



## London Borough of Enfield

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### Purpose of Report

1. This report provides an overview of the engagement and consultation undertaken by the Journeys and Places programme in 2023 to deliver walking and cycling infrastructure. The report also includes details of activities across the Borough to aid with cycling.
2. 2023 marked the first year of the rebranded Journeys and Places programme, formerly known as the Healthy Streets programme. The Journeys and Places programme empowers people in Enfield to make sustainable choices for themselves, their community and our planet. We support local people to connect with each other to create vibrant spaces and a greener, healthier future.

## Engagement & Consultations undertaken in 2023

### 3. Project delivery

3.1. A number of walking and cycling projects were progressed in 2023, including many new projects.

3.2. Walking and cycling route projects aim to provide safe, accessible routes for people walking and cycling in Enfield, contributing to the long-term goal of a well-connected active travel network in the borough.

3.3. Each project typically has a dedicated project page on our Lets Talk Engagement hub. This enables the community to access information on the numerous projects in a structured and organised way. The following walking and cycling projects which were progressed this year each have a Lets Talk project page and within this report the title of the project forms a hyper-link to enable the reader to access these project pages:

#### 3.3.1. [Enfield Town to Ponders End Station Walking and Cycling Route](#)

3.3.1.1. The proposed route starts at the eastern side of the Southbury Road / Willow Road junction and reaches Ponders End Station via Alma Road. The total length of the proposed route (subject to confirmation of the preferred alignment) is approximately 3.9 kilometres. The proposed route aims to:

- Provide a quieter, safer, and more pleasant route that will encourage people to use active travel modes for more of their journeys.
- Reduce the volume of motor traffic on the section of Main Avenue outside Bush Hill Park Primary School.
- Provide a safe cycle facility across the A10.
- Promote cycling along car-free areas such as though Bush Hill Park and Ponders End Park.

3.3.1.2. Engagement on the proposed concept design is running until 7 January 2024. Statutory consultation will follow on different sections in 2024.

3.3.1.3. The section within Bush Hill Park is being constructed from January 2024.

#### 3.3.2. [New River \(Tenniswood Road\) to Brick Lane Walking and Cycling Route](#)

3.3.2.1. The proposed route runs from the New River (at the Tenniswood Road bridge) to Cycleway 1 (Hertford Road) via Brick Lane. It will connect with the Enfield Town to Broxbourne Walking and Cycling Route at Tenniswood Road, and pass the Enfield Playing Fields as well as Bishop Stopford's School and Suffolks Primary School. The proposed interventions will:

- Improve facilities for people travelling east to west by walking, wheeling and cycling
- Link the Enfield Town to Broxbourne Walking and Cycling Route with Cycleway 1 (A1010 North) and the cycle route through Enfield Playing Fields
- Increase the number of green spaces around Brick Lane.

3.3.2.2. Statutory consultation on Phase 1 of this project is being held in January and February 2024, along with engagement on some additional elements of the project that we are looking to deliver later on as funding becomes available.

### 3.3.3. [Maidstone Road Public Space Improvements](#)

- 3.3.3.1. This project will develop the area around the existing modal filters (planters and cameras) at Maidstone Road and Warwick Road into a space for people to enjoy, with the possibilities of introducing greenery, rain gardens, trees, seating, and play areas.
- 3.3.3.2. Works are commencing to deliver this project in January 2024.

### 3.3.4. [Brownlow Road Walking and Cycling Route](#)

- 3.3.4.1. This project proposed improvements to walking and cycling along a short section of Brownlow Road from Goring Road to York Road to enable more people to travel safely in the area by walking and cycling, and connect to nearby routes in the area.
- 3.3.4.2. Statutory consultation on the draft Traffic Order is being delivered in January and February 2024.

