

## **Barnham Drive proposals - Thamesmead: London TravelWatch's response**

London TravelWatch is London's independent transport watchdog, using evidence to campaign to improve journeys, and advocate for all people travelling in London.

It is in this role that we are responding to TfL's consultation about plans to create a new road for buses, cyclists and pedestrians to join up the two ends of Barnham Drive in Thamesmead.

We welcome the proposal to create this new road:

- For bus passengers, it will create a new stretch of road with a bus stop and shelter in each direction. Although no specific bus route is being consulted on as part of this consultation, we note that the Equality Impact Assessment explains how route 244 could use the new road. This would benefit passengers by providing easier links between east and west Thamesmead, a shorter route to Thamesmead town centre and improved links from residential areas to the transport hubs at Abbey Wood and Woolwich. This is something which London TravelWatch would support.
- For pedestrians, it will make journeys easier, faster and avoid long diversions. The new streetlighting on the road will also help with feelings of safety during times of darkness.
- For cyclists, the new cycle path alongside the new road will enable cyclists to travel more safely and easily and avoid long diversions to their journeys.