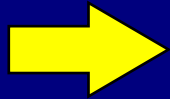




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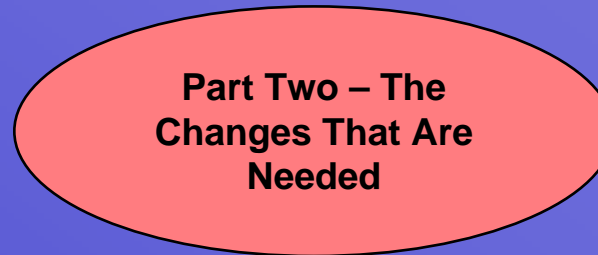
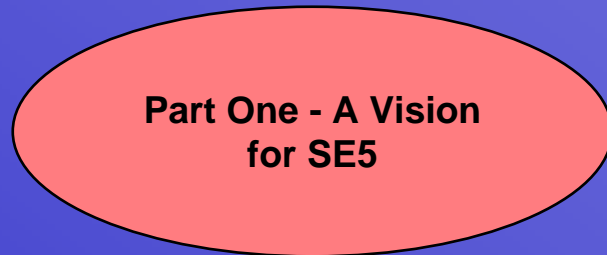
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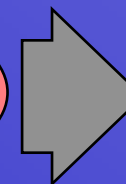
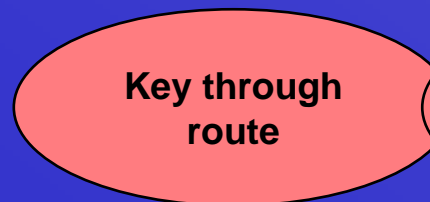
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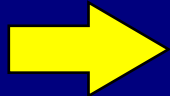
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# The Aim.

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- To...

**Create a flourishing town centre which is pleasant for local residents and those who work in it to move around, shop in and to spend time in.**



**Support the local shops and communities both in and outside the town centre so that they can service those who live close by.**

## What is needed.

- **For Camberwell to flourish, this work suggests that a number of changes are needed...**

**A far better balance between pedestrians and vehicles in the centre of Camberwell.**

**People need to be and feel safe.**

**Motor traffic needs to move through the area at no more than 20mph.**

**Camberwell needs to accommodate cycling far better.**

**In the longer term, transport bottlenecks need to be addressed.**

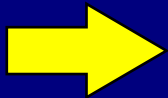
- **The creation of at least one other form of mass transit into Central London.**
- **Addressing the issue of bus movements in Camberwell Green.**

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**Realising The Vision - Changes**

# 1. The Balance Between Pedestrians & Vehicles.

- Currently pedestrians are pushed to the margins in favour of motor vehicles.
- Throughout the town centre pavements widths are too narrow to deal with the numbers of pedestrians using the town centre or waiting for buses.



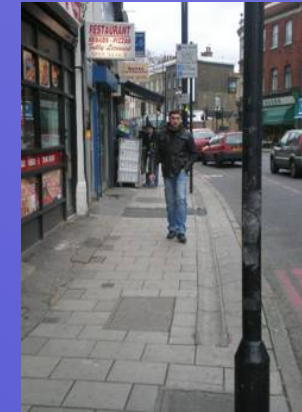
C'well Church St. –  
south side



Butterfly Walk



Denmark Hill – west side



C'well Church  
St. – north side

- **Wider pavements are needed in:**
  - **Camberwell Church Street**
  - **Denmark Hill**
  - **Camberwell New Road (along to Camberwell Station Rd).**



# 1. The Balance Between Pedestrians & Vehicles.

- Far greater amounts of space are given over to the needs to motor vehicles who are, for the most part, moving through the area.



Camberwell Church  
St. by Wren Rd.  
looking west



Looking north up  
Denmark Hill from  
Camberwell New Rd.



Looking east along  
Camberwell Church  
St.



Looking north from  
Butterfly Walk

- There are opportunities for road space to be reduced in:
  - Camberwell Church St.
  - Denmark Hill.
  - Camberwell Road.

## 2. Crossing The Road In Camberwell Needs To Be Made Simpler & Safer.

- There are no locations in Camberwell where crossing the road is either simple or safe.
- All of the crossings on main roads are long and convoluted AND fortified with guard railing.



The islands on the mouth of Denmark Hill – 7 lanes MINIMUM!



The mouth of Denmark Hill



Camberwell Church St



The mouth of Camberwell Rd

- Crossings need to be made shorter, more direct and more simple.
- The guard rail and the need for it should go.

## 2. Crossing Roads In Camberwell Needs To Be Made Simpler & Safer – Other Issues...

- The pedestrian crossing by Orpheus St is particularly poor.
- The crossing should be widened and be raised to the level of the pavement.



- The junction of Camberwell Green and Orpheus St is very dangerous for pedestrians.
- Many vehicles turn across the pavement and the pedestrians heading north-south.



- There are insufficient formal crossings on Denmark Hill south of Coldharbour Lane.

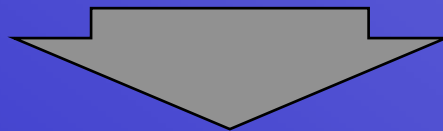
### 3. Vehicle Speeds Need To Be Reduced.

- The high speeds that Camberwell experiences much of the time has a negative impact on...

How much time people want to spend in a location that is so traffic dominated.

How safe it is. If people feel unsafe, they will shop and spend leisure time somewhere else.

- Transport for London confirm there are particular problems with casualties in the area around Camberwell Green and along Camberwell New Road.



- We are keen, therefore, to press for the introduction of a 20mph in the area.
- Key is the east-west A202 route and the north-south route of Camberwell Road.
- This limit should be enforced through average speed cameras.



## 4. Cycling Needs To Be Accommodated Better.

- **Through...**

**A significant increase in the amount of secure cycle parking in the town centre.**

**The creation of protected cycle lanes along the major routes north-south and east-west.**



**Start outside the town centre...**

<b>North</b>	<b>Towards Walworth and the Elephant and Castle north of Medlar St.</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>Towards Herne Hill south of Love Walk.</b>
<b>East</b>	<b>Towards Peckham to the east of Benhill Rd.</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>Towards The Oval from Camberwell Station Rd.</b>

## 5. Other Issues.



## Finally...

- To make this happen key organisations need to come together to plan and work for the long term future of Camberwell.
- It is vital that all of the following groups are involved...

