

# Walton Road

## Active Neighbourhood



**We want to know what you think!**

We have been working with local people to develop planned improvements for your area. This booklet explains what an Active Neighbourhood is, why it is being proposed, what the initial plans are and how you can get involved.

The plans are not final, so please take 5 minutes to complete the survey or come to the drop in event.

### How to get involved

**Survey: before 6 March 2022**

Please complete the paper survey enclosed and return in the pre-paid envelope, or complete it online at: [tinyurl.com/waltonroad-survey](https://tinyurl.com/waltonroad-survey)



**Drop-in event: 23 February 2022**

**The LifeCentre, 235 Washway Road, 4pm – 7pm**

Please book into a half hour time slot to attend the drop-in event at: [tinyurl.com/waltonroad-event](https://tinyurl.com/waltonroad-event)

In the event of covid restrictions the drop-in will be held online. If this happens we will send you a Zoom link to join.

## What is an Active Neighbourhood?

Over the last 10 years, levels of traffic have increased significantly on residential streets. The additional traffic has brought more pollution, noise and road safety risks to people's doorsteps. There are many people of all ages in our local communities who do not have access to a car, or would like to walk, cycle, scoot or wheel more but feel it is too unsafe to do so – whether to school, work, seeing friends and family or visiting local shops.

**Active Neighbourhoods are community-led and include measures to help reduce traffic speeds and volumes, help people get around more easily and safely on foot or by bike and to introduce other improvements, such as more greenery, benches, street art and lighting.**

We would like to hear what you think about the initial proposals we have developed with your community so far and if you have any other suggestions.

Other Active Neighbourhoods are also being developed across Greater Manchester as part of the Bee Network vision to provide an integrated transport system that will join together buses, trams, trains, cycling and walking. Across the network, Active Neighbourhoods, walking and cycling schemes (such as Busy Beeways) and new crossings will connect to transform travel opportunities across all 10 districts of Greater Manchester and enable people to live more active and healthier lives.

**Active Neighbourhoods are about reclaiming streets to make them safer and more pleasant for everybody.**

**Find out what other people think about Active Neighbourhoods**



**"We can live our lives again properly"**

An older resident in an Active Neighbourhood



**"You don't have to stress all the time about crossing roads"**

Children living in an Active Neighbourhood

## What have local people told us so far?

In March 2021 we sent out a mailout to all 1,692 households in the Walton Road Active Neighbourhood area to ask people what they think about their neighbourhood. This included a survey and invitation to provide comments on an interactive online map, or to come along to workshops.

Since the survey, we have discussed these issues with local people at three workshops and have worked together to develop the plan shown on the following pages. These are not the final plans and we want to hear what you think of them and any other suggestions.

**17 March 2021**

**233 people** returned the postal survey

**195 people** filled in the online 'Tell us about your street' online survey

**71 comments** were left by 32 individuals on the interactive map

**66 local people** attended Workshop 1 and told us about their street and area

**8 June 2021**

**29 people** attended Workshop 2 and helped to identify different types of streets in the area.

**20 July 2021**

**14 people** attended Workshop 3 and used a toolkit of design solutions to address the issues previously raised.

**Top five things that people wanted to improve their street**

**More plants and greenery**

**Stop pavement parking**

**Reduce vehicle speeds**

**Better maintenance**

**Less traffic**

## How can we address the issues raised?

We have listened to your feedback and have developed proposals to bring these improvements to your area. The plan shown on the following pages shows where these improvements could be introduced.



**Modal filters**

These are bollards or planters that stop motor vehicles taking short cuts through the area. People can still walk and cycle through them and all households remain accessible by motor vehicle. This will achieve **less traffic** and **reduce vehicle speeds**.



**Narrowed junctions**

Narrowing junctions will slow down traffic turning in and out of the area to **reduce vehicle speeds**. We can also introduce “continuous footways” at these junctions, which provide uninterrupted footways across side roads to slow down traffic and prioritise pedestrians.



**More plants and greenery**

Areas of greening can be introduced as part of modal filters or separately to introduce **more plants and greenery** across the area. We have proposed to incorporate greening at each of the modal filters suggested in the area.



**Enhanced public realm**

We will look to introduce high quality street furniture and other new elements – such as greening, benches and lighting – as part of the planned improvements. This will help to improve the quality of the public realm and provide **better maintenance** at these locations in the future.



**Verge and pavement parking bollards**

Bollards can be introduced to **stop verge and pavement parking** in problem locations and this intervention is proposed on Eastway as shown on the draft plan.

## What does the traffic data show?

In May 2021 we conducted traffic surveys in the area to measure vehicle numbers and speeds (using traffic counters), and to assess where people were travelling to and from (by tracking vehicle number plates as they travel through the area).

The findings of the traffic survey appear to support what residents have told us so far. The survey found high traffic volumes, especially in the morning peak hour, where in addition to local traffic around 130 vehicles pass through the neighbourhood.

This traffic is using Walton Road to avoid the Marsland Road and Eastway junctions on the A56. We also found that traffic speeds are relatively high for residential streets, notably on Eastway and Walton Road.

