Linver Road proposed one way scheme

Overview

From **08/11/2010** to **01/12/2010**, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham ran a consultation entitled ‘Linver Road proposed one way scheme’. This report covers the online element of the consultation process, which was run from http://www.citizenspace.com/local/lbhf/oneway
Topic 1: Questions

Q1: Would you like Linver Road to be trialled as a one way road (northbound)?

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Q2: Please make any comments in the box provided

There are 49 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.
Appendix A

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1. I have lived in Linver road since 1992, and I feel it should be one way southbound, to stop the "rat run" from the south. I have had cars damaged by "white van man" speeding north from the various yards south of Linver road.
2. We are very much for the proposition of making Linver Road one-way (but not necessarily northbound). We have some concerns and thus re-iterate that we would like this to be trialled before any permanent measures are taken. Worries about the increased traffic volume and speeds going northbound are important as we believe that the volume of traffic going northbound on Linver will be more than that going southbound on Broomhouse (purely due to the direction of the traffic and subsequent access to the New Kings Road). The only real way to solve the rat-run problem is to have Broomhouse, Linver and Alderville all as one-way southbound and the other roads and one-way northbound. If northbound is the only option then the size of vehicles allowed to use the road must be limited - perhaps width barriers at the south end of the street would help? Either way, speed bumps are a necessity! Thank you.
3. I support the one way system on a trial period. In the medium term I would like to see the amount of traffic shared between the neighbouring streets, such as Alderville Road, rather than funnelling all traffic down Linver Road.
4. I am opposed to the northbound one way system on Linver Road. North bound one way traffic will result in faster traffic in Linver road. It will increase in speed of traffic and the risk to safety!
5. Live in Alderville so yes we would see an increase in traffic southbound yet it would hopefully ease congestion and blockages at the corner of Broomhouse and Linver. Agree with a trial on the proviso that it is a TRIAL ONLY and then lets see what the statistics say/show. Funnily enough I wouldn't want Alderville to ever be one way as makes life tricky for deliveries and parking and as you say general increased journey times.
6. How can there be negative comments? This must be from people who don't live on the street and don't know the frustration we who live on Linver road suffer. I have suffered thousands of pounds of damage to my car from cars and vans trying to squeeze past each other. This road simply needs to be a one way street. The only other suggestion I can make is to ensure that there is some form of speed trap or speed bumps to stop the speeding. Thanks.
7. I was about to contact the council suggesting just this. Broomhouse Road is a dream for driving as it is one way. Linver is a nightmare as it is very heavily parked, narrow and has constant two way traffic. I can't remember the last time I went down their without 3 cars in opposite directions having a nightmare. Must be deeply off-putting for residents of the road as they always get blocked off on entering from New Kings Road. One way system is a fantastic idea and will solve issues of poor driving out of frustration. If other roads do suffer as a result, just do alternative one way down the whole lot to Putney Bridge. Cannot begin to understand the negative comments. On a related matter - allowing 3 basement dig outs to go on at the same time on Broomhouse was a bit over the top. There must have been 8 parking spaces lost for months on end.
8. We definitely want it to be one way in either north or south direction, and would prefer that it is south bound, as there are lots of options for drivers up
Alderville Road to turn off and drive up one of the other streets, leading off Bettridge Road, in the mornings. We are however in agreement that the trial should take place. Thank you for finally doing something about this (after 17 years of lobbying) having lived in Linver Road since 1994.

9. I think north bound one way traffic will result in even more and faster traffic in Linver road and would not be in favour of that. What about it going southbound? More aggressive sleeping policemen all over Fulham should be considered. Many cars and vans can navigate the existing ones at speed. A 20mph speed limit instead of 30 should be considered universally. JK.

10. As it is, Broomhouse Road is subjected to very heavy traffic at all times of the day...not only that...but the speed at which cars travel down it is frightening...99% of cars accelerate as soon as they turn into Broomhouse Road. Could we please get sleeping policemen on our road as many of us residents there fear that there will be an accident because of the speed with which cars travel down this road. The one way road system in Linver Road would only aggravate this problem in that we would have even more cars.

11. Other surrounding roads, such as Alderville Road, suffer from similar issues to those highlighted by Linver residents (including damage to cars and road rage on occasions) so any traffic solution needs to be considerate to other adjacent roads to Linver. The current proposal making Linver one way will only make traffic problems worse on other streets such as Alderville, which is also a 'rat-run' route.

