



Works Notification

Hackney Downs Low Traffic Neighbourhood – Public realm improvements

We are introducing new rain gardens and enhancing pedestrian crossings at the junction of Northwold Road and Durlston Road. We are also improving cycle accessibility on Maury Road and Norcott Road. Additionally, we will implement a one-way system on Benthall Road at Jenner Road. These changes aim to make the area more biodiverse, safer for pedestrians, and more convenient for cyclists.

This is part of our ambition to create a greener, safer and healthier Hackney. These changes are aimed at creating an environment that will encourage more walking and cycling, reduce car dominance and, as an aspiration, help to improve air quality and reduce emissions within the local area.

Background

Following the consultation between November 2023 and January 2024, we have approved plans to implement new rain gardens (Sustainable Drainage Systems or SuDS) and public realm improvements on Northwold Road, Durlston Road, Benthall Road, and Jenner Road.

The public realm improvements initially proposed for the Fountayne Road junction with Northwold Road, as outlined in the consultation leaflet, will be postponed and carried out alongside broader flood mitigation measures planned for Northwold Road.

We have also incorporated cycle permeability into the scheme, allowing cyclists exemptions from the existing one-way restrictions on Maury Road and Norcott Road. This aims to enhance cycling accessibility in the area.

The plans have taken into consideration the outcome of the public consultation, where residents were able to express their views on the proposals. You can view the detailed decision report with the results of the consultation at:

 consultation.hackney.gov.uk/streetscene/hackney-downs-ltn

The Council also consulted with local councillors and key stakeholders, including the emergency services. No objections to these proposals were received from any stakeholders and local councillors.



What happens next?

We have considered the comments we received from local residents and businesses along with the commitments in our Transport Strategy and Climate Action Plan to reduce traffic, promote walking and cycling, and make the borough greener. Taking this into account, we are proceeding with work to improve Northwold Road, Durlston Road junction with Northwold Road, Benthall Road, Jenner Road, Maury Road and Norcott Road.

This will include:

- Introducing divergent one-ways on Benthall Road and Jenner Road with an exemption for cyclists, subject to statutory consultation
- Creating a new layout with two buildouts to install SuDS areas (rain gardens) with trees and low level planting at the Durlston Road junction with Northwold Road to capture surface water
- Converting the existing paving slabs between Durlston Road and Briggeford Close into rain gardens with low level planting
- Widening the footway at the eastern end of Geldeston Road bus stop and installing new rain gardens with low level plantings
- Introducing a new kerb buildout east of Geldeston Road
- Introducing a refuge island outside Clapton Library on Northwold Road to improve pedestrian safety
- Introducing cycle permeability by exempting cyclists from the existing one-way restriction on Maury Road and Norcott Road, subject to statutory consultation
- Removing of one parking space outside number 1 Durlston Road to provide an informal crossing, subject to statutory consultation.

As specified above, to implement the new one-way roads and make amendments to the existing one-way roads, the Council will need to carry out a statutory consultation.

Notice of the changes will be advertised in the Hackney Citizen and London Gazette on 21 March 2025.

Construction and traffic management

We expect to start work on **3 February 2025**, which will last up to eight weeks.

The improvements will require that suitable traffic management be in place for the duration of the works. Should they be required, temporary parking suspensions on parking bays and temporary traffic lights on Northwold Road and Durlston Road will be in place. Access to properties will be maintained.



Contact us

If you have any questions or comments about the planned work, please contact us at streetscene.enquiries@hackney.gov.uk or on **020 8356 2897**.