

**Beckenham Town Improvement Suggested Priorities**

**Priority 1** Major Scheme \*. Work package or enabling study that will support the submission of the Step 1 Bid to Transport for London Area Based Funding.

**Priority 2** Immediate Improvements. Package of improvements taken from lists suggested by various local groups that could be implemented in 2012/13 subject to funding being identified. To be discussed at the reformed Beckenham Town Centre Member Working Party.

**Priority 3** Policy or operational issues. It is suggested that these could also form a discussion item for the reformed Beckenham Town Centre Member Working Party.

\* See p. 4 for list of suggested priorities for Major Scheme.

Improvement	Theme	Source of suggestion	Priority
Appoint urban design consultant to prepare a scheme and design guide for visual improvement of the High Street to be coordinated with other improvements i.e. relating to signage, shop fronts, lighting, traffic management, etc	Multiple themes	B	1
Installation of a Beckenham Town Sign of similar design as Beckenham Green example at the War Memorial entrance to the High Street	Branding & Identity	A; B	2
Rebrand town as 'Beckenham Village'	Branding & Identity	B	3
Full Review of parking provision – including consideration of a number of options including the below	Car Parking	A; B; C	1
o Introduction of free 20 minute parking bays in High Street	Car Parking	A; B; C	2
o Improve signage to off street car parks	Car Parking	A; B; C	2
o Controlled parking zones on side roads off High Street to discourage commuter parking	Car Parking	A; B; C	
o Upgrading of parking ticket machines to allow for graduated parking charges	Car Parking	A; B; C	
o Discounted season tickets to local businesses in under used car parks	Car Parking	A; B; C	
o Trialling of responsive car park charges with less popular car parks charged at lower rates	Car Parking	A; B; C	
o Standardisation of off-street and on-street parking hours of operation and charges	Car Parking	A; B; C	
o Potential utilisation of disused depot area in Kelsey Park	Car Parking	A; B; C	
o Consult with traders re provision of loading bays	Car Parking	A; B; C	
Install 2 high quality community noticeboards (possibly incorporating maps)	Community Development	B	2
Establishment by TCM of a co-ordinated 'Pride in our Town' initiative.	Community Development	B	2
TCM to establish High Street friends group	Community Development	A; B	3
TCM to approach multiples such as large supermarkets to fund improvements and secure other external funding	Community Development	B	
Upgrade the Beckenham website and look at ways of using it to greater effect to share information and draw interested parties together	Community Development	B	
Installation of extra lighting for pedestrians over footways	Community Safety	B	1
Undertake an audit to ensure that all pedestrian areas are well lit, clean and covered by good natural surveillance or CCTV	Community Safety	B	1
Control access to private alleyways and parking areas (including gating)	Community Safety	A; B	2
LBB to challenge Police policy regarding front desk opening times at police station	Community Safety	A; B	3
Strong relationship maintained with Safer Neighbourhood Teams; Encourage increased night time patrols	Community Safety	A; B	3
Establish Crime Reduction Partnership between shopkeepers businesses, police and LBB	Community Safety	B	
LBB & Police to review whether venues – particularly those attracting large crowds are well controlled	Community Safety	B	
Use of CCTV in car parks to catch fly tippers, monitor anti-social behaviour	Community Safety	A	
Work of Street Pastors scheme in Beckenham be supported by Bromley Council	Community Safety	A	
Additional trees and other planting	Environmental Quality	A; B; C	1

