

# Better Streets: Harborne Transport Proposals

## 1. Harborne East Traffic Management Scheme (LTN)

**Cost: £25-30,000**

This proposal establishes a Low Traffic Neighborhood to eliminate cut-through traffic on residential streets north of Harborne High Street. Using three strategic modal filters (Margaret Grove, Wentworth/Ravenhurst, Lonsdale Road), the scheme creates safer streets, particularly around Harborne Primary and Chad Vale schools.

### Key advantages:

- Implemented as a 12-18 month experimental trial (fully reversible)
- 80% of surveyed residents support traffic reduction
- Endorsed by local schools and community organizations
- Addresses highest-impact concerns: safety, air quality, noise
- Comprehensive community consultation already conducted

## 2. Narrowing and Greening of Ravenhurst Road

**Cost: £40,000 (modular elements can reduce cost)**

This proposal narrows a section of Ravenhurst Road (10m wide) to reduce speeding and create a safe crossing point. The scheme includes:

- Road narrowing with grass verges
- Pedestrian crossing point (ideally on a speed table)
- Optional parklet with trees and planting
- Community-maintained green spaces

### Benefits:

- Addresses documented speeding (90% of vehicles exceed the 20mph limit)
- Creates the first safe crossing on this 1,000m road
- Supported by Moor Pool Residents Association and Heritage Trust
- Modular design allows cost adjustments

## 3. Accessible Cycling and Wheeling Paths

**Cost: Approximately £6,850 plus labor**

This proposal improves accessibility of Harborne's cycling and wheeling paths by removing barriers that prevent access for cargo bikes, accessible cycles, and mobility devices.

**Key improvements:**

- Remove barrier between Wentworth Way and Minton Road
- Modify staggered barriers at Gillhurst Road entrance to Harborne Walkway
- Improve narrow access points to Bournbrook Walkway
- Aligns with Department of Transport recommendations against access control measures

**All three proposals promote active travel, improve safety, and enhance connectivity in Harborne, but differ in scope of impact and potential for community resistance to change.**