

Blackhorse Road Junction - Standard Junction

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Blackhorse Road junction public consultation

The Blackhorse Road junction (Standard junction) is changing and we want you to get involved and share your thoughts on our proposals. We're working in partnership with Transport for London (TfL) to deliver a range of improvements to make this junction a safer and better transport hub for all to accommodate the increase in residents, visitors and businesses in the area.

About the area

The Blackhorse area is currently undergoing significant regeneration. New developments in the area will provide new homes, employment, retail and leisure for a large number of people and will play an important role in delivering growth and employment.

In recent years this area has become popular with start-up and creative businesses, creating a vibrant business hub. With the introduction of the night tube service on the Victoria line there is potential to build on this success, attracting more people to visit and spend time in the borough, and really put Blackhorse Lane on the map as a destination.

The Blackhorse Lane Area Action Plan aims to deliver a high quality housing led, mixed use neighbourhood which is sustainable in the long term. The plan aims to support these new homes with the necessary social and physical infrastructure, including a new school, public space and town centre improvement projects, new employment space for creative industries and the opening of the Walthamstow Wetlands.

Improving the junction

Blackhorse Road junction is a key public transport interchange in the borough offering direct access into central London in 15 minutes as well as connections to the Gospel Oak to Barking line and four popular bus routes. It is well used by pedestrians and cyclists, with a large number of bikes parked outside the station. Upgrading the junction to better meet the needs of the local community is a priority for the Council. This is why we have secured additional funding from TfL's Major Scheme Programme to make improvements to the junction.

The junction is already at capacity for the number of pedestrians, cyclists and bus passengers that currently use it, particularly outside the station and on the north-west corner where most of the new development is taking place, including a new 500 capacity music venue.

We know that with the opening of the Walthamstow Wetlands this year and the choice of places to visit increase, the area will get busier so we are working to make sure it is easy and safe to get around.

All of this development will not only improve the area as a place to live and work, but will help attract more residents, visitors and businesses, improving the local economy and generating new jobs.

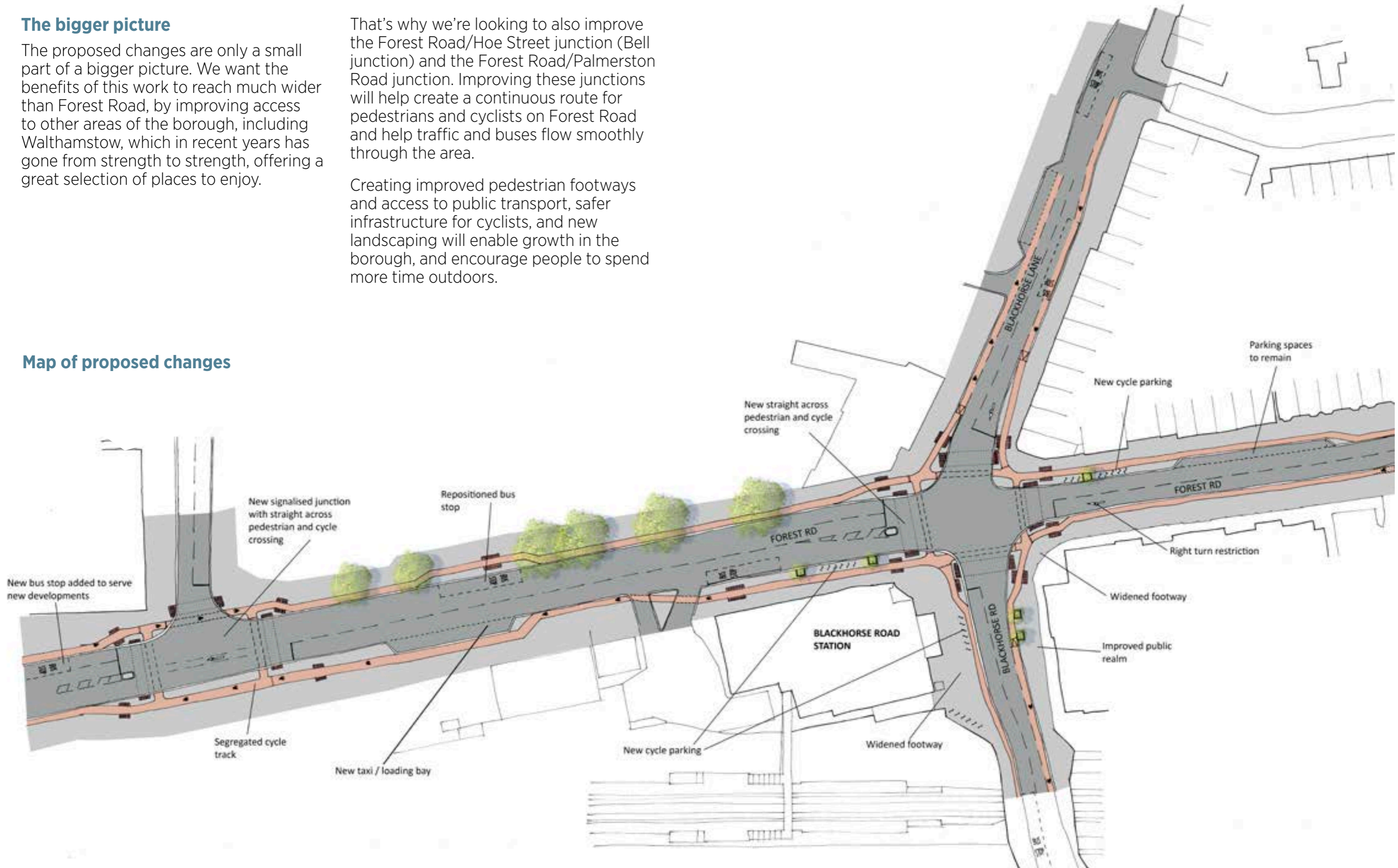
The bigger picture

The proposed changes are only a small part of a bigger picture. We want the benefits of this work to reach much wider than Forest Road, by improving access to other areas of the borough, including Walthamstow, which in recent years has gone from strength to strength, offering a great selection of places to enjoy.

