



People-Friendly Streets
Better places for everyone

St. Mary's Church people-friendly streets trial

What this means for you



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Dear resident or business,

Islington's streets belong to everyone. We have been listening to local people, who have told us they want cleaner, greener and healthier streets for all.

We have introduced low traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) as 18 month trials as part of our people-friendly streets programme.

The LTNs use 'traffic filters' to prevent traffic from taking short cuts through local streets, reducing traffic levels, speeding and improving air quality. The filters will all be camera enforced, some will use planters, and all will be shown with signs.

St. Mary's Church

The St. Mary's Church area, bounded by Upper Street, Essex Road and Canonbury Road, 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. We will install **four camera enforced traffic filters** in the St. Mary's Church area on a trial basis.

The image at the top of the next column shows a standard 'No Motor Vehicle' sign, which will be used at each filter location.



All of the filters in the St. Mary's Church LTN scheme will be camera enforced. Emergency vehicles, accessible community transport, council service vehicles, cycles (including cargo bikes) and Blue Badge holders with an exemption permit can pass through filters, but not other motor vehicles. Any motor vehicle which does pass through a camera-enforced filter will receive a penalty charge notice.

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.

There will be exemptions from all camera enforced traffic filters shown on the map for Blue Badge holders living in the St. Mary's Church LTN (this includes properties on the St. Mary's Church LTN side of the boundary roads). Blue Badge holders who live in the neighbourhood will be sent a letter with details of the permit which allows a single vehicle registered at their address to pass through the St Mary's Church traffic filters without receiving a penalty charge. More details on the exemption policy can be found at www.islington.gov.uk/PFSbluebadgeexemption

The camera enforced traffic filters will be installed in the following locations:

- Halton Road, just north of the junction with Braes Street and Richmond Grove (see image on page 6)
- Braes Street where it meets Canonbury Road
- Hawes Street just west of the junction with Shillingford Street
- Cross Street just west of the junction with Shillingford Street (see image on page 7)

We will also make pedestrian improvements where the south-west section of Canonbury Square meets Canonbury Lane. This will improve pedestrian safety and access to the green space in the middle of the west side of Canonbury Square.

We will seek opportunities for greening, initially through the installation of planters to narrow the carriageway and emphasise the traffic filters.

Anyone interested in volunteering for a greening scheme in the St. Mary's Church LTN should email stmaryschurchpfs@islington.gov.uk

Enforcing the new changes

Works to install the measures will begin in mid-January 2022. The works will take a few weeks to complete, with enforcement of the new changes in the area expected to begin from 1 February 2022.

Resident safety comes first. We have worked closely with the emergency services before the implementation of the scheme.

We have agreed with the emergency services that all the 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.

As with the other LTNs implemented in Islington so far, 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 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.

We would like to hear what you think of the St. Mary's Church people-friendly streets trial. You'll find our survey at www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets/stmaryschurch

A full public consultation on the St. Mary's Church LTN trial will take place approximately 12 months into the trial. Based on our monitoring, survey feedback and results from the consultation, the measures will be changed, made permanent or removed.

Find out more

We will be holding an **online information event** to provide further details on the low traffic neighbourhood ahead of its implementation.

We encourage local residents to come and **join us online** on Thursday 16 December at 5:30 to 6:30pm to hear more about the LTN and implementation works. Please visit www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets/stmaryschurch to register.

To find out more, please visit www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets where you will also find answers to frequently asked questions, including how you can object.

Get in touch

You can reach out to us if you have further questions via email. Contact us at stmaryschurchpfs@islington.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely,

