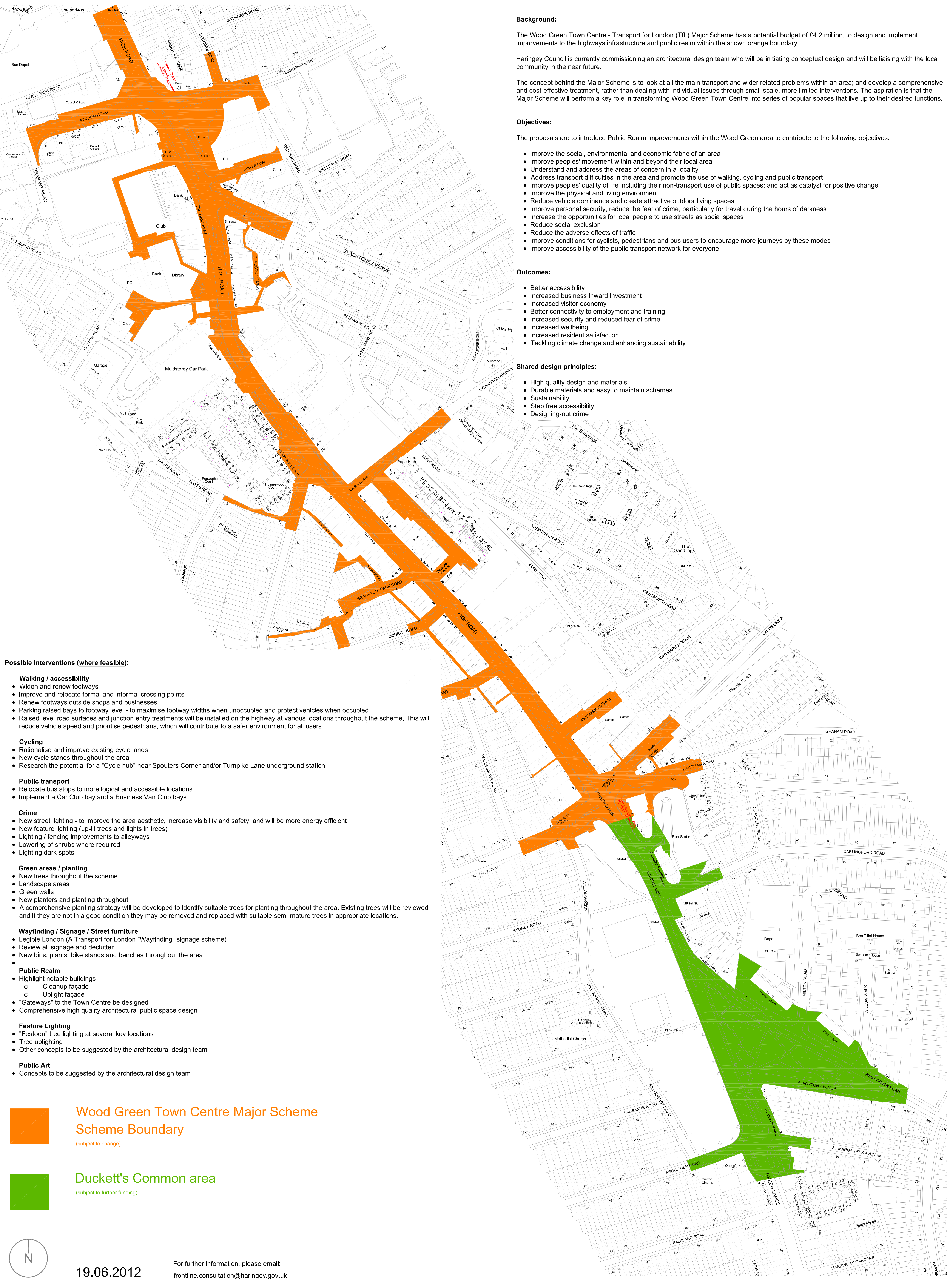


Wood Green Town Centre - Major Scheme



Background:

The Wood Green Town Centre - Transport for London (TfL) Major Scheme has a potential budget of £4.2 million, to design and implement improvements to the highways infrastructure and public realm within the shown orange boundary.

