

Changes we want to make to the roads in West Ham Park. Tell us what you think



**Easy read booklet
June 2024**

Who we are and what this booklet is about



We are **Newham Council, London**. We want to make it safer and easier for people to walk, cycle and **wheel** in West Ham Park.



Wheel means to use a wheelchair or mobility aids like a walker.



We talked to people in West Ham Park and we have some ideas about how to make the area better. We want to know if you like them.



This booklet tells you

1. What people in the area told us.
2. The changes we want to make.
3. What happens next.
4. How you can tell us what you think.

Who we talked to



We talked to lots of people in the West Ham Park area including



- people who live in West Ham Park.

- businesses in the area.



- **community groups** in West Ham Park.



Community groups are groups of people who live in the same area and have something in common.

What people told us about West Ham Park



1. Cars go too fast

People worry that cars and other **vehicles** going too fast and they want them to slow down.



Vehicles include cars, lorries, vans and motorbikes.

2. Cars make it harder to cycle

People want to make it easier and safer to cycle. For example, they want cycle lanes.



3. There are too many vehicles

People worry about lots of vehicles on the roads, which makes journeys longer.



People also want

- safe roads and pavements.
- parking.
- people to follow rules.
- clean air.

Traffic surveys.

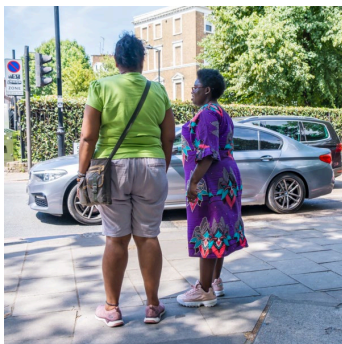
What we found out



We did a **traffic survey** of the area to help us make our plan.



A **traffic survey** means we collect information about vehicles in an area.



We found out more than 500 vehicles go through the area every day, and nearly half of them are **through traffic**.



Through traffic means people who drive through West Ham Park only to get to other places.



We found out lots of vehicles go faster than 20 miles per hour on some roads, including

- Ham Park Road
- Margery Park Road
- Warwick Road
- Vicarage Road to Tavistock Road
- Gower Road to Chaucer Road.

Wyatt Road

We also found out there is a lot of traffic in

- Wyatt Road
- Chaucer Road
- Gower Road.

We do not understand why, so we will not start any work in this area until we understand more.

We will speak again to people living and working in the area to find out what they think so we make the right changes.

Our plans to make things better



We will

- stop vehicles going faster than 20 miles per hour in West Ham Park.
- think of ways to slow cars down.
- make the roads safer around Park Primary School.



We will also think how to

- make roads safer to cycle on.
- make roads safer to cross.
- make **kerbs** flatter for wheels. **Kerbs** are where you step up to walk onto a path or step down onto the road.
- stop parking on pavements.
- have more trees and plants.



We will also try our plan to make West Ham Park into a **Low Traffic Neighbourhood**.

About Low Traffic Neighbourhoods



To make streets in West Ham Park safer we want to make it an **Experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhood**.

Experimental means we will try it to see if it works well.



A **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** is an area where lots of people live but not many cars and other vehicles are allowed to drive.



A Low Traffic Neighbourhood means

- roads are safer.
- it's better to walk and cycle.
- it's easier for disabled people to use roads and paths.
- there are more trees and plants.
- people are happier.
- there is less noise and **pollution**.



Pollution is dirty air. It comes from cars and other vehicles that use fuels like petrol and diesel.



Low Traffic Neighbourhoods use **modal filters** to stop lots of vehicles from driving through the area.



Modal filters are barriers and signs that stop vehicles driving into the area. For example, big plant pots.



People who live in the area can still get to their houses by car or in other vehicles. But they might have to go a new way to get there.



People cycling and walking can still get through.



Police cars, ambulances, fire engines and rubbish collectors can still get through.

How a low traffic neighbourhood will change journeys



Walking and cycling

There will be no changes to walking and cycling in West Ham Park because walkers and cyclists can get through the modal filters.



But we hope there will be less traffic so walking and cycling will be easier.



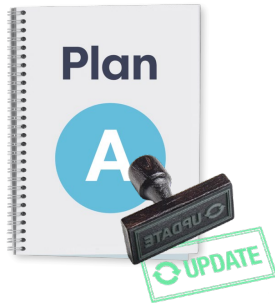
Driving

People will still be able to get to their houses by car but the way they get there will change.



- for streets in the **north** of the area, you come through Romford Park.
- for streets in the **west** of the area, you come through Vicarage Lane.
- for streets in the **south**, you come through Portway.

Update to our plan for the Low Traffic Neighbourhood



We have made a small change to our first plan for the Low Traffic Neighbourhood.



Before, we said we will put a modal filter in the middle of Vicarage Road, where it meets Tavistock Road.

But people were worried this would be bad for parking.



So now we will put a modal filter at the other end of Vicarage Road where it meets Fairland Road.



We will also put a modal filter on the end of Tavistock Road where it meets Vicarage Road.

This means we will not need to change streets around the school.

What happens next



We will send a letter to people living in West Ham Park a few weeks before we make our changes.



The letter will tell people what we will do. It will say when we will put the **modal filters** in.



We will carry on asking people what they think about our plan.



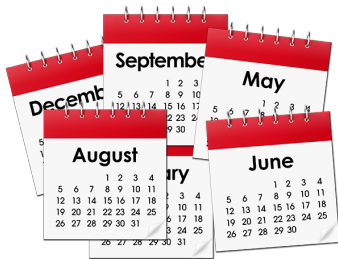
We will carry on collecting information about traffic and how clean the air is.



We will then choose if we want to make the changes **permanent**.



Permanent means it is fixed and will last a long time.



We might wait 18 months before we decide if we will make the changes permanent.



If we decide to keep the changes, we will put in permanent signs and plants.

What a temporary modal filter looks like



What a permanent modal filter looks like



How you can tell us what you think



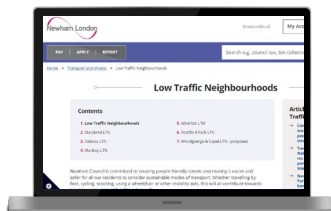
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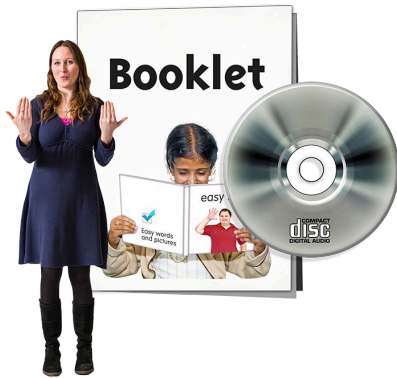


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Newham London

West Ham Park area

Experimental low traffic neighbourhood approved

June 2024

Newham council has approved the implementation of a low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) in the West Ham Park area on an experimental basis. LTNs use 'modal filters' (as pictured) to prevent motorised vehicles from using local streets as a cut-through, while allowing emergency service vehicles uninterrupted access. LTNs aim to improve street environments and local neighbourhoods for walking and cycling by reducing traffic volumes, improving the quality of life for local residents, and making it easier for residents to choose walking or cycling for local journeys.

In this leaflet you will find:

- A summary of the engagement carried out so far and our findings
- Details about the new low traffic neighbourhood
- Next steps

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