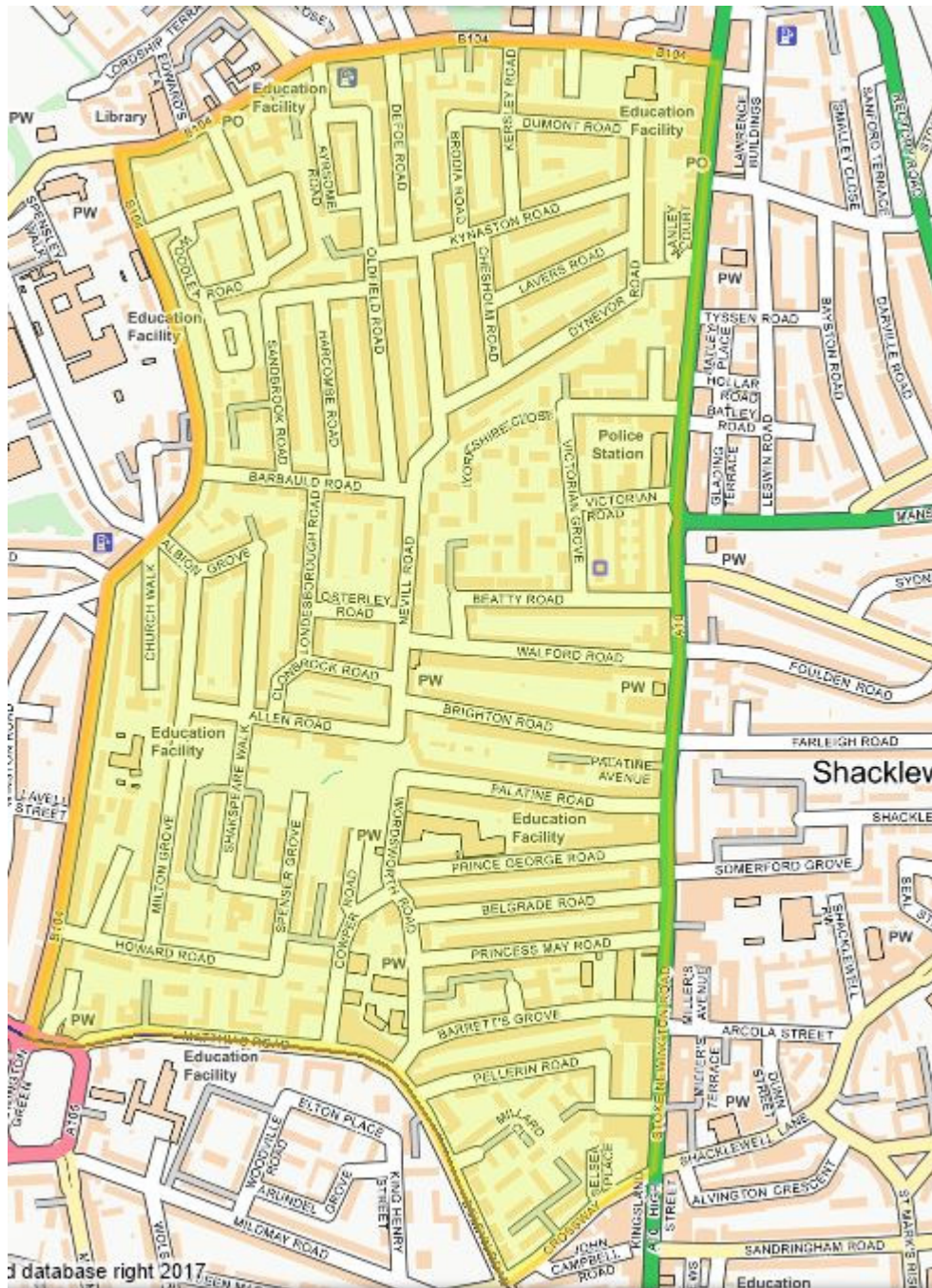


WALFORD ROAD FAQ's

1. Which roads are included in the “Walford Road area”?

The roads included in the Walford Road area are shown on the plan below:



2. Why were the streets to be closed chosen?

These proposals have been developed in response to residents' feedback and our analysis following the previous road closures in the Wordsworth Road area, which were provided as part of the Cycle Superhighway Route 1 (CS1).

