

APPENDIX A

Cloth Fair temporary street signage



APPENDIX B: Noise Disturbance at Cloth Fair - May 2010 to July 2016

Environmental Health Officers have received 26 noise disturbance complaints in Cloth Fair over the last six years. The main causes of the noise disturbances are associated to construction activities (10 complaints) and unsocial behaviour related to the night time economy (6 complaints). Only one complaint has been received relating to noise from taxi drivers in March 2014. A schedule of the complaints is shown in the table below.

Address	Date	Details	Category
The Rising Sun PH	25/05/10	Noise from customers drinking outside and highway obstruction	The Rising Sun PH
Cloth Fair	07/06/10	Noise from plant at 8am till late in evening.	Construction
The Rising Sun PH	15/07/10	Noise from customers drinking outside and highway obstruction	The Rising Sun PH
The Rising Sun PH	20/08/10	Noise from customers drinking outside and highway obstruction	The Rising Sun PH
No.29 Priory Court	12/09/10	Noise from scaffold erection	Construction
Cloth Fair	26/09/10	Noise from scaffold erection	Construction
The Rising Sun PH	04/12/10	Noise from customers drinking outside and highway obstruction	The Rising Sun PH
37 Cloth Fair	28/04/11	Plastic which is covering the scaffolding is blowing in the wind	Construction
Offices, 39-40 Cloth Fair	17/05/11	Plastic which is covering the scaffolding is blowing in the wind	Construction
1 Cloth Fair	11/07/11	Noise from scaffold erection	Construction
Cloth Fair	22/08/11	Water jet cleaning in Cloth Fair at weekend starting at 8.30am	Cleaning
The Rising Sun PH	16/09/11	Noise from customers drinking outside and highway obstruction	The Rising Sun PH
No.29 Priory Court	28/10/11	two noisy generators at the above property & from another building	Construction
Worshipful Company of Founders, 1 Cloth Fair	05/11/11	Noise from building works all weekend	Construction
No.29 Priory Court	21/12/11	Noise from building works all weekend	Construction
The Rising Sun PH	09/01/12	Noise from customers drinking outside and highway obstruction	The Rising Sun PH
Cloth Fair	10/01/12	Tour operator using a loud speaker in Cloth Fair	Businesses
Amico Bio, 44 Cloth Fair	05/07/12	Noise from Amico Bio restaurant on 44 Cloth Fair.	Businesses

Cloth Fair	06/10/13	Loud drilling and banging from 'emergency' works	Construction
Cloth Fair	18/03/14	Idling engines, litter, urination, chatting from taxi drivers.	Taxi Drivers
Cloth Fair	30/07/14	Refuse lorries arriving at 6am and very noisy	Cleaning
Cloth Fair	29/09/14	Filming	Businesses
Amico Bio, 44 Cloth Fair	19/10/14	Alarm sounding from Amico restaurant	Businesses
Multi-tenanted building, 29 Cloth Fair	03/05/16	Alarm sounding from 29 Cloth Fair.	Businesses
Amico Bio, 44 Cloth Fair	26/5/16	Alarm sounding from Amico restaurant	Businesses
Amico Bio, 44 Cloth Fair	30/5/16	Alarm sounding from Amico restaurant	Businesses

Most of these noise disturbance complaints recorded are unlikely to be reduced or mitigated through changes to the highway infrastructure and are issues for the attention and resolution of the City's Environmental Health – Noise Pollution Team.

A statutory nuisance is 'an unlawful interference with a person's use or enjoyment of land or some right over, or in connection with it'.

Statutory Nuisance is defined by Part Three of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act. An Environmental Health officer decides whether a particular complaint meets the definition of a Statutory Nuisance.

Statutory nuisance is more than a mere annoyance and will have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of anyone affected. Some people may find a noise annoying, but it might not be a statutory nuisance in the eyes of the law, which doesn't define a specific noise level as a nuisance.

The act of talking would not ordinarily constitute a statutory nuisance but would be more of an annoyance. The Environmental Protection Act requires the nuisance to be emanating from a premises, as the talking in the street the Act does not apply.

Loudspeakers or car stereos could constitute a statutory nuisance but no evidence has been identified of these being an issue at Cloth Fair.

In 2014 the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act came into force that lays out mechanisms to tackle anti-social behaviour such as littering and public urination through the use of Community Protection Warnings and Notices. The enforcement of these issues would prove difficult as an officer would need to observe the behaviours in progress and it would be unlikely that the behaviour such as urination and littering would be exhibited with an officer watching.



