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Re: Changes to bus services in Archway
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Thank you for notifying us of the outcome of this consultation.

I have to say that a number of Civic & Amenity Societies in the area have already contacted the London Forum to express their grave disappointment that the views of 75% of respondents have been totally ignored. The vague possibility that some bus routes might run through Archway to provide limited interchange hardly mitigates their concerns.

The whole scheme was predicated on a desire by Islington Council to redress the lack of open space within the Borough, and constrained by the then mayor's refusal to give priority to buses over private vehicles or to countenance any reduction in vehicular traffic. The desire for usable open space carries broad support within local communities, but there is little enthusiasm for it at Archway roundabout because the continued existence of the Archway tower creates wind tunnels and blocks sunlight. There is an under-utilised open space to the east which we did suggest might have been incorporated into a more imaginative scheme, but it seems that the professionals are reluctant to pursue ideas that did not emanate from themselves.

Since this scheme was first conceived, we have had a change of Mayor. While some Societies feel the jury is still out about what this will mean, he has indicated a willingness to restore some priority to buses in terms of the service they provide (as opposed to vanity projects for crew operated vehicles when there is no money to pay for the crew). Moreover, London Travelwatch, which is funded by the Mayor, has produced a significant report highlighting the importance of interchange and the opportunities to make significant improvements to interchange at relatively low cost. It would be madness in the face of this report to continue with a scheme which wrecks interchange both between modes and within the bus mode.

The Deputy Mayor has indicated that it will be necessary to increase bus use in order to sustain the freeze on fares as the subsidy to buses is cut. In the light of that, it really makes no sense at all to continue with a scheme that will deter use of public transport in this area. Even at this late stage, we would urge you to acknowledge the changes that have arisen since this consultation began, and to think again.

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From: TfL Consultations <SMBConsultations@tfl.gov.uk>
To: undisclosed-recipients;
Sent: Thu, 1 Dec 2016 17:05
Subject: Changes to bus services in Archway

Dear Stakeholder,

Between 11 January and 29 February 2016 we consulted on a set of proposed changes to bus services in Archway. These changes are necessary because of a major reconfiguration of the road network at Archway gyratory.

We received 818 responses to the consultation from both members of the public and stakeholders.

Seventy-five per cent of people who responded said that they did not support the proposed changes. Twenty-three percent either supported or partially supported the proposals.

Having reviewed the detailed comments provided by respondents, we have decided to proceed with the proposed changes. These will be implemented in time for the change-over to the new two-way traffic system at Archway, which is expected to happen on the weekend of 17/18 December 2016. The new bus stands on Archway Road will be in use from Tuesday 6 December.

We have looked carefully at what those who opposed the changes told us. As a result, we are considering extending certain bus routes to serve locations such as Upper Holloway station and the Whittington Hospital.

You can read a report of the consultation process, and another document explaining our response to the issues raised by respondents, by visiting our consultation website: <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/archway-consultation/>.

Our dedicated Archway webpage will shortly be updated with links to updated bus travel information: <https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/archway-gyratory>

Yours faithfully
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