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Re: Bounds Green Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) – How to get involved

Dear Resident,

Haringey is embarking on an ambitious programme to increase rates of walking and cycling in the borough and is also seeking to tackle the implications of rat-running traffic in residential areas. This will encourage those making short journeys by motor vehicles, to instead consider active travel such as walking, cycling or public transport. This is needed to improve our air quality, respond to the climate change emergency we face, address health inequalities and make the borough a healthier place to live, work and rest.

The Bounds Green area covering parts of Alexandra Ward, Bounds Green Ward and Woodside Ward in Haringey, and Bowes Ward in Enfield, is an area suffering from significant levels of rat running traffic. This rat running negatively affects our residential areas where most households do not own or have access to a motor car.

The Council wrote to all residents on 10 August 2020 explaining the rollout of the Enfield LTN in Bowes and outlined that Haringey would also be exploring funding opportunities for a LTN in Bounds Green to complement this. We are working alongside Enfield Council to make sure the Bounds Green LTN, and any potential changes to the Bowes LTN, work together regardless of Borough boundaries.

We gave residents the opportunity to respond to us on the Bowes LTN and share feedback that they may have. Thank you to those who provided feedback already, this will help inform our emerging plans.

We have now been allocated funding from Transport for London (TfL) to further engage with residents and to develop the designs for a LTN in Bounds Green to address the issues residents are facing.

What is a Low Traffic Neighbourhood?

Simply put, a LTN is a residential area where vehicles, except emergency vehicles, not stopping in the area are prevented or discouraged from driving through it. This is achieved by 'filtering' the key points of certain streets using CCTV and planters so that people walking, cycling, or using a mobility scooter can still travel through.

A LTN is a relatively new term but filtering has been used in London since the 1970s. There is a small example of an LTN already in place in the Garden's area of St Ann's Ward. Every home in a LTN can be accessed by car and can receive deliveries to their doors but some residents and businesses will have to take different routes to their destinations in the LTN area

which might be less convenient. Getting used to these changes can take time which can be disruptive in the short term. These impacts however can depend greatly on how an LTN designed and where filters are located. Therefore, we need your views to help develop a successful scheme that works for the community as a whole. Any inconvenience caused is more than outweighed by the elimination of through traffic which will result in safer and less polluted streets.

Engagement

Haringey will be engaging with residents and businesses throughout the process. It is very important that the LTN is supported by the community and we hear from those living and working in and near the area. The first step is to hear your views on the issues you are facing in the area and the ways you would like to see it changed.

To support this, the Council has published an Engagement Map which can be accessed from the Council's website: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/low-traffic-neighbourhoods>.

The map allows users to place a point on a map and describe the issues in this location. Users will also be prompted to a set of questions to answer for each point placed on the map. The map will be live until Sunday 7th March 2021. If you are unable to access the map, you are still able to provide your views to the council using the following methods:

By email: BoundsGreenLTN@haringey.gov.uk

By phone: 0208 489 3433

By post: Transport Planning, Haringey Council, 40 Cumberland Road, Wood Green, London N22 7SG

We are also interested in building a database of interested persons, groups, and businesses in the area who wish to be kept up to date on the development of the LTN. You can do this by signing up to the Engagement Map when you provide your feedback to the engagement exercise, or by using the methods above.

This engagement is complementary to the ongoing engagement Enfield Council is undertaking to monitor the implementation of the Bowes LTN. This is available at the following link <https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/bowesQN>.

Next steps

We will review the feedback from this engagement exercise and the responses will be used to develop designs for the LTN. We are working closely with Enfield Council which is reviewing the feedback on its current Bowes LTN. Haringey and Enfield Councils will work together to develop an area wide design. More opportunities to get involved will follow as the project progresses.

If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We encourage you to get involved.

If you would like a translated version of this letter, please visit the website <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/contact/translation-and-interpreting-services> or contact us.

Kindest regards



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