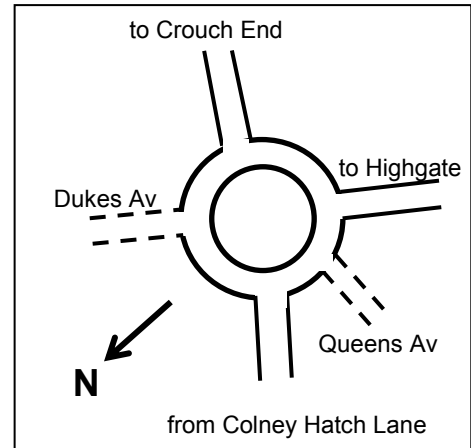


## ALL ABOUT A ROUNDABOUT

How this became the Muswell Hill Bus Terminus was an intriguing research item-



Looking from the North-West

For centuries this roundabout was at the junction of just two roads (a) from the north to Crouch End and (b) south to Highgate. In its centre was a pond.

- In 1858, Dr Protheroe Smith, concerned with public health, had this pond removed.
- In 1897 and 1900, respectively, Queens Avenue and Dukes Avenue were added to the roundabout.
- In 1901 a bus stand was proposed for the increasing horse-omnibus service. Plans to position it on the roundabout perimeter outside Summerland Mansions were opposed by the Mansions' builder; so it was built right in the middle in 1902.
- In 1904 London's first busmen's shelter was built next the stand. The gas company connected this free of charge.
- In 1907 a men-only underground convenience was constructed on the enclosure's north side.
- By 1912 horse buses were being replaced by petrol buses, in turn being replaced by diesel buses.
- In 1926 a new shelter was built in place of the 1904 shelter, new amenities being:
  - Refreshment facilities for the bus drivers.
  - Ground floor toilets (for both sexes), at one time also available to the public, the underground ones are no longer accessible.
  - Adjacent parking for 8 buses.
  - Three small rooms under the shelter, at least one was a temporary custodial police cell.
  - Operational fire hydrant.

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