

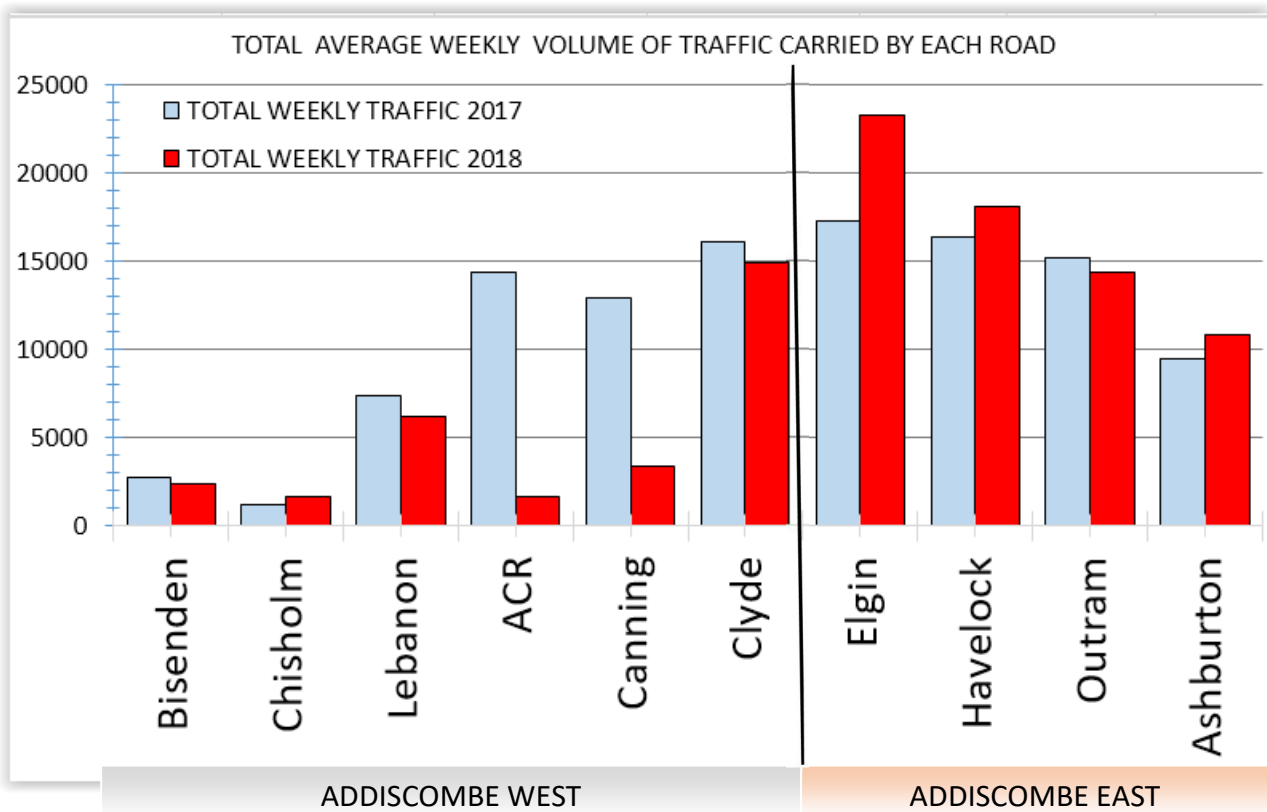
The H.O.M.E. Residents' Association

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TRAFFIC UPDATE – 70,000 cars now travel through our roads in H.O.M.E.

We live in the Ward known as Addiscombe East

The **blue** columns below show traffic before the introduction of the one way system in 2017 and the **red** show how traffic is now in 2018.



