

LEYTONSTONE TOWN CENTRE AREA IMPROVEMENTS



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CHANGE IS COMING TO LEYTONSTONE

Waltham Forest is changing and we want you to be part of it. Thanks to a funding pot of £27million from Transport for London, we're delivering the Mini-Holland Programme to make our streets fit for everyone to use, whether you walk, cycle, use public transport or drive.

In 2014, nearly 900 people were injured on our roads and air pollution in Waltham Forest is on the increase. At peak times of the day, we have up to 6,000 extra cars on our roads due to the school run. We need to do something about this so that everyone can get from A to B easily and safely.

The Mini-Holland Programme is about making our streets work for everyone and our borough a better place to live, work and visit. By creating designated space for cycling, creating routes that better connect our town centres and redesigning some of our public areas we want to help families get about safely, cut down unnecessary traffic outside your home and work with businesses so that people want to spend time in our borough and get the most out of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

What's planned in Leytonstone Town Centre?

We have four town centre schemes in the Mini-Holland Programme, one of which is Leytonstone. These schemes will better connect Chingford, Highams Park, Leyton and Leytonstone through key walking and cycling routes, making areas of the borough easier to get to for people who want to walk and cycle for local journeys. The town centre schemes will also improve the look and feel of these four key areas whilst linking in with the four Village schemes in Walthamstow, making them more enjoyable places to spend time and money, boosting business for our local economy and giving our residents a sense of pride in their borough.

The Leytonstone Town Centre scheme area has over 8,000 addresses and lots of people currently walk and cycle through it to get to the High Road, Leytonstone Underground Station, Leytonstone High Road Rail Station, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Hollow Ponds. We're planning to make improvements so that if you choose to walk or cycle it's easier for you to get about. For example, we know that Grove Green Road is a key cycling route through Leytonstone, so we're planning to improve this by creating segregated areas, where possible, making it safer and easier for people who cycle and vehicles to share the road.

We're also planning to install blended 'Copenhagen' style crossings on a series of side streets, which extend the pavement across the road, meaning vehicles need to give way to pedestrians and people on cycles. We recognise that there is a place for cars in our borough, but want to make our roads safer by creating junctions that encourage drivers to slow down and take extra care at key points. We'll also be investing in new public spaces and improving how the area looks with plants and greenery, to encourage more people to spend their time and money in the area. The proposed design also includes a mix of road and traffic direction changes which are shown on the map inside.

What has happened so far?

In June 2015, we sent a survey to all 8,000 addresses in the scheme area to understand your concerns and aspirations and what you want to see in your local area. Over 340 people responded, providing over 440 individual comments, which we analysed and used to shape the next stage of the plans. The results of the survey can be found at www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-you-area/leytonstone-town-centre.

This feedback helped create an early design which was presented to over 60 residents who attended our co-design workshops in September and October 2015. During these workshops local residents and businesses told us their views of the proposed design to help us make sure this scheme fits everyone's needs. We have been speaking to key stakeholders (including the emergency services and schools) to make sure the design enables them to do their important work. We will continue to engage with these groups as the scheme progresses through to final design and completion. We have also used information about traffic movements and traffic survey data to design a scheme that benefits all road users. More information about this design is detailed in this leaflet and we are asking for your views on it.

Giving your views on the proposed design

We want everyone who lives and works in the local area to have their say on the scheme design and help shape the proposals. To help manage the consultation and feedback we receive, we are asking you to rate and comment on groups of proposals rather than individual measures, and to tell us what else you would like to see.

Please read each proposal listed in this leaflet carefully, and tell us your thoughts on each one by visiting <https://leytonstoneetc.commonplace.is> or in the accompanying questionnaire if you have requested a hardcopy leaflet. Depending on how much you write, we expect the survey to take no more than 10 minutes to complete. **Please provide your feedback by 31 January 2016.**

PROPOSED PLANS

1. Creating a safer environment

Results from our perception survey in June 2015 showed that 44 per cent of people who took part felt that some areas in Leytonstone Town Centre feel unsafe and 39 per cent would like safer crossing points. To address this, we want to make a number of road safety and junction improvements in the area, which will help you get about more easily and ensure that pedestrians are prioritised at crossings.

