

# Our Healthy Walworth – Streetspace Review



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Southwark is committed to making the borough cleaner, safer and greener for all and to assist with accomplishing this we have made some adaptations to roads. In 2020 we introduced a number of transport schemes as experimental traffic management orders (ETMOs). This was part of Transport for London's (TfL) Streetspace programme.

This newsletter explains how you will be able to have your say on the specific measures introduced in Walworth.

### Consultation process

An eight-week public consultation process will begin in July to gather local peoples' views on the measures (shown on Page 4). We will write to every household affected by the Walworth Streetspace measures.

You will be able to take part in the consultation online or, if you don't use a computer, you will be able to request a paper copy of the consultation documents so you can respond by post.

People living outside or close to this area will also be able to register their interest in taking part in the consultation.

## Register to have your say

We would like to invite you to register your interest in taking part in the consultation and review process, and keep you updated.

To do this please go to

[www.southwark.gov.uk/ohwalworthreviewreg](https://www.southwark.gov.uk/ohwalworthreviewreg)

Alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet you can use the registration form and freepost address provided.

## Why did we introduce these measures in Walworth?

Walworth was selected as a key area to introduce the Streetspace measures due to public health and transport challenges in the area. These include:

- Approximately 1 in 4 children are classed as clinically obese in Walworth. The streetspace measures aim to create an environment that enable people to be more active through walking, cycling and play.<sup>1</sup>
- Many of the journeys recorded in Walworth in 2019 were vehicles travelling through the area from the A2 Old Kent Road and A3 Kennington Park Road. This is despite Walworth having one of the lowest car ownership rates in the borough. The measures

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/health-and-wellbeing-in-southwark-jsna/lifestyle-risk-factors?chapter=3>

discourage the area being used by through-traffic creating healthier streets for all.

- Walworth is a densely populated area with limited space for socialising, play and relaxation. The measures aim to reallocate space for local people to enjoy.

These schemes were also based on the Our Healthy Walworth Phase 1 consultation exercise where concerns were raised about high traffic levels and road safety for people walking and cycling.

The Phase 1 summary report can be found here -

<https://ourhealthywalworthlen.commonplace.is/proposals/walworth-streetspace>

## How will we conduct this review?

We will review these measures in the following ways:

- A full public consultation will begin in July 2021 and run for eight weeks into September 2021
- Online public meetings in July/August 2021
- Information stands around the area in July/August 2021
- Engaging with Tenants Associations and key stakeholder groups
- Assessments of previous feedback and objections
- Traffic Counts (before and after)
- Cycle and pedestrian movements
- Congestion monitoring to help measure changes to the amount of traffic on key roads
- Bus movements on local and key roads
- Air quality monitoring (including comparisons with any prior monitoring)

All the comments gathered during the review will be brought back to the council and be part of the final decision whether to make

these measures permanent, or change or remove them.

## How have we engaged so far?

Throughout the process of putting in these schemes, we have been asking local people to share their views, experiences and ideas for improvements with us. That has included our interactive online Commonplace maps for Walworth. This has allowed people to comment on issues on particular streets.

We made some amendments to the trial in certain locations based on your feedback and by working with the Emergency Services. This included revising some of the locations and changing to camera-controlled measures.

We also carried out localised engagement in the Alberta Street area to determine if there was a preference to relocate the closure. 53% of people supported keeping the closure in its current location.

## What changes have we made?

The Streetspace measures we introduced in Walworth prevent motor vehicle access at certain locations using physical barriers or camera enforcement but allowing full access for walking and cycling.

The measures we have introduced are shown on Page 4.

We are also making a wide range of changes across Southwark. They include:

- Creating 60 school streets to improve road safety outside schools
- Opening more cycle routes so residents can cycle safely around our borough
- Doubling the number of cycle hangars so people can store their bikes close to home
- 'Greening' streets so children can play outside.
- Increasing the area served by cycle hire docking stations

## Re-purposing the street space for the community



Throughout June and July 2021 we will also be making adaptations to some of the measures in the Walworth area to complement the measures already in place and give you an opportunity to see how the space could be re-purposed for the community to enjoy, play and socialise.