12. Kylee, In addition to making it one way, we would also like to have speed bumps along the road. We live on Linver Road and have young kids and our main concern is the speed with which the cars are coming through our road. Regards, Erik and Valery de Kroon 16 Linver Road

13. We are opposed to the northbound one way system on Linver Road for the following reasons: 1. It will increase the amount of traffic. 2. It will increase in speed of traffic unless speed limit such as 15 miles/h is introduced. 3. Northbound one way system will not benefit the residents on Linver Road, instead it will increase the risk to safety. If one way system is southbound, it will be helpful for the residents on Linver Road. It will reduce the traffic.

14. Agree with considering making all the adjacent streets one way in alternate directions.

15. We are strongly opposed to the idea of having Linver Road one-way - particularly northbound - because: 0 It will increase the volume of traffic and pollution Linver Road will become an even more attractive rat run so even more cars will use it. A two-way system is a good deterrent for cars because IT IS awkward. 0 It will increase traffic speed This would be more dangerous, particularly for those of us with children. (The useless speed humps will be even more easy to straddle). 0 It will be inconvenient We will be restricted re how we can enter and leave our road. 0 Traffic jams The traffic jams getting out of Linver Road onto the King's Road will only get worse - and we won't then have the flexibility of avoiding them by exiting via Hurlingham Road. 0 Negative impact on character of road/house prices Linver Road will feel even more like a busy highway. I'm slightly annoyed that the Council are presenting this as a solution to our problems when nothing is being done to reduce the level of traffic and speed of traffic in this area - the two real problems. Traffic already goes down Linver Road well over the speed limit - I'm suprised the Council's research suggests otherwise? This won't solve the problem. If we have to have a one-way system then it needs to be southbound - but then that would be
unfair on other roads (why for instance has Broomhouse been allowed to have a one-way system southbound?) I certainly think the 'scratches on cars' argument is less important than the 'speed of traffic' argument. Protecting lives is more important than protecting our cars.

16. The Council would knowingly create a much worse traffic problem in Alderville Road. At present it is a matter for drivers' discretion as to which route they take. In Alderville Road, increased southbound traffic will be blocked up against the continuing north bound traffic. In Linver Road the north junction will become more dangerous as cars turn into it at speed knowing there is no traffic flow in the opposite direction.

17. The traffic is very congested and often there is conflict between drivers due to cars coming from northbound and southbound, especially there isn't enough space for two cars to pass in same time!! Also my car was hit twice and mirror came off and there is scratch.

18. It is very evident that the biggest traffic issue is at Linver Road, and this is what they should have addressed. At the moment the traffic at Linver Road is 3 times higher than at Broomhouse Road, and almost 2.5 times higher than at Alderville Road. The new proposal will make this even less balanced and less fair. We think the proposal will impact Linver Road as follows: - Increase traffic; - Increase congestion (as more cars will be waiting to get on to New Kings Road); - Increase noise level (higher speeds); and - Impact safety (higher speeds). Something needs to be done to address the problems at Linver Road. The following could help: - Southbound traffic only - Steel barriers in the south end to reduce traffic and limit number of large vehicles - 15-20mph speed limit - Better speed bumps, drivers hardly notice the ones currently in place.

19. To make Linver Road northbound only would make Broomhouse Road (an already busy Southbound road that takes the majority of southbound traffic) further congested and noisy and would increase the pollution in the road. Cars already speed down this one way street and to increase the volume of cars would significantly increase the risk of accidents for the many children that live on the street.

