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## Pedestrian Zone Pilot

At the beginning of the September school term, the council launched two new pilot Pedestrian Zones at three primary schools: Heavers Farm school, on Dinsdale Gardens and St Chads school, on Alverston Gardens which are in close proximity (both Selhurst ward) and Woodcote school, on Dunsfold Rise, Fairfield Way and Meadow Rise (Coulsdon West ward).

These zones are consistent with the council's aim to make our roads safer. It is also a positive and direct response to the concerns expressed to us by teachers, parents, the police and ward councillors, who have become increasingly worried about children's safety at and around the school gate.

The zone makes the area outside of these schools car-free (with some exemptions, including for residents who live in the road) at certain times of the day – 0800-0930 & 1400-1600 ("drop off" and "pick up" times). As a result, most vehicles are prohibited from entering these roads during the hours of control.

The pilots are operating well, with positive feedback from the leadership at all three schools. We have received complaints and concerns from some residents in neighbouring roads (mostly about parking displacement), but these are being managed by the parking enforcement team, who continue to patrol the area and tackle dangerous and illegal parking when found.

The scheme is being delivered via an Experimental Traffic Management Order and will be subject to consultation for the first 6 months of operation, after which time the feedback received will be reviewed. The outcome of the consultation and effectiveness of the pilot will allow us to decide whether to introduce the scheme permanently, vary it in some way or remove it completely.

## Fiveways Consultation

From 10<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> September, TfL and Croydon Council consulted on proposals to improve the A23/A232 at Fiveways. The proposals include:

- Widening the A23 where it crosses the railway by Waddon station and providing segregated cycle lanes
- Widening (and providing cycle lanes along) the western end of Epsom Road
- Converting Epsom Road to allow two-way traffic
- Simplifying Fiveways Corner by realigning Denning Avenue to reduce the number of junction arms from five to four.



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- Providing signalised pedestrian and cycle crossings and cycle advanced stop lines on all arms of the junction
- Creating a new public space and installing new cycle parking

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/fiveways/>

The consultation process itself included distributing leaflets to local residents, emailing a large list of stakeholders and organising a series of drop-in exhibition sessions held locally.

For some time now we have been encouraging TfL to improve facilities for cyclists between Fiveways Corner and the junction of Purley Way and Epsom Road as part of the proposals. The Council's Scrutiny Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee has also recently considered the proposals, reiterating the need for this cycle improvement and recommending TfL make further amendments to ensure the needs of local residents, pedestrians and cyclists are taken into account.

## **289/455 Bus Routes**

In the summer TfL consulted on proposals to remove the:

- 289 and 455 bus stops that serve Waddon Marsh tram stop and its neighbouring shops, businesses and residential New South Quarter; and
- 289 stop from the Colonnades off the Purley Way.

Council officers, the Croydon Mobility Forum and Waddon Councillors all responded to TfL's consultation expressing strong concern regarding the significantly increased walking distance, particularly for those interchanging between the 289 and tram and especially for older and disabled people and those with buggies.

TfL has pressed ahead and implemented its proposals in full. I wrote to Val Shawcross Deputy Mayor for Transport expressing my profound concern regarding how the consultation was handled and the effects the changes will have on some of Croydon's community. We are informally monitoring the changes while continuing to press TfL to reverse the changes at least in part.



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## 20mph Rollout Update

Implementation of Areas 1 & 2, 20mph speed limits (North Croydon and Northeast Croydon respectively) are complete and fully operational.

Construction of Area 3 (Northwest Croydon) is now underway and will go live on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The design phase of Area 4 is now complete. Construction is programmed for the end of November and is scheduled to go live on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The works on Area 5 are due to commence shortly, with an intended completion date of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

## New crossings at Davidson Road, Bramley Hill and soon to be introduced All Saints School crossing

A new zebra crossing has recently been implemented on Bramley Hill junction with Southbridge Road, which will help local residents to cross the difficult junction with Southbridge Road safely.



A new zebra crossing on Portland Road junction with Ferndale Road is in the process of being implemented and is due to go live at the beginning of November.

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This crossing will help pupils and parents of the nearby school cross the road safely and will help all pedestrians accessing the bus stops nearby.

