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Dear Resident/Occupier

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## **Mercury Gardens / Eastern Road Traffic Signals – Upgrading cycle crossing facilities**

We would like to hear your views on a proposed safety improvement scheme for your road.

It follows a feasibility study that was carried out and found that up to 1300 vehicles per hour use Mercury Gardens. Further analysis of collision records showed that there have been a total of two personal injury accidents (PIAs) were recorded at this junction. Of these two PIAs, two were slight injuries and one involved cyclist.

With funding being provided by the Mayor of London's Transport for London office (TfL), we can now look at a proposed scheme including the following as shown on the attached plans:

- Realignment of existing central traffic islands to ensure straight across east-west cycle movement.
- Introduction of bollards in cycle crossing to prevent motor vehicle movements
- Removal of existing guard railing in the vicinity of the proposed straight across cycle crossing
- Stop lines on Mercury Gardens (North) to be pushed back for both ahead and right turn movements for realignment of traffic islands
- On Eastern Road West, an extension of the advance stop line (ASL) area to 5m to current London Cycle Design Standards (LCDS). Provision of a 4-second early release for cyclists exiting this arm and introduction of a blind spot safety mirror on the existing primary traffic signal pole.
- Cut back of existing central reservation on Mercury Gardens (North) to ensure sufficient space for a TfL Electric Bus right turn into Eastern Road.
- Traffic signals phasing changes.

Large-scale plans can also be seen on the Council website -

<https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/highways/>

Your comments on the proposals would be welcomed and should be sent in writing via email to [schemes@havering.gov.uk](mailto:schemes@havering.gov.uk) to be received by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

Please note I am unable to answer individual points raised at this stage, however your comments will be noted and taken into consideration when presenting the final report to the Council's Director for Environment. Any issues will be addressed at that time.

All comments received are open to public inspection and the report will be made public.

If you need any more information, please contact me by e-mail, shown at the top of the letter.

Yours faithfully,

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