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Clerkenwell Green consultation

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1. Summary

1.1 A proposed design for the improvement of the historic Clerkenwell Green has been developed and consulted upon. The consultation gave people the opportunity to provide comments on the concept design for Clerkenwell Green.

1.2 Public consultation on the concept design took place between Monday 18 September 2017 and Monday 30 October 2017, providing six weeks of consultation.

1.3 433 responses were received in total: 425 responses from individuals (residents, local workers, business owners and others, such as visitors), eight from stakeholders and one from a Ward Councillor.

1.4 Of the 425 individuals that responded:

- 82% indicated support for the proposals
- 9% indicated objection to the proposals
- 6% indicated mixed views toward the proposals
- 3% did not want any changes made to the Green

1.5 All eight stakeholders that responded expressed support for the proposals. A Ward Councillor responded to express their support for the proposals.

1.6 The following views were received from all respondents:

- Support for the scheme, changes to traffic and parking, the health and active travel benefits of the project, and the reuse of the toilets
- Objection to tree removal and the proposed statue
- Requests for more greenery and to protect the historic character of the area
- Concerns about anti-social behaviour, pedestrian and cyclist conflict, loss of parking and traffic displacement

2. Background

2.1 Clerkenwell Green is one of London's oldest squares, and dates back to the 12th Century. The space has a rich historic and cultural heritage, shaped by its role in radical social and political history and a characterful townscape. The council wants to improve the space so that it can be better enjoyed by the local community and to ensure that it reflects and reveals its rich culture and heritage. The redesign of the space commenced in June 2016.

2.2 To support the development of designs, the Clerkenwell Green Stakeholder Group was formed. Chaired by Councillor Alice Donovan (Clerkenwell Ward Councillor), the group is made up of representatives of heritage interests, local residents, local businesses and key local facilities:

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| Councillor Alice Donovan (Chair) | Councillor for the Clerkenwell Ward |
| Councillor James Court | Councillor for the Clerkenwell Ward |
| Councillor Raphael Andrews | Councillor for the Clerkenwell Ward |
| Councillor Claudia Webbe | Executive Member for Environment and Transport |
- Farringdon Clerkenwell Business Improvement District (BID)
 - Clerkenwell Green Preservation Society
 - Friends of Clerkenwell Green
 - Clerkenwell Green Estate
 - The Islington Society
 - The Islington Building Preservation Trust
 - Marx Memorial Library
 - Trades Union Congress (on behalf of the Sylvia Pankhurst Memorial Committee)
 - Satila Studios
 - St James' Church
 - The Crown Tavern public house

3. Methodology

3.1 Public consultation on the proposals took place between Monday 18 September 2017 and Monday 30 October 2017. Comments submitted up to 7 November 2017 have been considered. Three consultation events were held during this period at St James' Church, Clerkenwell on:

- Tuesday 3 October 2017, 5 - 8pm
- Saturday 7 October 2017, 11am - 2pm
- Tuesday 10 October 2017, 3pm - 6pm

3.2 A record of attendees at the events was kept: 100 people in total attended the three events. The majority of attendees were residents, with some stakeholders and local workers. All attendees were encouraged to respond formally by email, through the online survey or by returning a completed feedback form.

3.3 Approximately 3,800 information leaflets were distributed to residents, businesses and stakeholders.

3.4 The leaflet included:

- an explanation of the purpose of the consultation;
- a summary of the council's ambition for the area;
- a plan showing the project area;
- details of where to find the plans on the council's website;
- an invitation to the drop-in information sessions;
- information on what will happen once the public consultation period has finished, including approximate timescales;
- details of a link to an online survey;
- a request for comments on the plans (responses by freepost address, email or survey); and
- a note stating that the council will report the outcome of the consultation on its website after the consultation has been completed.

3.4 Information about the consultation posted on the council's Clerkenwell Green webpage (www.islington.gov.uk/clerkenwellgreen) included:

- background information on the project;
- links to the feedback form and information leaflet;
- details of the drop-in information sessions;
- information on what would happen once the public consultation period finished; and
- a note that we will post the consultation report on the website after consultation.

4. Response to public consultation

4.1 There was a significant degree of online interest during the consultation period. Between 18 September 2017 and 30 October 2017 there were 2,922 visits to the project webpage. These visitors spent an average of three minutes and 34 seconds on the webpage. As part of the council's Twitter campaign on the consultation, 161 users followed links from tweets to access the project webpage. The council's tweets relating to the consultation were retweeted 25 times: The council estimates that up to 145,200 people may have seen messages relating to the consultation.

4.2 The project received coverage in the London-wide press, with coverage being generally positive. A number of letters were sent to the local press during the consultation on a range of issues.

4.3 433 responses were received in total: 315 responses were submitted through the online survey, 43 responses were emailed directly to the project team, and 75 responses were submitted by return of a feedback form.

4.4 Of the 433 responses received, 387 provided an opinion or comments. The type of comment received per group is set out below:

Responses	Response breakdown			
	Positive	Negative	Mixed views	Leave it as it is
Resident	78% (169)	10% (23)	6% (12)	6% (12)
Local worker	87% (94)	5% (6)	7% (7)	1% (1)
Business owner	88% (13)	6% (1)	6% (1)	0% (0)
Other	90% (43)	6% (3)	4% (2)	0% (0)
Total	82% (319)	9% (33)	6% (22)	3% (13)

4.5 In addition, eight responses were received from the following stakeholders:

- the National Grid
- Historic England
- Cycle Islington
- Islington Living Streets
- the Urban Design Group
- the Marx Memorial Library
- the Farringdon and Clerkenwell Business Improvement District (BID)
- the Clerkenwell Green Preservation Society

4.6 All eight stakeholders that responded expressed support for the proposals. The removal of car dominance (traffic and parking) was supported. Some stakeholders submitted comments on technical elements of the scheme, such as paving materials, construction methods and design and conservation issues.

4.7 One Ward Councillor responded to the consultation and expressed support for the proposals. The Councillor expressed support for changing Clerkenwell Green to better serve as a space for the local community to enjoy, and supported the removal of some through-traffic and all car parking. The response also included comments that the changes will still allow deliveries and car parking and that the improvements will generate increased trade for local businesses.

4.8 The ten most common views (in order of popularity) that emerged from the responses are set out below:

- General support for the core principles of the project: to make the space more liveable and enjoyable by reducing car dominance by removing through traffic and parking, with some people requesting all traffic to be removed from the space. Support for the health benefits of the project in terms of active travel and air quality improvements.
- Objection to the proposed removal of four trees and requests for more trees, planting and grassed areas.
- Support for benefits to cycling, including requests for additional cycle parking in Clerkenwell Green.
- Requests for the area's historic character to be protected, with requests for a more heritage-based palette of materials including the reuse of the historic setts at Clerkenwell Close.
- Concerns around potential negative impacts, such as increased littering, increased anti-social behaviour and that the quiet character of the area will be harmed.
- Concerns relating to potential pedestrian and cyclist conflict in Clerkenwell Green.
- Concern regarding loss of parking for residents, businesses and visitors.
- Objection to the proposed statue of Sylvia Pankhurst.
- Support for the reuse of the disused underground toilets, with mixed responses on cultural or commercial uses.
- Concern regarding traffic displacement in the local area.

