**Canonbury Newsletter**

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Subject: Liveable Streets

Dear Neighbours,

Happy New Year and as 2023 starts, we felt we should update you on recent events.

The council have formally approved the closures in St Peters and Canonbury East- with no further discussion or consultation.

The Council brought in a new Temporary Traffic Order for Canonbury West in March 2022 with the exemptions for the blue badge holders and expected to leave it in place for at least 7 months so that objections made within 6 months would be considered. They did not however publicise this and we do not know what they are planning but we expect that they will make the TTO permanent for our area soon.

The council are looking at people-friendly streets or as now rebranded ‘liveable streets’ in Mildmay and Barnsbury. This time they started with local meetings to consult, rather than putting forward their proposals. It is felt this is a whitewash and that they want to steam ahead with more road closures. There are proposals for Caledonian Road area as well.

Barnsbury has been a low traffic neighbourhood for at least 30 years, but there are problems on Offord Road and the cycle lane continues to cause problems on Liverpool Road. If Islington Park Street and Barnsbury Street were closed, it would make it difficult for Canonbury West residents to get to Liverpool Road/ Sainsburys (Angel) and to get to Kings Cross and further West. Equally for Barnsbury residents they would have difficulty getting to Upper Street and going East.

The meeting for Barnsbury on 12 November was held in Bridgeman Library in Thornhill Square and was badly advertised. 50 people were allowed in the meeting. 150 were not allowed in and although the council went ahead with the meeting, despite objections, the meeting ended with the Police being called and the fire alarm being sounded. The council have said they will reschedule on another date- yet to be notified.

This was picked up by the Tribune and has received some publicity.

One positive result is that an active group has formed based in Cloudesley Road and this has acted as a catalyst for a cross-borough initiate. They are now calling themselves Keep Islington Moving and have set up a website.

[Keep Islington Moving | LTN | United Kingdom](https://www.keepislingtonmoving.com/).

There remains strong support for the street closures from the Cycle lobby, who are well organised,  and the council seem committed to the street closures.

It is best that we join forces across the borough (and indeed across London), and that we need to continue to show strength in opposing these measures.

The next Executive council meeting is set for **Thursday 12th January at 7.00 p.m**. and Liveable streets is on the agenda- although it is not known yet what is to be discussed but if you are able to attend it would be good to have a show of objectors.

You may be aware of the report from Imperial College about People Friendly Streets, but this seems to be based on Islington’s own faulty data collected during lockdown. There continue to be erroneous conclusions drawn from the statistical evidence and no regard is paid to the increased pollution and problems of Highbury Corner.

Research from objectors in Enfield show that the traffic monitors do not pick up cars travelling under 10 miles per hour. It is understood Islington uses the same monitors so again the information relied upon by Islington  is unreliable. When do we achieve even 10 m.p.h. in St Paul’s Road.

If you can, come to the meeting on the 12th and continue to send objections to our councillors, send letters to the local papers and get as much publicity as you can.

Best wishes