

## Finsbury Square to Lever Street and Featherstone Street to Leonard Street Cycle Routes Consultation Results

### Overview

Islington is committed to making cycling as safe and easy as possible, as well as improving facilities so that more residents can enjoy cycling regularly.

The cycle routes from Finsbury Square to Lever Street and Featherstone Street to Leonard Street are two of a number of routes we are developing to improve Islington's cycling network ([www.islington.gov.uk/roads/cycling](http://www.islington.gov.uk/roads/cycling)). These new routes will provide important links on quiet low trafficked streets to other cycle routes in the London network. They are aimed at new and existing cyclists who want a safer cycling experience and to travel at a slower pace.

The proposals in this consultation included improvements to the existing segregated cycle tracks where possible, and safety improvements at major junctions by providing cycle only phases to allow cyclists through the junction with reduced conflicts.

### The consultation

The public consultation lasted for a 4 weeks ending on 13 March 2016. The consultation included of a leaflet drop to 6,256 residents and traders in the area providing summarised information of the proposals. A door knocking exercise was undertaken to talk to residents and traders fronting the route to increase awareness of the consultation. All the businesses along Chiswell Street were also approached to discuss the changes to the parking.

The leaflet directed consultees to a website where there was additional information about the proposals including detailed drawings. Consultees were able to respond to the proposals using the on-line public consultation tool 'Survey Monkey' which is an independent web site which has been previously used for similar surveys for Islington. In addition, questionnaires were included within the consultation documentation to allow people to respond by FREEPOST. A dedicated email address and telephone number was set up to answer any queries.

Two drop in sessions were undertaken to allow consultees to speak to members of the consultation team to discuss any concerns and queries. These were held at Finsbury Square on 24 February 2016 and Old Street on 2 March 2016 between 11am and 2pm.

## Results

There were a total of 87 responses received of which 37 were completed on line.

Total Respondents	Q1 - Would you like to see cycling improvements?					
	Finsbury Square to Lever Street			Featherstone Str to Leonard Str		
	Yes	No	No response	Yes	No	No response
	75.9%	19.5%	4.6%	75.9%	20.7%	3.4%

Respondents Cycling Habits	Response
Never cycle	32.2%
Occasional Cyclist	24.1%
Regular Cyclist	37.9%
No response	5.8%

- A more detailed analysis of the results identified 38% of the responses were from residents directly fronting the route, of these 81% were in favour of improvements to cycling facilities along the route.  
\*Seven responses did not provide postcodes so it was not possible to confirm their location.

The results show very strong support for the proposed improvements in response to the consultation. Consequently, we have been developing designs for these routes and are now ready to move into implementation of the works on the Finsbury Square to Lever Street route.

These works include;

- Lever Street - Two-way cycling, providing a westbound cycle lane
- Junction Bath Street/Lever Street - Kerbside build-out to protect cyclists turning into contraflow cycle lane. Loss of one car parking space and the provision of parking facilities for six bicycles.
- Bath Street through to Bunhill Row - Refreshing existing road markings to better define the cycle route
- Bunhill Row - Clearly marked contra-flow cycle lane which will help cycle safety by making it clearer that cyclists are using this route
- Chiswell Street - Introduction of advisory cycle lanes in both directions and removal of parking bays
- Chiswell Street/Finsbury Square junction - separate traffic light phases for cyclists
- Finsbury Square - Two-way segregated cycle lanes
- Sun Street/Wilson Street junction - Two-way segregated cycle lane

The works at Bunhill Row junction with Chiswell Street, which will offer protection for cyclists with footway build-outs and traffic islands, are being looked at as part of a wider scheme in the area and are likely to be implemented at a later date.

Residents and businesses affected by each stage of the works will receive letters containing dates, locations and the impacts on their travel options.

The implementation of the Featherstone Street to Leonard Street route is currently on hold while suitable vehicle access for adjacent property developments and a safe cycle through route can be agreed.

For more information on cycling in Islington please visit [www.islington.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.islington.gov.uk/cycling)