



**People-Friendly Streets**  
Better places for everyone

# Canonbury East people-friendly streets trial

## Consultation results and next steps



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## Dear resident,

In August 2020, as part of our people-friendly streets (PFS) scheme, we introduced a low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) trial in Canonbury East. Canonbury East people-friendly streets neighbourhood creates cleaner, greener and healthier streets. We introduced this trial under an experimental traffic order (ETO).

The objectives of the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood were:

- To make it easier and safer to walk and cycle as a first choice for local travel
- To clean up the air we breathe and protect and improve the environment
- To reduce danger, eliminate deaths and serious injuries on Islington's streets

To help measure the success of the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood we collected feedback throughout the trial period, published monitoring data and held a public consultation from 2 November – 30 November 2021.

We are now publishing the consultation report and announcing the next steps for the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood.

We have carefully considered the wide range of feedback received including from Commonplace

and trial feedback surveys, email correspondence, formal objections, stakeholder meetings, and the public consultation.

To view the full consultation report, visit our website: [www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets/canburyeast](http://www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets/canburyeast)

The feedback from the consultation and monitoring results show that the trial has had largely positive impacts on the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood and achieved the trial's objectives. **We have decided to continue the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood.** However, we need to make changes to some of the traffic filters and make it easier for disabled people to travel within Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood.

## Next steps for Canonbury East

As part of the consultation in November 2021, we proposed changes to filters at Elmore Street and Halliford Street, with an additional filter introduced at Ecclesbourne Road. These changes will now be implemented and are intended to improve business access to the area. See map for details.

We have been listening to feedback from local people including disabled residents, and groups representing disabled people. We



will be introducing an exemption for Blue Badge holders who live inside the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood from some of the camera enforced traffic filters in the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood.

Blue Badge holders who live in the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood will be sent a letter with details of the permit which allows a single vehicle registered at

their address to pass through the Canonbury East PFS traffic filters at Dove Road, Ockendon Road, Englefield Road, Halliford Street, Ecclesbourne Road and Downham Road (but not Northchurch Road or traffic filters with bollards - see map) without receiving a penalty charge. More details on the exemption policy can be found at [www.islington.gov.uk/PFSbluebadgeexemption](http://www.islington.gov.uk/PFSbluebadgeexemption)

We are also developing an exceptional circumstance dispensation for Blue Badge holders who do not meet the current criteria, for example people who need to travel outside their home people-friendly streets neighbourhood. Further information will follow this year.

## Works to enable changes

In order to implement the changes at filters and allow Blue Badge holders to travel through the restrictions, we need to make some changes to the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood.

We will be:

- removing the width restrictions at Ockendon Road and Englefield Road
- moving Elmore Street and Halliford Street filters to the east of the junction with Ecclesbourne Road
- building a new camera enforced filter at Ecclesbourne Road
- adding new signs to make the exemption clear
- greening the area by installing six new planters

Until these works take place in early February 2022, the existing traffic filters in the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood will remain operational.

**The works will start on the 31 January 2022 and will take up to 10 days to complete.** Access routes will be unchanged during the

duration of these works. The new exemption is expected to be active before the end of February 2022.

After the exemption scheme has been introduced, the council will monitor its impact and feedback from residents, before taking a decision on making the Canonbury East PFS neighbourhood permanent.

## Get in touch

You can reach out to us if you have further questions, drop us a line at [CanonburyEastLTN@islington.gov.uk](mailto:CanonburyEastLTN@islington.gov.uk) or by post:

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

To find out more about our people-friendly streets programme please visit: [www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets](http://www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets)

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Yours sincerely,



**Councillor Rowena Champion  
Executive Member for  
Environment and Transport**

# Monitoring key findings



Local streets within the neighbourhood are greener, safer and healthier, with traffic **falling overall by 80%**.

Traffic on Englefield Road has **decreased by 90%**, from 5,888 to 598 vehicles per day, the greatest decrease by volume of any street.



On local streets within the neighbourhood, the number of vehicles speeding **fell by 89%**.



**No significant impact** on London Fire Brigade response times.



Cycling has **increased by 48%** on the internal roads.

The greatest increase in cycling trips was at Northchurch Road, **from 1,374 to 1,987 trips a day**.



Overall, the changes in levels of nitrogen dioxide **reflect those in the borough more widely**.



**No significant impact** on anti-social behaviour and crime rates.



On average, motorised traffic volumes have changed on **Essex Road East by -11%, on Southgate Road North by -9%, Canonbury Road by -6%, Southgate Road South by +2%, Essex Road West by +5%, Baring Street by +8%, New North Road by +11% and Balls Pond Road by +15%**.

The above figures are taken from the pre-consultation monitoring report and reflect before and after comparisons between July 2020 and July 2021. The traffic figures have been normalised to account for the impacts of Covid-19 lockdowns. More information on this process is available in the main report.

**The council will continue to closely monitor all boundary roads and introduce mitigating measures as appropriate.**

# Consultation key findings

## Feedback received

412 Commonplace comments  
330 emails  
457 Trial feedback surveys  
1,225 consultation questionnaires



## Commonplace feedback\*

### Top 3 problems

42% - Volume of traffic  
42% - Traffic rat running  
40% - Fast traffic

### Top 3 ways to make it better

35% - make roads access only  
33% - slow down traffic  
26% - road closure except for cycles and buses



## Trial feedback survey

percentage of respondents



### Top 3 things people like about the trial

19% - reduces traffic  
16% - the area is more pleasant  
15% - reduces air pollution



### Top 3 things people dislike about the trial?

65% - more traffic on main roads  
37% - I wasn't asked for my views  
37% - increases air pollution

## Public consultation

### Agree

47% Easier to cross the street

46% The streets look nicer

45% The air is cleaner

41% There is less noise from traffic

38% I spend more time in the area

40% Easier to walk and cycle to local shops and businesses

### Disagree

24%

25%

22%

27%

19%

12%



55% of participants have a car, versus 29% of households in Islington



28% of participants who have cars say they walk and cycle for shorter trips instead of driving



23% of participants mentioned LTNs increasing traffic on boundary roads

## Find more information and detailed figures in the Consultation report.

\* The Commonplace figures refer to comments received before the trial started. The figures provided for Commonplace and trial feedback surveys are for the percentage of respondents. The Commonplace platform was open between May 2020 and March 2021. The trial feedback survey was open between March 2021 and November 2021.