

A VISION FOR STRAWBERRY HILL VILLAGE

BACKGROUND

From Richmond's Local Plan: "The vision for Strawberry Hill...the **station will be improved** & the impact of through **traffic will be reduced** where possible. **Parking will be managed** to allow residents to **access local facilities** & **enjoy nearby open areas**. Cycling will be encouraged".

At a recent Question Time event in Strawberry Hill, residents of the local area had the chance to quiz a panel of councillors on a number of these topics, raising questions over the future of St. Mary's University, parking limitations in the local area, & **what can be done to improve the centre of Strawberry Hill Village**.

Architecture:WK is a local business - with a team including three local residents - looking to **help promote the enhancement** of Strawberry Hill Village. We hope that this presentation may act as a sounding board, or prospective detailed visioning work, in order to help **generate comment & further thinking** regarding the area. We would like to stress that this is not a finalised solution for our village, but rather a catalyst for discussion & action - a statement which aims to encourage a unified vision for the local area.

OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

1. Give Pedestrian Priority - make **landscape enhancements** to the area so that it works **better** both for the **businesses** & visiting **locals**.
2. Wellesley Parade - get the Parade working better as a civic space, both for **footfall to the shops**, the **enjoyment of residents** &, in so far as practical, to optimise the station for **drop off/waiting** to best **keep traffic moving** during level crossing closings.
3. Station West Side - **Improve** the platform, **cycle storage** area & the **pedestrian footpaths** around the back of Wellesley Court & towards Southfield Gardens. The objective is to ensure that the areas are **better used & feel safer** whilst **protecting the privacy of Wellesley Court** residents.
4. Station East Side - **Improve** the platform, bring back into beneficial **use the old station building**, & **improve Strawberry Hill Station cul-de-sac** to allow for **new station parking** & for **drop off/waiting** zones.
5. The Bridge - **re-make the pedestrian crossing** over the railway so that **more space** is created for pedestrians & cyclists waiting for the crossing to open, so the discharge from **the bridge is less close to the vehicle carriageway**, & to **help Wellesley Parade** work better as a **civic space**.