4.9 In October 2017, the council was made aware of a petition relating to Scotti's Snack Bar. The petition is named 'Keep Clerkenwell real, keep Scotti's alive'. The petition was received on 10 January 2018 and the petition remains live (with 603 signatures). The petition refers to concerns that the proposals will affect the livelihoods of the owners of Scotti's Snack Bar. Officers met with the owners of Scotti's Snack Bar on 3 September 2017 and 16 October 2017 to discuss their concerns. The petition is attached at Appendix 3.

4.10 In summary, concerns are raised in the petition about the livelihoods of the owners of Scotti's Snack Bar, with particular concern that:

- the proposals for Clerkenwell Green were not 'for everyone';
- the removal of parking will add pressure to parking demand in the wider area; and
- proposed changes to local access would result in more traffic using the area as a cut-through and increase pollution.

4.11 The proposals for Clerkenwell Green have been developed to be as inclusive as possible, creating much-improved pedestrian space whilst retaining essential vehicular access. Regarding parking, surveys indicate that there would be sufficient capacity in the direct vicinity of the Green, within walking distance, to accommodate parking displaced from Clerkenwell Green. In terms of through-traffic, this is expected to reduce significantly as a result of the proposed road layout and access arrangements at Clerkenwell Green, which would result in improved local air quality.

5. Profile of respondents

5.1 Respondents to the consultation were asked to provide information on their interest in the project, along with other demographic information.

	Percentage of respondents
Respondents	
Residents	56%
Local workers	28%
Other (visitors, students, tour guides)	12%
Business owners	4%
Stakeholders	2%
How do you use the Green?	
I visit the area in my free time	33%
I cycle through the Green	24%
I use the space as part of my commute / daily activities	16%
I walk through the Green	8%
I drive through the space regularly	8%
I use parking in the Green	4%
Different type of use	4%
I am a member of a heritage or interest group	3%
Age profile	
Under 16	0%
16-24	2%
25-44	45%
45-64	40%
65+	13%
Gender profile	
Male	65%
Female	32%

5.2 The above information is based on responses submitted through the online survey or by return of the feedback form. Not all respondents that provided feedback via these methods provided responses to the above questions.

6. Summary of comments received

- 6.1** A total of 1,398 comments were made on the proposals by 433 respondents. These comments cover 274 different issues.
- 6.2** The breakdown of the nature of responses submitted by each group is set out below.
- 6.3** During analysis of the responses, 20 categories and areas of comment emerged, with the most commented on categories being public space, traffic and access, parking, greenery and cycling.
- 6.4** The 20 categories in order of the number responses received are:

Rank	Issue	Total comments	% of overall total
1	Public space	272	19%
2	Traffic and access	228	16%
3	Parking	185	13%
4	Greenery	125	9%
4	Cycling	120	9%
5	Activity and events	56	4%
5	Materials	55	4%
5	Strategic issues	55	4%
6	Conservation	46	3%
6	Impacts	44	3%
6	Loading, deliveries, servicing, drop-off and refuse	38	3%
6	Businesses	37	3%
7	Statue of Sylvia Pankhurst	29	2%
7	Disused public toilets	28	2%
7	Clerkenwell Close	23	2%
8	Sekforde Street	16	1%
8	Costs	14	1%
8	Comments on leaflet	11	1%
8	Bus stands	8	1%
8	Accessibility	8	1%

7. Response to comments

7.1 A summary of the responses received in each group and the council's response to these is set out below. The 'other' category of comments includes requests or suggestions that were submitted during the consultation, which were neither positive nor negative.

1. Public space	272 comments, 19% of the total comments received		
72% positive	7% negative	21% other	
Positive			
The majority of positive comments in this group supported the proposals for making the space more usable/liveable by prioritising pedestrians, creating a space for the community, increasing the amount of usable public space in the area and providing new seating areas.			
Negative			
The negative comments in this group question the benefits of the project in terms of the benefits to pedestrians and the need for the new public space in the area, considering the proximity of the nearby St James' Gardens.			
Other			
There were a number of comments requesting that seating with arms and backs be provided as part of the scheme, and for more seating. A number of people requested that the quiet character of the Green should be maintained. Requests for anti-skateboard measures and design details to discourage antisocial behaviour were also submitted.			
Response			
The arrival of Crossrail at Farringdon in 2018 will generate additional visitors to the area. The project will improve the pedestrian experience of the many thousands of pedestrians who use Clerkenwell Green now and will do in the future by reducing conflict between pedestrians and vehicles and providing enhanced surroundings for journeys and to stop and sit.			
St James' Gardens is very busy during the summer months, providing outdoor space for the many thousands of people living and working in the area. An improved Clerkenwell Green will relieve the pressure on St James' Gardens by providing another public space for people to meet.			
Accessibility requirements and comfort will be considered when selecting street furniture.			
Anti-skateboarding and design details to discourage antisocial behaviour will be explored during the next design stage.			

2. Traffic and access	228 comments, 16% of the total comments received		
71% positive	16% negative	12% other	
Positive			
<p>54% of comments about traffic and access expressed support for removing through traffic and reducing car dominance. The second most popular comment about traffic and access are requests to remove all vehicles from the space.</p> <p>There was a general support for the creation of the one-way eastbound access-only road, and requests for its operation to be enforced.</p>			
Negative			
<p>A number of comments expressed concerns based on the assumption that traffic will be displaced within the neighbourhood and cause disruption.</p> <p>A small number of respondents did not support the proposed removal of through-traffic and reducing car dominance in the area.</p>			
Other			
<p>Respondents submitted a range of comments relating to the one-way access road, suggesting a range of ways that the road can be operated/managed, including using controlled or fixed bollards and cameras to monitor activity.</p> <p>There were also a number of requests for improvements to the crossing on Clerkenwell Road that forms the main connection between Clerkenwell Green and Farringdon Station.</p>			
Response			
<p>Traffic that currently uses the area as part of through-routes is expected to find alternative routes via the main road network, rather than be displaced through the neighbourhood. It is expected that the surrounding roads would be able to accommodate traffic that would be displaced from the Green.</p> <p>Arrangements for the management and operation of the proposed one-way access-only road will be developed at the next design stage.</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the pedestrian crossing on Clerkenwell Road will be explored.</p>			

3. Parking	185 comments, 13% of the total comments received		
64% positive	28% negative	9% other	
Positive			
<p>63% of the comments received about parking expressed support for removing car parking from Clerkenwell Green.</p>			

