

Dulwich Healthy Streets

March 2021

Streets for people

Over the last few years, Southwark residents have told us they want healthier, safer and greener streets. In response, we have been working to make a wide range of improvements big and small. We want to work with the whole community to get these changes right.

Since spring last year, we have accelerated this work to help make space for social distancing on our streets and to enable more people to walk and cycle, rather than use public transport during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This newsletter explains the changes we have made locally and sets out how you will be able to have your say.

What are we trying to achieve?

We want to:

- Make our roads safer for all residents and visitors.
- Make walking and cycling an enjoyable, safe and easy way of getting around, not just for people who already walk and cycle but also for people who might currently be put off because of safety concerns or because they have nowhere secure to store a bicycle.
- Clean up our air, reducing pollution and noise levels, and creating a greener and healthier environment for everyone.

- Reduce the amount of cut-through traffic to help parents, children, older people and people with disabilities all feel safer on local roads, as well as reducing parking pressure for local residents.
- Help tackle the climate emergency, reducing the carbon emissions from vehicles in Southwark, as they are one of the biggest contributors to emissions locally.
- Encourage people to shop local, so our local high streets flourish and so people need to use their cars less, as well as reducing the need for so many delivery vehicles on our roads.
- During this pandemic, we have also been working to make more space on our pavements for social distancing to help keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

Above all we want to ensure the changes we are making benefit the whole community, not just cyclists or car owners, and that they help to reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing across our community too.



What changes have we been making?

Across Southwark we are making a wide range of changes. They include creating 60 School Streets to improve road safety outside schools; opening more cycle routes so residents can cycle safely around our borough; doubling the number of cycle hangars so people can store their bikes close to home; and 'greening' streets so children can play outside. We've also made changes with Transport for London to help the flow of traffic on main roads with new light signalling and safer crossings.

The low traffic measures that we have been trialling in Dulwich are one part of these plans. This newsletter sets out our approach to consulting you, so we can make sure whatever measures are put in place longer-term, they are informed by the views and experiences of those who live in the area.

The Dulwich Schemes

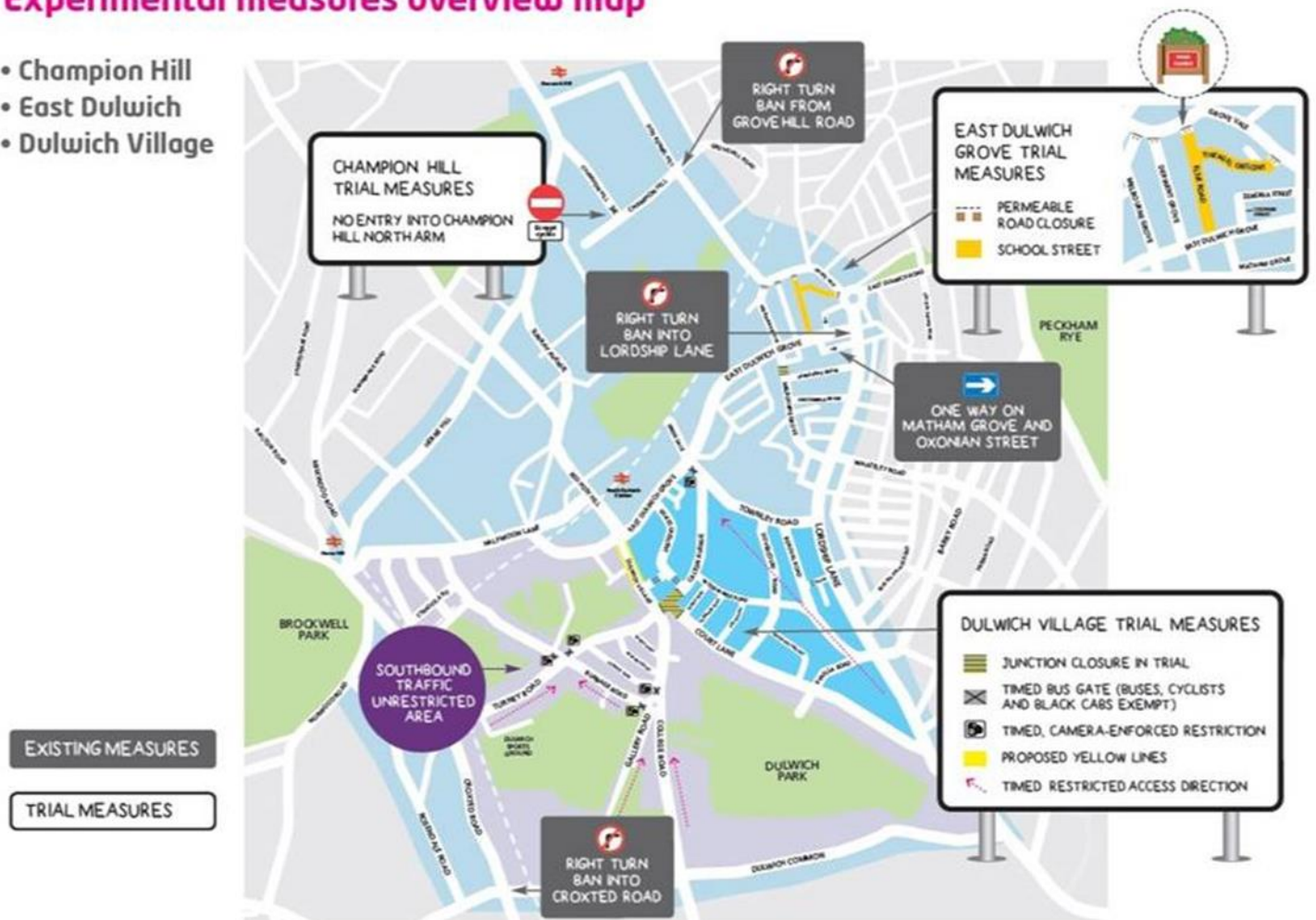
We introduced a number of schemes in 2020 as experimental traffic orders (ETMOs) to support social distancing and to help protect residents from COVID-19, including by encouraging more people to walk and cycle to help avoid overcrowding on local buses.

