

Public Consultation

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Haringey



Time for a mph speed limit?

Traffic speeds are often too fast in our residential and local shopping streets. This can be a barrier to walking and cycling and can increase the severity of accidents. While a 20mph limit will not eliminate accidents, research indicates that the severity and volume of casualties are reduced if traffic is moving at 20mph rather than 30mph or faster.

Already, fifty per cent of our roads limit traffic speeds to 20mph and we would now like to hear from you about extending this.

In London, the Mayor is encouraging boroughs to adopt a default 20mph limit policy and the Department for Transport has relaxed the legislation around signage, significantly reducing the cost of introducing a borough wide 20mph limit. This makes it viable for us to consult around limiting traffic speeds on all our roads to 20mph.

Our award-winning Smarter Travel work, with its encouragement of cycling and walking, provides us with a real opportunity to engage with road users about the way we use our roads and to lead a sustained culture change, securing health, wellbeing and safety benefits for all.

Before telling us your views about the proposed 20mph speed limit please read this leaflet and look at the range of reports and discussions available on the internet.

Whatever your views on the possible introduction of a 20mph limit in the borough we want to hear from you. **Please ensure that your comments reach us by 31 October 2013.**

Thank you for your interest.

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Cllr John Bevan
Cabinet Member for the Environment



Why are we considering 20mph?

The Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) reports that if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle travelling at 20mph there is a less than 3% chance that they will be fatally injured, compared to a 20% chance at 30mph.

The Mayor of London's Road Safety Action Plan gives priority to reducing the numbers killed or seriously injured in road accidents. The Mayor and Transport for London (TfL) see 20mph limits and zones as important and effective measures in reducing casualties through lowering speeds on local and residential roads

Haringey Council supports a reduction in speed from 30mph to 20mph as we believe a borough-wide 20mph speed limit can:

- Be instrumental in changing drive behavior
- Improve safety at schools and other locations with high pedestrian traffic
- Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Discourage 'rat running' through residential streets
- Improve traffic flow at approaches to junctions and areas where roads are narrow or obstructed by parked vehicles
- Improve accessibility by reducing motor vehicle dominance along the highway

In certain locations, such as around schools and areas vulnerable to accidents, we will continue to enhance the speed restriction messages with traffic calming measures.

Enforcement of 20mph speed limits

The police are responsible for enforcing speed limits and while they support in principal the objective of 20mph they cannot provide additional resources to enforce a borough-wide 20mph limit. Enforcement will rely to a great extent on voluntary driver compliance.

Police enforcement will therefore be largely reactive and will focus on locations with high accident rates and where there are known speeding issues.

Roads excluded

The 20mph limit would include all residential and main roads in the borough with the exception of 'red routes' managed as part of the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN). Haringey Council and TfL will discuss whether it may be appropriate to include any of the red routes, which are:

- Archway Road
- Seven Sisters Road
- Great Cambridge Road
- The Roundway (East)
- Bruce Grove
- Tottenham High Road (Bruce Grove to Stamford Hill)
- Broad Lane
- Monument Way

Information Plans

Included with this document are the following plans

- Borough Plan – Location of existing 20mph zones
- Borough Plan – Location of red routes managed by TfL

Further information about this consultation can be found on our website at www.haringey.gov.uk/20mph

Frequently Asked Questions

Will this scheme be used to generate revenue for the council?

No. Only the police are legally able to enforce speed limits and revenue from fines goes direct to Central Government. Neither Haringey Council nor the police would make money from this scheme.

How will I know which roads are 20 mph?

Each road will be clearly signed at the start of the speed limit, with signs repeated throughout the area to which the limit applies.

Will the signs create street clutter?

We would keep street clutter to a minimum. New 20 mph signs would be placed on existing lamp posts wherever possible. We would also keep 'repeater' signs, including road markings to a minimum in accordance with Department for Transport guidance.

What other councils are doing or considering doing something similar?

Other councils include Bath, Brighton and Hove, Cambridge, Camden, Chichester, Islington, Liverpool, Oxford, Portsmouth, Edinburgh South, Southwark, Warrington and York.

Will any parking be lost as a result of the scheme?

No.

Will there be more traffic calming measures such as humps?

No. A 20mph limit only requires signs and road markings and will rely largely on driver compliance. We will however monitor compliance, particularly around schools, and may consider associated traffic calming measures and these locations.

