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Dear resident,

We are writing to share details on some proposed changes to the Places for People scheme in the area to the west of Kings Heath High Street that we intend to implement later this year.

Following approval from Birmingham City Council Cabinet in January 2023, work has been undertaken to produce designs for a more permanent scheme here, building on the existing measures that were delivered in October 2020.

While there has been local support for this scheme, it is recognised that there have been issues with larger vehicles needing to reverse along sections of these residential streets. There have also been ongoing challenges with bollards being removed without permission or deliberately damaged, creating safety concerns and disproportionate maintenance costs.

A proposed new arrangement of one-way streets and diagonal modal filters (see overleaf for copy of plans) will continue to ensure that through-traffic is unable to cut through this area while enabling access to all properties without the need to turn around or reverse.

In future, access would be via one of three routes depending on your location:

- from the High Street (A435 Alcester Road), via Grange Road
- from Avenue Road, via Station Road
- from Vicarage Road, via Highbury Road

NB: the existing modal filter on Silver Street will remain in its current location, and the pedestrian zone on York Road will also be retained with improvements to this.

Contra-flow cycling will be allowed along all one-way streets and indicated with appropriate signage. Parking restrictions will be implemented close to junctions to ensure turning movements are unobstructed by parked vehicles. The extent of this will be clearly shown on detailed design drawings that will be shared when available.

Changes will be subject to a new Traffic Regulation Order which will include a period of statutory consultation on these proposals prior to implementation.

If you have any questions or comments about these proposed changes, please contact us at [connected@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:connected@birmingham.gov.uk) by Tuesday 2 April 2024.

Yours faithfully,

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