



Summary Consultation responses

London Borough of Southwark
Denmark Hill, improving cycle and pedestrian crossings

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Out of the 1917 consultation leaflets delivered a total of 144 responses were received during the consultation period, equating to **7.5%** response rate.

	YES	NO
Q4 Broadly do you support the proposal?	98	32
Q5:Do you support the widened footway with segregated between cycles and pedestrians?	95	34
Q6 Do support zebra crossing on a raised table at the Dulwich Wood Park approach to the roundabout and the widening to allow left turn into Dulwich Wood Avenue?	108	27
Q7 Do you support footway widening at the roundabout exit into Gipsy Road	92	40
Q8 Do you support raided entry table at Gipsy Hill junction with Gipsy Road	98	37
Q9 Do you support carriageway narrowing at existing pelican crossing on Alleyn Road and the crossing on raised table	88	42

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION COMMENTS:

- Most respondents are not in favour of either a shared footway along Blanedowne to access the proposed toucan crossing, possibly due to concerns about conflict with pedestrians. Alternatively the lack of support for segregated cycle track along Blanedowne to access the proposed toucan crossing may be due to concerns about the removal of existing kerb side parking.
- Comment made by respondents indicates that there is support for a formal pedestrian crossing on Denmark Hill, between Champion Hill and entrance to Fox on the Hill. The current proposal seek to improve the existing informal staggered refuge island at Denmark Hill junction with Champion Hill, by replacing existing guard railing with double kerbs and improving tactile paving. Pedestrians accessing Ruskin Park via Fox on the Hill currently use a narrow gap on the carriageway. A new pedestrian refuge island is proposed to assist pedestrian crossing the road via Fox on the Hill.
- A number of respondents expressed concern about the removal of central hatch area on Denmark Hill, particularly at junctions with Ferndene Road, Acland Crescent and Blanedowne .Their view is that this provides a safe waiting gap for pedestrians and cyclists crossing the wide road.
- Comments made by respondents indicates a desire for safety improvements along the whole stretch of Denmark Hill to address issues with speeding, wide carriageway width , lack of formal crossings for vulnerable road users.

- **Comment by Denmark Hill and Bessemer Grange TRA**

A number of local people came to the event and commented on the proposed cycle route. Many of the people are in favour of better road conditions for cyclists as many are riders themselves. However, it was pointed out in strong terms that to date there has not been an adequate public consultation where people can voice their concerns and clarify your proposals. Myself and many others from the community think that it would be appropriate for your team to hold a public meeting where people can come along and talk to you. It is very difficult sometimes to make sense of drawings when you're not accustomed to looking at such things and furthermore face to face meetings help to clarify any misunderstandings and gain better communication links between all those parties involved.

Response by Officers:

I note your request for a public meeting to discuss the proposal. Project officers intends to attend the community council meeting for Camberwell, scheduled 20 November.

At this meeting officers will respond to queries from the public and clarify any misunderstanding relating to the scheme.

The comments below by ROTHRA and Francis Bernstein have already been noted as part of the consultation responses.

You will appreciate that due to the volume of responses received we are unable to respond to each query.

As already mentioned we will be attending the community council meeting on 20 November for Camberwell with a view to address any query from the public on the proposal.

A report outlining recommendations to be made to Cabinet Member for a decision will also be presented to the Community council for their consideration and comment.

Following the community council meeting officers will report to the Cabinet Member outcome of public consultation and comments made by the community council on the recommendations.

The Cabinet Member makes the final decision.

- **Comments by Ruskin On The Hill Residents Association- ROTHRA**

This email is a response to your consultation about proposals to improve cycle and pedestrian crossings on the A215 Denmark Hill.

I am writing as chair of a Residents Association for the area between Denmark Hill and Ruskin Park, I am also on the committee of the Friends of Ruskin Park.

This is in Lambeth but as you chose to distribute consultation papers to residents in Deepdene Rd and Acland Crescent I feel you were asking for feedback from Lambeth residents also.

Firstly I have to say congratulations to Southwark for doing something about the speed of vehicles on Denmark Hill, which as monitored by Southwark is one of, if not the

fastest road in Southwark. Further congratulations for working across the borough boundary with your Lambeth counterpart Richard Ambler. It is a great pity that the work to put The Greenway route in place will not be carried out simultaneously on both sides of the A215. We would then be in a position to judge your proposals in the context of the whole scheme.

The scheme potentially offers an opportunity to greatly improve the safety of the A215 for cyclists and pedestrians who have to cross this busy road and commute down it. For many residents in the Champion Hill area Ruskin Park would be their local green space, for residents on the Lambeth side the Sainsburys supermarket is within easy walking distance as are the shops in the Denmark Hill Estate, and the Hambleton Medical Practice on Blanchdowne. The reasons for wanting to cross the A215 are many and varied.

With so many reasons for improving the pedestrian access across the A215 it is felt the proposals as presented do not meet this need. The section of road between the exit from Champion Hill onto the A215 and around Ferndene Road intersection is seen as needing a formal pedestrian crossing. Something where vehicles are legally compelled to stop. Unless there are good traffic management reasons for it, the ideal location for such a crossing would be where you have proposed an uncontrolled crossing by the exit from The Fox On The Hill.

A benefit of locating a full pedestrian crossing here, with yellow hatching on the northbound carriageway at the entrance to Ferndene Rd, may be to improve the safety of the Ferndene Road intersection, one of the two main accident spots on this section of road.

The most dangerous intersection for cyclists and pedestrians is where Champion Hill meets Denmark Hill yet the proposal just says 'improvements' to this pedestrian crossing. More detail of how this crossing could be improved would have been good to see. This intersection is seen as dangerous because of the sight lines and how difficult it is for vehicles exiting Champion Hill into fast flowing traffic.

There is some ambiguity in the consultation questions, asking yes/no on a new signal crossing on Denmark Hill. Q6. A signal crossing implies to me a signal light controlled crossing but the drawing says Toucan crossing. With five different types of formal crossing currently available this information could have been a lot clearer.

The comments I have received from residents, and one very regular cycling visitor to Kings Hospital, point out firstly that the accident hot spots are not being addressed as such, the focus in the proposals are biased in favour of cyclists, with small consideration towards pedestrians, and the proposed measures favour the Southwark side of the road, perhaps understandably.

The accident statistic references are from the website Crashmap, the other observations are from residents many of whom have lived and worked in the area for 20 years plus.

I would really like some feedback on this communication so I, in turn can feed that back in to our Residents Association and Friends Group.

Response by Officers

Same response to Denmark Hill and Bessemer Grange TRA

- **TfL comments on the consultation outcome :**

If cyclists can't access the toucan crossing without dismounting and/or undertaking an awkward manoeuvre to access the facility I think the value of it is significantly reduced and it would be difficult for us to fund the scheme.