

## **Environment Scrutiny Commission**

Wednesday 4 November 2020 6.30 pm 700m

## Supplemental Agenda

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4. Low Traffic Neighbourhoods: officer and partner update
Officers have provided a report on planned Low Traffic
Neighbourhood (LTN) schemes, which is enclosed. Dale Foden,
Head of Highways, will present.

Lucy Saunders, Director, Healthy Streets Ltd, Guy's and St Thomas
Trust Charity (GSTTC), who are providing funding for Southwark's
LTN schemes, will be also be attending to present on GSTTC
funding objectives for the schemes.

#### 6. Planning update

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Officers have provided a briefing on:

- Work with developers to reduce carbon emissions 'on site' and decrease the overall environmental impact of schemes
- Carbon offsetting policy update
- Update on Energy strategy work for Planning

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# Streetspace Programme

## **Environment Scrutiny Committee**

#### November 2020

#### **Executive Summary**

This paper has been produced to inform the Environment Scrutiny Committee of the council's current situation regarding design and implementation of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) and progress to date under both the London Streetspace Programme (LSP) and the Guy's and St Thomas' Charity (GSTTC) Southwark Healthy Streets Programme.

LTNs are not a new invention and have been used for many years as an effective and cost effective method of reducing traffic over large areas and many LTNs were being planned and implemented prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Dulwich Healthy Streets project and the Walworth Low Emission Neighbourhood. LTNs work by reducing driving and encouraging modal shift to walking, cycling and public transport for journeys, this is achieved by:

- Encouraging drivers to switch for short journeys by making it less convenient and by providing safe and attractive walking and cycling routes with less driving, traffic pollution, and danger, and;
- Discouraging longer motor vehicle trips from "rat-running" through quite residential areas.

The council is responding to the pandemic, as well as the climate emergency and air quality emergency, by reducing the air pollution from transport. The council is also responding to how society has changed with most people working from home and staying within their neighbourhoods, and the potential 80% increase in driving caused by people avoiding public transport. The council's response, through its Streetspace Plan, aims to keep driving as low as possible to help tackle all three emergencies. Evidence from several LTNs shows that they create a consistent trend towards less car use and more active travel.





LTN's can build a sense of community as people are using local facilities more, with Paris seeking to create a "15 minute city" in which districts become more self-sufficient, creating a new localism. Urban planners believe this will transform people's sense of belonging as well as health and local employment.

Contrary to some recent, high profile news stories many cities around the world are creating LTNs to combat air pollution, encourage people to lead active lives, build communities and demonstrate the benefits.

#### **Background**

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed travel patterns across the country and brought opportunities to improve the health of Southwark residents, but also created significant risks of there being 80% more driving than before the lockdown in the borough. In the short term lockdown saw a significant improvement in London's air quality, people's health and safety to walk and cycle, but deterred people from using public transport. Thus as people return to work etc, it is predicted that private car use and pollution will dramatically increase, unless steps are taken to provide more sustainable modes of transport.

Earlier this year Transport for London (TfL) announced plans for emergency measures to be put in place under the London Streetspace Programme funded by the Department for Transport (DfT). In response to the London Streetspace Programme Southwark Council approved the Southwark Streetspace Plan at cabinet on the 14 July 2020.

The Southwark Streetspace Plan sets out how the council planned to deal with both the immediate need for social distancing and the longer term need to keep driving low and increase sustainable transport.

The Government has recognised the need for urgent action as it has provided only six months of transport funding and has 'flipped' the consultation process as it has instructed council's to deliver at pace. TfL have received the Government's funding and released it in four batches according to bids by councils. Restrictions have been placed on this funding specifying the timescales it must be spent within to ensure councils take action in a timely manner.

TfL are currently negotiating a second round of funding with the DfT based on a further submission of proposals by boroughs. It is expected that this funding will also have to be spent within six months' time, by 31 March 2021. The DfT have indicated that the likelihood of receiving further funding will be greatly affected by whether or not councils have delivered on the agreed schemes within the timescales.

Guys & St Thomas' Charity (GSTTC) have also expressed an interest in funding work in Southwark to reduce driving and increase active travel in order to help deliver their agenda of improved physical and mental health for those in greatest need. The council approached GSTTC who agreed to fund three LTNs in the borough. This work targets neighbourhoods with high deprivation indexes and schools with high levels of child obesity and poor air quality and aims to reduce driving and encourage active, healthy travel.





The project board has selected six neighborhoods and then shortlisted three that fit these parameters and mapped council housing, schools and green spaces within them to understand how people travel in these communities.

The project board contains officers from the transport, environment, and public health departments of the council and Lucy Saunders, representing GSTTC. Lucy Saunders is a public health specialist, urbanist and transport planner who created the Healthy Streets assessment framework for TfL that is now used to assess all major transport projects across London.

GSTTC has allocated the council £200,000 for the design and implementation of measures with a further £50,000 set aside to carry out monitoring. A report was due to be submitted to Lead Member for approval of the first round of the GSTTC schemes, but had to be delayed due to the change in Cabinet members.

#### **Policy**

#### **National Policy**

On the 27 July 2020 the DfT released it's walking and cycling document Gear Change: A bold vision for cycling and walking. It sets out the Government's proposal to maintain the higher levels of walking and cycling seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Evidence shows that, despite fewer people travelling overall during the pandemic, there has been about a 100% increase in weekday cycling and up to 200% on some weekends. In urban areas more than 40% of journeys are under two miles.

The DfT has stated that, to deliver an increase in walking and cycling, active travel needs to be embedded in wider policy making and local authorities are being encouraged to take bold steps to make this happen.

A key theme in this strategy is to empower and encourage local authorities by the Government creating a new funding body and inspectorate, Active Travel England. It will have an extensive role in promoting best practice, advising local authorities and providing funding for improvements. The Government has specifically stated that Active Travel England's assessment of an authority's performance in delivering sustainable travel outcomes will affect future funding allocations.

The strategy further states that all funding will be conditional on work starting and finishing by specified dates, if these dates are not complied with the funding must be returned.

Active Travel England will examine all applications for funding and refuse any that are not compliant with the new national standards.

<u>Updated guidance</u> on the statutory network management duties for highway authorities was also produced to provide extra advice on techniques for managing roads to deal with COVID-19 response related issues.





Local authorities in areas with high levels of public transport were asked to take measures to reallocate road space to people walking and cycling, both to encourage active travel and to enable social distancing during restart. It recommended that measures should be taken as swiftly as possible, and in any event within weeks, given the urgent need to change travel habits before the restart takes full effect.

#### Mayor of London's Policy

COVID-19 has restricted the capacity of public transport and there is wide-spread concern that a proportion of these journeys will switch to cars - making congestion, air quality and road danger worse than before the pandemic. In response to the need to encourage much more walking and cycling in London the Mayor and TfL released the Mayor's London Streetspace Plan (LSP).

The LSP focuses on three key themes for the projects it will fund:

- The rapid construction of a strategic cycling network,
- A transformation of town centres to enable local journeys to be safely walked and cycled, and
- Reducing traffic on residential streets by creating Low Traffic Neighbourhoods across London.

The approach taken across London has been to:

- Install segregated cycleways,
- Widen footways on strategic routes (ie high streets and stations) where needed, and
- Create LTNs in residential areas.

LSP guidance notes the LTNs are key measures to be introduced to create attractive and safe areas for everyone to use, including new and less confident cyclists and people using family and accessible bicycles, and to enable walking by socially distancing.

To rapidly deliver schemes within the required timescales the Government is instructing council's to use experimental traffic management orders (please see below). They 'flip' the consultation process to enable us to:

- Design,
- Install,
- Test and modify if necessary, and then
- Consult after six months to decide whether the scheme should be made permanent.

Please note that any activity by the council which will or is likely to affect the Strategic Road Network (SRN) or the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) is notifiable to TfL and subject to approval by them through the Traffic Management Act Notification (TMAN) process.





#### **Southwark Streetspace Programme**

Southwark Council has responded to the Mayor's London Streetspace Plan (LSP) by producing Southwark's Streetspace Plan (SSP), which was agreed as the council's response by cabinet on the 14 July 2020.

The SSP sets out a delivery plan in four parts:

- 1. Initial assessment, advice and / or enforcement, and immediate intervention measures where needed at significant pinch points.
- 2. Emergency reactive measures in identified hotspots to assist with social distancing.
- 3. Neighbourhood measures which deliver local interventions focused on the Southwark highway. These include planned measures that have been priorities and measures from the public via the council's new Commonplace website.
- 4. Strategic initiatives working with transport providers including TfL.

