LONDON BOROUGH OF LAMBETH

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The orders are necessary to improve road safety, and to create better conditions for walking cycling, and scooting as part of the Council's Healthy Route Network. The intended effects of the Healthy Route are to mitigate high vehicle traffic volumes in residential areas and thereby reduce road danger, improve air quality, encourage active and sustainable travel and to reduce air and noise pollution. By providing designated safe space for walking/wheeling and cycle, the Healthy Route will provide a healthy and sustainable link between neighbourhoods, local amenities, businesses, parks, schools and transport hubs.

These orders will introduce mandatory cycle lanes protected with wands that would operate at any time across Loughborough Road and in a small part of Lilford Road to give protection to pedal cyclists from general traffic and improve road safety. At the Loughborough Road/ Akerman Junction, measures include installing a cyclists-only phase within the signal cycle time and corresponding low level cycle signal heads on the Loughborough Road/ Akerman Road junction approaches, banning the left turn into Akerman Road. The proposed No Waiting at Any Time restriction further enhances safety for all road users to ensure these areas are free of parked or stationary vehicles. This will improve the experience for cyclists travelling through the junctions and supports the borough outcome relating to reducing road danger and the number of people killed or seriously injured through targeted infrastructure improvements

The parking measures will also relocate some permit holders parking spaces to the area between the cycleway and traffic lane, to create floating parking. The parking loss is primarily on the west side of Loughborough Road and is a result of parking spaces needing to be removed and re-purposed as cycleway. In January 2023, Lambeth adopted the borough's Kerbside Strategy, which sets out how the kerbside (the space where cars park typically) will support the borough's response to the climate emergency, tackle inequality and enable a wide range of other strategic objectives such as clean air.

The orders will also increase road safety for all road users by providing new raised pedestrian and cycle parallel zebra crossings, upgrade of an existing signalised pedestrian crossing to include raised table and relocating and rationalising existing speed cushions to enforce the 20mph borough wide speed limit.