

Brunswick Park Streetspace

Consultation Report

November 2023

Brunswick Park street improvements

Consultation runs
9 Oct - 12 Nov
2023



STREETS FOR PEOPLE
LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

Introduction

This report has been produced by the London Borough of Southwark Highways team to provide a summary on the consultation for Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) improvements to the Brunswick Park. The consultation was to give residents a say on what they'd like to see included in the permanent measures to replace the wooden 'temporary' planters at traffic filters on Elmington Road, Havil Street and Benhill Road and whether to install raised table crossings on Benhill Road and Owgan Close.

This project is partnered with Guy's & St Thomas' Charitable Trust (GSTTC) who are working to reduce health inequalities in Lambeth & Southwark. They particularly focus on childhood obesity, long-term health conditions and air quality that together make healthier streets a priority.

Southwark Council are working with GSTTC to deliver a unique project to reduce health inequalities and support children's independent movement. The aim of the project is to create a better streetspace environment to enable people to travel more short journeys on foot or by bicycle.

Brunswick Park was one of three areas that received improvements; the others were East Faraday and North Peckham. All three areas were progressed together simultaneously.

Background

The LTN was installed in 2020.

The objectives were as follows:

1. Ensuring people are able to social distance
2. Enabling people to travel more short journeys on foot or by cycle
3. Helping residents feel confident about returning to daily activities, such as work or school.

It was introduced initially as a trial using experimental traffic orders during the pandemic as a response to social distancing and to engender changes to people's travel patterns.

Previous Consultations

A review of the temporary road closures was conducted between 31 July to 22 September 2021 to understand the impact and consult residents on whether to make the measures permanent.

548 responses were received during the consultation period, of which 540 were from unique individuals. This was a 10% response rate and of all respondents 83% were responses were from local residents i.e. from addresses within the consultation zone.

The results showed 62% would like to retain the measure, or retain the measure but increase the streetspace area with other features.

Monitoring was undertaken in three waves throughout the experimental period. It included traffic volumes, cyclist volumes and pedestrian activity.

The outcome of the review and statutory consultation was closed on 7 January 2022. It informed the final decision on the measures on Tuesday 8 March 2022, which was to make the majority of the measures permanent and Traffic Orders were made permanent thereafter.

2023 Consultation

In October 2023 we consulted again to give residents a say for what they would like to see at the traffic filters when the temporary wooden planters are replaced with permanent features.

The road closures had their Traffic Orders made permanent in the previous consultation, so this was made clear to residents that it was not a consultation to keep them or remove them, moreover what form they would take when made permanent and what street furniture they might like to be included.

We combined the engagement with the Streets for People questionnaire, whereby we asked if they would like to see any of the following in their street;

- Pavement decluttering (moving signs and bin storage etc)
- Seating (benches or single seats)
- Cycle hangar or Sheffield cycle stands or storage for mobility scooters / adapted vehicles
- Green space - planter or rain garden
- Play feature (e.g. hopscotch or stepping stones)
- Water fountain
- Electric vehicle charger
- Disabled parking bay or Car club bay
- Improved lighting

This is part of a borough-wide commitment to ask all residents in Southwark to consider ways that we can improve our streets to make them cleaner, greener, safer and healthier. You can read more about the [Streets for People programme](#) here.

Consultation Process

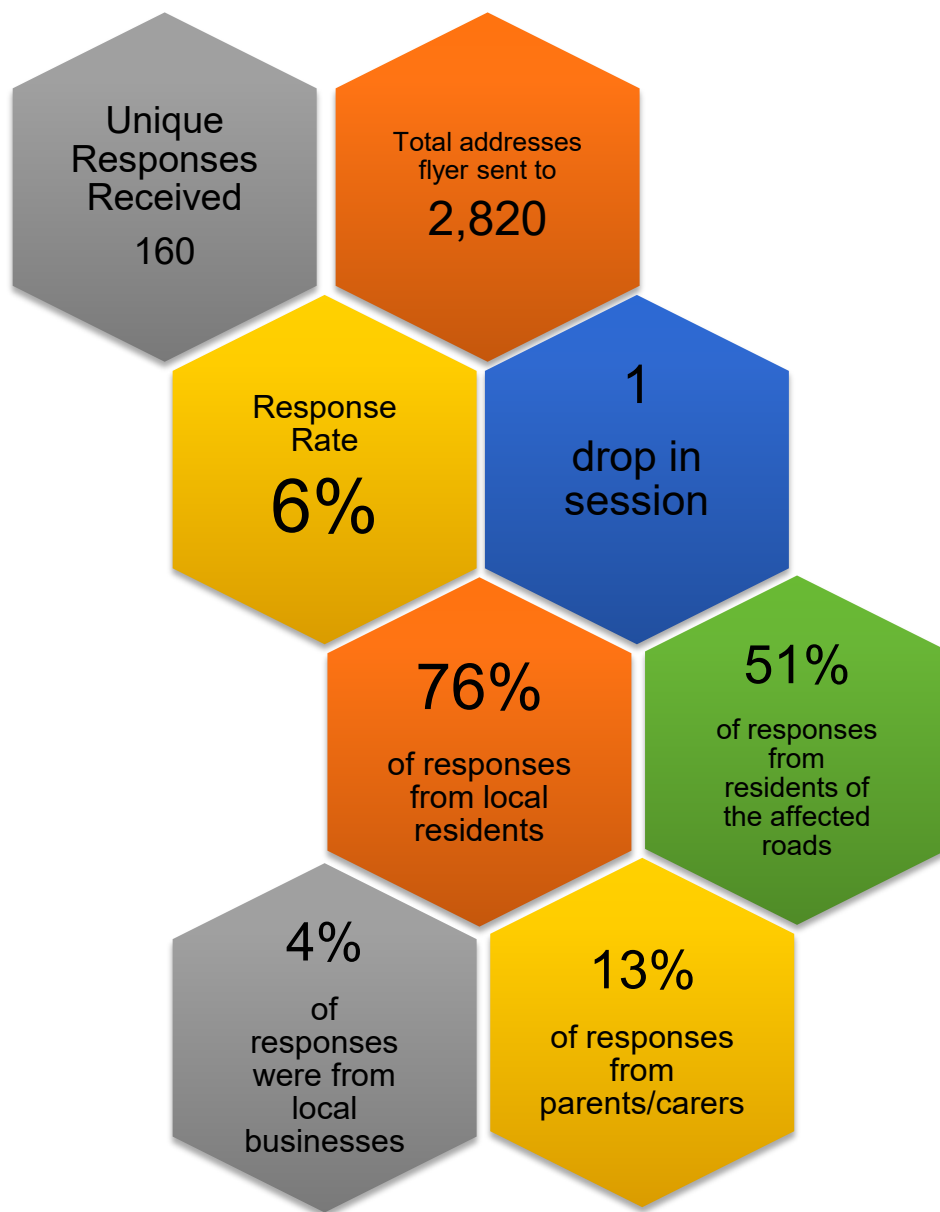
Mailing lists were extracted from Southwark's Smart2 GIS mapping system and database. We consulted the roads that were directly affected, and also those streets nearby. See Appendix A for catchment area. In total 2820 residential and commercial addresses were sent an A5 double sided flyer. See Appendix B for the mailshot flyer. Also 30 posters were put up on lamp columns in the catchment area, on average two per street. The posters and the flyers were also distributed to schools and libraries nearby, to raise awareness of the consultation.

Both flyers and posters asked consultees to respond to the consultation via the Council's online consultation portal. It also included a consultation link (www.southwark.gov.uk/brunswickparksfp) to respond and a freepost address to request paper copies of the survey. Both promotional materials had QR codes so residents could scan it and it would take them immediately to the online consultation portal.

All letter and flyers were delivered by Royal Mail.

Visits were undertaken door to door by council officers to engage all residents of the affected streets during the week commencing 23 October 2023. The consultation questions were combined with Streets for People surveys to ensure residents were aware of the consultation and able to have their say.

Headline Consultation Numbers



Detailed Consultation Responses

Do you have any comments about permanent kerbed buildouts planned to replace the 'temporary' planters at locations with existing Streetspace measures?

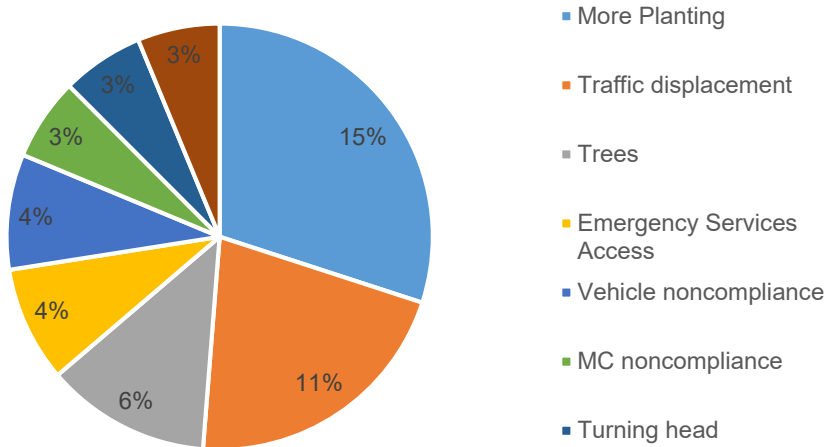
Respondents were shown initial designs for the proposed streetspace measures and asked for their comments. See Appendix C for the designs that were hosted on the consultation portal.

