

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8101.1

Date of response: 23 April 2024

Request:

Have the London Fire Brigade been asked to provide advice regarding the impact on movement of emergency vehicles including fire engines consequent on the proposal by Islington Council and/ or Transport for London to reduce the northern (south-bound) highway of Caledonian Road to a maximum width of 3.4m allowing only a single lane of traffic.

A map of the proposed works can be inspected on:

www.letstalk.islington.gov.uk/c50/widgets/67771/faqs#20781 .

Response:

I have attached copies of the correspondence received from Islington Council in relation to Cycleway 50 between Nag's Head and York Way.

Personal data has been removed from the attached document under section 40 of the FOIA – Personal Information.

In response to the proposals, the Station Commander (SC) for Holloway Fire Station confirmed that Cycleway 50 was discussed in a meeting with Islington Council and the London Ambulance Service (LAS). We understand that no notes from this meeting were taken by, or shared with, the LFB.

From their memory of the content of the meeting, the SC for Holloway Fire Station believes the following information was discussed:

- Both LFB and LAS raised that driving over cycle lanes was a not possible (the LFB would not 'smash through' bollards that protect cycle lanes as the risks are extremely high).
- There was also a discussion regarding a permanent block within that area that both the LFB and LAS raised concerns about.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cycleway50](#)
Subject: RE: Have your Say about Cycling between Nag's Head and York Way
Date: 23 October 2023 13:11:56
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Good Afternoon,

Apologies if you have already responded, but may I ask if you are planning to respond to my invitation for comments?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Career Grade Planner
Climate Change and Transport
Islington Council

From: Cycleway50
Sent: 02 October 2023 18:13
To: Cycleway50 <Cycleway50@islington.gov.uk>
Subject: Have your Say about Cycling between Nag's Head and York Way

Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out to you today as between now and 22nd October we are consulting with local key stakeholders, residents and businesses about proposals for Cycleway 50 between Nag's Head and York Way.

What's it about?

This is an exciting project to provide new facilities to help and encourage people to walk, cycle and wheel in the area between Nag's Head and York Way. I am very keen to help your organisation to give us feedback on our proposals to make our vision for a more environmentally-friendly, pleasant area a reality. We want to make improvements that will enable more people to cycle feeling safe and comfortable. We also want to make the area greener and more welcoming, including by making it easier to walk, scoot and use buggies and wheelchairs.

Why are we contacting you?

The purpose of me contacting you today is to introduce you to the consultation proposals and encourage you now to provide feedback on them. Your feedback now will help us to finalise the proposals before we decide whether or not to implement them later this year. Depending on the feedback we receive during consultation, we are looking to looking to make our decision and start construction at the end of this year.

You may already be aware of a separate engagement exercise for Cycleway 50 between Finsbury Park and Nag's Head that Transport for London has been running since January as it works to construct that cycle route. My purpose today in contacting you now is to inform you about our own engagement exercise for Cycleway 50 between Nag's Head and York Way, which is taking place now until 22nd October and covers the cycle route along Caledonian Road, Penn Road and Hungerford Road.

Find out more

To see full details about our draft proposals for Cycleway 50 from Nag's Head to York Way, please visit our website: www.islington.gov.uk/nhcycleway or scan the QR code below.



We would like to hear from you by **11.59pm on Sunday 22 October 2023.**

Have your say

Complete questionnaire on our website via the link above or scan the QR code. Sign up at our Eventbrite page for an event below:

Thursday 12th October 2023 6.30pm-7.30pm via Microsoft Teams for an online Question & Answer session: Join us to hear about the proposals and ask questions. Please register by visiting our website at the link or QR code above.

Thursday 19th October 2023 12pm-7pm at The Goodinge Community Centre, 2 Goodinge Road, N7 9GZ (just off North Road) for a drop-in question and answer event.

If you would like to invite us to a meeting to talk about this or would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]

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From: [Cycleway50](#)
Subject: Improvements from Nag's Head to York Way starting February 2024
Date: 09 February 2024 18:53:13

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Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out to you today as between now and April we are starting construction of improvements from Nag's Head and York Way as part of Cycleway 50.

Why are we contacting you?

Last October, we consulted with you to deliver improvements for walking, cycling and wheeling between Nag's Head and York Way. Your feedback has helped to shape the improvements we now plan to carry out. We want to let you know what these improvements are, when they will take place, what is involved, and how you can contact us if you would like more information.

When will these changes happen?

Construction will be starting in February. We aim to complete construction in April. As part of Cycleway 50, we are working with TfL to make walking, cycling and wheeling easier and safer for people of all ages and backgrounds, along Caledonian Road, Penn Road and Hungerford Road, as well as make more space for greening.

What are the changes?

To create a greener, healthier area, and to reflect your feedback, we are making the following changes:

New pedestrian and cycle priority crossings

- at Caledonian Road near Penn Road including planting areas and cycle parking near Penn Stores
- at Hillmarton Road at Hungerford Road, with traffic calming, planting areas and more cycle parking near St Luke's Church.

Easier crossings with wider pavements and planting areas

- at Penn Road near the western gate of Penn Road Gardens • at Hungerford Road at Hillmarton Road
- at Hungerford Road at Middleton Grove and Corporation Street.

Two-way cycling on one-way streets

- on Caledonian Road between Camden Road and Penn Road as cycle lanes separated from traffic
- on Penn Road as cycle symbol markings along the road.

What these changes mean for parking

For us to carry out these improvements, we will need make the following changes

to parking:

Reducing the length of parking bays in some locations

- on Caledonian Road between Camden Road and Freegrove Road
- on Penn Road near Caledonian Road and Staveley Close
- on Hillmarton Road near Penn Road
- on Hungerford Road and Middleton Grove near their junction
- on Hungerford Road near York Way.

Relocating the bus stand on Caledonian Road

from outside City and Islington College to opposite Sturmer Way.

Find out more

To find out more about project this please visit our website:

www.islington.gov.uk/nhcycleway

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Get in touch

If you have any questions about the project, you can respond to this email or write to: Environment, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP

Do you need this information in another language, or reading format such as Braille, large print, or Easy Read? Please contact us at:

environment@islington.gov.uk

Kind regards,

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