

# Camden Park Road Torriano Avenue





## Making your neighbourhood safer and healthier

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how communities in Camden live, travel and work. Many of us have been spending more time closer to home, making quieter and safer neighbourhoods more important than ever. We want our streets to have more space for everyone to walk, cycle and use public transport, for you to be breathing cleaner air, for children to get to and from school safely and for businesses to be able to flourish. Whether it's an essential journey like taking your children to school, getting to work or just popping out to enjoy your local park we want you to love where you live, and to love Camden.

To help, we are making changes on Camden Park Road and Torriano Avenue to improve bus journeys and support cycling across Camden. We are also widening pavements on Torriano Avenue. This will make it easier for you to socially distance while walking and for parents/carers who are dropping off or picking up children at Torriano Primary School.



## Thank you for your comments



In December 2020 we ran a 2-week consultation on the changes we proposed for this area. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views.

We had over 175 responses and following the consultation we have made the decision to implement the proposed changes as a trial. You can read the decision report relating to this and our feedback to the consultation responses on our website.

## What's the challenge on Camden Park Road and Torriano Avenue?

Buses along here suffer delays, and it can be an uncomfortable and intimidating to cycle. Outside Torriano Primary school, the narrow pavements make it difficult for those to socially distance when dropping off and collecting children. High vehicle speeds have also been observed along the route and reported to us by local residents and Councillors.

This scheme helps to deliver our Transport Strategy objectives, which were strongly supported when we consulted on them in 2018, including increasing walking and cycling, improving public transport, improving air quality and making our streets and transport networks safe, accessible and inclusive for all. You can read more about our strategy on our website.



## What's going to change

Following the consultation in December 2020, we have made the decision to proceed with the trial to make the changes listed below, we will now be making changes to Camden Park Road and Torriano Avenue. These changes are designed to improve bus journey times, improve road safety for people walking and cycling and provide increased waiting areas for parents and carers to socially distance when dropping off and collecting children.

To do this we will:

- Introduce a nearside 24/7 bus lane along Camden Park Road and Torriano Avenue, used by TfL routes 390 and 393.
- Introduce a new Advanced Stop Line and Early Release for cyclists on Camden Park Road at the signalised junction of Camden Park Road/Cliff Road/North Villas.
- Widen footways along Torriano Avenue outside of Torriano Primary School to provide increased waiting areas.
- Install additional speed humps, as well as make changes to existing humps along Torriano Avenue to reduce traffic speeds and road noise. We will also make adjustments to speed humps on Camden Park Road. A Vehicle Activated Sign will be introduced on Torriano Avenue to encourage slower vehicle speeds.
- Make changes to waiting and loading restrictions and remove some resident parking bays along the scheme extents to provide space for footway buildouts and the bus lane.

Work is expected to start on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and some minor noise should be expected. You may have recently received a letter to inform you that we will be resurfacing Torriano Avenue, commencing 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Parts of the scheme outlined above will be introduced during (or following) these resurfacing works, with further works being undertaken subsequently in order to maintain access to Torriano Primary School and local roads.

## How can you give your views?

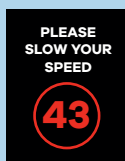
We are using an Experimental Traffic Orders to make these changes. This allows us to trial changes on streets as an experiment so that we can see how they work before any decision on whether to make them permanent is made. You have the right to comment at any point during the trial period via email or phone. **You can use our dedicated Commonplace website to suggest improvements via [www.camden.gov.uk/Torriano](https://www.camden.gov.uk/Torriano)**



Once the changes have been up and running for a little while, we will check in with all local residents to remind you how to comment. We will contact all residents and stakeholders with more information ahead of a full public consultation on the scheme after the trial has been in place for around 12 months. Any changes to our plans, for example due to the impact of Covid-19, will be updated on our website along with all the latest developments.

# Responding to the challenges of Covid-19 in your neighbourhood

**We want to keep your neighbourhoods safe from speeding...**



Speeding is the main cause of road death.

21,260

8531

2019 2020

London speeding enforcements till August (149% increase)

BAME Londoners are more at risk of being killed or seriously injured, BAME children are on average **1.5x** more likely to be affected than non-BAME children.



**...so we are reducing traffic in residential streets**



**Covid-19 is causing extra cars across Camden... and it's getting busier on our streets**

TfL estimates if all car owning households switched their usual public transport journeys to cars there would be **nearly double** the traffic in Camden plus extra from other boroughs



38% of people at risk of deprivation, 36% of women and 31% of disabled people who don't cycle said **they'd like to give it a go**



**Supporting Camden residents to travel sustainably**

8/10 trips by Camden residents are not made by car.



Almost 50% of journeys by Camden residents are on foot or by bike.



