

# CAMBERWELL & PECKHAM GREEN NEWS



Eleanor Margolies

## ELEANOR SAYS: PUT SAFETY FIRST AT CAMBERWELL GREEN

### MEASURES PROPOSED BY TRANSPORT FOR LONDON DON'T GO FAR ENOUGH



Caroline Russell and Eleanor Margolies at Camberwell Green.

Transport for London has published plans for changes to the junction at Camberwell Green.

#### *What's good about the plans?*

Much needed changes include:

- a new pedestrian crossing between Camberwell Passage and the Green,
- moving the St Giles bus stop

back from Vicarage Grove to improve sight-lines.

#### *What's not good enough?*

- on foot, you still have to wait 4 times to cross the junction,
- the pedestrian islands are crowded and especially difficult when using a wheelchair or a buggy,
- there's little to make it safer to cycle through the junction.

On a visit to Camberwell, the London Assembly Member and Green Party Transport spokesperson Caroline Russell was shocked to see people trying to cross between fast-moving buses and cars on Denmark Hill at the junction with Love Walk. She said: 'This spot is crying out for a new crossing.'

Local campaigner Eleanor is calling for **real and immediate improvements** to the junction so it's easier for people to get around and no longer dangerous to cross. She says:

'Older people, families, anyone changing buses, using local shops or on their way to King's – we all need to be able to cross safely at Camberwell. I'll be pushing for a new crossing of Denmark Hill at the junction with Love Walk. And I'll ask Transport for London to consider diagonal pedestrian crossings, like the ones at Oxford Circus.'

For full details, and to support our call for a safer junction, go to <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/camberwell-green>  
**Deadline 3 September**

## LEARN THE LESSONS OF THE LAKANAL HOUSE FIRE

### GREEN CAMPAIGNER DELIVERS A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNMENT

For many people in this area, the tragedy of the Grenfell Tower fire brought back terrible memories of the Lakanal House fire in 2009. There was anger and sorrow too, knowing that actions that might have saved lives had not been taken. Green campaigner John Tyson, from Elephant and

Castle, started a petition calling for local government to implement the recommendations from the Lakanal inquest. The petition now has over 104,000 signatures. [change.org/p/stop-risking-lives-bring-in-crucial-fire-safety-regulations-now-make-the-uks-tower-blocks-safe](https://change.org/p/stop-risking-lives-bring-in-crucial-fire-safety-regulations-now-make-the-uks-tower-blocks-safe)



John delivered the petition to the Department for Communities and Local Government with Green London Assembly member Sian Berry.



# WE LOVE: CAMBERWELL STATION

## CAMPAIGNERS SHARE THEIR MESSAGE IN EDIBLE FORM



Rail-themed cake from SE5 Forum at Brunswick Park TRA Summer Fete.

If you're wondering where Camberwell Station is, take a look next time you're passing

Camberwell Station Road! This stop on the Thameslink line has been out of use for many years. We support the campaign to reopen the station to relieve crowded Walworth Road buses and improve access to King's College Hospital. Trains on this line come from Brighton, Sevenoaks and Sutton, going through Elephant & Castle, Blackfriars and King's Cross St Pancras – right up to St Albans and Bedford.

[www.southwarkcan.org/camberwellstation](http://www.southwarkcan.org/camberwellstation)

## THE 'TRAVEL DOCTORS' WILL SEE YOU NOW...

### LOCAL GREENS LISTENING TO RESIDENTS' CONCERNS ABOUT TRANSPORT

'Are you happy with the way you get around? Is there anything you'd like to change?' Visitors to the 'Travel Clinic' at the Brunswick Park TRA fete in August got a free personalised calculation of their travel costs and tips about how to save money. Eleanor said, 'It was really interesting hearing people's ideas at the fete. There are some great free or very cheap offers from community organisations and the council. Get in touch if you'd like one of our info packs!'



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## USEFUL LINKS

### PUT SAFETY FIRST AT CAMBERWELL GREEN

Read our response to the plans in full: [southwarkgreenparty.org.uk/camgreenconsult](http://southwarkgreenparty.org.uk/camgreenconsult)

### PLAYING OUT

Getting together with her neighbours, Eleanor asked the council to close Albrighton Road for the day so they could enjoy The Big Lunch. She said:

'We've done it a few times now and it's surprisingly easy!' Find out more:

[www.londonplay.org.uk](http://www.londonplay.org.uk)



## TRANSPORT MATTERS

### POLITICIANS MUST BE BOLDER IN TACKLING POLLUTION

We all know the strain of travelling through noisy, polluted streets and the worry it causes when journeys are delayed. But shifting away from the most polluting forms of transport takes political action.

That's why we are asking the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, to put cleaner buses on the 17 routes that run through Camberwell [www.change.org/p/sadiq-khan-clean-air-for-camberwell](http://www.change.org/p/sadiq-khan-clean-air-for-camberwell).

Neither the Mayor nor Southwark Council goes nearly far enough in their plans to tackle traffic fumes. We need politicians who are prepared to face up to the reality of the air pollution crisis that is killing 9,500 Londoners a year and stunting the lungs of children. This public health crisis needs action now. We can't wait till 2040!