Consultation on proposed changes to public realm in Gipsy Hill

Consultation Report October 2018

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Earlier this year, we ran a consultation for residents of Gipsy Hill. We analysed the survey results and established those areas that the community felt were most in need of improvement. Our project team, which includes highways engineers and public realm specialists, examined each improvement area to establish some feasible solutions. All proposals are being considered as part of a programme that fits within a budget of £200,000 per ward.

1.2 Our proposals

These included:

- Improve the pedestrian crossing of Clive Road, near Carnac Street and Clive Passage
- Install a new pedestrian crossing of Gipsy Road in the vicinity of Kingswood School (Upper Site)
- Improve the junction of Gipsy Road and Salters Hill
- Make crossing safer for pedestrians at the Auckland Hill roundabout near Kingswood School (Lower Site)

 Introduce some additional waiting restrictions (eg. double yellow lines) in a number of locations

2. The consultation

2.1 Consultation objectives

The consultation objectives were to gain the views of local people about the above proposals, as well as to establish whether there were any other major areas of concern.

2.2 Who we consulted

We consulted the residents of Gipsy Hill ward. Other stakeholders included:

- Local schools
- Ward councillors
- Residents groups

2.3 When we consulted

We consulted between 13th September and 5th October

2.4 How we consulted

2.4.1 Press activity

There was no specific press activity

2.4.2 Digital activity

Participants were directed to the online consultation platform on Lambeth Council's website. This was supported by Twitter and Facebook posts.

2.4.3 Print activity

Leaflets were printed and distributed to 6,894 properties in the surrounding area, advising residents that the consultation was now online and providing information about the drop-in event.

2.4.4 Event activity

A drop-in event took place at Kingswood Primary School (Upper Site) on Saturday 22nd September. Officers from both the Better Streets and the consultation teams were present to answer questions. The event was attended by ten residents. One specific issue that was discussed in some detail at this event, in addition to the issues in the online questionnaire, was their experience of using Paxton Place.

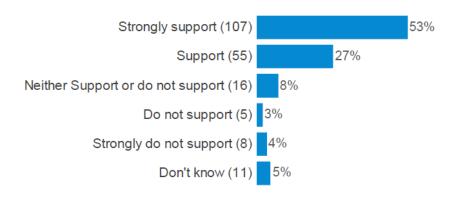
3. Responses from members of the public

235 responses were received to the online questionnaire

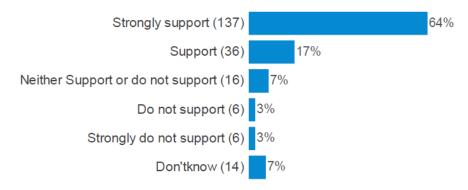
3.1 Summary of results

3.1.1 - Improve the pedestrian crossing of Clive Road, near Carnac Street and Clive Passage

To what extent do you support or do not support the following options (Option A: Install raised table and make minor adjustments to parking layout to slow traffic, and improve pedestrian accessibility and visibility.)

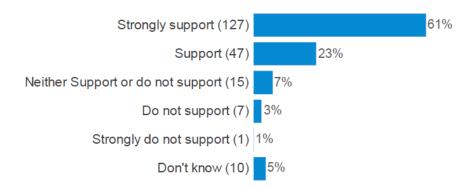


To what extent do you support or do not support the following oiptions (Option B: In addition to option a, convert to Zebra Crossing to give priority to crossing pedestrians.)

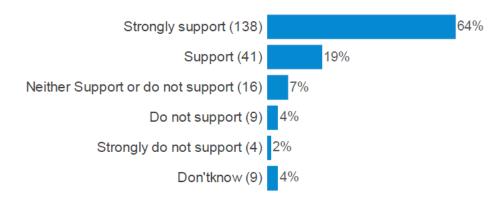


3.1.2 - Install a new pedestrian crossing of Gipsy Road in the vicinity of Kingswood School (Upper Site)

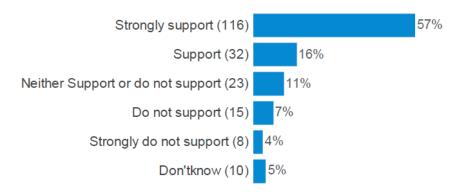
To what extent do you support or do not support the following options (Option A: Upgrade existing crossing point outside Kingswood main entrance to a raised table and make adjustments to parking layout, to slow traffic, and improve pedestrian accessibility and visibility.



