



Shad Thames Summary Report

Public Realm Improvement Works – Summary Report

October 2018

Introduction

This report has been produced by the London Borough of Southwark Highways team to provide a summary on the consultation exercise for the proposed Public Realm Improvement Works in Shad Thames

Shad Thames is located in the North Bermondsey Ward.

The Council is committed to making Southwark's street safer and more accessible to all and the proposals for the road fulfil this commitment. The proposed measures enhance the environment for vulnerable road users and improve pedestrian comfort and safety by reducing traffic speeds and crossing distances and creating a public space that is pedestrian friendly and inviting.

The following measures were consulted upon to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety and accessibility along Shad Thames and at its junction with Queen Elizabeth Street (the extent of which is attached in Appendix A):

- Resurfacing of the footway and provision of dropped kerbs and tactile paving, along Shad Thames (south).
- Introducing a raised crossing on Queen Elizabeth Street (QES), at the junction with Shad Thames and on Shad Thames, north of QES.
- Provision of a footway build-out on both sides of the carriageway on Queen Elizabeth Street, at the junction with Shad Thames, with bollards installed to prevent vehicles overrunning the footway
- Introduction of a street tree and planters on the new footway build-out
- No changes to be made to the existing waiting and loading restrictions

Public Consultation on these proposals took place from September 20th to October 5th 2018. All residents and businesses within the consultation area were asked to provide comments on the scheme proposals

Consultation Process

The views of the local community were sought as part of this consultation exercise. An extensive public consultation exercise was previously carried out in October/ November 2017, in which residents of the Shad Thames area were invited to support, support with changes or oppose short, medium and long term measures proposed in the area. There was strong support for the short term measures which were adjusted slightly and presented to the residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the works for their comments.

A letter including a plan of the proposals was posted to addresses within a geographical area which was pre-

agreed with North Bermondsey Councillors. Consultees were also advised to respond to the consultation via the online consultation portal (A copy of the letter is attached in Appendix B).

The consultation area included No 1-9 Shad Thames and the offices/ shops on the ground floor of 18-23 Queen Elizabeth Street (a map showing the consultation area is attached in Appendix C).

The distribution area was targeted to only those who will be directly impacted by the works to ensure that our design does not have adverse impact on entry and exit to their premises. A mailing list was drawn using the Council's Smart2 mapping system and database.

The consultation letters were delivered by Royal Mail to 163 addresses. They were delivered by 2nd class post on the 19th September 2018 with a deadline of the 5th of October 2018. No letters were returned to Southwark offices due to the addresses no longer being occupied.

The consultation was also available online via the consultation portal. The portal included a PDF downloads of Shad Thames/ Queen Elizabeth Street junction improvement plan. In addition, a direct phone number and email address to the Highways project manager was made available to those wishing to make enquires via those methods to do so.

Public access to the online form was removed at the end of the consultation period.

Summary of Consultation Results

Consultation Returns and Response Rate

The consultation closed on 5th October 2018. Public access to the online portal was removed at midnight on this date.

A total of 4 responses were received during the consultation period. This represented approximately 3% response rate.

Table 1 below summarises the consultation returns:

Description	Result
<i>Number of properties consulted</i>	163
<i>Number of all responses</i>	4
<i>Number of duplicate responses</i>	0
<i>Number of responses received from outside the consultation area</i>	1
<i>Response Rate</i>	3%

Table 2: Summary of consultation returns

Respondents' Comments

The consultation website only invited consultees to provide any comments they may have on the proposals.

These are reproduced in Table 3 overleaf with officer's responses.

