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Canonbury West people-friendly streets neighbourhood scheme

an update for you



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People-friendly streets in the Canonbury West area – an update about the trial measures

Throughout the current crisis, local people have had more space outside in cleaner air, in which to walk and cycle safely and to relax or play. It's likely that social distancing will be in place for some time, which means that people will avoid using public transport.

Canonbury West, 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 **four camera enforced** traffic filters in Canonbury West on a trial basis. A **traffic filter** can be a physical restriction in the road which prevents motor vehicles from passing through. In some cases, traffic filters are enforced by cameras.

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, but you may need to take a different route.

A new traffic filter will be installed at Canonbury Place, which will require the width restriction on Grange Grove to be suspended as a part of the scheme. This is to allow delivery vehicles to have access to the area, but will not allow them to drive through the area.

Changes to the scheme

Work on the Canonbury West people-friendly streets neighbourhood scheme was originally due to start on Monday 7 September 2020. We decided to delay the start of the scheme to make some minor changes.

The number and type of traffic filters will remain the same and the overall purpose of the scheme is retained: to prevent all motor vehicles from taking short-cuts across the Canonbury West area (with the exception of emergency service vehicles).

The decision to delay the scheme was taken to make minor design changes to two of the four proposed filters in the Canonbury West area.

What has changed?

In the previous design very large vehicles may have been required to reverse along the section of **Alwyne Road** where the traffic filter was proposed. The change has shifted the traffic filter to the **centre** of this section of Alwyne Road limiting the need for very large vehicles to reverse.

In the previous design a single parking bay was suspended to allow vehicles sufficient space to turn back at the traffic filter on **Ramsey Walk**. The change includes removing a section of the pavement behind the suspended parking bay to provide **additional space** for vehicles to turn around more easily.

Enforcing the new changes

Works to install the measures will begin the week commencing Monday 5 October 2020. The works will take approximately one week to complete, with enforcement of the new changes in the area to begin from Monday 26 October 2020.

Resident safety comes first. We work closely with the emergency services before the implementation of the 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 an experimental traffic order.

This means that for the first six months you can let us know your views (see Get in touch section). We will make any necessary changes informed by monitoring and feedback so that the new people-friendly streets work as well as possible.

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 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

For more information visit **www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets** where you will also find answers to frequently asked questions.

You can continue to comment or add your ideas about the measures on the Commonplace website:

islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.commonplace.is

To let us know your views 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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1

Canonbury Place

Camera enforced traffic filter with hatched road markings to narrow roadway, allowing emergency vehicles through.



2

Alwyne Road

Camera enforced traffic filter with bollards to narrow roadway, allowing emergency vehicles through. Five parking bays suspended.



3

Clephane Road

Camera enforced traffic filter with bollards to narrow roadway, allowing emergency vehicles through. Two parking bays suspended.



4

Ramsey Walk

Camera enforced traffic filter with bollards to narrow roadway, allowing emergency vehicles through. One parking bay suspended.



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



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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