WARWICK AVENUE - Public Realm Project

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Introduction

This consultation presents Westminster City Council's proposals for enhancements to Warwick Avenue.

The design aims to enhance public spaces for all users, to create greener neighbourhood spaces and clear pedestrian routes, while protecting the existing character of the street.

This is your chance to tell us what you think of the proposal.

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Background

2023 - Westminster City Council published the Paddington Public Realm Strategy, focused on improving public spaces and connections for walking and cycling.

February 2024 - Launch of the Warwick Avenue Public Realm Project.

Spring 2024 - Initial community engagement to understand your experiences and aspirations for the space.

Summer 2024 - A series of design ideas were shown in a public exhibition on Warwick Avenue. Two community events were also held to allow local stakeholders to speak directly with the Council. The exhibition was accompanied by an online survey to gather feedback.

Autumn 2024 - Review of feedback.

December 2024 - Warwick Avenue Public Realm Engagement Report published.

May 2025 - Westminster City Council Cabinet Member decision to progress design.

Summer and autumn 2025 - Design development based on previous feedback.

November 2025 - The proposal for Warwick Avenue is presented in this exhibition.

Contact

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Project site



This consultation

Warwick Avenue design proposal → public feedback → consultation runs until December 1st

Next steps

review of feedback and final designs → traffic management order consultation → Council decision to build

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Review of previous feedback

In July and August 2024 four design ideas were exhibited on Warwick Avenue and online.

338 people responded to the previous online survey.

There was broad agreement on the public realm objectives and support for the baseline proposal, with the main issues being noted as parking, traffic, greening and street furniture.

Your previous responses gave us invaluable feedback to inform design development.

The following additional recommendations were drawn out:

- Balance the local desire for improvements to Warwick Avenue's public spaces while minimising disruption from construction.

- Deliver an acceptable parking capacity that balances current demand with Westminster City Council's commitment to promoting walking and cycling.

- Offer clarity on the maintenance of new greenery and other additional features.

Responding to the recommendations and previous public feedback received, a proposal has been designed that builds on the baseline 'improved neighbourhood space' and incorporates popular elements from other ideas.

For more information on the engagement process to date, and to read the more detailed Warwick Avenue Public Engagement Report please go online to:

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Elements included in the proposal



Improve the setting of Warwick Avenue's listed buildings



Protect existing trees de-pave around them for their longevity



Improve the lighting quality in line with the area's historic character



Introduce areas of softer materials underfoot



Improve the appearance of the waste and recycling bins



Introduce new benches near the Cabmen's Shelter



Introduce more soft planting, flowers and shrubs



Integrate playable features where possible



Explore the feasibility of a trellis with climbing plants to improve the appearance of the Underground vent shaft

Previous process

- On-site public exhibition
- Community events
- Online survey
- Email comments

→ review of feedback and design ideas → Council decision to progress

"Make a place for the community, a calm resting point which looks like it's been there for 150 years"

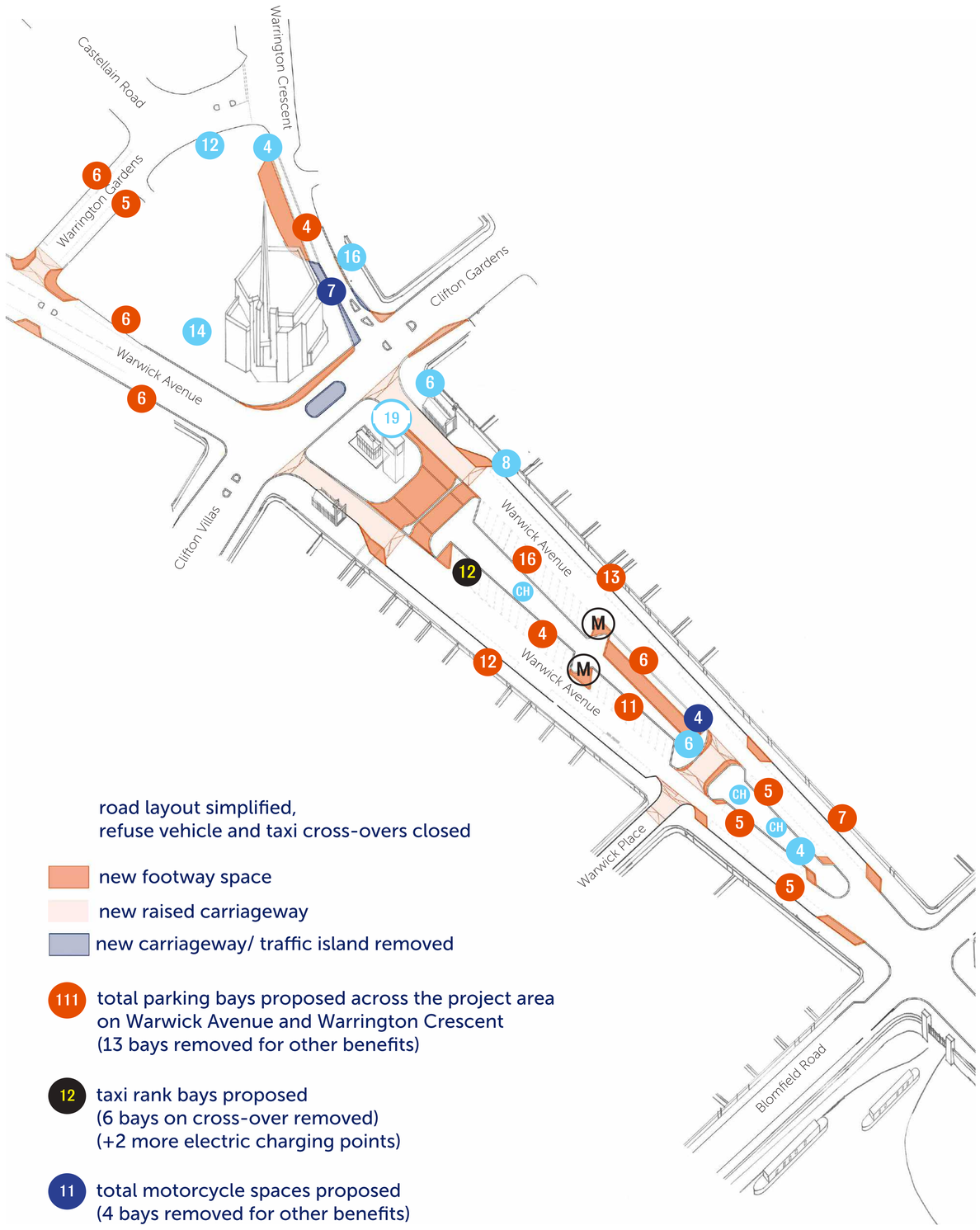
Local engagement participant

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Proposed layout of Warwick Avenue



road layout simplified,
refuse vehicle and taxi cross-overs closed

new footway space

new raised carriageway

new carriageway/ traffic island removed

111 total parking bays proposed across the project area on Warwick Avenue and Warrington Crescent (13 bays removed for other benefits)

12 taxi rank bays proposed (6 bays on cross-over removed) (+2 more electric charging points)

11 total motorcycle spaces proposed (4 bays removed for other benefits)

19 TfL cycle hire docks retained

70 cycle stand spaces proposed (+8 from existing number)

CH 3 cycle hangars retained

M micro-mobility spaces

Enhancements to Warwick Avenue



new neighbourhood spaces to the south of the Underground vent shaft and beside the Cabmen's Shelter

improved way finding signage

rationalise, relocate and improve the appearance of the waste and recycling bins

existing trees retained

new trees and greenery added
- subject to investigation and maintenance arrangements being put in place

improved crossings

retained existing crossings

enhanced connections
- a safer more pleasant pedestrian route from Warwick Avenue station towards Formosa Street
- improve the pedestrian crossings at the junction of Warwick Avenue and Clifton Gardens
- create a clearer crossing from the Underground station exit to the centre of Warwick Avenue
- improve accessible crossing points at Warwick Place

improved paving materials

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Looking north towards Saint Saviour's Church - view A



The aim of the project is to improve the environment of Warwick Avenue for residents and visitors. The sketch view above shows features subject to further investigations.

A new neighbourhood space would be created in the centre of Warwick Avenue, by closing the refuse and taxi cross-overs south of the Underground vent shaft. New signage, de-cluttering and raised carriageway crossings seek to improve the arrival experience and orientation at the station exits.

Additional trees and new areas of greenery are proposed along the street. Natural paving materials would be laid, and opportunities taken to celebrate local histories in features such as special paving, along with benches and new lighting. Waste and recycling bins are planned to be rationalised and relocated for pick-up at the road side. The new bin store will be designed to be more uniform and attractive, with potential for a timber enclosure or greenery planted around it explored at the next stage,

To improve the appearance of the Underground vent shaft, the feasibility of a trellis with climbing plants, or other facade treatments, will be explored. These will be subject to structural tests and further discussions with TfL.



Existing conditions on Warwick Avenue - view A



Sketch of new bin store



Sketch of Proposal after dark

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Looking across Warwick Avenue from the station exit - view B



existing conditions



sketch of public realm Proposal

This view shows the potential experience when leaving the Underground station eastern exit.

The proposal creates a more generous pedestrian space on the footway, with new natural stone paving, less clutter, new Legible London way-finding and lighting.

A new crossing would be visible immediately, inviting pedestrians into a neighbourhood space in the centre of Warwick Avenue, with additional trees and greenery connecting to the existing line of trees heading south.

Looking along Warwick Avenue towards the vent shaft - view C



existing conditions



sketch of public realm Proposal

This view shows the scene when walking up the median of Warwick Avenue, under the existing trees.

The proposal would create a softer permeable ground surface and low level planting, to improve the setting and health of the well-loved line of liquidambar trees.

The median walking route would connect directly into a new neighbourhood space south of the vent shaft, then to the Cabmen's shelter and onward pedestrian crossings, without having to cross any roads.

Ideas for improving the appearance of the Underground vent shaft could be explored further with TfL

Looking up Warwick Avenue from Blomfield Road - view D



existing conditions



sketch of public realm Proposal

This view looks up Warwick Avenue from the junction at Blomfield Road.

The proposal would reclaim some areas of paving and carriageway to introduce low level sustainable urban drainage with greenery, additional shrubs and trees.

Parking for residents and visitors would be retained up both sides of Warwick Avenue, as well as along the central median.

Cycle hangars would be retained on the central median, with cycle stand distributed around the project area.

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The vision for Warwick Avenue



Protect existing character

1. de-paving around existing trees for their health
2. minimal changes to road directions, parking or junctions
3. Cabmen's Shelter, taxi echelon rank and charging retained
4. TfL cycle hire docks remain in place

Enhance spaces for all users

5. safety improvements to crossings and pedestrian desire lines
6. new level accessible crossing points
7. better crossing from Underground exits to central space
8. de-cluttering wherever possible
9. cycle stands re-distributed from Cabmen's Shelter island
10. cycle hangars retained
11. enhanced street lighting for the whole street
12. waste and recycling bins rationalised, relocated for ease of access
13. options explored for timber bin housing, optimal appearance and function
14. new natural stone paving and permeable surfaces at key locations
15. existing paving made-good elsewhere along Warwick Avenue
16. new feature lighting to enhance character and light up Underground exits for safety
17. light the spire of St Saviour's Church

Create greener neighbourhood spaces and clear pedestrian routes

18. a new calm neighbourhood space, at the heart of the conservation area
19. more pedestrian space outside both station exits
20. new Legible London way-finding features at station exits and along route to canal
21. new greenery and trees around St Saviour's Church and the nursery school
22. greenery and trees around the Cabmen's Shelter
23. explore feasibility for greenery around the vent shaft
24. new specimen trees to balance the scale of the vent shaft
25. connect with surrounding tree corridors and habitats
26. new low level greenery around existing trees
27. potential for sustainable urban drainage

- Greenery
- Trees
- Natural paving materials
- Legible London way-finding
- Cycle hangars
- Cycle racks
- Lamp columns
- Existing benches
- Potential waste & recycling locations
- New public realm features e.g. seats, tables and benches

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Plan showing public realm improvements in the northern area of the project



Key

- Carriageway
- Raised carriageway
- Natural stone paving features
- Granite setts on carriageway
- Standard footway paving
- Yorkstone footway
- Resin bound footway
- Proposed kerb lines
- Proposed tactile paving at crossing point
- Yellow road marking
- White road marking
- Raised carriageway ramp
- Planting
- Sustainable drainage system planting beds
- Proposed tree
- BENCH Bench
- BB Proposed belisha beacon
- CP Proposed charging point
- Proposed cycle rack
- BIN Proposed bins
- LL Proposed legible London sign
- BB Relocated belisha beacon
- Cycle hangar
- Existing tree
- Existing cycle rack

