



Newington Pocket Parks

Consultation Report

STREETS FOR PEOPLE
LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

Introduction

From 1 February to 5 March 2023 we ran a public consultation to find out public opinion on the Newington Pocket Park proposals for the following locations (also see map):

- Alberta Street (junction with Braganza Street)
- Alberta Street (junction with Ambergate Street)
- Amelia Street (junction with Penton Place)
- Chapter Road (junction with Lorrimore Square).

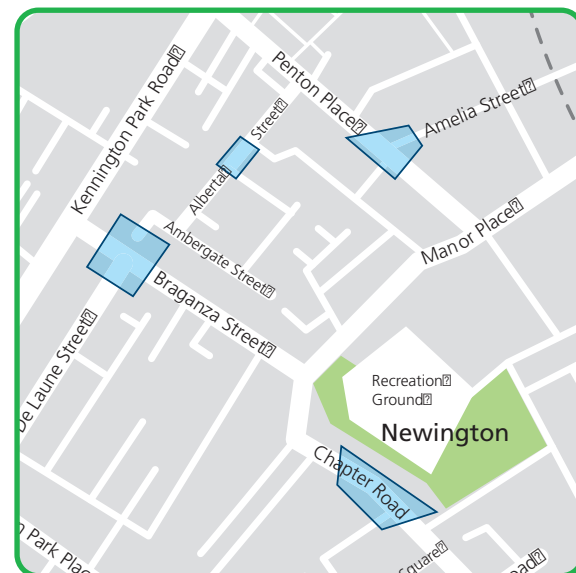
What we wanted to find out?

Do the designs:

- encourage play and physical activity for young people
- provide a place to socialise, build stronger communities and enhance mental wellbeing
- create safe walking and cycling routes across Newington
- make our streets better adapted to climate change.

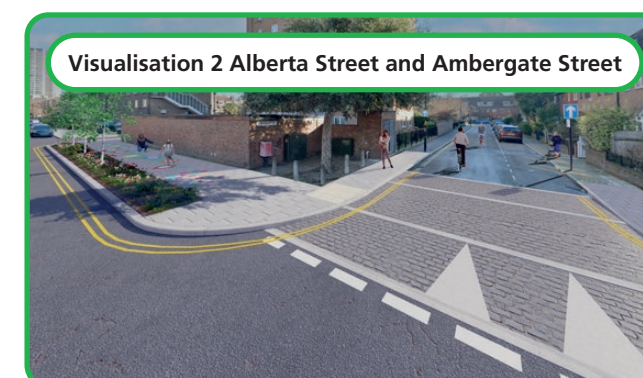
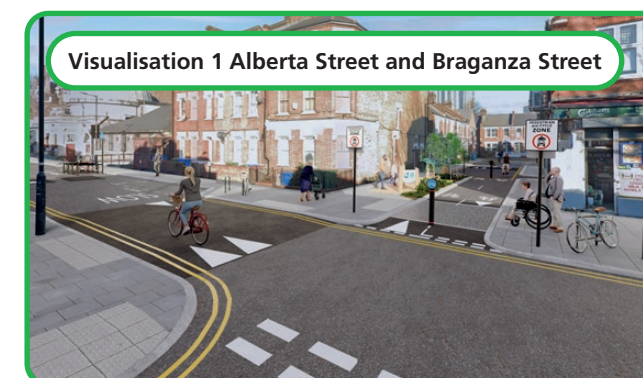
What features of the design do people support and how could the designs be improved?

A focus on young people's opinion on the designs.



What we did?

Using Southwark's consultation hub we ran an online survey which asked people a series of questions to find out local views and share the proposals (visualisations and drawings).



www.southwark.gov.uk/newington-pocket-parks-survey

Paper versions of the survey were made available at Walworth Gardens and Walworth Library, with a freepost address.

We distributed an A4 flyer to all households in the engagement area (see map) to promote the survey.

We held three school pop-up events outside Crampton Primary School, Keyworth Primary School, and St Paul's Primary School to promote the consultation and also the pupil/parent survey.

We carried out door-knocking at the three key streets; Chapter Road, Alberta Street, and Amelia Street to promote the consultation, discuss the proposals and complete the survey with residents where possible.

A bespoke pupil and parent survey was sent to all three schools in the area, with an incentive to win a Decathlon voucher.

An email was sent promoting the consultation to local Tenants and Residents Association groups, Walworth Society, and schools.



Results from the engagement

The main survey had a total of

114 individual respondents

The pupil/parent survey had a total of

32 individual respondents

In total, that is a response rate of approximately

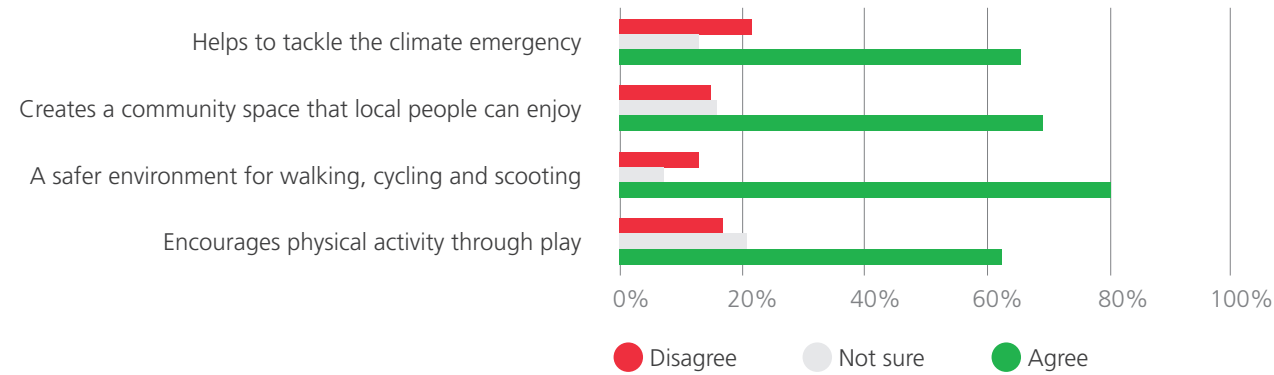
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Summary of the results – the main survey

