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Objectives of the scheme

There is a clear case for radical changes at the northern roundabout. We want to reduce the impact traffic has on the area and make it more attractive while also improving facilities for all road users. Our proposals include the removal of the roundabout and creation of a major new public space. This will transform the area for those who live, work and travel in Elephant & Castle. The changes will balance the needs of drivers more evenly with those of pedestrians and cyclists.

Background

One of London’s biggest regeneration projects is planned for Elephant & Castle. We are working with the Greater London Authority, Southwark Council and local developers to transform Elephant & Castle and would like to hear your views on our plans.
Current issues

The northern roundabout is dominated by cars and other vehicles and has one of the highest numbers of road collisions of any junction in the Capital. It is also a busy cycle route yet there are currently limited cycling facilities.

Large numbers of pedestrians use the area but the current layout requires them to use at least one of the seven subways to move around. The subway system is also a source of antisocial behaviour.

The Tube station has also been identified as a priority to increase passenger capacity, improve access from street level and to provide step-free access to the Northern line platforms.

At this stage we are focusing on transforming the road layout through the area. Information on improvements to the Tube station will follow as plans develop.

What are the key benefits?

Pedestrians – Subways will be replaced with wide pedestrian crossings that allow people to cross directly, easily and safely between Tube, bus and local amenities at all times of the day

Cyclists – There will be new dedicated and direct cycle routes through the junction to improve safety and make it better for cycling

Drivers – A better road layout will help reduce collisions and smooth journeys through the junction

Bus passengers – An improved interchange between the bus and Tube, and upgraded bus stops will make access easier

Everyone – People will benefit from a high-quality, attractive public space that is accessible and will enhance the vitality of the area

These major improvements form part of the wider work we are carrying out across London to deliver the recommendations of the Mayor’s Roads Task Force (RTF) – set up to tackle the challenges facing London’s streets.

Options

We are proposing two options for the new layout. Option A provides an on-road cycle lane along the Elephant & Castle Road in the northbound direction. Option B provides an off-road cycle lane.

We would welcome your views on which layout you would prefer. An artist’s impression, showing our vision, is overleaf and maps showing Option A and Option B can be found on pages 6-9.
Artist’s impression

View looking south towards the Tabernacle
Proposed new road layout at Elephant & Castle - Option A

- **Parallel pedestrian and cycle signal controlled crossings will replace existing subway system, providing safe and convenient crossing points to and from transport links and local amenities.**

- **New layout creates a large area of public space extending from the site of the shopping centre. Consultation on how this space will look and feel is expected in summer 2014.**

- **Existing roundabout to be converted to two-way operation.**

- **Section of road removed.**

- **Bus stop waiting facilities will be improved with new shelters and step-free access.**

- **Bus stop for buses towards Camberwell relocated to Walworth Road to reduce risk of conflict with cyclists.**

- **St. Georges Road to be narrowed to two traffic lanes to allow room for segregated cycle lanes.**

- **Wide and direct signal controlled pedestrian crossings will replace the existing subway system, providing convenient crossing points to and from transport links and local amenities.**

- **General traffic unable to turn left from Newington Causeway into New Kent Road and unable to turn right from New Kent Road into Newington Causeway. Vehicles would need to find an alternative route via Great Dover Street.**
Proposed new road layout at Elephant & Castle - Option B

- General traffic unable to turn left from Newington Causeway into New Kent Road and unable to turn right from New Kent Road into Newington Causeway. Vehicles would need to find an alternative route via Great Dover Street.
- St. Georges Road to be narrowed to two traffic lanes to allow room for segregated cycle lanes.
- Existing roundabout to be converted to two-way operation.
- Parallel pedestrian and cycle signal controlled crossings will replace existing subway system, providing safe and convenient crossing points to and from transport links and local amenities.
- Bus stop waiting facilities will be improved with new shelters and step-free access.
- Parallel pedestrian and cycle signal controlled crossings will replace existing subway system, providing safe and convenient crossing points to and from transport links and local amenities.
- Footway widened to allow a cycle path to be separated from road.
- Bus stop waiting facilities will be improved with new shelters and step-free access.
- New layout creates a large area of public space extending from the site of the shopping centre. Consultation on how this space will look and feel is expected in summer 2014.
- Parallel pedestrian and cycle signal controlled crossings will replace existing subway system, providing safe and convenient crossing points to and from transport links and local amenities.
- New layout creates a large area of public space extending from the site of the shopping centre. Consultation on how this space will look and feel is expected in summer 2014.

