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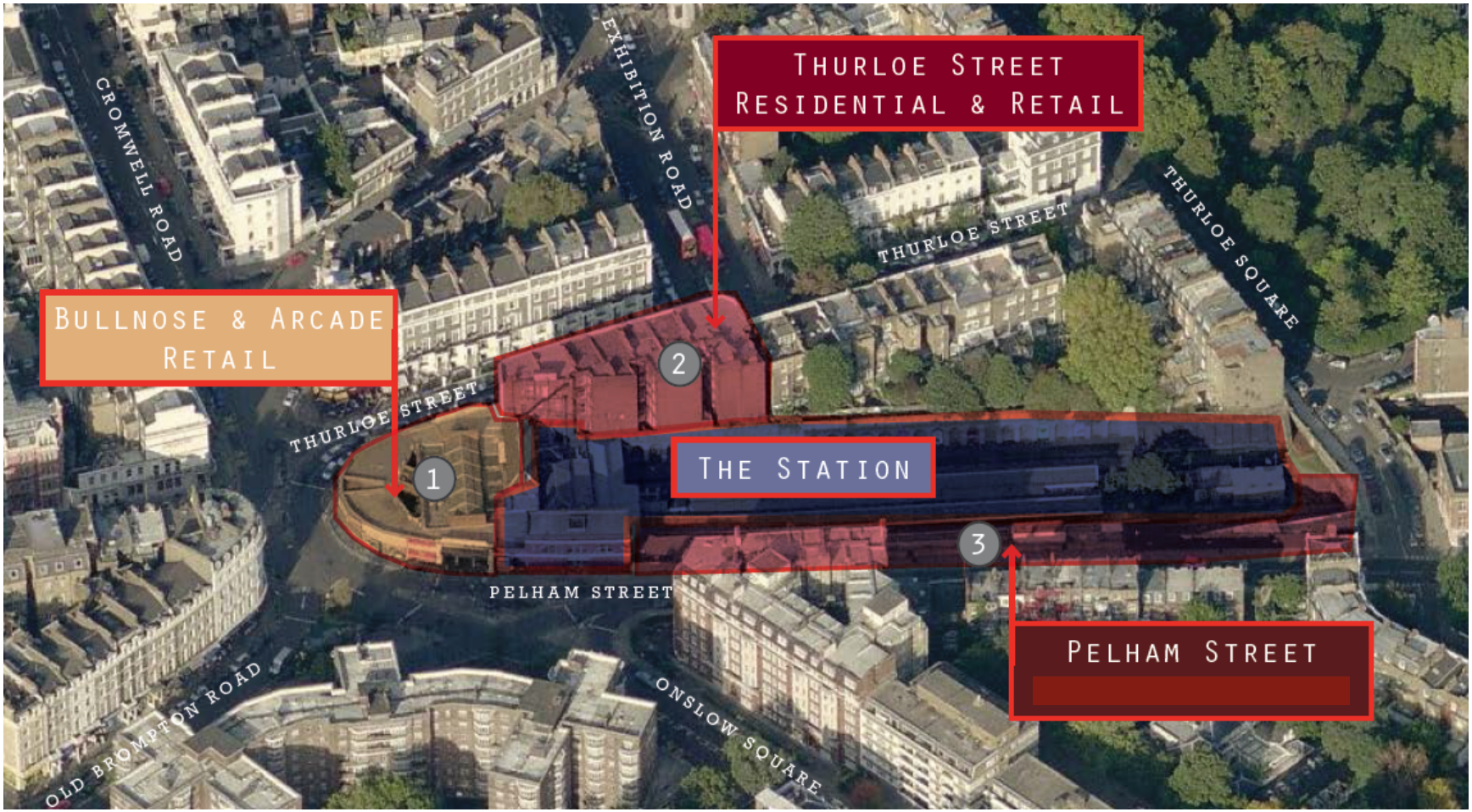
South Kensington: Consultative Working Group – membership presentation