The SSP contains a list of interventions to be investigated under several headings (as set out above) with authority delegated to the Cabinet Member to make any required amendment to the programme.

#### Update on Guy's and St Thomas' Charity – Southwark Healthy Streets

The GSTTC projects are deemed to be in accordance with item three of the SSP, neighbourhood measures (as set out above),

Outline design work on three LTNs has been completed with the Cabinet Member for environment, transport and the climate emergency playing an active role on the programme board by providing strategic direction and helping to select locations for interventions. Ward members have been consulted, and the first two LTNs were generally well received, whilst further design work was requested on the third (marked below with an asterisk). Plans of the areas have been provided in Appendix A. The locations are:

- 1. Brunswick Park
- 2. Ark Walworth
- 3. North east Peckham

The areas are all centred on schools with high levels of child obesity and the links between them and the council housing estates in the catchment area. The aim is to reduce traffic on the most used routes to and from the schools, thereby reducing road traffic emissions and improving safety to encourage walking and cycling.

The IDM for the first two LTNs funded by GSTTC has been presented to the Cabinet Member and is currently pending approval.





#### **Post Implementation Monitoring**

Good practice following the implementation of an ETMO is to introduce monitoring to inform the decision making over whether the order should be made permanent after the six-month initial trial period. Most traffic orders that affect a large number of people will draw some objections. Thus, in order to determine the outcome of the trial and deal with any objections, the council sets out a case for how the measures in the traffic order are in the wider public benefit. Monitoring can take many forms, all of which have pros and cons and some have inherent risks. Therefore very careful consideration and a full understanding of the issues must take place before a decision is made on how the success, or otherwise, of a trial is to be measured. Any measurement must take account of what the expected benefits of these schemes are.

In the specific case of the GSTTC projects Guy's and St Thomas' are very keen to be able to gain robust scientific data on the effects of the scheme which can be used as part of a study into the effects of active travel on health inequalities and may help to shape future policy making. For this reason a large proportion (20%) of the budget GSTTC have put forward has been set aside to carry out monitoring.

In order to deliver the monitoring aspirations of GSTTC a draft monitoring plan has been put together and is attached in appendix B.

The opinion of the community as to whether the measures have brought an improvement should be an important factor for consideration and robust perception surveys can be carried out to allow a case to be made for whether the change is in the greater public good.

Traffic surveys of various types may be carried out, but it must be carefully considered what would be deemed a success. COVID-19 has presented some unique challenges for traffic monitoring in that due to the speed of the lockdown there has been no opportunity to carry out robust baseline monitoring so, in most cases, there is no "before" data to compare with. It is also likely that travel patterns may be changed permanently with people working from home and shopping locally. A monitoring plan may be put in place using other locations of a similar character as proxy sites to act as a control and allow concurrent monitoring to take place. For all measures it is important to allow sufficient time for changes to 'bed in' and travel patterns to settle down into a new normal.

During the bedding in period some traffic may be displaced onto routes around the outside of LTNs, however this is generally a fraction of the traffic those roads carry under normal operation and, in any case, traffic levels will generally settle back down to pre-implementation levels as traffic reassigns over a wider area and the intended mode shift starts to take place.





Air quality monitoring is a complex science as it is affected by many factors, including temperature, wind direction, air pressure and various sources. Road traffic accounts for around 50% of NOx & PM10 pollutants with other local sources also having a considerable effect on measured levels. Reductions in pollutants achieved by the implementation of schemes can easily be lost in a background of variations in levels due to prevailing weather conditions and in the myriad of other sources of pollution beyond road traffic. The council does measure air quality throughout the borough, but this is mostly used for tracking long term trends which averages out short term factors.

#### **Appendices**

Appendix A – GSTTC Scheme Location Plans (Draft)

Appendix B – GSTTC Monitoring Plan (Draft)







**Improved Crossing Locations** 

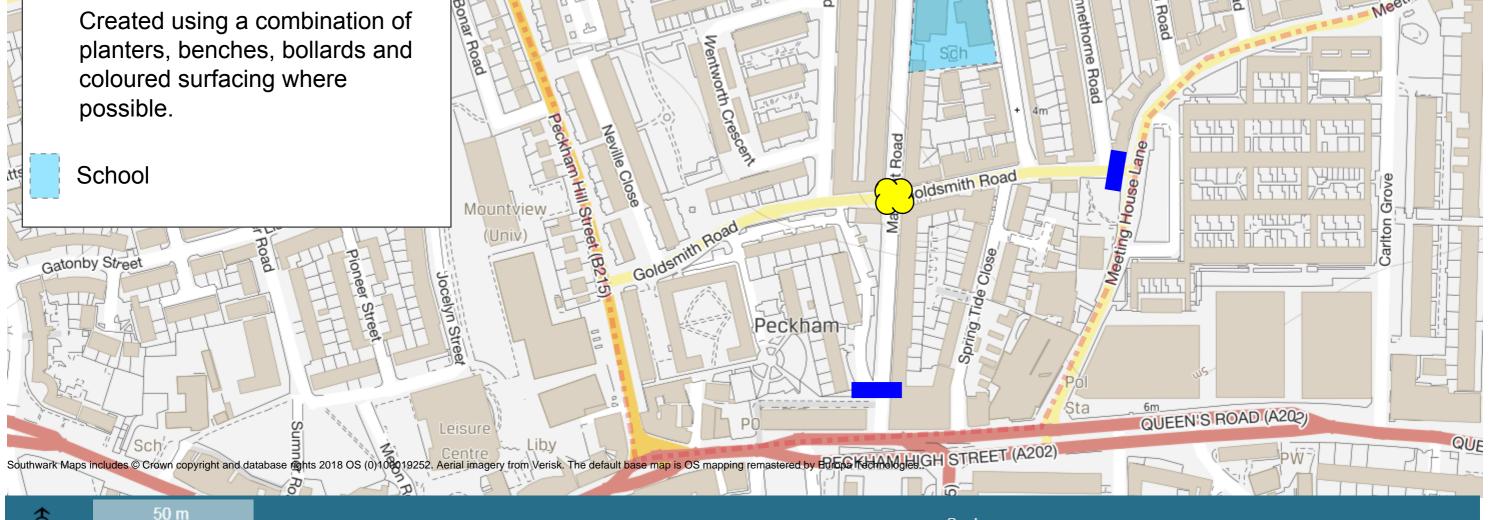
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Road Closures - Pedestrians and cyclists allowed through.

Created using a combination of planters, benches, bollards and coloured surfacing where possible.

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Lympstone Gardens

Holbeck Row



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cyclists allowed through.

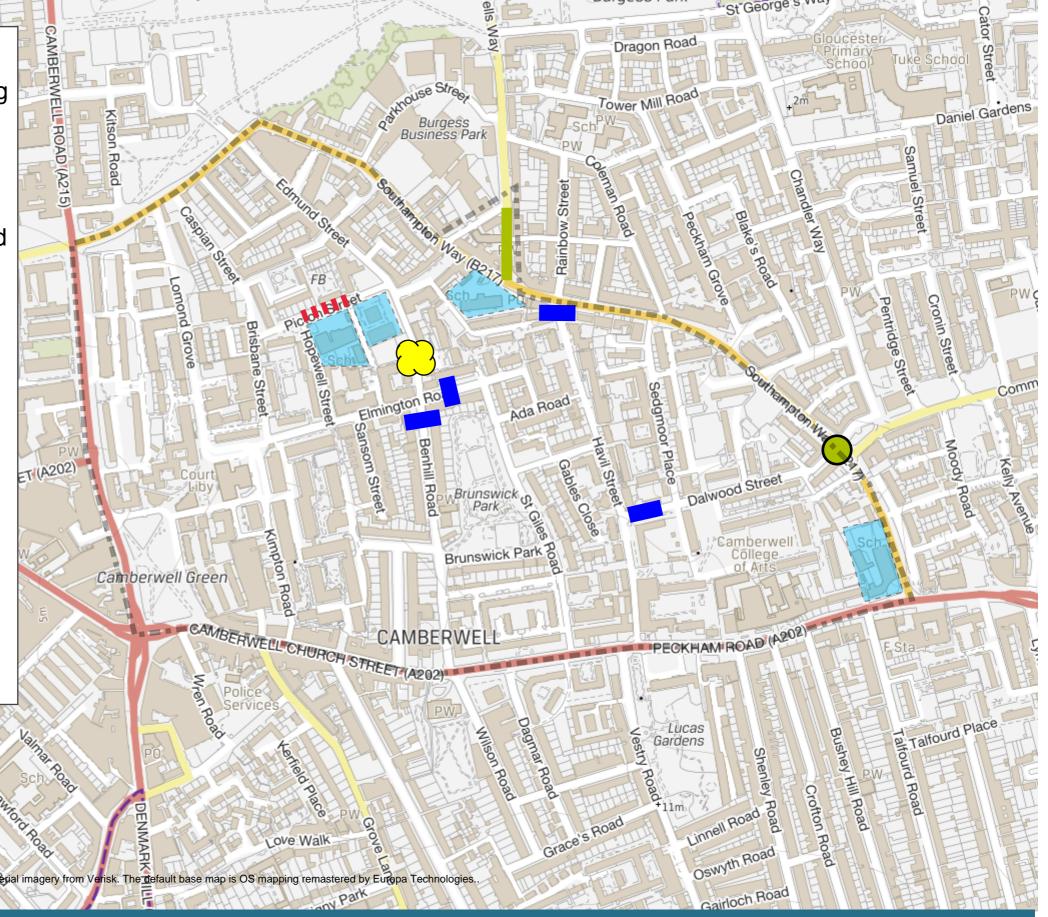
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Existing School Street Closure