Negative
The majority of negative comments about parking expressed concern that the removal of parking would place additional pressure on parking in the area. Other concerns related to the loss of parking for business use and for visitors to local residents. A number of comments related to concerns around the loss of accessible parking.
Other
A number of responses about parking requested that a small amount of parking be retained in the Green, and requests that resident parking bays be protected. There were also requests for the electric vehicle charging point on Farringdon Lane to be retained or relocated in the immediate area.
Response
<p>Parking surveys undertaken in November 2016 indicate that there would be capacity in the wider area to meet demand for car parking if parking was to be removed from Clerkenwell Green.</p> <p>The next stage of the project will include a more detailed assessment of the current residential, business and pay and display parking in the area to indicate where changes to parking may be required to improve parking efficiency. Any changes to parking would be subject to approvals, such as traffic management orders.</p>

4. Greenery	125 comments, 9% of the total comments received		
	15% positive	23% negative	62% other
Positive			
The proposal for new trees was supported. Two people supported the proposed removal of two trees.			
Negative			
23 of the total 125 comments about greenery objected to the proposed removal of four trees from the area. Some respondents did not support the location of some proposed trees, such as the one proposed to be located opposite the Crown Tavern and in the new 'gateway' space close to Clerkenwell Road.			
Other			
33% of comments in this group were requests for the proposals to include more greenery. There were specific requests for more trees, grassed areas, planting beds, portable planters and a small show garden.			
A number of comments were submitted referring to the proposed seven new trees: some comments requested that these be repositioned to better frame historic views and buildings.			

Response
Opportunities to introduce more green elements will be explored at the next design stage.

5. Cycling	120 comments, 9% of the total comments received		
26% positive	23% negative	51% other	
Positive			
Many respondents submitted comments that recognised and supported the benefits that the proposals will have for cycling in the area. Support was also provided for the proposal to maintain cycle movement through the Green.			
Negative			
Most negative comments about cycling expressed concerns about potential movement conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.			
Other			
The majority of comments on cycling were requests for additional cycle parking in Clerkenwell Green.			
The remainder of comments on cycling were requests and suggestions for how cyclists will be able to use the space in the future: most comments of this type requested that the one-way access-only road be made two-way for cyclists to maintain east-west cycle access through the space. Other respondents requested that cycle access be maintained between the Green and Clerkenwell Road (the proposals show the road here being removed).			
Response			
Options for introducing additional cycle parking in Clerkenwell Green will be explored.			
Options for improving cycle accessibility in the area will be explored, considering the suggestions received as part of the consultation.			

6. Activity and events	56 comments, 4% of the total comments received		
5% positive	34% negative	61% other	
Positive			
The positive responses submitted about activity and events expressed support for holding public events in the Green.			
Negative			
The majority of comments in this group were concerns that the Green's existing outdoor seating areas will expand and dominate the Green. Similar comments expressed concern that changes to the Green would encourage further commercial activity on the Green, and that extra activity would create additional noise and disruption.			
Other			
Most requests and suggestions in this group were for the inclusion of a water feature in the Green, with suggestions for a fountain, bottle-fill facility or birdbath.			
The remaining comments in this group were opinions and requests for how the space should be used in the future. There was no clear position, with some comments requesting food and drink stalls and a local market and opportunities for additional commercial activity against requests that no further licences for alcohol sales or tables and chairs in the Green be permitted.			
Response			
The consultation did not result in a clear message about what types of activities and events would be acceptable in Clerkenwell Green. The range of different suggestions, requests and concerns indicates that a balance between opportunities for people to enjoy the space as part of public events and the need to maintain the Green's quiet character needs to be found.			
The council will explore how it may provide guidance on the types of events and activity that will be appropriate in the Green in the future.			

7. Materials	55 comments, 4% of the total comments received		
9% positive	45% negative	45% other	
Positive			
Support was provided for the council's proposal to use high quality natural materials in the historic setting of Clerkenwell Green.			

Negative
Most negative comments indicated that the proposed palette of materials and the style of public space this would create is not supported. A number of negative comments relate to concerns about the extensive use of hard materials and the suitability of granite setts in terms of durability as a road surface and suitability for cyclists.
Other
There were a number of requests for the historic setts in the area to be revealed and reused. A number of respondents requested repaving in the wider neighbourhood, particularly on Clerkenwell Close.
Response
The general message from this group of comments is that respondents wish to see a heritage-led design for the space, with particular emphasis that the construction, finish and maintenance of the space should be of the highest possible quality. Details of the treatment of the space will be developed during the next design stage with the involvement of Historic England.

8. Strategic issues	55 comments, 4% of the total comments received	
58% positive	0% negative	42% other
Positive		
This group of comments relate to the Green on a wider scale, with positive comments expressing recognition and support for the expected air quality and health benefits of the project. Respondents also recognised the potential benefits of the project in the context of Crossrail commencing operations at Farringdon Station in late 2018, and in relation to the Mayor of London's draft Transport Strategy and Healthy Streets Approach.		
Negative		
There were no negative comments in this group.		
Other		
A number of comments requested that the project be extended to explore opportunities to improve Vine Street Bridge. The remainder of comments focused on how Clerkenwell Green should link to projects such as Crossrail, St James' Gardens and the reuse of the Old Sessions House, and strengthen connections to neighbouring areas such as Farringdon and Hatton Garden. There were also a number of requests for specific works in the area and requests for information on project timescales, phasing and construction processes.		

Response

Specific requests for highways maintenance works in the wider area will be considered by the council.

Vine Street Bridge is identified as a future project in the Finsbury Local Plan, and is likely to be included in the council's emerging new Local Plan.

Clarification on project timescales will be listed on the project webpage at www.islington.gov.uk/clerkenwellgreen

9. Heritage and conservation	46 comments, 3% of the total comments received	
22% positive	4% negative	74% other
Positive		
A number of respondents expressed support for the project's potential to enhance the historic character of the Green.		
Negative		
Two respondents commented that the proposals do not protect and preserve the historic character of the area.		
Other		
The majority of comments in this group were requests and suggestions that the historic character of Clerkenwell Green be maintained, with suggestions that Historic England and other bodies should be closely involved as the project moves forward.		
On a similar theme, respondents requested that the heritage of the area be revealed and explained through a heritage interpretation scheme. This was supported by comments requesting that the Clerk's Well and other heritage assets in the area be protected and preserved.		
Response		
The comments in this group demonstrate that the historic character of the area is valued and measures to protect, enhance and reveal its heritage would be welcomed. The council will continue to ensure that the proposals for Clerkenwell Green will protect, enhance and reveal its heritage, character and culture.		

10. Impacts	44 comments, 3% of the total comments received		
36% positive	48% negative	16% other	
Positive			
Positive comments in this group expressed support for the likely positive impacts of the proposals.			
Negative			
The majority of comments in this group are concerns relating to the expected or assumed impacts of the proposals for Clerkenwell Green. Concerns relate to the threat of additional visitors harming the quiet character of the area, and that additional public space will encourage anti-social behaviour such as loitering, littering and urinating. Comments also referred to concerns that the reuse of the Old Sessions House will change the character of the space, and requests that the activities of patrons should be managed.			
Other			
Comments included suggestions that opportunities for a Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) in the area should be explored as a result of the proposed paving treatment.			
Response			
Comments in this group indicate that some people are concerned about how the space's character may change as a result of the proposals. The majority of these concerns relate to issues that the council manages through its regulatory functions such as planning, licensing and highways.			

