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Places for People – creating low traffic neighbourhoods in Kings Heath

Dear resident / occupier,

We have previously written to you with information about our new Places for People programme and the Kings Heath low traffic neighbourhoods pilot. This aims to reduce traffic in residential areas so that streets become quieter, the air is cleaner, and the area feels safer for walking and cycling.

This first phase of the low traffic neighbourhoods pilot in Kings Heath will cover:

- the area bordered by Avenue Road, Vicarage Road, High Street and the railway line
    - measures will be installed on Highbury Road, Silver Street, Bank Street, Grange Road and Station Road
- pedestrianisation of a section of York Road between Waterloo Road and High Street
- the area bordered by Vicarage Road, Howard Road and Alcester Road South
    - measures will be installed on All Saints Road, Hazelhurst Road and Colmore Road

In these areas, *modal filters* that restrict the movement of through-traffic will be installed, in the form of planters and bollards. Residents will still be able to drive onto their street, have visitors, get deliveries, etc, but it will be made harder or impossible to drive straight through the area.

Contractors will be on site installing these measures from Monday 14 September

Road markings and signs, including advance warning signs, will be installed from the start of the week. From Wednesday or Thursday the modal filters will be added meaning that motor vehicles will no longer be allowed through these locations. Work should be completed by Friday 18 September. Please note that this is an indicative schedule and may be subject to change.

Once construction is complete, we plan to run some ‘pop-up’ events in the local area - although we will need to arrange this in line with any guidelines and restrictions that are in place.

You may also be interested in the related Moseley Places for People project on the eastern side of the High Street. This will be delivering three further modal filters, also from Monday 14 September.

We want to hear your feedback on these changes

These are temporary trial measures that can be changed, removed or made more permanent at a later stage depending on their success and feedback received during this trial period. The trial will initially run for up to 6 months and is being funded by the Department for Transport’s Emergency Active Travel Fund. We hope to secure more money to fund additional measures to create further low traffic neighbourhoods across Kings Heath and Moseley.

Details of all our Emergency Active Travel Fund schemes, including this project, can be found at **https://covidmeasuresbirmingham.commonplace.is** where you can make comments and provide feedback on what is happening. There is also a box at the entrance of Sainsbury’s, 38-54 Alcester Road South, where you can deliver any written comments.

For more information about the Places for People programme across Birmingham, including answers to some frequently asked questions and links to a recording of the recent briefing event about Kings Heath low traffic neighbourhoods visit **www.birmingham.gov.uk/placesforpeople.**

If you have any questions which are not addressed by the information on Commonplace or the Birmingham City Council website, please email **connected@birmingham.gov.uk**.

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