



1. Who are we and what are we doing?

Thank you for taking the time to come and talk to us about what matters to you in your neighbourhood. This is a valuable opportunity for us to get insight from you, and help us focus on how we can best improve the street environment in Orford.

Warrington Borough Council (WBC) has been awarded funding through the UK Government's Active Travel Fund. This is intended to deliver local walking, cycling and environmental improvements. It will initially focus on two neighbourhoods: Orford (within Fairfield & Howley and Orford wards) and Westy (within Latchford East ward).

We are looking to use the funding to build on the work undertaken for the Central 6 Regeneration Masterplan and consultations undertaken in the last few years. The aim is to quickly deliver improvements your local area through changes to transport and streetscape.

Introducing the project team:

Warrington Borough Council

Warrington Borough Council (WBC) is your public services provider, leader of the Central 6 Masterplan and the current Central 6 Streets Plan.

We are responsible for overseeing the delivery of the project and managing the Active Travel Funding received from Government

Mott MacDonald

Mott MacDonald is a global engineering, management and development consultancy.

We are working with Warrington Borough Council and are project managers for the Central 6 Streets Plan. Our team includes a collection of transport planners, urban planners, and civil engineers.

Living Streets

Living Streets is the UK charity for everyday walking.

We bring extensive experience in engaging local communities in their streets and enabling them to walk more. We want to achieve a better walking environment and to inspire people of all generations to enjoy the benefits the simple act of walking brings.

Previous work, the Central 6 Masterplan:

We want to make your local area better, cleaner and safer for everyone to use and move around. Previous local feedback through the Central 6 Regeneration Masterplan (undertaken in 2019) raised concerns around road safety, air pollution and the quality of local streets. These are all things that we are looking to improve - but we need your help. During the Central 6 Regeneration Masterplan public consultation, the Orford community highlighted three key themes we aim to focus on:

Better, cleaner and safer environment

Accessibility to community facilities and services

Better accessibility to parks and more green spaces

Please feel free to ask questions of any of the project team running the event today. We have surveys for you to complete once you have reviewed the consultation boards, and we have some maps and plans for you to sketch on.

We hope you enjoy the event and thank you again for taking the time to be part of the discussion.



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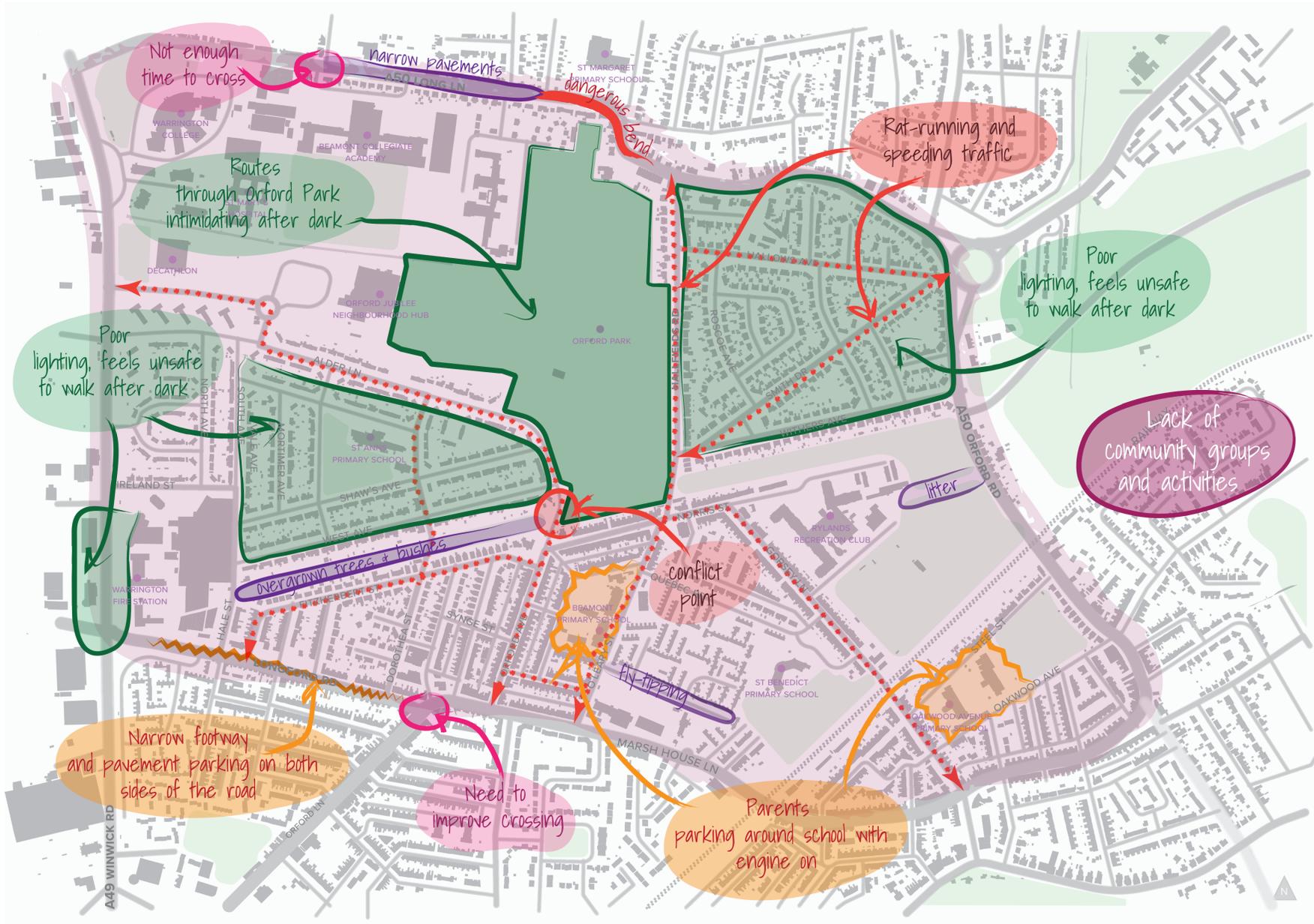