More details on the engagement we have done with local people so far and the traffic survey can be found at: [tinyurl.com/waltonroad-project](https://tinyurl.com/waltonroad-project)



# Draft proposal plan



## Key

- Existing Metrolink station
- Illustration of vehicle access
- Bollards to restrict verge and pavement parking
- One way road to become two way
- Two way road to become one way
- Pedestrian improvements

- Changes
- Existing local businesses
- Continuous footway/junction narrowing
- Cycle parking (Sheffield stands)
- Replace existing access barrier with inclusive access
- Pedestrian/cycle path lighting

- Modal filter
- Greening
- Seating
- Informal crossing
- Street art
- Signalised crossing
- Park gateway

# Main changes & improvements



Continuous footway and junction narrowing at the junction of **Walton Road** and **Marsland Road**. Upgrade existing crossing to be signalised.



Modal filter with greening on **Raglan Road** between **Campbell Road** and **Sale Heys Road**.



Continuous footways and junction narrowing at 3 junctions along **Washway Road**.



Modal filter with greening and street art at the junction of **Walton Road** & **Raglan Road**. **Park Gateway** & improved crossing to **Walton Park**.



Continuous footway/Junction narrowing and park gateway at the entrance to **Walton Park**.



Bollards along **Eastway**. Cycle parking and pedestrian improvements at **Eastway shops**.\*



Modal filter, additional greening & seating, and an informal crossing at the **Walton Road** and **Eastway** junction.



Modal filter with greening at the existing narrowed section of **Langdale Road** before **Eastway**.



Potential crossing improvement at **Eastway/Washway Road** junction.



**Stanley Mount** proposed to be one-way in west to east direction.



Existing access barriers replaced with inclusive access barriers.



Improved cycle parking outside **Washway Road shops** and in **Walton Park**.

# Key highlights of Walton Road Active Neighbourhood



## Transforming the area

These plans will help to reclaim the streets to make them safer and more pleasant for everybody. Travelling around the area by walking, wheeling or scooting should become easier. More plants and greenery and improving access to existing green spaces will help create a more attractive area that residents can enjoy and take pride in. Reducing the volume and speed of traffic will create a much calmer environment for residents of the neighbourhood.

For motor vehicles, the area will be split into three zones that can be accessed via either Marsland Road or the A56 depending on the zone (as shown on the plan). Everywhere in the area will still be accessible by motor vehicle, however, travelling directly between zones will be prevented to stop through-traffic.

Refuse collection vehicles and emergency service vehicles will still be able to access all properties and we will consult with these organisations and departments before any measures are implemented. We will continue to monitor the performance of this plan and make improvements that help local residents get around.

## Key elements explained

Modal filters will be introduced at the junctions of Raglan Road/Campbell Road **2** and Walton Road/Raglan Road **4** to prevent through-traffic along Walton Road. These will be attractive and will incorporate plants and greenery, and a new crossing at the junction of Walton Road/Raglan Road will provide an attractive gateway to Walton Park. We also propose to improve the gateway to Walton Park on Walton Road between Fairlands Road and Marford Crescent **5**.



**4** Sketch visual of potential filter & greenery at Walton Road/Raglan Road junction\*



**8** Sketch visual of potential modal filter at Langdale Road/Eastway\*

Access on Stanley Mount will change from two-way to one-way, running west to east **10**. This will limit the amount of traffic that currently uses the street as a short cut between Washway Road and Marsland Road, creating a safer and quieter street for residents.

At the junction of Eastway and Walton Road **7** a modal filter will prevent through-traffic using Walton Road, Manley Road and Langdale Road to bypass Washway Road. This will include more plants and greening, an improved pedestrian crossing and a bench to create an attractive use of public space in this location.

A modal filter will be introduced between Langdale Road and Eastway **8** to prevent through-traffic and address the issue of people driving the wrong way down the one-way section.

Residents who live on this section will retain access by making it two-way. This will create a calmer and safer environment for people to live and for local businesses in the area.

Local people have identified an issue with verge and pavement parking along Eastway and we propose to introduce new restrictions and bollards to address this **6**. Not only will this make it more accessible for people walking down Eastway but it will also protect the grass verges to make the area more attractive. We also propose to improve the pedestrian environment around the shops on Eastway.

Improvements will also be made to walking and cycling connectivity in the area, including replacement of barriers on paths to make them accessible to all **11** and new/improved cycle parking outside local businesses **6** **12**.

**6** Sketch visual of potential public realm improvements at Eastway shops\*



\* Artists impression

# Frequently Asked Questions

Introducing an Active Neighbourhood has the potential to bring significant benefits to the local community. However, we understand you may have some initial questions and concerns. We have hopefully answered some of these below.

## What about access for waste collections and emergency service vehicles?

The plan has been carefully designed to allow full access for waste collection and emergency service vehicles. In fact, vehicle filters can be designed to allow waste and emergency service vehicles to pass through. Before any plans are finalised we will ensure both services are happy with proposals.

## Will the plans increase my journey times?

The plans have been carefully designed to minimise any inconvenience to people that still need to make journeys by car. Some car journeys may take slightly longer, but we think the scheme benefits overall will be worth any minor inconvenience. Please let us know what you think and let's work together.

