

Plans for your town

Horley High Street and subway improvements

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Introduction

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council has been working with Surrey County Council to develop the detailed designs for improvements to Horley's High Street, subway and Central Car Park. Following two sets of public engagement in 2022, comments made by residents, businesses and visitors have been important in helping us to shape the High Street and subway improvements and we now want to share with you the detailed proposals. We also want to share with you our proposals for Central Car Park.

High Street

The proposals

The emerging design has been informed by the feedback from previous engagement and in consultation with Surrey County Council (SCC) and other stakeholders.

The design creates an attractive, greener and safer town centre that reduces the dominance of the car and provides more space for people to enjoy.

A one-way system is being introduced along part of the High Street with a dedicated cycle lane (National Cycle Route 21) for cyclists travelling towards the precinct.

The proposals include wider footpaths, areas for seating, new areas of planting and street trees. New pavements will link to the current precinct and run to the end of the High Street and part of Yattendon Road.

New and improved crossings to improve pedestrian safety will make the High Street more inviting.



Key features

- ✓ Carriageway width reduced to 3.2m and on-street parking removed to make the High Street less car dominant
- ✓ Wider footpaths to allow more space for people to walk and move about safely
- ✓ Introduction of a one-way route along the High Street between Albert Road and Consort Way East
- ✓ Speed limit reduced to 20mph. Cars and cycles will share the carriageway with no opportunity for overtaking
- ✓ An additional contraflow cycleway that's 1.5 metres wide, allowing cyclists to go against traffic
- ✓ Disabled parking bays relocated to the corner of Albert Road and the High Street, as well as along the High Street, with a third space on Lumley Road (to be confirmed)
- ✓ Safer and more accessible crossing points will be installed
- ✓ A new servicing bay will be created along the High Street for businesses
- ✓ New street furniture, such as seating and additional cycle parking, will be provided along the High Street and also in the precinct, linking the two spaces
- ✓ Tree planting and dedicated planting called 'rain gardens' will make the town centre greener.

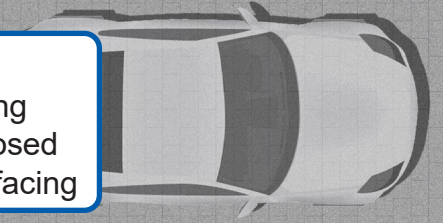
Footway:

Concrete paving planks with exposed aggregate surfacing



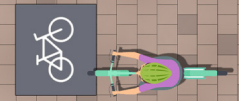
Carriageway:

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Contraflow cycleway:

Tegula paving sets



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Local materials and inspiration



Proposed materials

The materials proposed for the High Street will take their design inspiration from both historical and contemporary elements within the existing town centre:

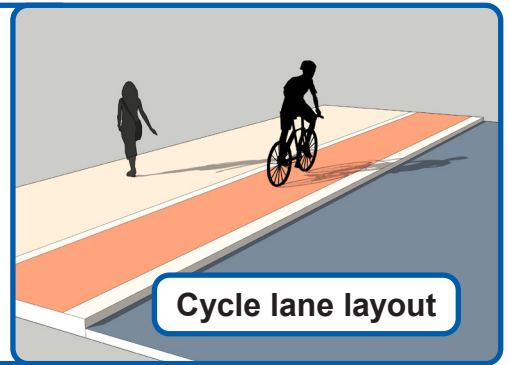
- Historic materials: red brick, render, terracotta and buff tiles and mosaic tiles
- Contemporary materials: red blocks ('tegula' paving), silver grey kerb
- Shapes: brick, square tiles.
- The adjacent diagram illustrates the proposed materials to be used on the High Street.

Please note: the materials are indicative and will be subject to SCC Highways agreement.

Cycle way

Proposed profile for the new cycle way, flush with the footway:

- ✓ Makes the footpath feel wider
- ✓ Can easily be used for events and markets with gazebos
- ✓ No tripping hazard
- ✓ Finish will include a contrasting colour to the adjacent path.



Rain gardens and trees

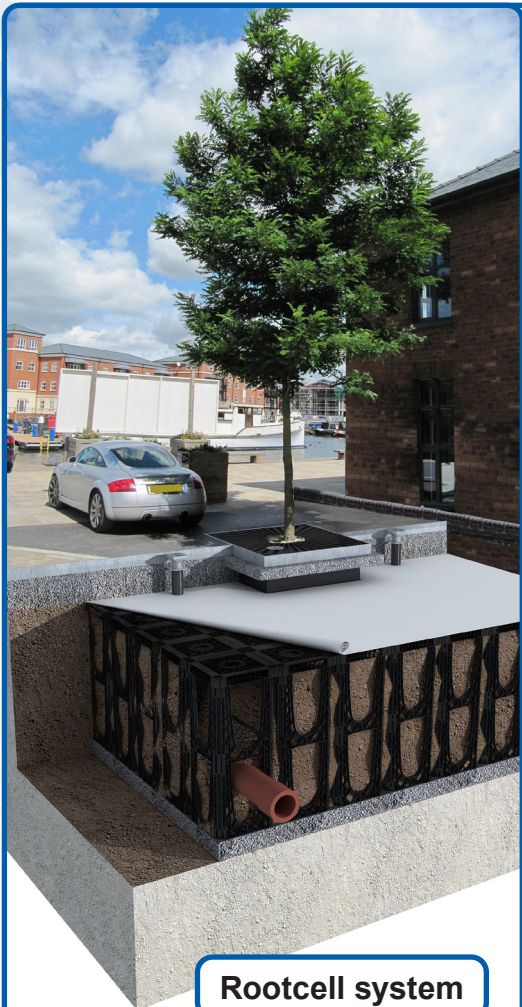
Surface water along the High Street will drain into planters - rain gardens.

