



Brenchley Gardens 20mph

20mph Scheme – Summary Report

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Introduction

This report has been produced by the London Borough of Southwark Highways team to provide a summary on the consultation exercise for proposed traffic calming on Brenchley Gardens.

Southwark has identified several interventions that could reduce vehicular speeds between Forest Hill Road and Brockley Way.

The proposals include:

- Removal of centre lines to encourage motorised vehicle users to drive with more caution .
- Removal of central traffic islands and replacement with raised tables for crossing.
- Pavement buildout at the junction with Buckstone Close to encourage drivers to stop before turning in to Brenchley Gardens.
- Pavement buildout at the junction with Kelvington Road to encourage drivers to stop before turning in to Brenchley Gardens.
- Improvements to the existing raised table at junction with Kelvington road to encourage speed reduction.
- Raising the road level at the zebra crossing to the north of the entrance to Camberwell New Cemetery.
- Relocation of bus stops to discourage overtaking buses.

Public consultation on these proposals took place from 24 February 2020 to 23 March 2020. All residents and businesses within the consultation area, and those travelling through the area, were invited to comment on the proposals.

The consultation was reopened on Friday 3 April 2020 until Monday 13 April 2020 for any that were unable to respond in the first consultation period.

Consultation Process

The views of the local community were sought as part of this consultation exercise. A flyer was dropped through the mailbox of all addresses in a 50m radius of Brenchley Gardens. Officers also met with the local Tenants and Residents association.

The distribution area was large enough to gain views from the wider community that may be considered to be affected by the proposed measures. A mailing list was drawn using the Council's Smart2 mapping system and database.

A copy of the flyer is appended (Appendix 1).

Consultees were advised to respond to the consultation via the online consultation portal. They were also given an email address and telephone number by which to respond.

The flyers were delivered by Royal Mail.

The consultation was also available online via the consultation portal. The portal included the following downloads/links:

www.southwark.gov.uk/brenchleygardens

Public access to the online form was removed at the end of the consultation period.

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Summary of Consultation Results

Consultation Returns and Response Rate

The consultation closed on 23 March 2020 and reopened on Friday 3 April until Monday 13 April at the request of Brenchley Gardens Management Association. Public access to the online portal was removed at midnight on this date.

A total of 21 online responses were received during the consultation period from 189 flyers sent out. This represents an 11% response rate – this is considered an average rate for this type of consultation. The original total number of responses was 20 and an additional response was received in the additional consultation period.

Question 1: With regard to Brenchley Gardens, what are the most important factors for you? Please select your top three priorities:

Overall priorities	Responses
Reducing traffic speeds	13
Cyclist safety	13
Pedestrian facilities	10
Air Quality	8
Reducing traffic volume	6
Cycle facilities	4
Green infrastructure	4
Lighting	3
Access to public transport	2
Accessibility for disabled users	0

Question 2. If you currently travel on Brenchley Gardens

A. What do you like about the road?

What do you like about Brenchley Gardens?	Count
Green surroundings	13
It has a Speed Camera	2
Its Width	1

B. What could be improved?

What could be improved?	Count
Pedestrian crossings	5
Reducing traffic speed/volume	4
Cycling access	3
Pedestrian access	3
Better Maintenance	2
Reducing width at junctions	2
Provide additional speed camera	1
The gateway to the park	1

Question 3. What would encourage you to travel more by non-motorised transport?

What would encourage non-motorised transport	Count
Segregated cycle lanes	9
More safety measures	3
More buses	2
Reduced traffic speed/volume	4
More pedestrian crossings	4
Better air quality	1
More green infrastructure	1
Fewer aggressive drivers	1

Question 4: The aim of this scheme is to reduce speeds along Brenchley Gardens and encourage active and public transport without causing disruption to any business. Do you use Brenchley Gardens to load or service your business?

Priorities	Do you use Brenchley Gardens to load or service your business?	Percentage
No	18	86%
Not Answered	2	10%
Yes	1	5%
Grand Total	21	100%

Question 5: Overall, do you support the proposals to install traffic calming measures and make the street healthier and safer for all as part of the Brenchley Gardens 20 mph Scheme?

Response	Do you support the proposals to install traffic calming measures and make the street healthier and safer for all as part of the Brenchley Gardens 20 mph Scheme?	Percentage
Support	11	50%
Support with changes	6	30%
Don't support	4	20%
Grand Total	21	100%

Question 6: We would also like to understand your views on individual aspects of the scheme:

Response	Removal of centre lines to encourage motorised vehicle users to drive with more caution	Percentage
Support	13	62%
Don't support	4	19%
Not Answered	2	10%
Support with changes	2	10%
Grand Total	21	100%

Response	Removal of central traffic islands and replacement with raised tables for crossing	Percentage
Support	13	62%
Don't support	5	24%
Support with changes	2	10%
Not Answered	1	5%
Grand Total	21	100%

Response	Pavement buildout at the junction with Kelvington Road to encourage drivers to stop before turning	Percentage
Support	14	67%
Don't support	3	14%
Support with changes	3	14%
Not Answered	1	5%
Grand Total	21	100%

Response	Pavement buildout at the junction with Buckstone Close to encourages drivers to stop before turning	Percentage
Support	13	62%
Don't support	5	24%
Support with changes	2	10%
Not Answered	1	5%
Grand Total	21	100%

Response	Relocation of bus stops to discourage overtaking buses	Percentage
Support	11	52%
Don't support	6	29%
Not Answered	2	10%
Support with changes	2	10%
Grand Total	21	100%

Question 7: Do you have any further suggestions for improving Brencley Gardens to make it healthier and safer for all road users?

