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ATHERTON LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD Your views on street improvements | Jan 2023

In September 2022, following extensive public consultation and traffic data collection, the Atherton Low Traffic Neighbourhood was made permanent. This scheme prevents motor vehicles from using the residential area as a short cut, in order to make it easier to walk and cycle, and to improve the quality of life for local residents.

The Council is now seeking your views on improving the **design of the modal filter on Keogh Road** (see photo above), converting a temporary wooden planter box to a permanent design. Modal filters prevent motor vehicles from driving through residential areas using CCTV enforcement, while allowing pedestrians, cyclists, emergency vehicles and waste collection vehicles to pass through.

This leaflet contains:

- **An overview of the low traffic neighbourhood**
- **Draft designs for a permanent modal filter**
- **Link to an online survey where you can provide feedback**

How a low traffic neighbourhood works

Here is a recap of what a low traffic neighbourhood is and how it works.

What is a low traffic neighbourhood?

A low traffic neighbourhood is a predominantly residential area surrounded by main roads in which through traffic is restricted by use of modal filters.

What is a modal filter?

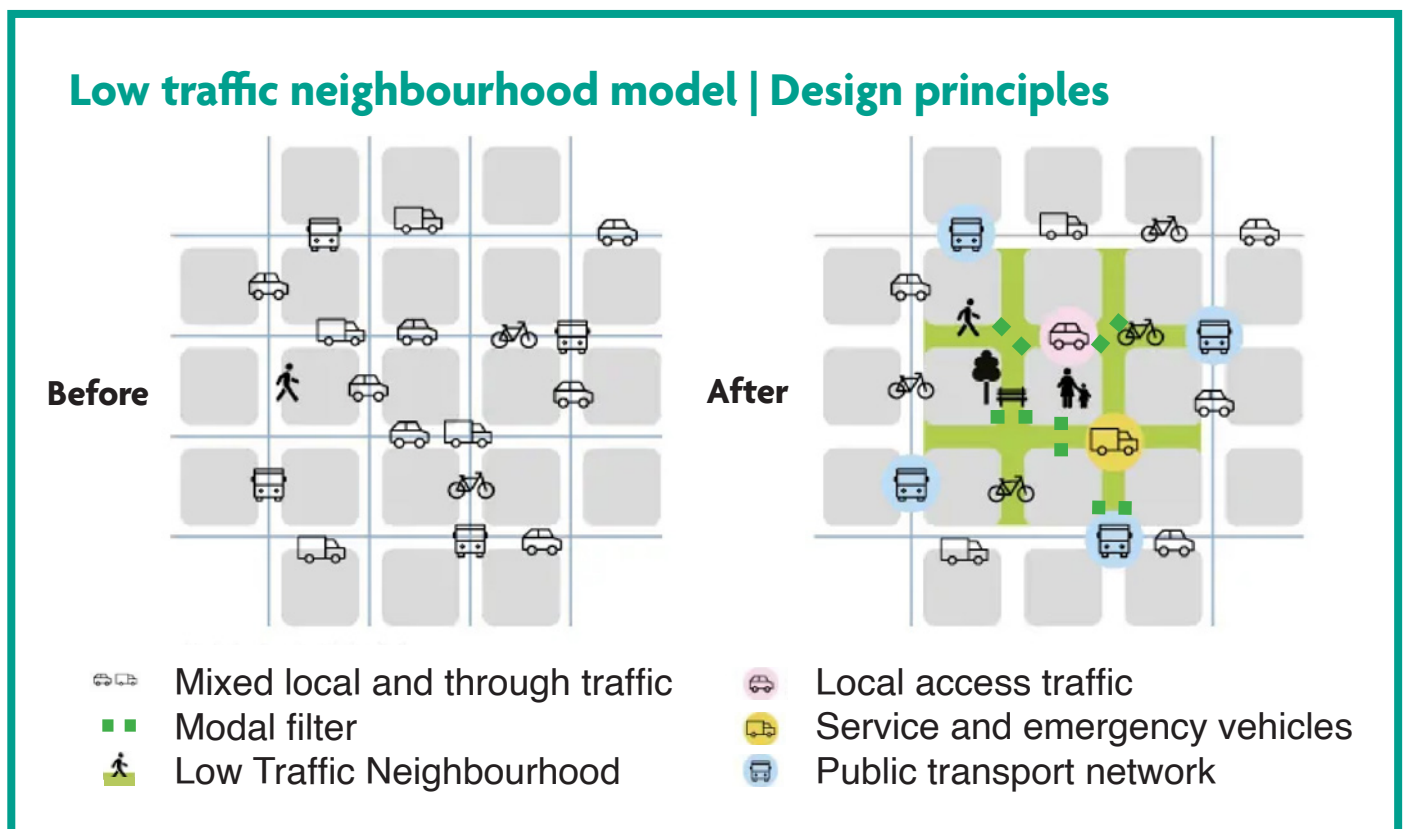
Modal filters allow access through residential streets for pedestrians, cyclists, emergency vehicles, and waste collection vehicles. They prevent other motor vehicles from driving through by use of signage, CCTV and penalty charges. This ensures that drivers cannot use residential areas as short cuts. See diagram below.

