

# Amwell people-friendly streets: more details about the trial measures



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# Amwell people-friendly streets neighbourhood scheme

## What this means for you – more details about the trial measures

### Introduction

As part of Islington Council's people-friendly streets programme and the need for an urgent transport response to COVID-19, **Amwell** has become the fifth people-friendly streets neighbourhood in the borough. It has been created to allow more space for people to walk and cross the road safely, cycle as part of everyday life, and to use buggies or wheelchairs.

### Why we are installing these trial measures

In May 2020 the council launched a website called [Commonplace](#) in response to the Covid-19 health crisis. This has enabled local people to raise issues in their area and suggest ideas to help us to create people-friendly streets. In Amwell half of all comments were about the volume and speed of traffic, drivers taking short cuts through residential areas and concerns about the safety of children, and people walking and cycling.

The council is listening to local people and working hard to make our streets friendlier for everyone, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.

It's likely that social distancing will be in place for some time and many people will want to avoid using public transport. We are acting now to make sure our streets are people-friendly and to encourage other, healthier means of getting about. Without action, motorised traffic is likely to increase and our streets will become less safe and less healthy.

### What we are installing

A number of inexpensive measures called '**traffic filters**' have been installed to stop drivers from taking short cuts through the area's residential streets. However, every street remains open to motor vehicles so you can still drive to your home but that may be via a different route. Access for emergency services is also maintained. **Please see below for more details on access.**

A '**traffic filter**' is a physical restriction in the road to prevent motor vehicle from passing through. In some cases, filters are enforced by traffic cameras. These measure will stop motor vehicles driving across your area but emergency vehicles, buses and cycles will be able to get through.

The 'traffic filters' have been installed at four locations: Great Percy Street, Lloyd Square (both northern and southern sides) and Margery Street. At Great Percy Street there is a bus gate to allow access for the 812 bus service.

Even though traffic filters have been installed on just four streets in the Amwell area, the overall effect will be to reduce traffic on every street in the area as drivers will no longer be able to use the area as a cut through.

For more details about our people-friendly streets plan and an FAQ document, please click on this [link](#).

## **Installing the measures as an 18-month trial**

We are installing the measures on a trial basis, which means that they can be changed or removed if they do not work.

To ensure that local people have a say in how the measures are working we have chosen to implement the scheme under an experimental traffic order. This means that for the first six months we will monitor how the measures are working and you can let us know your views. We will make any necessary changes so that the new people-friendly streets work as well as possible.

Local people know their local area best and we will listen to your feedback. Once you have had a chance to experience the changes and for traffic patterns to have settled down we will conduct a full public consultation 12 months into the trial to find out what you think of the measures. Based on our monitoring and feedback from the consultation, the measures will be changed, made permanent or removed.

If you would like to make a formal objection to this scheme you need to do so within the first six months of the scheme's operation. For Amwell, this is between 5 October 2020 and 5 April 2021.

Any formal objection must be in writing, must refer to the relevant area, and must state the grounds on which it is made. Any formal objection you do submit may become a public document and could be published.

