A Public Realm Vision for Battersea, which aims to create:

- A Sense of Place and Identity
- Improved Streetscape and Open Spaces

Making streets where people and vehicles can co-exist,

But where vehicles respect and defer to non-motorised users
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The Challenges

Battersea suffers from a *lack of identity*

*Where* is Battersea?

So make Battersea *a Place* and *Put it on the map*
The Challenges

What is Battersea’s *History*?

Bring to life Battersea’s *People & Places*

THE FALCON PUB – OWNED BY MR DEATH
THIS ETCHING OF UNDERTAKERS DRINKING ON THE WAY TO THE CEMETARY LEAD TO A PAINTING ‘AT DEATH’S DOOR’
Origin of the saying?
The Challenges

Battersea has lost its **Rivers**

Revive connections to **The Thames** and **Falcon Brook**
The Challenges

Poor Quality  **Public Realm & Streetscape**
The Challenges

No place to **Dwell**
What are the objectives?

Create beautiful:

- **Places & Spaces**
- **Pocket Parks**
- **Mini Squares**
What are the objectives?

To deliver urban enhancements that target:

• **People**
• **Environment**
• **Local Economy**
What are the objectives?

To Encourage **Sustainable Urban Practices:**

- Active Travel
- Better Air Quality
- Sustainable Local Economy
- Supporting Social Inclusion
- Facilitating Recycling & Reducing Waste
What is the project?

A VISION for:
- Healthy Streets
- A place for all the community
- A place to move through
- A place to visit
- A place to repose in
- A place that is clean and safe

A VEHICLE to engage:
Community and Council in public discussion
What is the project?

**THE LINK - A ROUTE**

(1.8 miles / 3 Km)

An attractive, healthy, urban street

A place that says “This is Battersea”

That links Battersea together

That evokes Battesea’s rich history

That connects to Battersea to The Thames

That revives the memory of the Falcon Brook
What is the project?

A continuous Link
Northcote Road to St Mary’s Church and The Thames

Links 5 streets

Battersea Church Rd, Battersea High St, Falcon Road, St John’s Road, Northcote Road
What is the project?

Placemaking:
- High quality Streetscape
- Tree planting
- Urban planting
- Water features
- Benches
- Creating places to Be In

Streets fit for WALKING
- Links and Connections
- Safe crossings

Streets fit for CYCLING
- Safe and protected route
- Logical and direct
- Cycle parking facilities

Reducing WASTE
- Recycling facilities
- Reduce single use plastic by providing water fountains

Safe and Pleasant at NIGHT
- Innovative lighting
- Light features
What is the project?

Use high quality design to create identity

• A place you want to visit
• A place you want to dwell in
**Key elements - Early interventions**

Along the **Entire Route** - 4 elements link all streets

*To create a special identity for Battersea and to link the disparate parts of Battersea*

1. **DISTINCTIVE TREES**
   Between existing trees

2. **INNOVATIVE LIGHTING** scheme

3. **PROTECTED CYCLE ROUTE**

4. **20 MPH** (all 5 streets)
Key elements - Early intervention 1

**Iconic trees** along all 5 streets
Create the sense of route

Intersperse a distinctive species, consistently spaced, amongst the existing trees
Key elements - Early intervention 2

Innovative modern lighting along whole route
Create magic at night
Key elements - Early interventions 3 & 4

All 5 streets:

- Protected Cycle Way
- 20 MPH
Incremental Interventions that can happen over time
Key elements - incremental delivery

Safe Pedestrian Crossings

Crossings that are places for People (that vehicles are allowed to pass though…)

Creating a sense that this is the domain of people
Key elements - incremental delivery

Positive approach to cycling: Cycle parking facilities

Secure, conveniently located and integrated
Key elements - incremental delivery

**Drinking fountains**

‘The Battersea Drink’

To discourage single use plastic
Key elements - incremental delivery

Water Features

Evoke Battersea’s connections to its Rivers
Key elements - incremental delivery

Light Features – Night-time magic
Key elements - incremental delivery

Urban planting – Nature and Colour
Key elements - incremental delivery

Urban planting - For functional separation
Key elements - incremental delivery

**ENCOURAGE RECYCLING**

Scan and get credit-note to spend in local shops

Provide public recycling
Key elements - incremental delivery

Public toilets
Provision is a social equity issue
Key elements - incremental delivery

Places to sit – ‘The Batterseat’
Key elements - incremental delivery

Places to Dwell
Key elements - incremental delivery

Links
Connect adjoining communities
Filtered neighbourhoods
Key elements - incremental delivery

**Links** – Upgrade grotty passages
Key elements – incremental delivery

Junction Treatments

People-friendly crossings

The Route is crossed by 4 heavily trafficked roads (3 Trunk roads)
Key elements - incremental delivery

Junction: Battersea Square / Battersea Church Road

Problems:
Narrow carriageway
Narrow pavement

Reduce Battersea Church Road To One-way
Widen pavement, provide cycle lane, tree planting, safe pedestrian crossing
Key elements - incremental delivery

Junction: Falcon Road / York Road
Junction design should reflect desire lines
Key elements - incremental delivery

Battersea ‘Triangle’ Gateway to Market

Mini Plaza – a place to rendez-vous
Battersea Rise Junction
Make this a place that says: *This is firstly a place for People (where cars can pass through)*
Key elements - incremental delivery

Street interventions

People-friendly places
Encourage recycling
Reduce single waste plastic
(provide drinking fountains)
Key elements - incremental delivery

Falcon Road

Too Narrow pavement!

Unnecessarily wide pavement!

Widen pavement on East side in front of shops to allow pavement activity
Some thoughts for specific areas...

**Falcon Road**
Bus stop + Rail underpass

Chaotic bus manoeuvring
Weaving traffic
No formal pedestrian crossing
(central island regularly knocked over)
Key elements - incremental delivery

Falcon Road Bus stop
Crossing / widened pavement / cycle lane
Key elements - incremental delivery

Falcon Road - Providence House

Youth club
Flexible semi-public forecourt for mixed activities
Key elements - incremental delivery

Falcon Grove / Falcon Road
Islamic Cultural Centre and Mosque

Widen pavement + raised platform junction
Create congregation space for Mosque
(side street is a dead-end street with low traffic)
Key elements - incremental delivery

Network Rail Underpass

THIS UNDERPASS DESTROYS BATTERSEA

- THE AIR QUALITY IS AMONGST THE WORST IN WANDSWORTH
- IT CREATES SEVERANCE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH BATTERSEA

Line walls, improve lighting and ventilation, widen pavement
Opportunity to create a mural about the historic Falcon Brook (now in a pipe)
Key elements - incremental delivery

Network Rail
Underpass

Interim option could be light installations
Key elements - incremental delivery

Economic opportunity

Consider opportunities to enhance local businesses
Key elements - incremental delivery

Northcote Library Place

Create a civic place by narrowing the carriage way for a small section
THE LINK
Battersea

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