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Introduction

Following a review of consultation feedback and data collected during the Heaton Neighbourhood Low Traffic Zone trial, the council concluded that it would not be appropriate to make these measures permanent when the experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) expired on April 23.

The council set out some options that could have addressed the issues of displaced traffic and road safety issues which was hi-lighted through our data and feedback, but there wasn't enough support within the community to take the ideas forward at this stage.

The scheme was removed and the council set out a commitment to use the data and feedback to develop new proposals.



EXAMPLE OF ADAPTED CYCLE IN A LOW TRAFFIC ZONE.

Key Points

- Traffic data collated during the trial showed that, rather than using main routes, vehicles often used alternative residential streets, with Falmouth Road and Wandsworth Road particularly affected by an increase in traffic.
- A major concern was the fact that over 700 vehicles a day were found to be using the back lanes on Heaton Park Road. This creates a number of road safety risks as these lanes are not designed for, or expected to carry, this level of through traffic.
- There was also no data to suggest that there had been a significant shift to walking and cycling during the trial.
- Any reduction in traffic on some residential streets notably Heaton Park View and Cardigan Terrace instead led to the increase in use of back lanes and we know residents would agree that this is not what we wanted to achieve.
- We have examined all 2,380 responses to the consultation and the views of residents were almost evenly split between those in favour of the measures and those against.
- New Department for Transport statutory guidance stresses to Councils that low traffic neighbourhoods should continue to be regularly reviewed ensuring they keep meeting their objectives, that they are not adversely affecting other areas and are locally supported.
- In February 2024, a further engagement exercise with local residents was carried out and 1,913 letters were posted to residents of the area. These letters contained plans showing two options, both of which could have resolved the issue with through traffic. Option 1 was for the re-opening of Heaton Park View at Warwick Street and Option 2 closed all side roads from Heaton Park Road. Three drop-in sessions also took place for residents to view these plans and talk with Officers about the scheme.
- We received 237 (13%) responses. Of those, 63 supported Option 1 with 108 supporting Option 2. Many feedback forms contained other suggestions residents feel would make the scheme work more effectively. These numbers show that there is insufficient community support for either the current scheme or both alternative options that have been presented.

