

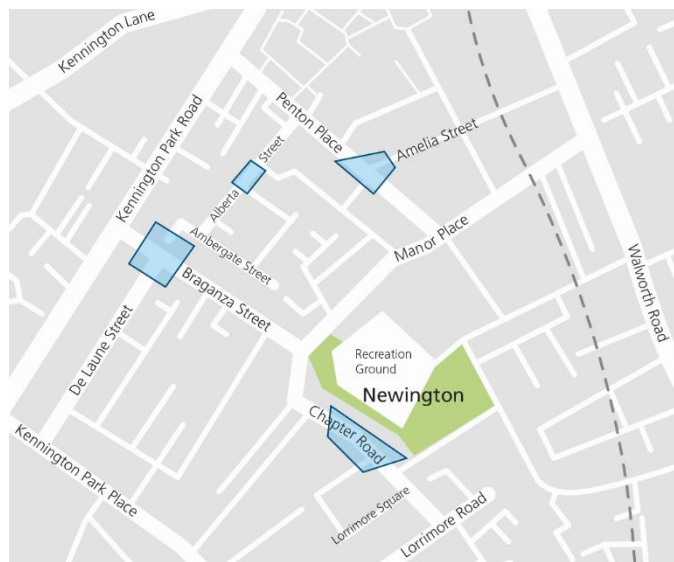
Streets for People – Newington Pocket Parks

Consultation report

1) Introduction

From 1 February to 5 March 2023 we ran a public consultation to ascertain public opinion on the Newington Pocket Park proposals for the following locations (also see map):

- Alberta Street (junction with Braganza Street)
- Alberta Street (junction with Ambergate Street)
- Amelia Street (junction with Penton Place)
- Chapter Road (junction with Lorrimore Square)



What we wanted to find out?

- Do the designs achieve their objectives:
 - encourage play and physical activity for young people
 - provide a place to socialise, build stronger communities and enhance mental wellbeing
 - create safe walking and cycling routes across Newington
 - make our streets better adapted to climate change.
- What features of the design do people support and how could the designs be improved?
- A focus on young people's opinion on the designs.

What we did?

Using Southwark's consultation hub we ran an online survey which asked people a series of questions to ascertain the above information and share the proposals (visualisations and drawings).



Visualisation 1 Alberta Street and Braganza Street



Visualisation 3 Amelia Street and Penton Place



Visualisation 2 Alberta Street and Ambergate Street



Visualisation 4 Chapter Road

www.southwark.gov.uk/newington-pocket-parks-survey

Paper versions of the survey were made available at Walworth Gardens and Walworth Library, with a freepost address.

We distributed an A4 flyer to all households in the engagement area (see map) to promote the survey.

We held three school pop-up events outside Crampton Primary School, Keyworth Primary School, and St Paul's Primary School to promote the consultation and also pupil/parent survey.

We carried out door-knocking at the three key streets; Chapter Road, Alberta Street, and Amelia Street to promote the consultation, discuss the proposals and complete the survey with residents where possible.

A bespoke pupil and parent survey was sent to all three schools in the area, with an incentive to win a Decathlon voucher.

An email was sent promoting the consultation to local TRA groups, Walworth Society, and schools.

2) Results from the engagement

The main survey had a total of **114 individual respondents**.

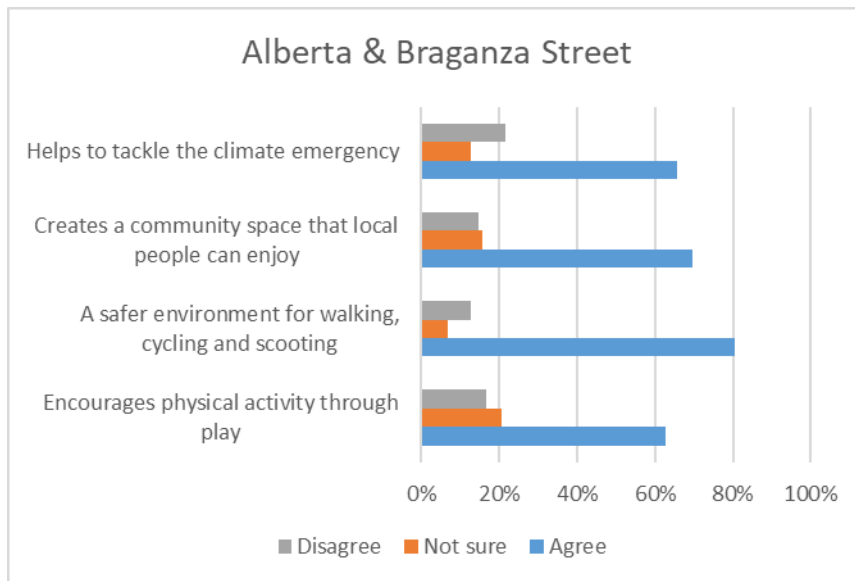
The pupil/parent survey had a total of **32 individual respondents**.

In total, that is a response rate of approximately 5%.

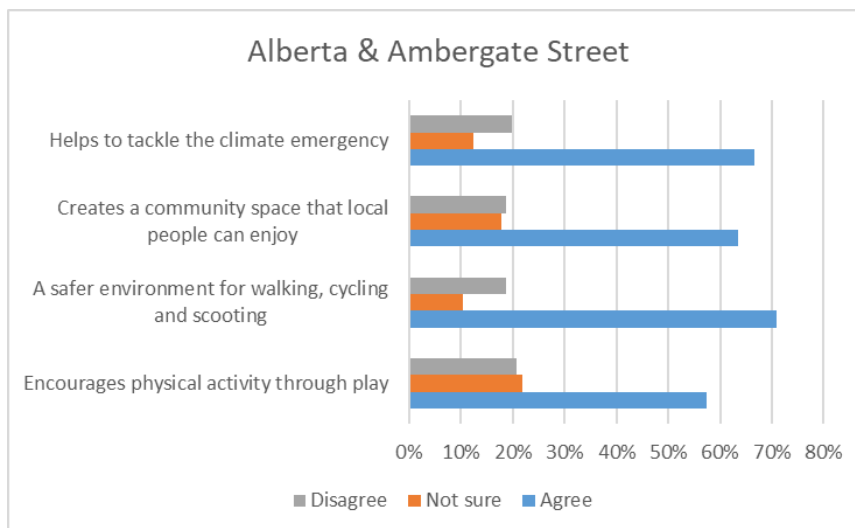
2.1 Summary of the results – the main survey

Question 1: Do you agree the design achieves the following objectives:

