Active Streets 2025
ACTIVE STREET CONSULTATION
YOU SAID WE DID SUMMARY

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YOU SAID

Too much consultation. We thought streets were already approved.

WE DID

When making recommendations the Active Streets Working Group took into account previous votes along with the rest of the relevant criteria.

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YOU SAID

Children playing in the streets during sessions may cause damage to vehicles and property.

WE DID

The National Playing Out Guidance underpins our Active Streets programme and suggests that enforcing Public Liability Insurance significantly reduces uptake of Play Streets. We understand this legitimate concern and will work with Street Makers to ensure safe and appropriate play.

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YOU SAID

Play Streets will encourage anti-social behaviour.

WE DID

The council have taken the position that anti-social behaviour can be improved with Play Street by encouraging children on the road to socialise more as well as parents working together to improve community cohesion.

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YOU SAID

Play Streets would encourage unnecessary noise and disrupt neighbours.

WE DID

The numerous benefits such as the physical, mental, and social development that can be achieved through play and how it can combat the current childhood obesity pandemic negate the impact of child related noise while they are playing.

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YOU SAID

That as many Play Streets as possible were wanted.

WE DID

There is a thorough process that is undertaken to ensure the suitability of a Play Street and a number of criteria that need to be met. This is why only 3 of the proposed 8 Play Streets are being implemented.

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YOU SAID

Play Streets are being built to generate money from fining drivers.

WE DID

This is not accurate as cameras are not installed and fines are not issued.

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YOU SAID

There will be less parking.

WE DID

There is no net parking loss.

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YOU SAID

Play Streets would disproportionately affect elderly and vulnerable communities who rely on local driving for transportation, as these individuals may not be independently mobile.

WE DID

We have improved our messaging to be clearer that residents can still drive along this road for access needs but ultimately this comment isn't a barrier.

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That some Play Streets are of too close of a proximity to others.

WE DID

Play Streets support parents with on-the-doorstep activity. Access to physical activity spaces is a barrier for increased participation in play. Therefore the criteria for implementing a Play Street does not take into consideration the proximity of another Play Street.

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YOU SAID

That residents had changed their mind about having a Play Street.

WE DID

We are implementing a new approach to approving the implementation of a Play Street based on collating greater evidence that there is a prolonged demand among local residents.

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YOU SAID

Why have a Play Street when there are parks and gardens nearby?

WE DID

The ActiveWestminster Strategy sets out the ambition to create as many places and spaces for people to be active. This includes children, young people and families, thus through the Active Streets programme the council aims to create as many accessible spaces for play on the doorstep of residents.