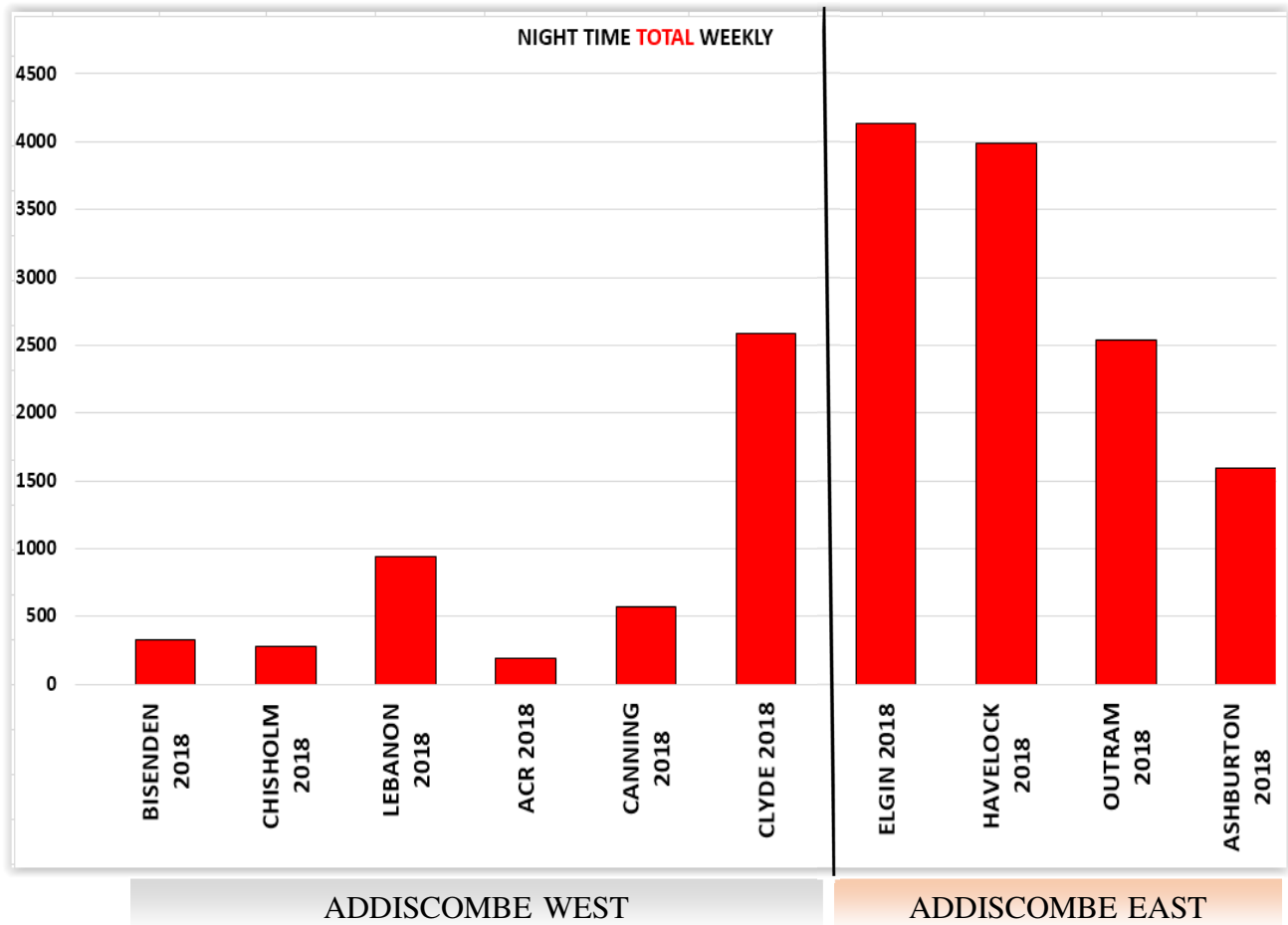
Elgin Road has got a lot busier...from 17000 vehicles per week to around 24000 vehicles per week now that **ALL** the residential roads towards East Croydon **are blocked to northbound** traffic.

The Council states that there has been no net decrease in traffic flow since these changes, so traffic has had to increase in roads in Addiscombe East as there is nowhere else for them to go.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Please contact our councillors and MP. Telling them that “the traffic situation is totally unsatisfactory and that some of the earlier changes need undoing” is all that needs to be done for now. See back page for further details.

The number of vehicles travelling from the Addiscombe Road to the Lower Addiscombe Road along Elgin Road at **night time** has increased by a staggering **amount**. There are times when the increase is over **76%**. Havelock Road's northbound **night traffic** has 47%. *Many are finding the significant increase in noise and pollution quite distressing, particularly at night.*

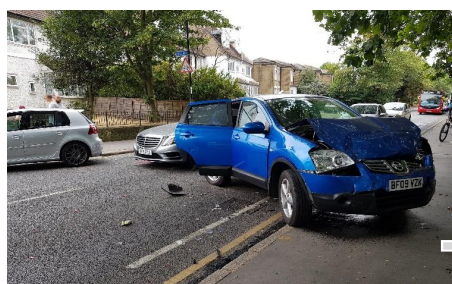


Another startling fact: Our roads in Addiscombe East carry nearly 70,000 cars a week (this is a large increase in traffic in the H.O.M.E area) whilst Addiscombe West has plummeted to under 30,000 cars a week. This increased traffic in H.O.M.E includes commuters and general traffic with the addition of local residents from the roads towards East Croydon and north of the Lower Addiscombe Road trying to return to their homes, and it goes on DAY and NIGHT.

We've had 3 serious accidents on Elgin Rd, 2 at the Lower Addiscombe Rd end, and one near the top.



June 17th 2018



July 20th 2018



August 9th 2018

Here's how it happened. This extract is from Canning and Clyde Residents' Association Newsletter dated 2 July 2016:

How did the Lebanon Road one-way system happen?

Summer Fair 2014—Councillor Mark Watson told us there would be a consultation of all residents that autumn about traffic in our area. That consultation did not happen.

