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ATHERTON LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

Your views on street improvements

December 2022

In September 2022, following extensive public consultation and traffic data collection, the Low Traffic Neighbourhood in Atherton was made permanent. This scheme prevents motor vehicles from using the residential area as a short cut, in order to make it easier to walk and cycle, and to improve the quality of life for local residents.

The Council is now seeking your views on improving the design of the modal filter on Keogh Road (see photo above), converting a temporary wooden planter box to a permanent design. Modal filters prevent motor vehicles from driving through residential areas using CCTV enforcement, while allowing pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users, emergency vehicles and waste collection vehicles to pass through.

This leaflet contains:

* An overview of the Low Traffic Neighbourhood
* Draft designs for a permanent modal filter
* Link to an online survey where you can provide feedback

**How a Low Traffic Neighbourhood works**

Here is a recap of what a Low Traffic Neighbourhoods is and how it works.

**What is a Low Traffic Neighbourhood?**

A Low Traffic Neighbourhood is a predominantly residential area surrounded by main roads in which through traffic is restricted, by the use of modal filters. See explanatory diagram below.

**What is a modal filter?**

A modal filter isa barrier that prevents motor vehicles from driving through, but allows access for pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles. Other motor vehicles are prevented from driving through modal filters by using CCTV enforcement. Modal filters ensure that drivers cannot use residential areas as shortcuts.

**What are the benefits of a Low Traffic Neighbourhood?**

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods are designed to make walking and cycling easier by restricting through traffic. Benefits typically include improved road safety and community feel, reduced noise and air pollution, and come with improvements to cycling infrastructure and greenery when made permanent.

**Vehicle access to all properties**

Motor vehicles can still drive to any property inside a Low Traffic Neighbourhood, but may have to take slightly different route to avoid modal filters.

[diagram showing how a Low Traffic Neighbourhood works]

**From temporary to permanent and improved designs**

Now that the Atherton Low Traffic Neighbourhood has been made permanent, the Council is looking to make the neighbourhood even better for walking, cycling and disability access.

**Future potential projects**

Future potential projects could include:

* Upgrading the modal filters that are currently made of wooden planter boxes
* Improving footways and crossings to reduce motor vehicle turning speeds and reinforce pedestrian priority at side road junctions
* Increasing green infrastructure across the area, particularly where it can contribute to speed reduction
* Assessing and improving wheeled accessibility across the area (e.g. dropped kerbs)
* Creating a safer environment on Earlham Grove, outside the school, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up
* Introducing a 20mph speed limit on boundary roads and adjacent residential streets.

**Keogh Road modal filter as it currently appears**

As the first street improvement, the Council is looking to upgrade the look and feel of the temporary modal filter on Keogh Road, which is currently made of a wooden planter box. The Low Traffic Neighbourhood map on the next pages shows the location of the filter. The images below show how the temporary modal filter currently appears.

[satellite image showing location of existing Keogh Road modal filter]

[image of street view showing location of existing Keogh Road modal filter]

[map of Atherton Low Traffic Neighbourhood, showing location of Keogh Road modal filter]

**Keogh Road modal filter upgrade**

**Proposed modal filter design**

Our design for the upgrade of the modal filter on Keogh Road is at an early stage and is shown on the drawing below.

We would like to invite you to give us your feedback so we can produce a final design. On the last page of this leaflet, you will find a link to an online survey. If you provide us with your e-mail address, we will update you on the final design. Construction is expected in early 2023.

[image of plan for proposed Keogh Road modal filter, with elements of the design numbered 1 to 10]

1. Retention of 3.75m wide carriageway width for emergency vehicle access
2. Retention of CCTV enforcement to maintain compliance and safety
3. Improved surface materials
4. Raised carriageway within the length of the modal filter
5. Kerb upstand of 60mm, which is the standard requirement for a detectable kerb for visually impaired people to define the difference between the pavement and the carriageway
6. Pedestrian crossings with tactile paving
7. Feature walls for additional protection for pedestrians and buildings from motor vehicles
8. Up to four new trees and up to 65m2 of new greening, which also reduces the risk of localised flooding
9. Secure residential cycle parking
10. Blocks for informal play and seating (e.g. stepping stones, climbable features, etc.)

**Artist impression of the early proposal**

The visualisation below shows how the improved modal filter could appear.

[image of artist impression of the early proposal]

**Extension of the road space closed to traffic**

We are proposing to extend the road space closed to traffic from 2m long (the width of the planter box) to 16m long (upgraded modal filter length).

The space closed to traffic would extend:

* Eastwards - from house number 109 (current closure location) to house number 111(proposed)
* Westwards on the north side - up to the building line between house number 101 and 103
* Westward on the south side - up to the building line between house number 104 and 106.

See house numbers on drawing opposite. This would involve the removal of two parking bays.

**We want to hear what you think**

**Online survey**

We would like to invite you to tell us your thoughts on the early proposal for Keogh Road modal filter.

A survey is available using the URL below. It should take about 10 minutes and is open until Sunday 8 January 2023.

[www.newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/athertonltn](http://www.newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/athertonltn)

**Let’s keep in touch**

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