

# Quietways

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. What are Quietways?

Quietways are a network of radial and orbital cycle routes throughout London. Linking key destinations, they will follow direct back-street routes, through parks, along waterways or tree-lined streets. The routes will overcome barriers to cycling, targeting less confident cyclists who want to use low-traffic routes, while also providing for existing cyclists who want to travel at a more gentle pace.

Each Quietway will provide a continuous route for cyclists, and every London borough will benefit from the programme. This network will complement other cycling initiatives such as the Central London Cycling Grid, Cycle Superhighways and mini-Hollands.

To develop the new, continuous cycle routes, new way finding, surface and junction improvements will be introduced and barriers, such as chicanes, will be removed.

### 2. How have the pilot routes been defined?

At the inception of the Quietways programme in early 2013, the Cycling Commissioner met with each of the London boroughs to discuss their route aspirations for the Quietways programme. In September 2013, Sustrans was appointed by TfL as the Design Agent for a 12 month commission, to coordinate and write the Route Delivery Plans (RDPs) for the first seven routes.

The pilot Quietway routes were chosen for the following reasons:

- Met the Quietways criteria, including buildability by 2016
- Included a good geographical spread linking key destinations across 17 London boroughs
- Demonstrated different Quietways characteristics, e.g. routes through parks, different levels of interventions needed, complementing existing and planned infrastructure

### 3. Where are the current pilot routes?

The current pilot routes are

- Waterloo to Greenwich (Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham, Greenwich)
- Bloomsbury to Walthamstow (first phase to Mare Street) (Camden, Islington, Hackney, Waltham Forest and Lea Valley Regional Park)
- Regents Park to Gladstone Park (Dollis Hill) (Westminster, Brent, Camden)
- Elephant & Castle to Crystal Palace (Southwark, Lambeth)
- Aldgate to Hainault (first phase Whitechapel to Fulwell Cross) (Tower Hamlets, Newham, Redbridge, Hackney, and the London Legacy Development Corporation)
- Waterloo to Croydon (via Clapham Common) (Lambeth, Wandsworth, Croydon)
- Clapham Common to Wimbledon (Lambeth, Wandsworth, Merton)

Work has commenced on the first two pilot routes which will be introduced by late spring 2015. The remaining five routes are expected to be delivered by late spring 2016.

There are origin-destination maps available for the two pilot routes, each going through four boroughs, and new maps will be presented as the remaining routes are publically announced. Consultations will be carried out by the boroughs locally.

#### 4. What happens next?

TfL is appointing a Delivery Agent in autumn 2014 through an OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) tender process. Once appointed, the Delivery Agent will work with TfL, the boroughs and managing authorities to continue the work done in the pilot phase and agree and deliver plans for future routes thereafter.

The Delivery Agent will assist in managing and coordinating the programme, as well as undertaking detailed feasibility. Their role will also include providing a call-off resource for detailed design; consultation and engagement; way finding; construction management; and route promotion. The Delivery Agent will work closely with boroughs and managing authorities, using their resource and expertise as appropriate and as agreed with the borough/managing authority.

#### 5. How do Quietways link with Cycle Superhighways, the Central London Cycling Grid, and Mini-Holland routes in outer London?

- **Quietways** are a network of radial and orbital cycle routes throughout London. They will be well-signed, linking key destinations that follow direct back-street routes, through parks, along waterways or tree-lined streets. They will also be designed to overcome barriers to cycling, targeting less confident cyclists who want to use lower traffic routes, whilst also providing for existing cyclists who want to travel at a more gentle pace.
- **Cycle Superhighways** are cycle routes running from outer London into and across central London. They provide faster and more direct journeys to and from the city and are characterised by higher levels of segregation, distinctive blue surfacing, and are intended to give cyclists a quicker way into work and get around London.
- The **Central London Cycling Grid** is a network in Zone 1 made up of Quietways and Cycle Superhighway routes predominately using specially selected low-trafficked streets.

Initially announced as part of the consultation which ran from December 2013 to April 2014, 85km of routes have been prioritised for delivery by 2016. The routes provide a coherent and continuous network linking key destinations across Central London and are a result of discussions between TfL, boroughs and our delivery partners. These routes have been selected in order to provide less trafficked and more attractive cycle facilities.

- In spring 2014, the **mini-Hollands** programme awarded three outer London boroughs (Enfield, Kingston-upon-Thames and Waltham Forest) c. £30m of funding each, to transform local cycling facilities and encourage people to take to two-wheels.

Proposals include the redesign of key town centres, new suburban Cycle Superhighways, new cycle routes, Dutch-style roundabouts and rail

superhubs. It is hoped these boroughs will become as cycle friendly as their Dutch counterparts.

**6. How much money is available for Quietways?**

The Mayor's Vision for Cycling is a 10 year plan to deliver cycling improvements; cycling spending will total £913m by 2022. Within this, TfL envisages over £123m to be allocated to the Quietways programme.

**7. How can I get involved?**

You can contact your borough for dates on when they are going out to consultation. Most Quietways routes are on borough owned roads, but at major junctions on the road network where TfL is the highway authority, we will consult with stakeholder groups and the public. As the routes are announced you will be able to link to the borough websites through [tfl.gov.uk/cycle-quietways](http://tfl.gov.uk/cycle-quietways)

**8. How can I find out more about cycling?**

Visit our **cycling** pages on the TfL website  
<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/cycling>