



# Northwold Road Public Realm & Pedestrian Accessibility Streetscene Improvement Scheme

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This consultation document outlines Hackney Council's proposals for Streetscene improvement measures along Northwold Road (B111) between Stamford Hill (A10) and Upper Clapton Road (A107). It involves a complete review of all the past concerns raised by residents, ward members and other stakeholders.

## Background

The Council is committed to making Hackney's roads safer for everyone living, working or visiting the borough. Helping to create an environment that will encourage more walking and cycling is a key part of the Council's transport vision and an essential part of Hackney's Community Strategy.

The Council recognises that Northwold Road is a major road in Hackney that links three overground stations: Stoke Newington, Rectory Road and Clapton. In view of this the Council aims to improve the streetscape by reducing the risk of accidents and improve pedestrian, bus and cycle safety in the area, particularly as this is a residential area with shops and a school.

There have been 11 accidents over a three year period along Northwold Road between Rectory Road and Upper Clapton Road, involving one serious accident, two pedestrian related accidents and another three cyclist accidents.

The majority of accidents occurred at junctions and a key part of the plan is to help reduce vehicle speeds entering and exiting from side roads to Northwold Road.

## The Proposals include:

Major improvements for buses, pedestrians, cyclists and motorist are being proposed following a detailed feasibility study of Northwold Road including analysis of current accident records, traffic volume and speed. The proposed improvements are listed below and shown on the plan (enclosed A3 sheet).

- New raised entry treatments on Rossendale Street, Reighton Road, Narford Road, Rossington Street, Geldeston Road, Durlston Road, Norcott Road, Osbaldeston Road and Alkham Road to their junctions with Northwold Road.
- New raised junction table in Northwold Road at its junction with Geldeston Road, Alconbury Road and Kyverdale Road for better pedestrian accessibility.
- New footway paving and tactile paving works around the vicinity of newly constructed raised entry treatments and junction tables.
- New kerb build-outs in Rossendale Street, Reighton Road and Durlston Road to their junctions with Northwold Road.
- New inset parking bays in Reighton Road and Durlston Road at its junction with Northwold Road.
- New raised zebra crossing at Northwold Road at its junction with Geldeston Road by Northwold Primary School.
- Relocating the existing eastbound bus stop from opposite Northwold primary school to outside number 135 and relocating the existing westbound bus stop from outside Royal Sovereign pub to outside Northwold Primary School as shown on the plan. This is in order to provide a new raised zebra crossing facility outside Northwold Primary School.
- Introduction of a new loading bay facility at the northern section of Geldeston Road at its junction with Northwold Road.
- Removal of the existing crossovers and resurfacing the area opposite 106, Sam & Annie Cohen Day Centre and outside the Clapton Library.
- Installation of new footway cycle stands on Northwold Road outside number 92 and at its junction with Geldeston Road.
- Introduction of new bus stop towards eastbound direction in Northwold Road at its junction with Alconbury Road.
- Removing the existing center island along with the existing mature tree in Fountayne Road at its junction with Northwold Road. Re-designing the Fountayne Road and Northwold Road junction to make the area more environmental and pedestrian friendly by installing a new raised entry treatment and creating two-way traffic flow on the western side of the existing traffic island. Also creating a new greener area on the eastern side of the existing traffic island by installing a new kerb build-out out and by planting new trees and turf.
- Removal of existing crash barriers from Northwold Road outside number 93 -95 and also removal of existing traffic island from outside the visitor's entrance of Northwold Primary School.

- Reducing the gradient of the existing raised table outside Northwold Road infant school entrance.
- Installation of new uncontrolled crossing points on the existing speed table in Northwold Road at its junction with Maury Road and also outside Clapton library by replacing the existing speed cushions with a new raised table.
- Relocating the existing bus stand in Northwold Road 10 meters eastwards away from Alkham Road to create better visibility to pedestrians and motorists.
- Removal of existing “No Right Turn” sign on Northwold Road at opposite Alkham Road by the park and relocating the existing “Direction of travel sign (left)” in Northwold Road at its junction with Alkham Road, closer to the railway bridge.
- Replacing the existing kerb build-outs and existing two speed cushions with three new speed cushions in Northwold Road at its junction with Alkham Road.
- Planting new trees in Reighton Road and Dursilton Road at its junction with Northwold Road subject to any underground apparatus - gas pipes or electric cables present.
- Assessing the existing street furniture and remove as many unnecessary and unused items as possible.

## Consultation

This document lays out Hackney Council’s proposal for Streetscene improvement measures along Northwold Road. Your views are a very important factor in the Council’s decision making process. Please read through the information in this document and return the questionnaire enclosed by 22 August 2014.

## What proposals will be delivered?

The proposals for Northwold Road are ambitious and have given due consideration to the issues raised by residents and ward members in the past. The Council will look to deliver as much of the proposals as possible, subject to consultation, although some form of prioritisation would be necessary given the available funding in the current financial year.

## What happens next?

Your views will be taken into account as part of the detailed design. Works are programmed to commence in **November 2014** should the responses be in support of proposals. May we take this opportunity to thank you for replying to this consultation.

## How to give your views

Please complete the questionnaire, place it in the addressed freepost envelope provided and post it. Please return by **22 August 2014**. The proposal may change subject to feedback from residents and stakeholders. The consultation results are used to help reach a decision on whether to go ahead with the proposals.

## Why is speed important?

*“If a pedestrian is hit at 40mph there is about a 90% chance that they will be killed*

*At 30mph there is a 20% chance of them being killed*

*If a pedestrian is hit at 20mph there is a 3% chance of them being killed*

*Or a 97% chance they will survive”*

## Examples of typical traffic calming measures



### Raised entry treatment

Raised entry treatment work as an uncontrolled crossing point for pedestrians to cross the road. It also encourages vehicles approaching to reduce their speed.



## Examples of typical traffic calming measures *continued*



### Kerb build-outs

Kerb build-outs are extensions of the existing pavement out into the road. Installing kerb build-outs reduces the width of the road. It also helps to prevent vehicles parking and makes it clearer for pedestrians and allows motorist to reduce their speed ahead of time.



### Junction table

Junction tables work as an uncontrolled crossing point for pedestrians at junctions. It is constructed across the whole junction and will reduce the speed of approaching vehicles.

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