

COPPERMILL AREA SCHEME UPDATE (JANUARY 2022)



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In 2018, Waltham Forest Council was successful in securing initial funding from Transport for London (TfL) to develop a Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme in the Coppermill Area. This includes 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 scheme aims to encourage residents, businesses and visitors to use more sustainable modes of transport in their day-to-day lives, so that together we can reduce congestion, tackle air pollution and improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

Following extensive community engagement throughout 2018 and 2019, including an area wide consultation in June/July 2019, the scheme was approved for detailed design and construction, as detailed in an update letter sent to residents in the scheme area in January 2020.

In July 2020, we sent a further update leaflet to residents detailing how Covid-19 had affected funding for highway and transport improvements in the borough; and that TfL was unable to provide planned funding for Liveable Neighbourhoods schemes across London, including the Coppermill Area scheme. Instead, TfL were providing replacement emergency funding for councils to deliver highway changes that prioritise active travel and support social distancing.

Within the Coppermill area, the Council was able to secure funding from TfL to deliver a range of proposals during summer and autumn 2020. These included improvements to Cycleway 27 (formerly Quietway 2) and a number of modal filters (road closures to motorised vehicles) on Edward Road, Low Hall Lane and Station Road, as well as a Bus Gate on South Access Road. These were all proposals that had been developed and consulted upon previously as part of the wider Coppermill scheme during 2018 and 2019.

Further funding was then secured in December 2020, and this allowed some of the other measures developed as part of the original Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme to be delivered. These included a range of public realm, pedestrian accessibility, road safety and sustainable drainage measures, as set out in a further update leaflet sent in January 2021.

You can read all the update leaflets sent throughout the scheme by visiting enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/cln

Scheme update

All the proposals detailed in the July 2020 and January 2021 leaflets have now been implemented. Some of the changes, particularly the modal filters and Bus Gate, were introduced using Experimental Traffic Management Orders, which allow a period of up to 18 months for further review and assessment before deciding on whether to make them permanent or not. Therefore, we have been monitoring traffic levels within and around the area alongside a range of other data since November 2020, to understand how these measures have performed. The Council has also considered feedback received from the local community during this time. The results of this monitoring and review process have helped inform the decision on whether to make these measures permanent, make changes, or withdraw them.

The decision for each modal filter is set out below, and you can view an updated map of the area overleaf.

Modal filter	Decision
Edward Road	Make permanent
Low Hall Lane	Make permanent, with additional public realm and landscaping works to take place
Station Road	<p>The Station Road modal filter will be removed and replaced with a new experimental one-way scheme. The new scheme will allow motorised traffic to enter Station Road from St James Street and travel southbound towards Lynmouth Road. Motorised traffic will still not be able to exit Station Road onto St James Street, but cycles will be permitted in both directions. The changes will require adjustments to the temporary layout and materials currently in place, alongside new planters and other interim features.</p> <p>The new one-way proposal aims to maintain some of the benefits delivered by the original modal filter, including reducing instances of vehicle conflict at the St James Street/Station Road junction and creating more space for pedestrians, while addressing some of the concerns raised by residents around local access and the impact of the changes on other streets in the area.</p> <p>The new one-way scheme will be introduced using a new Experimental Traffic Management Order (ETMO), and as with the original scheme will be regularly monitored and reviewed during the experimental period, considering adjustments as needed. We will aim to undertake a formal review as soon as possible after the first 6 months to decide on whether to make the changes permanent or not.</p>
South Access Road Bus Gate	Make permanent

Further information

The new Station Road experimental proposals will be implemented in early February 2022, and we will write to addresses nearby with more information before construction begins.

As part of the Council's highway maintenance programme, Station Road is due to be resurfaced in late January 2022. To maintain access to properties whilst these works progress, the road closure (modal filter) will be temporarily removed. Further, detailed information with exact dates and hours of working alongside temporary traffic management arrangements will be sent to affected properties shortly.

