Quietway 2:
Bloomsbury to Walthamstow (Section of Coppermill Lane)

The proposals

• Replacement of existing traffic calming – Existing speed cushions will be replaced with sinusoidal speed humps. Sinusoidal humps are more comfortable for cyclists, and vehicles do not swerve to line up with them. All speed cushions on Coppermill Lane, Haroldstone Road and Hazelwood Road will be replaced with humps at the locations shown on the plan.

• Road resurfacing – Road resurfacing will be carried out on parts of Coppermill Lane, highlighted on the plan, to improve cycling conditions.

• A new raised zebra crossing – A new raised zebra crossing is proposed outside Coppermill play area by the school. This will replace the existing road narrowing and provide a safer crossing point for pedestrians. The existing give-way sign will be removed making this safer for cyclists and pedestrians. The kerb line and pavement will also be made bigger to improve visibility for all road users. This proposal is shown on the diagram.

• Changes to loading and parking arrangements – Some short term parking bays will need to be relocated to Cassiobury Road to make way for the new zebra crossing. This will also provide space for larger pavement areas for improved public space and cycle parking to be installed outside local shops and other local places of interest.

• A 24 hour rural clearway – A rural clearway restricts parking without the need for double yellow line markings; this will allow the western end of Coppermill Lane to retain its rural character. The clearway will prohibit vehicles from parking in the carriageway, from the flood relief channel to the western end of Coppermill Lane. This will deter visitors from parking around the new Wetlands entrance ensuring ease of access for all and will keep the carriageway in Coppermill Lane clear for the safety of all road users, including the increased number of people walking and cycling. Access to the Lea Valley car park will remain unchanged.

• A speed table – A speed table is like a road hump but with a longer raised surface. The speed table at the new entrance to the Wetlands will allow vehicles and enhance the area where increased walking and cycling is expected, providing a safer environment for all.

TfL are looking at the possibility of twinning the road under the railway bridge at the end of Coppermill Lane to increase the height clearance and improve the route for cyclists. TfL are due to make a decision on this at a later date.

• Walthamstow Wetlands – This Council is currently working to transform an area owned by Thames Water to become known as the Walthamstow Wetlands, Europe’s largest urban wetland nature reserve. One of the new entrances to the Wetlands for people who walk and cycle will be at Coppermill Lane. Visitors to the Wetlands will be encouraged to use the new Quietway route with Coppermill.

We want to hear your views

We hope you like the proposals outlined. We want to hear your thoughts on these planned improvements to ensure the changes meet the needs of the local community.

To provide us with your feedback please complete the questionnaire, tear off, fold and post to the freepost address. The feedback you provide will help inform the final scheme.

Any further questions?

Come and discuss the scheme with us and view the plans on Tuesday 14 July between 4pm and 8pm at The Mill, 7-11 Coppermill Lane, Walthamstow, London E17 7HA.

If you have any specific questions and cannot attend the above drop-in session, please email traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk or for more information about this proposal visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/traffic-schemes

What happens next?

All of the feedback we receive will be analysed and considered carefully. Where possible we will use your suggestions to help improve and shape our plans further. We will contact you again to inform you of the final plans along with when we will be making the changes.

Consultation is being carried out on the next section of the route to Walthamstow Central later this year. This scheme coincides with the Council’s Mini-Holland Programme which aims to increase the number of people who walk and cycle, particularly for local journeys. If you would like to find out more about the Mini-Holland Programme visit www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk
As part of the Mayor of London’s vision for cycling, Waltham Forest Council has been awarded funding from Transport for London (TfL) to deliver a section of the London Quietway Cycling Scheme two that runs from Bloomsbury to Walthamstow.

Quietways will be a network of cycle routes running throughout London that link key destinations following quieter routes such as backstreet routes, through parks, along waterways or tree-lined streets. Quietway route 2 will be one of the first Quietways to be introduced in London and will run from Bloomsbury to Walthamstow through Russell Square, Angel, London Fields, Hackney Central, Lea Bridge Road along Coppermill Lane ending at Walthamstow Central. The routes are designed to overcome barriers to cycling, targeting people who want to cycle but are put off by traffic conditions, less confident cyclists who prefer low-traffic routes and those who prefer to travel at a more gentle pace.

We are asking for views on Section 1 of the route running through Coppermill Lane. We will then ask for comments on Section 2 which runs to Walthamstow Central later this year.

A plan of the Quietway 2 route can be found at www.tfl.gov.uk

The Quietway proposals

The first section of the route in Walthamstow runs along Coppermill Lane, a route already well used by cyclists which provides good links through the new Wetlands area to Hackney and beyond. The proposed improvements to the route aim to improve the conditions of the road to encourage more people who walk and cycle to use and enjoy the route.

In addition, Waltham Forest Council has been awarded £27 million by Transport for London for the Mini-Holland Programme. This three year funded programme will allow us to make significant improvements to the borough’s walking and cycling infrastructure bringing a wealth of benefits and encouraging more people to walk and cycle.

The Quietways will benefit from Mini-Holland design principles to improve the roads as well as walking and cycling provision. Details of the proposals can be found on the next page.

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Questionnaire

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Please complete the survey (one per household) and respond by 31 July 2015. Your opinions matter to us and will help to inform the final proposals for the design of Coppermill Lane.

Name (optional)

Address and postcode (essential)

Please include your address and postcode so that we can look at the responses and ensure we have spoken to households and businesses in the area. This information will be used for no other purposes.

Postcode

1) Are you responding to the consultation as….? (Please select one answer which most closely applies).

Local resident

Local business owner

Voluntary organisation/group

Other (please state):

2) Which of the following describes how you travel in the local area? (select all that apply)

Walk

Cycle

Public transport

Car

Other (please state):

3) How supportive are you of the proposed measures outlined?

Very supportive

Quite supportive

Neutral

Not very supportive

Not supportive at all

Don’t know – please explain your answer:

4) Please provide any additional comments you may have in relation to the proposals set out in this document. (If you need extra space, please attach any additional sheets to this form)

If you would like to be kept up to date with the Mini-Holland Programme please provide us with the following details and we will add you to our mailing list.

Name

Email

Thank you for taking part. Please tear off this page, fold it and post it with any additional sheets attached to the freepost address by 31 July 2015.