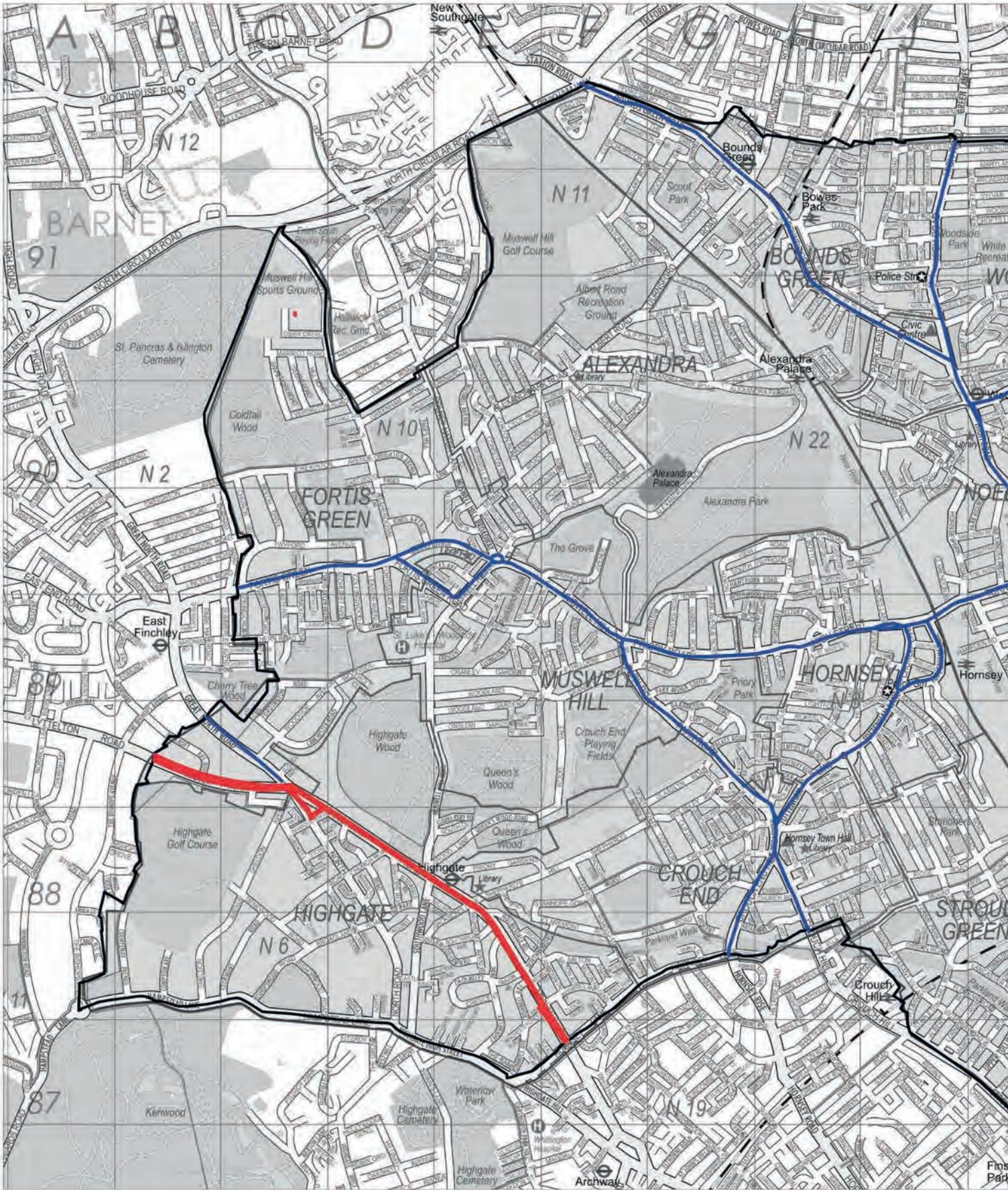
Is it safer to drive at 20 mph?

According to the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle travelling at 20mph there is a less than 3% chance that they will be fatally injured, compared to a 20% chance at 30mph. Slower speeds also allow more time for road users to anticipate and react to situations.

Will there be more speed cameras?

