

MARKHOUSE AREA

SERIES 4 UPDATE

Earlier this year Waltham Forest Council carried out further local engagement with residents in the Markhouse Area on highway improvement plans. Thank you to everyone who took part and provided feedback on the proposals. Please see the engagement results and next steps for the proposals overleaf.



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Following the original Markhouse Area scheme consultation in September 2018, we decided not to progress some of the proposals originally put forward. However, as there was local support for some of the measures in the Series 4 area, we decided to revisit these proposals. We re-engaged with residents and businesses in the Markhouse Series 4 area on a number of updated proposals between 13 January and 31 January 2020 via a printed leaflet and questionnaire, that was supported by a local drop-in session. The consultation leaflet and questionnaire was hand delivered to 948 properties in the Series 4 Area, asking for feedback on the proposals. The leaflet also included details of the drop-in session, which was held on 22 January 2020 at Edinburgh Primary School. The drop-in session provided an opportunity to discuss the proposals with council officers in more detail and leave further feedback and was attended by 43 people within the local community.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

26% of households within the Markhouse Series 4 area participated in the consultation. The total percentage outcomes from each proposal are summarised below:

Modal Filters & Associated Measures

	Belgrave Road	Rutland Road	St Barnabas Road	Chelmsford Road
Positive (%)	51.9%	51.9%	51.1%	54.5%
Negative (%)	39.1%	40.0%	41.3%	39.1%
Neutral (%)	8.1%	6.8%	6.0%	4.7%
No response (%)	0.9%	1.3%	1.7%	1.7%

Environmental Improvements: Pocket Parks, Public Art & Safety Improvements

	Pocket Park & Cycle Access - Wellesley Road (outside St Barnabas Church)	Rutland Road	Chelmsford Road junction with Queen's Road	Chelmsford Road junction with Boundary Road	Public Art - Queen's Road and Boundary Road Bridges	Junction Entry Treatments	Traffic Calming
Positive (%)	64.7%	61.7%	60.0%	60.4%	70.6%	61.7%	61.7%
Negative (%)	24.3%	28.5%	31.9%	31.1%	17.9%	27.7%	27.7%
Neutral (%)	8.9%	8.5%	6.4%	7.2%	8.9%	8.5%	8.5%
No response (%)	2.1%	1.3%	1.7%	1.3%	2.6%	2.1%	2.1%

Within the consultation questionnaire there was also space for respondents to leave free text comments on the proposals. The most common themes emerging from those comments were:

- high traffic speeds and safety concerns in the Series 4 Area
- concerns around current 'rat running' from Boundary Road and Queen's Road and Chelmsford Road
- benefits that traffic calming could bring to improve the behaviour of road users in the Series 4 Area.

Thank you to everyone who took part and provided feedback on the proposals. The proposals that we intend to proceed with are shown on the plan overleaf. Due to Covid-19 and the reduction in funding for local authorities, we are unfortunately facing financial uncertainty with various schemes in the borough. Therefore we have had to prioritise which proposals to take forward based on the relative benefits they will bring to the area. Certain proposals, such as the planned traffic calming improvements throughout the area and public art on Queen's Road and Boundary Road, aren't able to go ahead at this time. Subject to future funding availability we may be able to review this and we will update residents on information and any changes via our website.

<https://enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/markhouse-area/>

WHAT'S NEXT?

Construction will commence in late June 2020 and will take around four months to complete.

Works on Belgrave Road at the junction with Queen's Road are planned to commence during the week starting Monday 22 June in order to construct the junction improvement and convert Belgrave Road to two-way operation.

Residents and businesses directly affected by the works will receive further updates as construction progresses across the area.

Please bear with us while we aim to implement these improvements as soon as possible; and we apologise for any inconvenience the works may cause. Our contractors will be working to keep disruption to an absolute minimum.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Markhouse Area webpage can be accessed via

<https://enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/markhouse-area/>

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SERIES 4



KEY:

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|  | MODAL FILTER |  | CYCLE PERMEABILITY |
|  | JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT |  | POCKET PARK |
|  | TWO WAY STREET |  | AESTHETIC / PERSONAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS |
|  | TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS | | |

CONSTRUCTION WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Streets that will have modal filters are:

Belgrave Road (north of the junction with Rutland Road)

Chelmsford Road (south of the junction with Collingwood Road)

Rutland Road (between Somerset Road and Devonshire Road)

St Barnabas Road (south of the junction with Collingwood Road)

- The installation of each modal filter will require the reduction of approximately four car parking spaces to allow vehicles to turn around.

Streets that will have traffic direction changes are:

Belgrave Road - Two-Way (Queen's Road to Rutland Road)

Somerset Road - Two-Way (Queen's Road to Rutland Road)

Chelmsford Road - Two-Way (Boundary Road to Collingwood Road)

St Barnabas Road - Two-Way (Boundary Road to Collingwood Road)

- The traffic direction changes will require the reduction of approximately two car parking bays to provide vehicle passing space.

Streets that will have junction entry treatments are:

Chelmsford Road (junction with Queen's Road)

Lansdowne Road (junction with Queen's Road)

Somerset Road (junction with Queen's Road)

Belgrave Road (junction with Queen's Road)

Chelmsford Road (junction with Boundary Road)

St Barnabas Road (junction with Boundary Road)

Wellesley Road (junction with Boundary Road)

Devonshire Road (junction with Boundary Road)

Belgrave Road (junction with Boundary Road)

Streets that will have pocket parks, landscaping or trees are:

Wellesley Road (outside St Barnabas Church)

Rutland Road (between Somerset Road and Wellesley Road)

Chelmsford Road (south of the junction with Collingwood Road)

Chelmsford Road (junction with Queen's Road)

Chelmsford Road (junction with Boundary Road)

CONSTRUCTION MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO SECURING ADDITIONAL FUNDS:

Streets that may be resurfaced are:

Belgrave Road (between Boundary Road and Rutland Road)

Lansdowne Road (Queen's Road to Wellesley Road)

St Barnabas Road (Wellesley Road to Collingwood Road)

Chelmsford Road (Queen's Road to Collingwood Road)

Streets that may have traffic calming improvements are:

Belgrave Road

Devonshire Road

Wellesley Road

Rutland Road

Somerset Road

Lansdowne Road

Collingwood Road

St Barnabas Road (Wellesley Road to Collingwood Road)

Chelmswood Road (on approach to corner of Collingwood Road)