

# Realising the vision Masterplan

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## 1 MINSTEAD GARDENS

Refurbishment and extension of existing sheltered bungalows

## 2 PORTSWOOD PLACE

The location for the new nursery, children's centre, retail space and improved community facilities

## 3 CENTRAL PLAY SPACE

Improved and upgraded play space facilities at Alton Activity Centre

## 4 DANEBURY RETAIL

A new retail parade with shops lining both sides of the street

## 5 VILLAGE SQUARE

A new and vibrant public space that's adaptable to wide-ranging community activities

## 6 NEW MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A contemporary and spacious building containing the new library, GP surgery, cafe and other flexible spaces for community uses

## 7 DOWNSHIRE FIELD

Improved and upgraded playspace and wider improvements



"The multi-purpose community facility looks promising. Outdoor play areas are a good idea and appear to consider a range of different uses."

"There is going to be a new cafe, GP surgery and a new big library."

**1,103**  
NEW HOMES INCLUDING  
188 REPLACEMENT COUNCIL  
RENT AND 69 EQUITY SHARE/  
INTERMEDIATE HOMES

**10,545 SQM**  
NON-RESIDENTIAL USAGE

**1,825 SQM**  
OF PLAY PROVISION  
APPROXIMATELY

**710**  
PARKING SPACES  
APPROXIMATELY, ON STREET  
145 WITHIN PODIUM 565

**1,900**  
RESIDENTS' CYCLE SPACES

## The new bus turnaround on Danebury Avenue

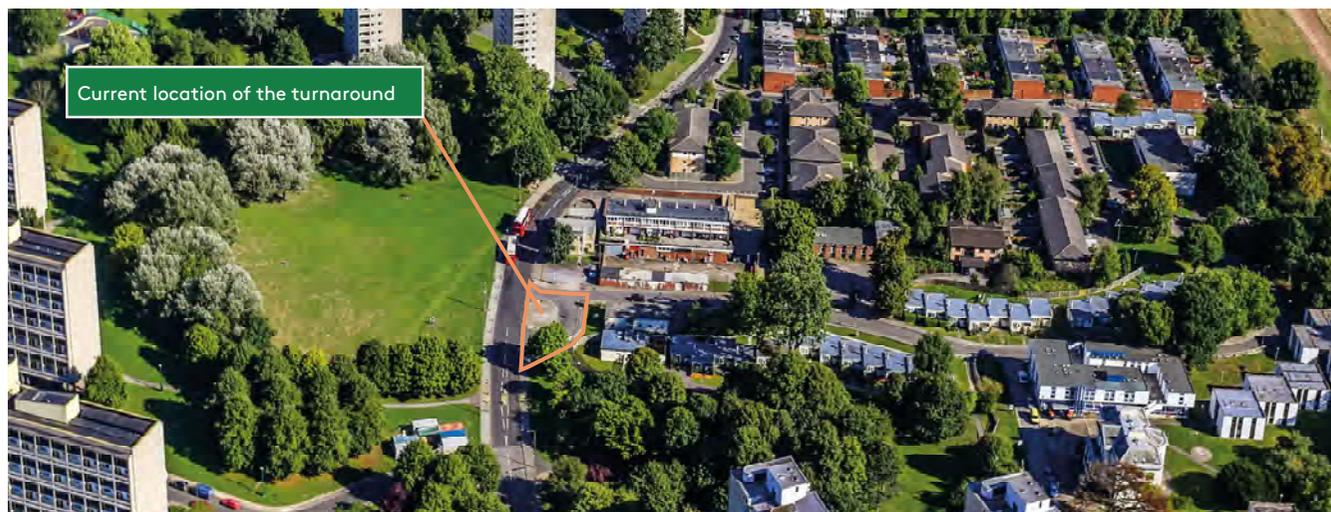
### Why is it needed?

Improving the bus turnaround on Danebury Avenue has always been considered an important part of the regeneration of the Alton Estate.

The small size of the current bus turnaround at Minstead Gardens means that buses have to wait at stands on Danebury Avenue before departing. This often leads to long queues of buses that cause delays and impact on the safety of this busy crossing point from Downshire Field to Portswood Place. It also impacts on the heritage value of the parkland scenery and key views from Downshire Field to Mount Clare.

