

# HILLTOP AREA PUBLIC CONSULTATION



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## **BACKGROUND**

### **The Enjoy Waltham Forest programme aims to improve the boroughs streets for everyone and make it a better place to live, work and travel around.**

In Autumn 2015 we carried out a public consultation with the local community regarding proposals for the Hoe Street and Wood Street Area scheme. The aim of the proposals were to:

- Reduce the volume, speed and impact of traffic using residential roads in the area
- Improve road safety for everyone
- Encourage more local trips on foot, by bike and by public transport
- Improve the appearance of the local environment

The majority of proposals were delivered, however in response to local feedback the council decided to defer the introduction of proposals in the Hilltop Area (the area bounded by Howard Road, Forest Road, Shernhall Street and Church Hill - shown on the map on the following page).

The original proposals were deferred until the design of the Bell Junction (Hoe Street/Forest Road junction) was completed and approved, and any changes required in the surrounding residential roads to support the new junction layout were fully understood. A link to the Hoe Street and Wood Street Area scheme update outlining this can be found at:

<https://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/work-in-your-area-hilltop-area/>

As part of any future works in the area the council also agreed to review the original proposals for the Hilltop Area and re-engage with local residents on any updated plans, taking into consideration the final design for The Bell junction. As part of this additional engagement, a workshop was conducted for the Hilltop Area, which took place in September 2019. A total of 45 people attended the workshop, which included a number of exercises to help understand local priorities and views towards potential solutions to local transport related concerns, as well as giving residents the opportunity to develop their own ideas for the area.

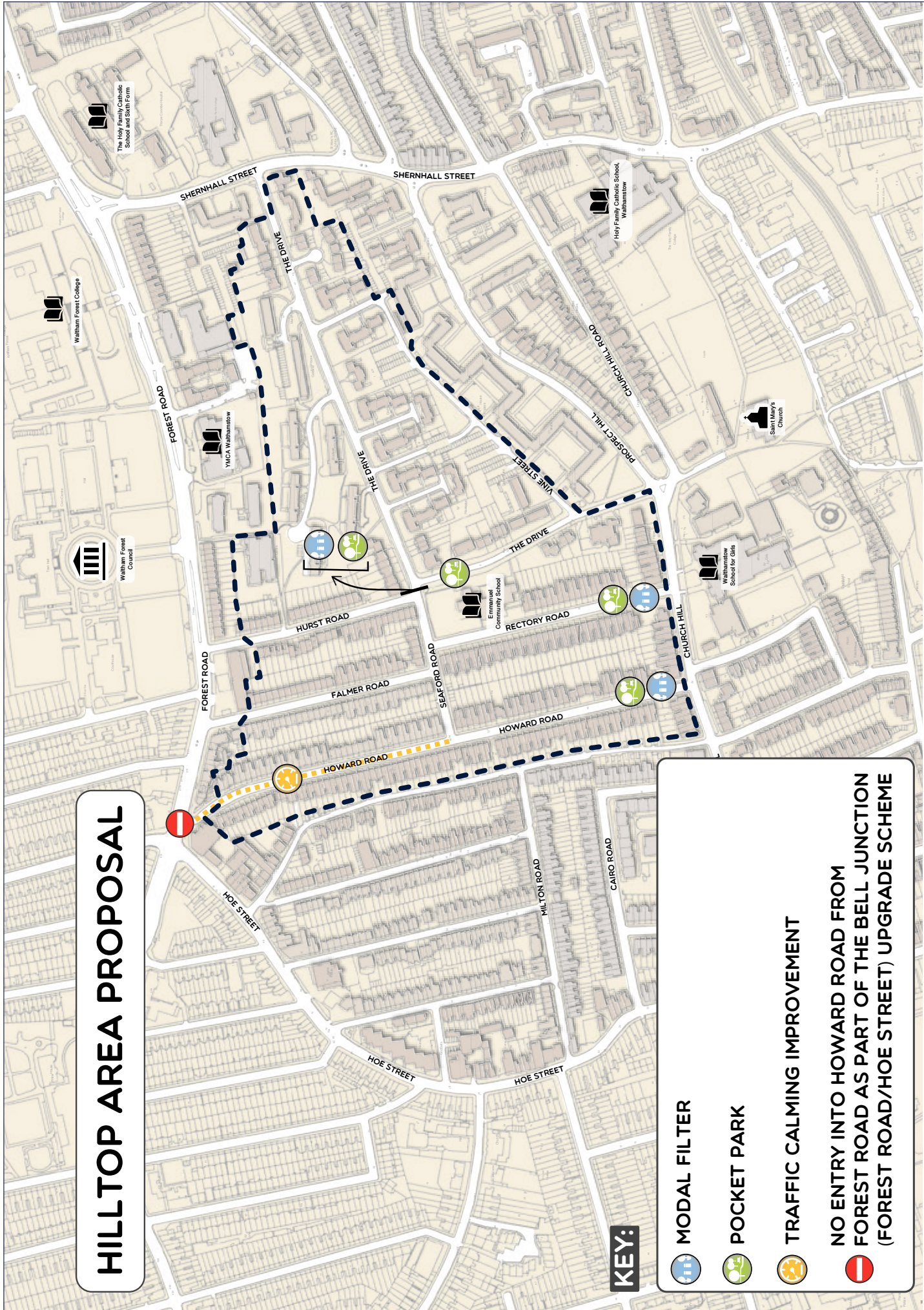
A report detailing the feedback received at the workshop, can be found at:

<https://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/work-in-your-area-hilltop-area/>





We have now progressed our plans for the Hilltop Area, taking into consideration feedback received from both the original consultation and the recent workshop. This leaflet provides details regarding the updated design and aims to obtain further feedback from local residents.

The Hilltop Area master plan and more detailed information on the specific measures being proposed can be found on the following pages.

# HILLTOP AREA PROPOSAL



## KEY:

-  MODAL FILTER
-  POCKET PARK
-  TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENT
-  NO ENTRY INTO HOWARD ROAD FROM FOREST ROAD AS PART OF THE BELL JUNCTION (FOREST ROAD/HOE STREET) UPGRADE SCHEME

# PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

## MODAL FILTERS

To reduce non-local traffic in the Hilltop Area, modal filters (road closures to motorised traffic) are proposed to be introduced with associated pocket parks at various locations.

The modal filters will discourage motorised vehicles aiming to cut through the area while retaining access for local vehicles, emergency services and council services. As part of these proposals various streets will need to become two-way, however, the modal filters will reduce the amount of traffic in the local area and help to reduce noise and air pollution.

Modal filters are proposed at the following locations:

- Howard Road - junction with Church Hill. This will require the removal of approximately two parking spaces.
- Rectory Road - junction with Church Hill. This will require the removal of approximately two parking spaces.
- Seaford Road - between Hurst Road and The Drive.



Modal filter example with public space improvements on The Drive

# PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

## PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS:

### POCKET PARKS, PUBLIC ART AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Pocket parks, public art, aesthetic and security improvement proposals will help create new and improved existing, public spaces. These improvements will encourage people to use more sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling and use public transport, which in turn will help reduce vehicle dominance, create a safer environment and improve air quality.

Public Realm improvements are proposed at the following locations:

- Howard Road - junction with Church Hill
- Rectory Road - junction with Church Hill
- Seaford Road - between Hurst Road and The Drive
- The Drive - outside Emmanuel Community School. This will require the removal of approximately two parking spaces.



Example of a proposed public realm improvement

## TRAFFIC CALMING

In recent years, as part of our commitment to reduce the number of traffic collisions and injuries on our roads, we have introduced 20mph speed limits in many of our residential areas. To support the 20mph speed limit already in place in this area we are proposing to upgrade the existing speed cushions to speed humps; as well as introducing new speed humps where there are significant gaps. The new speed humps are easier for people on bikes to use, while still helping to reduce vehicle speeds. The roads where we propose to replace or install new speed humps are:

- Howard Road - Seaford Road to Forest Road

# HILLTOP AREA QUESTIONNAIRE

Your opinions matter to us. Please complete, tear off the questionnaire and return to us by 2 March 2020 using the prepaid envelope provided (one per household).