A free text box was provided and respondents used this to make comments or highlight issues. Below we have looked at common themes in the responses and counted the number of respondents that mentioned that feature or particular issue:

Tag	No. of mentions
Would like to see more planting	24
Concern regarding traffic displacement	17
Trees	10
Emergency Services Access Arrangements	7
Vehicle noncompliance ignoring the traffic restriction	7
MC noncompliance ignoring the traffic restriction	5
Would like a turning head at the point closure	5
Wider footways	5
Better signage to warn drivers of the closure	2
Ebikes negative	2
Lack of passive surveillance due to less traffic	2
Something to slow down cyclists through the restriction	2

There were 141 responses to this question.

Popular themes in feedback on the proposed design for kerbed buildouts to replace the temporary planters (>2 mentions)



This shows that amongst the responses there was a preference for planting. Trees also proved popular and sites will be assessed to see if they are suitable. Wider footways and better crossing facilities will be prioritised in the detailed design.

There was a lot of feedback regarding the displacement of traffic, which has been looked at in detail in the post-implementation monitoring of the scheme. The monitoring study compared four waves of data (Nov 2020, April 2021, Oct 21 and April 2022) on sites across all affected streets within the area, and those on the perimeter and outside, as well as survey sites in control areas elsewhere to validate the comparisons. The data showed that between April 2021 and October 2022 weekday traffic volume increased at four sites; Elmington Road, Edmund Street, St Giles Road and Kimpton Road. Traffic calming and additional streetspace measures are proposed on Elmington Road. If additional funding becomes available then complimentary measures to reduce or slow traffic on the other nearby roads can be considered.

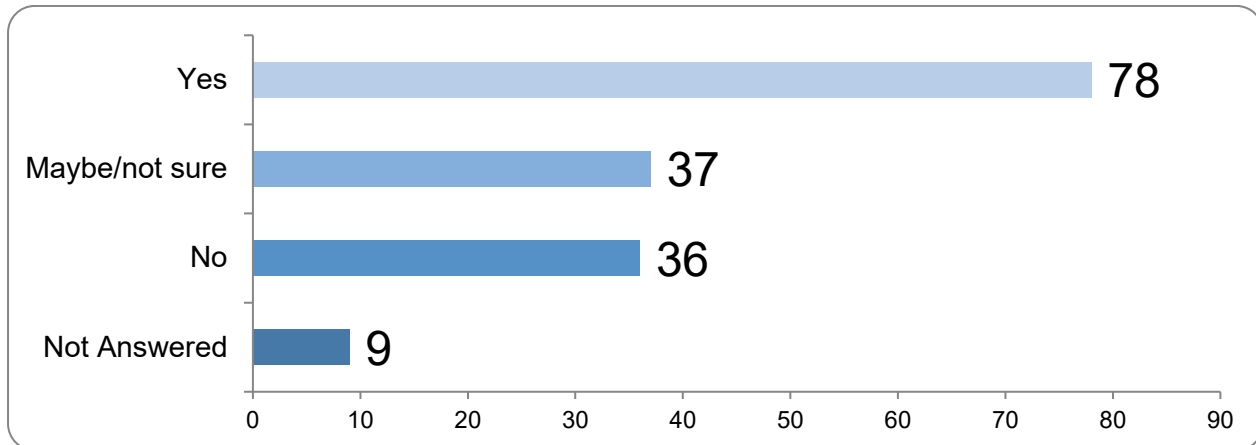
Several comments raised concern about emergency services access and this has been followed up with our local contacts at the fire service, police and ambulance. The emergency services have been engaged as a key stakeholder throughout the project and consulted in the development of the latest permanent designs.

Noncompliance from both vehicles and motorcycles/mopeds was mentioned by a high number of respondents however this is predominately an enforcement matter and has been passed to the relevant department. However each of the sites will be reviewed in the detailed design stage to see how this can be better managed or designed out with physical measures.

Respondents also commented about the lack of turning head at the existing road closures, however collision statistics showed that no accidents have been reported at any of the locations. Unfortunately this is out of scope to be considered in the streetspace improvements but will be monitored. The streetspace designs will take into account vehicle tracking for turns at the closure.

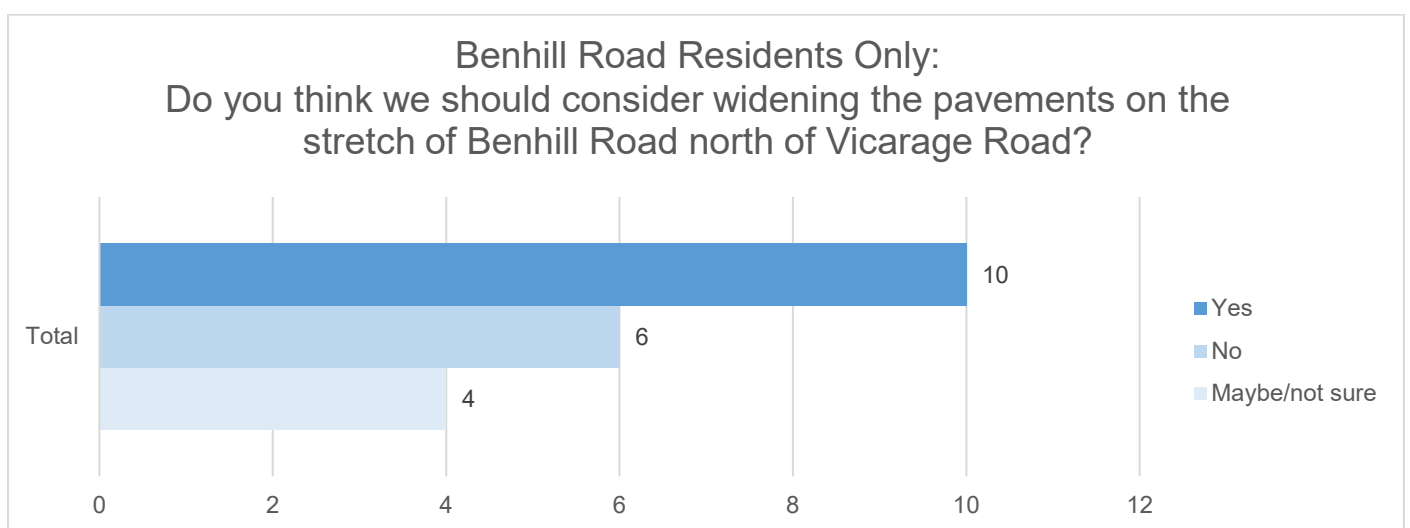
Do you think we should consider widening the pavements on the stretch of Benhill Road north of Vicarage Road?

There were 151 responses to this part of the question.



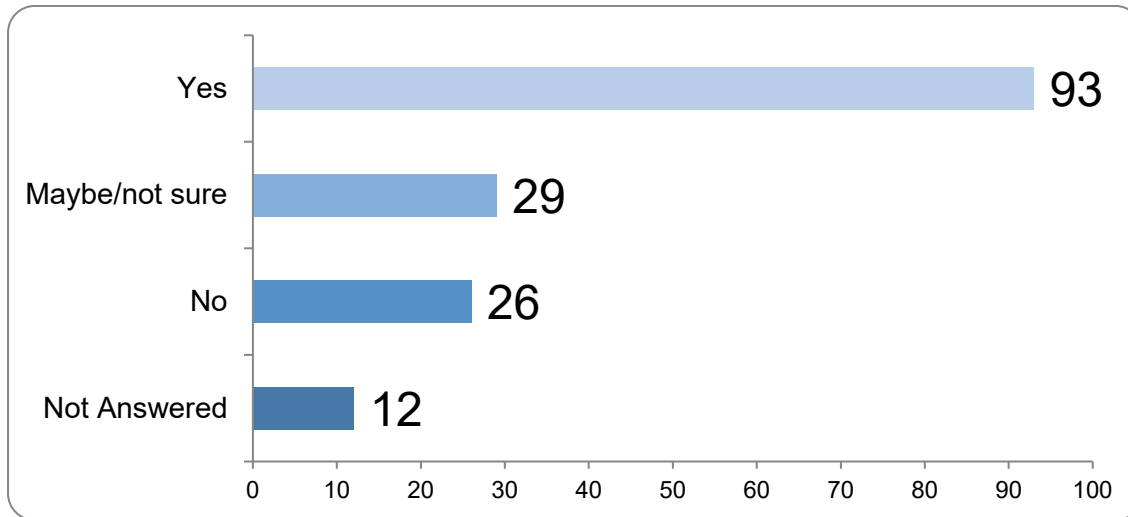
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	78	48.75%
Maybe/not sure	37	23.12%
No	36	22.50%
Not Answered	9	5.62%

We can look at the responses just from those who live in Benhill Road:



Do you support the proposed raised table crossing on Benhill Road outside the nature garden and improvements to Owgan Close?

