



The vision for Mitcham's Corner is to **“maintain the vibrancy** of the District Centre and **promote high quality redevelopments** of streets and sites which **improve connectivity** between people and places, and reinforce the area with a **strong local character and identity**”.

(Emerging Local Plan, Policy 21)



## Objectives for remodelling the gytratory

The radical transformation of the gytratory system is identified as a key public realm and infrastructure project within Policy 21: Mitcham's Corner Opportunity Area of the emerging Local Plan.

The draft Development Framework puts forward a preferred option for remodelling the gytratory system and establishes objectives for Mitcham's Corner to:

- **Maintain sufficient traffic capacity and flows through and around the area;**
- **Maintain and improve access and connectivity to residential and business areas;**
- **Enhance the spatial quality of the public realm to promote investment;**
- **Improve safety and comfort for all modes, especially pedestrians, cyclists and those with disabilities;**
- **Provide opportunities for business expansion and development;**
- **Create a more coherent, permeable and distinctive district centre, with well located bus stops as a key element.**

## Key design principles

A number of key design elements are identified in the draft Development Framework which have been successfully implemented in other urban areas with similar challenges. These are consistent with best practice in addition to the emerging Local Plan Policy 21, and should therefore be incorporated within any future option for the remodelling of the gytratory:

- **Create a low-speed environment of between 15-21mph;**
- **Create clear gateways and transition points into Mitcham's Corner;**
- **Keep carriageway widths to a minimum and employ visual narrowing;**
- **Reintroduce two way flows;**
- **Minimise signage and road markings.**

## A new public space for Mitcham's Corner

The change in road layout and street design put forward in the draft Development Framework could also create the potential for a new public space. This could become a place in its own right where traffic does not dominate, but instead is integrated into the public realm.

The new south facing public space could become the focus of community uses and activity, providing a place for meeting and socialising as well as events such as community markets. It could provide a new positive focus and identity for the area.

