

Liveable Streets Shadwell Consultation FAQs

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What is the 'Liveable Streets' programme?

The Liveable Streets programme is funded by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets and aims to improve the look and feel of roads and public spaces in your neighbourhood. By creating a better and safer environment, we can make it more convenient to get around by foot, bike and public transport.

Following early engagement and workshops, local residents have told us that congestion in the borough is an issue and that they are concerned about anti-social behaviour and pollution in the area. By reducing traffic and changing the road layout, we will make the areas safer, cleaner and help to reduce pollution in the area. Our vision is to continue to work with residents and businesses to create vibrant, safe neighbourhoods to promote travel by sustainable methods.

What does the programme aim to deliver?

- Improve the look and feel of public spaces.
- Encourage more walking and cycling and use of public transport in the borough, especially for local trips.
- Significantly reduce through-traffic on local residential streets.
- Improve air quality.

What are the benefits of the programme?

For pedestrians:

- A network of pedestrian-friendly, low traffic zones connected by formal crossing points, to make walking safer, easier and more accessible.
- A more pleasant walking environment with improved footways, planting trees and shrubs, improved lighting and public art, to improve the attractiveness of walking routes and reduce fear of crime.

For cyclists:

- A network of cycle-friendly, low traffic zones connected by formal crossing points, to make cycling safer, easier and more accessible.
- Increase in cycle facilities, such as secure cycle parking at public transport hubs and retail areas, and cycle hangars in residential streets, to remove existing barriers to cycling and make cycling more accessible.

For businesses:

- Improved public realm in retail areas to attract visitors.
- Increase in footfall in retail areas, creating a boost for businesses in our town
- Provide seating, greening and tree planting to encourage customers to linger.

For residents:

- Improved local streetscape with reduced noise, ASB and road danger.
- Residents will be able to access better connected routes to the borough's town centres and to neighbouring boroughs.

For road users:

- The borough will be safer for all road users.
- An increase in cycling and walking among residents will reduce demand on local road network.

For everyone:

- Less traffic will reduce emissions, improve air quality and road safety, and reduce noise pollution – creating a more pleasant environment for all.
- Increase opportunities for physical activity during everyday journeys.
- More pleasant public spaces will make the borough more attractive to residents and visitors.

How will you increase the number of people choosing to walk or cycle?

Providing safer, better-connected routes throughout the borough will enable people of all abilities and ages to walk and cycle. This will also be supported by promoting free cycle training and other relevant complementary measures.

How will this be achieved?

This will be done through a variety of on-street infrastructure projects across the borough, such as changes to road layouts to give priority to walking, cycling and public transport. These projects will be supported by complementary measures to promote active travel.

Will the implementation of the scheme result in any loss of trees within the area?

There will be no net loss of trees within the scheme area. The proposals include additional trees and greening where possible in the area.

How do I find more information about the project?

Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/liveablestreets to find out more information.