Response	Improvements to the existing raised table at junction with Kelvington road to encourage speed reduction	Percentage
Support	16	76%
Don't support	2	10%
Support with changes	2	10%
Not Answered	1	5%
Grand Total	21	100%

Further suggestions	Count
Provide segregated cycle lane	8
Review flow at Forest Hill Rd junction	3
New ped crossing	3
More speed cameras	2
Provide permeable filter	1
Improve lighting	1

Question 8: In order to help us reach more people in future, please indicate how you heard the Brencley Gardens 20mph scheme:

Response	Raising the level at the zebra crossing to the north of the entrance to Camberwell New Cemetery	Percentage
Support	17	81%
Don't support	2	10%
Support with changes	1	5%
Not Answered	1	5%
Grand Total	21	100%

How did you hear about the consultation	Count	Percentage
Flyer received in the post	10	48%
Southwark's website	5	24%
Social Media (Not directly from Southwark e.g. a friend's post)	2	10%
Not Answered	2	10%
Word of mouth	1	5%
Other	1	5%

Posters in the area	0	0%
Social Media (directly from Southwark's accounts)	0	0%
Grand Total	21	100%

Question 9: We are regularly reviewing our public engagement process to ensure it remains fit for purpose. Please let us know if you have any suggestions that would improve the consultation experience:

Suggestions to improve consultation process

Brenchley Gardens is a quiet road but does build up with traffic especially lorries and if you put speed ramps down the residents on Brenchley Gardens will hear them past which is not very good.

Communicate local proposals directly to council tax payers - you must have our emails via this route anyway.

We have been lobbying Southwark Council for many years, for measures to make the road safer for our residents – this reflects the views we have received from residents. We invite councillors every year to our AGM, and this is a regular topic for discussion. I am no longer on the Committee, but suggest that you organise a public meeting for residents, in conjunction with BGMA, and advertise this to residents; we have a Community Hall that can be used for this. This is an important issue for our residents, and I'm certain that there would be good uptake on a meeting.

I'm not sure you listen to people who do not agree with your proposals

The consultations have to be clearly advertised for the public. Too many consultations slip through without residents being made aware. The current car parking scheme in parks being one.

Questions 10 and 11: questions used for monitoring purposes.

Question 12: In relation to Brenchley Gardens, are you:

In relation to Brenchley Gardens, are you	Count
A resident	7
A resident of a neighbouring street	7
A commuter using the route	6
A regular visitor	5
A business owner	0
A business employee	0
Other	0
Grand Total	25

Question 13: When you travel on or near Brenchley Gardens, what is your most common mode of transport?

When you travel on or near Brenchley Gardens, what is your most common mode of transport:	Count
By foot	9
By bicycle	5
Driving a car	4
Not Answered	2
Other	1
Grand Total	21

Question 14 to 19: Monitoring questions

Additional comments received from key stakeholders

Metropolitan Police Road Safety Engineering Unit

I've looked through the Brenchley Gardens plans and support the scheme. However I do have concerns about the 2.6m and 2.7m lane widths where you have bus stops in both directions next to each other. There is not enough room for buses in both directions to get through here. They will likely mount the footway to get through, or at the very least, their mirrors will overhang the footway at head height. Both situations will introduce new danger to pedestrians. How will you prevent this?

Southwark Cyclists

Southwark Cyclists support works to reduce motor traffic speeds bringing them inline with the speed limit along this stretch of road. We ask that Sinusoidal speed bumps be used as they are better for those cycling while still slowing motorists. We would encourage Southwark going forward to look at an area wide modal filtering scheme to remove through traffic from the area. This would further help speed compliance and improve the environment for those on foot and bicycle.

Focused questions

- The majority of those who responded were in favour of the removal of centre lines to encourage motorised vehicle users to drive with more caution
- The majority of those who responded were in favour of the removal of central traffic islands and replacement with raised tables for crossing
- The majority of those who responded were in favour of the pavement buildout at the junction with Kelvington Road to encourage drivers to stop before turning
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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Brenchley Gardens 20mph is taken forward to detailed design. The majority were in favour of all measures proposed.

Additionally, all comments made by the Police will be assessed. Small changes may need to be made following the road safety audit; this will not require any further decision making.

Appendix 1 – Flyer sent to all addresses

Appendix 2 – Design drawings