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Railway	
Improve cleanliness and appearance of station.	Engage with TFL Community Team ready for takeover of the station.
Install Station Toilet.	To avoid passengers finding other locations to relieve themselves.
Improvements to station subway (aka. public walkway) required. Security, appearance, Health & Safety.	<p>Security suggestions: Mirrors on corners, working CCTV, better lighting. CCTV not monitored. Cllr Paul Braham will find out whether the council can monitor CCTV in the station subway.</p> <p>Appearance Suggestions: Perhaps, add on panels (with air gap) in level crossing underpass. Hides seepage and makes surface easier to clean flooding, steps unsafe, ramp slippery</p> <p>Some of the above discussed at station visit arranged by WF Transport Committee</p>
Station security should be improved.	<p>Ugly metal cafe/box obstructs sight lines and creates hidden areas which may feel unsafe (relocate into the adjacent unused newsagents?).</p> <p>Better lighting at station exits [Discussed at station visit arranged by WF Transport meeting March 2014 – Greater Anglia say lighting meets standards].</p> <p>Platform CCTV to be extended beyond the walkway bridge [Greater Anglia will be installing a new CCTV camera beyond the bridge. Chase this].</p> <p>Revenue checks at night. No staff at station after 4.00pm.</p> <p>More help points and alarm at end of platform.</p> <p>Issue - TFL take over limits improvements until 2015.</p> <p>Issue - cuts to train staff – barriers need to be manned. Else undesirables have access to station.</p>
Alarms above doors on trains.	
Better rolling stock.	TFL are taking over in 2015 so there will be changes but not until 2018.

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Ask TFL for toilets on new trains.	To stop passengers relieving themselves in public places.
Resolve issues with Highams Park train service.	4 carriage train stops too far up platform (Minutes from Jan 2014 HP station visit unclear – requires clarification) Bring Back 8.00 fast train to Liverpool St. (no stops after Clapton). Late train to stop at HP and miss Bethnal Green instead.
Implement Rail link to Stratford (Hall Farm Curve).	Lots of support but some concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear that direct LP St. Trains will be reduced • Fear that permanently closing level crossing if too many trains • Increased noise to adjacent houses due to more trains
Improve safety at Level X.	Barriers Pedestrians have been trapped on wrong side of level X barriers Issue raised at HP station visit Jan 2014.
Buses	
Suggested additions/alterations to bus routes.	Bus service to South Woodford. Bus service to Loughton/ Epping. Bus service to Westfield/ West End. Bus service along Wadham Road and service to local supermarkets (Sainsbury's, Morrison's). Perhaps: Circular bus route from Chingford Road-Wadham Road-HP. Previously the 144 route. Bus service to Whipps Cross. Bus service to Tottenham Hale underground station. W16 and 212 have duplication of some of the route and often come together. More frequent buses to Walthamstow. Route to Blackhorse Road. Buses to airports.

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Change double decker buses to single deckers on 212 and 275.	Winchester Road – 212 buses too large for this narrow road. They are dangerous and often get stuck with oncoming buses and heavy vehicles. Single decker buses have enough capacity. Are single decker buses any shorter or narrower than double deckers?
Can they refuse to let you on late at night if you don't have cash?	This is a safety issue as people may get stranded and become victims of crime. TFL are looking at allowing people to use the deposits on their Oyster cards to pay fares for this purpose but what happens if you don't have an Oyster Card?
Improve integration of bus and train timetables.	Bus should leave at different times to train.
Parking	
Develop coherent parking strategy for "all" of Highams Park.	'Ripple effect' of commuters parking in centre of HP causes problems in outer areas.
New/larger station car park (do we want to create park and ride in Highams Park?)	Establishment of a dedicated 'commuter car park' to lessen current tensions around parking and encourage commuters not resident in Highams Park to engage with local businesses etc. Perhaps: Commuter parking on Focus site, but problem - it's privately owned. Perhaps: Tesco lower parking level for use by commuters – fee/agreement.
Better signage directing to parking locations.	Indicate "system" of Long Stay (Tesco) and Short Stay on street. To "sell" the ease of shopping in Highams Park. To attract shoppers. Signs to advertise 3 hr free parking at Tesco without the need to shop (this is a planning condition).
Any new uses for existing buildings use requires its own adequate parking (e.g. Budgens / Regal).	To take pressure off side streets.
No pavement parking.	
Provide more parking by cutting into wide pavements.	

