

<b>Item No.</b> 8.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 17 March 2015	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Dulwich Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Townley Road / East Dulwich Grove / Green Dale Junction Improvements	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Village	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Public Realm	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Dulwich Community Council:

1. Notes the response to public re-consultation on the proposed Townley Road / East Dulwich Grove / Green Dale junction Improvements, noting a majority of support taking into account all consultation responses received during the consultation period, the support of all stakeholders who responded, and the improved level of support from the previous consultation.
2. Comments on officers' proposed recommendation to the cabinet member for Regeneration, Planning, and Transport to agree implementation of the revised proposals, subject to the outcome of necessary statutory procedures.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. 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.
4. The council previously consulted upon a design option for the junction that included banning the existing right turn movement out of Townley Road into East Dulwich Grove. There was considerable opposition to the proposal from local residents, mainly due to the proposed right turn ban. Given this lack of local support, this option will not proceed. A revised option has been developed that retains all existing turning movements at the junction, whilst still providing significant benefits for cyclists and pedestrians.
5. Full details of all results associated with the both consultation exercises can be found in Appendix A the 'Option 7 Consultation Report' and Appendix B 'Option 8a Consultation Report'.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. Informal public consultation took place for Option 8a with all residents and businesses within the defined consultation area from 20 February 2015, with a return deadline of 13 March 2015, allowing 3 weeks for the consultation period. A total of 406 responses were received – 222 from within the consultation area and 184 from elsewhere.

7. The following summarises responses to the questions contained within the consultation document:

*a) Total Response*

54.93% of respondents are in support;  
43.35% of respondents are opposed; and  
1.72% of respondents have no opinion.

*b) Response from consultees within the defined consultation area*

45.50% of respondents are in support;  
51.35% of respondents are opposed; and  
3.15% of respondents have no opinion.

*c) Response from consultees outside the defined the defined consultation area*

66.30% of respondents are in support;  
33.70% of respondents are opposed; and  
0% of respondents have no opinion.

**Recommendations to the cabinet member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport**

8. The community council is asked to comment on the draft recommendation to be made to the cabinet member for Transport, Environment, and Recycling, as follows:
9. Noting the positive response to the consultation, the significant improvements in levels of support from the previous proposals, and the overwhelming support of relevant stakeholders, the Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the implementation of the proposed improvements associated with Option 8a at the Townley road / East Dulwich Grove / Green Dale junction subject to completion of statutory procedures.

**Policy implications**

10. The proposed measures are also closely aligned with council policy including the borough's Transport Plan, Road User Hierarchy and Cycling Strategy.
11. The officer recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Transport Plan 2011 (TP/11) and principles emerging Cycle Strategy (SCS), in particular:-

**TP/11**

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.

**SCS**

Principle 1(Stress free cycling) – Objectives 1.1, 1.2, 1.3  
Principle 2 (Cycling as a priority) – Objectives 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.7

Principle 3 (Cycling for everyone) - Objectives 3.6 and 3.7  
Principle 4 (Cycling for health and wellbeing) – Objective 4.3  
Principle 5 (Cycling as an investment) – Objective 5.2

### **Community impact statement**

12. 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. Cycling infrastructure proposals also have the added advantage of improving the environment through reduction in carbon emissions and social health and fitness benefits. No group has been identified as being disproportionately adversely affected as a result of these proposals. Cyclists and pedestrians will benefit.
13. The proposals are not solely for current cyclists, but also for pedestrians and people are put off cycling by the thought of sharing the road with high volumes of cars, vans, buses and lorries.

### **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 the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 TfL programme which has an allocated budget of £8K for the current financial year and a further £200K in the following financial year.

### **Consultation**

16. Informal public consultation was carried out in February 2015 / March 2015, as detailed above.
17. 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 following this community council meeting.
18. If approved for implementation this will be subject to statutory consultation required in the making of any permanent Traffic Management Orders. If any objections are received to that statutory consultation, that cannot be informally resolved, a further decision by the cabinet member will be required to consider and determine those objections.

### **REASON FOR LATENESS**

19. A further public consultation was undertaken on a revised option due to lack of popular support for previous consulted scheme. The closing date for this consultation was Friday 13 March. Full results of the consultation were not therefore available in time.

### **REASON FOR URGENCY**

20. Constitutionally, the community council must be consulted prior to the cabinet member deciding on implementation of the scheme. If it is to proceed, the scheme must be on site in July 2015 to comply with TfL funding restrictions and

the need to construct the works during school summer holidays because of the sensitive location. There is no community council meeting scheduled for April, and any later meeting will be too late to take the required decisions and arrange lead in times for streetworks permits, and works 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: <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 A	Option 7 Consultation Report
Appendix B	Option 8a Consultation Report

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Director of Legal Services		No	No
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Cabinet Member		No	No
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