

Consultation on proposed changes to public realm in Streatham Hill

**Consultation Report
November 2018**

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Earlier this year, we ran a consultation for residents of Streatham 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:

- Hillside Passage – greening and accessibility
- Hillside Road – road safety scheme
- Faygate Road – road safety scheme
- Wavertree Road/Daysbrook Road – public realm scheme
- Daysbrook Road/Palace Road – road safety and amenity scheme
- Telford Avenue – traffic calming scheme
- Sternhold Road/Sternhold Avenue – new planters/beds

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 Streatham Hill ward. Other stakeholders included:

- Ward councillors
- Residents groups

2.3 When we consulted

We consulted between 21st September and 4th November 2018

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 7,124 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 Streatham Space Project, Sternhold Avenue on Tuesday 9th October. Officers from both the Better Streets and the consultation teams were present to answer questions. The event was attended by approximately 30 residents. Key issues discussed, in addition to those contained within the online consultation, were:

- The introduction of controlled parking locally
- Difficulties in crossing Streatham High Road
- High levels of traffic locally

3. Responses from members of the public

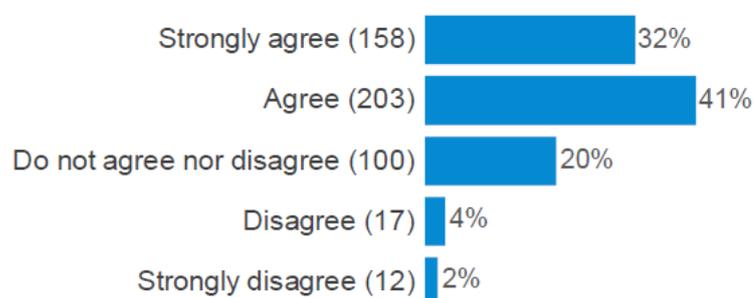
511 responses were received to the online questionnaire.

3.1 Summary of results

3.1.1 Hillside Passage – greening and accessibility.

Proposals included:

- Install new planters
- Repair the footway
- Improve the accessibility for all users by installing dropped kerbs
- Permit cycling
- Remove the fencing from the middle of the passage
- Make the crossing of Lydhurst Avenue safer by building out the footway



Additional comments

‘changes are not making big enough difference from today to warrant the cost, spend money elsewhere’

‘guard rails deter motorbikes/scooters and also slow down bicycles. Proposals will encourage fast cyclists and motorbikes and scooters’

‘planters are a luxury. They require maintenance which may or may not happen’

‘the streets need a general tidy up’

‘please do repair slabs so many kids fall over on scooters’

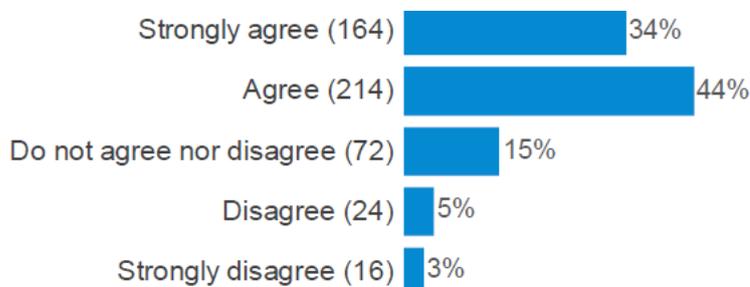
‘more lighting please’

‘paving in Hillside Passage needs complete replacement’

3.1.2 Hillside Road – road safety scheme

Proposals included:

- Introduce a new informal crossing to make it easier and safer to cross Hillside Road near to Downton Road
- Replace three sets of speed cushions, which do not effectively slow vehicles, with cycle-friendly, full width road humps



Additional comments

‘adding one crossing on the whole road is not going to improve pedestrian crossing safety as everyone will cross elsewhere’

‘speed bumps will do nothing to slow problem drivers. Kerb build-outs create danger points for cyclists’

‘crossings are needed especially by the park’

‘this work should be done with urgency, cars and lorries are driving way too fast along Hillside Road’

