Public Consultation 20 June – 18 July 2016

HAVE YOUR SAY ON: Kingston Station Area

These proposals are part of the Go Cycle Programme. Transport for London have allocated £30 million to relieve the pressures of a growing population on the borough’s transport network by:

- transforming cycling facilities for all
- improving road safety and public spaces
- regenerating and supporting Kingston’s economy

MAYOR OF LONDON  TRANSPORT FOR LONDON
Our consultations
Summer 2016 sees the next stage of Go Cycle programme consultations taking place. We are sharing our proposals and want to know what you think. Your feedback will help shape the final plans. There are four consultations taking place in summer 2016.
- Kingston Station area
- Wheatfield Way area
- Fountain Roundabout, New Malden
- Surbiton to Kingston

Consultation exhibition
You can talk to a member of the Go Cycle team about the proposals at the temporary exhibition located at 30a Fife Road (next to M&S) throughout the consultation period. The exhibition will be open at the following times: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays 11am-4 pm; Thursdays from 4-8pm. Alternatively you can visit the separate consultations at the following locations and times:

Surbiton to Kingston consultation:
Surbiton Station - Friday 24 June 7am-12 noon
30a Fife Road - Saturday 9 July 11am-4pm

Kingston Station area and Wheatfield Way area consultations:
30a Fife Road - Saturday 25 June 12 noon-4pm
30a Fife Road - Thursday 7 July from 4pm-7pm

Fountain Roundabout, New Malden consultation:
Kingston Environment Centre - Thursday 30 June 4pm-7pm
Kingston Environment Centre - Saturday 2 July 10am-1pm

Please answer the questions listed within this consultation and provide any additional comments you have. Post the document back to us in the Freepost envelope supplied. Alternatively, you can go online and answer the questions at: www.kingston.gov.uk/gocycleconsultations

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OVERVIEW
We are proposing significant improvements to Kingston, particularly in the vicinity of Wood Street between Kingston Station, Kingston Bridge and the River Thames. These proposals include public realm and environment enhancements for pedestrians and cyclists, through the creation of improved road crossings, public spaces and segregated cycle-ways, complemented by the introduction of a 20mph limit along the full length of Wheatfield Way and Wood Street.

As a result of public engagement earlier in 2016 on what improvements the public want to see, we propose to transform the forecourt of the station and links to the River Thames and Kingston Bridge by introducing new spaces connected by convenient and safe routes. Your top three suggested improvements are:
• separating bicycles from general traffic
• improving the quality of public space
• reducing congestion, motor vehicle noise and speed.

VISION
To enhance the arrival experience at Kingston via the station and Kingston Bridge, to create an environment for people which is safe, attractive and accessible to all. Additionally to improve links to and from the historic town centre, the Thames Path and north Kingston.

OBJECTIVES
• Contribute to the delivery of wider Go Cycle programme outcomes
• provide strategically important segregated cycle routes, with a particular focus on safety, to link Kingston Bridge, the Riverside and Kingston Station to the wider cycle network
• improve the public spaces and ease of movement around the station and at Kingston Bridge
• create a green link that improves the appearance, sense of place and experience along the route to the riverside
• provide cycle maintenance, hire and storage facilities that serve visitors and commuters at the station
• transform the links from the station to the riverside and Kingston Bridge into a series of attractive and connected places for people
• maintain the use of the Wood Street for general traffic and buses and to improve safety.
# OVERALL PROPOSALS

## PROPOSALS
The key proposals that make up this project are:

- **connect discontinuous cycle paths:**
  - on Horse Fair Road from Skerne Road to Kingston Bridge on the north west side
  - on Wood Street from Dolphin Street to the Bentalls entrance
- **improve the cycle connections from:**
  - Kingston Station to the River Thames by upgrading the cycle and pedestrian connection on the north side of Wood Street to Down Hall Road
  - Kingston Station to Kingston Bridge via Wood Street (between John Lewis and Bentalls) and the western end of Clarence Street
- **improve public realm and declutter the townscape,**
  to better organise orientation and safety for people moving to, from or through the Station Forecourt area and the Kingston Bridge gateway into the town centre
- **retain the number of highway lanes throughout Wood Street and Horse Fair**
- **extend the 20mph speed limit proposed for Wheatfield Way area along Wood Street and Horse Fair to Kingston Bridge and raise the carriageway to footway level for pedestrians and bicycles at all four junctions on the route.**

## IMPACTS
We have carried out traffic modelling on the network to understand what impact the proposed changes would have on general traffic, buses and pedestrians. We have ensured that any noticeable journey time changes can be mitigated through good scheme design and by amending traffic signal timings. The results have shown that there will be minimal changes to journey times and traffic capacity in the town centre.