Instead in early 2015 we enquired on progress and only then learnt that the proposal for a one-way system in Lebanon Road was being put to the Traffic Management Committee on 3 March 2015. A Council Officer said this would mean an informal consultation was taking place but a statutory consultation would follow over the summer before a decision would be taken in autumn 2015.

Instead the so-called statutory 'consultation' was carried out in May. We got wind of this and put the case ahead of the 'consultation' that Addiscombe Court and Canning Road residents should be included as the roads most likely to be affected. This was refused and we were excluded. Councillor

Mark Watson on Tuesday 17 July 2015 presented to Croydon Council's Transport Management Advisory Committee a recommendation that Lebanon Road should be made one-way. It was passed.

Councillor Mark Watson lives in Lebanon Road.

Councillor Mark Watson is paid by residents an 'Allowance' of £43,339 a year as a Cabinet Member of Croydon Council.

Everyone acknowledged that the introduction of the one way system in Lebanon Road created more problems than it solved. Addiscombe Residents' Associations asked for no further piecemeal changes in a joint letter to the Council CEO, Jo Negrini in November 2016

So **WHY** did the No Entry scheme for Addiscombe Court Road/ Canning Road happen?

- Canning and Clyde Residents' Association and residents of Addiscombe Court Road complain to the Council about traffic displacement after the change to Lebanon Road.
- July 2016 Council walkabout with residents around the area and a pedestrian safety issue is identified at Lebanon Road tram stop (vehicles overtaking stationary trams at Lebanon Road and turning into Addiscombe Court Road).
- September 2016 TACRA (Tunstall and Addiscombe Court Road Residents Association) is inaugurated to campaign against traffic displacement.
- In January 2017 H.O.M.E. gets wind of the proposed changes at our New Year's Social from Councillor Patricia Hay-Justice who asks for our roads to be included in the informal "consultation" in Spring 2017.
- July 2017, statutory consultation. 80 plus written objections are submitted. Feedback from many residents of Addiscombe East and West is ignored in both consultations.
- October 2017 Highways department alters its advice on Environmental impacts to undermine those objections, minimising the likelihood of traffic displacement onto Elgin Road and other H.O.M.E roads. Decision is made to go ahead with the scheme, emphasis is placed on the safety issue. It later materialises that there were no discussions with TFL/ Tramlink to try to resolve these issues.

- May 2018: Council Elections. Our councillors Sean Fitzsimons and Patricia Hay-Justice are re-elected in Addiscombe **West**. Ward boundary changes mean that they will no longer represent Elgin Road or other H.O.M.E roads.
- July 2018: results of post scheme traffic surveys are analysed by the council. By using only data for Thursdays and Fridays, they claim that the total traffic in Elgin Road is increased by up to 46% (*our analysis shows a much higher increase at certain times over a 24 hour period*).
- Despite 3 serious accidents on Elgin Road, Council recommends no change.
- The future: Westfield is coming! Scrutiny Committee has published a report saying that Croydon's road network will not cope with the Westfield development, what impact will this have on us? The Scrutiny Committee (chaired by Cllr Sean Fitzsimons) has not responded to our emails concerning this scheme.

How can you help?

There is no mitigation for H.O.M.E roads that does not involve a proper review of all the recent changes with the possibility of undoing **some** of them to take the pressure off Elgin and Havelock Roads and share the load more **evenly**.

Just contacting our councillors and telling them that "the traffic situation is totally unsatisfactory and that some of the earlier changes need undoing" is all that needs doing now.

Email your MP Sarah Jones: sarah.jones.mp@parliament.uk and

OUR new councillors: Jeet.bains@croydon.gov.uk; Maddie.henson@croydon.gov.uk

Please copy H.O.M.E. and copy in Addiscombe West councillors (last two were our previous councillors): jerryfitzmsp@gmail.com; Patricia.hay-justice@croydon.gov.uk and Sean.fitzsimons@croydon.gov.uk

You are invited to H.O.M.E. AGM

8 September 2018, from 3 pm till 5 pm

at 31 Havelock Road.

After the formal business of the AGM, there will be an opportunity to discuss a number of issues in separate groups (traffic, environment, Street Reps and Planning). Our new councillors and MP are invited.

We are always seeking new members to join the Committee.

Tea and cake will be provided during the afternoon (if anyone would like to bring a cake that would be great).

Please RSVP for AGM giving your name(s) and home address to:

Ashburton Road: Dee at No 16 Ashburton Road

Elgin Road: Norman at No 44 Elgin Road

Havelock Road: Carol at No 11 Havelock Road

Outram Road: Stan at No 74 Outram

Mulberry Lane residents can choose any of the above

Joint Addiscombe RAs Jumble Trail 30 September – check home.addiscombe.net for details.

Havelock Road, Outram Road, Mulberry Lane, Elgin Road and Ashburton Road

Looking after the concerns of local residents