

Hampton North Uplift Community Consultation

Purpose of the consultation

The local authority wishes to consult with local people and other interested groups on proposals for Wave 1 of the delivery of the Hampton North Uplift programme.

Background

Uplift is Richmond Council's programme to rejuvenate the Hampton North, Whitton, Barnes, Mortlake and Ham areas of the borough. Key actions of each Uplift programme are based upon the results of the All in One survey and Village Planning sessions. Funding for projects is provided by the Council but other funding has, and will be sourced, through other organisations and funding providers. The aim of the Uplift programme is to create positive results for each of the Uplift areas, resulting in thriving areas for businesses and the community and where residents can be proud to live.

Our proposals

The Hampton North Uplift programme will be delivered in two Waves.

Wave 1 - six concept proposals have been developed and are currently at different stages of development. The first two projects are existing projects that we are proposing to extend. Your views will inform the delivery of these projects. The remaining four projects are at an earlier stage of development and we would like your initial views on them. These concepts will then be developed in more detail and you will have further opportunities to have your say on them before the end of the year.

Wave 2 - is scheduled to start in autumn 2012 and involves the drawing up of a planning brief and master plan that will create a vibrant area for residents and businesses - Hampton Square – in the heart of the district centre. It is hoped that such investment will encourage new services and facilities to open in the square. You will also have an opportunity to have your say on Wave 2 of the programme in autumn 2012.

1. Hampton Youth Project Mural

The Hampton Youth Project is located in the district centre at Hampton North. The new mural at the front of the Hampton Youth Project building commenced this year and was developed and created with an artist and the users of the Hampton Youth Project.

Due to the success of the mural, the Council is considering extending the mural at the front of the building. The mural currently covers the lower front section of the building and the Council is considering extending it to also cover the upper section of the building. It is proposed that users of the Hampton Youth Project will work with an artist to develop the design for the extension of the mural, with a similar design to that which is there at present.



2. Oak Avenue Nature Reserve and Hampton Common

The Oak Avenue Nature Reserve and Hampton Common are both located adjacent to Oak Avenue. The proposed improvements include:

- extending the existing footpath network in Hampton Common, to improve accessibility for all park users, this will be achieved through the installation of a new path from the play area to the Oak Avenue entrance
- opening up the entrance to Oak Avenue Nature Reserve to improve access and make it more welcoming for visitors

The above proposals will build upon initial improvements undertaken as part of the Parks Improvement Programme in 2009 / 2010, including the extension of the path from Embleton Walk / Moreland Close. The improvements will also help us achieve an overall aim to create a link between Oak Avenue Nature Reserve and Hampton Common to Hatherop Park. Further work of this will be progressed in Wave 2 of the programme.



3. Community Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

A multi use games area (MUGA) can provide various sports facilities for the local community. A multi use games area can be a cost effective solution to meet the needs of multiple sports within one play area whether it is netball, football or basketball.

The current outdoor games area located at the rear of the White House Community Centre is tired and in need of repair. The project proposal is to provide a modern and upgraded outdoor sports area for the local community. The details of this concept idea are at an early stage of development and options are being explored around its location and what sports should be provided.

4. Percy Road and Broad Lane

The Percy Road and Broad Lane junction is situated to the south of The Avenue, and provides a parade of shops for the local community.

The aim of this project is to link the shops with the Hampton Square, to enhance the street scene and create a more vibrant area for local businesses. Some of the initial improvements may consist of soft landscaping, removal of street clutter, creation of a shared surface, removal of railings, shop front improvements, street lighting, extension of pavements and traffic calming measures.



5. White House Community Centre - Landscaping

The White House Community Centre is located on The Avenue in Hampton North and forms part of the district centre. Initial discussions have been held with the Hampton on Thames Community Association to explore potential landscaping improvements to the green spaces surrounding the building to enhance the position and visibility of the centre. Landscaping improvements may include planting and the removal of the hedge in front of the café, to open up the view of the café garden.



6. Old White House

The Old White House is located in the heart of the district centre and has been empty for a number of years. It is structurally unsound and preparation for the removal of this building is being considered as the most feasible option. Through the All in One survey and Village Planning sessions, many residents supported the removal of this derelict and boarded up building.

Demolition of the Old White House could, importantly, enable a more swift development and delivery of the Wave 2 programme and the creation of the Hampton Square.



As established, the concepts are at various stages of development and your views will be used to inform both the Wave 1 and Wave 2 elements of the programme of improvements planned for the Hampton North Uplift area. Your views will be used to inform how they are taken forward.

We would like you to provide us with feedback on the Wave 1 concepts for the Hampton North Uplift programme via the online survey by Monday 13 August 2012.

What happens next?

The results of the consultation will be published on the Council's website in September 2012. The results will be used to inform and move forward the proposals for the Hampton North Uplift area.

Following your feedback we anticipate the delivery of the Hampton Youth Project Mural and Oak Avenue Nature Reserve and Hampton Common projects to take place at the end of summer / autumn 2012.

In autumn 2012, a series of drop-in events will take place for the remaining Wave 1 concept proposals, to provide further information and visuals. This will provide you with an opportunity to work with us to shape the concept proposals as they are developed. We will work with you to deliver these projects as quickly as possible. The timetable for delivery may depend upon planning permissions and seasonal timing for outdoor works. Please check the Hampton North Uplift page for up to date information.
www.Richmond.gov.uk/Hampton_north_uplift.

Wave 2 Master Plan

Wave 2 of the Hampton North Uplift programme is scheduled to start in autumn 2012. It will involve the drawing up of a planning brief and master plan for the area that will create a vibrant area for residents and businesses - Hampton Square – in the heart of the district centre.