

NEWHAM AND WALTHAM FOREST LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE



Modal filter on Blenheim Rd

INTRODUCTION

In August, the London Boroughs of Newham and Waltham Forest introduced an experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) scheme in the Forest Gate, Maryland and South Leytonstone areas. The LTN aims to reduce motorised traffic in these areas to make it easier, safer and more convenient to get around on foot, by bike and public transport. With less harmful emissions from vehicles, this will also improve local air quality and help address the climate emergency.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is an even more urgent need to improve London's streets for walking and cycling, and make these an attractive travel option for more people. This will help reduce pressure on our road and public transport networks, and support with social distancing. This is why we have accelerated our delivery programme and have installed an experimental LTN scheme in your area.

The scheme was implemented on an experimental basis and gives local people the opportunity to share their views on how the measures work in practice, before any decision is made on whether or not to make them permanent.

The views of local people are important to the success of the scheme and we would like to thank everyone who has already provided feedback. You can continue to leave your comments via the interactive map on the Commonplace website newhamwalthamforestltn.commonplace.is, where you can also find more information about the project and sign up to receive scheme updates.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?

As part of the LTN scheme, we now have 15 modal filters in place, either by creating physical barriers with large planters or bollards on the road, or by installing signage for new access restrictions, which will be monitored through camera enforcement. These modal filters discourage motor vehicles from using the area as a cut through and aim to create safer, quieter and less polluted streets for walking and cycling.

It has been approximately a month since we completed the majority of the works and you can now see how the scheme works on the ground. We know that when a new scheme is launched it takes a little while for people to get used to the changes, and to adjust their journeys and the way they travel. While we have received an encouraging level support for the scheme, we appreciate that some of you have found the changes challenging.

It is still early days for the experimental LTN scheme, which will be in place for 6-18 months, and we anticipate that as the scheme becomes more embedded and we continue to make improvements, you will experience the full benefits of removing through traffic from these areas.



Modal filter on Maryland Rd, outside Colegrave Primary School

LISTENING TO LOCAL PEOPLE

We have already received over 1,000 comments on the Commonplace website since the scheme was launched, which have helped us understand how well the scheme is working and how people feel about the changes.

All of these comments have been incredibly useful, particularly to help us address any issues quickly and to consider how the scheme can be improved, both in the short term or as part of a possible permanent scheme in the future.

In response to what you have told us, we have looked at the following:

Changes to the scheme

- We have removed signs that were in close proximity to each other to avoid issues around conflicting or out of date information
- We are monitoring modal filters that do not have physical barriers (such as planters or bollards) to prevent them from being misused by motorised vehicles
- We have installed additional bollards at the modal filters on Ramsay Rd and Thorpe Rd, and will also be installing additional bollards at the Ash Rd, Odessa Rd and Field Rd modal filters to increase compliance, as some drivers are not adhering to the new access restrictions
- We have placed new additional road signs within the overall scheme area to make it easier for drivers to navigate the area, and introduced new yellow lines on roads, to create more space near modal filters, for drivers to avoid having to make difficult or dangerous manoeuvres
- We are looking at ways to protect the planters to avoid these being dug up by foxes.

Communications and engagement

- We have included more information about the scheme on the Commonplace website and have been issuing regular news stories to update everyone on the scheme
- We will be installing information boards at modal filter locations to remind local people to share their views on the Commonplace website
- Residents will be invited to complete a survey on our next stage of engagement activity before the end of this year. We will write to you with more information on how to take part in due course.

New and additional modal filters

- We are installing new modal filters to prevent motorised vehicles from using Colegrave Road as a cut through
- We are extending Area 2 to include the area bounded by Sydney Road, Woodford Road, Bective Road and Dames Road, to reduce through traffic and improve road safety in this area. More information on this is included in the 'New modal filters in Area 1 and Area 2' section.

WINDMILL LANE MODAL FILTERS

In August, as part of the original scheme, we had proposed two modal filters on Windmill Lane, referred to as Windmill Lane (West) and Windmill Lane (East). These were temporarily postponed due to the ongoing construction works as part of the Maryland Public Realm Improvements, as well as the Cart and Horses Pub redevelopment.

