

Date: 30 July 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Crystal Palace & Upper Norwood Ward – Proposed Low Traffic Neighbourhood

To address ongoing concerns from residents regarding excessive, dangerous car traffic in Crystal Palace, we will be closing to through traffic Sylvan Hill, Stambourne Way, and Fox Hill, creating a new local Low Traffic Neighbourhood. I am writing further to my letter dated 23 July 2020 to let you know we are grateful to you for providing feedback on our proposals and would encourage you to continue to do so.

We hope to minimise disruption to local residents and have listened to numerous requests to have the road closures relocated towards Auckland Road rather than at the Church Road end, as the majority of residents would like Church Road open for access. The road closures will now be relocated to:

1. **Low Traffic Street, Sylvan Hill:** the road closure will now be located between property numbers 13 & 11 Sylvan Hill. Unfortunately, due to site constraints, this is the most feasible location, we were able to identify, whilst it doesn't allow all residents on Sylvan Hill access to Church Road, it does provide a greater number of residents with access, and the remainder will still be able to use Auckland Road.
2. **Low Traffic Street, Stambourne Way:** the road closure will now be located at the Stambourne Way junction with Auckland Road. All residents will now have access to Stambourne Way via Church Road.
3. **Low Traffic Street, Fox Hill:** the road closure will now be located at Fox Hill junction with Braybrooke Gardens. All residents from Braybrooke Gardens will now have access to Church Road from via Fox Hill.

*maps illustrating the closures are available for you to view on croydon.gov.uk/streetspace

Why is the Council introducing these measures?

1. The Council is responding to local concerns expressed over many years regarding loud motor traffic, travelling at high speeds through quieter residential streets that are also home to several schools. The associated poor air quality, noise and congestion that it causes creates an unwelcoming environment for residents to enjoy the streetspace outside their homes for walking, cycling and other activities.
2. Low Traffic Neighbourhoods enable us to create attractive, safer, less polluted streets for local people that address long standing concerns around climate change and the health implications of reduced physical activity.

A new Low Traffic Neighbourhood will make your streets more attractive in the following ways:



- ✓ Safer, quieter, cleaner, less polluted – addressing concerns around congestion & road safety
- ✓ Streets that support sustainable, cleaner methods of travel like cycling or walking – addressing concerns around poor air quality & climate change.
- ✓ Streets that encourage & enable increased physical activity – addressing concerns about poor physical health & obesity and supporting the latest Govt. walking & cycling initiative.

Many residents have already expressed that as a result of the bus gate and other local low traffic streets, they are now able to enjoy quieter, safer, cleaner streets. The Council acknowledges that during the first few weeks following the implementation of these measures, there may be an increased volume of traffic on the main road network and some local disruption. However, after an initial settling-in period, through traffic will become aware of the bus gate, other closures, temporary road works and will seek alternative routes or choose to use other sustainable forms of travel, our ultimate goal.

This is your opportunity to comment:

The LTN will be implemented from 3 August 2020 on a temporary, experimental basis. For the full duration that the temporary scheme is in place, the Council will monitor the closures and will welcome your continued feedback. All comments will be taken into account during the final decision-making exercise on whether the scheme should be made permanent, amended or removed.

A formal consultation will be carried out on the final agreed proposals, once the lockdown is fully eased, giving local residents the opportunity to comment formally on the proposals taking into account pre-lockdown traffic volumes and with public transport capacity restored. You can submit feedback by visiting:

www.croydon.gov.uk/streetspace or email highwayimprovements@croydon.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

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