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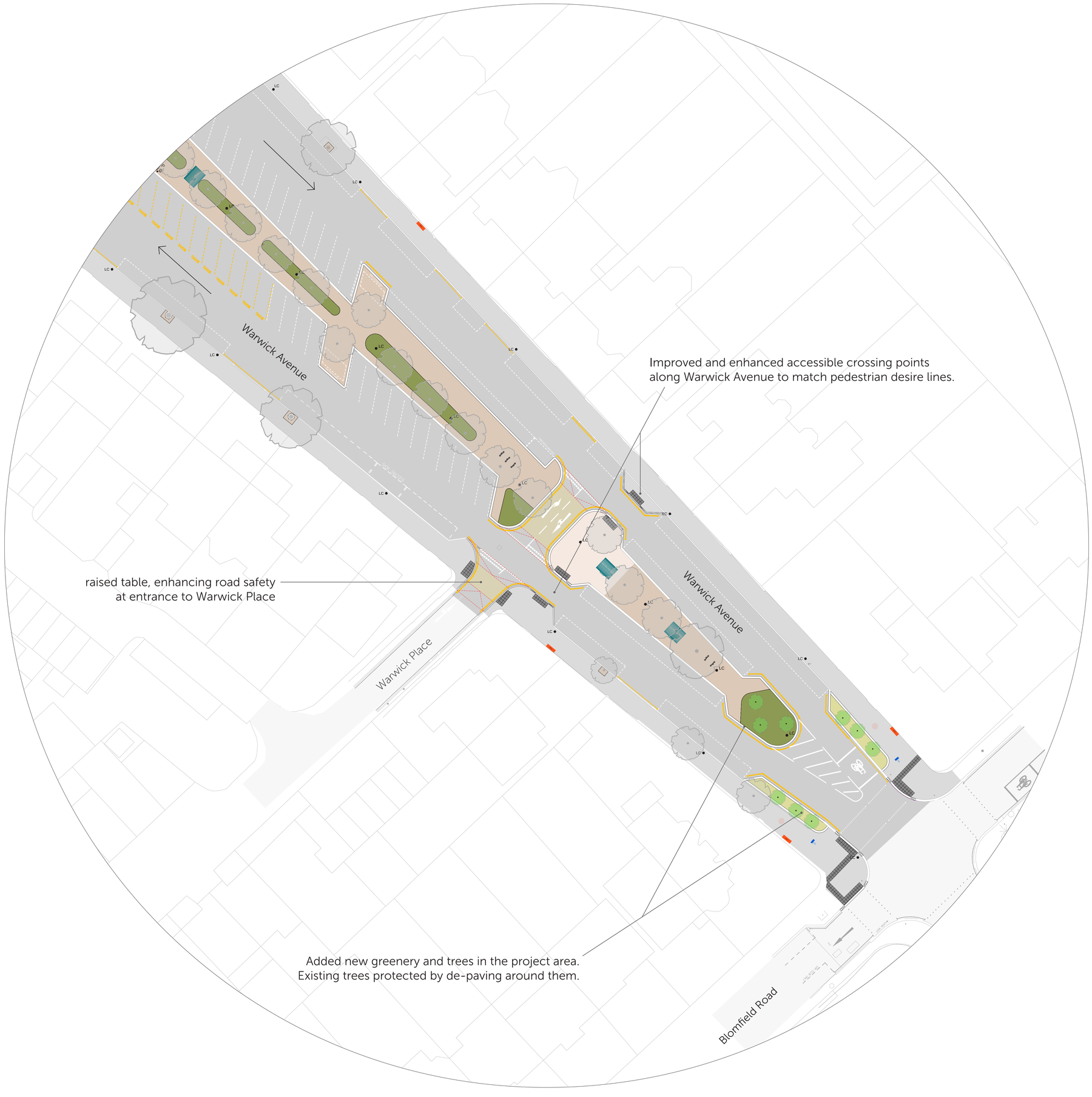
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Plan showing public realm improvements in the southern area of the project



Key

- Carriageway
- Raised carriageway
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- Granite setts on carriageway
- Standard footway paving
- Yorkstone footway
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