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Pitfield Street & Hyde Road Modal Filters

Dear resident,

You may be aware that Pitfield Street and Hyde Road have been closed to motorised traffic for two years to allow for the construction of the new Britannia Leisure Centre and new Academy. These closures were introduced for safety purposes given the ongoing construction works in this area.

Additionally, due to the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, people have changed the way they get around, walking and cycling more, spending more time in their local area and drastically reducing the amount they travel by public transport.

This has brought a number of benefits to the capital like cleaner air, less traffic, quieter neighbourhoods and higher levels of active travel. As we emerge from lockdown, we want to rebuild a greener Hackney that secures these benefits for future generations.

We are also committed in our Transport Strategy to make Hackney's roads safer for everyone living, working and visiting the borough. We aim to create an environment that will encourage more walking and cycling and improve road safety and air quality.

Therefore, Hackney Council is committed to continue with some of the current restrictions around the new Britannia development as building works carry on in the area, particularly for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

Pitfield Street

Pitfield Street will remain closed to through traffic. A modal filter on **Pitfield Street to the south of its junction with Hemswoth Street**, as shown on the drawing enclosed, will be maintained. This modal filter will consist of two planters to narrow the width of the road. The filter will be camera enforced like the current measures and will continue to allow cyclists to pass through.

Hyde Road

Hyde Road will remain closed to through traffic. A modal filter on **Hyde Road from Pitfield Street to Northport Street**, as shown on the drawing enclosed, will be maintained. This modal filter will

consist of two planters to narrow the width of the road on each end. The filter will be camera enforced like the current measures and again this will allow cyclists to continue to travel along the road.

If you are a resident or business in the area and you have a motor vehicle, you will still be able to drive to your home or business, in the same way that it has been operating for the last two years.

Cyclists, emergency vehicles and refuse vehicles will be able to pass through the traffic filters.

This type of modal filters will continue to eliminate through-traffic and to improve road safety for residents, pedestrians and cyclists in the area, as the numbers are expected to rise due to the new developments, the Quietway cycle route on Hyde Road and the C1 (formerly CS1) cycle route along Pitfield Street.

What happens next?

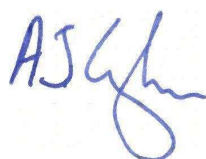
We will introduce these measures from the 1 June 2021, using solid planters on either side of the road to reduce the carriageway width, but allowing enough space for cyclists and emergency and refuse vehicles to go through. Signs and road markings will make it clear that regular vehicles cannot pass through. Implementation is expected to take up to one day.

These modal filters are being continued using a temporary traffic order for a maximum period of 18 months. Whilst the temporary traffic order is in operation, the Council would be seeking funding and look at different options with the view to make the scheme permanent. Subject to available funding, Hackney Council would undertake a public consultation to gather the views of residents and businesses. The responses and comments would be taken into account before any decision on whether or not to make any measures permanent is made.

Further information

For further information please email streetscene.enquiries@hackney.gov.uk. You can also write to us by sending your comments to 'Freepost Streetscene'.

Yours sincerely



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