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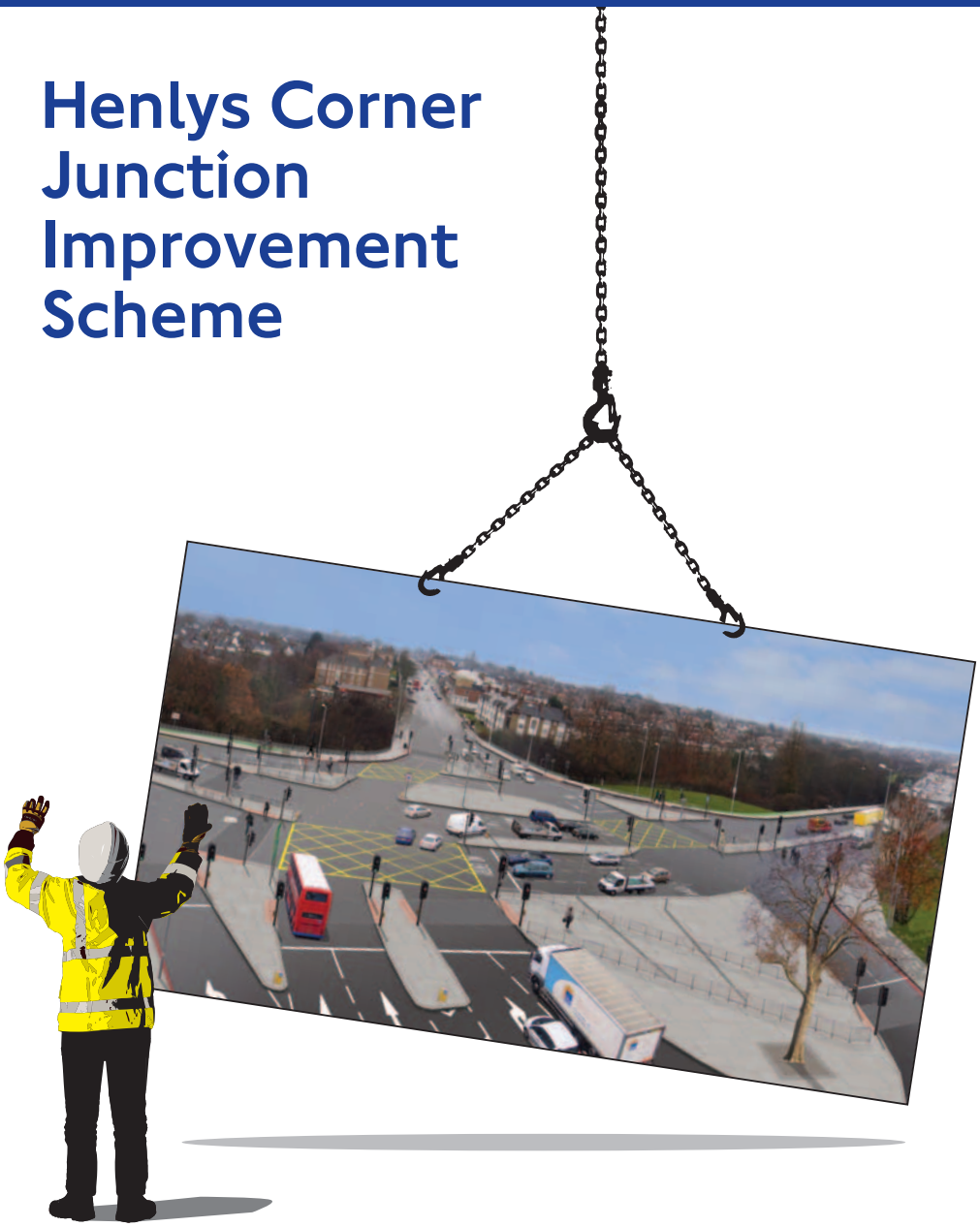
Henlys Corner Junction Improvement Scheme



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Introduction

As you may already know, Transport for London (TfL) and London Borough of Barnet are planning a major improvement to the busy Henlys Corner junction on the A406 North Circular Road.