In Camden, 69% of households **don't have a car**, so providing safe and easy walking and cycling facilities is crucial.

**Camden residents love their bikes**

Weekday cycling at 2 locations in Camden have seen an average increase of 106% this August to last.



**Children want to travel healthily and safely to school**

We surveyed 14 local schools and 51% of pupils walked, scooted or cycled to school.



**We want you to breathe easy....**

**Breathing in polluted air can have short and long-term impacts on our health, at any stage in our lives.**

Lockdown measures led to a 53% reduction in traffic levels in London, reducing the overall level of pollutants in our air. We want to see **air quality improvements continue** now lockdown has eased.



**Health is everything**

**42%** of Camden residents are overweight or obese, increasing the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19.

Just a 20-minute walk can prevent long-term health conditions like Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers, as well as being good for your mental health.

**20 mins**



# Find out more

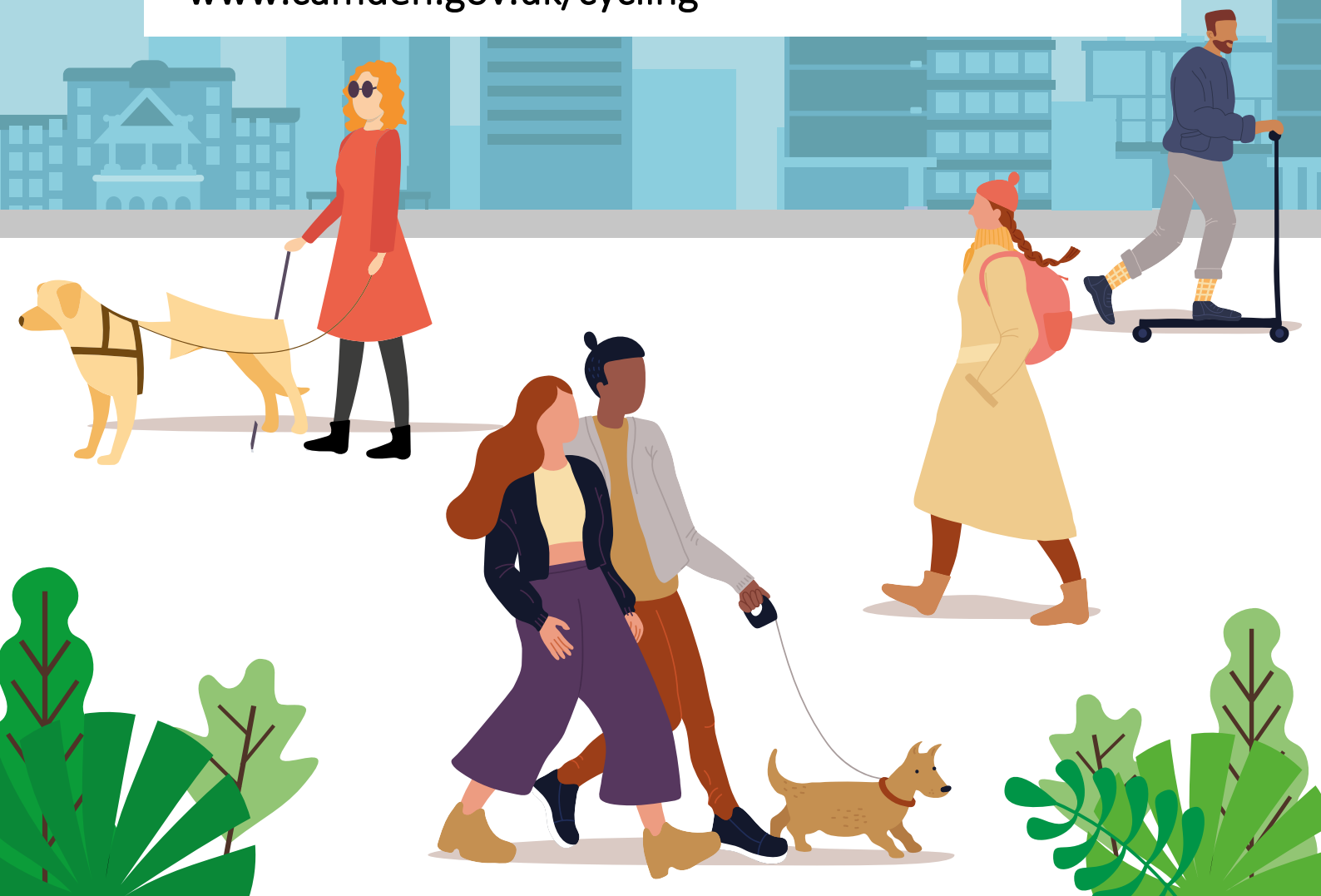
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