

Existing Condition

Hare Walk is a two directional residential street with a narrow carriageway width of 4.2m. The street is a dangerous vehicular cut through between Kingsland Road and Hoxton Street with vehicles mounting kerbs to pass each other.

Due to a lack of continuous footways, dropped kerbs and the abundance of bollards there is no accessible route between either end of the street.

As a result, local residents use the alley of John Parry Court rather than continuing down Hare Walk to Ivy Street to reach Kingsland Road as the safer option.

Constraints

- Lack of continuous footways
- Lack of dropped kerbs
- Parking bays interrupt footways
- Narrow footways are obstructed by bollards and lamp posts preventing an accessible environment
- Narrow carriageway width forces vehicles to mount kerbs to pass each other
- Vehicles drive at speed to avoid getting stuck
- Vehicles and cyclist collisions take place at the eastern junction between Hare Walk and Kingsland Road

Opportunities

- Narrow width of the street should favour a pedestrians friendly environment
- Four young trees recently planted
- Wide public realm in front of Geffrye Court allows for improving accessibility and introduction of planting
- Implementing one directional traffic from west to east can improve safety while supporting ambitions of the liveable neighbourhood programme



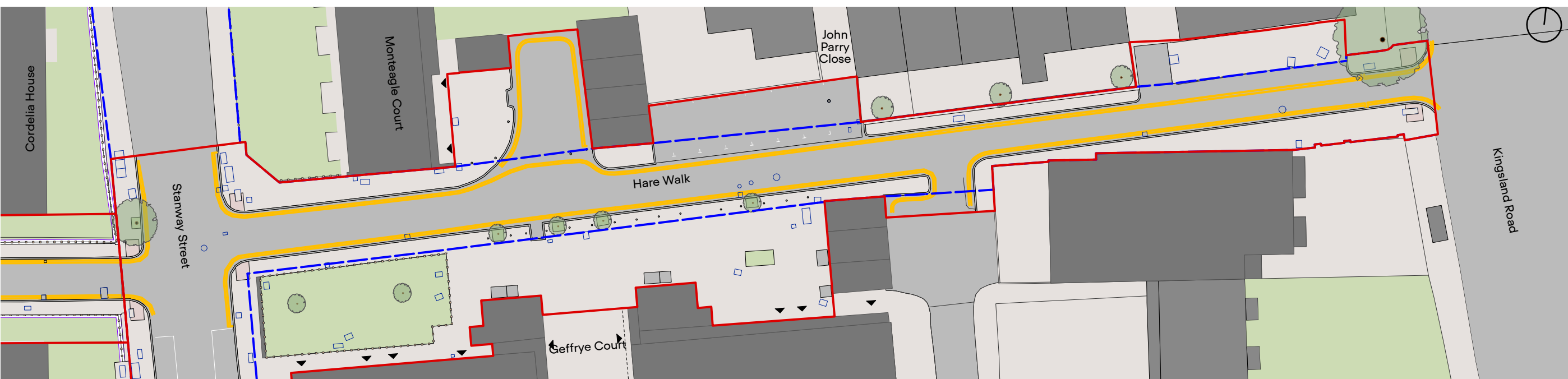
Lamp post interrupting narrow footway with missing dropped kerb



Hare Walk looking east



Pedestrians and vehicles



Existing Site Plan

Legend — Package 3 Boundary — Highways Boundary

Proposed Plan

The proposal for Hare Walk aims to create one continuous, generous, accessible and safe pedestrian walking route.

Key design decisions

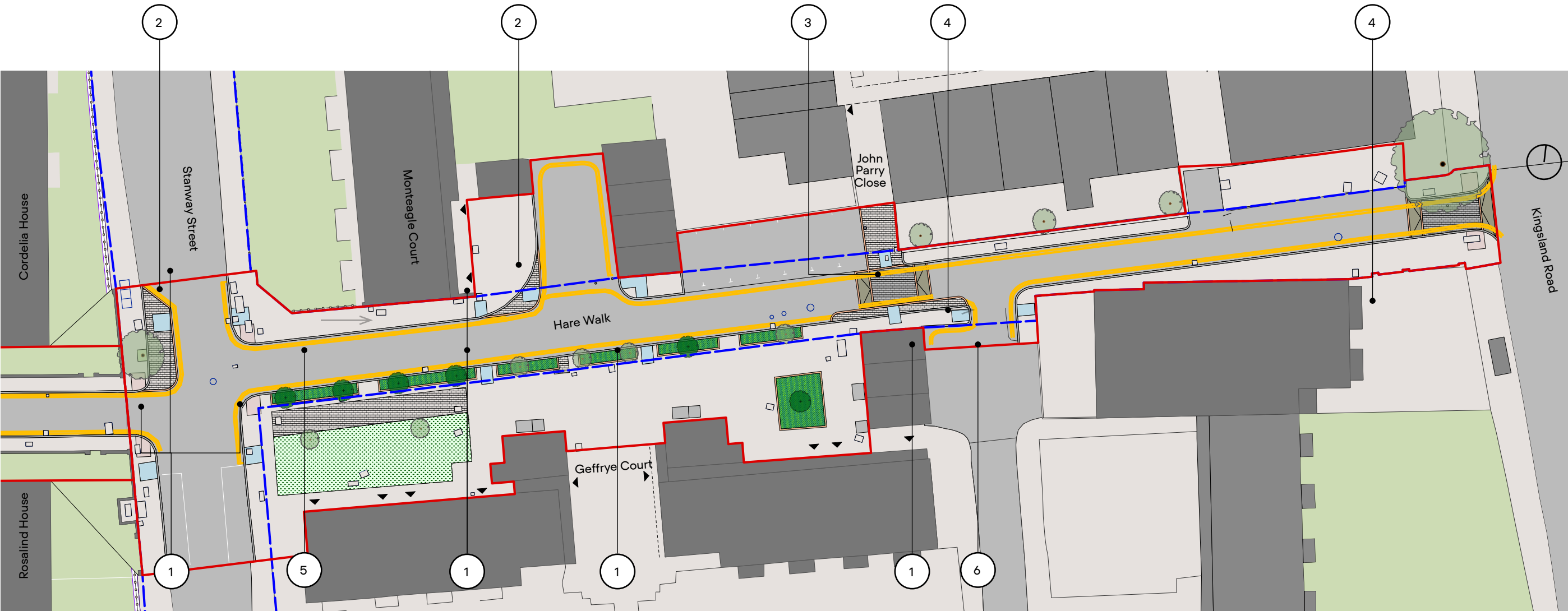
1. Ensuring dropped kerbs are present and well fitted

2. Introduce build outs to extend the public realm, divert and calm traffic

3. A raised crossing leading to John Parry Court introduces an accessible route for residents using this route
4. A Copenhagen crossing to signal pedestrian priority and calm traffic manoeuvring into Hare Walk

5. Planters and trees to provide pedestrian buffer from road and introduce green infrastructure

6. Relocated lamp post which currently obstructs footway
7. To reduce congestion and prevent vehicles from having to mount footways, due to the streets narrow width, a one direction traffic system should be considered



Proposed general arrangement plan

Legend — Package 3 Boundary — Highways Boundary