

Triumph for Tolworth: “Greenway” project under starter’s orders



Following two years of planning and consultation, Kingston Council has secured the go-ahead for the Tolworth Broadway “Greenway” project. The project is part of the wider Tolworth Regeneration Strategy and has been chosen to feature in the Mayor of London’s prestigious “Great Outdoors/Better Streets” programme, which encourages projects that enhance the quality of life and improve transport opportunities for Londoners.

In October, Transport for London (TfL) pledged £1.6 million to help build the scheme. This funding is in addition to £1 million that has already been committed by Kingston Council.

Residents had an opportunity to have a say on the proposals at the end of 2010. The results of this consultation were fed back into the final design to ensure it reflected the views of users of the Broadway. The final details of the scheme will now be available to see at a series of exhibitions (see right).

The plans will be presented to a special meeting of the Surbiton and South of the Borough Neighbourhood Committees on Thursday 15 December, where Committee approval to build the scheme will be sought.

**Find out more -
exhibitions calendar**

7 - 25 November

Hook Centre &
Tolworth Library

15 November

Hook Centre
staffed exhibition
3.00pm to 7.30pm

17 November

Tolworth Recreation Centre
staffed exhibition
3.00pm to 7.30pm

22 November

Tolworth Library
staffed exhibition
3.00pm to 7.30pm

26 November

Super Subway Saturday
Tolworth Roundabout subway
10.00am to 1.00pm

15 December

Shared Neighbourhood
Committee, Dysart School,
Ewell Road
7.00pm start

The Scheme

The Greenway scheme stretches along Tolworth Broadway, from the junction with Ewell Road, across the A3 roundabout to Kingston Road outside Charrington Bowl.

The central barriers along the Broadway will be removed to allow pedestrians to cross the road at any point. Pedestrian crossings, both signalled and unsignalled, will be provided.

The striking central island (the 'Greenway') will be widened; it will have a low kerb and the surface will consist of resin-bound gravel, laid in several shades of green. The Royal National Institute of Blind People has advised on and influenced the detail of the design to ensure it is suitable for all users.

The footways outside the shops on the Broadway will be re-laid in concrete blocks to form a forecourt effect in shades of brown. A key aim of the design is to de-clutter the street as much as possible, although there will be additional trees and seating. Following feedback received through the public consultation, the seating in the central Greenway has been removed.

The other primary aim is to allow freedom to cross Tolworth Broadway at any point; the widened island will also enable pedestrians and cyclists to travel along the centre of the road between Ewell Road



How the Broadway looks today

and Kingston Road. The existing traffic signals at Tolworth Roundabout will be adjusted to allow the carriageway to be crossed, enabling pedestrians and cyclists to bypass the unpopular subways.