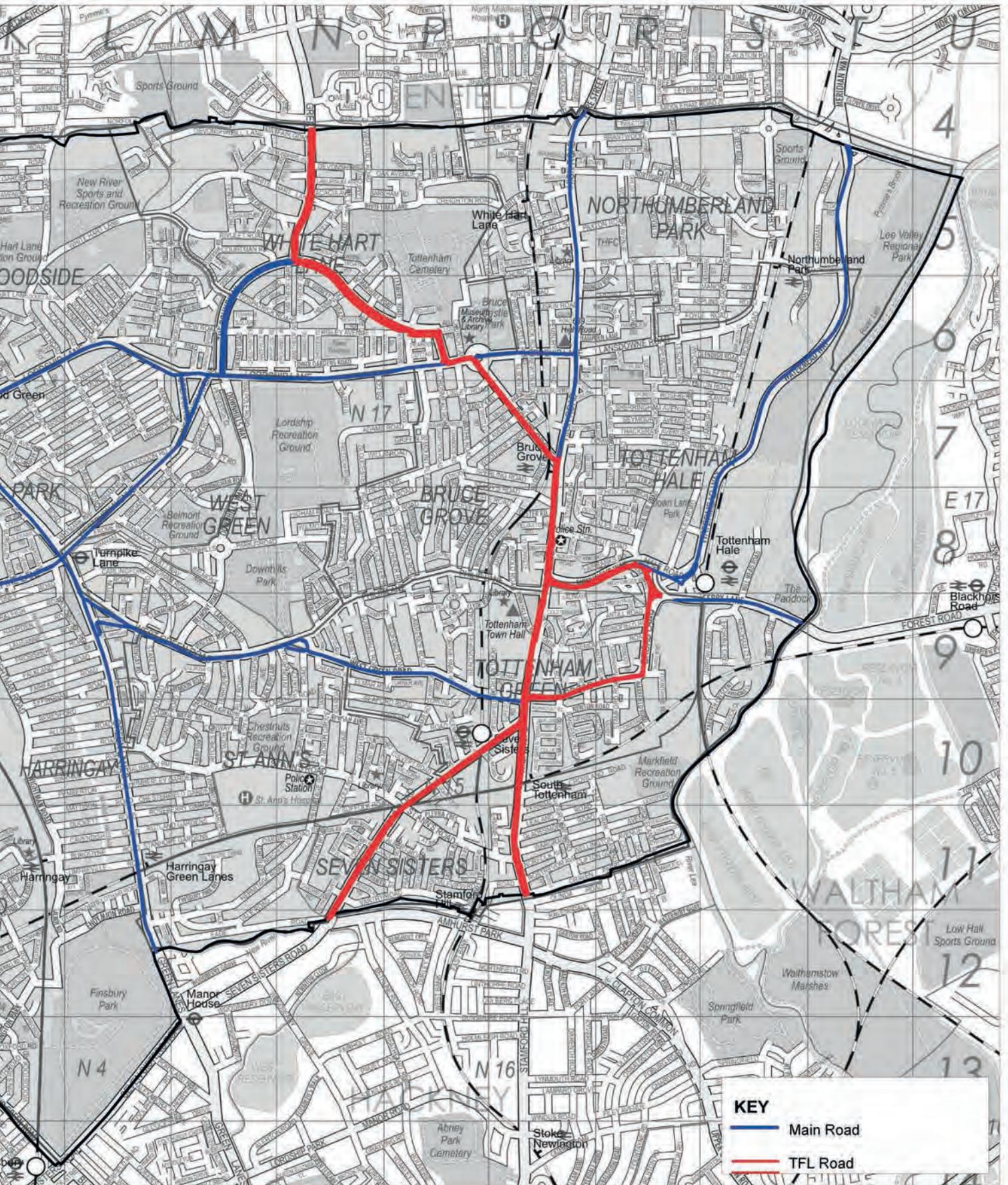
No. The criteria for installing speed cameras are set by the London Safety Camera Partnership. The criteria states that cameras may be used at locations where there are at least four collisions which resulted in a fatality or serious injury over a three year period.

There are currently 4 speed cameras in Haringey located in Bounds Green Road and Tottenham High Road. We will be discussing their further use with the police should this proposal progress.