What are the benefits of a low traffic neighbourhood?

Low traffic neighbourhoods are designed to make walking and cycling easier by restricting through traffic. Benefits typically include improved road safety and community feel, reduced noise and air pollution, and come with improvements to cycling infrastructure and greenery when made permanent.

Vehicle access to all properties remains

Motor vehicles can still drive to any property inside a low traffic neighbourhood, but may have to take slightly different route to avoid modal filters.



Permanent low traffic neighbourhood

Street improvements

Now that the Atherton Low Traffic Neighbourhood has been made permanent, the Council is looking to make the neighbourhood even better for walking, cycling and disability access. Examples of street improvements could be:



Upgrading the modal filters that are currently made of wooden planter boxes



Improving footways and crossings to reduce motor vehicle turning speeds and reinforce pedestrian priority at side road junctions



Increasing green infrastructure across the area, particularly where it can contribute to speed reduction



Assessing and improving wheeled accessibility across the area (e.g. dropped kerbs)



Creating a safer environment on Earlham Grove, outside the school, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up



Introducing a 20mph speed limit on boundary roads and adjacent residential streets.

Keogh Road modal filter | Current design

As the first street improvement, the Council is looking to upgrade the look and feel of the temporary modal filter on Keogh Road, which is currently made of a wooden planter box. The low traffic neighbourhood map on the next pages shows the location of the filter. The images below show how the temporary modal filter currently appears.



