

# VISIONS FOR NORTHOLT

## **Delivering a Connected Northolt, Ealing Road**

October 2023

### **Introduction**

Ealing Council and Transport for London (TfL) 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 Ealing 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](http://www.visionsfornortholt.co.uk)

## Headline Engagement Findings:

No.	Theme	Design Element	Status	Engagement Summary	Design Responses
1	Clock Tower	Paved area around the clock tower	Presented in consultation drawings, Autumn 22	<p>76% survey respondents strongly agreed/agreed.</p> <p>15% felt neutral.</p> <p>9% disagreed/strongly disagreed.</p> <p>Northolt RA and a local respondent requested use of specific forms of paving, in keeping with context.</p>	<p>Design adjusted to better meet heritage/conservation principles and reflect local context and interaction with the clock tower and seating.</p> <p>Materiality around the clock tower will be improved.</p>
2	Planting	Summer meadow and long grass areas	Presented in consultation drawings, Autumn 22	<p>82% survey respondents strongly agreed/agreed.</p> <p>9% felt neutral.</p> <p>9% disagreed/strongly disagreed.</p> <p>Northolt RA and local respondents requested more 'traditional approach' to planting.</p>	<p>Minor adjustments to planting have been made to increase biodiversity with a mix of naturalistic and semi-formal planting. New structural hedging at a height of 0.6m will be planted along the northern boundary of the Village Green area, adjacent to Mandeville Road. Screen hedging at a height of 1.8m will be planted along the western boundary, adjacent to the local Sainsbury's.</p>
3	Footpaths	Resurfacing the footpaths of the Village Green	Presented in consultation drawings, Autumn 22	<p>85% survey responses strongly agreed/agreed.</p> <p>9% felt neutral.</p> <p>6% disagreed/strongly disagreed.</p>	<p>The footpaths within the Village Green will be levelled and resurfaced for improved accessibility.</p>

4	<b>Parking</b>	<b>Reduction in parking spaces to create wider footways and cycleways, with space for street greening, furniture and outdoor dining.</b>	Presented in consultation drawings, Autumn 22	<p>53% survey responses strongly agreed/agreed.</p> <p>16% felt neutral.</p> <p>31% disagreed/strongly disagreed.</p> <p>Some businesses felt their business would be negatively impacted. Others said current arrangements were unsafe and therefore supported proposals.</p> <p>Strong support from Ealing Cycling Campaign.</p>	<p>The design has been developed to provide 13 parking bays whilst maintaining wider footways and space for trees. The parking bays will be level with the footway to facilitate loading and disabled access.</p> <p>Additional loading is available on double yellow lines for up to 40 minutes.</p>
5		<b>Stop and Shop Plus car parking scheme</b>	Presented in consultation drawings, Autumn 22	<p>72% survey responses strongly agreed/agreed.</p> <p>3% felt neutral.</p> <p>25% disagreed/strongly disagreed.</p> <p>Some businesses felt that the scheme would work for their customers, whilst others said it may not and were concerned about impacts on staff and customers.</p>	<p>13 Stop and Shop Plus parking spaces will be provided. This provides for 30 minutes free parking and 2 hours paid for parking thereafter.</p> <p>No separate loading or disabled bays are proposed as this would remove a general parking space.</p> <p>Data gathering has shown that users should be able to find a space based on the number of 2-hour bays provided.</p>

6	Crossings	New level crossing across Ealing Road	Presented in consultation drawings, Autumn 22	68% survey responses strongly agreed/agreed. 16% felt neutral. 13% disagreed/strongly disagreed.	This element will be implemented.  An additional parallel crossing that separates cyclists from pedestrians has also been included. Please see appendix for further detail on cycle movement.
7		Crossing at top of Belvue Road and improvements to bus stop, such as new shelter and/or signage	New element, proposed by local community	Suggested by residents at engagement events.  Suggested by survey respondents.	New crossing is proposed on Ealing Road, north of Belvue Road. A crossing on Belvue Road would cause issues at the junction for busses.  Bus stop changes, such as proposed flags, are pending approval by TfL.
8	Lighting			Several event attendees supported new lighting.  General feedback across engagement activities noted issues with anti-social behaviour (ASB) in this location.	The existing heritage lighting units within Village Green and Ealing Road will be relocated to suit the proposed layout with one additional column in Village Green.  The lighting levels will be improved to current standards with new heritage style LED Lanterns which are also more efficient. All columns will be repainted.

