

<b>Item No.</b> 15.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 2 April 2014	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Mint Street Road Closure	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Cathedrals	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Public Realm	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council comment upon the following recommendation that is due to be made to the cabinet member for environment, transport and recycling:
  - Make permanent the experimental closure of Mint Street at its junction with Weller Street and complete the necessary statutory procedures.

## 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. Following the trial closure of Mint Street to vehicular traffic that was implemented in October 2012, the council reconsulted local residents and businesses to ascertain if the trial closure should become permanent.
4. During the course of the last 12 months, the council has evaluated the impact on traffic flows in surrounding streets. The results indicate that there has been a significant reduction in traffic volume traversing local streets in the area.
5. The community council is now being given opportunity to make final comment on the scheme following public consultation.
6. Full details of all results associated with the study can be found in Appendix A the 'consultation report'.
7. The cabinet member was notified of the consultation results on the 15 November 2013.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. Informal public consultation took place with all residents and businesses within the consultation area from 27 September 2013 until 28 October 2013.
9. Full details of the consultation strategy, results, conclusions and recommendations can be found in Appendix 1.

## **Policy implications**

10. 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**

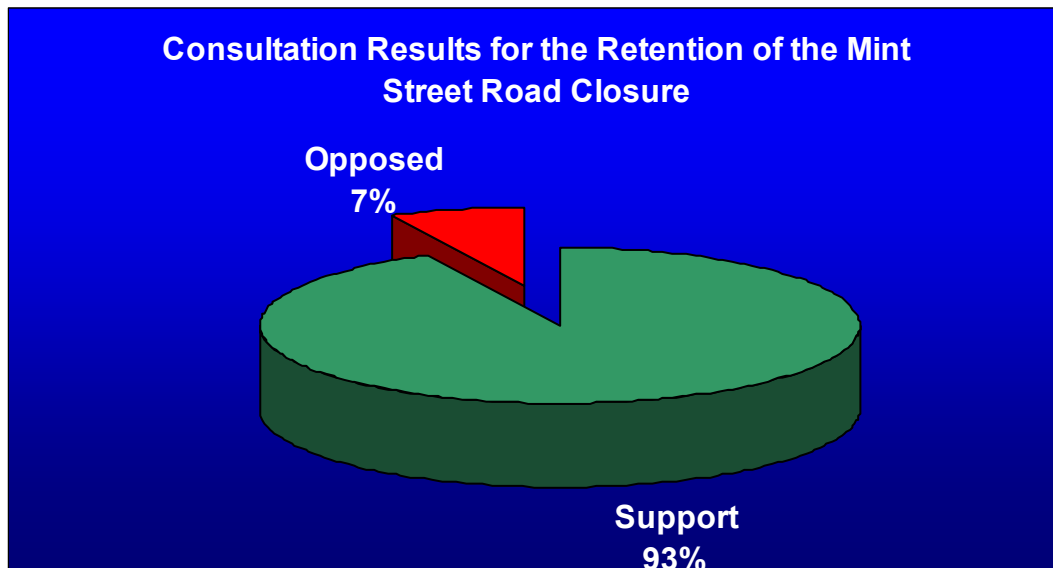
11. The implementation of any transport project creates a range of community impacts. All transport schemes aim to improve the safety and security of vulnerable groups and support economic development by improving the overall transport system and access to it

## **Resource implications**

12. This report is for the purposes of consultation only and there are no resource implications associated with it.
13. It is, however, noted that this project is funded by the borough's strategic transport LIP programme in both 2012/2013 (£16,000 budget) and 2013/2014 (£5,000 budget), funded by TfL.

## **Consultation**

14. Ward members were consulted prior to commencement of the study.
15. Informal public consultation was carried out in September/October 2013, as detailed above.
16. This report provides an opportunity for final comment on the scheme and recommendation that will be presented to the cabinet member.
17. If the closure is approved on a permanent basis, the traffic order can be made permanent with no further consultation since no formal objections were received during the experimental period.
18. There was strong support for retaining the scheme on a permanent basis, as summarised graphically below. Further details are contained in Appendix 1.



#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

#### APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Mint Street Road Closure Public Consultation Summary

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Director of Legal Services	No	No
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Cabinet Member	Yes	No
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