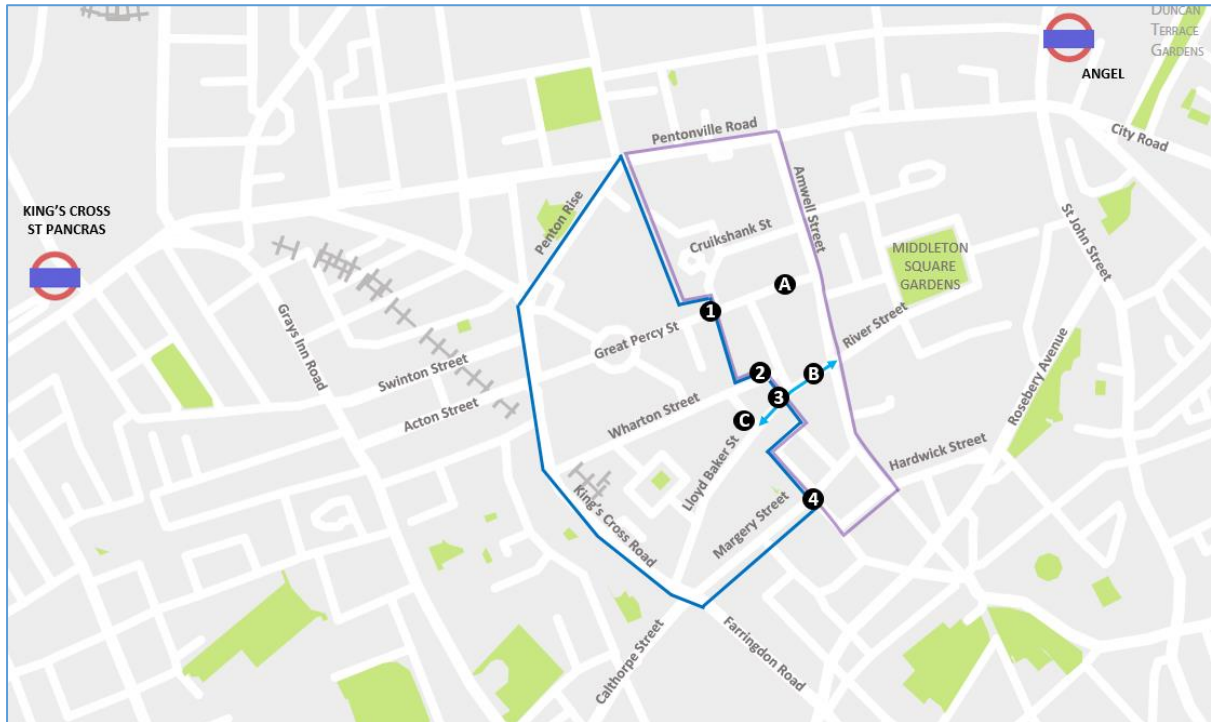
Formal objections should be sent to:

Email: [PublicRealm@islington.gov.uk](mailto:PublicRealm@islington.gov.uk)

Post: Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.

You can continue to comment or add your ideas about the measures on the Commonplace website [islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.Commonplace.is](https://islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.Commonplace.is)

# Amwell people friendly streets measures



**1** Camera enforced bus and cycle gate on Great Percy Street between Cumberland Gardens and Holford Street



**2** No through motor vehicle access along Lloyd Square (northern side). Enforced by fixed bollards with one hinged bollard.



