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# LIVEABLE STREETS WAPPING

Liveable Streets is a multi-million pound borough-wide street and public space improvement programme. The residents of Tower Hamlets deserve quieter, safer and less polluted streets.

We've listened to your concerns on issues including:

- Air pollution which in areas is at unhealthy levels, affecting children and adults' health and life expectancy
- Poor street lighting which makes some areas feel unsafe by encouraging anti-social behaviour
- Uneven footways which are cluttered and narrow

This booklet contains our proposals to help tackle these problems. Let us know what you think before **Monday 16 December 2019**.



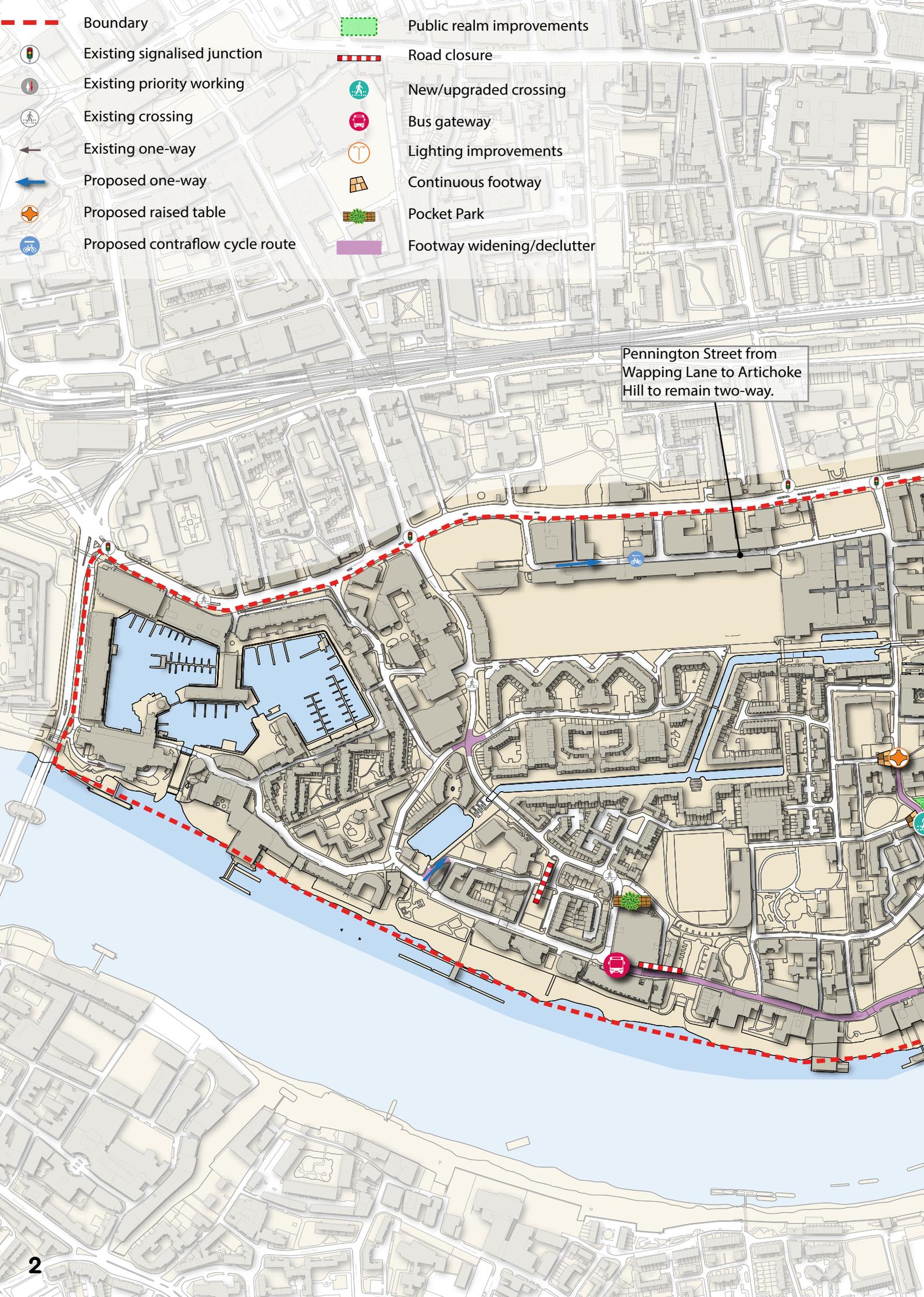
Artist's Impression of Wapping Lane

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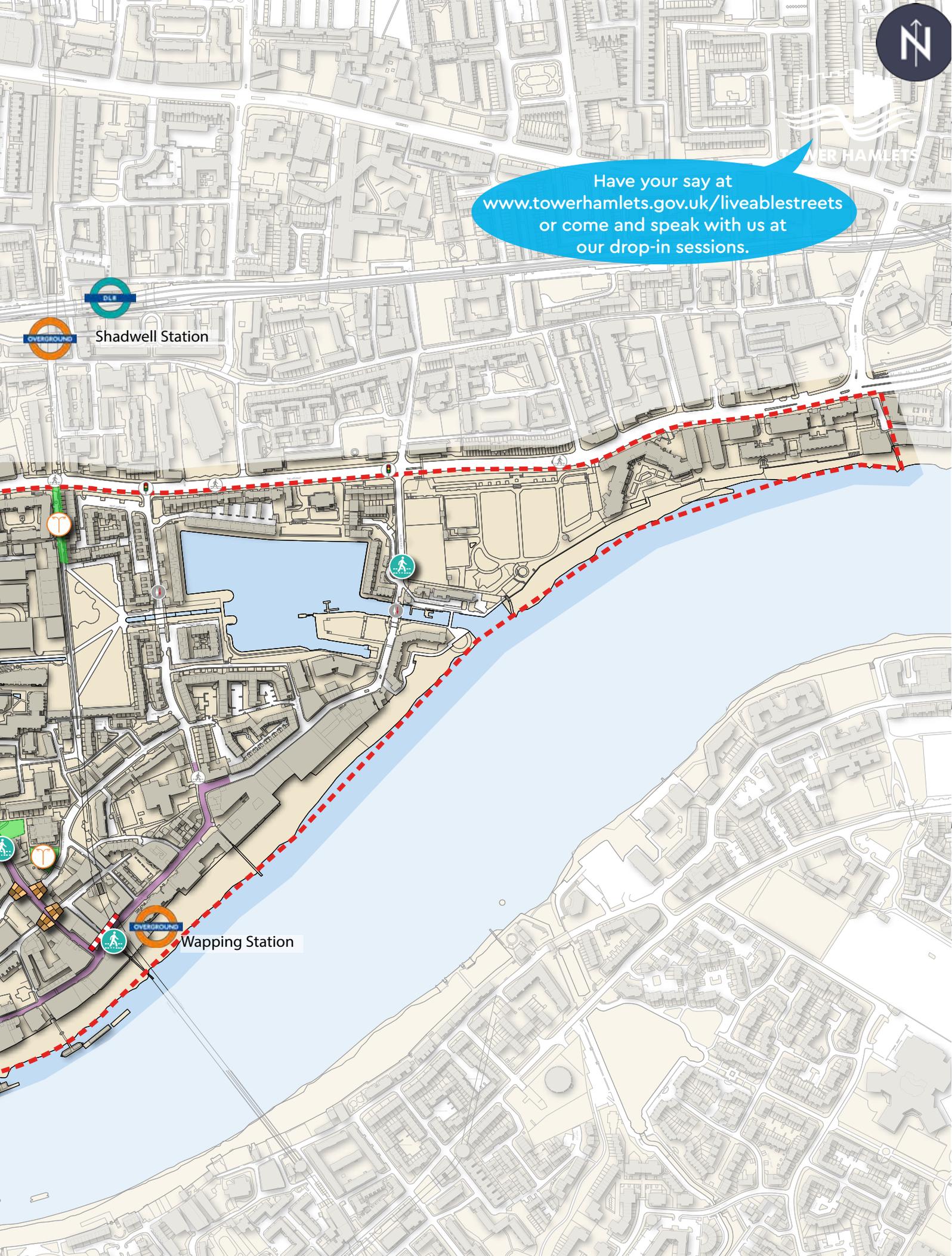
-  Boundary
-  Public realm improvements
-  Existing signalised junction
-  Road closure
-  Existing priority working
-  New/upgraded crossing
-  Existing crossing
-  Bus gateway
-  Existing one-way
-  Lighting improvements
-  Proposed one-way
-  Continuous footway
-  Proposed raised table
-  Pocket Park
-  Proposed contraflow cycle route
-  Footway widening/declutter

Pennington Street from Wapping Lane to Artichoke Hill to remain two-way.





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# WAPPING

## What's happened so far?

We heard from local residents during our early engagement in April and May, who told us about the issues in Wapping and what they wanted to see improved. You gave us your feedback through our online survey, interactive map, drop-in sessions, Councillor meetings and meetings with groups in the community. In your area, you said you want:

- Improved public spaces
- Improved cycling and walking conditions
- Reduced traffic

## What's being proposed?

Following the workshops in July and September, where attendees helped to develop practical ways to implement the feedback from the wider Wapping community, four new schemes are being proposed. These will improve the area for walking, cycling and public transport, improve air quality and help discourage anti-social behaviour. The map on pages 2 and 3 shows an overview of the project area and schemes for consultation. You can find out more details on the proposals in this booklet.

## Why are these proposals important?

We want to make Wapping an even better place to live, work and visit. Our studies and comments from early engagement indicate that the area is far from being pedestrian and cycle friendly. Uneven footways, poor quality carriageways, cluttered and narrow pavements with little or no disability access and poor street lighting that encourages anti-social behaviour in public spaces are all barriers to a safe, active and healthy Wapping.

