



## Public Consultation

### Proposed Revocation of Byelaw (restriction) Against Cycling in Brent Parks

This document outlines our proposals for the revocation of Byelaws prohibiting cycling in over 50 parks across the Borough. Please read through the information in this document and then complete the online questionnaire. The closing date for this consultation is: **31 July 2019**

#### **Background**

Brent Council wants to promote cycling across its parks in the borough and is reviewing the 1977 Byelaw prohibiting people from cycling. The 1977 Byelaw is a local law made by Brent Council. The aim is to improve cycle accessibility across the borough and promote active and sustainable travel. This is in line with the vision set out in our Cycle Strategy 2016-2021, which aims to make Brent a borough where everyone can cycle safely, in comfort and with confidence and to enable people of all ages and abilities from every section of Brent's diverse community to see cycling as a good option for everyday travel.

This will also improve air quality by reducing pollution, helping to make the borough a cleaner place to live and work, and to support healthier lifestyles. This is in line with the priorities set in the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy (as well as Brent's Cycling Strategy, Air Quality Action Plan and Long Term Transport Strategy), to ensure that London meets its legal pollution limits as soon as possible.

The Council has already undertaken safety assessments on all the parks covered by the Byelaw and has been able to identify areas, where these restrictions would need to remain, and to introduce new signs to tackle safety concerns.

The map in Appendix A shows the parks that are affected by the Byelaw.

#### **What is being proposed?**

All the parks included in the 1977 Byelaw have been assessed, identifying potential areas where it is necessary to retain the restrictions. The Byelaw we are proposing to revoke and associated assessments can be found in appendix B and C.

The assessment has been carried out on a park by park basis to tackle any safety issues.

A 5mph speed limit has been proposed for cycling in parks. Where conflict with other park users may occur, signs will be installed in areas where cycling will still be prohibited, such as where paths may be too narrow to allow safe sharing of the space at entrances or in playgrounds or outdoor gyms.

The Council will enforce the byelaw preventing general nuisance and antisocial behaviour.

#### **What will happen next?**

You can view a hardcopy of the Byelaw at Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way Wembley HA9 0FJ, please email [Highways&Infrastructure@brent.gov.uk](mailto:Highways&Infrastructure@brent.gov.uk) or call 020 8937 5600 to arrange this

At this stage of the process, we are seeking your views and would like to hear from all park users, please note this is open to all and not restricted to Brent residents. To give us your feedback, please complete the online questionnaire by **31 July 2019**

**Debbie Huckle, Safety & Travel Planning Team Leader, Highways and Infrastructure**

**This consultation is borough-wide.**

**Your Views are important to us.**

<p>This document is available for completion online at <a href="http://www.brent.gov.uk/consultation">www.brent.gov.uk/consultation</a>, and all responses will be considered.</p>	<p>We want all our customers to understand the information we provide. If you require assistance or need to receive the information in your own language or an alternative format (e.g. large print, Braille) please contact the consultation officer on 020 8937 5600</p>	<p>As it is a borough-wide consultation, Local groups, Statutory Authorities, the Emergency Services and Ward Councillors are also being consulted.</p>
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Your response is protected as required by the Data Protection Act and will not be identified.

If you would like further information, then please contact:

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