

# Minutes of Wandsworth Healthy Streets Forum

Tuesday 15th November 2022, 7-9pm

Online and in person at Room 145 Wandsworth Town Hall

## **In attendance:**

- Councillor Rigby
- Councillor Fraser
- Councillor Mayorcas
- Councillor Locker
- the Council's Engineer Team - Nick and Tim
- the Council's Transport Strategy Team - David, Margo and Becky
- the Council's High Streets and Local Growth Team - Lorinda and Blanka
- the Council's Children Services team - Amelia and Andrea
- the Council's Air Quality Team - Davide Pascarella
- Wandsworth Living Streets - Susie and Megan
- Wandsworth Cycling Campaign - Celia
- Southfields Grid Residents Association - Serena
- Tooting Healthy Streets – James
- John Hallmark

## **Apologies**

- Wandsworth Older People's Forum - Liliás

# 1. Wandsworth's Healthy Streets Forum: Who do we want to be and what do we want to do?

Use forum to meet this action in the Walking and Cycling Strategy

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Host an idea sharing workshop/event session once a year to help inform the year's programme of works and which particularly engages demographics of residents which are often under-represented in online consultations. Local groups that could be engaged include youth groups, work experience students, secondary schools and faith groups.

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**Cllr Locker:**  
Incorporate site visits and walkabouts into forum meetings

**Cllr Rigby:** Forum to continue to be a place to air new items, innovative ideas and recommend design tweaks

**Wandsworth Living Streets:** Forum to continue to be a place to draw in groups that can push active travel/healthy streets agenda

Decided next Healthy Streets Forum to be hosted in a Youth Centre

Recommended a future Healthy Streets Forum is hosted in partnership with voluntary sector and community groups

**Amelia, Participation Development Lead for Children and Young People:**  
Amelia's team can support facilitation in a Youth Club together with Youth Club Leads. Reminder that refreshments important when facilitating young people

## 2. Wandsworth's new Walking and Cycling Strategy

Presented by Margo Turner, Principal Transport Planner

Margo summarised the content of Wandsworth's new Walking and Cycling Strategy

View the strategy here: [Our transport policy - Wandsworth Borough Council](#)

**Councillor Locker:** Supports idea of a kerbside strategy for Wandsworth and examination of how pavement parking can be reviewed and designed out in the borough as part of routine maintenance and capital programme.

**Tooting Healthy Streets:** Are interested in the development of the 'Play Streets' action and further road closures following success of Totterdown Road Closure for Diwali

**The council's Participation Development Lead for Children and Young People:** need to be aware of how different demographics feel when travelling at night, e.g. the stereotypes young black men feel when travelling by any mode of transport at night, how safe LGBTQ+ community feel on buses, older women feel when walking. The Youth Club Leads can play a role in promoting cycling amongst young people and facilitating cycle training

### Initial thoughts of the forum:

**Wandsworth Living Streets:** would like to see actions on practices that inhibit walking and cycling, e.g. creation of a kerbside strategy and generally a closer look at car parking policies

**Wandsworth Cycling Campaign:** as well as looking at modes of travel that need to increase (walking and cycling) can we also look at what needs to decline (driving)

**The council's Economic Development Office Team:** would like forum to have a closer look at how we can activate streets at night, e.g. off road cycling in parks. Raised need for a wayfinding programme

## 3.1. Healthy Scrutiny - Burntwood Lane

Presented by Tim Addlessee, Principal Engineer  
and Rebecca Howarth, Transport Strategy Coordinator

Tim showed the proposed engineer changes to Burntwood Lane and Becky shared the consultation and engagement done to date and planned

Find out more about the scheme here: [Burntwood Lane walking and cycling corridor - Wandsworth Borough Council](#)

The consultation goes live on 25th November. Support from the forum welcome in encouraging responses, e.g. sharing with sports clubs

**Tooting Healthy Streets:**  
Recommended that the consultation includes visuals of what the scheme would look like

**Cllr Rigby:** Consultation materials should reference the impact scheme would have on creating and connecting a cycle network in the area

### Initial thoughts of the forum:

**Wandsworth Cycling Campaign:**  
Instead of shared use footways around bus stops, suggested that cyclists mix with traffic but have signs that cyclists have priority.

**Tooting Healthy Streets:** The proposal to remove the mini roundabout should take into account cyclists travelling between Beechcroft Road and Sandgate Lane

**The council's Participation Development Lead for Children and Young People:** They can promote the consultation at Nightingale Community Academy and Garratt Park School.

## 3.2. Healthy Scrutiny - Putney High Street

Presented by Tim Addlessee, Principal Engineer

Tim described the progress to date on Putney High Street and next steps

Find out more about the scheme in Paper No. 22-331 published here: [Agenda for Transport Committee on Thursday, 3rd November, 2022, 7.30 p.m. - Wandsworth Borough Council](#)

## Initial thoughts of the forum:

**Tooting Healthy Streets:** Query on whether there will be provision for continuous cycling along Thames Path. Response that feasible from an engineering perspective, however, there is a funding challenge as a path through the bridge vaults would cost £3-4m

## 3.3. Healthy Scrutiny - Wandsworth Bridge

Presented by Tim Addlessee, Principal Engineer

Tim described the progress to date on Wandsworth Bridge and next steps to transition from the temporary design to a permanent design with segregated cycle lanes

# Agenda Item 6: Forward Plan

Presented by David Tidley, Transport Strategy Team Manager

Initial thoughts of the forum:

David presented travel data for the borough and noted the implications of the data on the borough's transport programme

**Target for % of residents walking, cycling or using public transport:** Data shows TfL's income fall. Don't anticipate therefore significant funding from TfL to increase public transport capacity in the near future. Focus on walking and cycling schemes therefore to achieve borough's target.

**Wandsworth Living Streets:** LIP targets pre-date the climate emergency and subsequent strategies so LIP targets may need to be reconsidered to be made more ambitious

**Public Transport Accessibility Level:** Map shows Roehampton, Wandsworth Common and Tooting Common are the areas of the borough with poorest public transport accessibility. Recommend focussing on these areas for walking and cycling schemes.

**Delivery Journeys:** While private car use is decreasing, journeys by taxis and delivery vehicles is increasing. Recommend focussing on last mile delivery solutions therefore.

**Vision Zero,** i.e. the vision to have zero fatal or serious accidents on London's Transport Network by 2041, is an ambitious target. Forum may want to invite experts to speak about what is needed to achieve this aim.