

Epping Forest Transport Strategy

Questionnaire



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Epping Forest is owned and managed by the The City of London Corporation as The Conservators of Epping Forest. It is London and Essex's largest public open space stretching 13 miles from Manor Park in East London to near Harlow in Essex and covers more than 2,450 hectares (6,000 acres). The parks and the Forest are visited by hundreds of thousands of people each year and provide a unique experience for thousands of school-children using its field centres.

Epping Forest, large though it is, is fragmented by roads and some of these are amongst the busiest roads in Essex. In the region of 45,000 vehicles pass through the Wake Arms roundabout in the heart of the Forest each weekday, with tens of thousands of vehicles travelling up and down the other roads.

The traffic volumes threaten the air quality for people and plants. The speed of traffic can reduce the enjoyment of an outing in the Forest on foot, bicycle or horse, especially with children, due to difficulties crossing busy roads.

Proposals

1. Improving the Forest Environment

The Forest needs to be noticed as a unique and special landscape which the transport infrastructure must play its role in protecting. The key to changing the perceptions of those travelling through the Forest is to make a clear statement of the Forest's identity and to assert the ancient rights that the Forest preserves and protects.

2. Route Management

We aim to slow and reduce the traffic passing through the Forest, to make the roads safer for everyone, especially the more vulnerable road users.

3. Site Accessibility and Road Safety

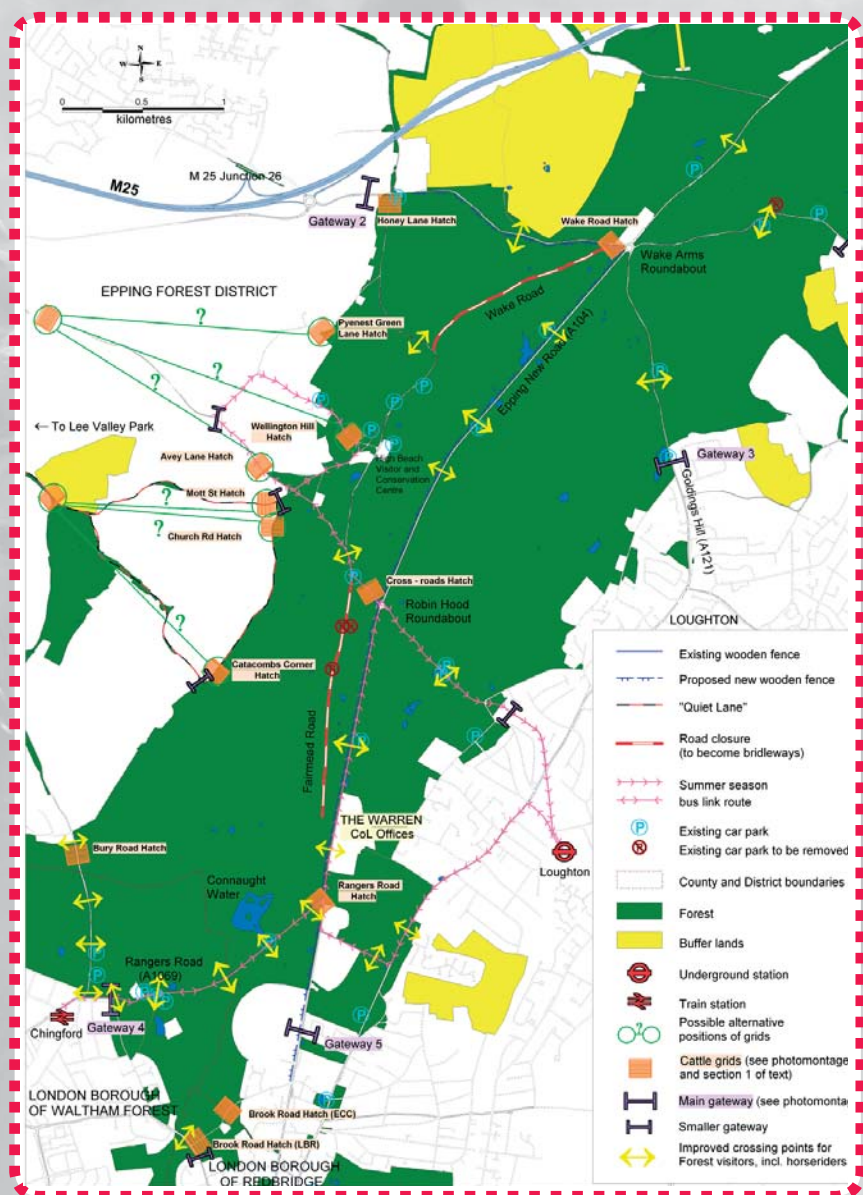
The aim of the Strategy is to enhance the visitor experience for the tens of thousands of school-children, students, walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and others who visit the Forest. The roads need to be made more Forest-centric and the provision of new, clear, safe crossing points appropriate to the rural Forest character will be a step in this direction.

4. Road Signage

Many drivers passing through the Forest will be unaware they are travelling through a special area.

5. Sustainable Transport

It is important to make these modes as attractive as possible both for existing users, and to encourage those users who may be able to travel using more sustainable modes if infrastructure were to be provided.



Section 1 : About you

Q1	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 or under	<input type="checkbox"/> 19 to 29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 to 39	<input type="checkbox"/> 40 to 49	<input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 59	<input type="checkbox"/> 60+		
Q2	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female						
Q3	Home postcode	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Q4	How often do you travel THROUGH the Forest?	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Times per week	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a week				
Q5	What mode of transport do you most often use to travel THROUGH the Forest?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial vehicle (van or lorry etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor-cycle	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycle	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk	
Q6	Why do you travel THROUGH the Forest?	<input type="checkbox"/> Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Leisure	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	Please specify your usual destination:							
Q7	How often do you visit the Forest for leisure purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Times per week	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/> Only in the summer months			
Q8	What main mode of transport do you most often use to get to the Forest for leisure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Train	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tube	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Car	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor-cycle	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycle	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk
Q9	Which mode of transport would you choose to use if all were easily available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Train	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tube	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Car	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor-cycle	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycle	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk

Section 2 : Proposals

Q10	Do you agree that the Forest should be identified and treated as a special area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
	Please give your reasons:		
Q11	Do you think traffic speed in the Forest should be reduced?			
	a) On the A104 Epping New Road?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
	Please give your reasons:		
	b) On other Forest roads?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
	Please give your reasons:		
Q12	Do you think road signage and traffic calming measures should be tailored to the Forest environment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
	Please give your reasons:		

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Section 2 : Proposals – Continued

Q13 Have you any objections to the introduction of cattle grids where necessary?

Yes

No

Unsure

Please give your reasons:

Q14 Should there be more crossing points provided?

a) On the A104 Epping New Road?

Yes

No

Unsure

Please give your reasons:

b) On other Forest roads?

Yes

No

Unsure

Please give your reasons:

Q15 Have you any objections to the proposed closure of Fairmead Road and Wake Road?

Yes

No

Unsure

Please give your reasons:

Section 3 : Further Comments

Please use this section to provide any further comments on the Transport Strategy:

For your views to be considered, please complete this questionnaire. You may leave this questionnaire at the exhibition or return it to the County Council at the below address before **30th January 2009**.

If you would like to discuss the scheme with someone, or would like any additional information on this scheme please contact us:

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