

# Street survey results Woodgrange and Capel area



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# Who we are and what this booklet is about



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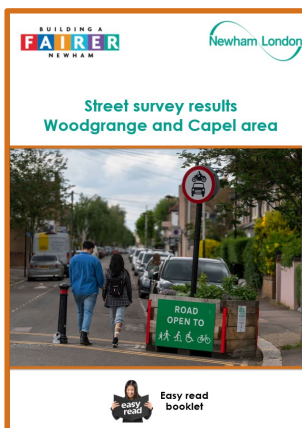


We want streets that are better and safer for people using **greener transport**.

**Green transport** is better for the **environment** and includes walking and cycling.



The **environment** is everything around us including the air, water, plants and animals.



This booklet tells you what

- people told us in our **Street Survey**
- we found out in our **Traffic Surveys**
- our plans are for a new **Low Traffic Neighbourhood**.

# What people told us in our Street Survey



In June we asked people questions about road safety, air quality, walking, cycling and traffic in the area they live. We called this our **Street Survey**.



Most people were worried about road safety, air quality and traffic in their area.



Most people said walking in their area was OK.



Most people said cycling in their area was bad.



In our **Street Survey** we also had a question where people could say anything they wanted.



Over 100 people said they are worried about road safety or car speeds.



Almost 75 people said they want better ways to safely cycle in their area.



Almost 100 people said they are worried about traffic.



Almost 20 people like the idea of **Low Traffic Neighbourhoods**.

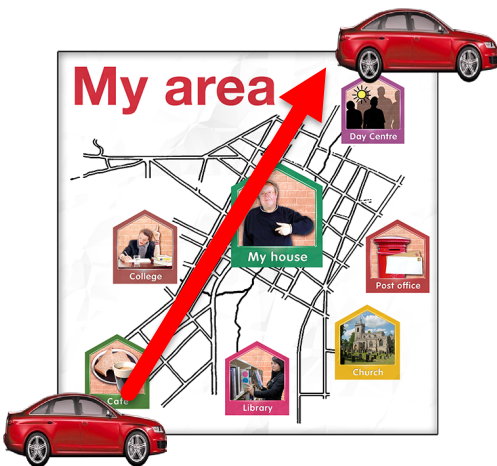
# What we found out in our Traffic Surveys



In April we did **Traffic Surveys** in the Woodgrange and Capel area to find out more about local traffic.



We looked at **vehicle** speeds and **through traffic**. **Vehicles** are ways of traveling and include cars, vans and lorries.



**Through traffic** is where vehicles drive through an area but don't start or end their journey in that area.



We want to do more of these surveys. We also want to do surveys called **Air Quality** surveys that will tell us how good or bad the air is in an area.

# Vehicle Speeds



We looked at vehicle and traffic speeds at 33 places in the Woodgrange and Capel area.



At 12 of these places at least 1 out of every 4 vehicles were driving at 20mph or faster.



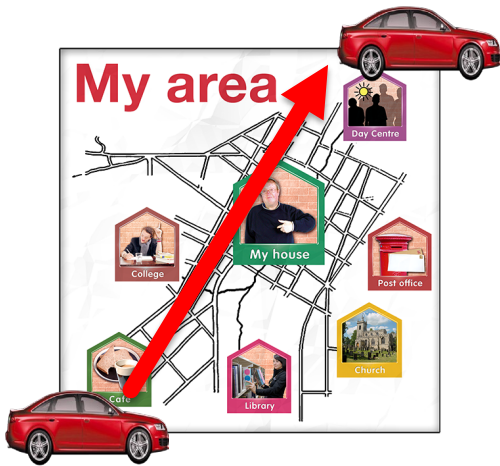
**Sebert Road**

The middle of Sebert Road is where most people were driving over 20mph.

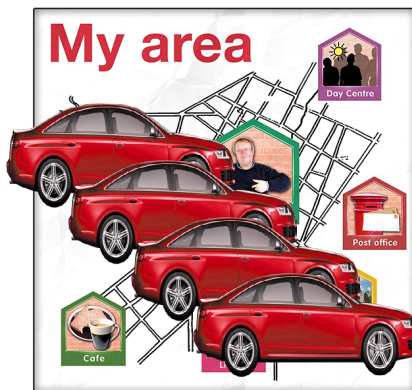


Only in 9 places did 5 out of every 100 people drive at 20mph or faster.

# Through traffic



Almost 4 out of every 10 vehicles in these areas were through traffic.