Ocycle crossing from Lidgate St to Dalwood St

Cycling Improvements



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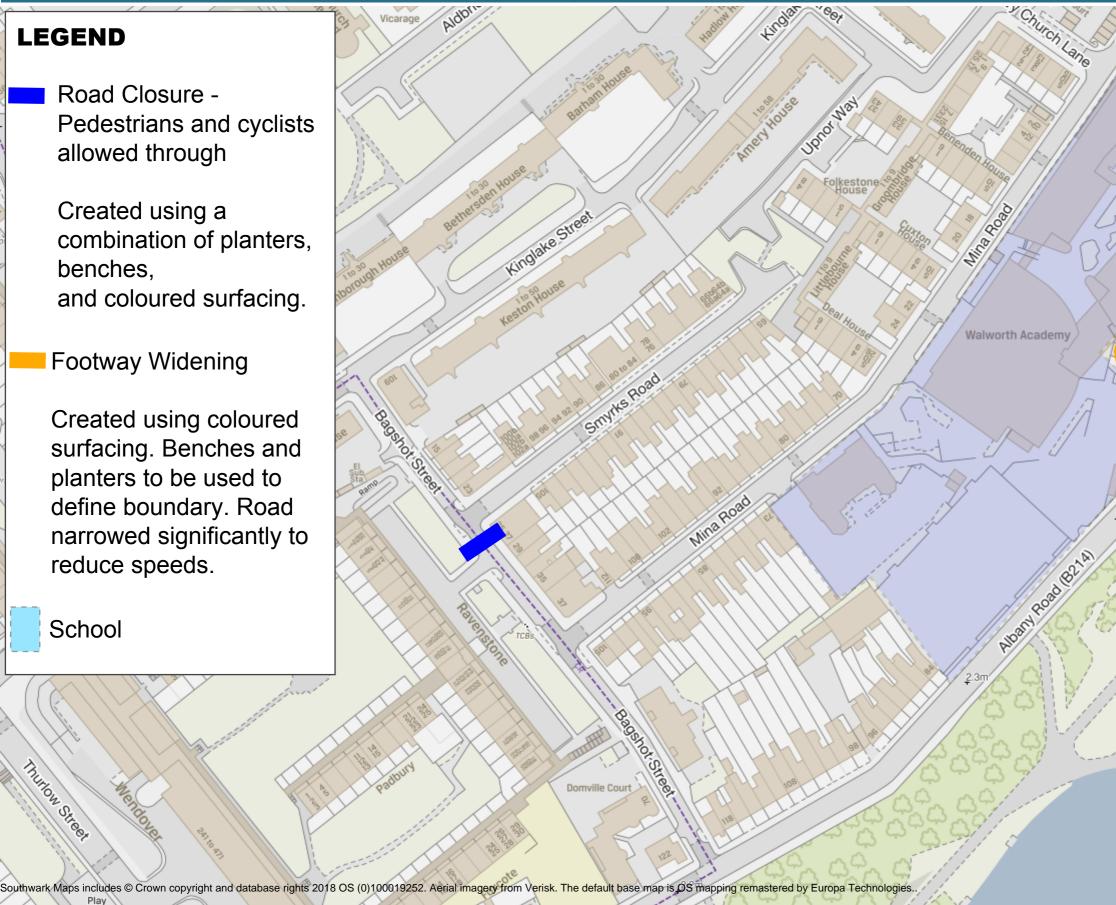
Road Closure -Pedestrians and cyclists allowed through

> Created using a combination of planters, benches, and coloured surfacing.

Footway Widening

Created using coloured surfacing. Benches and planters to be used to define boundary. Road narrowed significantly to reduce speeds.

School









**Improved Crossing Locations** 

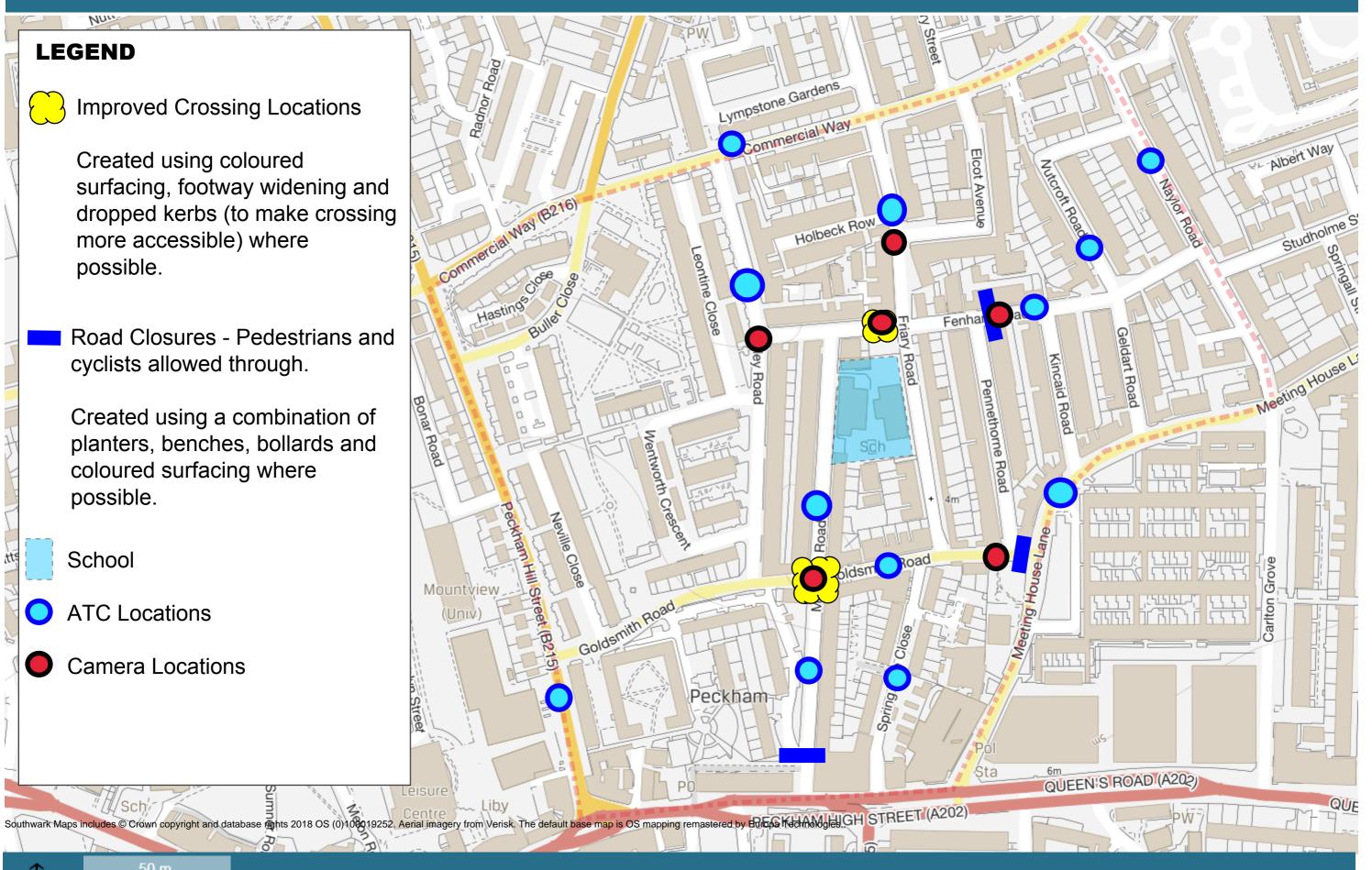
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- **ATC Locations**
- **Camera Locations**









