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Good afternoon

I'm writing with an update on the temporary improvements we made in July 2020 to Cycle Superhighway 7 (CS7) in the London Boroughs of Merton and Wandsworth. We introduced these changes as an emergency response to the coronavirus, to help people safely walk or cycle. We've been monitoring the CS7 scheme closely over the last 18 months and have also collected a range of feedback from the community and other stakeholders. We're planning to make some further improvements to the scheme, and we wanted to let you know what these are.

The feedback the community has shared with us has been hugely helpful. There have been a range of views about the scheme; some people have made clear to us how much they value and support the cycle lane, but others have raised concerns. These have covered a variety of topics including: the new bus stop bypasses we introduced; loading facilities for businesses; and, the effects of certain turns it was necessary to prohibit to keep people safe.

We recently developed some interim changes to the scheme. These changes have been informed by the feedback we've received and are intended to address some operational issues we've identified through our monitoring. The changes are:

- Removing the bus stop by-pass at stop D at Bygrove Road, and changing back to the previous layout
- Making clear that a loading bay on High Street Colliers Wood near Robinson Road is available
- At Tooting High Street, firstly on the approach to Blackshaw Road; but also on the approach to Mitcham Road, changing the nearside lane so that traffic can use it to move ahead and turn left
- Reinstating two traffic lanes at the stop line on Upper Tooting Road, northbound on approach to Trinity Road, Wandsworth
- Reinstating the left turn from Balham High Street onto Chestnut Grove

We'll start to build these changes shortly, from mid-January, and we'll write in advance to the properties closest to these changes to let them know when our works will take place. However, we think we can go further and develop more improvements to the CS7 scheme. Over the next few months, we'll continue to look at what further changes might be necessary to maintain and enhance the benefits that the CS7 scheme provides to people walking or cycling. We'll write to you again once we've completed our work, to explain what further improvements we plan to make.

The changes we'll make to the CS7 scheme in January have been developed in large part with your feedback in mind. The same will be true of the further changes we'll develop over the coming months.

We will shortly make a new temporary traffic order to give us the time we need to develop the further changes we think will be necessary. You might see notices to this effect in the local press. We have not yet made a decision about what the longer-term future of the changes we made to CS7 last year should be but we will keep you informed. Please continue to provide your feedback on these interim measures via [haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/collierswood-balham](https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/collierswood-balham).

I hope this is helpful. We'll continue to keep you informed.

Yours sincerely

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