There were 148 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	93	58.13%
Maybe/not sure	29	18.12%
No	26	16.25%
Not Answered	12	7.50%

Again a similar level of support is shown in responses only from those who live in Benhill Road (there were no respondents from Owgan Close).

Do you support the raised table crossing on Benhill Road and Owgan Close junction improvements?	Count
Yes	14
Maybe / not sure	3
No	2
Not answered	1

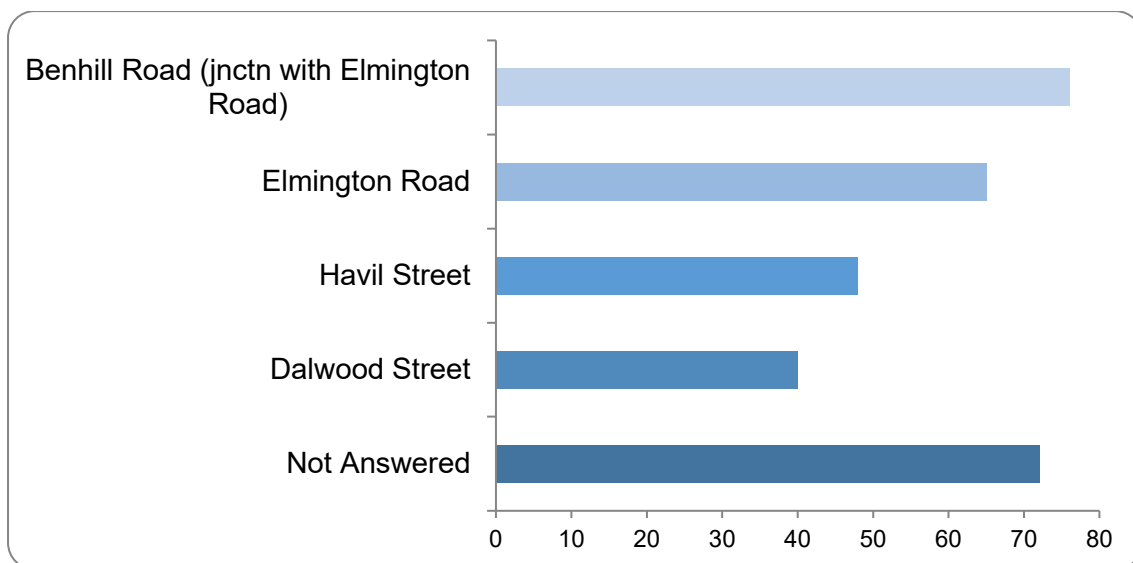
Streets for People improvements

In the next section of the survey respondents were asked which of the street features they might like to see in and around the streets with the modal filters:

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Pavement decluttering (moving signs and bin storage etc)

There were 88 responses to this part of the question.



Pavement Decluttering	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	76	47.50%
Elmington Road	65	40.62%
Havil Street	48	30.00%
Dalwood Street	40	25.00%
Not Answered	72	45.00%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Seating (benches or single seats)

There were 78 responses to this part of the question.



Seating	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	70	43.75%
Elmington Road	48	30.00%
Havil Street	36	22.50%
Dalwood Street	34	21.25%
Not Answered	82	51.25%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Cycle hangar (for storing a bike near home)

There were 64 responses to this part of the question.

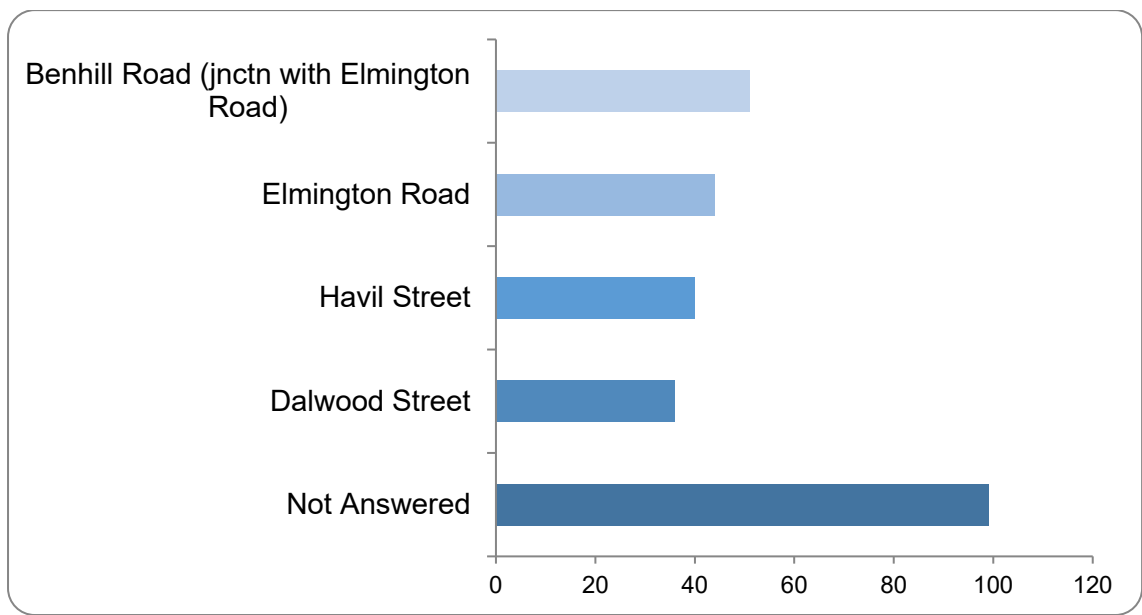


Cycle Hangar	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	58	36.25%
Elmington Road	49	30.63%
Havil Street	43	26.88%
Dalwood Street	39	24.38%
Not Answered	96	60.00%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Cycle parking (e.g. Sheffield stands)

There were 61 responses to this part of the question.

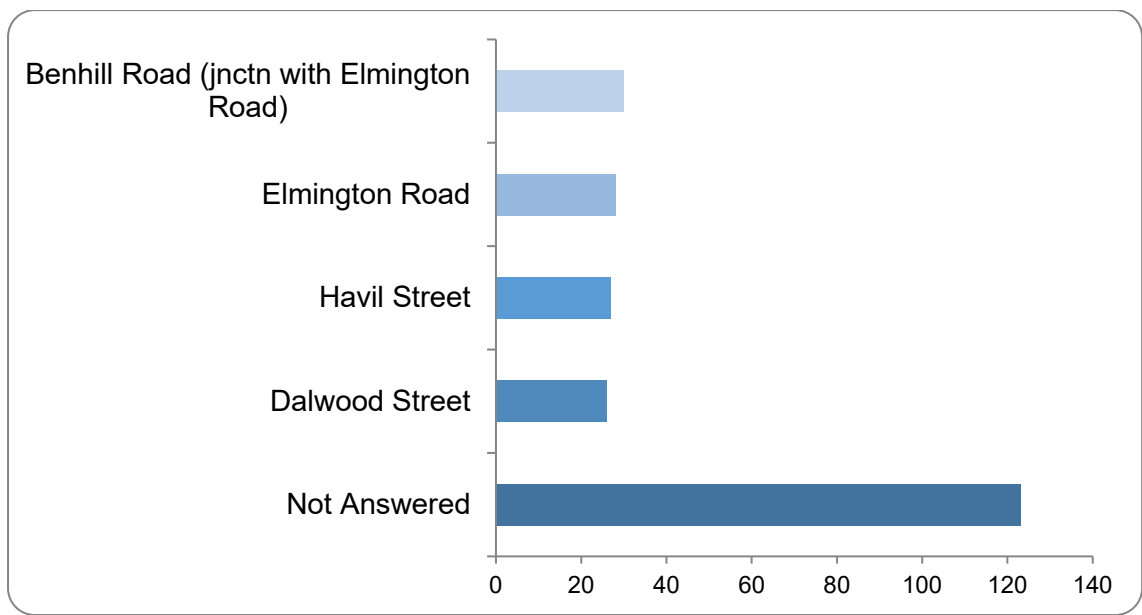


Cycle Parking	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	51	31.87%
Elmington Road	44	27.50%
Havil Street	40	25.00%
Dalwood Street	36	22.50%
Not Answered	99	61.88%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Storage for mobility scooters or other adapted vehicles

There were 37 responses to this part of the question.