Cloth Fair Questionnaire

(Responses by 30 October 2015)

Name	
Email	
Telephone	
Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Other

How often do you experience night-time (11pm-7am) noise disturbances?

- Daily
- 3 times a week
- Once a week
- Once every two weeks
- Once a month
- Infrequently

Rank each noise source in order of disturbance? (1= lowest, 6 = greatest)

- Public house patrons
- People passing by
- Refuse collection / street cleaning
- Deliveries
- Taxis / private hire vehicles
- Other (specify) _____

How supportive would you be to **(Option 1)** prohibiting parking and loading 24hrs / 7days a week in Cloth Fair?

How supportive would you be to **(Option 2)** the introduction of an overnight (11pm-7am) daily gated road closure in Cloth Fair by Cloth Court?

How supportive would you be to **(Option 3)** the introduction of temporary signage reminding street users, Cloth Fair is a residential area?

How supportive would you be to **(Option 4)** reversing the one-way operation in Cloth Fair?

How supportive would you be to **(Option 5)** adding an overnight (11pm-7am) daily parking prohibition in Cloth Fair?

How supportive would you be to **(Option 6)** leaving the current situation as it is in Cloth Fair?

	Against			Support	
How supportive would you be to (Option 1) prohibiting parking and loading 24hrs / 7days a week in Cloth Fair?	1	2	3	4	5
How supportive would you be to (Option 2) the introduction of an overnight (11pm-7am) daily gated road closure in Cloth Fair by Cloth Court?	1	2	3	4	5
How supportive would you be to (Option 3) the introduction of temporary signage reminding street users, Cloth Fair is a residential area?	1	2	3	4	5
How supportive would you be to (Option 4) reversing the one-way operation in Cloth Fair?	1	2	3	4	5
How supportive would you be to (Option 5) adding an overnight (11pm-7am) daily parking prohibition in Cloth Fair?	1	2	3	4	5
How supportive would you be to (Option 6) leaving the current situation as it is in Cloth Fair?	1	2	3	4	5

Other comments

The City of London complies with the Data Protection Act 1998 in managing personal information. All contact details and responses to the consultation will be used for the purposes of this consultation and will feed into the processes required to investigate and develop solutions to the Cloth Fair Noise Disturbance. Your personal information will not be passed to any third party for marketing purposes. Comments provided in response to the consultation may, however, be published or disclosed, for example in public Committee Reports presented to elected Members when considering the proposals or in response to requests for information from the public. However comments will normally not be attributed to individuals and personal contact details will be kept confidential. Your responses may be retained for up to four years in accordance with relevant retention requirements and policies. If you have any queries about how your personal information is managed by us, please write to Data Protection Officer, Department of the Built Environment, City of London, PO Box 270, Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ.



Cloth Fair **Night Time (11pm 7am) Noise Disturbance**

The City Corporation has received complaints of noise disturbances during anti social hours. To help reduce disturbances to a minimum for local residents and occupiers a number of intervention measures have been considered. The measures together with a brief description and the advantages / disadvantages are described below.

Option 1 **Prohibit Parking and Loading**



Prohibiting parking and loading 24 hours and 7 days a week would prohibit all vehicles from parking or loading on these yellow lines. Therefore, the City's civil enforcement officers can issue penalty charge notices when non compliant vehicles are observed.

Advantages

Can enforce against night time parking
Can be implemented quickly (3-6 months)

Disadvantages

Parking / loading prohibited for everyone
Difficult to enforce
Unlikely to be effective if drivers remain inside or close to the vehicle

Option 2 **Overnight Road Closure**



Introduce an overnight (11pm 7am) closure in Cloth Fair at Cloth Court. This would physically prevent motor vehicle access through to West Smithfield during the closure period.

Less traffic, street not used for through traffic

Less likely to be used by taxis as a waiting area

Can be implemented fairly quickly (6-10 months)

Reduced vehicle permeability

Operational cost

May not deter parking in Cloth Fair

Option 3 **Street Signage**



Temporary signs set out on street to politely remind street users that it is a residential area. These have been used in other residential areas in the City to reasonable affect.