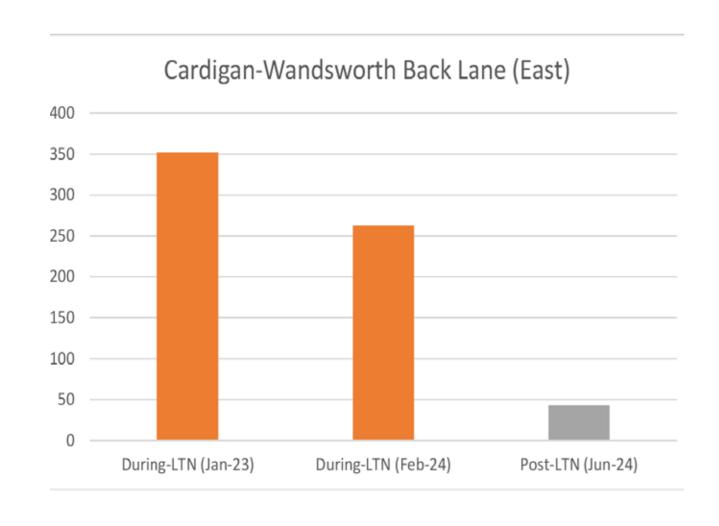
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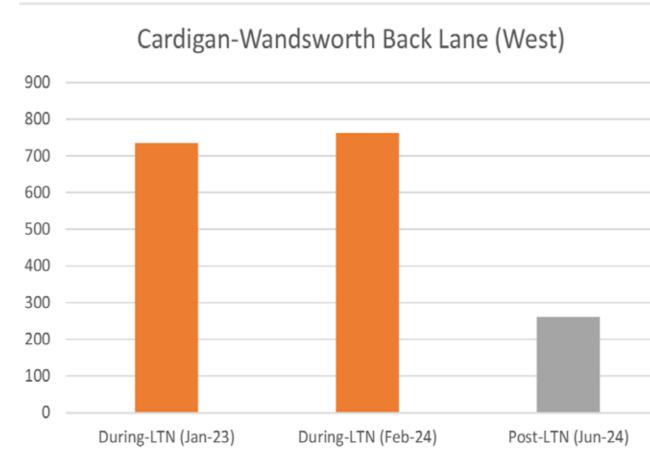
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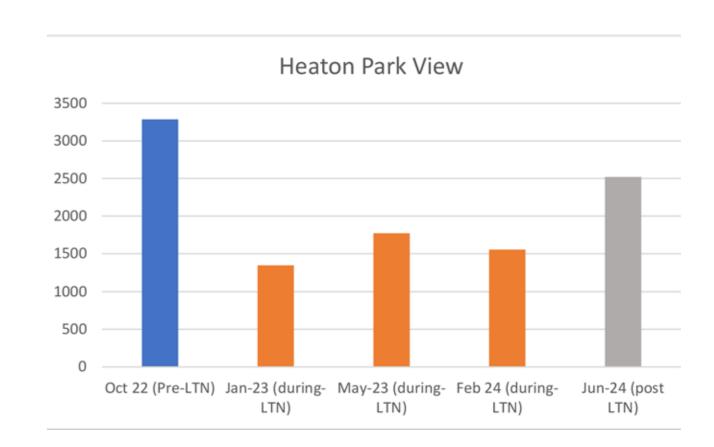
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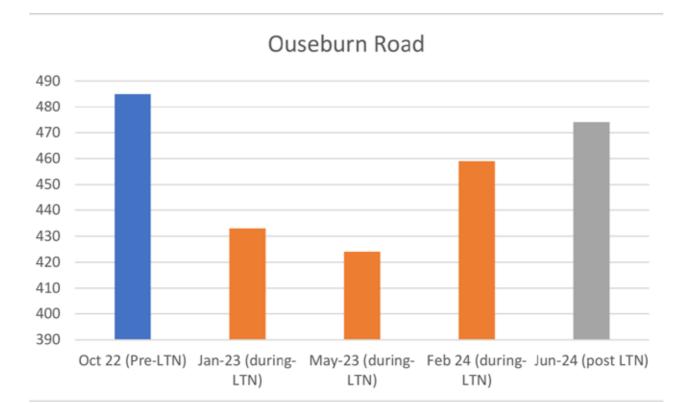
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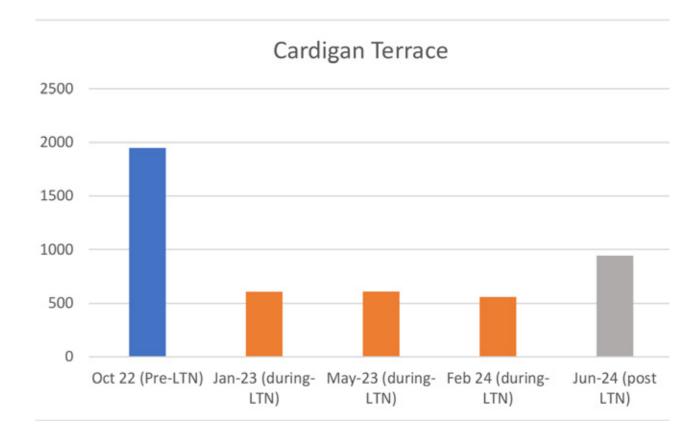