In May 2009, you may have received a leaflet detailing our plans for the junction and giving you the opportunity to tell us your thoughts on the scheme. At that time we received almost 800 responses, out of which 85 per cent agreed or strongly agreed with our proposals. The project has since received further support from the local community and other key interested parties.

In February 2011 we started work on the scheme, beginning with some footway and grassed area works. This will be followed by the main road works which are planned to start in early April. This leaflet will provide some important information to keep you informed about what's happening, when it's happening and why.

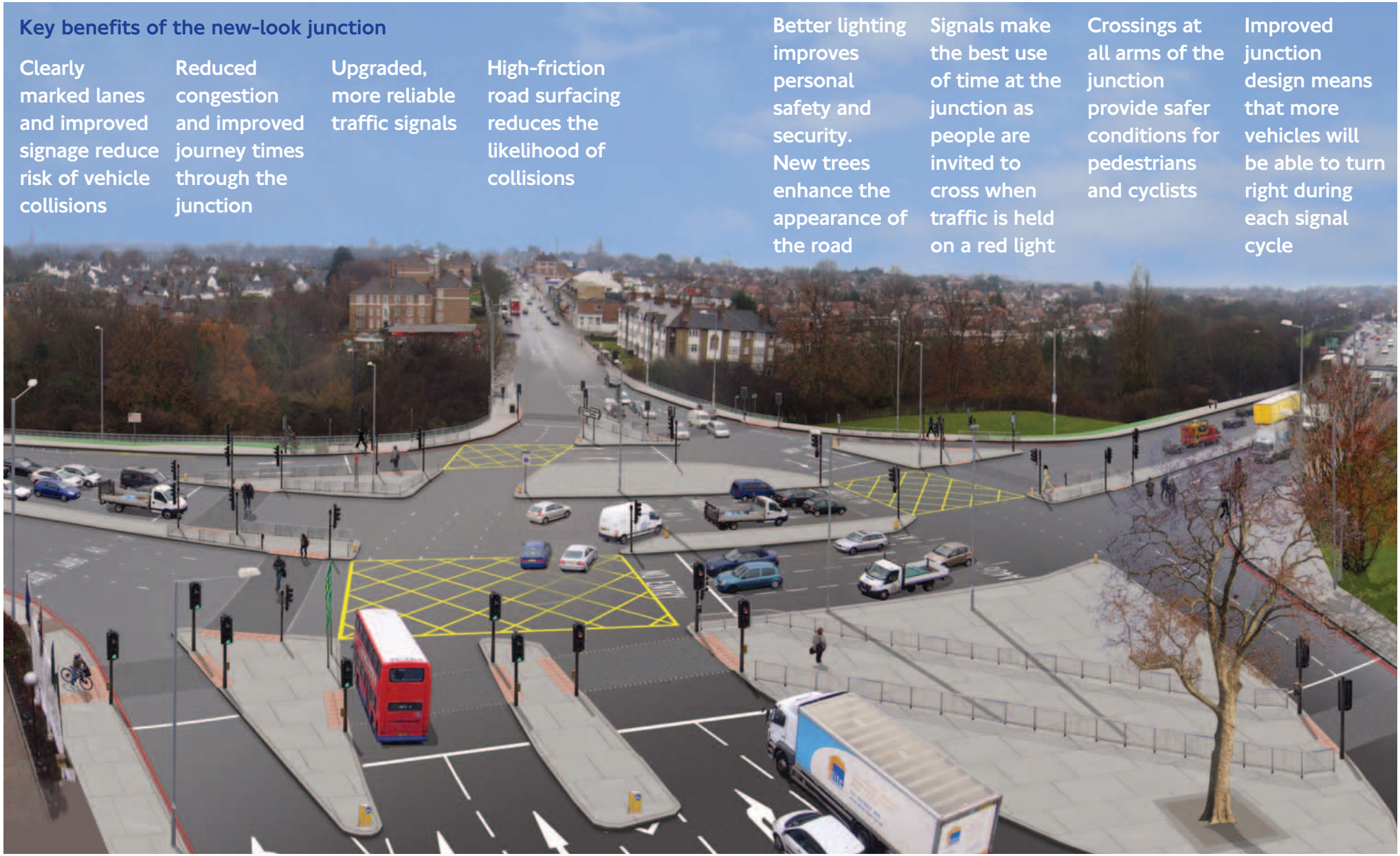
Why are the changes at Henlys Corner necessary?