## About you (tick all that apply)

I am a resident     Business     Visitor     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your home or business address to help us analyse who is responding to this questionnaire. Responses without a valid address and postcode may not be taken into consideration.

House number

Street

Postcode

Email

## How do you travel on your street and the surrounding streets? (tick all that apply)

Walk     Cycle     Public transport     Drive     Other \_\_\_\_\_

## MODAL FILTERS + ASSOCIATED MEASURES

### Question 1a

#### How do you feel about the proposals listed below for Howard Road?

- Modal Filter - Howard Road - junction with Church Hill. This will require the removal of approximately two parking spaces.
- Public Realm improvements - Howard Road - junction with Church Hill

(Please circle one)

0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10

Negative

Neutral

Positive

### Question 1b

#### Why do you feel like this? (Tick all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area will be made safer to all road users  | <input type="checkbox"/> Area will not be made safer for all road users   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General environment will be improved       | <input type="checkbox"/> General environment will not be improved         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It will encourage more walking and cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> It will not encourage more walking or cycling    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of local community will be improved  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of local community will not be improved    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It will be easier to get around the area   | <input type="checkbox"/> It will be more difficult to get around the area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The area will be more attractive           | <input type="checkbox"/> The area will be less attractive                 |

**Question 2a****How do you feel about the proposals listed below for Rectory Road?**

- Modal Filter - Rectory Road - junction with Church Hill. This will require the removal of approximately two parking spaces.
- Public Realm improvements - Rectory Road - junction with Church Hill

(Please circle one)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Negative

Neutral

Positive

**Question 2b****Why do you feel like this?** (Tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Area will be made safer to all road users  | <input type="checkbox"/> Area will not be made safer for all road users   |
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**Question 3a****How do you feel about the proposals listed below for Seaford Road and The Drive?**

- Modal Filter - Seaford Road - between Hurst Road and The Drive
- Public Realm improvements - Seaford Road - on Hurst Road, Seaford Road and The Drive

(Please circle one)

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Negative

Neutral

Positive

**Question 3b****Why do you feel like this?** (Tick all that apply)

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**PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS: POCKET PARKS, PUBLIC ART AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS****Question 4a****How do you feel about the proposals listed below for The Drive?**

- Public Realm improvements - The Drive - outside Emmanuel Community School. This will require the removal of approximately two parking spaces.

(Please circle one)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Negative

Neutral

Positive

**Question 4b****Why do you feel like this?** (Tick all that apply)

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**TRAFFIC CALMING****Question 5a****How do you feel about the proposals listed below for Howard Road?**

- New speed humps - Howard Road - Seaford Road to Forest Road

(Please circle one)

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Negative

Neutral

Positive

**Question 5b****Why do you feel like this?** (Tick all that apply)

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**GET INVOLVED**

We want those who live or work in the area to have their say on the scheme to help shape the final improvements, which is why we are delivering this document and attached questionnaire to every property within the boundary shown on the proposals plan.

Please fill in the attached questionnaire, remove the perforated edge, seal it and return it via the self-addressed envelope to the council before the closing date of **2 March 2020**.

Only one response per household or business will be accepted. If you would like to discuss the proposals, we are also holding a drop-in session on:

**19 February from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at:**

**Walthamstow School for Girls**  
**Church Hill**  
**Walthamstow**  
**London E17 9RZ**

Please note that there is very limited parking at the school.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

All responses received will be analysed and will help influence the final scheme that is taken forward to implementation.

Once the consultation process has been completed, we will update the consulted residents with a summary of the consultation feedback and what proposals we intend to take forward. Where appropriate we may make changes based upon suggestions and comments, and if changes are not possible, we will explain why.

For further information about the Enjoy Waltham Forest programme please visit:

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