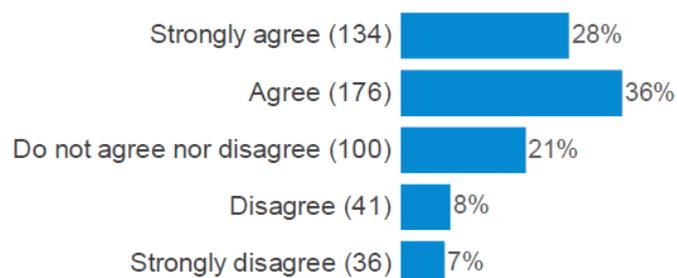
‘we need the 20mph zone clearly monitored’

‘any plans that reduce traffic speeds are a good idea’

3.1.3 Faygate Road – road safety scheme

Proposals included:

- Narrow the road to reduce traffic speeds
- Introduce a give-way system for south-bound traffic
- Add in new greening and planting to improve the appearance of the area
- Add in cycle by-passes to promote active travel
- Replace existing speed cushions with full-width road humps
- This will require the removal of 50m of parking (about 10 spaces)

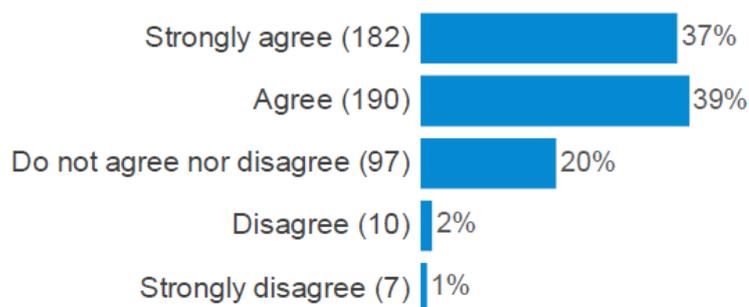


Additional comments

- 'why just 2m bypass for cyclists? I feel the whole street should have a cycle lane'
- 'without parking controls in the area this will create further parking issues for local residents'
- 'can we have traffic calming without removing spaces?'
- 'I would support if the parking restrictions were introduced'
- 'like the planter, still don't like the full width road humps as they are worse for cyclists than current cushions'
- 'traffic calming, good'

3.1.4 Wavertree Road/Daysbrook Road

The proposal was to open up the space to the community, subject to further engagement



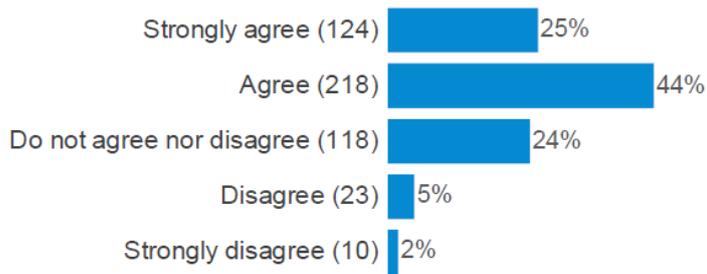
Additional comments

- 'why not use the space as both green space and secure cycle parking for local residents'
- 'who will maintain this landscaped area once planted?'
- 'too small to do much with'
- 'I have absolutely no gardening skills, but think this would be a lovely plan'
- 'great spot to grow fruit and veg'
- 'if you were to open this place to the public, then no dogs should be allowed'

3.1.5 Daysbrook Rd/Palace Rd – Road safety and amenity scheme

Proposals included:

- Introduce a new informal crossing to promote pedestrian priority when crossing Palace Road



Additional comments

‘this is a dangerous corner. Too many guys speeding round the corners – someone could get hit’

‘what would make the road safer is preventing parking on Palace Rd at the Palace Rd/Roupell Rd junction’

‘put in pelican crossing so safe to cross’

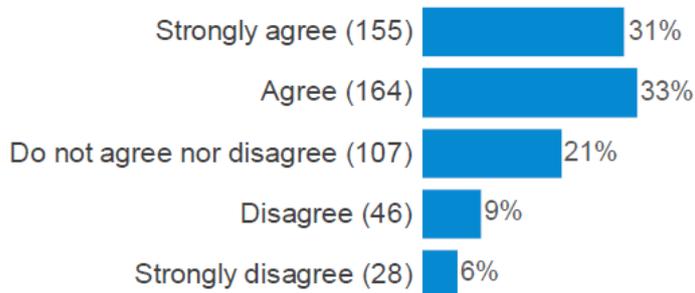
‘the pedestrian crossing could be on the side of the surgery to help keep traffic moving’