At the moment pedestrians, particularly those who have mobility difficulties, can find it challenging to cross the junction. The risks people sometimes take due to a lack of signal-controlled crossing points can be dangerous. Because of this, the junction prevents some people from walking or cycling in the area.

The current layout is also problematic for motorists turning right from Regents Park Road and Finchley Road, resulting in traffic queues that can be over half a kilometre long.

The changes will provide a solution to both of these issues, bringing safer, signal-controlled crossings for pedestrians and cyclists while smoothing the flow of traffic by changing the layout of the road. The redesign also means that the appearance of the area will be improved, with landscaped areas and less clutter on the street.

Your new-look Henlys Corner



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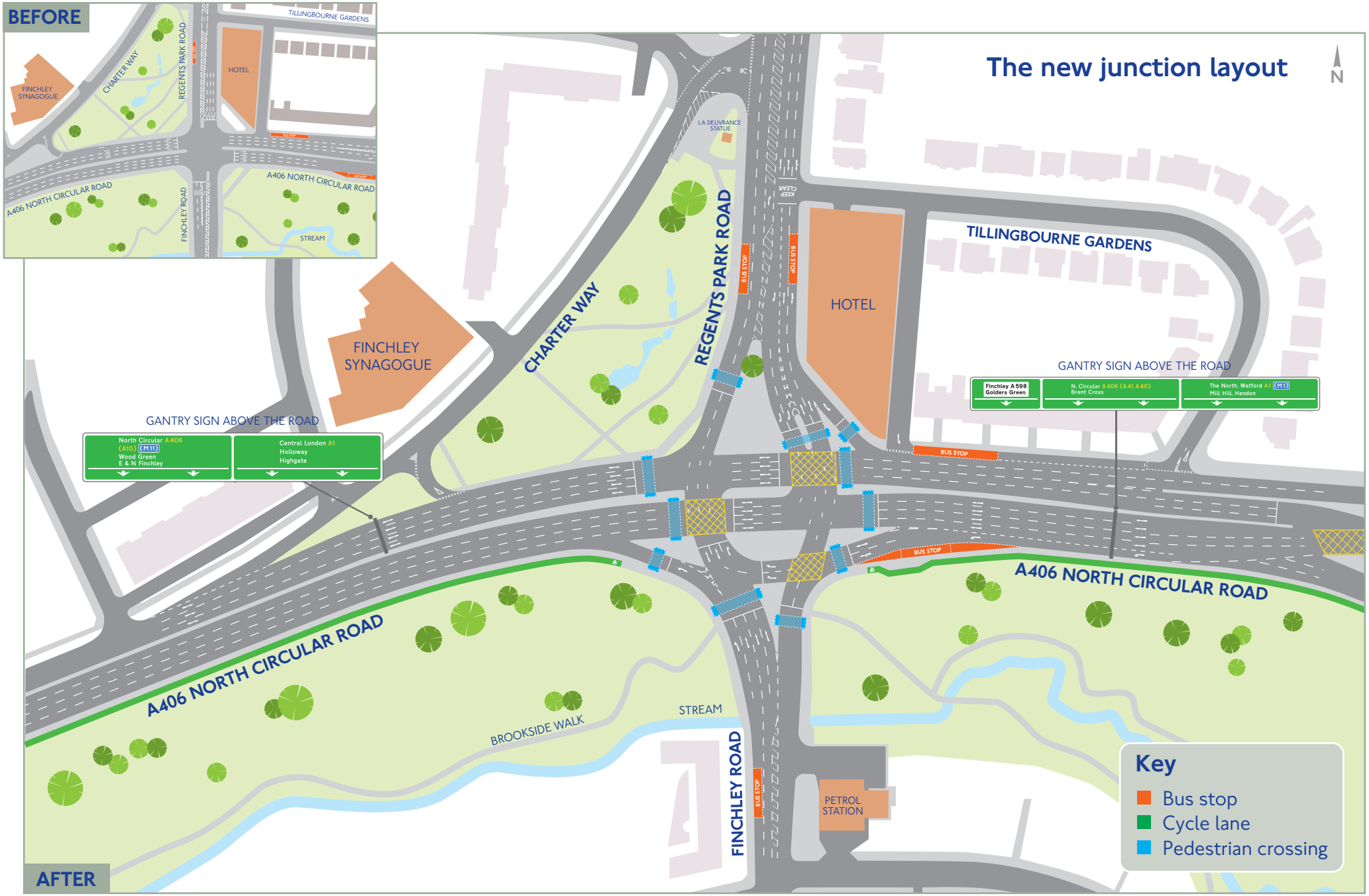

