

Important- Public Consultation

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

This is a postal and on-line consultation

December 2012

Royal College Street Cycling and Road Safety Improvements

Royal College Street is a one-way road with a segregated cycling facility. Residents in the area have highlighted concerns about traffic speeds and road safety on this street. In response, the Council has developed a number of proposals to make Royal College Street a safer place for everybody. This leaflet sets out these proposals, and as a local resident, business or group, this is your opportunity to let us know what you think.

Our studies have shown that there is a higher than average number of accidents on the street. There have been 17 accidents on Royal College Street within a 3 year period up until February 2012. This includes 2 serious and 15 slight accidents. 15 of the accidents involved cyclists and 2 were pedestrians. The vast majority of the accidents occur at junctions with side roads and many involve cyclists heading southbound colliding with vehicles turning out of a side road. Our evidence suggests that drivers are not anticipating southbound cyclists as they turn onto Royal College Street. Therefore we are proposing to move southbound cyclists to the opposite side of Royal College Street. This should significantly reduce these accidents.

Speed surveys have been undertaken along this street and the average traffic speed is 29.8 mph which is well in excess of the 20 mph speed limit. Therefore we are proposing to narrow the carriageway with parking bays and the new southbound cycle track. These proposals should help to encourage slower driving speeds making it safer and easier to cross the street. The changes would also protect southbound cyclists and make them more visible to drivers.

We are also proposing to remove the existing road humps (speed cushions) on Royal College Street as the narrowing of the carriageway should encourage slower driving speeds in these areas. Raised tables across all junctions will also ensure that speeds are reduced particularly where turning movements are possible.

The proposed changes are indicated on the drawing overleaf and include the following:

- ◆ Convert the existing two way cycle track into one way northbound with a width of 2m.
- ◆ Introduce new segregated southbound cycle track on eastside of street with a width of 2m.
- ◆ The new cycle lanes would mean there would be one traffic lane provided on Royal College Street from Crowndale Road to Randolph Street.
- ◆ Relocation of parking bays (there would be no change in the amount of parking provided).
- ◆ Remove traffic signals at the junction of Royal College Street and Georgiana Street; and introduce two zebra crossings.
- ◆ Raise the road at the junctions of Royal College Street where it meets Pratt Street, Plender Street and Georgiana Street.
- ◆ Combine the two bus stops south of Plender Street into one new bus stop opposite the entrance to the Royal Veterinary College (these two bus stops are currently only 135m apart which is significantly closer than normal distances).
- ◆ Remove the road humps (speed cushions) on Royal College Street.

The proposed cycle tracks would be physically segregated from traffic to provide a safe and attractive environment to encourage people to cycle. There are two types of segregation proposed:

- Adjacent to parking – Parked vehicles would provide a form of protection for cyclists. In these areas a reduced amount of physical segregation is proposed. Prefabricated blocks would be installed at regular intervals to provide a safe area for cyclists. These blocks would also make it easy for people to cross the street.
- Not adjacent to parking – In these areas a greater level of physical segregation is proposed. Concrete planters would be installed at regular intervals. The planters would be planted with either small trees or shrubs.

The image below is provided to give an impression of how the street would look with light segregation being used between cycle tracks and parking/carriageway.

Royal College Street Visualisation



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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 **11th January 2013** to: **London Borough of Camden, Culture and Environment Directorate, Transport Strategy Service, FREEPOST RLZH-UEYC-ACZZ, 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 brian.deegan@camden.gov.uk.

You must give your postal address if you want us to consider your views.

