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Newham London

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



**Easy read booklet
November 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 will make West Ham Park a **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** in November 2024. This will be an **experiment**.



An **experiment** means this is a test to see if our plans work. It will help us decide if the **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** should carry on.



This booklet tells you

1. What a **Low Traffic Neighbourhood** is.
2. Why we are doing it.
3. What will happen in November 2024
4. What will happen next.

What a Low Traffic Neighbourhood is



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

Vehicles includes cars, lorries, vans and motorbikes.



It uses **Modal Filters** to stop cars driving through the area.

Modal filters are barriers and signs that stop vehicles driving into the area.



To begin with these will be **temporary**. They might look like big, wooden plant pots.

Temporary means they will not be there forever.



People walking, cycling and wheeling can still get through and so can police cars, fire engines, ambulances and bin lorries.



Low Traffic Neighbourhoods make walking, cycling and wheeling safer because there are less vehicles. It is also good for the **environment**.



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

We want to stop **through traffic** in West Ham Park.



Through traffic is where vehicles drive through an area but do not start or end their journey in that area.



You will still be able to use your car if you live in West Ham Park. You might have to drive a different way to leave your road and to get back to your house.



How a low traffic neighbourhood will change journeys

Walking, cycling and wheeling
You will still be able to walk, cycle and wheel through the area. It should be safer because there will be less traffic.

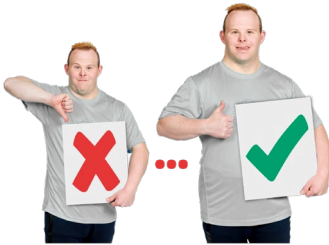
Driving
Police cars, fire engines, ambulances and bin lorries can still get through. If you have an exemption you will also be able to drive through.

Exemption permit holders
If you do not have an exemption and you drive through you will be given a **Fixed Penalty Charge**.

A Fixed Penalty Charge is when you must pay money if you do not follow the rules.

We talk more about this in the section called **How a low traffic neighbourhood will change journeys**.

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We have already made other places in Newham into Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and this has worked well.

We want to



- stop through traffic in West Ham Park.
- make it easier for people to walk, cycle or wheel for local trips instead of driving.



We thought about other ways to make this happen but we think making West Ham Park a Low Traffic Neighbourhood will work the best.



We also want to change the speed limit in West Ham Park to 20 miles per hour. You can read more about this on our website at newham.gov.uk/20mph

Who we talked to about our plan



Between **March 2023** and **February 2024** we talked to lots of people in the West Ham Park area including



- people who live and work in West Ham Park.

- businesses in West Ham Park.



- people who came to a **workshop**. A **workshop** is a meeting where everyone talks about the plan.



- people who replied to the questions we asked by post and on our website.

What we have done so far



At the **start of 2023** we started thinking about this plan and talking to the people who could make it happen.



In **spring 2023** we sent a postcard to everyone who lives in West Ham Park and visited some people to ask what they thought.



In **summer 2023** we sent out Leaflet 1 which showed what everyone thought of the plan. We also had a workshop about the plan.



In **autumn 2023** we spoke to the people who live on Wyatt Road. We also had an event at Stratford Academy where people could ask us questions.



At the **start of 2024** we sent out Leaflet 2 which explained our plans for the Low Traffic Neighbourhood. We also had more workshops and events.



In **spring 2024** we were told we could start the plan and we sent out Leaflet 3 to explain this.



In **summer 2024** we spoke to people about the plan at West Ham Park's 150th birthday party.



In **autumn 2024** we sent out this Leaflet which is Leaflet 4.

What people told us about West Ham Park



1. Cars go too fast

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



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.

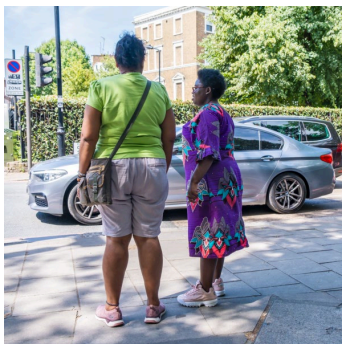
What we found out



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.



On most of the streets we looked at there were more than 500 vehicles a day. Half of these vehicles were through traffic.