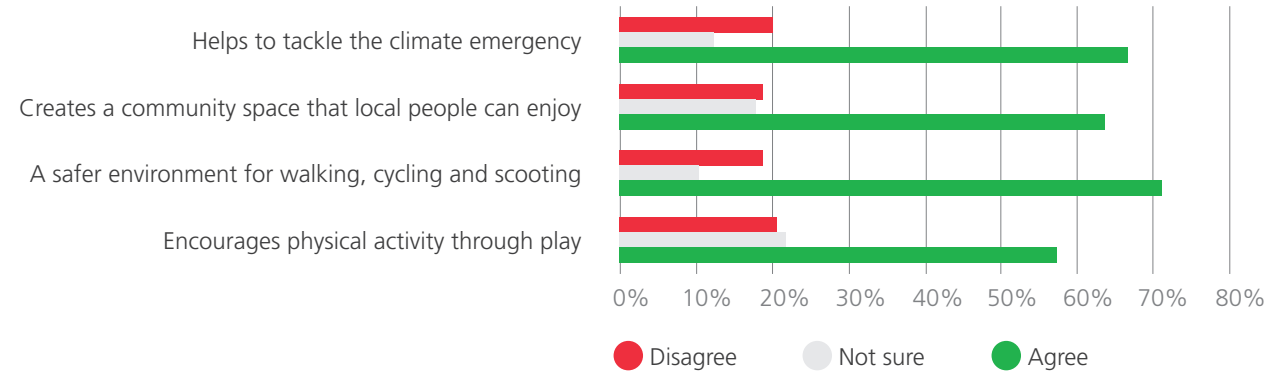
Question 1:

Do you agree the design achieves the following objectives?

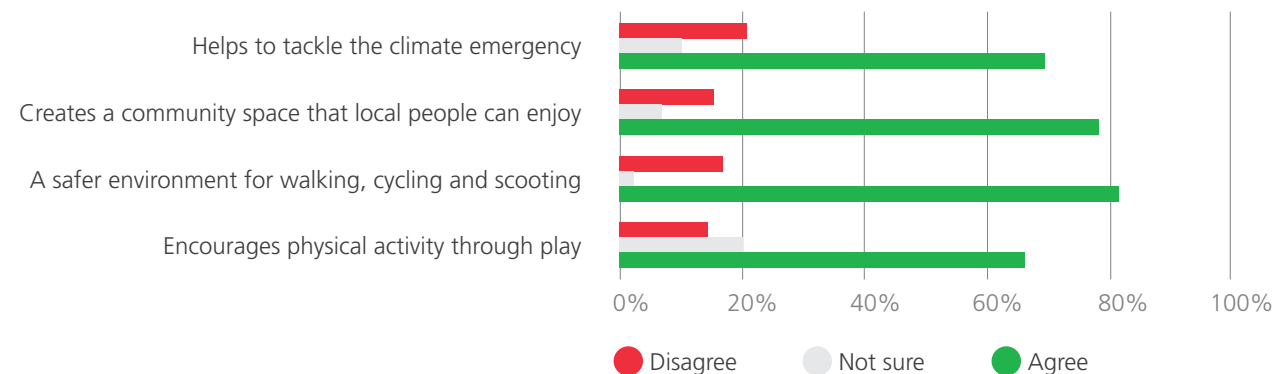
1a) Alberta Street and Braganza Street



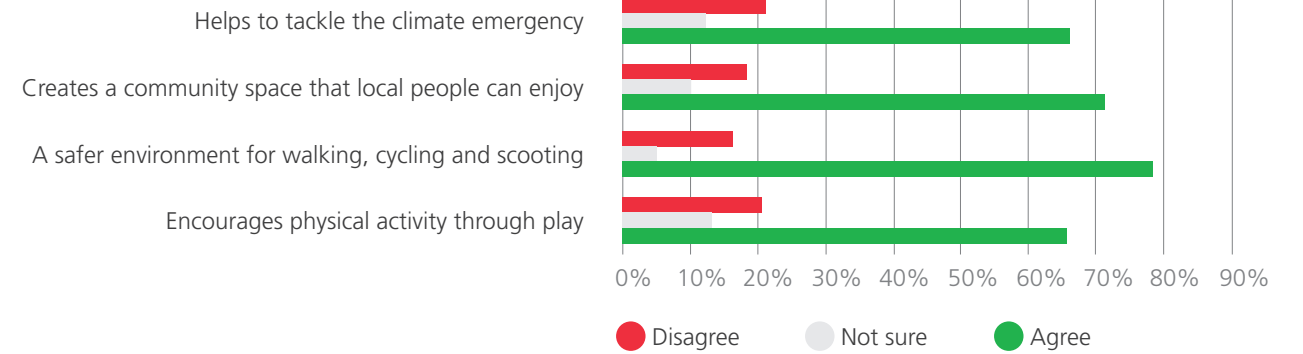
1b) Alberta Street and Ambergate Street



1c) Amelia Street and Penton Place



1d) Chapter Road



Overall

	Alberta Street & Braganza Street			Alberta Street & Ambergate Street			Amelia Street & Penton Place			Chapter Road		
	Agree	Not Sure	Dis-agree	Agree	Not Sure	Dis-agree	Agree	Not Sure	Dis-agree	Agree	Not Sure	Dis-agree
Encourages physical activity through play	63%	21%	17%	57%	22%	21%	66%	20%	14%	66%	14%	21%
A safer environment for walking, cycling and scooting	80%	7%	13%	71%	10%	19%	81%	2%	16%	78%	5%	16%
Creates a community space that local people can enjoy	70%	16%	15%	64%	18%	19%	78%	7%	15%	71%	10%	19%
Helps to tackle the climate emergency	66%	13%	22%	67%	13%	20%	69%	10%	21%	66%	12%	22%

Comments

The proposals at each location achieved a support from pupils and parents who responded. Most Respondents felt that the proposed designs achieved the set out objectives, most noticeably in regards to creating a community space and creating a safer environment for active travel.

Question 2: What do you think about the key features of the design?

A summary of the comments and themes to this question per location has been provided below

Scheme features - Comments	Alberta Street & Braganza Street	Alberta Street & Ambergate Street	Amelia Street & Penton Place	Chapter Road
Play features	Positive feedback regarding stepping stones, panels may not be as well used, animal sculptures may be subject to graffiti. Need to ensure safe buffer between play and cycle lane.	Opportunity for more play features by tree, markings need to be engaging, seating for parents while kids play. May not be right location and nearby parks should be where play is invested.	Support improved access to park, support for stepping stones, possibly consider some of the features in other proposals here too. Play features may not be necessary next to a park.	Use good quality materials, more stepping stones, ensure information is engaging. Panels may be vandalised. Ensure separation for children playing and traffic. Consider necessity with playgrounds nearby.
Trees, greenery and planting	More planting if possible and planting which encourages pollinators. Must be maintained. Ensure there is enough light for trees to flourish.	Consider fruit trees to align with Alberta Fruit Commons Communal Garden, more tree canopy, consider greenery on wall. Some support loss of parking for this others feel it is unnecessary. Must be maintained.	Support for greenery, must be maintained, could be further expanded, canopy species and less hard landscaping.	More trees and planting should be proposed, especially on side near to estates, should be aligned with planting in Pasley Park. Must be maintained. Concerns at loss of parking.
Cycle Parking and Cycle Lane	Plans support cycling, need to ensure cycle provision increased as current cycle parking is well used now, stop motorcycles/mopeds from using the area. Cyclists may become squeezed on Braganza Street where it proposed to be more narrow.	N/A	Makes cycling safer, ensure it is on desire line, bollards/markings could make it more colourful. Must be wide enough for adapted bikes.	Improves safety, and well needed. Concerns over vehicles access for local properties.

