



People-Friendly Streets
Better places for everyone

Highbury Fields people-friendly streets neighbourhood scheme

what this means for you



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People-friendly streets in Highbury Fields

Islington's streets belong to everyone. They are a place where life happens and where the community comes together, no matter what our individual circumstances or daily routines look like. But as technology has changed, we've seen more and more traffic looking for short-cuts along residential streets.

Traffic in London's residential areas has risen by 72% in the past 12 years. If this continues to increase further it will create huge problems for the road network and will increase damage to the environment, including increased air pollution, which is already a serious issue for public health.

Transport for London modelling predicts that, without action, traffic volumes may get much worse than before the health emergency. As more people may choose to drive as lockdown restrictions are eased, traffic in residential areas is predicted to increase, making streets more dangerous and unhealthy for everyone. This is why we are taking action now.

Highbury

Highbury, like many neighbourhoods within the borough, has suffered from increased traffic volumes in recent years from the use of the area as a short-cut.

We are taking action to eliminate through traffic in the area, and will install **two camera enforced traffic filters** in Highbury Fields and additional filters in Highbury West on a trial basis. A traffic filter can be camera-enforced or it will be a physical restriction in the road which

prevents motor vehicles from cutting through.

This will stop cars driving through your area as a through-route but cycles and emergency vehicles will be able to get through. If you have a car you will still be able to drive and park near to your home, as will visitors and delivery drivers, but you or other drivers may need to take a different route.

Both new traffic filters will be installed on Highbury Place; one located south of the junction with Calabria Road and the other at the junction with Highbury Corner. We are aware that this will mean residents living to the west of Highbury Place who need to drive to their homes, will only be able to do so by turning into Fieldway Crescent from Holloway road, which is subject to a banned right turn when travelling north on Holloway Road. In order to make access to the neighbourhood easier for these residents, we will also be removing an existing traffic filter at the junction of Horsell Road and Ronalds Road. This will give residents an additional way to access the area from Holloway Road, by turning onto Drayton Park and travelling south via Horsell Road.

Removing this traffic filter requires that we also designate a small section of roads as one-way to prevent road danger. This minor one-way circuit will be located on: Horsell Road, Ronalds Road, Arvon Road and Witherington Road. Furthermore, to avoid the filter removal creating a new short-cut route, a ban on right turn movements from Horsell Road onto Ronalds Road will also be introduced.

Enforcing the new changes

Works to install the measures will begin the week starting **Monday 30 November 2020**. The works will take a few weeks to complete, with enforcement of the new changes in the area expected to begin from Monday 11 January 2021.

Resident safety comes first. We work closely with the emergency services before, during and after the implementation of each scheme. We have agreed with the emergency services that all traffic filters in the area will be camera enforced to ensure that they will not be restricted in any way. We will continue to work with them to monitor the impact of the measures to ensure they can access every street and where necessary, we will make changes based on what they tell us.

Installing the measures as an 18-month trial

What we install will be temporary and can be changed if it does not work.

To ensure that local people have a say in how the measures are working, we have chosen to implement the scheme under what is called an Experimental Traffic Order as an 18 month trial.

Throughout the trial period you can let us know your views in a variety of ways. We will make any necessary changes informed by monitoring and feedback so that the new people-friendly streets work as well as possible.

Local people know their local area best and we will listen to your feedback.

We will conduct a full public consultation 12 months into the trial to find out what

you think of the measures. It's important that we allow enough time for you to experience the changes and for traffic patterns to adjust. Shorter trials would also not be able to take account of seasonal variations in traffic patterns, including school terms and holidays.

Based on our monitoring and feedback from the consultation, the measures will be changed, made permanent or removed. If the measures are made permanent, there may be an opportunity to improve your area with permanent features such as greening, tree planting and play-spaces.

Get in touch

We are eager to hear what you have to say about the trial and you can share your feedback using our online surveys. To do this please visit: www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets/highbury

For more information about this and other schemes, including the Highbury West area, visit www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets where you will also find answers to frequently asked questions. You can also get in touch by emailing us at peoplefriendlystreets@islington.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

