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WEST HAM PARK AREA

Street Survey results | June 2023

We want to hear what you think

Newham Council is committed to creating more people-friendly streets that make it easier and safer for everyone in Newham to get around using greener modes of transport. Whether you walk, scoot, cycle or use a wheelchair or mobility aids, this will all contribute towards creating a cleaner and healthier borough.

On 11 March 2023, we sent postcards to addresses in the West Ham Park area asking residents to complete a Street Survey. We also followed up by going back to all properties within the study area and asking to complete the survey at the door. We received **664** responses (10% response rate) in total with residents providing their views about road safety, air quality, walking, cycling and traffic in the area they live. We would like to thank all that participated for their feedback.

**This leaflet summarises:**

**• Results of the Street Survey**

**• Results of traffic data collection**

**• Opportunity to attend workshops**

Resident survey findings

**Average scores**

**We asked residents to give a score on the current condition of the area regarding five topics.** Most residents thought road safety, air quality, traffic, cycling, wheeled access and footways/crossings in the area were poor (average score of 2.7 for all above topics). On average, people rated the conditions for walking in their local area ‘Okay’ (average score of 3.1) and were supportive of implementing a 20mph speed limit’ (average score of 3.7).

* Road safety: 2.8 out of 5
* Air quality: 2.7 out of 5
* Traffic: 2.6 out of 5
* Walking: 3.1 out of 5
* Cycling: 2.7 out of 5
* Wheeled access: 2.6 out of 5
* Footways and crossings: 2.8 out of 5
* 20mph speed limit: 3.7 out of 5

**Further comments**

People were also given the opportunity to write open text comments on the same topics. Out of the **421** comments we received, we’ve summarized the most common ones for you below:

* Concern about vehicle speeds: 97 comments
* Desire for more traffic calming / additional measures: 93 comments
* Desire for more/better cycle infrastructure: 82 comments
* Concern about road safety: 69 comments
* Concern about road/pavement repairs: 60 comments
* Concern about traffic/congestion: 56 comments
* Concern about air quality: 42 comments
* Concern about parking: 34 comments
* Concern about enforcement: 28 comments
* Concern about anti-social behaviour: 26 comments

Data collection

**A number of traffic surveys were conducted in the West Ham Park area during one week in November 2022 to gain a comprehensive understanding of the existing traffic conditions.** We are conducting surveys quarterly to understand any seasonal changes. Detailed findings of the traffic survey are shown on the map next page.

Roads in the West Ham Park area currently operate 30mph speed limits. At traffic speeds of 30mph, the risk of pedestrian fatalities is 5 times greater than at speeds of 20mph.

As a result of this the Council monitored traffic speeds at over 50 locations in the West Ham Park area.

At 5 locations, at least a quarter of vehicles were driving at 20mph or faster.

This includes:

* Tavistock Road
* Bolton Road
* Margery Park Road (two locations)
* Ham Park Road

Tavistock Road has the highest percentage of vehicles that exceed 20mph. 38% of these vehicles were travelling above 20mph and 5% above 30mph.

47% of traffic was through traffic, meaning that these vehicles drove through the West Ham Park area rather than starting or ending their journeys in the neighbourhood. The main corridors where traffic did not stop in the neighbourhood are:

* Ham Park Road (west end) to Margery Park Road
* Ham Park Road (west end) to Warwick Road
* Ham Park Road (west to east)
* Vicarage Road to Tavistock Road

The eastern end of Ham Park Road carries over 4,000 vehicles/day, creating an unpleasant environment for pedestrians walking along Ham Park Road (over 1,800 pedestrians/day) and accessing West Ham Park and cyclists using Ham Park Road (identified as a strategic walking and cycling corridor).

**Air quality monitoring**

We will also be setting up air quality monitoring in line with the concerns expressed by residents, and we will continue monitoring traffic speeds and volumes.

Workshop events

We will be holding a number of in-person workshops in the West Ham Park area. To register your interest in attending a workshop please complete the form below by following the web link, scanning the QR code or getting in touch us over the phone.

If you are unable to attend an in-person workshop, you can express your interest on our Eventbrite page to participate in an online workshop instead.

To register for a workshop, visit:

**bit.ly/West-Ham-Park-Workshop**

Or call:

**020 8430 2000**

Other schemes in your area

**Romford Road Active Travel**

The ‘Romford Road Active Travel’ scheme is central to the aims of 15 minute neighbourhoods.

Romford Road stretches from Stratford to Little Ilford. As well as being a key route for motor vehicles it also provides important west-east links for walking and cycling.

Therefore, we have created the Romford Road Active Travel Scheme to improve walking and cycling routes along Romford Road and to local destinations such as shops, schools and green spaces.

**Phase One**: between Water Lane and Radlett Close and between Woodgrange Road and Richmond Road. Current stage: construction

**Phase Two**: between Fifth Avenue and Dersingham Avenue (except Romford Road junction with Little Ilford Lane). Current stage: engagement

To know the latest about this scheme, please visit:

**https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/luf-romford**

**Upton Lane improvements**

As part of the Upton Lane improvements scheme, we want to make Upton Lane safer and nicer for people to walk and cycle along, and better for public transport. This will help us deliver our 15-minute neighbourhoods vision so that residents can carry out their regular day-to-day activities locally.

Upton Lane stretches from West Ham Park up to Romford Road and the key aims of the scheme include improving crossings and pavements, new planting and trees, and providing new street furniture such as places to sit and cycle stands.

To find out more and share your views visit:

**https://newhamco-create.co.uk/uptonlane**

What happens next?

Areas identified as potential Low Traffic Neighbourhoods go through the stages below.

**Exploratory stage (6-9 months)**

The West Ham Park area is currently at the exploratory stage. The Council is gathering feedback from residents and key stakeholders, and collecting traffic and air quality data. This includes **hosting a number of online and in-person workshops** with the public to further gather feedback.

Based on these early results, **we will produce a design to address through traffic, speeding and improve active travel in the area.** Prior to the experimental scheme we will share this design with residents and key stakeholders.

**Accessibility, greenery and landscaping improvements**

As part of our proposal we will consider improved design features for the area. This could include:

* Measures to address through traffic
* Greenery, planting, and landscaping
* Speed humps
* Pedestrian crossings
* Raised junctions/crossings
* Dropped kerbs
* Tactile paving
* Improved footways

**Experimental scheme (up to 18 months)**

If the Council decides to proceed with an experimental scheme, we will implement our proposed design to address through traffic, speeding and improve active travel. During this stage, we will continue to gather traffic and air quality data to measure the impact of the implemented measures. We will also collect feedback from residents, businesses and other groups to help us decide whether or not to make the scheme permanent before the 18 month period.

**Let’s keep in touch!**

**Contact us**

If you have any further question, phone or e-mail us at:

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**Further information**

**Information and contact**

For more information, please visit our website:

www.newham.gov.uk/LTN

**Accessible formats**

Accessible formats are available on the Newham Low Traffic Neighbourhood website, and include:

* PDF
* Plain text (Word)
* Easy Read (simplified text)
* Audio recording
* British Sign Language summary.

**Other languages**

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