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**From:** Brent Cycling Campaign  
**Sent:** 20 May 2020 16:16  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Thank you

Dear all,

Thank you for the hard work you are all doing, it must be really difficult and in addition to everything else you are working on. I know we are going to discuss this further, on the 3rd of June, which is two weeks away.

However, I really feel I need to express that I am worried about the timeline and how it relates to the timing people will come out of lockdown in bigger numbers (in two weeks). The Streetspace guidance said on 15th of May:

*Early applications are strongly encouraged as there is a limited budget for this programme. Borough submissions will be dealt with as and when they are received by TfL. We aim to consider all applications within 5 working days.*

The DfT guidance also said on the 9th of May that measures should be implemented *as swiftly as possible, and in any event within weeks.*

I am hearing that there is around £30m+ for all emergency measures for 30 boroughs and this is more likely to be distributed as 1.6m for 30 boroughs rather than 2.6m for 15. Hence the need to do interventions strategically and using temporary materials, creating a 'good enough' space at this stage, rather than golden bricks, just to get your hands on that funding. Camden has received the green light for a pop-up cycle lane on Monday in King's Cross, making existing lanes mandatory, widening them, and adding wands.

There is a real risk to "arrive to an empty buffet" if left too late, to repeat what someone in Lambeth said. Lambeth announced 4 LTNs, 3 cycle routes including protected cycle lanes; 3 access-only roads to be delivered by August. Boroughs like Richmond, Croydon and Lewisham (50 planters already installed in two weeks) are doing it right now, those boroughs are not renown for being progressive over these issues.

Beyond cycle specific provision and Streetspace plan, what is the situation with LTNs, bus and cycle only, and school streets in Brent? How will Brent schools deal with parents likely to be asked to queue outside school gates? How will they be kept safe when space is so scarce? Return to schools for some year groups is two weeks away.

Or am I misunderstanding your approach? Will some of the measures (beyond widening the pavements) be ready to be rolled out in two weeks' time? In time to effectively deter and suppress the expected surge in private car use?

Thank you  
Kind regards

On 20/05/2020 08:48, LBB wrote:

Dear

Thank you for your email and your suggestions for potential schemes under TfL's London Streetspace plan.

We are currently developing our plans and will consider these proposals. As you are aware, we have developed plans with Camden for Kilburn High road, these will include cycle lanes and we will be discussing with them how the scheme can be progressed. TfL staff that are working on the Wembley to Willesden Healthy Streets Corridor have been furloughed, we shall discuss any opportunities to accelerate measures on this route when they return.

Thanks again for continuing to provide us with suggestions, useful information on measures being implemented by other boroughs and links to guidance available. I look forward to our discussions.

Kind regards

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**From:** Brent Cycling Campaign

**Sent:** 19 May 2020 13:41

**To:**

**Subject:** Re: Thank you

Hello,

I hope you are all keeping well.

Just a quick update on where we are following the several announcements last week.

With regards to working with TfL on the London Streetspace Plan, we have identified [some links currently missing](#), some of them need to be coordinated with neighbouring boroughs in particular Barnet, Camden and Harrow, to be really effective in achieving the aims of Healthy corridors for people returning to work and alleviate the pressure on public transport.

We've explained in more detailed here: <https://www.brentcyclists.org.uk/2020/05/17/covid-19-road-space-update/> but in essence, we would like some focus to shift onto three roads in particular (in addition to other interventions as [per our map](#), some of which the Council has started to address), to provide alternative transport to the the following lines:

- **Metropolitan/Jubilee Line:** a route through Neasden Lane (A4088) and linking to QW3 through Gladstone Park. Already marked as a high priority route in Transport for London's Cycling Strategy Analysis (CSA) which was produced to identify future cycling demand in London.
- **Bakerloo Line:** Harrow Road (A404), where Transport for London and Brent were already working together to create a Healthy Streets scheme before Covid-19 health crisis. This is a route for which we received the most requests on our map, representing 28% of all total suggestions. Identified as top priority in the CSA.
- **Jubilee Line/bus routes:** The A5 (top priority in the CSA). It's direct, familiar and convenient. Traversing through popular town centres such as Kilburn and Cricklewood, it would be an ideal location to help with people travelling to the shops as well as going on to central London from the north to the south of the borough.

Looking at the requirement forms issued by TfL, we feel these routes tick all the boxes so should guarantee their support. However, we think these need to be submitted as soon as possible as things are moving quickly and many boroughs will put forward proposals too this week. We've started putting some ideas together, see attachments.

Other useful links:

- There's this [online course](#) coming up (on the 29 May) for local authorities on retrofitting cycling infrastructure within the context of Covid.
- An [interesting blogpost](#) about pop-up material within the context of tight budget and concerns over liability.

Looking forward to discussing these points in the upcoming meeting you have mentioned.

Thank you

Kind Regards

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On 14/05/2020 14:22, wrote:

Hi  
 Hope you are well  
 Many thanks for your continued communication on this.  
 We are looking to hold meetings with stakeholders over the next couple of weeks.  
 I will be in touch with some dates.  
 Kind regards

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**From:** Brent Cycling Campaign

**Sent:** 14 May 2020 10:50

**To: Subject:** Thank you

Thank you for publishing the details of the first stage of measures for physical distancing and emergency provision report.

Looking forward to reading the rest.

Kind Regards

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