EVERY JOURNEY MATTERS

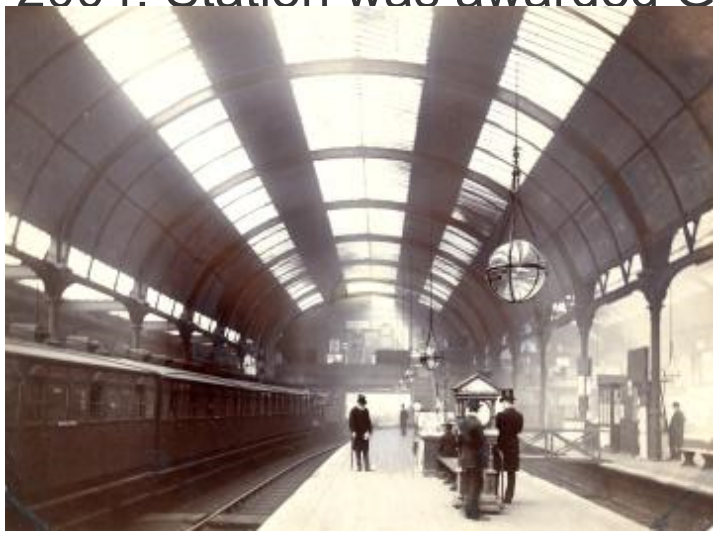
Key elements: within local setting



History of the station

South Kensington station is one of the oldest in the world

- 1865: Southern terminus of the Metropolitan Railway
- 1884: grand opening of the Circle line.
- 1903: George Sherrin re-design, with a new retail arcade.
- 1907: Piccadilly Line, ‘Ox-Blood’ building designed by Leslie Green
- 1970: Pelham Street shops and houses demolished
- 2004: Station was awarded Grade II listed status



The need for change

- A **local station**, providing access to the Underground network
- The **international gateway** to the museums and cultural centres of ‘Albertopolis’
- The **16th busiest station** on our network
- Peak-hour **usage continues to increase**

Statistics

- **38 million passengers (2014)**
- **15% weekday peak increase**
- **25% weekend increase**

Station Improvements: What we propose

Initial phase (by 2018)

- **New platform:** dedicated eastbound District line services
  doubled platform capacity for D&C platforms

- **New overbridge:** enables improved interchange
  provides emergency-only exit onto Thurloe Square bridge