These proposals will make Wapping an even more attractive and liveable neighbourhood,

improving accessibility for all residents and visitors. This will be achieved by enhancing accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists and providing vibrant public spaces by keeping through traffic on the main roads whilst maintaining local access for residents and businesses.

## Wapping Bus Gateway

The Wapping Bus Gateway started operation on Wednesday 13 November 2019. The bus gateway operates on weekdays from 5:30am to 10:30am and from 4pm to 7pm. Only buses and bicycles will be exempt during operating times, however every property is still accessible when it is in operation via alternative routes.

The bus gateway will address concerns from residents' about rat-running and the problems it causes in local streets, such as noise and air pollution, and safety concerns. By reducing the volume of traffic travelling through Wapping, it will enable other improvements to take place, such as those outlined in this booklet.

The bus gateway has been introduced on an experimental basis. From day one of its implementation you will be able to make comments, ask questions or raise concerns. We will review this feedback – and the evidence we collect on changes to traffic flows – and will make any necessary changes by May 2020.

This leaflet provides an opportunity to give feedback on other improvements to Wapping's streets, further to the bus gateway. **If you have feedback on the bus gateway specifically or would like more information about it, please visit: [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/wappingbusgateway](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/wappingbusgateway)**



# SCHEME 1 WAPPING LANE

## FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS

We have listened to your comments about narrow footways, excessive traffic and insufficient access to shops for all. We propose to make Wapping Lane more pedestrian friendly with easier access to local shops. This means we will widen footways on both sides of Wapping Lane and provide continuous crossings at all side road junctions between Wapping High Street and Chandler Street. We will also de-clutter the street, remove excessive guardrails and bollards, and improve street lighting. Dropped kerbs at all appropriate locations are also suggested to ensure accessibility for all.

In order to provide an improved walking route between the Wapping Lane shops and Wapping Station, we recommend widening the footways on Cinnamon Street and converting the street to one-way between Wapping Dock Street and Wapping Lane.

It is also suggested to provide a new raised table at the junction with Chandler Street in order to slow down vehicles before the bend on Wapping Lane, improving safety for all users.

## PUBLIC REALM

It is proposed to provide a vibrant community space opposite Wapping Green, with new seating, planting and potential to incorporate public art. More planting and green space will not only improve the look and feel of the street, residents and visitors will also enjoy better air quality. The proposal also includes a system of sustainable drainage (SuDs) where plants help filter any surface water and at the same time increase biodiversity.

Two new short stay parking spaces will be provided outside the shops, and the single yellow line restriction retained on one side of the road to allow for loading and deliveries.

Public realm improvements are suggested along Wapping Lane and the walkway towards Choppins Court, with more planting, trees and improved visitor cycle parking. The lighting will also be improved in the green space area between Choppins Court and Prusom Street, with redundant lighting along the edge of the park removed.

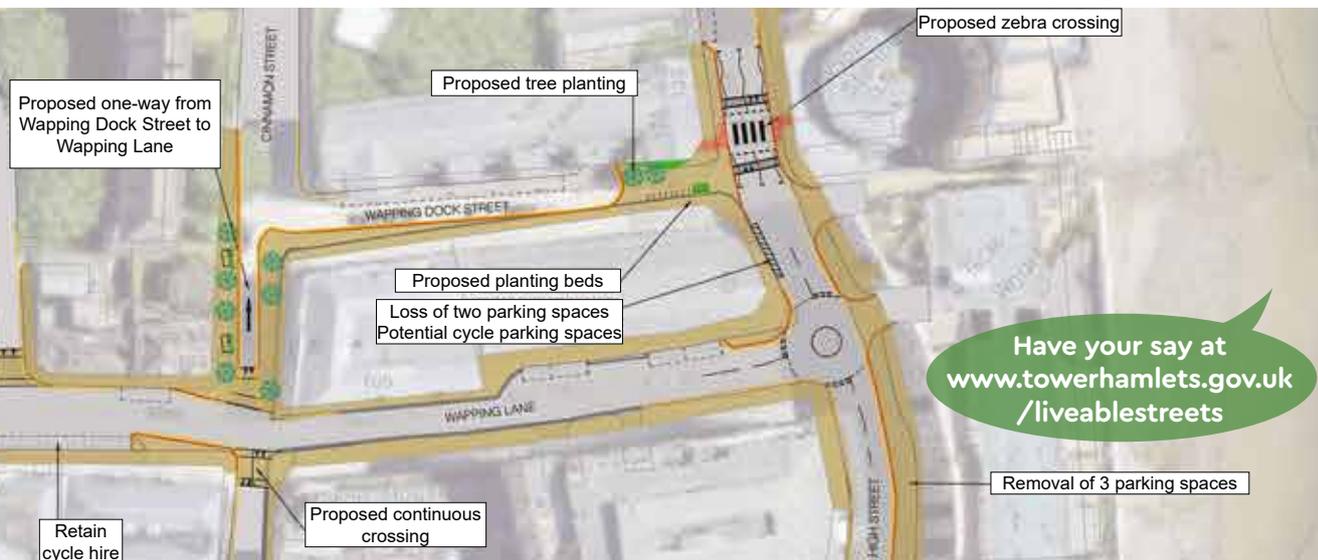


PROPOSED Wapping Lane pocket park

You said:  
"Wapping Lane could be a beautiful pedestrian friendly high street."



