

# HARINGEY CYCLING CAMPAIGN



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## Major TfL Schemes in Haringey

Calling all Crouch Enders! We need your support to get more public engagement and pressure to get the proposed Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme off the ground.

The “Liveable Neighbourhoods” schemes are a smaller-scale follow up to the “mini-Holland” schemes that were started under the previous mayor. But objectives are similar, providing for more active travel for more people and making an area healthier and more attractive for residents and visitors.



Crouch End: ripe for a more people-centred approach?  
Photo: wikipedia

HCC have seen initial plans for the Crouch End mini-Holland, which are a promising start, but any scheme we would support would need to:

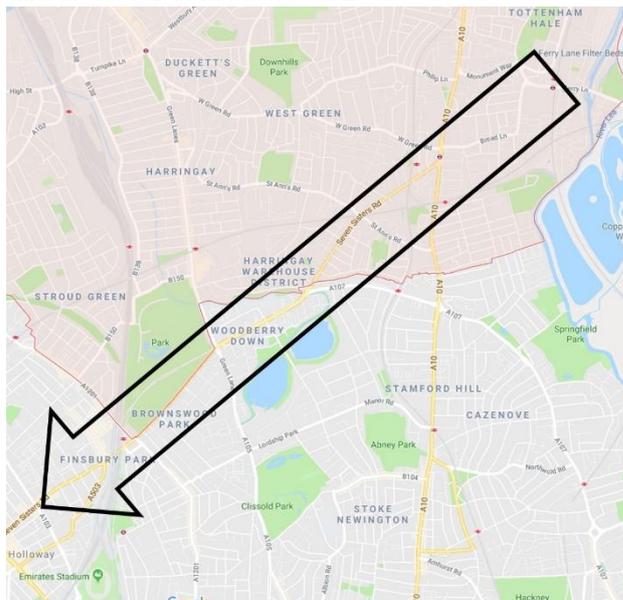
- Have area wide “filtering” to prevent through traffic from using side-streets to give genuinely quiet areas for people cycle and residents to enjoy
- Enable direct, safe access for people on bikes to reach the centre of Crouch End (and beyond), separated from motor traffic
- Clear pavements for people walking in the area

However, our greatest concerns are not with the current sketches, but with the lack of engagement from Haringey council. One of the major learnings from the success in prior mini-Hollands (especially Waltham Forest) was the importance of early engagement. Informal discussions with residents and the neighbourhood forum have shown that the cycling campaign has much common ground with other stakeholders in the area, and all share the concern of a scheme being presented by the council which meets the needs of no-one. Hence we need members in the local area to contact their councillors and be active in

local groups/residents associations to get more engagement in these plans.

Haringey needs Crouch End to be a success in order to be part of further TfL funded schemes, so we want to make sure that the council do not fall at the first hurdle.

In other news, there was confirmation from the new Deputy Mayor for Transport (former MP, Heidi Alexander) that a cycle route from Tottenham Hale to Camden will be put in place. This was identified as one of the routes with the greatest potential for journeys by bike and so we are pleased that this has been one of the first three selected to move forward.



Potential Cycle Route in Southern Haringey (Google Maps)

Detailed plans have not been released, and implementation will be complicated, as the route will potentially cover four boroughs (Hackney, Islington and Camden, as well as Haringey). But the aim is to have a high-quality route that provides direct, safe and traffic-free cycling. We hope that lessons have been learned from the poor quality CSI route in the area, which has greatly weakened the potential for cycling in the east of the borough, and that the new route does not include unlit alleys, convoluted backstreets, rat runs or unsupported crossings of major roads.

Again, it would be great to have the support of members and their councillors in the area for a scheme which the borough can be proud of and will be well used.

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## Group Rides

We had a good turn-out for the recent led ride to the Freecycle event, where a range of central London streets were closed to motor traffic and opened to families and groups. Most boroughs try to provide feeder rides, providing supporting and the protection of a group and experienced ride marshals to get people through the more hostile streets to the oasis in the centre. Haringey was no exception and our merry band had a great day out!



The Haringey feeder ride at Bank (Credit: A Rendle)

Look out for this next year on the first weekend in August (it is the day before the 100 mile sportive, if a slightly faster cycle is your preferred mode on two wheels).

In less happy circumstances, there was a mass-ride and demonstration in Holborn on August 20<sup>th</sup>, following the death of Dr Fisher on High Holborn. As an area that has already seen deaths and plans for safer road designs inexplicably shelved, the protest was to highlight the impact of delays. Your correspondent spotted at least 4 HCC regulars in the hundreds that joined and while we hope these are not needed, more participation is always helpful to show the depth of the problem.



Protest on High Holborn (Credit: LCC)

## Summer Picnic

Haringey Cycling Campaign's second annual summer social picnic took place on Sunday 15th July at Lordship Rec. Unlike last year, when most of us suffered in an unseasonal downpour, the weather was blisteringly hot, and it was a pleasure to spend time in one of Haringey's popular, bike friendly parks.

To those who joined us, thank you for coming along! And to those who'd like to come along next year, keep an eye on our website and social media to find out the details.

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Our new banner in action (Credit: S Calder)



A parched Lordship Rec (Credit S Calder)

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## Calling all writers!

Would you like to write something for our newsletter? Or maybe you'd like us to feature a community project, bike shop or bike friendly café? If the answer to either of these is 'yes', please get in touch with us at [Haringey@lcc.org.uk](mailto:Haringey@lcc.org.uk).

If you'd like to write your own review, please email it to the same address. Please include photos, if possible.

### HELP NEEDED

There's always a lot going on in Haringey, but there's so much more we could do to improve cycling in the borough if we had your help. Get in touch and help make Haringey better for everyone: [haringey@lcc.org.uk](mailto:haringey@lcc.org.uk)

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