

Low Hall Depot, Argall Avenue, Leyton, London E10 7AS

4th March 2019

Dear residents / businesses,

Bus Priority Improvements – Hoe Street E17: First Avenue to Orford Road

We are writing to you to let you know about the improvements we will be introducing along Hoe Street in Walthamstow.

The proposals outlined below can be viewed in more detail on the Enjoy Waltham Forest by visiting www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk

Waltham Forest Council has received a number of complaints from Transport for London's bus service, businesses and local residents about vehicles parking along Hoe Street both during and outside of permitted times. These parked vehicles have been causing an obstruction of the road, making it difficult for buses and larger vehicles to pass safely. These obstructions have a major impact on bus services and passenger journey times, emergency vehicle response times and refuse collections which are essential services for our residents and businesses. They can also lead to excessive air pollution from added congestion in the area.

To resolve these problems we are planning to make the following changes to Hoe Street between First Avenue and Orford Road:

- Convert the yellow lines (current waiting and loading restrictions) () along Hoe Street, from its junction with Orford Road to First Avenue, to double yellow line with no waiting or loading "At Any Time" restrictions;
- Introduce dedicated 24 hour "Loading Only" bays on Hoe Street and adjoining roads
- Reallocate some of the existing parking spaces in nearby side roads, including First Avenue, Second Avenue, Third Avenue, Priory Avenue, Cedars Road and Abbotts Road to provide a better balance between free short stay, pay-by-phone and Loading Only bays in these roads;
- There will be no impact on resident permit bays and overall we will be providing 6 more places for dedicated business loading and servicing activities in the area;
- Introduce north and southbound segregated cycle tracks from First Avenue to Orford Road to link with the newly constructed cycle tracks on Hoe Street between St Mary Road and First Avenue;
- Widen the carriageway at the northbound bus stop "L-Queens Road" to allow vehicles to pass safely;
- Upgrade and modernise the street lighting to make the town centre feel safer at night;
- Widen and resurface the footways using materials that create a high quality look and feel, and that complement the material used elsewhere in the town centre;

We are also currently investigating options for the Orford Road/Queens Road/Hoe Street junction to improve pedestrian and cycle links to Walthamstow Village and Walthamstow Town Centre whilst also improving priority for buses. Once proposals for this junction are further developed we will write to residents and businesses explaining the proposed changes.



Overall, these changes are designed to improve the local streetscape, reduce bus journey times and reduce congestion and improve conditions for walking and cycling on one of the boroughs most important transport routes.

What happens next?

The Council will be advertising the necessary Traffic Management Order (TMO) changes and publicising these in Waltham Forest News, London Gazette and notices on-street on 9th March 2019 in accordance with legal requirements.

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Throughout March 2019 the Council will be continuing footway improvement works on the western side of Hoe Street between Priory Avenue and Queens Road. These works will not involve any changes to the layout of the road or the current parking, waiting and loading restrictions. However, during these works some temporary traffic management measures and parking/loading suspensions may be necessary to safely complete the works, these will be publicised in advance on-street.

Yours faithfully

Vala Valavan
Director of Highways and Traffic Management