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# SCHEME 2 WAPPING HIGH STREET AND STATION

## WAPPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Residents suggested changes to the pedestrian space around Wapping Station to create a space that is safer and nicer to walk, providing clear routes to and from the shops on Wapping Lane. Proposed improvements include wider footways and a new pedestrian crossing outside Wapping Station. To accommodate the crossing, there will be a net loss of one parking space near the station. The bus stop will need to be shifted slightly east. Passengers waiting for the bus often block the entrance and exit to the station. By relocating the bus stop, the area outside the station will be safer and easier to access.

A closure is also proposed at the southern end of Wapping Dock Street that will help create a better walking route to the shops. This will create additional space for the proposed pedestrian crossing, more planting and cycle parking close to the station.

## FOOTWAYS IMPROVEMENTS

Residents want safe and accessible footways along Wapping High Street. In response, we propose to widen the footway along the southern side of the road between Wapping Wall and Pier Head. We will de-clutter the footways, remove bollards where necessary to provide sufficient width, and ensure that there are sufficient dropped kerbs on both sides of the road to provide a continuous pedestrian route. This will allow everyone independent and uninterrupted travel along Wapping High Street.

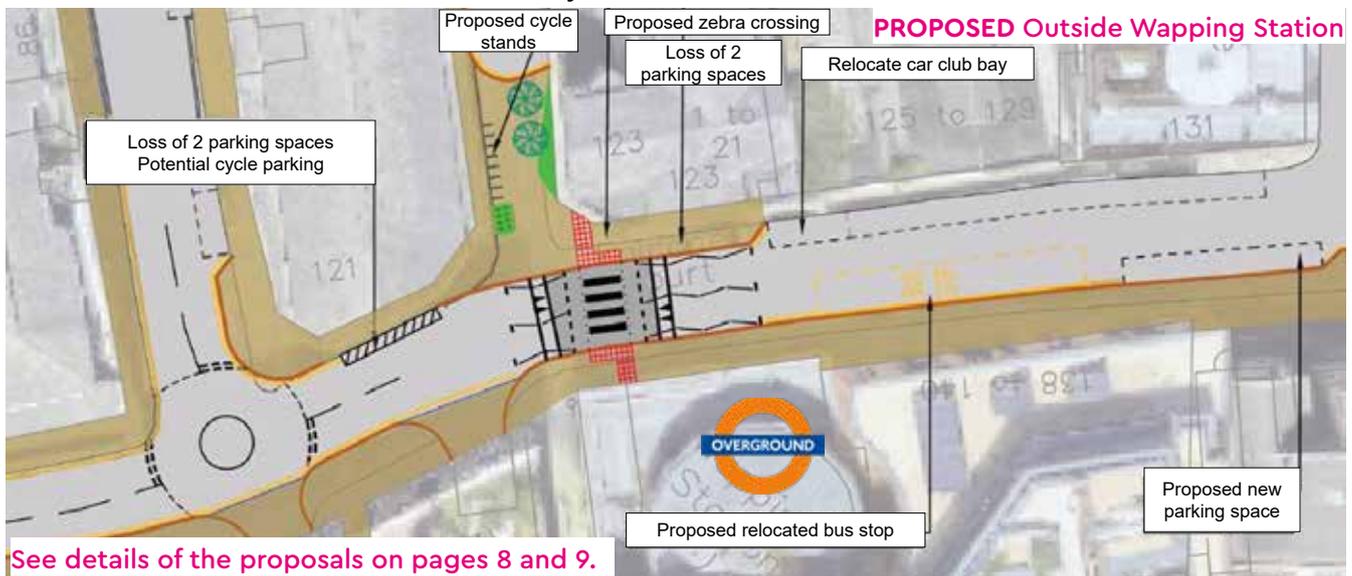
You said:  
 "Area outside Wapping station is horrible for crossing. There should be a pedestrian crossing along desire lines, rather than having to dodge between all the rat running cars."



Approximately 4,300 people cross Wapping High Street outside the station every day.

There will be a net loss of three parking spaces along the rest of the street (excluding outside the station as above) in order to widen the footways. Surveys show that at the busiest time of the day only 66% of the parking spaces are used over the weekend and 43% are used on a weekday. We feel that this space could be better used to improve the pedestrian environment and make Wapping accessible for everyone.

Additional tree planting will improve the air quality and look of the area. We will also minimise any loss of cobbles on the road.



