

Elm Park Shopping Parade

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are you making these changes to the Elm Park Shopping Parade?

The Elm Park shopping parade is a special place in the Tulse Hill community that holds the promise of becoming a vibrant neighbourhood hub benefiting residents and local businesses.

Planned changes aim to encourage more walking, wheeling and cycling while boosting the local economy and making Tulse Hill more resilient to climate changes. The improvements support Lambeth Council's Kerbside Strategy, which intends to dedicate a quarter of road space to sustainable uses by 2030, aligning with our Climate Action Plan.

By reducing traffic, improving sidewalks, removing street clutter, and adding more trees and bio-diverse planting, the Elm Park shopping parade will become an accessible, friendly and safe place to shop and stroll, making it a welcoming and sought-after local destination.

I have a parking permit and can no longer park in front of my house on Elm Park, where can I park now?

The Elm Park shopping parade design transforms the area into a community and active travel friendly space by providing wider pavements, street trees, seating, and greening. As part of this transformation, some parking bays must be removed. These changes support the Council's Climate Action Plan and Kerbside Strategy aim of reinstating the kerbside as public space with a target for 25% of kerbside allocated for sustainable uses by 2030.

As part of the decision-making process for the final designs, we conducted a parking occupancy survey. This survey showed that the impact on residents would be minimal.

Residents will now find parking along neighbouring streets and can make use of the loading bay for any drop offs and deliveries during the loading bay hours.

Where can I park for the shops?

Visitors to the area will be able to park on neighbouring streets outside the hours of the resident parking permit (Monday to Friday, hours vary depending on the street), or can use the pay for parking option where applicable.

Is there disabled parking for the shops?

When designing the scheme, a parking occupancy survey was undertaken. This highlighted that the existing disabled bays were not used by residents.

Visitors who own a blue badge are permitted to park in vacant residents' bays within the area for an unlimited time. The closest areas to the Elm Park Shopping Parade can be found on Leander Road and Ostade Road.

Is there cycle parking for the local shops?

There are currently four bike parking locations along the Elm Park Shopping Parade which can be used when visiting the local shops. The design expands on these by providing additional bike parking on the side of the road opposite to the shops.

Will street seating increase anti-social behaviour?

Lambeth Council is committed to transforming our streets to change the way people perceive their everyday journeys. Lambeth's top two priorities are enabling accessible and active travel and creating spaces for people. Street seating creates space for socialising, for speaking to our neighbours as well as a place to take a much needed moment to sit down and relax.

We understand that public seating causes concern for anti-social behaviour. Our previous schemes where public seating was introduced did not show any increase in anti-social behaviour due to the seating. Officers will continue to work with local residents, community groups and businesses and monitor any emerging issues that may arise as a result of anti-social activities associated with the new street furniture. We are actively working with colleagues across Lambeth Council to prevent and, if necessary, react quickly to instances of anti-social behaviour and wider safety concerns.

Will additional seating for the Elm Park Tavern increase noise in the area?

Through our engagement we found there was a strong local desire to see the businesses on Elm Park thrive and survive. There were 66 comments noting the specific measure of providing seating outside the café and pub. We have responded to this feedback by designing space for seating outside the Elm Park Tavern on both Elm Park and on Ostade Road.

We are working in partnership with the Elm Park Tavern to ensure that this space is used responsibly and respectfully by their patrons. Officers will continue to work with local residents, community groups and businesses and monitor any emerging issues that may arise as a result of anti-social activities associated with the additional seating.

How are you supporting SEN transport for Elm Court School?

Northbound journeys from Elm Court School have changed. We have determined two routes for SEN transport heading northbound from Elm Court School as follows:

1. Turning left on Craster Road, left again on Ostade Road then continuing the journey to the A23 by turning right onto Upper Tulse Hill.
2. Turning right onto Craster Road, left onto Medora Road, then left again onto Leander Road, followed by a right on Elm Park to continue your journey northbound to the A23.

Will there be more traffic on other local roads when the Elm Park shopping parade becomes one way?

As northbound motor vehicle traffic will now be prohibited along the Elm Park shopping parade, Medora Road, Craster Road and Ostade Road will provide natural routes back to the A23. As the Tulse Hill LTN measures have already lessened the traffic through the neighbourhood and local residents have several route options for travelling northbound, we do not anticipate any of these roads having a significant increase in traffic, though residents of these streets might notice delivery vehicles supporting local shops and schools leaving the area via their road.

I live south of the Elm Park shopping parade on Elm Park. How will my journeys by motor vehicle change?

As northbound motor vehicle traffic will now be prohibited along the Elm Park shopping parade, you will need to use alternate routes.

If you are starting your northbound journey on Ostade Road, depending on where you are headed you can either use Craginair Road to Road the A204, or you can turn left onto Craster Road, Medora Road and Leander Road to rejoin Elm Park to continue your journey northbound to the A23.

How will deliveries to the local area change?

Residents and businesses along Elm Park Parade can make use of the loading bay for any drop offs and deliveries during the loading bay hours. As a result of the one-way change on Elm Park Shopping Parade, delivery vehicles servicing the shops and nearby school may use Medora Road and Craster Road to leave the area. However, we foresee the impact of this on residents as minimal.

Supporting Online Resources:

Tulse Hill LTN Commonplace: <https://tulsehilltn.commonplace.is/>

Lambeth Kerbside Strategy: <https://lambeth-kerbside.org/>

Lambeth's Urban Forest Strategy: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/parks-sports-leisure/parks/tree-planting>