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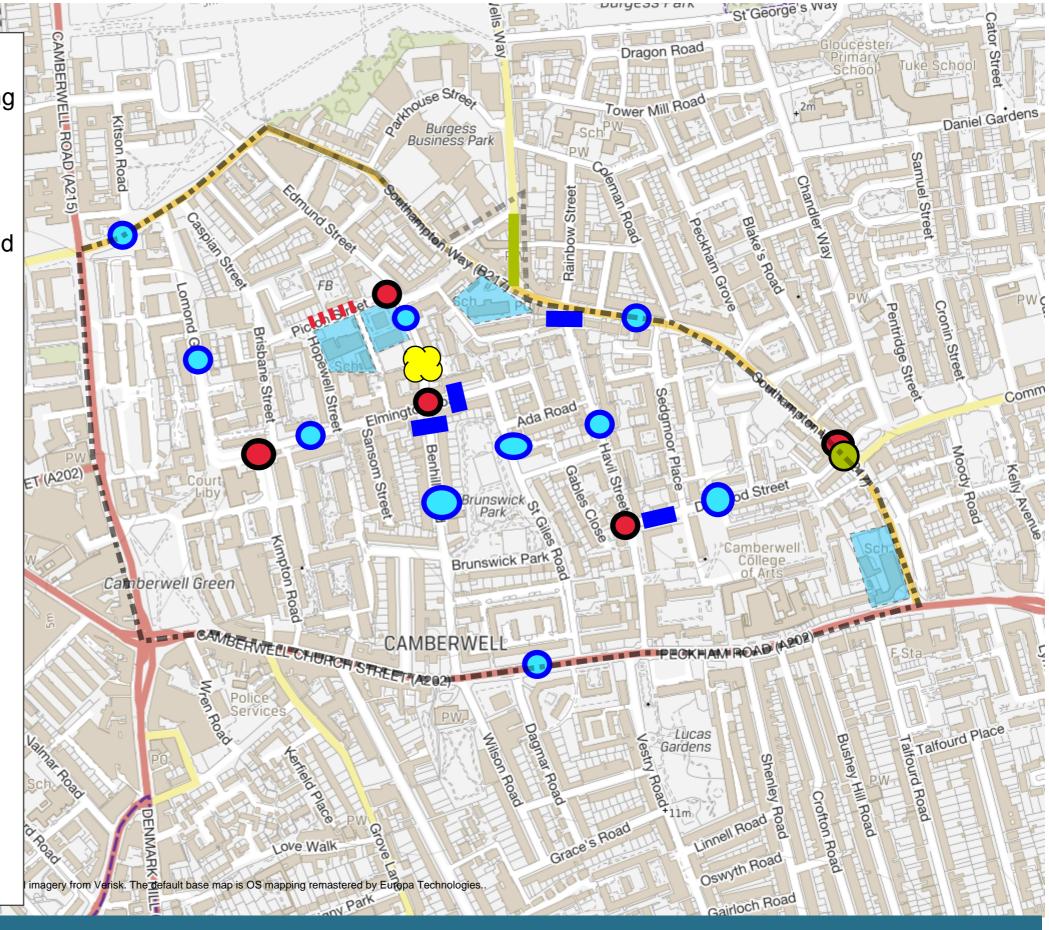
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- Oycle crossing from Lidgate St to Dalwood St
- ATC Locations
- Camera Locations
- Cycling Improvements







# **MONITORING PLAN**

Scheme Name	Guys and St Thomas Charity – Healthy Streets Projects

#### **Document control schedule**

Version	Status	Written by	Approved by	Date	Changes made
1	Draft	Rebecca Barkham	Alexander Rozema	28/10/20	n/a

#### **Section 1 Project Objective**

Guy's and St Thomas' Charitable trust (GSTTC) is delivering a long-term multi-million pound programme tackling the main health challenges facing Lambeth & Southwark. Within this programme there is a focus on improving air quality, reducing child obesity and reducing the burden of long-term conditions such as heart disease and type-2 diabetes. In particular GSTTC have asked to focus on areas with high levels of deprivation and poor air quality.

The aim of this project is to improve the healthiness of the streets in the project areas so that more people can comfortably walk, cycle and spend time on these streets. The project areas selected are neighbourhoods in which people are accessing schools, parks and local amenities. Reducing inequalities is built into the project objectives through the choice of project locations, and application of the Healthy Streets Approach.

#### Project objectives:

- Deliver measurable improvement in the Healthy Streets score for intervention streets
- Deliver no reduction in Healthy Streets score for adjacent streets
- Deliver a measurable improvement in walking and cycling levels in project areas compared with control areas
- Deliver a measurable increase in 'dwell time' in project areas compared with control areas

#### Section 2 Location of project

Three locations have been selected for GSTTC Healthy Streets schemes:

- Harris Primary Academy Peckham Park Peckham Ward (Figure 1)
- Brunswick Park Primary Camberwell Green and St Giles Wards (Figure 2)
- Ark Walworth Academy Faraday Ward (Figure 3)

Two locations have been selected as control site, where no interventions will be introduced:

- Compass School North Bermondsey Ward (Figure 4)
- Phoenix School Old Kent Road and North Bermondsey Wards (Figure 5)

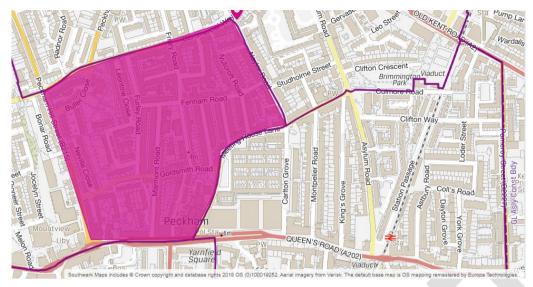


Figure 1 – Harris Primary Academy Peckham Park - Peckham Ward

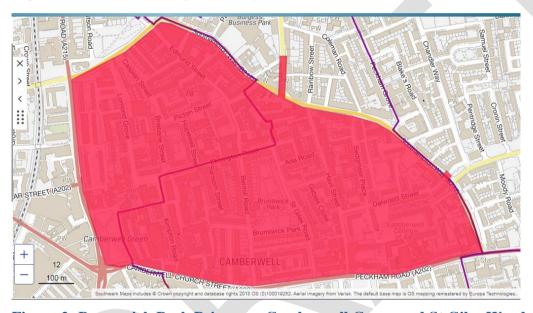


Figure 2: Brunswick Park Primary - Camberwell Green and St Giles Wards



Figure 3 Ark Walworth Academy - Faraday Ward

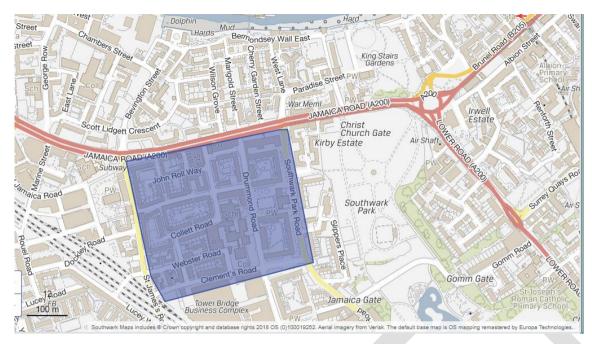


Figure 4 Control Site 1 - Compass School - North Bermondsey

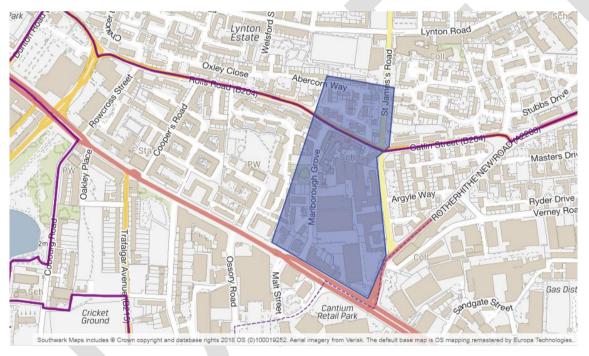


Figure 5 - Control Site 2 - Phoenix School - Old Kent Road/North Bermondsey

#### **Section 3 Strategic Alignment**

This section outlines the key actions from the Movement Plan and Council Targets this scheme is seeking to implement.

