

BLACKHORSE VILLAGE UPDATE



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Blackhorse Village, the area framed by Forest Road, Hoe Street, Selbourne Road and Blackhorse Road, is one of the residential areas in the borough to receive Mini-Holland funding to create places that are great to live, work and travel. The improvements to the area will bring a wide range of benefits to residents and businesses such as better conditions for pedestrians and people who cycle, improved air quality and less noise and congestion on local roads. For the purpose of the programme this scheme has been named Blackhorse Village and forms part of the Mini-Holland Villages scheme.

The Blackhorse Village scheme aims to:

- Reduce the amount of non-local traffic using the area
- Improve the look, feel and safety of the streets for all road users
- Improve routes to and from local schools and other places of interest in the area
- Encourage people to use healthy modes of transport.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

We value your opinions and have been consulting on the Blackhorse Village scheme over a five month period. At every stage of this process we have talked to residents and local businesses, and encouraged people to have their say. All of the feedback received from the perception survey, workshops and public consultation has been used to shape the project.

RESULTS FROM THE CONSULTATION

The public consultation for the scheme ran between 30 June and 21 July 2015, and a total of 665 people took part. A full report on the results can be found by visiting www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-you-area/blackhorse-village.

KEY RESULTS FROM THE CONSULTATION

Proposal	Percentage For	Percentage Against	Percentage Neutral	Percentage Don't know
Road closures and traffic direction changes	44	36	16	4
Safer environment proposals (Prioritising pedestrians, slowing traffic and improving key junctions)	60	23	17	Not applicable
Proposal	Result			
Top five improvements residents want to see in the area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional tree planting across the Blackhorse Village area 2. Blackhorse Road/Stoneydown public space improvements 3. Pretoria Avenue public space improvements 4. More outdoor seating 5. Greenleaf Road public space improvements. 			