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The works: what's happening and when

Work on the footway and grassed areas began in February 2011.
The main work is due to start in April and complete by December 2011.

Work will occur in four main phases. Between each phase there may be short term modifications to allow for the change from one phase to another. For the duration of the main works, all right turns at the junction will be banned and consistent local diversions will be put in place to create a safe works area and minimise the impact of the work on traffic flow through the junction.

Phase one

- Carriageway work on the A406 is undertaken to enable the contra-flow system to be put in.

- Some tree removal takes place to make way for the alterations to the junction. New trees will be planted at a later phase.
- Construction of contractor's temporary site office.

Phase two

To enable work to be begin on the Finchley Road side of the junction, traffic is diverted on to the eastbound side of the A406 using the temporary contra-flow.

This is the longest phase of work, as the majority of alterations are being made to this side of the junction.

Phase three

Temporary contra-flow is changed to direct traffic along the westbound carriageway of the A406 so that work can start on the Regents Park Road side of the junction.

Phase four

Work begins in the central area of the junction and the temporary contra-flow is removed.

Two lanes of traffic remain in each direction during daytime hours through all four phases, but it may be necessary to reduce this to one lane at night when traffic levels are lower to allow for resurfacing work to be carried out.

Traffic impact on your neighbourhood

Throughout the works, consistent diversions will be put in place to allow traffic to navigate through the area without having to turn right at the Henlys Corner junction.

We are working with Barnet Council to ensure that where possible temporary restrictions on parking, bus stops and signage and other issues support our joint efforts to reduce congestion on diversion routes.