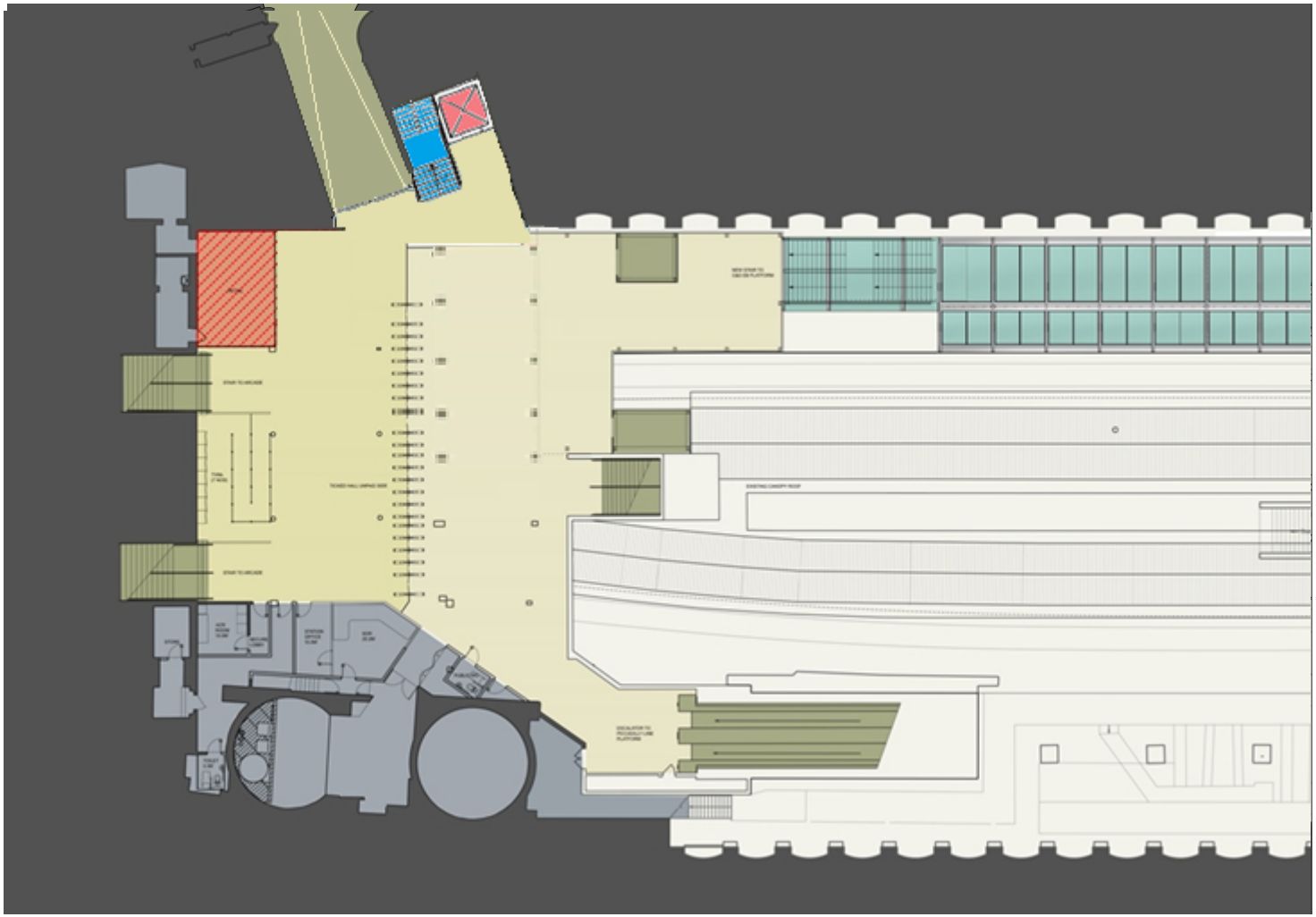
- **Enlarged ticket hall:** greater circulating space
  new gate-line and ticketing facilities
  improved customer environment

Next phase (circa 2022)

- **Step-free access:** from street to all platforms
  Improved access to the museum subway

- **New station entrance:** additional access from Thurloe Street

Station Improvements: Initial phase



Station Capacity: Ticket hall

Single Preferred Option : Render 1 - View to new gateline and enlarged paid area beyond

Station Capacity: Platforms – then and now

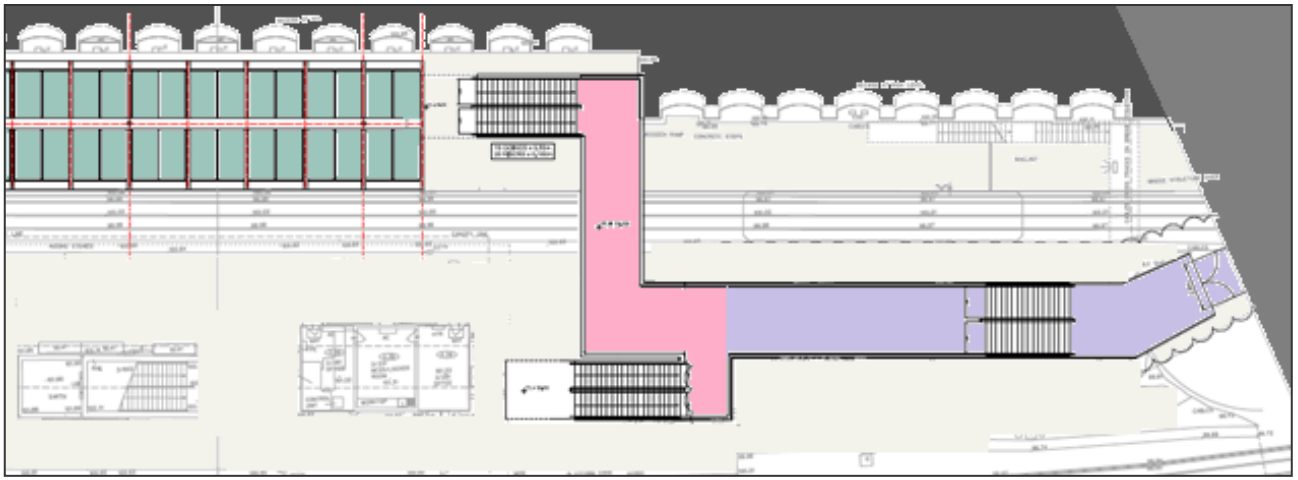
Station Capacity: New Eastbound Platform