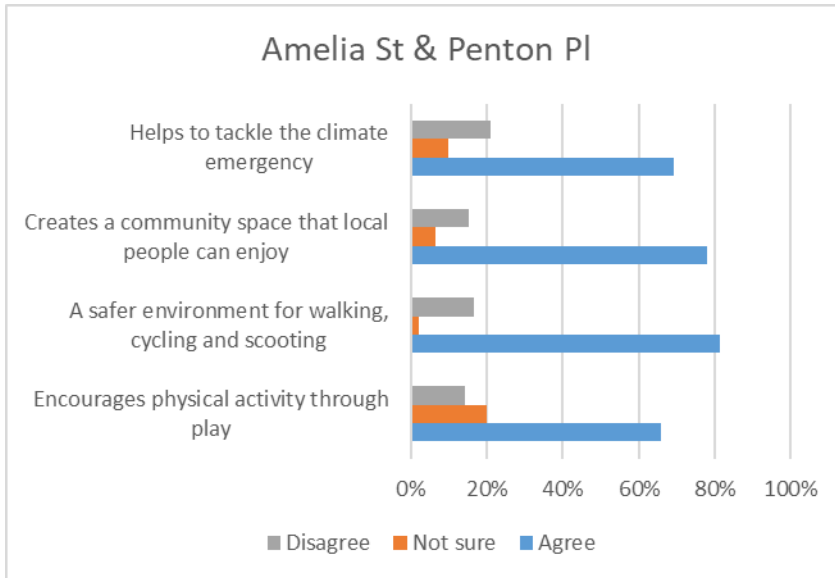
1a) Alberta Street and Braganza Street



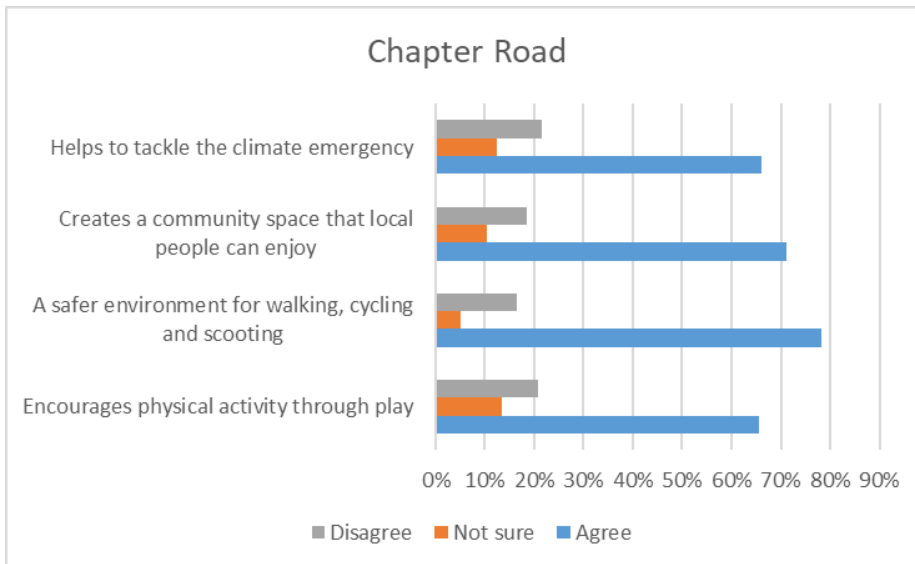
1b) Alberta Street and Ambergate Street



1c) Amelia Street and Penton Place



1d) Chapter Road



Overall

	Alberta & Braganza Street			Alberta & Ambergate Street			Amelia St & Penton Pl			Chapter Road		
	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
Encourages physical activity through play	63%	21%	17%	57%	22%	21%	66%	20%	14%	66%	14%	21%
A safer environment for walking, cycling and scooting	80%	7%	13%	71%	10%	19%	81%	2%	16%	78%	5%	16%
Creates a community space that local people can enjoy	70%	16%	15%	64%	18%	19%	78%	7%	15%	71%	10%	19%
Helps to tackle the climate emergency	66%	13%	22%	67%	13%	20%	69%	10%	21%	66%	12%	22%

Comments

The proposals at each location achieved a high rate of agreement that the proposed designs achieved the set out objectives, most noticeably in regards to creating a community space and creating a safer environment for active travel.

Question 2: What do you think about the key features of the design?:

A summary of the comments and themes to this question per location has been provided below:

Scheme features - Comments	Alberta & Braganza Street	Alberta & Ambergate Street	Amelia St & Penton Place	Chapter Road
Play features	Positive feedback regarding stepping stones, panels may not be as well used, animal sculptures may be subject to graffiti. Need to ensure safe buffer between play and cycle lane.	Opportunity for more play features by tree, markings need to be engaging, seating for parents while kids play. May not be right location and nearby parks should be where play is invested.	Support improved access to park, support for stepping stones, possibly consider some of the features in other proposals here too. Play features may not be necessary next to a park.	Use good quality materials, more stepping stones, ensure information is engaging. Panels may be vandalised. Ensure separation for children playing and traffic. Consider necessity with playgrounds nearby.
Trees, greenery and planting	More planting if possible and planting which encourages pollinators. Must be maintained. Ensure there is enough light for trees to flourish.	Consider fruit trees to align with Alberta Fruit Commons Communal Garden, more tree canopy, consider greenery on wall. Some support loss of parking for this others feel it is unnecessary. Must be maintained.	Support for greenery, must be maintained, could be further expanded, canopy species and less hard landscaping.	More trees and planting should be proposed, especially on side near to estates, should be aligned with planting in Pasley Park. Must be maintained. Concerns at loss of parking.
Cycle Parking and Cycle Lane	Plans support cycling, need to ensure cycle parking provision increased as current cycle parking is well used now, stop motorcycles/mopeds from using the area. Cyclists may become squeezed on Braganza Street where it proposed to be more narrow.	N/A	Makes cycling safer, ensure it is on desire line, bollards/markings could make it more colourful. Must be wide enough for adapted bikes.	Improves safety, and well needed. Concerns over vehicles access for local properties.
Pedestrian crossing and pavement changes	Plans support pedestrians and support for wider pavements. Could be increased further in regards to speed hump proposals and raising surface levels across Alberta Street to give pedestrians priority.	Support for wider pavements, and continuous crossings. Concerns over loss of parking.	Consider zebra crossing, ensure traffic calming measures effective, residential bins make pavements difficult to walk.	Improves pedestrian safety and access into park. Consider vehicle access for local properties. Consider continuous footways where feasible.
Other changes	Bins, seating, bug hotel, loading bay for deliveries to no.97, more lighting, consider extending further along Alberta Street	Seating, bins, vertical planting on wall, incorporate existing tree more, concerns regarding displaced parking, more cycle hangars.	Need to consider waste solution to fly-tipping and bins, access to Iliffe Yard must be incorporated. More bins, trees and planting.	Are changes necessary, improvements to current green/play spaces needed. More trees and planting and less hard landscaping. Ensure local vehicle access considered. More bins, improved lighting.

