

Appendix 4. Southgate Road crossing scheme changes to parking consultation summary.

A parking consultation was required after the public consultation was held due to some aspects of the design changing, in order to incorporate the Green Link Walking route planting areas and as a result of changes identified through engagement with statutory consultees that were different to the plan that was consulted upon in the public consultation in March 2023.

A standard parking consultation format was followed, with letters sent to the addresses immediately affected by the proposed changes. Between 25 October and 8 November 2023 people were given the chance to view the changes and comment on them. See copy of letter below.

The consultation was live on Let's Talk Islington website from 25 October - 8 November 2023 Link:- <https://www.letstalk.islington.gov.uk/northchurch-road-southgate-road-parking>

Copy of the letter sent to residents and businesses.



Northchurch Road and Southgate Road

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Dear residents and businesses,



Proposed changes to parking on Northchurch Road and Southgate Road

In April 2023, we consulted residents and local businesses on proposals to make the area around the Northchurch Road and Southgate Road junction safer, greener, and more welcoming.

We're still reviewing your feedback and are working on these proposals, and we hope to be in touch soon with further details about our plans. In the meantime, we've listened to your comments about parking in the area and are proposing some changes, which we'd like to hear your feedback on.

We're proposing the following:

- creating a loading bay outside the De Beauvoir Arms pub on Southgate Road, instead of on Northchurch Road as we initially proposed.
- introducing three new, residents permit and pay-by-phone parking spaces on Southgate Road
- reintegrating the two unused doctors parking spaces:
 - outside the old surgery/medical centre at 97 Southgate Road, this will become a residents permit and pay by phone parking space
 - and the unused parking space outside 125 Southgate Road will become residents parking only

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- converting the existing residents parking bay on the north side of Northchurch Road so that it can house two relocated [bikehangars](#)
- extending double yellow lines approximately 13 metres on Northchurch Road near the junction with Southgate Road.

For further information on the changes that we're proposing to [parking](#) in the area please see the separate plan.

We want to hear your views on the proposed changes. Please provide any comments you wish to make on the changes to parking via the QR code or link below before: **8 November 2023**



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If you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive information about the scheme or you have any queries, please contact Environment on 020 7527 2000 or write to:
Environment, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 [8TP](#)

Yours sincerely,

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A total of five comments were received in response to the parking consultation; they have been compiled into a table below.

Project: Proposed changes to parking on Northchurch Road and Southgate Road	
Question: Comments	
No.	Contribution
1	Closing Northchurch Road both ends is ridiculous. This would drive all local traffic for residents living in Northchurch Rd like myself down Oakley Road including dustman, delivery drivers and it will be gridlock in Crowland Terrace. If you close Southgate Road end of Northchurch Road then you need to let residents access it from Essex Road you can't shut us in both ends. You could make it residents only access for those with parking permits and the camera would recognise registration like it does for blue badge holders. We are not using it as through road we live here and just want to get home but you are making this more difficult.
2	we really do not want any more pointless double yellow lines or bike stations in Northchurch Road
3	My wife and I strongly object to the proposal to extend the double yellow lines by approximately 13 metres on Northchurch Rd near the Southgate Rd junction. No explanation has been given of the rationale for doing this and there does not appear to be any good reason for doing this - whereas it clearly will be very detrimental for residents since it substantially and yet further reduce the number of residents' parking bays (which are already being reduced by other elements of the plan) and will increase crowding.
4	<p>The proposal to relocate the proposed loading bay from Northchurch Road to Southgate Road is an improvement but how are you going to protect against commercial vehicle using Northchurch Road as a loading area? The double yellow lines won't work for temporary offloading.</p> <p>Consider closing Northchurch Road, Oakley Road and Englefield road to all commercial vehicles unless servicing residents.</p> <p>Consider closing off Oakley Road at end of Crowland Terrace so access to Northchurch Road is via Englefield only.</p> <p>Have you assessed the impact of proposed plans on vehicle traffic on Southgate road? The proposed restrictions at the junction will likely back up traffic making movement up and down Southgate road more difficult, increasing not decreasing pollution for all residents. We see this now on St Pauls road due to junction changes at Highbury Corner and Dalston Junction.</p> <p>Has anyone assessed whether any of the proposed plans will actually improve cyclist safety?</p> <p>Have the council considered alternative less drastic proposals such as basic safety signs at the junction and speed cameras on Southgate Road to help slow down traffic.</p>

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Hello,

I am still unhappy with the proposal for the following reasons:

- inconvenience for the residents of Northchurch Road, we will have only one access road to our homes via Crowland Terrace as all other access roads (Southgate Road, Essex Road and Cleveland Road) have been blocked off.
- Increased traffic on Oakley Road, Englefield Road and Crowland Terrace, more residents vehicles needing to use these roads along with delivery vans and visitors, this will be more disruptive to otherwise very quiet roads.
- Less access for emergency vehicles, this is problematic for crime, we have heard of increased crime in the mostly blocked off roads around Northchurch Terrace from people on bikes stealing phones and watches as police vehicles cannot access the roads easily to stop this crime. It is also dangerous for ambulance and fire services where every second matters when trying to reach an emergency.
- Increased traffic on Southgate Road from the proposed cyclist right of way, this road is already much busier since blocking off the Essex Road side of the neighbouring roads so this will be creating much more traffic and additional noise with 2 bus routes and no bus lane.
- This is a major change to the area without trialling other methods to create safer road use for cyclists and pedestrians such as speed cameras, an additional zebra crossing or speed bumps on Southgate Road or even just a sign notifying road users of the roundabout and cyclists. All of these would be much quicker, easier and cheaper to implement and are all worth trying before making major changes to the area and impacting the local residents.
- These changes seem to have the most benefit to cyclists who use the quietway cycle route who are likely not even residents of the local area or perhaps not even Islington residents, I feel the views of residents who pay the council tax should be taken into consideration and their enjoyment of the area prioritised.
- Another suggestion, could residents of Northchurch Road be given a permit to access the road from the Essex Road end of the road to make travel by car more accessible for residents?

Officer response

In most cases the comments did not concern the parking changes but referred mostly to the measures/ new infrastructure included in the scheme. These five comments have been considered below:

- Comment 1 does not concern the proposed parking changes.
- Comment 2 - the double yellow line extension on Northchurch Road is required for the turning head and greening; there are already two Bikehangars on the stretch of road therefore we are not adding any more.
- Comment 3 - Parking occupancy survey from 1 March 2023 indicates that parking on the streets that would be most affected by the changes to parking is not stressed.
- Comment 4 - Commercial traffic servicing the parade of shops should use the two loading bays on Southgate Road.
- Comment 5 - Comments are not regarding parking and covered in scheme consultation response.