

# Help shape plans for Dalston Liveable Neighbourhood



This booklet outlines proposals to introduce a new Liveable Neighbourhood in Dalston and includes a survey for you to share your feedback. Your views will be taken into account as part of the detailed design stage.

## Have your say

Please return the questionnaire in the FREEPOST envelope provided or complete it online at:

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

The survey closes on **24 August 2025**.



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## Find out more

Come along to one of our drop-in events at Dalston CLR James Library to ask questions and learn more:

- **Wednesday 23 July, 9.30am–12.30pm**
- **Tuesday 29 July, 4–7pm**
- **Wednesday 6 August, 1–4pm**
- **Saturday 16 August, 1–4pm**

For further information, including answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs), visit:

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# Help shape plans for Dalston Liveable Neighbourhood



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, healthier streets.

As part of this mission, we have secured nearly £3 million from Transport for London (TfL) to improve traffic and transport in the Dalston area. This funding will help us make roads safer, enhance the local environment, and support better bus services.

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

## Why are these changes being proposed?

Dalston East is a thriving neighbourhood, but it currently suffers from high levels of through-traffic and unsafe road conditions:

- Over 10,000 vehicles pass through Shacklewell Lane each day
- More than 9,000 vehicles use St Mark's Rise daily, and 40 % of them don't stop in the area, using it as a shortcut
- The neighbourhood is surrounded by busy through roads, leading to a high number of collisions, especially at junctions
- Ridley Road Market visitors have to negotiate fast-moving, noisy and polluting traffic
- Car ownership is low – only around 30 % of households own a car, one of the lowest rates in the UK

- Walking is by far the most common way people get around, and we want to make it safer, easier and more enjoyable
- Cycling is also popular, but current conditions need improvement

## Dalston 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 700 people responded, and 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, and 57 % of car owners would also support this
- Walking is by far the most common way people travel in the local area
- Nearly 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 Dalston and the surrounding area**



