



People-Friendly Streets
Better places for everyone

Highbury West people-friendly streets neighbourhood scheme

what this means for you



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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 **eight traffic filters** in Highbury West and additional filters in Highbury Fields 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 passing 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.

Six new camera enforced traffic filters will be installed on: Aubert Park, Benwell Road, Gillespie Road, Highbury Hill, Monsell Road and St. Thomas's Road.

Two further new filters, physically enforced by bollards, will be installed at Avenell Road and Plimsoll Road.

Two of the new filters will make use of existing traffic control infrastructure: the existing width restriction on Benwell Road will be converted into a traffic filter and the point no entry on Gillespie road, currently preventing traffic travelling west, will be converted to prevent traffic flow from both directions of travel. Both of the bollard enforced traffic filters will feature a removable central bollard allowing access for fire service vehicles, if required.

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

the majority of traffic filters in the area will be camera enforced to ensure that key emergency access routes are not compromised. 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 Fields 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

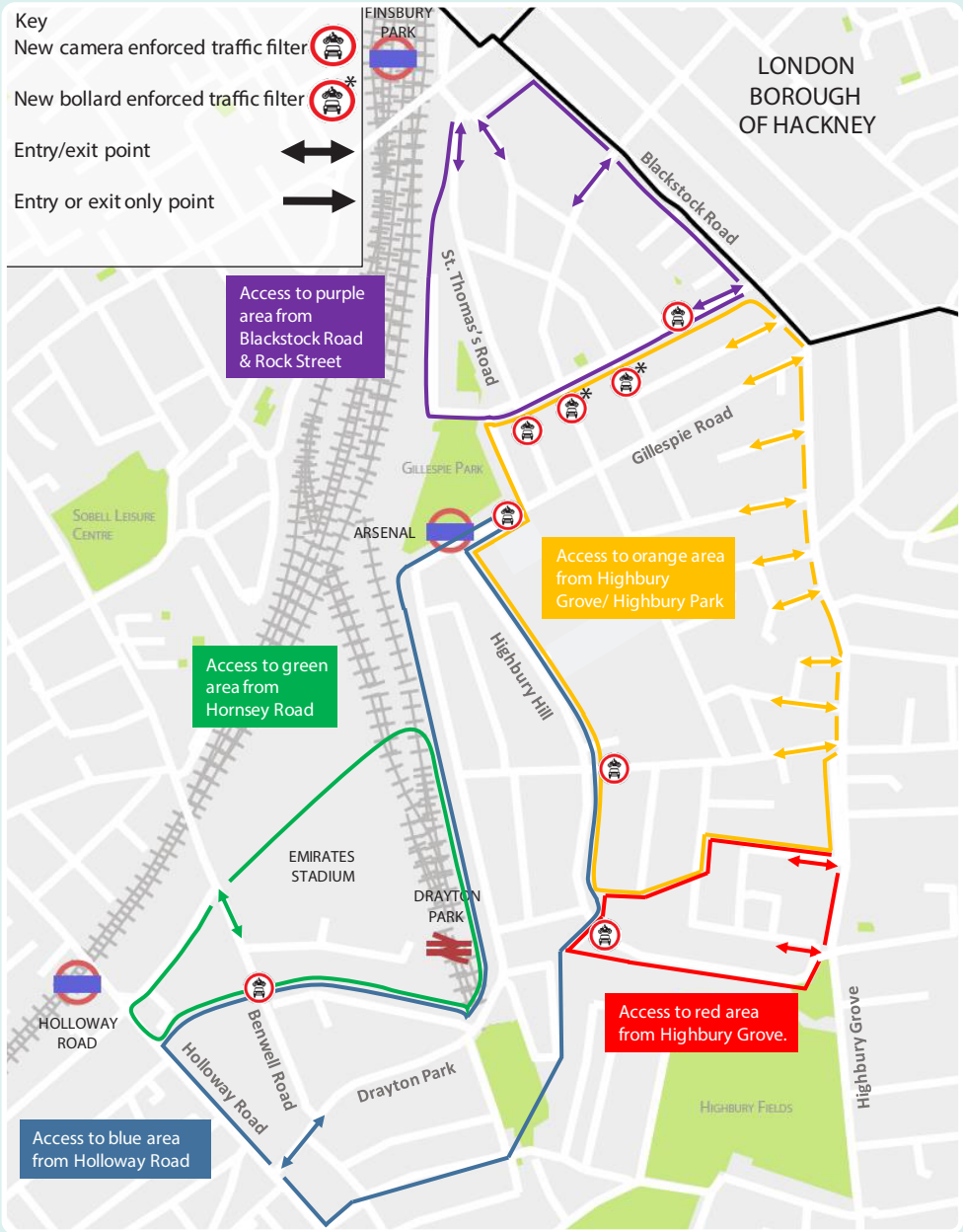
Yours sincerely,



Councillor Rowena Champion
Executive Member for Environment and Transport

The map below and photographs show the locations of the traffic filters where we will install temporary signs, bollards and traffic cameras.

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Highbury Fields

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



1

Aubert Park

Camera-enforced traffic filter allowing emergency vehicles through, with kerb build outs on both sides of the road to emphasise the closure. Two parking spaces suspended.



2

Avenell Road

Traffic filter with four fixed and one lockable bollard allowing fire service vehicles through. Two parking spaces suspended.



3

Benwell Road

Existing width restriction converted into a camera-enforced traffic filter, allowing emergency vehicles through the central reservation. Bollards placed in both slip roads slightly offset from the kerb, to prevent vehicle access while allowing bicycles to pass through.



4

Gillespie Road

Existing point no entry filter, converted into a camera-enforced traffic filter preventing vehicular access from either direction, while allowing emergency vehicles through. One parking space suspended.



5

Highbury Hill

Camera-enforced traffic filter allowing emergency vehicles through, with a kerb build out on the east side of the road to emphasise the closure. Two parking spaces suspended.



6

Monsell Road

Camera-enforced traffic filter allowing emergency vehicles through, with kerb build outs on both sides of the road to emphasise the closure. Two parking spaces suspended.



7

Plimsoll Road

Traffic filter with four fixed and one lockable bollard allowing fire service vehicles through. Two parking spaces suspended.



8

St Thomas's Road

Camera-enforced traffic filter allowing emergency vehicles through. Two parking spaces suspended.



Islington Council will continue to monitor progress, and you can comment or add your ideas about the measures at 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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