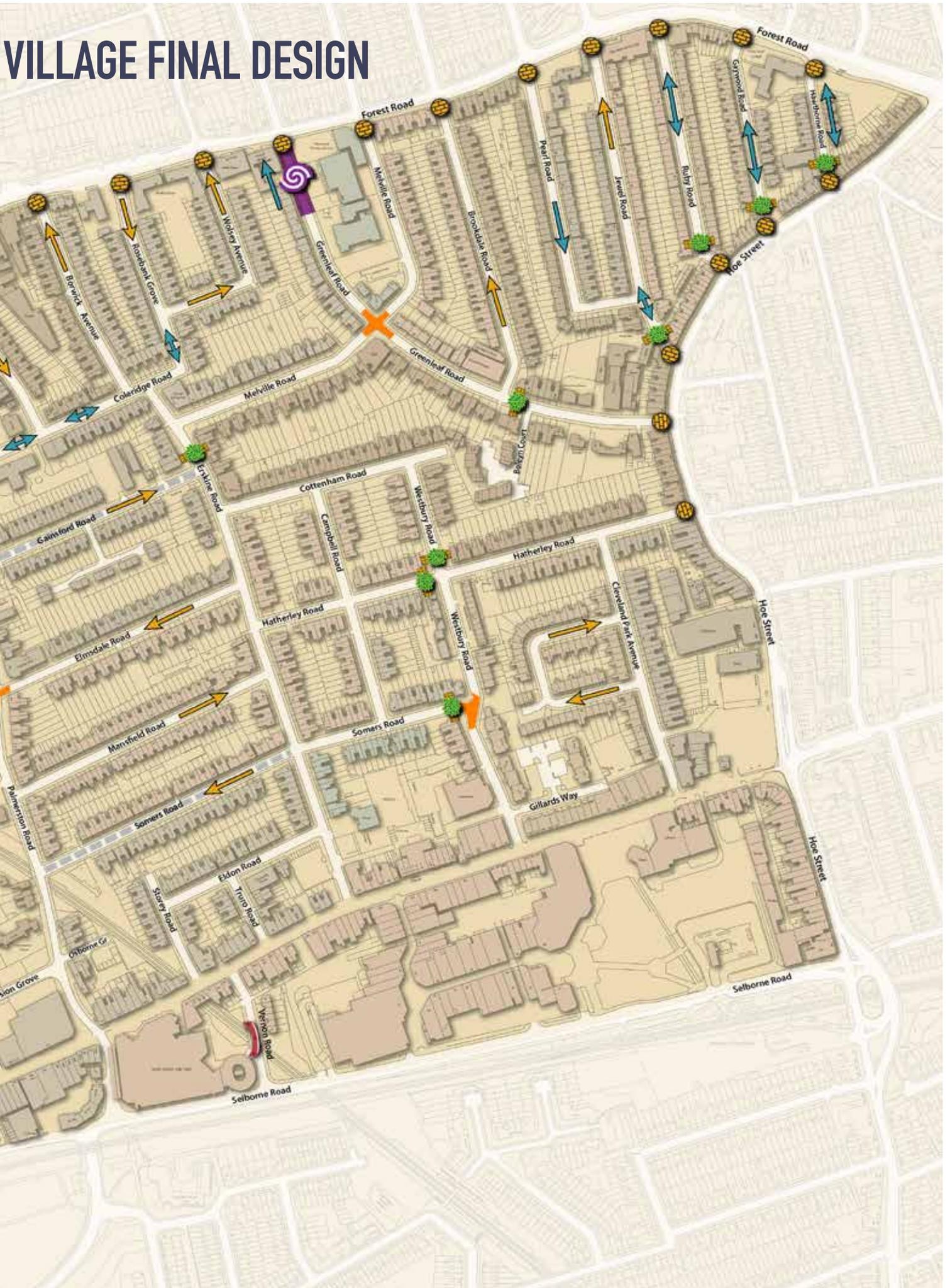


BLACKHORSE

-  Existing one-way
-  Proposed one-way
-  Proposed two-way
-  Road closure with feature
-  Junction Improvement
-  Landscaping
-  Streetscape Improvement
-  Road closure with feature
-  Road to be resurfaced
-  'Copenhagen' crossing
-  Bridge improvement / Public art



VILLAGE FINAL DESIGN



IMPROVEMENTS TO BLACKHORSE VILLAGE

A final design has been developed based on the results and feedback of the consultation, and is shown on the accompanying map in this leaflet.

We believe the final design reflects the majority of feedback received and will enhance the Blackhorse Village area.

Based on the feedback received during the consultation, the following changes have been made to the original consulted design.

- Retain current northbound one-way traffic flow in **Wolsey Avenue**
- Remove plans to create a Bus Gate on **Mission Grove**
- Make **Pearl Road** one-way southbound
- Make traffic flow on **Pretoria Avenue** two-way between **Longfield Avenue** and **Forest Road**.

For further information about the final design visit www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-you-area/blackhorse-village to read the full report.

ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGES

To address the issues surrounding non-local traffic driving through the area, road closures and no entries will be introduced. These measures will improve safety for local residents, in particular children and the elderly, whilst providing a place suitable for playstreets and boosting community interaction. The closures will only affect motorised vehicles, and pedestrians and people on cycles will be able to pass through the closures. Where a closure is installed, space will be provided to allow vehicles to turnaround, access for other vehicles such as for deliveries and bin collections will be maintained and residents will still have access to their street. The road closures and traffic direction changes are shown on the accompanying map.

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

You told us that reducing the risks of speeding traffic and creating a safer environment in Blackhorse Village are your key priorities. Raised 'Copenhagen' style crossings were well supported during the consultation to prioritise pedestrians and slow down traffic.

These crossings will be built at the following key junctions:

- Greenleaf Road / Melville Road
- Northcote Road to Elmsdale Road (east to west route)
- Somers Road / Westbury Road
- Walpole Road to Coleridge Road (east to west route).

NEW AND IMPROVED PUBLIC SPACES

Based on the feedback we received at the design workshops, we identified public spaces that will be developed to improve the look and feel of the area. You have told us that the following five improvements are the most important to you:

1. Additional tree planting across the Blackhorse Village area
2. Blackhorse Road/Stoneydown public space improvements
3. Pretoria Avenue public space improvements
4. More outdoor seating
5. Greenleaf Road public space improvements.

These designs will be developed in popularity order and we will ask residents and businesses for further feedback later this year.

AREA UPKEEP

Maintenance was an issue that you wanted us to look at. Work on the following will begin in the Autumn and continue over the next two months.

Road resurfacing on:

- Maude Terrace
- Maude Road
- Warner Road
- Somers Road
- Gainsford Road.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Improvements to the area will begin in September and run until March 2016. The work will be completed in stages to keep disruption in the area to a minimum.

SEPTEMBER

- Preparation works to make way for the new improvements
- Begin work to reinstate the carriageways on selected roads

OCTOBER

- Begin public space improvement works
- Begin work on 'Copenhagen' crossings

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

- Continue work on public space improvements

JANUARY / FEBRUARY / MARCH

- Implement road closures
- Public space improvements completed.

A review of the changes will be conducted from six months after full implementation to make sure they have improved the area as proposed.

We welcome your feedback, please email your comments or questions to miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk.

For more information on the Mini-Holland Programme and how to get involved visit www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk.



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