Satellite view



Street view

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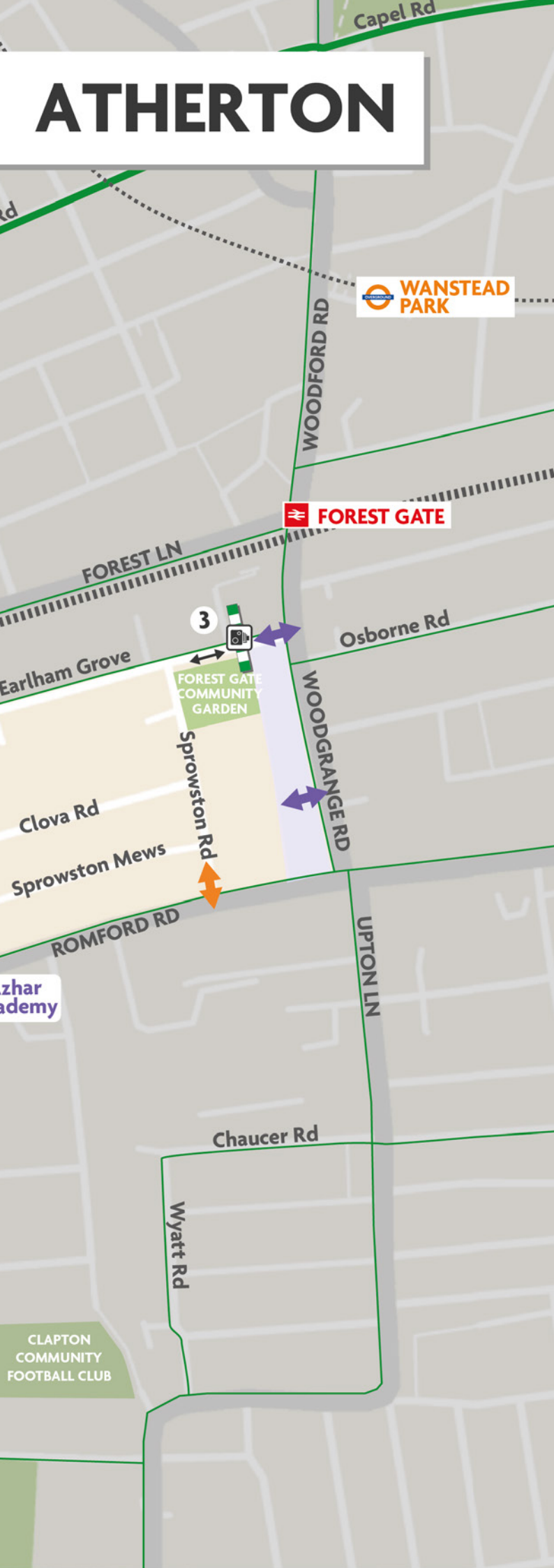
-  Green spaces
-  Main roads
-  Rail
-  Overground railway
-  Modal filter
-  Cycleway 16 (previously Quietway 6)
-  Other identified strategic walk and cycle link
-  Earlham Primary School
-  Atherton Leisure Centre

Recent measures

-  CCTV enforced modal filter location, access to emergency vehicles and waste vehicles
-  New two-way street section
-  Entry & exit points for motorised vehicles into corresponding colour coded area
-  Neighbourhood cell