A new zebra crossing on Croham Road junction with Birdhurst Road is in the process of being implemented and is due to go live at the beginning of November. This crossing will help pupils and parents of the nearby schools cross this very busy location safely and will also help serve all pedestrians accessing the bus stops nearby.

A new zebra crossing has recently been implemented on Davidson Road outside The Robert Fitzroy Academy (below), which will help the pupils and parents to cross the busy road outside the school safely, and will help all pedestrians accessing the nearby bus stops.



A new zebra crossing is also being introduced on Upper Beulah Hill outside All Saints Primary School to help pupils and parents cross the road safely, and a new zebra crossing is being introduced on Orchard Way outside Orchard Park High School, (formerly Edenham High School), which will also serve Orchard Way Primary School located next door. Both of these crossings are expected to be in place by the end of 2017 or early in 2018.



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## Purley Car Park Investment

The Purley Multi Storey Car Park has undergone a major refurbishment. The brand new lifts make it accessible to all and the newly repainted stairwells create a warm and more welcoming environment. The improvements have been welcomed by local businesses and the Purley BID.

## Mayor of London's Transport Strategy

We responded to the recent consultation on the Mayor's draft Transport Strategy. Our response strongly welcomed key objectives, in particular creating 'Healthy Streets' and 'Liveable Neighbourhoods'. We highlighted the major role Croydon Council and other local authorities will have in delivering both. Therefore we emphasised that TfL will need to look honestly and critically at the balance of resources between what it uses and what it provides to the likes of Croydon Council to deliver the Strategy's objectives.

We highlighted the fact that TfL has identified Croydon as the borough with the greatest potential for cycling and our plans to release that potential. However, TfL needs to provide a meaningful level of finance to support us deliver the cycle infrastructure needed to realise Croydon's cycling potential.

We suggested that the draft was far too weak regarding the current limitations of the main rail corridor (Brighton Mainline (BML)) running through Croydon and connecting us to central London. Upgrading the BML is essential if capacity on the line is to be increased and the Croydon and the wider south east economy is to continue to grow. We emphasised that TfL should ensure that Norwood Junction station is made fully accessible to those who use wheelchairs straight away and not necessarily wait for the BML upgrade to put things right.

We welcomed the proposal that some bus resources would be moved from central to outer London, whilst pointing to the current reality in Croydon where the likes of routes 289 and 455 are being cut back.



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## Electric Van Hire Pilot

Croydon Council is urging local firms to lease a cut-price 100% electric van for 6 or 12 months for the cost of a standard diesel van as part of a push to improve the borough's air quality. Petrol and diesel vans contribute hugely to London's air pollution, so this scheme is about giving businesses a practical alternative.

The scheme is aimed at companies in Croydon and Sutton whose employees use vans most days and runs from October 2017 until 2020. These electric vehicles are exempt from the Congestion Charge in central London, cost as little as 2p per mile to run, take a 770kg load and travel 80 miles on a full battery charge.

This 'Croydon Sutton Electric Freight scheme' (CSEF) is part of a £13m 'Go Ultra Low City' programme funded by government and administered by Transport for London and London Councils. This programme includes three new rapid charging points in Croydon by 2018.

CSEF also hopes to offer a larger electric truck in future.

## Playstreets

I was delighted to attend Croydon's first town centre play street in College Road in July. Over 50 people from across Croydon joined in the fun. The youngsters had a great time making new friends, riding their scooters and brightening up the road with chalk pictures. It was also good to see play street organisers from across the borough getting together and sharing their experiences. Some people just came along to see what a play street is like and are now interested in starting one in their own area.

Special thanks to Kendall Cars who provided refreshments while continuing to run their minicab business from the road – proving that kids and cars can share the space.

The second College Road play street was on 21 October 2017 and a further one is planned for 10 February 2018.

Our Town Centre play street joins a list of play streets successes in Croydon including Love Lane, London Play Street of the Year and the Brampton Road Play Street organised by The Robert Fitzroy Academy. In October we also had the start of the first Purley play street.



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If you are interested in organising a play street in your road visit:  
[www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/families/ccfpartnership/playstreets](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/families/ccfpartnership/playstreets) or contact  
[cfp@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:cfp@croydon.gov.uk) for more information.