**3** No through motor vehicle access along Lloyd Square (southern side). Enforced by camera.



**4** No through motor vehicle access along Margery Street west of Wilmington Street. Enforced by camera.



**A** Removal of the existing width restriction on Great Percy Street between Lloyd Square and Amwell Street.



**B** Removal of the existing width restriction on Lloyd Baker Street between Lloyd Square and Amwell Street.

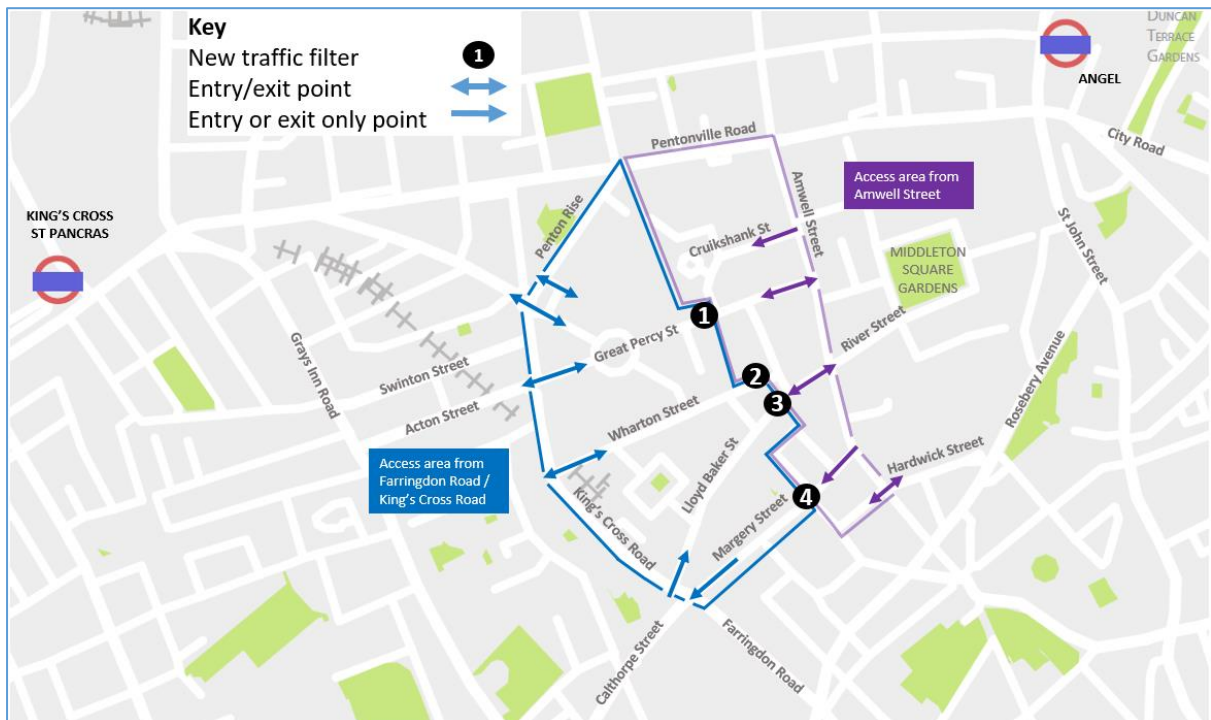


**C** Designation of Lloyd Baker Street as a two-way street between Lloyd Square (Western side) and Amwell Street.

## Access to and from the area

The map below shows access into and out of the area once the measures are in place.

Access for motor vehicles into and out of the west area (blue) is from Farringdon Road/King's Cross Road/Penton Rise. For the east area (purple) access is from Amwell Street and Pentonville Road. Motor traffic - except cycles, buses and emergency services vehicles - cannot pass from one area to the next. People walking and cycling will benefit from much quieter streets and will be able to move freely between areas.





# Explanation of each traffic filter in the area

## 1: Great Percy Street



The traffic filter on Great Percy Street stops through-traffic from using Great Percy Street and Wharton Street as a short cut between Amwell Street and King's Cross Road.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the 812 Bus on Great Percy Street and emergency services, are allowed through the filter.

This filter does not use bollards to stop people driving through but is camera enforced. In certain situations, such as emergency utility works, the council is permitted to revoke the traffic order.

Signs on both sides of the filter indicate that buses are allowed through. Five parking spaces have been suspended.

## 2: Lloyd Square (northern side)



The traffic filter on Lloyd Square (northern side) stops through-traffic from using Great Percy Street, Prideaux Place, Wharton Street, Lloyd Square and Lloyd Baker Street as a short cut between Amwell Street and Farringdon Road/King's Cross Road.

This filter features bollards. Access for emergency vehicles is provided via the lockable bollard, which the London Fire Brigade can use. All emergency services are able to pass through the area via the other side of Lloyd Square which has a camera enforced traffic filter that they can drive through.

Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited are on both sides of the filter. Four parking spaces have been suspended.



### 3: Lloyd Square (southern side)



The traffic filter on Lloyd Square (southern side) stops through-traffic from using Lloyd Square, Wharton Street or Lloyd Baker Street as a short cut between King's Cross Road and Amwell Street.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the emergency services are allowed through the filter.

This filter features bollards, but leaves sufficient access through the middle for emergency vehicles. The restrictions are enforced by camera.

Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited are on both sides of the filter. Five parking spaces have been suspended.



#### 4: Margery Street



The traffic filter on Margery Street stops through-traffic from using Margery Street, as a short cut between Amwell Street and Farringdon Road / King's Cross Road and Calthorpe Street.

The camera-enforced filter on Margery Street at the pedestrian crossing near Wilmington Street, will operate differently from the others. Due to the exceptional circumstances of Margery Street being a one-way route, with no alternative access route to the west of the filter, residents living beyond the filter will be able to drive through it without receiving a penalty. All other vehicles will be forced to turn left into Wilmington Street.

This filter does not use bollards to stop people driving through but is camera enforced. In certain situations, such as emergency utility works, the council is permitted to revoke the traffic order.

The Margery Street traffic filter will prevent non-permit holders from legally passing through meaning that servicing, delivery, taxi and private hire vehicle pick-up and drop-off will need to take place from Margery Street (east of the filter), Fernsbury Street, Wilmington Street, Yardley Street, Lloyd Baker Street (where the vehicular access to the Margery Street Estate is located) and Farringdon Road.

Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited are on both sides of the filter. One parking space has been suspended on Wilmington Street.

In addition to adding traffic filters, some existing traffic restrictions will be removed:

**A: Great Percy Street**

The current width restrictions in Great Percy Street between Lloyd Street and Amwell Street will be removed to allow delivery vehicles access to the area, but they will not be allowed to drive through the new filters.

**B: Lloyd Baker Street**

The current width restrictions in Lloyd Baker Street between Lloyd Square and Amwell Street will be removed to allow delivery vehicles access to the area, but they will not be allowed to drive through the new filters.