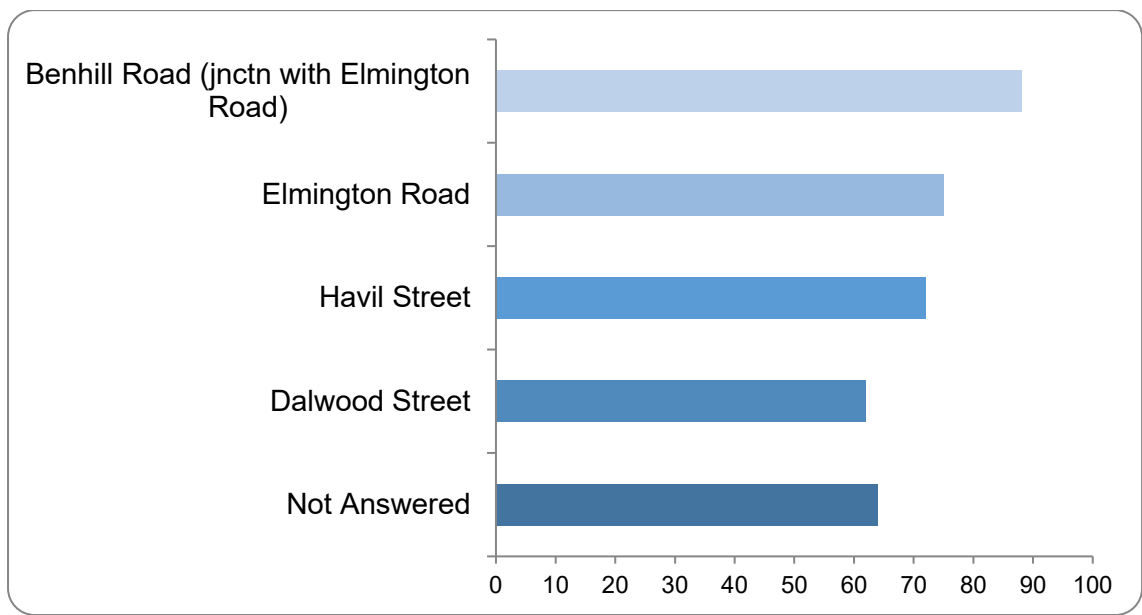


Storage for mobility scooters / other adapted vehicles	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	30	18.75%
Elmington Road	28	17.50%
Havil Street	27	16.88%
Dalwood Street	26	16.25%
Not Answered	123	76.88%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Green space - planter or rain garden

There were 96 responses to this part of the question.

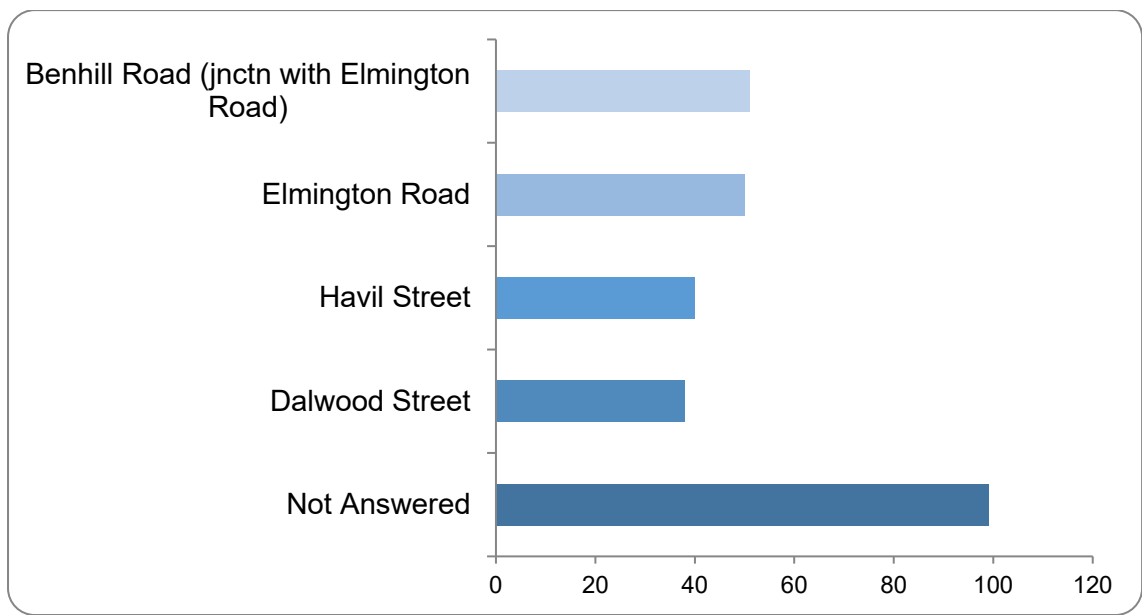


Green space	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	88	55.00%
Elmington Road	75	46.88%
Havil Street	72	45.00%
Dalwood Street	62	38.75%
Not Answered	64	40.00%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Play feature (e.g. hopscotch or stepping stones)

There were 61 responses to this part of the question.

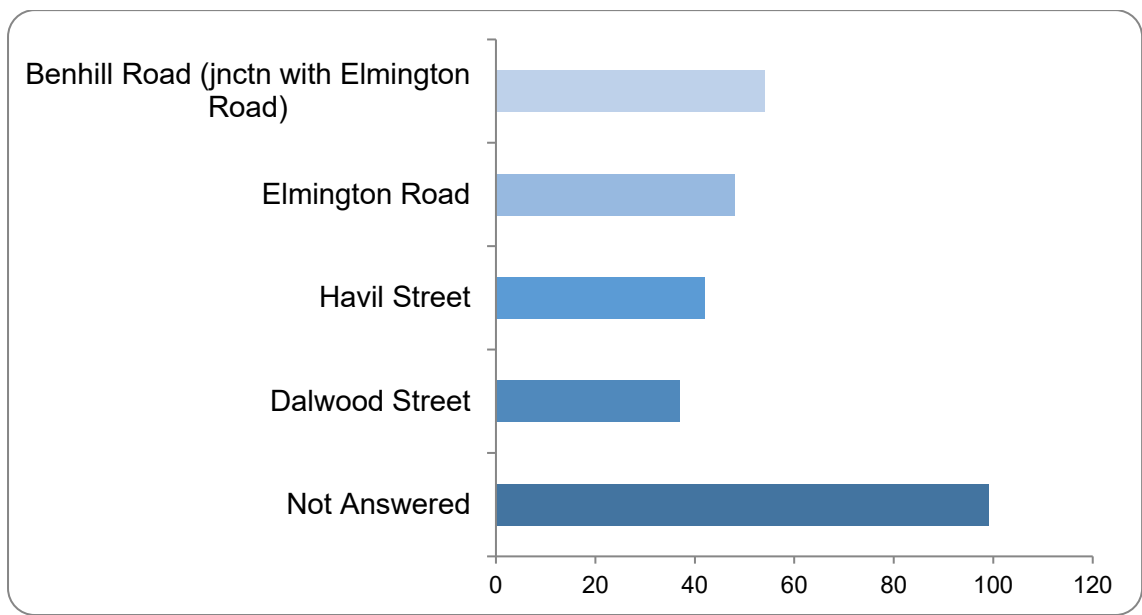


Play feature	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	51	31.87%
Elmington Road	50	31.25%
Havil Street	40	25.00%
Dalwood Street	38	23.75%
Not Answered	99	61.88%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Water fountain

There were 61 responses to this part of the question.

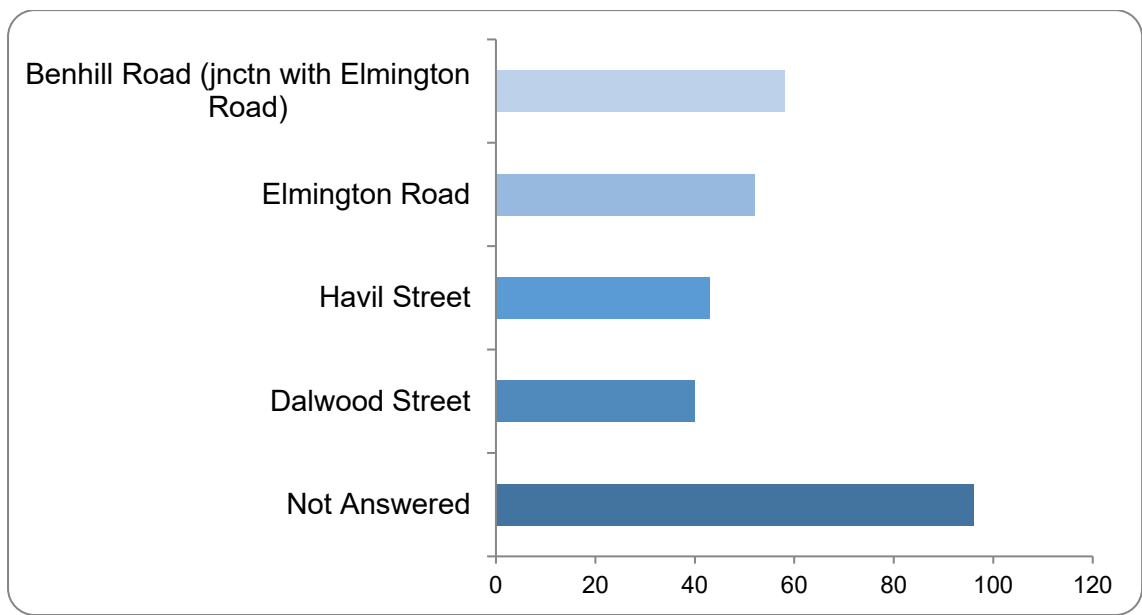


Water fountain	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	54	33.75%
Elmington Road	48	30.00%
Havil Street	42	26.25%
Dalwood Street	37	23.12%
Not Answered	99	61.88%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Electric vehicle charger

There were 64 responses to this part of the question.