The through traffic was worst on



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



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.



We will keep looking at the traffic in these areas to find out if the Low Traffic Neighborhood means there are less vehicles.



We will also look at the **air quality**. This means we will check how clean or dirty the air is.

When will the Low Traffic Neighbourhood start?

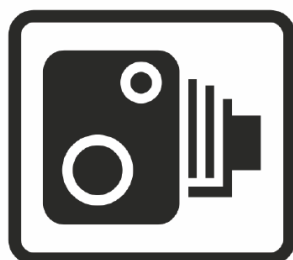


The Low Traffic Neighbourhood will start in **November 2024**.

You will get a letter to tell you the exact date.



There will be signs on the Modal Filters to show where **vehicles are not allowed**.



There will also be signs to show that cameras are filming to make sure everyone follows the rules.



If you have a Blue Badge because you are disabled you can ask the council for an **exemption**.

An **exemption** means you will still be able to drive through the area like you did before.

Where we will put the modal filters



Tavistock Road

Vicarage Road

Ham Park Road

The modal filters will be at

- the end of Tavistock Road, where it meets Vicarage Road.
- the end of Vicarage Road, where it meets Fairland Road.
- 2 points on Ham Park Road, 1 where it meets Amity Road, and 1 where it crosses Margery Park Road.

How a low traffic neighbourhood will change journeys



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You can still get to houses in West Ham Park by car. The way you drive to get there will change.



- If you live in the North of West Ham Park you need to use Romford Road.



- If you live in the West of West Ham Park you need to use Vicarage Lane.



- if you live in the South of West Ham Park you need to use Portway.



There are extra plans for the East of West Ham Park which will happen later.

What we will do next



For the first **6 to 12 months** we want to hear what you think of the Low Traffic Neighbourhood. We might use what you tell us to make changes.



For the **6 months** after that, we will think about whether we should make the Low Traffic Neighbourhood **permanent**.

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



We will send you a letter about how to tell us what you think.



We will also put up signs in the local area and QR codes on lampposts which you can scan.

Point the camera on your mobile phone or tablet at the QR code to get more information.



At the end of the experiment we will look at all the information about the traffic and air quality, and what people have told us.

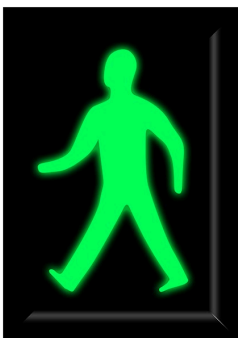


After we decide what we are going to do, we will send letters to let everyone in West Ham Park know what is happening.



If we make the Low Traffic Neighbourhood permanent then we might make more changes.

We could



- make new crossings on the road.
- plant more trees and flowers.
- put in new benches and lampposts.
- change the modal filters to a more permanent type.

What a temporary modal filter looks like



What a permanent modal filter looks like



How to contact us



If you have any questions you can

- send an email to this address LiveableNeighbourhoods@newham.gov.uk



- or call this telephone number **020 8430 2000**



Go to our website to find out more newham.gov.uk/ltn or point the camera on your mobile phone or tablet at this QR code to go to our website.



If you want to get updates about the Low Traffic Neighbourhood you can send us an email to

LiveableNeighbourhoods@newham.gov.uk

Other languages and formats



Go to our website to find the PDF, plain text, audio and sign language (BSL) versions of this booklet.

If you need this booklet in another language



- go to this website shorturl.at/npu69 and use the code **1879796**.



- or point the camera on your mobile phone or tablet at this QR code to go to our website and use the code **1879796**.



- or call this telephone number **0203 373 4000**.

Thank you for reading this booklet

Newham London

West Ham Park area

Experimental low traffic neighbourhood starting November 2024



Newham Council will be implementing a low traffic neighbourhood in the West Ham Park area in November 2024. We will use this period to better understand how the low traffic neighbourhood affects walking, cycling and car journeys; and to understand what local residents think about the scheme. The evidence gathered from traffic surveys and community feedback will be used to inform whether the scheme is removed or made permanent.

In this leaflet you will find:

- Information about the low traffic neighbourhood
- How we decided to launch an experimental low traffic neighbourhood
- What happens during the experimental scheme
- How to share your views

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