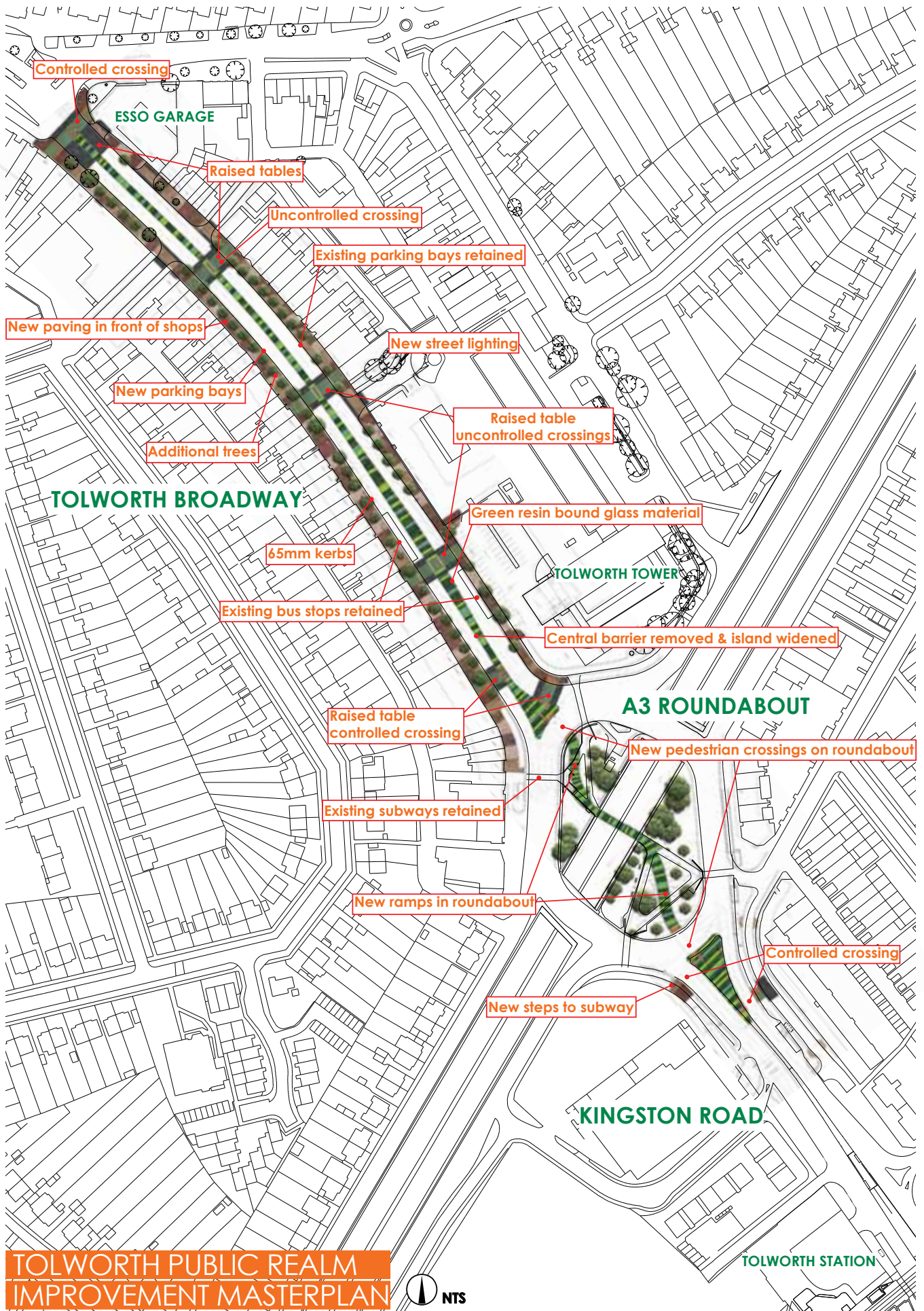
New footpaths will be provided within the roundabout to link the pedestrian crossing points with the existing pedestrian bridge over the A3.

Currently cyclists have to dismount when crossing the roundabout bridge as the railings are too low for it to be safe – these will be raised to allow cyclists to ride across.

A new signal controlled crossing will be provided in Kingston Road to allow access to both the Charrington Bowl and the Sunray Estate sides of the road.



Artist's impression of the Broadway when works are complete



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TOLWORTH STATION

Speed Limits:

The speed limit on Tolworth Broadway will be reduced to 20 mph, making it safer for pedestrians when crossing at any point along the Broadway.

Trees:

There will be additional trees planted both in the footway in front of the shops and on the central island (the 'Greenway').

Seating:

Additional benches will be provided in front of the shops. There will be no seating on the Greenway itself.

Cycles:

The scheme provides a safe route for cyclists to cross the A3. Cyclists will also be able to share the Greenway with pedestrians. The aim is to encourage more shoppers and commuters to cycle, improving traffic flow and lowering emissions.

Street lighting:

New lamp columns will increase illumination in the Broadway and the centre of the roundabout. Additional lights will be installed to ensure footways in front of shops are well lit.

Deliveries:

Loading bays will be provided on both sides of Tolworth Broadway.

Pedestrian Crossings:

Controlled crossings (with a green man) will be installed at either end of the Broadway with three uncontrolled crossings (no green man) in between.

Pedestrian Subways:

The existing subways will remain and still be accessible.

On-street Parking:

The number of on-street parking spaces will be unaffected.

Buses:

Buses services remain unaltered.



The Way Forward

The details of the scheme will be presented for approval to a special meeting of the Surbiton and South of the Borough Neighbourhood Committees, which will be held on Thursday 15 December, 7.00pm at Dysart School, Ewell Road. This is a public meeting and you are welcome to attend.

Implementation

If the two Committees approve the scheme to be built, it is anticipated that work will start on site in April 2012, following the appointment of a contractor. The aim is to complete the works before the start of the London Olympics in summer 2012.

Discussions will be held with local retailers to try to minimise disruption during the construction period.

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