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Comments	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't see how this improves things for people cycling. There should be new bicycle parking and a secure bicycle locker for residents. • Yes. Generally I am in favour and see these improvements as positive. <p>However, my recollection is that the original proposal also envisaged a one-way street (heading north) for Shad Thames between Queen Elizabeth Street and the Tooley Street/Jamaica Road end of Shad Thames.</p> <p>Without the one-way system in place my fear is that the footway build-out on both sides of the carriageway on Queen Elizabeth Street at the junction of Shad Thames will severely restrict the space available at the Queen Elizabeth Street/Shad Thames junction for large vehicles to pass each other. For example, a large vehicle turning out of Queen Elizabeth Street to go along Shad Thames south to Jamaica Road meeting a large vehicle from Tooley Street/Jamaica Road heading north along Shad Thames wanting to turn left into Queen Elizabeth Street.</p> <p>I live right at the junction of Shad Thames/Queen Elizabeth Street (in St Georges Wharf, 6 Shad Thames) and I am around and about throughout the day. Even with the current space available at the junction large vehicles have issues every day navigating past each other. With such narrow footways on the eastern side of this part of Shad Thames safety for pedestrians is already problematic as well.</p> <p>While the previously proposed one-way system would sometimes be a personal inconvenience it would mitigate the issue as there would be no entry southbound to the part of Shad Thames between Queen Elizabeth Street and Tooley Street/Jamaica Road. As vehicles could no longer turn right out of Queen Elizabeth Street into Shad Thames southbound large vehicles trying to pass each other at the junction (as described earlier) would no longer occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would be keen to see the refurbishment of the paving to be extended on the south side of Queen Elizabeth Street to run along QES to the Circle apartment building. <p>Suggest the inclusion of a litter bin on corner of Shad Thames and QES alongside utility cabinets. Litter is an increased problem in this area.</p> <p>A general concern would be vehicles cutting the corner or parking half on the extended pavement. This could be reduced risk by the bell bollards if sufficiently well spaced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good in principle. But already trucks hit those utility cupboards every other week – you'll be refitting those bollards all the time, and probably the tree as well. <p>It would be nice if the pavement off Tooley Street into Shad Thames was actually usable, rather than tiny, with two bollards blocking the way for pedestrians.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed raised crossing points and pavement materials will ensure vehicle speeds are reduced thereby ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is enhanced. There is also no room for cycle parking within the area, however this can be considered as part of the long term measures. • The proposals are focused only on the short term measures which only include improvements to the Shad Thames/ Queen Elizabeth Street junction. Introduction of a one-way system are part of the long term measures which are currently being developed. • Vehicle turning movements with the proposed buildout have been tested which shows that a large vehicle can manoeuvre around the buildout, but will need the full width of the road. However, traffic surveys show that passage of such vehicles does not occur frequently. Also, there is a speed limit of 20mph and therefore vehicles are expected to be travelling slowly within the area. • Resurfacing of the footway beyond the junction is currently outside the scope of this scheme, but can be considered as part of the medium to long term proposals. • Provision of a litter bin at this location will be considered as part of the wider waste management strategy in the long term proposals • It is envisaged that the buildout and type of bollard specified will provide further protection not only for the utility cabinets and in particular pedestrians using the footway. • There are ongoing proposals to develop Cycle Superhighway 4 (CS4), and this area will be considered as part of the design

Recommendations

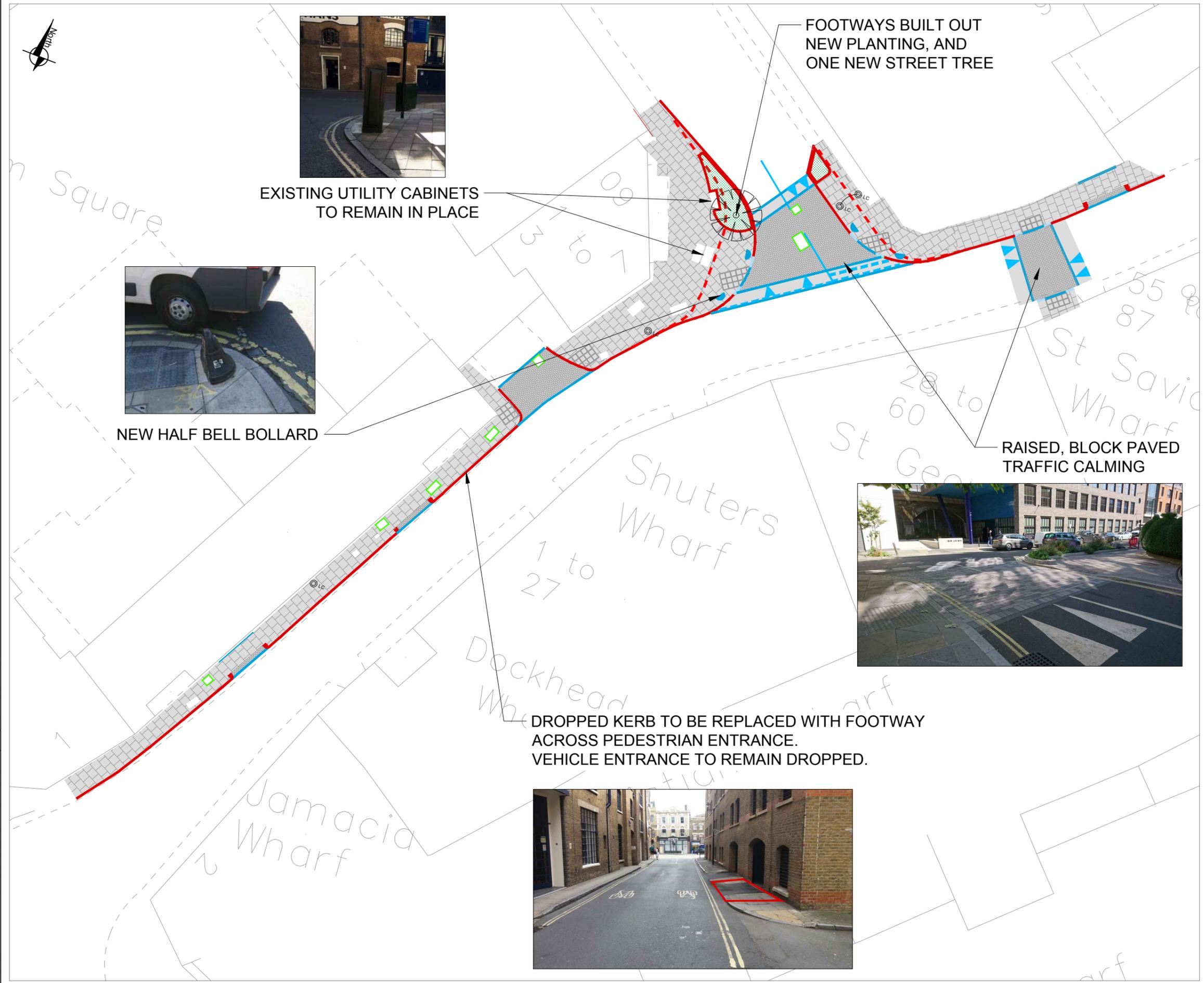
In light of the positive consultation comments for the proposed safety and public realm improvements in Shad Thames, council's commitment for making streets in the borough safer for all road users, and introduce more greening within the borough, it is recommended that the scheme is progressed to detailed design.