Scheme features - Comments	Alberta Street & Braganza Street	Alberta Street & Ambergate Street	Amelia Street & Penton Place	Chapter Road
Pedestrian crossing and pavement changes	Plans supported pedestrians and support for wider pavements. Could be increased further in regards to speed hump proposals and raising surface levels across Alberta Street to give pedestrians priority.	Support for wider pavements, and continuous crossings. Concerns over loss of parking.	Consider zebra crossing, ensure traffic calming measures effective, residential bins make pavements difficult to walk.	Improves pedestrian safety and access into park. Consider vehicle access for local properties. Consider continuous footways where feasible.
Other changes	Bins, seating, bug hotel, loading bay for deliveries to no. 97, more lighting, consider extending further along Alberta Street.	Seating, bins, vertical planting on wall, incorporate existing tree more, concerns regarding displaced parking, more cycle hangars.	Need to consider waste solution to fly-tipping and bins, access to Iliffe Yard must be incorporated. More bins, trees and planting.	Are changes necessary, improvements to current green/play spaces needed. More trees and planting and less hard landscaping. Ensure local vehicle access considered. More bins, improved lighting.



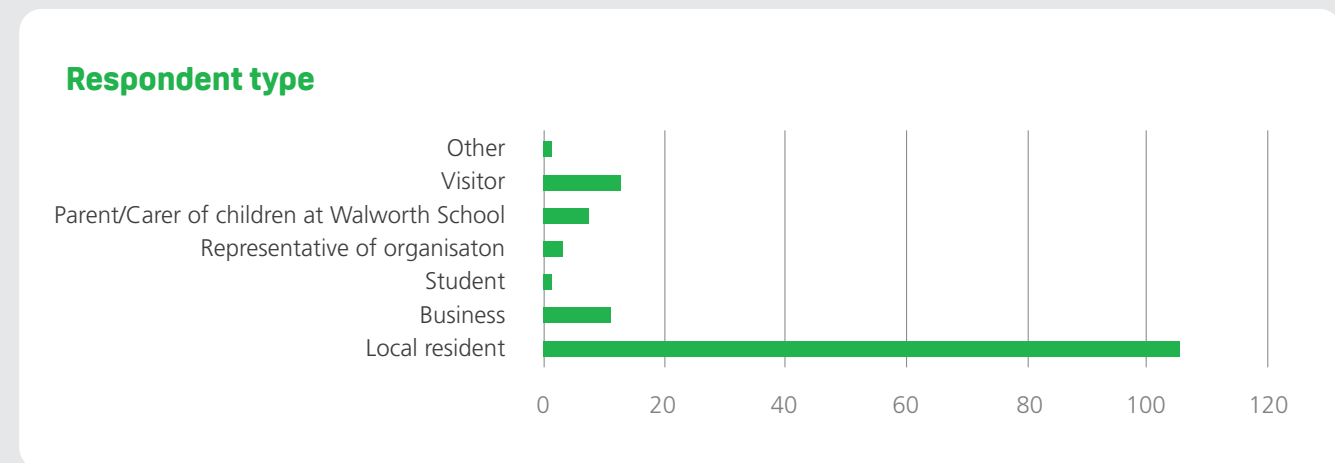
About You

Question 3: What street do you live or work on?

Street	Response rate	Street	Response rate
ALBERTA STREET	19%	BORRETT CLOSE	1%
AMBERGATE STREET	12%	BRAGANZA STREET	1%
CHAPTER ROAD	11%	BRANDON STREET	1%
CRAMPTON STREET	5%	CANTERBURY PLACE	1%
OTHER	5%	DALE ROAD	1%
PENTON PLACE	4%	DATE STREET	1%
AMELIA STREET	4%	DELVERTON ROAD	1%
DODDINGTON GROVE	4%	FREDERICK ROAD	1%
ILIFFE YARD	4%	JOHN MAURICE CLOSE	1%
LORRIMORE ROAD	3%	LORRIMORE SQUARE	1%
PEACOCK STREET	3%	MANOR PLACE	1%
DE LAUNE STREET	2%	OLNEY ROAD	1%
ILIFFE STREET	2%	RODNEY ROAD	1%
KENNINGTON PARK ROAD	2%	ST AGNES PLACE	1%
MARSLAND CLOSE	2%	STEAD STREET	1%
SHARSTED STREET	2%	SUTHERLAND SQUARE	1%
WESTCOTT ROAD	2%	THOMPSONS AVENUE	1%
BALFOUR STREET	1%	WORTH GROVE	1%

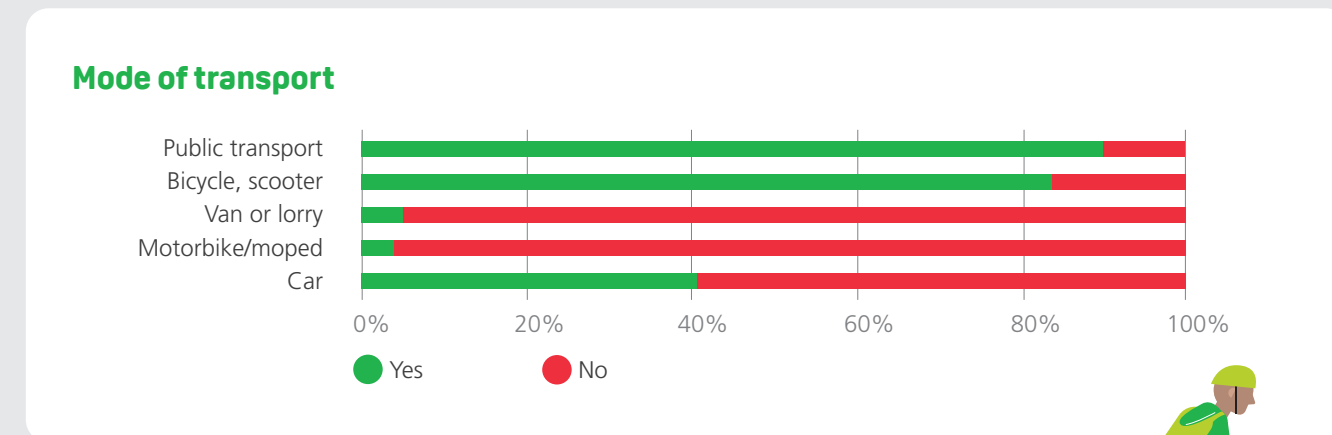
Question 4: In what capacity are you responding to this survey?

