



People-Friendly Streets
Better places for everyone

Highbury people-friendly streets trial

Consultation now open

**Have your say between Monday 07 February
and Monday 14 March 2022**



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Dear resident,

In January 2021, Islington Council introduced the low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) trials to Highbury West and Highbury Fields, to make the streets cleaner, greener, and healthier.

We installed ten traffic filters to reduce traffic and make it easier and safer to walk and cycle, and for wheelchairs and buggies, while allowing emergency vehicles through.

To preserve access for residents living in the Highbury Fields LTN, we removed an existing traffic filter at the junction of Horsell Road and Ronalds Road. This provided residents an additional way to access the area from Holloway Road, via Drayton Park and travelling south via Horsell Road.

Highbury is the largest people-friendly streets area to be trialled in Islington. It is possible the trials have been affected by other nearby transport measures. The Highbury PFS neighbourhoods are located to the north of the Canonbury West LTN and the recently redesigned Highbury Corner, and to the west of the long-established Brownswood LTN in Hackney.

Since the implementation of the Highbury LTNs, Hackney has also implemented the Stoke Newington Church Street bus gate and nearby LTNs.

The maps at the back of the leaflet show the locations of traffic filters in the Highbury people-friendly streets areas.

We welcome your feedback

We know how important Islington's streets are to local people, community groups and businesses and the feedback you have given us so far has been invaluable.

The Highbury consultation started on **Monday 07 February 2022 and closes on Monday 14 March 2022.**

Blue Badge Exemption

The council has announced a policy to allow Blue Badge holders to receive an exemption for designated traffic filters. FAQs about this exemption can be found on our website: www.islington.gov.uk/PFSbluebadgexemption

How can you take part in the consultation?

■ **Scan the QR code** with your phone to get access to the consultation questionnaire, or visit www.islington.gov.uk/HighburyPFSConsultation



■ **Submit your response by 11:59pm on Monday 14 March 2022** when the consultation period ends.

If you would like a hard copy (paper copy) of the questionnaire, please:

- write to: Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.

- visit us at Islington Town Hall reception (N1 2UD) to fill in a paper copy.

Consultation events

Drop in to speak to us

We will be in your area on the following dates. Please drop in to share your views.

■ **Drop-in session** Highbury Crescent - junction with Highbury Terrace (N5 1XQ) Tuesday 01 March 2022, 4:30pm – 5:30pm. **Covid-19 restrictions permitting.**

Join us online

If you can't make our in-person event, you can join our **online meeting** on Saturday 26 February 2022, 4pm – 5pm. **Registration required.**

Please scan the QR code or visit our website to **register for the events:** www.islington.gov.uk/HighburyPFSConsultation.

The outcome of the questionnaire, consultation events, and the monitoring data will feed into any changes we make to the LTN and our final decision on whether to make the trial permanent.

Thank you for taking part and we look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,



**Councillor Rowena Champion
Executive Member for
Environment and Transport**

Why did we introduce low traffic neighbourhoods (LTN) in Highbury?

Local people have told us they want cleaner, greener, and healthier streets for all. We are creating low traffic neighbourhoods:

- **To make it easier and safer to walk and cycle** as a first choice for local travel. Only 29% of Islington households have access to a car and 36% of journeys taken in London are short, between 600m and 1.5km.
- **To clean up the air we breathe and protect and improve the environment** by reducing all forms of transport pollution. This is part of Islington Council's commitment to becoming net zero carbon by 2030.
- **To reduce road danger, eliminate all deaths and serious injuries on Islington's streets**, and to reduce the number of minor traffic collisions.

We monitored local traffic over the course of 12 months to understand the impact of the Highbury LTNs, and we discovered that this has:

- **reduced traffic** across internal roads (**overall 72% decrease**)

- **reduced the number of vehicles speeding** across internal roads (**overall down 83%**)

- **not had an adverse impact on air quality.** Air quality data shows since the scheme began **levels of nitrogen dioxide** have remained **within the national annual objective and reflect borough wide trends.**

There has been:

- overall **limited impact** on traffic on boundary roads, with an exception of the northern end of Blackstock Road which has increased by 58%.
- the average London Fire Brigade attendance times for first and second appliances **remains within target times**
- **no significant impact** on crime and anti-social behaviour patterns

You can read the **full monitoring report** with more detailed information on our website www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets/Highbury

Summary of key findings



On local streets within the neighbourhood traffic has **decreased by 72% overall**.