‘better lighting for Palace Road, it can seem dark, remote and menacing at night’

3.1.6 Telford Avenue – Traffic calming scheme

Proposals included:

- Reduce the speed of traffic by building 10 full width, cycle friendly speed humps



‘traffic is slow enough in this section due to vehicles parked in various places either side of the road’

‘speed humps are very unpleasant for cyclists’

‘the budget would be better spent enabling vehicles to turn from and into Telford Avenue from Streatham Hill safely’

‘please can we extend this to Kirkstall Road and Kirkstall Gardens?’

‘I think this will help significantly’

‘speed bumps would be very welcome here, the speed of the motor traffic has long been excessive along this road’

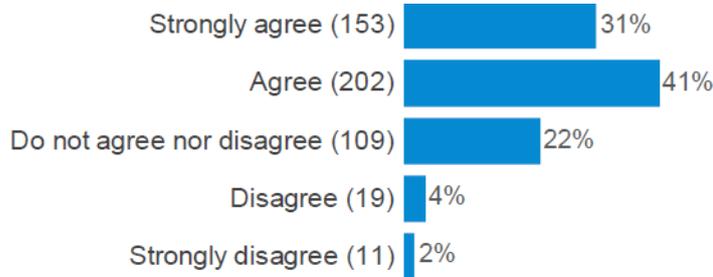
‘more trees on the Avenue please’

‘the council should be thinking more of how to reduce traffic. How to prevent people using their cars by promoting public transport, walking and cycling’

3.1.7 Sternhold Rd/Sternhold Ave – greening

Proposals included:

- Build one set of planters on the junction of Sternhold Road and Sternhold Avenue.



Additional comments

‘planters are great, but this is a strange place to put them’

‘that road between the vets and the petrol station is often dirty and I don’t feel like there would be appropriate maintenance of the planters’

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 from the SW2 postcode.

3.2.2 Gender

Respondents were evenly split between men and women

3.2.3 Age

The largest single group of respondents was from the 35-44 age range (30%), followed by 25-34 (24%). No one 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 (70%), followed by 10% Other White background (10%).

4. Responses from statutory bodies and other stakeholders

No responses were received from the Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, London Ambulance Service or Transport for London. They will be consulted again at the final stage of consultation.