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Taxi parking place curiously situated outside ice cream parlour, no taxi parking outside taxi cab office.	Taxis take up shoppers parking spots. Suggestion to make NCP car park outside station (which is often not full) becomes one way passenger drop off/pick up and taxi rank.
Reduce parking & traffic flows in Highams Park & Chingford Areas.	New station/halt at Hatch lane. Rezone Chingford to Zone 4 to reduce no. of cars parking in HP.
CPZ for roads near station.	Commuters make our lives very difficult. Suggest only between one two hour period in the day. CPZ for HP 1- 2 hours restricted parking – yellow lines Commuter parking a problem, need parking controls on roads near station: e.g. Winchester Road, Warboys Crescent, The Avenue, Silverdale Ave, Castle Ave, Sheredan Rd, Falmouth Ave. and Handsworth Avenue.
Insufficient parking in and around Tesco development.	Causing parking problems in Coolgardie Avenue; this will exacerbated if the new Harman Avenue development is approved.
Disabled parking bays not well situated.	
Keep residential disabled bays up to date.	
More free parking/ extend to 30 mins.	To support local businesses and shops.
Free parking for Health Centre.	Suggestions for 1 hour or 2 hours.
Keep voucher parking.	Find out the current status of vouchers ?
Parking in and Around the Shopping Centre	
Establish parking policy/strategy for Shopping Centre	

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Parking for shops for 30mins rather than 15 minutes	But 15 mins will mean more likelihood of a place being available. Longer Stay should Advertise this!
More parking areas for visitors\shoppers	Many people not prepared to walk.
No charges for Saturday parking near shops	Consult HP Forum: They was tried this and shopkeepers abused it. If try again will need to consult and engage better.
Parking concern regarding new use of the Regal	Arrangement in place with Tesco?
Improved enforcement of illegal parking	<p>School time illegal parking on Handsworth Ave. Dangerous for children who walk. School travel plan suggested TWG will ask Handsworth whether they have a smarter travel plan.</p> <p>Winchester Road - Pavement is too narrow dotted parking lines on pavement not enforced. Jenny was told by parking company that enforcement can only be applied if wheels are outside end of bays. Suggested traffic signs should enforce this as rules are not clear.</p> <p>Parking outside white boxes violation to be enforced.</p> <p>Some people believe that parking wardens too strict we need to balance enforcement with the needs of residents and businesses.</p>
Suggestions for additional or amendments to double yellow lines:	<p>Charter Road: extend double yellow lines at top of road. Problems created by parking at the Woodford High School. Consultation in process?</p> <p>Church Avenue & Handsworth Avenue (jcn): extend lines further down Church Avenue. Parking on Church Av blocks through traffic. Cllr. Fitzgerald met with Council Officers.</p> <p>Junction of Church Avenue & Gordon Avenue: add double yellow lines.</p> <p>Junction of Falmouth Avenue & The Avenue: add double yellow line dangerous, add double yellow lines it is hard to see to pull out.</p>

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	Corner of Larkshall Crescent (north) & Larkshall Rd : add yellow lines it is hard to see to pull out.
Too much parking of delivery lorries at Handsworth/Hale End Road Junction.	Nisa/pub
Students of HP school sometimes block dropped kerbs and sixth formers parking congest Handsworth Avenue and Gordon Avenue.	Schools could encourage parents to walk. Parking problems in Handsworth caused by school users. Alina to ask about this. Known as 'soft measures' e.g. walking bus, possible money from 'smarter travel schemes'.
Conversion of houses to flats in Winchester Road has led to more cars.	Object (limit) further conversions.
Cycling	
Promote HP as ride and stride, not all park and ride. Encouraging sustainable transport & accessibility sustainable routes to access. Better bike parking at stations public transport.	Better/more/secure cycle storage for station. Perhaps: Use of Tesco Car Park for cycle storage, i.e. if allow more than 3 hours for bikes. Boris bikes (Committee meeting March 2014 – informed that there are no plans to bring Boris bikes to HP). Promote HP as a walking/cycling destination to discourage drivers/commuter parking.
More lockable bike sheds at station.	Improved cycle parking will encourage more people to cycle and reduce parking on the streets around the station.
More and safer and cycle routes.	Hale End Road and Winchester Road mentioned. Comment from member: When I cycled to Woodford, I went along The Avenue, walked on pavement to Lichfield Road, up Montalt Road, up Henry's Avenue, along Chingford Lane and up Mill Lane to shops. This avoided the worst hills. Access wanted through area from Hickman Avenue to Ainsley Wood. No cycle lanes on Larkshall Rd. Create cut through from elbow of Nesta Road to high road (Is this LBWF land? Will avoid huge hills of Charter Road and Henry's Ave). Improve The Avenue and Beech Hall Road for cycling.
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Funding for Mini Holland Bid to be widened to include HP.	Encourage Cllrs to back cycling in HP in order to win funding.
Drop kerb in Vincent Road and allow cycling on pavement for cut through to Gordon Ave.	
Create signposts and publish cycle routes.	Link with WF LCC who are developing an area cycle map.
Improve cycle access along forest.	Need right of way as opposed to 'permission' in Epping Forest? Can route though Larkswood be improved? – e.g. harder surface.
Cycle lane crossing on Chingford Lane.	Refer to TRP-56.
Cycle crossing for turning right from Larkshall Road into Winchester Road.	
'2 tings' for considerate cycling as on canal paths.	
Stop cycling on pavements	
Speeding Controls	
Too take a coherent and inter-linked approach to speeding.	
Ask TRP to look more generally at speed and safety.	Discussed using parking bays and trees to slow traffic
20 mph limit throughout Highams Park Centre.	Gradual decreasing mandatory speeds as approaching HP centre (4 routes in) with 20mph in centre. Grove Road Walthamstow a good example of traffic calming without using 20mph speed limit that is enforced.
Speeding controls suggested for some roads.	<p>The Avenue: Dangerous with children crossing. Speed humps or speed camera Beech Hall Road: speed humps? Hollywood Way.</p>

