



Islington Together
for a greener future

Highbury low-traffic neighbourhood

Making the trial permanent

Get in touch

If you have further questions, drop us a line at:
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To find out more about our people-friendly streets programme please visit: www.islington.gov.uk/peoplefriendlystreets where you will also find answers to frequently asked questions.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Rowena Champion
Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport



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Dear resident,

In January 2021 we introduced the Highbury West and Highbury Fields low-traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) as trials to help create greener, healthier and more welcoming streets for all.

In May 2022, as a new trial, we merged the LTNs to form one Highbury LTN to allow Blue Badge holders within the area to travel through all camera-enforced filters. Exemptions were first introduced in December 2021 following feedback from residents with disabilities and to help those who rely on motor vehicles for short local journeys to travel through the Highbury LTN.

We are now making the LTN permanent after seeing that the scheme is meeting its objectives.

The objectives of the Highbury LTN 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, which delivers health and wellbeing benefits for local people while making the borough a more pleasant place to live
- To reduce danger, eliminate deaths and serious injuries on Islington's streets.

We monitored the trial at regular intervals, and held a public consultation from Monday 7 February to Monday 14 March 2022. Feedback from the consultation showed that respondents agreed that the trial reduced air pollution and traffic and that the area is more pleasant.

The feedback from consultation and the monitoring results throughout the trial demonstrates that the trial meets its objectives.

Next steps for the Highbury LTN

We have continued to monitor the Highbury LTN scheme following the changes that were made in May 2022.

The monitoring results demonstrate that the Highbury LTN scheme is continuing to have mostly positive impacts. Between November 2020 and January/March 2023 overall traffic volumes on internal roads have decreased by 41,277 vehicles while cycling volumes have increased on internal roads by 52% and air quality overall for the Highbury LTN is lower than the wider borough average.

Based on our monitoring and your feedback, the Highbury LTN will be permanent from Friday 1 December 2023.



To view the full final monitoring report, visit our website or scan the QR code:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/roads/people-friendly-streets/highbury>

The future of the Highbury LTN

We will continue to work to improve the Highbury LTN.

We will monitor specific roads, including Blackstock Road, which has seen an increase in traffic volumes since the LTN was introduced. We will also explore options for improving conditions for people walking, wheeling and cycling in the area. We will also look at building on connections to existing and future active travel routes including Cycleway 50, Regents Canal to Highgate and routes into Hackney.

We are also looking to improve pavements for all - especially those with mobility issues - so that they are more accessible for walking, wheeling and using buggies and wheelchairs.

We will also work on implementing more greening in Highbury. This will help boost local biodiversity, improve air quality, and create a more pleasant environment for local people to come together.

