

Improving Bermondsey Street

Project update

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Background

In March 2006, a deputation was made to Bermondsey Community Council requesting that officers investigate pedestrianising Bermondsey Street. Upon initial investigation it was decided that a more coordinated approach to understanding and improving Bermondsey Street was required.

What is the latest news on the project?

To gain a better understanding of how the street operates today a series of street audits were undertaken including traffic, pedestrian, cycling and parking surveys. Supporting this, we have also reviewed the character and movement of the street and road accidents on Bermondsey Street and surrounds. This work was undertaken over a four month period.

To help shape how Bermondsey Street works today, it is also vital to understand how people who live and work in the area see and use the street. To start these discussions approximately 200 local people were invited to a walkabout and workshop on Wednesday, 11 July 2007. This included representatives from local community organisations, residents and businesses.

22 local people were able to attend the walkabout and workshop with eight people sending their apologies. This afternoon was useful for officers in being able to gain a better understanding of how local people view the street at the moment and what they would like to see in the future.



Thank you to those who were able to attend for both your input and time. A summary of these events has been prepared and will be sent to those who registered their interest as well as being available on the council's website.

What happens next?

The issues discussed on the walkabout and the ideas generated during the workshop will be incorporated into a report on how the street operates at the moment (called the baseline appraisal report). This will help to shape a future vision for improving Bermondsey Street as well as the development of design proposals.

Preparation will commence in the coming two months on the development of the vision and objectives for the design of public realm improvements on Bermondsey Street. This will be informed by the baseline appraisal report, stakeholder walkabouts and design workshop and future discussions with the community.

There will be further opportunities for the community to be involved and the council would like to see open and full discussions, now and throughout the life of the project.

How can I find out the latest on the project?

The council has established a web page that will be available in the week commencing the 30 July 2007. The page will contain background material, the baseline report, summary of the walkabout and workshop as well as the latest updates on the project.

You can access the web page via the following link

<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourServices/transport/bermondseyst.html>

If you would like to be included on the mailing list for the project updates or would like to talk to the transport planning department directly, please contact us.

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