A majority of residents have expressed support for the proposed move in previous consultations and today's event has been organised to give you more information on how these plans have been developing and answer any questions you may have.

- The regeneration offers an opportunity to provide a new, improved bus turnaround that will allow buses to turn around and wait off the Danebury Avenue carriageway, without causing a visual impact on the open parkland views
- Additional bus stops on Danebury Avenue, close to Tunworth Crescent will bring buses further into Alton West, improving accessibility
- Moving the bus turnaround will allow for a new and improved streetscape between Downshire Field and Portswood Place. This will make crossing the road safer and greatly improve accessibility in the area and connection to the new community facilities at Portswood Place and beyond (including a potential future connection to Richmond Park)
- The new bus turnaround is scheduled to be delivered as part of the first phase of regeneration works and will be complete and operational by 2021



Current situation looking east, showing single space current bus turnaround and queuing buses on the carriageway



Current situation looking west, showing long queue of buses

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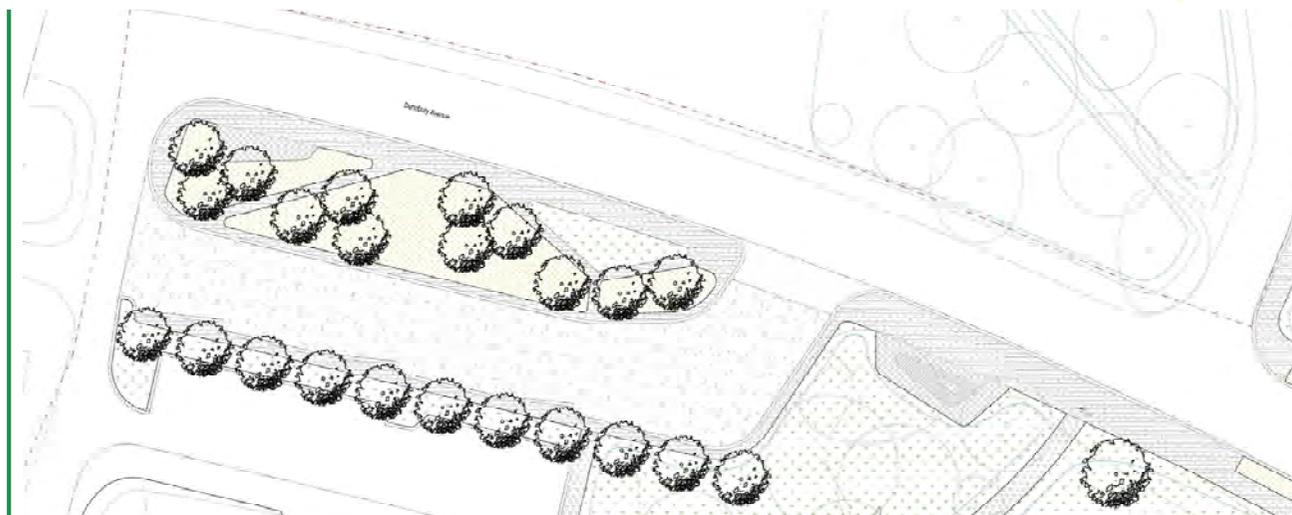
### What is proposed?