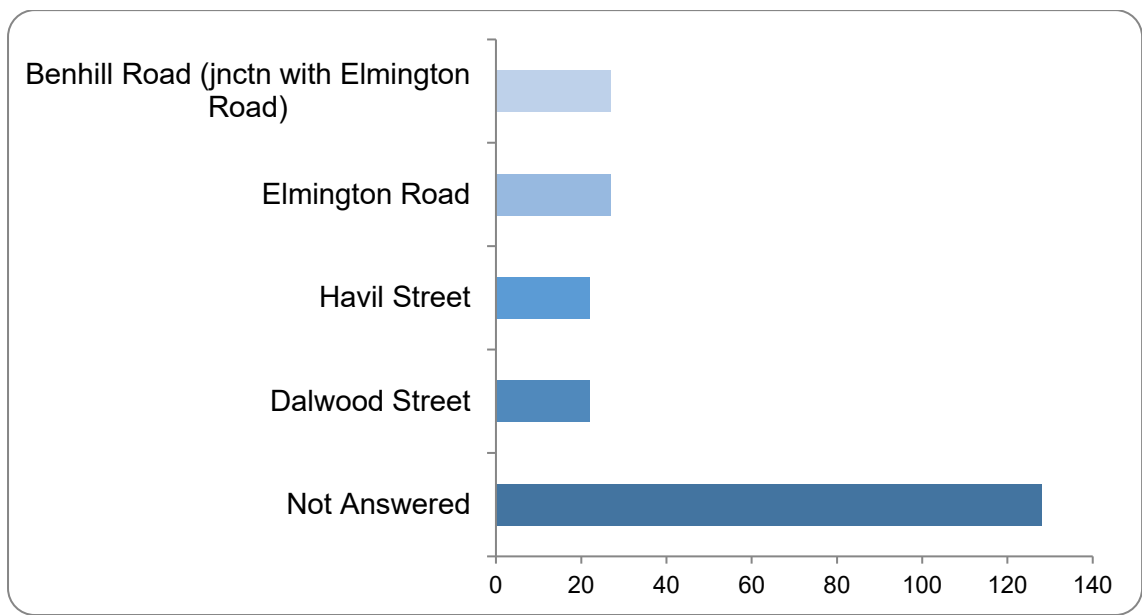


EV Charger	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	58	36.25%
Elmington Road	52	32.50%
Havil Street	43	26.88%
Dalwood Street	40	25.00%
Not Answered	96	60.00%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Disabled parking bay

There were 32 responses to this part of the question.

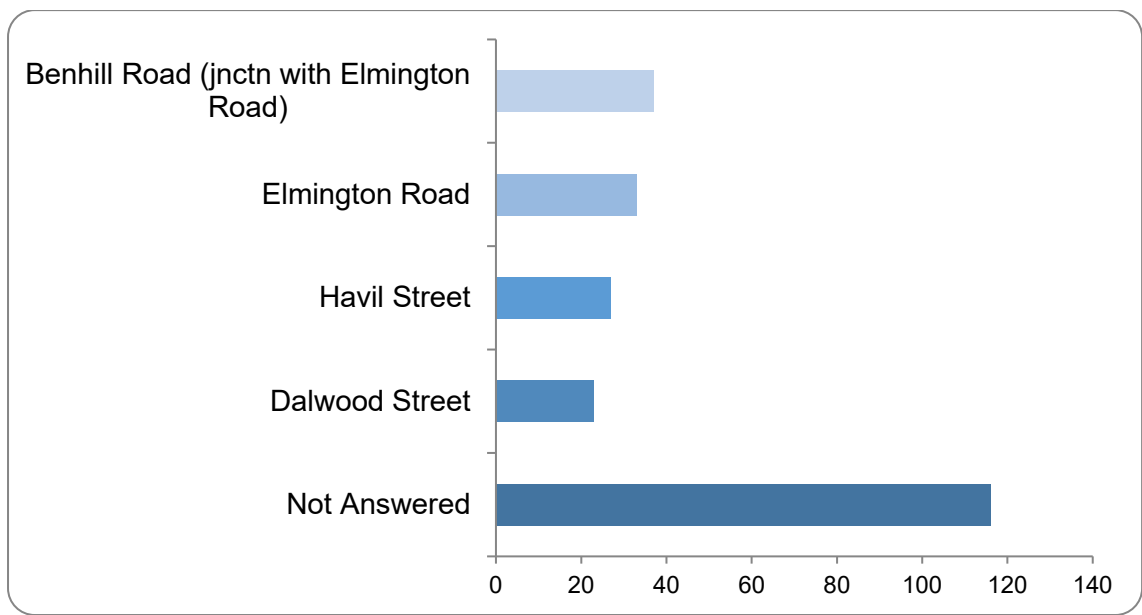


Disabled Bay	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	27	16.88%
Elmington Road	27	16.88%
Havil Street	22	13.75%
Dalwood Street	22	13.75%
Not Answered	128	80.00%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Car club bay

There were 44 responses to this part of the question.

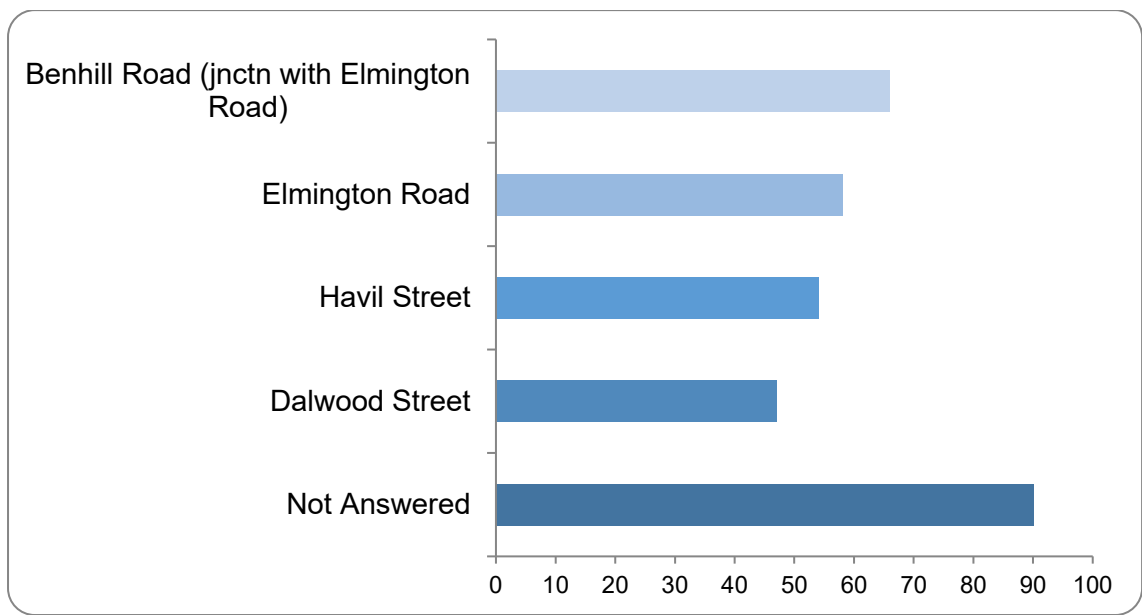


Car Club Bay	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	37	23.12%
Elmington Road	33	20.62%
Havil Street	27	16.88%
Dalwood Street	23	14.37%
Not Answered	116	72.50%

Tell us if you would like to see any of these types of improvements in the areas around the existing Streetspace measures:

Streets for people options - Improved lighting

There were 70 responses to this part of the question.



Improved Lighting	Total	Percent
Benhill Road (jnctn with Elmington Road)	66	41.25%
Elmington Road	58	36.25%
Havil Street	54	33.75%
Dalwood Street	47	29.38%
Not Answered	90	56.25%

If you wish, tell us more about what you would like to see at these locations

After the options provided (see above) there was a free text box for respondents to add any other requests that they would like to see at the streetspace measures. There were 77 responses to this question.