The changes include:

- Cycle hangars in various locations
- Introducing temporary play-on-the-way furniture and seating in Amelia Street, Alberta Street and Cooks Road
- Using camera-controlled restrictions at Penton Place and Larcom Street to allow emergency service access.

All changes made will be trial measures.

## What are we trying to achieve?

Overall, we want to:

- Improve road safety.
- Help tackle the climate emergency
- Make walking and cycling an enjoyable, safe and easy way of getting around.
- Reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing.
- Reduce the amount of cut-through traffic
- Reduce parking pressure for local residents.
- Encourage people to shop locally to help businesses and reduce car use.

- Create a greener and healthier environment by improving air quality and reducing pollution and noise levels.
- Make more space on our pavements for social distancing to help keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

Critical to achieving these aspirations is that we listen to all sections of the community and produce the best solutions that we can.

During this pandemic, we have also been working to make more space on our pavements for social distancing to help keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

Above all we want to ensure the changes we are making benefit the whole community, not just cyclists or car owners, and that they help to reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing across our community too.



## Support for businesses

We know the last year has been particularly challenging for local businesses because of the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19. To assist, the council has been working hard to support businesses, by offering advice and financial support of more than £100million in grants, including committing more than £2million in support for small businesses.

If you run a local business you can find out more about the range of grants and support available from the council here, including details of how to sign up for our regular business e-newsletter:

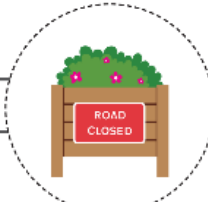
[www.southwark.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice)

## And finally...

Thank you for reading this newsletter and we look forward to listening to your views on the Our Healthy Walworth measures.

Registering for this consultation and encouraging your friends and neighbours to do so as well, gives us the best chance of delivering safer, greener streets which work for everyone.

KEY	Existing	Under trial
PERMEABLE ROAD CLOSURE		
EMERGENCY AND CYCLIST ACCESS ONLY		
SCHOOL STREET CLOSURES		
NO THROUGH ROAD EXCEPT FOR BUSES, CYCLES AND EMERGENCY ACCESS		
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL		




If you require this newsletter in a different language please email [streetspace@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:streetspace@southwark.gov.uk).

# Our Healthy Walworth – Registration Form

If you can register for the consultation digitally please do so here: [www.southwark.gov.uk/ohwalworthreviewreg](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/ohwalworthreviewreg)

However if you do not have easy access to the internet please complete the information below and confirm that you are willing to be contacted by us about the forthcoming Our Healthy Walworth consultation using the freepost address provided.

Freepost RSCE-TGHU-CUZZ  
Southwark Council, Highways  
Walworth Review 3/2  
160 Tooley Street  
SE1 2TZ

1) What is your name?

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2) What is your email address?

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3) Please tick below to confirm that you are happy for us to contact you about this consultation.

Yes, please contact me with information about the consultation

4) Please tick below and provide your full address if you will require a paper version of the consultation.

*\* The paper version of the consultation will contain all the same content and questions as the electronic version. In the interests of costs and the environment, we encourage anyone who can complete the consultation online to do so.*

Yes, I would like to receive a paper copy of the consultation

No, I do not need a paper copy of the consultation

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Demographic information

The questions below are simply to ensure that we are reaching a balanced and fair cross-section of the local population. They are optional, but would really help us to identify if there are gaps where we need to put in extra work to speak with people.

### 5) Sex: What is your sex as recorded at birth?

- Male  Other  Prefer not to say  
 Female

### 6) Is your Gender Identity the same as the sex you were recorded at birth?

- Yes  Prefer not to say  
 No

If no, how would you define your gender? Please specify if you wish

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### 7) Age

- Under 16  35 – 44  75 – 84  
 16 – 17  45 – 54  85 – 94  
 18 – 24  55 – 64  95+  
 25 – 34  65 – 74

### 8) Are you disabled?

- Yes  Prefer not to say  
 No

Please tick the box or boxes below that best describe the nature of your impairment(s):

- Hearing / Vision  Learning disability  Other  
 Physical / Mobility  Long-term illness or health condition  Prefer not to say  
 Mental health

If you wish to specify your disability, please do so here:

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### 9) What do you consider to be your ethnic background?

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### 10) Are you currently pregnant and / or on maternity leave?

- Yes  No

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