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The survey was sent to 1179 residents of Champion Hill and immediate area. 4 'pop up' street events were carried out along with 3 pop up events outside local schools. The survey could be returned by post or completed online. 471 people responded to the consultation which is a 40% response rate.

Q1: What is the most common way you travel on Champion Hill?
- Cycling (19%)
- Walking (38%)
- Driving (13%)
- Combination (30%)

Q2: how would you rate your experience of using Champion Hill, where 1= very bad and 5= very good?
- 1 (6%)
- 2 (18%)
- 3 (31%)
- 4 (27%)
- 5 (18%)

Q3: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Champion Hill?

a) There is too much traffic
- Agree (52%)
- Disagree (38%)
- Not sure (10%)

b) Road safety is an issue
- Agree (57%)
- Disagree (31%)
- Not sure (12%)

c) Traffic is too fast
- Agree (54%)
- Disagree (40%)
- Not sure (7%)

d) The route is easy to cycle/ walk
- Easy to cycle
- Easy to walk
- Agree
- Disagree
- Not sure

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Q4: Are there any parts of Champion Hill that you find particularly uncomfortable to use?

Some people perceived the area to be fine to use - quiet and leafy with no traffic problems - and others brought up the raised junction as an area of particular concern. They also noted the junctions with Dog Kennel and Denmark Hill as areas which they felt were unsafe and confusing for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians.

The most common themes were:

- Narrow width of pavements and close proximity to traffic is intimidating as a pedestrian, especially with children.
- Cars cut the corner and drive very fast around Champion Hill raised junction; it is a blind spot and people find it very difficult to cross.
- Speed bumps, traffic islands and parking create pinch points, causing conflict between road users.
- There is no problem - it's perfectly good, traffic is calm and low frequency.
- Dog Kennel Hill Junction is busy and hard to cross.

In order to gauge people’s reactions to each of the options we asked them the following questions:

Q5: Do you think that a one-way system for southbound vehicle traffic (two-way for cyclists) between Denmark Hill and the raised junction on Champion Hill is a good idea?

Q6: Do you think a road closure at the junction of Champion Hill (still allowing cycles and pedestrians through) and Dog Kennel Hill is a good idea?

People who were not sure or did not think one or both of the options was a good idea raised concerns about increased speeding if a one-way were put in place. They also asked about traffic displacement onto surrounding roads and inconvenience to local residents if the road were closed.