For further information on the scheme please visit enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/cfn or contact us using the details below:

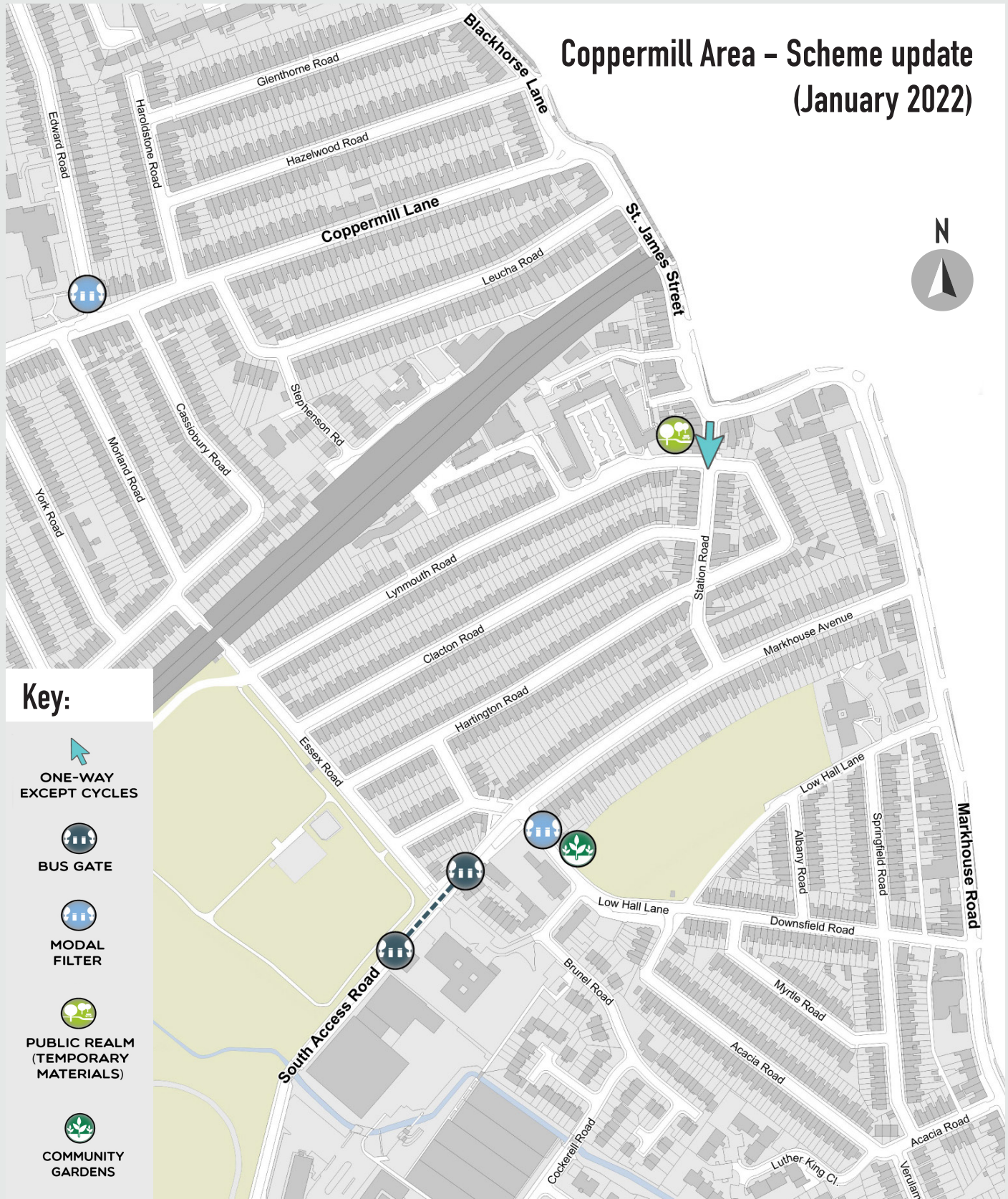
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
Call: **020 8496 3000**

Map of scheme area:

Coppermill Area – Scheme update (January 2022)



Key:

-  ONE-WAY EXCEPT CYCLES
-  BUS GATE
-  MODAL FILTER
-  PUBLIC REALM (TEMPORARY MATERIALS)
-  COMMUNITY GARDENS