

Resident Services

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Dear Resident/ Business owner,

RE: Forest Road Reservoirs and Blackhorse Lane construction from summer 2021

As part of the regeneration taking place in and around the Blackhorse area, further changes to Forest Road (between Blackhorse Station and the border with Haringey) are planned to start from June 2021.

Further improvements are also planned on Blackhorse Lane (between Blackhorse Road Junction and Hookers Road) which will link the recently completed junction scheme to the existing cycle tracks to the north to provide safer walking and cycling routes. These works are planned for later this year, and we will write to all effected residents and businesses before the work begins.

Over the last few years, the area has benefitted from a range of walking and cycling improvements along Forest Road and parts of Blackhorse Road, Blackhorse Lane and Billet Road. This has included introducing new crossings and side road junction treatments, reducing road widths to discourage speeding, and installing a range of semi and fully segregated cycle lanes, providing safer and more accessible cycle routes across the borough from Redbridge all the way to the Walthamstow Wetlands, as well as from the Billet Roundabout towards Lea Bridge Road.

More recently, the Blackhorse Road Junction underwent a huge transformation, making the junction safer and easier to navigate for all, and more befitting of a key public transport interchange.

With over 4,000 new homes being built and planned to be completed by 2025, it's important that we continue to improve and enhance the area to accommodate the increase in people walking and cycling.

In this letter you'll find more information about the two schemes and how to comment on the plans.

Forest Road Reservoirs (between Ferry Lane and Green Ferry Way)



Since 2015, we have been working to make Forest Road a safer, more accessible place for people to travel along, whether walking, cycling, driving, or using public transport.

To date we have improved Forest Road between the borough boundary with Haringey and Woodford New Road by introducing new cycle tracks, blended 'Copenhagen' crossings, new pedestrian and cycle crossings, and new traffic signals. We have also introduced several interim schemes using semi-segregated cycle track design approaches using wands (vertical plastic poles) and low-level separators, such as those installed through the reservoirs in 2020.

Now, with funding from Greater London Authority (GLA) through the Blackhorse Lane Housing Zone programme, and contributions from developers, we are planning to expand on these previous improvements. We will be introducing new measures for walking and cycling between Ferry Lane and the borough's western boundary with Haringey through to Green Ferry Way. This is part of our ongoing longer-term work to create a continuous active and sustainable travel corridor along the entire length of Forest Road, supporting both shorter local journeys as well as longer boroughwide ones by active and sustainable transport modes.

The scheme includes the following measures:

- Fully segregated cycle tracks on both sides of the road to provide a dedicated space for people to cycle on, separated from the road and pavement
- Improvements to the existing pedestrian and cycle crossing to provide a safer place for people to cross the road between the two entrances to the Wetlands and the Ferry Boat Inn
- Plants and greenery along the route to act as a barrier between the cycle lane and pavement and to improve the look and feel of the area
- New paving materials to improve the overall street environment and tie in to the recently completed pedestrian and cycle improvements on Ferry Lane and the housing developments by Blackhorse Road Tube and Rail Station
- New 'Walthamstow Wetlands' wayfinding along the boundaries on Forest Road
- New CCTV cameras to improve personal safety

- New Cycle Hubs adjacent to Blackhorse Road Station to make cycling to the station more convenient
- The safety cameras will be maintained to keep speeds to 30mph and to ensure overall road safety.

Construction of this scheme will start from summer 2021 and is expected to be completed by spring 2022.

Maps of the scheme are available to view and download online at:

www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/forest-road, if you'd like to receive a hard copy of the maps contact us using the details overleaf.

Blackhorse Lane (between Blackhorse Road Junction and Hookers Road)



Between 2015 and 2017 a walking and cycling route improvement scheme was introduced along Blackhorse Lane and Billet Road, from Hookers Road up to the Crooked Billet Roundabout. Due to ongoing, major development construction works in the area it was not possible to extend the walking and cycling scheme all the way to Blackhorse Junction at the time. However, we're happy to announce that now the Blackhorse Road Junction construction is complete we're planning to introduce new measures between the junction and Hookers Road, providing a safer, direct cycle route from the Billet Road Roundabout to Lea Bridge Road.

The scheme includes the following measures:

- Fully segregated cycle tracks on both sides of the road to provide a dedicated space for people to cycle on, separated from the road and pavement
- A new raised pedestrian and cycle crossing to provide a safer place for people to cross
- Plants and greenery along the route to improve the feel of the area
- Better paving materials such as granite to improve the overall street environment
- New blended "Copenhagen" crossings which extend the pavement across the road to encourage drivers to give way to people crossing at side roads
- Wider footways to make the area more accessible for people with wheelchairs, mobility scooters and buggies
- A narrowed carriageway to help reduce speeding vehicles and improve road safety.

Construction of this scheme will start once the Forest Road scheme has been completed and it is expected to be completed by autumn 2022.

To prevent any potential delays caused by either of the schemes, the work will be carried out in phases. We kindly ask that all local people plan ahead to prevent any delays to their journeys and, if possible, use sustainable forms of transport when traveling locally.

Maps of the scheme are available to view and download online at:

www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/bln, if you'd like to receive a hard copy of the maps contact us using the details below.

Share your views

If you have any questions or comments relating to these schemes, please contact us using the following details:

- Email: enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk
- Write to: Enjoy Waltham Forest Team, Waltham Forest Council, Low Hall Depot, Argall Avenue, Leyton, E10 7AS
- Call: 020 8496 3000 and ask to speak with the Enjoy Waltham Forest Team

For more information relating to the associated traffic management orders (TMO) for these schemes please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations

All the information in this letter can also be found online at www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/forest-road

Kind regards,
Enjoy Waltham Forest Team