#### What will the bus turnaround provide?

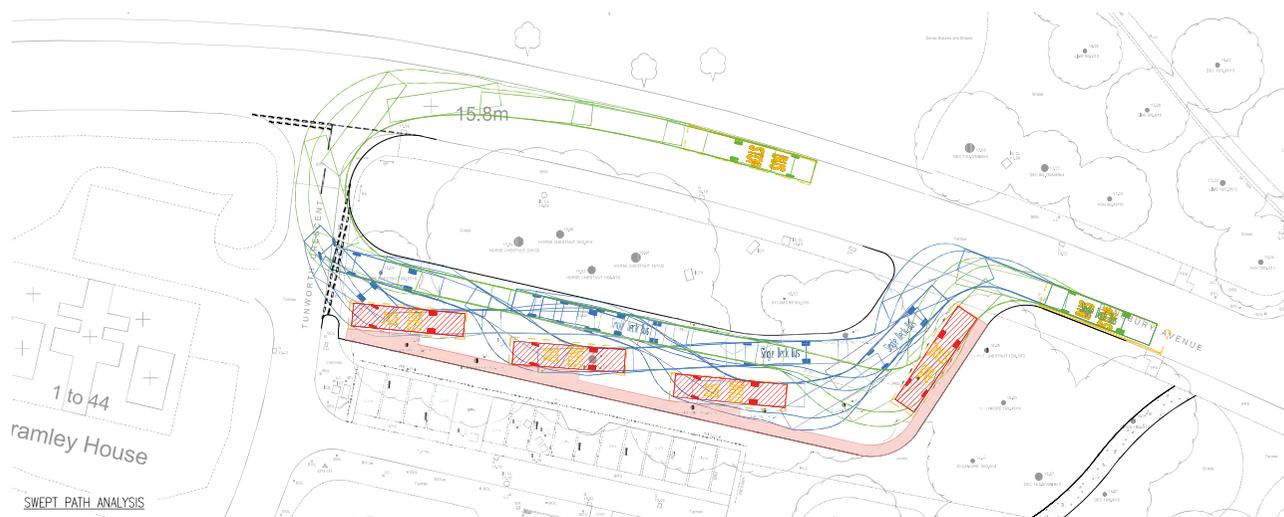
- The new bus turnaround will be located next to the junction with Tunworth Crescent, bringing buses further into Alton West, making the bus routes more accessible to residents
- The Tunworth Crescent site allows for a capacity of four buses to access the turnaround independently, without having to wait for buses already present to move

#### Why have we chosen this location?

- The location has been carefully considered as the best location to achieve the objective of relocating the bus turnaround
- As proposed in the masterplan, an alternative location on the north edge of Danebury Avenue, to the east of Highcliffe Drive was also considered, however this location was too close to the parkland area and would not have provided enough capacity for waiting buses



Plan demonstrating scale of new bus turnaround



Plan showing capacity for four buses, space for independent stand access and additional bus stops on Danebury Avenue (Note: these will be bus stops as opposed to bus stands and will be for boarding and alighting.)

#### Engagement with Historic England

- Initial engagement with Historic England suggested that the bus turnaround was not an original feature of the estate and the queues of buses on the centre of the main open grassed landscape was causing harm to the original design
- A site visit in October 2017 confirmed Historic England's preference for the site at Tunworth Crescent as it is the only potential site that will remove buses entirely from the Downshire Field landscape and provide a much greater overall enhancement to the landscape significance of the estate as well as views to and from Mount Clare

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### Design features

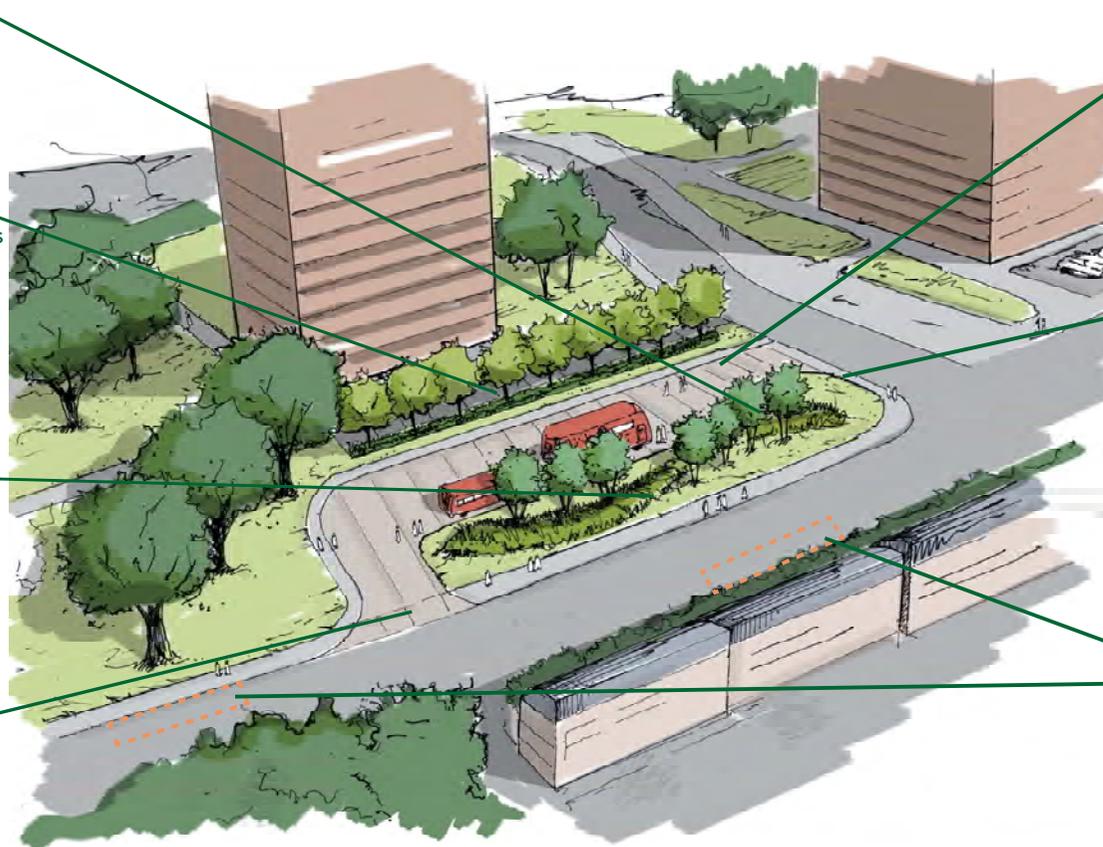
We are keen to ensure any impacts the proposed new bus turnaround may have on neighbouring residents and the wider community are mitigated. We are proposing a number of design features which will offset the necessary removal of existing trees and provide a strong buffer to reduce the visual impact.