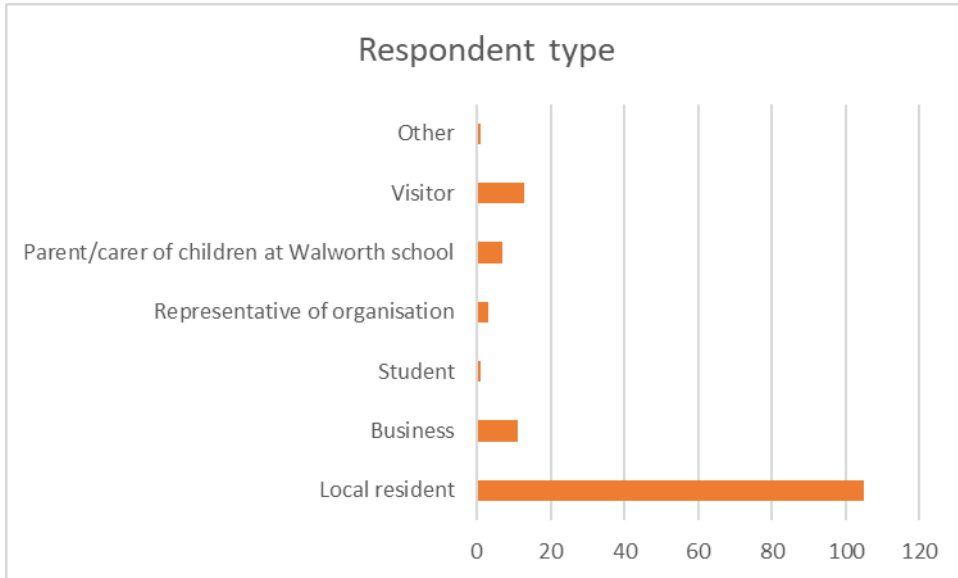
About You

Question 3: What street do you live or work on?

Street	Response rate
ALBERTA STREET	19%
AMBERGATE STREET	12%
CHAPTER ROAD	11%
CRAMPTON STREET	5%
OTHER	5%
PENTON PLACE	4%
AMELIA STREET	4%
DODDINGTON GROVE	4%
ILIFFE YARD	4%
LORRIMORE ROAD	3%
PEACOCK STREET	3%
DE LAUNE STREET	2%
ILIFFE STREET	2%
KENNINGTON PARK ROAD	2%
MARSLAND CLOSE	2%
SHARSTED STREET	2%
WESTCOTT ROAD	2%
BALFOUR STREET	1%
BORRETT CLOSE	1%
BRAGANZA STREET	1%
BRANDON STREET	1%
CANTERBURY PLACE	1%
DALE ROAD	1%
DATE STREET	1%
DELVERTON ROAD	1%
FREDERICK ROAD	1%
JOHN MAURICE CLOSE	1%
LORRIMORE SQUARE	1%
MANOR PLACE	1%
OLNEY ROAD	1%
RODNEY ROAD	1%
ST AGNES PLACE	1%
STEAD STREET	1%
SUTHERLAND SQUARE	1%
THOMPSONS AVENUE	1%
WORTH GROVE	1%

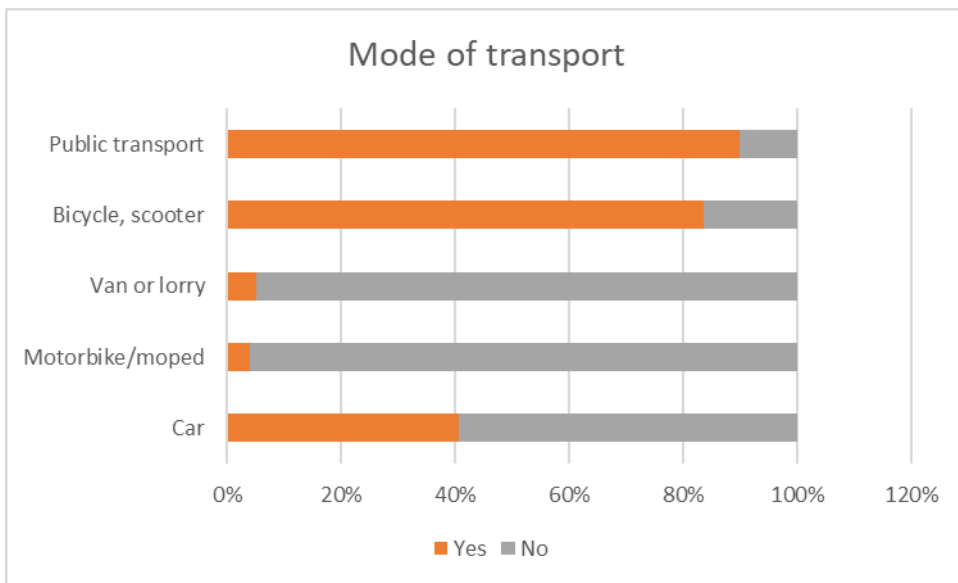
The highest number of responses were received from streets most affected by the proposals.

Question 4: In what capacity are you responding to this survey?



The majority of respondents were local residents.

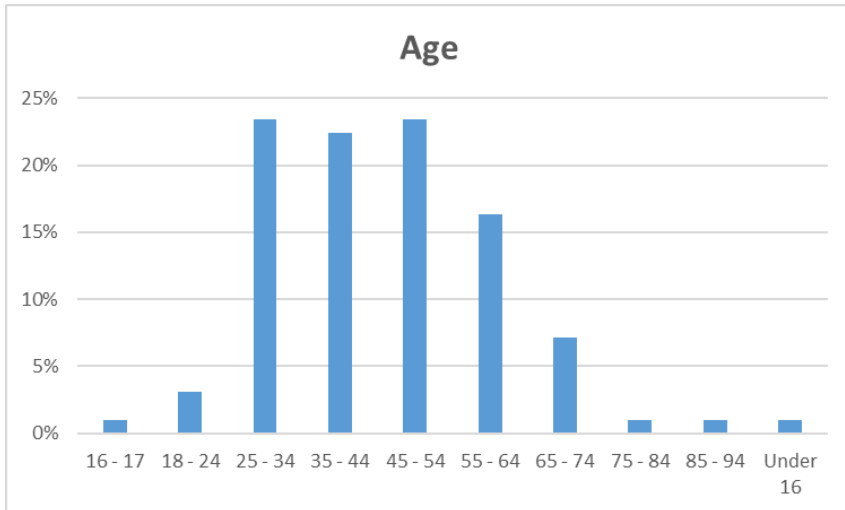
Question 5: Do you use (in the Walworth area)?



