

Edward Street Better Bus Area Consultation

Introduction

In February 2012, the council in partnership with Brighton & Hove Bus Company, successfully bid for £3.4million additional funding from the Department for Transport to introduce bus service improvements to Edward Street, Eastern Road and Valley Gardens and to make improvements along these routes for people wishing to walk or cycle. The funding is provided through the government's Better Bus Areas Fund (BBA) and has already been used to fund an increase in bus services in the city, with extra buses on the 23 and 48 routes and route 38 extended to serve Brighton Station.

Edward Street and Eastern Road were identified in the bid as one of the key areas for improvement. This consultation provides an opportunity for local people and bus users to comment on the proposals for the first phase of work planned for Edward Street and make any suggestions on improving the street environment. We want the proposals to result in a better, more reliable, bus service and an environment where people feel comfortable walking and cycling.

The proposals presented in this consultation are the first phase of work and cover the area from the junction of Edward Street with Pavilion Gardens to the junction of Eastern Road with Freshfield Road. We will consult on further plans for Eastern Road and the Valley Gardens area in the coming year.

Your comments will help decide whether or not we go ahead with this phase of the project and, if it does go ahead, influence the final design.

The current situation

- Unpleasant street environment for people walking and cycling
- Lack of safe crossing facilities at junction with Upper Rock Gardens and Egremont Place and at junction with Pavilion Gardens
- Bus delays heading towards the city
- Increased demand for bus services expected as a result of development of Royal Sussex County Hospital and other sites
- The road width is greater than needed for the traffic using it



The proposals

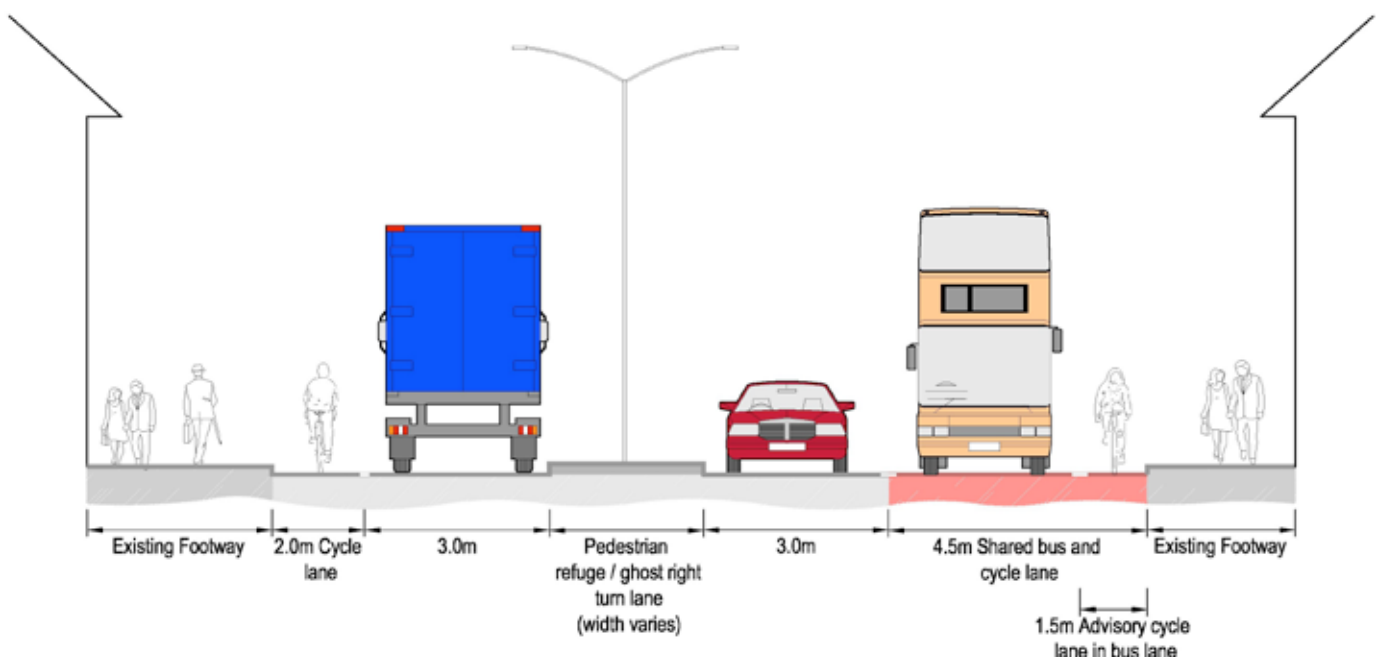
- To introduce a shared bus, taxi and cycle Lane on the east bound road from the junction with Upper Rock Gardens to the junction with Freshfield Road
- To introduce a shared bus, taxi and cycle Lane on the west bound road along the length of Edward Street.
- To introduce a 2 metre cycle lane on the east bound road from the junction with Pavilion Gardens to the Junction with Upper Rock Gardens
- To provide a 'green man' crossing on all crossings at the junction of the Edward Street/ Upper Rock Gardens and Egremont Place
- To improve the pedestrian crossing at the entrances to John Street and Tilstone Street
- To upgrade the existing crossing outside the job centre
- Accessibility improvements to the east bound bus stop at Park Street
- To introduce advance stop lines for cyclists at signalised junctions
- To introduce raised entry treatments on all side roads
- To provide "green man" crossing at the junction with Pavilion Gardens

