

# STATION GATEWAY - PHASE 1

## Introduction

Crawley Borough Council (CBC) is pleased to bring forward draft concept proposals to physically transform the public spaces on the Martlets, Haslett Avenue West and Friary Way, and deliver major improvements to the operation of the bus station in the heart of Crawley town centre. These proposals represent phase one of the "Station Gateway" scheme, known as such because of its proximity to Crawley railway station - a major gateway into Crawley which has recently seen major investment from Network Rail in a modernised station facility.

These proposals are deliverable thanks to government and local authority capital funding allocated from a combination of - the Crawley Growth Programme and the Crawley Towns Fund. Further details about these funds can be found on the Crawley Borough Council web site. [crawley.gov.uk](http://crawley.gov.uk)

This is just the first phase in an ambitious plan, driven by the Council's Town Centre Regeneration Programme, to attract tens of millions of pounds of private investment in new residential, retail, and commercial development in the Station Gateway area, generating hundreds of new homes and jobs, which benefit Crawley residents.

The Council is committed to progressing the proposals in close dialogue with key stakeholders, including West Sussex County Council, Metrobus, Network Rail, Arora Group, the Crawley Town Centre Business Improvement District and County Mall.

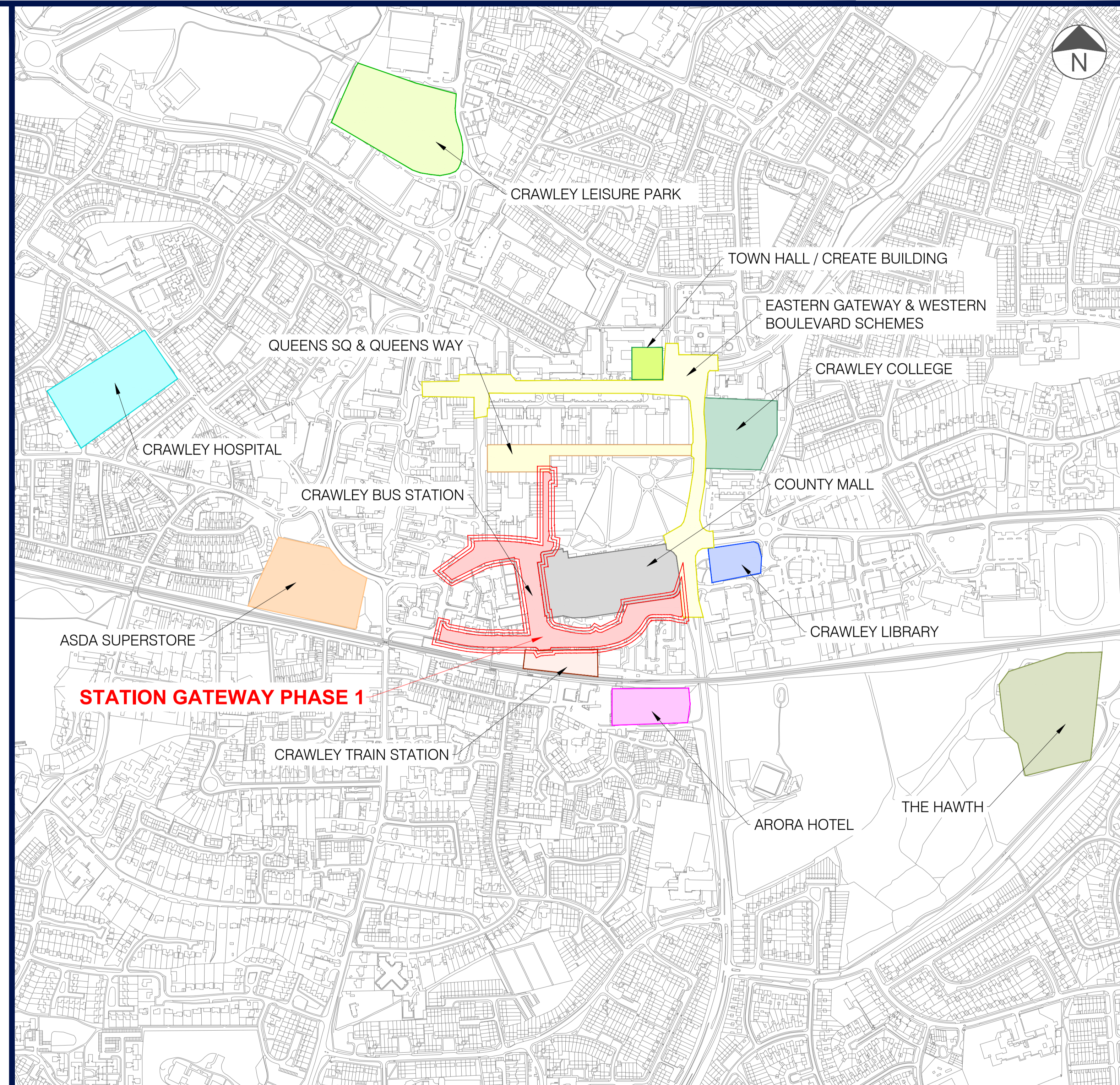
## What: The Proposals

Phase 1 of the Station Gateway scheme is a proposed £7.4 million investment to:

- Refresh and regenerate the Martlets pedestrian zone
- Increase the pedestrian thoroughfare on Haslett Avenue West and improve its quality
- Improve the Bus Station and its layout on Friary Way, expanding the pedestrian paving;
- Reconfigure the Station Way / Friary Way road junction and pedestrian crossings
- Enhance cycle route connectivity to the bus station
- Prepare for future phases of the Station Gateway scheme and further funding bids to the government for significant new bus infrastructure at the bus station and on Station Way.