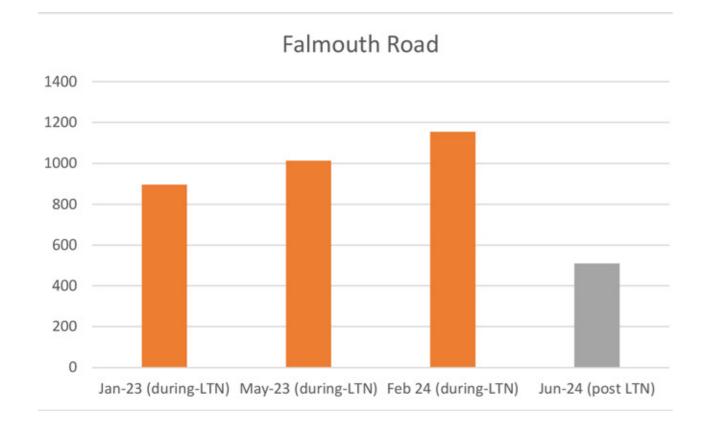


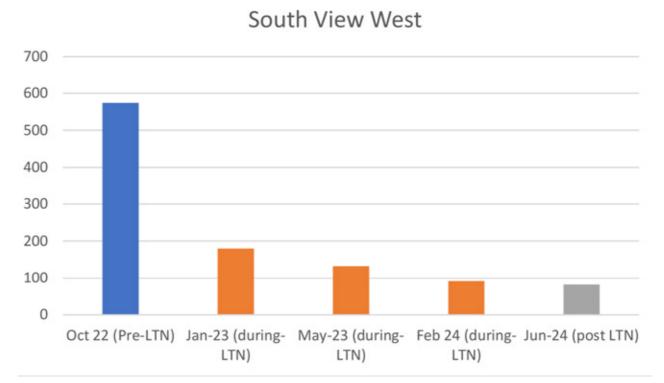


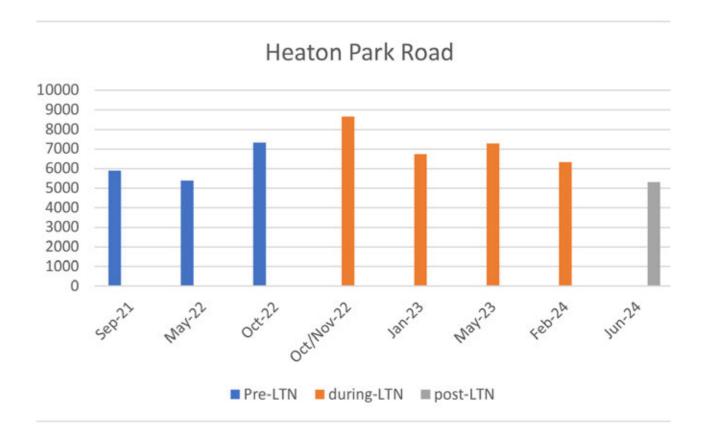












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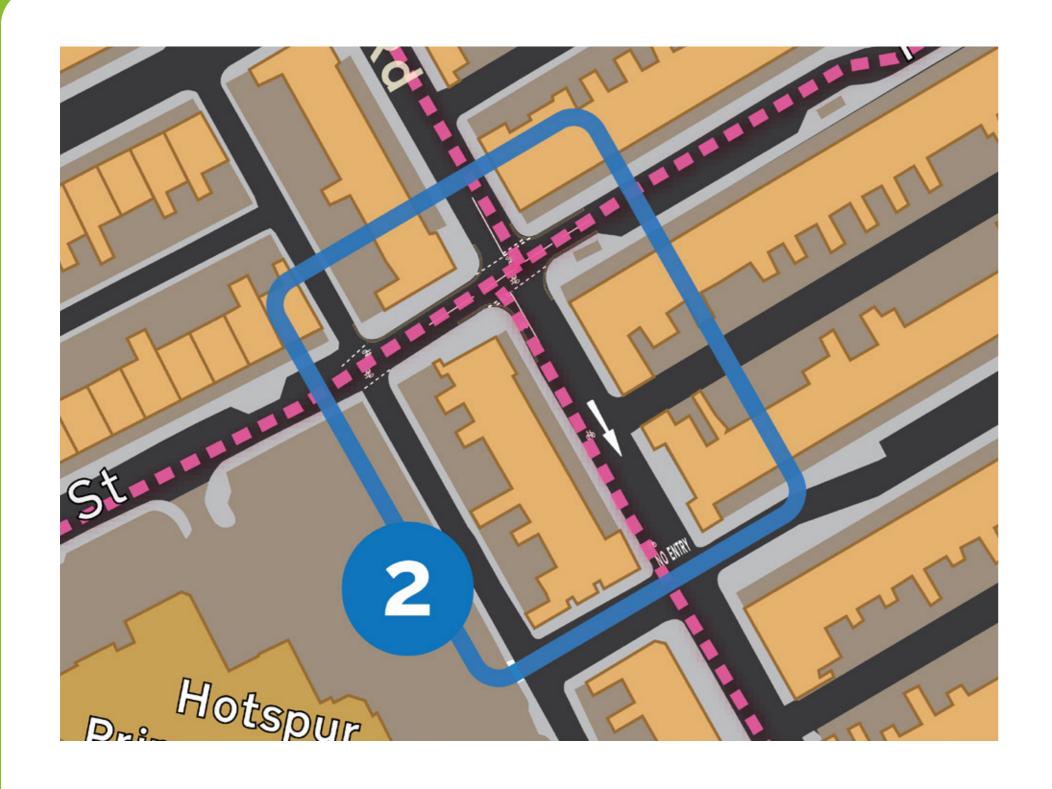




ONE

New pavement on west side of Newington Road to provide an improved pedestrian link from City Stadium to the playground, community centre and Hotspur Primary School. A new raised crossing point will also help people cross the street next to the playground and reduce traffic speed.