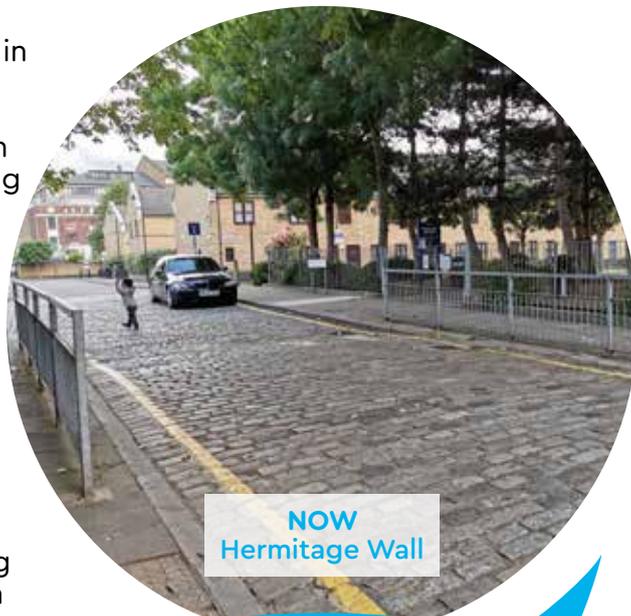
# SCHEME 3 SCHOOL STREET INITIATIVES

## SCHOOL STREET INITIATIVES

We understand your concerns for the safety of children in the Wapping area, especially during school runs.

We are proposing a road closure with planting between Hellings Street and Lilley Close to provide a safe crossing location from Hermitage Primary School to Hellings Street open space. This will create an opportunity to remove some guardrails where the footway is narrow, and soften the boundary between the road and open space. It will also encourage fewer vehicles near the school entrance. This will not only ensure the safety of the children but will also have positive impact on their health as less cars and the planting wall will help improve air quality.

Outside St Peter's London Docks Primary School it is proposed to widen footways at the junction of Wapping Wall and Garnet Street. This will improve the pedestrian environment and safety by reducing the crossing distance, as well as reducing vehicle speeds turning out of Wapping Wall.



**You said:**  
"Widen the pavement between Hermitage Basin and Hermitage School. Lots of kids and parents, very narrow pavement. Too much road space given to cars."

Children in Tower Hamlets have up to 10% less lung capacity than the national average because of air pollution.