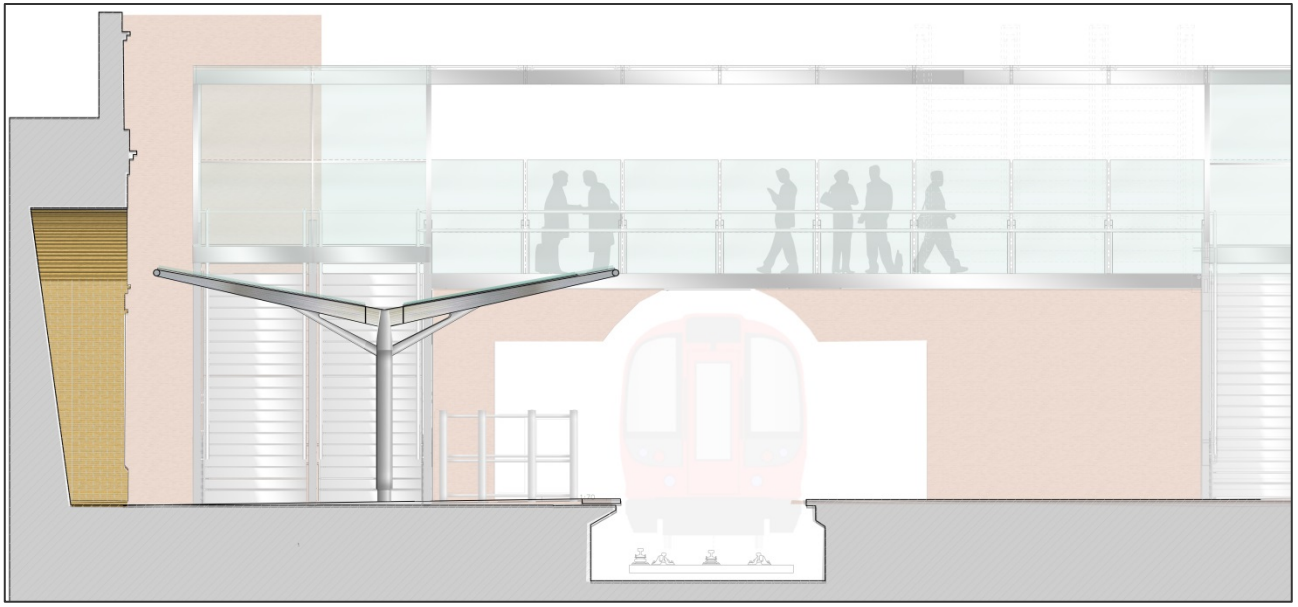
Key Benefits:

- Double platform capacity
- Wider Dedicated platforms
  - Eastbound-only
  - Westbound-only
- Safeguard for Step-free access

