

**Neighbourhood and Commercial**  
**Strategic Director:** Michele Moloney

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Dear Resident or Business owner,

**RE: Leyton Town Centre scheme**

The Leyton Town Centre scheme aims to make roads safer and easier to navigate for all road users. It includes the area bordered by Grove Green Road, High Road Leyton, Windsor Road, Oliver Road, Church Road, Lea Bridge Road and the Gospel Oak to Barking railway line. It is one of four town centre schemes (Leyton, Leytonstone, Chingford and Highams Park) which will better connect areas within the borough, making it easier for people who choose to walk and cycle for local journeys.

In January 2016, we carried out a public consultation with the local community on our plans for the Leyton Town Centre scheme. Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation and provided feedback on the proposals. A full consultation summary can be viewed at:

[www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/leyton-town-centre](http://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/leyton-town-centre) and here is a summary of the results:

- In total 334 people responded to the consultation providing 828 individual comments
- Overall 52 per cent of respondents were supportive of the proposals, 34 per cent were neutral and 14 per cent were not supportive of the proposals.

**The final scheme**

Your feedback has been valuable in helping us finalise some of the proposals we consulted on, as well as raising key areas where changes can be made and more work needs to be done to refine things. Whilst we continue to refine proposals, we have started constructing those proposals that have been finalised first, as outlined below and overleaf.

We will continue to develop our plans for the proposals not yet finalised based on the feedback received. Where necessary we will carry out additional engagement activities with residents and businesses in the direct vicinity of the plans to ensure the final design meets the needs of the local community. We will write to you again when we have more information on the remaining proposals.

Outlined below and overleaf are the plans we will now be progressing to improve road safety, the appearance of the area, and make Leyton Town centre, easier and safer to walk and cycle:

**Vicarage Road**

We are planning to improve Vicarage Road outside the local shops (at the junction with Park Road) by removing the mini-roundabout and making the junction a give-way instead, installing a 'Copenhagen' crossing (these are designed to slow down vehicles when entering or exiting side roads and encourage vehicles to give way to pedestrians crossing the road, re-enforcing the Highway Code), new pavement surfacing, street lighting, more trees, plants, and new street furniture.

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## Langthorne Road

We are planning to go ahead with the following changes to the road layout of Langthorne Road between Grove Green Road and Trelawn Road:

- Introduce a modal filter on Langthorne Road to reduce the number of vehicles in this section of the road and to help provide a safer cycling connection to the walking and cycling bridge over the A12 and Grove Green Road. A modal filter is a road closure that will discourage non local traffic from 'cutting through' residential streets whilst allowing people who walk and cycle to get about safely and easily. Access for other vehicles such as emergency services, deliveries and bin collections will be maintained; and residents will still have access and parking on their street. This will also help people on foot, particularly children and older people to get about safely and easily
- Create a new pedestrian and cycle crossing over Grove Green Road to help people access the walking and cycling bridge over the A12 and nearby station safely
- Remove approximately five parking spaces to make space for the cycle lane that is being created
- Improve the area with plants, trees, benches and cycle stands.

## Richmond Road

We are also planning to go ahead with the following changes to the road layout of Richmond Road at the junction with Grove Green Road:

- Install a modal filter (see definition above) on Richmond Road at the junction with Grove Green Road. This will reduce the amount of non-local traffic outside people's homes along Richmond Road, as they will no longer be able to use it as a cut-through
- Improve the existing green space on Grove Green Road opposite Richmond Road with new plants and trees to help make the area more attractive
- Increase the pavement space outside the pub and shops, adding trees and seating
- Increase the amount of cycle parking stands.

## Hampton Road

- To assist traffic flow, when the modal filter (see definition above) in Richmond Road is installed, Hampton Road will be made one-way eastbound.

## Rhodesia Road

- To assist traffic flow when the modal filter (see definition above) in Richmond is installed, Rhodesia Road will be made one way westbound.

## Construction programme

Construction on this second phase of the Leyton Town Centre scheme will start in early January 2017 and will take around three months to complete. Residents and businesses directly affected by the works will receive a letter with more information when work is due to take place and our contractors will be working to keep disruption to a minimum.

If you have any questions relating to the scheme or if you would like more information on the improvements taking place across the borough visit [www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk](http://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk), email [enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk) or call 020 8496 3000.

Best wishes,



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