

Reimagining the Ring Road

Potential proposals for improvements to Roman Way,
Old Town and Mitcham Road | October 2018

WHY ARE WE PROPOSING THESE CHANGES?

The Croydon Flyover, Roman Way and Old Town are all roads built in the 1950s as a Ring Road around Croydon's centre. By prioritising motor vehicles over people it split existing communities, creating a physical barrier between them and the town centre in the form of six lane roads and flyovers.

The subways and underpasses that were provided to allow pedestrians and cyclists access are uninviting and restrict movement between these places. They can feel unpleasant as they are naturally dark and hostile environments and the wide roads with fast moving traffic are noisy and can be scary to cross.

We are planning to put in a bid to Transport for London (TfL) for up to £10 million for improvements to make it easier to walk and cycle to the town centre. The bid will likely include many of the proposals recommended in the Old Town Masterplan that was developed in 2012.

The improvements we are initially considering, aim to break down the barriers created when these roads were built. By creating new and better crossings into the town centre we want to make the area safer and more attractive for all those who use it.

We want to deliver improvements that reconnect the residential communities to the east and south of Old Town, Roman Way and Croydon Flyover with the communities on the town centre side.

WHY WE WANT YOUR VIEWS

We are keen to gather views on our proposals so that our bid to TfL is as robust as possible. These proposals are initial ideas and not fixed and we welcome your thoughts on them, and suggestions for further ideas. You may live, work, visit or pass through these areas. Either way, we're keen to listen to what you have to say.

HOW CAN I GIVE MY VIEWS?

You can complete the short online survey here:
www.croydon.gov.uk/liveableneighbourhoods
it closes on 16 November 2018.

or write to: **Strategic Transport Team, Croydon Council, Place Department, Floor 6, Zone B, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA.**

If you need this document or the survey materials in a different format, call: **020 8726 6000 Ext: 47553**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Your responses will be considered over the next few weeks and will be used to change and update the proposal bid to bring it more in line with what people have told us.

If the bid is successful the project will commence in summer 2019 when we will engage with you again to develop and refine our proposals. If successful the project will commence in summer 2019 and be completed by March 2022.

The council will publish the final bid document upon submission and announce whether it has been successful.

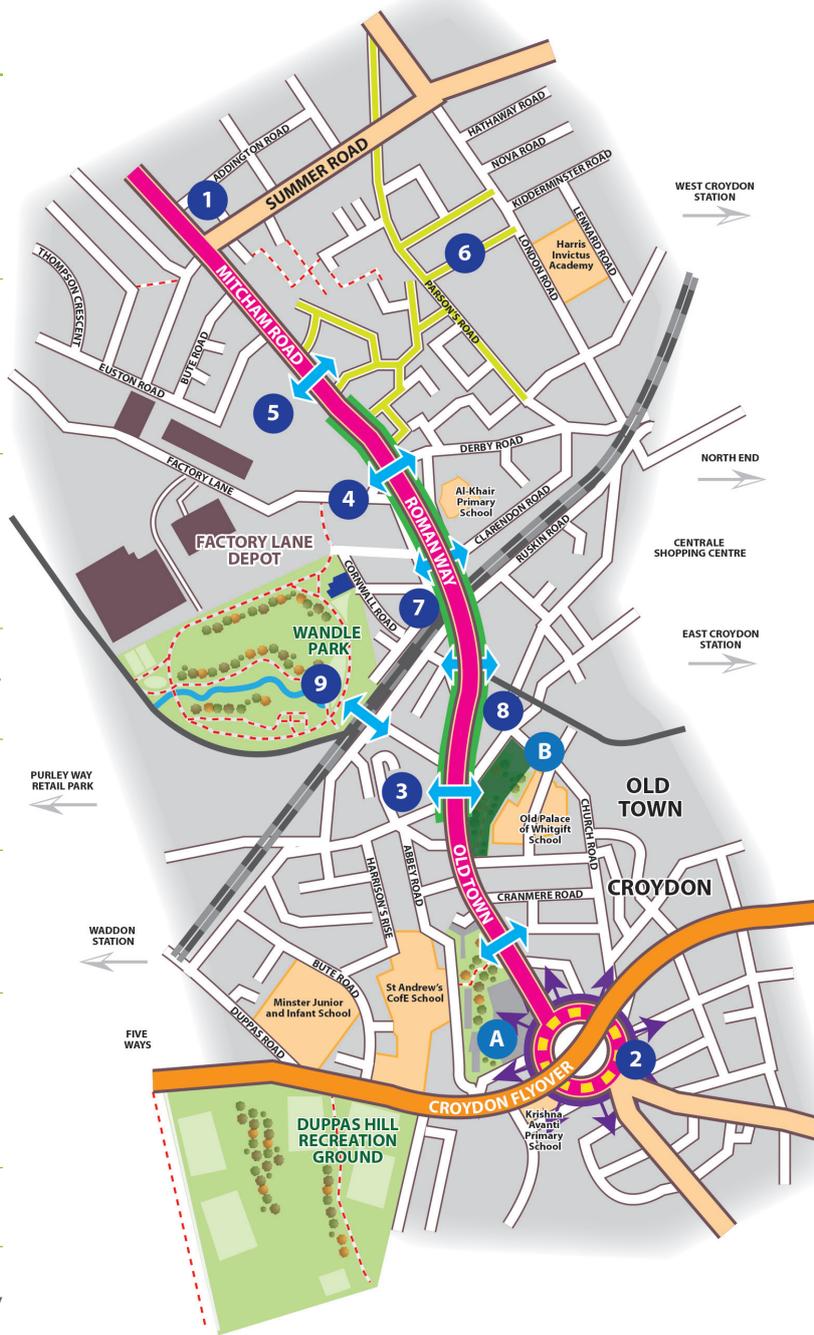
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Overview of our initial ideas

