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LIVEABLE STREETS SHADWELL

We would like your views on proposals for the Shadwell Liveable Streets project as outlined in this booklet. The survey is open until **11:59pm on Sunday 5 September 2021**.

The proposals include:

- A School Street on Bigland Street to improve road safety for students and families.
- Creating more space for pedestrians to improve access on Watney Street.
- Enhancing the neighbourhood with improved accessibility, lighting, planting, public art, and traffic calming measures.
- Reducing cut through traffic in the area during morning peak periods.
- Improving the pavements on Cannon Street Road for pedestrians.



SHADWELL

PROJECT AIMS

Liveable Streets is a borough wide street and public space improvement programme. This project aims to:

- Improve the look and feel of public spaces
- Make it easier, safer, and more convenient to get around by foot and bike

WHO BENEFITS

The proposals aim to benefit all road users. This is achieved by improving accessibility to walking and cycling for all so that those with disabilities, people of all ages, cultures and genders can feel safe. Additionally, the reduction in through traffic in the area improves safety and air quality for all.

OUR RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

The council is working with its partners across Tower Hamlets to help tackle the spread of the virus and to make sure that residents, particularly those most vulnerable, are given all the support they need. Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/coronavirus for information and advice.

While our front-line resources are focused on the response to the virus, work on other council programmes is continuing. The majority of our staff are working remotely, including the Liveable Streets team. Social distancing measures will mean we have to change the way we engage with residents but we are working on new ways to do this remotely so that you can continue to shape the positive changes happening in your area.

Coronavirus has given a new urgency to the question of how we share our public spaces and how we can champion walking, cycling and the safe use of public transport. There has never been a more important time to be moving forward with projects that will positively contribute to that effort.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There are three key stages of engagement as shown in the blue boxes. We have also been speaking to stakeholders throughout the process as part of our wider engagement.

3 February - 1 March 2020 Early Engagement

You gave us your feedback through an online survey, interactive map and drop-in sessions. More than 300 comments were generated across the interactive map and survey.

17, 19 and 23 September 2020 Co-design Workshops

Residents and businesses discussed areas of most interest and what the possible options were for improving them. Following the workshops we held meetings with Tenant and Resident Associations, community groups, stakeholders and businesses in the area.

30 July - 5 September 2021 Public Consultation (Current stage)

Presenting the proposals to the community, where feedback can be provided by both online and hard copy survey.

There is the opportunity to ask questions about the project via "Chat to the Team" sessions, online Q&A, emailing or calling the team. For more information please visit or contact us:

Webpage:
talk.towerhamlets.gov.uk/LSShadwell
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(Weekdays 9am-5pm)

SCHEME 1 SCHOOL STREETS

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve safety around schools, we have spoken to schools within the Shadwell area. We propose to make the temporary school street on Bigland Street a permanent feature.

SCHOOL STREETS

It is proposed that a section of Bigland Street will be closed to motor vehicles between **8.15am to 9.15am** and **3pm to 4pm** on school days.

This will allow children, parents, families, and staff to arrive and leave the school in a safe and healthy environment whilst encouraging more active travel.

HOW WILL THE SCHOOL STREET WORK?

The School Street will be enforced by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras and vehicles entering not exempt, will automatically be issued a penalty charge notice.

Access for residents and businesses of those streets, school staff, blue badge users and carers or families of children with special educational needs (SEND), which will be allowed if the vehicle is registered for an exemption. Permits can be requested free of charge online at:

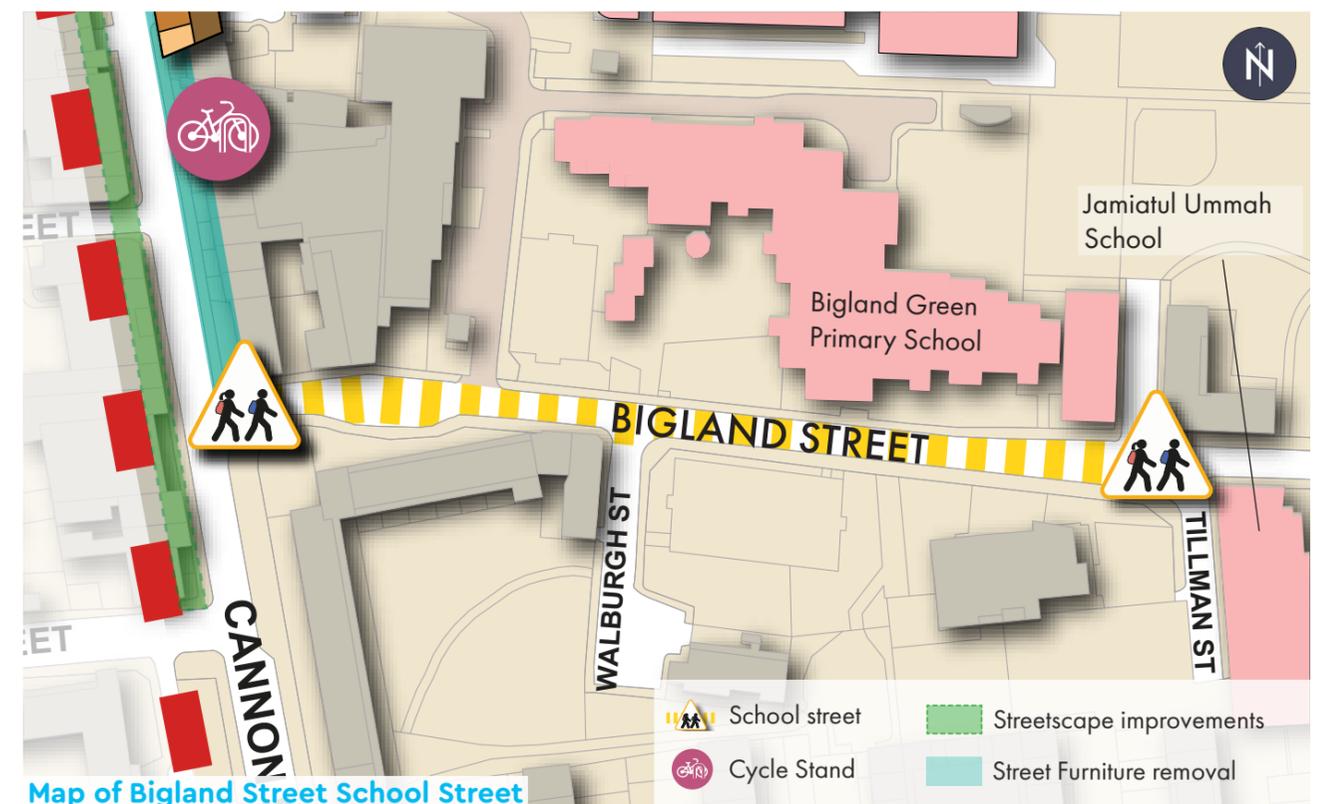
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/schoolstreets

All other vehicles not registered for exemption will not be permitted to enter the School Street between 8.15am-9.15am and 3pm-4pm on school days.

All vehicles parked within the School Streets will be permitted to leave the area at all times.

You said:
Make Bigland Street a School Street for the benefit of the primary school

We propose:
To change the temporary School Street in front of Bigland Green Primary school to a permanent School Street



Map of Bigland Street School Street

SCHEME 2 WATNEY STREET

Watney Street is the busiest pedestrian area in Shadwell, with Watney Market to the north of the road and Shadwell overground and DLR stations to the south of the road bringing people into the area.

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

We are proposing to make more space for pedestrians in the area, which is currently narrow and cramped. This will make it much easier for those who walk, use a wheelchair or pushchair in the area and create a nicer environment to spend time in.

Wider pavements near the stations are proposed, where they are most needed for everyone who lives, works and visits the area. This can be achieved by reducing the road width between Cable Street and Chapman Street and making it northbound only for motor vehicles.

More space for pedestrians can also be created outside the overground station on Cornwall Street and close to Cable Street by moving some loading space to the east side of Watney Street and providing a longer formal loading bay for businesses. This will also make it easier for emergency service vehicles to move through the area.

Over 7,000 people use the zebra crossing on Watney Street every day. We are proposing to widen it so people can cross easily and safely.

PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

More planting and lighting will be implemented at the DLR station and near Watney Market. Public art can also be incorporated into the public space around Watney Street. We are working with TfL to improve the areas they manage.