We have been speaking with both construction teams to consider how we can progress with the installation of these two modal filters, while ensuring that their works can still be carried out. We will be installing the Windmill Lane (East) modal filter, at the junction with Maryland Point in mid-October, however the Windmill Lane (West) modal filter is still on hold, and Well Street will remain two-way. This is to allow residents on Well Street to drive to and from their properties at times when Windmill Lane is temporarily closed, due to the construction works at the Cart and Horses Pub redevelopment.

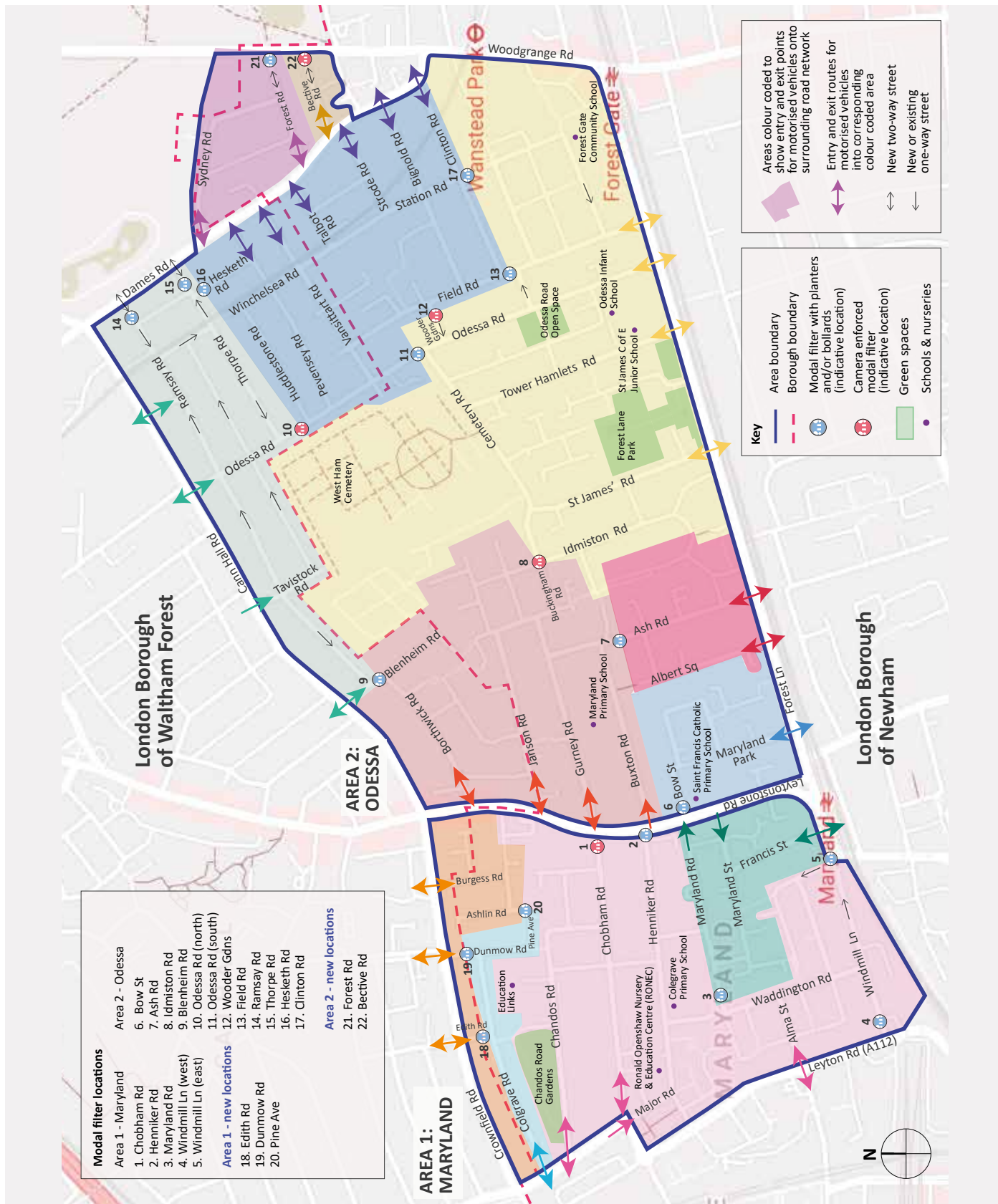
We will provide updates on the Commonplace website, e-news updates and in future leaflets about the Windmill Lane (West) modal filter.

