

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods



Area 4: Atherton



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Background

Newham Council is committed to creating people-friendly streets and making it easier and safer for all our residents to consider sustainable modes of transport. Whether travelling by foot, cycling, scooting, using a wheelchair or other mobility aids, this will all contribute towards creating a cleaner and healthier borough.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is an even more urgent need to improve London's streets for walking and cycling, to reduce pressure on our road and public transport networks, and to support with social distancing. This is why we have accelerated our delivery programme and are introducing experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs), as well as other measures, in the borough.

With limited capacity on public transport and with over 50% of Newham households not owning a car, we need to ensure that residents have a safe and attractive alternative to get to where they need to for work, schools and local amenities, subject to government advice and the restrictions in place for social distancing.

Less traffic on our streets will also reduce road danger, particularly for more vulnerable road users such as children and elderly people crossing the road, while at the same time lowering the level of harmful emissions from motorised vehicles. Newham has the poorest air quality in the country and some of the highest asthma rates amongst the under 18s, and we need to make some fundamental changes to our streets to help residents stay physically active and healthy, improve local air quality, and encourage a shift to more sustainable modes of transport.

What is a Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)?

A Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) aims to improve street environments and local neighbourhoods for walking and cycling by reducing traffic volumes.

Often, motorised vehicles will use local streets to shorten their journey times, but at the same time increasing local traffic, road danger and pollution levels, and therefore making it harder for residents to choose walking or cycling for local journeys.

An LTN uses access restrictions, known as 'modal filters', to prevent motorised vehicles from using local streets as a cut through to avoid main roads. 'Modal filters' are created with physical barriers on the road, such as planters or bollards, or are signposted and monitored with enforcement cameras.

Local residents, businesses, visitors, emergency services and other service providers such as waste collection, utilities and deliveries will still have vehicular access to every address within the LTN scheme, although they may need to take a slightly different route than before. We have consulted emergency services to ensure that each scheme meets their requirements.

