

Item No. 16.	Classification: Open	Date: 15 November 2014	Meeting Name: Camberwell Community Council
Report title:		Datchelor Place Pocket Space scheme	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Brunswick Park ward	
From:		Director of Planning	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the community council comment upon the following recommendations that are due to be made to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning, and Transport regarding the Datchelor Place Pocket Space scheme.
 - Due to the support shown by local stakeholders and the wider local community, it is recommended that the scheme proceeds to implementation subject to 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.
3. The Community Council is now being given opportunity to make final representations to the Cabinet Member following public engagement.
4. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning, and Transport supports the principle of the scheme subject to the outcome of this consultation.
5. Datchelor Place is one of five locations in and around Camberwell town centre included in the council's Pocket Spaces programme.
6. The Pocket Spaces programme is part of a wider programme of improvements planned for the town centre, including improvements to the main roads, Camberwell Green and the new library.
7. Public consultation on the wider programme, including the Pocket Spaces, was carried out in January 2013. A Pocket Spaces workshop was held on the 11th May 2013 and stakeholder engagement workshops were held on 16th May 2013.
8. Further feedback on initial design proposals concerned the need to 'design out' anti-social behaviour and to take a flexible approach to allow temporary seating and events to be accommodated. The revised design takes this feedback into account.
9. Subject to approval, the scheme will proceed to detailed design with implementation in Spring 2015.

10. Further Pocket Spaces are being developed and will be delivered in 2015/16.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

11. Datchelor Place is located off Camberwell Church Street and gives access to local businesses and adjacent housing. The small scale of the space suggests a simple, uncluttered design with the use of high quality materials to create the necessary uplift in the quality of the space.

12. The design objectives for the project are as follows:

- Improve pedestrian access and amenity, creating a more inviting route between Datchelor Close and the adjacent estate.
- Discourage anti-social behaviour
- Provide loading facilities to support local businesses
- Provide community garden/planting opportunities
- Allow for temporary seating provided by the adjacent businesses wishing to use this space
- Rationalise bin storage
- Use design principles and materials to link Datchelor Place with Camberwell Grove opposite
- Improve lighting

13. High quality materials, including York Stone paving, are proposed.

14. Appendix A shows the proposed scheme for approval.

Recommendation to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning, and Transport:

15. On the basis of feedback received during public consultation the Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the implementation of the scheme to pedestrianise Datchelor Place, with associated traffic orders and landscaping works.

Policy Implications

16. 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

community impact statement

17. 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.
18. The scheme is part of a wider programme and has been developed in consultation with the local community to ensure their aspirations are met. The vision for this scheme was developed on principles established during workshops with local residents and local businesses have also be closely involved.
19. This scheme is intended to improve conditions for pedestrians, local people, businesses and visitors to the area.

Resource implication

20. This report is for the purpose of consultation only and there is no resource implication associated with it.
21. It is however noted that this project is funded by 2014/15 Transport for London LIP Corridors and Neighbourhoods Programme with an allocated budget of £325K.

Consultation

22. Ward members have been consulted prior to consulting the Community Council
23. Public consultation was carried out in 2013 and 2014
24. This report provides an opportunity for final comment to be made by the Community Council prior to a decision scheduled to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning, and Transport in November 2014.
25. If approved for implementation this will be subject to statutory consultation required in the making of any permanent Traffic Management Orders.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure

26. The Director of Environment and Leisure supports the scheme subject to finalisation of the detailed design.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011 www.southwark.gov.uk/transportplan	Southwark Council 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Simon Phillips Tel: 0207 525 5542

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Proposed scheme design

AUDIT TRAIL

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning, and Transport	Yes	No
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