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Walthamstow Village area wide improvements



Orford Road Visualisation



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The London Borough of Waltham Forest was one of three boroughs awarded £30 million from Transport for London (TfL) as part of the Mini Holland programme. The programme includes proposals to make improvements to many of the borough's roads and town centres to make them great places to live, work and travel around.

Walthamstow Village has been selected to receive funding as part of our wider Mini Holland proposals to help improve connectivity across the borough. The scheme aims to:

- Reduce the amount of traffic using residential streets. Currently 25,706 vehicles travel through key roads every day.
- Improve the look, feel and safety of Walthamstow Village for all road users.

Working with residents and businesses

In September 2014 we undertook a series of trial road closures. This allowed us to obtain traffic monitoring information and give people first-hand experience of road changes. A great deal of interest was generated from the trial and we received invaluable feedback from the community through a questionnaire, emails and comments received at our information point.

Following the trial we held workshops with residents to understand their views and receive suggestions on future proposals. We also met with businesses to ensure we design a scheme which enhances the unique and thriving environment in Walthamstow Village.

Working with community services

We are seeking the views of the emergency services to ensure the proposals maintain



Orford Road during the trial

adequate access for their vehicles. On their advice we are looking at labelling road name plates with house numbers. We are also communicating with local refuse companies to ensure our proposals allow services to be maintained.

The importance of Dial-a-Ride services has been clearly demonstrated by residents, we are therefore proposing that Dial-a-Ride vehicles be permitted to pick up and drop off residents from within any road closures.

The proposal

These engagement activities have allowed us to design a scheme which we believe will enhance Walthamstow Village and work for residents and businesses.

A proposal has been developed based on the results of the trial and the feedback received. The proposal combines a mix of road closures, traffic direction changes, creation of shared public spaces, greening and safety improvements.

The key elements of the proposal are shown on the map. Please note we have taken suggestions from residents and businesses and therefore many of the proposals vary to the temporary measures implemented during the trial. We want to hear your thoughts on the proposed improvements to ensure the changes meet the needs of the community.

New and improved public spaces

Based on the feedback and suggestions we received at the design workshops we have identified public spaces that we would like to develop with your help to enhance the look and feel of the area.

The proposals include:

- Improvement of the public square on Eden Road by extending the existing mini park.
- Improvements to the footways outside the parade of shops along 71–85 Grove Road.
- The formation of a park at the junction of Shernhall Street and Lea Bridge Road by connecting the two existing grassed areas.
- Two new public spaces on the bridges over the railway line at East Avenue and West Avenue.
- Additional tree planting across Walthamstow Village.
- Improvements to Barclay Path with better pavements and street lighting.
- Creation of a signed walking and cycling trail to attractions in Walthamstow Village.
- More cycle parking and seating for the public.

Please let us know which of the new or improved public spaces you would like to see by completing the questionnaire. We will then develop the most popular choices to take to consultation early next year.



Example of tree planting and cycle parking

Creating a safer environment

Residents have told us that reducing the risks of speeding traffic and creating a safer environment in Walthamstow Village are key priorities. In response, we are proposing the following:

- Raised ‘Copenhagen’ style crossings to be implemented at key junctions into the Village which prioritise pedestrians and slow traffic. An example of a ‘Copenhagen’ style crossing is shown below.



Example of a raised ‘Copenhagen’ style crossing

- Improve the junction of Barclay Road with Shernhall Street by widening pavements and raising the junctions to slow traffic.
- Widen the pavement and reduce the crossing distance on Addison Road at the junction with Shernhall Street.
- Investigate and improve street lighting levels on key routes, particularly those well used by pedestrians.



Example of pavement and lighting improvements

Road closures and no entries

We are seeking to introduce permanent road closures and no entries at the following locations to address the issues surrounding non local traffic driving through the area:

- Close Orford Road between Wingfield Road and Eden Road (except buses).
- No entry to southbound vehicles on Wingfield Road south of Arden Mews.
- Close Eden Road junction with Orford Road.
- Close Shernhall Street junction with Lea Bridge Road.
- Close East Avenue and West Avenue junction with St Mary Road.
- Close Eden Road just south of its junction with Grosvenor Rise East.
- Close Grove Road (No.106) outside the Registry Office.
- Close Copeland Road junction with Lea Bridge Road.
- Close Grosvenor Rise East east of Eden Road.

The road closures are shown on the accompanying map. The closures will affect motored vehicles only; pedestrians and cycles will be able to pass through. Where a closure is in place, space will be provided to allow vehicles to turn around. These measures will be designed with the help of residents in a way that ensures they are in keeping with their surroundings.

Traffic direction changes

In order to improve accessibility in the area we are proposing that the following roads undergo traffic direction changes:

- Beulah Road – one-way northbound between Grosvenor Rise East and Addison Road and two-way between Addison Road and Orford Road.
- Addison Road – two-way between Comely Bank Road and Beulah Road.
- Eden Road – traffic allowed two-way due to road closure (prohibiting vehicle traffic whilst allowing pedestrians and cyclists).

- Grosvenor Rise East – two-way traffic between Eden Road and Beulah Road due to road closure (prohibiting vehicle traffic whilst allowing pedestrians and cyclists).
- Fraser Road and Merton Road – one-way southbound.
- Second Avenue – one-way westbound.
- Third Avenue – one-way eastbound.

