



# Streeteries consultation – Regent’s Park Road and Erskine Road

## What’s the challenge?

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how people in Camden live, travel and work. Since the start of the pandemic many of us have been spending more time closer to home, making our neighbourhoods more important than ever. We want our streets to be safe spaces for you to walk and cycle, for children to get to and from school safely and healthily, for businesses to be able to flourish and for you to be breathing cleaner air. COVID-19 has created new challenges for our local economy and the Council is committed to supporting our local businesses to reopen safely as lock down measures ease. We are working to provide new ways to support and boost our local high streets and town centres whilst keeping them safe and secure for our communities.

Social distancing rules mean that indoor seating, once allowed will continue to be limited. In 2020 the UK Government introduced new legislation to make it easier for businesses to apply for pavement licences for outdoor eating and drinking so that they could continue to trade, but many pavements in the borough are too narrow to allow tables and chairs outside.

During 2020 we set up a Streeteries programme to support the hospitality sector so that they could continue to trade, particularly during the summer months. **A Streetry is a car free outdoor dining space in the road for restaurants, cafes and other businesses to place tables and chairs and so that pedestrians can pass safely all while maintaining social distancing.**

To help the hospitality sector's recovery, we are now reviewing our existing Streeteries programme and proposing new locations ready for businesses to use as lockdown eases. It is vital that we consult now to help those businesses across the Borough who need to, have additional space for outdoor dining and take advantage of the Government’s recent extension of the temporary licensing arrangements. This will enable our businesses to reopen safely as soon as possible after restrictions ease on 12<sup>th</sup> April, in line with the Government's roadmap out of lockdown.

## What is being proposed?

Regent’s Park Road has several cafes and restaurants. The stretch of Regent’s Park Road between Rothwell Street and Berkley Road has about 12 hospitality businesses.

Temporary Streateries were implemented here in 2020, when parking was suspended, and water-filled barriers were placed around new spaces in the road for safe outdoor dining. In addition to renewing the Streateries that were delivered in 2020, we are also proposing additional Streateries where businesses have requested them, under the same temporary arrangements.

We are now carrying out a consultation so that you can have a say to help shape the new designs for new temporary Streateries outside No. 57 Regent's Park Road (Pesantissimo) and outside No. 4 Erskine Road (Manna) and amend existing ones.

We propose the following additional changes:

- Outside no. 57 Regent's Park Road: remove 9 metres of shared use parking to create a safe space for tables and chairs, with barriers placed at the edge of the new space to replace parking
- Outside no. 4 Erskine Road: remove 12 metres of shared use parking to create a safe space for tables and chairs, with barriers placed at the edge of the new space to replace parking
- We also propose to combine two existing Streateries, at nos. 146/148 Regent's Park Road and at no. 154 Regent's Park Road by extending the area between them for outdoor dining. We therefore propose to remove 10 metres of shared use parking outside nos. 150-152 Regent's Park Road. to create a safe space for tables and chairs, with barriers placed at the edge of the new space to replace parking

After the consultation, we will carefully consider the responses, alongside other information, to help us decide whether or not to progress the scheme. Should a decision be made to proceed, we would implement the changes on a temporary basis, under a Temporary Traffic Order (TTO).