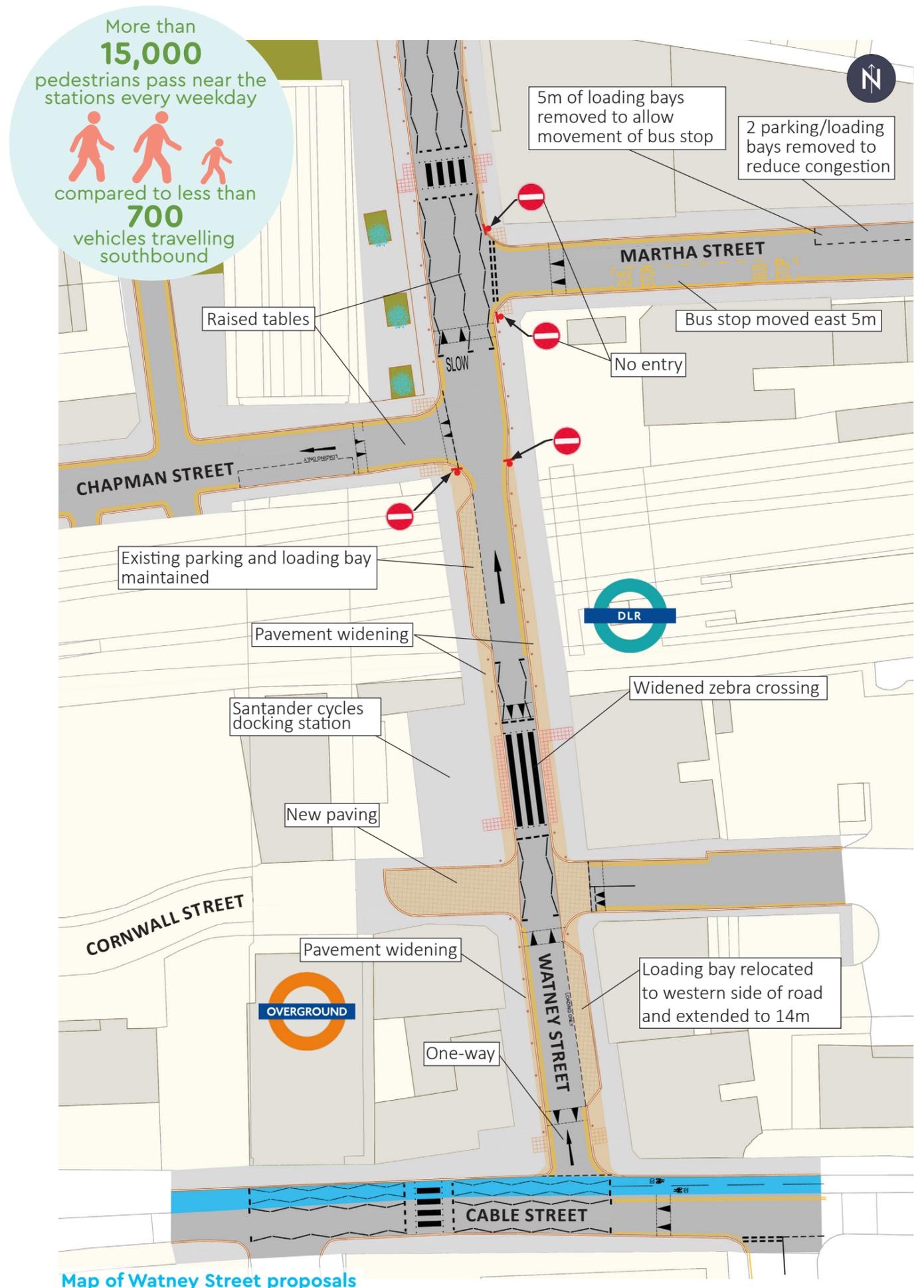


You said:
The pedestrian pavements are narrow

We propose:
Pavement widening on Watney Street, particularly between the two stations



Visualisation of Watney Street proposals



Map of Watney Street proposals

SCHEME 3 ENHANCING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

We are proposing both environmental and traffic management improvements in several places throughout the project area.

We know there are limited trees, plants and green spaces in the area and there are locations where the public space can be improved. An important part of improving the area for walking and cycling is the look and feel of the neighbourhood to create a better and safer environment for the community to enjoy.



