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**Important information regarding
Mell Street Pocket Parks**

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Dear Resident,

I am writing to you regarding the planned works on Mell Street, as work begins on the Pocket Parks scheme.

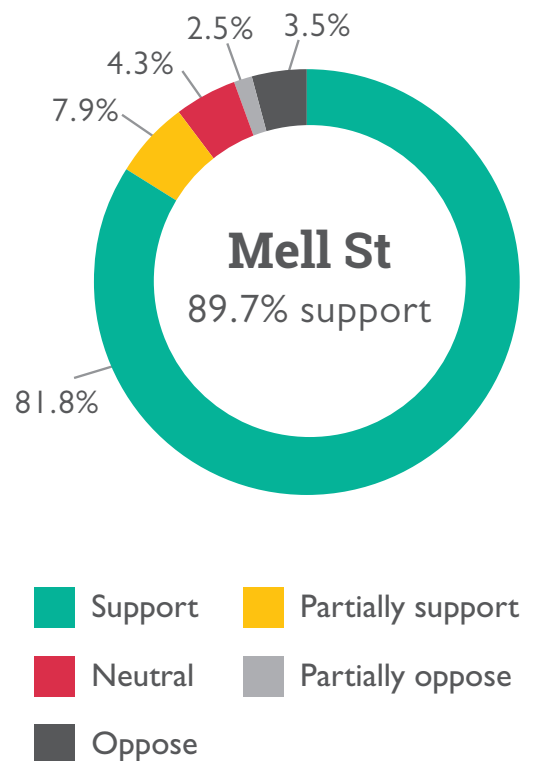
Project background

Over the last two years you were consulted on proposals to make improvements to Hoskins Street, Mell Street and Pelton Road. Our proposals were to improve these three spaces along the busy A206 to complement the recent improvements to the traffic-dominated Trafalgar Road. The Pocket Park scheme is part of our aim to clean up the air, reduce congestion, make the buses more reliable, and make the area a good place to walk and cycle. The Pocket Parks scheme will create new traffic-free public green spaces to meet, play and relax.

What did you tell us?

We spoke to residents face to face and put the designs online so people could have their say. We asked for your feedback three times to ensure local people's needs were accurately reflected in every stage of the project.

1. In the first phase of the project in March 2017 an initial resident survey was undertaken to establish what features residents of the Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) wanted from the Pocket Parks scheme. This survey was also used to prioritise the locations being considered.
2. In the second phase, options for each location were presented to local residents through an online community engagement platform and through offline co-design sessions to ensure these spaces would be designed to meet local needs. Over 1032 residents took part in the engagement with 95% of the online respondents living in the local area.



3. The third phase of engagement was a public consultation which took place in December and January 2018/2019. The consultation pack was distributed to 5440 residents and businesses in the surrounding area, as well as statutory stakeholders. The consultation was also available online. The Council received 436 responses in total including online questionnaires and paper copies.



Your feedback has been used by the landscape architects to inform the final designs for the Pocket Parks.

The main design changes have been:

- The Mell Street Pocket Park will be delivered in two stages as coordination with the adjacent Sam Manners House development is required to minimise disruption and ensure public funding is used efficiently to deliver lasting impact. In the first stage, (delivered from May 2019) one way access to Mell Street will be implemented. Works will focus on improving the green area adjacent to Bolton and Miles House. This will allow construction vehicles to securely access the future Sam Manners House construction site without causing damages to the recently delivered highway improvements. The second phase will be delivered as part of the Sam Manners House development and will include the delivery of the Tusker Street section and the pedestrianisation of Mell Street as indicated in the designs.
- The updated proposal presents a higher number of trees and greenery with an overall gain of six additional trees from the original design, including an orchard and a 'bug hotel'.
- We have reduced the amount of spaces in which residents or non-residents can park, incurring a loss of one parking space during the initial phase, with one bay dedicated to street traders, and two parking spaces in the final stage of the scheme delivery phase.
- We have been working closely with the local community and with the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Community Safety team to design out antisocial behaviour by carefully thinking about the proposed location of the new benches, and to complement the physical measures with an appropriate lighting plan. We will also be ensuring that appropriate monitoring of the new public spaces is in place. As a result of this collaboration, the number of available seats have been reduced and their positions amended to ensure they are located away from the housing estate and overlooking the street.

Continue overleaf for to see the design for Mell Street Pocket Park

What happens next?

Construction will be undertaken in different phases to minimise the impact on local and strategic road networks. The works will initially concentrate on Pelton Road, progressing to Hoskins Street before finishing at Mell Street. It is expected that the works will cause minimal disruption to residents and road users. Localised road closures will be managed to ensure that residents will be able to access their roads at all times. Please note that during the upcoming works two traffic lanes and pedestrian routes will be retained at all times. No temporary signals will be introduced.



Please find below an indicative construction timeline:

| Construction location | Indicative construction timescale |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Trial Holes | May 2019 |
| Pelton Road | May - July 2019 |
| Hoskins Street | May - July 2019 |
| Mell Street | July 2019 |
| Art installation | September/October 2019 |
| Greening and Planting | September 2019 |

Please note that dates outlined in the construction timeline table may be subject to change. Regular updates on the works and more details about how your street will be affected can be found here:

royalgreenwich.gov.uk/lowemissionneighbourhood

More information about the Pocket Park scheme can be found here: royalgreenwich.gov.uk/pocketparks

If you need further information on the details of the scheme please contact:

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We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during these essential works to make Trafalgar Road a better place for the cyclists and pedestrians. We apologise for any inconvenience these works may cause you and will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum.

Yours faithfully,

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