Cost effective



Targets issue

Low impact, can be undertaken first

Can be implemented immediately (within a few weeks)

May have limited impact / may not deter parking

Increase street clutter

	<p>Option 4 Reversing the One way Operation</p> <p>Changing the existing One way operation in Cloth Fair so that motor vehicles would enter from West Smithfield and exit in to Middle Street. This would increase the distance for drivers to travel to the night time economy area making it less desirable for taxis to idle in Cloth Fair.</p>	<p>Advantages</p> <p>Potential to discourage taxis idling / access this street</p> <p>Can be implemented fairly quickly (6 - 8 months)</p>	<p>Disadvantages</p> <p>May increase traffic flow</p> <p>May not be effective</p>
	<p>Option 5 Overnight (11pm-7am) parking prohibition added to existing Controlled Parking Zone</p> <p>Adding an overnight parking prohibition to the existing controlled parking zone. Therefore, the City's civil enforcement officers can issue penalty charge notices when non-compliant vehicles are observed. It should be noted that this parking prohibition is against current parking policy. It will therefore require Committee approval before it could be introduced and delivery of this scheme is not guaranteed.</p>	<p>Can enforce against overnight parking</p> <p>Targets problem times</p>	<p>Difficult to enforce and therefore unlikely to be effective if drivers remain inside or close to the vehicle</p> <p>Against current policy and will therefore require committee consideration. No guarantee of success</p> <p>10 large traffic signs affixed to the buildings or new posts required</p> <p>Sign dimension 34cm x 47cm (A3 paper size)</p> <p>Implementation would be medium to long term (at least 12 months)</p>
	<p>Option 6 Do Nothing (Leave as it is)</p> <p>The existing situation in Cloth Fair is operating adequately or any new changes will be counterproductive.</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>No change</p>

Enclosed is a **consultation questionnaire** on the proposed measures to reduce night time (11pm 7am) disturbance in Cloth Fair. To assist the City in making Cloth Fair better for local occupiers, we would be grateful to receive your completed questionnaires by **30 October 2015**.

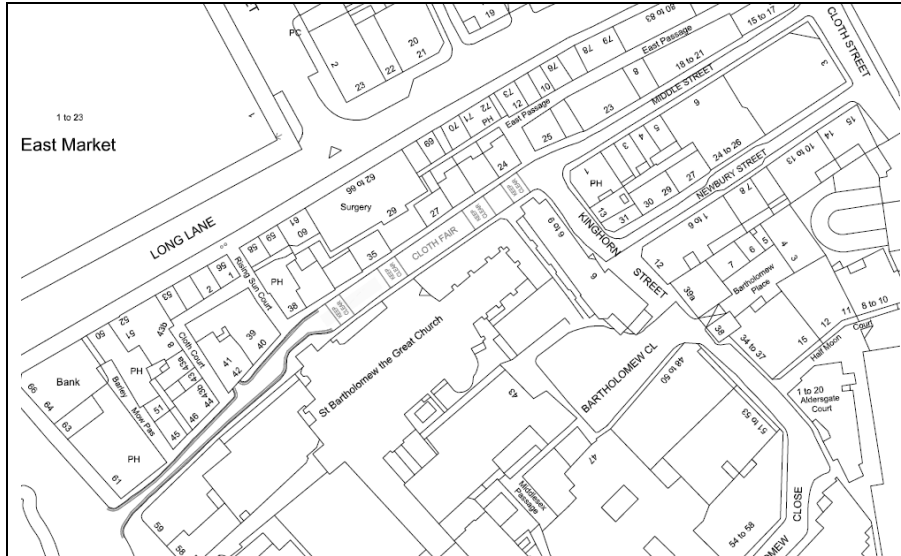
APPENDIX D Cloth Fair - Noise Disturbance Consultation Outcome



V04 – July 2016

Introduction

Cloth Fair is located in the City's Farringdon Within ward and is situated south-west of Smithfield Market between West Smithfield and Middle Street.



Cloth Fair and the surrounding streets have a relatively high number of residential properties as well as some commercial and retail units. The southern side of Cloth Fair is predominantly occupied by the grade 1 listed West Smithfield Church of St Bartholomew The Great

Noise Disturbance

The City has received a number of overnight noise disturbance complaints in Cloth Fair and is therefore investigating measures to reduce the noise disturbances.

Consultation

On the 5th October 2015, the City Corporation distributed 163 noise disturbance consultation packs to local occupiers in the Cloth Fair area. The extents of the Cloth Fair consultation distribution area is shown below. A breakdown of the number of address is shown below.

Consultation Address Breakdown

Street	Number of Addresses
Cloth Fair	26
East Passage	7
Kinghorn Street	4
Middle Street	49
Newbury Street	4
West Smithfield	29
Long Lane	44

Key



Consultation catchment area



Business address



Resident address



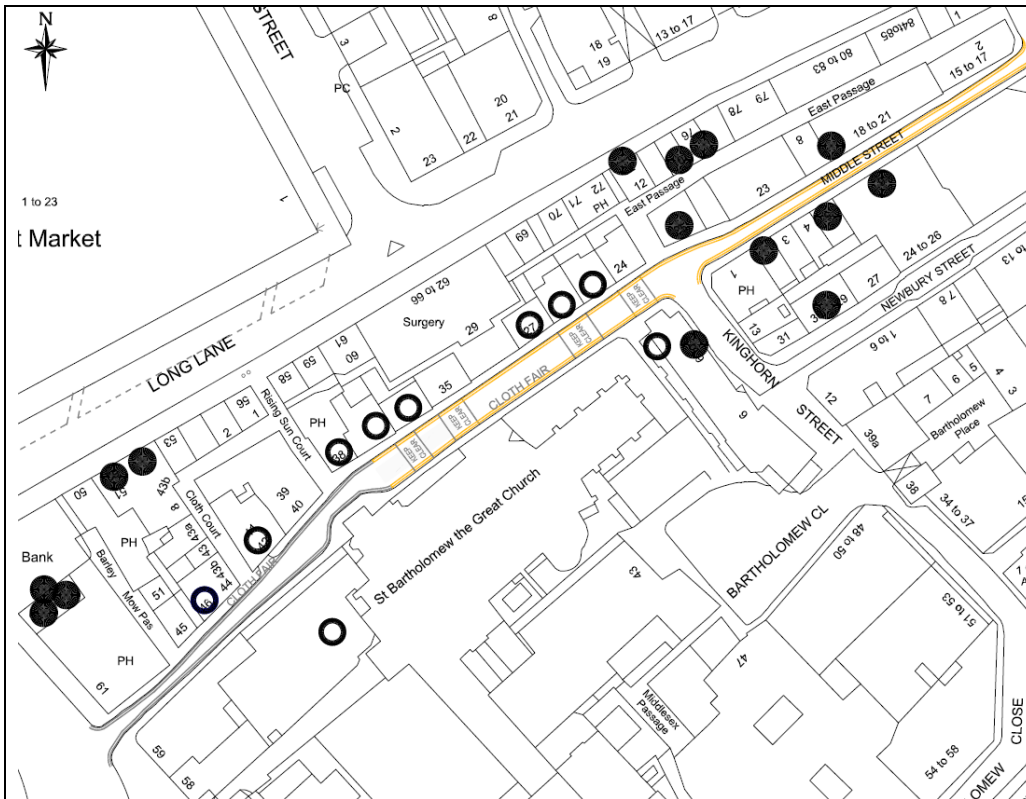
The consultation packs included a covering letter, a description of six proposal options (including a 'do nothing' option) and a questionnaire. This noise disturbance consultation closed on 30th October 2015.

Consultation Outcomes

24 responses (19 residents, 3 businesses, 2 other) were received which equates to a 15% response rate. The addresses of the respondents have been plotted below.

Cloth Fair Address Respondent (8 of 10 respondents were residents) ○


Other Consultation Respondent (11 of 14 respondents were residents) ●



The noise disturbance in the Cloth Fair area was experienced:

Frequency	Cloth Fair Residents	Cloth Fair Business /Other	All Residents	All Business/ Other
Daily	5	0	8	0
3 times a week	2	0	7	0
Weekly / monthly	1	0	2	1
Infrequently	0	2	2	4
Total	8	2	19	5

The noise disturbance source in rank order by the respondents was:

Cloth Fair Respondents		All Respondents
Taxis / private hire	Greatest	Taxis / private hire
Refuse collection		Public house patrons
Public house patrons		People passing by
Deliveries		Refuse collection
People passing by		Deliveries
		Lowest

The table below shows the number of respondents which selected the proposal as their most preferred and least supported option.

Proposal Option	Cloth Fair Respondents		All Respondents	
	Most Preferred	Least Supported	Most Preferred	Least Supported
Opt1 24hr / 7day parking / loading ban	1	4	4	11
Opt2 Overnight road closure	6	1	13	3
Opt3 Temporary signage	0	7	4	10
Opt4 Reverse the one-way	0	6	0	14
Opt5 Overnight parking prohibition	3	3	5	7
Opt6 Do nothing	1	7	3	12

NB: More than one option chosen by some respondents

Common consultation respondent's comments were:

- Option 2 – the road closure should be positioned at Middle Street and residents provided a key to operate the gate.
- Improve pedestrian amenity to discourage parking

Outcomes

Overall there is general agreement from the consultation respondents that the idling taxis are the main cause of overnight noise disturbance in Cloth Fair.