					We are also looking at the replacement of the two feature uplighters to the Clock Tower.
9	<b>Litter - Bins</b>			Several businesses wanted to see more bins.  General feedback across all engagement activities noted the need to maintain existing and new public spaces.	The proposals include for one large capacity bin in the Village Green and three litter bins on the Ealing Road section.
10	<b>Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs)</b>	<b>Larger and pictorial signs to deter HGVs turning down Ealing Road</b>	New element, proposed by local community	Suggested by residents at co-design workshop.  In earlier rounds of engagement, local people expressed the need for enhanced signage.	A new informatory sign will be placed on Mandeville Road in advance of the Ealing Road junction to confirm no through route.
11		<b>Use different highway material/colour to demarcate top of Ealing Road/Village Green</b>	New element, proposed by local community	Suggested by residents at co-design workshop.  In earlier rounds of engagement, local people expressed concerns about HGVs using this road.	New paving has been proposed on both sides of the Ealing Road junction.  Resurfacing is also proposed at this junction however this will not differentiate Ealing Road from Mandeville Road.
12	<b>Increase CCTV around Village Green to deter anti-social behaviour (ASB)</b>		New element, proposed by local community	Suggested by residents at co-design workshop.  In earlier rounds of engagement, local people and businesses expressed concerns about ASB.	The existing CCTV column is being retained, but there are no new CCTV locations proposed.
13	<b>Use different surface colour to demarcate cycle lanes</b>		New element, proposed by local community	Suggested by resident at co-design workshop and supported by residents taking part in conversation.  In earlier rounds of engagement, local people expressed concerns with shared-use pavements. Colour demarcation could help with this.	Red asphalt is proposed for the cycle tracks. Please see appendix for further detail on cycle movement.

14	Events	Celebration space/ Christmas trees	New element, proposed by local community	<p>Suggested by residents at co-design workshop and drop-ins.</p> <p>In earlier rounds of engagement, local people expressed an interest in seeing more activation and local events in this location.</p>	<p>A specialist tree surgeon will carry out some trimming and amendments to the existing Christmas tree to lift the base.</p> <p>We will also look to provide a 'pit' adjacent to the Clock Tower to allow for the installation of a temporary Christmas tree during the festive period.</p> <p>A temporary Christmas tree and décor will be looked at further by the Area Regeneration team.</p>
15		Infrastructure for bunting	New element, proposed by local community	<p>Northolt RA requested posts around the Village Green that could be used for bunting or decorations.</p> <p>In earlier rounds of engagement, local people expressed an interest in seeing more activation and local events in this location. This could be supported by this new infrastructure.</p>	<p>This element will be looked at further by the Area Regeneration team but will need to be balanced against Conservation Area guidance.</p>
16	Accessibility	Wheelchair accessibility, encouraging businesses to provide step-free access to enter their premises	New element, proposed by local community	<p>Suggested by resident wheelchair user at drop-in and supported by residents taking part in conversation.</p>	<p>The footways are being reprofiled to provide level threshold where possible, however it is noted that this is not possible for certain premises due to large level differences between adjacent accesses.</p>

17		<b>Blue Badge Parking</b>	New element, proposed by local community	Queried by survey respondent and via comment cards.	<p>Dedicated Blue Badge Parking bays will not be provided, however Blue Badge holders are able to park on the single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours, provided they do not cause an obstruction.</p> <p>See details on disabled parking: <a href="#">Disabled parking   Disabled parking   Ealing Council</a></p>
18	<b>Water fountain</b>		New element, proposed by local community	Requested by survey respondent and via comment cards.	A water fountain is not currently included within the proposals however it will be investigated separately by the Area Regeneration team.
19	<b>Placement of planting around tool hire shop</b>		New element, proposed by local community	Requested by local business.	The design allows for access to and from the hire shop and the kerbside. Trees are to be planted outside the adjacent shops only.
20	<b>Bird and bat boxes on the route (Ealing + Kensington Road)</b>		New element, proposed by local community	<p>Ealing Wildlife Group requested enhancements along the route of Ealing and Kensington Road.</p> <p>General wider feedback from several engagement events supported the principle of enhanced biodiversity.</p>	No locations have been identified. A site visit will be carried out to understand the need or benefit and identify potential locations.

## **What will happen next?**

This statutory consultation period starts on 11 October 2023 (21 days).

You can share your feedback by emailing [trafficnotices@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:trafficnotices@ealing.gov.uk) by midnight 1 November 2023.

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

For further information visit [www.visionsfornortholt.co.uk](http://www.visionsfornortholt.co.uk).



# Appendix: Cycle movement along Ealing Road

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The drawing has been developed in accordance with the requirements of the client and will be subject to the client's design and construction standards.

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