You said:

Cannon Street Road is a disaster! Pavements blocked by bollards, bins and rubbish bags. It is not wheelchair or buggy accessible

We propose:

To improve accessibility along the road for wheelchair and buggy users by removing unnecessary bollards/signage and creating continuous pavements. Planting will also be added

The proposed locations of these improvements can be seen on the map on Page 2 and 3 and include:

STREET LIGHTING

We will assess and improve the lighting in the following locations:

- Underneath the railway arches on Devonport Street and Sutton Street
- On the path next to the DLR station between Watney Street and Sutton Street
- Watney Market
- Dellow Street

ACCESSIBILITY

Our proposals aim to improve accessibility for all that travel, walk and cycle around Shadwell. We are proposing blended crossings (i.e. a continuous pavements at quiet side roads, which give priority to pedestrians) and street furniture removal (e.g. posts and bollards) along:

- Cable Street
- Bigland Street
- Sutton Street
- Watney Street

Pavement widening is also proposed on:

- Devonport Street
- Deancross Street
- Pitsea Street

TRAFFIC CALMING

Speed humps and raised tables are proposed on key roads in Shadwell to reduce vehicle speeds. Also, numerous raised tables are proposed, particularly at side roads to keep vehicle speeds low and make it easier for pedestrians to cross. These will improve road safety for people walking or cycling. These improvements are proposed on:

- Cable Street
- Devonport Street
- Brodlove Lane
- Pitsea Street
- Sutton Street
- Chapman Street
- Martha Street
- Watney Street
- Caroline Street

A banned right turn is also proposed from Rampart Street onto Commercial Road. This aims to prevent non-local traffic using Rampart Street to avoid the traffic lights at the Cannon Street Road/Commercial Road junction.

PLANTING

Our proposals aim to create a more attractive environment for those walking and cycling by providing more planting in the neighbourhood. These improvements are proposed on:

- Cable Street near Stepney Causeway
- The Highway near King David Lane

CYCLE STANDS

Cycle stands have been proposed near the Idea Store and on Watney Street.

CANNON STREET ROAD

We propose to improve the walking experience on Cannon Street Road by doing the following:

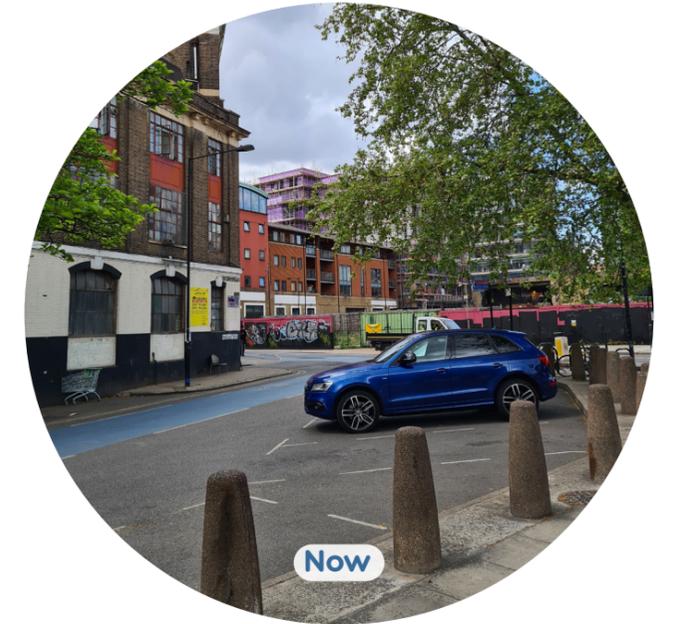
- Street decluttering, to allow more room for pedestrians to walk along the pavement.
- Pavement resurfacing
- Removing unessential driveways, to make a level pavement surface
- Blended crossings, designed to maintain pavement level to improve accessibility and slow down vehicles when entering or exiting a road

In addition to this we also are proposing:

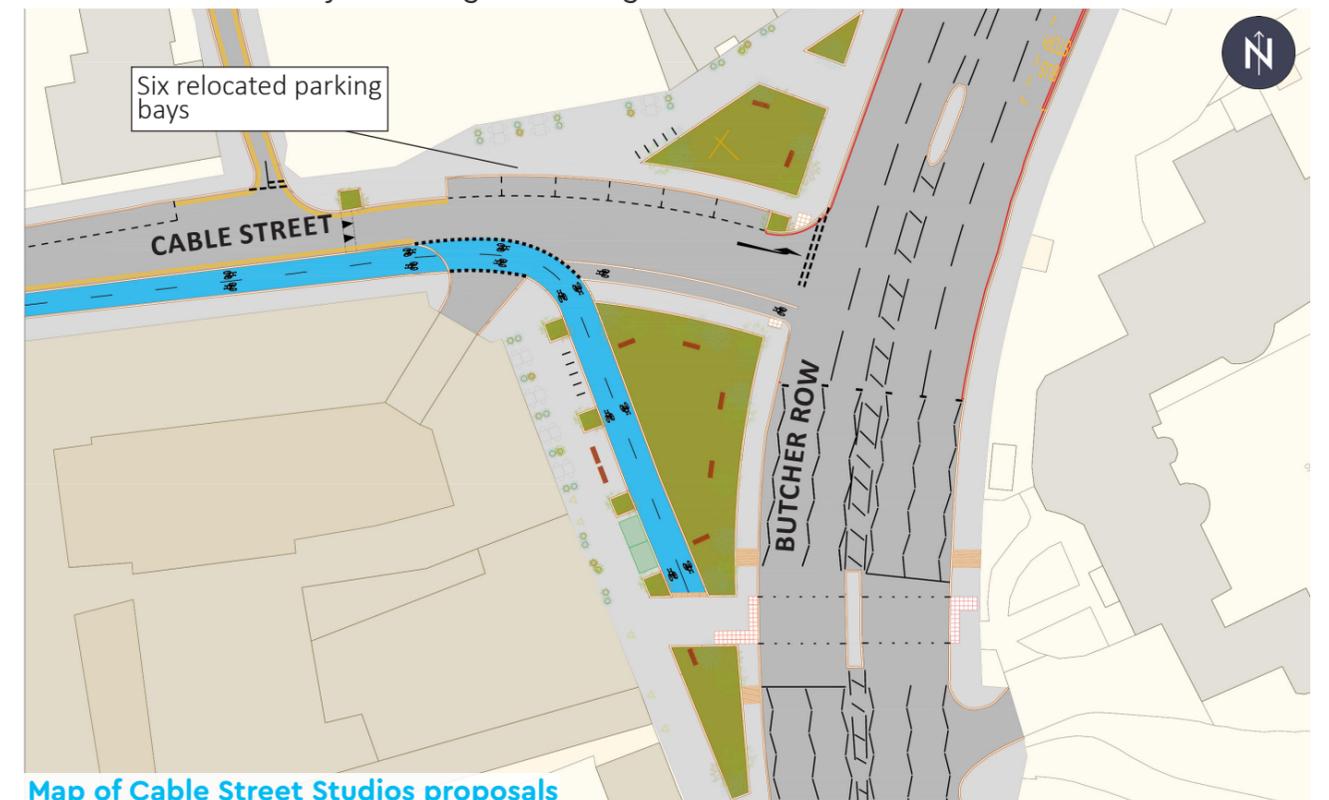
- Planting, to improve the area for those cycling and walking
- Cycle stands

CABLE STREET STUDIOS

The east end of Cable Street near the Cable Street Studios offers space that could be better utilised by improving the public space since the banned right turn was introduced in 2020. This can be achieved by relocating the existing



parking to Cable Street to provide planting, opportunities for seating outside of businesses and relocating cycle stands to improve their visibility.



Map of Cable Street Studios proposals

SCHEME 4 CABLE STREET

You told us that Cable Street has too much traffic, particularly in the morning. The morning peak period is when there are high numbers of people wanting to walk and cycle to school and work safely. There are over 2000 vehicles using Cable Street in the morning peak period, with over 90% (1800) of vehicles not stopping or accessing places within the Shadwell area.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

We propose to reduce the volume of through traffic accessing Cable Street and the wider Shadwell area while maintaining access for residents. To achieve this we propose to restrict the following movements in the mornings on weekdays at the following locations:

- Restricting right hand turns from The Highway onto Glamis Road and King David Lane
- Restricting left hand turns from Brodlove Lane onto Cable Street

These changes will reduce traffic on Cable Street benefiting the 100 and D3 bus routes that operate along Cable Street.

Improvements to the existing speed humps along Cable Street and Devonport Street are also proposed so that they are more effective at reducing vehicle speeds.