Traffic on Benwell Road has **decreased by 95%**, from 11,774 to 587 vehicles a day, the greatest volume decrease of any street.



On local streets within the neighbourhood, the number of vehicles speeding **fell by 83%**.



The average London Fire Brigade attendance times for first and second appliances **remains within target times**.



Cycling has **increased on some of the internal roads**, where monitored. Cycling on the segregated route at Drayton Park was not monitored.

Cycling has **increased 49%** on Horsell Road, from 548 to 819 cycling trips a day.



Overall, the changes in **levels of nitrogen dioxide reflect those in the borough more widely**. This suggests the trial has not had an adverse impact on air quality.



No significant impact on anti-social behaviour and crime rates.



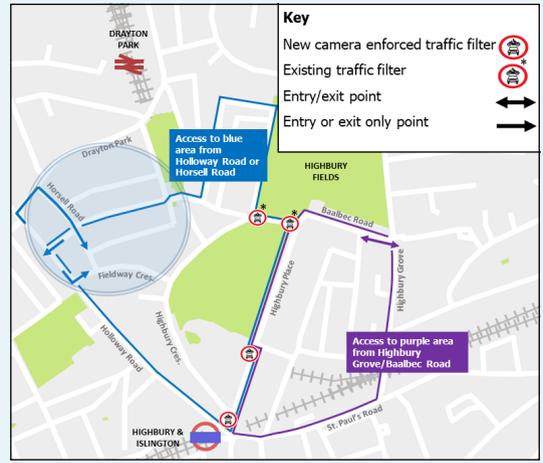
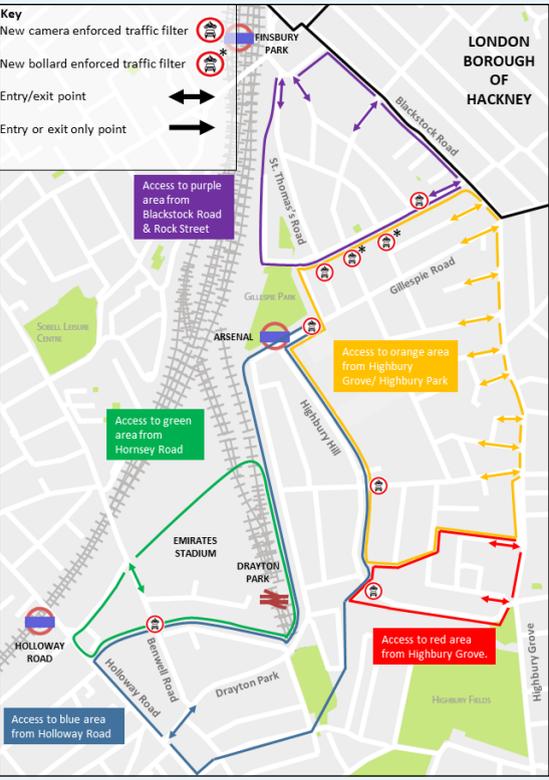
Total vehicle flows on boundary roads **remained similar to those recorded before the scheme began**, although with some variation between sites. Flows on Hornsey Road dropped by 28%, and flows on Highbury Grove and Seven Sisters Road both dropped by 18%. Holloway Road flows remained at the same level. However, flows at the northern end of Blackstock Road increased by 58%, and by 15% at the western end of St. Paul's Road. **Full results from all of these sites can be found in the pre-consultation monitoring report.**

The above figures reflect before and after comparisons between **November 2020 and December 2021**. The traffic figures have been normalised to account for the impacts of Covid-19 lockdowns. More information on this process is available in the monitoring report on our website.

The council will continue to closely monitor all internal and boundary roads and introduce mitigating measures as appropriate.

Highbury West LTN

Highbury Fields LTN



To find out more about our people-friendly streets programme please visit www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets where you will also find answers to frequently asked questions. If you have further questions, drop us a line at HighburyLTN@islington.gov.uk or by post: Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP

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