BLENDED 'COPENHAGEN' STYLE CROSSINGS

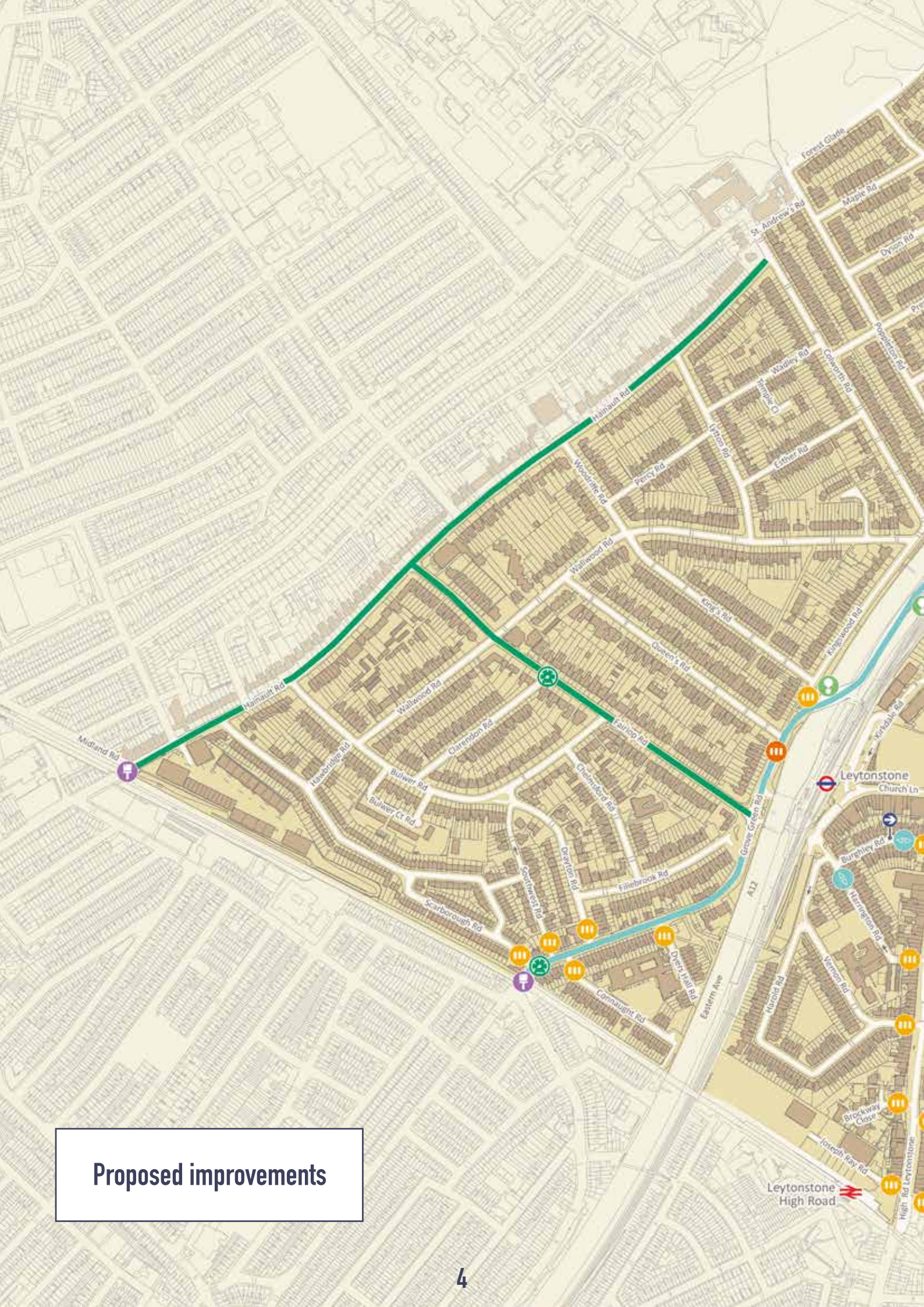
We're introducing a new style of crossing called blended 'Copenhagen' style crossings, which prioritise pedestrians at junctions. They are popular in Europe and extend the pavement across side streets at key junctions, giving pedestrians a continuous pavement rather than a traditional kerb that they need to wait at before crossing the side road. This encourages vehicles to slow down when entering or exiting the side road, ensuring that pedestrians or people on cycles have right of way, as per the Highway Code.

Blended 'Copenhagen' style crossings are proposed at the following junctions:

- Browning Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Mornington Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Aylmer Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Harvey Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Burghley Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Barclay Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Michael Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Harrington Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Lister Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Brockway Close with High Road Leytonstone
- Vernon Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Davies Lane with High Road Leytonstone
- Kingswood Road with Gainsborough Road
- Dyers Hall Road with Grove Green Road
- Drayton Road with Grove Green Road
- Connaught Road with Grove Green Road
- Southwest Road with Grove Green Road
- Scarborough Road with Grove Green Road
- Ferndale Road with High Road Leytonstone
- Joseph Ray Road with High Road Leytonstone.



BLENDED 'COPENHAGEN' CROSSING ON HOE STREET, E17.