**Table 1: Movement Plan Missions and Actions** 

Mission	Action	How Particular outcomes to be considered
M2	Action 1: Reduce noise pollution	Reduce traffic levels
M3	Action 4: Deliver infrastructure to support active travel  Action 5: Enable people to get active	Reduce traffic levels.  Provision of better crossing point and cycleway infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling
M4	Action 8: Use kerbside efficiently and promote less polluting vehicles  Action 9: Manage traffic to reduce the demand on our streets	Promoting less polluting forms of travel Reducing cut-through traffic
M7	Action 15: Reduce exposure to air pollution Action 16: Zero people killed or injured on our streets by 2041	Promoting less polluting forms of travel Reducing cut-through traffic Ensuring safety of all road users is taken into account

## **Section 4 Objectives**

This section outlines the scheme project objectives.

**Table 2: Scheme Objectives** 

No.	Project Objectives
1	Measurable improvement in Healthy Streets score for intervention streets
2	No reduction in Healthy Streets score for adjacent streets
3	Measurable improvement in walking and cycling levels in project areas compared with control areas
4	Measurable increase in 'dwell time' in project areas compared with control areas

## **Section 5 Monitoring indicators**

This section is used to confirm information about the proposed monitoring indicators for the scheme objectives identified in Table 2.

**Table 3: Monitoring Indicators** 

Timeframe		Information about da	ata assessment	
	Monitoring	Location(s)	Indicate	Action
	indicators		assessments to be	(E) Existing
			undertaken	(R) Required
Baseline	Vehicle counts	ATCs at 29 locations shown in <b>Appendix A1</b> . This covers three scheme locations and two control sites	November 2020	R
	Cycle count	Using ATCs listed above and CCTV below	November 2020	R
	Dwell time	CCTV at 16 locations shown in <b>Appendix A1</b> This covers three scheme locations and two control sites.	November 2020	R
	Other	TfL signalised junction data	November 2020	R
After Survey	Vehicle counts	ATCs at 29 locations shown in <b>Appendix A1</b> . This covers three scheme locations and two control sites	4-8 months after implementation	R
	Cycle count	Using ATCs listed above and CCTV below	4-8 months after implementation	R
	Dwell time Other	CCTV at 16 locations shown in <b>Appendix A1.</b> This covers three scheme locations and two control sites.	4-8 months after implementation	R
		TfL signalised junction data	4-8 months after implementation	R

## **Section 6 Performance assessment report**

**Table 4: Performance assessment report** 

Monitoring indicator	Baseline data	After-survey data	Assessment / comments	Next steps
Vehicle count	To be collected November 2020	To be collected 4-8 months after implementation		
Cycle count	To be collected November 2020	To be collected 4-8 months after implementation		
Signalised Junction Performance	To be collected from TfL November 2020	To be collected from TfL 4-8 months after implementation		
Bus Performance	To be collected from TfL November 2020	To be collected from TfL 4-8 months after implementation		

## **Appendicies**

Appendix A1 – GSTTC Monitoring Overview Plans (Draft)

# **Environmental Scrutiny Committee Briefing Planning – Progress Update**

4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Prepared by

Planning Policy Team

#### **Purpose**

- The new Chair of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee has asked for a briefing and presentation from Planning Policy providing an update on workstreams responding to the Climate Emergency and environmental policy. The following areas are covered:
  - An update on the Energy strategy work for Planning,
  - An update on the Carbon offsetting policy,
  - To set out how Planning are working with developers to reduce carbon emissions 'on site' and decrease the overall environmental impact of schemes.
- 2. This report will set out some background and contextual points framing planning workstreams, provide a summary of the work planning in relation to carbon reduction and environmental policy, and then set out the responses and approach to each of the above areas.

#### **Background**

#### **Policy Context**

- 3. A number of different carbon commitments have been made at various levels of governance. The UK Government statutory commitment is to achieve Net Carbon Zero emissions by 2050. This is echoed in policy in the New London Plan and the Greater London Authority which is committed to a net zero carbon city by 2050.
- 4. On 27th March 2019 Southwark's Council Assembly resolved to call on cabinet to declare a Climate Emergency and to do all it can to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030. In response to this declaration, the planning department has reassessed its policies and practice to try and meet this target. The council work to date has seen a 37% reduction in carbon from 2008. This is only a measure of the council's output, however, which represents 16% of the borough's total carbon emissions. In order to ensure that the 2030 target is achieved, planning policy is being completely rethought to innovate, balance competing policy objectives and make bold decisions to spend resources effectively to meet these ambitious targets.
- 5. The policies need to ensure the highest possible carbon reductions for the borough's largest emitters. The areas of focus are therefore heating solutions (which include retrofitting, insulation, design standards, and low carbon heating sources and exploring communal heating), and transport and congestion (which includes exploring lower carbon freight and freight consolidation, promoting a transition to carbon neutral transport and promoting behavioural change to more active travel modes).

#### 1. Update on Energy strategy work for Planning

6. There are a number of different workstreams to review emerging policy, reassess our evidence base, and review our carbon offset fund and carbon price to meet the council's target of achieving net zero carbon by 2030.

#### 1.1 Energy and environmental policy review

#### New Southwark Plan (NSP)

- 7. The NSP69 Energy policy submitted to the Examination in Public is based on the 2050 net zero carbon target. A review and update of this policy is underway to respond to the 2030 net zero carbon target.
- 8. NSP69 Energy is the main focus for the NSP update because heating usage for both domestic and non-domestic uses is one of the biggest emitters of carbon in Southwark. This will be addressed in policy to reduce carbon emissions onsite for new development and reduce operational carbon throughout the use of the building too. This policy will set out an approach to increase onsite reductions in carbon, and set out the financial contributions that are appropriate when this has not been met.
- 9. The priority of NSP69 Energy is to set out the focus on building fabric. This will consider how to encourage retrofitting for onsite carbon reduction. This will explore how to utilise fabric to improve efficiency, lifespan of buildings, and energy generation to reduce carbon onsite. The policy will focus on reducing the need for heating, and exploring efficient and more sustainable systems of heating and cooling. This is informing potential policy interventions to improve building's energy performance and reduce energy consumption onsite to reduce operational carbon and the cost of energy bills for occupiers.
- 10.A revised Energy policy will go to cabinet to agree public consultation in December 2020.
- 11. A review of other policies such as waste, transport and green networks will take place in 2021 to consider whether policy amendments are required in the New Southwark Plan to enable more effective progress to the 2030 target.

#### Old Kent Road Area Action Plan (OKR AAP)

- 12. A new Climate Emergency policy is being prepared and scoping out some updated environmental policies for the OKR AAP, as part of the ambition to deliver a Net Zero Area Action Plan. These policies will set out priority connection to the District Heat Network as a heating source, management of greenfield run off rates, biodiversity and air quality.
- 13. Both of these new policies for the NSP and OKR AAP have and will be tested for viability and feasibility. These policies would also be applicable to Councilowned development.
- 14. The NSPOKR AAP will be agreed by Cabinet in December 2020 for public consultation.

#### 1.2 Cost of carbon and carbon offset fund

#### Cost of carbon

- 15. The carbon price is the cost of carbon per tonne to be offset by a development for any shortfall (I.e. residual emissions) in achieving the net zero carbon target. In response to the 2030 net zero carbon target, combined with the cheaper carbon saving measures in recent years, work will be undertaken to increase the cost of carbon with a view to encouraging developers to deliver increased on-site savings.
- 16. Several price options, are being reviewed along with close monitoring of the other London boroughs' approach to updating the cost of carbon as well. The pricing options will be viability tested together with the new policies in the NSP and OKR AAP to ensure the new measures as a whole will not impact on the financial viability and deliverability of developments in Southwark.
- 17. Viability testing will cover the key building typologies in Southwark, including the case studies of the existing and emerging council's direct delivery schemes to explore the impact on build costs and opportunity cost implications on affordable housing provision by achieving a higher energy efficiency standard.

#### Carbon offset fund

- 18. The carbon offset fund is a fund to solely reduce carbon emissions and not wider environmental initiatives. The management and governance of the fund needs to ensure that it will effectively offset the shortfall in carbon savings from developments, in order to meet the net zero carbon target.
- 19. The carbon offset fund is primarily funded by financial contributions from Section 106 agreements and comes from the shortfall in carbon savings. There may be other external sources to the fund such as the central government. The sole purpose of the fund is to deliver carbon offsetting measures in the borough. In line with the strategic objective to achieve net zero carbon emission in new builds, the fund foresees a reduced contribution from developments in the future as onsite carbon emission performance improves and therefore emphasises the effective use of the resources to maximise carbon reduction through the selected projects.
- 20. Further details for the cost of carbon and the carbon offset fund management are set out Section 2.

#### 1.3 Councillor Briefings

21. Councillor Situ, Councillor Pollak and Councillor Rose have been briefed on an overview of planning workstreams in response to the climate emergency, a review of borough wide carbon emissions sources through SCATTER modelling and potential planning policy implications, an overview of emerging

planning policy and Overview of the Carbon Offset fund and recommendations for its governance and management.

