

Existing view looking east from Haywards Heath Road towards shops

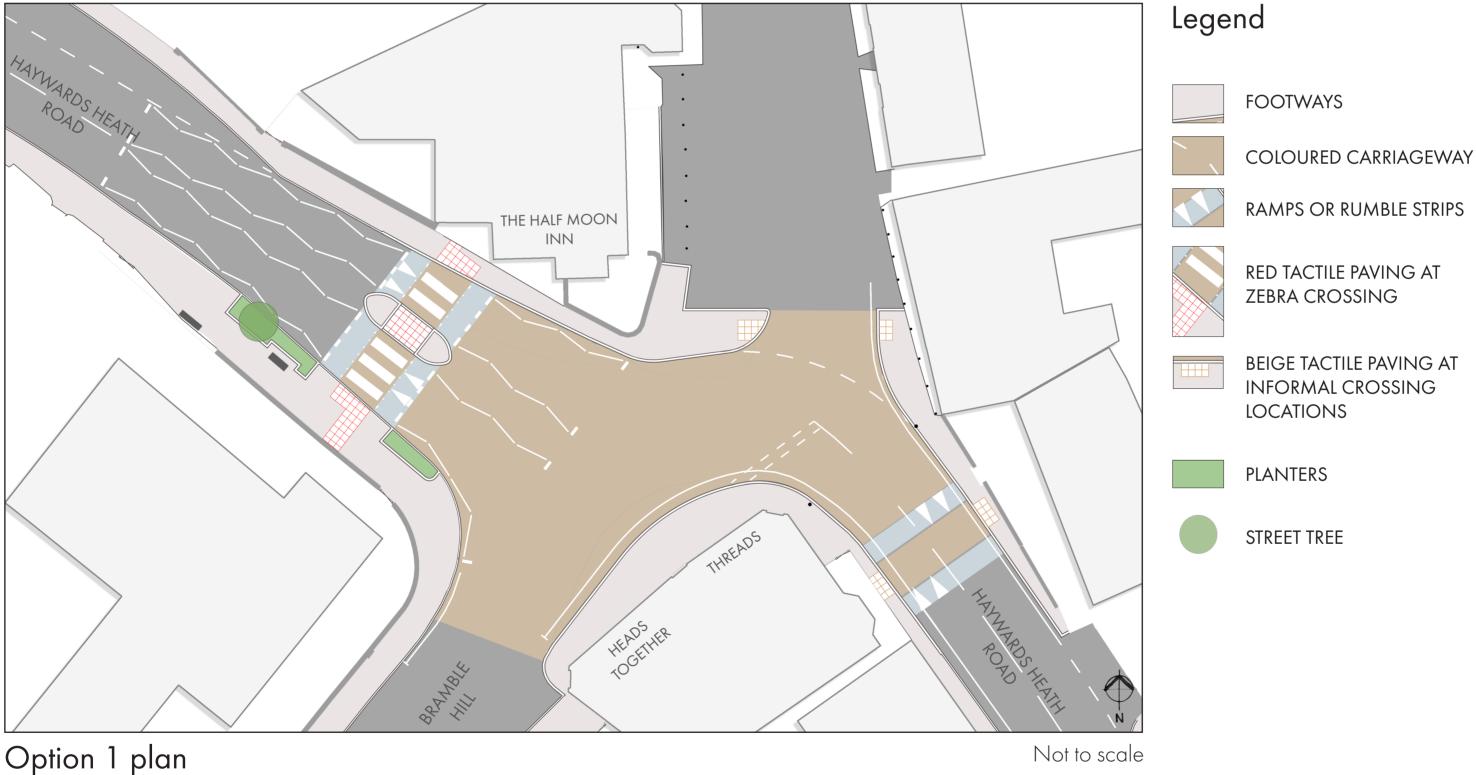
Balcombe Parish Council have appointed consultants Project Centre Limited to prepare proposals to enhance Balcombe village centre, particularly with the view to improve the environment for pedestrians and reduce the feeling of traffic dominance.

Currently four design options have been developed and these are presented here for the residents of Balcombe to view and provide comments.