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**APPENDIX 1**

<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Source of suggestion</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Coordinated installation of upgraded heritage street lamps and furniture	Environmental Quality	A; B; C	1
Decluttering exercise to achieve removal of unnecessary signs, poles & equipment – including unmaintained telephone boxes; reduce number of posts in the footways	Environmental quality	A; B	1
Improve areas around PO and War Memorial roundabout – with better planting, improved pedestrian access and renovation of brickwork	Environmental Quality	B; C	1
Floodlight heritage buildings and signs with uplighters to enhance night time atmosphere	Environmental Quality	B; C	2
Improve siting and external cleanliness of litter bins	Environmental Quality	B; C	2
Improved management of appearance of vacant shops: Installation of decorative window coverings for vacant shops and other innovated measures to utilise voids; Tightening of procedures for dealing with untidy sites	Environmental quality	A; B; C	2
More frequent removal of chewing gum / bird droppings; Periodic jet cleaning of footways and at base of shop fronts	Environmental Quality	A; B	2
Programme of hanging baskets and planters to be maintained and extended to spring / autumn planting.	Environmental Quality	A; B	2
Annual independent environmental audit of cleanliness	Environmental Quality	A	
Extension of High Street Cleaning frequencies into adjoining roads	Environmental Quality	A	
Provide dedicated cigarette bins, esp near Cinema	Environmental Quality	B	
Spot visits by Enviro Crime officer to issues fines for littering / environmental offences	Environmental Quality	A	
Feasibility study around potential landscaping of land to the rear of 88-132 High Street (Stables Green)	Green space amenity	A	1
Feasibility study on restoration of the river Beck to run at surface level from Kelsey Park through the High Street	Green space amenity	A	1
Open up views of Beckenham Green by lowering the height of planters that divide it from High Street	Green space amenity	B	
Upgrade all footway surfaces, particularly uneven surfaces causing hazard	Improving accessibility	B	1
Widening of pavements in the High Street	Improving accessibility	A; B	1
Improve safety precautions and layout of High Street to ensure maximum security particularly for young families, elderly and vulnerable	Improving accessibility	C	
Improvements to mobility scooter provision for the high street	Improving accessibility	A	
Installation of increased cycle parking to encourage cyclists to use town centre	Improving accessibility	B	
Lobbying TfL for improvements to public transport services; including changes to bus stops and extension to Tram Link to Bromley.	Improving accessibility	A	
Introduction of free WiFi zone to High Street	Improving business vitality	C	1
Introduction of regular Street Market	Improving business vitality	A; B	2
Christmas lights scheme (purchase and 1 year installation)	Improving business vitality / Environmental Quality	C	2
Consider setting up a business vitality scheme, offering grants to help retailers to set up	Improving business vitality	B	
Extension of programme of town centre events	Improving business vitality	B	
Support to shop keepers to upgrade / improve frontages (possibly through grant scheme)	Improving business vitality / Environmental Quality	B	
Ongoing enforcement of saturation policy in Beckenham with regards to licensed drinking establishments; Planning & licensing should be used to limit A3 premises in number	Planning / Licensing	A; B	3
Newly painted yellow lines to be half the width of conventional yellow lines	Preserving & enhancing heritage	A; B	1
Approach Network Rail regarding branding Beckenham Junction as a heritage station	Preserving & enhancing heritage	A	
Establishment of a heritage trail	Preserving & enhancing heritage	B	
Give consideration to the establishment of a High Street based Heritage Centre	Preserving & enhancing heritage	B	
Link the 2 Conservation Areas of St Georges and Kesley Square by designating the buildings in between	Preserving & enhancing heritage	B	
Resist overdevelopment from housing schemes close to the high street	Preserving & enhancing heritage	B	
Resist proliferation of solid-style steel shutters and lobby government to retain current permissions regime	Preserving & enhancing heritage	B	
Shop front improvement grant scheme	Preserving & enhancing heritage / Environmental Quality	B	2
Retain safe and well-maintained public lavatories	Public toilets	B	

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Expansion of Community Toilet Scheme for Beckenham	Public toilets	A	
New public toilet provision for users of night time economy near Beckenham Junction.	Public toilets	A	
Commissioning of a traffic survey to monitor the bottle neck at Beckenham Junction cross roads with a view to recommending future improvements	Traffic Management	B	1
Review of all traffic management options for the High Street – to reduce barriers to pedestrian use including consideration of both shared space and traffic calming schemes with consultation of residents, shopkeepers, businesses and community groups etc.	Traffic Management	A; B; C	1
Feasibility study around measures to improve traffic flows in the Beckenham Junction area and reduce traffic through the high street	Traffic management / Improving accessibility	A	1
Installation of sign indicating a right angle turn in High Street at it's junction with Kelsey Park Road	Wayfinding	A	1
Review of all directional signs in town centre – with every sign indicating 'Town Centre' or 'High Street' having Beckenham added to it; Installation of high quality finger posts to guide pedestrians; Improve signage to and from Beckenham Junction station	Wayfinding / Branding & Identity	A; B	1
Consideration of diverting large commercial vehicles with no business in the High Street via Rectory Road	Traffic Management	B	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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**Suggested Major Scheme Objectives – in no particular order  
(for discussion and agreement by Working Group)**

- a) Remove / reduce level of HGV usage in High Street
- b) Improving pedestrian experience of the High Street – enhanced crossings and widened pavements
- c) Improving parking and loading provision
- d) Improving traffic flow at major interchanges
- e) Enhancing public realm and pedestrian accessibility at War Memorial
- f) Improving quality of public realm – including coordinated and harmonious design, reduction of street clutter, emphasising ‘village’ identity, increased use of soft landscaping
- g) Increase opportunities for regular street markets

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