Station Capacity: new Eastbound Platform

Station Capacity: overbridge and walkway





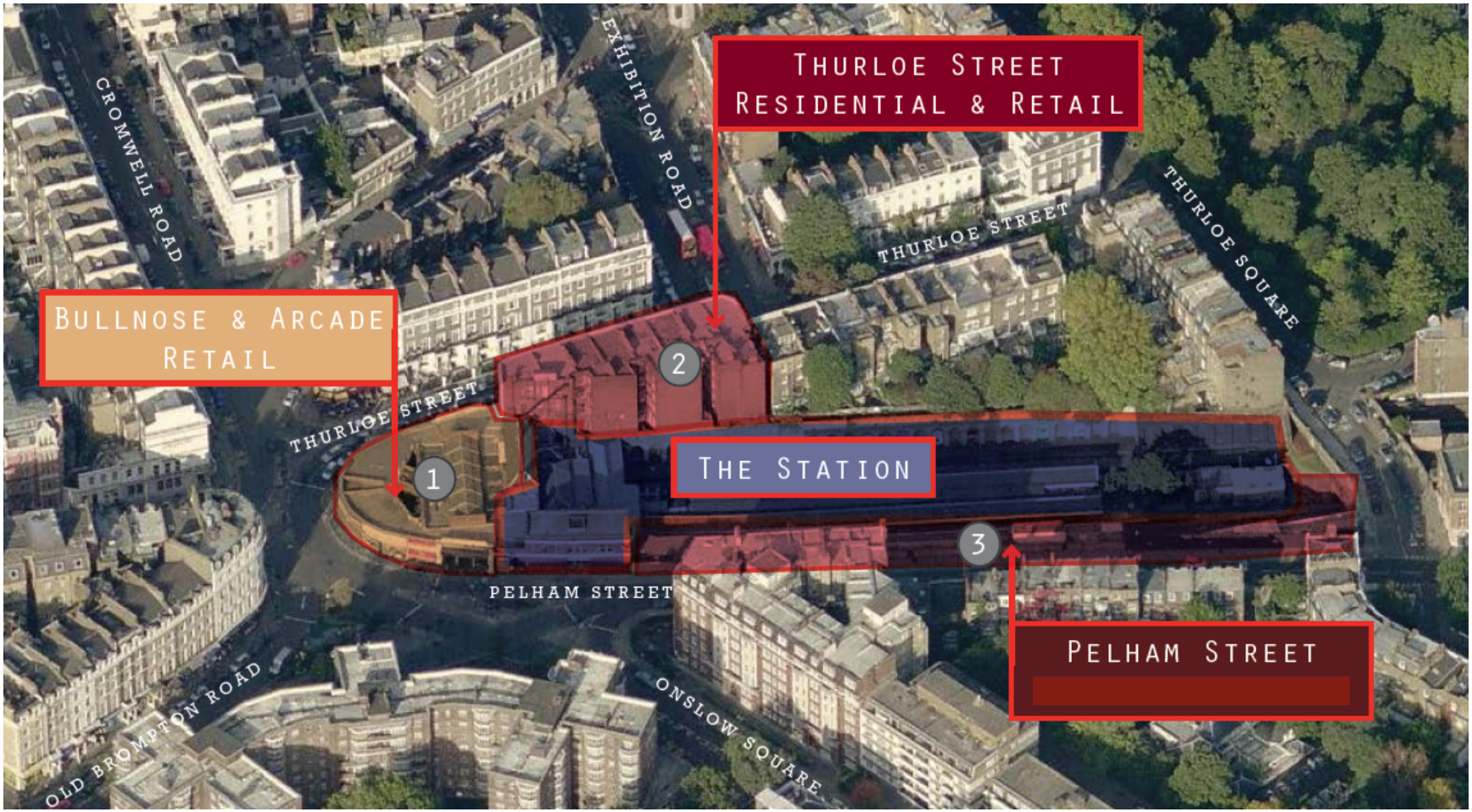
Station Capacity: timescales

A Listed Building Consent will be required from the Royal Borough, to enable us to undertake the station upgrade. As part of that process, we will formally engage with the community.

