near junction with Regis Road

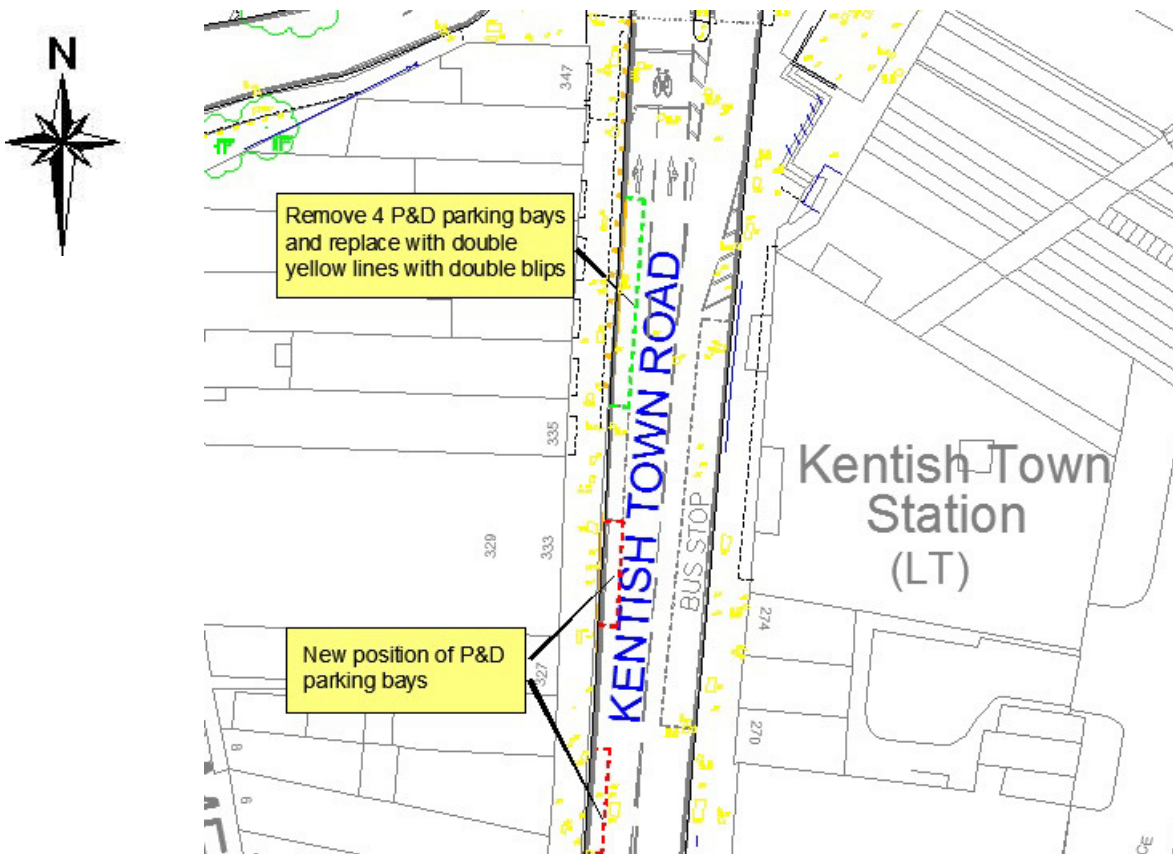
Issues:

The existing Pay & Display bays are in close proximity to the Kentish Town Road / Regis Road junction restricting the usage of the nearside traffic lane causing traffic congestion

Proposal:

Relocation of 4 Pay & Display bays will help to relieve the northbound congestion on Kentish Town Road. No waiting and loading at any time would be implemented to ensure no obstruction on the nearside traffic lane to the junction.

Proposed



PROPOSAL 6: Replace single yellow line with double yellow lines on both sides of the road from Assembly House, Leighton Road (at its junction with Kentish Town Road) to the junction with Leverton Street

