

# Your space your place



## Consultation on the future of Cable Street and traffic in the surrounding area

This leaflet explains how and why the Council plans to improve the area and invites your opinions. We aim to improve the pedestrian and cycle environment by removing rat running traffic and changing traffic movements. Currently 76% of the vehicle traffic in Cable Street is passing through the area. This proposal will address this issue.

# Introduction

A variety of problems have arisen on Cable Street in recent years including an increase in “rat running” traffic, anti-social driver behaviour and difficulties for people crossing the road. The concerns of residents focus on the section from Shadwell Overground station to the staggered Sutton Street/King David Lane junction. This is where the greatest amount of pedestrian activity occurs with particular issues around Blue Gate Fields School. This proposal intends to alleviate some of these issues, while also improving conditions for cyclists along the Cycle Superhighway.

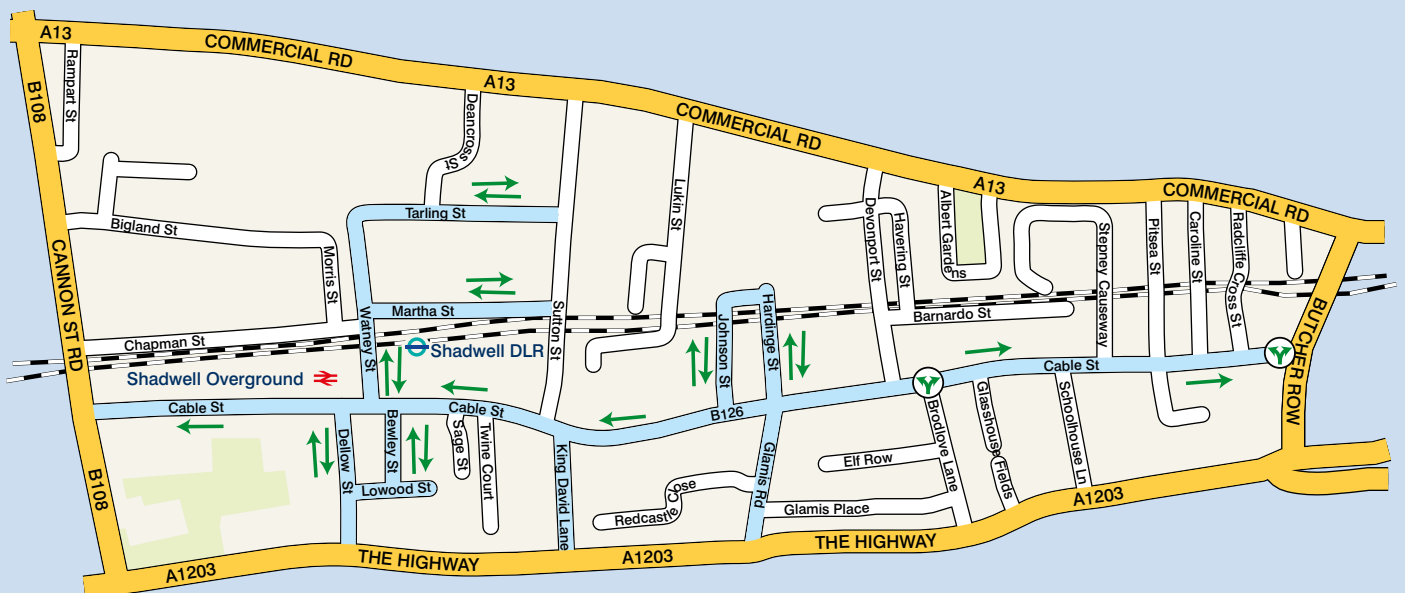
# You told us

- Vehicles cut through Cable Street to avoid congestion on The Highway.
- Pedestrian space is squeezed on Cable Street and cluttered with guard-rails.
- Pedestrians experience conflicts with cyclists, especially at the junction with Watney Street and at the three zebra crossings on this stretch.

# Proposed layout

- Close Cable Street to motor traffic immediately west of the junction with Brodlove Lane where the one-way system changes from eastbound to westbound. Any traffic seeking to cut through westbound is then prevented.
- Close Cable Street to all vehicles other than buses between Sutton Street and Watney Street (with access for residential properties and the Fire Station protected).