Haringey Council is currently commissioning an architectural design team who will be initiating conceptual design and will be liaising with the local community in the near future.

The concept behind the Major Scheme is to look at all the main transport and wider related problems within an area; and develop a comprehensive and cost-effective treatment, rather than dealing with individual issues through small-scale, more limited interventions. The aspiration is that the Major Scheme will perform a key role in transforming Wood Green Town Centre into series of popular spaces that live up to their desired functions.

Objectives:

The proposals are to introduce Public Realm improvements within the Wood Green area to contribute to the following objectives:

- Improve the social, environmental and economic fabric of an area
- Improve peoples' movement within and beyond their local area
- Understand and address the areas of concern in a locality
- Address transport difficulties in the area and promote the use of walking, cycling and public transport
- Improve peoples' quality of life including their non-transport use of public spaces; and act as catalyst for positive change
- Improve the physical and living environment
- Reduce vehicle dominance and create attractive outdoor living spaces
- Improve personal security, reduce the fear of crime, particularly for travel during the hours of darkness
- Increase the opportunities for local people to use streets as social spaces
- Reduce social exclusion
- Reduce the adverse effects of traffic
- Improve conditions for cyclists, pedestrians and bus users to encourage more journeys by these modes
- Improve accessibility of the public transport network for everyone

Outcomes:

- Better accessibility
- Increased business inward investment
- Increased visitor economy
- Better connectivity to employment and training
- Increased security and reduced fear of crime
- Increased wellbeing
- Increased resident satisfaction
- Tackling climate change and enhancing sustainability

Shared design principles:

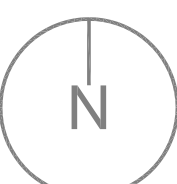
- High quality design and materials
- Durable materials and easy to maintain schemes
- Sustainability
- Step free accessibility
- Designing-out crime

Possible Interventions (where feasible):

- Walking / accessibility**
 - Widen and renew footways
 - Improve and relocate formal and informal crossing points
 - Renew footways outside shops and businesses
 - Parking raised bays to footway level - to maximise footway widths when unoccupied and protect vehicles when occupied
 - Raised level road surfaces and junction entry treatments will be installed on the highway at various locations throughout the scheme. This will reduce vehicle speed and prioritise pedestrians, which will contribute to a safer environment for all users
- Cycling**
 - Rationalise and improve existing cycle lanes
 - New cycle stands throughout the area
 - Research the potential for a "Cycle hub" near Spouters Corner and/or Turnpike Lane underground station
- Public transport**
 - Relocate bus stops to more logical and accessible locations
 - Implement a Car Club bay and a Business Van Club bays
- Crime**
 - New street lighting - to improve the area aesthetic, increase visibility and safety; and will be more energy efficient
 - New feature lighting (up-lit trees and lights in trees)
 - Lighting / fencing improvements to alleyways
 - Lowering of shrubs where required
 - Lighting dark spots
- Green areas / planting**
 - New trees throughout the scheme
 - Landscape areas
 - Green walls
 - New planters and planting throughout
 - A comprehensive planting strategy will be developed to identify suitable trees for planting throughout the area. Existing trees will be reviewed and if they are not in a good condition they may be removed and replaced with suitable semi-mature trees in appropriate locations.
- Wayfinding / Signage / Street furniture**
 - Legible London (A Transport for London "Wayfinding" signage scheme)
 - Review all signage and declutter
 - New bins, plants, bike stands and benches throughout the area
- Public Realm**
 - Highlight notable buildings
 - Cleanup façade
 - Uplight façade
 - "Gateways" to the Town Centre be designed
 - Comprehensive high quality architectural public space design
- Feature Lighting**
 - "Festoon" tree lighting at several key locations
 - Tree uplighting
 - Other concepts to be suggested by the architectural design team
- Public Art**
 - Concepts to be suggested by the architectural design team

 Wood Green Town Centre Major Scheme Scheme Boundary (subject to change)

 Duckett's Common area (subject to further funding)



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