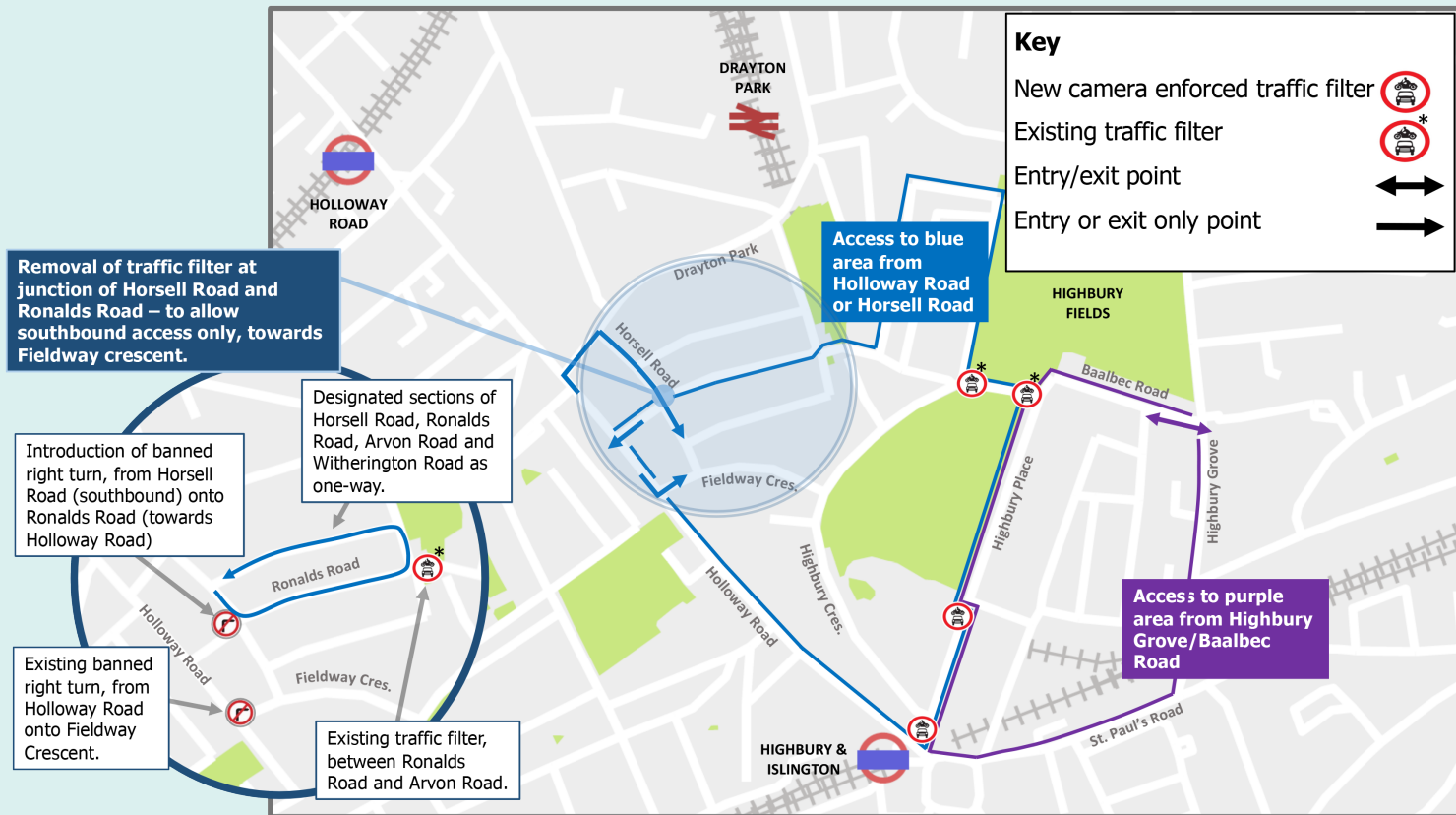


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Executive Member for Environment and Transport

The map below and photographs show the locations of the traffic filters where we will install temporary signs and traffic cameras and the new access route being created through Horsell Road.

Works to install the measures will start from Monday 30 November 2020.





Highbury West

We are also accelerating the people-friendly streets programme in the Highbury West area. Visit www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets for more information. The map above provides an overview of the area covered by both schemes.



- 1 Calabria Road – Highbury Grove**
 Camera-enforced traffic filter allowing emergency vehicles through.



- 2 Highbury Corner – Highbury Grove**
 Camera-enforced traffic filter allowing emergency vehicles through.



- 3 Ronalds Road (South-facing)**
 Removal of traffic filter at the junction of Horsell Road and Ronalds Road – to allow southbound access only, towards Fieldway Crescent. Right turn movements onto Ronalds road will be prohibited, to prevent the creation of a new short-cut route.



Islington Council will continue to monitor progress, and you can comment or add your ideas about the measures at [islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.commonplace.is](https://www.islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.commonplace.is)

Please also share your feedback using our online surveys at www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets/highbury



To find out more, including how the experimental traffic order works, please visit www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets where you will also find answers to frequently asked questions but if you have further questions drop us a line at peoplefriendlystreets@islington.gov.uk

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