# Map (before)



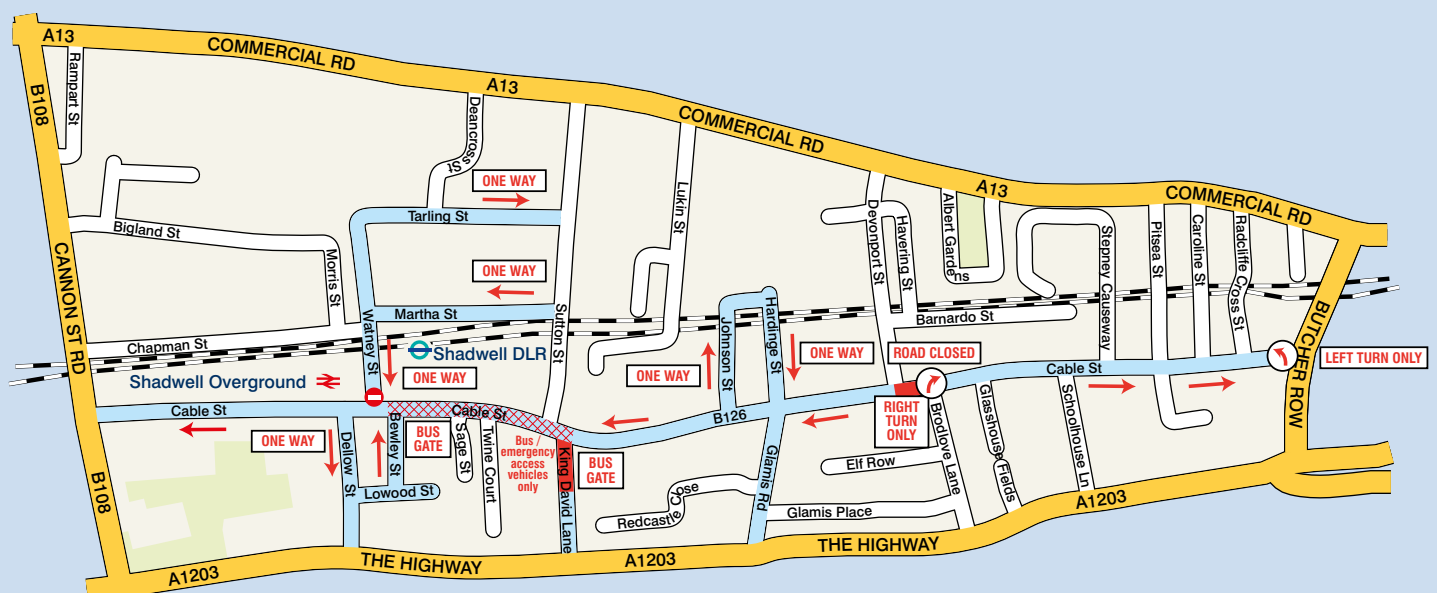
- Pedestrians have difficulty crossing three lanes of moving traffic in one go.
- Cyclists find the two-way cycle lane is uncomfortable as it is too narrow for peak demand.
- Excessive speeds of “rat-running” traffic and local ‘joy-riding’ create additional problems, leading to requests for slower

- traffic and more opportunities to cross the road.
- Traffic around the Watney Market area causes congestion, leading to requests for one-way traffic.

- Close the north end of King David Lane to all motor vehicles (enforced with CCTV), forcing vehicles to use Glamis Road junction.
- Ban the right turn out of Cable Street onto Butcher Row reducing the attractiveness of a “rat-run” from the A13 to the Limehouse Tunnel.

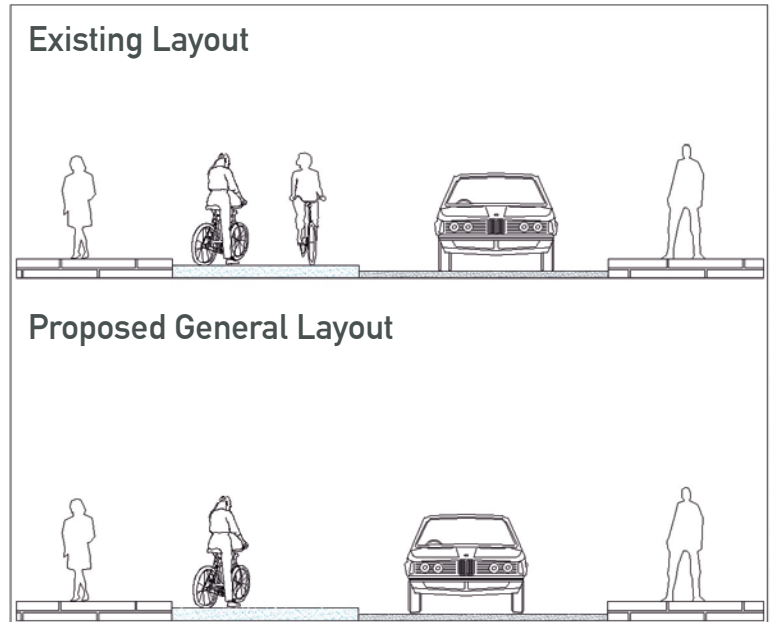
- Return the cycle lane to one-way against the traffic. Cyclists coming the other way will travel in the main flow of traffic, now much reduced.
- Redesign of Cable Street between Shadwell Station and Sutton Street/ King David Lane, to provide priority for pedestrians and create an attractive, functional and flexible urban realm to benefit local people.

## Map (after)



# Benefits

- ➔ A more attractive environment in Cable Street where pedestrians and cyclists are the priority.
- ➔ A reduction of “rat running” traffic.
- ➔ Vehicle speeds reduced.
- ➔ Improvements to traffic flow around Watney Market.
- ➔ More logical traffic flow for pedestrians, with cyclists coming from the correct direction when crossing the road.
- ➔ Increase in cycling capacity.
- ➔ Improvements to the street scene between Sutton Street and Watney Street.



- ➔ Introduction of pocket parks and improved community spaces.

# Future arrangements for cyclists

Location	East Bound Cyclist	West Bound Cyclist
Butcher Row to Cranford Street	Cyclist in carriageway	Existing segregated cycle lane
Cranford Street to Brodlove Lane	Cyclist in carriageway	New mandatory cycle lane
Brodlove Lane to King David Lane	Existing segregated cycle lane	Cyclist in carriageway
King David Lane to Dellow Street	Cyclist in carriageway	Cyclist in carriageway
Dellow Street to Cannon Street Road	Existing segregated cycle lane	Cyclist in carriageway

# Contact

Tower Hamlets Council will be consulting on these proposals until March 14, 2016. If you would like to comment on the proposals or receive any further information email [cycling@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@towerhamlets.gov.uk) or write to the council on the address below:

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