



A24 London Road

Response to consultation

November 2012

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1 Background

Transport for London (TfL) is working with stakeholders – including cycling, road user and safety organisations – to review and improve cycling provision at major junctions. This work is taking place as part of the Better Junctions project

As part of this review, TfL engineers designed potential options for cycling improvements on the A24 London Road. TfL then discussed these options with stakeholders and local residents (list in appendix C).

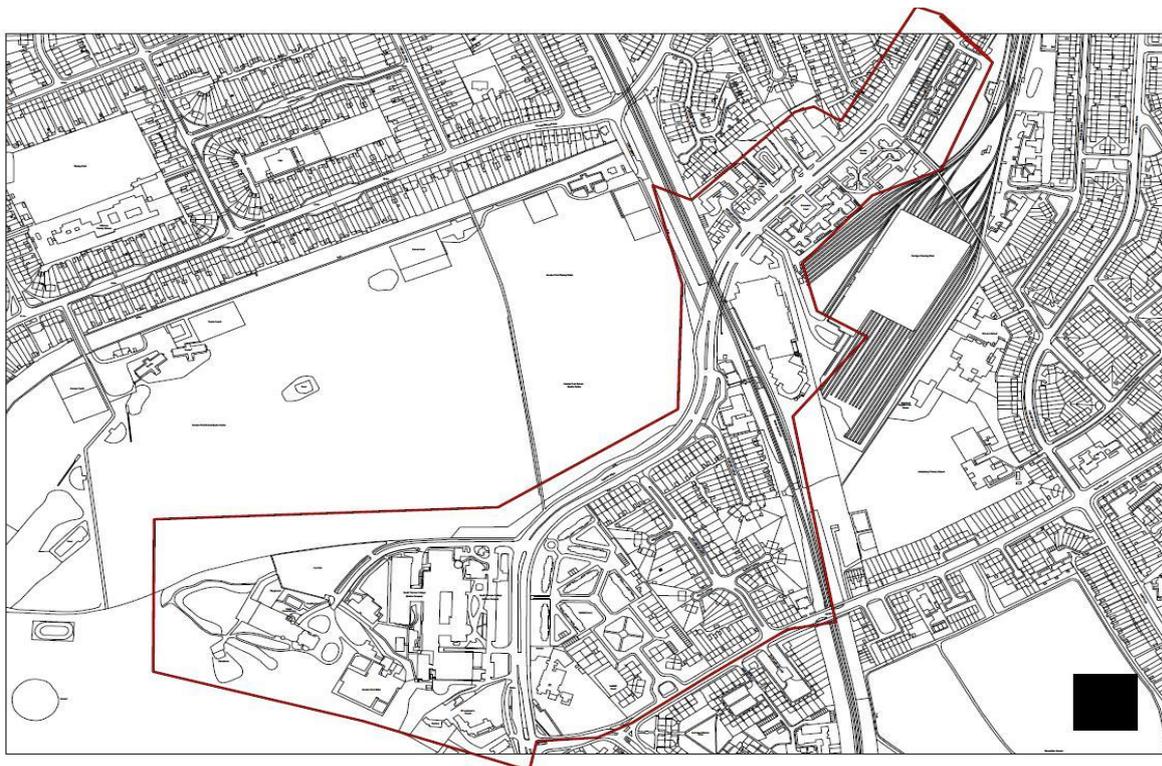
2 Introduction

2.1 Descriptions of the proposals

The proposed measures were:

- Replacing advisory cycle lanes with wider mandatory cycle lanes where there is sufficient road width on London Road to create more space for cyclists.
- Replacing single red lines with double red lines alongside the mandatory cycle lanes where required on London Road. This would reduce the need for cyclists to overtake parked cars.
- No change to the current designated parking/loading bays.
- Enabling less confident cyclists to share certain sections of footway with pedestrians on both Epsom Road and London Road.
- Removing unnecessary street furniture
- Planting new trees

2.2 Location map



3 The consultation

The consultation ran from 22 October 2012 to 9 November 2012. It was designed to help TfL understand local and stakeholder opinion about the proposals and to make a better-informed decision.

The potential outcomes of the consultation are:

- We decide the exercise raises no issues that should prevent us from proceeding with the scheme as originally planned
- We modify the scheme in response to issues raised
- We abandon the scheme as a result of issues raised

The objectives of the consultation were:

- To give stakeholders and the public easily-understandable information about the proposals and allow them to respond
- To understand the level of support or opposition towards the proposals
- To understand any issues that might affect the proposals of which we were not previously aware
- To understand concerns and objections
- To allow respondents to make suggestions.

3.1 Who we consulted

We sent consultation material to households and businesses in the vicinity of the scheme (see Appendix B). We also consulted stakeholders including the affected Councils, traffic police, London TravelWatch, Members of Parliament, Assembly Members and local interest and road user groups. A list of the stakeholders we consulted is shown in Appendix C. A summary of their responses is given in Section 4.1.