Planting will help to improve biodiversity and create a greener and more colourful environment, something many people said they wanted in the consultation.

Planting will also act as a natural filtration system helping to treat polluted water from the road.

Trees will be planted in the High Street using a 'rootcell' system. This will provide optimum conditions for the tree roots while protecting the surrounding pavement.

This system also allows easy integration and re-excavation for maintenance of utilities while avoiding paving being lifted in the future.



New seating and planters in the precinct



The Precinct

Some of the existing seats in the precinct have been damaged and will need to be replaced.

Proposals include new planters and furniture for residents and visitors to use, to link this area to the other improvements in the High Street.

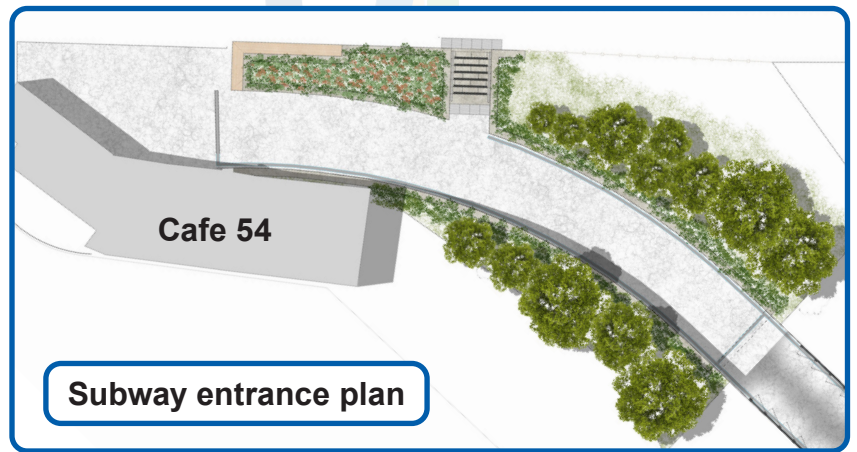
The subway

Phase 1: drainage works

The Borough Council has been working with Network Rail for over a year to try to solve the recurring flooding of the subway.

The Council's design team have prepared a new drainage design including new pumping system, new sewer connection and new gullies. These proposals have been sent to Network Rail and have now been agreed and finalised.

We are pleased to say that Network Rail has appointed a contractor to deliver the new drainage system and we expect they will carry out the works in the spring 2023.



Phase 2: refurbishment

The High Street approach

Detailed proposals to refurbish the subway are being developed in consultation with Network Rail and are subject to further structural investigation of the subway and rail line by Network Rail. However, the principle of opening up the entrance with a new retaining wall, that incorporates steps and planting, to create a more welcoming entrance to the subway, have been agreed.

It is the intention that these improvements will be delivered together with the High Street works, if possible. Details of the subway refurbishment will continue to be developed and will be shared with the public in the spring.



Central Car Park

The Council is developing proposals to improve its Central Car Park to make it a more attractive place to park by enhancing users' experience, with improvements to its look and feel and new electric vehicle charging points.

These proposals are jointly funded by the Borough Council, Coast to Capital and Surrey County Council and should be delivered ahead of the High Street and subway works.



Proposals include:

- Installing electric vehicle charging points at the southern end of the car park
- Better connection to the town centre with a new crossing to Diana Walk
- A pedestrian demarcated area to make it safer for people to move around the car park
- Spaces for larger cars to park
- Tree and shrub planting to bring more greenery to this part of the town centre.

What's next?

The Borough Council is working with a design team to develop the proposals further and we aim to engage on more detailed designs for the subway again in the spring/summer 2023.

If you want to give us your feedback, make additional suggestions or raise concerns, you can contact us by email: HorleyTownCentre@reigate-banstead.gov.uk.

For more information on the Delivering Change in Horley projects, including previous engagement information, please visit: www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/delivering-change.

For more information on Make it Happen Horley - a vision and a plan for Horley town centre that reflects the aspirations of the local community - please visit: www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/make-it-happen/your-local-area/reigate-banstead/community-information/horley.