

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 10 October 2012	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Connect2 cycling and walking project (Element 5) – results of public consultation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Rotherhithe, Surrey Docks	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council comment upon the following recommendations that are due to be made to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Recycling:
 - Approve the implementation of Connect2 Element 5 project subject to statutory consultation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. In accordance with Part 3H paragraph 19 and 21 of the Southwark Constitution, community councils are to be consulted on the detail of strategic parking/traffic/safety schemes. In practice this is carried out following public consultation.
3. In accordance with Part 3D paragraph 21 of the council's constitution the decision to implement a new strategic transport scheme lies with the individual Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Recycling.
4. The community council is now being given opportunity to make final representations to the Cabinet Member following public consultation.
5. Full details of all results associated with the study can be found in Appendix 1 the 'consultation report'.
6. The project is part of a wider project to deliver the Connect2 cycling and walking route from Camberwell/Peckham to Rotherhithe in partnership with Sustrans. Agreement in principle was gained in 2009 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and Sustrans.
7. This element of the project is to provide a safe route for cyclists 'contraflow' through the Rotherhithe gyratory system so they can travel from west to east without having to use the main gyratory. The principal elements of the scheme are:
 - Shared use footway between Oldfield Grove and Lower Road.
 - Upgrade existing pelican crossing on Bush Road into a straight toucan crossing
 - Enhance the public realm by reducing street clutter and rationalise street furniture.

- Reconfigure parking arrangements within the area between Bush Road and Lower Road (there is no net loss of parking).
- Safer cyclist crossing of Lower Road

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. Informal public consultation took place with all residents and businesses within the consultation area from 16 July until 6 August 2012.
9. Full details of the consultation strategy, results, conclusions and recommendations can be found in Appendix 1.
10. The overall response rate on the public consultation was low (3.3%) but over 60% of those that did respond were in favour of the scheme. This can be broken down by different elements of the scheme and is detailed in the Consultation report (Appendix A) in more detail.

Recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Recycling

11. On the basis of the results of the public consultation the Cabinet Member is recommended to implement the project, subject to outcome of any statutory consultation.

Policy implications

12. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Transport Plan 2011, particularly:

Policy 1.1 – pursue overall traffic reduction

Policy 2.3 – promote and encourage sustainable travel choices in the borough

Policy 4.2 – create places that people can enjoy

Policy 5.1 - Improve safety on our roads and to help make all modes of transport safer.

Community impact statement

13. The implementation of any transport project creates a range of community impacts. All transport schemes aim to improve the safety and security of vulnerable groups and support economic development by improving the overall transport system and access to it.

Resource implications

14. This report is for the purposes of consultation only and there are no resource implications associated with it.
15. It is, however, noted that this project is funded by a combination of external sources (Transport for London and BIG Lottery via Sustrans).

Consultation

16. Ward members were consulted prior to commencement of the study.

17. Informal public consultation was carried out, as detailed above.
18. This report provides an opportunity for final comment to be made by the community council prior to a non-key decision scheduled to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Recycling in October 2012.
19. If approved for implementation this will be subject to statutory consultation required in the making of any permanent Traffic Management Orders.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment Public Realm Network Development 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH Online: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/1947/southwark_transport_plan_2011	Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Consultation report

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Des Waters, Head of Public Realm	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Cabinet Member	Yes	No
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