

Neighbourhood and Commercial

Strategic Director: Michele Moloney

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Dear Resident/ business owner,

RE: Leyton Town Centre scheme

Our 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 rail line, and 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 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. As a result of this, we will start constructing the proposals that have been finalised first, as outlined below and overleaf.

We will continue to tweak 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 directly affected by 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 progress with first:

Manor Road/ Capworth Street/ Park Road area

We are planning to go ahead with the following changes in this area to improve road safety and create a quiet cycling and walking route that complements the recently finished Church Road scheme. This route will form part of the Leyton to Blackhorse walking and cycling route:

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- Introduce a new zebra crossing outside Riverley Primary School on Park Road to provide a safe place for people to cross the road
- Improve the existing modal filter (road closure) on Manor Road at the junction with Park Road with new road surfacing, landscaping and road signs
- Raise the road to pavement level at the Manor Road and Capworth Street junction, and improve the layout to make it safer for people crossing by encouraging vehicles to slow down before turning
- Introduce more trees at the locations above where possible.

Francis Road/ Twickenham Road/ Richmond Road area

We are planning to go ahead with the following changes in this area to improve road safety, improve the appearance of the area, and make it easier and safer to walk and cycle:

- Introduce a new combined pedestrian and cycle zebra crossing on Francis Road by St Marys Road and Twickenham Road to provide a safe crossing point for people who walk and cycle at this location
- Improve the existing modal filter (road closure) on Twickenham Road by Francis Road, including new trees and plants
- Create a new, small public space with trees, plants and cycle parking at the junction of Richmond Road with Elm Road
- Widen the pavement in Twickenham Road outside Newport School and install new cycle stands to park bikes, new trees and raise the road to pavement level in order to slow down traffic at this location.

Construction programme

Construction on the first phase of the Leyton Town Centre scheme will start in early October and should take around two 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, email enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 020 8496 3000.

Best wishes



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