

Safe and Healthy Streets consultation

Changes to Mansfield Road and Estelle Road

What's the challenge on Mansfield Road and Estelle Road?

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

What is being proposed?

We are proposing to make changes at the junction of Mansfield Road and Estelle Road in order to improve walking and cycling access across Mansfield Road. The changes would provide an improved crossing location for cyclists as part of the Transport for London Cycleway 6 Extension, connecting Hampstead Heath with Kentish Town, central London and beyond.

The proposed changes include:

- Upgrading the existing zebra crossing at the junction of Mansfield Road and Estelle Road to a parallel crossing. This will provide a high-quality walking and cycling crossing on Mansfield Road, creating a joined up route from Hampstead Heath, via Estelle Road, to the existing Cycleway 6 route on Royal College Street, via Elaine Grove and Grafton Road.
- Widening and realigning of the pavement on the southern kerb of Mansfield Road, and the conversion of this space to a small section of shared space that safely permits both pedestrian and cycle use.
- Making Estelle Road exit-only at the junction with Mansfield Road. This will mean that motor vehicles will not be able to enter Estelle Road from Mansfield Road. However, the rest of Estelle Road will remain two way for motor vehicles.
- Widening the pavement at the junction on Mansfield Road and Estelle Road to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians, across Estelle Road, and to create a small shared use area, those on bike and those on foot, around the proposed crossing.
- Making the existing cycle track on the southern kerb of Mansfield Road exit only at the junction with Mansfield Road. This will encourage northbound people on bikes to utilise the parallel crossing, improving cyclist safety.





Minor amendments to existing parking bays and restrictions on Estelle Road, including:

- Conversion of 9m of resident parking spaces at the southern end of Estelle Road to double yellow lines, to ensure that there is adequate space for vehicles to access the junction and those on bikes to access the parallel crossing.
- Relocation of the existing cycle storage at the southern end of Estelle Road to 3m north to provide for those on bikes access to the parallel crossing.
- All residents will continue to be able to drive in their streets, and receive visitors and deliveries, but routes may change.

How would these changes be made?

After the consultation, we will carefully consider the responses, alongside other information, to help us 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). This allow us to test these changes as an experiment so that we can see how they work before any decision on whether to make them permanent is made.