#### 1.4 Preparation of evidence base and modelling

22. An Energy evidence base paper has been prepared to set out the actions to aim to meet the net carbon zero target for 2050, which aligns with the national commitment, and that in the current and emerging London Plan. This outlines the evidence for the policies set out and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. A further Evidence base paper is being prepared to aim to meet the net carbon zero target for 2030.

#### 1.5 Other work

#### Climate Workshops

- 23. An internal two-session climate workshop was undertaken in October 2020 to provide the background of the 2030 net zero carbon target, set out what the strategic objectives to tackle the climate emergency through planning are, and collect insights from different teams into potential policies and measures to reduce and mitigate carbon emissions.
- 24. The workshop consisted on a presentation for Anthesis Consulting Group on the context of the Climate Emergency, where change is needed in terms of achieving net carbon zero target by 2030 and where the biggest emissions in Southwark are. This was followed by a blue-sky thinking exercise which allowed planning officers to explore and generate ideas for carbon reduction across different themes: design and construction; movement and transport; energy generation and consumption; and behavioural changes. Obstacles have been identified and how these might be overcome by working with stakeholders.
- 25. The sessions were well received by the department and successful in producing insightful feedback from the division with the following outcomes: project options and ideas for the Carbon Offset Fund; policy options for the NSP and OKR AAP; ideas for new initiatives and work to explore for the wider Climate Change Corporate Strategy; and future work to upskill officers to negotiate greater on-site savings with developers, including training and effective communications between each team in response to the climate emergency.

#### Supporting funding bids

26. Bids are being prepared for the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund and Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, and other emerging bids. These are not directly linked to a single work stream and the funding is available for a range of projects across departments. There could be scope for policy to

support these bids, and this is needed to ensure that there is no duplication with the Carbon Offset Fund.

#### 2. Carbon offsetting policy – update

#### 2.1 Context

- 27. Carbon offsetting is a planning obligation collected under Section 106 agreements. This obligation allows new developments to comply with local planning policy where it is not feasible to achieve all necessary carbon emissions savings at the development site. The carbon offset is collected as a financial contribution which is ring-fenced and used to 'offset' the carbon footprint of the new development by funding carbon saving projects elsewhere in Southwark. The fund may also receive further funding from external groups such as MHCLG.
- 28. The management and governance of the fund needs to ensure that the fund is well placed to work towards the net zero carbon target, i.e. to select and deliver measures that can effectively offset the shortfall in carbon savings from developments.
- 29. The council's current carbon offset price is £1,800 per ton of carbon (a rate of £60 per ton of carbon over a 30-year period). Under the new London Plan, the GLA will recommend an increased carbon offset price of £2,850 per ton (a rate of £95 per ton of carbon over a 30-year period).

#### 2.2 Cost of Carbon report and viability testing

- 30.A Cost of Carbon report has been drafted, which sets out the proposed approach to offsetting and fund spending.
- 31. This report contains evidence to show that the current carbon offset price has not provided sufficient incentive for developers to achieve the highest possible carbon savings on site, with the risk being that development being delivered at present will likely require retrofitting in the future.
- 32. The report also suggests that the emerging GLA recommended rate of £95 would still be too low to incentivise savings on site, as the £95 price is intended to be used alongside emerging London Plan policy SI 2 which requires a 35% minimum on site carbon reduction, whereas the council's emerging policy work is exploring a 60% minimum onsite reduction for new residential development The Cost of Carbon report is due in late October 2020.
- 33. Discussions and work are ongoing on an appropriate carbon offsetting price to recommend to members and considers that the Cost of Carbon report produced by London Energy Transformation Initiative (LETI) group in August 2020 offers a suitable approach to pricing for members' consideration. LETI

has worked with London boroughs including Ealing, Greenwich and Haringey and proposes a tiered pricing method, where developers would pay a lower carbon offset rate where higher savings are achieved on site (See Table 1 for details of this approach and the approach to carbon pricing being taken by other London boroughs).

34.BNP Paribas are in the process of preparing to test the viability of pricing options. This will be supported by internal discussions across departments including the New Homes team and the regeneration team in preparation for the viability testing. This testing will take into account the opportunity cost implications on affordable housing provision and other financial contributions secured through s106 agreements, as well as potential increased build costs as a result of improved building energy performance. It is expected that the viability report will be completed in late November 2020.

Table 1 – Carbon Price Options for LB Southwark

Options	Methodology	Next steps
£95 (London Plan option)	Price based on the Treasury Green Book non-traded cost per tonne of carbon.	LBS adopted new price £95 through IDM process.
£104 (Lewisham option)	Reflects the cost of offsetting measures within the borough, ensuring a minimum of 1:1 offset ratio can be achieved (I.e. 1 tonne of carbon savings from offsetting projects for each tonne of residual carbon emissions from developments).	Carry out viability testing using.
Tiered pricing (Merton option)	By improving building fabric and installing heat pumps alongside PV, a 96% improvement over building regs can be achieved with only a 6.8% uplift (I.e. £18-69/m2) in build cost for a mid-rise apartment block. This is in comparison with standard fabric, a gas boiler and PV. Cost analysis was provided by Currie and Brown.	

Table 2 – Approach to carbon pricing in different boroughs of London

Borough	Pricing approach	Status
Merton	Tiered pricing as recommended by London Energy Transformation Initiative (LETI):  For domestic development:  • £1000/ tCO2 up to 60% onsite improvement  • £300/ tCO2 from 60%-80%  • £100/ tCO2 from 80%-100%  Non-domestic development:  • £1000 /tCO2 up to 50% onsite improvement  • £300/ tCO2 from 50%-100%	Soon to be taken to public consultation. Autumn 2020.
Lewisham	£104/tCO2, the local carbon price reflecting the cost of offsetting measures in the borough. In effect from 2014.	Adopted.
Islington, Camden, Westminster, Hackney	GLA New London Plan's recommended price of £95/tCO2	Adopted.

#### 2.3 Interim cost of carbon position

- 35. The GLA will soon adopt the New London Plan which will set a new Carbon Price for London at £95 per tonne of carbon (tCO2.) This will set a new price for LB Southwark. This price is considered viable for development in London.
- 36. As it is not yet known when the New London Plan will be adopted, Members have decided to bring forward and adopt the £95 price as an interim price to

secure greater financial contributions to reduce emissions. A recommendation will shortly be made to the lead member for an IDM decision.

#### 2.4 Carbon offset fund management

37. Southwark Council's carbon offset fund is approximately £1.5 million as of October 2020 which equates to 25,000 tonnes of CO2 over a 30-year period. The fund income is currently monitored by the Planning division's S106/CIL team using Exacom, a software tool to monitor financial obligations of developments within Southwark.

#### **Forecast**

38. There is a forecast reduction in financial contributions to the fund over 10 years, as new developments will achieve high onsite energy performance to reach the 100% net zero carbon target under the new policies and higher cost of carbon. As such, the aim of the fund is to maximise carbon savings for minimum spend, including administration cost.

## Legal requirement to spend the fund on carbon mitigation measures, not other environmental initiatives

39. For any financial contributions secured through Section 106 agreements towards the carbon offset fund, there is a legal requirement as written in the deed for the council to apply the sum towards carbon mitigation measures within the borough, including but not limited to the installation of photovoltaic panels to existing buildings, insulation, tree planting, LED light bulb exchanges, homeowner grants to replace boilers and community projects. It provides a legal basis for the carbon offset fund to spend solely on carbon saving measures to offset the shortfall arising from development, in order to effectively achieve the net zero carbon target.

#### Officer recommendations

- 40. A series of options and recommendations have been prepared to finalise the council approach to carbon offset fund allocation, management and monitoring. This was presented to lead Cabinet Members for comments on 26 October 2020. This approach has been informed by GLA guidance and by indepth research carried out into the approach taken by other London boroughs.
- 41.Lead Cabinet Members have made decisions based on a series of recommendations. These decisions are detailed below.

#### Recommendation 1 - Decision-making for projects to be funded

#### Question: who should make decisions on funding offsetting projects?

42. Members have decided that decisions should be taken by a Councillor-led board to agree the projects to be funded based on the criteria set out in the following recommendations. This board will meet every six months or whenever projects emerge.