3.2 Consultation material, distribution and publicity

We produced a letter and diagram explaining the proposals. We distributed this to properties in the vicinity of the scheme and emailed the letter and diagram to stakeholders. The consultation material was available at <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk>. We also sent details of the consultation to people who had signed up for Better Junctions email updates on the TfL website.

A copy of the consultation letter and diagram is shown in Appendix A and a map of the distribution area can be found in Appendix B.

We invited people to respond by using by using the TfL website, by emailing STEngagement@tfl.gov.uk, or by post.

4 Overview of consultation responses

Table 1: Overview of all stakeholder and public responses to the A24 London Road consultation

A24 London Road	Yes	%	No	%	Partially	%	Not Sure	%	Not Answered	Total
Do you support the proposals?	4	7.27	35	63.63	15	27	1	1.8	1	55
Do you support the proposed mandatory cycle lanes?	15	28.86	17	32.69	19	36.53	1	1.9	2	52
Do you support the proposed sections of shared footway for cyclist and pedestrians?	6	11.32	39	73.58	8	15.09	1	1.88	10	53
Do you support the introduction of double red lines alongside the mandatory cycle lanes?	26	52	18	36	5	10	1	2	1	50

The consultation attracted 55 responses from a variety of stakeholders and local residents.

4.1 Stakeholder responses:

TfL received responses from a range of stakeholders. These responses are briefly summarised below:

Organisation	Summary of comments
Cllr Stan Anderson, LB Merton	Against the introduction of shared space
Cllr Chris Edge, LB Merton	Against the introduction of shared space
Cycling Embassy of Great Britain	Querying the potential introduction of the shared spaces aspect and requesting properly segregated cycle lanes as in the Netherlands
London TravelWatch	Expressed concerns regarding the shared space.
Motorcycle Action Group	Requested that the mandatory cycle lanes remain advisory, otherwise forcing PTW's into the middle of the traffic lane.
Senior lecturer in transport – University of Westminster	Requests introduction of Dutch style segregated cycle lanes. Against use of shared space
ST Helier's Ward Residents Group	Expressed serious concerns about the introduction of the shared space aspect of the scheme.
Sutton Living Streets	Questioning whether the proposals will increase the number of people cycling and walking in the area.
Transport for All	In favour of the proposals except the introduction of the shared space aspect.

4.2. Issues commonly raised in consultation

4.2.1. Comments on measures proposed by TfL

Lack of support for proposed shared space

73% of 53 respondents raised concerns about the proposed sections of shared space footway for pedestrians and cyclists. The most common reason for this was concern about potential conflict between pedestrians and cyclists

Mixed consensus on proposed introduction of double red lines alongside the mandatory cycle lane

- 52% of 50 responses expressed support for the proposed introduction of double red lines alongside the mandatory cycle lane
- 36% were not in favour of the introduction of the double red lines. The majority of respondents gave no reason for this but requested segregated cycle lanes

Mixed consensus on proposed mandatory cycle lanes

- 28% of 50 responses were in agreement with the proposed introduction of mandatory cycle lanes
- 36% objected to their proposed introduction without completely segregated cycle lanes.

5 Conclusion

Having considered the issues raised in consultation, TfL will deliver a modified initial scheme on the A24 London Road in order to deliver early improvements for cyclists. We will also review considerations for a second phase of improvements at this location.

5.1. Modified scheme to deliver initial cycling improvements on the A24 London Road.

Following consultation, TfL has decided to proceed with a modified version of its proposed scheme on the A24 London Road.

The changes to the original scheme are outlined below:

Not pursuing shared footway for cycling and pedestrians:

Having considered comments received, we will not be pursuing any areas of shared footway at this stage. This is due to the strength of feeling from respondents about the potential for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.

We intend to start work on Monday 19 November 2012. We expect this section of work to be completed by the 14th December 2012.

Appendix A – Copy of the consultation letter

Ref: A24 L/C/E01

22/10/2012

Dear stakeholder

Better Junctions: Proposed initial phase of cycling improvements on the A24 London Road and Epsom Road

Transport for London (TfL) has been working with a number of interested parties including cycling and road safety organisations to review cycling provision at major junctions. As part of this work, some initial proposals to improve cycling provision on the A24 London Road and Epsom Road between Morden and Lower Morden Lane are proposed for implementation.

About the proposed changes:

The proposed improvements are shown on the attached plan and include:

- Replacing advisory cycle lanes with wider mandatory cycle lanes where there is sufficient road width on London Road to create more space for cyclists.
- Replacing single red lines with double red lines alongside the mandatory cycle lanes where required on London Road. This would reduce the need for cyclists to overtake parked cars.
- No change to the current designated parking/loading bays.
- Enabling less confident cyclists to share certain sections of footway with pedestrians on both Epsom Road and London Road.
- Removing unnecessary street furniture
- Planting new trees

Please note that further measures to improve cycling facilities on Epsom Road are being considered and these details will be sent in due course.

