Alternative Option 2 - Eastern location
Immediately west of junction of Wapping High Street and Wapping Lane

Wapping bus gate
What do you think of the Wapping bus gate proposal?

Introduction
Tower Hamlets Council is committed to making the borough a safer place for all road users by delivering a range of street improvements in the area, intending to benefit pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and public transport users alike.

Wapping is currently being reviewed to provide a safer road environment for the local community, pedestrians and cyclists. The review is in response to residents’ concerns about road safety and the problems it causes in local streets, such as noise and air pollution, and safety concerns.

There will be a series of other proposals for traffic changes in Wapping, including better junction layouts, improved pedestrian safety, and stops to reduce bad driving behaviour. This will come later in the year in our Love Your Neighbourhood project.

What are we proposing?
Traffic currently uses The Highway (A1201) by cutting down Glades Road/Wapping Lane towards Wapping High Street and Wapping Wharf/The Thames More Street to access The Highway (A120). It is proposed to install a bus gate restriction on Wapping High Street, enforced by automatic number plate recognition, to address rat running traffic. A bus gate is an entry point across a road which means only buses are allowed to go any further. There is no physical gate as such. Such a gate would prevent all traffic (lanes a bus, or a cycle or maybe an exempted local vehicle) from passing the Pier Head without risking a penalty. We do understand that local residents may be inconvenienced by the bus gate and we could allow some groups of residents, by address and possibly by vehicle type, to pass through the bus gate. However, experiences show that limiting exemptions best achieves traffic reduction. In this consultation we are asking for your views on the proposal, and any exemptions for local residents that might apply.

We recommend that the most effective proposal would be to install a bus gate at:
- Eastern location
  - 24 hour a day, seven days a week
  - No access for motor vehicles, motorcycles or taxis
  - There have been other suggestions, for example banning right or left turns at certain points from the Highway into Wapping. We believe these would be less effective than those proposals and they would require detailed modelling, which would further delay implementation. However, in question 7 you are invited to make other observations or proposals, if you think we should consider these.

Tower Hamlets Council now invites your comments on our preferred option including location, times of the restriction and who will be exempt. We welcome any comments for further improvements to the area.

Tell us what you think
Please fill in the survey online or the questionnaire within this leaflet to reply.

Visit www.pdlconsult.com/towerhamlets for the online survey.

For further information please email towerhamlets.consultations@projectcentre.co.uk, or call 020 3092 0401.

Deadline Monday 8 April 2019
Overview plan

Wapping bus gate consultation area

Recommended Option 1 - Western location

East of junction of Wapping High Street and Sampson Street

Wapping bus gate visual

ALTERNATIVE OPTION 2

Eastern gateway
West of the junction of Wapping High Street and Wapping Lane
Drop in session on Saturday 23 March, 10am-12noon.

RECOMMENDED OPTION 1

Western gateway
East of the junction of Wapping High Street and Sampson Street
Drop in session on Saturday 23 March, 1.30pm.

Ornamental Canal
(Option 4c for exemptions)

Key

Option 1: Proposed bus gate
Option 1: Proposed road closure
Option 2: Proposed bus gate
Option 2: Proposed road closure
Area for future public works

Existing raised junction
Existing bus stop shelter
Existing parking spaces may be relocated

Wapping bus gate

Proposed location of western bus gate to be visible from the next roundabout junction

If a bus gate is implemented at this location, a road closure will be required at Highgate Street as that section does not drive around the bus gate via Sampson Street and Highgate Street which would create a collision in this area. All road closures will remain open for cyclists and pedestrians. Emergency vehicles will be allowed to use the bus gate. This location is recommended because it includes fewer road closures on local streets.

Bus stop in front of the sign: Existing

Proposed bus gate

Proposed road closure

WAPPING BUS GATE

Have your say on proposals to introduce a bus gate to Wapping High Street.

Please make sure you have read the information before filling in the form and returning it to us. Alternatively you can fill in the survey online at www.pelconsalt.co.uk/towerhamlets.

Due to the high volume of consultation responses expected, we will not be able to provide an individual reply to all the responses received, however all comments will be considered when making a decision about the scheme.

Name:

First line of address (door number and road name):

Postcode:

Email address:

1. Are you a...? (please tick the one that applies)
   - Local resident
   - Local worker
   - Business owner
   - Other (please state)

2. What is your preferred location for the bus gate (see inside for details)?
   - Option 1: Western location (recommended)
   - Option 2: Eastern location
   - Do nothing

3. What time should the bus gate be in operation?
   - 24 hours a day, seven days a week (recommended)
   - 6am-10am and 3pm-7pm, seven days a week
   - 6am-7pm, seven days a week
   - Other (please state)

4. Who should be able to go through the bus gate?
   - Buses and cyclists only (recommended)
   - Residents in Wapping, southern part of The Highway (A1205), buses and cyclists only
   - Residents who live south of the Ornamental Canal, buses and cyclists only

5. Should motorcycles and mopeds be allowed through the bus gate?
   - Yes
   - No

6. Should taxis be allowed through the bus gate?
   - Yes
   - No

7. Additional comments on the proposal, including alternative suggestions or do nothing