

## BOUNDARY ROAD — CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

There are a significant number of east-west journeys in the Markhouse Area, which is why Boundary Road has been identified as a key site for road improvements. We are proposing a range of improvements, which will help encourage more pedestrians and cyclists to use the street such as:

- Improving pedestrian crossing points
- Replacing speed cushions with new cycle friendly speed humps
- Removal of vehicle priority infrastructure
- Decluttering signs and street furniture
- Installing new landscaping and trees
- New seating.

## ALLEYWAY IMPROVEMENTS

A number of alleyways in the Markhouse Area have been highlighted as needing maintenance and improvement. As part of these improvements, we may widen the footpaths, add more greenery, improve street lighting and install feature lighting or possible public art installations that could be developed in conjunction with the local community, subject to budget constraints. The alleyways could also become a shared space with cyclists.

Below are all of the locations which could benefit from alleyway improvements. We will prioritise the locations which receive the most support during the consultation. These proposals are also shown on the map on pages 4 and 5:

- Selbourne Road to Gosport Road
- South Grove to Hove Avenue
- Queen's Road to Longfellow Road
- Camden Road to Ringwood Road
- Lily Road to Shrubland Road



Illustration of environment improvements outside St Barnabas Church

## GET INVOLVED

We want everyone who lives or works in the area to have their say on the proposals to help shape the final improvements.

To help manage the feedback we receive, we are asking people to comment on each Series of improvements proposed. This will allow us to shape and develop a scheme that best suits the local community.

There are a number of ways you can participate in the consultation.

You can submit your views online through the consultation website Commonplace by visiting: <https://markhousearea.commonplace.is/>

You can fill in the questionnaire which has been included with this leaflet and return it to the council before the closing date of Sunday 30 September 2018. Please note photocopied versions of the questionnaire may not be accepted.

We are also holding three informal drop-in sessions where you can come and talk to us about the plans. Join us at any of the drop-in sessions shown below:

**Tuesday 18 September** – 12pm to 3pm – **Mission Grove Primary School**  
**Buxton Road, London, E17 7EJ**

**Thursday 20 September** – 5pm to 8pm – **Queen's Road Community Centre**  
**215 Queens Road, E17 8PJ**

**Saturday 22 September** – 10am to 1pm – **Thomas Gamuel Primary School**  
**Colchester Road, E17 8LG**

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

All of the responses received will be carefully analysed and will influence the final design.

Elements of the scheme that are not well supported by respondents may be reconsidered if possible. We will make changes based upon suggestions and comments where feasible; and if changes are not possible, we will explain why.

Once the consultation process has been completed we will update the local community with a summary of the consultation feedback and further details about what will be delivered as part of the Markhouse Area scheme.

### Further Information

For more information about the Enjoy Waltham Forest programme visit:  
[www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk](http://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk)

# MARKHOUSE AREA IMPROVEMENTS

We are proposing a series of improvements in the Markhouse Area which aim to make it a safer, more accessible and healthier place for residents, businesses and visitors.



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The Enjoy Waltham Forest programme is about making our streets work for everyone, and our borough a better place to live, work and travel around. The Markhouse Area is one of the residential areas we are investing in and it is the final residential scheme identified in our original funding bid to Transport for London. The Markhouse Area scheme aims to build on the changes already introduced in some of the neighbouring areas, including Walthamstow Village, Hoe Street-Wood Street Area and Leyton Town Centre, and will complement the improvements currently taking place along Lea Bridge Road and at Walthamstow Central.

The Markhouse Area scheme is framed by Hoe Street, Selbourne Road, Markhouse Road and Lea Bridge Road. The area consists of almost 5,000 households and businesses, and includes six schools, a children's centre and learning centre, which are attended by more than 4,500 pupils.

A key feature of the scheme involves returning the streets to local people by discouraging non-local traffic from cutting through the area, making the streets safer, quieter and more enjoyable for everyone. The scheme will help create a better environment for walking and cycling, will support the local economy by making the shopping experience more pleasant and aims to improve the overall look and feel of the area with more greenery and planting, which the community can take pride and ownership of.

## THE MARKHOUSE AREA SCHEME AIMS TO:

- Reduce the amount of non-local traffic
- Improve the look, feel and safety of the streets for all
- Improve routes to and from local schools, shops and places of interest
- Encourage people to use sustainable, active and healthy modes of transport.

## THE PROCESS SO FAR

We understand that changes to an area are important to those who live, work and visit regularly, which is why we have been discussing these plans since 2015. In late 2015 we undertook a perception survey within the Markhouse Area to help us understand how local people felt about their area and what they wanted to see improved. More than 600 people took part, providing more than 1,000 individual comments, which we analysed and used to develop our proposals. You can find the results of the survey here: <https://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/markhouse-village/told-us-markhouse-village/>

Almost all of the respondents said they walked (96 per cent) around the area, and more than half said they use public transport, bike, or car, to travel around. They also told us they would like to see less traffic, more plants and trees, better pavements and more attractive streets.

We used the feedback from the perception survey, alongside a range of other information such as vehicle numbers and speeds, road traffic collisions and comments from local residents and councillors to develop our initial concept plans. In June 2018, we held three co-design workshops, where local people were given the opportunity to provide us with their ideas and comments on the concepts. Over 180 people attended the workshops and provided their feedback.

We have also been seeking the views of key services and stakeholders in the area including the emergency services, schools, religious and community groups. We understand these groups play an important role within the community and we have also taken on board their views to help develop a scheme that improves the area. We will continue to engage with these groups throughout the project.