The responses were analysed for commonality. The most popular themes are in the table below:

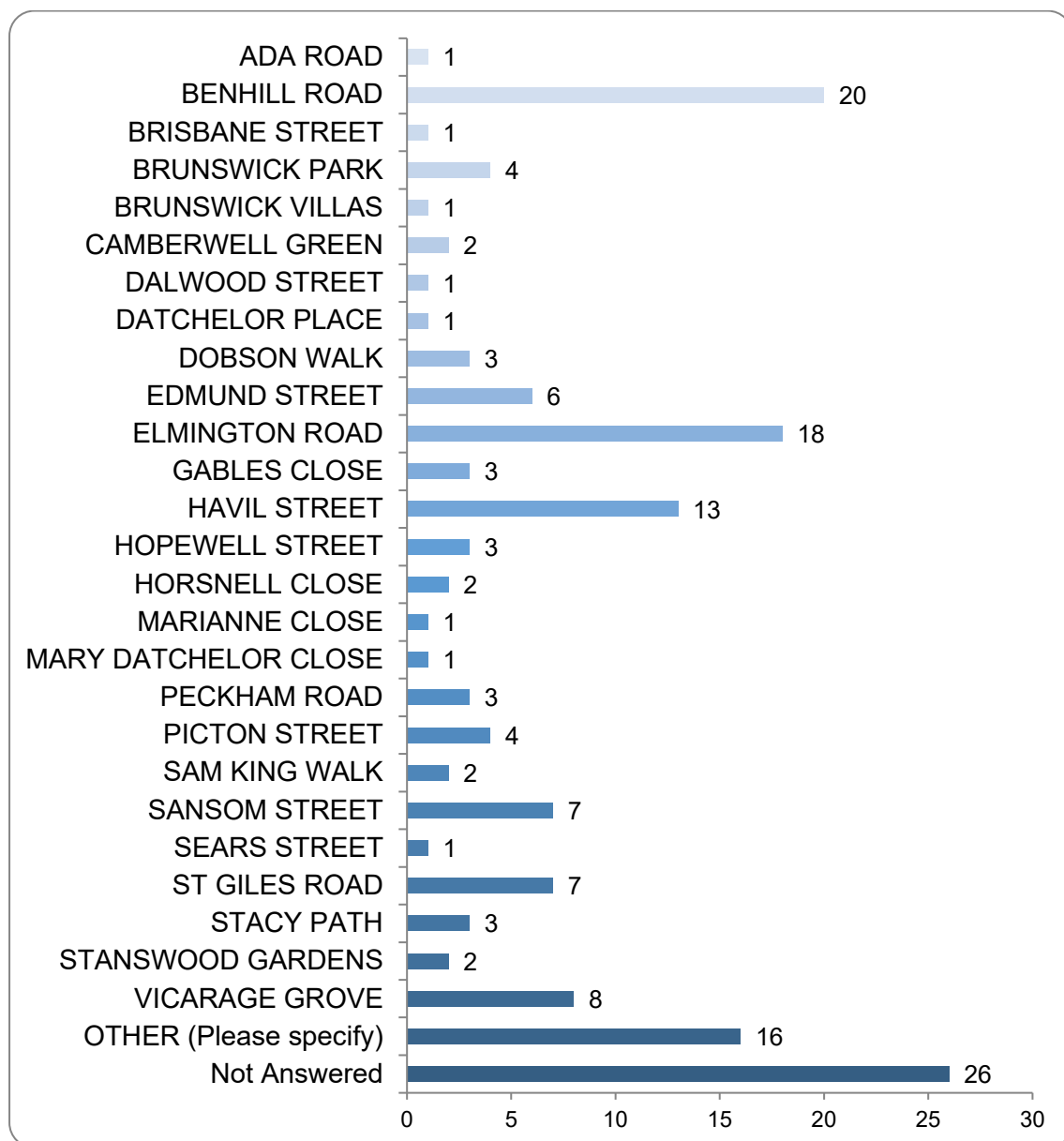
Option	No. of mentions
Wheelie bins causing an obstruction	12
Request for more trees	7
Wider footways	7
Litter picking	5
Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Flytipping	2
Request to reduce car parking	2
Request for more traffic calming	2

These additional requests will be passed on to the design team to investigate the issues and see if they can be designed out in the development of the streetspace detailed designs.

In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

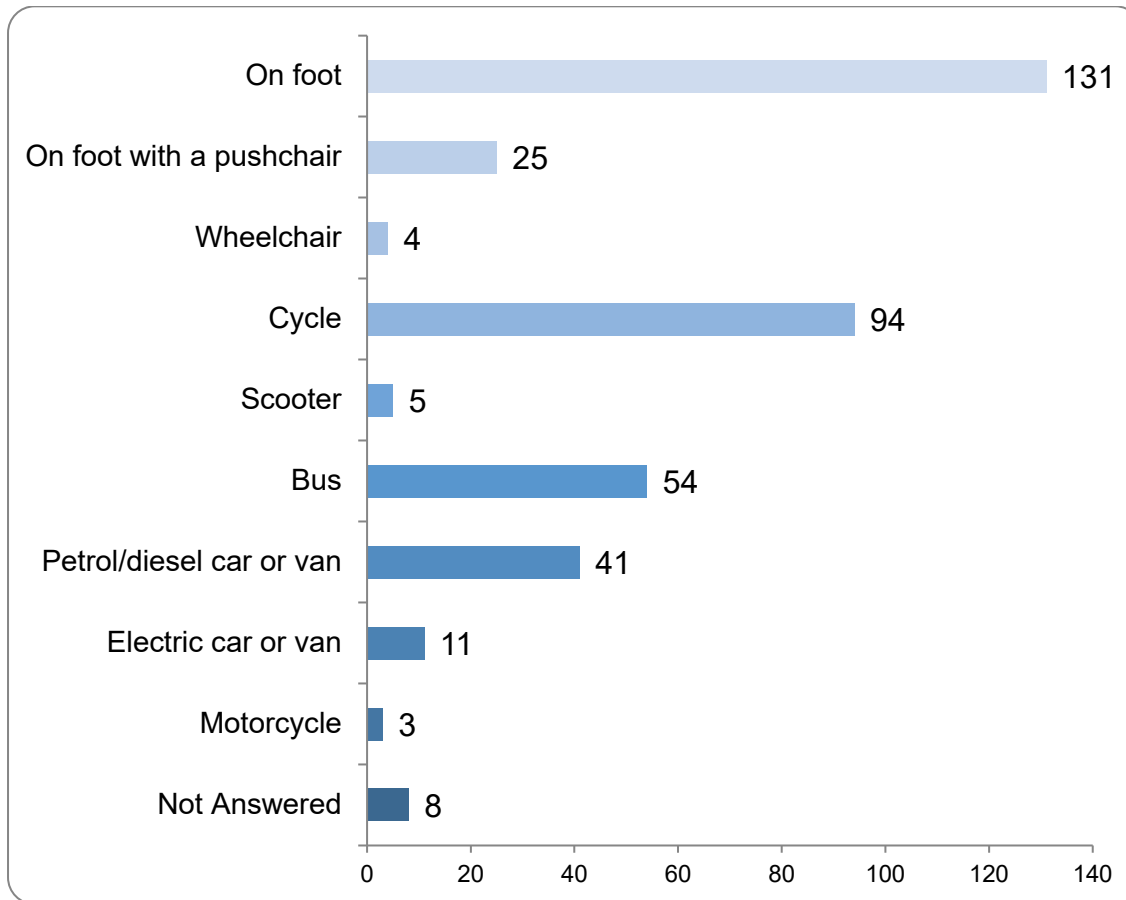
Capacity	Count
I live on one of the affected roads	82
I live nearby	73
I work or own a business in the area	6
I study in the area	0
I am the parent/carer of a child who studies here	21
I visit the area	28
I am a representative of a community organisation	2
Not Answered	6

What street do you live on (or is you business based)?



How do you typically travel in this area? (tick all that apply)

There were 152 responses to this part of the question.

