HOE STREET SCHEME

BETWEEN PENDLESTONE ROAD AND LEA BRIDGE ROAD SCHEME UPDATE



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BACKGROUND

Between 6 July to 30 July 2021 local people were invited to take part in the public consultation for the Hoe Street scheme between Orford Road and Lea Bridge Road. Thank you again to everyone who took part in the consultation and shared their thoughts on the proposals, which aim to provide more transport options to local people travelling between Lea Bridge Road, Walthamstow Central and the town centre, and build upon the existing network of safe and direct walking and cycling routes across the borough.

A total of 516 people took part in the public consultation, and overall, there was a high level of support for all proposals. For more information on the results from the public consultation visit www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/hoestreet

Following the public consultation, the scheme was approved in principle for construction. However at the time (November 2021) there were some areas of the design that needed to be refined and finalised, and we were still in the process of securing all the funding required to construct the full scheme. Therefore, we decided to deliver the scheme in phases starting with the section of Hoe Street between Orford Road and Grosvenor Park Road.

During 2022, we completed the section between Orford Road and Grosvenor Park Road and were able to extend the works as far as Pendlestone Road. We have now secured further funding for the scheme and we're writing to local people to make you aware that we intend to progress with the remaining improvement works on Hoe Street between Pendlestone Road and Lea Bridge Road later in the year.

FINAL SCHEME FOR HOE STREET BETWEEN PENDLESTONE ROAD AND LEA BRIDGE ROAD

Since the public consultation, we have been reviewing the consultation proposals to see where we could take on board local feedback to make sure the scheme is right for the area. The final planned scheme is outlined below and shown on the map overleaf:

- Introduce new fully separated cycle tracks on both sides of Hoe Street. A fully separated cycle track is when the cycle lane is higher than the carriageway but separated from the pavement.
- Upgrade two raised pedestrian and cycle crossings near Grove Road and Boundary Road to provide a safe place for people cycling to cross the road when moving between cycle tracks.
- Introduce a mixture of new bus stop by-passes, borders and islands to reduce interaction between cyclists and passengers when boarding and exiting the bus.
- Widen the pavements at key pinch points and remove obstructions such as street furniture and one historically poorly sited tree outside number 420 Hoe Street (which is in the centre of the footway) to make Hoe Street more accessible for people with pushchairs, wheelchairs, and mobility scooters.
- Introduce continuous footways also known as blended 'Copenhagen' crossings, at all junctions with Hoe Street to prioritise pedestrians wishing to cross the junction, making travelling by foot safer and more direct.
- Improve the footway with high quality materials that have a pronounced colour contrast with the cycle tracks to aid the visually impaired and to improve the overall aesthetics of the area.
- Plant new trees at the Hoe Street end of Poplars Road, Boundary Road and Granville Road and install a new Sustainable urban Drainage style planter at the crossing outside Barclay Primary School to improve the look and feel of the area. Following feedback from the community we have been able to redesign the scheme to retain three trees located near Clarendon Road, originally proposed to be removed.
- To accommodate the planned improvement works, the current parking and loading on Hoe Street between 402 and 434 Hoe Street will be changed to "no waiting and loading at any time". All parking and loading provision will be moved to side roads, and seven dedicated loading spaces will be introduced in the side roads, instead of two spaces originally proposed, to address concerns raised over loss of loading provision on Hoe Street.

FINAL SCHEME MAPS





Existing continuous footway at the Hoe Street/ Grosvenor Park Road junction



Existing separated cycle track with pedestrian crossing at the Orford Road/ Queens Road junction

NEXT STEPS

The next stage of the scheme is to advertise the necessary Traffic Management Order changes (changes to parking bays and yellow lines) that are needed to deliver the scheme. The Traffic Management Order changes will be advertised in the East London and West Essex Guardian on **3 August 2023**. In addition to this leaflet, street notices will be displayed in the area with details of the Traffic Management Order changes.

If you would like to send comments, please contact the Enjoy Waltham Forest Team quoting "Hoe Street" in the subject line of the email or letter and send it to the contact details below before 24 August 2023 (please include your name and address).

Following statutory consultation, we will review any further feedback received and write to the local community again with an update on the planned works.

Are you a business owner on Hoe Street?

We'll be contacting Hoe Street businesses directly to make sure you're aware of the planned construction and to answer any questions, however, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details below.

CONTACT US

Email address: enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk

Postal address: Traffic Orders (Hoe Street), Highways, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Phone: 020 8496 3000 and ask to speak with the Enjoy Waltham Forest Team