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What we've learnt so far

Project introduction

Turnpike Lane Improvement Plan



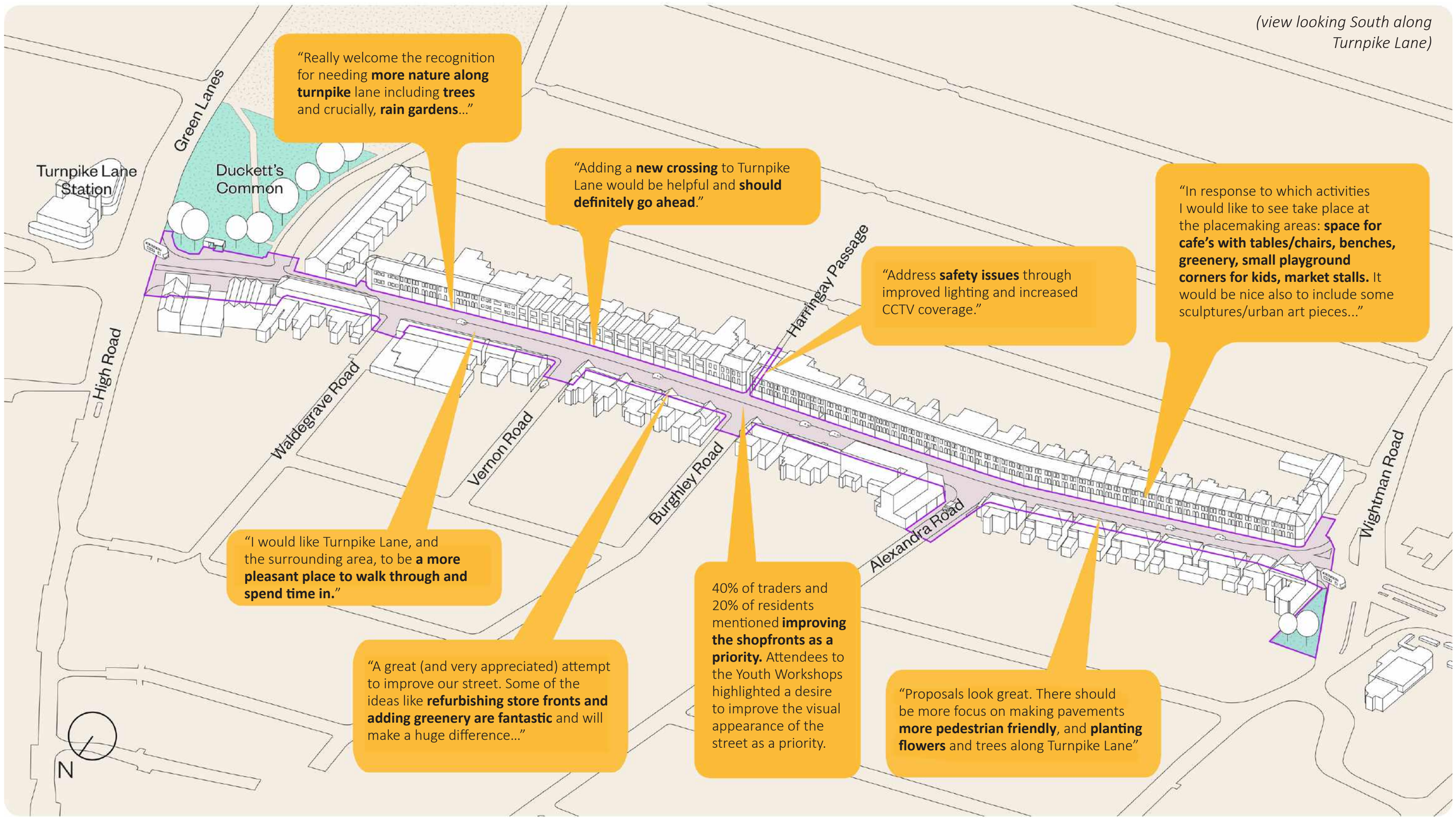
Since we last spoke in Summer 2023, we have carefully listened to your feedback and are excited to present the final designs for enhancements to Turnpike Lane, which will begin delivery in early 2025.

Launched in 2020, the Turnpike Lane Improvement Plan aims to transform the area into a more welcoming, cleaner, and safer space that attracts more visitors to experience its unique mix of retail and restaurants. This plan has been co-designed with local traders, residents, the Turnpike Lane Traders Association, and the Future Wood Green BID to ensure it meets the priorities of the community.

Turnpike Lane has been identified as a key part of **Shaping Wood Green**, Haringey Council's placemaking vision for the area's future. Known for its multicultural spirit and home to around 100 independent businesses, Turnpike Lane has the potential to enhance its reputation as an international food and cultural destination. The improvements, including improved public spaces and lighting, and shopfronts, will help the area reach this goal and create a place for people to enjoy year-round.

We are excited to share these plans with you and look forward to seeing Turnpike Lane thrive!

What has already been said?



Community voices

With the support of Turnpike Lane Traders Association and the Future Wood Green BID, we have spoken with the local community over the last few years about proposals for Turnpike Lane. Engagement with different groups and individuals has been carried out in co-design workshops, drop-in events, phone calls during covid, and in-person youth engagement workshops to ensure a wide range of opinions and voices have been captured and represented.

+200 people including local residents, community groups, local traders and young people have been engaged on the project

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Design objectives and strategy

What is the strategy?

Based on conversations with the community, we have developed a design vision for Turnpike Lane.

We will support the physical, economic, and social development of Turnpike Lane and strengthen its position within the borough. Turnpike Lane should be an important cultural destination in Haringey, distinct from Wood Green High Road.

The design vision for Turnpike Lane aims to:

- Create a **focal point at Alexandra Road** - **placemaking area** - for seasonal events and al fresco dining including improved public realm, street greenery and lighting columns
- Deliver **more public realm** to improve the walkability along the street including a **continuous crossing on the northern side of** Turnpike Lane
- Facilitate a better trading environment through **shopfront improvements**
- Generate a safer pedestrian experience with a **pedestrian crossing** in the middle of Turnpike Lane
- Increase **natural greenery on the street**, through planting of trees and rain gardens to assist with flood prevention
- Create of a unique wayfinding and identity for the road through **signage, murals and threshold slabs**

Turnpike Lane improvement area



Building a distinctive character

There is a strong desire from traders and the local community to develop a unique identity that celebrates the vibrancy and diversity of Turnpike Lane. Based on conversations at previous engagement events, we have developed a visual identity that is inspired by the street's proud South Asian heritage.

The Turnpike Lane identity will be used for signage, granite tiles and murals to welcome people into the area when arriving from different locations, particularly from the eastern and western ends of Turnpike Lane (subject to approval from landowners). These new interventions will complement the proposed shopfront and public realm improvements.



Powders from a Holi festival



Painted bus in Pakistan



Identity colour palette

Project timeline

from 2020 to 2022	July 2023	January 2024	October 2024	November 2024	January 2025	April 2025	Late summer 2025
Initial meetings, workshops & co-design sessions with local communities and stakeholders	Public event and survey	Design development following feedback from exhibition	Completion of design phase	**Public exhibition of what is coming to Turnpike Lane in 2025**	Commencement of public realm works	Commencement of shopfront improvements	Estimated completion of the public realm works and shopfront improvements

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3 Shopfront improvements

Improving shopfronts

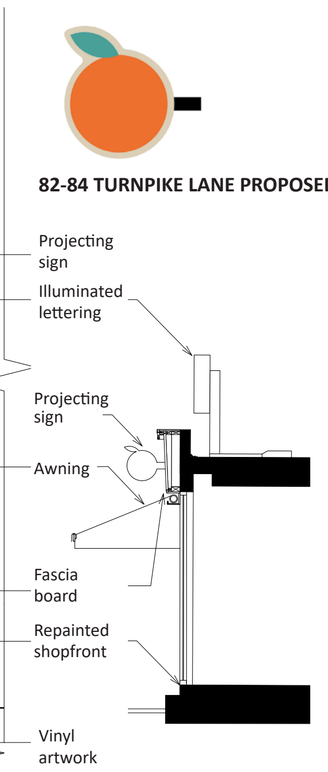
Shopfront improvements will play a crucial role in improving the appearance of the street and creating a more inviting trading experience for local people.

There is an opportunity to introduce clusters of shopfront improvements at key junctions including Alexandra Road and Harringay Passage. Paired with green spaces and seatings, murals, feature lighting and signage will provide maximum impact in improving the visual appearance of the street.

Although we heard during the engagement that some people wanted to see the upper levels of the buildings on the street tidied up – loose cables, bird spikes and other objects – we will not be unable to tackle this issue due to the complex nature of these works and the limitations of our budget. However, we will continue to work with landowners to declutter, and estate agents to take down old signboards.

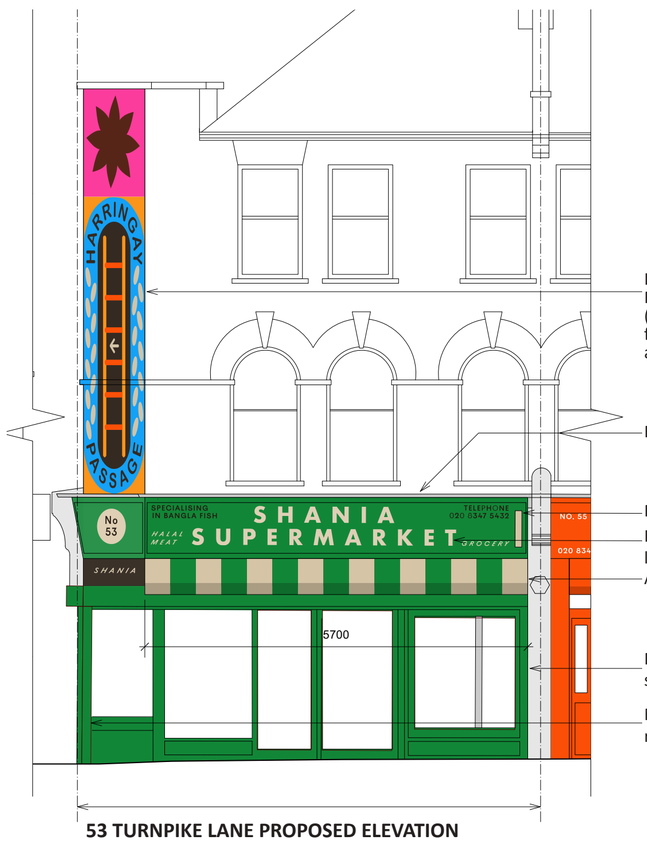


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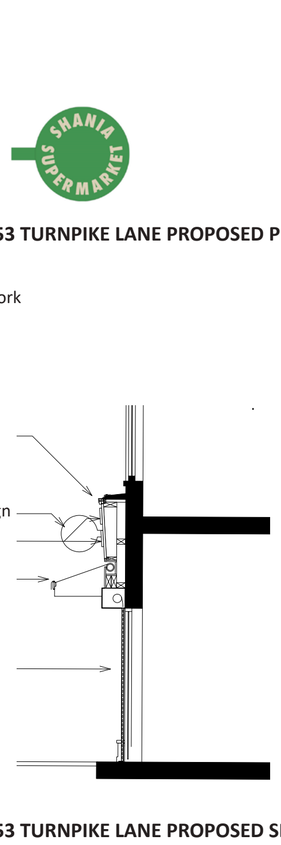


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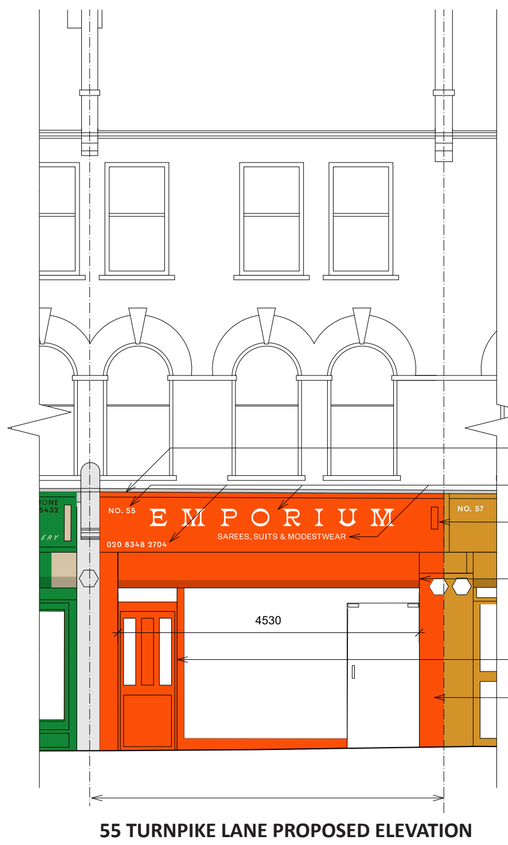


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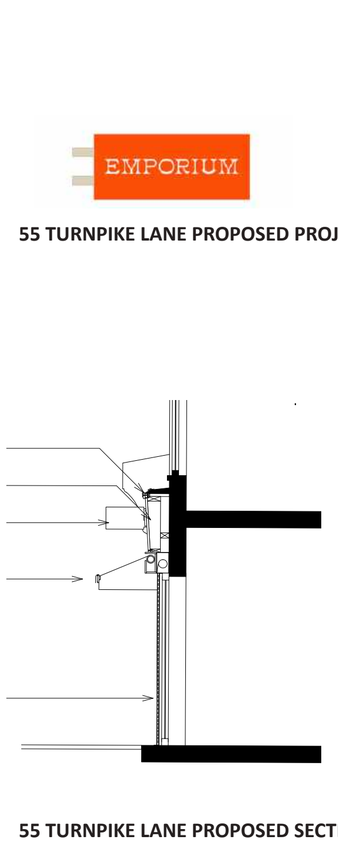


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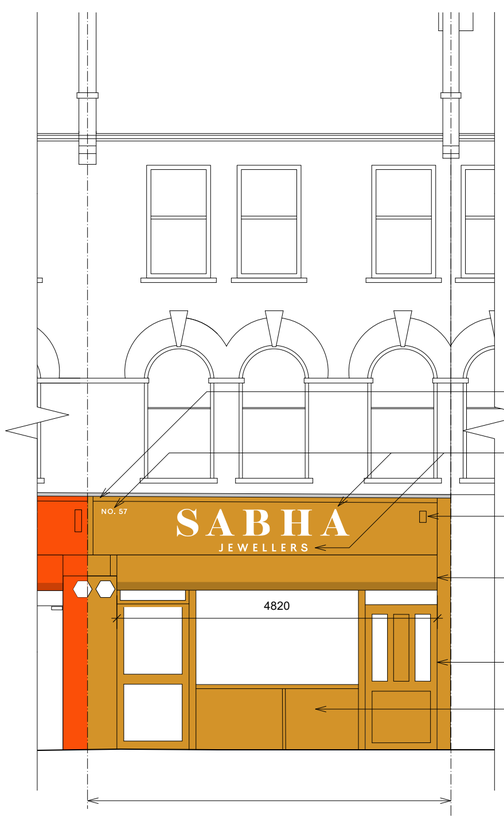
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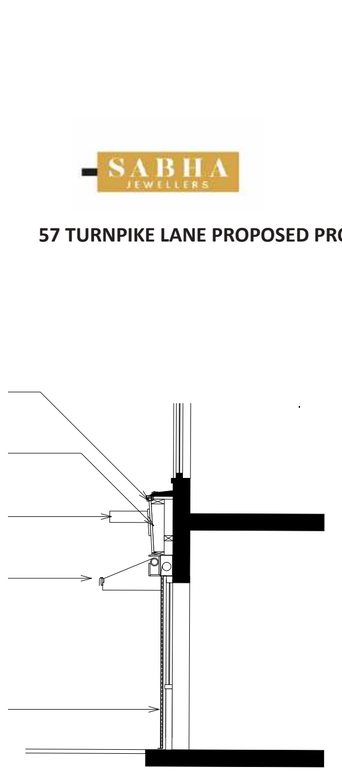
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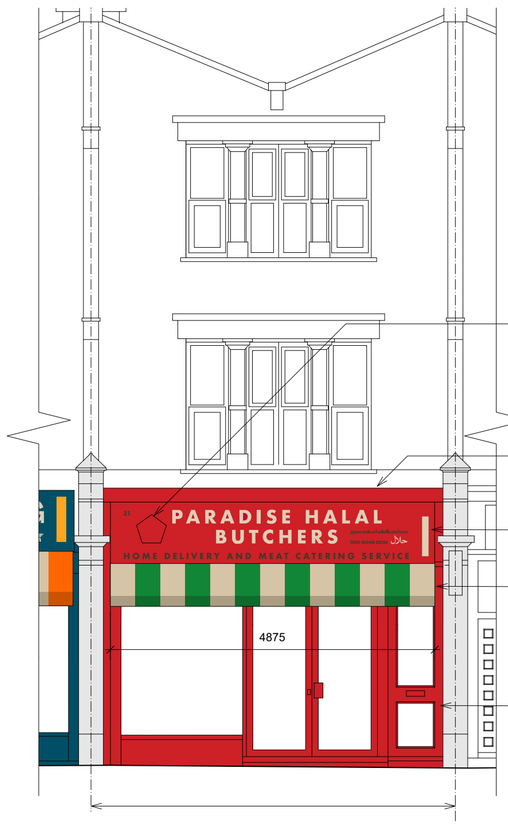
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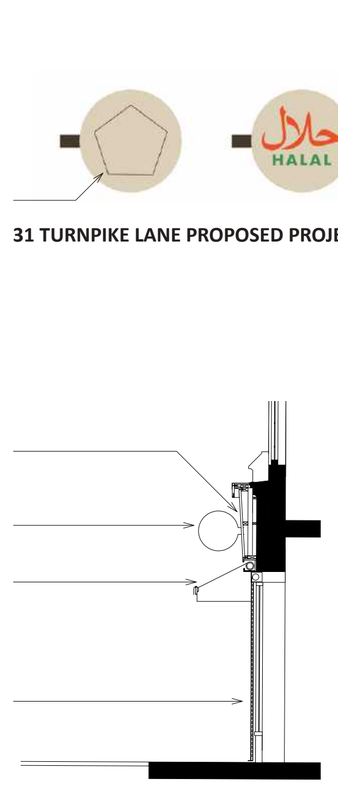
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4 Alexandra Road Placemaking Area

A better place to be

We want to create areas of public realm that will help to bring more life to the street by providing spaces for a range of activities.

We have identified the Alexandra Road junction as a key location along Turnpike Lane where seasonal events, al-fresco dining, live music and other cultural activities could take place.

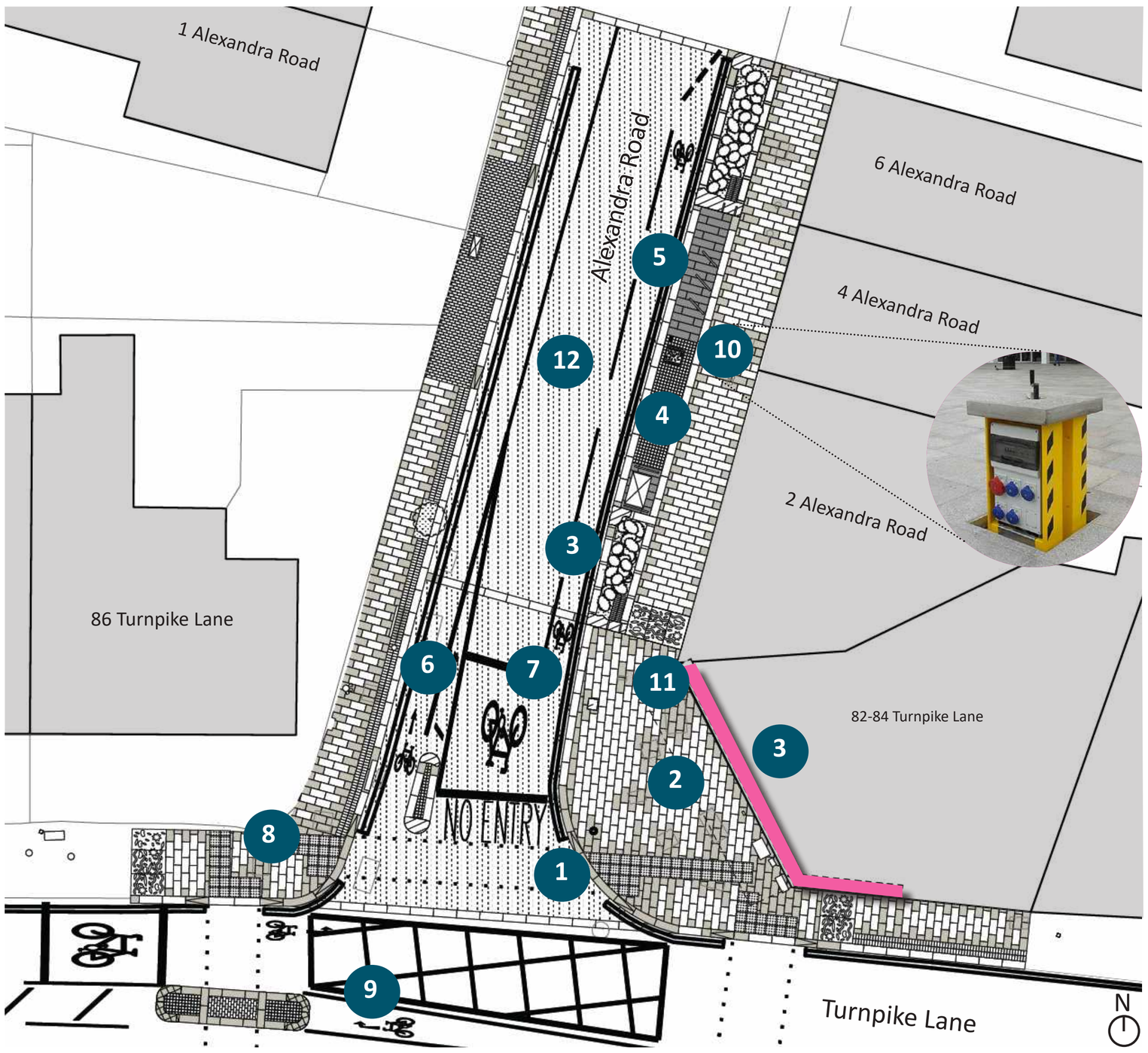
A total of four parking bays will be removed to facilitate the creation of the Alexandra Road placemaking area. One parking bay will be removed in Turnpike Lane, on the eastern side of the pedestrian crossing near Alexandra Road. The other three parking bays will be removed along Alexandra Road, outside no. 2 to 6.



Sketch of proposals at Alexandra Road junction

key:

1. Extended pavement line to reduce carriageway to one lane and maximise public realm space
2. Spill-out space for corner cafe
3. High level lettering to top of retail units
4. Pavement extension containing:
   - rainwater gardens,
   - bin store and
   - spill-out space
5. Cycle racks
6. Northbound contra-flow cycle lane
7. Southbound cycle lane
8. Changes to signals due to reconfiguration works at the junction
9. Road markings to Turnpike Lane
10. Pop-up power point to facilitate organisation of seasonal events
11. Shopfront improvements and awning to corner unit
12. Flexible event space in carriageway



Alexandra Road junction

Design proposals at Alexandra Road junction are subject to approval from TfL.



Example of high level wayfinding lettering in Kings Cross



Opportunities for spill-out space



Opportunities for seasonal events



Green spaces to mitigate flooding

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5 Burghley, Vernon & Waldegrave Road junctions

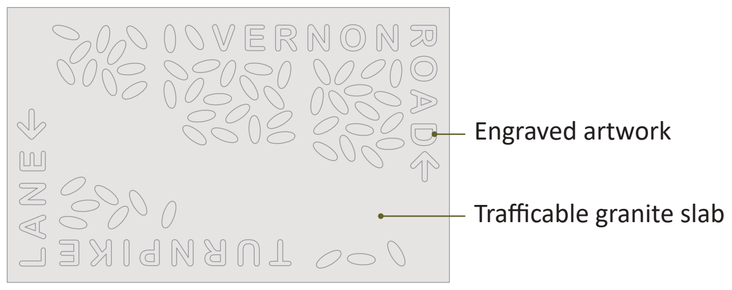
A continuous pedestrian crossing

The Turnpike Lane Improvement Plan will deliver public realm improvements on the Waldegrave, Vernon, and Burghley Road junctions, contributing to the creation of a more cohesive and accessible urban environment.

These enhancements include a continuous crossing along the northern side of Turnpike Lane, which will transform the pedestrian experience by improving walkability and accessibility, particularly for people with disabilities and buggies.

As part of the project's vision, a unique visual identity and wayfinding has been designed specifically for Turnpike Lane.

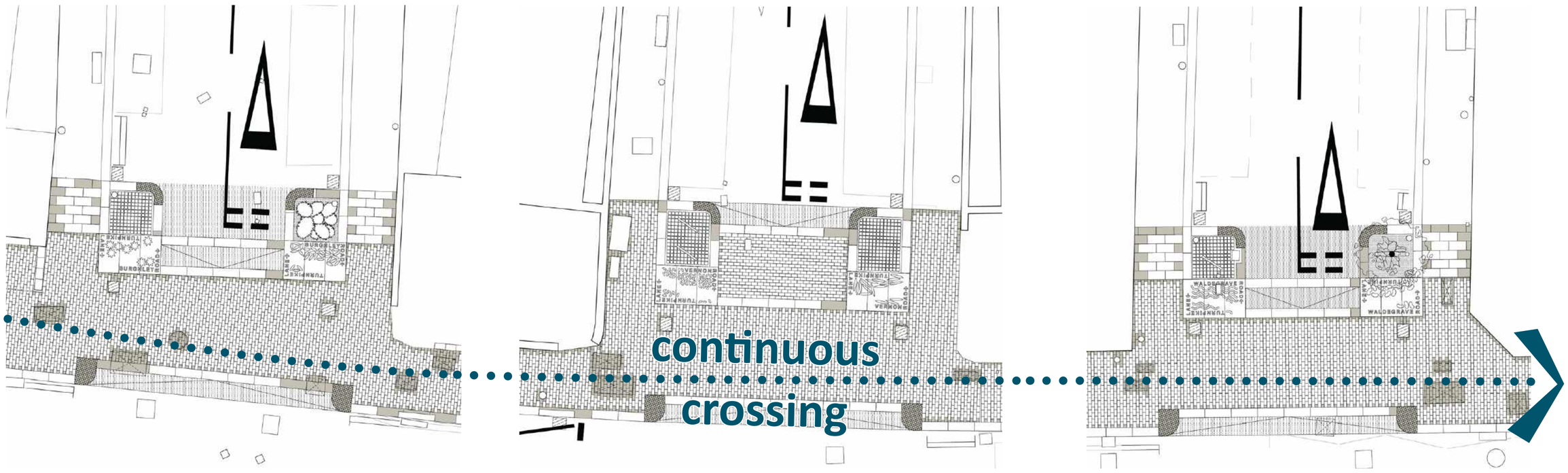
This identity is woven into the public realm improvements through engraved artwork set into granite slabs at key locations, guiding people walking along the street and reinforcing the Turnpike Lane distinctive character.



Granite threshold slabs



Example of raised table and continuous crossing



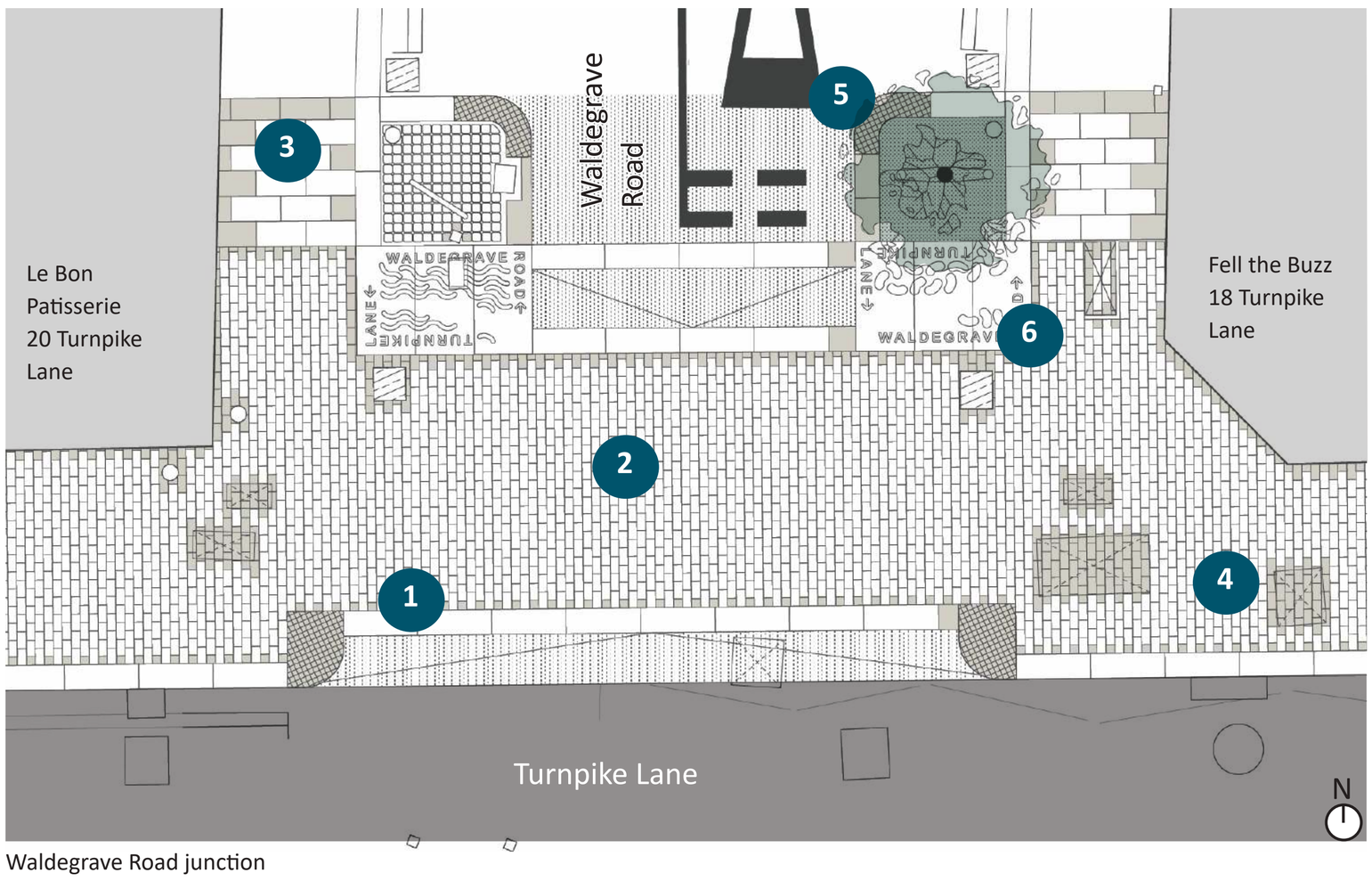
BURGHLEY ROAD

VERNON ROAD

WALDEGRAVE ROAD

key:

1. Granite blocks at kerbs
2. Small paving blocks on vehicular crossovers
3. Large paving blocks on non-trafficked areas
4. Small paving to road edge
5. Tree
6. Granite threshold slabs with engraved artwork



Waldegrave Road junction



Granite silver grey at kerbs



Charcon Andover light grey fleck infilta blocks



Charcon Andover textured light grey fleck infilta blocks

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6 Signalling crossing

Giving Turnpike Lane safer street crossing

At previous engagement events, traders and local residents clearly said that improving the safety of Turnpike Lane is a key priority for the area. In response to this, Haringey Council is working together with Transport for London (TfL) to introduce a new signalised crossing along Turnpike Lane between Vernon Road and Burghley Road, an area identified as an accident blackspot.

