As a part of Ealing Council’s Corridors and Neighbourhoods programme funded by Transport for London, proposals have been developed for the forecourt and road space adjacent to the Grade II English Heritage listed Northfields Station. Primarily the proposed improvements will be to rejuvenate, improve accessibility and functionality of the forecourt of Northfields Station.

Northfields Station has been identified as a place that could use improving to bring it up to a standard that Charles Holden envisaged when designing this station, which was originally completed in 1932. London Underground and Conservation officers have been consulted throughout the development of proposed improvements for this Grade II listed English Heritage site.

Council officers have discussed these proposals with your Ward Councillors and are now seeking your views and comments.

Details of the proposals can be seen on the consultation drawing overleaf. Your views are an important factor in the Council’s decision-making process and contribute towards the decision to proceed. Please read through the information provided and then complete and return the enclosed questionnaire – in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Thank you for taking the time to respond.

The closing date for this consultation is 17 February 2012

Please return your completed questionnaire using the envelope provided or, if you would prefer, this consultation can be completed online at www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations
Northfields Station improvements

Existing Problems
Existing problems identified at Northfields Station:

- Insufficient number of cycle stands and covered cycle stands;
- Excessive traffic speed along Northfield Avenue;
- Guard-rail creating a visual obstruction between vehicles and pedestrians;
- Lack of defined loading place near the entrance to Northfields Station;
- Lack of directional information signage to let pedestrians know which way they need to walk/travel to get to nearby places of interest;
- Low-level inefficient lighting of the station forecourt.

Proposals
The proposals involve improving modal interchange and managing traffic flow along Northfield Avenue, while addressing shortcomings for loading in the area and maintaining space for the independent flower stall operator. Details of the proposals are as follows:

- Increase the number of cycle parking places to accommodate the expected demand for cyclists riding to the station to get on the London Underground Network;
- Providing a cover for all cycle stands on the left and right of the station forecourt that matches and complements the station building style;
- Overlay the carriageway and introduce high friction surfacing at the signalised crossing location to create a raised shared area to slow down traffic and improve breaking performance for vehicles passing the entrance to Northfields Station;
- Replace part of the guard-rail on both sides of Northfield Avenue with guard-rail that has better inter-visibility or bollards so pedestrians approaching the signalised crossing location can be seen;
- Provide a new inset loading bay on Northfield Avenue so vehicles will no longer need to drive and park on the footway forecourt;
- Provide clear directional signage to nearby places of interest; and
- Change the existing lighting for a more efficient style that complements the look and feel of the English Heritage listed building.

The Benefits

- Higher capacity for the users of cycle parking provisions;
- Improved pedestrian safety at the signalised pedestrian crossing;
- Provision of loading area to protect pedestrians from vehicles driving on station forecourt;
- Improved aesthetics of the forecourt through the introduction of footway paving; and
- Overall improved aesthetics and feeling of place.

Your Views
The Council would like to know your views in order to implement the right scheme in the area. Please examine the plan overleaf and make your views known to us by Friday 17 February 2012.

What Happens Next
The responses to the questionnaire enclosed will be analysed and reported to your Ward Councillors. Taking into account the views of residents and businesses as expressed in this consultation, a decision will then be taken regarding implementation of the scheme.