

ARTHUR'S HILL

Making changes in your area to create safer, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods

Some of the things people contact us about the most in Arthur's Hill are the impact waste and rubbish has in the area, and concerns with traffic levels and speeds on residential streets. This leaflet outlines plans to address both these issues by trialling some changes across the area.

We are going to be using new approaches to back lanes and how we manage waste in some streets to see if it improves things. This includes blocking off some back lanes to help reduce fly tipping and swapping some of the communal bins for individual bins.

We also intend to trial some changes that will reduce the amount of traffic travelling through neighbourhoods across the city, with Arthur's Hill being one of the first areas to see these changes made.

Living here, you'll know many streets are already blocked off from through routes, while others have road humps in place to reduce traffic speeds and make cutting through in vehicles less attractive. Our view is that if people have to drive through an area, they should be using main roads; even if it takes a little longer.

To reduce traffic levels and make the area safer, the changes we'll make include things like:

- Introducing new crossings;
- Trialling the closure of through routes to vehicles by using large planters or bollards to restrict access in certain places;
- Extending the city's electric scooter hire scheme into this area;

- Introducing 'School Streets' that mean people can't park outside schools at pick up or drop off times.

It's important we make it clear that every property in any area would still be able to be accessed by vehicle. This means that delivery drivers, refuse trucks, emergency vehicles, and you if you need to use a car, will still be able to gain access, it just may be necessary to change your usual route a little.

We believe that with less traffic cutting through, neighbourhood streets can become safer and more attractive places for the people who live there. These changes would give children more space to play, and encourages more people to walk and cycle on local journeys.

This approach is a key part of our commitment to tackle climate change, clean up the air we breathe and create a more liveable city – one that puts people first.

Read on to find out more about proposals for your area and how to give us your feedback. We have also developed some proposals for the neighbouring area in Fenham that you may also be interested in. You can find out more at www.newcastle.gov.uk/neighbourhoods.

- Gainsborough Grove** – This proposal is to help improve accessibility through an area where the principles of a low traffic neighbourhood (i.e. the closure of roads to through motor traffic) has been in place for a number of years. There would be some slight amendments to parking, with some new yellow lines proposed. There will also be improvements to some pavements with dropped kerbs installed, making the area more accessible and easier to get around for people on foot and bike.
- Sidney Grove** – We recognise that this street already has a unique character and are proposing to improve it further by stopping vehicular through traffic on Sidney Grove, making it safer for people on foot and on bikes to get around. Where the road is closed to vehicles, some additional yellow lines will be required to prevent parking and to keep the area clear to allow vehicles to turn around.
- Dilston Road** – Similar to the Gainsborough Grove proposals, what we aim to do here is to make it even easier for people on foot and bike in an area where through vehicle traffic is already prevented.
- Stanhope Street** – Is already a vibrant area where some of the first examples in the city of raised and paved crossings over street ends were put in place. We propose to close the end of Croydon Road, Tamworth Road and Stanton Road where they meet Stanhope Street in a similar way to how Dilston Road is already closed. This would provide more public space for people using the shops and create a more attractive space for shops and people in the area.
- Beaconsfield Street** – While Beaconsfield already has some traffic calming measures, we intend to stop vehicles from being able to drive from one end of the street to the other. The road would be closed to vehicles near to the junction with Philip Street. Some additional yellow lines would be required in the area.
- School Street at Westgate Hill Primary** – Change some roads around schools so that they are closed to vehicular traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times. Vehicles would not be permitted to enter the zone during the School Street operating times unless they have been granted an exemption (which may include residents or blue badge holders as examples). The detail will be agreed with the school and communicated to residents and pupils.

To complement the measures outlined above, there is one other change that we intend to make permanent, that we do not intend to trial. This is:

- Fenham Road over Brighton Grove** – A new crossing will be installed which will be subject to its own consultation process.

Where roads are closed to vehicles, some additional yellow lines will be required to prevent parking and to keep the area clear for vehicles to turn around.

Back lane trials – The back lane between Brighton Grove and Dilston Road will be closed to vehicles from Studley Terrace, and individual bins will be provided. The back lane between Croydon Road and Tamworth Road will be closed to vehicles at Studley Terrace but with shared bins retained. The back lane of Croydon and Dilston will retain shared bins and the back lane of Sidney Grove and Gainsborough Grove will have individual bins. These changes will enable us to track the impact of different approaches.





Tell us what you think

You can let us know what you think about these changes in two stages.

The first opportunity is now. This could be about you telling us you support some or all of the measures, or it could be to enable you to raise any potential issues or ideas you have before the changes are made. We want to hear your views by **7 December**.

You can let us know what you think by emailing us, completing an online form, or by calling us and leaving a voice message. All the contact details are at the bottom of this page. The changes we take forward **will start to be made in early 2022**.

Then, for the **first six months after we put the measures in place, there will be a more formal consultation period**.

During this period you can let us know what your views are on whether or not these changes should be made permanent, and whether any other measures are needed. You can do so by using the same contact details at the bottom of this page.

After that six month consultation period, we will review the feedback we've received, along with data that we'll collect. During our review, the measures will stay in place. The legal orders we will use mean that from the measures first being put in place, to a final decision being taken on whether or not they remain permanently, has to be no more than 18 months.

Our contact details

You can email our team at neighbourhoods@newcastle.gov.uk if you need further information or to request this information in another format or language.

The online form can be found at www.newcastle.gov.uk/neighbourhoods.

Our phone number is **0191 278 2767** if you want to leave us a message or request one of our team calls you back.

Trials mean we can make further changes if needed, and you can have your say

We believe that introducing measures like these can make a big difference. Not only to how people decide to travel but also to how people feel about their neighbourhood. Changes to areas like the ones we intend to make have been shown to improve people's mental and physical health, reduce carbon emissions, and improve air quality.

Our aim is to create quieter neighbourhood streets that are safer. Instead of having vehicular traffic cutting through or speeding in residential areas, under these plans vehicle traffic would be routed onto more appropriate main roads if they want to get through an area.

We know there'll be things we can improve or need to change, and that's why the changes are mostly being made as a trial so people can give us their views before we make a decision on making them permanent. It also enables people to experience the changes to help inform their views.

We're also sharing these proposals with the emergency services and other key agencies and groups in your local area including bus operators, taxi services, schools and local businesses so they can let us know what they think.

In the meantime, please let us know of anything you think we need to consider by contacting us below. You can also sign up to get updates emailed to you.