

Neighbourhood and Commercial

Strategic Director: Michele Moloney

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Dear Resident/ Business owner,

RE: Leyton Town Centre scheme update – Upcoming traffic changes

We are writing to update you on the Francis Road improvement works and the upcoming traffic changes in your area as part of the Leyton Town Centre area scheme. We wrote to you in September detailing the one way traffic changes on Francis Road which were introduced on 30 September 2017, and as promised, we are writing to let you know further traffic changes will soon be introduced in the area.

As communicated in our previous letters, the Leyton Town Centre area improvement works are being rolled out in phases to reduce the initial impact on the local road network. Further details of these improvements are available online at www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/leyton-town-centre/

If you have travelled along Francis Road recently, you may have noticed the public realm improvement works taking place. The works are on schedule and the footway and forecourt paving work is nearly complete. We are currently planting trees and installing street furniture outside the shops. We will soon be able to remove some of the construction barriers outside the shops, and really open up the space for people to enjoy.

To complete the final stages of the improvements on Francis Road, the following traffic changes are required:

- Temporary Francis Road junction closures
 - o Closure of Francis Road junction with Claude Road, and Francis Road junction with Albert Road from **Monday 20 November for three days**.
 - o Residential access on Claude and Albert Roads will be maintained via Morley, Norlington and Newport Roads.
 - o Francis Road shops between Claude Road and Albert Road will be accessible via Murchison Road during the closure.

- Introduction of permanent one-ways and parking changes
 - o **Following the above temporary road junction closures**, the one-ways on Claude, Murchison and Albert Roads will be introduced. Claude Road and Albert Road will become northbound, and Murchison Road will become southbound.

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- Advanced warning signs will be displayed in the area to alert road users of the changed traffic conditions. A short 'grace period' will be given to motorists time to adjust to the changed traffic conditions, before formal enforcement notices are issued for infringing any restrictions.
 - The new arrangement of short stay loading and parking will be introduced from 10am on 23 November, as per the final scheme design.
- Temporary Francis Road closure -
- Francis Road will be closed at the southern side of the junction with Claude Road, and at the northern side of the junction with Albert Road from **Thursday 23 November for two weeks**.
 - Access for residents on Claude Road and Albert Road will be available from Francis Road during this time.

When we wrote to you last we said we would closely monitor the traffic changes as we introduce them, which we have done and will continue to do so. We have seen a reduction in traffic in the area, particularly on Francis Road. We do understand that during the first phase of traffic changes when Francis Road was made one-way there was some confusion among drivers, and residents experienced an increase in traffic on surrounding streets, primarily Murchison Road.

As with all road changes, in the short term, there can be an increase in traffic on the adjacent road network, however after a couple of weeks, some of this traffic finds other routes and move away from the area. Once the additional one-ways are introduced in Claude, Albert and Murchison Roads we anticipate that traffic levels in the area will reduce further.

We will write to local residents and businesses in advance of any further works which may impact your journey, to provide you and your visitors' time to plan for these changes. The timed closure (10am to 8pm) on Francis Road is currently planned for December 2017 which will be enforced by traffic cameras, and the modal filter on Norlington Road and one-way on Dawlish Road will be introduced early in the New Year. We will continue to monitor traffic in the area following each change, and as previously explained we may introduce the final elements of the scheme ahead of schedule if required.

To discourage through traffic from using the area and to reduce disruption to residents, we will be erecting advanced warning signage for road users on several approaches to Francis Road ahead of the upcoming work. To keep up to date with the construction taking place, please visit <http://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/leyton-town-centre/construction-updates/>

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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