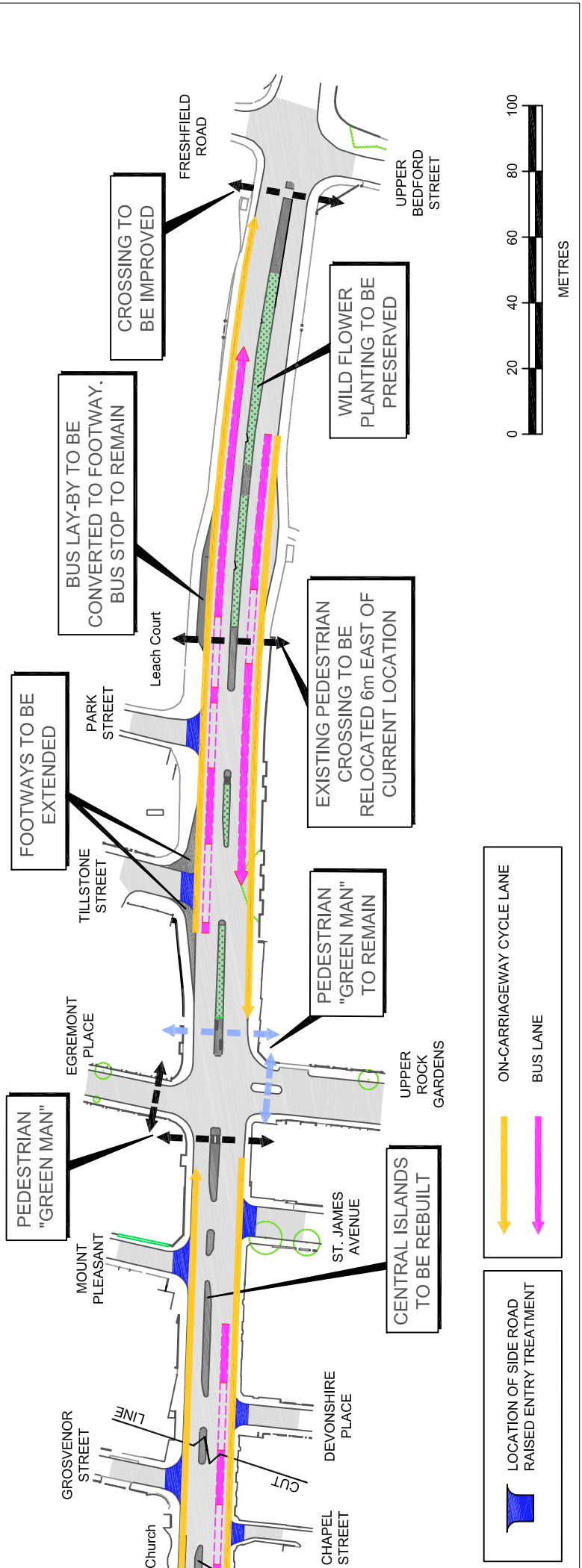
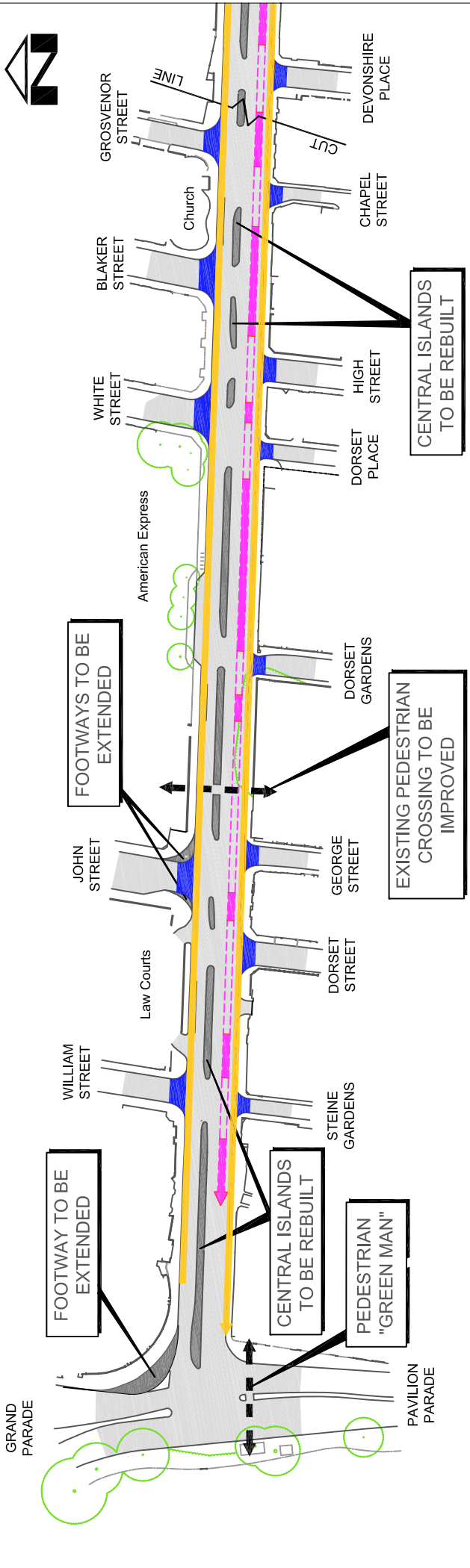
The benefits

