

Fisher's Lane | Historical Overview

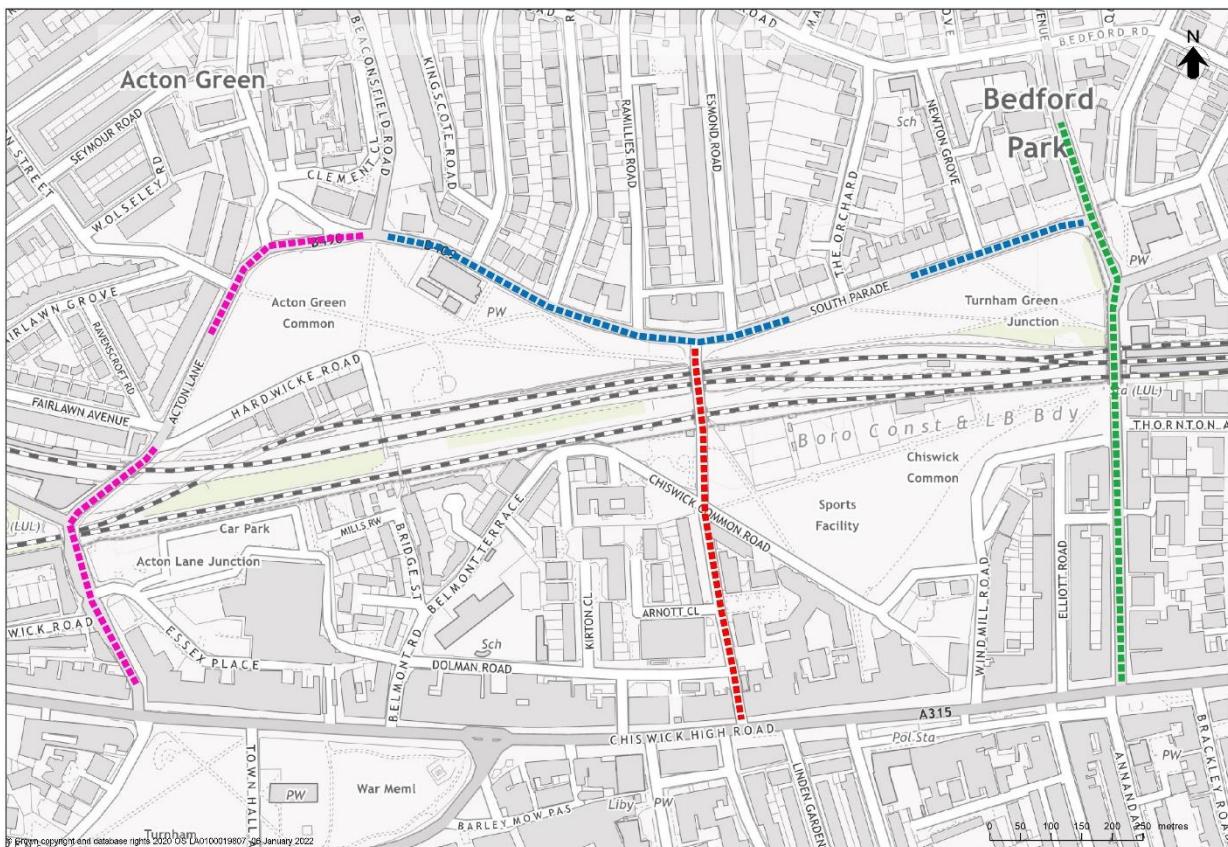


Figure 1: Acton Lane (Pink), South Parade (Blue), Fisher's Lane (Red), Turnham Green Terrace (Green)

It was agreed by TfL in 2019 that they would fund development of a north-south cycle route through Fisher's Lane, linking East Acton and Chiswick, if a design could be produced that met TfL's criteria for a cycle route suitable for all cyclists. The route would form a useful part of their network, linking several existing routes as shown in figure 2 below.

Following the first lockdown (which began in March 2020), development of the route was accelerated, and an experimental traffic order to close Fisher's Lane to motor traffic, except buses, came into force on 31 July 2020. This has a maximum duration of 18 months, and therefore expires on 31 January 2022. Throughout the time it has been in force, comments have been invited, and traffic surveys carried out, to assess the effect of the closure on cyclists and other traffic in the area.

Enforcement of the restriction started in December 2020. Initially offences were high, but the number has gradually declined to about 200 a week southbound. (It is Hounslow's responsibility to enforce the restriction northbound).

Ealing's September 2021 Cabinet meeting made the decision to implement a permanent closure with the same rules before the temporary order expires. This was advertised in mid-November, generating multiple objections and some support.

