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**Residents of St. James's Park  
Croydon  
Surrey**

Your Ref:  
Our Ref: UR/CW/JMSPROP1  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008

Dear Resident(s)

### **Proposed Cycle Safety Scheme – St. James's Park, Croydon**

The Council is proposing to change the existing partial one-way traffic arrangement that currently operates in St. James's Park, as part of a programme of measures aimed at improving road safety for cyclists in the borough.

Prior to 2003, St. James's Park operated a system of one-way working southbound throughout its entire length for all vehicles. However, since 2003 the section of road from no. 2 St. James's Park to Windmill Road has operated a system of two-way working. This arrangement was introduced to enable cyclists to travel northbound in St. James's Park by using the mandatory contra-flow cycle lane running through the one-way section of St. James's Park then continuing north along the two-way section towards Windmill Road. Motor vehicles can still only enter St. James's Park from Windmill Road, leading to the vast majority of traffic in the road travelling in the southbound direction.

However, some cyclists have reported that when they travel north in St. James's Park they are at risk of being hit by motor vehicles as they approach the junction with Windmill Road. This appears to be because many motorists turning right from Windmill Road into St. James's Park do not expect to encounter any vehicles travelling north in St. James's Park and as a result sometimes 'cut the corner' when turning. This leads to motorists sometimes entering St. James's Park on the wrong side of the road, which can create a danger for cyclists travelling northbound at this point.

To help alleviate this problem, it is proposed that the entire length of St. James Park will revert back to one-way working southbound for motor vehicles. An advisory contra-flow cycle lane (subject to Department for Transport authorisation) will also be implemented, running northbound from the end of the existing mandatory cycle lane at no. 2 St. James's Park through to Windmill Road. This would enable cyclists to continue travelling north along the full length of St. James's Park. A new traffic island will be installed at the northern end of the road to provide protection for cyclists by physically separating the advisory cycle lane from vehicles entering St. James's Park. **Please note that none of the existing parking places in St. James's Park will be moved or removed as a result of this scheme.**

The attached plan shows the proposals and the accompanying questionnaire asks for your views. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call the number above or use the email address given.

**Your views are important as the Council wishes to know your views before a final decision is made, so please take a few moments to respond and return the questionnaire to me by 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008 using the reply paid envelope provided. Alternatively, if you have internet access you can respond at [www.croydon.gov.uk/transportandstreets/consultations](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/transportandstreets/consultations)**

**To ensure the views of local residents are considered fully, replies that do not have an address given will not be accepted.**

Yours sincerely

*Clive Whittle*

Clive Whittle  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Traffic, Transportation and Road Safety**

## Cycle Safety Scheme – St. James’s Park - Questionnaire

Resident’s Name.....

Address.....  
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**Please tick one box only to indicate your view**

**Yes**

1. I/we **support** the proposals to introduce southbound one-way working in the entire length of St. James’s Park.  
**This is a vote in favour of the entire length of St. James’s Park becoming one-way southbound for motor vehicles.**  
Cyclists will still be able to travel in both directions
  
2. I/we **are against** the proposals to introduce southbound one-way working in the entire length of St. James’s Park.  
**This is a vote in favour of no change in the current traffic flow arrangement in St. James’s Park.**
  
3. I/we **are undecided** about the proposals.

Comments

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If you have any queries regarding this consultation please contact Clive Whittle on 020 8686 4433 ext 61836