To what extent do you support or do not support the following oiptions (Option B: In addition to option a, convert to Zebra Crossing to give priority to pedestrians when crossing.)

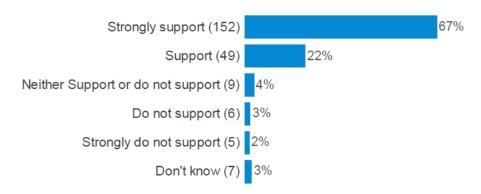


To what extent do you support or do not support the following oiptions (Option C: Add new raised table crossing of Gipsy Road near Rommany Road shops and make adjustments to parking layout, to slow traffic, and improve pedestrian accessibility and visibility.)



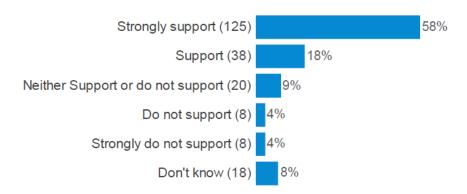
3.1.3 - Improve the junction of Gipsy Road and Salters Hill

To what extent do you support or do not support this proposal (Option A: Install raised table and make minor adjustments to parking layout to slow traffic, and improve pedestrian accessibility and visibility.)

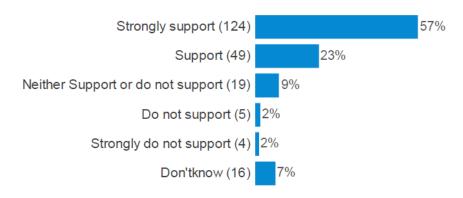


3.1.4 - Make crossing safer for pedestrians at the Auckland Hill roundabout near Kingswood School (Lower Site)

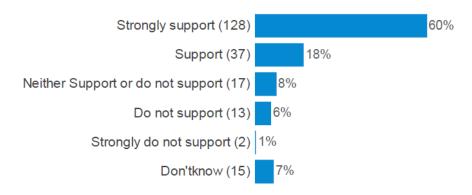
To what extent do you support or do not support the following aspects of this proposal (Add new raised table crossing of Gipsy Road to the west of the roundabout and make adjustments to parking layout, to slow traffic, and improve pedestrian accessibility and visibility.)



To what extent do you support or do not support the following aspects of this proposal (Install new pedestrian refuge islands on Auckland Hill, to make it easier and safer for people to cross.)

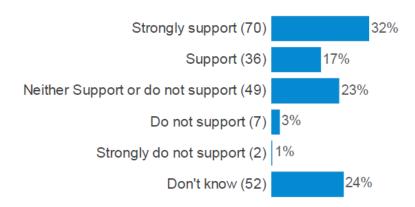


To what extent do you support or do not support the following aspects of this proposal (Add waiting restrictions on all approaches to the roundabout (eg. double yellow lines) to improve visibility.)

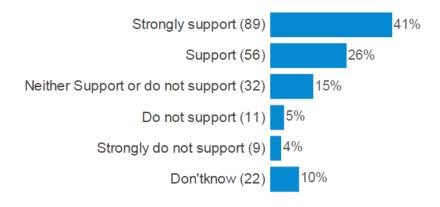


3.1.5 - Introduce some additional waiting restrictions (eg. double yellow lines) in a number of locations

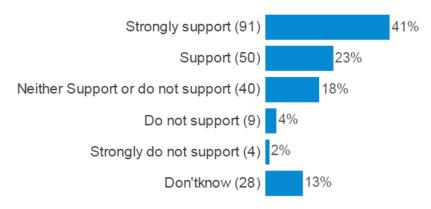
To what extent do you support or do not support these measures at the following locations (Junction of Bristow Rd and Whiteley Rd)



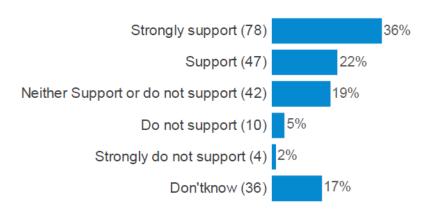
To what extent do you support or do not support these measures at the following locations (Outside access ways to recycling centre on Vale Street)