A report is being taken to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm in November 2018 with the officer's recommendation to undertake advertisement of the relevant traffic notices.

The traffic notice process will be subject to statutory consultation.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Scheme Proposal
- Appendix B – Consultation letter
- Appendix C – Map of the consultation area



EXISTING UTILITY CABINETS TO REMAIN IN PLACE



NEW HALF BELL BOLLARD

FOOTWAYS BUILT OUT
NEW PLANTING, AND
ONE NEW STREET TREE

RAISED, BLOCK PAVED
TRAFFIC CALMING

DROPPED KERB TO BE REPLACED WITH FOOTWAY
ACROSS PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE.
VEHICLE ENTRANCE TO REMAIN DROPPED.



NOTES

LEGEND

- INSTALL NEW DROPPED KERB
- INSTALL NEW SPECIAL OR TRANSITION KERB AS SPECIFIED
- INSTALL NEW FULL HEIGHT KERB OR QUADRANT
- NEW TACTILE PAVING
- NEW FOOTWAY CONSTRUCTION
- NEW MODULAR BLOCK PAVING
- EXISTING LAMP COLUMN TO BE RELOCATED
- UTILITY CHAMBER LID TO BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT NEW LEVELS
- NEW BELL BOLLARD
- NEW STREET TREE
- EXISTING KERB
- NEW PLANTING



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PROJECT:
18301 - SHAD THAMES AREA IMPROVEMENTS

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17 September 2018

Dear Resident / Business Owner,

Ref: Shad Thames Area improvement

Southwark Council is working towards a long term strategy of improving the appearance of Shad Thames by focusing on improving pedestrian and cycling facilities, creating opportunities for tree planting and wider public realm improvements.

Following public consultations and desktop studies from various surveys carried out in the Shad Thames Area - short, medium and long term concept designs are being developed.

As part of the short term strategy footway and carriageway works are being proposed along Shad Thames (South) and the Queen Elizabeth Street/ Shad Thames junction to improve pedestrian safety and comfort. The proposed measures will complement this long term strategy

The proposals, which are illustrated on the accompanying plan, include:

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We previously consulted in October/ November 2017 where there was strong support for the scheme, and the plans have been modified since then. This public consultation is open for you to comment on the proposed design. Please respond to the consultation online at www.southwark.gov.uk/shadthames by **Friday 5th October 2018**.

If you have any comments or require further information, please contact Southwark's highway department at highways@southwark.gov.uk

Following this consultation, the results will be presented to the relevant council decision-maker in November 2018 where a decision will be made whether or not to proceed with the proposals.

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