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“Securing a successful future for Epsom Town Centre”

A package of measures for Epsom Town Centre to reduce congestion, improve safety and enhance the attractiveness of the town centre.

# Welcome

# Background



As the main town centre in the Borough, Epsom plays a vital role in the community, being the focus for a range of services and activities. Like most town centres, it faces a variety of challenges and pressures.

## WHAT IS PLAN E?

Epsom 'Plan E' refers to the **Area Action Plan (AAP) adopted by the Borough Council in 2011**. The Plan E AAP is a long term strategy for the town centre and provides a framework for future change in Epsom up to 2026. As a long term development plan, it will help deliver the Borough Council's objectives and aspirations for the town centre. It builds on the vision for the town centre set out in the **Borough's Core Strategy adopted in 2007**.

Epsom has seen significant change and this is likely to continue. It is therefore important to plan to ensure that Epsom reaches its full potential and **remains a vibrant and distinctive place where people want to visit, work, live and study**.

The **Epsom Plan E Highway Improvements** scheme has been developed to reduce the impact of congestion in Epsom town centre.

## WHAT DOES THE SCHEME AIM TO ACHIEVE?

The highway improvements included under Plan E aim to deliver the vision of the town centre Area Action Plan and promote economic growth by reducing congestion, improving accessibility and enhancing the quality and attractiveness of the town centre with safe and convenient pedestrian movements.

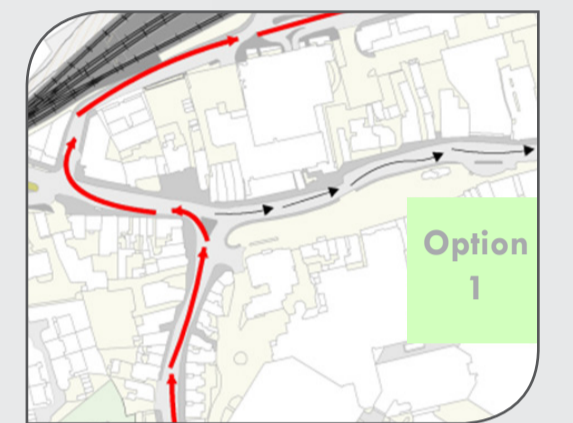
The Epsom Plan E highway improvements scheme seeks to address the dominance of the A24 traffic over pedestrian accessibility and provide uncluttered and attractive streets.



## SCHEME HISTORY

The Plan E Area Action Plan **consultation in 2008/09** considered 3 options to reconfigure the highway network through the town centre. These were:

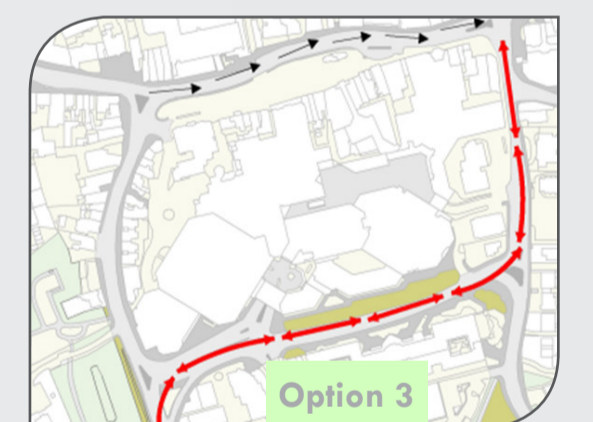
**Option 1:** Make High Street (West) accessible to buses and cyclists only, by diverting traffic via Station Approach.



### PREFERRED OPTION

**Option 2:** Return South Street to two-way traffic to shorten some journeys.

**Option 3:** Make Ashley Road and Ashley Avenue two-way. High Street (West) would be accessible to buses and cyclists.



Highway and traffic feasibility design has discounted Options 1 and 3 due to required land take, high costs and required demolition of properties, some of which are nationally or locally listed. Delivery of either Option 1 or 3 is therefore considered impractical and detrimental to the town centre's historic environment.