

COPPERMILL AREA SCHEME

QUIETWAY 2 (CYCLEWAY 27) SCHEME



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In 2018, Waltham Forest Council was successful in securing initial funding from Transport for London (TfL) to develop a Liveable Neighbourhood scheme in the Coppermill Area. At the same time the Council also secured funding to redirect the existing Quietway 2 (soon to be renamed Cycleway 27 by TfL) cycle route. The aim of both schemes is to encourage residents, businesses and visitors to use sustainable modes of transport more often, so that together we can reduce congestion, tackle air pollution and improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

The Coppermill Area Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme encompasses the area bounded by Forest Road and Blackhorse Road Station to the north, St James Street to the east, Argall Industrial Estate to the south/southwest and the Lower Lea Valley/Walthamstow Wetlands to the west. The new Quietway 2 (Cycleway 27) route alignment uses South Access Road, the Argall Business Estate and Lea Bridge Road to link St James Street with the London Borough of Hackney, instead of the current route alignment along Coppermill Lane and through the Lower Lea Valley. This change is being made due to accessibility and personal safety concerns within the Lower Lea Valley.

SCHEME UPDATE:

In January 2020, we sent an update leaflet to all addresses within the scheme area informing the local community of the feedback received to the public consultation that took place in June 2019. The leaflet also included details of the changes that would be progressed towards construction, which was due to start in late Spring 2020. The leaflet can be accessed within the following link:

www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Coppermill-Improvements-update-leaflet.pdf

However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have seen a substantial reduction, and in many cases complete withdrawal, of funding for transport and highway improvements. This includes funding that we were expecting from TfL to deliver schemes like the Coppermill Area scheme. As a result we are unfortunately unable to progress some of the schemes we were originally planning to, and have had to prioritise which measures and proposals to take forward based on their expected benefit and amount of funding now available.

Funding for this scheme will now be supported via the TfL "London Streetspace Plan" (LSP), which is aimed at providing emergency funding for implementing lower cost, high impact highways infrastructure schemes that will address various issues related to the Covid-19 pandemic. The LSP schemes aim to encourage and enable social distancing and ease potential pressure on London's streets and transport system by encouraging the use of sustainable and active modes of travel. Further detailed information can be accessed within the link below:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/streetspace-for-london#on-this-page-0>

Unfortunately, the funding being provided through the London Streetspace Programme for the Coppermill Area scheme is significantly less than we were expecting as part of the original Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme. Therefore, certain proposals such as some of the Coppermill Lane corridor improvements, some of the public realm improvements, some of the highways and pedestrian improvements, and the traffic calming improvements will not be delivered at present. However, subject to future funding availability we may be able to review this, and we will update residents with further information via the scheme website.

The current revised list of improvements is outlined below and shown on the plan overleaf:

| Modal Filters | | |
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| Location | Improvements | Action |
| Edward Road (junction with Coppermill Lane) | Modal filter. This will require the removal of approximately two parking spaces. | Construction starting from August/September 2020 |
| Station Road (junction with St James Street) | Modal filter (reduced scope scheme). This will require the removal of approximately three parking spaces. | Construction starting from August/September 2020 |
| Low Hall Lane (junction with Markhouse Avenue and South Access Road) | Modal filter (reduced scope scheme). This will require the removal of approximately two parking spaces. | Construction starting from August/September 2020 |

| Public Realm Improvements | | |
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| Location | Improvements | Action |
| Edward Road (outside Coppermill Primary School) | New landscaped areas, planting and improved surfaces; and a raised junction table at Coppermill Lane / Edward Road | Construction starting from August 2020 |
| South Access Road (outside Barn Croft School) | Raised junction table, planting and wider footway areas | Construction starting from August 2020 |
| Brunel Road (outside Barn Croft School) | Temporary measures: Wider footway area outside school entrance | Construction starting from August 2020 |
| Verulam Avenue (outside St Saviour's School) | Temporary measures: New planting, wider footway area and removal of approximately eight parking bays | Construction starting from August 2020 |

| Coppermill Lane Corridor Improvements | | |
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| Location | Improvements | Action |
| Coppermill Lane (junction with St James Street) | Pedestrian and cycle improvements | Construction starting from August/September 2020 |
| Coppermill Lane (between Leucha Road and St James Street) | Temporary measures: Informal crossing locations. This will require the removal of approximately 11 parking spaces. | Construction starting from August/September 2020 |

| Highways and Pedestrian Improvements | | |
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| Location | Improvements | Action |
| Hawarden Road, Edward Road, Lloyd Road, Cornwallis Road and Courtenay Road | One-way system | Construction starting from September 2020 |
| Blackhorse Road (at the junctions with Hawarden Road, Lloyd Road, Cornwallis Road, Courtenay Road, Southcote Road, Tenby Road and Hazelwood Road) | Blended Copenhagen crossings | Construction started in June 2020 |
| Salop Road/Morland Road junction | Raised junction table | Construction starting from September 2020 |

| Quietway 2 (Cycleway 27) | | |
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| Location | Improvements | Action |
| South Access Road | Various preparation works and new cycle lanes | Construction started in June 2020 |
| Argall Avenue (from the Black Path to the existing closure) | New pedestrian and cycle crossing and cycle lanes | Construction starting from July 2020 |
| Argall Avenue (the existing closure) | Junction improvements and closure removal preparation works | Construction starting from July 2020 |
| South Access Road (outside Barn Croft School) | Bus Gate and opening the existing road closure on Argall Avenue | Construction starting from August 2020 The Bus Gate will be operational and the road closure on Argall Avenue will be opened in early September 2020 |

COPPERMILL AREA UPDATE PLAN



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| ONE-WAY | BUS GATE | MODAL FILTER | MODAL FILTER (LOW COST MATERIALS) | TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT | NEW CROSSING | PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT | PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT (LOW COST MATERIALS) | TEMPORARY PLANTERS | CYCLE LANE | POCKET PARK | OPEN-UP |

WHAT'S NEXT?

All addresses in proximity of the works will receive further updates as construction progresses across the area. Please bear with us while we aim to implement these improvements as soon as possible; and we apologise for any inconvenience the works may cause. Our contractors will be working to keep disruption to an absolute minimum.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Coppermill Area scheme webpage can be accessed via: www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/cln/

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