

To Whom It May Concern:

Impact on Urban Health is a part of Guy's & St Thomas' Foundation, one of the largest health foundations in the UK. We are focused on making urban areas healthier places for everyone to live. We focus our efforts in inner-city London in areas that experience the widest health inequalities. Our programmes are geared towards addressing complex health issues that disproportionately impact people living in cities – childhood obesity, multiple long-term conditions, the health effects of air pollution, and adolescent mental health. We aim to generate evidence and learnings which can benefit people in urban areas across the UK and around the world.

Creating environments that are more supportive of health and reduce health inequalities is core to our programmes including our work on childhood obesity and the health effects of air pollution. In July 2020 we awarded a grant to Southwark Council to help test and evaluate changes to make streets healthier including reducing traffic and enabling active travel. This funding was focussed on areas that have high levels of childhood obesity; schools with poor air quality; high levels of social housing and a high proportion of families living on lower incomes. The work has been focussed on three neighbourhoods: Brunswick Park, North Peckham and East Faraday.

We invested in this project to help build an evidence base around how street changes could improve health and address inequalities – and impact on the long term outcomes we are focussed on – childhood obesity and air pollution. But we think there are also broader lessons about how to work with local residents to co-design these types of initiatives going forwards – and how to communicate the link with health. We would like to continue to work with Southwark Council to ensure there is ongoing community engagement and consultation, and robust monitoring and evaluation of the project's impact on local communities and residents in order to inform similar projects other stakeholders would like to deliver in London and further afield.

We look forward to continuing to work with Southwark Council to support the delivery of this important work.

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