

Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – November 2024

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Hi, everyone. Hope you are well and keeping snug as the longer evenings have arrived.

CR0 11 Healthy Streets project

**** IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT WILL IMPACT YOU AND OTHER RESIDENTS IN OUR AREA ****

Please bear with this longer than usual update item. It's really important!

The Council is now also calling this the Addiscombe East / West Neighbourhood Project.

The project came about following campaigning by HOME residents association because of unacceptably high levels of traffic in their roads (Elgin to Ashburton Roads).

This project is funded by the Council's Local Implementation Plan (LIP). LIP is funded by Transport for London (TfL) to implement the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy, of which Healthy Streets for residents is a significant part.

The Council divided residents into groups for the purpose of consultation. They put us (Canning & Clyde) together with ECCO (area bounded by Lower Addiscombe Road, Tunstall Road, Addiscombe Road, the railway lines from East Croydon station to the north. [Click here for their website](#)). Canning & Clyde and ECCO have been working co-operatively together really well.

The Council has put together some proposals. They are holding an area-wide engagement from 18 November to 9 December 2024 with drop-in sessions at St Mildreds Church, Bingham Road, Addiscombe. As far as we understand, we think

these sessions may provide information on Council proposals and encourage residents to give their views. They will be held on:

Thursday 21 Nov 5 pm – 8.30 pm in the Small Hall

Saturday 23 Nov session 2 pm – 5 pm in the Pavilion

Thursday 28 Nov session 5 pm – 8.30 pm in the Small Hall

Saturday 30 Nov session 2 pm – 5 pm in the Pavilion

They are also starting to send letters to every household in the area from yesterday (Friday 1 November 2024).

We are not clear about the details of what they will be proposing.

We do know that it will include the suggestion – originally put forward by HOME residents association – of an area controlled by ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition). HOME proposed the area be from Elgin to Ashburton Roads to be controlled 24/7. At my insistence Clyde Road was added otherwise Clyde Road residents would have been swamped with most of the southbound traffic from those four roads; it would have been the first road drivers would have arrived at with access to Chepstow Road.

After consultation with Transport for London (TfL), whose interest is in how traffic flows may hold up buses and trams, Croydon Council appears to be putting forward an ANPR system that would operate in the evening and at night to provide a break from high traffic levels for those roads from 7 pm to 7 am. Residents living in the roads within the ANPR area would be exempt.

The Council's stated purpose would be to maintain a quality of life for residents living in the roads and – in theory - to keep traffic at night on the main roads, which are quieter than during the day.

So you understand the numbers of vehicles concerned – here are the statistics the Council collected in May and early June 2023. They are the average number of

southbound cars travelling along Clyde to Ashburton Roads each day between 7 pm and 7 am:

Elgin - 236

Havelock - 468

Outram - 258

Clyde - 580

TOTAL NUMBER OF SOUTHBOUND CARS = 1,542

Obviously the 1,542 drivers are naturally going to want to find the most convenient southbound route from Lower Addiscombe Road to Chepstow Road / Fairfield Road / Barclay Road. The prime candidate would be Canning Road / Addiscombe Road / Park Hill Road as the first available route, which moreover would not involve stopping at traffic lights. Also in line would be Leslie Park Road, Tunstall Road, Addiscombe Court Road, Lebanon Road and Oval Road.

We (Canning & Clyde) along with ECCO have pointed this out to the Council who are considering how to discourage simply displacing the traffic from Clyde to Ashburton Roads onto our roads.

On Wednesday 23 October 2024 the Project Manager had a meeting with a representative from St Mary Magdalene Church to seek their views on possible ANPR restrictions in Canning Road between 7 pm and 7 am. The Project Manager reported, *'I have had a discussion with a rep from St Mary Magdalene and they do not have any activities which would be compromised , hence no impact on the church activities.'* That means – the St Mary Magdalene Church rep has not raised any objections to Canning Road being included in any potential ANPR system between 7 pm and 7 am.

The landlord of The Builders Arms in Leslie Park Road, however, has raised objections to the idea of restrictions in Leslie Park Road citing impact on their business. The Council therefore is looking at possibilities (other than an ANPR for

Leslie Park Road) for protecting the quality of life of residents in the ECCO area. If Clyde to Ashburton Roads plus Canning Road end up being protected by ANPR at night, then all the more the ECCO area will need effective measures to avoid high levels of traffic between 7 pm and 7 am.

We have been told that the kind of ANPR system the Council is considering would be the same as that already operating in the Dalmally Road / Grant Road area which is by resident permit. Click here for more information on [Croydon Neighbourhood schemes](#).

The Dalmally Road / Grant Road scheme has exemptions for carers, licensed taxis, and emergency services.

Do please look at what the Council is proposing. Click here for the Council's latest news on the [CR0 11 Healthy Streets / Addiscombe East and West project](#). We are in Addiscombe West.

Click here for information on our [Canning & Clyde website](#).

We would encourage everyone please to give thought to what the Council is proposing. Basically the Council has to seek a balancing act between quality of life / convenience of residents with convenience of car drivers. Please let the Council know your views. It would be very helpful, please, if you could let us know too.

To put things in context - the 2021 Census showed that in 2021 51% of households in Canning & Clyde did not have access to a car or van.

Healthwatch Croydon Annual Meeting and Question Time

Wednesday 6 November 5.30pm-7.30pm

(community fair from 5pm and until 8pm – refreshments will be served)

Croydon Clocktower Cafe, Katharine Street, Croydon CR9 1ET

Do you have views or questions on how health and / or social care are provided in Croydon? Then you may be interested in this event.

This is how Healthwatch Croydon describes its purpose – *‘Healthwatch Croydon works to get the best out of local health and social care services responding to your voice. From improving services today to helping shape better ones for tomorrow, we listen to your views and experiences and then influence decision-making.’* Click here for more information on [what Healthwatch Croydon does](#).

On Wednesday 6 November 2024 they will be holding their Annual Meeting with a Question Time. The Panel will include local health providers, social care providers and voluntary groups. The event gives everyone an opportunity to ask questions and put forward their opinions and ideas. Click here for more information on the [meeting and Question Time](#).

Croydonites Festival

31 October to 15 November

This is an arts festival with a wide range of events. Click here for the [full programme](#).

Ticket prices are affordable compared to a lot of arts events. The festival includes four free events.

Outside this month

Things to see / hear in the month of November

Fog

Here are two interesting bits of information from the Met Office site about fog.

How much water is in fog?

Fog is made up of tiny water droplets all suspended in what is essentially a cloud on the ground which contains up to 0.5 ml of water per cubic metre.

To visualise this, if you were to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool with fog and then somehow condense it, you would be left with around 1.25 litres of water (or just over 2 pints).

Shifting perceptions

When driving, most people are aware of the need to slow down in foggy conditions, but did you know fog has a hazardous impact on your speed perception?

Much of how our brains judge speed is by the contrast in our surroundings, such as trees or buildings flashing past in our peripheral vision. But in foggy conditions, contrast is greatly reduced giving the impression you are driving slower than you actually are. Many drivers increase their speed as a result.

Click here for more information from the [Met Office site](#)