The majority of respondents were local residents.



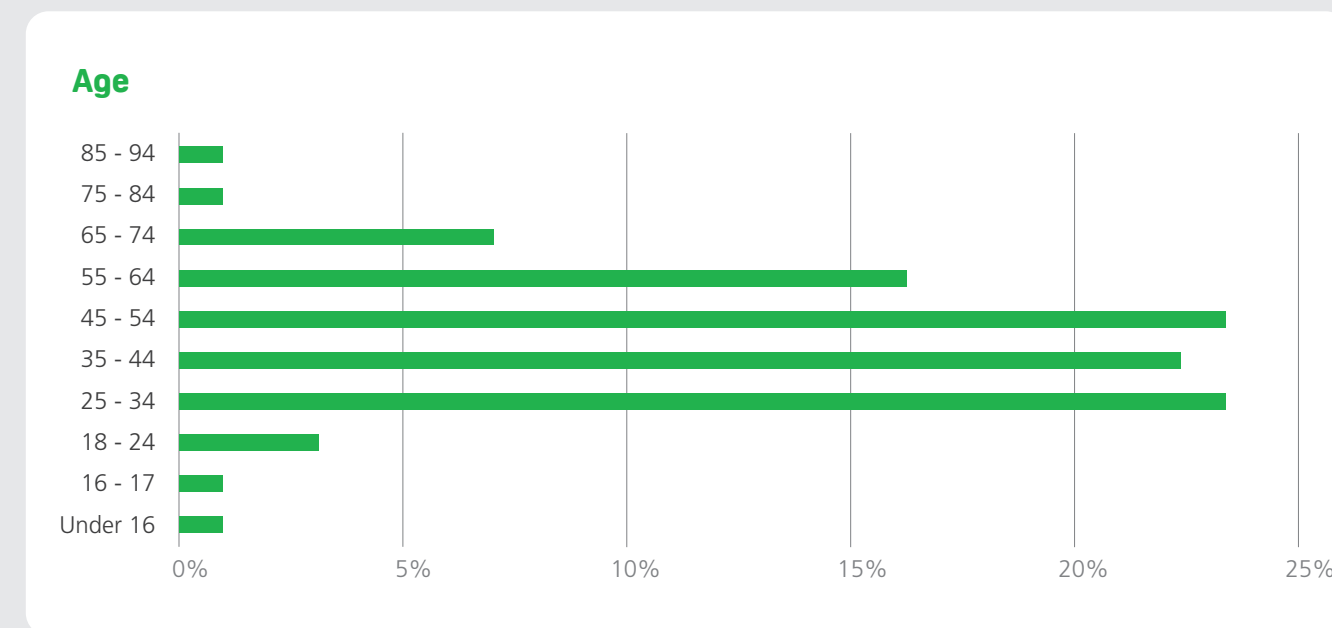
Question 5: Do you use (in the Walworth area)?

The majority of respondents rely on public transport or cycle. Those who responded were less likely to use car, van or motorbike. This is reflective of the area's low car ownership rates.



Equality questions

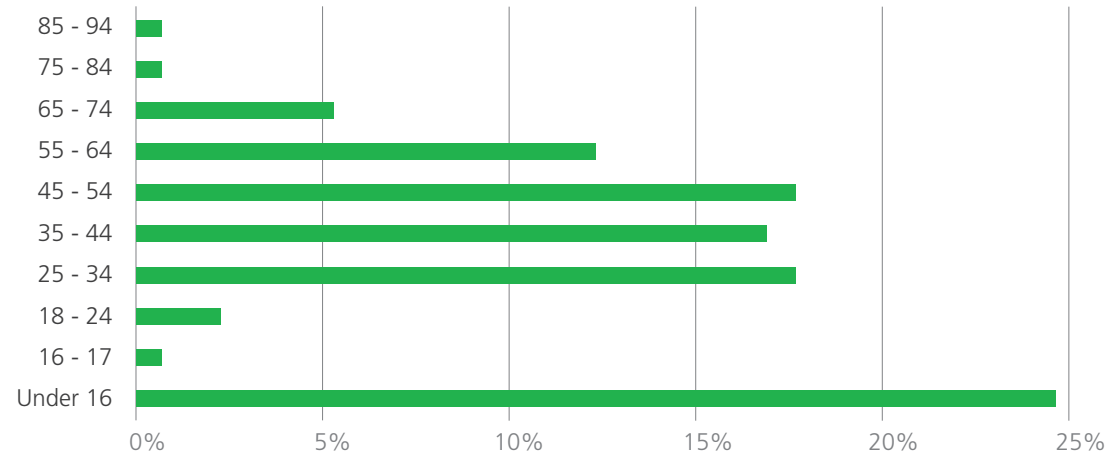
Question 6: How old are you?



The age group 25 – 44 make up the largest proportion of residents in the Newington ward (40%), therefore the results of this consultation are relatively in accordance with this. 45 – 64 make up 21% of the Newington population so this age group is over-represented in this survey. 24 and under are under-represented in the main survey, but the pupil survey carried out was to ensure a good response rate from this age group who make up 17% of the Newington ward population.