Proposed new parking space

Shorten bus cage to gain one new parking space

Proposed footway widening

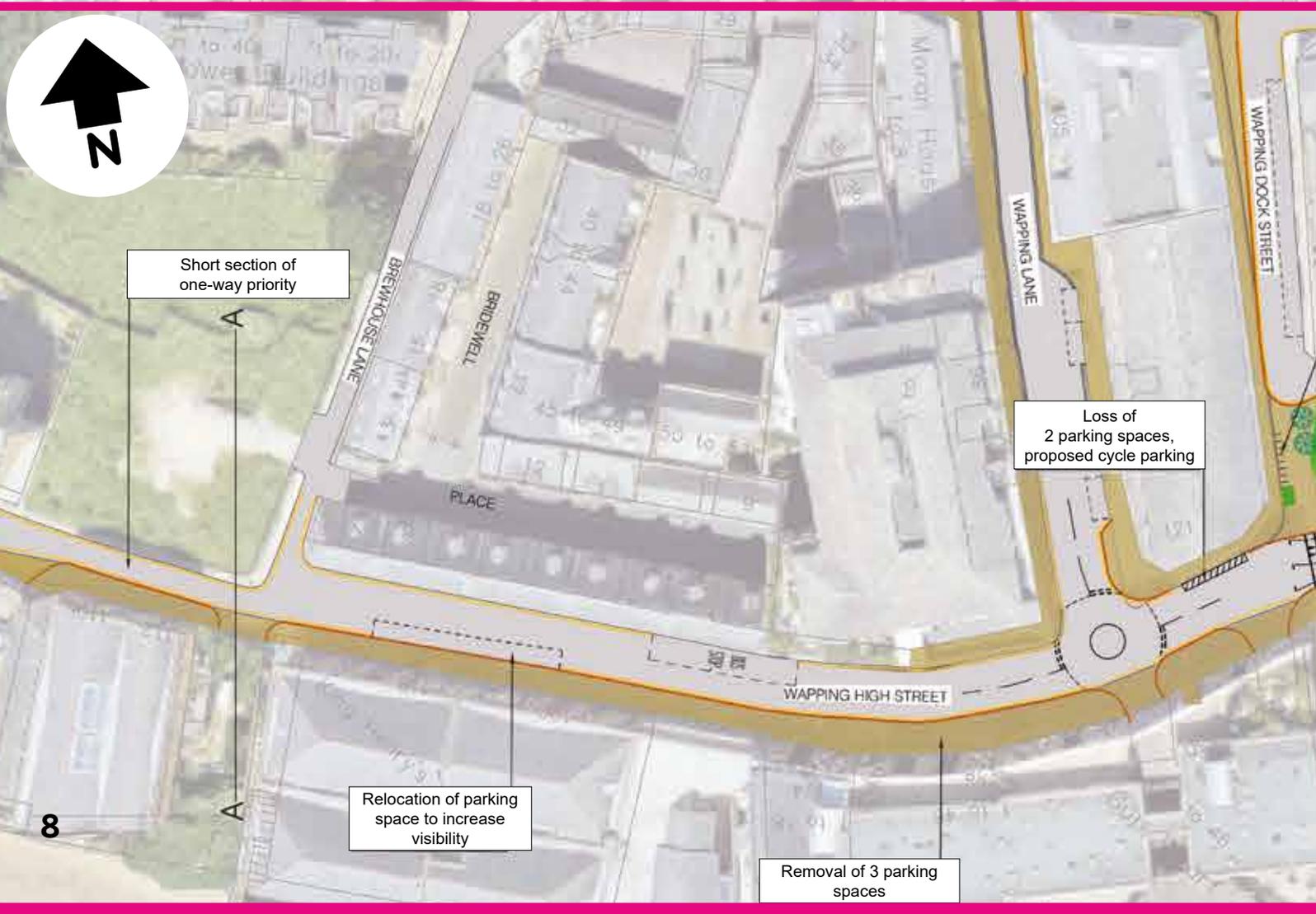
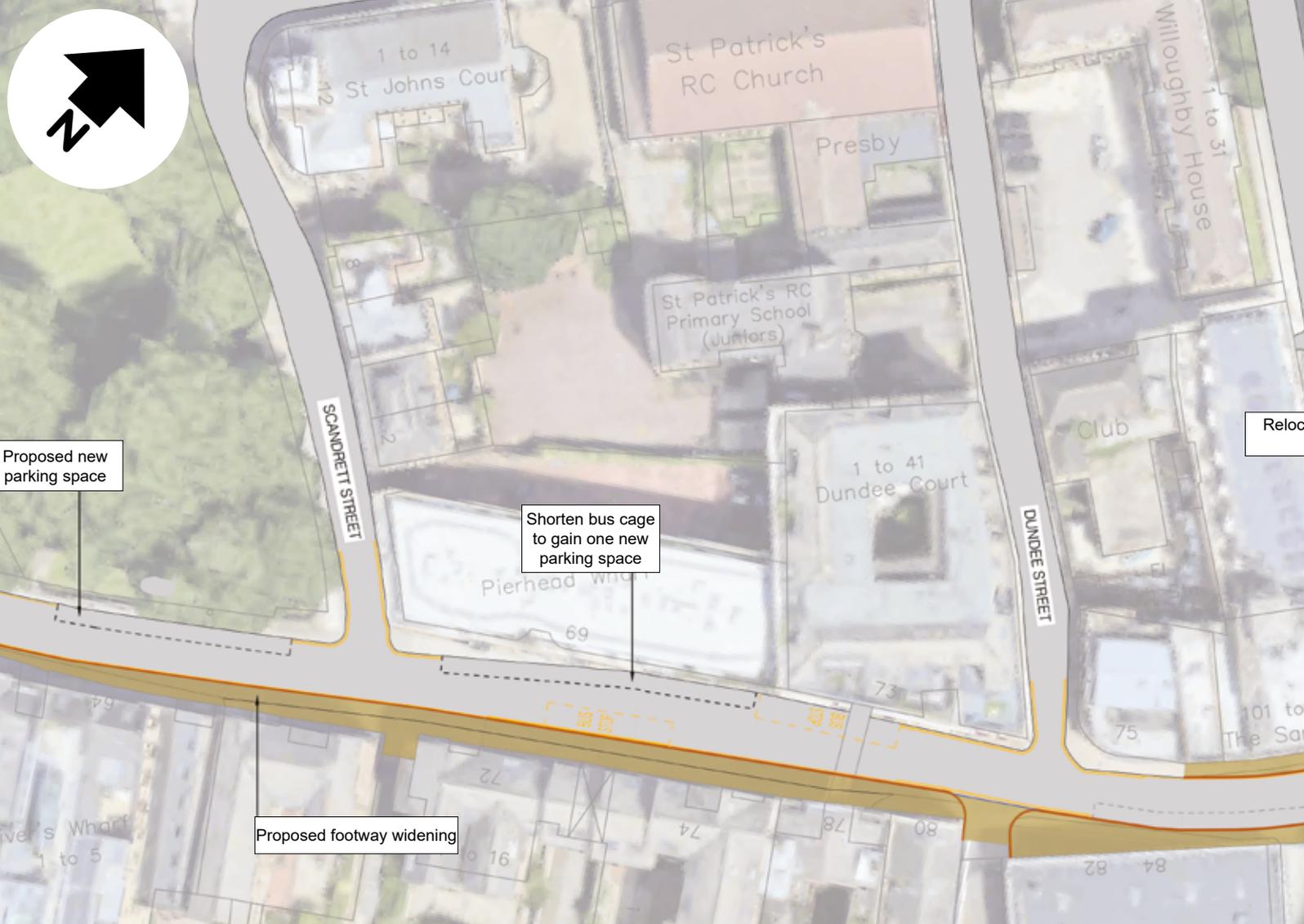


