

## Residents and Business Occupiers

Garratt Lane, SW18

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Ref: Garratt Lane Phase 1

Dear Resident / Business Occupier,

Date:

### **Introduction of social distancing measures on Garratt Lane (Wandsworth High Street to Allfarthing Lane)**

Garratt Lane is an important cycling corridor and carries some of the highest numbers of cyclists in the borough. With more people expected to return to our roads soon, we are introducing interim cycle infrastructure measures along this section. These measures will provide more space for cyclists and improve the safety as part of Wandsworth Council's wider Covid-19 response.

The scheme makes best use of existing bus lanes, and where possible, segregated cycle lanes will be provided using wands on the carriageway to separate cyclists and vehicles.

The required changes include:

- Removal of 9 parking bays near junction with Iron Mill Place

The measures will be delivered via an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO).

#### **What is an Experimental Traffic Order?**

- ETOs are used to deliver immediate and short-term measures that require monitoring and further review giving the Council the opportunity to trial measures. The scheme could only be made permanent via a Permanent Traffic Order following a formal decision by the Council's Strategic Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Whilst there is no requirement for formal consultation in advance of introducing the temporary measures, there is a statutory 6-month period following implementation whereby anyone may comment in writing and all comments must be considered.

- An ETO can be amended or withdrawn at any time. The Council will monitor the trial scheme and review the data collected. The Council then has the option to make amendments to the scheme during the trial period to improve its effectiveness.

The installation of the works commenced on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August and the ETO came into force on this date.

### **What will happen at the end of the Experimental Traffic Order?**


Wandsworth Council is beginning design work on proposals for a permanent scheme for Garratt Lane that will eventually replace the temporary scheme. This will be a more comprehensive project in which kerb line alterations could be introduced along much of Garratt Lane to further improve cycle and pedestrian facilities whilst reducing the impact on parking and improving the public realm.

This future work will also aim to address any concerns arising from the temporary scheme, and we welcome suggestions for improvements. The Council will be hosting drop-in sessions in the new year to discuss the project. Sessions will be advertised in advance on the Council website, social media and in letters to local residents and businesses.

### **Have your say**

The Council is keen to hear the views of local residents and businesses throughout the temporary scheme. If you have any comments or queries regarding the measures, please send them to us via [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/consultations).

Yours faithfully,



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