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**Important information regarding
Pelton Road Pocket Parks**

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Dear Resident,

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

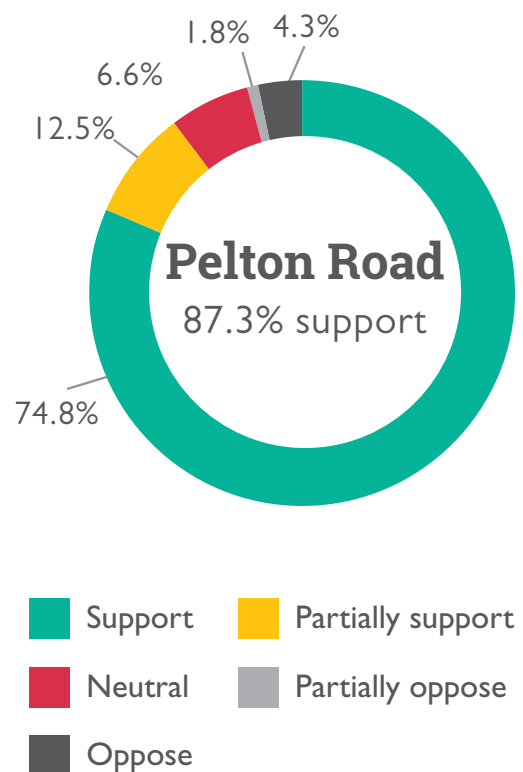
Project background

Over the last two years we have 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 highways area on Pelton Road will be designated as shared pedestrian and cycle areas with access to service and maintenance vehicles only. The shared area will host a variety of uses including the potential for street trading activities to take place and for further informal play features on the ground.
- Access to the shared use area of Pelton Road will be managed through removable bollards. The shared use area will be accessible to residents' service vehicles, emergency vehicles, refuse vehicles and maintenance vehicles. Ad-hoc access arrangements will be formalised with the relevant stakeholders. For more information on this arrangement please contact the LEN team: low-emission-neighbourhood@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or on **020 8921 5492**
- Instead of planters, flower beds with low level vegetation will be used to improve visibility of the crossing in addition to improved lighting throughout the area.
- We have reduced the amount of play features for Pelton Road following safety concerns and limited them to boulders within the green space.
- The updated proposal presents a higher number of trees and greenery with an overall gain of six additional trees from the original design.
- We have taken on board the feedback received during the consultation with regards to the parking space removals and we have relocated the existing parking spaces to Conley Street, keeping the same parking restrictions.
- We have been working closely with the local community and with the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Community Safety team to limit the possibilities of anti-social behaviour occurring in the space. As a result of this collaboration, the number of available seats have been reduced and their positions amended.

Continue overleaf for to see the design for Pelton Road 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:

Low Emission Neighbourhood Team

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If you need further information on construction arrangements and timescales 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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