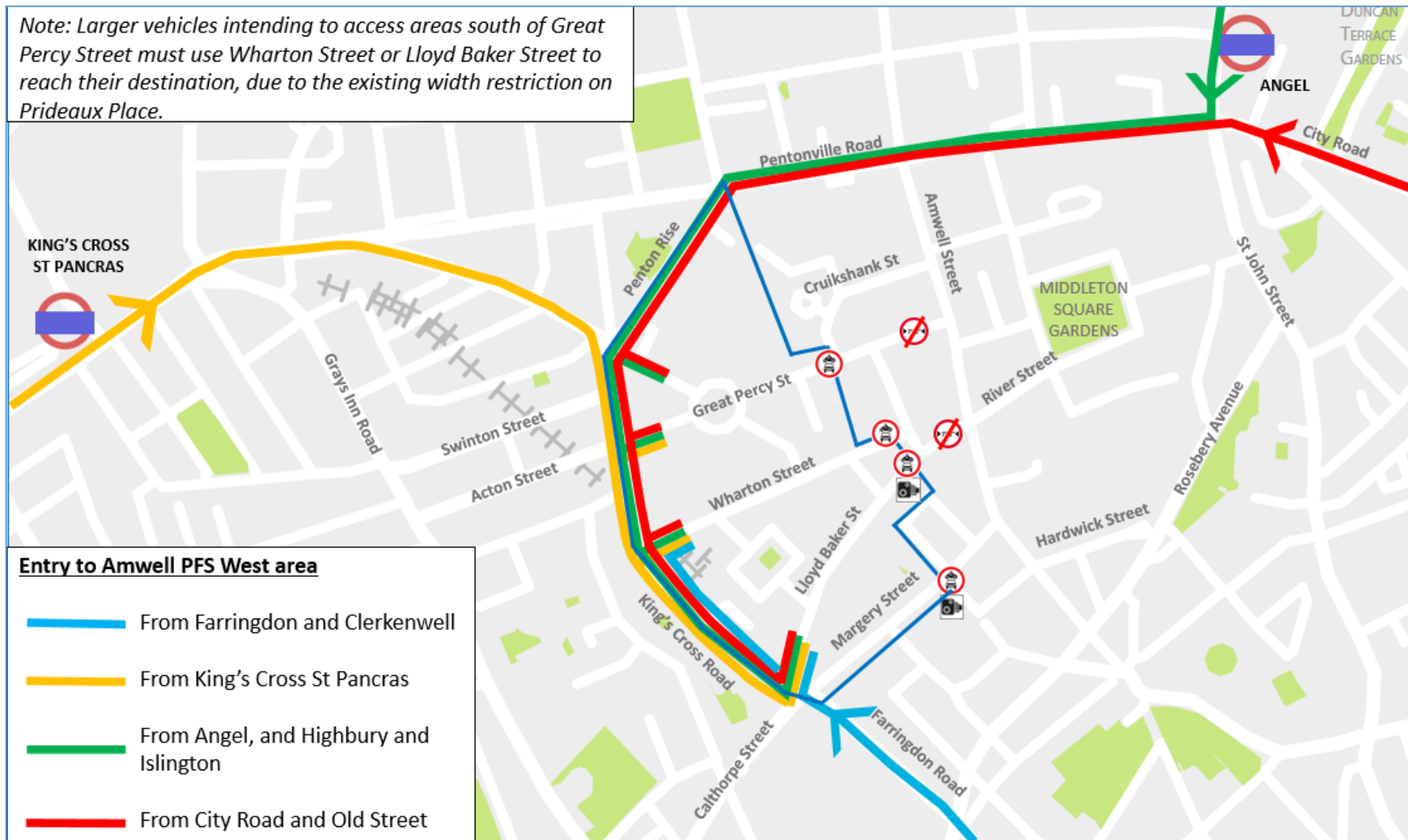
**C: Lloyd Baker Street**

Lloyd Baker Street will be made two-way between Amwell Street and the western side of Lloyd Square to allow traffic to enter and leave this section of road.

## Driving to and from the area from further afield

The maps below shows access to the area if you are approaching from main roads further away and should help you plan your route.

*Note: Larger vehicles intending to access areas south of Great Percy Street must use Wharton Street or Lloyd Baker Street to reach their destination, due to the existing width restriction on Prideaux Place.*



Note: Larger vehicles on Wharton Street and further south, and travelling to King's Cross will not be able to exit via Vernon Rise and Swinton Street due to the width restriction on Prideaux Place, and instead must travel via King's Cross Road and Acton Street.