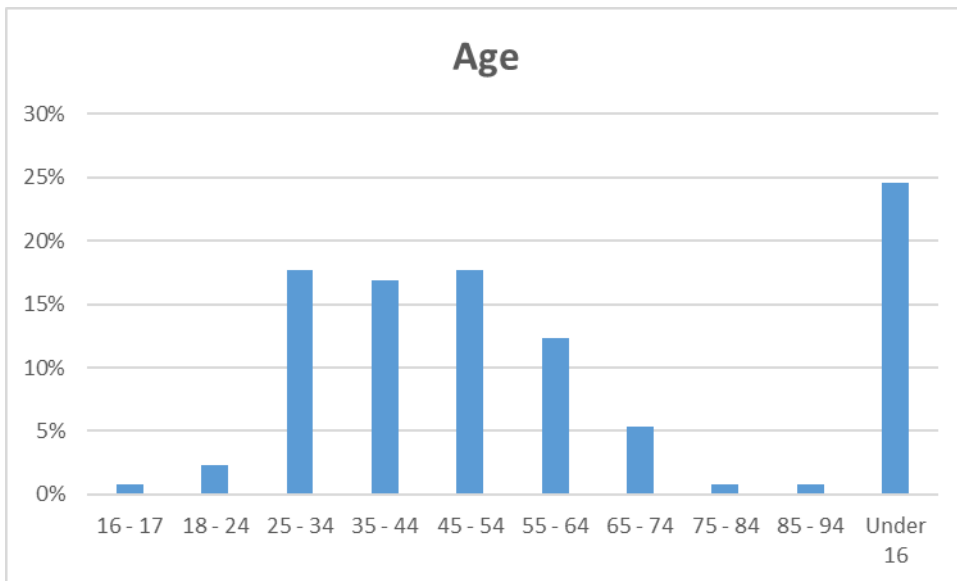
The majority of respondents rely on public transport or cycle. Those who responded were less likely to use car, van or motorbike, this is reflective of the area's low car ownership rates.

Equality questions

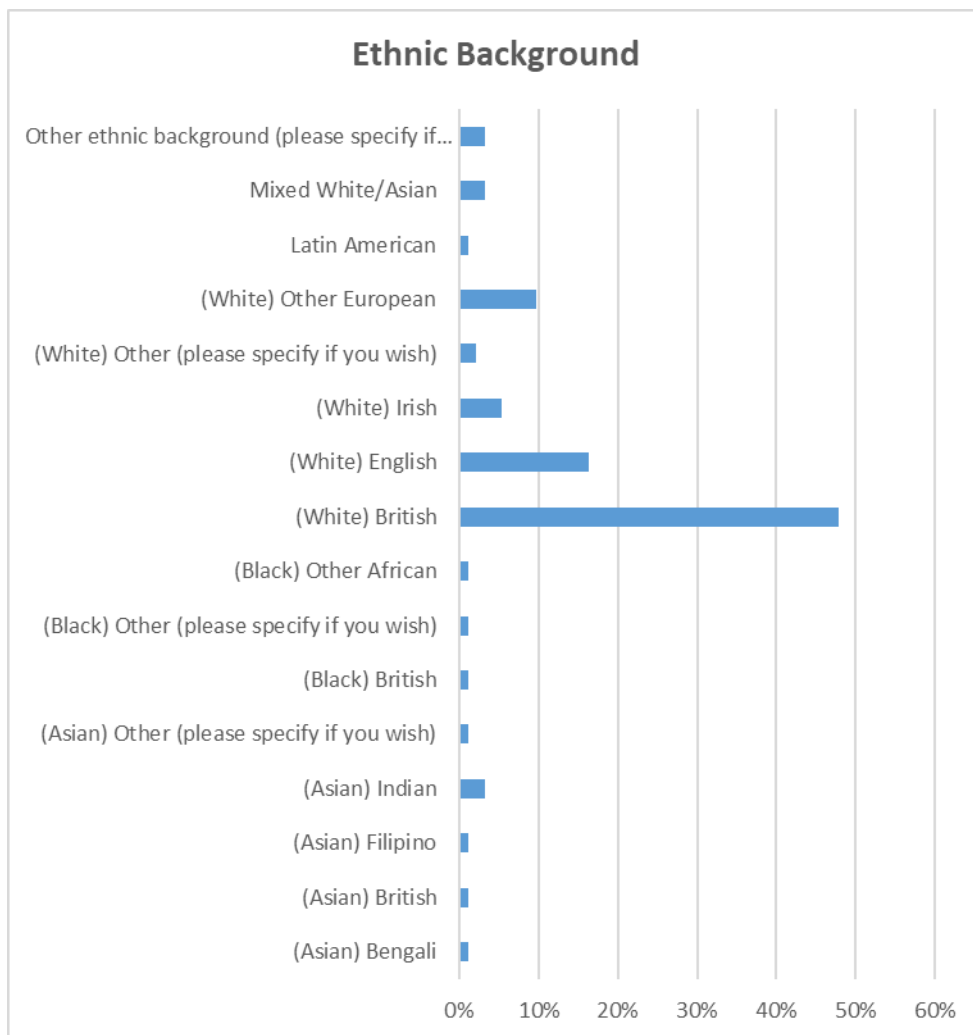
Question 6: How old are you?



The age group 25 – 44 make up the largest proportion of residents in the Newington ward (40%), therefore the results of this consultation are relatively in accordance with this. 45 – 64 make up 21% of the Newington population so this age group is over-represented in this survey. 24 and under are under-represented in the main survey, but the pupil survey carried out was to ensure a good response rate from this age group who make up 17% of the Newington ward population. The below graph combines responses from the pupil survey to the main survey, which makes under-16s the most represented age group in this consultation:



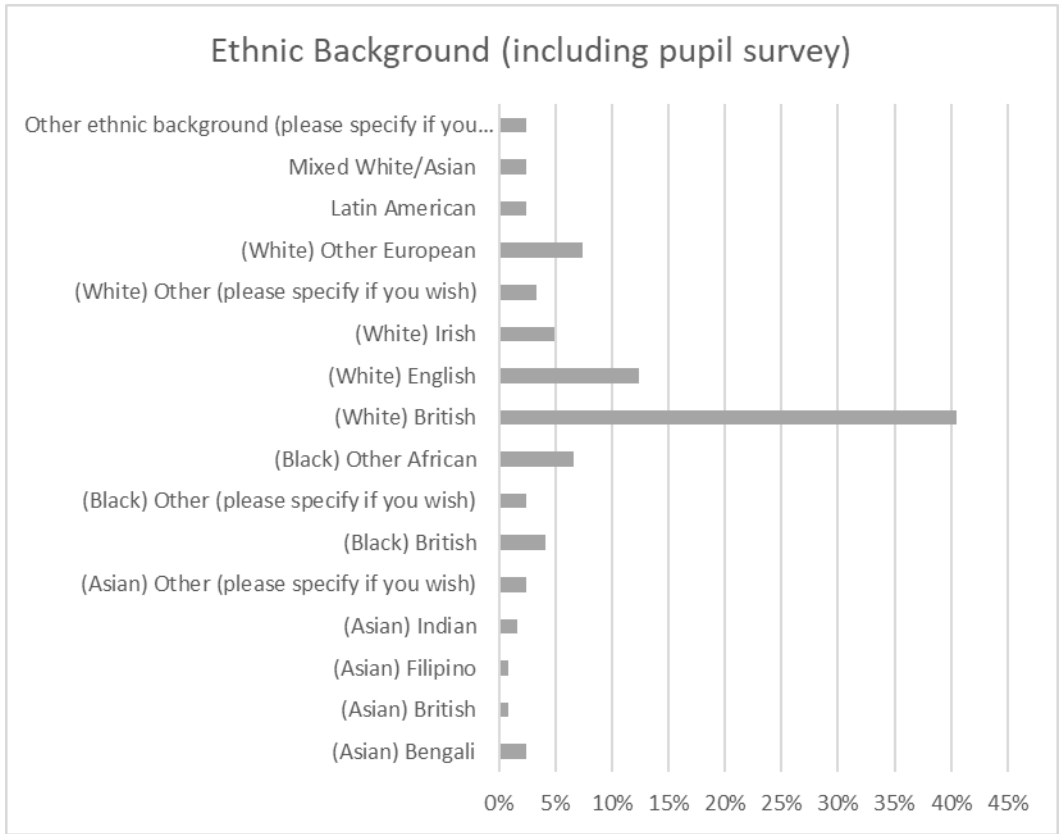
Question 7: What is your ethnic background



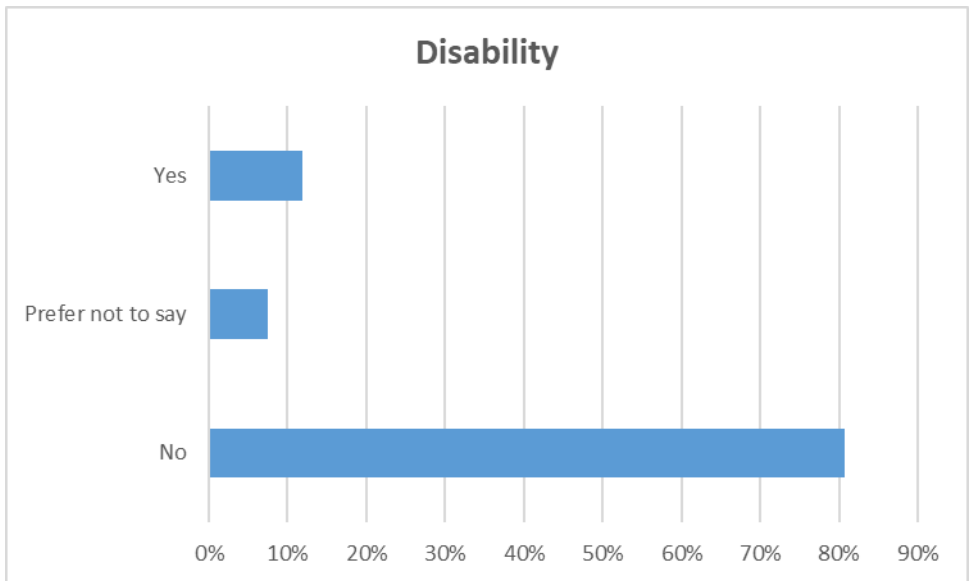
30% of respondents to the main survey were minority ethnic, and the remaining 70% were of White British/English or Irish origin.

Therefore, minority ethnic groups were under-represented in the main survey, as minority ethnic groups make up 48% of the Newington ward population.

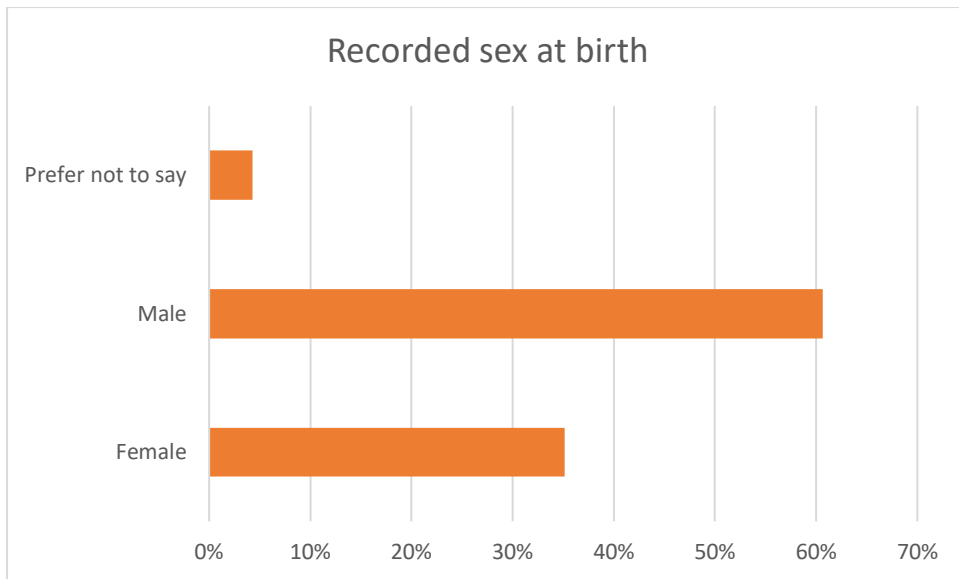
The pupil/parent survey yielded a much higher response rate from minority ethnic groups. If these are included in the overall results the representation of minority ethnic groups is improved to 40%.



Question 8: Do you have a disability?