### 3.3.5. [Great Cambridge Junction to Bridport Road Enfield Town to Broxbourne Walking and Cycling Route](#)

- 3.3.5.1. This project aims to create an active travel route that will connect the Great Cambridge Junction to Bridport Road, connecting the Clean Air Route project with the North Middlesex Hospital Active Travel Improvements project (Cycleway 1) and onwards with the existing A10 cycle facilities and the cycle facilities under the Great Cambridge Roundabout (junction of A10 with A406).
- 3.3.5.2. This project has been paused as we await further funding.

### 3.3.6. [New Southgate Station to Palmers Green Station Enfield Town to Broxbourne Walking and Cycling Route](#)

- 3.3.6.1. This proposed route will connect Cycleway 20 (C20) with the New Southgate and Palmers Green railway stations as well as Arnos Grove underground station. This route will also run along the south-east boundary of the Fox Lane Area Quieter Neighbourhood.
- 3.3.6.2. This project has been paused as we await further funding.

### 3.3.7. [Southgate Circus to Great Cambridge Junction Walking and Cycling Route](#)

- 3.3.7.1. This project proposes a route that starts at Southgate Circus, extends through the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood, runs across Green Lanes, through residential streets and connects with the existing cycle pass infrastructure at the Great Cambridge roundabout (A10 Great Cambridge Road junction with A406 North Circular Road). This route has been designated as Cycleway 58 (C58).
- 3.3.7.2. The section of the route through the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood has had C58 wayfinding installed. This project has been paused as we await further funding.

### 3.3.8. [Old Park Road N13 to Pymmes Park Walking and Cycling Route](#)

- 3.3.8.1. This route is proposed to run from Old Park Road N13 at its junction with Aldermans Hill, and end at Cycleway 1 at Sweet Briar Grove at its junction with Denton Road.
- 3.3.8.2. This project has been paused as we await further funding.

### 3.3.9. [North Middlesex Hospital Active Travel Improvements](#)

- 3.3.9.1. This project has largely been delivered to introduce a walking and cycling connection from the A406 North Circular Road underpass at

Bull Lane to the Enfield borough boundary at the southern end of Bull Lane.

3.3.9.2. A draft Traffic Order proposing a 20mph zone along Bull Lane will be subject to statutory consultation in January and February 2024.

### 3.3.10. [Bowes East Quieter Neighbourhood](#)

3.3.10.1. The Council has proposed a Quieter Neighbourhood (QN) in the Bowes East area within the streets bounded by the A406 Bowes Road, Green Lanes, Berkshire Gardens at the boundary with Haringey Council, and Melville Gardens.

3.3.10.2. Quieter Neighbourhoods form part of this comprehensive approach that the Council is taking to reduce the speeds and volume of motor vehicles in the area and create an attractive and safe environment for people to travel by active and sustainable modes, such as walking and cycling. The long-term benefits we hope to see include improvements in people's health, less congestion and safer roads, and improved air quality.

3.3.10.3. Bowes East has been chosen as one of the next QN areas because the area has poor air quality compared with other areas in Enfield, poor health and deprivation indicators that could be improved with active travel, two schools within the area and limited areas of open space.

### 3.3.11. [Edmonton Green Quieter Neighbourhood](#)

3.3.11.1. A QN is also proposed in the Edmonton Green area, within the streets bounded by Bounces Road, the A1010, the A406 and Montagu Road.

3.3.11.2. Edmonton Green has been chosen as one of the next QN areas because the area has poor air quality compared with other areas in Enfield, poor health and deprivation indicators that could be improved with active travel, two schools within the area, amenities in the area that could be accessed using active travel, high numbers of collisions for vehicles, pedestrians and people on bikes, and a high population density which would benefit from the improvements.

### 3.3.12. [School Streets](#)

3.3.12.1. Seven School Streets were delivered in 2023 at the following schools:

- Hazelbury Primary School
- Wilbury Primary School
- Houndsfield Primary School
- George Spicer Primary School (extension of the existing scheme)
- St James Primary School
- St Marys Primary School
- Delta Primary School

3.3.12.2. The Clean Air Route at St John and St James Primary School was also launched as part of the Good Growth Fund initiatives that have been delivered in the Angel Edmonton area.