These schemes were based on previous consultations with Dulwich residents, where concerns had been raised about high traffic levels and road safety for people walking and cycling.

All through this process we have consulted fortnightly with the emergency services to ensure that delays to their response times are minimised.

Experimental measures overview map

- Champion Hill
- East Dulwich
- Dulwich Village



Throughout the process of putting in these schemes, we have been asking local people to share their views, experiences and ideas for improvements with us. That has included our interactive online Commonplace maps for Dulwich Village and East Dulwich that have allowed people to comment on issues on particular streets.

As these changes have now been in place for a number of months and people have had the chance to see how they work in practice, we will also be launching a larger full consultation in May 2021 to find out views from everyone in the community.

Dulwich Village

Dulwich Village/Calton Avenue/Court Lane:

No access for motor vehicles between Dulwich Village and Calton Avenue/Court Lane, with full access for walking and cycling

Junction of Dulwich Village/Burbage Road with College Road/Gallery Road:

No motor vehicles permitted, except buses, and taxis northbound between the hours of 8-10am and 3-6pm Mon-Fri (Camera controlled)

Junction of Burbage Road with Turney Road:

No motor vehicles permitted, except buses, and taxis northbound between the hours of 8-10am and 3-6pm Mon-Fri (Camera controlled)

Junction of Turney Road and Burbage Road:

No motor vehicles permitted, except buses, and taxis eastbound between the hours of 8-10am and 3-6pm Mon-Fri (Camera controlled)



Townley Road junction with East Dulwich

Grove: No motor vehicles permitted, except buses, and taxis northbound between the hours of 8-10am and 3-6pm Mon-Fri (Camera controlled)

East Dulwich

Melbourne Grove (South): No access travelling north to East Dulwich Grove or Tell Grove for motor vehicles but full access for walking and cycling

Melbourne Grove (North): No access to Grove Vale for motor vehicles but full access for walking and cycling.

Tintagel Crescent: No access for motor vehicles into Grove Vale but full access for walking and cycling.

Elsie Road: No access to Grove Vale for motor vehicles but full access for walking and cycling.

Derwent Grove: No access to Grove Vale for motor vehicles but full access for walking and cycling.

Champion Hill

Champion Hill: No motor vehicles permitted northbound on Champion Hill

Consultation process

We have to pause some of our communications during the pre-election period from 22 March to 6 May, in the run up to the Mayor of London and Greater London Assembly elections, but will be in touch directly after that with more information so everyone knows how they can have their say.

An eight-week full public consultation process will commence in May to understand local views on the measures detailed above. We will write to every household in the LTN areas plus all addresses on both sides of boundary roads.

You will be able to take part in the consultation online or if you don't use a computer you will be able to receive paper copies of the consultation documents so you can respond by post.

People living outside or adjacent to this area can also register their interest in the consultation.

How will we conduct this review?

We will review these measures in the following ways:

- Full public consultation will commence in May 2021 and run for 8 weeks into July 2021
- Online meetings in May/June 2021
- Assessments of previous feedback and objections
- Traffic Counts (before and after)
- Cycle and pedestrian movements
- Congestion monitoring to help measure changes to the amount of traffic on key roads
- Air quality monitoring (including comparisons with any prior monitoring)

The outcome of the review will then inform a final decision by the council in autumn 2021 on which permanent measures will be implemented and which measures will be amended or removed.

Support for businesses

We know the last year has been particularly challenging for local businesses because of the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19. The council has been working hard to support businesses, getting more than £100million of grants to businesses, committing more than £2million in council support for small businesses, and offering advice and support.

If you run a local business you can find out more about the range of grants and support available from the council here, including details of how to sign up for our regular business e-newsletter:
www.southwark.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice

Staying in touch / register to have your say

We would like to invite you to register your interest in taking part in the consultation and review process, and keep you updated.

To register your interest please go to www.southwark.gov.uk/dulwichreviewreg

Alternatively if you do not have access to the internet you can register your interest by writing to us at:

Highways – Dulwich Review, 3rd Floor, Hub 2, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH