

Package 7 – Watford Central

The overarching aim of Package 7 is:

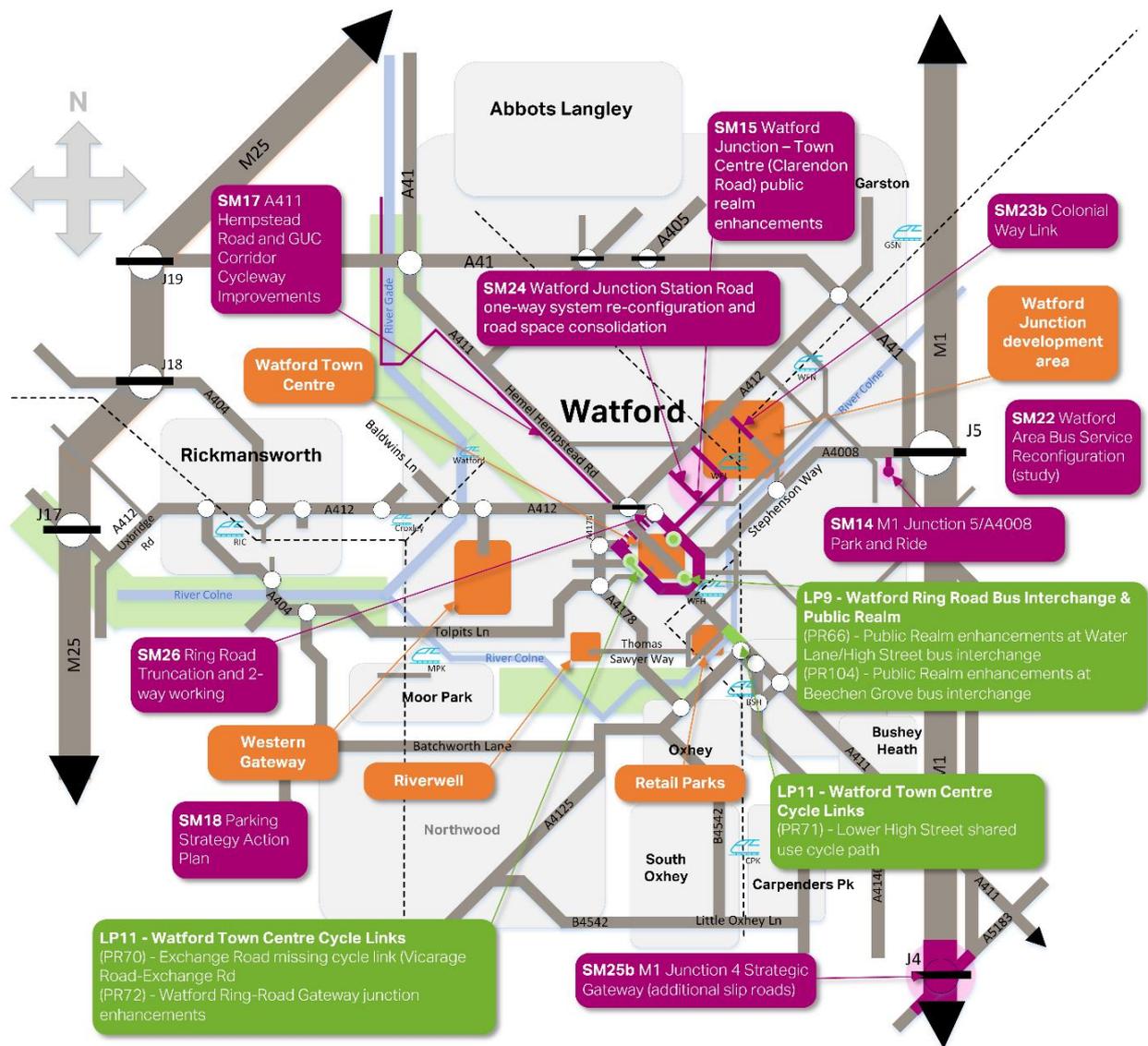
To reduce traffic congestion in Watford town centre by enhancing infrastructure which benefits journeys made on foot, by bicycle and by bus, and provide new route options for traffic which avoid busy urban roads.