The key issues that the proposals attempt to address include:

- Narrow footways
- Traffic dominance
- Pedestrian safety
- Village centre appearance

### Option 1 - Do Minimum



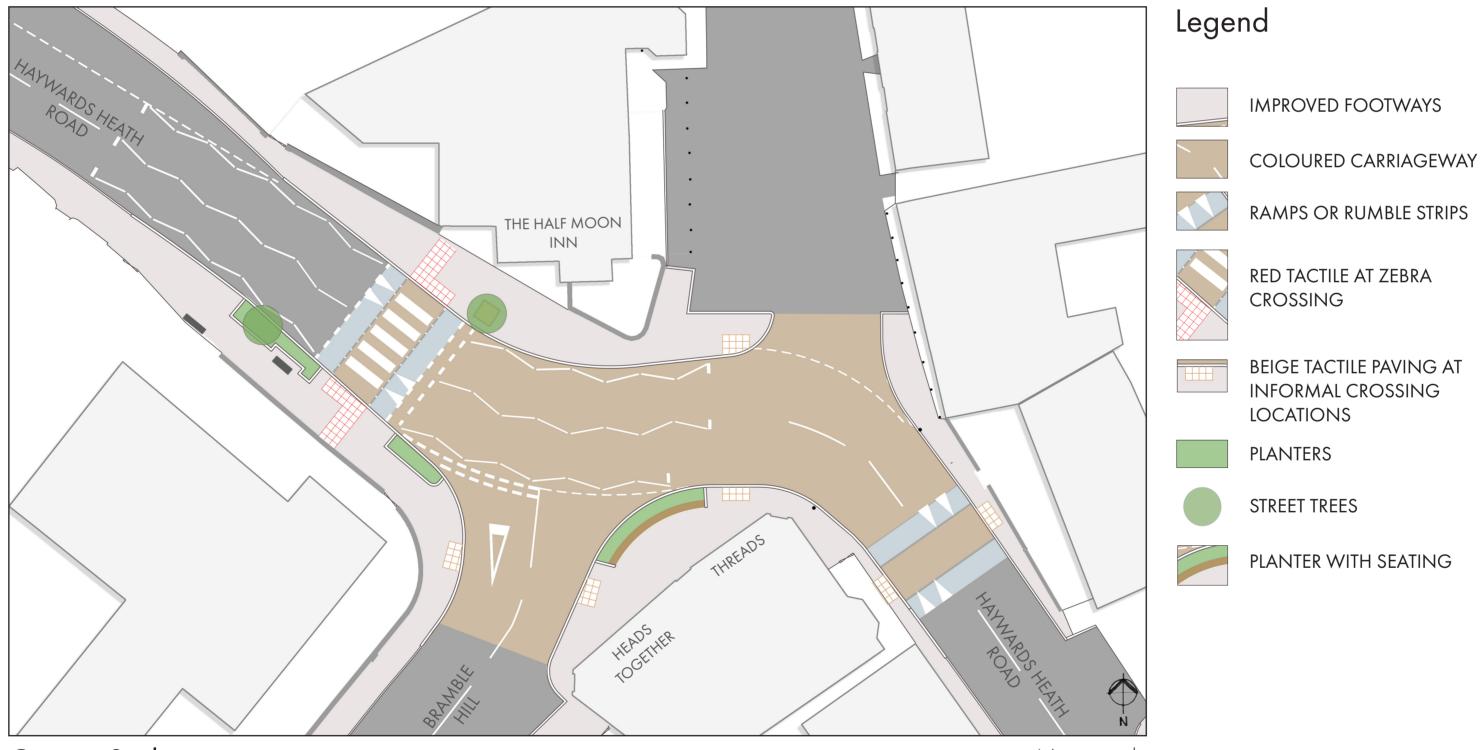
- Minor improvement to footway width at pub corner and in front of shops
- Formal zebra crossing with hooded belisha beacons
- Informal pedestrian crossing locations identified with buff tactile paving
- Coloured carriageway surfacing to highlight village centre to motorists
- Ramps / rumble strips across both arms of haywards heath road to encourage speed reduction
- Existing junction priority maintained no change to traffic movements and queuing
- Planters and street tree to improve public realm
- Loss of parking in front of shops.



