

Appendix 1 _ Officer Response to Objections

Number	Key Objection Themes	Officer Response
1	Traffic displacement	Whenever a traffic filter is installed, there will inevitably be some traffic displacement to start with. The aim of the filter is to encourage the switch to walking, cycling and public transport where possible by making driving a less convenient option.
2	No through route for the emergency services	The council works with the emergency services to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum and that any access issues are addresses promptly. Throughout the trial, we have addresses any concerns and the entire length of Bermondsey Street is still accessible to motor vehicles.
3	Traffic on Tanner Street	Increased traffic on Tanner Street is highlighted in the decision making report as an issue that needs to be addressed in the next stage of design. A solution will be investigated and further public consultation will take place.
4	Long detours	The aim of the filter is to encourage the switch to walking, cycling and public transport where possible by making driving a less convenient option.
5	Discrimination against disabled residents	The entire length of Bermondsey Street is still accessible to motor vehicles so anyone who needs to drive can still do so. If those who do not need to drive choose an alternative option, there will be more road space available for those who need it.
6	Speeding bikes and scooters	The traffic filter on Bermondsey Street prohibits motor vehicles, this includes mopeds and motorbikes. Cyclists are allowed to travel through the filter and there are specifically marked cycle lanes. During the next stage of design we will consider additional signage or physical measures to ensure that cyclists consider pedestrians.
7	Not benefitted the southern section of Bermondsey Street	Our traffic monitoring data shows a reduction of motor vehicles travelling along the southern section of Bermondsey Street. Our work to reduce the amount of vehicles on Tanner Street should also benefit the southern section of Bermondsey Street.
8	More attention should be paid to maintenance	The council has a regular maintenance programme, roads are regularly inspected to establish if any maintenance is needed. We also respond to ad hoc requests when necessary.
9	Anti-social behaviour on Bermondsey Street	An increase in anti-social behaviour may have increased on Bermondsey Street due to the reopening of businesses in the area following closures during the pandemic. However, in the next design stage we will investigate design solutions to the behaviour highlighted.

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10	Statutory consultation published over Christmas	The statutory period when the Council publishes proposals to make a change to the public highway usually lasts 21 days. The statutory consultation period for the Bermondsey Street scheme was first published online, in the Southwark News, the London Gazette and on Bermondsey street on Thursday 9 December 2021. Prior to this, letters were sent to every address on the Bermondsey Street area, highlighting that the opportunity to make a representation was coming up. Our legal requirement is to publish the proposals online, in the London Gazette and in Southwark News. Noting we were to run this consultation over the festive period, we've allowed an additional week for the public to submit their responses which gave everyone more than enough time to respond if they were away for the Christmas and New Year period. As letters were sent to every postal address in the area, we would still expect anyone required to isolate due to the pandemic should still be able to respond if they wished to do so. Responses could be sent by post or online.
11	No consultation before measures installed	The streetspace schemes were installed at short notice in reaction to central government guidance to reduce the potential for a car based recovery from the pandemic and create space for social distancing. Prior to the implementation of the measures, letters were sent to every address in the area and public meetings were held. The purpose of an experimental traffic management order was to give the public a chance to comment on the measures that they have actually had a chance to experience.
12	Make Bermondsey Street accessible to residents, deliveries, emergency services and taxis	Bermondsey Street's traffic filter is currently enforced by a removable bollard that the emergency services can remove if needed. An exemption can be made for certain vehicles if the measure is enforced by an ANPR camera. We do not currently have plans to install a camera but can consider it at a later date.
13	Blocked access for loading	Loading and unloading is still permitted in certain parts of Bermondsey Street. If access to a loading yard is indicated by a vehicle crossover, this would have been included in the original design and access is still available. We would not leave gaps in footway widening if there is no access required for vehicles. Loading bays and double yellow lines (with no loading restrictions) can be used for deliveries.