

The map below shows the locations where we will introduce the banned turns using temporary signs and traffic cameras.



Get in touch

We would like to hear what you think about the trial and you can share your feedback using our online survey at www.islington.gov.uk/people-friendly-streets/furlong-road.

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Furlong Road and Digswell Street trial of banned turns into Holloway Road

Making the area safer



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People-friendly streets in Islington

Islington's streets belong to everyone. They are a place where life happens and where the community comes together, no matter what our individual circumstances or daily routines look like. But as technology has changed, we've seen more and more traffic looking for short-cuts along local streets.

Transport for London modelling predicts that, without action, traffic volumes may get much worse than before the health emergency.

Traffic in London's local streets areas has already risen by 72% in the past 12 years, and as more people have chosen to drive as lockdown restrictions have eased, traffic in residential areas is expected to increase further, making streets more dangerous and unhealthy for everyone. This is why we are taking action now to prevent through-traffic.

To make our streets more people friendly for all, we have already introduced seven low traffic neighbourhoods in the borough since July 2020.

We are working on plans to make our streets more people-friendly and address through-traffic in the area to the west of Holloway Road and Upper Street and we will be asking for your views on how the streets could be made safer, greener and healthier for all in due course.

However, ahead of this, **we need to take immediate action to address a safety issue on Furlong Road, Digswell Street, Crane Grove and Orleston Road**, which we are calling the 'Furlong Road cluster'.

Furlong Road, Digswell Street, Crane Grove and Orleston Road (the 'Furlong Road cluster') – making the area safer

The streets of the 'Furlong Road cluster', like many local streets within the borough, have suffered from increased traffic volumes in recent years from the use of the area as a short-cut.

These streets have seen a further heavy increase in traffic in recent months and we are now seeing vehicles backing up as they queue to turn right onto Holloway Road.

This is causing serious road danger issues, including vehicles driving on the wrong side of the road around corners with low visibility, vehicles driving onto the pavement to pass others, and near-misses between road users.

To address these serious risks to safety, **we will introduce banned right-turns for motor vehicles from Furlong Road and Digswell Street onto Holloway Road on a trial basis**. The banned right-turns will be camera-enforced. This will stop eastbound vehicles driving through the cluster as a through-route to Highbury Corner but cycles and emergency vehicles will be able to get through.

If you have a car and live on one of the 'cluster' streets you will still be able to drive and park near to your home, as will visitors and delivery drivers, but you or other drivers will no longer be able to turn right from Furlong Road and Digswell Street onto Holloway Road.

Signs will be installed in the surrounding area to give vehicles advance warning of the new banned turns.

Resident safety comes first. We have been working closely with the emergency services on the measures and they will be exempt from both banned turns. We will continue to work with them to monitor the impact of the measures to ensure they can access every street, and where necessary, we will make changes based on what they tell us.

Installing the measures as an 18-month trial

Works to install the measures will begin the week starting 9 August 2021, and will take approximately one week to complete.

What we install will be a temporary trial. We will be closely monitoring the changes to assess any impact of traffic movements in the wider area, and we can make further changes if required.

To ensure that local people have a say in how the measures are working, we have chosen to implement the scheme under what is called an Experimental Traffic Order as an 18-month trial.

It's important that we allow enough time for you to experience the changes and for traffic patterns to adjust. Shorter trials would also not be able to take account of seasonal variations in traffic patterns, including school terms and holidays.

During the trial period you can tell us what you think. Local people know their local area best and we will listen to your feedback. We will make any necessary changes informed by monitoring and public feedback, so that the scheme works as well as possible.

Based on our monitoring and feedback from the public, we will make a decision on whether the trial measures should be changed, made permanent or removed.

Your sincerely,



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