

Traffic walk notes 2 - The Gatehouse to Kenwood returning via The Grove

20th November 2023 10.45am to 11.30am

Having started at about 10.30, I've been walking along Hampstead Lane from the Gatehouse and am nearly at Kenwood. The traffic is not particularly heavy but it does tend to travel too fast. There is a 20 mph speed limit but clearly it's going faster. At the Kenwood end of the walk there is a lot of parking which is unrestricted. It seems unlikely that these are all people visiting Kenwood or the Heath. Probably they are commuters who have stopped here in order to go to work either locally or perhaps pick up the tube from either Hampstead or Highgate - although both of these stations are some distance away. I didn't see any evidence of sleeper vans for overnight parking.



Alexandra Park Road N22	To convert the Single Yellow Line outside No.307/309 to a Double Yellow Line.
Bishopswood Road N6	To install a 6.6 metre Disabled Parking Bay operating at all hours with a maximum stay period of 30 minutes and no return within 1 hour: 1. Outside Highgate School The Mills Centre entrance 2. Outside Highgate School Junior School entrance
Dukes Mews N10	1. To introduce a prohibition of motor vehicles at the eastern end of Dukes Mews N10 approximately 46 metres southeast from its junction with Dukes Avenue. Pedal cyclists will still have access. 2. To introduce double kerb blips (no loading at any time) on all sides of the carriageway of Dukes Mews N10 except 6.7 metres between the rear of property No.288 The Broadway to No.288 Tatlers. 3. To adjust the double yellow lines at the eastern end of Dukes Mews N10 by removing 4 metres on the north side of the carriageway and placing them across the width of the carriageway for 3 metres.
Hampstead Lane N6	To install a 47.6 metre Bus Stand operating Monday-Friday 8-9:30am and 3-4:30pm on the north side of the carriageway east from the junction with Bishopswood Road.
Muswell Avenue N10	To replace the existing 'School Keep Clear' markings outside Norfolk House School with a 21.5 metre Bus Stand operating Monday-Friday 8am-6pm and install 6.5 metres of adjacent Double Yellow Lines outside No.12.

A copy of the proposed Orders, a copy of this notice, a copy of the Council's statement of reasons for making the proposed Orders and plan(s) showing the locations and effects of the Orders can be viewed via the online consultation portal <https://consultation.appyway.com/barrow> emailing traffic.orders@harrington.gov.uk Alternatively, an appointment can be made, by reception desk of 41...

The photograph shows one of the 20 mph signs which is completely illegible because it is covered with green algae. A consultation notice about a new bus stop shows an interesting lack of local knowledge, describing the proposed location as east of the junction with Bishopswood Road. As it is a loop road, Bishopswood Road joins Hampstead Lane in two places, so the location could be in one of two places.

Walking back along the Grove from north to south towards West Hill ought to be a pleasant leafy walk but it is not. It is impossible to pass along the pavement next to the trees and reservoir on the eastern side. This is unsatisfactory and not that hard to rectify.



One can walk along the other side but there one is faced with rows of parked cars at right angles on the gravel and one has to dodge out into the road in order to get past.



When reaching the end if you want to get towards Highgate Village and South Grove you have a difficult crossing of West Hill which is busy at this time of day - even busier than Hamstead Lane was for example.



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