3.3.12.3. A 'School Street' is an area transformed into a pedestrian and cycling zone outside of a school. They operate from Monday to Friday during the school term only at set times for drop-off (morning) and pick-up (afternoon). Roads remain open to people walking, scooting and cycling and those who are exempt from the closure.

### 3.3.13. [Enfield Town Liveable Neighbourhoods](#)

3.3.13.1. The Enfield Town Liveable Neighbourhoods project is proposing to improve walking and cycling, public transport passenger facilities to reduce car use and promote sustainable transport options. It also has a focus on improving public realm spaces that provide places to stop and rest, and promote a bustling and vibrant town centre.

3.3.13.2. The draft Traffic Order for Phase 1 of the project will be subject to statutory consultation in February and March 2024. The project will be delivered in phases as funding becomes available.

3.3.14. The Walk ([Fox Lane Area Quieter Neighbourhood](#))

3.3.14.1. Changes were made to waiting restrictions on the north side of the Fox Lane Bridge, between Palmadium Close and Pellipar Close. This included the introduction of new “at any time” waiting restrictions along the northern side of Fox Lane Bridge which aim to keep the area clear for the movement of traffic and ensure that the flow of traffic will not be obstructed by parked vehicles.

3.3.14.2. The changes were implemented in October and November 2023.

3.3.15. [Cycle parking](#) including residential bike hangars

3.3.15.1. Sixteen residential bike hangars were installed this year providing 96 more secure bike parking spaces for residents.

3.3.15.2. We celebrated the milestone of 100 hangars in Enfield, with now a total of 106 hangars available to residents to access membership of to store their bikes near to their homes.

3.3.15.3. A cycle mobility corral was also installed near Bush Hill Park Station.

## 4. Community engagement

### 4.1. Early community engagement

4.1.1. We engaged the Enfield community on a number of walking and cycling route projects that were at an early stage of the project. The purpose of the engagement at this stage was to hear from residents, businesses and other local community members about their ideas for the proposed routes, and any issues in the area related to walking and cycling that could be addressed by the project.

4.1.2. Early engagement was conducted for the following projects:

- Enfield Town to Ponders End Station Walking and Cycling Route
- New River (Tenniswood Road) to Brick Lane Walking and Cycling Route
- Maidstone Road Public Space Improvements
- Brownlow Road Walking and Cycling Route
- Great Cambridge Junction to Bridport Road Walking and Cycling Route
- New Southgate Station to Palmers Green Station Walking and Cycling Route
- Southgate Circus to Great Cambridge Junction Walking and Cycling Route
- Old Park Road N13 to Pymmes Park Walking and Cycling Route
- Bowes East Quieter Neighbourhood
- Edmonton Green Quieter Neighbourhood

4.1.3. Engagement summary reports were produced for each project and can be viewed on the project pages linked above.

4.1.4. Engagement was also conducted ahead of the planning application submission for the Enfield Town to Broxbourne Walking and Cycling Route (Tenniswood Road to Carterhatch Lane section). A community drop-in session was held where residents could speak with the project team, via the plans and ask questions.

4.1.5. We formed the Journeys and Places Disability Reference Group (DRG), a group of Deaf and Disabled people who live, work or study in Enfield. The DRG will provide input to projects at early stages based on their experience as a Deaf or Disabled person which will inform future designs for projects.

#### 4.2. Statutory consultation

4.2.1. A number of projects were subject to statutory consultation on draft Traffic Orders. Residents were invited to take part in the statutory consultations for the following projects by providing an objection or representation on the draft Traffic Order:

- School Streets including Prince of Wales Primary, Delta Primary, Latymer All Saints Primary and Chesterfield Primary
- Maidstone Road Public Space Improvements
- The Walk (Fox Lane Area Quieter Neighbourhood)
- Bike hangars at seven locations
- Enfield Town to Broxbourne Walking and Cycling Route (crossing points at Carterhatch Lane, Goat Lane, Turkey Street and Bullsmoor Lane).

