

Low Hall Depot, Argall Avenue, Leyton, London E10 7AS

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Dear Resident/ business,

Markhouse Road E17: Boundary Road to Lea Bridge Road

We are writing to you to let you know about the improvements we will be introducing along Markhouse Road in the coming months.

What's planned for Markhouse Road?

Markhouse Road forms part of the Leyton to Blackhorse Road walking and cycling route, originally developed as part of the Enjoy Waltham Forest programme, to connect Forest Road and Blackhorse Station with High Road Leyton.

Running from St James Street to Lea Bridge Road, this part of the route is heavily used by all modes of transport every day. We are now looking to connect to the already successful schemes delivered in Markhouse Road (Between South Grove and Boundary Road) and Lea Bridge Road, to make travelling through the area by bike and on foot even easier and safer.

As part of the scheme we will be extending the existing segregated cycling and walking facilities from Boundary Road down to the junction with Lea Bridge Road, improving bus stop facilities and upgrading the existing pedestrian crossing to a "Toucan" crossing, which can accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians. Please see map of changes overleaf.

We're also planning to put blended 'Copenhagen' crossings on several side streets and upgrade existing blended crossings, which extend the pavement across the road giving pedestrians priority over motor vehicles at these junctions, helping to enforce the Highway Code.

As a part of this scheme we will also introduce measures to improve traffic flows such as re-siting existing bus stops away from the junction with Lea Bridge Road to ensure that vehicles can safely pass stationary buses and continue their journey. To relocate the existing bus stops away from the Lea Bridge Road junction we will also be moving the existing signal crossing outside No. 321 Markhouse Road to a new location outside No. 330 Markhouse Road.

Where possible the Council will create new attractive public spaces with more trees, making the area a more enjoyable place that people will want to use.

What happens next?

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

Subject to the outcome of the TMO consultation process, the works set out in this letter could take place from late August 2019 and last approximately five months. A further update will be provided in early August confirming these works and the expected duration.

Yours faithfully

Vala Valavan
Director of Highways and Traffic Management