## QUESTIONS

### Q1. To what extent do you support the scheme as a whole?
- Strongly favour...............................................................
- Somewhat favour...........................................................
- Neutral...........................................................................
- Somewhat oppose..........................................................
- Strongly oppose............................................................
- Don’t know....................................................................

### Q2. How likely are you to use the area more for walking and cycling following the improvements?
- Very likely.......................................................................
- Likely.............................................................................
- Neither likely nor unlikely................................................
- Unlikely..........................................................................
- Very unlikely...................................................................
- Don’t know.....................................................................
VISION
To enhance the experience of people arriving, departing and travelling through the Station Forecourt by creating a unified and attractive place that promotes navigation to the historic town centre and the river.

OBJECTIVES
• Create a wider, more distinct and less intimidating crossing point from the station into Fife Road, improving the connectivity to the town centre
• Serve cyclists and pedestrians by enhancing and unifying the forecourt area and providing a safer environment for all
• Connect the Wheatfield Way area and Green Link proposals, and integrate these with the proposed hub and storage facilities at the station.

PROPOSALS
• Increase public realm area of the forecourt by realigning and narrowing Wood Street, while current traffic capacity is maintained
• Create a shared forecourt area for pedestrians and cyclists
• Raise the carriageway along Wood Street and Richmond Road to pavement level adjacent to the Station Forecourt crossing points
• Improve the Wood Street pedestrian and cyclist crossing by aligning with Fife Road
• Create a shared area for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles at the entry into Fife Road to improve the link to the town centre
• Declutter the forecourt area, remove and replace the existing raised planters to improve access and navigability.

Q3. To what extent are you in favour of the proposed improvements to the Station forecourt?
Strongly in favour ........................................................... □
In favour ........................................................................ □
Don’t mind either way ..................................................... □
Not in favour .................................................................. □
Strongly not in favour ..................................................... □
Don’t know ..................................................................... □

Further comments

N.B: Landscaping elements, including planting and trees are shown indicatively and are subject to ground conditions.
VISION
To create two highly visible and architecturally distinctive structures that function together as a point of arrival to Kingston, while providing commuter and leisure cyclists with a full range of secure storage, maintenance, hire, visitor information and amenity facilities.

OBJECTIVES
• Promote cycling within Kingston and encourage a shift towards cycling as a safe and sustainable form of transport
• provide storage for current and future demand, while improving navigation to the river and town centre
• provide access to cycle repair, maintenance, hire and amenity facilities for commuters and visitors
• support Kingston’s commitment to sustainable travel, general well-being and safety.

PROPOSALS FOR THE HUB
• Create a point of dispersal and a destination for Kingston’s inhabitants and visitors
• integrate uses such as onward travel information, coffee kiosk, cycle maintenance and hire and a potential retail opportunity within the hub
• provide visitor and cycle hire facilities to accommodate leisure cyclists.

PROPOSALS FOR THE CYCLE STORAGE
• Create a secure and adaptable storage facility that caters for current and future cycling demand
• implement a functional modular design that maximises storage and has the flexibility to increase capacity with demand.

N.B. The buildings will be subject to planning application for final position, shape, volume and aspect at a later date. Images above are for illustrative purposes only.

Q4. To what extent do you agree with the provision of the Hub and storage facility within the Station Forecourt area?
Strongly agree..................................................................
Agree .............................................................................
Neither agree or disagree................................................
Disagree..........................................................................
Strongly disagree............................................................
Don’t know.....................................................................

Further comments
THE GREEN LINK PROPOSALS

VISION
To redefine the pedestrian and cycling link from the station to the River Thames in a well landscaped green environment.

OBJECTIVES
• Improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in the area to create a safer environment for all, encourage a greater number of pedestrians and cyclists to access the route towards the riverside via the green link and proposed new cycle/pedestrian bridge
• support and link the redevelopment of the Riverfront and Station Forecourt
• reduce people’s exposure to traffic and noise.