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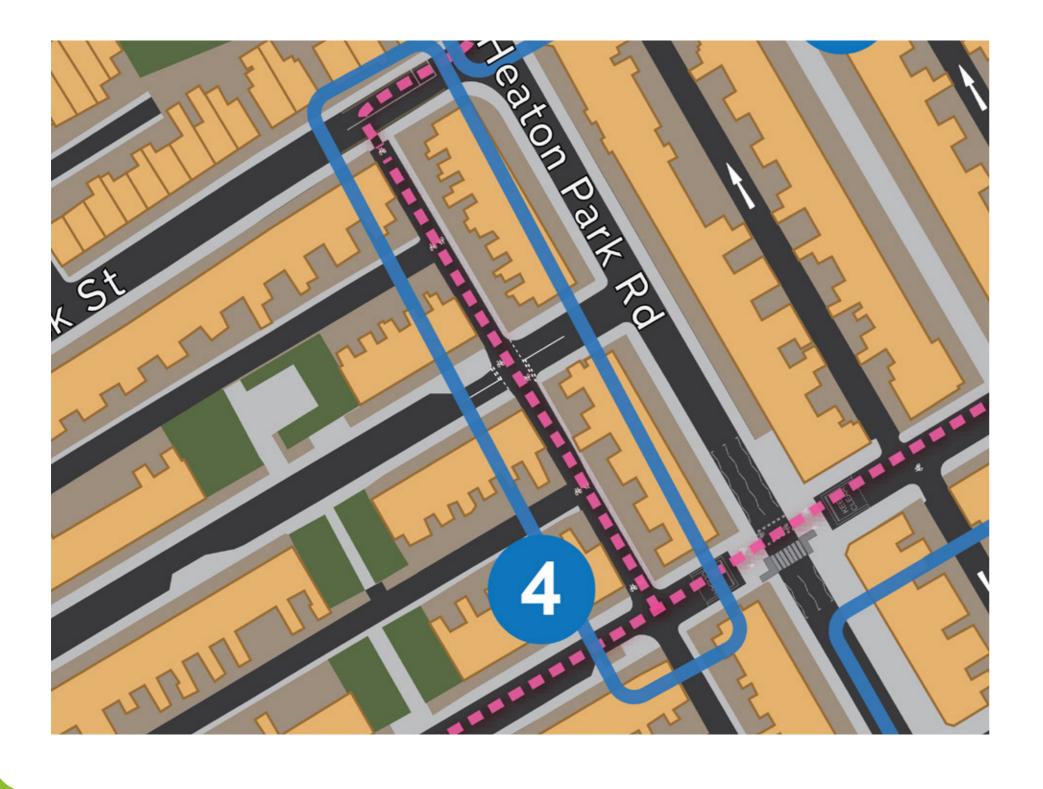
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One-way section (southbound only) on Stratford Road between Mowbray Street and Bolingbroke Street (except for cyclists).



THREE

Dropped kerb access for cyclists at the existing street closure of Stratford Road and Warwick Street.