Main Roads





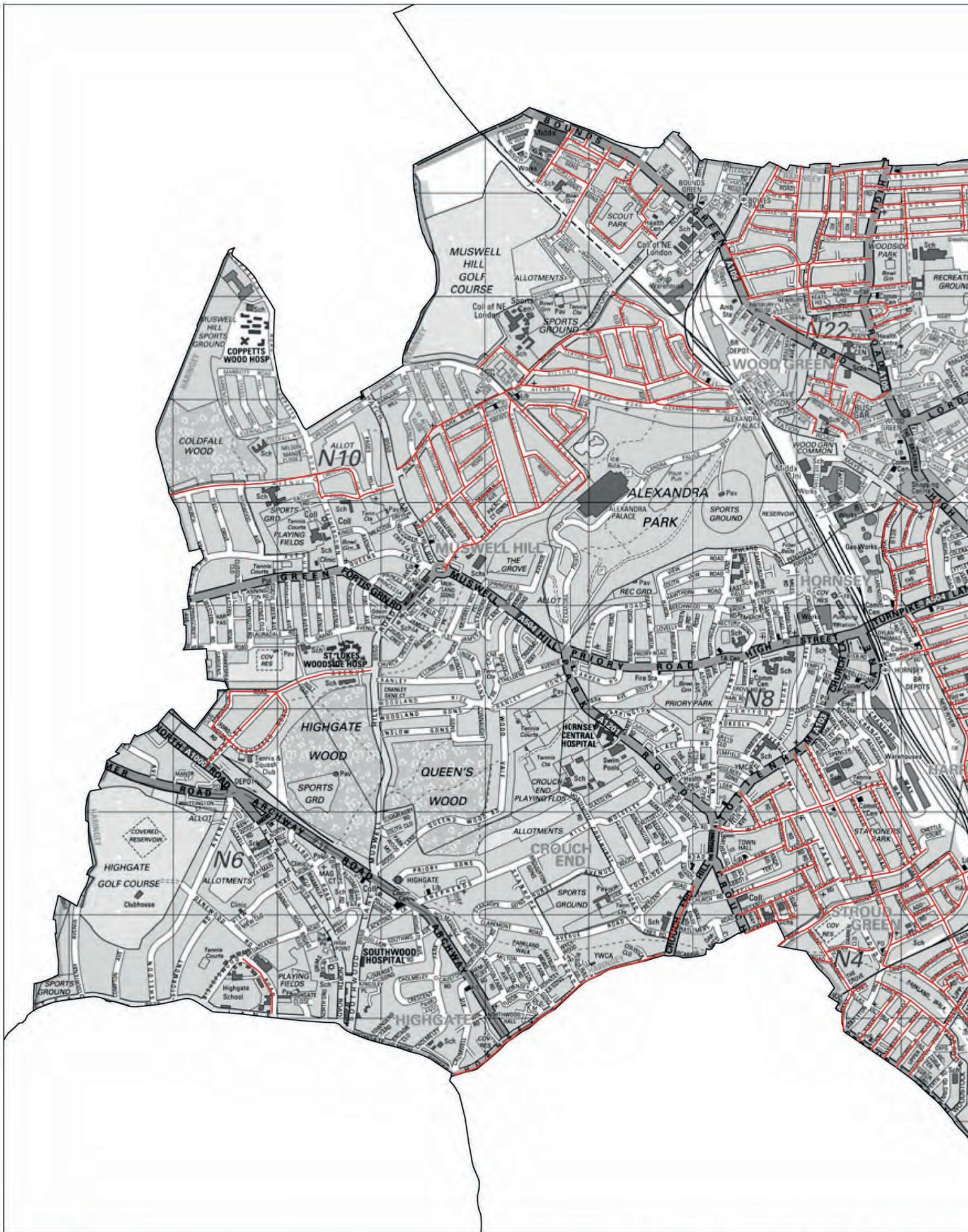
Map of Tottenham showing Main Roads and TFL Roads

