



Bedford Hill Community Engagement on Streetscape Improvement Proposals



Funding has been approved to improve the public highway in Bedford Hill Between Balham Station Road and Balham High Road. What are your views?

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Bedford Hill between Balham Station Road and Balham High Road is to be improved, and local people are being asked for their views.

Money is available through the Wandsworth Local Fund - a charge paid by developers to fund improvements to the local area.

The council's drawn up preliminary ideas and wants to know what residents think of them. We will use your feedback to develop detailed designs prior to a formal consultation.

Comments received from local businesses, residents and ward councillors previously suggest that key areas for improvement are the condition and appearance of the footway, having less street furniture, or putting it in a better place, increased cycle parking and making the road an attractive place offering a variety of high quality goods and services to residents and visitors.

Bedford Hill from Balham High Road to the junction with Balham Station Road would be improved with new footways in high quality materials. Granite paving could be installed similar to that in Hildreth Street.

'Entry treatments' - which raise the start of the road up to the same level as the footway, would help reduce the dominance of cars and will make it easier for wheelchair users and people pushing prams. See Figure 3 (Blended crossing). Decluttering will remove any unnecessary signage and street furniture to improve the appearance of the area and to maximise space on the footway.

Depending on the location of underground utilities, it may be possible to introduce sustainable drainage and more street trees. Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) minimise surface water run-off and include street trees and plants, increased biodiversity and adaptation to climate change.

There is the opportunity to resurface the road in a different colour through using a subtle coloured aggregate within the asphalt or an overlaid surface treatment, see figure 1. Removing the centre line also encourages drivers to be more considerate, less aggressive and drive at lower speeds.

Earlier this year a boroughwide 20mph speed limit was implemented on residential roads (excluding all A and B roads). A review of traffic speeds, volumes and accidents will be carried out in late 2018 and subject to this review it may be possible to implement a 20mph speed limit on this section of Bedford Hill (B242) if there is local support.

The council is also exploring the possibility of including a pedestrian crossing outside The Bedford public house at the junction of Bedford Hill/Balham Station Road and Fernlea Road. We are currently working closely with Transport for London to investigate the feasibility of the crossing. If it is possible and there is local support, we hope to include it as part of the Bedford Hill scheme

It is important for the council to know the views of local residents and businesses before going ahead with any of these proposals.

Please fill in the attached questionnaire and post it back to us by **15th June 2018**.

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Following a successful bid for funds to develop designs we would like to hear your views on the preliminary proposals. Below are our proposals based on previous feedback from local businesses and residents:

- Reduced street clutter
- Improved footway surface
- Improved parking bays
- Higher quality materials
- Improve environmental and more attractive road
- Increased cycle parking
- Relocate obstructive street furniture



Figure 2

Note: the drawings are indicative proposals and may require to be amended as a result of the consultation and detailed design processes.