Short section of one-way priority

Loss of 2 parking spaces, proposed cycle parking

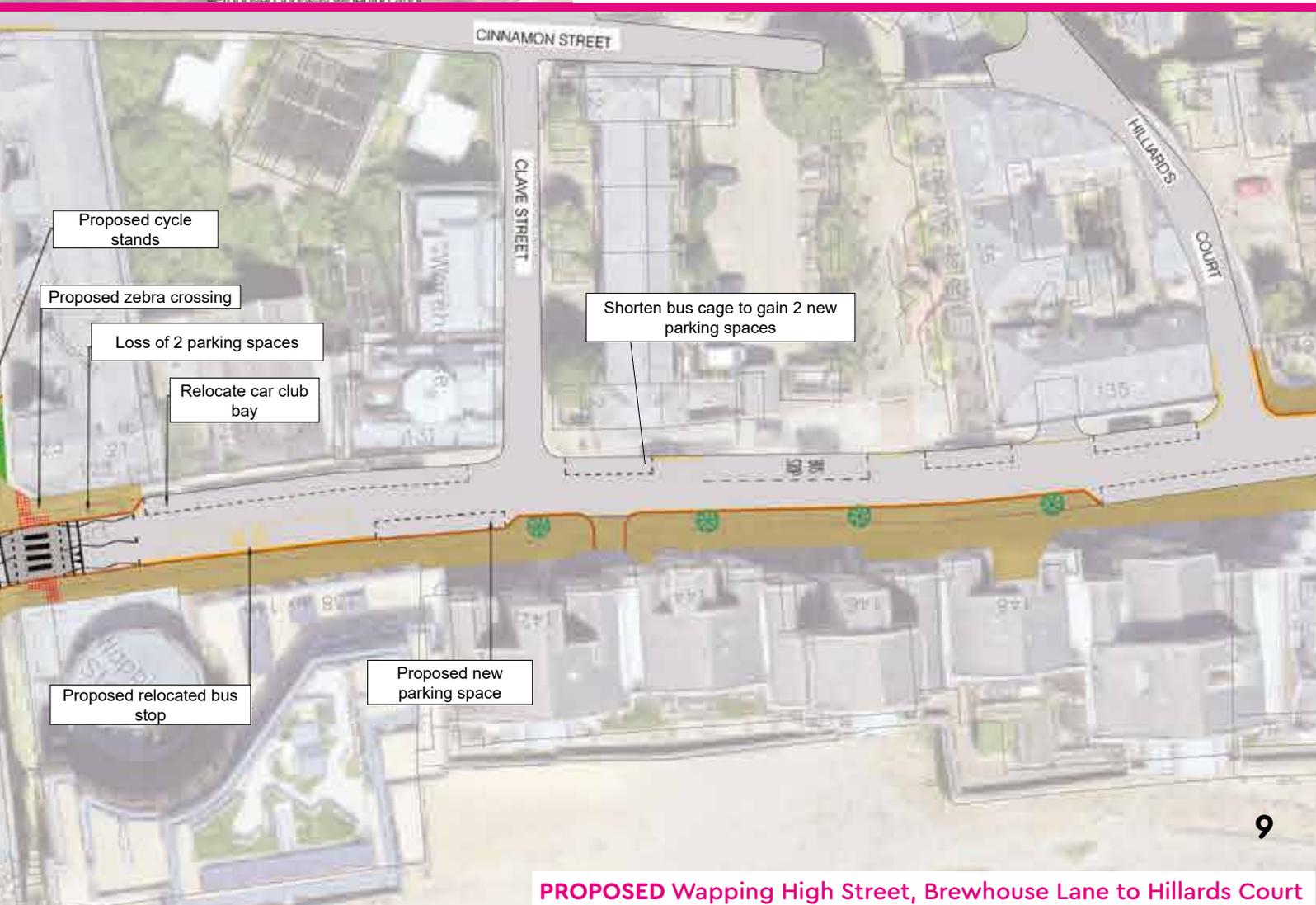
Relocation of parking space to increase visibility

Removal of 3 parking spaces





**PROPOSED Wapping High Street, Pier Head to Brewhouse Lane**



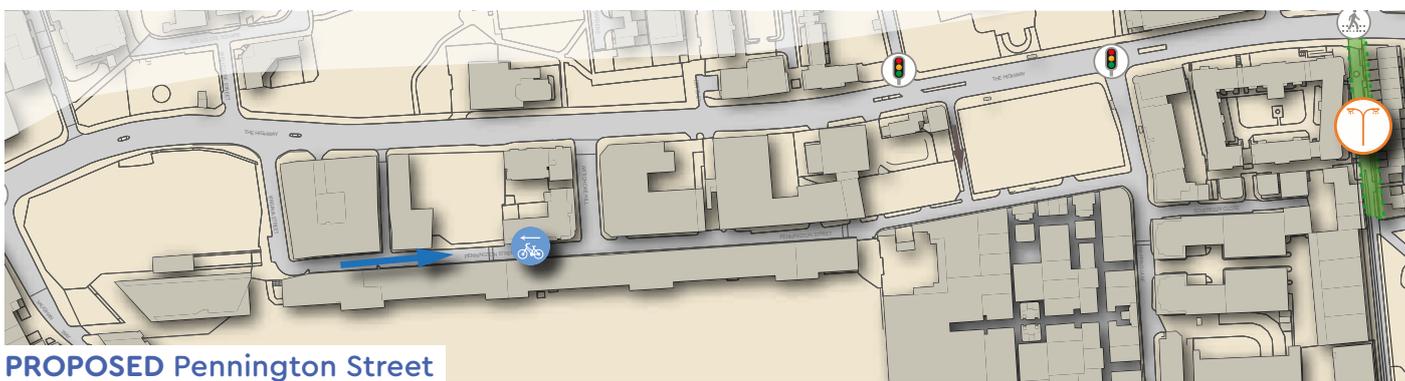
**PROPOSED Wapping High Street, Brewhouse Lane to Hillards Court**

