



# Movement Strategy Implementation Plan 2020 - 2021



# Introduction

This implementation plan complements The Royal Parks' Movement Strategy, which sets a coherent framework to help shape and inform the policies relating to how park visitors can access, experience, and move within the parks. The plan lays out a series of trial projects that we will implement over the next year.

All the projects seek to reduce the impact of cut through motor traffic on park roads and create new spaces for park visitors to enjoy. As a result of the current Covid-19 crisis, our parks were temporarily fully closed or partially closed to motor vehicles for access and parking, and therefore most of the measures listed below have already been in place since the end of March. We have long aspired to reduce through traffic on park roads to help improve the park ambiance and environment for visitors, and we now propose to formally trial these measures for a period of six months.

The trials will start on Saturday, 15 August. To ensure that park stakeholders are informed of the process and progress of each project, we recommend signing up to the Movement Strategy mailing list through our website [here](#)\*

**We will measure and monitor these trials over the six-month implementation period, which will include:**

- In-person park visitor satisfaction surveys (where possible due to Covid-19 restrictions)
- Attaining park stakeholder feedback
- Evaluation of the external implications of our trials in partnership with relevant transport authorities (TfL and local boroughs)

We will then formally consult with all park visitors and stakeholders on these projects from November - December 2020. At the end of the trial in February 2021 we will determine if we should extend, alter, make permanent or revoke the trial.

To read the full Movement Strategy, please go [here](#)\*



\*<https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the-parks/park-strategies/the-royal-parks-transport-and-movement-strategy>

# Trial Projects

## Greenwich Park

### **Trial a full-time closure of the Avenue to vehicle traffic**

To better preserve the park's special qualities and enhance visitor experience for generations to come, we will seek to trial a full-time closure of the Avenue to vehicle traffic. The existing parking provision will remain, and visitors may still drive to the park accessing the parking from Blackheath Gate.

## Bushy Park

### **Remove all through traffic by trialling a partial road closure on Chestnut Avenue**

By closing the link between Teddington and Hampton Court Gates to traffic, we will create new park space for visitors within the centre of the park and will eliminate all commuting motor vehicle traffic. Visitors will still be able to drive to the park and the parking provision will be unaffected.

## St. James's Park and The Green Park

### **Trial the closure of The Mall and Constitution Hill on Saturdays until dusk**

Each Sunday and Bank Holiday, the Mall and Constitution Hill are closed to vehicle traffic from 8am to dusk, providing a quieter, safer and more enjoyable park experience for the thousands of park visitors in this iconic part of central London. We will trial expanding this closure to include every Saturday, ensuring these park roads are car-free all weekend during the day.

## Hyde Park

### **Trial closures of North Carriage Drive and South Carriage Drive**

North Carriage Drive is closed to traffic for up to six months of the year due to the occurrence of events that take place in Hyde Park. We propose to trial a full-time closure of this park road. South Carriage Drive is currently closed to vehicle traffic every Sunday. We propose to trial extending this closure by closing the road from Prince of Wales Gate to Hyde Park Corner / Queen Elizabeth Gates on Saturdays (in addition to the current closures on Sundays).

## Richmond Park

### **Trial significantly reducing the through movement of motor vehicles**

We will design and implement a trial scheme in Richmond Park that restricts all through-traffic between Broomfield Hill Car Park and Robin Hood Car Park and closes the vehicle link between Sheen Gate and Sheen Cross. Additionally, on weekends we will restrict all cut-through traffic between Roehampton, Sheen and Richmond Gates.



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