

Skerne Walk RB Kingston Upon Thames

Description

The scheme is part of Link 123 (LCN route 75), which is a north/south route running parallel to the Thames between Richmond Road in the north and the Surrey boundary in the south. The Kingston Town Neighbourhood Committee considered a report and plans, at its meeting of 3rd September 2003, for proposed environmental improvements to Skerne Walk and Skerne Road. The committee approved the proposals for local consultation.

In October/November 2004, consultation letters were sent out to 670 properties within the area bounded by the railway, Canbury Gardens, Woodside Road and Richmond Road plus local groups and consultees. The Kingston Town Neighbourhood Committee considered the results of the consultation, at its meeting on 19th January 2005, and

authorised officers to prepare detailed proposals for implementation. The main benefit of the scheme was the removal of vehicular traffic in order to improve walking and cycling between Kingston Town Centre and the residential areas of North Kingston. In addition to providing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists new trees were planted along the western edge of the road and the lighting was improved.

The scheme has been generally well received by stakeholders and councillors and has won a design award from the Kingston Upon Thames Society for its outstanding contribution to the public realm. The boroughs engineers, planners, cycling team, landscaping section and private developers all worked together to complete the scheme. Users of the route have commented that they feel a sense of safe environment.

Photo 1: Before



Photo 2: After

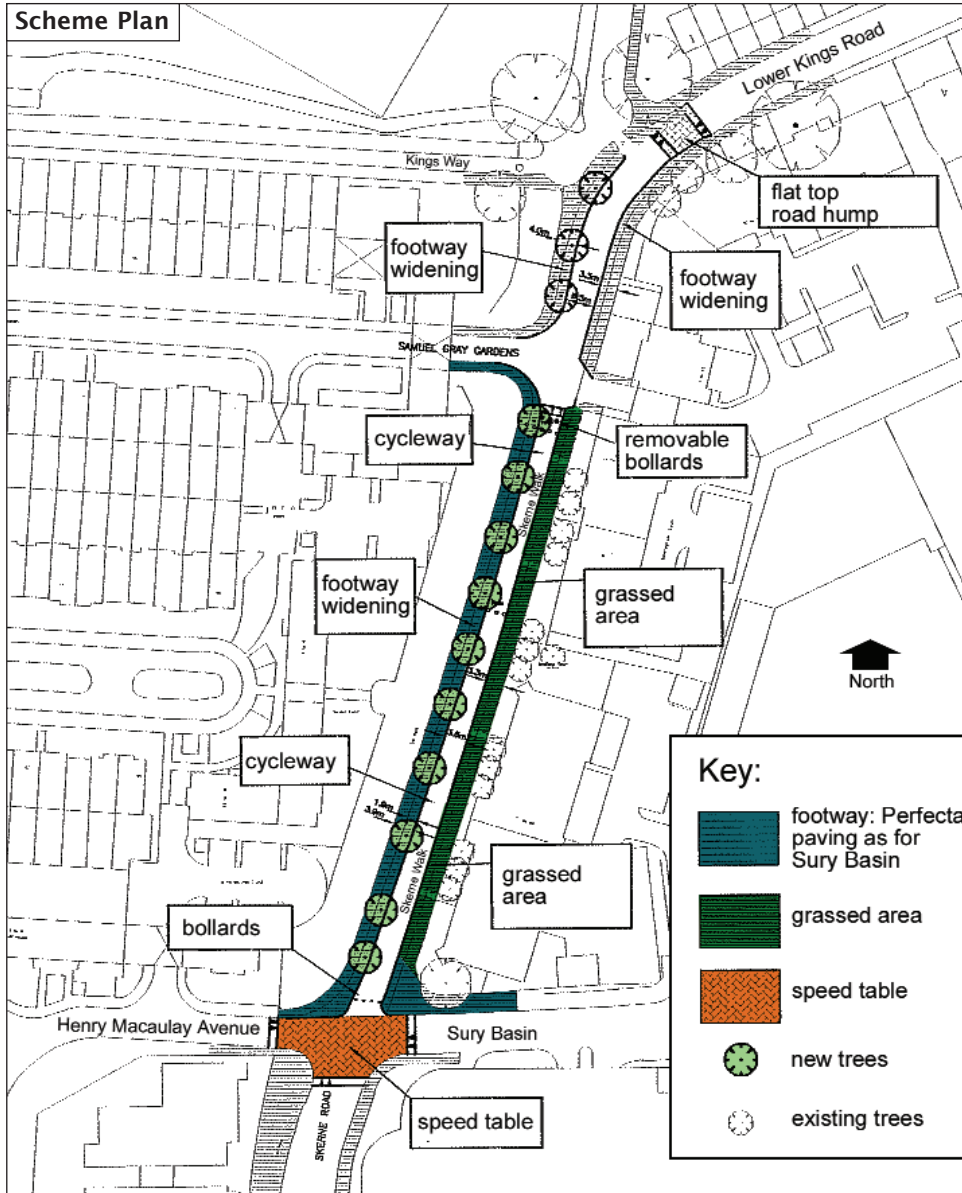


segregated path looking North



4.5m pedestrian footway looking South





Existing conditions

- Conventional street layout.
- 7.3 metre carriageway.
- Two minimum width 1.8 metre footways.
- Poor quality road closure comprised of bollards.

Scheme details

- LCDS ref: Cycle Tracks 4.4, Off-carriageway routes 7.3, Surfacing 7.4.
- CRISP ref: 123/3-10, 123/3-12.
- Environmental improvements to form a pedestrian and cycle “green route” between Kingston Town Centre and residential areas of North Kingston.
- Raised table and carriageway narrowing at the junction of Lower Kings Road and Lower Ham Road.
- Widened footways approximately 4.5 metres wide along Skerne Walk. Street repaved using high quality modular paving materials with the cycle route defined with pea shingle surfacing.
- 2 way cycle track in Skerne Walk, 3.4 metres wide, down the middle of the street which also serves as an access road for emergency vehicles.
- Tree planting and landscaping along the western side of Skerne Walk.
- Grassed strip along the eastern side of Skerne Walk.
- Raised table and carriageway narrowing at the junction of Skerne Walk, Sury Basin, Henry Macaulay Avenue and Skerne Walk to reduce vehicle speeds and make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists to cross between Skerne Walk and Skerne Road.
- Pea shingle surface on the cycle track and Perfecta paving on pedestrian footways.



Left: exit/ entrance to segregated path