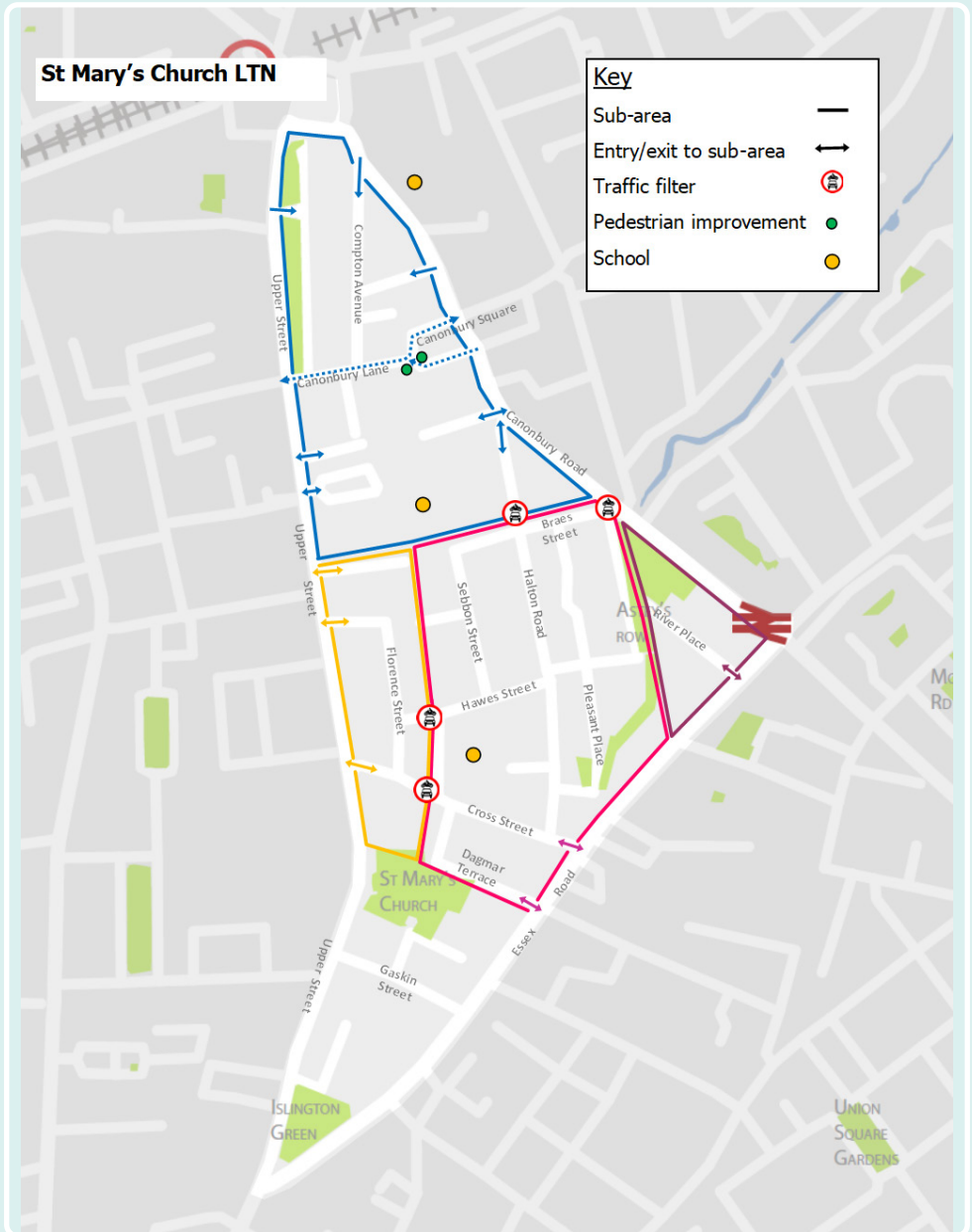


Councillor Rowena Champion

Executive Member for Environment and Transport

The map below shows the locations of the traffic filters where we will install temporary signs and traffic cameras.

Works to install the measures will start in mid-January 2022



The following photographs give an idea of what two of the traffic filters will look like once installed.



Halton Road

Installation of camera enforced traffic filter with planters just north of the junction with Braes Street and Richmond Grove. The filter will allow access for emergency vehicles and those with Blue Badge holder exemption permits.



Cross Street

Installation of a camera enforced traffic filter with planters, just west of the junction with Shillingford Street. One parking space will be suspended. The filter will allow access for emergency vehicles and those with Blue Badge holder exemption permits.



Islington Council will continue to monitor progress, and you can comment or share your ideas about the measures by email at stmaryschurchpfs@islington.gov.uk

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



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 stmaryschurchpfs@islington.gov.uk

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