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Gospel Oak – Fleet Road area Safety scheme

We are writing to seek your views on the Council's proposal to improve safety and the quality of the public realm at key junctions in the Gospel Oak Area. We are proposing to make changes at:

- 1) The junction of Cressy Road and Fleet Road
- 2) The junction of Lawn Road and Fleet Road
- 3) The junction of Parkhill Road and Fleet Road
- 4) On Fleet Road, Southampton Road and Agincourt Road

This leaflet provides you with information on existing issues at these locations and the changes we are proposing to address them. The changes proposed are also shown on the attached plan.

This is the first phase of a longer term plan for Gospel Oak to improve streets for walking and cycling, to reduce collisions and traffic congestion, and make Gospel Oak a better place to live, visit, go to school and do business in. The area is currently congested and dominated by motor traffic and the pedestrian crossing facilities and footway space are inadequate, making it unpleasant to navigate on foot or by cycle.

We are also looking at improvements at South End Green, which we will consult with you upon separately later this year.

Issues and proposed changes

1) Cressy Road / Fleet Road

Issues

Crossing Cressy Road as a pedestrian when travelling along the northern footway of Fleet Road is often difficult despite the presence of an informal crossing point, particularly as it is used on a daily basis by parents with small children on their way to and from nearby Fleet Primary school. Motor vehicles emerging from Lawn Road often turn quickly into Cressy Road, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross.

Proposed changes

- Install a new zebra crossing on Cressy Road to allow pedestrians to cross with priority over motor vehicles. The new crossing would also improve access to the nearby shops, pharmacy and restaurants, particularly for the elderly and mobility impaired. This would require removal of the existing double yellow line and 14m of single yellow line on Cressy Road

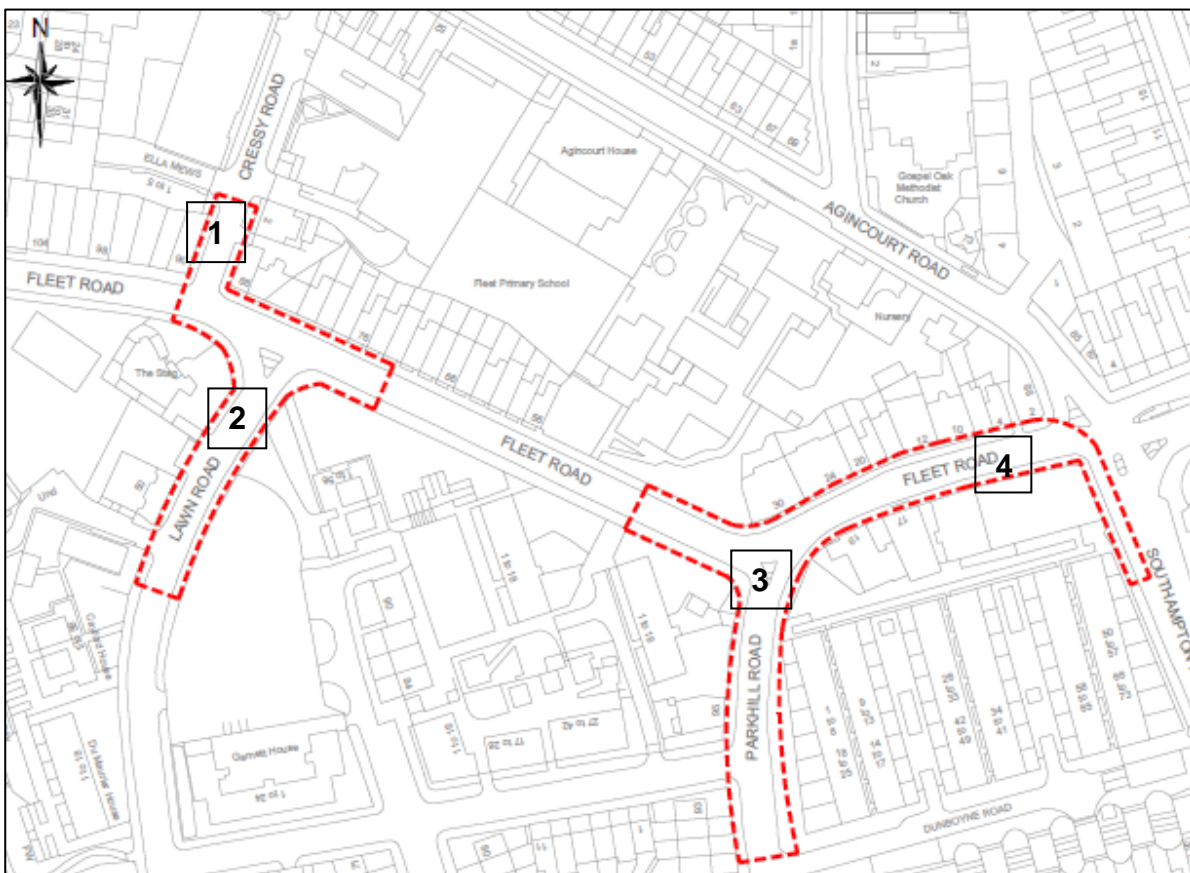


Figure 1 – Location of issues along Fleet Road

2) Lawn Road / Fleet Road

Issues

Vehicles often emerge from Lawn Road onto Fleet Road too fast due to the wide road layout at the junction. This often means drivers have little reaction time to give way to pedestrians using the existing zebra crossing on Fleet Road. Drivers are also observed entering Lawn Road (from Fleet Road) too fast, making it uncomfortable for pedestrians crossing the junction. Four traffic collisions have been reported at this location since 2016, one of which was classified as serious, and a further two resulted in injuries to a pedestrian.

Proposed changes

- Widen the footway on Lawn Road at the junction with Fleet Road. This would provide a shorter crossing for pedestrians, whilst encouraging slower traffic speeds for motor vehicles. The existing pedestrian refuge in the centre of the road would be maintained but relocated slightly.
- Keep junction clear of any parking/loading by implementing double yellow line with double kerb blips. This will require the existing motorcycle bay to be relocated to the opposite side of the road. A section of double yellow line without kerb blips would be provided adjacent to the Stag Pub to allow for loading at any time but still restrict parking.

3) Parkhill Road / Fleet Road

Issues

Cycling along Fleet Road can be intimidating with motor vehicles passing close to cyclists, and especially difficult where the road is narrow or the traffic lanes are not clearly marked. This is particularly problematic at the junction of Parkhill Road, where left hook* collisions on cyclists by motor vehicles are a significant risk.

(* A 'left hook' collision is caused when a driver turns left and knocks over a cyclist going straight ahead)

Proposed changes

- Install a new traffic island and markings on Fleet Road, and widen the pedestrian island on Parkhill Road to create a dedicated 'turn left' lane for vehicles turning into Parkhill Road. Sufficient gap would be provided to allow cyclists travelling straight ahead to pass through.
- To improve visibility and safety coming in and out of the junction, the following sections of single yellow line will be converted to double yellow line with (double kerb blips) which will mean no loading or waiting can take place. These are :
 - On the north side of Fleet Road, 16.5m of single yellow line between 30 Fleet Road and the pedestrian crossing outside Fleet Primary school.

- On the south side of Fleet Road, 53m of single yellow line from opposite Fleet Primary School, between the pedestrian crossing and the first parking bay on Parkhill Road.
- Permit loading on Parkhill Road, by providing a 10m section of double yellow line with single kerb blips; allowing vehicles to load any time except between 7am-10am and 3pm-6.30pm Mon-Fri, when traffic levels are highest.

4) Fleet Road and Southampton Road

Issues

Fleet Road is often congested, and visibility is poor for pedestrians crossing side roads and for cyclists and drivers using the road. Furthermore, parking close to the junction reduces intervisibility between drivers approaching and pedestrians waiting to cross. While the highway code (rule 243) states that vehicles must not park within 10m of a junction, many drivers are confused by the single yellow lines at junctions, giving the false impression that they are permitted to park when surrounding restrictions do not apply.

The parking restrictions to the north of Southampton Road can also be confusing. The majority of the road falls with Controlled Parking Zone CA-L apart from a 22m section of single yellow line close to the junction with Fleet Road, which is in Controlled Parking Zone CA-B.

Proposed changes

- Convert nearside lane to a dedicated left turn only for motor vehicles travelling westbound.
- To keep this nearside lane clear, the long stretch of single yellow line from Southampton Road to Parkhill Road would be converted to double yellow line with double blips.
- In Southampton Road, it is proposed that at short section of single yellow line (just north of the controlled parking zone sign) be converted to double yellow line with double blips, provide clarity over the parking restrictions and keep the junction clear of parked or loading vehicles.

This is your opportunity to comment

The Council will be pleased to hear your views on the proposals we are consulting upon as well as any alternative suggestions or objections you may have to any aspect of the scheme. Details of how you can send us your views are provided below.

YOUR RESPONSE:

Please submit your response to this consultation no later than 19.07.19 via one of the following three options below:

Option 1 Online: submit your response by answering a series of consultation questions and providing your comments on an online form, which can be found using this link:

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/gospel-oak-fleet-road-proposals>

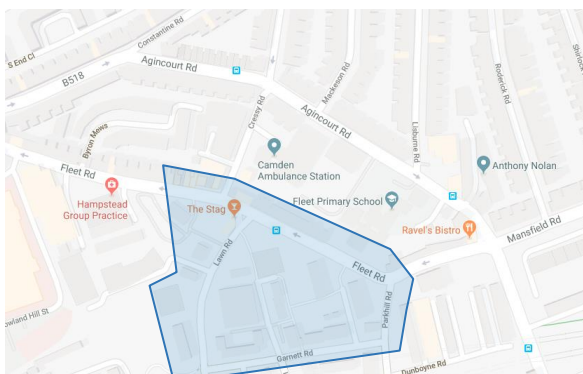
Option 2 Email: submit your responses to the questionnaire overleaf via email to: TransportConsultations@camden.gov.uk

Option 3 Post – submit your responses to the questionnaire overleaf using the following free post address (no stamp required) to **Gospel Oak (Fleet Road) Project, Transport Strategy, FREEPOST, London Borough of Camden Mailroom**

Please Note: If you are responding on behalf of an organisation only one reply will be accepted. You must give your full postal address when responding to this consultation if you want us to consider your views.

An equality and diversity form has been included it is voluntary for you to complete and you may send it to us via email or using the above free post address along with your consultation response. Any information you provide will help us in making an informed decision on the proposals.

While it will not be possible to reply to you individually, all comments will be taken into account. At the end of this consultation exercise, a report will be prepared analysing the comments received and officers' recommendations. This report will be presented to The Director of Place Management, Supporting Communities who will make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the scheme. Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, your response is available for public inspection; however your personal details will remain confidential. Please only write to us about the consultation issue.



Who is 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 email:

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