

Crossfield St open space consultation – Lewisham Cyclists comments

As I'm sure you're aware the major cycle route Quietway 1 currently passes down Coffey St and crosses Deptford Church Street at a Toucan crossing, then proceeds down Bronze St, the West end of which is closed to all motorised traffic. At the moment Eastward cyclists have to cross the throat of Coffey St at Deptford Church Street to access the toucan crossing – not really an ideal manoeuvre due to potential conflicts with vehicles entering Coffey St.

We would propose creating a wide shared avenue (lined with trees) through the Crossfield St open space to a relocated, and widened, toucan crossing lining up with Bronze St. The avenue would also continue on the East side of the toucan into the first, vehicle free, part of Bronze Street including re-landscaping to integrate it with the adjacent green spaces. A good analogy for this would be the avenue through Margaret McMillan Park between Deptford and New Cross. This would make a much more pleasant and direct contiguous route for pedestrians and cyclists moving through the area and accessing St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Deptford High St.

In addition we would like to see further filtering of Crossfield St and Coffey St to prevent vehicles entering these areas apart for essential use. This would allow these streets to be turned into informal shared space which would act as an extension of the Crossfield open space. Alternatively they could be narrowed/partially closed and the released road space directly incorporated into the Crossfield green space to extend it.

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