



## London Borough of Enfield

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<b>Report Title</b>	Journeys and Places Environment & Climate Action Scrutiny Panel Report
<b>Report to</b>	Environment & Climate Action Scrutiny Panel
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12 March 2024
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Rick Jewell
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<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	All
<b>Key Decision Number</b>	Non Key
<b>Classification</b>	Part 1 Public
<b>Reason for exemption</b>	N/A

### **Purpose of Report**

1. This report responds to a request from the Environment & Climate Action Scrutiny Panel to provide information on consultations that have taken place for Quieter Neighbourhoods and walking & cycling infrastructure. The report captures activity from January 2023 to February 2024.

### **Engagement & Consultations undertaken**

2. Early community engagement

2.1.1. 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.

2.1.2. 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

2.1.3. For a number of projects listed above, two phases of early engagement with the community were held.

2.1.4. New River to Brick Lane Walking and Cycling Route

2.1.4.1. Phase 1 was held in January and February 2023 and heard from the community about their ideas, issues and comments to inform the concept design.

2.1.4.2. Phase 2 was held in January and February 2024 and focused on the second phase of the project. We heard from the community about specific elements of the project to inform the detailed design. This engagement period ran alongside the statutory consultation period for Phase 1 of the project.

2.1.5. Bowes East and Edmonton Green Quieter Neighbourhoods

2.1.5.1. The first phase was held in September and October 2023 and presented the concept of Quieter Neighbourhoods in these areas to hear about people's ideas for their local area that could be implemented through a Quieter Neighbourhood, and issues that could be addressed through the project. These ideas and issue informed the concept design for each area that was presented during the second phase of community engagement.

2.1.5.2. The second phase was held in January and February 2024 and presented the concept design and invited people to comment on these via a survey. We are currently in the process of summarising the findings in reports for each project that will be published once analysis is complete.

2.1.5.3. In both phase 1 and 2 of engagement, community drop-in sessions were held where community members could come and speak with the project team, read information boards and view maps and proposals. Webinars were also held on Microsoft Teams where the project team presented information on the project and responded to questions. The project pages on the Let's Talk Enfield website continue to host information on the

projects including project updates (Bowes East QN project page is [here](#) and Edmonton Green QN project page is [here](#)).

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

2.1.7. 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.

2.1.8. 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.

## 2.2. Statutory consultation

2.2.1. 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, Chesterfield Primary and Bowes Primary Schools
- 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)
- Brownlow Road Walking and Cycling Route
- Enfield Town Liveable Neighbourhoods Phase 1

2.2.2. Where objections and representations made, the Council produces a published response to these. These responses have been linked from the project pages under the 'Project updates' tab.

## Relevance to Council Plans and Strategies

3. 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**

4. There are no financial implications as a result of this report which provides an overview of previous activity which took place in 2023 and 2024.

### **Legal Implications**

5. There are no legal implications as a result of this report which provides an overview of previous activity which took place in 2023 and 2024.

### **Equalities Implications**

6. 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
7. There are no equalities implications as a result of this report which provides an overview of previous activity which took place in 2023 and 2024. Links to relevant Equality Impact Assessments (EQIAs) can be found on the appropriate project pages linked above.

## **Environmental and Climate Change Implications**

8. 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 and 2024.

## **Public Health Implications**

9. 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.
  10. 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.
  11. 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.
  12. 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
  13. Journey and 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

**Departmental reference number, if relevant:**