

## About Lewisham Cyclists

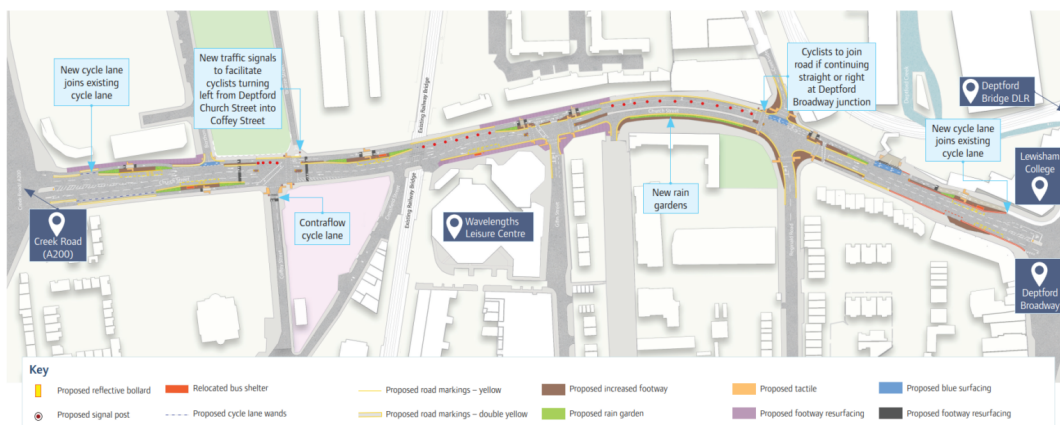
Lewisham Cyclists (LC) are the local borough group of the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) with more than 3000 supporters of whom over 650 are fully paid-up members of LCC. We speak up on behalf of everyone who cycles or wants to cycle in the London Borough of Lewisham and its adjacent local parks; and we speak up for a greener, healthier, happier and better-connected capital.

## Lewisham Council Consultation on Deptford Church Street – December 2023

Ref: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/DeptfordChurchStreet>

**Lewisham Cyclists (LC) support and welcome the proposals for protected cycle lanes on Deptford Church Street (DCS).** We believe this scheme will provide safe connection between Deptford Broadway, Cycleway 10, Cycleway 4, future Cycleway 18 and the NCN21 Waterlink Way, but also allow for possible future extensions and improvements. LC believe the scheme should be extended along Brookmill Road as part of the Lewisham Spine Cycleway detailed in the Council Cycle Strategy, linking Lewisham Town Centre to the wider cycleway network in Central London and benefitting a larger proportion of residents and businesses, especially those who are not currently choosing to cycle in the borough. LC are aware of the popularity of protected cycleways, with nearly 90% of responding Lewisham residents supporting Cycleway 4 at consultation. We hope this scheme will be the first of many from Lewisham Council.

There are some elements missing from the drawing provided in the consultation materials, including the type of segregation to be used at certain points, which we've highlighted with red dots in the picture below. LC would like this to be clarified in the consultation report and detailed design phase.



Where not shown in the pictures, we think the segregated lanes should use either bolt down kerbs or wand orcas (locations shown by red dots in pic above above) and encourage the council to bring forward information regarding the proposed designs.

Whilst the integration into existing infrastructure at Deptford Broadway is welcomed, however we would suggest that the council and TfL work together to bring forward an integrated plan for Deptford Broadway junction and Brookmill road which connects Lewisham town centre (and beyond areas such as Catford, Lee, Hither Green and Ladywell) to Cycleway 4. This would realise the potential of the Lewisham Spine Cycleway and connect large parts of the borough to central London by bike.

We also believe Creekside and Berthon Street should be closed to through motor traffic.

At Berthon Street, a pocket park or similar public realm could be provided, and request it is incorporated into the final designs.

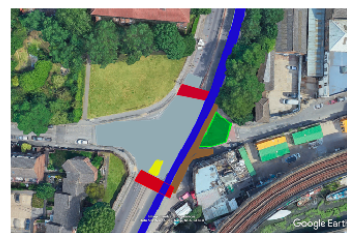


Berthon Street – Existing (left) . Example pocket park / Modal filter within Royal Borough of Greenwich (Right)

Doing this would reduce any left hook risks across the proposed cycleway and reduce through traffic on Creekside. Filtering Creekside would allow for a better public realm scheme outside the new Tidemill development on DCS and also the Bird's Nest Pub. A modal filter here would provide more green time for pedestrians and cycle traffic. Buses would also potentially benefit from faster journey times.



Reginald Road / Creekside Junction - Existing Layout



Proposed Layout Schematic, showing cycle lane in blue, new pavement in brown, public realm in green and pedestrian crossings red.



Example Pocket Park incorporating SUDS showing potential for creekside.

Lewisham Cyclists note that while the DCS is managed by Lewisham Council, Berthon Street itself is managed by Royal Borough of Greenwich. We believe both councils should work together to deliver wider benefits for residents from both sides of the borough border, but that these elements shouldn't delay the delivery of a protected lane on DCS to start with.

At the Coffey St/Bronze St/DCS junction there will need to be very clear signage painted on the roads and mounted on posts to ensure Cycleway 10 cyclists and DCS cyclists are clear of their routing through the junction.

The overall scheme also provides opportunities for the council to integrate plans for its Sustainable Streets programme, bikehanger programme, forthcoming design manual and integrated active travel strategies. LC would welcome forthcoming plans for dockless bike hire parking, cargo bike parking (as seen on Cycleway 4 in Deptford), Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes (SUDS) and more visitor cycle parking along the proposed route.

LC also would like to see the council work closer with TfL to secure a commitment to include the Deptford Broadway junction in future plans for improvements to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists and also cater for an inevitable increase in cycle traffic through the junction, securing improvements which prioritise active travel. LC would expect any new scheme on DCS to meet London Cycle Design Standards and the DfT LTN1/20 standard.

LC would welcome the opportunity to discuss the plans in further detail in future with officers, councillors and contractors.

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