#### Recommendation 2 – Sources of projects and initiatives

## Question: Which projects and initiatives should be funded by the carbon offset fund?

- 43. Members have decided that the fund should comprise of a majority councilown initiatives and projects and a small to medium pot of Community-led initiatives and projects.
- 44. The fund should be initially restricted to the council's own initiatives, with remaining funds then opened to community group applications, for the following reasons:
  - Likely to achieve the maximum carbon savings for minimum spend by targeting funding at the existing pipeline of council projects and initiatives which enable wider reduction in borough emissions and not through individual projects within private residential buildings. These include retro-fitting existing council buildings by removing gas boilers as they are the largest sources of carbon emissions in the borough and are one of the hardest to fund.
  - Reduces staff time and costs associated with publicising the fund. The budget for publicising the fund for community group applications will be assessed following allocation to council projects.
  - Easier and cheaper to manage and monitor projects over their lifetime
    to ensure the carbon emission reductions are secured. For example,
    internal projects to reduce carbon emissions within the council's social
    housing stock should be prioritised as these projects can be identified,
    assessed and progressed via the property team and the monitoring of
    results can be carried out via reporting on key metrics. Metrics will also
    need to be decided to measure the success of community-led projects.

#### Recommendation 3 – Carbon Offset Ratio should be 1:1 at minimum

## Question: What is carbon offset ratio? How does it play a role in project selection?

45. Members have decided that the fund should only fund projects or initiatives that achieve a 1:1 or better carbon offset ratio, based on the cost of carbon

which will be agreed by Cabinet this December. The Fund should also achieve a 1:1 carbon offset ratio as early and consistently as possible to achieve the ambition of meeting net zero development. If the 1:1 carbon offset ratio is not achieved, the underperformance will put pressure on later spending to achieve higher levels of carbon emission reductions that potentially cost more to implement.

- 46. The Carbon Offset Fund must have the single objective of offsetting residual carbon emissions from new development by reducing carbon emissions from other existing sources using financial contributions from new development. These financial contributions should only be used to spend on projects or initiatives that will reduce carbon emissions.
- 47. The carbon offset ratio is a key performance indicator of the carbon offset fund. This is the offset price per tonne of carbon compared to the cost of the offset measure to save one tonne of carbon. For example, if the cost of carbon is £95 per tonne, the council should spend no more than £95 per tonne of carbon to offset a tonne that has been emitted. This is expressed as a ratio of £95: £95 or 1:1.
- 48. When considering an offsetting project or initiative, the carbon offset ratio should be 1:1 at minimum. This means the carbon reductions achieved by the fund are equivalent to or higher than the residual emissions which need to be offset. If a project or initiative can achieve a better ratio than 1:1, e.g. 2:1, a greater reduction of carbon emissions can be secured and is cheaper per tonne of carbon to offset.
- 49. If the ratio is lower than 1:1, e.g. 1:2, the council would spend more than £95 on offsetting each tonne of carbon emitted, resulting in an underperformance in reaching net zero. Moreover, further projects would need to achieve greater carbon emissions reductions to offset underperforming projects that do meet net zero targets. Therefore, the cost of a project or initiative cannot propose a carbon price greater than £95 per tonne if the net zero carbon is to be achieved.

#### 50. In summary, carbon offset ratios are:

- A 1:1 carbon offset ratio means that the carbons emission reductions delivered by the fund are equivalent to the residual carbon emissions that need to be offset (by project or the total offsetting needing)
- A 2:1 carbon offset ratio means that the carbon savings delivered by the fund are twice the residual CO2 emissions which need to be offset
- A 1:2 carbon offset ratio means that the carbon savings delivered by the fund are half of the residual CO2 emissions which need to be offset and the project not meeting its primary objective

51. Table 2 provides a scenario where financial contributions are secured within the Carbon Offset Fund from three planning permissions, based on the carbon price of £95, and subsequently how the Fund is used to deliver two projects to offset the residual emissions created by the three schemes. It shows that the offsetting projects can achieve a 1:1 carbon offset ratio as they cost £95 per tonne of carbon saved. If further projects continue to offset the remaining emissions on a 1:1 carbon offset ratio, the total residual emissions from the three schemes will be fully offset by the funded measures, using the exact amount of financial contributions secured from the S106 agreements.

Table 3: How the Carbon Offset Fund works.

Planning Permissions	Total tonnes of CO2 per year to be offset	Total tonnes of CO2 over 30 years to be offset	Financial contribution from applicant, secured through s106 (£95 per tonne, tCO2)	Total available Funding within the Carbon Offset Fund
Planning Permission 1	20t	600t	£57,000	£57,000
Planning Permission 2	400t	12,000t	+£1,140,000	£1,140,000
Planning Permission 3	1000t	30,000t	+£2,850,000	£2,850,000
Total from Planning Permission	1420t	42,600t	=£4,047,000	£4,047,000
Offsetting Project	Total tonnes of CO2 per year to be offset	Total tonnes of CO2 over 30 years to be offset	Financial spend of offsetting project (£95 per tonne, tCO2)	
Offsetting project 1	30t	900t	-£85,500	£3,961,500
Offsetting	500t	15,000t	-£1,425,000	£2,536,500

project 2				
Total offsetting achieved	530t	15,900t	=£1,510,500	£2,536,500
Remaining ton to be offset by carbon offset r	fund at 1:1	26,700t	£4,047,000 - £1,510,500	£2,536,500 remaining in the fund

- 52. Table 4 is informed by the AECOM's London Carbon Offset Price evidence paper (2017) for New London Plan, setting out the indicative cost of offsetting measures at the London-wide level which can achieve a 1:1 carbon offset ratio based on the recommended carbon price of £95 per tonne. It demonstrates feasibility and deliverability for measures to achieve the 1:1 carbon offset ratio at minimum as the main criteria of fund allocation.
- 53. Please note the projects in Table 4 are costed out indicatively at the Londonwide level. Further work is required to reflect the cost of projects specific to the Southwark context.

Table 4: Potential offsetting measures in London with 1:1 carbon offset ratio based on the carbon cost of £95/tonne

Measure	Carbon offset ratio based on £95/tonne
Cavity Wall Insulation (Low Cost)	3.89 : 1
Loft insulation	1.44 : 1
Flat roof insulation	1:08 : 1
Draughtproofing	1.34 : 1
New or replacement storage heaters	3:06 : 1

#### Recommendation 4 – Geofencing spending on projects

Question: Should all or some funding is spent on projects or initiatives in geofenced areas where the carbon emissions and financial contribution was generated, so that the benefits of the offsetting benefit local people?

54. Geofencing is a mechanism of retaining carbon offset funds generated in a local area.

55. Members have decided that there should be no geofencing. Therefore, funding can be spent across the borough wherever a minimum carbon offset ratio of 1:1 can be achieved to ensure the higher carbon emissions reduction.

#### Recommendation 5– Considerations of other impacts

Question: Should other considerations be taken into account when deciding projects such as secondary or tertiary positive impacts, e.g. improvements to air quality, or considerations such as impact of new development or amenity issues?

56. Members have decided that other considerations should not be taken into account in the process of deciding which projects to fund. The sole purpose of the fund is to offset residual emissions from developments where it is not feasible to achieve 100% zero carbon on site. Therefore, the predicted carbon savings and the cost effectiveness (as indicated by carbon offset ratio) should be the main criteria for deciding projects in order to maximise carbon reduction and work towards meeting the net zero carbon target. Co-benefits should not be considered within the overall criteria for spending of the fund.

Recommendation 6 - Develop outline pipeline of projects with the right metrics

## Question: What are the metrics to analyse measures in terms of carbon saving performance?

- 57. Members have decided that an outline pipeline of projects should be prepared and target funding at those with the highest volume of saving and lowest £/tco2e saved. This should include funding officer time to implement initiatives which reduce carbon emissions across the borough from either buildings or transport. Alongside the outline pipeline of projects with metrics defined, further work should be undertaken to identify performance indicators for evaluation purposes. Performance Indicators are also required to monitor success of smaller and community-led projects where the ex-post verification of carbon savings would be an onerous requirement for small-scale projects.
- 58. Further work by is needed to refine the right metrics to analyse measures for carbon saving performance.

Recommendation 7 – Determine team to oversee projects

#### Question: Which unit is responsible for oversight of the projects?

59. Members have decided that an agreement should be reached to decide which team are best placed to be responsible for the allocation and management of the fund. The CIL/S106 team should maintain their existing processes for the financial administration of the fund.

60. The methodology for assessing potential carbon savings should be documented by the council team applying for funding.

