



Paddington Places:

Westminster Healthy Streets Priorities

*Cities around the world are changing. Will Westminster
change enough to maintain its lead?*

Westminster Healthy Streets is encouraged and excited by the Paddington Places project that Westminster Council has started for the area around Paddington and the Westway.

We believe there is a balance to be struck between:

- Improving the current landscape for residents
- Facilitating travel to, from, and between areas that the boundary covers
- Attracting visitors and investment from all around the capital.

To this end, we see 5 key areas to focus on that, together, produce a coherent, ambitious, and equitable strategy for transforming this area:

1. Leverage Paddington Green and St Mary's Churchyard to serve the community.

Providing space for people to play, exercise and relax will afford continuous footfall, improving sense of safety and return on investment. Given the heavy development in close proximity (West End Gate etc.) this will provide vital 'green' relief to residents and workers.

2. Connect North and West Westminster for people on bike or foot. Dramatically improve and protect the active travel infrastructure whilst extending the investment impact of Paddington Basin/Central to support neighbouring areas.

3. Provide a strategic pedestrian and cycle route to/from Paddington Station. Build on the resources directed to the Paddington Green/St Mary's Churchyard area to allow people to travel through the area on bike or foot, as well as facilitating active travel for residents and workers between strategic points of Paddington Station and Marylebone Station.

4. Activate Warwick Avenue. Residents and visitors have long complained about the speeding traffic and dominance of cars in this area. In order to fully utilize the landscape and economic value of Paddington Basin and Little Venice, people need to be able to travel between these areas safely, spontaneously and regularly.

5. Create an iconic Garden Bridge. Attract visitors from the rest of the capital. Dramatically increase safety by limiting vehicular access which has caused multiple accidents this year. Provide a means and reason for people to travel via Westbourne Terrace Rd Bridge thus making use of the connection of North & West Westminster.

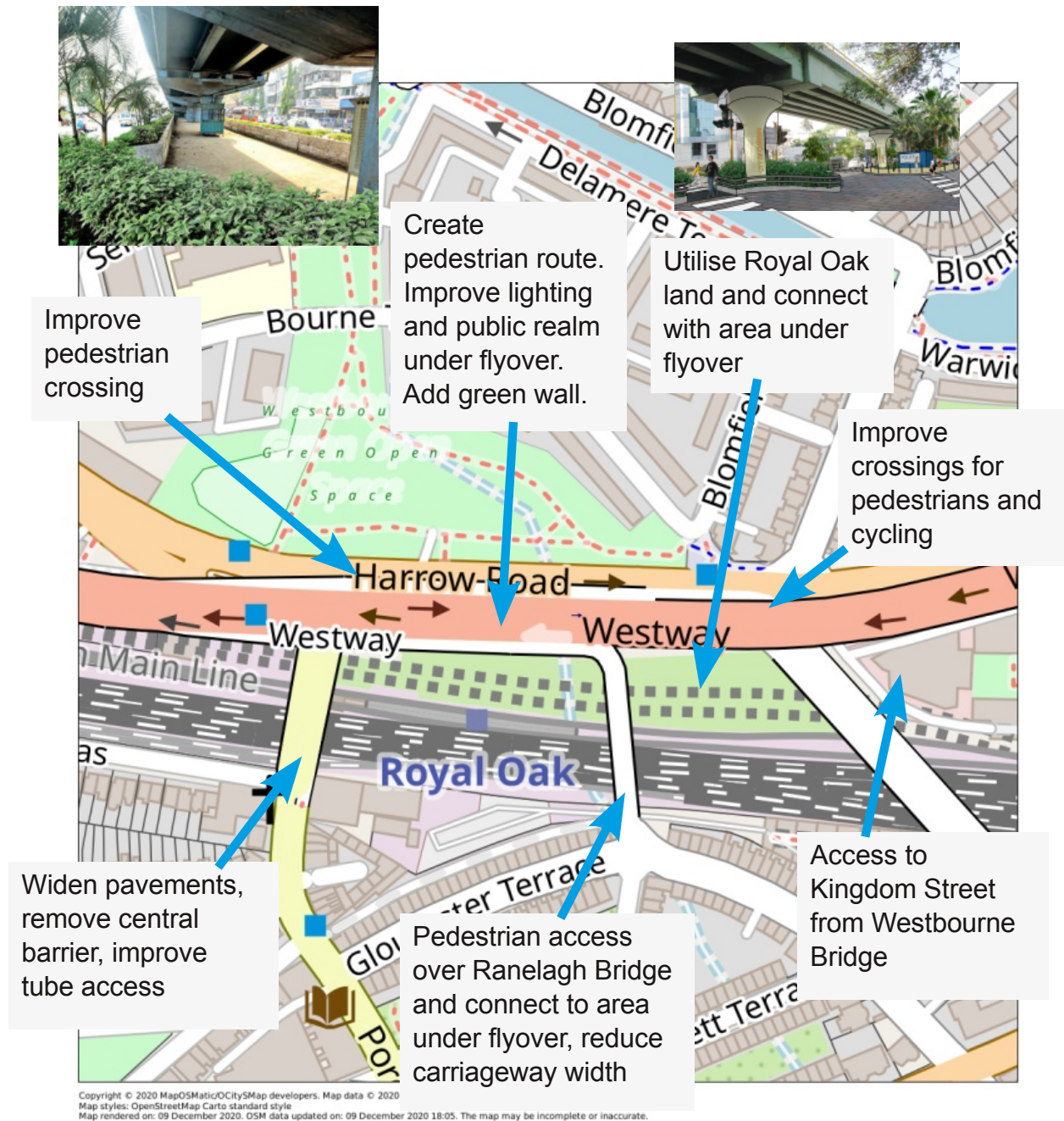
Transform Paddington Green & St Mary's Churchyard into a destination