4.2.2. Objections and representations made, along with the Council's response to these were included in the decision reports for each project. These reports have been linked from the project pages under the 'Project updates' tab.

### Activities to aid with cycling

#### 5. Cycling services

5.1. Our cycling services continued to be well attended and very popular in 2023, and we expanded our delivery across the borough and to more people. Each of the activities we deliver are explained further on the Journeys & Places website and the title of the sections below form links to the respective webpages:

##### 5.2. [Cycle training](#)

5.2.1. We offer Bikeability training to schools for young people aged 4 to 16, one-to-one adult cycle skills sessions and family cycle training.

5.2.2. 1436 children undertook a Bikeability session at school across 65 schools (some schools had multiple sessions).

5.2.3. 355 children undertook a learn to ride session including during half term cycle training session which we ran for the first time this year.

5.2.4. 170 adults undertook a cycle skills session.

##### 5.3. [All Ability Cycling Hub](#)

5.3.1. The All Ability Cycling Hub runs on Mondays year-round, and on Fridays from April to November in Bush Hill Park. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome to join and try different types of bikes and adapted cycles with trained instructors.

5.3.2. More than 3300 visits were made to the All Ability Cycling Hub by 840 people.

5.3.3. Many people learnt to ride for the first time and others regained and built confidence on a bike after many years.

#### 5.4. [Dr Bike](#)

- 5.4.1. Dr Bike is a free bike repair service for minor repairs and bike check-ups. We run Dr Bike at eight locations across Enfield, with 11 sessions happening each month.
- 5.4.2. We launched a new Dr Bike service monthly at the Enfield Civic Centre.
- 5.4.3. More than 1500 bikes were repaired by Dr Bike in Enfield this year.

#### 5.5. Community partnerships and events

- 5.5.1. Alongside our ongoing cycling services, we delivered a number of events and activities, and supported many community groups to encourage active travel.
- 5.5.2. Over six weeks in the Summer holidays, Summer Cycling Fun sessions were run in Pymmes Park. More than 300 young people attended the sessions to learn to ride, try different types of bikes and adapted cycles, and have fun with friends. This was the first year we ran Summer Cycling Fun and hope to run it again in 2024 should funding allow.
- 5.5.3. 169 children took part in the SEND cycling sessions in Bush Hill Park. These children also tried adapted cycles, learnt to ride and developed new skills and confidence to cycle.
- 5.5.4. Build-a-Bike sessions were undertaken by young people at Craig Park and Ponders End Youth Centres. The participants now have new bikes that they built themselves to travel around Enfield.
- 5.5.5. ECYPS undertook a bike maintenance course with participants learning how to repair and maintain their cycles.
- 5.5.6. We supported The Family Bike Club in their first year of operation, and they joined us at our stall at Palmers Green Festival where we promoted walking, cycling and the Journeys and Places programme along with Dr Bike.
- 5.5.7. We partnered with North Middlesex University Hospital, Recirculate and the Londra Bisiklet Kulubu to deliver a bike loan trial for female NHS workers.
- 5.5.8. We supported the Londra Bisiklet Kulubu who trialled their bike taxi service this year, and the Enfield Cycling Campaign and Better Streets for Enfield who jointly ran a community bike ride.
- 5.5.9. Two groups that we support received a Transport for London Walking and Cycling Grant: Age UK Enfield and One-to-One Enfield.

#### 6. [Transport for London's Travel for Life programme \(formerly STARS\)](#)

- 6.1. 57 schools, more than half of the schools in Enfield, are engaged in TfL's Travel for Life programme, including 26 that have been accredited as 'Gold' schools.
- 6.2. George Spicer Primary School and Raynham Primary School both won awards in the Top Schools Awards
- 6.3. Four schools in Enfield were listed in the top 100 schools (out of 3000) for the Big Walk and Wheel

#### 7. [Cargo Around Enfield](#)

- 7.1. We launched a trial for businesses in Enfield to support them to use cargo bikes for deliveries and other business activities: 'Cargo Around Enfield'.
- 7.2. Through subsidies and small grants we are aiming to convert three businesses in Enfield to using cargo bikes.

