

Erith Links

Public realm improvements



Work will begin September 2017 on improvements to the streets and public areas in and around Erith Station and the entrance to Erith Pier. Improvements will include redesigning the public space to create better pedestrian, cycling and vehicle access to the station and providing an attractive space for people to enjoy the natural beauty of the pier. The works will have high quality paving, street lighting and street furniture as well as trees, plants and shrubbery. The aim of the Public Realm works at Erith Station and Erith Pier is create a more attractive landscape in the town centre, whilst strengthening the area's individuality and building upon its relationship to the river.

There are two major work programmes which will begin September 2017, and these have been planned to minimise disruption.



Erith Station is located near to Erith Town Centre, and is the main arrival to Erith. It is accessible by car via Cricketers Close and Stonewood Road, and is connected to the town centre by three pedestrian routes: (1) a subway located under Erith Roundabout, (2) a route adjacent to Bexley college, and (3) a path link to Fraser Road/Bexley Road.



Autumn 2017 – Spring 2018

Improvement works will begin in the area around Erith Station, followed by works to the Pier entrance. Changes to the station and the pier will:

- Improve the arrival experience from the station to the town centre.
- Give more space to the pedestrians and address the road dominance to create a real public arrival space.
- Introduce more greenery with tree and shrub planting to both sites.
- Declutter the spaces from unnecessary street furniture.
- Create a flexible central space and an inviting gateway to the pier.
- Introduce active play space close to the pier with new play equipment.
- Add public seating and cycle stands for rail users and the local community.

What impact will this work have?

- Traffic flow will be maintained throughout this work. The improvement work on the pier will be coordinated with the ongoing events planned around the pier during the autumn period.
- Trains will be running through Erith Station as usual, and bus routes will not be affected during this period.
- Access to the pier will be maintained, though foot traffic near the entrance may be temporarily re-routed.
- Parking access for Morrison's and the Erith Riverside Shopping Centre will be unaffected during this time.



The Pier Entrance is located on Wharfside Close in Erith. It forms the main seating area in front of the pier and is connected to the riverside walk along the River Thames. It is located in close proximity of the Morrison's Superstore and Erith Riverside Shopping Centre, and is bordered by Morrison's car park and an access road to the residential blocks.



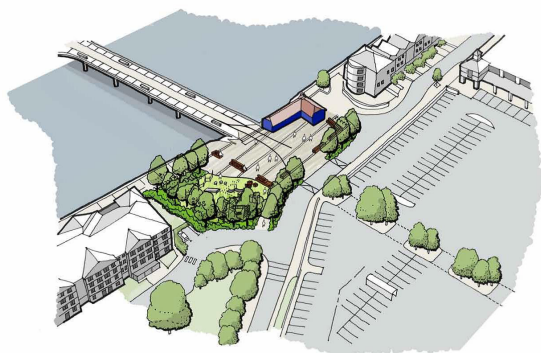
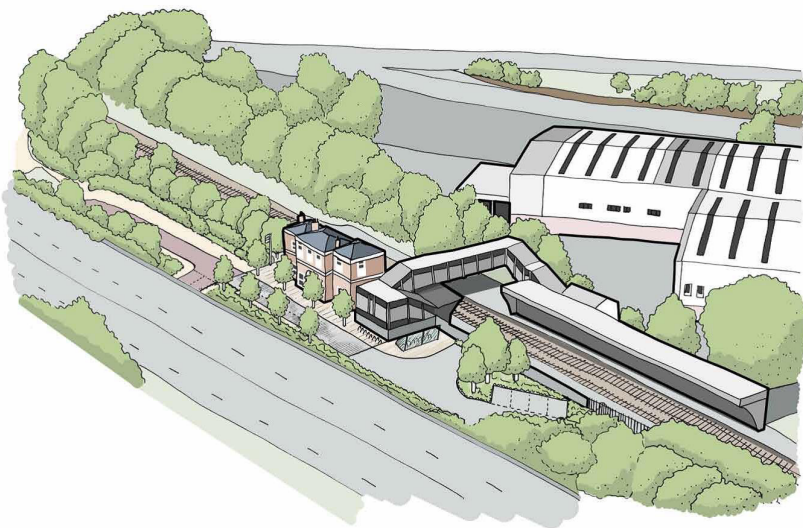
Carnegie Building

In addition to the public realm works taking place in Erith Town Centre, the iconic Carnegie Building in Erith is set to reopen as a £1.6m renovation project and has been agreed between the council and a local company, The Exchange Ltd.

The Grade II Listed Carnegie Building, in Walnut Tree Road, will become a centre for 'innovation, creativity, learning and production' once The Exchange Ltd become new occupiers of the landmark. There are also plans to open a daytime café, bar and restaurant. The local company will take on the building under a lease and partnership agreement with the London Borough of Bexley.

The Exchange Ltd intend to introduce an art exhibition on Erith Pier for summer 2017 – more details to be announced in the coming weeks.





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