

1. Background Information

This proposal enhances concepts that are already included within the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for West Ealing (www.wecnf.org). This neighbourhood plan is currently at the final draft stage and is awaiting approval from the local authority prior to public referendum.

2. General Overview

This proposal is designed to improve integration and north-south pedestrian and cycle connectivity between the planned new Crossrail Station, the high street and the new West London Islamic Centre currently under construction. The new mosque is at the centre of our town bordering the high street and, when completed, will serve up to 3000 worshippers. In the immediate area of the new mosque several hundred new flats, all with significant cycle rack capacity, are either at the planning application stage or are already under construction - none of these new buildings will have allocated car parking. The desire for improved north-south connectivity within W13 is already supported by the local authority.

3. Specific Details

A summary of the main recommendations is as follows:

- a) Introduction of a dedicated cycle path between the new Crossrail station in Manor Road W13 and the new West London Islamic Centre in Singapore Road
- b) Improvements to Jacob's Ladder footbridge and its approaches allowing disabled and cycle access across the railway line. (London Borough of Ealing has already indicated support for the replacement of this inadequate Victorian footbridge as high priority)
- c) A designated pedestrian and cycle path between the southern end of Jacob's Ladder footbridge in Felix Road through the newly constructed Green Man Estate terminating near to the entrance to the new mosque and the adjacent high street.
- d) The provision of public cycle racks in Singapore Road close to the new mosque
- e) Adequate signage of the complete new route between the station and the High Street with CCTV coverage as deemed appropriate
- f) Development of new public realm within Chignell Place allowing pedestrian & cycle access from the western end of the high street through to the new mosque entrance, Singapore Road and the start of a properly designated pedestrian route to the railway station.

4. Benefits of the Proposal

- a) Encourages more pedestrians and cycling with associated health benefits
- b) Designed to reduce traffic levels offering significant improvements to the existing poor air quality
- c) Benefits hundreds of residents living to the north of Jacob's Ladder offering significantly improved integration and access to the high street and the new mosque
- d) Benefits thousands of tenants living in hotels and flats around Singapore Road enabling planned access to public rail transport
- e) The new public realm through Chignell Place with pedestrian/cycle access will offer significant trade benefits to high street traders and will serve to revitalise the western

end of the town centre; it will enable better integration and celebration of the new mosque as a landmark building

- f) The development of Chignell Place and the introduction of a well lit, designated and signed route between the high street and the new railway station will offer significant safety improvements and will serve to minimise current levels of anti-social behaviour and drug abuse prevalent across the area
- g) Offers considerable benefit to commuters wishing travelling to and from West Ealing Station whether travelling into central London via Crossrail or to and from Greenford on the newly re-routed shuttle train which now terminates at West Ealing
- h) The proposals will significantly improve school routes for students attending St.John's School , Drayton Green Primary and Drayton Manor High School and result in a significant reduction in car usage

Should you need further information, local residents and/or members of the WECNF Neighbourhood Forum would be happy to provide sketched plans of the proposals and would be happy to assist in submission of the final bid if required.

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