

SHEEN LANE

Public Realm
Improvements



Why?

Richmond Council recognises the importance of ensuring that the trading environment of its town and district centres must be of a quality to attract and retain residents of and visitors to these areas. Consequently, as part of a Public Realm Improvement Fund (PRIF), the Council has identified Sheen Lane as one of a number of these areas for investment.

Sheen Lane is a busy area and businesses on the high street have strong local support but the centre is hampered by the lack of obvious public spaces to dwell and hold outdoor community focused events. The Council has identified the space associated with East Sheen Library, Community, Health and Business Services as a place that could strengthen its role as a Community Hub for the vicinity.



What are the proposals?

Working with your local ward councillors and other representatives from the local community including residents as well as members from groups such as the Mortlake with East Sheen Society, the East Sheen Retail Association, the Friends of Palewell Common, proposals have been developed to create a more welcoming and brighter space that facilitates people getting together and generates a stronger cultural and community bond to this place.

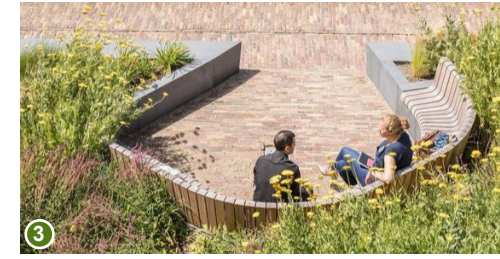
The main features of the proposed scheme are:











- An environment with safe spaces for visitors to explore, dwell and meet
- Natural stone paving with permeable joints to help irrigate the planting areas and reduce any potential for flooding in periods of heavy rain
- Improvements to the areas surrounding the existing trees and existing planting areas with a wider variety of planting used
- A diverse array of seating areas with arm rests and back rests and opportunities for group seating
- A central garden with sensory planting and a nature trail for children to explore
- Playfull elements integrated within the street furniture to create an engaging public space where outdoor activities can occur all year round
- Integrated lighting features to create an attractive environment and to improve the sense of safety in the space
- Capacity for up to 15 market stalls with integrated power supply

Proposed Improvements



Design Precedents



-  Proposed tree planting
-  Biodiverse planting mix
-  Seating benches with arm rests and back rests
-  Outdoor chess tables
-  Book themed play feature
-  Cycle parking
-  Space for market stalls with power supply
-  Raised stage
-  Space for Christmas Tree with power supply
-  Hanging bars and balancing beam play feature



Before



After

* Final designs to be determined subject to consultation feedback, Council agreement and further refinement.

Have your say

Subject to the outcome of the consultation and approval to proceed with these proposals (designs of which will be further refined), this scheme will be funded from the Council's Public Realm Improvement Fund (PRIF). This is a funding stream which can only be used for maintenance and improvements for public realm, or for environmental improvement schemes such as this. We would like to get your views on the proposals to help us decide how to take the project forward and what the final designs should look like.

What happens next?

After the consultation, your views will be considered by Richmond Council and if the local community is in favour of the proposal and the Council secures approval to proceed with the scheme, we will continue to develop the design and programme the works for 2024.

Further information

If you have any queries about the proposals, please contact

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