We are proposing to locate the signalised crossing 100m away from the existing crossings. The location will help people to access Harringay Passage from nearby bus stops. Proposals will include the creation of a pavement build-out that will feature rain gardens and cycle stands and could eventually house EV charging points.

A total of eleven parking bays along the southern side of Turnpike Lane will be removed to facilitate the creation of the pedestrian crossing.



key:

1. Road marking
2. Proposed pavement build out
3. Rainwater gardens
4. Cycle racks
5. EV charging points (subject to funding from TfL)
6. Traffic/crossing signals (subject to funding from TfL)
7. Tactile pavers to each side of road



Example of EV charging point

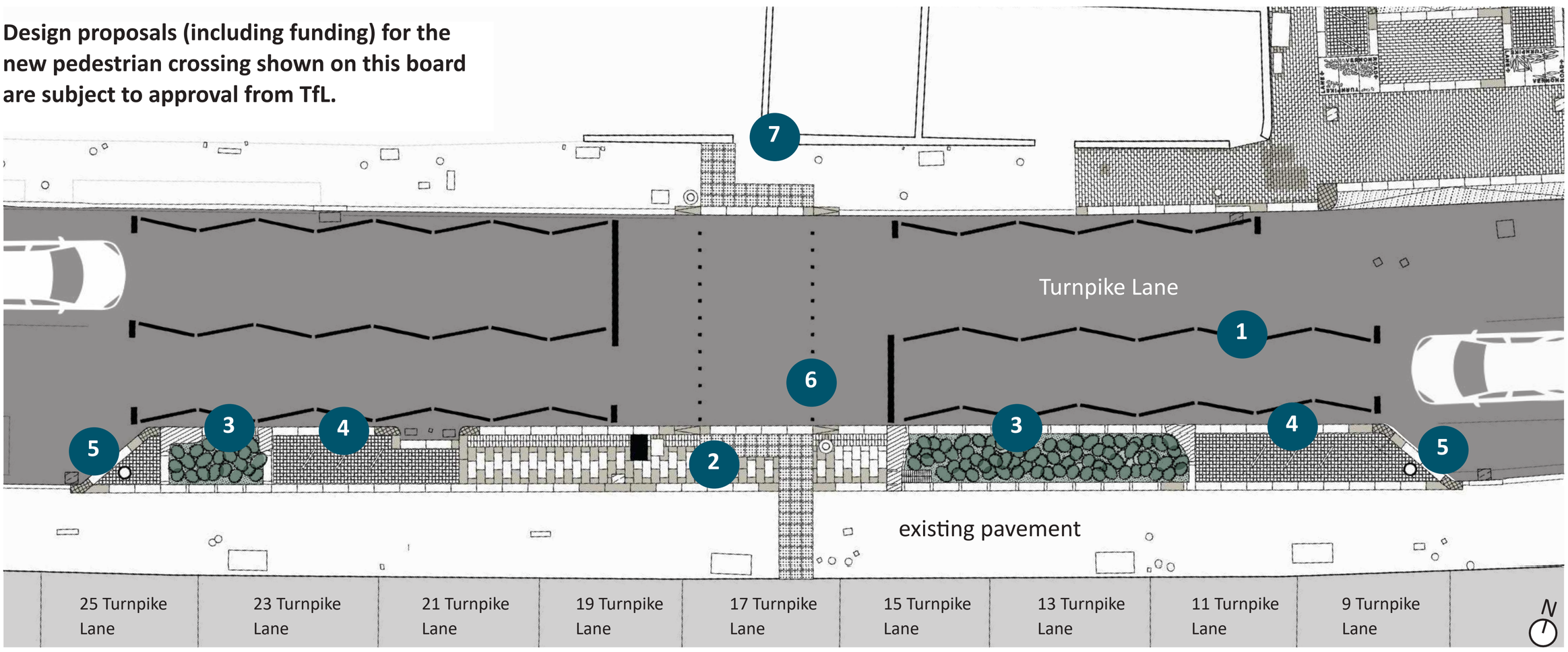


Example of pavement build out including rain gardens



Example of new pedestrian signalling crossing including a pavement build out

Design proposals (including funding) for the new pedestrian crossing shown on this board are subject to approval from TfL.



Pedestrian crossing and pavement build out

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