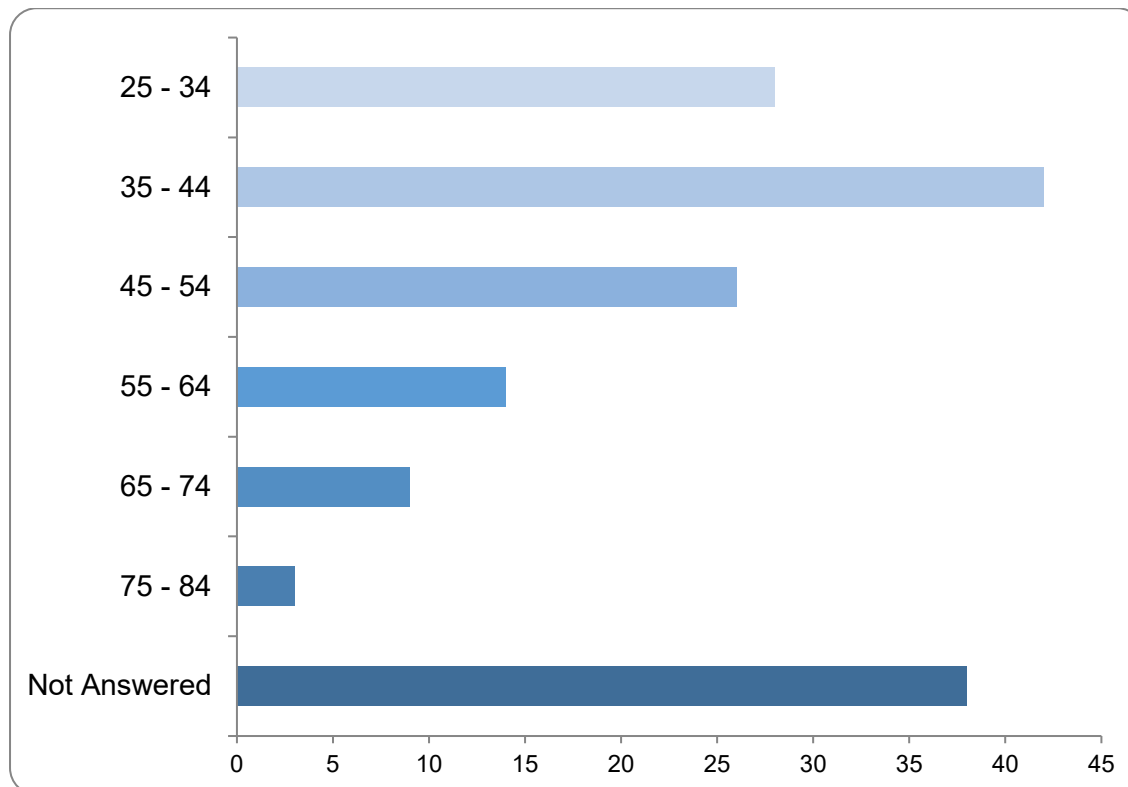


Method of travel	Total	Percent
On foot	131	81.88%
On foot with a pushchair	25	15.62%
Wheelchair	4	2.50%
Cycle	94	58.75%
Scooter	5	3.12%
Bus	54	33.75%
Petrol/diesel car or van	41	25.62%
Electric car or van	11	6.88%
Motorcycle	3	1.88%
Not Answered	8	5.00%

Equalities questions

Age ranges

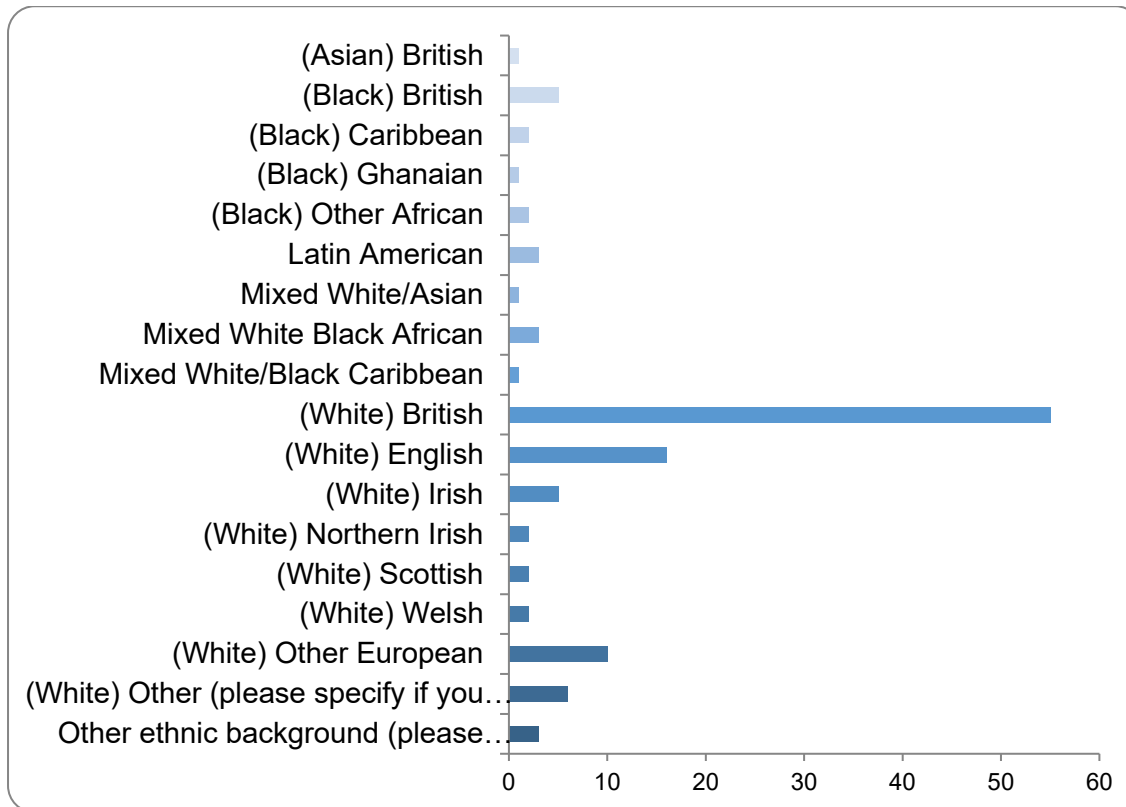
There were 122 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Under 16	0	0.00%
16 - 17	0	0.00%
18 - 24	0	0.00%
25 - 34	28	17.50%
35 - 44	42	26.25%
45 - 54	26	16.25%
55 - 64	14	8.75%
65 - 74	9	5.62%
75 - 84	3	1.88%
85 - 94	0	0.00%
95+	0	0.00%
Not Answered	38	23.75%

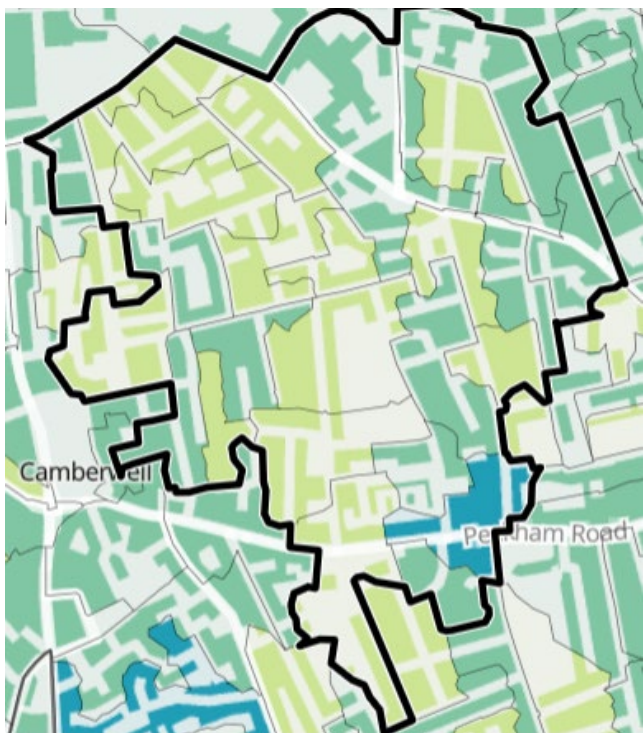
What is your ethnic background?

There were 120 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Percent
(Asian) British	1%
(Black) British	4%
(Black) Caribbean	2%
(Black) Ghanaian	1%
(Black) Other African	2%
Latin American	3%
Mixed White/Asian	1%
Mixed White Black African	3%
Mixed White/Black Caribbean	1%
(White) British	46%
(White) English	13%
(White) Irish	4%
(White) Northern Irish	2%
(White) Scottish	2%
(White) Welsh	2%
(White) Other European	8%
(White) Other (please specify if you wish)	5%
Other ethnic background (please specify if you wish)	3%

According to the Census 2021 data, the population of Camberwell Green has the following ethnic groups:

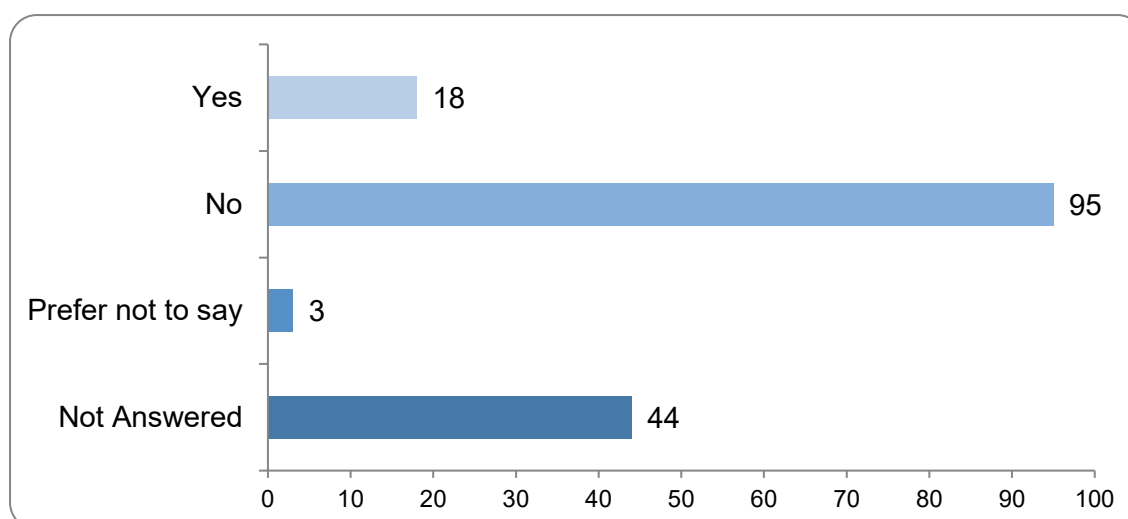


- Asian, Asian British, Asian Welsh: 7.6%
- Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African – 34%
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups – 6.9%
- White – 43.3%
- Other ethnic groups – 8.2%

This compares with our consultation survey response rate of Asian (1%), Black (8%), Mixed/ Multiple (4%), White (82%) and other ethnic groups (5%).

Are you disabled?

There were 116 responses to this part of the question.



Are you disabled?	Total	Percent
Yes	18	11.25%
No	95	59.38%
Prefer not to say	3	1.88%
Not Answered	44	27.50%

Please state the nature of your impairments

Option	Total	Percent
Hearing / Vision (e.g. deaf, partially deaf or hard of hearing; blind or partial sight)	3	1.88%
Physical / Mobility (e.g. wheelchair user, arthritis, multiple sclerosis etc.)	8	5.00%
Mental health (lasting more than a year. e.g. severe depression, schizophrenia etc.)	5	3.12%
Learning disability (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia etc.)	2	1.25%
Long-term illness or health condition (e.g. Cancer, HIV, Diabetes, Chronic Heart disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Chronic Asthma)	9	5.62%
Other	3	1.88%
Prefer not to say	4	2.50%

Recommendation

Key findings

➤ Support for the raised table and junction improvements at Owgan Close

- 58% of respondents were in favour of the raised table crossing on Benhill Road outside the nature garden and junction improvements on Owgan Close.

We recommend that this walking improvement goes ahead.

➤ Initial support for widening Benhill Road pavements at the expense of parking spaces.

- 49% of respondents were in favour, with 23% against widening the pavements and losing parking.
- In the consultation we made it clear that before anything could proceed we would need to acquire funding, and undertake further consultation.

We recommend that further design work takes place to draw up a detailed proposal for future consultation before this walking improvement goes ahead.

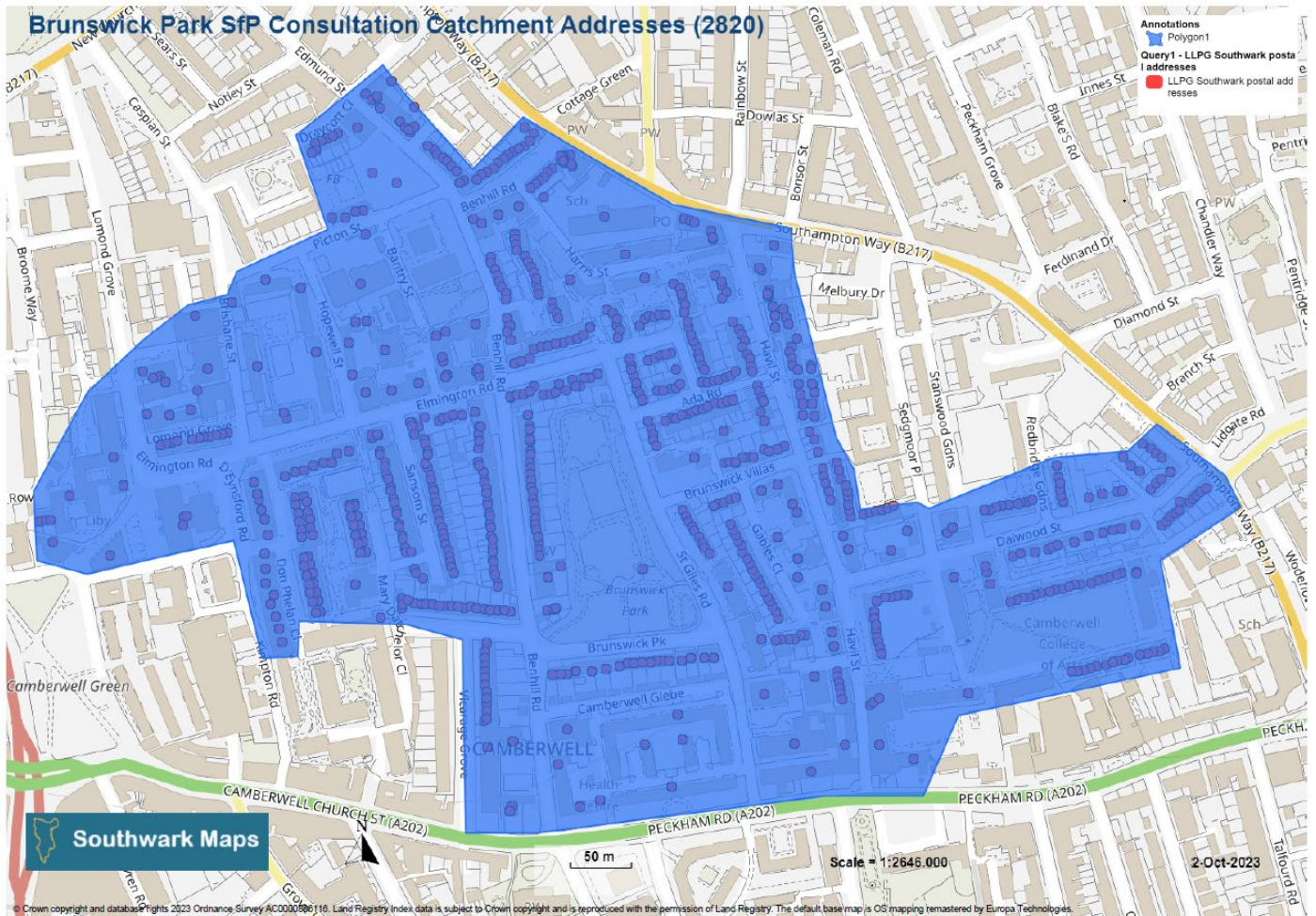
➤ Streetspace improvements

- Support was highest for green spaces, decluttering, improved lighting and EV chargers. All these options will be considered in the next design stage.
- Feedback from the consultation to be passed on to the design team to consider in the next phase of detailed design.

We recommend that Streets for People improvements are investigated at each of the permanent streetspace locations.

Appendices:

Appendix A



Catchment area for 2820 residential and commercial addresses to which the A5 flyer was posted via Royal Mail.

Appendix B



A5 double sided flyer sent to all properties with a postal address in the catchment area.

We want to hear from you

A few years ago, we introduced a number of measures in the streets around Brunswick Park, to reduce traffic and make the streets safer for walking and cycling. These measures have been temporary since then.

We will now be installing permanent infrastructure at these locations. Before we do this, we would like your thoughts on any additional things we could to make the area more attractive and easy to use for residents.

The aims of the improvements are:

- Cleaner air
- Safer and quieter streets with less traffic and fewer accidents
- Healthy travel options like walking, cycling or wheeling
- Greener, and more pleasant spaces for our communities to connect and socialise
- A better place for all who live, work, study and visit here.

To find out more and have you say please complete the online consultation form at:

www.southwark.gov.uk/brunswickparksfp

Come along to our gazebo drop in session on Berhill Road on **18 October 2023, 2.30pm to 5.00pm**

Alternatively scan the QR code for direct access to the survey

To request a paper copy of the questionnaire please write to:

Freepost RSCE-TGHU-CUZB, Highways, Brunswick Park Improvements, 3rd Floor, Hub 2, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH

Your feedback will help us shape proposals for the area.



Brunswick Park street improvements

Tell us what changes we can make to the streets in your area to make it easier to walk, wheel, cycle or just spend time there

Consultation runs 9 Oct - 12 Nov 2023

Come along to our gazebo drop in session on Benhill Road on 18 October 2023, 2.30pm to 5.00pm or find out more and have your say at: www.southwark.gov.uk/brunswickparksfp

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A3 poster attached to 30 lamp columns in the catchment area