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Introduction

As part of Islington Council's people-friendly streets programme and the need for an urgent transport response to COVID-19, **St Peter's** has become the first peoplefriendly streets neighbourhood in the borough. It has been created to allow more space for people to walk and cross the road safely, cycle as part of everyday life, and to use buggies or wheelchairs.

Why we are installing these trial measures

In May 2020 the council launched a website called [Commonplace](#) in response to the Covid-19 health crisis. This has enabled local people to raise issues in their area and suggest ideas to help us to create people-friendly streets. In St Peter's around half of all comments were about drivers taking short cuts through residential areas and concerns about the safety of children, and people walking and cycling.

The council is listening to local people and working hard to make our streets friendlier for everyone, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.

It's likely that social distancing will be in place for some time and many people will want to avoid using public transport. We are acting now to make sure our streets are people-friendly and to encourage other, healthier means of getting about. Without action, motorised traffic is likely to increase and our streets will become less safe and less healthy.

What we are installing

A number of inexpensive measures called '**traffic filters**' have been installed to stop drivers from taking short cuts through the area's residential streets. However, every street remains open to motor vehicles so you can still drive to your home and receive deliveries, but that may be via a different route. Access for emergency services is also maintained. **Please see below for more details on access.**

A '**traffic filter**' is a physical restriction in the road to prevent motor vehicles from passing through. In some cases, filters are enforced by traffic cameras. These measures will stop motor vehicles driving across your area, but emergency vehicles, buses and cycles will be able to get through.

The 'traffic filters' have been installed at four locations: Prebend Street, Colebrooke Row, Danbury Street and Wharf Road. At Prebend Street there is a bus gate to allow access for the 812 bus service.

Even though traffic filters have been installed on just four streets in the St Peter's area, the overall effect will be to reduce traffic on every street in the area as drivers will no longer be able to use the area as a cut-through. For more details about our people-friendly streets plan and an FAQ document, please click on this [link](#).

Installing the measures as an 18-month trial

We are installing the measures on a trial basis, which means that they can be changed or removed if they do not work.

To ensure that local people have a say in how the measures are working we have chosen to implement the scheme under an experimental traffic order. This means that for the first six months we will monitor how the measures are working and you can let us know your views. We will make any necessary changes so that the new people-friendly streets work as well as possible.

Local people know their local area best and we will listen to your feedback. Once you have had a chance to experience the changes and for traffic patterns to have settled down we will conduct a full public consultation 12 months into the trial to find out what you think of the measures. Based on our monitoring and feedback from the consultation, the measures will be changed, made permanent or removed.

If you would like to make a formal objection to this scheme you need to do so within the first six months of the scheme's operation. For St Peter's, this is between 3 July 2020 and 3 January 2021.

Any formal objection must be in writing, must refer to the relevant area, and must state the grounds on which it is made. Any formal objection you do submit may become a public document and could be published.

Formal objections should be sent to:

Email: PublicRealm@islington.gov.uk

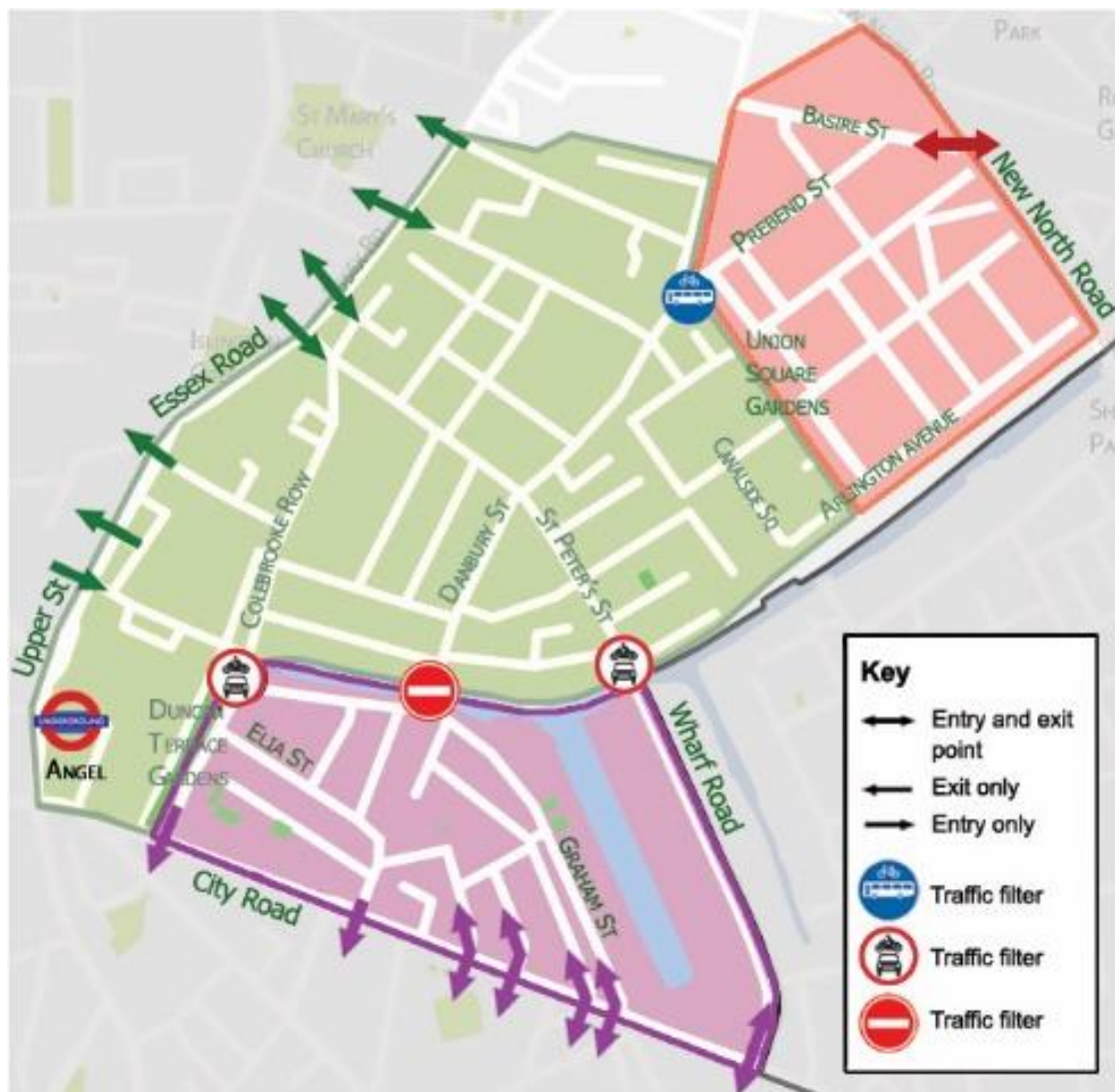
Post: Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.

You can continue to comment or add your ideas about the measures on the Commonplace website islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.Commonplace.is

Access to and from the area

The map below shows access into and out of the area once the measures are in place.

Access for motor vehicles into and out of the red area is from New North Road. For the green area access is from Essex Road and Upper Street and for the purple area access is from City Road. Motor traffic - except buses and emergency services vehicles - cannot pass from one area to the next. People walking and cycling will benefit from much quieter streets and will be able to move freely between areas.



Explanation of each traffic filter in the area

1: Prebend Street



The traffic filter on Prebend Street stops through-traffic from using Prebend Street, Rheidol Terrace, Danbury Street and St Peter's Street as a short cut between New North Road and Essex Road/Upper Street and City Road.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the 812 Bus on Prebend Street and emergency services, are allowed through the filter.

This filter does not use bollards to stop people driving through but is camera enforced. This location also serves as the emergency entry and exit point for the northern section of the scheme should Basire Street be closed for any emergency or utility works in the future. In certain situations, such as emergency utility works, the council is permitted to revoke the traffic order.

Signs on both sides of the filter indicate that only buses and cycles are allowed through.

2: Colebrooke Row



The traffic filter on Colebrooke Row stops through-traffic from using Colebrooke Row as a short cut between Essex Road/Upper Street, New North Road and City Road.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the emergency services are allowed through the filter.

This filter features bollards. Access for emergency vehicles is provided via the bypass. The restrictions are enforced by camera. Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited are on both sides of the filter.

3: Danbury Street



The filter on Danbury Street stops through-traffic from using Danbury Street as a short cut between Essex Road/Upper Street, New North Road and City Road. This filter uses bollards to stop people driving through.

'No Entry' signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited from passing through are on both sides of the filter. The 'No Entry' signs have 'Except Cycles' plates which allow cycles to pass through this filter.

4: Wharf Road



The filter on Wharf Road stops through-traffic from using St Peter's Street as a cut-through between Essex Road/Upper Street and City Road.

The restrictions apply to all traffic in both directions meaning that no motor vehicles, apart from the emergency services are allowed through the filter.

Access for emergency vehicles is provided via the bypass. The restrictions are enforced by camera. Signs indicating that motor vehicles are prohibited are on both sides of the filter