- Serve the community and attract diverse footfall throughout the day.
- Remove unwelcoming barriers to green spaces by opening up the landscape & giving much-needed greenery to local residents.
- Pedestrianise west side of the green to provide space for gardens, play, seating.
- Provide space and facilities to young people who have limited access to similar services e.g. outdoor gym, skate park
- Limit the harmful impacts of the Westway and Harrow Road traffic through a shielding green wall.



Connect North and West Westminster for people on bike or foot

- Facilitate safe, healthy access under the Westway by improving lighting & public realm. Increase 'health' of the area through greening.
- Make crossings at all points safe, easy and attractive for pedestrians and cycling.
- Transform the land around Royal Oak, connecting strategic tube stop with heavily developed area in Paddington Central, increasing return on investment and providing support to businesses.



Provide a strategic pedestrian and cycle route to/from Paddington Station

- Afford safe access for cycling through providing cyclist phasing at traffic lights on Edgware Road, dedicated crossing over the canal, widened canal paths.
- Limit the traffic in Church St - Paddington Green area, allowing people on foot/bike to make use the destination.
- Increase safety & space for pedestrians, particularly local school children, crossing Harrow Road.
- Improve access around and through St Mary's Hospital.

The map shows a blue route starting from the canal area, crossing Harrow Road via a Westway, and continuing through Church Street and Salisbury Street. Key features and callouts include:

- Widen footpath and add cycle lane:** Located near St Mary's Churchyard.
- Improved crossings on Edgware Road:** Located near the West End Gate.
- Traffic reduction scheme:** Located near Salisbury Street.
- Safer cycling provision on Edgware Road:** Located near the West End Gate.
- Remove through-traffic:** Located near the West End Gate.
- Improve underpass:** Located near the A40 Westway.
- Better access through hospital:** Located near St Mary's Hospital.
- New or improved bridge for cycles:** Located near the canal.
- Widen path:** Located near the canal.

Inset images show: a wide green path with cyclists, a street crossing with a car and pedestrian, a modern bridge over a canal, a street view with a cycle lane, and a tunnel under a road.

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Activate Warwick Avenue

- Create a welcoming green space for people to meet, play, and build community.
- Transform central parking island into green space that improves public realm and draws visitors from the area.
- Calm high-speed traffic by decreasing road width.
- Provide pedestrian phasing at junction to improve safety for those on foot.



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Create an iconic garden bridge

Westbourne Terrace Road Bridge

- Attract visitors from the rest of the capital.
- Dramatically increase safety by limiting vehicular access which has caused multiple recent collisions.
- Open up the canal garden onto the bridge, providing seating, areas of play and relaxation.
- Increase safety of pedestrians and cyclists entering and exiting the canal path.



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Peckham Rye outdoor gym



Making Lewes Green Wall



Van Gogh Walk, Lambeth



Kings Cross

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Matunga under-flyover garden



Flyover – KSM Architecture



Blackfriars Bridge. CiTTI Magazine

Provide a strategic pedestrian and cycle route to/from Paddington Station



Carlton Vale



TfL London cycling Design Standards



Canal bridge, Holland



Cuyperpassage, Amsterdam

Activate Warwick Avenue



Pimlico Farmers' Market



Kielce, Świętokrzyskie, Poland



Urban Land institute

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Proposed Garden Bridge, River Ribble (Lancashire Evening Post)



St Mary's Secret Garden, Hoxton



Kings Cross



Garret Hostel Bridge, Cambridge