Proposed improvements



-  Tree planting / Landscaping
-  Public art / Bridge improvement
-  Improved existing modal filter with planting
-  New modal filter with planting
-  Direction of modal filter
-  New Copenhagen crossing
-  New zebra crossing
-  Traffic calming
-  Traffic calming along route
-  Proposed two-way for cycles
-  New or improved cycle lane / route
-  Existing one-way
-  Proposed one-way
-  Proposed no entry for traffic




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ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

To make the area safer for all road users, we also want to improve crossing points and junctions and introduce elements which will slow down vehicles. The proposals and locations are shown below:

- New pedestrian and cycle crossing on Grove Green Road near Queens Road
- Raise and narrow the junction at Kingswood Road and Gainsborough Road to reduce traffic speeds and improve pedestrian access
- Introduce cycle friendly speed humps on Fairlop Road and Hainault Road
- Introduce a raised junction at Fairlop Road with Clarendon Road which includes extending the pavement and raising the surface of the road so that drivers are encouraged to slow down and this helps people cross the road more safely
- Introduce a raised junction where Scarborough Road meets Grove Green Road to reduce vehicle speeds and make this safer for all road users
- Work with Transport for London (TfL) to improve the phasing of the lights at the crossing on Bush Road to make it safer and easier to cross
- Improve the junction where Gainsborough Road meets the McDonald's entrance by raising the road to pavement level making the road easier to cross
- Work with TfL to improve the crossing on the High Road between Henry Reynolds Gardens and Tesco to make it safer and easier to cross
- Introduce cycle friendly speed humps in Harvey Road, on the bend of Mornington Road and the junction of Grove Road to reduce vehicle speeds. Also address the issues of people driving on the wrong side of the road bypassing traffic to turn down Harvey Road
- Make Burghley Road 'No Entry' to motorised vehicles only from High Road Leytonstone and one way from the junction with Harrington Road to High Road Leytonstone.

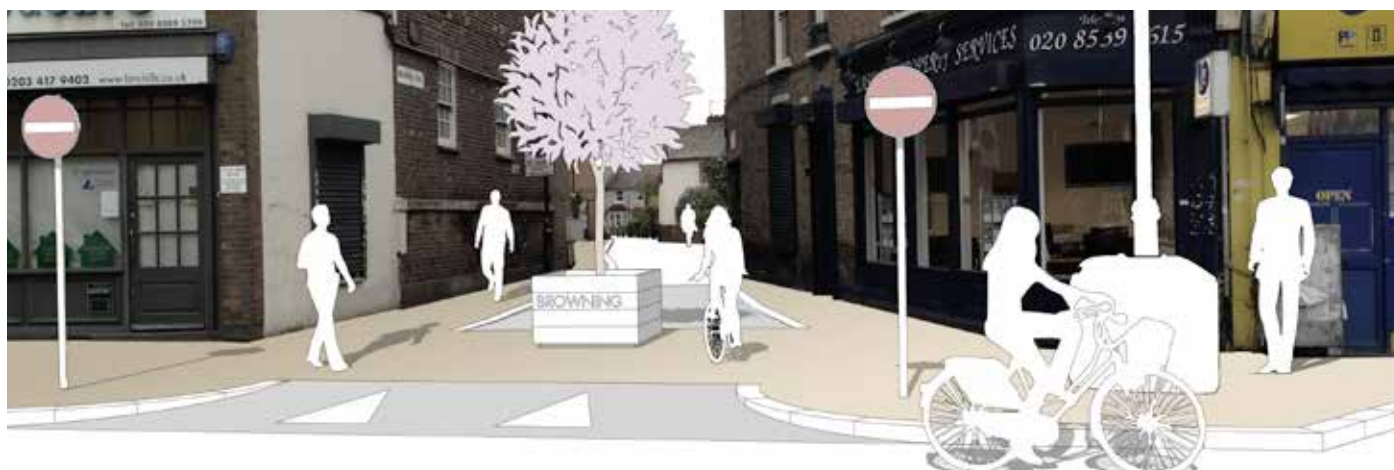
2. Changes to Browning Road

We are proposing to change the entry point to Browning Road from High Road Leytonstone by introducing a 'modal filter' at this point, which will only allow pedestrians and cycles to pass through. Modal filters usually include putting trees and bollards in place to stop vehicles from 'cutting-through', whilst helping people on foot and bike, particularly children and older people, to get about safely and easily. We want this change to reduce the amount of non-local traffic outside your home and to encourage people to use this street more freely. To enable this change and to help services and deliveries access the area, we will remove the existing 'No Entry' near the junction with Beacontree Road and make Browning Road two-way for its entire length. This will allow residents and service vehicles to access Browning Road via Bush Road.

BROWNING ROAD JUNCTION WITH HIGH ROAD LEYTONSTONE

We are also planning to create:

- A new pedestrian friendly public space with trees and greenery
- A new blended 'Copenhagen' style crossing to help people who walk and cycle get about along High Road Leytonstone
- Cycle parking to make it easier to get to and visit local businesses.



