



Safe and Healthy Streets consultation

Changes to 'lower' Kilburn High Road

What is the challenge?

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how communities live, travel and work. We want our streets to have more space for everyone to walk and cycle, for you to breathe 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.

What is being proposed?

Together, London Borough of Camden, London Borough of Brent and City of Westminster are proposing changes to the 'lower' end of Kilburn High Road. It is just the first phase in a much bigger project to transform the whole of Kilburn High Road over the next two years, to make it a safer and more welcoming town centre. Later this year, we intend to consult you on changes to Kilburn High Road from Kilburn tube Station to West End Lane.

Prior to the pandemic, we circulated new plans for Kilburn High Road through community groups and statutory bodies. Now we want to consult more widely, with local residents and businesses on this lower section, covering the section from West End Lane to Greville Place.

The proposed changes include:

Extending bus lanes and standardising bus lane hours

Currently, there are various different hours of bus lane operation, which can be confusing for people to understand when you can drive, park or load in a bus lane. Extending the hours of operation will also improve the reliability of the bus service when it is needed the most. The southbound bus lane, leading to Maida Vale will be extended further north, to keep the space clear for buses to use in these peak times.

Changing a zebra crossing to a signalised pedestrian crossing

Signalised crossings are easier to use for many people, including those living with a disability. Younger children and older people also prefer the sense of security of knowing when to cross. Therefore, we propose to change the existing zebra crossing near the Islamic Centre to a signalised pedestrian crossing.

Adding more trees

Trees are a great way of making the street more attractive and welcoming. They provide shade in summer and help improve air quality and biodiversity. We propose to plant new trees where wider pavements allow.



Widening the pavement

Long before Covid-19, local campaigners have been asking for wider pavements in Kilburn High Road town centre, to make the street safer and more pleasant for shoppers. Between West End Lane and Belsize Road there are many pedestrians and the wider pavement will make it more comfortable for people to walk and shop as well as providing more space for trees, benches, bins and cycle parking.

Providing more informal crossing points and a central island

The road gets much wider south of Kilburn Park Road. Installing a central median (island) provides more places for people to cross the road informally, and narrows this wide section of road to reduce speeding.

Adding new cycle lanes and longer Advanced Stop Lines

Though cycling is not the primary focus for this section of the Kilburn High Road, where possible we propose to add short sections of cycle lane and lengthening the Advanced Stop Lines. More improvements for cycling are being considered in the next phase of transforming Kilburn High Road later this year.

Please view the plans to show where these changes are proposed.

How would this be done?

After the consultation, we will carefully consider the responses, alongside other information, in deciding on whether or not to progress the scheme. Should a decision be made to proceed, we would implement the changes on a “trial” basis, for a maximum 18-month period, under an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO).

A further consultation would take place 12 months after the ETO period starts to help inform whether or not to make the changes permanent.