Recommendation 8 – Standardise the methodology of predicting and verifying carbon savings

#### Question: How to predict and verify carbon savings of the projects?

- 61. Members have decided that there should be a review of standardised methodologies for the assessment and monitoring of carbon offsetting projects. Any industry standard methodology such as SAP can be used to assess built environment carbon emission reductions prior to funding.
- 62. Due to the range of project type and size, a non-prescriptive approach to methodology will be explored. All projects should be required to state as part of the funding application how the savings will be calculated in advance and verified following funding on a case by case basis.
- 63. Further work is required to set out a clear auditing mechanism for the ex-ante and ex-post verification of measures.
- 64. Flexibility may be required for community-led projects where the exact reduction in emissions cannot be provided.

Recommendation 9 - Monitoring the impact of the fund

#### Question: How and how often to review the progress of the fund?

- 65. Members have decided that there should be an annual progress update for the fund. The council is required to report details relating to the spending of the carbon offset fund to the GLA through an annual Carbon Offset Survey. This covers amount of payments committed, collected and spent, as well as the type of projects being funded.
- 66. For internal scrutiny, the relevant team will be responsible for reporting the progress of selected projects to the carbon offset fund board every six months. This should cover not just the updated report submitted to GLA, but also KPIs and data for project delivery including but not limited to the carbon savings achieved. A monthly online report via the planning website will be produced.

#### 2.5 Policy drafting

#### New Southwark Plan (NSP)

- 67. As set out in Section one, the current NSP policy works towards a net carbon zero target by 2050. To address the Climate Emergency, policy NSP69 Energy is being reviewed to aim to meet the net carbon zero 2030 target.
- 68. A number of policy considerations have been assessed to achieve net carbon zero development, supported by the evidence base, and with the input from the consultant Anthesis.
- 69. There are discussions ongoing around the retention of existing buildings in the first instance, and using retrofitting to ensure 60% carbon reduction onsite. By retrofitting the efficiency of the existing building is improved and the operational carbon of the building is improved. The embodied carbon in the existing building has a longer lifespan, as the lifespan of the building has been extended through retrofitting.
- 70. Options are being considered as to how development could offset the 'whole life cycle' carbon in buildings, not just the operational carbon. Options under consideration must be reasonable and could include the cost of embodied carbon from existing buildings to deter demolition and make retrofitting a more attractive option to ensure higher carbon savings onsite.
- 71. Design should ensure that development is energy efficient and has an efficient system of heating and cooling. Discussions are ongoing around the option of requiring development to meet Passivhaus or an alternative net-zero standards or alternatively, achieve a 60% reduction in emissions for residential development and a 50% reduction in emissions for non-residential development as above. There are costs associated with these design approaches that need to be balanced against other costs arising in the policy.
- 72. The GLA has set out guidance and Circular Economy principles which development should adhere to. Further discussion is needed to set what the approach to the Circular Economy would look like for development within in Southwark.
- 73. To ensure that the energy performance of the development as set out in the Energy Statement is the same as built, A Performance Bond to address any performance gap is being considered. In this option, a financial contribution would be secured on the commencement of the consented scheme that would be returned after 3-5 years of monitoring if it was shown that the energy performance of the development was as predicted and consented. If the development performed worse, i.e more carbon emissions were emitted than proposed, the bond would be retained by the council for carbon offsetting purposes. This is designed to incentivise accurate statements are submitted and address a known issue in construction.
- 74. Next spring, there will be a review all NSP policies in the context of the Climate Emergency, to assess what policies are effective and where there is scope for improvements to reach net carbon zero by 2030.

#### Old Kent Road Area Action Plan (OKR AAP)

- 75. The 2017 version of the OKR AAP did not make reference to the Climate Emergency and did not set out policy to ensure development was meeting carbon reduction onsite. This was set out in the Proposed Submission version of the NSP. As work on responding to the Climate Emergency has emerged, there is now new specific Old Kent Road policy to seeks to address the 2030 net zero target and responds to the local context.
- 76. Consideration of how the Climate Emergency in the OKR AAP can address net carbon zero development in underway. The AAP will contribute toward the council aim of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. All new development will be net carbon zero with connection to SELCHP for District Heating Network to support the Council's wider decarbonisation programme being prioritised. Reductions in emissions from transport and influence behavioural change to shift to carbon neutral and more active travel modes are also proposed. The Council will support a commitment to supporting OKR Businesses to reduce operational carbon emissions.
- 77. Policy related to the Climate Emergency is set out under the policy theme, such as design and movement, not under the Climate Emergency policy so as not to duplicate policy from the NSP.
- 78. A review of the Cleaner, greener, safer policy for the OKR AAP has been undertaken to respond to more environmental issues impacted by the Climate Emergency. This includes looking at how air quality can be improved, how the impacts of construction can be reduced, and how sustainable urban drainage can be utilised to address issues of capacity for rainwater and sewage.

#### Next Steps

79. The next steps in the process of addressing the Climate Emergency through the Carbon Offset Fund and policy, is to viability and feasibility test the policy and the Carbon Offset fund together to assesses their impacts and implications.

# 3. Work with developers to reduce carbon emissions on site and decrease the overall environmental impact of schemes

#### 3.1 Development Management Processes

80. To meet the target for net carbon zero by 2030, a review will be undertaken of the Development Management process to set out opportunities for where changes can be made in the process of assessing a planning application to ensure further carbon reduction. This will need to identify and assess how the Council is driving change in a scheme at each stage of the planning process in terms of carbon reduction.

#### Pre-application

81. At pre-application stage, planning officers are currently requiring changes to schemes to achieve greater onsite carbon reductions. This includes identifying opportunities and challenges at this stage.

#### Submission and determination

- 82. At validation, submission and throughout the planning application determination stages, Officers to identify and assess where the opportunities are for further negotiation and consultation greater carbon reduction onsite. This will be achieved through working in partnership with our development management colleagues.
- 83. Officer reports for planning applications will include clearly set out the carbon performance of schemes to inform the decision-maker.
- 84. Informal consultation will be in place on the energy policy review in both NSP and OKR AAP so that developers can engage and make comments.
- 85. The viability and feasibility for Council-Own development schemes. It is important to understand the balance between the contributions for carbon offsetting, housing and other planning objectives.

#### 3.2 GLA Development Management - Pre-app and Stage 1

86. Planning officers work consistently with GLA design and energy officers throughout the GLA pre-application and Stage 1 referral process to improve the onsite energy performance and environmental design of referable applications, before they are determined. This enables development proposals to evolve through the development process to achieve better carbon offset outcomes and has proved effective in improved performance and encouraging the adoption of new technology.

#### 3.3 External energy statement review

87. Planning officers have access to an external consultant (Anthesis) who are available to support the review of energy statements for large or strategic planning applications. This review process ensures that the planning division has access to expert advice in reducing carbon emissions in proposed development in planning applications that have the largest impact in terms of new homes and carbon emissions.

#### 3.4 Capacity building for planning officers

- 88. Further works are currently in place or being considered to maximise the effect of the proposed energy policies and use of carbon offset fund described above, which will see effective on-site savings and minimised environmental impacts. These include capacity building for planning officers, strengthened links between departments and wider environmental policy review.
- 89. To ensure higher onsite carbon reductions in new development are achieved, there is a need to upskill officers to negotiate on-site savings effectively with developers. Officers will also be asking for more detailed energy statements from applicants to set out how carbon reduction has been achieved onsite. Officers must be equipped to challenge these and push back to ensure higher carbon savings ach, as well as balancing other priorities like affordable housing and transport contributions.
- 90. In addition to cross-divisional support, additional training and guidance options for planning officers will be undertaken to train them in pushing for greater carbon savings and being more aware of the climate emergency priorities and how this translates to development.
- 91. There is an identified opportunity to secure further onsite reduction in carbon emissions for minor applications. To address this, a proforma or a standardised table for minor applications is being explored that applicants will complete to identify out their onsite carbon reduction targets. This proforma will be designed to be quickly assessed by officers so that they can negotiate with applicants to secure further carbon reduction onsite for minor applications or potentially a financial contribution. This is currently being used by LB Merton, LB Camden and LB Hackney, who are also reviewing policy and planning practice to reduce carbon emissions.

#### 3.5 Wider environmental policy review

92. In terms of decreasing the overall environmental impact of schemes, there will a reassessment of environmental policies in the NSP, namely waste and transport to improve these policies to better respond to the Climate Emergency. For the OKR AAP, the Cleaner, Greener, Safer policy has been reviewed to ensure policy is requiring developers to decrease the

environmental impact of their schemes. This includes reviewing greenfield run off rates, biodiversity, design and Sustainable Drainage (SuDs).

#### 3.6 Monitoring

93. There will be a review of the monitoring of Energy Statements, monitoring of actual carbon reduction, types of technology used in construction, retrofitting, performance bonds. and are reviewing the monitoring of energy and climate change related data through the determination and Section 106 processes and through implementation.

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