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

We are proposing to widen the pavements on Cable Street where they are narrow to provide more space for pedestrians. Cable Street is the

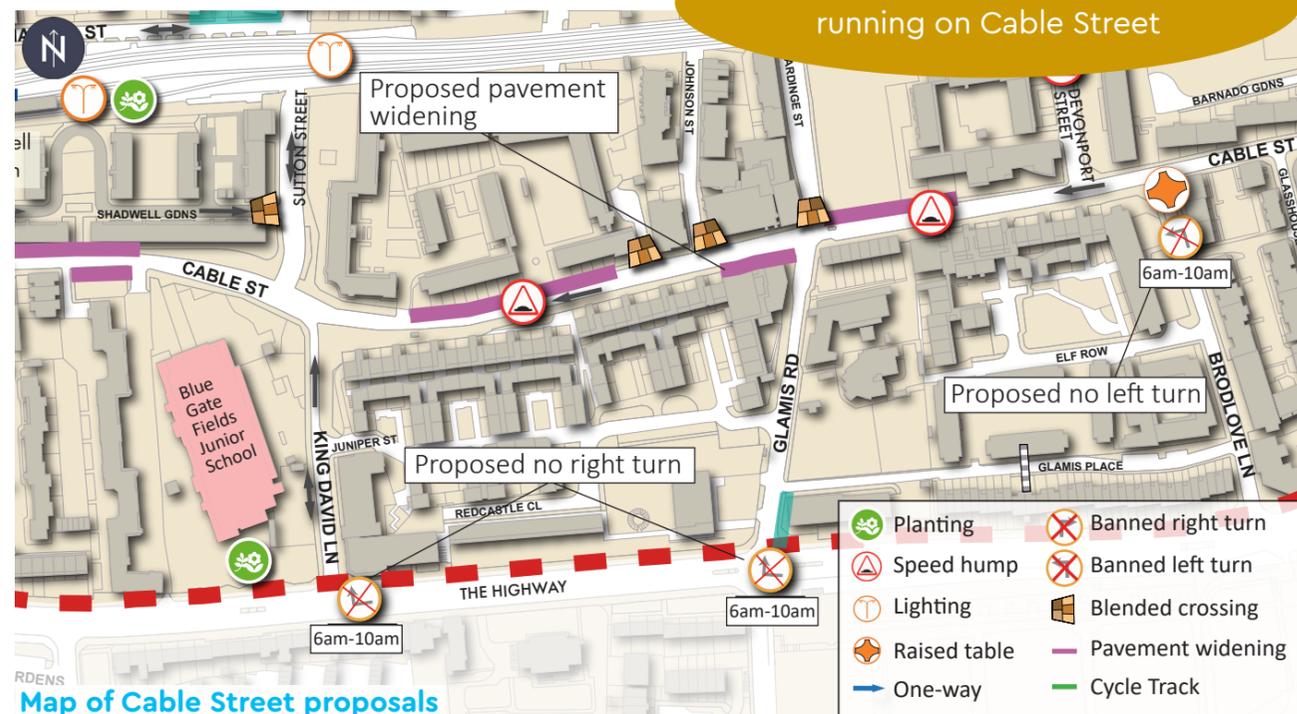
key east-west connection for walking through the area.

It is also proposed to widen the existing cycle crossing on Cable Street between Pitsea Street and Stepney Causeway. This will create an easier transition for people cycling across Cable Street where the cycle track crosses the road.



You said:
Cable Street is often used as a rat-run (including coaches/lorries/vans) making the route unappealing for people to walk or cycle along

We propose:
Turn restrictions to reduce rat-running on Cable Street



Map of Cable Street proposals

SCHEME 5 339 BUS ROUTE

We want to ensure that the 339 bus journeys are efficient and to make walking the easiest way to get around Shadwell and Tower Hamlets.

BUS ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS

We are proposing changes to Martha Street, Watney Street and Tarling Street to improve the 339 bus route. We propose to remove pinch points where oncoming buses and traffic get blocked, delay each other and get frustrated.

Martha Street will become no entry from Watney Street (except for cyclists) and the northern most section of Watney Street into Tarling Street will become one way northbound, for motor vehicles.

Sutton Street will remain two way.

To reduce noise and congestion at the bus stop on Martha Street we are proposing to remove two loading/parking bays on the north side of the road.

Moving the bus stop on Martha Street 5m east will improve visibility for pedestrians (see page 7).