11. Loading, deliveries, servicing, drop-off and refuse	38 comments, 3% of the total comments received		
8% positive	21% negative	71% other	
Positive			
Positive comments in this group expressed support for the proposed changes to delivery and servicing arrangements.			
Negative			
Negative comments in this group mainly related to the location and provision of loading/delivery bays. A number of responses set out concerns relating to proposed changes to refuse collections in the area for residents and businesses.			

Other
<p>The majority of comments in this group are requests for additional bins in anticipation of an increase in demand once the space is in use.</p> <p>A number of detailed suggestions were received on the management and operation of the proposed loading/delivery bays. There is no clear pattern or consensus to these comments, with specific requests being submitted by parties with specific interests.</p>
Response
<p>Comments in this group were varied: residents, businesses and stakeholders each have views about how servicing in the area should operate. These views will be considered during the next stages of the project.</p>

12. Businesses	37 comments, 3% of the total comments received	
46% positive	49% negative	5% other
Positive		
<p>A number of comments in this group express support for the potential for the proposals to generate more trade for local businesses. Some comments also suggested that the changes would encourage businesses to remain in the area or locate to the area.</p>		
Negative		
<p>A significant proportion of comments in this group are concerns relating to proposed changes to access in the area: some comments expressed concern about access for maintenance and works, some for deliveries and some for taxis and visitors to the café Scotti's.</p> <p>Other negative comments in this group relate to the impacts of construction noise and expected additional traffic outside business premises.</p> <p>The council received a petition in January 2018 from a local business in relation to the proposals for Clerkenwell Green. Further information on the petition is set out at section 4.9 of this report.</p>		
Other		
<p>Other comments requested that businesses should be supported throughout the project so that issues such as noise and changes to access could be managed.</p>		
Response		
<p>Responses regarding businesses were split between support for the benefits of the scheme and concerns regarding practical operational issues such as access and parking.</p> <p>These views will be considered during the future stages of the project.</p>		

The council will work with concerned businesses to understand and consider their concerns as the project progresses.

The issues raised in the petition are addressed at section 4.10 of this report.

13. Statue of Sylvia Pankhurst	29 comments, 2% of the total comments received		
34% positive	52% negative	14% other	
Positive			
All positive comments in this group express support for the proposed statue.			
Negative			
The majority of comments in this group expressed a lack of support for the proposed statue of Sylvia Pankhurst, with the comments stating that Sylvia Pankhurst does not have a strong enough link to Clerkenwell Green to merit a statue. Some comments stated a lack of support for any council funding being allocated towards the statue.			
Other			
Other comments in this group suggested that any statue in the area should represent a figure with a clear link to the Green, and that the relevance of Sylvia Pankhurst to the area should be made clearer.			
Response			
Further information on the background to the proposal for the statue to be located in Clerkenwell Green and the links between Sylvia Pankhurst and the area will be provided.			

14. Disused public toilets	28 comments, 2% of the total comments received		
4% positive	7% negative	89% other	
Positive			
The only clear positive comment in this group was support for the space to be reused for something other than a toilet.			
Negative			
Two respondents registered objection to any commercial reuse of the space.			

Other
<p>The majority of comments in this group were requests and suggestions for how the space and its above-ground area be treated.</p> <p>Some respondents requested that the space be converted for a use such as a café or cultural use, or just a general commercial use. This was balanced by comments requesting that the toilets be reopened.</p> <p>There were also suggestions for how the above-ground area of the toilets should be treated, with requests for outdoor seating and for the area to be tidied up.</p>
Response
<p>Responses about the disused public toilets in Clerkenwell Green do not indicate a clear message for how the space may be reused. The council will continue to consider options for the reuse of the space.</p>

15. Clerkenwell Close (section adjacent to Marx Memorial Library)	23 comments, 2% of the total comments received		
4% positive	17% negative	78% other	
Positive			
<p>The positive comment in this group expressed support for changing Clerkenwell Green to two-way traffic operations.</p>			
Negative			
<p>The negative comments in this group relate to concerns about the impacts of introducing two-way traffic to this section of Clerkenwell Close, such as increased traffic and noise.</p>			
Other			
<p>The majority of comments relating to Clerkenwell Close are requests and suggestions for how the road could be treated and operate. The main message from these comments is that there is local concern about pedestrian safety on Clerkenwell Close, and concern about the potential traffic impacts of the proposals.</p> <p>Suggestions for improving conditions include the road being made local access only, introducing a pedestrian crossing close to the Marx Memorial Library and pedestrianising the street close to St James' Church.</p>			
Response			
<p>Suggestions and comments relating to how this section of Clerkenwell Close may function in the future will be considered during the next stage of the project.</p>			

16. Sekforde Street	16 comments, 1% of the total comments received		
6% positive	69% negative	25% other	
Positive			
The single positive comment in this group expressed support for the benefits that are expected at Sekforde Street as a result of the proposals.			
Negative			
The majority of comments in this section were concerns around the potential impacts of the proposals for Clerkenwell Green on the residents of Sekforde Street, particularly regarding parking and traffic displacement. There were also comments that residents of Sekforde Street will unfairly benefit from the proposals.			
A number of comments relate to the proposed changes to access to Sekforde Street, which, after delivery of the project, would only be possible from St John Street. Comments were received relating to additional journey times for residents of Sekforde Street who commute using cars.			
Other			
There were two requests for additional traffic management measures in response to the proposals: for Sekforde Street residents to be permitted to use the one-way only road, and for restrictions on heavy/wide vehicles on Sekforde Street.			
Response			
The proposals have been developed to improve both the Green and the local area. Whilst access to Sekforde Street will change and only be possible from St John Street, the changes would see an overall reduction in non-local traffic, benefitting the wider area.			

17. Costs	14 comments, 1% of the total comments received		
0% positive	64% negative	36% other	
Positive			
No positive comments regarding costs were received.			
Negative			
The majority of comments in this group suggest that the assumed cost of the project is not matched by the expected benefits, and that the funds may be better directed to other projects.			
Other			
Other comments in this group include suggestions for how the scheme may be cost engineered, such as by retaining kerbs and the existing drainage system and by using lower-cost surface treatments.			
Response			
High quality materials and finishes have been proposed considering Clerkenwell Green's status as a designated Conservation Area.			
During the future stages of the project, a value engineering exercise will be carried out to ensure that opportunities for cost savings are fully explored.			

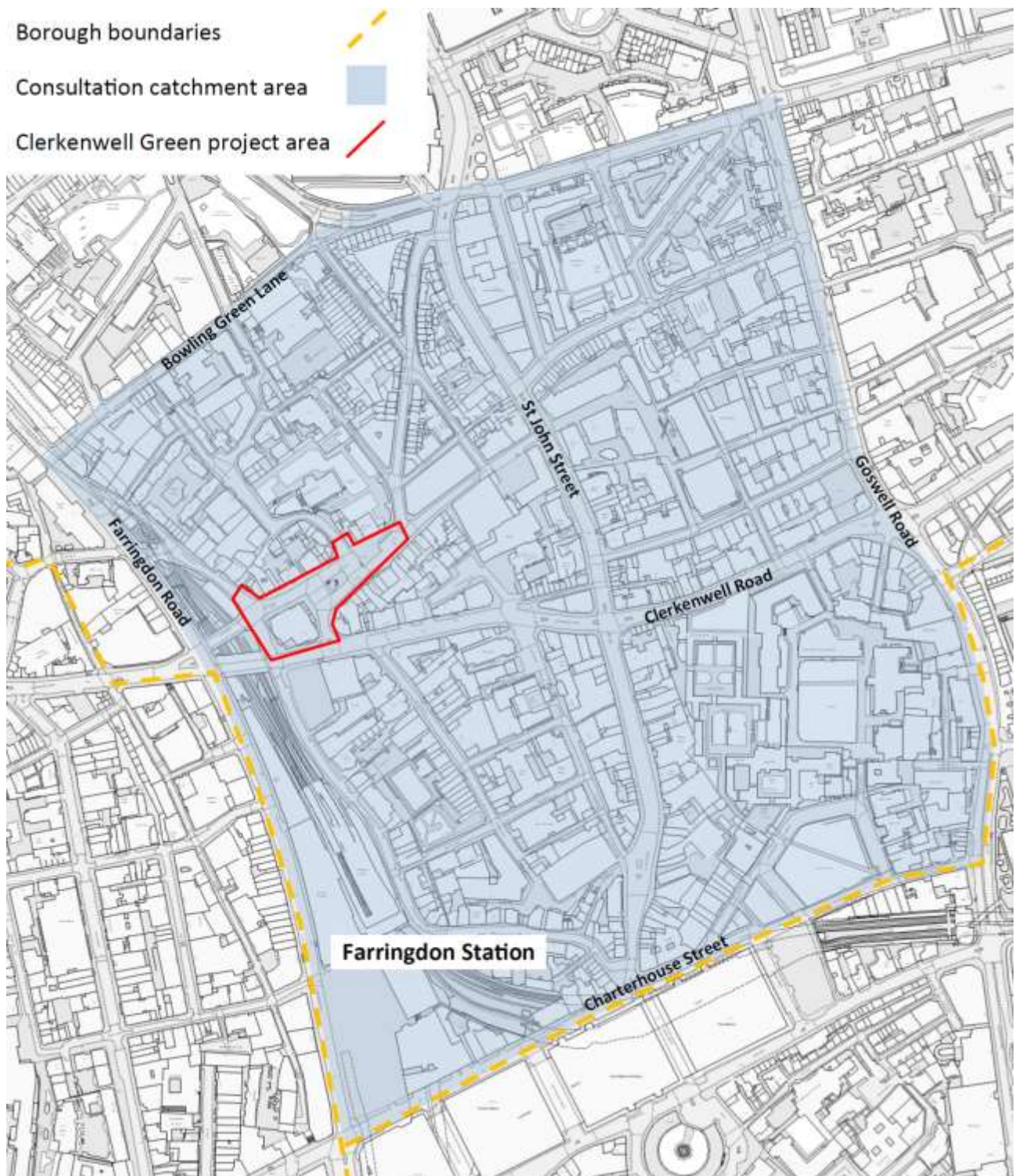
18. Comments on leaflet	11 comments, 1% of the total comments received		
0% positive	18% negative	82% other	
Positive			
No positive comments regarding the information leaflet were received.			
Negative			
One comment expressed concern that the style of the large plan showing the proposals was unsuitable for colour-blind people.			
Other			
Most comments in this group were requests for clarifications and comments on the information leaflet, in terms of the plan of the proposals and leaflet text.			

Response
<p>Clarifications to specific queries on the leaflet are set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pink dot on the plan is the proposed location of the statue of Sylvia Pankhurst • The small blue dots on the plan are the proposed new locations of the listed bollards that are currently located close to the Crown Tavern • The access-only eastbound access road is shown as purple on the plan. The road would only be permitted for use by those requiring access to garages on the north and south side of the road • The blue box located to the south of the Crown Tavern on the plan marks the location of the historic cattle trough. This was shown in the information leaflet in the same is as the relocated bus stands, and was a design error • The disused underground toilets are being refurbished by the council. Any reuse of the space will need to complement the character of the improved Clerkenwell Green • The concern that the plan and key was unsuitable for colour-blind people has been noted and will be taken into consideration when preparing consultation materials in the future

19. Bus stands	8 comments, 1% of the total comments received	
38% positive	50% negative	12% other
Positive		
A number of comments supporting the proposals for moving bus stands from Clerkenwell Green were received.		
Negative		
Negative comments expressing concerns relating to the impacts that relocated stands may have on traffic and air quality at Farringdon Lane were received.		
Other		
A suggestion was submitted for relocating the southernmost bus stand to a more northern location on Farringdon Lane to reveal the western face of the restored Old Sessions House.		
Response		
The proposals for relocating bus stands on Farringdon Lane were prepared in consideration of a number of issues: retaining existing parking, maintaining good traffic flow and sight lines for bus drivers. The proposed arrangement for bus stands on Farringdon Lane was the option that best balanced all of these competing interests.		

20. Accessibility	8 comments, 1% of the total comments received		
13% positive	63% negative	25% other	
Positive			
A positive comment was received in support of the proposed wider footways, less parking and fewer cars in the area and the way that these will assist visually impaired visitors to enjoy the space.			
Negative			
Two comments expressed concern that removing parking from Clerkenwell Green will discourage those with accessibility requirements from visiting the area, assuming that demand for parking in the area will be higher.			
Concerns were received regarding the suitability of granite setts and the proposed seating steps for visitors with accessibility requirements.			
Respondent also registered concern about how the proposals would accommodate access for emergency service access.			
Other			
A request was made for kerb upstands to ensure that visually impaired or blind people could detect the difference between road and pavement by shadow and by depth.			
Response			
To clarify, kerbs in Clerkenwell Green would have a 60mm upstand.			
Parking surveys undertaken in November 2016 indicate that there would be capacity in the wider area to meet demand for car parking if parking was to be removed from Clerkenwell Green.			
The council met with the London Fire Brigade and Metropolitan Police Service during the development of the concept design, and both bodies confirmed that the design would allow emergency vehicle access.			
Despite the proposed removal of parking from the Green, parking will continue to be available in the direct vicinity.			
Arrangements for access to the Green for persons with restricted mobility will be considered during the next design stage.			