[A large amount of evidence \(All downloads\)](#) on the effect of the closure on general traffic, cyclists, and buses has been gathered, and is available to view. The continuing effects of the pandemic mean that it is hard to isolate the impacts of the closure. Therefore, surveys and analysis will continue. In any event, it can take more than a year for traffic patterns to settle down after closure of a busy road.

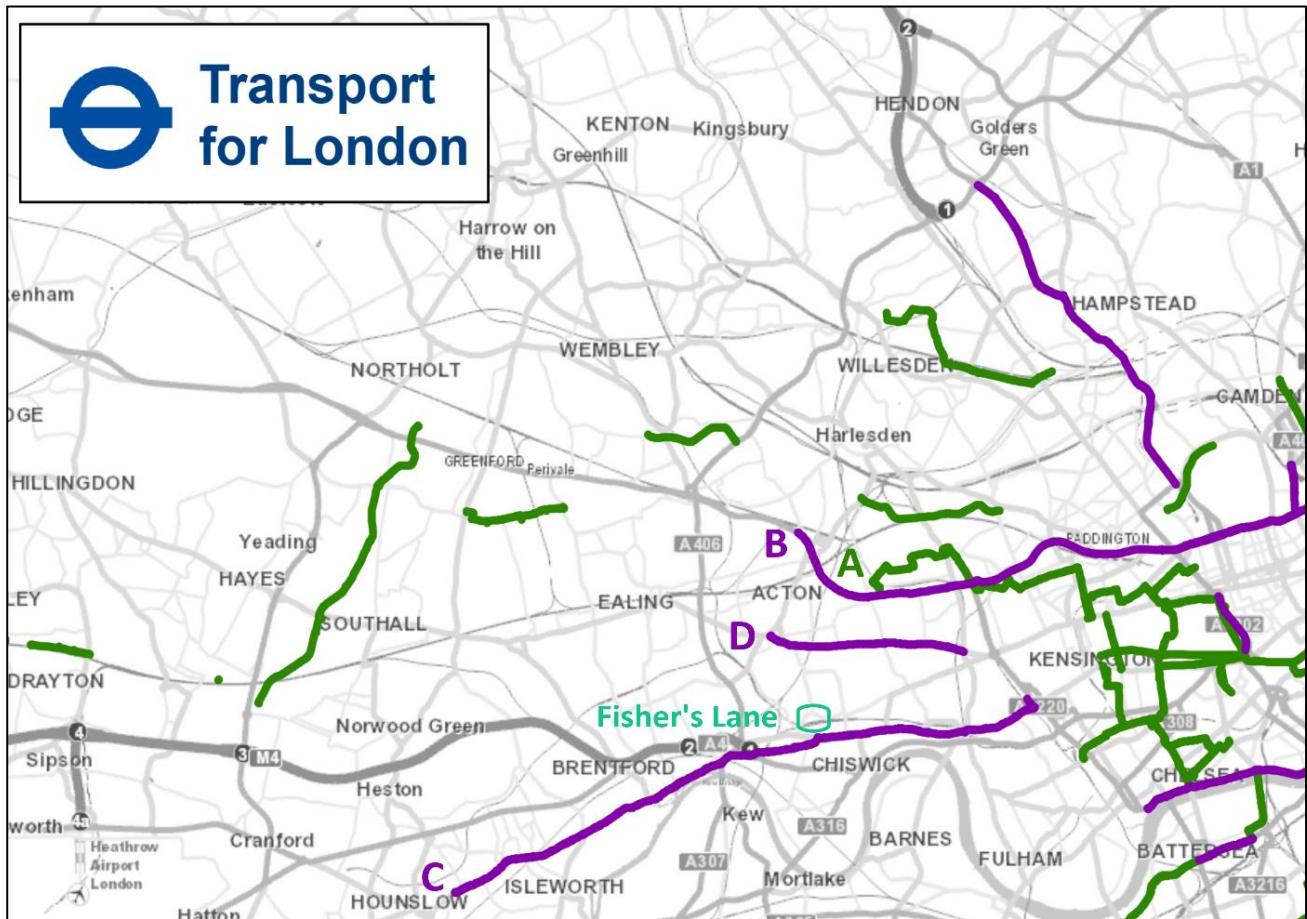


Figure 2: TfL map showing most existing east-west cycle routes

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- A. Quietway 2, Paddington to Wormwood Scrubs.
- B. A40 cycletrack, Wood Lane to Acton (and on to Ruislip at lower quality).
- C. Cycle Superhighway 9, Kensington to Brentford.
- D. Uxbridge Road corridor, Shepherds Bush to Hayes.