



Kilburn High Road (lower section) Safe and Healthy Streets: Consultation Information sheet

Proposals to make the trial changes on lower Kilburn High Road permanent

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how people live, travel and work. We want our streets to have more safe space for everyone to walk and cycle, for children to get to and from school safely and healthily, for businesses to be able to flourish, to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles and for you to be breathing cleaner air.

We want to ensure that our streets support a strong recovery from the pandemic and provide a lasting legacy of greener, safer, healthier travel.

To help we have been making changes in our Safe and Healthy Streets Programme. This included making trial changes on Kilburn High Road in 2021/2022. These changes sought to make the section of the High Road between Belsize Road and Greville Place safer and more welcoming particularly for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users.



About the Kilburn High Road Safe and Healthy Streets Scheme

The upper and middle sections of Kilburn town centre are busy, dirty and dangerous for pedestrians, shoppers, cyclists and other vulnerable road users such as powered two-wheelers. As part of a wider scheme for the entire town centre, we trialled a Safe and Healthy Streets scheme on the lower end of Kilburn High Road, using an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO). The decision report related to this ETO can be viewed on our [website](https://www.camden.gov.uk/KilburnHighRoad).

This decision report noted that a further consultation, after approximately 12 months of the trial scheme approval, would take place relating to any proposed permanent changes. Due to challenges in gaining approvals for the construction of the scheme on such a busy road, the trial scheme went live in April 2022. While we are consulting on the scheme now, we will continue to monitor the changes if the scheme is made permanent.



This consultation now asks local residents and stakeholders to give their views on whether the scheme should be made permanent after the end of the 18-month trial period which falls in September 2022. We are also suggesting some new proposals including extending the cycle lane hours of operation, adding additional cycle parking and storage facilities and increasing seating along this section of Kilburn High Road.

Monitoring information collected before / during the trial

As the trial scheme has only recently been constructed, we only have a limited amount of data on the impact of the scheme. We will continue to monitor the scheme while it is in place over the coming year.

Feedback during the Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) Period

Five comments on the scheme were received on Commonplace during the trial “ETO” period but all were received prior to the changes being completed in lower Kilburn High Road.

What are we now consulting on?

In line with policies and objectives set out in the actions plans and strategies of Camden, Brent and Westminster, we are now consulting on making the trial changes to Kilburn High Road permanent.

You can view the drawings of the changes in the “Related Information” section of the online consultation front page. The permanent changes we are consulting on are:

Keeping the extended bus lane hours of operation

Bus lane hours were extended to improve reliability of the bus service when it is needed the most. Any further extension to the hours of operation of the bus lane would be considered after a longer period of monitoring, and as part of a wider Kilburn High Road scheme.

Keeping the new bus lane in Maida Vale

The Maida Vale bus lane was extended north towards Kilburn Priory to improve bus reliability. Any further extension to the hours of operation of the bus lane would be considered after a longer period of monitoring, and as part of a wider review of bus lane hours in Maida Vale.



Making it easier to cross the road near Milad supermarket

We installed an island in the road to narrow this wide section of road to reduce speeding and make it easier for people to cross the road.

Making the cycle lane 24/7

The new cycle lane from (just north of) Greville Road to Kilburn Priory would be operational 24/7 to provide a safer cycling link at any time it is needed.

Closing Springfield Lane

Springfield Lane is proposed to be closed at Kilburn High Road to make the lane two-way for cycling and driving. Loading would be permitted within the lane.

Adding new cycle stands

We are proposing to add more cycle stands at key locations, with all existing cycle stands changed to match the same style to deliver a consistent look and feel in the area.

Adding a cycle hangar

We are proposing to add a secure lock cycle storage point to the parking space on Kilburn Priory Road, just behind the Marriott hotel. Spaces in the cycle hangar can be rented by nearby residents.

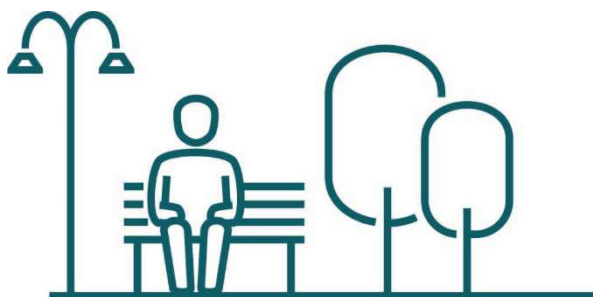
Adding more benches

To help people with limited mobility, particularly older persons, regularly spaced benches are proposed where pavement space allows.

Removing unnecessary street furniture

Where we can, we would remove unnecessary bollards and guard railing to make the street look clearer and easier to move around.

What happens next?



After the consultation a decision report will be produced and published online via all Council websites. Local residents and stakeholders will be notified of the outcome. The report will consider the consultation responses, relevant policies and other data/information.

The report will then outline if at the end of the trial period, the experimental scheme should be made permanent, modified or allowed to lapse. If a decision is made to approve any permanent proposals, the construction of any final changes would then take place.

The consultation closes on Tuesday 5th July 2022.