

Regent's Park: A Child-Friendly Approach to Park and Zoo

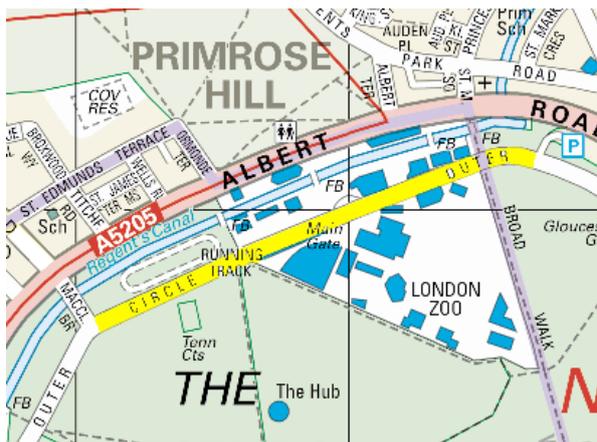
Improvements for pedestrians and cyclists by the entrance to London Zoo: draft proposal for Regent's Park Outer Circle.

Vision:

As a contribution to a more "liveable city", we propose a safe and attractive area in front of London Zoo, which would be reserved for pedestrians, cyclists and service access. Paving and appropriate street design could enhance the amenity, with the possibility of additional trees and seating areas. In particular, the link between Regent's Park and Primrose Hill would be improved, as families visiting the zoo or the park would no longer encounter the current heavy traffic flows along the Outer Circle.

Specifics:

- The area for improvement would extend from Macclesfield Bridge to the western entrance to the main zoo car park (shown in yellow on diagram below).
- Disabled access, and access for service and emergency vehicles to London Zoo and ZSL would be preserved; all other motor vehicles would be excluded from the area by no entry signs placed at either end.
- A reduction in the width of the carriageway would allow for significantly wider pavements.
- Access to the Zoo car park would be via the Outer Circle, approaching from Gloucester Gate.



Summary of benefits:

- Improved road safety
- Pleasant environment
- Improved air quality
- Reduced noise levels
- Easier access to Zoo entrance for pedestrians and bus users (alighting on Prince Albert Road)
- Re-integration of the park area outside the Outer Circle

Supporting Organisations:

- Camden Cycling Campaign
- Westminster Cycling Campaign
- Living Streets
- Sustrans

Proposed Partner Organisations:

- Friends of Regent's Park
- The Zoological Society of London
- The Campaign for Better Transport
- Royal Parks
- CPRE

Note:

- There may be opportunities to link to improvements to local amenities, which are being planned for the London 2012 Olympics, and encourage green travel to tourist destinations in line with the 2012 "Active Spectator Programme" and the Sustrans GOAL ("Greenways for the Olympics And London") proposals.

Next step

- We recommend starting with a trial of the proposed changes, using temporary features.