The streets with the most through traffic were Balmoal Road, Capel Road, Sebert Road and Hampton Road.



2 out of every 3 of the places we looked at had more than 500 vehicles per day. That's around 1 vehicle every minute when busy.



We need to lower the amount of through traffic so these areas are safer for children and people walking and cycling.

# New Low Traffic Neighbourhood



Because of what people told us in our **Street Survey** and what we found out in our **Traffic Survey**, we want to look into the idea of a **Low Traffic Neighbourhood**.



This would be in the Woodgrange and Capel area.



**Low Traffic Neighbourhoods** make walking and cycling better because there is less through traffic.



They are also safer and better for the environment.





A **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** is in a **residential area** surrounded by main roads. A **residential area** is an area with lots of houses and small roads.



**Modal filters** stop through traffic from driving through the residential area. Through traffic will have to use the main roads around that area instead.



**Modal filters** are things like barriers and signs that warn or stop vehicles from driving into the area.



Modal filters still let emergency vehicles and people walking or cycling go through the residential area.



People who live in the residential area can still drive to their house, but they might need to go a different way.

# How an area becomes a Low Traffic Neighbourhood



To turn an area into a **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** there are **3 stages**.



## Stage 1 Exploratory stage

**Exploratory** means to find out more about something.  
This stage takes 3 to 6 months.



We ask people who live in this area what they think and do traffic and air quality surveys.



The Woodgrange and Capel area is at this stage.



## Stage 2 Experimental stage

**Experimental** means to test an idea. This stage takes up to 18 months.



To test if an area would be a good **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** we put in modal filters for a while.



We will do more traffic and air quality surveys to find out how well the test is working.



We will also talk to people who live in the area and local businesses to help us decide if the **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** should stay.

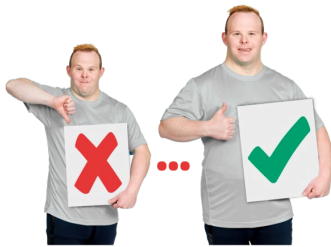


There are 2 areas in Newham at this stage.



### Stage 3 Permanent stage

**Permanent** means that something will stay this way.



If we decide to make the **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** permanent we will also make the area better.



We will make

- the area greener by planting flowers and trees
- cycling easier with special paths and parking places for bikes
- walking easier with special paths and crossings
- the modal filters that were put in at **Stage 2** better.



We will still do traffic and air quality surveys to make sure the **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** is working.

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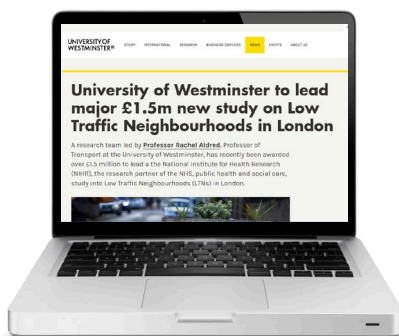
The **University of Westminster** will also be looking into **Low Traffic Neighbourhoods**.



The University of Westminster will send out surveys and might also ask people in the street what they think.



We are not working with the University of Westminster, but we always support any work that helps understand **Low Traffic Neighbourhoods** better.



You can find out more about the University of Westminster's work on this website  
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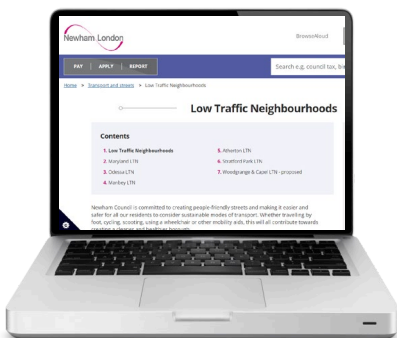
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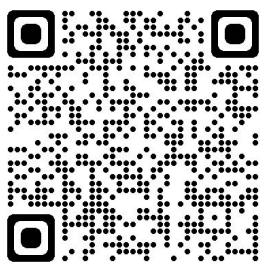
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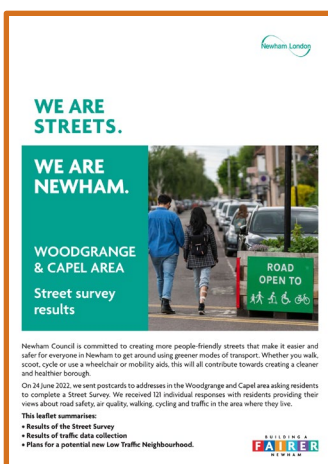
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