Appendix A Project area and leaflet distribution catchment area



Appendix B

List of responses received

1. Public space (272 comments, 19% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
54		32	2	10	10		Support for making space more usable/liveable
34	3	17		8	6		Support for prioritising pedestrians
28	4	11		7	6		Support for Clerkenwell Green to provide a community space / local focal point
28	1	15		9	3		Supports benefits for pedestrians
21		15		5	1		Support for increase in amount of public space
12	1	7		3	1		Request for seating with arms and backs (benches)
12	1	8		2	1		Suggestion that quiet character of space should be maintained
8		4		2	2		Support for more green/open space in an area lacking
7	1	4			2		Does not support seating steps
7		4	1	2			Suggestion that car owning minority should not be prioritised
6		4		1	1		Support for expected benefits for local workers and new visitors
6		5	1				Request for anti-skateboard measures
5		2	1		2		Suggestion that benefits will only be seen on weekdays
5		1		3	1		Request for more seating
4		4					Support for seating steps
4			1	2	1		Suggestion that benefits will only be seen in warm / sunny weather
4	1	2		1			Suggestion that public art and creative elements are included
3		1		1	1		Suggestion that benefit will only be felt by local workers, not local residents or visitors
3		1	1		1		Suggestion that the sunnier north side of Green should be made most of and the road realigned to the south side
3	1	1		1			Suggestion for more emphasis on reflecting character of area and hub for design and creative industries
2	1			1			Suggestion that access road be treated to look like public space to reflect level of expected use
2		1		1			Suggests that the scheme will not benefit pedestrians
2		1	1				Request for improved pedestrian crossings in Green
1				1			Suggestion that improved and expanded public space not needed as St James Gardens is already underused
1				1			Suggestion that project is not needed as St James' gardens caters for demand
1		1					Suggestion that project will relieve demand placed on St James' Gardens

1		1					Suggestion that existing local parks and open spaces meet demand, and improved space is not required
1		1					Suggestion for pebble shaped round seats
1		1					Suggestion that seating steps appear to direct people away from sun and views to Sessions House
1		1					Suggestion that seating needs detailing/change in design to prevent antisocial behaviour
1		1					Request for full segregation between pedestrians, cycles and cars
1	1						Suggestion that design does not reflect or accommodate requirements of those living and working in the area
1				1			Suggestion for shared space approach
1			1				Concern that pedestrian experience of Farringdon Lane will be affected by increase in bus standing and traffic
1		1					Suggestion that space will be quiet as there are no reasons to visit

2. Traffic and access (228 comments, 16% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
124	7	61	5	37	14		Support for removal of through traffic/reduced car dominance
25		11		11	3		Request for removal of all motor vehicles
11		7	1	2	1		Suggestion that assumed traffic displacement is unacceptable
8	1	4		1	2		Request that one-way access road be enforced
8		1		6	1		Request for improvements to crossing on Clerkenwell Road
6		6					Concern about impacts of adding traffic to Clerkenwell Road / Farringdon Road
6		4	1	1			Does not support removal of through traffic/reducing car dominance
5				5			Request to close vehicular access to Cowcross Street
5		2	1	2			Support for introduction of one-way access-only road
5		3	1	1			Does not support closing access between Clerkenwell Green and Clerkenwell Road
4		2		2			Support for closing access between Clerkenwell Green and Clerkenwell Road
3		1	1	1			One-way access-only road not supported
3		2		1			Request for measures to prevent rat running and allow access for deliveries and residents
2		1		1			Concern that Farringdon Lane cannot accommodate displaced delivery and servicing traffic
2		1		1			Concerns relating to taxi access
2				1	1		Supports changes to taxi access
2		1		1			Support for changes to Clerkenwell Green/Farringdon Lane junction

1	1						Suggestion that concerns about traffic displacement are unfounded
1					1		Suggestion that illegal stopping on Clerkenwell Close will cause disruption
1				1			Request for vehicle access to be controlled by bollards to open and close arms of Green as required
1		1					Request for one-way access-only road to allow deliveries and servicing
1		1					Suggestion for one-way access-only road to be a dead end with bollards and turning area
1			1				Concern about traffic increases in Sans Walk
1	1						Request to pedestrianise Aylesbury Street and Sekforde Street

3. Parking (185 comments, 13% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
110	6	53	5	27	19		Support for removing car parking
20		18		2			Concern that loss of parking will place additional pressure on parking
8		2	3	2	1		Concern around loss of parking spaces for business use
8		5		3			Support for reducing car parking
6		5		1			Suggestion that some parking should be provided
4		2	2				Concern around loss of accessible parking spaces
4		4					Concern that loss of parking will make things harder for those visiting family
4		4					Concern that car parking locations not suitable for resident needs
4		3	1				Request that residents parking bays are protected
3		3					Request that Farringdon Lane electric vehicle charging point be reprovided and more introduced in wider area
3		3					Concern that changes to parking in neighbouring areas has increased demand for parking in Clerkenwell Green
3		2		1			Suggestion that destinations need more visitor parking, not less
2	1	1					Concern that paved areas may be used for unauthorised parking
2		1	1				Concern that needs of those visiting area from outside London / not able to use public transport not considered
1		1					Suggestion that parking spaces are designated within NCP car park on Farringdon Road
1		1					Concern that removing parking will displace filming activities to nearby areas
1		1					Request to review parking surveys
1		1					Request for parking outside Red House on Britton Street to be suspended due to disruption and expected impacts of scheme

4. **Greenery** (125 comments, 9% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
42	1	25		14	2		Request for more greenery (did not specify)
23	3	13		4	3		Does not support tree removal
15		13		1	1		Support for proposed new trees
15	2	10		2	1		Request for grassed area
10		6		4			Request for planting beds
2	1	1					Support for tree removal
2	1				1		Does not support proposed new tree opposite Crown Tavern due to concerns it will obscure historic views of St James' Church
2		2					Does not support new trees
2		2					Suggestion for more trees in wider area (Farringdon Lane, Turnmill Street and Farringdon Road)
2		2					Support for more trees on north pavement of Clerkenwell Close
2		1		1			Suggestion for planters sponsored by local businesses
1	1						Request that iron circular grid tree pits be used
1	1						Suggestion that trees be planted to frame important buildings
1		1					Request for pruning of large tree in front of Sessions House to improve views
1		1					Does not support planting of new trees in 'gateway' space between Clerkenwell Road and Old Sessions House
1		1					Request for evergreen planting to add interest in winter
1		1					Does not support planting beds due to risk of littering
1		1					Request for wild animal habitats
1				1			Suggestion for artificial lawn

5. **Cycling** (120 comments, 9% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
26	1	7		15	3		Request for additional cycle parking in Clerkenwell Green
23		10		11	2		Support for expected benefits to cycling
20	2	17			1		Concern regarding pedestrian / cycle conflict in public spaces