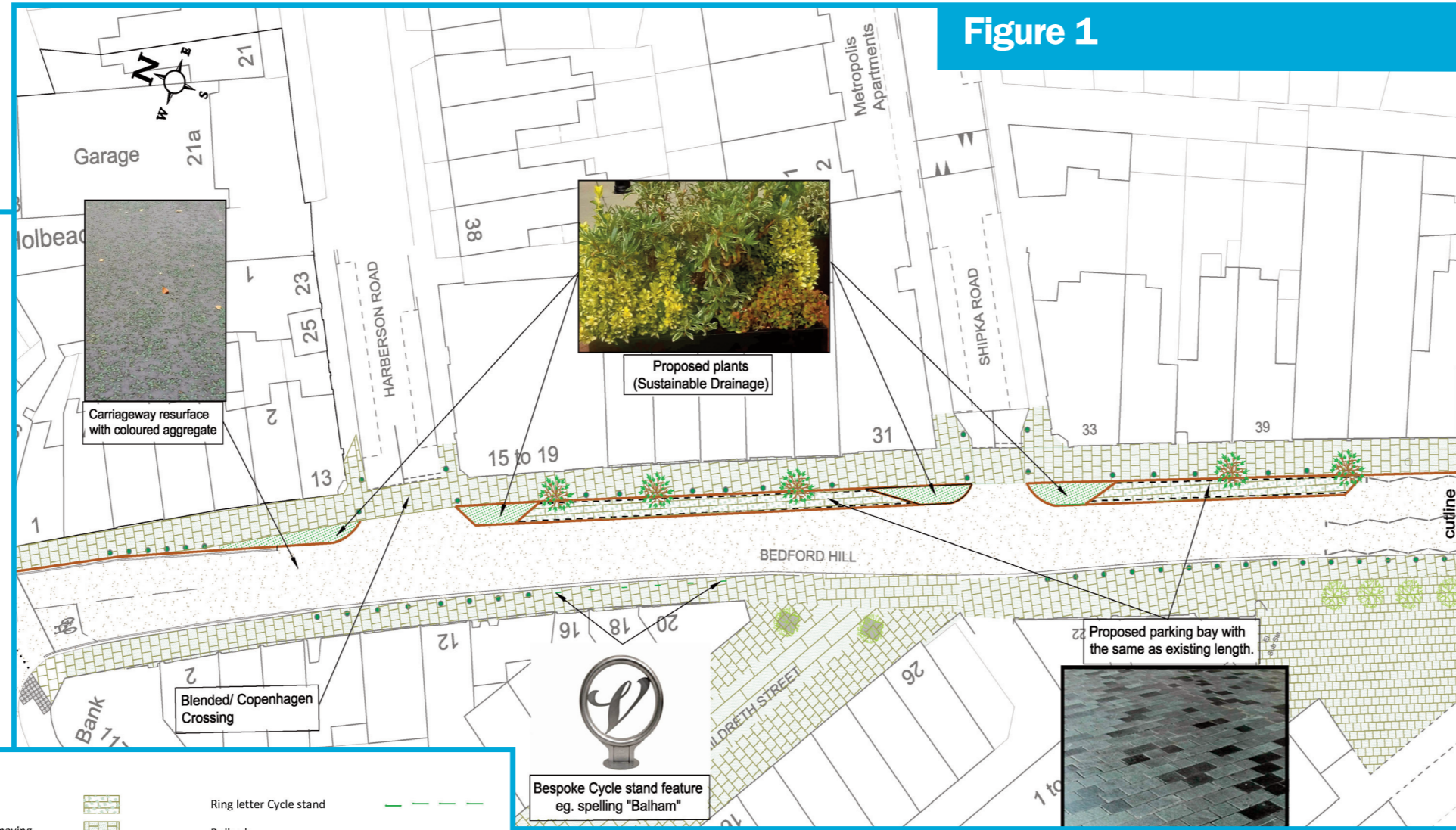


Figure 1

Copenhagen or “Blended” crossings have been introduced around London. The continuous footway across junctions reduces the dominance of motor vehicles, gives priority to pedestrians and enhances the sense of place. It also reinforces the 20mph speed limit on the residential side streets.

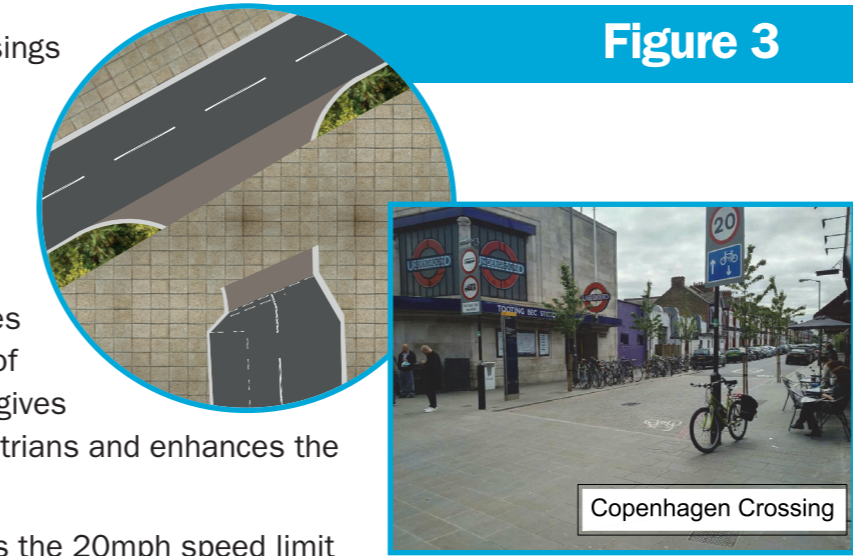


Figure 3

MAY 2018 Bedford Hill Consultation on Streetscape Improvements

The council would like to know your views on the proposals. Please complete this questionnaire and return it to us by **15th June 2018**. Only one questionnaire should be completed from each household or business. If you have any queries please telephone **Fariba Kaviani on 020 8871 8188** or email **HDTs@wandsworth.gov.uk**.

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Are you a resident business commuter visitor

Please tick the appropriate boxes and return as soon as possible

1. Are you in favour of installation of high quality footway? Yes No Don't know
2. Are you in favour of more trees beside the road? Yes No Don't know
3. Are you in favour of additional plants beside the road? Yes No Don't know
4. Are you in favour of a continuous footway over the entrances to Harberson Road, Shipka Road and Sistova Road and Rossiter Road at their junctions with Bedford Hill? Yes No Don't know
5. Are you in favour of a 20mph speed limit on this section of Bedford Hill? Yes No Don't know
6. If you are a shop owner/keeper would you be happy for Wandsworth Council to repave your forecourt at no expense? Yes No Don't know
(maintenance responsibility returns to the freeholder after 12 months)

If you have any comments please write them in the box below:
What is your top highways issue with this section of Bedford Hill?
Is there a particular measure you would like to see introduced on Bedford Hill?

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