

Hi. We are a residents group covering Canning and Clyde Roads. Our aim is to help foster a sense of community and to provide useful information on what is happening locally. We send round a [monthly email update](#).

For an electronic version of this newsletter with links to relevant web pages go to www.canningandclyde.org

DO YOU WANT HIGHER LEVELS OF TRAFFIC GOING PAST YOUR HOME EVERY EVENING BETWEEN 7.00 PM AND 10.30 PM?

Croydon Council is putting forward proposals that will send approx 500 cars along Clyde Road and also approx 500 cars along Canning Road each evening between 7.00 pm and 10.30 pm.

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT ON RESIDENTS?

Some Clyde Road residents have already complained about current traffic levels in Clyde Road.

We can speak from experience of the impact. Before Canning Road was made No Entry to northbound traffic – residents of Canning Road complained about levels of traffic. This included having to close windows in the evening (dark, airless rooms) and being woken up at night by the noise of cars either scraping road humps or accelerating heavily away from road humps. Traffic could still be very audible in back rooms.

The Council's current proposal will have a worse impact on residents.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE AFFECTED AND HOW MANY CARS?

Canning and Clyde has 1,405 residents living in 693 households (2021 Census).

That means – most evenings out of 365 days a year, 1,405 residents will experience heavy traffic between 7.00 pm and 10.30 pm. **That's a lot of people negatively impacted.**

Croydon Council stats 15 – 21 May 2023 and June 2023 SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC					
	7 – 8 pm	8 – 9 pm	9 – 10 pm	10 – 11 pm	7 – 11 pm
Canning Road	31	30	21	18	100
Clyde Road	134	93	72	62	361
Elgin Road	44	38	30	24	136
Havelock Road	82	72	56	48	258
Outram Road	58	49	32	29	168
Total all 5 roads	349	282	211	181	1,023

Those approx 1,023 cars (just under because stats go up to 11.00 pm) will largely divide themselves between Clyde Road and Canning Road. A smaller number may choose a route through Leslie Park, Tunstall or Lebanon Roads.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED - HOW HAS THIS COME ABOUT?

Residents in Elgin, Havelock, Outram and Ashburton Roads have been experiencing high levels of traffic cutting through their roads between Addiscombe Road and Lower Addiscombe Road. The Council is proposing to make their roads No Entry (except to residents and visitors) between 7 pm and 7 am. From what we have been told so far - this

may be similar to the scheme in the [Addiscombe Healthy Neighbourhood that covers roads from Dalmally Road to Grant Road](#)

They are proposing to make Clyde and Canning Roads, however, No entry (except to residents and visitors) for a shorter time, between 10.30 pm and 7.00 am.

We had raised the issue of all displaced traffic coming along Clyde and Canning Roads. In response the Council were going to propose making Clyde and Canning Roads also No Entry for the same hours as the other roads. When the Council approached the management of Clyde Hall and St Mary Magdalene Church, however, both organisations objected on the grounds that it would impact people who use their premises in the evening. The Council is now proposing that Canning and Clyde Roads take the overspill traffic until 10.30 pm at night. Then we would have some respite from 10.30 pm to 7 am. During the day and evening (including between 7 am and 10.30 pm) traffic restrictions in Canning and Clyde Roads will remain as they are now but with far higher traffic levels in the evening.

See a fuller history of this project – for which **Croydon Council has used Transport for London ‘Healthy Streets’ money** – at our website: <https://www.canningandclyde.org/streets>

FINAL DECISION – MAYOR JASON PERRY

Directly elected Mayor Jason Perry will make the final decision on whether to send approx 500 cars along Clyde Road and also approx 500 cars along Canning Road each evening. He will either make it directly himself or through one or more of his hand-picked Cabinet members. **Either way it will be Mayor Jason Perry’s decision.**

We will have to hope he gives residents in Canning and Clyde Roads the same consideration as he gave residents in South Croydon, including those who live in his own road. In December 2022 Jason Perry's Cabinet stopped a healthy school street scheme because of potential impact on neighbouring roads, including the one Mayor Jason Perry lives in. For the full story see Inside Croydon’s article [School street scheme scrapped on road next to Mayor’s home](#) of 12 December 2022.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? YOUR VIEWS ARE VERY IMPORTANT

Our questionnaire

Please take no more than five minutes to answer four quick questions in the attached short questionnaire. You can email your response or drop it round.

Council engagement

Attend one of the Council’s drop-ins, if you’re free. They have sent letters to each household. Unfortunately these letters were addressed to ‘The Resident’ and looked just like the sort estate agents send out.

St Mildreds Church, Bingham Road, Addiscombe: Thursday 21 Nov 5 pm – 8.30 pm Small Hall; Saturday 23 Nov session 2 pm – 5 pm Pavilion; Thursday 28 Nov session 5 pm – 8.30 pm Small Hall; Saturday 30 Nov session 2 pm – 5 pm Pavilion.

People will also have the opportunity to express their views by 9 December 2024 through the Council’s site. See the page [New Neighbourhood schemes: Addiscombe East and West](#).

Be assured – should residents say they don’t want that level of traffic, we won’t let things rest.

Our Councillors

Please contact our Councillors: 020 8819 5597 c/o Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Please respond by 2 December 2024.

By email would be ideal. Send to annebridge175@gmail.com. If not, please drop through the door at Flat 3, 42 Canning Road (opposite church, red door). If you are unable to do either of these, you can ring 020 8656 6707 and leave a message; please speak clearly or it will cut out.

We will not pass on your details to anyone else without your permission.

We are asking, please, for your name and address in case we need to check whether you are in fact a resident of Clyde or Canning Road. It is also useful to know how we can contact you, either to ask for further comment or to keep you updated on what’s happening with this traffic issue.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

Please bear in mind – for political reasons there is a high chance the Council will grant restrictions between 7 pm and 7 am for Elgin, Havelock, Outram and Ashburton Roads. Realistically we have to work strategically within that framework.

1.On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is very unhappy, what would you feel about approx 500 cars each evening between 7 pm and 10.30 pm going along your road?

1	2	3	4	5
Very unhappy				Very happy

2.Do you want Clyde Road and Canning Road to have the same scheme as for Elgin to Ashburton Roads: No Entry (except to residents and visitors) in the evening between 7 pm and 7 am?

YES NO

3.Can you suggest any options for evening users of Clyde Hall and St Mary Magdalene church?

4.Any other suggestions or comments you would like to make about how traffic could be organised in our area for all road users? We will reproduce to the Council - anonymously - all comments in exactly the words you use!