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Transport for Warrington

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Dear Resident or Business Owner,

Central 6 Streets Plan – Changes to the Low Traffic Neighbourhood Trial in Westy

You are receiving this letter as changes to the experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) scheme will be implemented in your neighbourhood from the 3rd of November. We wish to provide you with an update on the feedback expressed through the first online survey after the LTN implementation – and how the upcoming changes aim to respond to your views and concerns.

Westy LTN Interim Survey – Summer 2022 Results

An interim survey was undertaken between Monday 18th July and Sunday 11th September 2022 to gather public feedback on the original scheme introduced in June 2022.

A review of the existing scheme has now been carried out using both the survey findings and previous email comments sent to us over the life of the scheme. The review has also been informed by monitoring information collected on traffic patterns and impacts.

A summary of the consultation feedback and interim monitoring report can be found online on the Central 6 Streets Plan website <u>https://www.warrington.gov.uk/central-6-streets-plan</u>

As part of the review, several issues have been identified, including:

- Some increases in access traffic and increased speeds on residential streets (i.e Lindley Avenue and Broadbent Avenue).
- Challenges accessing homes in the Griffiths St and Reynolds St areas.
- Difficulties operating the lockable bollard on Reynolds St, to provide access for school coach trips.
- Planters appearing overgrown and untidy.

Proposed Changes to the Westy LTN

To address the concerns and issues identified above, we will make the following changes, as shown in the plan on the next page:

- **1. Remove the planters at the north end of Griffiths Street.** This will allow greater access options to homes in this area.
- Remove the bollard on Reynolds Street, and extend the eastbound one-way from Davies Avenue to the planters at Tinsley Street. This will improve access to Reynolds Street, relieve pressure on Longdin St and allow coaches to pick up from the schools unhindered.
- 3. Restore Broadbent Avenue to two-way traffic, between Griffiths Street and Davies Avenue.

To return this section of road to its previous arrangement.

In addition, we will be increasing the maintenance of the planters that remain in place during the trial.

What are the next steps?

The changes will be made to the LTN in the first week of November. Monitoring of the impacts of the revised scheme will continue for the duration of the trial period. A full Monitoring & Evaluation Report will be publicly available at the completion of the trial.

A new feedback survey will go live in early 2023 to allow us to understand how the revised scheme is working. This feedback will inform any future decision as to whether the scheme is made permanent or not, which we expect to make in 6 months' time.

Making a final decision at the end of the trial

The measures have been implemented by a legal process known as an 'Experimental Traffic Regulation Order'. At the end of the trial period, all of the evidence collected, including public survey results will be presented to the Council's Traffic Committee for consideration along with the representations made by the public both for and against the experimental Traffic Regulation Orders. The decision as to whether the scheme will be made permanent or not must follow a democratic process as outlined in national legislation in order for the decision to be legal. Warrington Borough Council's Constitution delegates these regulatory powers to the Council's Traffic Committee. This Committee is made up of elected Members.



Formal Representations

The legal orders can be viewed online at <u>warrington.gov.uk/permanent-traffic-regulation-orders</u>. If you wish to submit a statement in support of the scheme or a formal objection, please submit it in writing by post to Legal Services, Town Hall Reception, Town Hall, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH. Formal submissions in support or objecting to the scheme can also be submitted by email to WestyCentral6TrafficScheme@warrington.gov.uk.

We would request that your submission includes your name and address and specifically states your support for, or objection to the scheme alongside the reasoning for your position. The deadline for submissions to be received is the 20th of April 2023.

Any formal representations already received by the Council to the current arrangements will be considered to still stand although these views may change as a result of the new amendments. We will write individually to each of the supporters/objectors during the six-month period ending in April 2023 to understand their views.

Update on Emergency Service Access

Cheshire Police, North West Ambulance Service, and Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service have all been consulted throughout the development of the Westy LTN – to ensure that the scheme provides an appropriate level of access to all areas. All Emergency Services have confirmed that they have no concerns with the scheme. Emergency Services have received advanced notice of the proposed changes to the LTN and the dates those changes will be made.

Further Information

Many of the queries we are receiving are answered in the **Frequently Asked Questions** section of the Central 6 Streets Plan website. Please do check here to see if there is relevant information that can answer your query or concern.

Please access by scanning the QR code on the right or visiting: www.warrington.gov.uk/central-6-frequently-asked-questions

General Enquiries

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

Yours faithfully, Transport for Warrington

