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Safety work at danger junction will cost £300k

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TRANSPORT chiefs are to spend £300,000 in an attempt to reduce the number of accidents at one of the most dangerous junctions in the borough.

Work is due to begin later this month on the notorious blackspot at the intersection of Sixth Cross Road, Staines Road and Hospital Bridge Road Twickenham.

Turning lanes are to be created to improve traffic flow and prevent drivers using the Hospital Bridge Road slip road to dodge the lights.

Work will also include new traffic lights, road resurfacing and the extension of a pedestrian island.

The Transport for London-funded scheme is aiming at reducing accidents, which have reached a total of 40 over the last five years.

Richmond Council hopes the work will stop motorists using Hospital Bridge Road to avoid the junction.



DANGER SPOT: Work is to begin improving the junction at Sixth Cross Road
Photo by Google

Cabinet member for traffic, Councillor Clare Head, said: "Thousands of people who responded to our All in One survey said that traffic congestion was a serious concern.

"I'm delighted to say this scheme will improve traffic flows and keep the borough moving.

"We're very aware families

along Hospital Bridge Road's slip road have had to put up with drivers using it as a rat run to avoid the junction. This has been happening for years and is unfair on local people.

"Our expectation is to cut the numbers driving through and tearing past people's homes and businesses. There have been 40

accidents at this junction in the past five years, and now it's time to do something about it."

She added: "By improving how the traffic flows and creating dedicated turning lanes, there will be less likelihood of drivers hitting each other."

The work is expected to last for 10 weeks.