Existing



Leighton Road near junction with Kentish Town Road

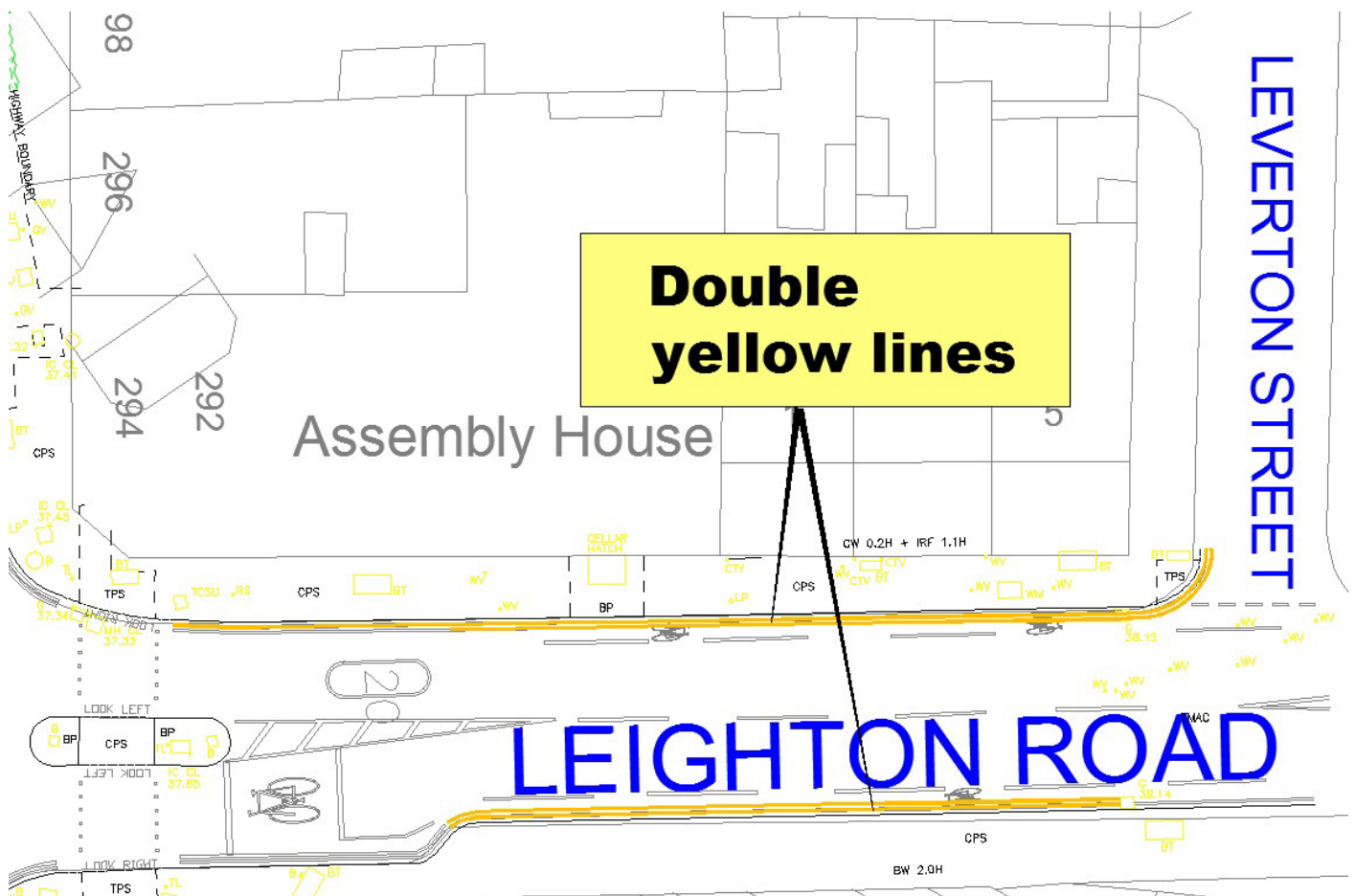
Issues:

Parking along the cycle lanes on both sides of Leighton Road near the junction with Kentish Town Road is making it difficult for cyclists to travel through this busy section of road and causing congestion outside of controlled hours

Proposal:

Replace single yellow line with double yellow lines to implement no waiting at any time

Proposed



PROPOSAL 7: Raise the Leighton Road / Torriano Avenue junction and introduce cycle gap at the central refuge island

Existing



Leighton Road / Torriano Avenue junction

Issues:

High speeds have been observed approaching the junction from Torriano Avenue, where there are frequent crossing of pedestrians including school children using the zebra crossings. Moreover, the central island prevents cyclist from travelling north

Proposal:

Raise the Torriano Avenue / Leighton Road junction. This will help to encourage slower driving speeds and allow pedestrians to cross safely.

Introduce a cycle gap at the central island to allow cyclists to travel northward

Proposed

