

**Neighbourhood and Commercial**

**Strategic Director:** Michele Moloney

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Dear Residents/Businesses,

**Traffic Management Proposals – Drayton Road, Cavendish Drive,  
Scarborough Road and Southwest Road  
We Want Your Views!**

**What is this about?**

As residents and businesses may be aware, the Council has introduced a number of road layout changes in the Francis Road area in Leyton over the last 12 months. These changes form part of the Council's wider Enjoy Waltham Forest Leyton Town Centre Scheme.

The Council has been regularly recording traffic volumes and speeds in roads across your local area since construction of the Francis Road area improvements began in June 2017, in order to monitor the impact of the changes and identify any potential issues that may need further review. Traffic volumes throughout the Francis Road area have dropped significantly as a result of the highway improvements and generally there has been very little impact on the wider area. Several roads in your area have however seen an increase in traffic since June 2017, most notably Cavendish Drive and Scarborough Road. While the increase in traffic in these roads is significantly less than the decrease observed across the Francis Road area, and we expect that some of this additional traffic is local residents and businesses having to use alternative routes to get to and from their properties, we are committed to minimising the impact of our highway improvements on neighbouring parts of the borough. We are also aware that there have been long standing concerns from some residents about the volume and speed of traffic using roads in your area including HGV's, which predate the introduction of the Leyton Town Centre Scheme. We hope to address some of these historical concerns as well.

**What are we proposing?**

We have undertaken a number of different traffic surveys in your area to help understand traffic volumes and speeds as well as key patterns of vehicle movement. Based on this information we are proposing to introduce new traffic restriction measures, enforced by cameras, to minimise the number of vehicles using your residential area as a cut through, while balancing the need for local resident access. The restrictions being proposed are as follows:

- Banned left turn from Grove Green Road into Scarborough Road between 7am and 7pm
- Banned left turn from Grove Green Road into Southwest Road between 7am and 7pm
- Banned left turn from Grove Green Road into Drayton Road between 7am and 7pm.

These proposed restrictions would help remove a large proportion of through traffic using your area during peak hours while maintaining local access for residents in the evenings. We can introduce these within a relative short timeframe and they can be complemented at a later date with further measures if required

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In addition to the traffic restrictions above, we are also proposing the following safety and environmental improvements. The Council's proposals are also illustrated on the plan enclosed with this letter

- Traffic speed data collected at a number of locations in Cavendish Drive and Scarborough Road has shown average speeds to vary between 14 and 21mph. Regularly spaced traffic calming measures are already in place but we proposing an additional speed hump in Cavendish Drive at the location shown on the attached plan.
- Narrowing the Scarborough Road/Cavendish Drive junction to encourage lower vehicle speeds and reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians. We plan to install new trees and planters, subject to underground services and local support, which the local community could take ownership of as has been successful done elsewhere (e.g Richmond Road/Elm Road)
- Investigation of a 7.5 Tonne lorry ban on Cavendish Drive, Scarborough Road, Drayton Road and Southwest Road

We are undertaking a public consultation process so that we can obtain the opinions of the local residents prior to introducing the proposed measures. Subject to the results of this consultation process a Traffic Management Order (TMO) would then be introduced before the restrictions would become operational.

### **Why are we proposing these measures?**

The Council has previously received complaints from local residents about the problems associated with traffic using the area as a cut through, and recent traffic monitoring has shown a further increase in traffic since the Leyton Town Centre improvements were introduced in the Francis Road area. The proposals set out in this consultation aim to address some of these issues and concerns.

### **How can I have my say?**

Please detach and complete the comments form within this leaflet and return it using the pre-paid postage envelope provided. **Please make sure your comments reach us by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

If you wish to address any correspondence please write to,

Enjoy Waltham Forest  
Low Hall Depot  
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Due to the large volume of consultation form returns expected it may not be possible to provide an individual reply to all responses received.

### **What happens next?**

All consultation responses will be analysed before a decision is made to proceed with the scheme or not. All residents included within the consultation will be notified of the results and the agreed way forward if the scheme is approved. If the proposed scheme is approved the necessary Traffic Management Order will be advertised in advance of any works taking place. Traffic order notices would also be advertised online and in Waltham Forest News where these are required.



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