# SCHEME 4 HIGHWAY AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

## PENNINGTON STREET

We listened to your concerns that drivers use Pennington Street as a short cut to avoid traffic on The Highway during rush hours. We want to change this and provide the residents with a safer walking and cycling environment.

We propose to convert Pennington Street to one-way eastwards between Virginia Street and Artichoke Hill. Contraflow cycling will be permitted so that cyclists can travel in both directions along the street. Converting this section of Pennington Street to one-way will reduce through traffic and idling vehicles. This proposal includes protective islands at the junction of Artichoke Hill and Pennington Street and Virginia Street and The Highway to improve safety for contraflow cyclists.



**PROPOSED Pennington Street**

## VAUGHAN WAY

Residents wanted to see improvements to the pedestrian crossing environment across the Vaughan Way and Kennet Street junction. There are also safety issues at this junction with a history of vehicle and cycle collisions. In response we propose to tighten the corners, reducing the crossing distance for pedestrians and slowing vehicles.

## SHADWELL WALKING ROUTE

We agree with your comments and want to improve this area and route to Shadwell Station. Our pedestrian surveys show that thousands of people use the path from Wapping Woods to The Highway on foot and cycling. We propose improved street lighting along this passage to make the area feel safer as it will discourage anti-social behaviour. We will improve the path by removing bollards and widening the footway in narrow sections, to make it accessible for all.



**PROPOSED Vaughan Way/Kennet Street**

**You said:**  
"Crossing from Wapping toward Dellow Street is awful. Neither side is 'welcoming', well lit, or feels safe"



## REDMEAD LANE

It is proposed to convert the section of Redmead Lane between Wapping High Street and the canal route access to one-way to accommodate footway widening and better access to the canal route.

You said:

"Desire line from Basin to Garden poorly catered for. Lack of dropped kerbs, ones in place poor quality. Widen pavement"

## GLAMIS ROAD

The crossing point north of the bridge will be upgraded to a zebra crossing and a cycle bypass.



**PROPOSED Pedestrian crossing on Glamis Road**

## PARKING CHANGES

It is proposed to make changes to the parking restrictions for the spaces on both sides of Wapping High Street between Orange Court and Redmead Lane. In response to concerns raised

about anti-social behaviour in this area, it is proposed to extend the hours of permit holder only parking in the evening, with the new time suggested of 8:30am to 10pm, Monday to Friday.

It is also proposed to introduce new parking bays in the following locations:

- Four new parking bays outside 3 Wapping High Street
- Three new parking bays outside Seville House, 11 Wapping High Street
- Three new parking bays outside 22 Wapping High Street

You said:

"Gas canisters, fast food refuse, public urination from people using the street to socialise at night"

## ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

We would like to improve the pedestrian environment throughout Wapping, ensuring footways are accessible for everyone. We have carried out a pedestrian audit of the footways in Wapping, and identified many areas where lack of dropped kerbs and bollards hinders safe and easy travel. Some of these locations identified will be addressed as part of the other proposals in this booklet, however additional dropped kerbs will be installed in other areas where required.

If there are any specific locations where you think we should introduce a dropped kerb, or where bollards obstruct use of the footway, please let us know in the survey included.

# HAVE YOUR SAY

Please provide your feedback by  
**Monday 16 December 2019**

## Take part in the consultation

We hope that you like the proposals and understand how they have been designed in order to benefit everyone in Wapping. It is important that you have the opportunity to have your say so that we can best reflect how the local community would like to see their area improved.

## Have your say:

- Come and join us at one of the drop-in sessions (see back of leaflet for details).
- Fill in the survey included in this booklet and send it back using the free-post addressed envelope enclosed.
- Visit [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/liveablestreets](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/liveablestreets) to find out more information.
- You can also email us at: [liveablestreets@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:liveablestreets@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

## What happens next?

Your views are important to us. We want everyone who lives and works in the area to have their say on the proposed changes.

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Come and speak with us at one of our drop-in events:

- Tuesday 3 December, 5pm - 7pm  
Step-by-step Nursery, 2nd Floor  
15 Chandler Street, Wapping,  
London, E1W 2QL
- Saturday 7 December, 10am - 12noon  
St Peter's London Docks, CofE School  
Garnet Street, Wapping,  
London, E1W 3QT

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