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## **Lozells: A Place for People** – have your say on proposed changes in your neighbourhood

Dear resident/occupier

Places for People in Lozells aims to reduce traffic in residential neighbourhoods so that it is safer for people to walk and cycle, and nicer to be outside for children to play and neighbours to chat.

In many parts of Birmingham, residents find their streets are busy with traffic, particularly when people are taking shortcuts to avoid main roads. When traffic is reduced the neighbourhood becomes quieter, the air is cleaner, and the streets feel safer.

The principle of Places for People is that residents can continue to drive onto their street, have visitors, get deliveries, etc, but it is harder for people using it as a short cut to drive straight through the area.

### **The story so far**

Last year, we designed a system of one-way and narrowed streets (using large planters in the road), which would make it difficult for cars to travel on smaller residential streets to cut through between Nursery Road, Lozells Road and Heathfield Road. Traffic on longer journeys now had to use the A34 Birchfield Road or the A41 Soho Road, and it would become nicer and easier to walk or ride a bike for short, local trips.

Phase one of this system was built in 2020, with one-way sections on Church Street, Graham Street, Anglesey Street, Hunters Road, Finch Road and Archibald Road.

### **What now?**

We asked local people what they think of phase one, and looked at how the streets are working now, and have designed a plan for phase two of the project. We would like to know what you think about this new plan: what you would like to keep and what you would like to change.

The plan is attached to this letter. It shows a system of one-way streets for motor vehicles (bikes can go both ways), a modal filter (planters and bollards in the road stopping motor vehicles from passing that point on the street) and some new pedestrian crossing points.

This is a concept design proposal, which means that the map shows how the road system would work, but it does not include detail of exactly how it would be arranged (for example it does not show what signs would be needed, or where they would go).

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This consultation is to help us create the best design for phase two of the Lozells Places for People project and as the people who know the area best, we'd like your feedback.

## Have your say

Full details of the consultation, including a short questionnaire for you to give your feedback can be found at [www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/lozellspfp](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/lozellspfp).

If you do not have access to the internet, you can find consultation information in Birchfield Library, and you may send comments by post to the address at the bottom of this letter.

You can also read about other Places for People projects at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/placesforpeople](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/placesforpeople).

## Consultation closes on Friday 17 December 2021.

We are also holding two events as part of this consultation:

- An **online briefing session** on **Wednesday 1 December 2021 between 6pm and 7.30pm**, where you can find out more about the plans and ask questions. Please visit the consultation webpage to sign up for this briefing or to find a link to the recording after the session has taken place.
- A **face to face drop in session**<sup>1</sup> on **Wednesday 8 December 2021 between 4pm and 7pm**, at The Lighthouse Young People's Centre (100 Alma Way, Birmingham B19 2LN). No booking is needed for this event, just turn up to chat with members of the project team.

You can also contact us at [connected@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:connected@birmingham.gov.uk) with any questions.

## What happens next?

Following this consultation, we will create a final, detailed design for both sides of Lozells Road.

That design will then be turned into an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO, the legal document needed to make changes on roads). This scheme is likely to be built in early 2022.

This project is funded by the Active Travel Fund and is part of the West Midlands Cycle & Walk programme.

Yours faithfully

Transport & Connectivity Team  
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<sup>1</sup> This event may be cancelled should COVID-19 restrictions change. This will be an indoor event, and we ask attendees to be considerate of others and consider wearing a mask if talking to staff for a long time.