

# STATIONS



## Getting to the stations and how the stations fit in their surroundings

The project is undertaking an assessment of the wider local area to allow you to access the Croxley Rail Link in the safest, easiest and most accessible way.

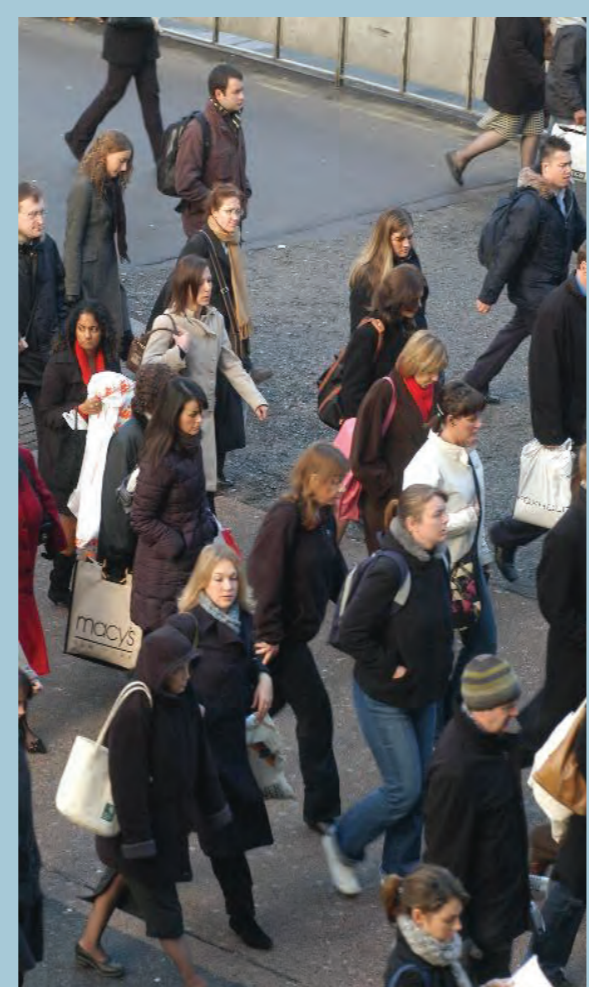
The following areas form part of our assessment:

### Access to the stations



- Walking - safe and easy-to-find stations and station routes, with an uncluttered public space free of obstacles and barriers whilst appreciating all users' access needs
- Cycling and cycle parking – identification of clear routes and appropriate levels of parking facilities
- Public transport - bus interchange and taxi spaces at Ascot Road Station
- Private transport - parking and *kiss and drop* facilities at Ascot Road Station

### Safety and security at the stations:



- Ticket buying – well-lit, visible locations with queuing space that will not obstruct other station users
- Cycle parking - well-lit, visible locations and sheltered parking places which offer security
- Lighting – lighting which provides the best visibility and colour definition whilst limiting light spill: careful siting of columns to avoid unnecessary obstacles in the public spaces. Correct lighting, fittings and lighting column locations are key to the comfort, security and safe use of the stations and public spaces
- Pedestrian priority – minimise conflicts between pedestrians and other forms of transport through good design

### The spaces at the stations:

- Level and sloped access creating *seamless* surface from street to station
- Simple and uniform surface materials that are easy to maintain and are safe in wet and icy weather
- Planting – open spaces and streets around the stations may be greened using a combination of clear-stemmed trees, low shrubs and green walls as appropriate
- Sustainability – materials and drainage choices which make a positive contribution and limit negative environmental impacts
- Appropriate amount of space – circulation and gathering to accommodate normal day to day use and adapt to rush-hour peaks and special events particularly at Watford Hospital station which will need to accommodate for Watford Stadium crowds
- Resting and meeting points – appropriate seating such as benches and resting places in safe, visible well-lit positions. Clear sight lines and open views across and beyond public spaces making it easier for people meet



### Your onward journey:

- Mapping to highlight key local features such as Watford and Croxley Green Business Parks, Watford Stadium and Watford General hospital
- Direct access - visually and physically unobstructed routes, along the most direct route to connect with other forms transport, with limited 'traffic-island' hopping