Modal filter locations

- 1 Keogh Road
- 2 McGrath Road (historic)
- 3 Earlham Grove

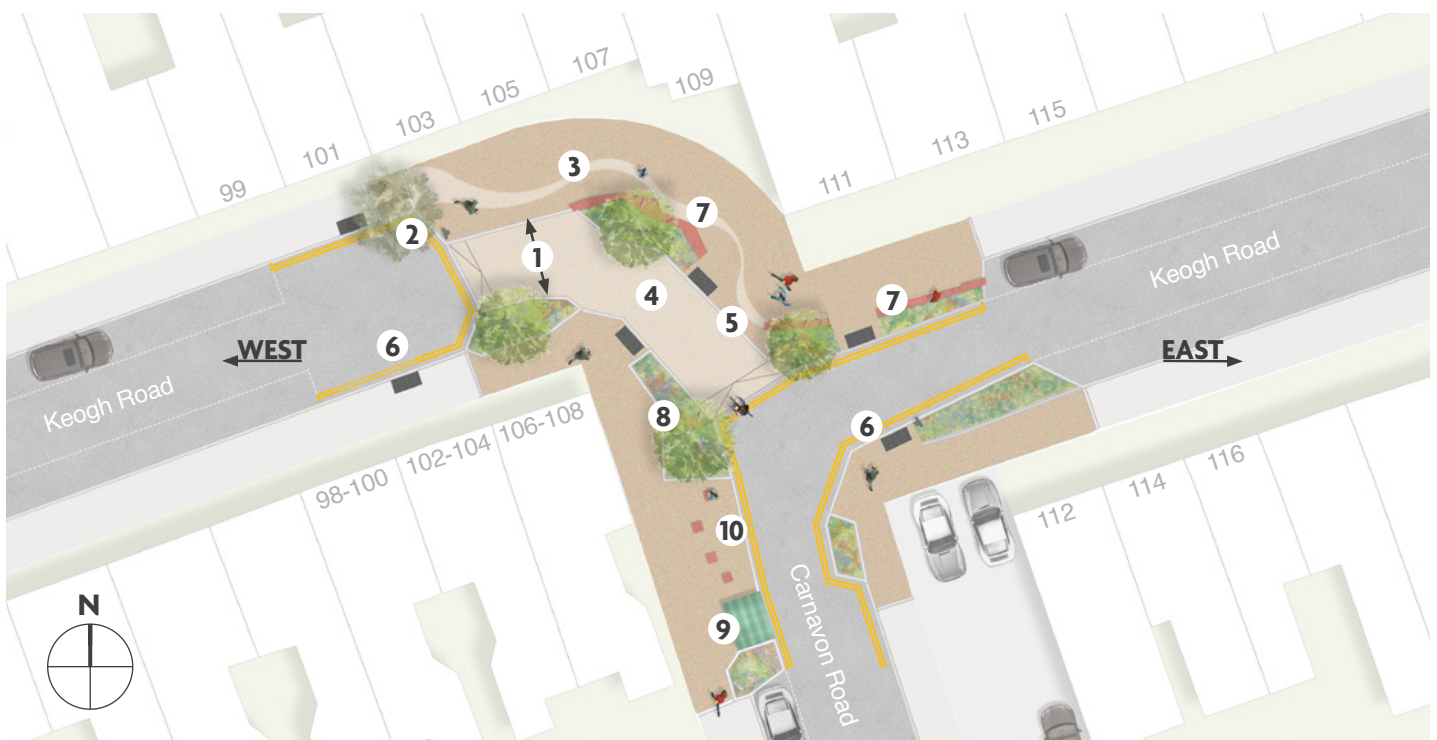


Keogh Road modal filter

Proposed design

Our design for the upgrade of the modal filter on Keogh Road is at an early stage and is shown on the drawing below. Schemes such as this will ensure that the low traffic neighbourhood improves the feel and look of the neighbourhood.

We would like to invite you to give us your feedback so we can produce a final design. On the last page of this leaflet, you will find a link to an online survey. If you provide us with your e-mail address, we will update you on the final design. Construction is expected in early 2023.



- ① Retention of 3.75m wide road width for emergency vehicle access
- ② Retention of CCTV enforcement to maintain compliance and safety
- ③ Better quality pavement materials
- ④ Road raised within the length of the modal filter
- ⑤ Short kerb height (6cm), which is the standard requirement for visually impaired people to detect a kerb and define the difference between pavement and road
- ⑥ Pedestrian crossings with tactile paving
- ⑦ Feature wall providing protection from motor vehicles for pedestrians and properties and informal play and seating facilities
- ⑧ Up to four new trees and up to 65m² of new planted areas with plants and flowers, which also reduce the risk of localised flooding
- ⑨ Secure residential cycle parking
- ⑩ Blocks for informal play and seating (e.g. stepping stones, climbable features, etc)

Artist impression

The visualisation below shows how the improved modal filter could look.



Extension of the road space closed to traffic

Our early stage design proposes to extend the road space closed to traffic from 2m long (space along planter box) to 16m long (upgraded modal filter length).

The space closed to traffic would extend westwards, up to house number 101 on the north side, and up to house number 104 on the south side.

This would involve the removal of two parking bays. Our surveys have shown there are typically enough parking spaces in the vicinity to accommodate this change. See house numbers on drawing opposite.

We want to hear from you

Online survey

We would like to invite you to tell us your thoughts on the early proposal for Keogh Road modal filter.

A survey is available using the URL below or QR code opposite. It should take about 10 mins and is **open until Sunday 22 January 2023**

 newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/athertonltn



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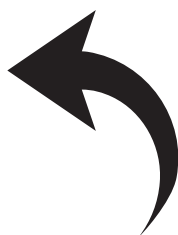
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