

Have your say on proposals for improvements to Clerkenwell Green

What's happening?

Islington Council is seeking feedback on its proposals to improve the Clerkenwell Green area. This leaflet tells you about these proposals, how to find out more, and how to tell us what you think.



Closing date:
30 October
2017

Background

Clerkenwell Green is one of London's oldest public spaces dating back to the 12th Century. It is surrounded by some of Islington's most attractive and valuable historic buildings. The area has a rich and varied social and political history. The Council has drawn up plans to improve the Green and we want to hear your views.

What do we want to achieve?

- To reveal and explain the space's rich role in the social and political history of Islington and London.
- To create an improved public space that can be enjoyed by the local community, local workers and visitors.
- To create a less car-dominated environment that is safer and more convenient for pedestrians and cyclists.
- To improve the setting of the area's historic buildings and other important local landmarks.
- To create a suitable setting for the planned statue of Sylvia Pankhurst.
- To improve the environment for local businesses.
- To make the space feel 'greener' and less concrete-dominated.

What we want to discuss with you

The plan over the page shows the proposal for the area.

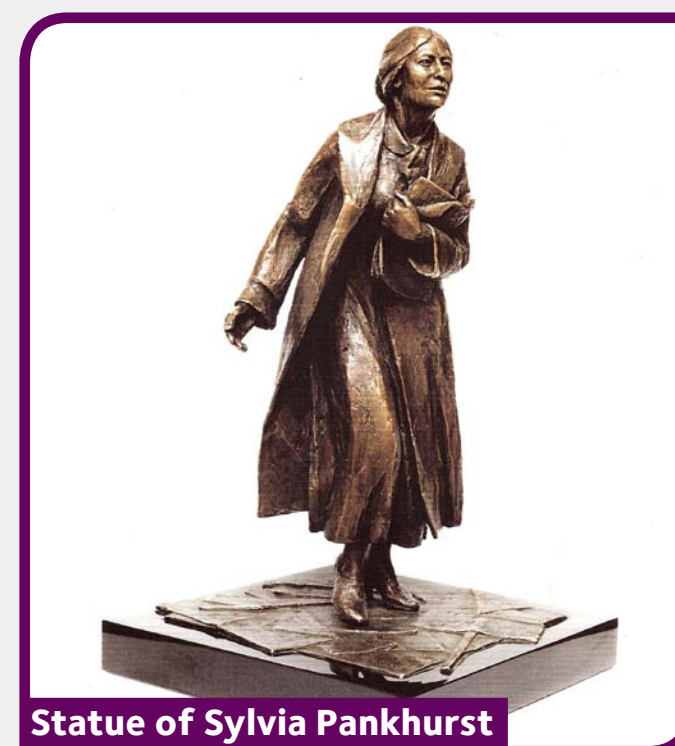
Clerkenwell Green is dominated by traffic using the Green as a short cut or for parking. This limits its enjoyment as a public space and as a preferred walking route.

We want to transform Clerkenwell Green into a high-quality public space. To do this we plan to provide more space for people to meet and gather by reducing road space and removing parking.

We would like your feedback on our proposal, the details of which can be seen overleaf.



Materials and details



What impacts would the proposals have?

The proposals impact the Green in a variety of ways, which are outlined below:

Pedestrians

Space for pedestrians will increase through reducing road space and removing all parking, which we hope will encourage more people to walk through the space. The new pedestrian areas can accommodate public events and gatherings, and new seating would provide more opportunity for people to stay and enjoy the Green.

Cyclists

Cycling would continue to be able to travel through Clerkenwell Green, and the Santander cycle hire docking station would remain in its current location.

Trees

The Green is characterised by its large mature plane trees. They would be retained. Seven new trees would be planted. Four low quality trees would be removed to open up views of the restored Old Sessions House.

Deliveries, servicing, refuse collections

Loading, deliveries and refuse collection would take place from four new designated loading bays.

Car users

Motorists would no longer be able to use Clerkenwell Green to travel between Clerkenwell Road and Farringdon Lane and between Clerkenwell Close and Aylesbury Street/ Sekforde Street. Alternative routes are available via the main road network, including Clerkenwell Road.

The road linking the Green to Aylesbury Street would become one-way eastbound and local access-only (no through-traffic allowed).

Clerkenwell Close (linking to Farringdon Lane) would remain two-way.

All 42 parking spaces on the Green would be removed. No new parking would be provided on the Green or nearby. Alternative parking is available a short walk away, at Vine Street Bridge, Farringdon Lane and Sekforde Street, and parking surveys indicate that there is sufficient capacity in these streets to accommodate any displaced parking from the Green.

Bus standing

The two bus stands currently located on Clerkenwell Green would be relocated to Farringdon Lane. The existing bus stand at the southern end of Farringdon Lane would remain in its current location. Some parking spaces on Farringdon Lane would be moved, however, there would be no net loss of parking on Farringdon Lane.

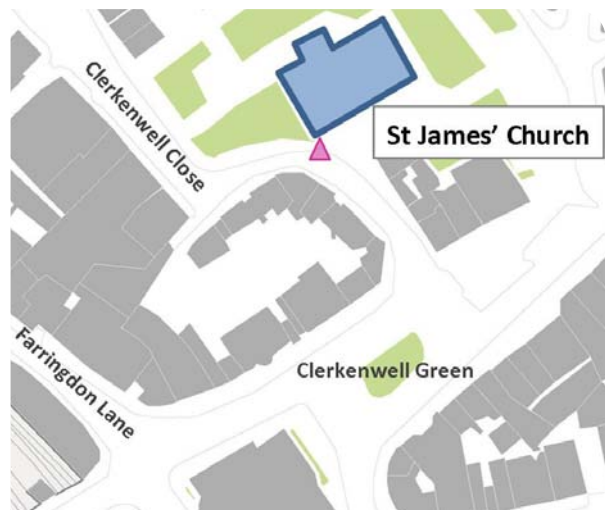
Find out more:

Visit www.islington.gov.uk/clerkenwellgreen

Attend our drop-in sessions at:

St James' Church, Clerkenwell Close, EC1R 0EA

- 5–8pm, Tuesday 3 October 2017
- 11am–2pm, Saturday 7 October 2017
- 3–6pm, Tuesday 10 October 2017



Have your say

There are several ways you can let us know what you think:

- Fill in the enclosed form and send it back to us
- Complete an online survey by following the link at www.islington.gov.uk/clerkenwellgreen
- Email clerkenwellgreen@islington.gov.uk

What happens next?

We need your comments by 30 October 2017.

The consultation results and information on the next steps of the project will be published in Autumn 2017 at: www.islington.gov.uk/clerkenwellgreen

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