The creation of a landscaped 'bund' with wildflower planting will mitigate views towards the bus stop from the road.

Existing trees will be replaced with new, semi-mature, evergreen species that will mitigate views of the turnaround.

A tree line and evergreen hedge buffer will mitigate views from current residences on the opposite side of Danebury Avenue.

Crossing points will either be drop-kerb or raised surface to ensure accessibility. Bus drivers will have good visibility to allow pedestrians time to cross.



The turnaround has been designed to allow a capacity of four buses to use it at once. Stands will be accessed independently with buses able to enter and leave the turnaround without the need to reverse or wait for buses already present to leave.

Buses will be required to shut off their engines when standing.

There will be a 16-metre distance between the bus stands and Shalden House.

The layout and sizing of the turnaround has been agreed with TfL.

New bus stops in both directions on Danebury Avenue will bring buses further into the estate.

Indicative drawing demonstrating how landscape mitigation features may look.

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## Wider transport strategy

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### Better Streets

- Overall aim to reduce dominance of vehicles on London's streets and for streets to be permeable by foot and cycle, connecting to public transport
- The design will facilitate a new connection to Richmond Park for pedestrians and cyclists
- The removal of on-street parking on Danebury Avenue will provide an improved route for cycling
- A TfL/Wandsworth Council initiative will provide a quietway route on Danebury Avenue
- Proposed changes to the junction of Roehampton Lane and Danebury Avenue will make it more pedestrian friendly
- New pedestrian links will make the area easier to move around and there will be better north/south connections, including a new pedestrian link between Roehampton Lane and Tangley Grove
- There is the potential of TfL cycle hire scheme provision subject to agreements
- There is ongoing engagement between the council and TfL regarding additional buses to serve key routes such as the 72 and extensions of routes such as the K3. The additional demand from new residents will influence this

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### Next steps

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The proposals for the bus turnaround will be considered as part of the wider detailed planning application for the first phase of the regeneration.

The proposals will form a key part of the transport assessment, which will consider how the regeneration will affect traffic in the area. This document will set out how appropriate mitigation measures will be put in place, both for the new bus turnaround and for wider impacts.

The application is currently expected to be submitted in spring 2019. Once submitted the council will be writing to all affected residents with full details of the application and how to comment.

### Have your say:

Please let us know your thoughts on the bus turnaround proposals using one of the feedback forms provided here today. Your comments will be considered by the project team ahead of submitting a planning application.

The exhibition boards on display today will be made available on the [www.AltonEstateRegen.co.uk](http://www.AltonEstateRegen.co.uk) and [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton) websites

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