

## Houghton Street, LSE London WC2



The LSE Environmental Improvement Scheme proposed to limit traffic further and to increase the pedestrianised area around the LSE, for the shared use of both students and through pedestrians. The scheme creates an area identity for the LSE through unity of pavement design, while remaining in the public realm and accessible to all. The improvements create an area of increased safety and convenience for both students and other users, as well as offering an overall visual improvement of the local environment.

In conjunction with the newly created pedestrian street surfaces, the scheme upgrades and renews the paving of existing pedestrian routes within the site. A co-ordinated approach to the design of street furniture, lighting and street landscaping was proposed. The unity of design shifts the visual balance of the streetscape to pedestrian priority in an area which is already largely pedestrianised.

The strategy is to:

- Unify the image of the campus.
- Engage academic and social facilities with a renewed public realm.
- Create stronger links between major campus destinations, such as the library.

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