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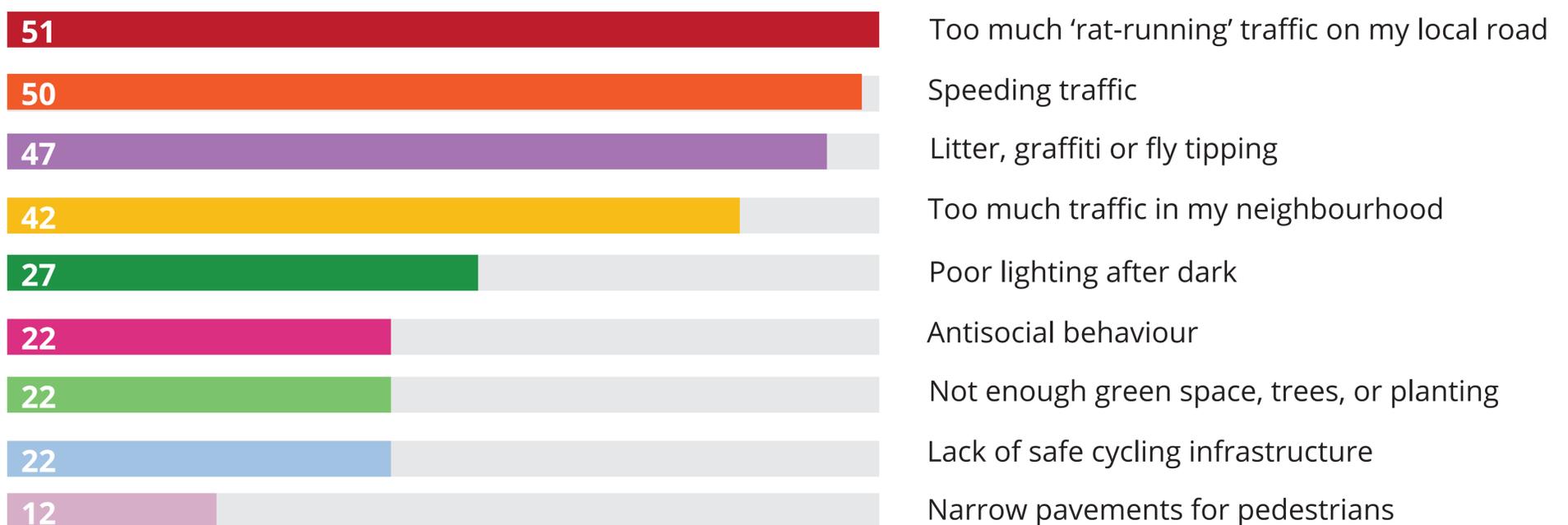
2. Your feedback so far

Your feedback from the Round 1 event and the Online Survey #1 (Issues & Opportunities) have helped us identify the key issues in Orford. In-turn, this has helped us develop proposals for addressing those issues. The plan below summarises issues and challenges identified through Round 1 consultations:



In the Online Survey #1 Issues & Opportunities, we asked you: 'What do you believe are the biggest issues within the streets of your neighbourhood?'

