

Barley Mow Passage Environmental Improvement Proposals.

Barley Mow Passage is a lively thoroughfare that leads from Prospect Place to Dukes Avenue. Where the western end can accommodate both pedestrians and vehicle traffic, the eastern end, being a narrow alleyway at the rear of the Catholic Church is suitable for pedestrians only.

The Council has recently carried out a series of improvements to the street environment in Chiswick High Road and Heathfield Terrace adjacent to Barley Mow passage that not only enhances the street scene but also improves accessibility for all users, and we would like to extend these works to Barley Mow Passage to complete enhancement of this whole area.

A survey carried out with the residents and occupiers of Barley Mow Passage revealed that not only was the condition of the footways and carriageways considered to be poor but that at the western end there were perceived risks to the public because of conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles.

In an attempt to address these issues the Council has designed a draft proposal for improvements to the layout and surface treatments that best meet the diverse needs of all users of Barley Mow Passage. The proposed design will maintain the traditional and historic distinction between pavement and road surfaces but separate them by low (30mm high) kerbs so as to encourage pedestrian use of the whole area whilst retaining key guidance for the visually impaired. In addition to the pavement on the north side of the Passage, it is also proposed to provide a pavement on the south side of the Passage to prevent conflict between pedestrians emerging from premises and vehicles. A one-way system is proposed for most parts of the Passage, with a designated marked loading bay at the western end of the Passage being the only place for vehicles to stop other than off street locations.

It is proposed to maintain all the existing granite kerbs, setts and channels, and to provide all new kerbs in granite. New and existing pavements will be constructed in traditional bonded concrete flags that are reinforced to minimize damage by vehicles. The shared road/pedestrian surface would be paved generally in "Tegula" concrete blocks, as recently laid on the exits to Chiswick High Road. It is proposed to retain the existing pedestrian paving alongside the church as part of a generally conservative approach to existing features of the Passage. Similarly it is proposed to retain all existing cast iron bollards but to replace the existing easily damaged concrete ones by traditional "Cannon" style bollards.

Attached is a plan showing the proposed layout, and we would be pleased to receive any comments regarding this proposal on the attached sheet by Friday 12th January 2007. You may also send any comments to the following email address
environmentalprojects@hounslow.gov.uk.

All comments received will be carefully considered and where possible, amendments made to the original layout to accommodate these. All occupiers of Barley Mow Passage along with Members of the Area Committee will be notified of the final scheme and details of the programme for implementation that has been provisionally programmed to start in February.

Yours faithfully

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Please use this opportunity to make any comments and return via the enclosed stamp addressed envelope:

To the Environmental Projects Team:

I agree / do not agree with the proposed scheme.

Comments:

Your Name;

Address;

Date:

Thank you for your comments.