10	1	2		5	2		Request that one-way access-only road be two-way for cyclists
7	1	2		4			Support for maintaining cycle movement through Clerkenwell Green
7		1	1	5			Request that cycle access be maintained between Clerkenwell Green and Clerkenwell Road
6		3		2	1		Request that links be made to neighbouring cycle networks
4				4			Request for cycle contraflow on Cowcross/Turnmill Street
3	1	2					Request for information on how space is to be shared between cyclists and pedestrians
3		1	1	1			Request for improving connections into Camden cycle network
2		1		1			Concern about current dangers to cyclists using the Green
2		1			1		Cycle movements to and from the Santander stand cause conflict
2		1		1			Concern that scheme does not offer benefits to cyclists
1		1					Request for delineated cycle path through the Green
1		1					Request to recognise area as part of a quiet cycle route
1	1						Support for retaining Santander stand
1		1					Does not support maintaining cycle access through space
1		1					Concern that plans are part of a pro-cycling anti-car position

6. Activity and events (56 comments, 4% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
10		9		1			Concern that outdoor areas of drinking venues will expand
7		5		2			Suggestion for water feature (fountain, bottle fill, birdbath) to reference Clerk's Well
5		5					Request for food and drink stalls (mostly coffee shops)
3		2		1			Support for holding of public events in Clerkenwell Green
3		2		1			Concern that changes would encourage further commercialisation
3		3					Concern that the Green will become a spill out space for the Old Sessions House
3		2		1			Request for no additional commercial activity in space
3		2	1				Request for local market
2		2					Suggestion that activities of Old Sessions House should become integral part of an improved Green
2		2					Request that opportunities for commercial elements be explored
2		1		1			Suggestion that the local creative community should be involved with the project in the future

2		1		1			Concerns around additional noise and disruption from public events
2		2					Request that no further licences to sell alcohol be approved
1		1					Request for a dog-friendly area
1			1				Request to retain existing tables and chairs licences
1		1					Suggestion for more chairs and tables in the Green to create a European atmosphere
1		1					Suggestion for small urban garden area, possibly flexible and linked to a competition
1				1			Does not support idea of local market
1	1						Suggestion for performances to take place on Green
1		1					Suggestion for creation of a bowls pitch
1		1					Request for events to be planned at weekends to activate the space
1		1					Suggestion for areas suitable for children's play

7. Materials (55 comments, 4% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
13	3	6		4			Proposed palette / style of materials not supported
13	3	7	1	2			Request that historic setts be reused and revealed
8		5		2	1		Requested for repaving in wider area
7		4		2	1		Does not support expanse of paving and road
5	1	3		1			Support for intention to use high quality natural materials
2	2						Concern relating to durability of granite setts
2	1				1		Concern that granite setts are not suitable for cyclists
1		1					Request for uplift in maintenance to ensure that new materials do not stain and discolour
1	1						Suggestion that material choices should reflect wider character of historic spaces within Clerkenwell (such as St John's Square)
1		1					Request for herringbone paving pattern to be used
1	1						Request for expert installation and good maintenance of granite setts
1	1						Concern that beer kegs can cause damage to paving materials

8. **Strategic issues** (55 comments, 4% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
14		5	1	6	2		Support for expected benefits to local air quality
13		3	1	6	3		Support for expected health benefits of project (air quality, mental health, active travel)
7	1	3	2	1			Request that opportunities for project at Vine Street bridge be explored in future
3		3					Request that construction be carefully managed and completed quickly
3		2	1				Request for project timescales to be clarified
2		1			1		Support for expected benefits in context of Crossrail
2		1			1		Support for project in context of fit with draft Mayor's Transport Strategy and Healthy Streets Approach
1	1						Request that stronger links are formed with neighbouring areas (Hatton Garden, Smithfield and Farringdon)
1				1			Support for similar approach to improving public spaces across borough
1		1					Request for council to manage impacts of Crossrail and development in local area
1					1		Request for information on how many options were worked up and why one was consulted on
1		1					Request for assurance that project is being developed in partnership with projects at St James' Gardens and the Old Sessions House
1			1				Request for southern pavement of Sans Walk to be widened due to safety concerns
1		1					Request for improvements to be extended along Aylesbury Street and south along St John Street to Clerkenwell Road
1			1				Request for works to be phased so popular summer months on the Green are not affected
1					1		Suggestion for Farringdon Lane to be included in the scheme and closed to traffic for outdoor activities
1		1					Suggestion for an underground link between Green and Farringdon Station, removing issue of crossing Clerkenwell Road
1		1					Suggestion for a tunnel beneath Clerkenwell Road between Farringdon Road and Goswell Road

9. **Conservation** (46 comments, 3% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
14	1	10		1	2		Request for historic character to be maintained
10		7		3			Support for project's potential to enhance historic character
7	1	6					Suggestion for some heritage interpretation/revealing and explaining heritage
3		3					Does not support recent development in area and impact on setting of Conservation Area (Anita House development)
2			1	1			Request that Historic England be involved in detailed design process
2		1	1				Concern that proposals do not protect and preserve historic character
2		2					Suggestion to improve the setting of the Clerk's Well
2	1	1					Suggestion for existing heritage assets to be restored e.g. toilet railings, benches
1		1					Request for opportunities to repurpose listed telephone boxes (digital/technology use)
1				1			Request for more reference to political history
1					1		Request that The Gardens Trust / London Parks and Gardens Trust be involved as statutory consultee for historic green spaces
1			1				Request that archaeological significance of site be explored

10. **Impacts** (44 comments, 3% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
15		9	1	4	1		Support for potential of scheme to create a safer environment
7		5	1	1			Concern that additional visitors will harm quiet character of area
7		5	2				Concern that additional public space will encourage new antisocial behaviour (loitering, littering, urinating, smoking)
6	1	1		4			Request that opportunities for Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) be explored
4		4					Concern that proposals will create more air pollution

3		3					Concern that antisocial behaviour will increase as a result of new visitors to Old Sessions House
1		1					Request for information on how impacts of Old Sessions House activities will be monitored/managed/mitigated
1				1			Support for potential for reducing noise

11. Loading, deliveries, servicing, drop-off and refuse (38 comments, 3% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
12		10	2				Request for additional bins to anticipate increase in litter
3	2	1					Suggestion that loading bays should be inset into pavement
3		1	1		1		Support for proposed changes to deliveries/servicing
2		1		1			Suggestion that servicing and deliveries be limited to agreed times
2	1	1					Request that main entrance of the Old Sessions House (fronting onto the Green) is served by a dedicated pick up and drop off point
2	1	1					Does not support proposed loading bay locations
2		1	1				Concern that provision of delivery bays will not accommodate demand
1	1						Request for additional drop-off point on Clerkenwell Road for Old Sessions House
1			1				Concern that Old Sessions House has a drop-off point nearby but other local destinations do not
1	1						Suggestion that delivery and servicing bay for Old Sessions House should be relocated to rear of building
1			1				Request that delivery bay on south side of Clerkenwell Close should be relocated to serve businesses on north side
1			1				Request for bay for use by Crown Tavern be moved closer to the pub
1		1					Suggestion that Crown Tavern's existing loading bay be retained as includes original setts
1			1				Request for information on how the Crown Tavern's timed deliveries will be managed
1			1				Suggestion that all bays be removed and replaced with single yellow lines
1		1					Suggestion that loading bay located close to St James' Church be located further south away from the tight corner
1			1				Concerns about poor existing street cleansing and impact on quality of space in future
1			1				Concerns around refuse collections for businesses
1				1			Concern that elderly residents will have to carry refuse further