The introduction of an overnight point road closure in Cloth Fair is the most supported proposal option with 13 respondents selecting this as their most preferred option.

Three respondents commented they would prefer a point overnight closure in Cloth Fair at Middle Street. This amendment is not feasible as access to resident's private off-street parking area could not be provided during the point closure.

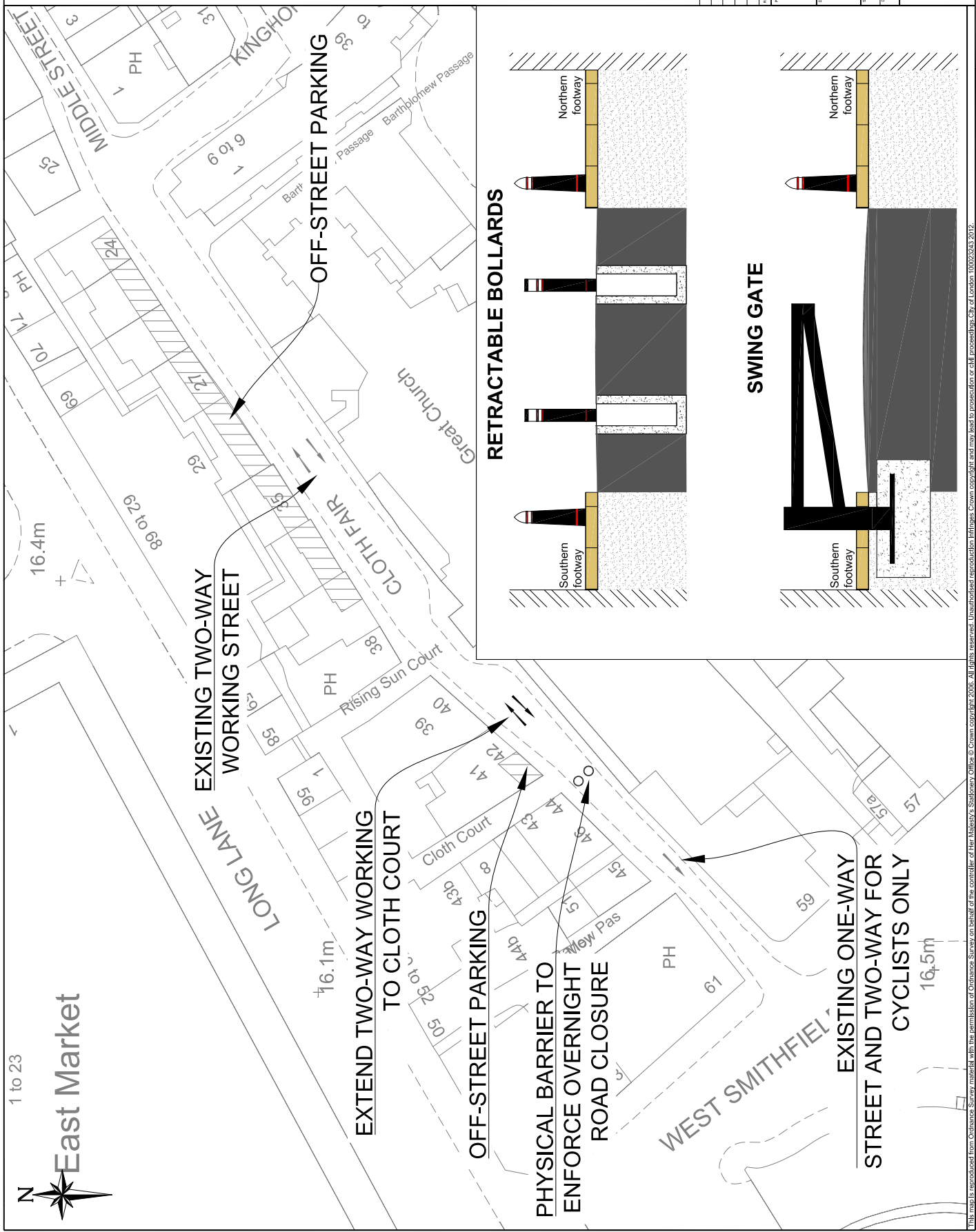
The second most preferred option is the night time parking prohibition in Cloth Fair, however there was a comparable number of respondents selecting this as their least supported proposal. The remaining four options were not supported.





East Market

APPENDIX F



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