## Why: The Benefits

- Provide physical improvements to the public spaces on Friary Way, the Martlets and Haslett Avenue West, creating a better-connected transport hub for pedestrians and cyclists between the railway station, bus station and the wider town centre
- Deliver an enhanced bus station with improved bus and traffic flows around Friary Way including a dedicated left-hand turn for buses from Friary Way onto Station Way
- Upgrade, reconfigure and maximise bus operational capacity within the bus station to boost the successful provision of bus services across the town
- Improve the efficiency of bus movements, whilst also upholding the safety of more vulnerable road users
- Improve the experience of bus passengers using the bus station
- Provide high quality, distinctive and enjoyable public spaces for residents, visitors and town centre workers, boosting footfall and vitality in the town centre and encouraging a stronger sense of place
- Add quality soft landscaping to the space with a variety of planting and greenery to soften the appearance of the area and enhance the quality of the environment
- Provide continuous and safe cyclist access to the edge of the pedestrian-only core shopping area and to the wider cycle network
- Ensure the space is accessible to all users including children, older people, people with disabilities, workers, residents, and visitors who will be using the space at different times of the day and night
- Provide continuity with other successfully delivered improvement schemes in Crawley town centre including Queens Square / Queensway, The Boulevard and Eastern Gateway
- Transform the living and working environment to help unlock prestigious private sector investment and development including high-quality new residential accommodation, and new business and retail space.



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## STATION GATEWAY SCHEME PHASE 1 PLANS AND VISUAL IMAGES OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The following plans and images illustrate each specific improvement envisaged to the public spaces and to the bus, pedestrian, and cyclist infrastructure.  
The plans specify the geographic location of each improvement and the images which follow provide a visual impression of the transformed public spaces.

1. Reconfigure existing bus station
2. Provision of 11 no bus stops
3. Turning facility for a north bound bus to return south
4. Turning facility for a south bound bus to return north
5. Bus layover facilities provided
6. Single central bus passenger pick up and drop off location
7. Improved public realm space with new paving, street furniture and hard / soft landscaping
8. Dedicated bus left out on to Station Way
9. Improvements to existing roundabout geometry to enable planned larger buses
10. East bound on carriageway cycle lane
11. West bound on carriageway cycle lane
12. Improve direct crossing facilities across Station Way
13. Relocation and possible upgrade of CCTV
14. Possible Introduction of a 20mph zone along Station Way
15. Improvement to station car park entrance
16. East bound bus lane
17. West bound bus lane
18. Relocation of Taxi rank for 4 Vehicles (entry and exit on Haslet Ave west)
19. Feature paving to attract public towards town centre, including improved public realm to the Martletts
20. Closure of existing station vehicular entrance. Exit retained for West and East Bound Flow
21. Bus Driver drop off / Pick up Point