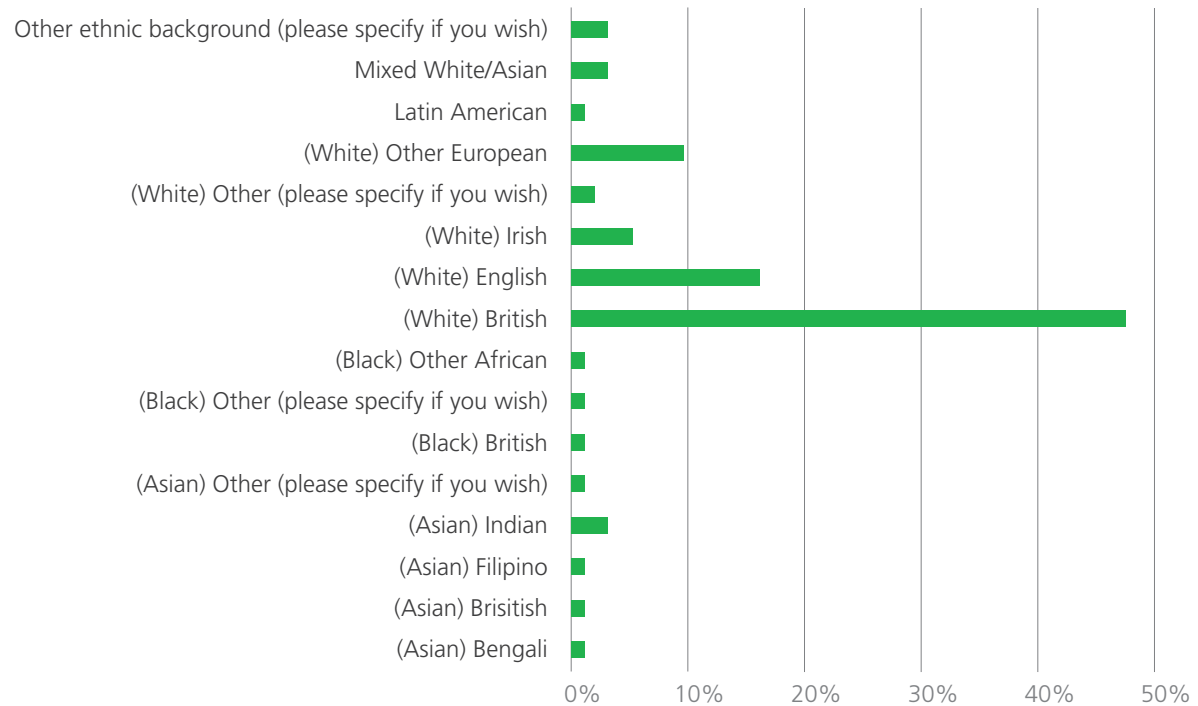
The below graph combines responses from the pupil survey and the main survey, which makes under-16s the most represented age group in this consultation:

Age



Question 7: What is your ethnic background

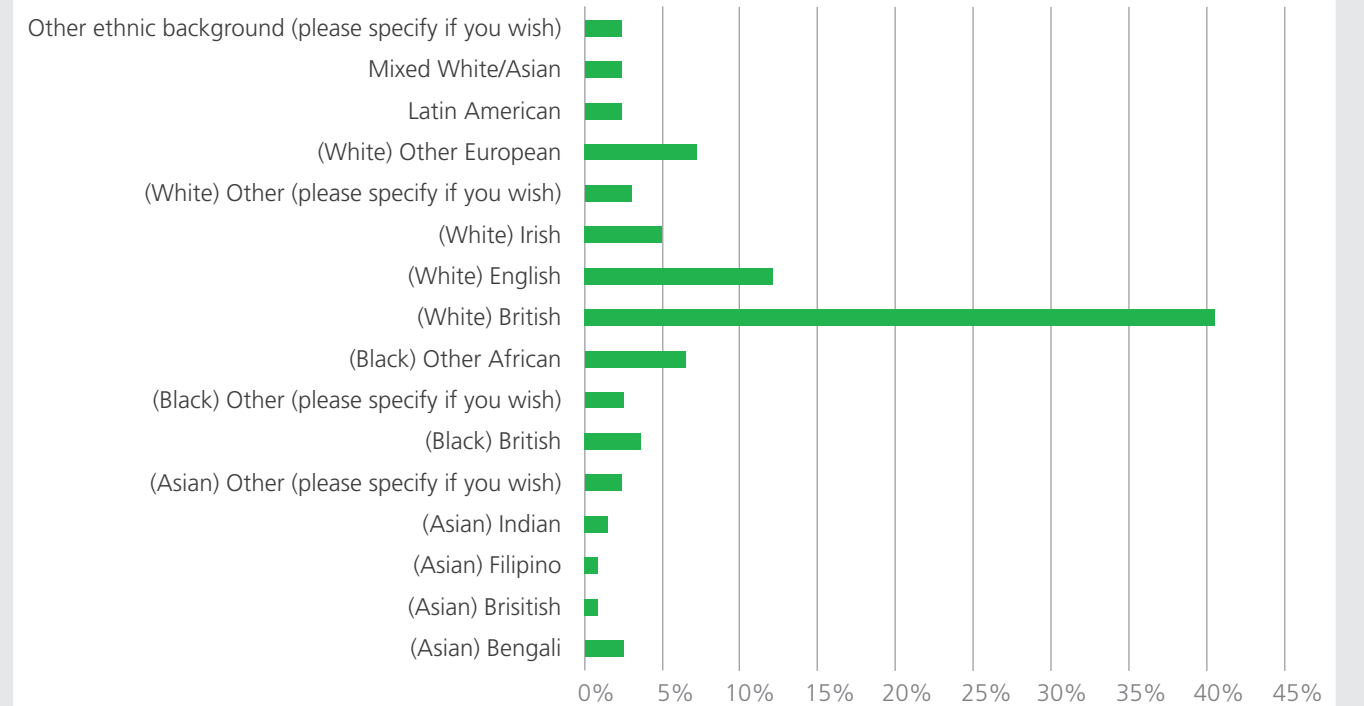
Ethnic Background



30% of respondents to the main survey were minority ethnic, and the remaining 70% were of White British/English or Irish origin. Therefore, minority ethnic groups were under-represented in the main survey, as minority ethnic groups make up 48% of the Newington ward population.

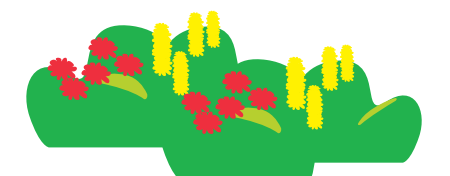
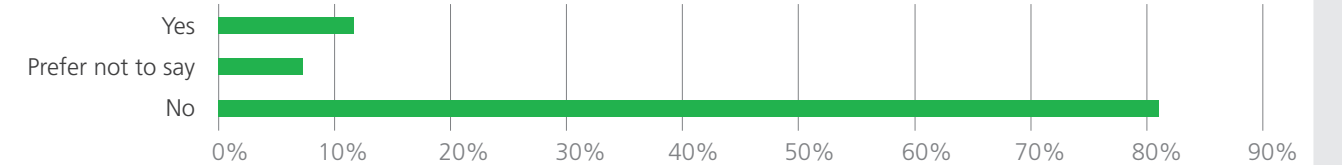
The pupil/parent survey received a much higher response rate from minority ethnic groups. If these are included in the overall results, the representation of minority ethnic groups has improved to 40%.