## WHAT NOW?

We have used the feedback from the workshops and key stakeholders to further develop and refine a range of proposed improvements, which we are now consulting local people on. The proposals combine a mixture of timed and permanent road closures, traffic direction changes, safety improvements and environment enhancements.

The key elements of the proposal are shown on the map on pages 4 and 5. To ensure the proposed improvements are effective, some of them have been combined into Series of proposals. This is because the proposed improvements in each Series are reliant on each other to be effective and need to be delivered together.

## TIMED CLOSURES

To help reduce the amount of non-local traffic passing through the area, timed closures are proposed on Queen's Road and Boundary Road. The timed closures aim to improve road safety in the area for the local community, particularly vulnerable road users such as children, as well as pedestrians and cyclists. We are proposing two timed-closure options:

- 8am-10am and 3pm-6pm, or
- 8am to 6pm

The timed closures will be supported by traffic-flow direction changes on the road to ensure vehicle movement is effectively managed. This group of proposals in the consultation has been named Series 1.

If a timed closure is installed, access for the emergency services, refuse collection and deliveries will be maintained; and residents will still have access to their street. The timed closures options and traffic direction changes are listed below and marked on the map on pages 4 and 5:

## Series 1

- Queen's Road - Timed Closure (either 8am-10am and 3pm-6pm, or 8am to 6pm)
- Queen's Road - One-Way eastbound (Chelmsford Road to Somerset Road)
- Boundary Road - Timed Closure (either 8am-10am and 3pm-6pm, or 8am to 6pm)
- Boundary Road - One-Way westbound (St Barnabas Road to Chelmsford Road)

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND MODAL FILTERS (ROAD CLOSURES)

Proposals to change the direction of traffic on certain roads along with additional modal filters (road closures) will support the timed closures in Queen's Road and Boundary Road by ensuring the adjacent streets do not receive displaced non-local traffic.

This will help to reduce traffic volume in the area and reduce air and noise pollution in these residential streets. Modal filters may include new street furniture, trees and planters that could be adopted and maintained by the local community.

To be effective, these proposals have been grouped into various Series, as the individual changes are reliant on one another to be effective and need to be delivered together. These are shown on the map on pages 4 and 5.



Illustration of proposed Queen's Road improvements

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



## Series 2

- Albert Road (eastern end) - Modal Filter
- Connaught Road - One-Way south (Albert Road to Queen's Road)
- Edinburgh Road - Two-Way (Queen's Road to Albert Road)
- Edinburgh Road (junction with Queen's Road) - Modal Filter
- Helena Road - Two-Way (Queen's Road to Albert Road)
- Lorne Road - One-Way north (Queen's Road to Albert Road)
- Shrubland Road (east of rail bridge) - Modal Filter

## Series 3

- Gosport Road - Two-Way
- Gosport Road (southern end) - Modal Filter

## Series 4

- Belgrave Road - Two-Way (Queen's Road to Rutland Road)
- Belgrave Road (junction with Rutland Road) - Modal Filter
- Chelmsford Road - One-Way south (Collingwood Road to Boundary Road)
- Collingwood Road (middle) - Modal Filter
- Rutland Road (junction with Somerset Road) - Modal Filter
- Somerset Road - Two-Way (Queen's Road to Rutland Road)
- St Barnabas Road - One-Way north (Boundary Road to Collingwood Road)

## Series 5

- Boundary Avenue (middle) - Modal Filter
- Bowdon Road (junction with Westmoreland Road) - Modal Filter
- Farmilo Road (junction with Markhouse Road) - Modal Filter
- Farmilo Road (junction with Westmoreland Road) - Modal Filter
- Russell Road (northern end) - Modal Filter
- Russell Road - Two-Way (Lily Road to Amberley Road)



Illustration of a proposed modal filter at Farmilo Road

## ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENTS

We are proposing to improve the environment on Queen's Road, Boundary Road, Ringwood Road and Rutland Road. We are proposing to create community spaces, which may include better surface materials, wider footways, a revised parking layout, decluttering street signs and furniture, new seating areas, feature lighting, new trees and landscaping that can be adopted and maintained by the local community - subject to available budget.



Illustration of proposed improvements for Boundary Road

In addition we propose to make improvements at the bridges on Queen's Road and Boundary Road. This may include cleaning the bridges and the installation of feature lighting and public art, which could be developed in conjunction with the local community.

Below are all of the locations which could benefit from these improvements. We will prioritise the locations which receive the most support during this consultation. These proposals are also shown on the map on pages 4 and 5:

- Boundary Road (Chelmsford Road to St Barnabas Road) - Environment improvements
- Queen's Road (Edinburgh Road to the railway bridge) - Environment improvements
- Ringwood Road (junction with Tennyson Road) - Environment improvements
- Rutland Road (St Barnabas Road to Wellesley Road) - Environment improvements
- Boundary Road - Bridge - Improved lighting and/or public art
- Queens Road - Bridge - Improved lighting and/or public art

## TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS

To make the area safer and help reduce vehicle speeds, we propose to remove and upgrade some existing speed cushions to cycle-friendly speed humps. This will reduce vehicle speed in the area and assist in creating a safer environment. While we would like to replace all traffic calming in the area this is not possible within the current budget, therefore streets that will receive funding have been prioritised based on recent speed surveys and feedback from the community workshops. All proposed locations for traffic calming improvements are listed below and shown on the map on pages 4 and 5.

- Chelmsford Road
- Farmilo Road
- Lansdowne Road
- St Barnabas Road