That's why we're looking to also improve the Forest Road/Hoe Street junction (Bell junction) and the Forest Road/Palmerston Road junction. Improving these junctions will help create a continuous route for pedestrians and cyclists on Forest Road and help traffic and buses flow smoothly through the area.

Creating improved pedestrian footways and access to public transport, safer infrastructure for cyclists, and new landscaping will enable growth in the borough, and encourage people to spend more time outdoors.

Map of proposed changes



Changes to the Blackhorse Road junction

Key benefits:

- Wider pavements and new crossings for safer pedestrian and cycle access
- A more attractive, safer place with new public spaces, more green space, more trees and plants
- A fit for purpose road network that can cope with growth
- Improved public transport access
- Less congestion on the road network which means less emissions and better air quality.

As part of the TfL funded Major Scheme proposals, we're working with TfL to improve the Blackhorse Road junction. As more people choose to live, work, visit and enjoy Waltham Forest we expect to see an increase in the use of walking, cycling and public transport services as the primary modes of transport.

We want to make changes to the junction, as well the section of Forest Road between the station and the reservoirs, to make this busy transport hub a more efficient and pleasant place, benefiting residents, commuters, and helping to support the vibrant economy. The improved pedestrian and cycle access will better connect local people to surrounding communities, public spaces, local amenities, and other public transport services.

We are proposing the following key changes:

Road improvements

- Change the road layout at the junction to make more space available for pedestrians and cyclists, whilst also maintaining the current flow of traffic and bus journey times
- To make space for the changes to the junction and reduce congestion, a right turn ban will be introduced for vehicles traveling westbound from Forest Road onto Blackhorse Lane. Our traffic studies have shown that in peak travel times approximately 20 vehicles per hour turn right onto Blackhorse Lane from Forest Road.

Pedestrian and cycle improvements

- Widen the pavements around the junction, particularly outside the station and on the north-west corner by the Standard development to cater for the large number of pedestrians using the station and travelling to and from the new developments
- By widening the pavements we can shorten the crossing distance of pedestrian crossings on all arms of the junction – making crossing the road safer, quicker and more convenient
- Introduce new segregated cycle lanes which create separate, designated space for cycling and new cycle crossing points on all arms of the junction to improve cycle safety and make crossing the junction by bike easier
- Link the current and planned cycle lanes on Forest Road, Blackhorse Lane and Blackhorse Road to provide continuous segregated cycling infrastructure.

Bus stop changes

- Work with TfL to investigate repositioning some of the bus stops around the junction to improve interchange for passengers and reduce congestion
- Introduce a new eastbound bus stop (towards Blackhorse Road junction) on Forest Road by Green Ferry Way.

Public space improvements

- Resurface the footways using materials that create a high quality look and feel, and that complement the material used elsewhere in the area
- Plant new trees and a variety of plants to complement the existing species in the area, increase biodiversity and improve air quality.

Blackhorse Road junction to Wickford Way improvements

Create a new highway layout on Forest Road between the Blackhorse Road junction and Wickford Way (reservoirs). The changes include wider pavements, segregated cycle tracks and a new signalised junction at Green Ferry Way to provide access to the new developments and additional pedestrian crossing facilities in the area.

Giving your views on the proposed design

We want everyone who uses, lives, works and travels in this area to have their say on the scheme design and help shape the proposal.

Please read each proposal and tell us your thoughts on each one by completing the survey. The survey takes no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please complete your feedback by **Friday 28 July 2017**.

There are a number of ways for you to have your say:

- Online – visit **frproposals.commonplace.is** to complete the questionnaire and provide comments
- Request a hardcopy of the consultation document, and questionnaire by emailing **enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk** or calling **020 8496 3000**
- Come and talk to us and view the plans on Tuesday 11 July between 6pm and 8pm at Assembly Hall, Willowfield Humanities College, 209 Blackhorse Road, E17 6ND.

What happens next?

All of the feedback received will be grouped, carefully analysed and used to shape the final design.

Where there are elements of the scheme that are not well supported by residents and businesses, we will look at these again. Where it's possible to make changes based on your comments and suggestions we will, and where we can't we will explain why.

A summary of the results and feedback will be sent to everyone who took part and provided an email address soon after the public consultation stage has ended. This will set out the results and how local people's views have been used to shape the final design. This will also be available on the Council's website for everyone to see.

As part of the detailed design stage TfL will need to approve any plans before they are built to make sure that the impact on all road users is acceptable. Part of this will include ongoing modelling work with TfL to minimise any impact on buses.

Further information: [enjoywalthamforest.co.uk /work-in-your-area/forest-road](http://enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-your-area/forest-road)