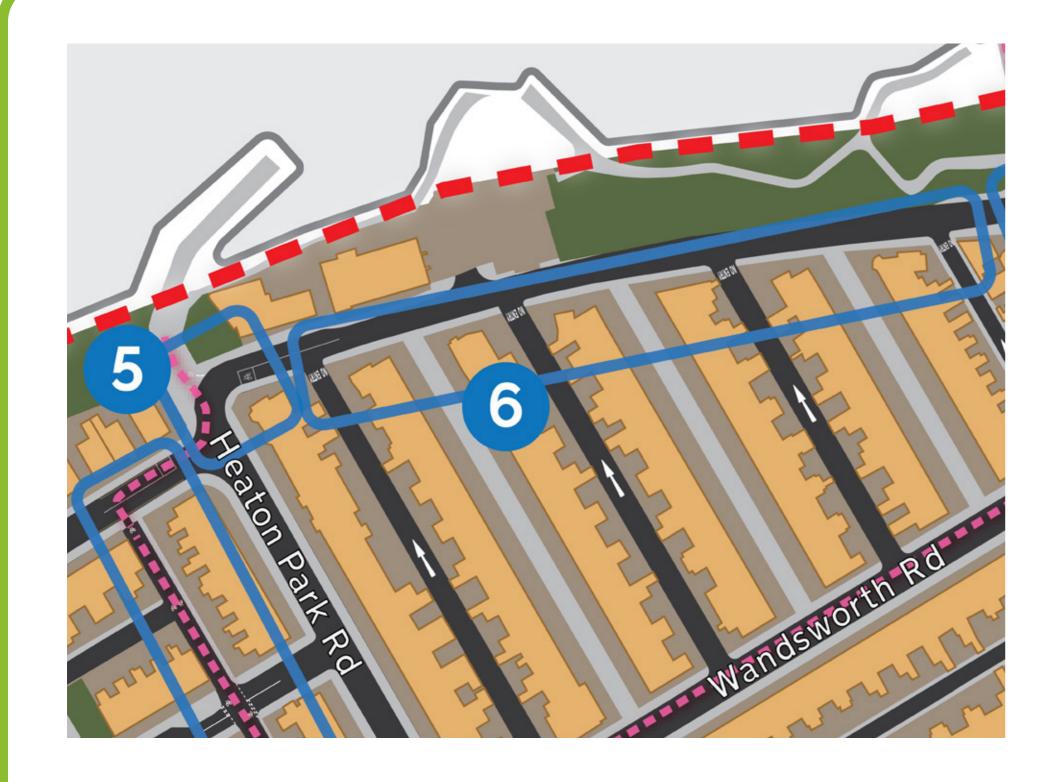


FOUR

Dropped kerb access for cyclists at the existing street closure of the back lane and Warwick Street.

Cycle road markings to be added.

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FIVE

Widened the pavement and improved cycle access into Heaton Park.

SIX

Back lanes off Heaton Park View to be made one-way (northbound only - except for cyclists).



SEVEN

One-way section (southbound only - except for cyclists) on Stannington Grove between Heaton Park View and Wandsworth Road. Junction of Heaton Park View to Stannington Grove to be accessible from the west only (i.e. right turn into Stannington Grove only).



EIGHT

One-way (southbound only - except for cyclists) on backlane between Wandsworth Road and Cardigan Terrace.

One-way out of Cardigan Terrace onto Heaton Park Road (except for cyclists). Cardigan Terrace remains two-way for traffic except at entry/exit points.

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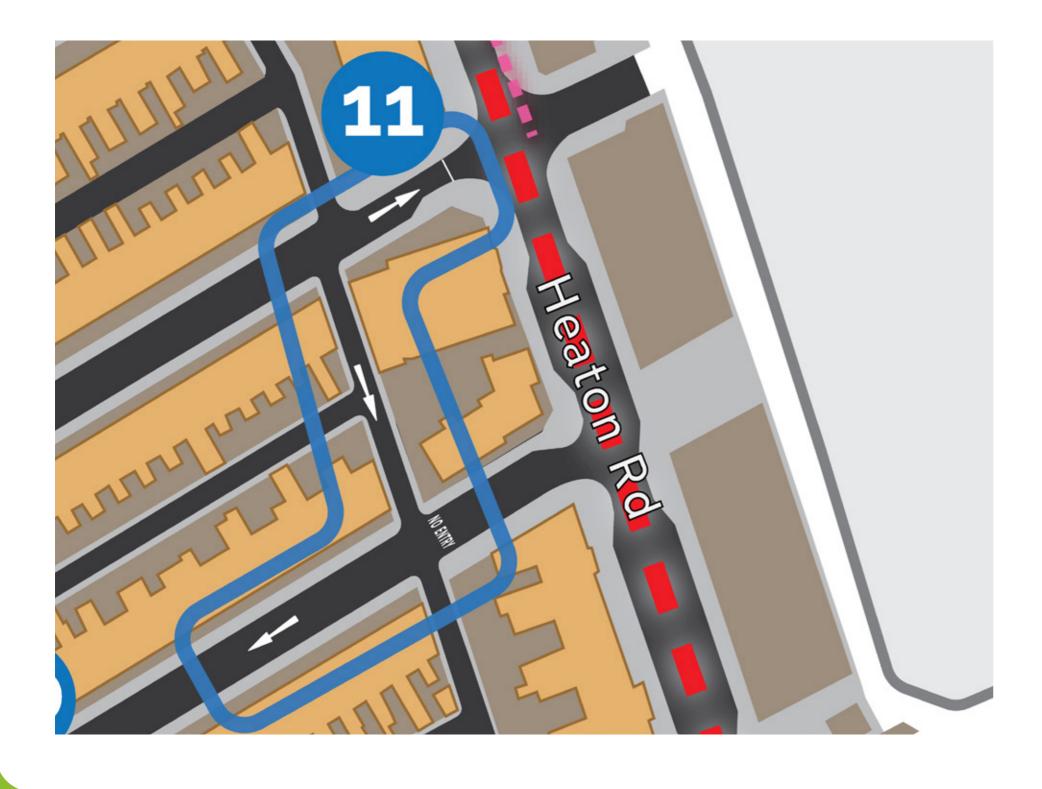
NINE

Falmouth Road becomes one-way (eastbound only - except for cyclists) between Heaton Park Road and Heaton Hall Road.



TEN

No entry into Falmouth Road off Heaton Hall Road in either direction.



ELEVEN

Falmouth Road becomes one-way (westbound only - except for cyclists) between Heaton Road and Heaton Hall Road.

Cardigan Terrace becomes one-way exiting onto Heaton Road junction.