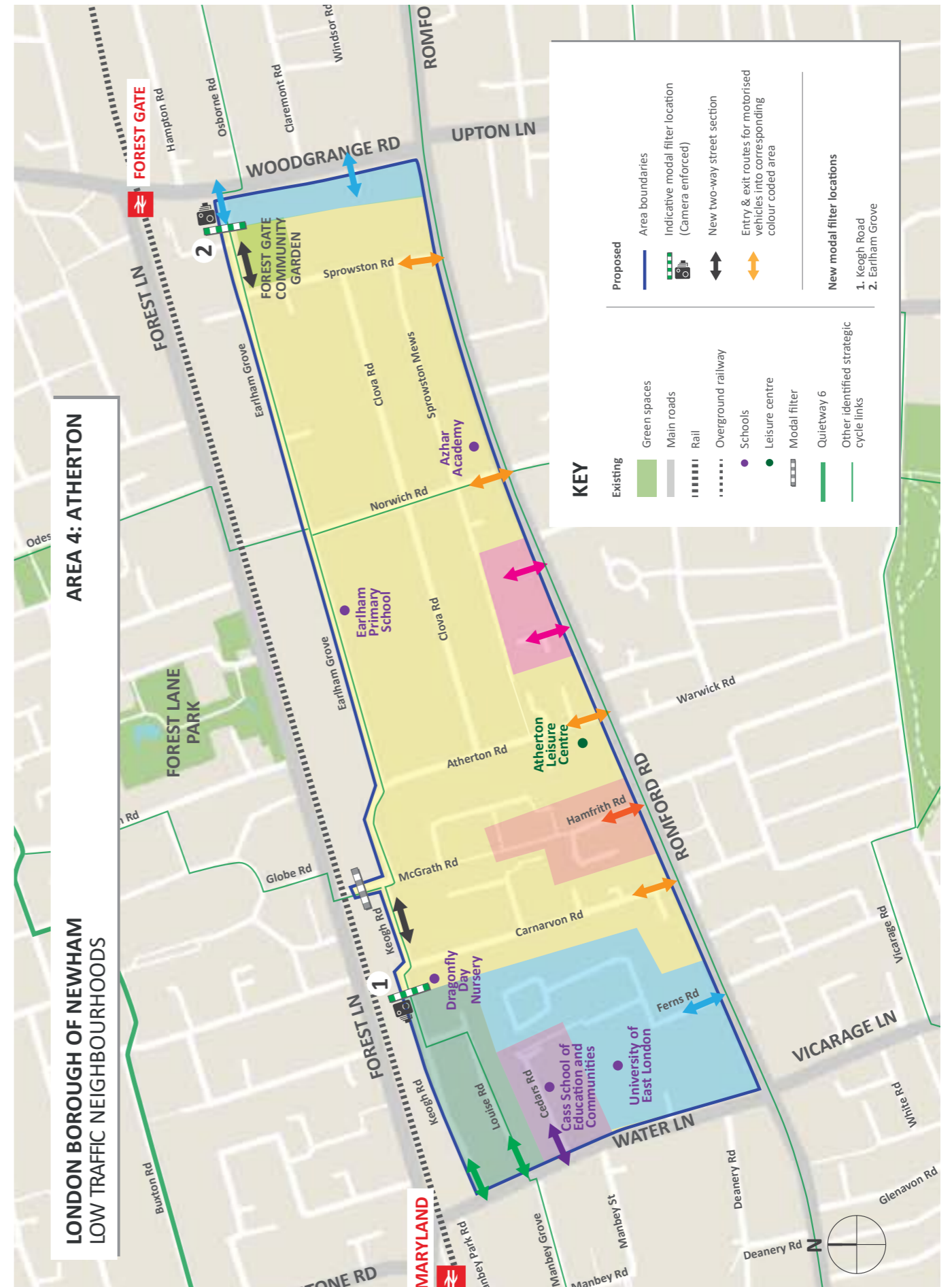
LTN scheme near you - Area 4: Atherton

We intend to introduce an experimental LTN scheme in your area, referred to as 'Area 4: Atherton' from February. This scheme is bounded by Keogh Road - leading to Earham Grove, Woodgrange Road, Romford Road and Forest Lane, and includes two modal filters: one on Carnarvon Road and one on Earham Grove. These modal filters will be signposted and camera enforced, rather than having physical barriers, so that emergency service vehicles can easily access the area. Once the cameras are installed, all other motorised vehicles may receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) if they access the modal filters.

As part of the scheme, the section of Keogh Road between Carnarvon Road and McGrath Road will be converted to two-way. The eastern end of Earham Grove will also become two-way so that the entire length of the street is two-way. These changes are to ensure that all properties can be accessed via motorised vehicle.

The indicative locations of the modal filters are shown on the plan in this leaflet, which also indicates how motorised vehicles can access the area.

The LTN scheme will be implemented on an experimental basis in February and will be in place for 6-18 months. During this time we will be gathering local feedback, consulting key stakeholders and collecting traffic data to help determine whether the scheme will be made permanent, or not, in the future.



Illustrative plan of the LTN scheme, showing the modal filter locations and access to the area.

Find out more and share your views

Normally we would consult with local people before starting works, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the urgent need to improve our streets we are gathering feedback while the scheme is on the ground.

We have created an online interactive map, which will be available for at least six months, for you to comment on the scheme. This is an opportunity for you to let us know how well the scheme is working, highlight any issues and make suggestions for improvements in the short-term or to inform the design of a possible permanent scheme.

To share your views on the 'Area 4: Atherton' LTN scheme visit:

www.consultprojectcentre.co.uk/ournewhamstreets

On this website you can also find more information about our Low Traffic Neighbourhoods programme and other schemes in the borough.

If you do not have internet access, please write to us at the contact details on this leaflet and we will send you a printed copy of the map and questionnaire.

What happens next?

Due to the urgent requirement to implement this scheme, construction works will start in February and are scheduled to be completed within a week. During this time, our construction teams will aim to minimise disruption and will be adhering to guidelines around Covid-19 safe working standards.

Residents in the immediate vicinity of the modal filters will receive a Construction Notification Letter before works begin.

Access restrictions for the modal filters will be implemented via Experimental Traffic Orders (ETOs). The first six months form part of the statutory consultation, where residents can formally comment on the ETOs.

We will be advertising the necessary ETOs and publicising this in accordance with legal requirements.

For more information on the LTN scheme please visit:

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