20. I am concerned that making Linver Road one way would: --increase traffic --increase speed of traffic without any offsetting traffic calming measures - the current road bumps are totally ineffective and vans, lorries and cars hurtle down Linver road at 30mph plus. --increase pollution --increase the dangers on the road for families and elderly people trying to get into their cars or cross the road. All of the above would make Linver Road a less desirable road to live in. It worries me that Linver Road alone would carry an increased burden of traffic coming from Wandsworth Road since it would become known as a one way street and a cut through possibly even diverting more cars, which at the moment might use the Wandsworth Bridge Road to get to the New Kings Road. I would much prefer to see a system that encourages traffic to stay on the Wandsworth Bridge Road heading North rather than cutting through residential areas such as Linver Road, Hurlinghm Road, Alderville etc. I would suggest that if you are to go ahead with this scheme then you please consider: (i) ensuring lorries and vans cannot use Linver Road and are asked to keep to main roads instead (Wandsworth Bridge Road and NEW KINGS ROAD) (ii) putting in EFFECTIVE traffic calming measures (iii) making one of the other neighbouring roads (eg Foskett Road) a one way street so as to share the burden of traffic heading north. Otherwise effectively Linver Road/Broomhouse Lane would be the only route nothwards otehr than the WandsworthBridge
Road which I think would be an unacceptable burden.

21. If you do so everybody will come on Alderville Road. so you should consider to have Alderville Road trialled as a one way road (southbound)

22. I believe this to be a very good idea. Linver Road is frequently brought to a standstill due to congestion and this proposal should ease this. Consideration should also be given to renewing the restrictions at the bottom of Broomhouse Road as an ever increasing number of motorists seem to manage to drive up it the wrong way.

23. I think it is a brilliant idea. Every time a taxi drives us home or someone visits us, the first thing they say is that this road is a nightmare and should be one way due to it’s narrowness. Cars are constantly backing up, horns are blowing, driver's yelling all because they can't pass each other due to how narrow the street is. Not to mention the damage to our cars when vehicles try to squeeze by. Thank you so much for looking in to this major problem!

24. Following my previous comments, I have received an excellent letter from the residents of 11, Linver Road. They are really emphasising the points I made, speed, congestion and obviously the access to the Kings Road where the congestion will be horrendous and where I suggested possible traffic lights - it is already very bad at times in the morning. PERHAPS I SHOULD REVISE MY OPINION OF A TRIAL PERIOD IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO CREATE SOME MEANS OF ENTRY ONTO THE KINGS ROAD FOR RAT-RUN, NEVER MIND BONAFIDE LOCAL, TRAFFIC. Residents of Linver Road will potentially be confined to their homes for possibly a couple of hours in the morning, never mind the impact on house values, which had not occurred to me but would certainly be affected if chaos was a permanent creation.

25. I, too, live in Linver and have done so since 1986. The traffic has increased unbelievably since then, and I have to agree with most of the other comments made. Doing something to help the poor residents of our road will inevitably put more of a burden on other roads, but that is no good reason not to help us. Making Alderville one way, too, could be helpful, and maybe making all the roads between the Kings Road and Hurlingham Road alternatively one-way might help - as long as speeds can be controlled somehow in view of the extra space on the roads. Perhaps the best comment made was stopping traffic turning left into Carnwath Road from Wandsworth Bridge to avoid the rat-run, but that would seriously congest all the small roads in the Peterborough Estate and Settringham Park area. One other serious problem with what I hope will become a TRIAL PERIOD, is that for all residents of Linver Road who will obviously have to park in the direction of the Kings Road, trying to leave home in the morning rush-hour, (any time from 7.30 - 9.30 a.m. particularly) will be diabolical. Perhaps part-time traffic lights at that juncton would be essential, although rather close to those at Parsons Green Lane. Thank you.

26. In my experience as a cyclist, one-way streets allow cars to increase their speed, which is more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.

27. We live on Linver Road and the road is simply too narrow for two-way traffic. We have witnessed numerous incidents where parked cars have been damaged when two cars meet in the middle. Also, the lack of space can cause long delays in the peak periods when cars are waiting at one end of the road for a suitable gap in the traffic. We strongly believe that the road should be one way (northbound) so that through traffic uses a wider road.

28. Alderville road already has its fair share of heavy traffic and associated problems. If you create Linver Road as a one way road you will be likely to
cause more severe problems in Alderville road: congestion in Alderville Road is likely to get worse to the detriment of both road users and the resident population since the increase in southbound traffic against continuing northbound traffic would cause severe problems for road users and residents, with more traffic blockages, noise and exhaust fumes.

29. Residents on Alderville Road already suffer similar problems to those described by residents on Linver (including damage to cars and road-rage!), so making Linver one-way will only increase traffic congestion on Alderville and other neighbouring streets.

