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Subject: Have your say- People Friendly Streets

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To:

Many of you may be concerned about the increased traffic passing through our area as a result of the new road layout at Highbury Corner and the speed of vehicles in some streets and their noise. At the AGM the Society appointed a Traffic Sub-Committee to consider these issues. The Council is applying a new policy of People Friendly Streets, which is intended to reduce vehicle traffic and in particular exclude through traffic. Changes have already been introduced in St Peter's Ward and are about to be applied in Canonbury East (east of Essex Road). Councillor Wayne has promised to consult the Canonbury Society before measures are applied in Canonbury West this Summer. They are likely to include barriers to through traffic to deal with rat runs.

Measures of this kind would be very welcome provided that they do not make life too difficult for residents. People in St Peter's Ward seem to have very mixed feeling and are concerned about longer and less convenient journeys for residents and problems for visitors, and for service and delivery vehicles. There is also the problem of increased traffic and congestion on the roads to which traffic is diverted and elsewhere in the borough. This will be a particular problem for people living and shopping on or near St Paul's Road

You can let the Council have your views by visiting its Commonplace Website. We would urge you to do this if you have concerns; otherwise the Council may think that residents in Canonbury are not bothered. You can access the website here:

<https://islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.commonplace.is/comments/>.

You can say what your concerns are and stick a pin at the location you are concerned about. You have to choose from a council list of issues and measures to deal with them. The Council are clearly not encouraging people to express any reservations, but if you wish to you can select the "other" box in the list in which you can insert a different issue or a qualification if you wish. You can also comment on what other people have said but only if you agree with them! You can add points of your own in a comment box.

The legal procedure the Council are using to approve changes is a Temporary Road Traffic Order which will be reviewed in a public consultation after the event. It will be valid for 18 months, after which it can be made permanent or changed. The questionnaire asks if you would like your chosen changes to be permanent. The Society will be suggesting to the Council that if there are any serious adverse effects it should be possible to alter the design more quickly. We shall also consider whether it would be better to apply the restrictions only\*

\* Unfortunately a few words got cut off at the end. The complete sentence was " We shall also consider whether it would be better to apply the restrictions only at peak times in order to achieve a better balance between reducing traffic and inconvenience to residents".