

# CONNECTING HOXTON

Help shape  
the future of  
Hoxton



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**We are committed to creating a fairer, greener, healthier Hackney. Our vision is a borough where people can walk, wheel and shop locally, enjoy welcoming public spaces, and travel on safer, less polluted streets.**

We are investing in Hoxton's streets and spaces to strengthen connections across Hoxton, with the aim of improving wellbeing, a sense of belonging and reducing social isolation for local people in the area.

The Connecting Hoxton project proposes a network of high-quality interventions in and around Hoxton Street to improve social infrastructure, green space and the public realm, with a focus on opportunities for the local community to be involved in the design process.

Using previous co-design events, a vision for Hoxton's identity has been created, which includes:

- Strengthening Hoxton's identity and putting community at the heart of development
- A thriving and affordable market street
- Championing organisations and businesses delivering social value in Hoxton
- Cherishing and supporting younger and older people in Hoxton
- Improving the pedestrian experience in Hoxton
- Realising the potential of Hoxton's green spaces.



To support these changes, the Council has been granted £3 million from the Greater London Authority's Civic Partnership Programme, for which projects are being delivered across Hoxton.

The changes in this booklet relate to the Council's plans to contribute towards creating a liveable neighbourhood in Hoxton, by reducing traffic and improving pedestrian and cycle access.

We want your views. These will be taken into account as part of the detailed design process.

Please send your response by  
**Sunday 14 September 2025.**

## Find out more

Come along to one of our drop-in events to ask questions and learn more:

### Shoreditch Library drop-in sessions

- Thursday 31 July  
4pm-7pm
- Thursday 21 August  
11am-2pm
- Saturday 6 September  
1pm-4pm

To have your say on the changes outlined in this booklet, you can fill out the questionnaire and return it in the freepost envelope provided or visit **[bit.ly/CHOXTONLN](https://bit.ly/CHOXTONLN)** to complete the survey online



## Help us improve Hoxton

We're proposing improvements in the Hoxton area to support active, healthy lifestyles, reduce air pollution, and create a more welcoming, people-friendly neighbourhood for the community.

## Why are these changes being proposed?

Hoxton is a place with a strong local community and a proud heritage. But we know from engaging with residents that more support is needed, especially to help younger and older people with better footpath connections to local facilities and clear directions and signage to enable people to move around safely and easily.

Hoxton Street is an important shopping street and market venue. However, over 4,000 vehicles use it daily. Most of these vehicles pass through without stopping, and 40 % have no connection to the borough at all.

Our plans include more space for people outside key locations such as Shoreditch Library, Hoxton Hall and around Hoxton gardens, new footpaths to better connect the area for pedestrians, and measures to reduce traffic in the area, including preventing vehicles taking short-cuts along key cycle routes.





# Hoxton travel survey

In 2023, we asked residents and businesses in the area to complete a travel survey to help us understand local people's travel habits and views. More than 400 people responded.

## Here's what we learned:

- 70 % of residents support improving walking, cycling and air quality, even if it might lengthen motor vehicle journeys by a few minutes
- Almost 90 % of non-car owners would support these improvements, while 42 % of car owners would not
- Walking is by far the most common way people travel in Hoxton
- Around two-thirds of respondents walk, cycle or use a manual wheelchair for at least 20 minutes a day

## Our aims:

- Make cycling and walking safer and easier in Hoxton and the surrounding area
- Improve journey times for buses and ambulances
- Reduce traffic in the area
- Improve the area as a place to visit and shop, including on market day



## Improvement projects



### Key

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| A. Increased greenery     | F. Hoxton Hall entrance            |
| B. Play street            | G. Shoreditch Library improvements |
| C. Garden improvements    | H. Street improvements             |
| D. Arden Community Centre |                                    |
| E. Improved connections   |                                    |

# Changes to Hoxton streets

## 1. Hoxton Street

To reduce the number of vehicles using Hoxton Street, Falkirk Street and Crondall Street as a shortcut between Kingsland Road and New North Road, we are proposing a 24-hour bus gate on Hoxton Street between its junctions with Falkirk Street and Crondall Street. This means that most through traffic would not be able to pass through the area.

Vehicles would still be able to enter Hoxton Street from Whitmore Road, and from Crondall Street and Purcell Street.