**Reduce traffic in the area**

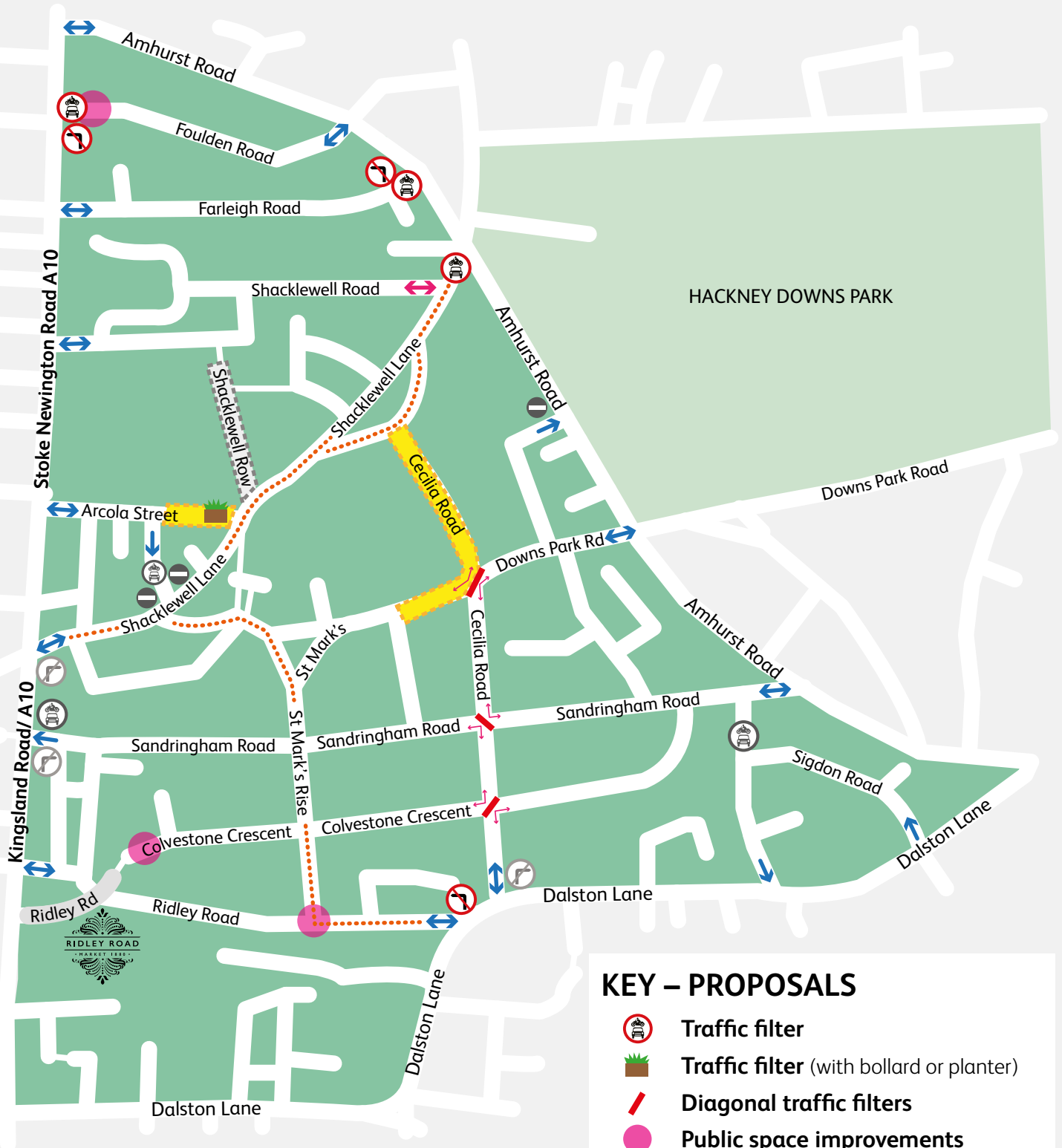


**Improve journey times for buses and ambulances**



**Improve the area as a place to visit and shop, including on market day**

# Dalston Liveable Neighbourhood Map



## KEY – EXISTING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS



## KEY – PROPOSALS

- Traffic filter
- Traffic filter (with bollard or planter)
- Diagonal traffic filters
- Public space improvements
- Entry and exit points
- School Street zone
- Two-way traffic system
- Bus route
- Banned turns

# The proposals explained

## 1. 'Bus gate' on Shacklewell Lane

To reduce the number of vehicles using Shacklewell Lane as a shortcut between Kingsland High Street and Amhurst Road, we're proposing a bus gate between Shacklewell Road and Amhurst Road.

This would prioritise passage for buses and emergency vehicles, and improve conditions for walking and cycling. Other (non-exempt) vehicles would not be able to pass through the bus gate on Shacklewell Lane to and from Amhurst Road.

Vehicles would still be able to enter Shacklewell Lane from Kingsland High Street.

At the bus gate, we would add more greenery and public space improvements, such as widening the footpath with high-quality surfacing.

A camera would be used to enforce the bus gate and allow easy passage for buses, emergency services, cyclists and pedestrians. Other exemptions would include council refuse vehicles and HAC01 permits, including eligible blue badge and Taxicard holders. An appeals process would apply for other emergency situations.

## 2. Traffic management measures on residential streets

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

- **Cecilia Road:** Diagonal traffic diverters at the junctions of Downs Park Road, Sandringham Road, and Colvestone Crescent. These would allow vehicles to turn left or right at these junctions, but not continue straight through. Buses and emergency services would be exempt.



Example of a diagonal traffic filter.

- **Foulden Road:** Traffic filters to prevent vehicles turning in from and turning left out onto the A10 (Stoke Newington Road).
- **Farleigh Road:** Similar traffic filters to prevent vehicles from entering from or turning left out onto Amhurst Road.

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 greenery or wider footpaths. Emergency vehicles and council refuse vehicles would be exempt.

