

Helping Warwick Way/Wilton Road shopping area after the lockdown

Possible Temporary Scheme to assist social-distancing and bounce back in the area (drawn up by a local resident who is a Transport Planner and modeller)

Challenges before Covid-19 (covered at length in draft Neighbourhood Plan)

- Pedestrian environment (pavement widths in places, esp. junctions and lack of maintenance)
- Loading/unloading of lorries
- Traffic levels at peak times
- Physical design encourages anti-social behaviour (outside Sainsbury) and makes its impact worse (e.g. on narrow pavement near junction)

All detract from the quality of the experience for shoppers, diners, café users..

Particular objectives we need to address now

- enable existing businesses to recover as quickly as possible while their users (shoppers/diners) socially distance and feel safe
- enable social distancing on pavements
- enable and encourage people to linger in this area and to pass through safely

Westminster Planning Policy context (City Plans)

This section of Warwick Way and Wilton Road, Churton Street, the market and Upper Tachbrook Street, Denbigh Street up to junction with Churton Street form the “Warwick Way/Tachbrook Street retail cluster” which is the focus for retail and other “town centre” activity in our area.

Proposal

- We need a wider footway in Warwick Way and Wilton Road (especially around the junction) to enable pedestrians to stop and to pass through; tables and chairs managed by cafés and restaurants to return safely to business and to enable social distancing.
- Complete pedestrianisation **not** appropriate – might add to anti-social behaviour as it would remove the surveillance and general activity brought about by some traffic.

Quick idea for **temporary scheme** to achieve these objectives:

- expand footway by removing one lane (net) from Warwick Way of the west moving traffic between the junctions of Upper Tachbrook Street and Guildhouse Street: forcing right turn into Upper Tachbrook Street and right turn out of Guildhouse Street (or alternatively all the way to Vauxhall Bridge Road).
- Road Space freed up for through-walkers, table and chairs, planting and cycle parking and some loading bays
- Selectively expand pavement: around junction on stretches/corners which were originally congested and on Wilton Road, especially in block between Jomuna and Longmoore Street to deal with serious pressure on pavement around bus stop
- Some issues to be dealt with to promote movement around, but not through, central area

Key users:

- This leaves dedicated delivery bays for Tesco and Waitrose as now
- Taxis can still park outside Cyprus Mangal and outside Seafresh
- WCC would need to consult emergency services about removing westbound through route, but at times Warwick Way is seriously congested, and this isn't quickest route anyway.
- Need to prevent diversion through Pimlico

Diagram: hatched area for pedestrians; cycle hoops; parking for loading and cycle contra-flow

BELGRAVE ROAD

GUILDFORD ST

WILTON ROAD

UPPER CARBROOK ST

VANSHALL SQUARE ROAD

CONSIDER 1-WAY ONLY ON LONGMORE SS

REINSTATE 2-WAY WITH TAXI PARKING RESTRICTIONS

LONGMORE SS

ONE WAY*

* REDUCE CARRIAGEWAY TO ONE LANE WITH SPACE FOR LOADING + OPTION OF CONTRA-FLOW CYCLE LANE

/// REALLOCATED ROADSPACE. USE TO INCREASE SPACE FOR PEDESTRIANS, EXTRA CYCLE PARKING AND TABLES AND CHAIRS MANAGED BY CAFE AND RESTAURANTS.

DENBIGH STREET

MARKET.

Ⓛ LOADING SPACE/BAYS.

