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Warwick Way Town Centre Highways Scheme Consultation Executive Summary

Introduction

Warwick Way Town Centre Highways Scheme proposes public realm and accessibility improvement on Warwick Way (between Belgrave Road and Upper Tachbrook Street), Churton Street and Tachbrook Street (between Belgrave Road and Charlwood Street). Warwick Way was made one-way westbound under the hospitality measures to facilitate the local businesses during covid and was reverted to two-way traffic from 3rd April 2023. Churton Street is currently two-way traffic and the outdoor dining areas are located within suspended parking bays on the carriageway. The permanent design includes proposals for one-way westbound traffic on Warwick Way, one-way northbound traffic on Churton Street, footway widening, better junctions, carriageway resurfacing, improvement to loading and parking provision, and introduction of trees.

A Stage 1 informal public consultation was undertaken for 8 weeks from 15th December 2022 to 9th February 2023. The consultation activities and materials included a website with FAQ and a link to an online survey, a letter drop to 5310 addresses within Pimlico North and Vincent Square wards, emails to statutory consultees, pre-consultation meetings with ward members and resident groups, and use of social media to promote the scheme. The scheme website will be kept up to date as the project progresses.

Consultation Results

The consultation website contained a link to a survey that sought people's views on the proposals, including a question whether they strongly support, support, strongly oppose, oppose, neither or don't know, with an option to comment. All responses required a post code to be entered.

There were 700 completed responses received via the online survey form, and 22 responses received via email, letter and phone call. Below is a summary of the responses via all channels and the responses from the SW1V area which is the area encompassing Warwick Way and Churton Street.

Warwick Way Proposal:

	No. of Responses	Overall Support (strongly support and support)		Overall Oppose (strongly oppose and oppose)		Neither or Don't know	
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
All Responses	717	74.76%	536	22.17%	159	3.07%	22
SW1V Responses	517	82.59%	427	14.89%	77	2.52%	13

Churton Street Proposal:

	No. of Responses	Overall Support (strongly support and support)		Overall Oppose (strongly oppose and oppose)		Neither or Don't know	
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
All Responses	71	71.97%	516	18.69%	134	9.34%	67
SW1V Responses	517	79.11%	409	12.96%	67	7.93%	41

(The total number of responses shown in the tables is 717 as 5 respondents have provided feedback via both the online survey and other channels.)

The results show a majority support for both proposals overall. Generally, there was greater support from those in close proximity to the scheme.

All Pimlico North ward members are supportive of the proposed scheme.

Pimlico Neighbourhood Forum, Churton & Charlwood Residents' Association, Denbigh Street RA, Tachbrook RA, Abbots Manor RA, Churchill Gardens Neighbourhood Forum and Churchill Gardens RA have provided feedback, and are all supportive of the scheme.

Main support themes

- Scheme will tremendously help residents and businesses, as well as attracting tourists. Wider pavement and more trees are welcomed, it creates a 'village' feel (362 comments)
- Less traffic, noise and pollution (126 comments)
- Temporary scheme was successful and should be made permanent (44 comments)
- Supportive of one-way traffic (Warwick Way – 16 comments, Churton Street – 11 comments)

Main objection themes

- Will increase congestion, increase traffic in smaller residential roads, increase air pollution (104 comments)
- Only benefits a few businesses, additional outdoor space not needed or utilised (35 comments)
- Two-way traffic should be retained (Warwick Way – 39 comments, Churton Street – 23 comments)
- Dissatisfaction and concerns about traffic diversion (Warwick Way – 28 comments, Churton Street – 5 comments)

Suggestions/comments on the permanent schemes

- Provide more new trees and greenery, choose appropriate tree species and extend trees to Belgrave Road (43 comments)
- Use of high quality materials for paving, carriageway surfacing, street furniture and lighting (28 comments)
- Extend scheme to other Pimlico areas such as Vauxhall Bridge Road, Upper Tachbrook Street, Wilton Road, Denbigh Street and Lupus Street, etc (25 comments)
- Safety concerns and danger to road users (25 comments)
- Two-cycling and safe cycling infrastructure should be provided (22 comments)
- Inconvenience to residents including disabled and elderly, and businesses (22 comments)
- More pedestrianisation and crossing should be provided (16 comments)

- Review echelon parking layout on Tachbrook Street (11 comments)

Next Steps

Following the positive feedback in the consultation, the Council will continue to develop the permanent proposals for both Warwick Way and Churton Street. The team will further review the feedback received and consider them in the upcoming design stage. Responses to the items raised in the consultation will be released in due course. A statutory Traffic Management Order (TMO) consultation will be carried out at the end of the next design stage.