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- Main Road
- TFL Road

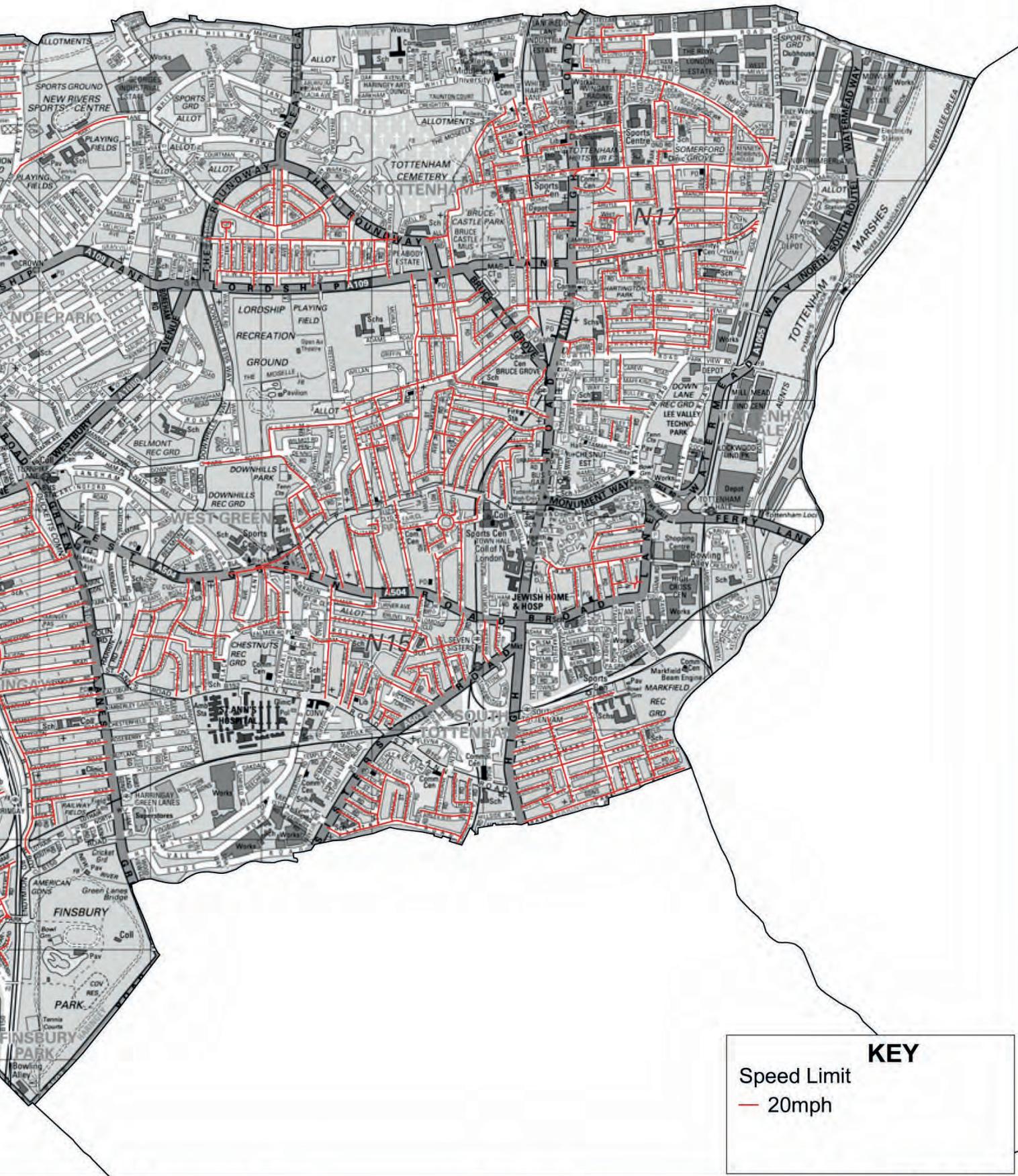
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Tell us what you think

Your views are important. Whatever your view about the benefits or disadvantages of 20mph limits we want to hear from you. You can have your say on the proposal in three ways:



Feedback Card

Please complete the attached feedback card and send it back to us at: Frontline Consultation, Freepost NAT20890, PO Box 264, London N22 8BR – no stamp required.



Online

Please go to www.haringey.gov.uk/20mph on the council's website and complete the online form to give us your views.



Via Email

If you have any questions or would like more information, you can email us at: frontline.consultation@haringey.gov.uk

What will happen after we receive your comments?

Your comments and suggestions will be considered in detail by officers and councillors as well as by the council's Cabinet (Executive Management Board) and will inform their decision about the introduction of a borough-wide 20mph speed limit in Haringey.

All comments and completed cards must be received by 31 October 2013.

We will consider all the comments and feedback we receive before a final decision is taken.