

# Amwell low-traffic neighbourhood trial Making the trial permanent





#### Dear resident,

In November 2020 we introduced a low-traffic neighbourhood (LTN) in Amwell as an 18-month trial, to help create greener, healthier, more welcoming streets for all.

We're now making the LTN permanent, and are looking to make further improvements so that it works even better for the local community.

The objectives of the Amwell LTN trial were:

• to make it easier and safer to walk and cycle as a first choice for local travel

• to clean up the air we breathe, as well as to protect and improve the environment

• to reduce danger, eliminate deaths and serious injuries on Islington's streets.

We monitored the trial at regular intervals, and held a public consultation from 15 December 2021 to 30 January 2022. Feedback from the consultation showed that nearly half of respondents agreed that the trial makes it easier to make trips by walking and cycling.

In April 2022, we announced that we would be continuing the Amwell LTN trial and made changes at all four traffic filters to allow Blue Badge holders to travel more easily within the neighbourhood. We installed new signage to make the Blue Badge exemption clear at the traffic filters in Great Percy Street, the northern and southern sides of Lloyd Square, and Margery Street.

The feedback from consultation and monitoring throughout the lifecycle of the scheme demonstrates that the trial achieved most of its objectives.

### Next steps for Amwell

We have continued to monitor the Amwell LTN scheme after eligible Blue Badge holders were exempt from the traffic filters.

The monitoring results demonstrate that the Amwell LTN scheme is continuing to have mostly positive impacts. Between September 2020 and May 2023 overall traffic volumes on internal roads have decreased while cycling volumes have increased.

## We decided to continue the Amwell LTN scheme on a permanent basis from Friday 6 October 2023.



To view the final monitoring report, visit our website or scan the QR code: <u>www.islington.gov.uk/roads/</u> <u>peoplefriendlystreets/amwell</u>

### The future of the Amwell LTN

We will continue to work to improve the Amwell LTN.

We're also looking to improve pavements for all - especially those with mobility issues - so that they are more accessible for walking, wheeling and using buggies and wheelchairs.

As a first step, we are exploring how we can make the passage between Lloyd Square and St Helena Street easier to access and move through, while continuing to priortise the safety of residents and visitors.

We're also planning to introduce more greening in the Amwell area, to help boost biodiversity, improve air quality, and to create more pleasant, welcoming community spaces for local people to come together and enjoy.



### Get in touch

If you have further questions, drop us a line at: <u>Amwellpfs@islington.gov.uk</u> or by post: Environment, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP

To find out more about our people-friendly streets programme please visit our website:

www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets where you will also find the answers to frequently asked questions.

Yours sincerely,

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