The package consists of:

- Significant public realm enhancements on Watford Ring Road.
- Truncation of the Watford Ring Road and a new bus- and cycle-only link bridge at Colonial Way.
- The introduction of slips at M1 Junction 4 to allow all movements between the M1 and A41, alongside a Park and Ride facility at M1 Junction 5.

Reference		Scheme or Project Name	Concept description
LP9	PR66	Public Realm enhancements at Water Lane/High Street bus interchange	Enhance public realm at bus interchanges on the edges of the town centre adjacent to the ring road, e.g. Water Lane/High Street and Charter Place.
	PR104	Public Realm enhancements at Beechen Grove bus interchange	
LP11	PR70	Exchange Road missing cycle link (Vicarage Road)	Exchange Road enhancements north-west of Vicarage Road junction. Off road cycle provision by altering elongated 'give way' area and relocating variable message sign.
	PR71	Lower High Street shared use cycle path	Shared use cycle path between Bushey Arches and Dalton Way including provision of new cycle/pedestrian bridge over the River Colne or reducing the road width and reallocating space to footways
	PR72	Watford Ring-Road gateway junction enhancements	Enhancements to improve cycle, pedestrian facilities: Market St; Clarendon Rd; Estcourt Rd; Lower High St. Introduce 20mph speed limit on sections adjacent to gateway junctions (maintain 30mph on other sections).
SM14		Watford M1 J5 Park and Ride	Park & Ride at Watford M1/A41 J5 to the north east of the town centre. Car parking facilities that allow for car users to park on outskirts of town and then use bus link to the town centre.
SM15		Watford Junction -Town Centre (Clarendon Road) public realm enhancements	Enhance the public realm between Watford Junction station and the town centre along Clarendon Road. Improve pedestrian facilities and cycling and enforce pedestrian and cyclist priority over motorised vehicles.
SM17		A411 Hempstead Road and Grand Union Canal Corridor cycle improvements	Cycle Lane (on or off road) along A411 Hempstead Road (Watford) plus enhance the section in front of West Herts College between A411 and High Street. Additional general improvements along the Grand Union Canal corridor and improvements at Grove Mill Ln area to improve connectivity to the Towpath from A411.

SM18	Parking Strategy Action Plan (includes cycle parking provision and regulation of freight deliveries)	A parking strategy to identify current constraints and future demand for car and cycle parking in Watford town centre, as well as to identify the impact of freight deliveries.
SM22	Watford Area Bus Service Reconfiguration (study)	A study to identify potential reconfiguration of bus services throughout Watford and connections to neighbouring settlements to provide efficient routes across the town with the aim of maximising connections to the town centre, Watford & Croxley business parks, and retail parks.
SM23a	Colonial Way -St Albans Road all traffic link	New all traffic link road comprising of a bridge over the Abbey Line connecting Colonial Way (east) and A412 St Albans Road (west).
SM23b	Colonial Way-St Albans Road bus and cycle only link	New bus and cycle only link road comprising of a bridge over the Abbey Line connecting Colonial Way (east) with the planned Watford Junction development.
SM24	Watford Junction one-way system re-configuration and road space consolidation	Removal of one westbound lane towards St Albans Road junction and increasing width of footways/cycleways. Re-configuration of the one-way system -reversing one-ways on St John's Rd and Woodford Road and making Clarendon Road northern section one-way northbound only.
SM25b	Watford Strategic Gateway - M1 J4 focus	Additional 'missing' slip roads on the M1 at Junction 4 (Elstree Hill) to improve access to the M1 South and reduce M1 South traffic within Watford town centre area.
SM26	Two-way Ring Road and Truncation	Convert the ring road to two-way working and truncate the road at the Exchange Road Bridge (with Upton Road/Rickmansworth Road/Beechen Grove acting as a more substantial part of the 'ring road').



Package 7 preferred combination