Ethnic Background (including pupil survey)



Question 8: Do you have a disability?

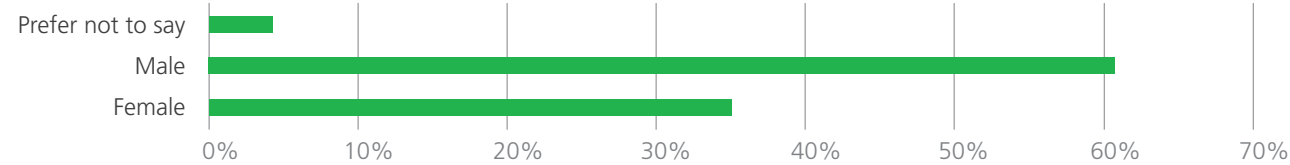
Disability



Question 9: What is your gender?

Females were under-represented in the main survey, as the Newington ward population gender split is 50%. No data on sex was recorded as part of the pupil/parent carer survey.

Recorded sex at birth

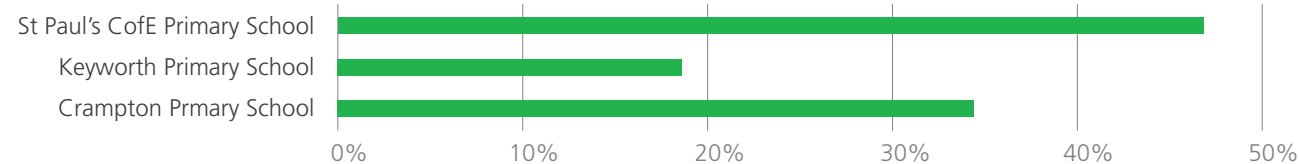


Summary of results – the pupil & parent/carers survey



Question 1: What school do you attend?

Response rate by School



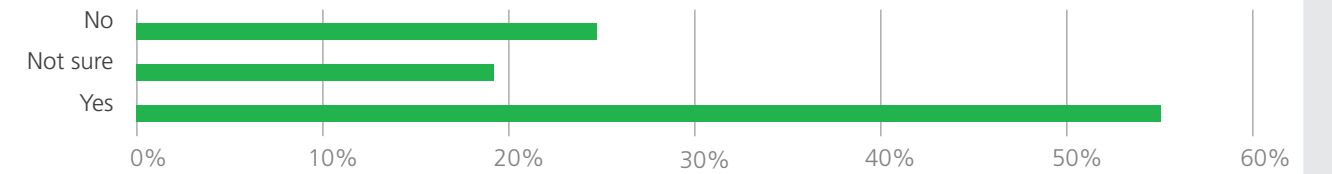
The school with the highest response rate was St Paul's CofE Primary School, followed by Crampton Primary School and Keyworth Primary School. This is reflective of the locations of the proposals, and which pupils/parents are most likely to be affected.



Alberta Street and Braganza Street

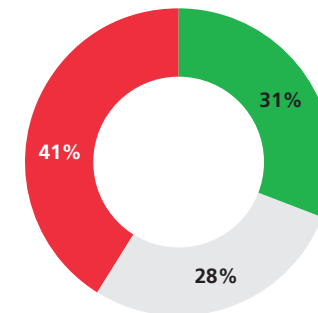
Question 2: Do you know this area?

Do you know this area?



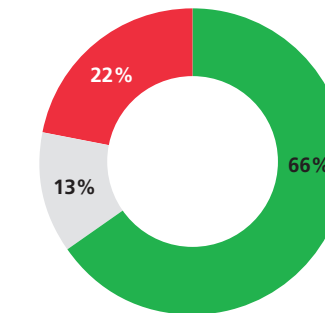
Question 3 to 6:

Question 3: Would you play here?



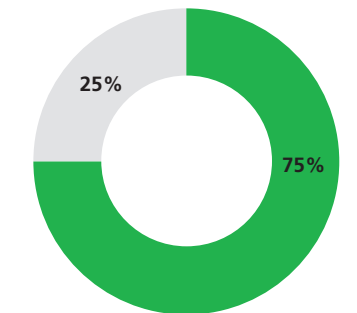
- Looks safe, nearby station/friends/school
- Not familiar with the area
- Unsafe with cyclists

Question 4: Would you like to walk/cycle here?



- Looks calm, peaceful, clean. Wide space and cycle paths, not many cars

Question 5: Do you think the changes will make the area look nicer?



- Looks more fun and less boring, things to do and play with, like the nature, trees and planting. Place looks cleaner and more beautiful

● No ● Not sure ● Yes

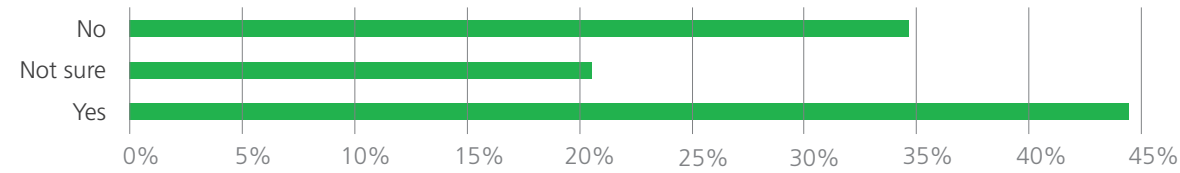
Question 6: Other changes

Add more games, paint murals, water re-filling station, lights in trees.

Alberta Street and Ambergate Street

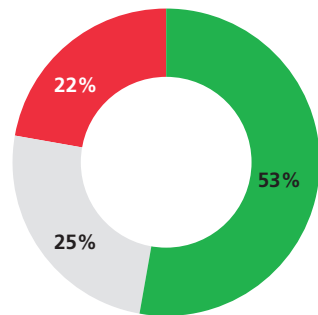
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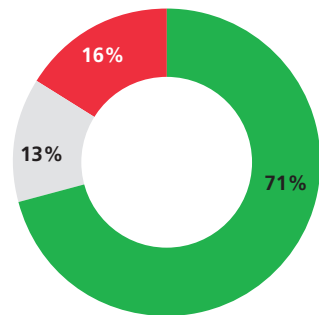
Question 8 to 11:

Question 8: Would you play here?