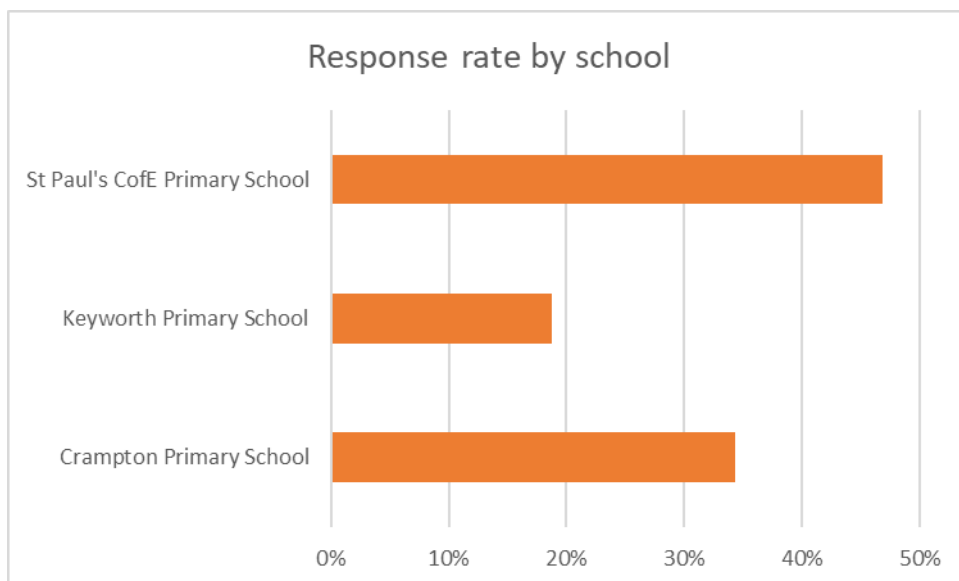
Question 9: What is your gender?



Females were under-represented in the main survey, as the Newington ward population gender split is 50%. No data on sex was recorded as part of the pupil/parent carer survey.

2.2) Summary of results – the pupil & parent/carer survey

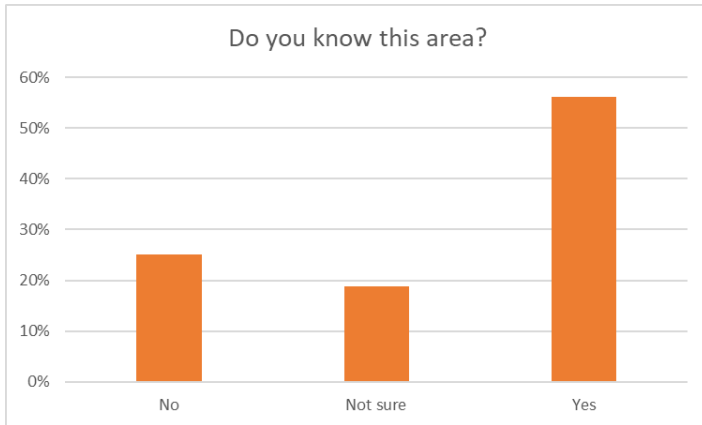
Question 1: What school do you attend?



The school with the highest response rate was St Paul's CofE Primary School, followed by Crampton Primary School and Keyworth Primary School. This is reflective of the locations of the proposals, and which pupils/parents are most likely to be affected.

Alberta Street and Braganza Street

Question 2: Do you know this area?

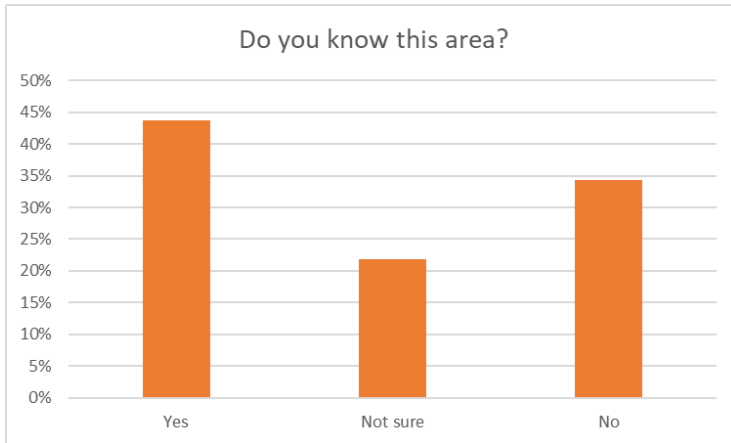


Question 3 to 6:

	Yes	Not sure	No
Question 3: Would you play here?	31%	28%	41%
	Looks safe, nearby station/friends/school	Not familiar with the area	Unsafe with cyclists
Question 4: Would you like to walk/cycle here?	66%	13%	22%
	Looks calm, peaceful, clean. Wide space and cycle paths, not many cars.		
Question 5: Do you think the changes will make the area look nicer?	75%	25%	0%
	Looks more fun and less boring, things to do and play with, like the nature, trees and planting. Place looks cleaner and more beautiful.		
Question 6: Other changes	Add more games, paint murals, water re-filling station, lights in trees.		

Alberta Street and Ambergate Street

Question 7: Do you know this area?

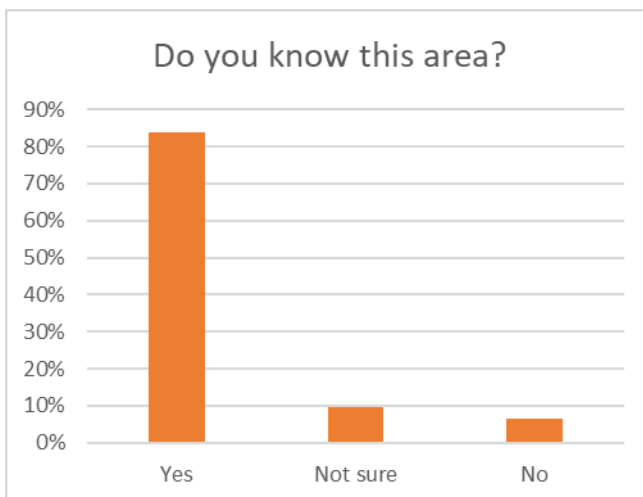


Question 8 – 11:

	Yes	Not sure	No
Question 8: Would you play here?	53%	25%	22%
	The mini-games on floor look fun, spacious, clean	Not much to do	Too small, might get in someone's way
Question 9: Would you like to walk/cycle here?	71%	13%	16%
	More spacious, clean, safe, better pavements		
Question 10: Do you think the changes will make the area look nicer?	87%	13%	0%
	More space, colourful, beautiful trees and planting, cleaner		
Question 11: Other changes	Add more games, seating		

Amelia Street and Penton Place

Question 12: Do you know this area?