- **Ridley Road:** To prevent a shortcut developing between the A10 and Pembury Circus, which would make pedestrian access to Ridley Road Market more difficult, we propose a left turn ban for vehicles exiting Ridley Road onto Dalston Lane. All existing access points to the market would remain, as well as all existing parking spaces.
- **Shacklewell Road:** To help local access, it would be made two-way.





### 3. School Streets

To make the area outside local schools safer at pick-up and drop-off times, we're proposing new School Streets in the following locations:

- Outside Halley House School (Arcola Street)
- Adjacent to the Excelsior Academy (Cecilia Road)

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

Emergency services, council refuse vehicles and cyclists would be exempt. Permits would be introduced for people who live within the 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.



As part of this programme, we want to provide more outdoor space for children and young people, and encourage more walking, wheeling and cycling to school. We propose restricting a short section of road at the Shacklewell Lane end of Arcola Street to support this. Access to Arcola Street would be available only from the A10 direction, with a closure at the Shacklewell Lane end.



An example of a School Street in Hackney.

### 4. Help us map street improvements in Dalston

We have secured an additional £350,000 Healthy Streets funding from TfL to make Dalston's streets more accessible, sustainable and attractive.

To help us determine how to best use this additional funding, we want to hear your views on what other improvements you'd like to see.

Improvements might include play features for children, seating, trees for shade, cycle hire or parking bays, flood prevention measures, and green spaces.

Based on feedback from the Dalston Plan, a major planning and regeneration project shaped by the local community, we've identified two focus areas for potential investment:

- Arcola Street and Shacklewell Lane junction
- St Mark's Rise and Ridley Road junction

#### Have your say

Share your ideas for improvements in question 7 in the questionnaire.

All suggestions will be assessed and prioritised for feasibility and benefits.

There will be more opportunities to help shape the designs, including in-person workshops. For updates, visit the consultation page:



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

To read more about the Dalston Plan, visit:



**[hackney.gov.uk/dalston-spd](https://hackney.gov.uk/dalston-spd)**



## Colvestone Crescent – public space improvements

We are also seeking feedback on proposals to improve Colvestone Crescent, from house number 2 up to Time Square, as part of a smaller local scheme. Proposals include introducing a pedestrian and cycle zone, cycle stands, and a play area, as well as rain gardens to help reduce flooding risk and filter pollution.

To find out more and have your say on the proposals, visit:

 [bit.ly/colvestone](https://bit.ly/colvestone)



## Pembury Circus works

Following consultation in 2024, works to transform Amhurst Road and Pembury Circus began in February 2025. Some of the changes will affect areas within the Dalston Liveable Neighbourhood, including Sigdon Road and Dalston Lane. We are considering any cumulative impacts from both projects in these areas.

For more information, visit:

 [hackney.gov.uk/  
amhurst-road-pembury-circus](https://hackney.gov.uk/amhurst-road-pembury-circus)

## Hackney Downs Station proposals

There's also a consultation happening just to the north around Hackney Downs Station.

Take a look and have your say at

 [bit.ly/HackneyDownsStreets](https://bit.ly/HackneyDownsStreets)

## Frequently asked questions

### Would I still be able to drive to my home or business if the proposals are implemented?

While some routes will be different, this proposal has been designed to maintain existing access to all properties at all times. The aim is to encourage active and sustainable travel where possible for short local journeys, and to maintain full access for emergency services, council refuse vehicles, and people with disabilities using the free HAC01 permit.

### What measures would be in place to monitor the impact of the changes on traffic and air quality?

We would monitor the impact on air quality if the proposal is implemented. Our modelling suggests that there would be less traffic on Shacklewell Lane and Cecilia Road, a very small increase in traffic on Amhurst Road in the westbound direction, and Dalston Lane in the westbound direction.

We would work with TfL to improve bus services on routes 236 and 488, following the introduction of the bus gate on Shacklewell Lane, which is designed to improve bus journey times.

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?


The survey is open until 24 August 2025 to gather feedback on the proposals.

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, we would aim to begin implementation of the proposals in autumn 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)**