KEY
- CYCLE LANE
- CYCLE CROSSING
- BUS LANE
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
- TRAFFIC ISLAND
- UPGRADED FOOTWAY (widened at key points)
Have your say

You can let us know your views on our plans by taking part in our online survey at tfl.gov.uk/elephantandcastle or filling out the questionnaire attached. Views must be submitted by 30 April 2014.

We will also be holding an exhibition where you will have an opportunity to view detailed maps of the scheme and speak to its designers. The exhibition will take place at:

Typo Cafe, London College of Communication, Elephant & Castle, London SE1 6SB

Tuesday 25 March 16:00 – 20:00
Saturday 29 March 11:30 – 15:30

After the exhibition the plans will be available at John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1JA until 30 April 2014.

Next steps

We will review and consider all the responses and suggestions received and look to address them where possible.

The project is jointly funded by TfL, GLA, Southwark Council and private developers in the Elephant Opportunity Area. If the scheme secures the necessary approvals, the construction of the new road layout is planned to begin in early 2016 and will last about a year. We will keep disruption to a minimum during construction works.

As our plans develop we will keep you updated with further consultation on the public space improvements in summer 2014 and Tube improvement plans during 2015.

What’s changing?

Removing the roundabout means we can create a large area of public space that extends from the shopping centre. We will consult this summer about how this area will be used. Current proposals include the addition of trees and shrubs to create a greener space for everybody.

The road around the public space will be converted to two-way traffic. Analysis has shown that around a third of all collisions will be prevented through the introduction of this new road layout.

Vehicles won’t be able to turn left from Newington Causeway into New Kent Road or turn right from New Kent Road into Newington Causeway. This will ensure the junction operates effectively and the impact on journey times is minimised. Alternative routes, such as Great Dover Street, will be available.

Overall the impact on journey times should be minimal, though some journey times may increase. Detailed traffic modelling will continue to ensure any increase to journey time is kept to a minimum.

The new road layout requires the subways to be filled in, with pedestrians using wide pedestrian crossings that allow them to cross directly and safely between transport links and local amenities.

Bus stops for buses towards Camberwell will be moved to Walworth Road, from outside the shopping centre. This is to make it safer for cyclists along this busy stretch of road, helping to improve the cycling experience.
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Reply Form

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to us at the Freepost address overleaf by 30 April 2014. Or alternatively complete the online questionnaire at tfl.gov.uk/elephantandcastle.

To seal the envelope, wet the gum strip, fold along the dotted line overleaf and press down. If you need more space please enclose an additional sheet of paper.
Questionnaire (please tick all boxes that apply)

1. Are you:
   - local resident
   - employed locally
   - business owner
   - commuter
   - visitor
   - other (please specify)

2. What types of transport do you use locally:
   - motor vehicles
   - bus
   - bike
   - walk
   - Tube

3. Do you represent a group (if so please provide details):

4. Do you agree with the key elements of the design?
   - Replacing subways with wide signalised crossings
     - Yes
     - No
   - Creating dedicated and direct cycle routes through the junction
     - Yes
     - No
   - Improving the layout of the road network to reduce collisions and using traffic signals to smooth journeys through the area
     - Yes
     - No
   - Improving the interchange between the bus and Tube and upgrading bus stops for easier access
     - Yes
     - No
   - Creating a usable public space that enhances the local vitality of the area and the interchange environment
     - Yes
     - No

5. Do you prefer option A or B for the northbound cycle provision along Elephant & Castle Road?
   - Tick one only: A  B

6. Do you have any other comments?

7. If you would like to receive information on the proposals in the future, please supply these details:
   - Name:
   - Address:
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