

# Safer, active, greener streets for Sutton



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Dear Resident,

## Worcester Park Low Traffic Area

The London Borough of Sutton wants to make your streets safer, more active and greener. Changes are being made to improve the quality of life in Browning Avenue and the surrounding roads. These changes will help:

- Improve safety on Browning Avenue and in the surrounding roads by reducing traffic levels and speeds.
- Make the area more pleasant and quieter to walk or cycle around and safer for children.
- Reduce the number of non-resident vehicles cutting through the area.

## In order to achieve this we are trialling the following changes:

- A bus gate on Browning Avenue between Dorchester Road and Lindsay Road. A bus gate will close this short area of road to all traffic except buses, cyclists and emergency vehicles. It will be enforced with a CCTV camera.
- No entry point in Lincoln Road from Green Lane to all traffic except emergency services, pedestrians and cyclists

## Why are we making changes?

Many local people have really enjoyed the lower levels of traffic and improved air quality during the recent lockdown. They have contrasted them with the previous levels of congestion and pollution and asked the Council to help. There is evidence from across London that making the kinds of

changes that are proposed will encourage people to continue to walk and cycle when they make local journeys. These proposals will also discourage others from using the area as a shortcut.

These proposals are based on concerns from residents about the increasing traffic volume and speed in roads locally. The Council has already installed traffic calming measures and a 20mph zone but some people have told us more should be done to tackle speeding in Browning Avenue and the road being used as a cut-through.

This is an experiment and we want to hear your views.

Across London councils are looking to make improvements to local neighbourhoods by improving road safety and air quality. Currently, there are over 800 similar schemes being trialled.

### **When will this come into effect?**

These proposals will be introduced on an experimental basis from 21 September 2020.

### **Where can I find out more?**

For more information about this and other improvements that we are implementing to make our borough's streets safer, more active and greener go to [www.sutton.gov.uk/saferstreets](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/saferstreets). We will be updating information relating to this scheme shortly.

### **Tell us your views!**

All of these changes will be for a six-month trial period and we appreciate not everyone will like the changes. During this time, we will welcome all feedback from residents about how the scheme is working and how it can be improved. We know change can take some getting used to and ask that you allow some time for the scheme to bed in as it can take a while for everyone to adapt to the changes. If a scheme does not prove beneficial to the area, it can be modified or removed before the end of the six-month trial.

Visit the 'have your say' page on our website to take part in the Worcester Park consultation at [sutton.gov.uk/saferstreets](http://sutton.gov.uk/saferstreets)

**Or you can write to us at:**

**Streetspace, Highways and Transport, 24 Denmark Road, SM5 2JG.**

Yours Faithfully



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