

Walworth Streetspace Review update – March 2022

Walworth Streetspace update

Last year we worked with the Walworth community and our stakeholders, listening to your views on the experimental Walworth Streetspace measures. Whilst opinions varied on the measures introduced, the process was comprehensive. Thank you for your contribution to that process.

The statutory consultation closed on January 13, 2022. All representations received were considered as part of the decision process around making the Walworth Streetspace measures permanent. The final decision was completed on Monday 21 February, 2022.

The council has made a balanced decision based on data, the public consultation and the positive changes that have resulted from the experimental measures. This decision is to proceed with making the majority of Walworth Streetspace measures permanent.

The original decision report and the report on the outcome of the statutory consultation is available at www.southwark.gov.uk/ohwalworthreview

A map of the Walworth Streetspace measures can also be found at the above website.

The measures will be permanent from Thursday 24 March 2022. We will be improving the signage in the area before this to reinforce the permanent Streetspace measures.



Pocket parks and public realm improvements

The introduction of the Walworth Streetspace measures as permanent means that we can work with the communities in North Walworth, Faraday and Newington to design new spaces on our streets, which reflect the hopes of local people.

These spaces could be new opportunities to improve physical and mental wellbeing, create safer pedestrian and cycling routes and enhance space for local businesses.

In summer 2022 we will begin our first phase of engagement with local streets in North Walworth for public realm improvements to Browning Street and in Newington for Amelia Street and Alberta Street to begin developing these ideas and transforming your local streets to be more enjoyable and safer.



Exemptions

We have revised and updated our parking protocols to allow further exemptions for both Blue Badge holders and SEND travel.

This means that if you are a Southwark Blue Badge holder you will be able to use your registered motor vehicle at the camera enforced traffic filters, the locations of these in Walworth are:

- Larcom Street
- Mellow Street
- Manor Place
- Penton Place
- Carter Street
- Cooks Road

If anyone would like to request a Blue Badge you can read more about them on our website at www.southwark.gov.uk/streetspacebluebadgeexemptions

We are also supporting anyone requiring Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) transport services.

For more information on Blue Badges and SEND travel and other mobility and access issues email parking@southwark.gov.uk



Cooks Road

The current proposal is to relocate the Cooks Road Streetspace measure to Dale Road at the junction of John Ruskin Street and Hillingdon Street. The Cooks Road Streetspace measure will remain in its current location until further engagement with the community has been carried out in regards to this proposal.

John Ruskin Street and North Camberwell

We want to ensure the wider community feels the benefits of the Walworth Streetspace scheme. We will be looking at opportunities to reduce traffic in the North Camberwell area following a monitoring study to understand current traffic trends.

Monitoring Update

We are currently analysing data from the end of last year.

In September 2021 we monitored:

- Across all sites combined, there was an 18% decrease overall in motor traffic volumes, compared to September 2020.
- Since the scheme has been monitored, cycling levels have consistently been above pre-pandemic levels, in September 2021 this was +26%.
- A large proportion of streets in the Walworth Streetspace area saw cycling increase above 40%, including streets such as Browning Street and Braganza Street.
- Majority of bus journey times have seen limited change, however, some increases have been seen on Walworth Road.

Further trends are showing:

- Continuous monitoring sites on boundary roads showed a further 1% motor traffic reduction in October 2021.
- However, monitoring is showing some increase on Walworth Road (North). This trend will continue to be monitored.

September 2021 monitoring results can be found on our website www.southwark.gov.uk/ohwalworthreview where you will also be able to find a link to all raw traffic data files.

We will publish another update on traffic trends on our website in spring 2022.



Air Quality

We will work with the community in Walworth to identify more locations for monitoring stations and will commission another independent report later this spring.

Our borough wide Air Quality Strategy is being fully revised for 2023 and a consultation process also begins this spring.



Next steps

- Permanent scheme goes live from 24 March 2022
- Signage upgrades mid-March 2022
- Engage with local people on the Cooks Road closure and monitor impact of other options. (March 2022)
- Share data from the monitoring, and assess trends (spring 2022)
- Initiate first phase of engagement with local people on the introduction of pocket parks (summer 2022)
- Explore measures with TfL to improve bus journey times in the area and investigate junction improvements along Walworth Road and Camberwell Road. (ongoing)

Our healthy Walworth Streetspace Proposal

Key issues addressed

- ✓ Allow access for emergency vehicles
- ✓ Use map-based signs for advance signage
- ✓ Exemptions to be provided (see table below)
- ✓ Continue to monitor impact of the measures, share data and engage with the community
- ✓ Work with the community to transform the street space at Browning Street, Amelia Street and Alberta Street, for the community to enjoy and to support local businesses
- ✓ John Ruskin Street and the area bounded by Camberwell New Road and Camberwell Road - Further engagement with the community to discuss possible traffic reduction and improvement measures

Location	Signage	Restrictions	Exemptions
Marrow Street Larcom Street Penton Place		24/7	Buses Taxis (Hackney Carriage) Rapid response health care workers Southwark blue badge holders SEND vehicles Emergency services Refuse vehicles
Manor Place Dale Road Carter Street		24/7	Buses Any 9 seats or more vehicle Taxi (Hackney Carriage) Rapid response health care providers Southwark blue badge holders SEND vehicles Emergency Services Refuse vehicles