PROPOSALS
• Create a segregated two-directional cycle route and a designated pedestrian path within a green environment from the station to Skerne Road (with the potential to extend to the River Thames)
• replace taxi and disabled bay facilities in a more prominent location adjacent to Wood Street west of the station
• raise the carriageway at the Skerne Road junction to pavement level and improve the pedestrian and cycle crossings
• improve the cycle connection south of Wood Street reducing clutter, replacing existing raised planters and introducing segregated two-way cycle way.

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Q5: To what extent are you in favour of the proposed improvements and the making of the Green Link to the riverbank?

Further comments
VISION
To provide a safe and direct connection for pedestrians and cyclists from Kingston Bridge to Clarence Street and re-establish the historical gateway to the town centre.

OBJECTIVES
• Improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in this area and create a safer environment for all
• create a visual link directing pedestrians and cyclists from Kingston Bridge towards the town centre
• encourage a greater number of pedestrians and cyclists to access the route towards Kingston Bridge via the Green Link and improved segregated cycleway
• support the redevelopment of the riverfront and the regeneration of this part of Clarence Street.

PROPOSALS
• Realign the existing segregated cycle way junction on the south side of Kingston Bridge
• replace the existing raised planting with green areas and improved landscaping
• improve the pedestrian and cycle crossings to align with the desired route towards the town centre
• align navigation with popular cycling and pedestrian routes
• declutter street furniture, railings and planters
• introduce improved cycle parking south of the Kingston Bridge junction.

N.B: Landscaping elements, including planting and trees are shown indicatively and are subject to ground conditions.

Q6: To what extent are you in favour of the proposed improvements to the gateway to Kingston Bridge?

Strongly favour ...............................................................
Somewhat favour ...........................................................
Neutral...........................................................................
Somewhat oppose ........................................................
Strongly oppose ............................................................
Don’t know....................................................................

Further comments
THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART

This consultation closes on 18 July.

If you have difficulty reading this document because of a disability or because English is not your first language, we can help you. Please call our helpline on 0208 547 5000 or ask someone to call on your behalf.

There are two ways you can provide feedback to this consultation.

1. Online - visit www.kingston.gov.uk/gocycleconsultations
2. By post - complete the enclosed questionnaire and post it back to us using the enclosed Freepost envelope.

Don’t forget to check the website for roadshows and exhibitions and look out for the analysis and results of your feedback during the summer. More information on the consultations is available online at www.kingston.gov.uk/gocycleconsultations

Many thanks for taking part in this survey - we really appreciate your interest and input.

What’s next?
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If you would like to receive more information about Go Cycle, please add your e-mail details below:

Your email

A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

Please indicate if you are commenting as:
(please tick only one)
A local resident........................................................................
On behalf of a local business..............................................
A visitor to Kingston ......................................................
On behalf of a community organisation.................................
Someone who works in the area...........................................
Prefer not to say.....................................................................
Other..................................................................................

What mode of travel do you mainly use to travel through the area?
Car / van driver.....................................................................
Car / van passenger............................................................
Powered two wheeler.........................................................
Taxi......................................................................................
Bus......................................................................................
Rail......................................................................................
Walk....................................................................................
Cycle...................................................................................
Other..................................................................................

If you own a bicycle, on average, how often do you ride it on the road?
Every day..............................................................................
Most days............................................................................
Several times a week...........................................................
One a week .........................................................................
Once a fortnight..............................................................
Once a month......................................................................
Less often............................................................................
Never..................................................................................

To help us with our analysis, we would appreciate if you provide us with your postcode. This information will not be used to identify you personally or your individual property. Are you a local resident? Yes ☐ No ☐

Your postcode
**EQUALITY QUESTIONS**

**Equalities monitoring**

Kingston Council uses the following information to ensure services are developed to meet the needs of all the community. We know that the monitoring questions are personal and private. We treat the information in a sensitive and confidential way as required by the Data Protection Act.

**How would you describe your ethnic group?**

(Please tick only one box)

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**Do you have any physical disability, mental health condition or illness lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?**

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**If yes, what is the nature of your physical disability mental health condition or illness.**

(Please tick all that apply).

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**How would you describe your religion or belief?**

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**Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself**

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