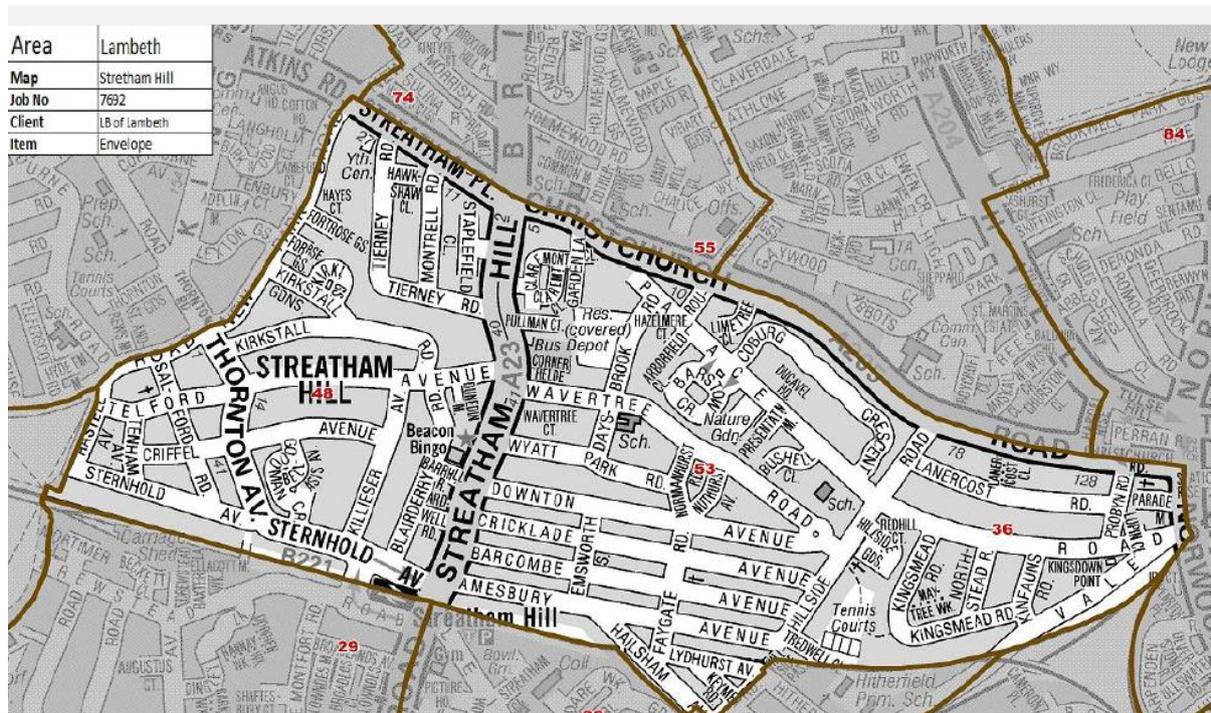
A response was received by Lambeth Cyclists who supported the following schemes: Hillside Passage, Faygate Road, Wavertree Road/Daysbrook Road, Telford Avenue and Sternhold planters. They partially supported the scheme on Daysbrook Road/Palace Road. Lambeth Cyclists opposed the scheme on Hillside Road due to the proposals not addressing the volume of traffic on the Hillside Road. They identified the issue of rat-running in the area as a particular concern.

5. Next steps

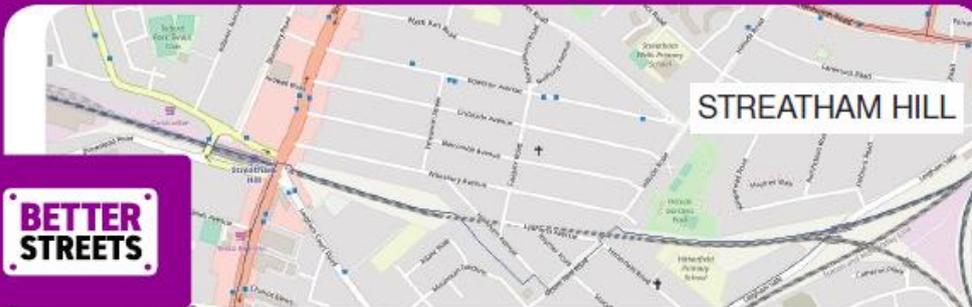
- The results of this consultation will be used to inform the next stage of detailed design.
- The resulting proposals will subject to approval for implementation by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Clean Air.
- If this approval is granted:
 - People who responded to the consultation and left an email address will receive notification. The scheme website will be updated with drawings and construction programme.
 - Schemes which require changes to traffic orders or notification will begin a three week statutory consultation period. Subject to any objections received during this period being reviewed by the Cabinet Member, implementation will then begin.
 - Schemes which do not require statutory consultation will begin implementation.

Appendix A – Consultation communications

1. Distribution area for leaflet drop



Our Streets **Streatham Hill**



Let us know what you think about our proposals for improving streets in Streatham Hill

Late last year Lambeth Council invited the Streatham Hill community to tell us where their local streets could be improved. There was a strong response with over 500 replies. From this information, and after further investigation, we have developed proposals that address some of the issues.

We are now seeking your feedback on these proposals

- Complete our short online survey at lambeth.gov.uk/streathamhill2
- Drop in to our engagement session where you can fill in a printed survey and discuss the proposals with the project team. This will be held on Tuesday 9 October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Streatham Space Project, Sternhold Avenue, SW2 4PA.
- Visit lambeth.gov.uk/ourstreets to find out more about Our Streets and follow the links to see what's happening in Streatham Hill.

**The consultation will close on Sunday 4 November 2018.
Please have your say.**

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