These works are planned to start on 19 November 2012.

How to comment on the proposals:

For further information or to let us know your views, please contact TfL's Consultation Delivery Team at the above address or by emailing STengagement@tfl.gov.uk. Please let us know your views by **9 November 2012**.

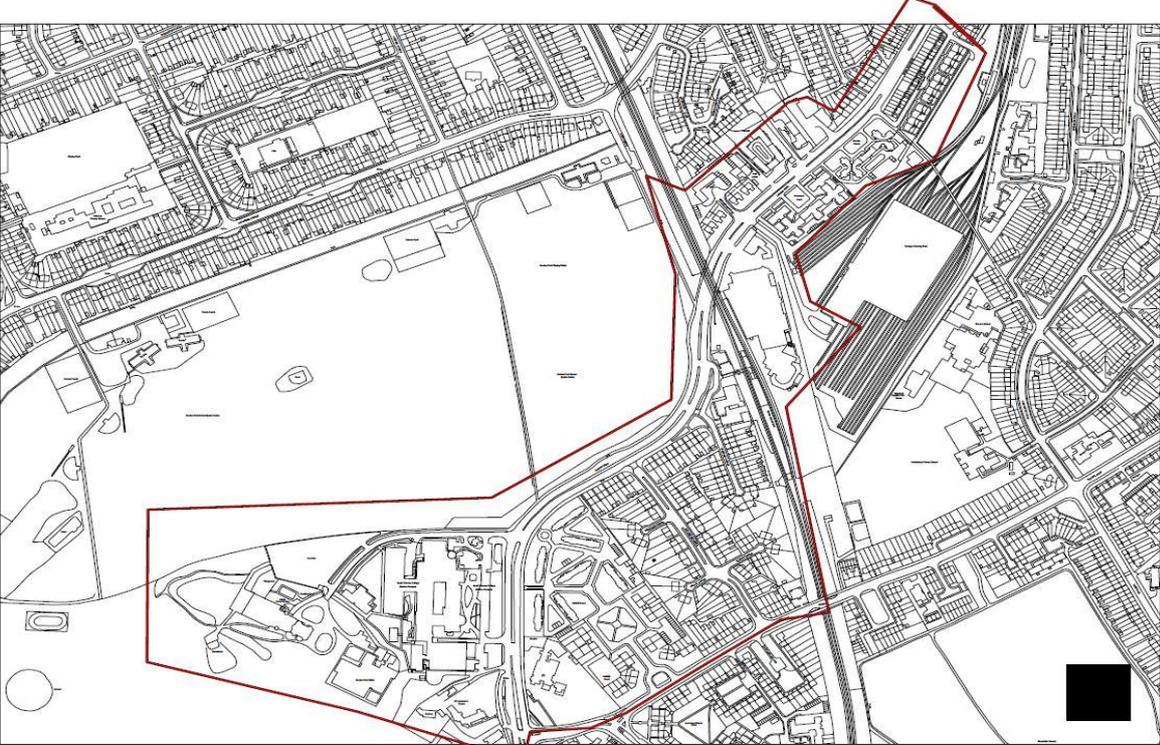
About the Better Junctions programme:

We are working with cycling and road safety organisations to review and improve major junctions across London. Please see www.tfl.gov.uk/betterjunctions for more information.

Yours sincerely

Mat Jarman, Surface Transport Consultation Delivery Team

Appendix B – Letter distribution area



Appendix C – List of stakeholders consulted

Organisations:

All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group
Borough Cycling Officers Group (BCOG) *
Brewery Logistics Group
Campaign for Better Transport
CTC
Department for Transport
Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee
Freight Transport Association *
Greater London Authority
Guide Dogs Association
Guide Dogs for the Blind
Heart of London Business Alliance
Institute of Advanced Motorists *
Living Streets *
London Ambulance Service
London Borough of Sutton
London Borough of Merton
London Councils
London Cycling Campaign *
London Fire Brigade
London TravelWatch
LoTAG
Metropolitan Police Service *
Metropolitan Society for the Blind
Motorcycle Action Group
NHS London Strategic Health Authority
Ofgem
RNIB
RNID
Road Haulage Association *
Roadpeace *
South Thames College
Sustrans *
The AA

* Better Junctions Design Review Group and/or Steering Group member

Members of Parliament:

Siobhan McDonagh MP
Paul Burstow MP

London Assembly members:

Darren Johnson AM
Steve O'Connell AM
Caroline Pigeon AM
Valerie Shawcross AM
Richard Tracey