## Will the plans increase traffic on surrounding roads?

Evidence from other schemes shows that traffic reduction schemes reduce levels of traffic, rather than simply pushing it on to surrounding roads. This is because people drive less, drive at different times of day or switch to other ways of travelling once the scheme is introduced. While traffic may increase on surrounding roads initially, once the scheme has bedded-in levels should return to normal, or even decrease. We will continue to monitor the situation and will make any future improvements needed.

Find more information at:  
**[tinyurl.com/waltonroad-faq](https://tinyurl.com/waltonroad-faq)**



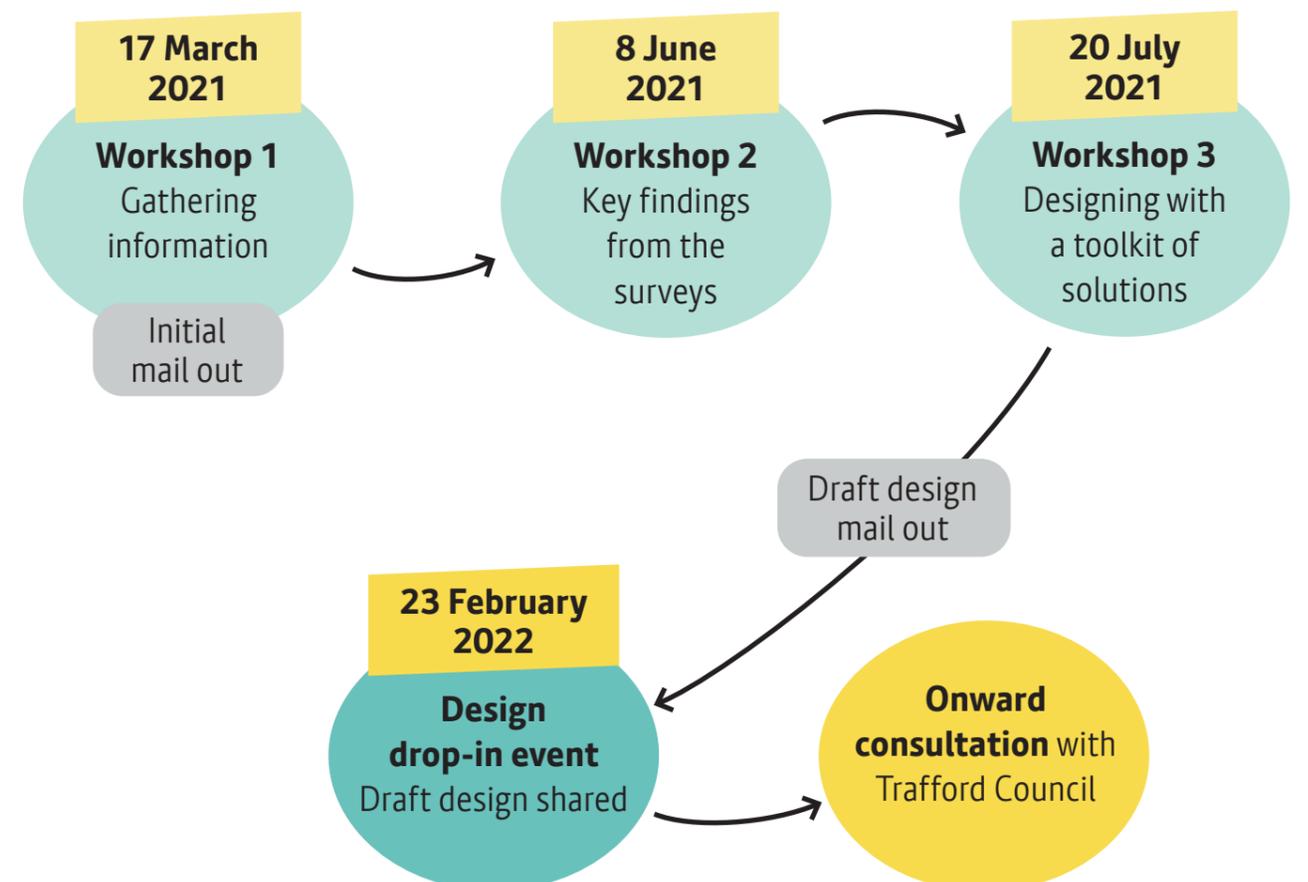
# What are the next steps?

The results from the survey and feedback from the drop-in event on 23 February 2022 will be reviewed by us (Trafford Council) to understand what local people think of the plans and to consider any other suggestions. We will carefully consider everyone's views and ideas to decide whether to proceed with the proposed improvements, which may include amendments based on your feedback.

Any implementation is likely to be undertaken on a temporary (trial) basis initially. If we would like to proceed further – potentially with a trial of the scheme – then we will get back in touch to give advance notice and details of how you can provide further feedback as part of a formal consultation.

**Your feedback will help us develop the best proposals for your local area and we will continue to work with you and listen carefully to what you think.**

## Our timeline for 2022





If you need any assistance to access the event, or require the information in this leaflet in a different format, please email:  
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