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Occupier

Dear Occupier,

Radcliffe Drive, Ipswich – modal filter to reduce through-traffic

Radcliffe Drive is a key walking, cycling and wheeling route linking Hawthorne Drive to Bridgewater Road and provides access to a significant number of residential properties.

Suffolk County Council, working closely with Councillor Nadia Cenci, is proposing a modal filter to reduce the through-traffic in the residential area. A modal filter restricts cars and other vehicles from passing through, usually by placing bollards or planters on the road. Those walking, cycling and wheeling will still have access.

The section between no 90 and no 91 has been identified as a suitable location as it connects to other walking routes, can provide a safe crossing point and will minimise the displacement of traffic. Vehicles will be able to access Radcliffe Drive but they will be unable to pass through at this point.

The scheme will create a quieter, safer environment for local residents, and is part of Suffolk County Council's long-term plan to improve active travel links.

As a local resident we would like to ask you if you would support the modal filter as a trial in the first instance. This will give you a chance to see the impact of the closure and provide feedback accordingly. If the closure is not working as anticipated, we can change its location, add other measures or remove the scheme at short notice. If the trial proves successful, we can deliver permanent measures to improve the appearance of the modal filter.

Similar schemes have taken place on The Avenue, Wellesley Road and Jovian Way in Ipswich.

Attached is a short survey and freepost return envelope that we would like you to complete and return to us no later than Friday 2nd May 2025. We will then assess the responses received and feedback the results and next steps.

To keep up to date with Suffolk County Council's latest information on active travel improvements for walking, wheeling and cycling visit - www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/improvements-for-walking-cycling-and-wheeling

Yours faithfully

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will I still be able to access my property?

Yes – residents of Didsbury Close, The Chestnuts and of Radcliffe Drive will still have vehicle access off Hawthorn Drive and will still be able to travel south via Belmont Road and Bridgwater Road.

Residents of Wilmslow Drive, Ashton Close and of Radcliffe Drive will still have vehicle access off Hawthorn Drive and will be able to travel north via Bridgwater Road and Belmont Road.

What will be the impact on surrounding streets?

There will be minimal impact on surrounding streets as vehicles will be dispersed to a number of different roads in the area. We will monitor this during the trial.

Why is the change being introduced as a trial?

The modal filter will be delivered on a trial basis so people can provide feedback on the measures having experienced the change. If it is successful it can be made permanent and if it is not working as anticipated it can be amended or removed at short notice.

How are people with disabilities being considered in these schemes?

As with all our transport projects and schemes, we are committed to meeting our duties under the Equality Act 2010. Each project or scheme considers vulnerable and disabled road users and how any potential negative impacts can be mitigated.

How will this impact blue light services and essential services?

As part of the trial, all blue light services and essential services will be informed about the change and asked for their feedback.

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Road name..... House no.....

Please tick the option you prefer:

- Yes – I would like to see an experimental / trial motorised vehicles closure (modal filter) between no 90 and no 91 Radcliffe Drive.

- No – I would not like to see an experimental /trial motorised vehicles closure (modal filter) between no 90 and no 91 Radcliffe Drive.

Please provide any further comments in the box below:

Please return the survey in the freepost envelope provide by no later than Friday 2nd May 2025.