30. This scheme would only benefit residents of Linver Road and have considerable impact on neighbouring roads. Residents of Alderville Road and Broomhouse Road should not have to put up with the inevitable increase in traffic volume. If there was no left turn into Broomhouse Lane from Wandsworth Bridge and further traffic calming measures on Broomhouse Lane (speed bumps or traffic lights) there would be a significant reduction in traffic volume.

31. I am objecting to this trial as it will simply increase the traffic and congestion on Alderville Road. If there is a scheme, it should encompass a wider area and not simply to re-route congestion/traffic to other adjacents residential roads.

32. FINALLY! I have already been a witness to road rage involving cars getting stuck outside my house (on Linver road) and have also suffered 9 incidents on my parked vehicle due to cars misjudging the width of Linver road. I do not think the speed of traffic will increase. If it does it maybe worthwhile having road wide speed humps as opposed to the emergency vehicle ones...? Alderville road will not be affected too heavily. It already has Bettridge road that filters off it in case traffic does increase. I think that seeing as Alderville can handle passing traffic and inver cannot, that it only sensible for it to share the burden from the rush hour traffic.

33. That would increase traffic, traffic jams and speed on this road. A smarter solution would be to close the Hurlingham road to non resident (As Chelsea harbour did), avoiding commuters to use it as a shortcut, as it only makes matter worse.

34. all the parallel roads to Linver road right up to Foskett road should be one way, for example Linver one way northbound, Alderville one way southbound, Foskett rd one way northbound.

35. Further to your letter regarding changes to Linver Road. I am a Linver Road resident, we have lived and owned a house on Linver Road for almost 8 years. I am emailing you to say that I am opposed to making Linver Road one-way Northbound. Many years ago I was very pro the idea of making the street one-way and when I spoke to the Council about it they were very against it. They said that it would increase traffic volume, furthermore they said one way often is more dangerous because people drive much faster. Then a few years ago a large lorry crashed on Hurlingham Road spilling diesel. This meant Hurlingham Road being closed to traffic for a number of weeks and all Northbound traffic was diverted down Linver Road. It was awful, the volume of traffic increased dramatically, there was a constant queue of cars trying to join the New Kings Road and it made it very difficult and frustrating for residents of Linver Road. This put me off a one-way system for good. I am opposed to Linver Road being made one-way Northbound because it will increase the volume of traffic and pollution. It will make it even more of a rat run if it becomes one way. At the moment It will increase the volume of traffic and pollution. Increase the speed of traffic which will not be good for families living
on the street Increase queuing traffic trying to join New Kings Road Have a negative impact on the character of the road which in turn could affect house prices.

36. If our road becomes one way northbound, the negative impacts of rat-running on Linver Road would likely intensify due to: • Increased traffic causing higher levels of pollution • Increased congestion, with cars backing up waiting to turn onto the New Kings Road • Increased noise levels due to more traffic and higher speeds in the absence of southbound cars • Increased risk to safety on a residential street with children given higher speeds Housing values could potentially be impacted negatively as well. On the face of it, making the street southbound would possibly reduce traffic.

37. I am totally in favour of this - with 2 provisos - the speed bumps are made wider to keep speeds down and also, as someone else has suggested, a no left furyn from Wandsworth Bridge into Broomhouse Lane I think would help enormously. I have lived in Linver Road for over 20 years and have witnessed the situation getting worse and worse in terms of bottlenecks on the street itself rendered virtually impossible on days when Chelsea play at home therefore I think it is imperative to make it one way.

38. I live in Linver Rd. It obviously has to be one-way Northbound. It just doesn’t work as a 2-way street. There are no driveways or other opportunities for cars to pull in to allow oncoming traffic to pass. Parked cars are therefore often getting scratched by impatient drivers; not to mention the arguments!

39. I worry about the knock effect on the other roads. The only sensible thing that should be done is for the council to stand up to TfL and limit the huge amount of ‘through’ traffic in the area and invest in making the larger roads work more effectively. I don’t know why the local residents have to carry all of this burden. The amount of through traffic in the area has become ridiculous. Making one way systems is only going to encourage more of it!

40. Making Linver Road one way northbound would encourage an increase in rat running up the street. The current 709 using Alderville would be likely to add to the 1,896 using Linver Road. It would be more sensible to balance the flows by making the one way go Southbound in Linver Road and possibly Alderville Southbound as well.