Your responses so far (by number of mentions):



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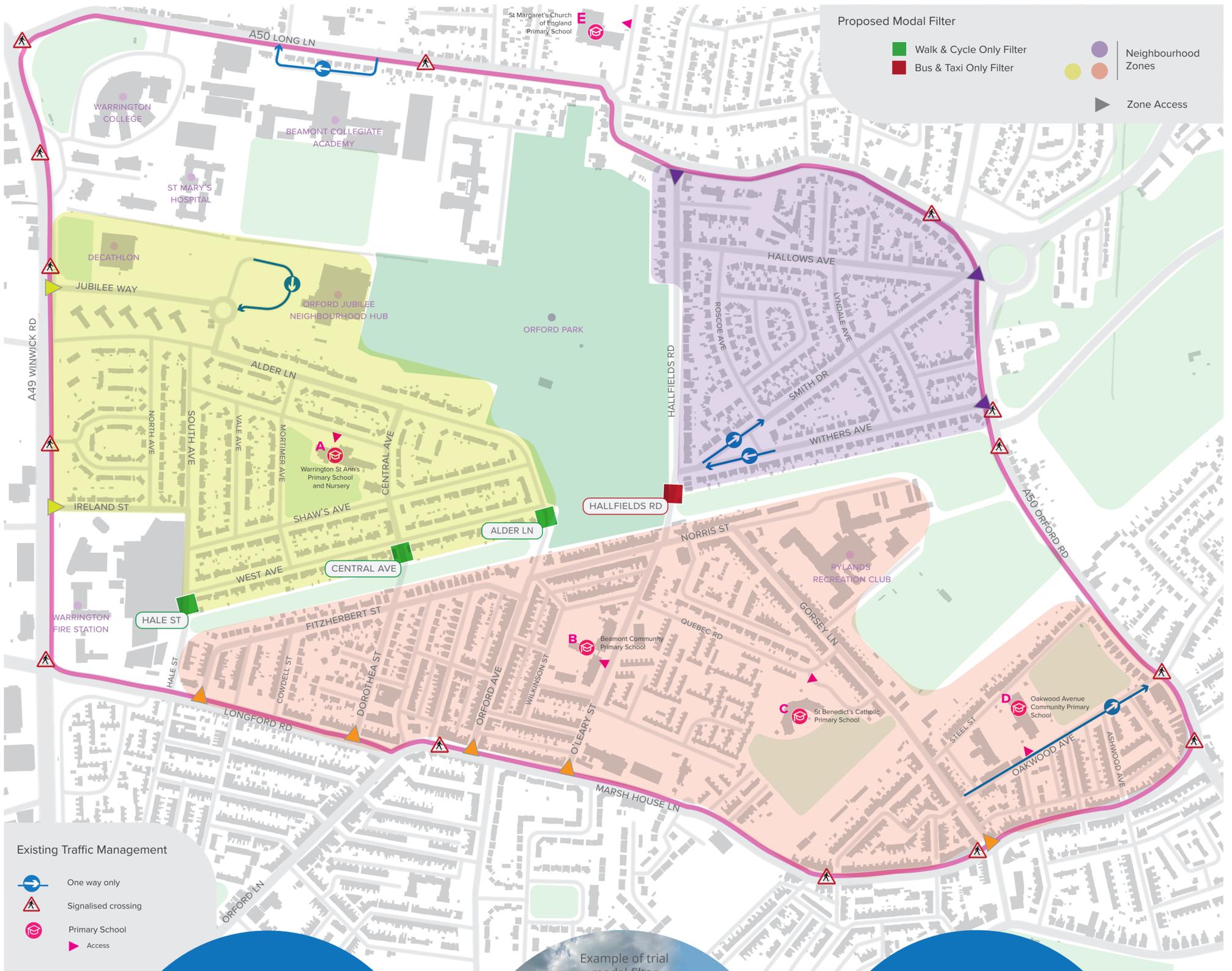
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3. The Streets Plan proposal

The majority of feedback received to date identifies traffic volumes, rat-running traffic, and speeding traffic as major issues in Orford. Additionally, there are other issues with the quality of the street environment.

