

Item No. 12.	Classification: Open	Date: 19 March 2014	Meeting Name: Dulwich Community Council
Report title:		Burbage Road Pedestrian Island	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Village	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Dulwich Community Council;

1. Reviews the results and comments in the attached consultation report (Appendix A), and makes a formal decision regarding progression of the scheme to implementation, subject to the necessary statutory procedures.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. In accordance with Part 3H paragraph 16 of the Southwark Constitution, Community Councils have the executive function to determine traffic schemes of a non-strategic nature.
3. It is therefore for the Dulwich Community Council to decide on whether the proposed pedestrian island in Burbage Road should be implemented. .
4. A public consultation has been completed. Full details of all results associated with the study can be found in Appendix A the 'Consultation Report'.
5. Village Ward Councillors were notified of the scheme and consultation documents on the 20 November 2013.
6. The main scheme elements include;
 - Introduction of a new pedestrian refuge island located on the existing raised carriageway table in Burbage Road (adjacent to roundabout with Dulwich Village);
 - Whilst car traffic can still turn left into Burbage Road from Gallery Road, larger vehicles will have to traverse around the roundabout to access Burbage Road;
 - Introduction of 'at any time' waiting restrictions both sides of Burbage Road to ensure adequate sightlines are maintained to the crossing location and the carriageway is free from obstruction;
 - Bollards are to be installed on the island to provide additional protection to pedestrians waiting within the extents of the island;
 - A bell bollard is to be installed on the southern corner of the junction to ensure vehicles do not overrun the footway.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. The scheme proposals were developed following an allocation of Cleaner Greener Safer capital funding of £15,000 by Dulwich Community Council. This allocation was in response to concerns raised by the Dulwich Society and Burbage Road Residents' Association about a perceived danger for pedestrians in crossing this arm of the junction.
8. There used to be a pedestrian island at this location; however it was removed as part of an improvement project for the whole of the roundabout which was implemented in 2010. The pedestrian island was replaced by a raised table designed to slow traffic down and offer priority to pedestrians when crossing this arm of the junction.
9. It is the view of the Council's Road Safety Manager and the Metropolitan Police that there is not a significant road safety problem at this location. This is supported by a Road Safety Audit undertaken subsequent to the previous scheme being implemented. There is no accident history.
10. In view of the above, the location has not been identified as requiring any further treatment from strategic council or TfL funding streams. Nonetheless, there is clearly an on-going issue of perceived safety for pedestrians and it was in recognition of this that the community council allocated CGS funding to implement a new scheme, subject to consultation.
11. Informal public consultation took place with all residents and businesses within the consultation area from the 28 November 2013, with a return deadline of the 20 December 2013.
12. Full details of the consultation strategy, results, conclusions and recommendations can be found in Appendix A.

Policy implications

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

14. 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. This scheme has particular objectives to improve conditions for pedestrians including those with mobility difficulties.

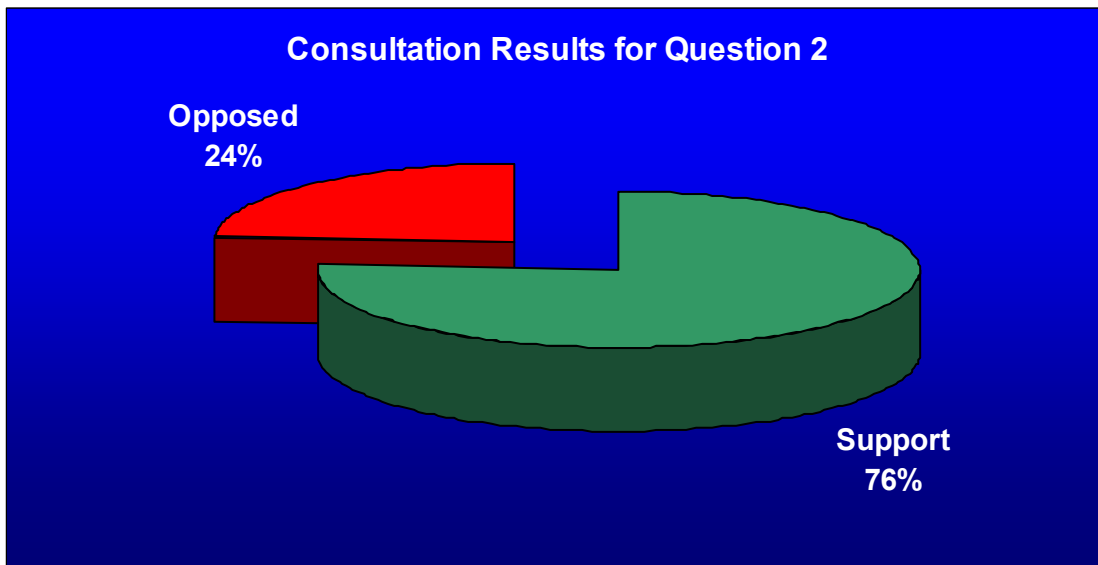
15. It should be noted however that whilst the scheme has benefits to pedestrians, it has potential disbenefits to cyclists by squeezing the carriageway space available and creating a pinch point at the junction where none currently exists.
16. The scheme requires the loss of approximately 5 unrestricted car parking spaces.

Resource implications

17. This report is for the purposes of consultation only and there are no resource implications associated with it.
18. It is however noted that this project is funded by devolved highway budget, cleaner green safer programme with an allocated budget of £15,000. If the proposals are implemented the costs will be contained within this budget.

Consultation

19. Ward members were consulted prior to commencement of the public consultation.
20. Informal public consultation was carried out in November / December 2013, as detailed above.
21. Public consultation results for the scheme can be summarised as follows:



22. If approved for implementation by the community council, this will be subject to statutory consultation required in the making of permanent Traffic Management Orders relating to the provision of the new waiting restrictions. If any objections are received, this will need to be the subject of a further report to the community council to consider those objections.

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 A	Burbage Road Pedestrian Island Consultation Report

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Matthew Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager	
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Cabinet Member	No	No
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