

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ.

Transport for Warrington

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

15 June 2022

Central 6 Streets Plan – Start of Low Traffic Neighbourhood Trial in Westy

You are receiving this letter as an experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) scheme is about to be implemented in your neighbourhood - from week commencing Monday 20th June. We wish to provide you with an update about the scheme to help you understand the trial and provide guidance about any required changes in vehicle routing.

Why is the scheme proposed?

Warrington Borough Council (WBC) has been awarded funding through the UK Government's Active Travel Fund programme to trial Low Traffic Neighbourhoods within the **Westy** area. We are looking to use the funding to build on the Central 6 Regeneration Masterplan work and consultations undertaken in the last few years. A 'better, cleaner and safer environment' was the top priority identified from public feedback. We anticipate that the Central 6 Streets Plan will deliver this by reducing vehicle traffic and improving conditions for those walking, cycling and living within the selected areas.



The proposed LTN scheme aims to reduce the volume of traffic travelling through the area, implementing a series of road closures using modal filters. These changes will still allow all homes in the LTN area to retain vehicle access, but we would **encourage** you to **check the attached plan** to familiarise yourself with the locations of the filters. Please also note that Broadbent Avenue one-way system will be reversed to westbound – to allow for a new access point to the neighbourhood.

A LTN works by closing off areas to traffic, so that people can drive to it but cannot necessarily drive *through* it. This stops drivers using residential roads as shortcuts ('rat running'), makes it safer and easier to walk and cycle, and ultimately helps to improve local air quality.

The Westy LTN scheme is currently scheduled to be implemented week commencing **Monday 20th June 2022.**

Why an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order?

The trial will be implemented using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) and can run for a maximum of 18 months, but will be reviewed frequently. The LTN measures will be implemented on a temporary basis to allow us to monitor changes before taking any final or long-term decisions. During the trial period, data will be collected, which, alongside feedback from the local community, will be used to monitor changes or identify issues.

We are expecting an initial period of some disruption due to the changes in routing and travel habits across the neighbourhoods. But, once traffic patterns settle down, we are anticipating significant environmental and health benefits for the local community.

How can you provide feedback once the scheme goes live?

Once the schemes go live, we will be monitoring the impact of the changes closely and gathering feedback during the trial to understand how it is working.

Ongoing Public Feedback

Following an initial period, a comprehensive engagement process will be carried out with local residents and businesses. This will include a detailed survey process, to help us gauge the level of support and changes in the local environment. Further information on this will be provided in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, you can read more about the Central 6 Streets Plan by visiting warrington.gov.uk/central-6-streets-plan.

Formal Representations

Evidence collected will also be used in parallel with the formal representations to inform a decision as to whether the scheme will be made permanent or not. If you wish to make a formal representation on the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) you should email or write to us using the details below. Further details can be found online at warrington.gov.uk/permanent-traffic-regulation-orders. In your representation, you should clearly and concisely state your support or objection for the scheme alongside any evidence or reasoning for your position.

Email: WestyCentral6TrafficScheme@warrington.gov.uk

Post: LTN Trial, Town Hall, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH

General Enquiries

For general enquiries, please contact eatf@warrington.gov.uk or write to us at the address found in the header of this letter.

Further Information

You can also find out more about the Central 6 Streets Plan, including information on previous consultations and access the full LTN FAQs list by scanning the QR code on the right or visiting: warrington.gov.uk/central-6-streets-plan.

Yours sincerely,

Transport for Warrington