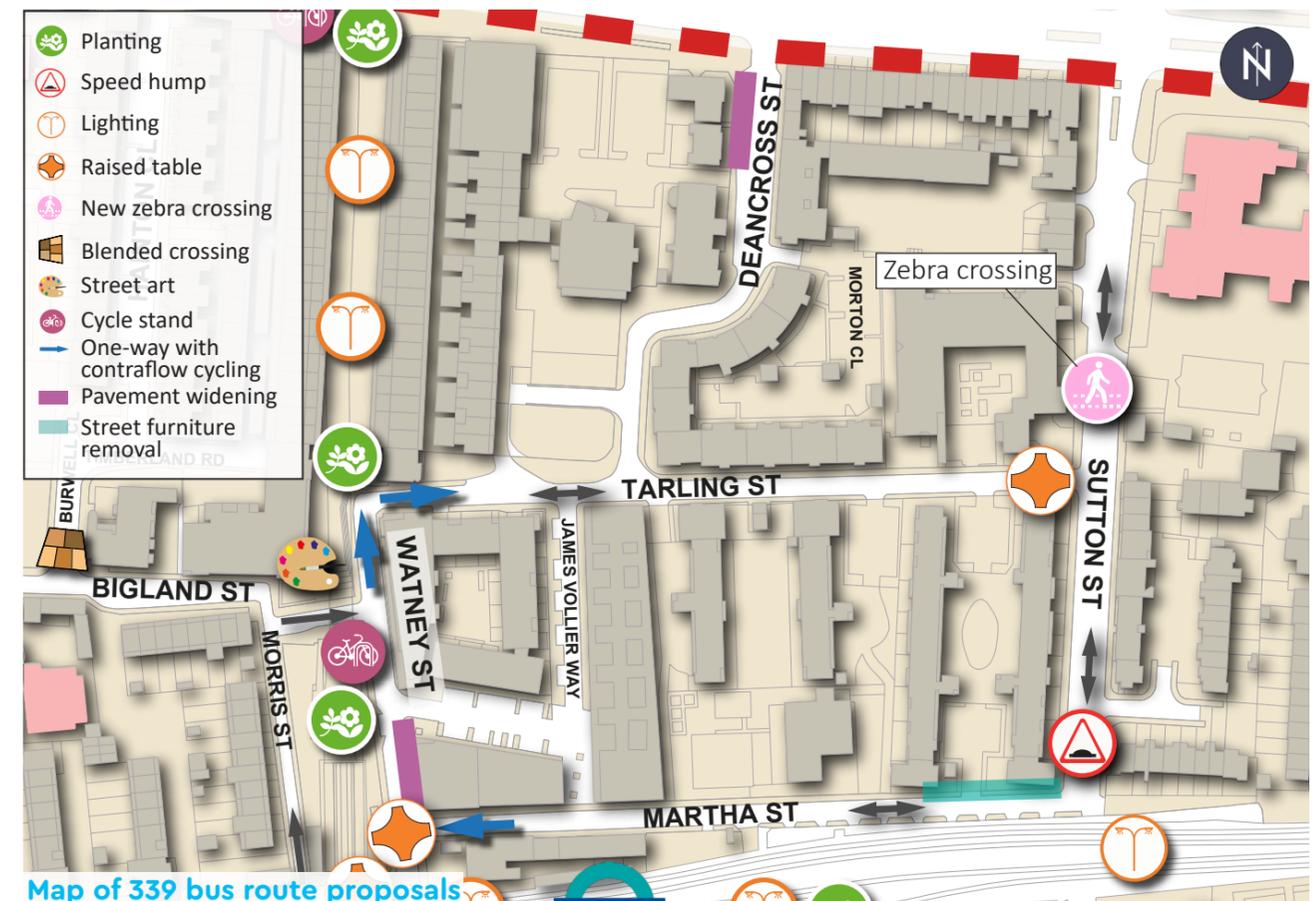
WALKING IMPROVEMENTS

A zebra crossing is being proposed outside of St Mary and St Michael Catholic Primary School to help improve safe access for staff, children and families travelling to school.



You said:
The bus stop on Martha Street often causes congestion and drivers to use their horns all times of day and night

We propose:
To improve bus operations and reduce congestion caused by buses stopping



Map of 339 bus route proposals

HAVE YOUR SAY LIVEABLE STREETS

Your views are important to us. We want everyone who lives, works, studies and visits the Shadwell area to have their say on the proposals.

Have your say by filling out the survey:

Online via: talk.towerhamlets.gov.uk/LSShadwell

Hard copy: Send via post in the freepost envelope provided

Please provide your feedback by 11:59pm on Sunday 5 September 2021.



Also, you can chat with the Liveable Streets Team by booking a one to one meeting. All details can be found on the above webpage in the section "Chat to the Team" or by calling the phone number.

If you require information in another format or have any further questions, email, phone or write to us at:

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