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Dear Resident

## **Mansell Street experimental cycling and walking scheme**

I'm writing because we're planning to make some changes in the Mansell Street area to help people to walk and cycle. I wanted to write and explain broadly what we're planning to do, and why, and also what further engagement and consultation you should expect from us.

### **Why we are introducing these changes**

We are working with London's local authorities to provide more cycling infrastructure and improved spaces for people walking. We're doing this because we want to encourage everyone who can to walk and cycle whenever possible. 'Active travel' has huge health and well-being benefits, and if more people walked, cycled or used public transport in London, there would be less congestion and our air would be cleaner.

Schemes like this one will help support London's growth and ongoing recovery from the coronavirus. We also need to take action to prevent people walking and cycling from being hurt and injured: in the three years up to July 2020 four people were seriously injured in collisions on or near Mansell Street, and one person tragically was killed. We're introducing these changes because our analysis also shows that there is huge potential for more people to walk or cycle in the Mansell Street area, but only if we provide new infrastructure to help them to feel safe.

### **What we are planning to introduce**

We hope to introduce a new cycle lane along Mansell Street, to provide a new cycle link between Cycleway 2 on Whitechapel High Street and Cycleway 3 on Royal Mint Street.

The route will improve safety and comfort for cycling, provide new and improved pedestrian crossings and reduce conflict between motor vehicles and cycle traffic. More information about our proposed changes will be available on our website at: <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/mansell-street>. We are finalising the construction timetable with our contractors.

If you like, you can register on our website and we will email you further details as soon as they are available. Either way, we'll write to you again once our plans are more developed and we can confirm when construction will begin.

The scheme will be temporary to allow us to test the impacts before any decisions are made about longer term arrangements.

### **How we will consult you**

We are introducing these changes with an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). Traffic Orders make it legally possible for us to make changes to the road network, and ETROs allow us to introduce changes temporarily, and on an experimental basis, so that we can better understand the effects a scheme will have.

Ordinarily we would consult local people and other stakeholders before commencing work on changes to London's streets. The ongoing recovery from the coronavirus pandemic means we need to take rapid action to help London's communities with measures to get London moving while we recover from the pandemic.

Your views are important however and we will consult you. Our consultation will begin once we have completed the changes: we will write to you at this point to tell you the consultation has begun and how you can respond to it.

We will use the consultation, along with monitoring of scheme impacts to help us decide whether:

- it is necessary to make any changes to the temporary scheme once it is in place, and if so, what these changes might be
- the scheme should remain in place permanently, or if it should be withdrawn at the end of the experimental period

If you have any questions about the scheme in the meantime, you can use the Questions tool on the scheme webpage mentioned above or email us at [haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk).

We will be in touch with you again soon to confirm when construction and consultation will begin.

Best wishes

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