NEW MODAL FILTERS FOR AREA 1 & AREA 2

We had already identified the potential need for a number of additional modal filters in Area 1 and Area 2, prior to launching the LTN scheme in August 2020, but were not in a position to progress these at the time. Following feedback from the local community to introduce more filters in certain locations, we are now in a position to install these in the next few weeks.

Similar to the other modal filters already in place, these will be installed on an experimental basis and you can provide feedback via the Commonplace website as the interactive map has been updated to include the new modal filters.

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 the questionnaire.



Illustrative map of the LTN scheme, showing the locations of modal filters.

New modal filters for Area 1

There are three additional modal filters proposed for Area 1 to prevent motorised vehicles from using Colegrave Road as a cut through. These are within the London Borough of Newham and are located on Edith Road and Dunmow Road, near the junctions with Crownfield Road, and at the junction of Pine Avenue and Ashlin Road. Access to Colegrave Road, the majority of Dunmow Road, and Pine Avenue will be via Major Road. Access to Ashlin Road, Walnut Gardens, Hazel Road and Gilbert Street will be from Crownfield Road, via Burgess Road.

These are planned to be installed in November 2020 and residents in the immediate vicinity of the modal filters will receive a Construction Notification Letter before work begins.

New modal filters for Area 2

We will be extending Area 2 to include the area bounded by Sydney Road, Woodford Road, Bective Road and Dames Road. This extended area is entirely within the London Borough of Newham. There are two additional modal filters proposed for Area 2 on Forest Road and Bective Road, at the junctions with Woodford Road. Both Forest Road and Bective Road will become two-way, and access to these streets via motorised vehicle will be from Dames Road.

These are planned to be installed in October and residents in the immediate vicinity of the modal filters will receive a Construction Notification Letter shortly.

The plan overleaf shows the additional modal filters that will be installed in Area 1 and Area 2. More information on the location and design of each modal filter can be found on the Commonplace website: newhamwalthamforestltn.commonplace.is

Areas 3 & 4 in Waltham Forest

As part of our original bids to TfL for funding, the LTN also included proposals for the area north of Cann Hall Road and Crownfield Road. Unfortunately, at the time of introducing measures in Area 1 and Area 2, Waltham Forest did not have funding available to introduce the full scheme to cover the areas bounded by Ferndale Road, Montague Road, Harrow Road, Cann Hall Road, Crownfield Road, High Road Leyton, the A12 and Cathall Road (referred to as Area 3 and Area 4).

Since launching Area 1 and Area 2 Waltham Forest Council has secured funding from TfL's London Streetspace Plan (LSP) for Area 3 and Area 4 of the LTN scheme to ensure we deliver proposals that will benefit the wider South Leytonstone area.

Construction works will start on 20 October 2020, and both Area 3 and Area 4 are scheduled to be completed within a two-week period. Residents living in these areas have already been notified and residents living close to the new modal filters will receive further Construction Notification Letters before work begins.

More information can be found on our online engagement platform Commonplace, where local people can also comment on the measures. This will run on a separate map-based survey which can be found by visiting: southleytonstoneltn.commonplace.is

IN BRIEF

- The modal filter on Windmill Lane (East), as part of our original proposals, and new modal filters on Forest Road and Bective Road will be installed in October
- The new modal filters on Edith Road, Dunmow Road and Pine Avenue will be installed in November
- You can continue to leave feedback on the Commonplace website for Area 1 and Area 2 by visiting newhamwalthamforestltn.commonplace.is, particularly on any changes we have made, the new modal filters, and to let us know about your experience of the scheme so far
- Sign up to our mailing list to receive regular updates by visiting the 'Latest News' page on the Commonplace website
- You can leave feedback for Area 3 and 4 in South Leytonstone by visiting southleytonstoneltn.commonplace.is
- You can contact your respective local authority at:

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