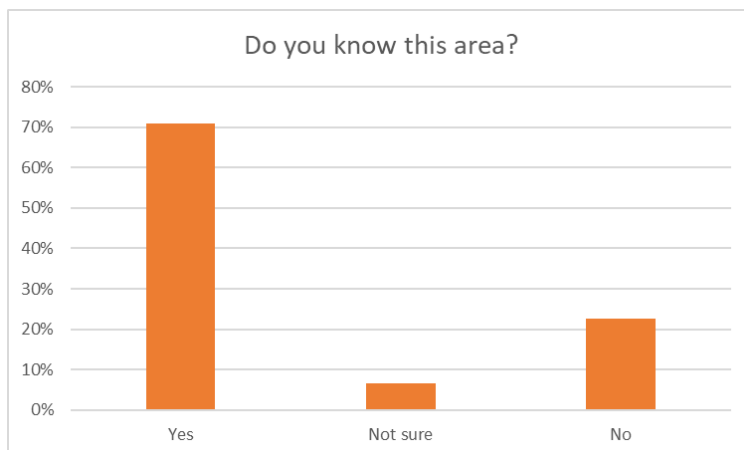


Question 13 – 16:

	Yes	Not sure	No
Question 13: Would you play here?	71%	13%	16%
	The mini-games on floor look fun, spacious, clean	Not much to do	Too small, might get in someone's way
Question 14: Would you like to walk/cycle here?	81%	13%	6%
	More spacious, clean, safe, better pavements		
Question 15: Do you think the changes will make the area look nicer?	94%	3%	3%
	More space, looks nicer and more fun, currently boring, parents can sit and chat		
Question 16: Other changes	Add more games		

Chapter Road

Question 17: Do you know this area?



Question 18 – 21:

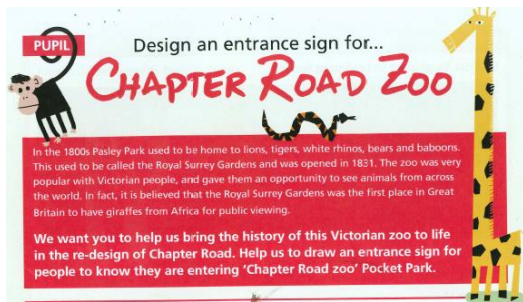
	Yes	Not sure	No
Question 18: Would you play here?	71%	13%	16%
	Local and near park, pass by a lot, looks fun and has bright colours, like hoscotch, encourages exercise, nice with trees	Not near to respondents	
Question 19: Would you like to walk/cycle here?	81%	13%	6%
	It is safe, calm, there is more space, there is a cycle lane, I can explore a different area, looks fun and nice		
Question 20: Do you think the changes will make the area look nicer?	80%	17%	3%
	Looks fun, nice, beautiful, welcoming, better for fresh air		
Question 21: Other changes	More space for bikes/hire bikes, lights to the trees		

Design a Chapter Road zoo sign

PUPIL Design an entrance sign for...
CHAPTER ROAD ZOO

In the 1800s Pasley Park used to be home to lions, tigers, white rhinos, bears and baboons. This used to be called the Royal Surrey Gardens and was opened in 1831. The zoo was very popular with Victorian people, and gave them an opportunity to see animals from across the world. In fact, it is believed that the Royal Surrey Gardens was the first place in Great Britain to have giraffes from Africa for public viewing.

