Dear Councillor [name]

During the Covid-19 lockdown I have noticed that the air has been much cleaner, and I have seen many more people walking and cycling.

I'm happy to see this, but I also think that it's extremely important that there is enough space for people to walk and cycle while observing social distancing.

I'd like to ask for your assistance in making sure Newham Council identifies key hotspots or bottlenecks, and implements emergency changes to make streets safer for walkers and cyclists, whether for key worker travel or permitted exercise. This is already happening, both in neighbouring London boroughs, and elsewhere.

This might include:

* Temporary widening of pavements to facilitate walking at a safe distance from others;
* Temporary cycle lanes;
* Making residential streets no-through-roads, to eliminate rat-running;
* Motor traffic calming to reduce speeds;
* Re-phasing pedestrian and cycle crossings to make walking and cycling more convenient and safer.

The particular bottlenecks I've noticed are:

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During the crisis, I also think those enforcing traffic and parking rules should pay particular attention to anti-social behaviour which endangers or inconveniences people walking or cycling.

Once the crisis has passed, the lessons from the crisis for transport in Newham need to be learnt and applied. There must be an end to the dominance of motor traffic, and a step-change in safe and convenient active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport.,

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