12. Businesses (37 comments, 3% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
12	2	5		3	1		Support for potential to generate more trade for local businesses
5		1	2	2			Concern regarding future access for maintenance
5		1	1	3			Concern regarding access for deliveries
5			1	2	2		Concern that changes to access for taxis, couriers and deliveries will affect livelihood of Scotti's
3	1	1		1			Support for potential to encourage businesses to stay or move to area
2			1	1			Suggestion that expected increase in footfall will support Scotti's
1			1				Concerns relating to impact of construction noise on businesses
1					1		Concern that project threatens independent businesses
1					1		Concern that two-way traffic in front of Scotti's will discourage people to cross and visit café
1		1					Request that businesses be supported throughout process
1			1				Suggestion that Scotti's and La Rochetta are a destination and this has not been recognised in the proposals

13. Statue of Sylvia Pankhurst (29 comments, 2% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
13	1	6		3	3		Does not support statue of Sylvia Pankhurst due to lack of link to area
10		6	1	3			Support for statue of Sylvia Pankhurst
2		1			1		Request for a different statue that is more relevant to area history
1		1					Request that relevance of Sylvia Pankhurst to site be made clearer
1		1					Does not support design of statue, request for consultation on selection of artist
1		1					Does not support any council funding towards statue
1		1					Suggestion for statue of Oliver Twist

14. **Disused public toilets** (28 comments, 2% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
8		6	1	1			Request that toilets be reopened
4	1	2			1		Suggestion for cafe use in space
3		3					Request for more public toilets in area
3	1	1			1		Suggestion for cultural use in space
3	1	2					Suggestion for some form of commercial use
2		2					Objection to any commercial use of space (leasing, renting, selling)
1		1					Support for reusing the space
1		1					Request for outdoor seating around the toilets
1		1					Request for consultation on future of space to be undertaken
1		1					Request that area be tidied and enhanced
1		1					Suggestion to remove railings

15. **Clerkenwell Close** (23 comments, 2% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
4		1		2	1		Request for improvements to paving at Clerkenwell Close
3		1		2			Request for Clerkenwell Close to be made local access only
3	1	1	1				Suggestion to introduce traffic calming to Clerkenwell Close (removing access or remaining one-way)
3	2	1					Request for narrower Clerkenwell Close (4.5m)
3		1	1		1		Request for a pedestrian crossing at Marx Library
2		1	1				Suggestion that Clerkenwell Close is not suitable for two way traffic
2		2					Suggestion for pedestrianising Clerkenwell Close near to church
1			1				Support for two-way Clerkenwell Close
1		1					Suggestion that changes will direct more traffic into Clerkenwell Close
1			1				Concern that making Clerkenwell Close two way will have noise impacts and affect sleep

16. Sekforde Street (16 comments, 1% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
4		4					Changes to access to Sekforde Street network not supported
3		3					Concerns regarding parking impacts on Sekforde Street
3		3					Request for Sekforde Street residents to be permitted to use one-way access-only road
2					2		Suggestion that Sekforde Street residents unfairly benefit from proposals
1		1					Concern that changes will add ten minutes to daily commute for residents of Sekforde Street
1		1					Request for restrictions on heavy/wide vehicles on Sekforde Street
1		1					Concern regarding commercial traffic only having Sekforde Street as an exit
1		1					Support for benefits to Sekforde Street

17. Costs (14 comments, 1% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
7	1	3		2	1		Suggestion that assumed cost of project will be high and funding could be targeted elsewhere
3		1			2		Request for information on cost of scheme
1				1			Suggestion to retain kerbs, pavements and drainage system to save on cost
1		1					Concern that project is driven by private property interests, using planning contributions for delivery
1	1						Suggestion that using coloured asphalt and no carriageway markings may be a lower-cost compromise
1		1					Suggestion that expenditure on materials not needed when removing traffic will deliver most impact

18. Comments on leaflet (11 comments, 1% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
4		2	1	1			Request for clarification on meaning of dots and boxes on plan
3		2	1				Request for clarification on arrangements for one-way access-only road
2		1		1			Request for information on how toilets fit into scheme
1		1					Concern that trough same colour as bus stand
1		1					Concern that key used in consultation leaflet is unsuitable for colour-blind people

19. Bus stands (8 comments, 1% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
3		3					Support for relocating bus stands out of the Green
3		2		1			Concern around impacts of relocated stand on Farringdon Lane traffic
1	1						Suggestion that bus stand adjacent to Old Sessions House be relocated further north
1				1			Concern around impacts of relocated bus stand on air quality in Farringdon Lane area

20. **Accessibility** (8 comments, 1% of the total comments received)

Total responses	Response breakdown					Ref	Comment
	Stakeholder	Resident	Business owner	Local worker	Other		
2		1		1			Concern that removing parking will make finding an accessible space harder, discouraging people from visiting
1				1			Support for wider footways, less parking and fewer cars in helping visually impaired people enjoy the space
1			1				Concern around fire service access
1		1					Request for kerb upstand, not same level between road and public spaces/pavements
1				1			Suggestion for kerbs to be level with public spaces
1		1					Concern around accessibility of granite setts
1					1		Concern around accessibility of seating steps

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Appendix C Petition

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SAY NO TO GENTRIFICATION

Plans proposed by Islington Council are set to gentrify the area, by way of major pedestrianisation, creating a two-way street outside Scottis, and a Total ban on parking. This will have a devastating impact on the current character of Scottis and I fear for its future.

Islington Council have deemed that Scottis, a family business of over 50 years, serving the ever evolving community, business and residential, as NOT WORTHY as a place of interest.

Clearly, I attract the wrong sort of clientele!

This is Social Cleansing by stealth.

We also want improvements to the area. But a place for all people and users

A modicum of parking and access is required for ALL BUSINESSES on the Green.

Current plans, proposed by Islington council to remove all 42 parking bays on Clerkenwell Green, will force vehicles to look for non-existent parking bays in the surrounding RESIDENTIAL streets populated by the Peabody Estate.

This would create a 'rat-run', severely increasing the POLLUTION levels on the Green and Close.

The only beneficiaries of the proposed plans are the residents of the Sekforde Street, by its access only route, turning it into Clerkenwell's own "Private Millionaire Row".

This CLASS distinction has to STOP !!!

We ask Islington Council to withdraw these proposals and re-draw its plans, and the reinstatement of SOME parking bays on the Green.