Shared space on Orford Road

We propose creating a space for the community to enjoy on Orford Road between Wingfield Road and Eden Road with outdoor seating, planting, cycle parking and space to host market stalls. We would like your views on two options for this area:

- Option A – Orford Road is closed to traffic at all times (except buses, cycles and pedestrians).
- Option B – Orford Road is closed to traffic between 10am and 10pm Monday to Sunday (except buses, cycles and pedestrians).

Both options maintain access for emergency service and Dial-a-Ride vehicles. In discussion with businesses we have ensured that either option allows for loading. If Option A is selected bays for loading and disabled badge holders will be situated on Wingfield Road and East Avenue. If Option B is chosen traffic will travel one-way eastbound and bays will be provided for loading and disabled badge holders on Orford Road.

With both options the W12 bus route will remain unchanged and travel along Orford Road. Any scheme will be enforced with traffic cameras.

Grove Road businesses

After engaging with residents and businesses we are seeking to widen and improve the footway outside the parade of shops between 71–85 Grove Road. We will also introduce CCTV, as has been suggested by residents to help combat anti-social behaviour. Access to the shops will be maintained via Grove Road and Pembroke Road.





Orford Road Restricted Zone

Option A: No vehicular traffic at all times (except buses, cycles and pedestrians)

Option B: No vehicular traffic 10am - 10pm Monday to Sunday (except buses, cycles and pedestrians)

Road closed (except cycles)

Landscaping

No entry

Road changes to two-way

Road changes to one-way eastbound

Road changes to one-way westbound

Road changes to one-way northbound

Road changes to one-way southbound

Existing one-way roads

Raised Copenhagen style crossing

Roads to be resurfaced

Additional cycle parking

Pedestrian crossing and junction improvement

Walking and cycle route from Walthamstow Central

Pedestrian pavement and lighting improvements

Visualisations

- 1** Orford Road
- 2** Eden Square
- 3** Grove Road
- 4** Shernhall Street junction with Lea Bridge Road
- 5** West Avenue Bridge

Please refer to Orford Road Plan for more details

Orford Road Restricted Zone



② Eden Square visualisation



③ Grove Road visualisation



Proposed layout for Orford Road and Eden Square

- 1. New level surface finish
- 2. Vehicle track defined by alternative smooth surface
- 3. One-way Eastbound to vehicles
- 4. New tree planting with tree guards
- 5. New seating and bike stands
- 6. Loading/disabled bays for Option A to East Avenue and Wingfield Road
- 7. Loading/disabled/multi-use bays for Option B
- 8. New surface to Eden Square
- 9. Space for vehicles to turn on Eden Road

KEY:

- new tree with tree guard
- new bench
- new cycle stands

① Orford Road proposed layout



④ Shernhall Street junction with Lea Bridge Road visualisation



⑤ West Avenue bridge visualisation

Area upkeep

A number of maintenance issues have been brought to our attention by residents. As part of this scheme we are pleased to be able to address a number of these.

Work will start in early 2015 on the following and will continue over the next two years:

- Replace all speed cushions with speed humps to better regulate traffic speeds and improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Improvements to footways.
- Improvements to street lighting.
- Road resurfacing.
- De-cluttering – removal of redundant street signs.

As part of on-going work we are liaising with TfL to investigate developments to Lea Bridge Road. This includes exploring if a right turn onto Hoe Street from Lea Bridge Road could be allowed and improvements to the traffic lights along Lea Bridge Road and Hoe Street.

We want to hear your views

We hope you like the proposals described and shown on the map. We want to hear your thoughts on the proposed measures to ensure the changes meet the needs of the local community.

Your feedback will help inform the final scheme.

To provide us with your feedback you can:

Feedback by post: complete the questionnaire and return it using the free post envelope provided.

Come and talk to us: drop in sessions will be held at:

- Shern Hall Methodist Church: Shernhall Street, E17 9HX, 2–8pm on Tuesday 9 December.
- St. Stephens Church of England Church Hall: 1A Copeland Road, E17 9DB, 2–8pm on Wednesday 10 December.

- Vestry House Museum: 11 Vestry Road, E17 9NH, 2–8pm on Thursday 11 December.

The sessions will enable you to ask questions about the proposals and give your views.

Please provide all feedback by **19 December 2014**. Your feedback will help inform the final scheme.

What happens next?

We look forward to receiving your feedback on the proposal by Friday 19 December 2014. All the feedback and information received will be collated and considered.

We will then work with residents to design measures which are in keeping with the area. Final plans will be confirmed and agreed by the Council. The period of implementation will run from January to July 2015. We will then continue to monitor traffic levels and feedback from the area and commence a review of the measures approximately six months after full implementation.

More information

More information about this proposal and the wider Mini Holland programme can be found at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/miniholland. You can also contact us and provide your feedback via email at miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk.

Interested in joining a car club?

Car club cars are pay as you go alternatives to private car ownership that save you money, reduce parking pressure, and are good for the environment by people sharing rather than owning vehicles. We want to know if this is of interest to residents in the borough to help us assess where this can be introduced.

Keen to get cycling?

As part of the Mini Holland programme we are offering free cycle training for all levels through our cycle training partner Cycle Confident. This is a great opportunity for you to brush up on your cycle skills or learn from scratch.