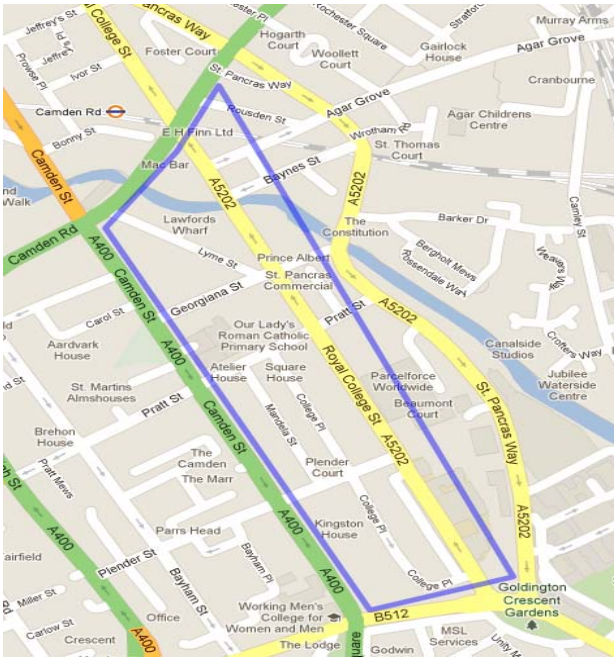
While it will not be possible to reply to you individually, all comments will be taken into account. The Cabinet Member for Sustainability will make a decision in February 2013 on whether or not to proceed with the scheme and you will be informed via the council's website of the outcome of this consultation 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.

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Who is being consulted?

The following are being consulted: All properties within the consultation area outlined in blue on the plan, Local and Statutory Groups, Emergency Services and Ward Councillors.

If you would like further information then please contact the following:



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Thank you for replying to this consultation



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Please indicate your preference by ticking the appropriate boxes.

Question 1:

Do you agree with the proposal to install a southbound cycle lane on the eastside of the street?

Yes

No

No Opinion

Question 2:

Do you agree with the proposal to install a raised junction at the junctions of Pratt Street / Royal College Street and Plender Street / Royal College Street?

Yes

No

No Opinion

Question 3:

Do you agree with the proposals to replace the traffic signals at the junction of Royal College Street and Georgiana Street with zebra crossings and a raised junction?

Yes

No

No Opinion

Question 4:

Do you agree with the proposed changes to parking? (there will be no loss of parking)

Yes

No

No Opinion

Question 5:

Do you agree with the new design concept of a lightly segregated cycle track?

1

2

No Opinion

Question 6:

Do you agree with the removal of the speed humps (cushions) along Royal College Street?

1

2

No Opinion

Your Comments

Do you have any other comments, suggestions, or objections to this scheme?

(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

If you have any disabilities (e.g. mobility or visual difficulties) please use this space let us know so that we may take this into account if the proposals are agreed by the Council and before works start.

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**Replies from local groups and associations, statutory groups and emergency services.
Please only fill in if you are an official representative (i.e. Chairperson, Secretary)**

Name of Organisation:

Address:

 Postcode

Number of members in the Group/Association:

How did you reach this decision?

Date of meeting or discussion?

How many members were involved in the decision-making?

Replies from residents, businesses or individuals

Name:

Telephone number:

Address:

 Postcode

Please also indicate, by ticking one box or more, which of the following best describes you:

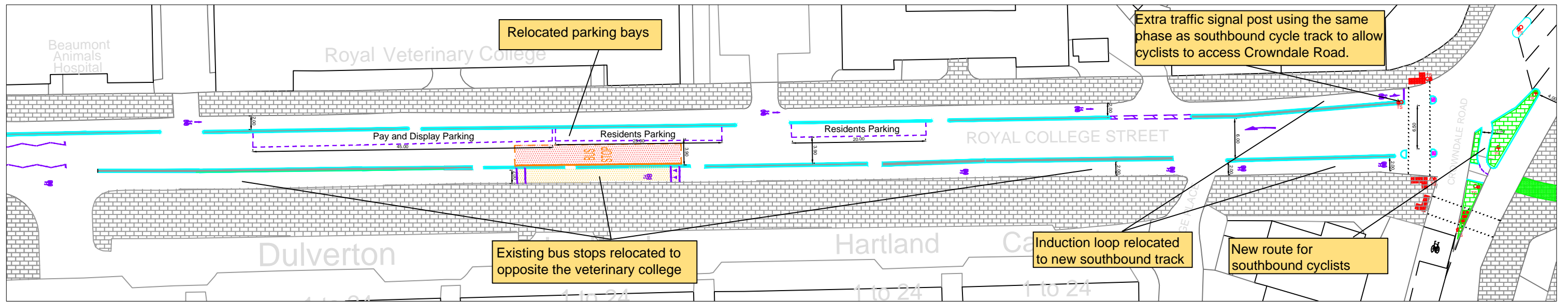
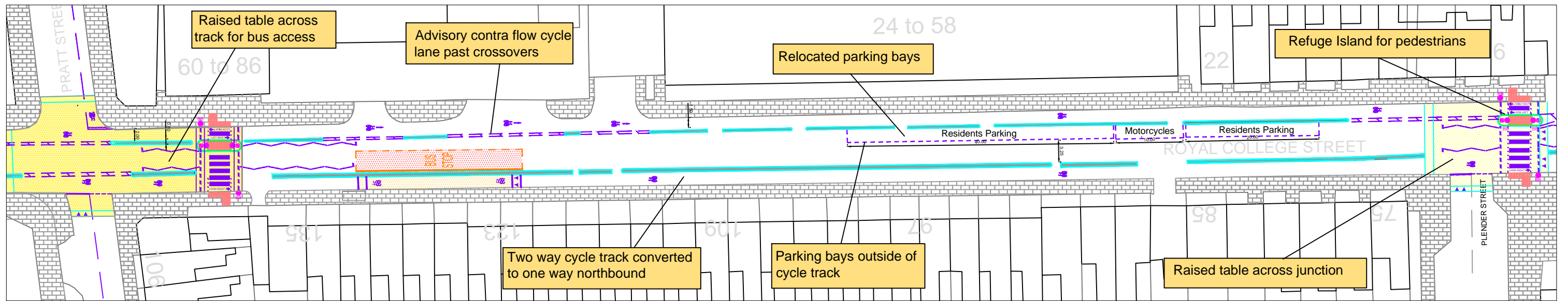
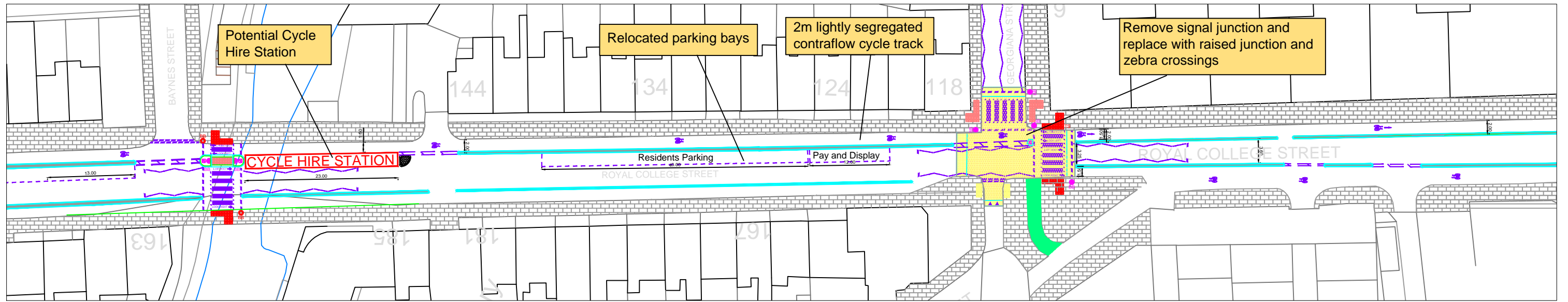
Resident Business School (e.g. Parent, Guardian, Teacher)

I learnt about this consultation via the Council's website www.camden.gov.uk/consultations

My email address is:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. If you require any additional information or would like further explanation, please call Brian Deegan on 020 7974 8710.

Please note, that in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any questionnaires or correspondence received by the Council as part of this consultation will be available for public inspection and a summary of the report following the consultation will be made available on the Council's website.
Data Protection Act 1998 – All information gathered in this consultation will only be used for the purpose it was collected for.



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