Consultation on possible changes to route G1
Response to the main issues raised

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1 Introduction

This document summarises TfL’s responses to the main issues raised. Responses to this consultation are contained in a separate document. Both are available on the TfL website.

2 The consultation

Transport for London recently consulted stakeholders and the public about a proposal suggested by Wandsworth council to reroute the G1 in the Shaftesbury Estate in Battersea. The consultation took place between 3 June and 16 August 2013.

Wandsworth Council had raised some concerns about two-way bus operations in Sabine Road, Battersea. Following a review with the council, we proposed to change route G1 so that westbound buses would use the whole length of Eversleigh Road instead of Grayshott Road and part of Sabine Road. Eastbound buses would continue to serve Sabine Road. All roads served within the Shaftesbury Estate area would be “Hail and Ride” operation as now.

In the light of comments received, including that of Wandsworth Council, route G1 will not be altered for the time being.

Main issues raised and TfL's response

There is a sharp bend on Eversleigh Road near the junction of Sabine Road and Kingsley Street. It is already difficult for cars and large vehicles to use this section of road and vehicles often come into conflict. The buses will not be able to operate safely.

This issue was noted during the initial route test. It was concluded that Wandsworth Council would need to install double yellow lines on both sides of Eversleigh Road at this section in place of the single yellow lines in the vicinity of numbers 13-23 and 14-16 Eversleigh Road. TfL would also request that double yellow lines be installed at the junction of Eversleigh and Sabine Roads. If properly enforced this would prevent vehicles parking on the bend and would allow all vehicles including buses to safely use the road.

No proper safety audit/feasibility study has been undertaken to see if it would be practical to introduce the new routeing

The initial route test carried out to see if the proposal as requested by Wandsworth Council was feasible prior to any further discussion with residents. The route test indentified some issues that would need to be introduced to allow for the bus to operate. The next step was to consult with residents about the proposal to identify and investigate any issues they might raise. The consultation report would allow both TfL and Wandsworth Council to decide if the proposal should be taken forward. Wandsworth Council would then need to consult separately about the changes to parking and double yellow line introduction and this would constitute part of the safety audit.

Parking on Eversleigh Road is already very difficult, double yellow lines will make the situation worse.

TfL and Wandsworth Council would work together to ensure that any on highway changes required were kept to a minimum and that disruption to residents would need to be balanced with the safe operation of the bus service.
Moving the bus to run along the full length of Eversleigh Road would make create a longer walk for some elderly and disabled passengers. TfL understands that some passengers who currently have direct access to the bus would be inconvenienced by a longer walk. However the bus would also be brought closer to other residents who currently have a longer walk to access the bus.