## Relevance to Council Plans and Strategies

8. The Journeys & Places programme supports the range of Council priorities:
- **Clean and green spaces** – projects typically include the delivery of improved public realm, including additional greenery and longer-term contribute towards greater levels of sustainable transport.
  - **Safe, healthy and confident communities** – projects typically help contribute towards creating a safer environment and through increasing transport choices helping enable healthier lifestyles.
  - **Thriving children and young people** – projects typically help improve the borough for future generations and individual project consultations will actively seek the input of young people to help shape their design.
  - **More and better homes** – projects typically help create improved connections with current and future active travel routes, enabling more transport choices for local neighbourhoods to travel in sustainable ways.
  - **An economy that works for everyone** – projects typically contribute towards developing town centres and public places that are vibrant, healthy and inclusive.

## Financial Implications

9. There are no financial implications as a result of this report which provides an overview of previous activity which took place in 2023.

## Legal Implications

10. There are no financial implications as a result of this report which provides an overview of previous activity which took place in 2023.

## Equalities Implications

11. Local authorities have a responsibility to meet the Public Sector Duty of the Equality Act 2010. The Act gives people the right not to be treated less favourably because of any of the protected characteristics. The Council needs to consider the needs of these diverse groups when designing and changing services or budgets so that our decisions do not unduly or disproportionately affect access by some groups more than others. The Public Sector Duty Act 2010 requires Local Authorities, in the performance of their functions, to:
- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, and other prohibited conduct
  - Advance equality of opportunity
  - Foster good relations



12. There are no financial implications as a result of this report which provides an overview of previous activity which took place in 2023. Links to relevant Equality Impact Assessments (EQIAs) can be found on the appropriate project pages linked above.

### **Environmental and Climate Change Implications**

13. There are no specific environmental and climate change implications as a result of this report which provides an overview of previous activity which took place in 2023.

### **Public Health Implications**

14. Transport is one of the fundamental determinants of health; it may be health-damaging or health-promoting. The proposals as outlined here will support measures to encourage active, rather than motorised, travel. This scheme aligns with the Enfield Transport Plan 2019-2041 and the Enfield Healthy Streets Framework.

15. Reducing obesity is a priority for Enfield, as outlined in the Borough's Health and Wellbeing Strategy. 61.4% of adults are classified as overweight or obese (ALS, 2016). Data for academic years 2014/15 to 2016/17 shows that the average prevalence of excess weight in year 6 pupils is 41.5%. This is higher than London (37.9%) and England (33.87%) averages. If left unchanged, this will lead to serious health complications later in life, such as diabetes, heart disease and cancers.

16. Creating an environment where people actively choose to walk and cycle as part of everyday life can have a significant impact on public health and has the potential to reduce health inequalities. It is an essential component of a strategic approach to increasing physical activity and may be more cost-effective than other initiatives that promote exercise, sport, and active leisure pursuits.

17. Shifting trips to active and sustainable transport also has the potential to achieve related policy objectives:

- Supports local businesses and promotes vibrant town centres
- Provides a high quality, appealing public realm
- Reduces road danger and noise
- Increases the number of people of all ages out on the streets, making public spaces seem more welcoming and providing opportunities for social interaction and children's play
- Provides an opportunity for everyone, including people with impairments, to exercise and enjoy the outdoor environment

18. Journey & Places projects encourage sustainable and active travel, helping the Council to manage environmental problems related to congestion and local air quality, while also reducing our impact on climate change and improve health, safety, and accessibility for all in our communities. This supports Public Health's efforts to embed health in all policies across the Council.

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**Appendices**

None

**Background Papers**

None

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