

Southwark Spine North

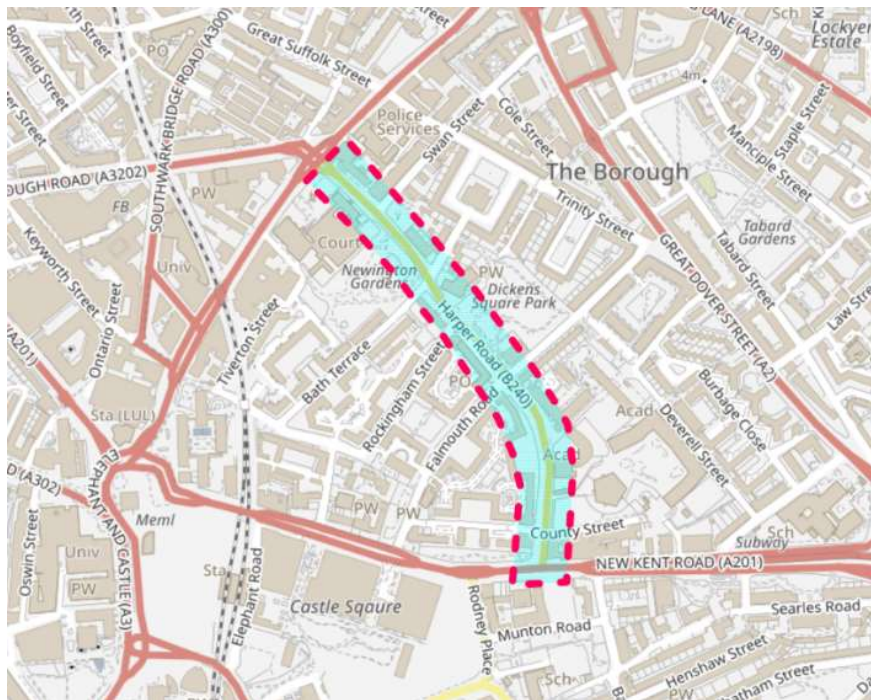
Harper Road Improvements

Southwark Council recently consulted on improvements to the street environment and layout on Harper Road.

We aim to improve the environment of the street, providing better crossing facilities, improving the feeling of safety, and reducing traffic speeds.

Harper Road forms part of the route for Southwark Spine, a key strategic north to south route between Dulwich and Borough. We will improve facilities for those cycling, walking and wheeling along Harper Road.

The consultation opened on 24 April 2023 and closed on 21 May 2023.



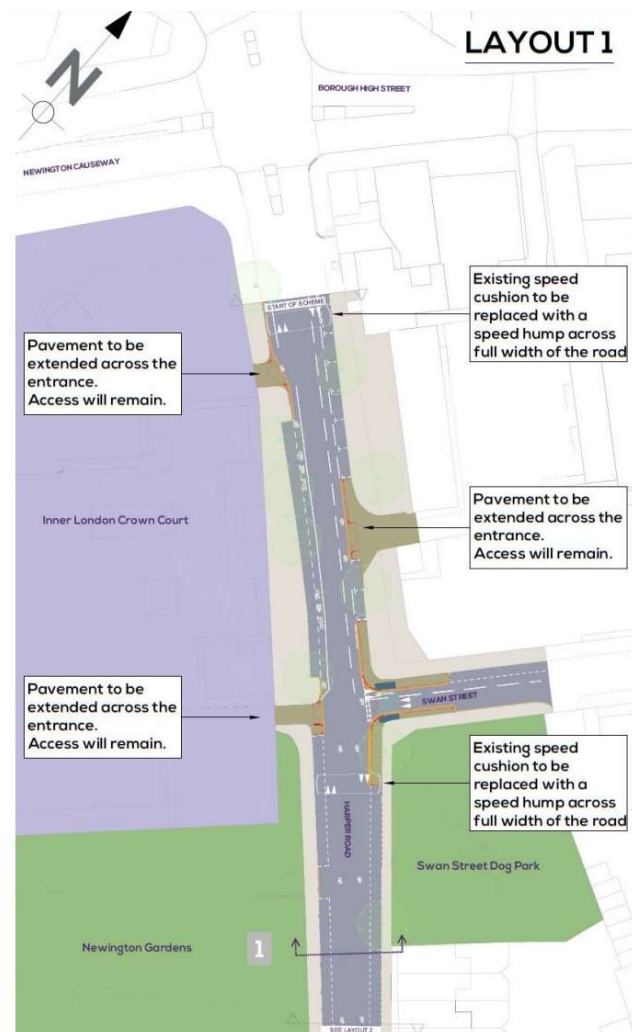
Headline Results

We sent flyers to 3,824 addresses around Harper Road and received 103 responses. This is a 2.6 % response rate, which is low for this type of consultation.

In addition to the flyers sent out, officers hosted an on street drop in session to speak to passers-by about the proposals. We spoke to over 50 people at this event and gave each a flyer about the proposals.

Results by Question

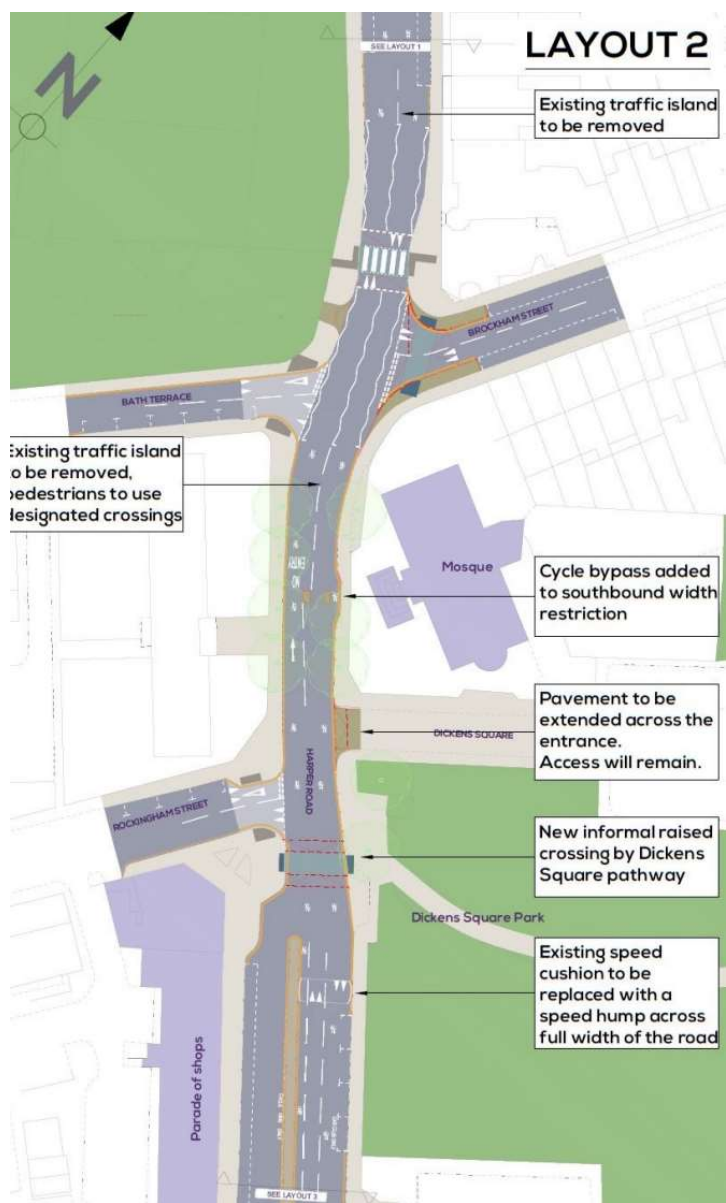
2. Do you support the measures we are proposing on this section of Harper Road, between Borough High Street and Newington Gardens?



Response	Do you support the measures we are proposing on this section of Harper Road, between Borough High Street and Newington Gardens?	
Yes		46
Yes, with changes		23
No		34

The response to this question suggests that the majority of respondents support the changes on this section of the road, but many would like to see changes such as introducing a modal filter to reduce the vehicle movements and other interventions such as changing the type of speed humps and introducing parklets. All additional comments will be reviewed and changes will be incorporated into the next design stage.

Q3. Do you support the measures we are proposing on this section of Harper Road between Newington Gardens and the parade of shops?



Response	Do you support the measures we are proposing on this section of Harper Road between Newington gardens and the parade of shops?	
Yes		43
Yes, with changes		21
No		37
Not Answered		2

The majority of respondents stated that they supported the changed at this section. Some of the additional comments included not removing the existing traffic island outside of the Mosque and put a crossing in, install cycle lanes, install more planting, check the width of the cycle bypass and install a modal filter. All additional comments will be reviewed and changes will be incorporated into the next design stage.

Q4. Do you support the measures we are proposing on this section of Harper Road between Falmouth Road and New Kent Road?



Response	Do you support the measures we are proposing on this section of Harper Road, between Falmouth Road and New Kent Road?	
Yes		44
Yes, with changes		22
No		32
Not Answered		5

The majority of respondents support the measures proposed in this section. Some of the additional comments included: install modal filters, relocate a lamp column, raise the zebra crossing and remove parking. All additional comments will be reviewed and changes will be incorporated into the next design stage.

Q5. Which of these features would you like to see on Harper Road?

Response	Which of these features would you like to see on Harper Road
Planting beds	79
Benches	59
Enhanced Lighting	51
Cycle parking	48
Cycle hangars	38
Shelter	18

More planting and additional benches were the most popular responses to this question. This can be investigated as part of the next design stage.

Q6. Would you or others in your household like to make use of a cycle hangar for cycle storage on Harper Road?

Response	Would you or others in your household like to make use of a cycle hangar for cycle storage on Harper Road?
Yes	16
No	77
Not Answered	10

Demand for cycle storage is shown to be quite low on Harper Road, but this may be due to respondents not living in the area.

Q7. To what extent do you agree this scheme meets the stated objectives?

Response	To what extent do you agree this scheme meets the stated objectives?
Strongly Agree	16
Agree	37
Don't know	11
Disagree	20
Strongly Disagree	19

The majority of respondents agree or strongly agree that the scheme meets the objectives to form part of a safe, direct and comfortable walking and cycling route between Dulwich and Borough.

To what extent do you agree this scheme meets the stated objectives?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Resident of a directly affected road	4	14	5	7	4	34
As a resident of a nearby road	10	13	5	8	5	41
As someone who travels on these roads	9	21	7	16	12	65
As someone who visits for e.g. leisure or shopping	5	6	4	9	4	28
As a local business owner/staff member (please specify)	2	3	1	0	1	7
As a representative of a group or organisation (please specify)	0	4	0	0	0	4
As someone studying e.g. at a school or college in the area	0	0	0	0	0	0
As a parent or carer of someone studying at a local school	1	2	0	1	1	5
As a staff member at Ark Globe Academy	0	1	0	0	0	1

When looking at a breakdown of who was responding to the consultation and what they felt about the scheme, we can see that residents of directly affected roads, nearby roads and local businesses were more likely to agree that the scheme met the objectives. There's no clear outcome for those who travel on Harper Road and visitors were more likely to disagree that the scheme met the objectives.

Q8. How else could we improve the scheme? Please let us know if you have any further thoughts or suggestions?

Comments available in Appendix 1.

Q9. What is your name?

Redacted

Q10. What is your postcode?

Redacted

Q11. What street do you live on / is your business based on?

What street do you live on / is your business based on	Count
HARPER ROAD	22
BATH TERRACE	7
COUNTY STREET	6
BROCKHAM STREET	4
FALMOUTH ROAD	4
GARLAND CLOSE	4
TRINITY CHURCH SQUARE	3
COLE STREET	2
GREAT DOVER STREET	2
MEADOW ROW	2
ALDERNEY MEWS	1
BARTHOLOMEW STREET	1
BURBAGE CLOSE	1
NEWINGTON CAUSEWAY	1
ROCKINGHAM STREET	1
TRINITY STREET	1
Grand Total	62

Q12. In what capacity were you responding to this consultation?

In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?	Response
As someone who travels on these roads	65
A resident of a nearby road	41
As a resident of a directly affected road	34
As someone who visits for e.g. leisure or shopping	28
As a local business owner/staff member	7
As a parent or carer of someone studying at a local school	5
As a representative of a group or organisation	4
As a staff member at Ark Globe Academy	1
As someone studying e.g. at a school or college in the area	0

The majority of responses were from people travelling on Harper Road.

Q13. How do you usually travel in this area?

How do you usually travel in this area?	Response
On foot	85
Bicycle	65
Bus	22
Car or other motor vehicle for personal use	20
Tube or train	18
Taxi	16
Car or other motor vehicle for commercial use	3
Car club or car sharing scheme	3
Scooter	2
Other	2
Wheelchair	1
Motorcycle	1

Those who cycle or walk along Harper Road were more likely to respond.

How do you usually travel in this area (you may select more than one)?	To what extent do you agree with the objectives of the scheme?				
	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree
On foot	31	14	10	16	14
On foot with a pushchair/buggy	5	0	0	0	1
Wheelchair	1	0	0	0	0
Bicycle	19	17	6	9	14
Scooter	1	0	0	0	1
Motorcycle	0	0	1	0	0
Bus	2	7	2	3	8
Tube or Train	3	6	2	3	4
Taxi	7	2	2	1	4
Car or other motor vehicle for personal use	10	3	2	1	4
Car or other motor vehicle for commercial use	2	0	0	1	0
Car club or car sharing scheme	1	1	0	0	1
Other	0	1	0	0	1

In terms of whether the proposals meet the scheme objectives, those on foot agree that they do, where as those cycling were more likely to say they don't. Car drivers tend to agree that the scheme meets the objectives.

Q14. For reporting purposes

Equalities Questions

15. Age

Age	Responses	Percentage	Census
18 and under	0	0	11.90%
18 - 24	1		
25 - 34	19		
35 - 44	16		
45 - 54	25		
55 - 64	9	84%	83.70%
65 - 74	10		
75 - 84	2		
85 - 94	1	16%	4.40%
Grand Total	83		

Ethnicity

What is your ethnic background?	Count	Percentage	Census
(Asian) Bengali	3		
(Asian) Chinese	1		
(Asian) Filipino	1		
(Asian) Other (please specify if you wish)	1		
(Asian) Pakistani	1	8%	21.00%
(Black) British	2		
(Black) Nigerian	1		
(Black) Other African	1	5%	18.80%
(White) British	31		
(White) English	11		
(White) Irish	5		
(White) Northern Irish	2		
(White) Other (please specify if you wish)	2		
(White) Other European	8		
(White) Scottish	2		
(White) Welsh	2	76%	46.40%
Arab	1		
Latin American	1		
Other ethnic background (please specify if you wish)	2	5%	7.50%
Mixed Other background (please specify if you wish)	3		
Mixed White/Asian	1		
Mixed White/Black Caribbean	1	6%	6.30%
Grand Total	83		

Disability

Are you disabled?	Count	Percentage	Census (Whole Borough)
No	69	83%	82.40%
Prefer not to say	4	5%	Not a Census option
Yes	10	12%	8.20%
Grand Total	83		

Sex

What is your sex as recorded at birth?	Count	Percentage	Census
Female	23	29%	51.70%
Male	54	68%	48.30%
Prefer not to say	3	4%	
Grand Total	80		

Gender Identity

Is the Gender you identify with the same as the sex you were recorded at birth?	Count	Percentage	Census
Yes	75	93%	90.98%
No	1	1%	0.92%
Prefer not to say	5	6%	8.10%
Total	81		

Sexual Orientation

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?	Count	Percentage	Census
Bisexual	1	1%	11.71%
Other (please specify if you wish)	2	4%	
Gay man	14	18%	78.23%
Heterosexual/straight	50	64%	
Prefer not to say	11	14%	10.07%
Total	78		

Religion

What is your religion or belief?	Count	Percentage	Census
Christian	14	18%	34.90%
Muslim	7	9%	13.80%
No religion	51	66%	38.10%
Other (please specify if you wish)	5	6%	0.60%
Grand Total	77		

Recommendations

It is recommended that this scheme progresses to detailed design with further design amendments to be agreed based on the comments received during this consultation and cycle design best practice. Further engagement will be undertaken with key stakeholders during these design changes.

Additional comments received during the consultation can be found in Appendix B.

