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All Residents and Business Occupiers

Putney Bridge area

Update on Putney traffic concerns

Dear Resident,

Following the previous letter in October 2025, the council continues to work with partners to improve traffic congestion around Putney High Street and neighbouring streets.

Ongoing collaboration with Transport for London (TfL) has ensured several measures have been delivered since our last letter to you and these are summarised below. Further measures are also planned, as set out below.

Updates on completed works:

- There is now more time for green lights so that vehicles turning from Putney Bridge Road to Putney Bridge can clear the junction more easily during each traffic light phase. This work was completed by TfL in October 2025.
- Vehicles turning left from Lower Richmond Road onto the bridge now have more time to move through the green light. This work was completed by TfL in October 2025.
- Double yellow lines have been installed on Putney High Street, Lower Richmond Road up to Putney Embankment, and Putney Bridge Road up to Brewhouse Lane. These works were completed in November 2025.
- TfL has begun a trial suspension of the southbound bus lane outside the Odeon Cinema to improve southbound flow and exit to Putney Bridge Road. This work was completed in November 2025.
- TfL has begun a trial relocation of bus stop "P" outside Kenilworth Court on Lower Richmond Road. Bus stop "P" is suspended and a temporary stop located 40m westwards has been installed to improve westbound flow and reduce congestion back into the high street. This work was completed in November 2025.
- Suspension of the permitted cyclists left turn at the lights from Putney Bridge Road onto Putney High Street took place on the 5 January 2026 to reduce congestion on Putney Bridge Road. TfL is currently fine-tuning the time allocations to maximise efficiency.

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Further upcoming works:

- Work to improve traffic flow on Putney High Street just north of Putney Exchange, which is a key pinch point on the high street. To do this, we are realigning the kerb **opposite** TK Maxx to enable larger vehicles to pass stationary buses. This work is now due to commence on 26 January 2026 and will take approximately three weeks to complete. Night works will be carried out where possible to minimise disruption.
- TfL is looking at the feasibility of creating a bus pull-in bay **outside** TK Maxx. However, the involvement of utility companies and the need to remove phone boxes and move signal equipment means a longer lead time is required for these works.
- Work is ongoing with TfL to review bus stop locations and driver changeovers in the area, with some changes due to take place at the TK Maxx bus stop in March.
- Outside Putney Station, we are looking to reduce delays caused by stationary buses by reassigning lanes. This work is due to complete in February 2026.
- We continue to explore further options, covering a broad range of wider layout changes, to improve traffic flow and efficiency.

Essential utility and road works in Putney

Over the past months, there have been significant amounts of water and gas utility works and roadworks which have added to the traffic in the area. We will continue to ensure that any essential utility works are coordinated to minimise disruption as much as possible. We are working with all utility companies to ensure works are appropriately coordinated across both TfL and council networks. However, utilities do have statutory powers to undertake emergency works when necessary to maintain their services, so at times this is unfortunately outside of our control.

Traffic and air quality monitoring

Since the traffic light timing changes in late October and early January noted above, there is clear evidence that traffic queue lengths on both Lower Richmond Road and Putney Bridge Road have improved. We will continue to investigate opportunities to improve traffic flow and to monitor traffic and air quality. Additional traffic surveys have been commissioned to help monitor traffic displacement on residential roads.

Air quality monitoring has been ongoing and additional nitrogen dioxide monitors have been installed on Disraeli Road, Chelverton Road and Lower Richmond Road. We appreciate that residents are concerned about air quality in and around Putney High Street. However, due to cleaner buses and vehicles, air quality has improved significantly in this area and is now in line with UK air quality standards. We encourage residents to check the air quality data on these maps, which show both live and historic air quality data:

- Search online the London Air Quality Network - for data from our Putney Monitoring Station.
- Also search for Breathe London Communities - for data from our air quality monitoring nodes.

We will be sending out further communications to residents on the progress of our works to reduce congestion. Further updates can also be seen on the council website: [wandsworth.gov.uk/putney-bridge](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/putney-bridge)

Yours sincerely



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