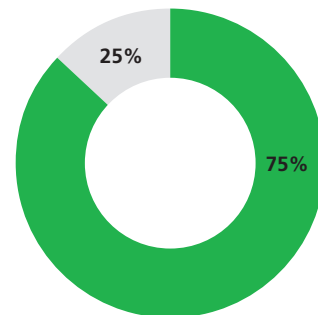
- The mini-games on floor look fun, spacious, clean
- Not much to do
- Too small, might get in someone's way

Question 9: Would you like to walk/cycle here?



- More spacious, clean, safe, better pavements

Question 10: Do you think the changes will make the area look nicer?



- More space, colourful, beautiful trees and planting, cleaner

● No ● Not sure ● Yes

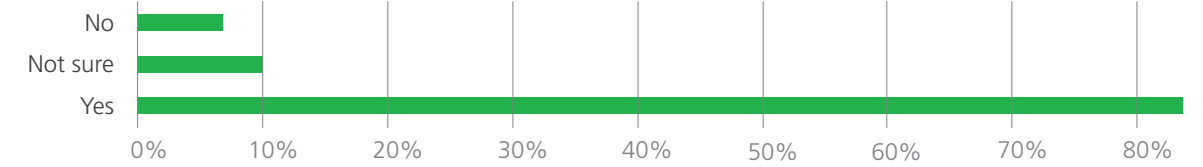
Question 11: Other changes

Add more games, seating

Amelia Street and Penton Place

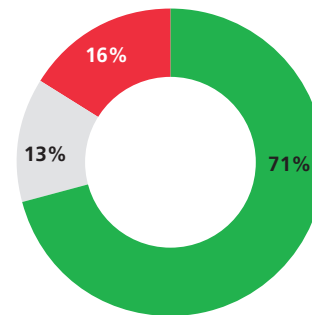
Question 12: Do you know this area?

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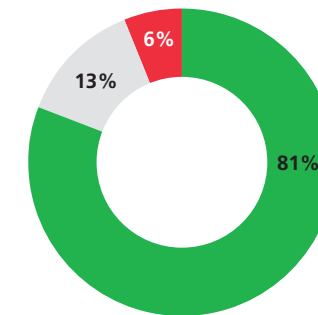
Question 13 to 16:

Question 13: Would you play here?



- The mini-games on the floor look fun, spacious and clean
- Not much to do
- Too small, might get in someone's way

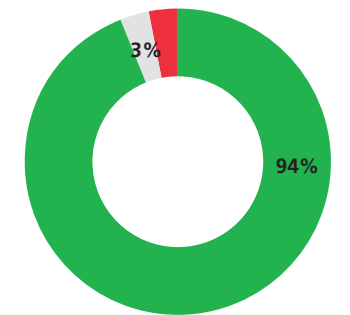
Question 14: Would you like to walk/cycle here?



- More spacious, clean, safe, better pavements

● No ● Not sure ● Yes

Question 15: Do you think the changes will make the area look nicer?



- More space, looks nicer and more fun, currently boring, parents can sit and chat

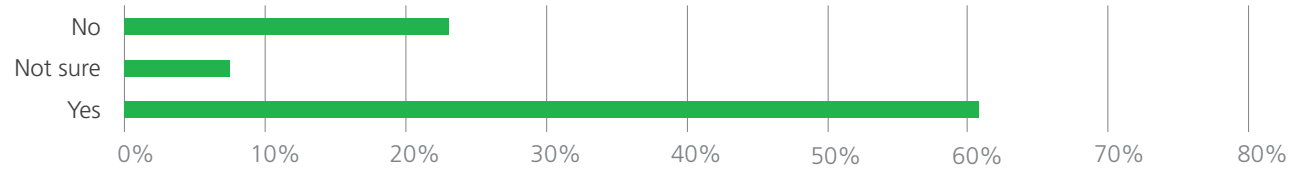
Question 16: Other changes

Add more games

Chapter Road

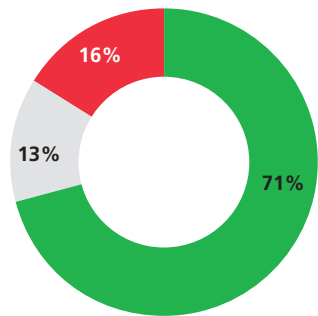
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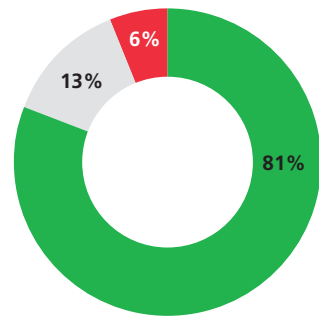
Question 18 to 21:

Question 18: Would you play here?



- Local and near park, pass by a lot, looks fund and has bright colours, like hoscotch, encourages exercise, nice with trees
- Not near to respondents

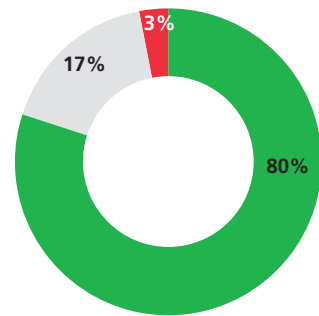
Question 19: Would you like to walk/cycle here?



- It is safe, calm, there is more space, there is a cycle lane, I can explore a different area, looks fun and nice

● No ● Not sure ● Yes

Question 20: Do you think the changes will make the area look nicer?