A camera would be used to enforce these restrictions and allow easy passage for buses, emergency services, cyclists and pedestrians. Other exemptions would include Council refuse vehicles and an appeals process would apply for other emergency situations.

We would also introduce public space improvements on Hoxton Street, such as widening the footpath with high-quality surfacing, planting new street trees, installing new seating and adding more greenery. Extra space outside the Howl at the Moon pub will allow for social interaction and a quieter place away from through traffic. The trip hazard outside 118 Hoxton Street will be rectified and broken paving slabs will be replaced to create a continuous level footway. Market traders will be given electric connections to replace generators.



## 2. Traffic management measures on residential streets

To prevent through-traffic from cutting through other parts of this area, we are proposing to introduce new traffic management measures on the following streets:

- **Stanway Street:** A filter would be installed between Hoxton Street and the entrance to the public toilets, with exemptions for market stallholders using the adjacent storage facility.
- **Fanshaw Street:** A filter would be installed outside of the Lion and Lamb pub immediately south of the triangular island. Two way traffic will then be allowed on Fanshaw Street leading up to Hoxton Street.

The changes would be enforced by cameras which will prioritise clear passage for emergency services vehicles and Council refuse vehicles, along with cycling and walking. There would be a minimal loss of some parking to improve traffic flow including removal of the existing painted cycle lane on Fanshaw Street. These changes would help prevent through traffic from taking shortcuts through the area, reduce speeds on local roads, and create more space for improvements such as planting and wider footpaths.





### 3. School Streets

To make the area outside local schools safer at pick-up and drop-off times, we're proposing new traffic restrictions on Hoxton Street outside St Monica's Catholic Primary School, which would be one of the final schools in Hackney to receive a School Street.

This means most motor traffic will not be permitted to enter during school drop-off and pick-up hours on school days during term times.

Exemptions would apply for emergency services and Council refuse vehicles. Permits would be introduced for people who live within the School Street zone or have a special need to be there.

School Streets are already in place at over 50 schools in Hackney, helping over 20,000 pupils get to school safely and sustainably.



## 4. Further street improvements

These proposals are an essential first step towards creating a liveable neighbourhood that will make the area more accessible, sustainable and attractive.

As part of our engagement with local people to develop the Hoxton Community Partnership, we've identified other initial locations for further investment, funded through the Greater London Authority's Civic Partnership grant. The first is to improve connections between Purcell Gardens and the Arden Estate Community Hall. This will include significant amounts of new greenery and improved crossing facilities.

We are also planning pedestrian improvements along Mundy Street to create a more accessible and pleasant space for pedestrians and cyclists.

We want to hear your views on other improvements you would like to see in this area, including where you would like them to be located. Ideas could include play features for children, step-free improvements and seating for accessibility, shade and shelter, cycle bays, flood prevention measures, greening spaces, and more. All suggestions will be assessed and prioritised for feasibility and benefits.

To read more about Connecting Hoxton and have your say, visit:



<https://hackney.gov.uk/connectinghoxton>



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## Frequently asked questions

### **Q. Will I still be able to drive to my home or business if the proposals are implemented?**

A. While some routes will be different, this proposal has been designed to maintain existing access to all properties at all times. It is designed to encourage active and sustainable travel where possible for short local journeys, and to maintain full access for all.

### **Q. What measures will be in place to monitor the impact of the changes on traffic and air quality?**

A. We will monitor the impact if the proposal is implemented. Our modelling suggests that there will be less traffic on Falkirk Street and Crondall Street and a small increase on the A10.

Working with TfL, we will take full advantage of improved bus journey times predicted through the area.

For more information on air quality monitoring locations and results, visit:



[hackney.gov.uk/air-quality](https://hackney.gov.uk/air-quality)

## What happens next?

Your views will be taken into account as part of the detailed design process. We will publish the consultation results as well as the decisions made at:



[consultation.hackney.gov.uk](https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk)

Subject to this consultation and statutory processes, the Council would aim to begin implementation of the proposals in summer 2025.

For further information on this proposal, please contact the Hackney Service Centre by calling **020 8356 2897** or by emailing:



[streetscene.consultations@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene.consultations@hackney.gov.uk)



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