Visualisation of the proposed enhancement scheme option 2

(looking east from Haywards Heath Road towards shops)

### Option 2 - Carriageway Re-alignment & Junction Priority Change

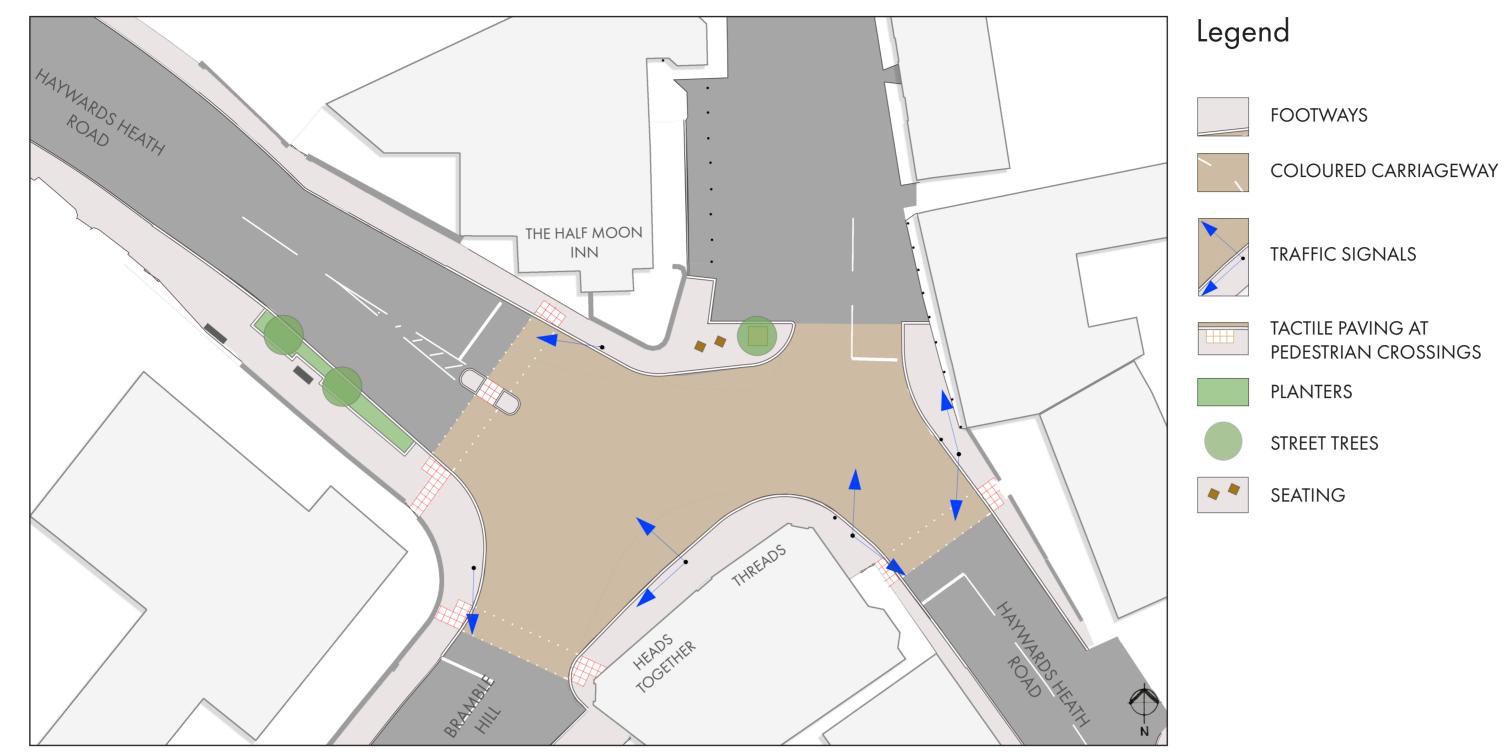


#### Option 2 plan

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- Improved footway widths outside shops and inn
- Improved safety for pedestrians and motorists
- Formal zebra crossing with hooded belisha beacons
- Informal pedestrian crossing locations identified
- Enhanced public realm with greening and seating in front of shops
- Coloured carriageway surfacing to heighlight village centre to motorists
- Increased junction capacity with priority for east-west vehicular movement
- Ramps / rumble strips across both arms of haywards heath road to encourage speed reduction
- Loss of parking in front of shops

### Option 3 - Traffic Signals



Option 3 plan

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- Minor improvement to footway width at pub corner
- Improved safety for pedestrians and vehicles
- Increased junction capacity
- Better pedestrian crossing facilities
- Loss of parking in front of shops
- Narrowing of footways at signal locations
- Urbanisation of village centre due to traffic signals loss of village feel.

### Option 4 - Shared Space



Option 4 plan

Not to scale

- Reduced vehicle speeds
- Improved public realm and street scape
- Reduced junction capacity
- No priority for pedestrians or vehicles
- High maintenance
- Compromised safety for pedestrians and vehicles
- Reduced on-street parking.