To address this, we propose trialling the introduction of a 'Low Traffic Neighbourhood' (or 'LTN'). An LTN removes through-traffic from an area - you so can still drive to it, but not through it. This would see some routes closed to vehicular traffic, whilst still retaining access by car to all properties.



Four 'modal filter' are proposed (example to right). Three **Walk & Cycle Only filters** are located along the former railway line at Hale Street, Central Avenue and Alder Lane.



One **Bus & Taxi only filter** is proposed at the southern end of Hallfields Road, prioritising public transport on this route.



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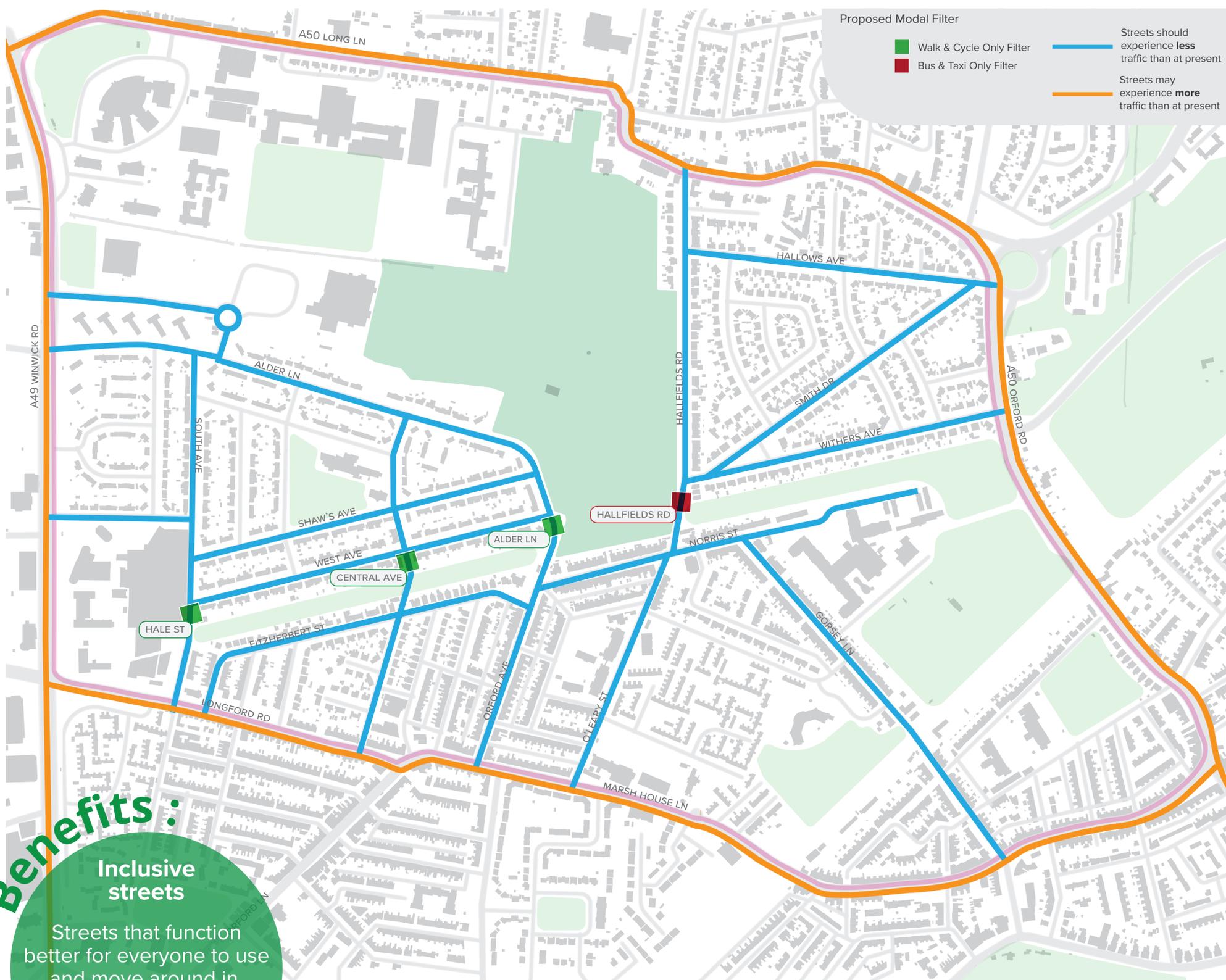


4. What benefits can I expect to see?

A Low Traffic Neighbourhood would result in significant reductions in traffic levels on the majority of streets in the area. This will make it safer to walk, scoot, or cycle within your neighbourhood - especially for the young or elderly. Additionally, we anticipate reductions in traffic noise and fumes. Evidence from similar schemes elsewhere have demonstrated significant health benefits for residents - and even longer life expectancy.