EXAMPLE OF A MODAL FILTER ON BROWNING ROAD

3. New and improved public spaces

Results from the perception surveys in June 2015 showed that 59 per cent of respondents said they would like to see more plants and trees in the area. This was also raised in the co-design workshops, so we have identified public spaces that we would like to develop with your help to enhance the look and feel of the area. The most popular proposals from this list will be taken forward, subject to available budget.

GAINSBOROUGH ROAD (BETWEEN TESCO AND THE BRIDGE OVER THE A12)

- Introduce new trees and shrubs that absorb pollution
- Help develop a community growing project.

GROVE GREEN ROAD

- Update the current road layout to create a new pedestrian and cycle lane which links with the local cycle network to help people cycling continue their onward journey
- Introduce public art to encourage people to use the road and reduce anti-social behaviour
- Introduce new pollution absorbing trees and plants.

HAINAULT ROAD NEAR THE JUNCTION WITH MIDLAND ROAD

- Introduce new public art under the railway bridge.

4. Cycle improvements

To help people make local journeys by bike, we are proposing to improve the existing local cycle network – the lanes and cycle paths we currently have. The plans are to create new cycle lanes and protected cycle lanes which are separated from traffic, new road signs, more cycle stands, as well as tying this all in with the wider Mini-Holland Programme so people can get from one town centre to another more easily.

Here's a breakdown of the plans:

GROVE GREEN ROAD

- Where possible, introduce segregated cycle lanes which create separate, designated space for cycling – making it safer and easier for cycles and vehicles to share the road
- Remove the centre line markings and narrow the junction to help reduce vehicle speeds
- Create new blended 'Copenhagen' style crossings at various locations to help people get about on foot and reduce traffic speeds
- Introduce a pedestrian and cycle crossing near Queens Road
- Improve the junction with Scarborough Road to reduce vehicle speeds and make this safer for all road users. This would include extending the pavement and raising the surface of the road so that drivers are encouraged to slow down.

HIGH ROAD LEYTONSTONE

- Introduce segregated cycle lanes between Church Lane and Gainsborough Road
- Introduce new cycle traffic lights outside the library to make the crossing safer for pedestrians crossing the road.

CYCLE SIGNAGE

Introduce improved signage on the streets listed below:

- Hainault Road
- Fairlop Road
- Grove Green Road
- High Road Leytonstone
- Mornington Road.

TWO-WAY CYCLING

Introduce two-way cycling on the streets listed below, which means the roads are still one-way for motorised vehicles, but cycles will be able to travel on them in both directions. This helps provide a direct and quiet cycle route whilst encouraging motorised vehicles to slow down.

- Barclay Road
- Browning Road
- Burghley Road
- Harrington Road
- Hartley Road
- Harvey Road
- Leybourne Road
- Leyspring Road
- Mornington Road.



Road sign showing one way road for motorised vehicles and two way for cycling.

5. Area up-keep

As part of this scheme we plan to address a number of maintenance issues in the area, subject to funding.

Work on the following will start in spring 2016:

- Remove all unused street signs to clear the area up and make it look more attractive
- Road resurfacing on Drayton Road and Mornington Road
- Improve the existing fire gates – the barriers that stop traffic passing through but can be opened by the emergency services as needed – at the following locations with new trees, plants, and better cycle and pedestrian access while making it easy for the emergency services to get through with lockable bollards:
 - Barclay Road junction with Mornington Road
 - Bushwood junction with Stanmore Road
 - Preston Road junction with Whipps Cross Road.

Take part in the consultation

We hope you like the proposals and can see how they will benefit Leytonstone Town Centre for everyone. It's important that you help us shape the improvements by telling us your views.

Please provide your feedback by 31 January 2016.

There are a number of ways for you to have your say:

- Online – visit <https://leytonstonetc.commonplace.is> to complete the questionnaire and provide comments online
- Request a hardcopy of the consultation document and questionnaire by emailing miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk or calling 020 8496 3000
- Come and talk to us and view the plans on:
 - **Tuesday 19 January 6pm to 9pm at**
The Hall, Leytonstone Library, 6 Church Lane, Leytonstone, E11 1HG
 - **Saturday 23 January 2pm to 5pm at**
The Hall, Leytonstone Library, 6 Church Lane, Leytonstone, E11 1HG.

What happens next?

All of the feedback received will be grouped, carefully analysed and used to shape the final design. Where there are elements of the scheme that are not well supported by residents and businesses, we will look at these again. Where it's possible to make changes based on your comments and suggestions we will, and where we can't we will explain why. A summary of the results and feedback will be sent to everyone who took part after the public consultation stage has ended. This will set out the results and how they have been used to help shape the final design. This will also be available on the website for everyone to see. Before we get to the design stage, Transport for London (TfL) will also need to approve the plans as the funders of the Mini-Holland Programme.

For more information on the Mini-Holland Programme visit www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk.