

Some of the Impacts

- Thousands of north-bound vehicles diverted into the already congested Elgin, Havelock & Outram Roads, surpassing the chaos that used to be Lebanon Rd.
- 40 minutes has been added to relatively short journeys for residents from Lebanon to Blake trying access schools & care centres to the north (Woodside, St James Rd, Heavers Farm etc)
- Drivers are now routinely ignoring No Entry signs across the area and endangering pedestrians and other drivers.

Councillors cynically abandon Elgin, Outram & Havelock Residents

Following the ward boundary changes Cllrs Fitzsimons & Hay-Justice distanced themselves from the Lebanon Rd decision and fully supported the 2017 changes apparently in a cynical ploy to curry favour with a vociferous group of voters in the new Addiscombe West ward where they will be standing in May, and abandoning the residents of Elgin, Outram and Havelock who they currently represent.

Having supported the No Entry to ACR and Canning, they have become deaf to the pleas from residents in adjacent streets who opposed the change and upon whom it is having a significantly negative impact.

It has now come to light that councillors and officers misled residents as they did **not** consult TfL regarding safety around the tram and bus stops.

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

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www.home.addiscombe.net/traffic-issues

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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, if you are not happy, make a Stage 2 Complaint to the Complaints Resolution Team (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.

Keep an eye on our twitter/facebook/ website for further advice for items 2 & 3

The Traffic Chaos of East Croydon Roads – loss of access to Lower Addiscombe Road and traffic dumped onto Elgin, Havelock & Outram Roads.

The local councillors like to describe the succession of roads from Blake Rd to Sandilands as ladder streets linking Addiscombe Rd and Lower Addiscombe Rd. Due to the bad council decision to make Addiscombe Court Rd and Canning Rd no entry to north-bound traffic this is now a Broken Ladder.

Over the years, changes have been made but at no time did the council undertake an area wide review of traffic management for these “ladder roads”. When residents asked for a review, they were told that this could only be done by TfL. When the trams were installed, TfL was supposed to undertake a traffic impact survey, but failed to do so and the council failed to pursue them over it

Lebanon Rd was the main south-bound route, & the tram stop pushed most of the north-bound traffic into it. It was notorious for violent disputes between drivers trying to force their way through, speeding vehicles, damage to parked cars, and the environmental impact on residents. Making it One-Way south-bound had the effect of displacing north-bound traffic into Addiscombe Ct Rd (ACR).

In 2017, following a vigorous campaign, the council decided to close ACR and Canning Rd to north-bound traffic from Addiscombe Rd. This decision cut a large residential area off from Lower Addiscombe Rd and displaced the north-bound traffic from ACR and Canning Rd into Elgin Rd, which already had a heavier flow of traffic than either ACR or Canning Rd.

The campaign argued their case on pedestrian safety around the tram and bus stops, claiming that due to the closure of Lebanon Rd, vehicles overtaking stationary trams were endangering people.

During the consultation

- The statistics showed that neither ACR or Canning Rd experienced significantly heavier flows of traffic than other through-roads along the “ladder streets”.
- The majority of people in Canning Rd opposed the road being closed to north-bound traffic.
- The majority of people consulted opposed the changes.
- Residents who need to be able to take children, disabled and the elderly to schools and care centres were ignored.
- The council claimed the changes were for safety reasons due to overtaking cars on Addiscombe Rd, and that it had consulted TfL.
- The Council has now admitted that it never raised this issue with TfL.