

Appendix A: Phoenix Road Proposals Additional Information

This leaflet provides a summary of previous engagement on the Greening Phoenix Road project and the feedback received, as well as details on proposed parking changes.

Engagement Timeline

The engagement and feedback gathered during the trial builds on numerous engagement activities on the project over the last few years. The full list of engagement activities and other key milestones is set out below.

- **2017 to 2018** Feasibility study commissioned to determine the level of greening that was possible.
- **2019** Engagement with circa 700 participants who provided their feedback and ideas for the project which fed into the design objectives.
- **Early 2021** Co-design activities with the Somers Town community, culminating in the delivery of two stakeholder sessions and sessions with local schools.
- August to October 2021 Consultation on the emerging plan for the longer-term greening improvements.
- **April to May 2022** Consultation on two parklets to trial temporary greening and changes to parking.
- March 2023 Public consultation on current trial scheme
- **Spring 2024 to March 2025** Commonplace engagement on trial scheme allowing people to comment on the trial
- September 2024 to February 2025 Public events held in the trial closure on Phoenix Road
- November 2024 Accessibility audit with members of Camden Disability Action to look at the how the space works for people with a range of disabilities
- **December 2024 to March 2025** Steering group for permanent proposals for Phoenix Road engaged on emerging designs
- March 2025 Current consultation on making the trial permanent and other new proposals



Key design objectives emerged from this community engagement prior to the trial have served as a guide for the design proposals these are outlined below:

Figure 1: Community design objectives from previous engagement



Feedback from previous engagement and feedback received during the trial has also been considered to create our proposals for permanent changes. Community feedback on four key themes are set out in Table 1 below. To see diagrams of the changes that are proposed for each theme, see the plans included on the consultation webpage.

Table 1: Community feedback summary

Movement

- Traffic has reduced on streets that are now access only
- Traffic has increased on streets that remain open to traffic making walking and cycling less safe (including Bridgeway Street and Chalton Street),
- Current road layout is confusing
- Concern about access for emergency services
- Sense that longer journey times are ok
- Reduced motor vehicle access is a concern, including for businesses
- Concerns about conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians in the trial green space on Phoenix Road
- People are driving and parking on the pavement near the Ossulston Street / Phoenix Road junction
- Foodbank and other businesses need loading space
- Need to main access for disabled people

Green space & public spaces

- Air quality has improved
- Air and noise quality has gotten worse on streets that have seen a traffic increase
- Increased anti-social behaviour
- Personal safety concerns at night
- The green space could have better seating and planting and include more colour and artwork
- Litter issues in the open space
- Concerns around rough sleeping in the trial green space
- The space is too exposed to the weather.
- Planters are easy to use for community food or herb growing
- Seating should be more accessible

•	Pavements could be made more accessible in some areas The Phoenix Road and Chalton Street junction could be clearer and more accessible to navigate and is a centre point in the community	
Play •	Play is one of the best activities for the space	 Culture & heritage The project is an opportunity for local businesses to extend into the public space, e.g. through events Designs should reflect the different communities in Somers Town The permanent changes should reflect local heritage and join up with existing cultural projects

Parking Changes

To deliver the proposed green space improvements, we are proposing to remove some parking spaces on the following streets:

Ossulston Street north of the Phoenix Road junction

- 2x Resident Permit Holder bays on the eastern side
- 1x Pay-by-phone bay on the western side

Ossulston Street south of the Phoenix Road junction

• 2x Pay-by-phone bays on the western side

Chalton Street south of the Phoenix Road junction

2x Resident permit bays

Werrington Street north of the Phoenix Road junction

• 2x Pay-by-phone bays on the western side

See the Consultation Plans, p3 for more details.

In total we are proposing to remove 9 parking bays, of which 4 are resident permit bays and 5 are pay-by-phone bays. Our parking data shows that resident permit numbers would either match the number of bays remaining on streets where we are proposing to remove resident bays, or that there would still be spare capacity.