Whilst car access will be retained to all properties, your regular route may become longer than at present. We do not know the implications for wider routes yet, though we do expect main roads to become busier in the short-term. This will be closely monitored throughout the trial.

We would like to understand your views on all of the above.



Benefits:

Inclusive streets
Streets that function better for everyone to use and move around in, particularly those with additional mobility requirements.

Safer streets
Slowing and reducing vehicle traffic to reduce the risk to people walking, cycling and socialising.

Greener streets
Tree, flowers and shrub planting to improve the look and feel of the area, and provide biodiversity.

Healthier Streets
Streets that encourage and allow people to walk, cycle or scoot for everyday journeys.

Better streets
Nicer and more attractive places to live that encourage outdoor activity.

Cleaner air
Improved air quality with reduced motor vehicle use – especially through-traffic.

Streets for play
Safer environments for children and younger people.

Cleaner streets
Tidier environment with less litter and clutter.



5. Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we looking at this?

The engagement activities undertaken in 2018 for the Central 6 Regeneration Masterplan told us that people want to see change in their neighbourhoods. 'Better, cleaner and safer environment' was the top priority identified from public feedback. This feedback was supplemented and confirmed at the previous event here at Orford Hub.

The Central 6 Streets Plan will deliver this by reducing vehicle traffic and improving conditions for those living within the neighbourhood.

Will I still be able to access my house by car?

Yes. All properties (including homes, businesses and community sites) will still have vehicle access, but routes may be slightly longer and less direct than at present.

People will be supported to find new routes. Route planning and mapping companies (including satellite navigation providers) will be provided with updated information on road closures and diversions.

Will the Emergency Services be affected?

The Emergency Services are statutory consultees and will be engaged throughout the process to ensure that the schemes provide a suitable level of access to all areas, with no detriment to their operations.

Emergency services have generally been very positive about schemes like this. They typically see no change in response times, with most common concerns raised being placement of lockable bollards for access during extended incidents, and their GPS systems being updated appropriately.

Where will the traffic go?

There is sometimes concern that Low Traffic Neighbourhoods will increase congestion and pollution on surrounding roads. In the short term, we do expect main roads to be busier than usual - but roads such as A49 Winwick Road and A50 Orford Road are the appropriate routes for through-traffic and are intended for use by higher volumes of traffic unlike the adjacent residential streets.

In the medium term, we expect traffic patterns to settle as drivers adjust their routes, timings or change methods of travel. We will closely monitor the situation over the period of the trial, as part of a comprehensive monitoring plan for the project.

How will it be paid for?

Warrington Borough Council was awarded funding through the UK Government's Active Travel Fund. Within this, approx. £100,000 has been allocated for delivery of local access improvements within the Central 6 area, with Orford and Westy initially identified as focus areas.

The Active Travel Fund grant must be spent by March 2022.