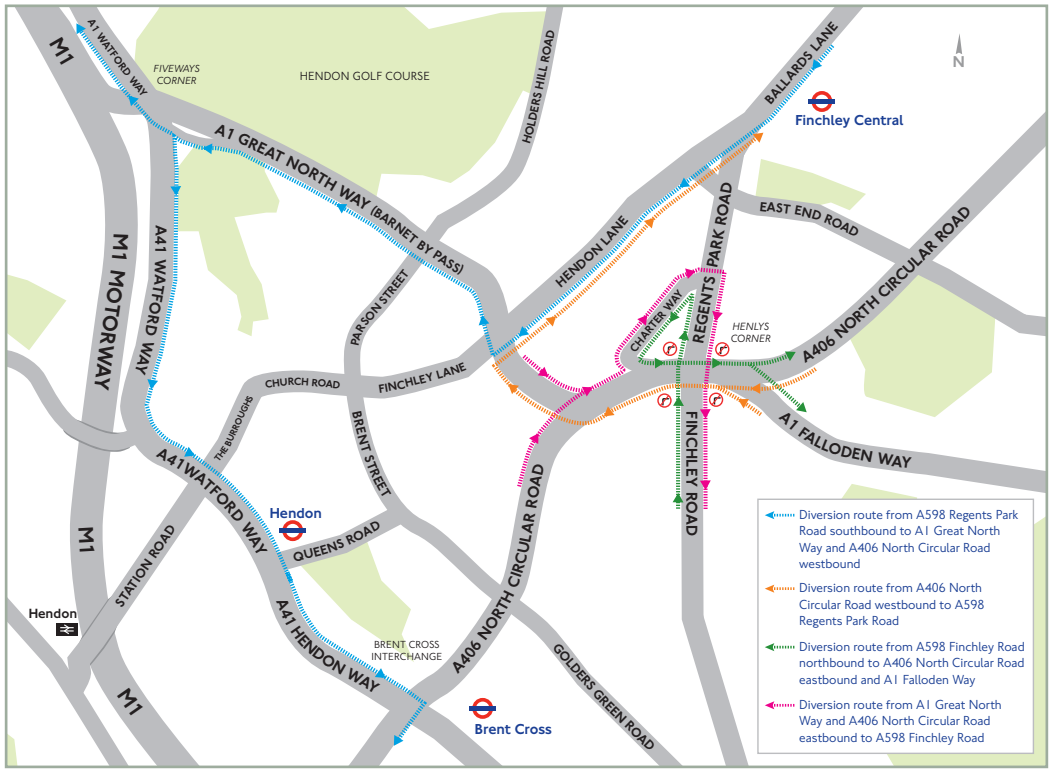
These diversions are designed to direct through traffic, in particular HGVs, along main roads instead of residential streets. We recognise that local regular drivers will probably find their own alternative routes.

Some daytime queuing on the approach roads and some congestion along alternative routes is unavoidable. To ease this, throughout construction we will:

- use CCTV to monitor the traffic impact and remotely change the signal timings of the surrounding junctions in order to minimise traffic disruption
- continue to work with Barnet Council to manage the traffic impacts on local roads
- liaise with Barnet Council to ensure that important roads in the surrounding area are cleared of road works as far as practicable

The junction of Henlys Corner intersects the A406 North Circular Road approximately three miles southwest of Telford Road, where construction of TfL's Bounds Green improvement scheme is taking place.

Although constructing both schemes at the same time will cause some additional traffic impact it results in a lower overall cost to London's road users and will ensure that disruption on the A406 ends by spring 2012, rather than continuing until mid-2013.



Buses

Route 102 towards Edmonton Green will run from Finchley Road onto Charter Way, down Regents Park Road and turn left at the A406 to resume the normal route. Buses 82, 460 and 232 will follow their usual routes. There will be some temporary relocation of bus stops during the works; the exact location of the replacement stops will be notified on site.

Working hours

As congestion cannot be avoided, particularly during peak hours, we aim to reduce the duration of this disruption by arranging for our contractor to work extended hours. Tarmac will therefore work from 7am to 7pm, seven days per week to carry out the works on our behalf.

TfL Investment Programme

This project is part of TfL's Investment Programme, which funds works that improve London's transport system and enhance the urban environment.

TfL manages the red routes, 580km of London's most important roads which carry a third of the city's traffic despite representing only five per cent of the Capital's roads.

Contact details

A representative from our contractor, Tarmac, will be available to answer any of your questions about Henlys Corner at their site office, situated on Brookside Walk. Access from west side of North Circular Rd (opposite Fairholme Gardens) only.

For general information on the scheme, you can take a look at our website or get in touch using the contact details below:

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