3. What is “filtered permeability”?

Filtered permeability is a way of reducing through motor traffic in an area, usually residential, by restricting some modes of transport but allowing others.

In particular, filtered permeability is best implemented in busier neighbourhoods where street traffic is likely to always exist.

4. What will the impacts to local traffic be?

We anticipate that the road closures will reduce through motor traffic, allowing residents to benefit from quieter streets. This will improve the road for both walking and cycling. Emergency service vehicles will still be able to pass through the road closures.

5. How will my journey times be affected if I travel by car?

We anticipate that some journey times for motor traffic may increase following the changes. This is because through movements for motor traffic will be restricted with these proposals. The amount of time will be dependent on the time of day.

6. Will these measures lead to an increase in traffic on side roads immediately south of Stoke Newington Church Street?

Option A: We do not anticipate that this option will lead to an increase in traffic on side roads immediately south of Stoke Newington Church Street.

Option B: We do not anticipate that this option will lead to an increase in traffic on side roads immediately south of Stoke Newington Church Street.

7. Will these options lead to increased traffic on Stoke Newington Church Street and the A10?

Our traffic analysis predicts at worst there would be an increase of 5% in eastbound traffic flows (335 vehicles over a 24 hour period) and 7% in westbound traffic flows (229 vehicles over a 24 hour period) on Church Street. Existing traffic flows between Defoe Road and the A10 are 4,793 vehicles eastbound and 4,393 vehicles westbound. This should not result in any appreciable worsening of air quality outside the school.

It should be noted that this is a worst case scenario and there are a number of alternative routes using main roads, therefore the actual increase is likely to be much less than this scenario predicts. Given the availability of alternative routes, we anticipate that any increase would be minimal. However, if either proposal were to be implemented, the Council would continue to monitor the traffic and air quality across the area. We recently closed two notorious rat runs around Frampton Park Road but have not seen significantly increased congestion on neighbouring main roads.

8. Will air quality outside William Patten School be affected?

We do not anticipate a significant increase in traffic passing William Patten School. We are also investigating moving the bus stop outside the school and other air quality improvements in the area. The main bus route on Church Street uses hybrid vehicles, and the buses used on route 476 will be retro-fitted this year, so most buses passing the school will use cleaner vehicles. This means we expect air pollution levels around the school to improve over the course of the next year.

9. Will these proposals include public realm improvements?

The proposals will provide public realm improvements at the closure points. These will include features such as improved facilities for pedestrians and street trees.

10. Will there be a loss of parking?

The proposals do not include a significant reduction of parking as a result of the road closures. It is possible that some loss of parking will be required to accommodate turning points at the road closures however the number of spaces affected will be minimal.

11. How will the school run will be affected?

Hackney Council encourages travelling to school via sustainable modes such as walking and cycling and these proposals will benefit both walking and cycling to school by reducing the amount of motor traffic in the area.

All schools in the area will still be accessible by motor vehicle however it is possible that journey times will increase if travelling to school by car, as through movements for motor traffic will be restricted.

12. Will there be additional measures proposed after the proposals are implemented?

At this stage, it is not envisaged that additional measures will be required. However following implementation of the proposals, the Council will monitor the impacts and investigate if any further proposals are necessary.

13. How will you measure changes in air quality in the area?

The Council has recently installed air pollution tubes on a number of roads within the area to analyse the current air quality level. These tubes will then remain in place once the scheme has been implemented. The Council will then compare the two sets of data to see how air quality in the area has been impacted.

14. Can I submit more than one consultation response?

Only one consultation response will be accepted per person. If you would like to submit more than one questionnaire from the same household, please ensure that you provide your name. This is to ensure that there are no duplications.

15. What are the next steps?

The Council will collect and analyse the responses received to this consultation and will make a decision on which proposals to implement.

The Council will update the consultation website with details of this decision once it is made.

Following implementation of the proposals, the Council will monitor the impacts and if required, will consult on any other additional schemes.