- March 2016: Information website
  - www.southkensingtonstation.co.uk (this week)
- May 2016: Information leaflet
  - distributed to all households and businesses
- May 2016: Further public engagement
- June 2016: Submission of a Listed Building Consent application
- Jan 2017: Upgrade works to begin
- Jan 2018: Works completed
- Ongoing: Regular CWG meetings
- Ongoing: Liaison with RB Kensington & Chelsea

Station Capacity: Questions?

Key elements: ‘Around-station’

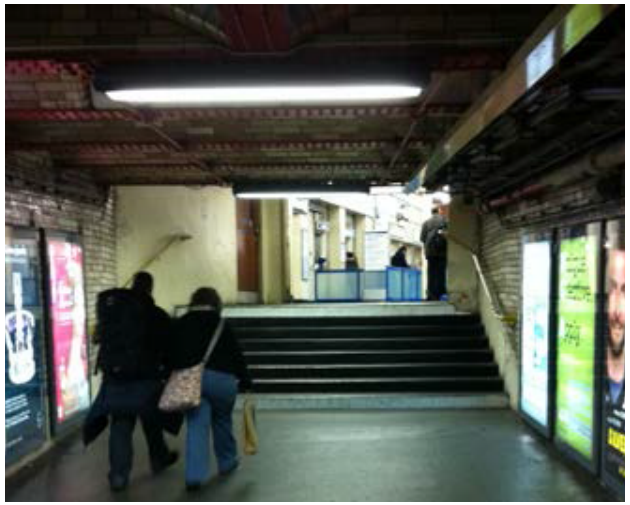


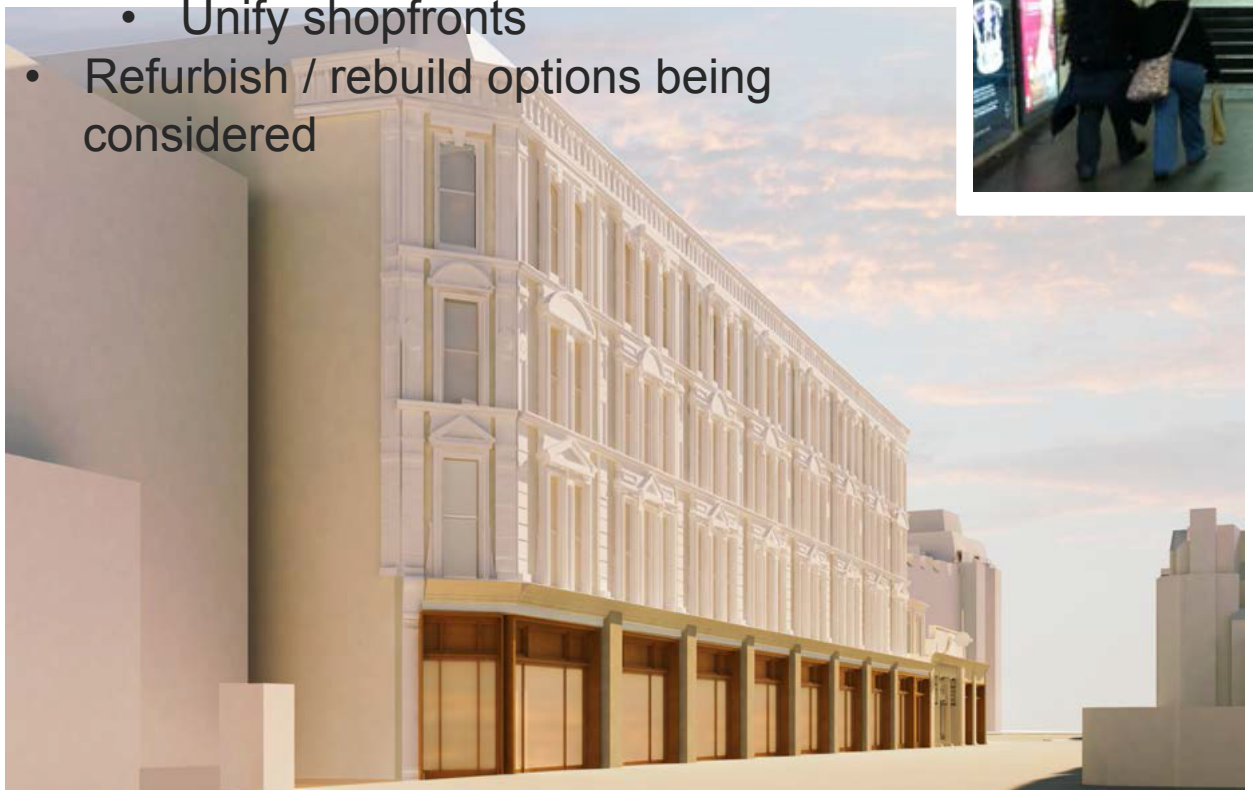
‘Around-Station’: The ‘Bullnose’ and Arcade