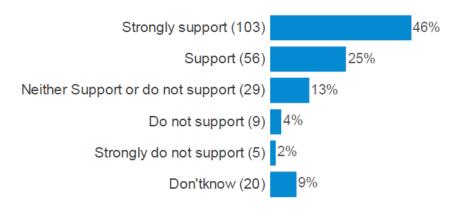
To what extent do you support or do not support these measures at the following locations (Junction of Paxton Place and Hamilton Road)



To what extent do you support or do not support these measures at the following locations (Junction of Bentons Lane and Gipsy Road)



To what extent do you support or do not support these measures at the following locations (Junction of Gipsy Road and Hamilton Road)



3.2 Summary of post code analysis and demographics

3.2.1 Postcode

Not all respondents provided postcode information. Of those that did, the majority were evenly split between SE27, SE19 and SE21 postcodes respectively.

3.2.2 Gender

More women than men responded to the online consultation

3.2.3 Age

The largest single group of respondents was from the 35-44 age range (47%), followed by 45-54 (19%). No one under the age of 24 or over the age of 85 responded to the online consultation.

3.2.4 Disability

The majority of respondents stated that their day to activities were not limited due to a health problem or disability (88%).

3.2.5 Ethnicity

The majority of respondents were White British (62%). 13% of respondents chose not to disclose their ethnicity.

3.3 Additional comments

'Nowhere near enough crossings to enable kids to cross safely'

'The trucks that come down Clive Road are far too big – they need a size restriction please'

'Traffic in the entire Gipsy Hill area travels well in excess of the legal speed'

'We should make the main roads work to optimise traffic flow and the side roads work to optimise safety of people'

'Include speed limit signs - there are none!'

'Control the illegal parking by parents dropping off kids'

'Anything to slow traffic in the area is a great idea'

'Parked cars near junctions are a pain'

4. Responses from statutory bodies and other stakeholders

Response from Kingswood Primary School Upper Site – support Zebra Crossing, support additional measures for informal crossing of Gipsy Road between Rommany Road and Salters Hill, support additional measures to slow vehicles turning from Gipsy Road into Salters Hill

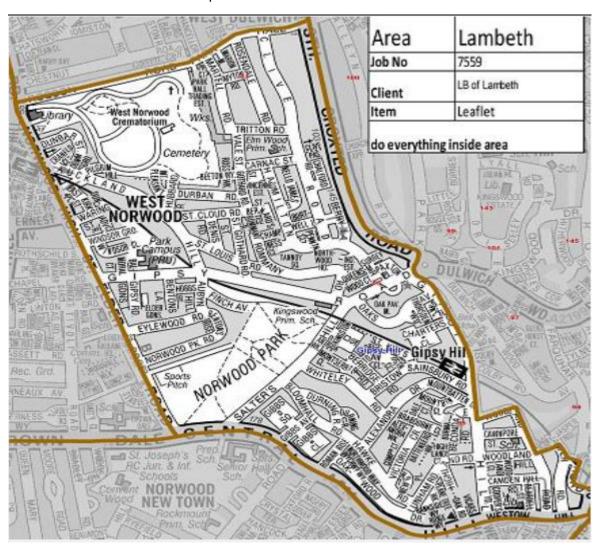
Response from Lambeth Road Safety Officer Laura Cheyne – support all crossing measures, request introduction of additional waiting restrictions on Gipsy road, west of Auckland Hill

5. Next steps

All proposed road safety measures were well supported. Additional detailed comments from the surveys and engagement session will be reviewed, to ensure that the proposals satisfy the specific needs of local stakeholders. The schemes will be progressed through detailed design and made the subject of an officer delegated decision report. If approved, the schemes will be subject to statutory consultation. Details of proposed changes will be notified as traffic orders, to which objections can be made for a period of 21 days after publication. It is expected that these orders will be published early 2019. Construction is planned for spring 2019.

Appendix A – Consultation communications

1. Distribution area for leaflet drop



2. Consultation leaflet

