

VISIONS FOR NORTHOLT

Delivering a Connected Northolt, Kensington Road

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Introduction

Ealing Council and Transport for London are delivering highways, active travel and public realm improvements on Kensington, Ealing, Mandeville and Church Roads, bringing benefits to all road users.

We are carrying out statutory consultation on the proposed improvements to Kensington Road. These proposals were co-developed with the local community through a series of engagement activities carried out in Summer and Autumn 2022.

This document summarises the headline engagement findings and how this feedback has been taken on board.

To find out more about the engagement process and review the findings in more detail, please see the full engagement reports available at www.visionsfornortholt.co.uk

Headline Engagement Findings:

No.	Theme	Design element	Status	Engagement summary	Design response
1	Crossings	New parallel zebra crossings over Kensington Road for cyclists and pedestrians	Presented as idea during Autumn 2022 engagement	<p>82% survey respondents strongly agreed/ agreed.</p> <p>7% felt neutral.</p> <p>11% disagreed. 0% strongly disagreed.</p> <p>Written support received from Ealing Cycling Campaign.</p>	This element was generally supported and therefore no design changes are proposed.
2		Improved pedestrian crossings over side roads	Presented as idea during Autumn 2022 engagement	<p>71% survey respondents strongly agreed/ agreed.</p> <p>14% felt neutral.</p> <p>8% disagreed/ strongly disagreed.</p> <p>Written support received from Ealing Cycling Campaign.</p>	This element was generally supported and therefore no design changes are proposed
3		Upgrade proposed raised crossing over Hotspur Road to Parallel crossing	New suggestion received from community during Autumn 2022 engagement	Suggested by residents at pop-up event.	<p>LTN 2/95 guidance for crossings states that parallel crossings should not be located close to a junction on a minor road. This is because drivers of vehicles turning into the minor road need time to judge the situation and space in which to stop.</p> <p>However, the design has been altered so that there is a direct pedestrian walking route across the junction. The cycle track position on the raised table has also been swapped with the pedestrian area.</p>

4	Cycle Paths	New cycle tracks on the eastern side of Kensington Road, creating a safe cycle link away from traffic.	Presented as idea during Autumn 2022 engagement	75% survey respondents strongly agreed/ agreed 11% felt neutral. 15% disagreed/ strongly disagreed.	This element was generally supported and therefore no design changes are proposed.
5		Engagement with users of Smith Farm, where HGV's exiting the site could pose safety issues for cyclists.	New suggestion received from community during Autumn 2022 engagement	Written representation from Ealing Cycling Campaign.	The design for this section of Kensington Road will take into account the HGV access and egress into Smith Farm. Engagement has and will continue to take place with users of Smiths Farm.
6		Reconsider shared use at southern end of Kensington Road and create a segregated path.	New suggestion received from community during Autumn 2022 engagement	Written representation from Ealing Cycling Campaign.	Segregation has been considered along the length of Kensington Road on the eastern side. However, shared use is proposed at the southern end as there is insufficient space for a segregated cycle path alongside the conflict point of the bus stop and bus stop cage. The most southerly section towards the roundabout is also too narrow for a segregated cycle path to be included. Street furniture will be designed to keep cyclists away from stopped buses.

7	Narrow side road junctions to encourage vehicles to slow down when turning.		Presented as idea during Autumn 2022 engagement	73% survey respondents strongly agreed/ agreed. 4% felt neutral. 23% disagreed/ strongly disagreed.	This element was generally supported and therefore no design changes are proposed
8	Wildlife	Wildlife underpass and amphibian escape features in drains around Northala Fields along Kensington Road.	New suggestion received from community during Autumn 2022 engagement	Written representation from Ealing Wildlife Group.	Amphibian escape features are not currently used in Ealing nor within the scope of our existing maintenance agreements. Such features are therefore not currently included with the proposals. However, we are seeking further data from the local ecological records centre to explore this further. We are considering whether it is possible to retrofit these into the new and existing gullies post construction. We will continue to liaise with Ealing Wildlife Group on this matter.
9		Bird and bat boxes along the route.	New suggestion received from community during Autumn 2022 engagement	Written representation from Ealing Wildlife Group.	We are seeking further data from the local ecological records centre to explore this further. We are considering whether it is possible to retrofit these post construction. We will continue to liaise with Ealing Wildlife Group on this matter.
10	New signage at junction of Ealing and Rowdell Road, highlighting this as an alternative route to canal.		New suggestion received from community during Autumn 2022 engagement	Suggested by residents at community drop-in event.	Across Ealing, Kensington, Church and Mandeville Road, new signage will be introduced. This will include new signage at this junction which signposts to the canal.
11	Increased lighting at junction of Ealing and Rowdell Road.		New suggestion received from community	Suggested by residents at co-design workshop due to anti-social behaviour in this location.	Lighting levels have been reviewed along the length of Kensington Road.

		during Autumn 2022 engagement		Increased lighting, repositioning of lamp columns and new lighting for the segregated cycle path are included within this proposal.
12	Double yellow on Horseshoe Crescent, opposite bus stop, to ensure bus movement isn't restricted by parked cars.	New suggestion received from community during Autumn 2022 engagement	Suggested by residents at pop-up event.	The design has been updated to include double yellow lines opposite the new bus stop location to resolve this issue.
13	Re-opening and repairing Marnham Fields Bridge.	New suggestion received from community during Autumn 2022 engagement	Written representation from Ealing Cycling Campaign.	This project is being delivered through the Visions for Northolt Green Ring project. Works were completed in June 2023.
14	Markings or some other means of preventing drivers link to Gosling Close with parked cars.	New element, proposed by local community	Written representation from Ealing Cycling Campaign.	The design has been updated to include a dropped kerb and advisory H bar marking in this location to resolve this issue.

What will happen next?

This statutory consultation period starts on 19 July (21 days)

You can share your feedback by emailing trafficnotices@ealing.gov.uk

Statutory consultation for improvements to Ealing and Mandeville Roads will commence in Autumn - Winter 2023. This will be followed by statutory consultation on improvements to Church Road in Summer 2024.

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