Example of trial modal filter





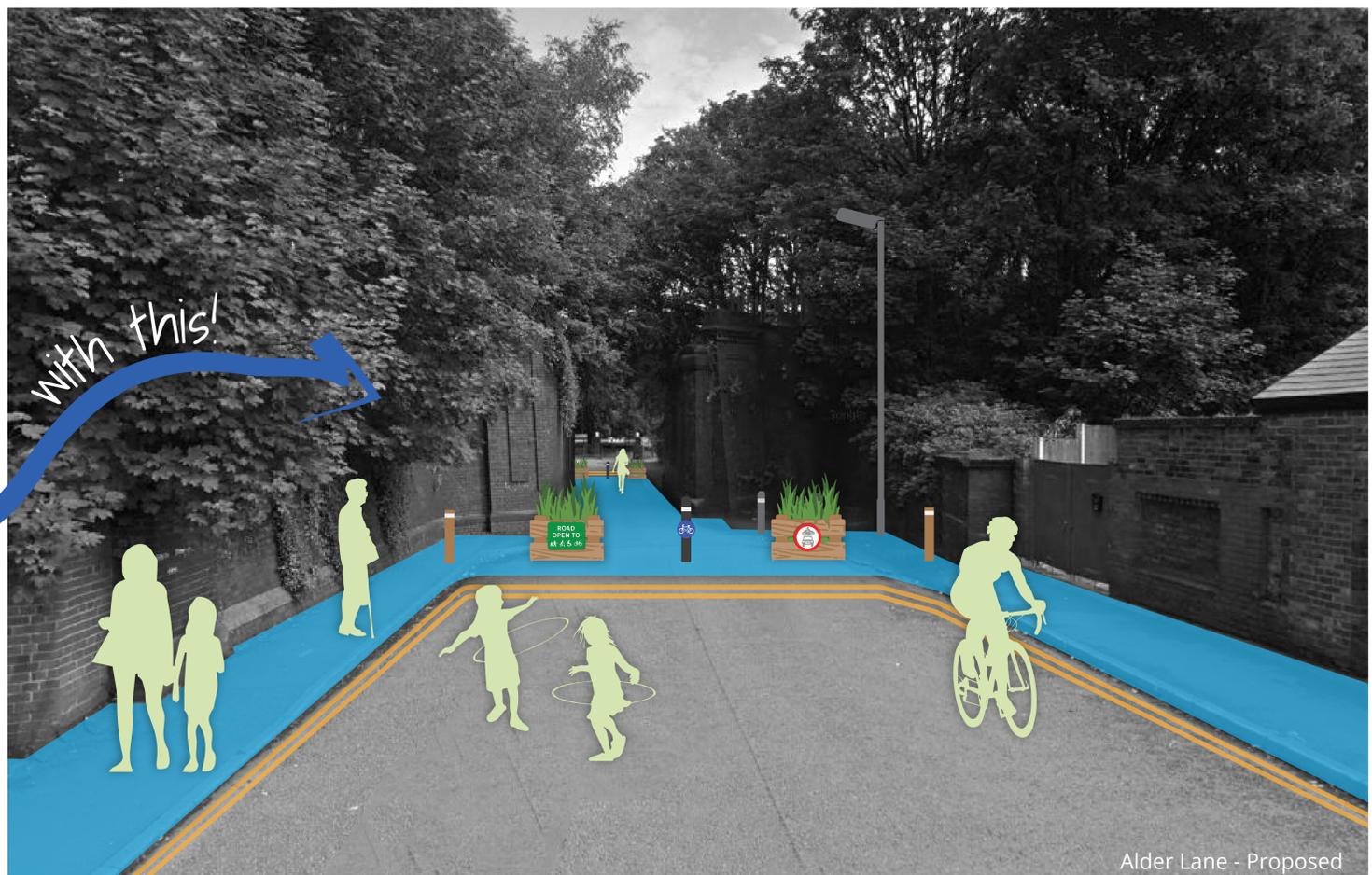
6. Next Steps

We're here today to answer your questions on the proposals and record your views. We want to make Orford a better place for the people who live there, and we have a major opportunity to try something different. We recognise that there may be some localised disruption initially, but we believe this could be positively transformational for Orford.

The funding we have secured from Government must be spent by March 2022. We envisage the proposals being implemented around this time, with an initial 6-month trial period. The public will be able to comment on the scheme throughout this entire 6-month period.

The impacts of the project will be monitored closely through a variety of means. This will help us understand the benefits and potential issues that people are experiencing.

Places like Alder Ln will be major beneficiaries of the LTN, with a new quiet connection to Orford Park replacing the existing rat run:



How to get involved:

Survey #2 - Proposed Schemes : this is the second survey we are undertaking to understand your views on the Central 6 Streets Plan. In response to your feedback on Survey #1 (Issues & Opportunities) and taking on board the original outputs from the Central 6 masterplan, we have set out proposals for Orford and Westy. Survey #2 provides you with the opportunity to feedback on those proposals.

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and all responses will be treated confidentially.

We will be reviewing and considering all comments received. The survey will close at 5pm on 10 December. Contact email for paper, large format or braille survey: eatf@warrington.gov.uk



Please scan the QR code on the left to access Survey #2, or go to smartsurvey.co.uk/s/warringtoncentral6streets2. Alternatively, ask our project team to assist you completing the second survey.

Online Presentation

Round 2 - Detailed Briefing On Proposals

Date: Thursday 2 December
Time: Start at 6pm (until 7pm)
Link to session: bit.ly/central6streetsplanevent2

From PC/Mac: You do not need an app or login to access this, please select 'Watch on the web'.

From Mobile: You can download the Microsoft Teams app for free.

You will have the opportunity to raise questions during and after the presentation through a text chat function, but will not be identified on screen by camera or name.



You can find further details and progress updates on the Central 6 Streets Plan at: warrington.gov.uk/central-6-streets-plan

