

WHO WAS REPRESENTING ELGIN ROAD AT THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING?

Our Addiscombe Councillors Sean Fitzsimons and Patricia Hay-Justice supported the scheme.

Fitzsimons believed the traffic “will not all go onto Elgin Rd.” Most of it seems to be. Both he and Hay-Justice are standing in the May 2018 council elections for the new ward of Addiscombe West which covers Lebanon Rd, Addiscombe Court Rd and Canning Rd.

....BUT NOT Elgin Rd, Havelock and Outram Roads. Nobody on the Council seemed to be fighting for H.O.M.E ?

You may have noticed that the amount of traffic travelling along your road has increased significantly this year.

This is because all northbound traffic that used to be shared with Addiscombe Court Road and Canning Road now has to choose between Elgin, Havelock and Outram Roads as northbound traffic is prohibited on ACR and Canning Roads.

Elgin Road is currently picking up the bulk of the traffic, but there has been an increase in traffic reported travelling north along Havelock and Outram roads, so at rush hour in particular, you may have found it harder to access your house from the Lower Addiscombe Road as northbound traffic is preventing you from travelling south up the road to your home.

The only way to get the Council to re-look at this issue is to go through a formal complaint's procedure.

Whether you write your own email or want to copy and paste from our complaints letter it will make a difference.

Use this link:

www.home.addiscombe.net/traffic-issues

When further information is added to this page we will notify you via Facebook and Twitter

Want to help? Please send a **copy** of your complaint to us so we can keep track on the number of complaints submitted to the council:

react2traffic@gmail.com

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TO COMPLAIN

1. Send an email marked "Stage 1 - Formal complaint in respect of No Entry scheme to Addiscombe Court Rd/ Canning Rd." to:

mike.barton@croydon.gov.uk

or write to:

Mike Barton
Highways Improvements Team
Croydon Council
Bernard Weatherill House
8 Mint Walk
Croydon, CR0 1EA

A template with key points can be found here:

www.home.addiscombe.net/traffic-issues

They have 20 days to respond.

2. When the council responds make a Stage 2 Complaint to the Complaints Resolution Team saying you are not happy (complaints@croydon.gov.uk).

3. If you are still not happy, you will be directed to complain to the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO). The more people who go through this process, the more likely it is that there will be positive outcome.

REASONS TO COMPLAIN

- ◆ Closing Lebanon Rd northbound pushed traffic onto Addiscombe Court Rd, some of it dangerously overtaking stationary trams and turning blindly into this road. The council could have contacted TFL to resolve this issue with a camera, signs or barrier, but instead blocked Addiscombe Court and Canning Rds to northbound traffic at a cost of at least £35,000.
- ◆ The Council's Highways Improvement Team said this change would encourage traffic to stay on main roads but this has not happened. There is no northbound artery.
- ◆ The Council chose to protect the residents of Canning Rd from northbound traffic because it was the next turn along from Addiscombe Court Rd. Unfairly, it did not give the same consideration to the residents of the next northbound turn.
- ◆ Elgin Rd is taking the bulk of the additional traffic but Havelock and Outram Roads are also taking the strain.
- ◆ At a meeting in July 2017 a plan was used as part of the public consultation. The plan shows Clyde Rd as two way, giving the false impression that it would carry part of the northbound traffic. It is, of course, one way. This plan was reused at the October 2017 meeting where the decision was made. Any Councillors acting on this would have done so on misleading information. As councillors allowed the plan to be reused, they were either not scrutinising the information carefully enough or making a deliberate attempt to mislead.

- ◆ The council made this decision after a public consultation, ignoring 84 written objections warning of negative impacts of the scheme, including longer journeys, congestion, pollution and unacceptably high traffic on Elgin Road and other H.O.M.E. roads.
- ◆ The new road layout has encouraged people to break the law. Today, some traffic STILL turns into Addiscombe Court Rd and Canning Rd by illegally dodging the road blocks. To avoid the heavily congested Chepstow Rd, some traffic, which has included council bin lorries, illegally passes through the traffic lights at the Addiscombe Road/ Chepstow Road junction during peak hours. The Highways Team has said that the enforcement camera is being "modernised" and will not be in operation until May 2018.
- ◆ At a council meeting in July 2017, Councillors said sorry for the impact suffered by residents as a result of the changes to Lebanon Rd, "lessons had been learnt,...the council did not want to create similar situations elsewhere". However, the same mistake has been made AGAIN by closing Addiscombe Court Rd and Canning Rd, ignoring fairer solutions like introducing one way loops to share the northbound traffic across a number of residential roads.
- ◆ The arrival of Westfield in the coming years will place additional strain on these roads, please help by complaining about this decision.