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	<p>Larkshall Road: Speed cameras; Speed signs that state actual speed. Larkshall Road – 28.03.14: Mother and child hit by car on crossing. Locals angry of knee jerk reaction against speed controls. 2 x mini roundabouts at junction of Coolgardie/Larkshall Crescent (south) + Larkshall Rd Traffic needs calming on that bend.</p> <p>Winchester Road: Residents report many accidents. Ideas considered: Consider 20 mph limit; One way sections as on Oak Hill to slow traffic. Give way to those leaving side roads – but not by using mini roundabouts to slow traffic. Give way signs to aid cars on Winchester Rd. Overnight deliveries discussed to reduce number of trucks using Winchester Rd but not agreed as good idea.</p>
Speeding to be monitored on hotspot and feeder route roads.	Are there are other hotspots other than listed in TRP- 50?
Pedestrians, Pavements & Road Crossings	
Promote Highams Park as a walking cycling destination.	Too much traffic and commuter parking.
‘Naked Streets’ Like Amsterdam/Holland.	Have shared space with vehicles and pedestrians. Extend this shared space area over entire shopping area in The Avenue, Hale End Road, The Broadway, Larkshall Road and the Level Crossing itself. This area would define “The Highams Park Shopping Area” and would integrate both sides of the crossing. Entry/welcoming signage at each entry point. 20MPH in this area? (or less?)
Car free day(s) in The Broadway. (i.e. close it to traffic for a day).	Close The Broadway to cars on occasion. Large scale event in the space. Need to redirect 212 bus. Possibly synchronise with national car free day.
Relocation/ additional pedestrian crossings.	<p>Near Richmond Ave and near Falmouth Ave: Pedestrian crossings by level crossing should be moved (safety issue).</p> <p>At the level crossing: it is unsafe to cross the road. Dropped kerbs and central island being proposed by WF.</p> <p>Move pedestrian crossing by the level crossing.</p>
Crossing for cyclists/pedestrians crossing Chingford Lane	Dangerous forest crossing for cyclists and pushchairs at Chingford Lane. Install

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(Lichfield Rd/The Avenue).	warning signs? Meeting held with Cllr. & Highways Dept. at crossing point. Awaiting feedback. Dropped kerb, coloured strip on road and cutting back adjacent undergrowth suggested.
Repair uneven pavements.	Hotspots: Castle Avenue; Falmouth Avenue; Larkshall Road (by forest). Are there are bad spots.
Planters by County Arms - block visibility especially for children.	Maybe one or two of the flower tubs could be removed to avoid obscuring people waiting to cross the road.
Roads/Access	
One way system – Hale End Rd / Winchester Rd.	To provide easier access for motor vehicles through Highams Park.
Vehicles turning right unlawfully at end of Winchester Road (to go across level crossing).	
One way system – Hale End Rd / Winchester Rd.	
Remodel Tesco junction.	
Remodel level crossing.	Refer to TRP-10 &TRP-55.
Notices on Wadham Road banning large vehicles, apart from public transport buses, from using Winchester Road. Divert trucks to Hale End Road if not too tall for electricity wires over railway crossing.	Buses/cars/bikes access only.
Passing Places?	This may prevent some speeding as people rush down congested roads as they fear being meeting a vehicle coming the other way.
Gap between Beech Hall/Hale End to be improved.	What does this mean exactly (which end of Beech Hall Road)??
Oak Hill Primary School - residents of Armstrong/Alders Ave area say poor parking/parents collecting children causes emergency access to the estate being blocked.	Consider opening up path by unlocking gate; increase public awareness of linkage with Brookfield Path.
Better access for mobility buggies	

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Transport up Handsworth Avenue	
Car Club(s)	
Car club – parking space allocated by LBWF but cars owned by private companies.	Why not more widely advertised?
Car clubs for schools (e.g. Handsworth).	Transport TWG will look into whether Handsworth has a car club.
Car sharing scheme.	