

# Canonbury West people-friendly streets: more details about the trial measures



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# Canonbury West people-friendly streets neighbourhood scheme

## What this means for you - more details about the trial measures

### Introduction

As part of Islington Council's people-friendly streets programme and the need for an urgent transport response to COVID-19, **Canonbury West** is the fourth people-friendly streets neighbourhood in the borough. It has been created to allow more space for people to walk and cross the road safely, cycle as part of everyday life, and to use buggies or wheelchairs.

### Why we are installing these trial measures

In May 2020 the Council launched a website called [Commonplace](#) in response to the Covid-19 health crisis. This allowed local people to raise issues in their area and suggest ideas to help us to create people-friendly streets. In Canonbury West around half of all comments were about drivers taking short cuts across residential areas and concerns about the safety of children, and people walking and cycling.

The council is listening to local people and working hard to make our streets friendlier for everyone, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.

It's likely that social distancing will be in place for some time and many people will want to avoid using public transport. We are acting now to make sure our streets are people-friendly and to encourage other, healthier means of getting about. Without action, motorised traffic is likely to increase and our streets will become less safe and less healthy.

### What we are installing

A number of inexpensive measures called '**traffic filters**' will be installed to stop drivers from taking short cuts through the area's residential streets. However, every street remains open to motor vehicles so you can still drive to your home and receive deliveries, but that may be via a different route. Access for emergency services is also maintained. **Please see below for more details on access.**

A '**traffic filter**' is a physical restriction in the road to prevent motor vehicle from passing through. In some cases, filters are enforced by traffic cameras. These measure will stop motor vehicles driving across your area but emergency vehicles, buses and cycles will be able to get through.

Traffic filters enforced by cameras will be installed at four locations: Canonbury Place, Alwyne Road, Clephane Road and Ramsey Walk.

With new traffic filters being installed at Canonbury Place and Alwyne Road, the width restriction on Grange Grove will need to be suspended as a part of the scheme. This is to allow delivery vehicles that are too wide to go through a width restriction a point of access to service this section of Canonbury West, but will not allow them to drive through the traffic filters.

Even though traffic filters have been installed on just four streets in the Canonbury West area, the overall effect will be to reduce traffic on every street in the area as drivers will no longer be able to use the area as a cut through.

For more details about our people-friendly streets plan and an FAQ document, please click on this [link](#).

### **Installing the measures as an 18-month trial**

We are installing the measures on a trial basis, which means that they can be changed or removed if they do not work.

To ensure that local people have a say in how the measures are working we have chosen to implement the scheme under an experimental traffic order. This means that for the first six months we will monitor how the measures are working and you can let us know your views. We will make any necessary changes 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. Once you have had a chance to experience the changes and for traffic patterns to have settled down we will conduct a full public consultation 12 months into the trial to find out what you think of the measures. Based on our monitoring and feedback from the consultation, the measures will be changed, made permanent or removed.

If you would like to make a formal objection to this scheme you need to do so within the first six months of the scheme's operation. For Canonbury West, this is between 2 October 2020 and 2 April 2021.

Any formal objection must be in writing, must refer to the relevant area, and must state the grounds on which it is made. Any formal objection you do submit may become a public document and could be published.

Formal objections should be sent to:

Email: [PublicRealm@islington.gov.uk](mailto:PublicRealm@islington.gov.uk)

Post: Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.

You can continue to comment or add your ideas about the measures on the  
Commonplace website [islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.Commonplace.is](http://islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.Commonplace.is)

# Canonbury West people-friendly streets measures



## **Access to and from the area**

The proposed measures will create four areas within Canonbury West. Access for motor vehicles into and out of the coloured areas on the map below are:

- West (green) area access is from Canonbury Road, with access to Keens Yard from St Paul's Road.
- North (blue) area access is from St Paul's Road.
- East (purple) area access is from St Pauls Road, while access to Marquess Road is from Essex Road.
- South (orange) area, access is from Essex Road.

Motor traffic - except emergency services vehicles - cannot pass directly from one area to the next (although they can do so via the main road network). People walking, cycling, or using buggies, wheelchairs and mobility scooters wheeling will benefit from much quieter streets and will continue to be able to move freely between areas.

In the case of roadworks a traffic management plan will be put in place to maintain motor vehicle access. In some cases this may involve the temporary suspension of specific traffic filters.

## **Parking**

The people-friendly streets measures in Canonbury West require the removal of 8 parking spaces in total. This means that the restrictions do not have a significant adverse impact on the availability of parking in Canonbury West, including for visitors. One disabled parking bay is affected, and will be relocated to a bay directly adjacent to it to ensure minimal impact.

# Explanation of each traffic filter

## 1. Canonbury Place



The filter on Canonbury Place stops through-traffic from using Canonbury Square, Alwyne Villas, Compton Road, Grange Grove and Canonbury Park North as a cut-through between Canonbury Road and St Paul's Road.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the emergency services are allowed through the filter.

This filter is camera-enforced and features hatched road markings to narrow the roadway and draw attention to the restriction.

Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited from passing through are located on both sides of the filter.



## 2. Alwyne Road



The traffic filter on Alwyne Road stops through-traffic from using Alwyne Road, Alwyne Place, Willow Bridge Road, Compton Road, Grange Grove and Canonbury Park North as a short cut between Canonbury Road and St Paul's Road.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the emergency services are allowed through the filter.

This filter is camera-enforced and features bollards to narrow the roadway and draw attention to the restriction.

Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited are on both sides of the filter.

To provide a turning head for vehicles on each side of the filter, five parking bays are removed, one to the west and four to the east of the filter.



### 3. Clephane Road



The traffic filter on Clephane Road stops through-traffic from using Clephane Road, Nightingale Road, Arran Walk and Canonbury Grove as a short cut between St Paul's Road and Essex Road/ Canonbury Road.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the emergency services are allowed through the filter.

This filter is camera-enforced and features bollards to narrow the roadway and draw attention to the restriction.

Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited are on both sides of the filter.

To provide a turning head for vehicles on the south side of the filter, two parking bays are removed, and one disabled parking bay relocated immediately adjacent.

## 4. Ramsey Walk



The traffic filter on Ramsey Walk stops through-traffic from using Ramsey Walk, Clephane Road, Nightingale Road, Arran Walk and Canonbury Grove as a short cut between St Paul's Road and Essex Road/ Canonbury Road.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the emergency services are allowed through the filter.

This filter is camera-enforced and features bollards to narrow the roadway and draw attention to the restriction.

Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited are on both sides of the filter.

To provide a turning head for vehicles on the south side of the filter, one parking bay is removed.