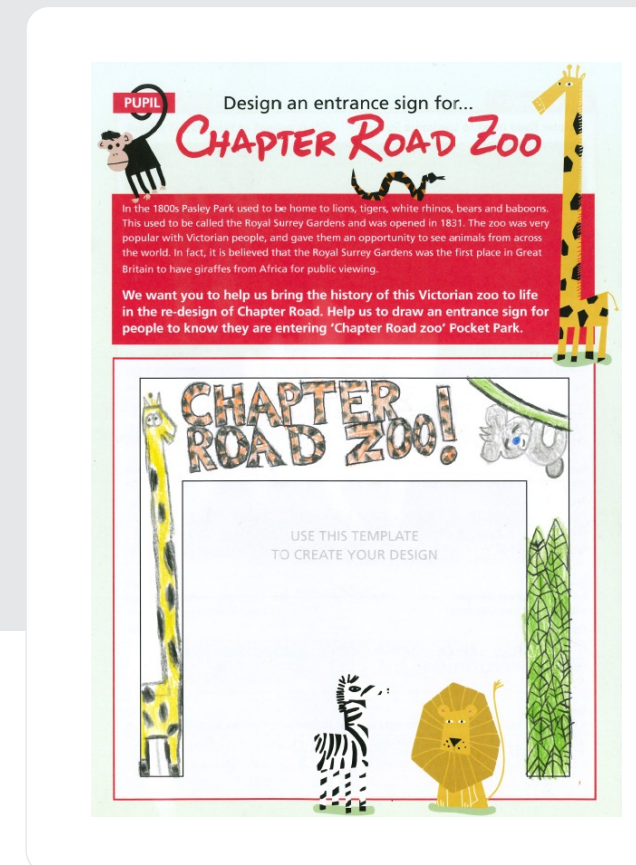
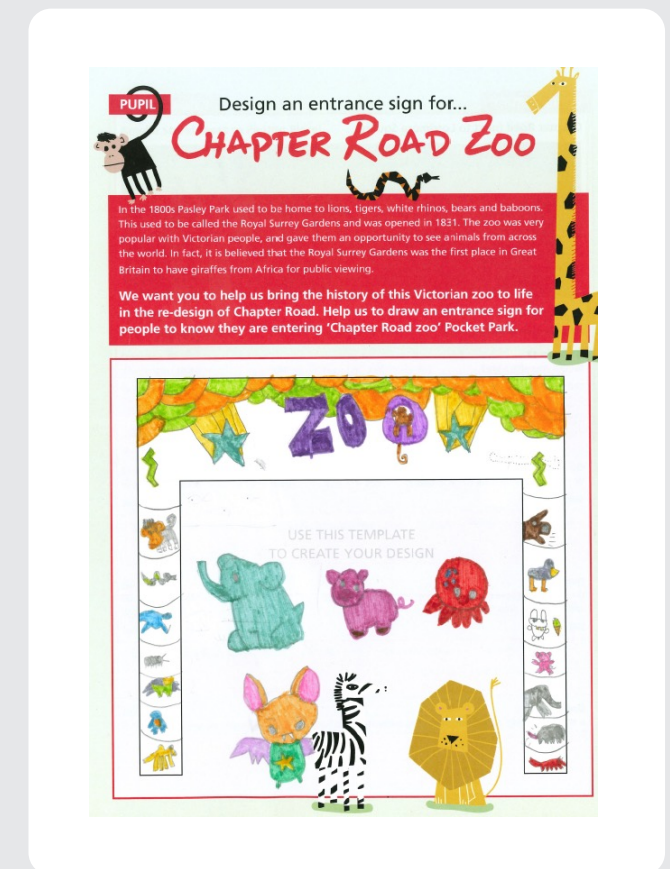


- Looks fun, nice, beautiful, welcoming, better for fresh air

Question 21: Other changes

More space for bikes/hire bikes, lights to the trees

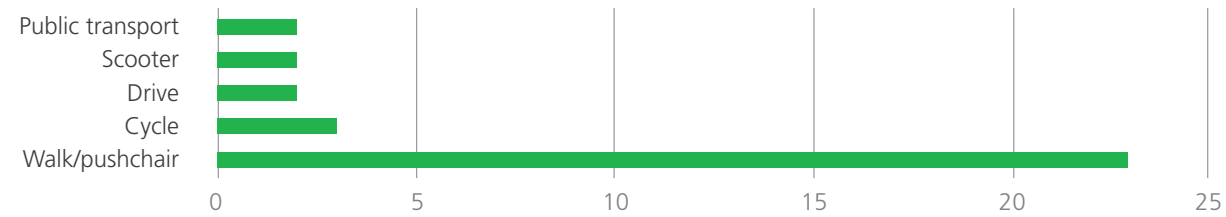
Design a Chapter Road zoo sign



Parent responses

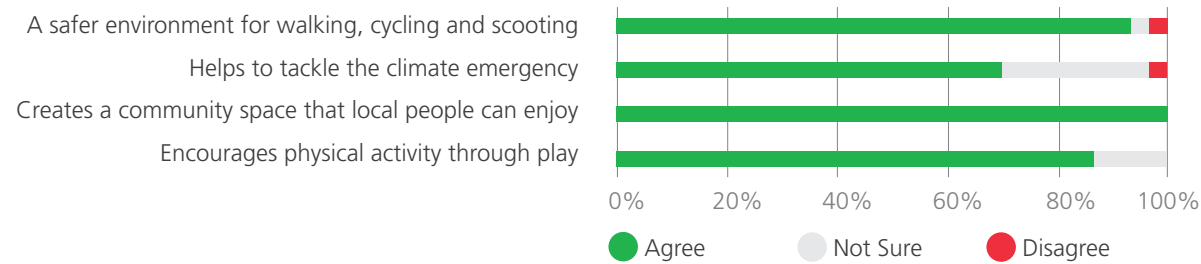
Question 22: How do you travel to school?

Mode of transport to school



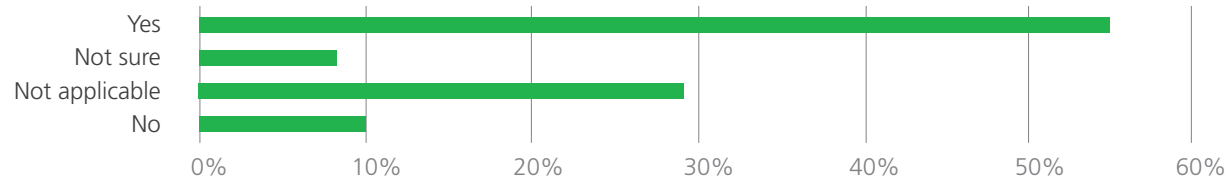
Question 23: Do you agree the proposals achieve the following objectives?

Proposals - Objectives



Question 24: If you currently drive, would these new 'pocket parks' encourage you to walk, cycle or scoot your child to school or parks more often?

Modal Shift



Overall, the pupil/parent survey has shown a high-level of support for all four proposals. In regards to play, the proposals for Chapter Road and Amelia Street were more supported and this is probably due to their proximity to the local park. In regards, to walking and cycling, the majority of respondents felt

the proposals would improve this across all sites, as well as generally making the area look nicer.

Parent responses to the survey also showed high-level of support that the proposals achieved its objectives and that the proposals could encourage modal shift away from cars for the journey to school.

Conclusion

The Newington Pocket Park consultation which ran for five weeks from February to March 2023 has shown high levels of support for the design proposals, and generally an overall agreement that they achieve the wider objectives of the scheme.

This is also supported by the pupil/parent survey that was carried out during the same period.

Comments regarding how the proposals could be improved will be considered as part of the next phase of design.

The combination of the main survey and pupil survey also ensured that we were able to yield a representative response rate as per local demographics and also ensure we were hearing from a key audience group, under-16s.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this consultation. We hope to continue working with the local community to achieve Southwark's Streets for People aims.



