

Brent Active Travel Programme

Harrow Road Temporary Cycle Route

Dear Business/ Resident,

COVID-19 has disrupted our daily travel habits. As lockdown restrictions are eased, we want to support and encourage people to adopt greener, healthier, more active forms of transport. Brent has seen some highest numbers of Covid and parts of our borough have poor air quality along with some long term public health issues. We have developed a plan to introduce short, medium and longer-term improvements in the borough that we hope will support residents make different travel choices and become more active. One part of this is to create a temporary cycle route along A404 Harrow Road (from Wembley Triangle to A406 North Circular Road).

The temporary cycle route forms part of the Wembley to Willesden Healthy Streets Corridor which the Council had been considering before the pandemic but we have had to alter our immediate approach due to the changing circumstances. It is now proposed to progress a two-staged approach:-

- Introduce a shorter temporary scheme on Harrow Road;
- Continue to develop a longer term permanent scheme, subject to funding availability which will be informed through engaging with stakeholders and learning from the temporary scheme.

What is a Temporary Cycle Route?

The Harrow Road Temporary Cycle Route will use a combination of existing bus lanes and temporary materials such as flexible posts to create a continuous route for cyclists along part of the A404 Harrow Road (between Wembley Triangle and A406 North Circular Road). The scheme will improve safety and amenity for cyclists and provide a strong visual indicator of the separation of road space. Subject to funding, this route will be extended south of the A406 towards Harlesden later in the year.

What is happening in my area?

The drawing on the back of this letter shows further details of the temporary cycle route. A photo of the type of features which you can expect to see on Harrow Road is shown on the following page:-



Where can I get further information?

More information is provided on the Council's website: <https://consultation.brent.gov.uk/>

How can I comment on these proposals?

Because of the urgency required in dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic, Government has asked councils to introduce measures as soon as possible. The Harrow Road Temporary Cycle Route will be introduced as a temporary scheme using an experimental traffic order.

This means that public comments are made during the experimental period that lasts from between 6 and 18 months. Taking all comments into account a decision will then be made to make schemes permanent with or without amendment, or to remove schemes. Following the 6 month consultation period, a decision report will be prepared and a decision made on whether to extend the period or make the scheme permanent with or without amendments.

The website (link above) includes a section where you can leave comments.

What happens next?

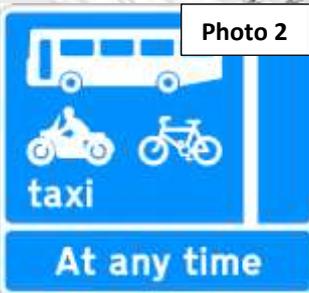
We expect the works to commence in early September 2020 and be completed by the end of September 2020. During this time, the closure of sections of Harrow Road between Wembley Triangle and the A406 North Circular Road may be necessary over a period of approximately 5 nights in early September to ensure work is undertaken safely. Through traffic will need to be diverted and local access will be maintained. Attached to this letter is a scheme plan and an overview of the diversion route. Advance warning signage will be installed and further information on traffic management arrangements will be provided to directly affected properties on the Harrow Road.

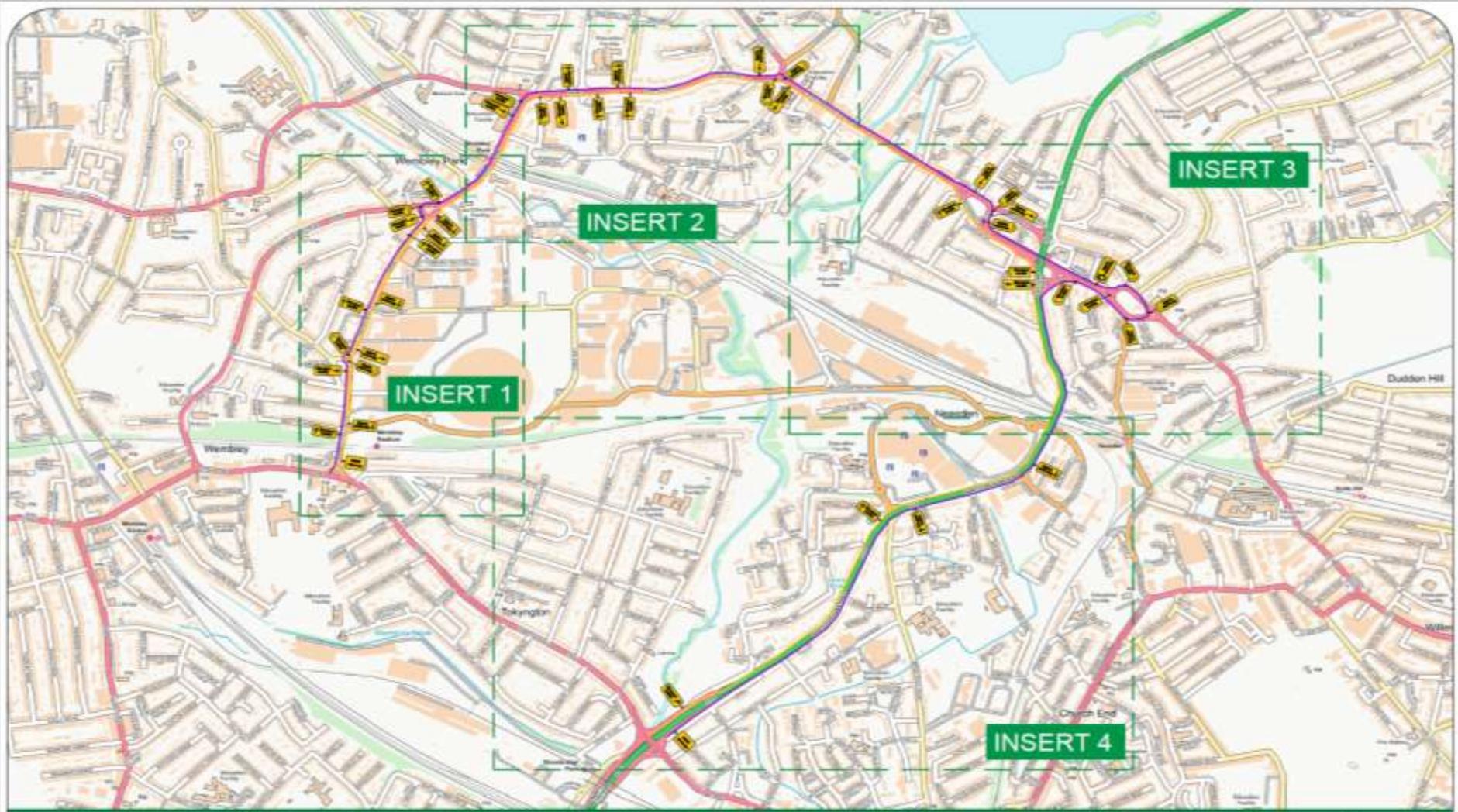
The Council will endeavour to keep any disruption to a minimum and apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused. The work will be carried out by the Council's contractor Conway AECOM and supervised by Kevin Birine, Contracts Engineer, Highways and Infrastructure Service who may be contacted on 0208 937 5600.

Once the scheme is operation we will assess how it is functioning over the experimental 6-month period. A letter will be sent after six months of operation informing you of the decision whether to extend the experimental period or any future plans to amend the scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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