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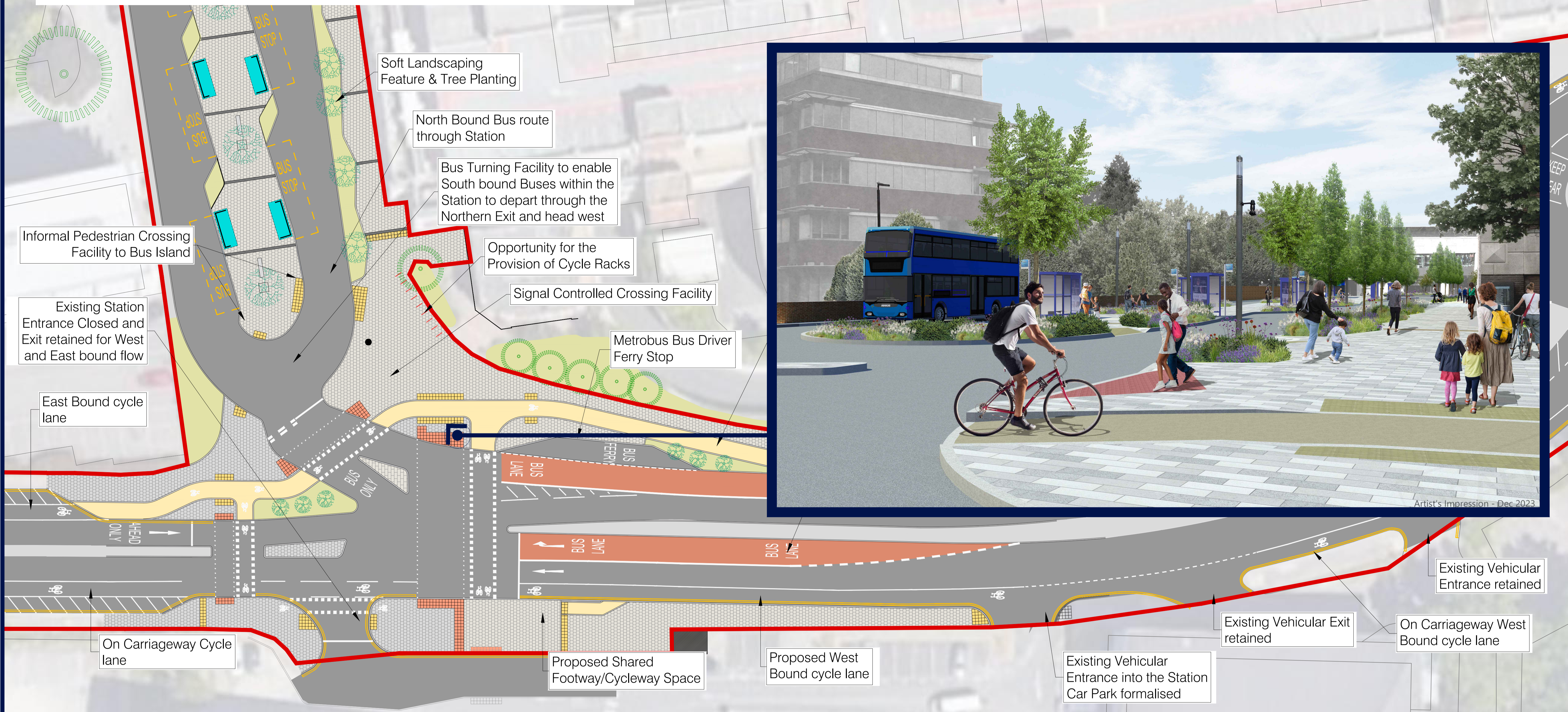
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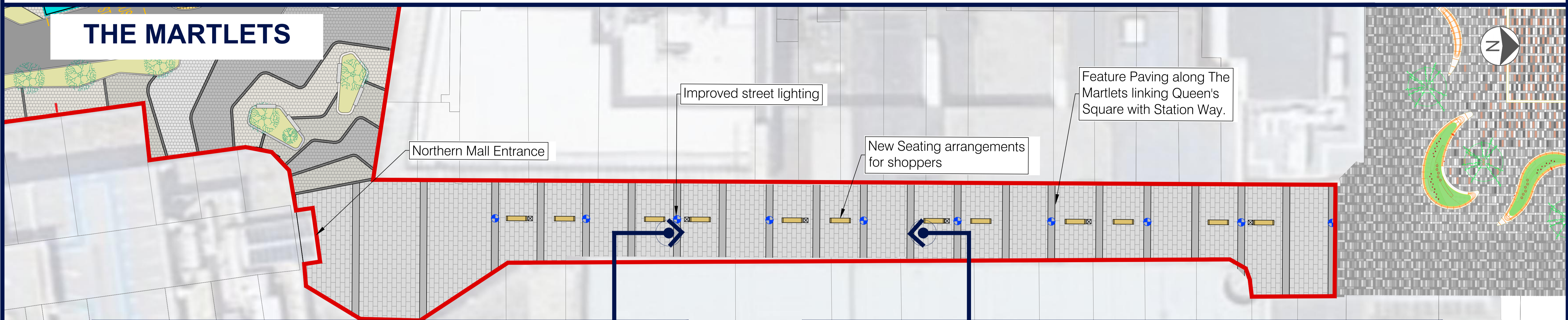


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## STATION GATEWAY - PHASE 2 VISUALS - BUS ISLAND CANOPY (Subject to Funding)

The Council has ambitious plans to deliver further major bus station infrastructure improvements, working closely with West Sussex County Council, Metrobus and the Department for Transport.

The below draft 'Phase 2' images outline our aspirations to secure significant future funding from the government to unlock investment in a new bus station canopy structure as a centrepiece on the proposed bus island.

The canopy structure, which is illustrated indicatively on these images, will form part of a separate phase of work, subject to the required further funding being secured.



## Public Consultation: We Welcome Your Comments and Feedback

Crawley Borough Council is consulting publicly on the Station Gateway Phase 1 scheme proposals. The public consultation period runs from 19 February until 18 March 2024.

The Council is inviting comments and feedback from residents, businesses and stakeholders on the proposals set out in these consultation materials for the Station Gateway Phase 1 scheme.

These proposals will be refined, developed, and progressed further, taking account of the feedback received as part of this consultation. The Council intends to prepare and submit a planning application later in the year once more detailed proposals have been drawn up.

If you wish to respond to this Public Consultation, you can do so via the following means:

- In-person at Town Hall (entrance foyer), on Thursday 29 February, 6pm to 7:30pm
- In-person at County Mall (ground floor central concourse), on Thursday 7 March, 10am to 2pm and Thursday 14 March, 3pm to 6pm.
- On-line using the QR code, or via [crawley.gov.uk/consultation](https://www.crawley.gov.uk/consultation)

We look forward to your contribution.



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