The proposals could bring significant benefits, including:

- Improved road safety for all road users
- More people walking because of the improved environment
- More people travelling by bus because of the quicker journeys and improved reliability
- More people cycling because of the improved conditions
- Reduction in the amount of traffic as some people choose to travel instead by bus, cycling or walking
- Improved air quality and reduction in carbon emissions
- Better access to the Royal Sussex County Hospital and other buildings along this road, meaning more people choosing to walk, cycle or take the bus instead of driving

Edward Street - Proposed Scheme

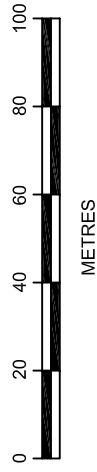




LOCATION OF SIDE ROAD RAISED ENTRY TREATMENT

ON-CARRIAGEWAY CYCLE LANE

BUS LANE



METRES

Public exhibition details

Additional exhibitions and meetings will be advertised locally in the coming weeks providing further opportunities to discuss the proposals with officers. Check the website www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/betterbusareas for details. Alternatively if you would like to arrange a meeting with officers to discuss the proposals please contact us on 01273 293862.

Details of the proposals will be on display with officers available to answer questions at:

- **Brighton Youth Centre:**
Saturday 25th May 2012
Venue: 64 Edward St, Brighton, BN2 0JR
Time: 2pm – 8pm

The proposals will also be discussed at the following Local Action Team meetings:

- **Queens Park LAT:**
Wednesday 22 May 2013
Venue: Southover Pub, 58 Southover Street, Brighton, BN2 9UF
Time: 7:30pm - 9pm
- **Turner LAT:**
Wednesday 15 May
Venue: The Millwood Centre, Nelson, Row Carlton Hill, Brighton, BN2 2QG,
Time: 6.30 pm

Consultation timescales

The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Wednesday 15 May 2013 to Tuesday 25 June 2013. The closing date for comments in Tuesday 25 June 2013.

What happens next?

All comments received during the consultation will be considered and the results reported to a future Environment and Transport Committee meeting. If there is enough support for the proposals, it will move to the next stage of development with a view to work starting in autumn 2013. Amendments may be made to the proposals as a result of the consultation to reflect the requests made.

Further information

If you would like any more information on these proposals, please come along to one of the exhibitions or go to www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/betterbusareas. You can also email us on transport.planning@brighton-hove.gov.uk or speak to someone on **01273 293862**.

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