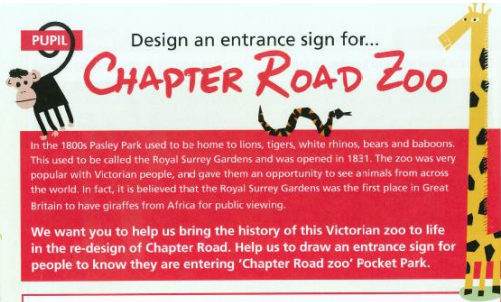
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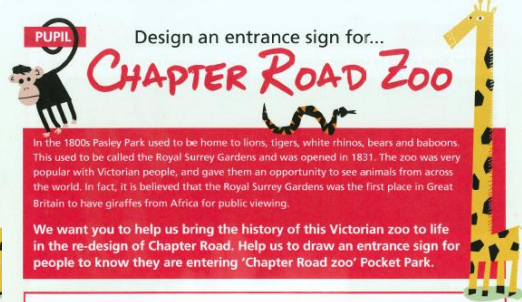
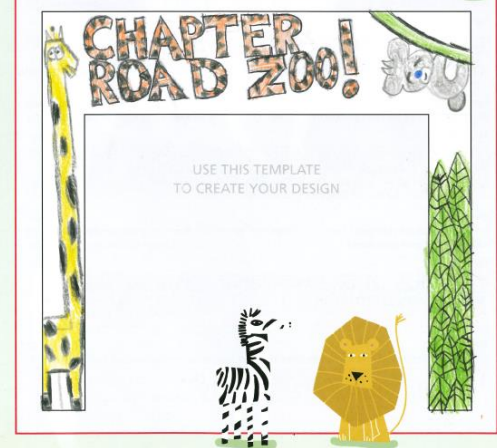
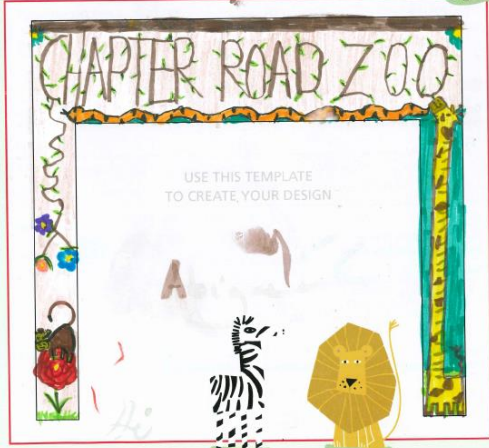
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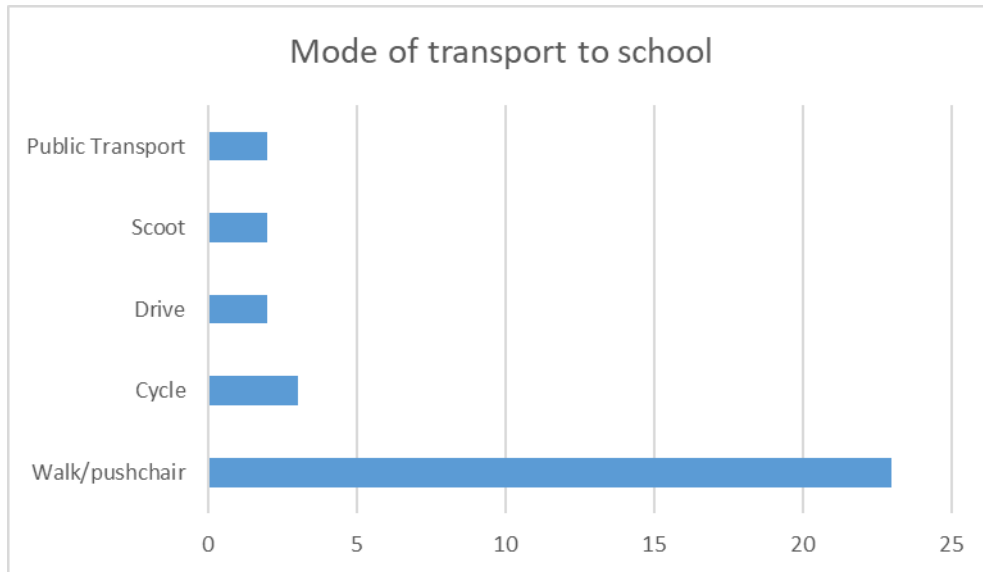
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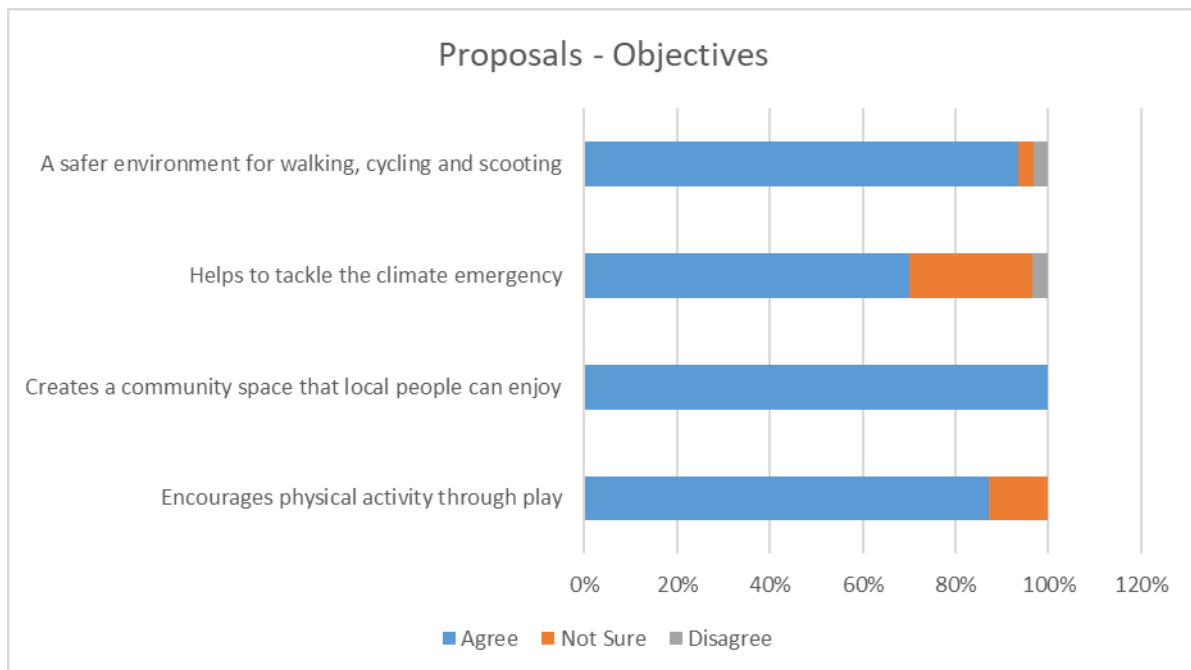



Parent responses

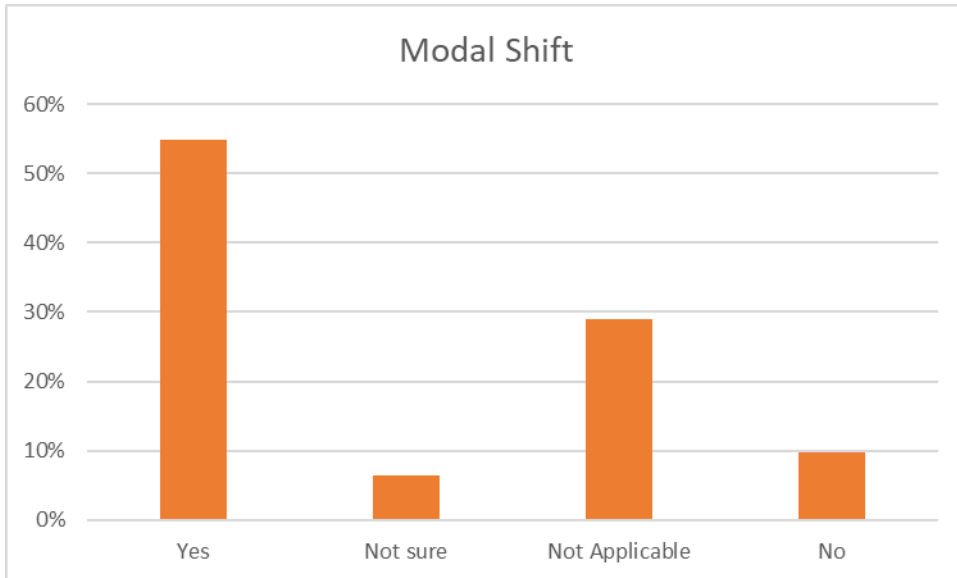
Question 22: How do you travel to school?



Question 23: Do you agree the proposals achieve the following objectives?



Question 24: If you currently drive, would these new 'pocket parks' encourage you to walk, cycle or scoot your child to school or parks more often?



Overall, the pupil/parent survey has shown a high-level of support for all four proposals. In regards to play, the proposals for Chapter Road and Amelia Street were more supported and this is probably due to their proximity to the local park. In regards, to walking and cycling, the majority of respondents felt the proposals would improve this across all sites, as well as generally making the area look nicer.

Parent responses to the survey also showed high-level of support that the proposals achieved objectives and that the proposals could encourage modal shift away from cars for the journey to school.

3) Conclusion

The Newington Pocket Park consultation which ran for 5 weeks from February to March 2023 has shown high levels of support for the design proposals, and generally an overall agreement that they achieve the wider objectives of the scheme.

This is also supported by the pupil/parent survey that was carried out during the same period.

Comments regarding how the proposals could be improved will be considered as part of the next phase of design.

The combination of the main survey and pupil survey also ensured that we were able to yield a representative response rate as per local demographics and also ensure we were hearing from a key audience group, under-16s.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this consultation, and hope to continue working with the local community to achieve Southwark's Streets for People aims.