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Our Ref: Scotts Road and Morley Road junction improvements
Date: 18 September 2024

Dear Resident,

RE: Scotts Road and Morley Road junction improvements

In February 2024, we asked for your feedback on proposed improvements to the Scotts Road and Morley Road junction. The proposals aim to address concerns raised by the community and make crossing the junction easier and safer for people walking, particularly those with reduced mobility or additional mobility needs. In addition to making the crossing safer, we want to improve the look and feel of the area with the introduction of low-level planting for the community to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts on the proposed design. All feedback received has been noted as part of the statutory consultation process. After careful consideration of all feedback received, we can confirm that the scheme has been approved by Waltham Forest Council and will now proceed to the construction stage.

Please find below a consultation summary and information on the next steps.

Consultation summary

A total of 48 people took part in the survey for the scheme. Of the 48 people that took part, 53% were from Morley Road, 44% were from Scotts Road and 3% were from Francis Road.

Overall, 52% of respondents were positive about the scheme and 48% were negative. Respondents tended to be positive about some aspects of the scheme like the sustainable urban drainage (54%) and crossing improvements (52%). People were less supportive of the changes to parking, with 48% of respondents reporting they felt negative about the changes, 33% were positive and 17% of respondents were neutral.

Taking a closer look at the feedback received, we can see the key issues raised included existing anti-social behaviour and concern the scheme could exacerbate it, the loss of a parking bay, and the fact children play in this area and the improvements may reduce their space.

Respondents also suggested requests to make the proposals better for the area like additional seating and an area for children to play.

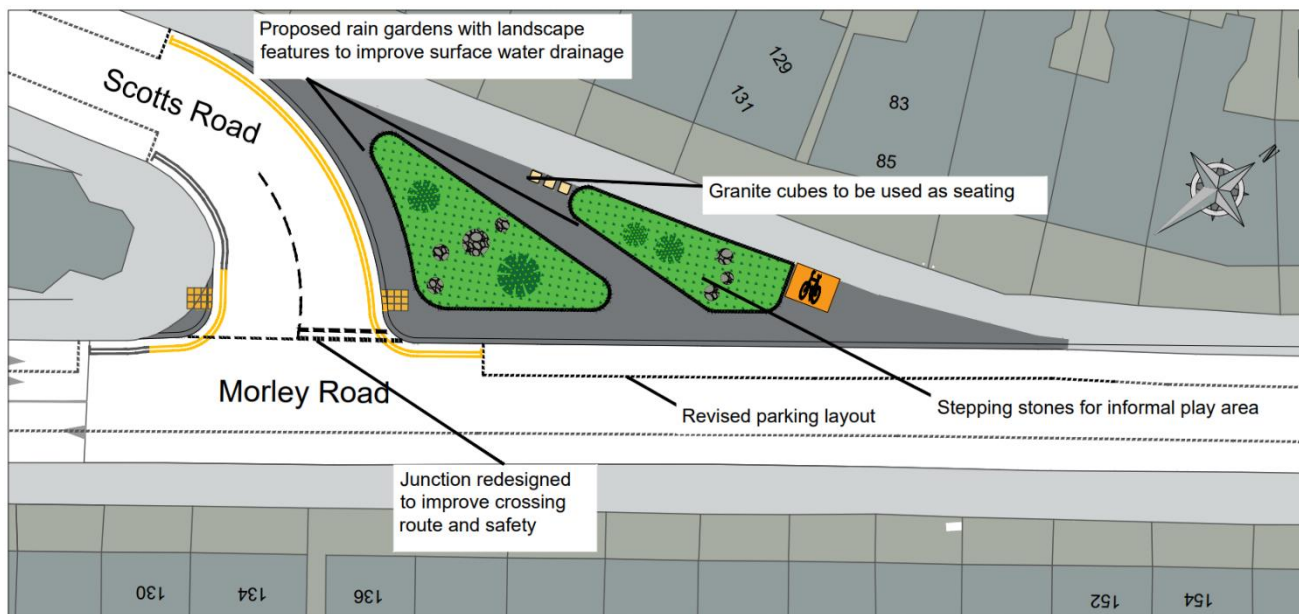
To address the feedback we have:

- Made council teams aware of anti-social behaviour concerns at this location and kindly ask that residents continue to report any issues to us via the contact details overleaf
- Amended the design to include seating to provide people somewhere to rest and enjoy the space
- Created an informal play feature within the scheme such as stepping stones for children to enjoy.

Unfortunately, to construct the scheme we have been unable to keep one parking bay. While we appreciate some residents feel the area requires this parking space, we believe the benefits the scheme will bring, such as a reduced crossing distance for people walking and cycling, a reduction in vehicle speeds, increased biodiversity, and an improved space for the community to enjoy, outweighs the loss of one parking bay.

Final scheme design

The final scheme is shown on the map below.



Next steps

We are aiming to start construction at the end of October 2024 and expect the works to take around ten weeks to complete. Once construction is completed, landscaping and planting will follow, and will take place at various times according to the type of species being planted and their planting season. We welcome residents to get involved in the planting of the rain gardens, and we will post more information about this closer to the time, which we expect to be early 2025.

Further construction information will be posted to all properties near the area before it begins, setting out information on access and parking changes required to undertake the works.

More information can be found on the scheme webpage www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/active-and-sustainable-transport-schemes/current-schemes/scotts-road-and-morley-road-junction-improvements

If you have any questions relating to the scheme, please contact us by emailing enjoy@walthamforest.gov.uk or writing to Enjoy Waltham Forest Team, Waltham Forest Council, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, Leyton, London, E10 7AS.

Best regards,
Enjoy Waltham Forest team