## LESLIE ROAD AND MILLAIS ROAD JUNCTION LEYTON — LEA BRIDGE ROUTE



We are writing to you to let you know about the improvements we are planning for Leslie Road and Millais Road.





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## What's planned for Leslie Road and Millais Road?

The Leslie Road and Millais Road junction forms part of one of the Leyton to Lea Bridge walking and cycling routes, developed as part of the Enjoy Waltham Forest programme to better connect destinations in the south of the borough to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (QEOP) and London Borough of Newham. The aim of these routes are to fill key gaps in the boroughs walking and cycling network so that there are safe, continuous, high quality walking and cycling connections linking the improvements that have already taken place in Leyton, Leytonstone and Lea Bridge Road, with QEOP and Stratford.

One route connects Lea Bridge Road with QEOP via Orient Way and Temple Mills Lane. Construction works are already underway on this route with new cycling and walking facilities being introduced in Temple Mills Lane and Ruckholt Road.

The other route connects London Borough of Newham with Lea Bridge Road via High Road Leyton, Leslie Road, Millais Road, Langthorne Bridge, Grove Green Road and the Enjoy Waltham Forest Leyton Town Centre area. A map showing the overall alignment of this route is on the drawing on the last page.

We have identified a number of improvements that need to take place along the route to address key issues and barriers and ensure it is as safe, accessible and continuous as possible. These include a mixture of junction improvements, sections of segregated cycle track, new crossings and public space improvements. As improvements are only being planned at a number of specific locations along the route we are engaging locally with affected residents and businesses closest to each of the proposals rather than on the route as a whole. This ensures that we are getting any feedback from those who are most directly affected by each of the proposals.

As part of the route we have identified a number of improvements for Leslie Road and Millais Road junction. **A plan of the proposed changes at this location is shown overleaf.** As part of the scheme we will be making the following changes:

- Narrowing the junction (to reduce the speed of cars, making the junction safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use)
- Raising the level of the junction on Leslie Road, where it meets Millais Road (to reduce the speed of cars, in turn making the crossing safer for pedestrians and cyclists)
- A planted area at the junction to provide a green buffer that separates vehicles from pedestrians and cyclists. This will consist of low levels plants and trees and will help to improve air quality and the aesthetics of the junction
- A new one-way cycle track (as shown on drawing overleaf).

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Council will be advertising the necessary Traffic Management Order (TMO) changes and publicising these in Waltham Forest Guardian, London Gazette and notices on-street in accordance with legal requirements. This is a statutory consultation which will last for 21 days, starting from 28 November.

Subject to the outcome of the TMO consultation process, the works set out in this letter could take place from winter 2019 to spring 2020. A further update will be provided in advance of the works providing the expected duration.

We are currently finalising the planted area design, which will utilise species suitable for Suitable Drainage Systems (SuDS), and also species based on the feedback received from local residents. If you would like to be involved in planting and ongoing maintenance of the new green space, please email us at: **enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk** 

Should you have any comments please email us at enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk

Kind Regards

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## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS LESLIE ROAD AND MILLAIS ROAD