- Amenity for local shoppers and diners
  - Current **retail** offer is limited
  - Opportunity to diversify retail
  - Improve **restaurants** offer
- **Improve appearance** and finish of building
  - Positive impact on **public realm**

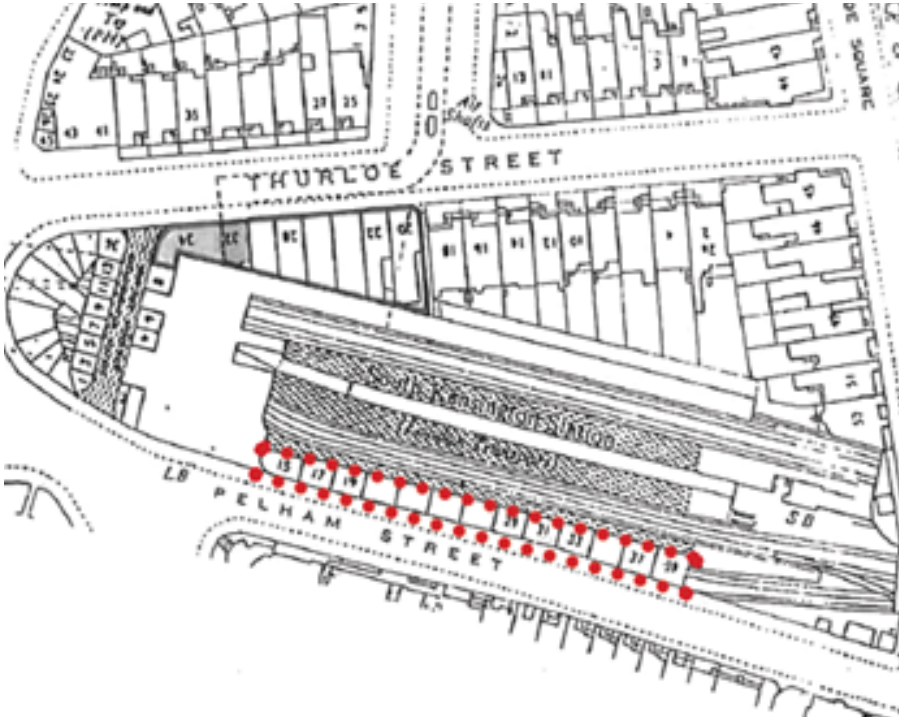
‘Around-Station’: Thurloe Street

- Supports the delivery of step-free access
  - Including Museum Subway
- Opportunity to refresh and improve retail
  - Unify shopfronts
- Refurbish / rebuild options being considered





‘Around-Station’: Pelham Street



Once populated with a parade of shops and residential units, which were demolished in the 1970’s

‘Around-station: timescales

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- TBC 2016: Public exhibition at a local venue
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- TBC 2018: Works to begin
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- Ongoing: Liaison with RB Kensington & Chelsea