We are proposing several different improvements to this area. Refer to the map for locations:

- 1 Create a new cycle route along the length of Roman Way, Old Town and Mitcham Road to provide safe cycling conditions on this key corridor.
- 2 Transform Old Town Roundabout by infilling the subways, creating new crossings on the roundabout for safer movement for pedestrians and cyclists. Introducing new creative lighting under the flyover and planting more greenery to improve air quality.
- 3 Create a better pedestrian and cycle crossing on Roman Way between St Johns Road and Rectory Grove to act as a gateway to Old Town to link up with the improvements to the green space around the Minster Church as part of the Old Town Masterplan proposals.
- 4 Improve the junction at Roman Way, Factory Lane and Derby Road to make east-west movement between Factory Lane Industrial Estate and Croydon Town Centre easier.
- 5 Introduce new pedestrian crossings on Mitcham Road between Derby Road and Sumner Road to make it easier and safer to cross Mitcham Road.
- 6 Reduce the external traffic cutting through the residential area between Mitcham Road and London Road to improve safety on Albion Street, Gardeners Road and Parsons Mead.
- 7 Transform the car parks and underpasses under Roman Way flyover with creative lighting and public realm artwork to make them more inviting and pleasant places to pass through. Look at new and exciting ways of using these spaces instead of just for car parking.
- 8 Install green walls and screens on the Roman Way flyover to improve air quality and reduce noise pollution.
- 9 Upgrade the footbridge over the tram tracks into Wandle Park with street lighting, new surfacing and cycle and buggy channels, to improve pedestrian and cycle access between Wandle Park and the town centre.



LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS PROPOSAL

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| 1 | NEW CYCLE LANES THE LENGTH OF ROMAN WAY, OLD TOWN AND SOUTHERN END OF MITCHAM ROAD | 6 | REDUCE EXTERNAL RAT RUNNING |
| 2 | TRANSFORM OLD TOWN ROUNDABOUT | 7 | TRANSFORM UNDERPASS AND CAR PARKS |
| 3 | NEW SUPER CROSSING AND GATEWAY | 8 | GREENING & NOISE SCREENING |
| 4 | DERBY ROAD / FACTORY LANE CROSSING | 9 | IMPROVE ACCESS INTO WANDLE PARK |
| 5 | BETTER CROSSING FACILITIES | | BETTER ACCESSIBILITY AND MOVEMENT |

FUNDED SCHEMES

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| A | OLD TOWN SUBWAY AND NEW CROSSINGS | B | MINSTER GREEN PUBLIC REALM |
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FINDING OUT MORE

Read more about the Old Town masterplan: www.croydon.gov.uk/planningandregeneration/framework/localplan/masterplans/masterplan-improvements/oldtown-mplan

Read about the Croydon Town regeneration to: www.croydon.gov.uk/planningandregeneration/regeneration/our-growing-town-centre/our-growing-town-centre

Contact us: strategictransport@croydon.gov.uk or 020 8726 6000 Ext: 47553.