

APPENDIX 9 – CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

Public consultation methodology

1. In respect of a possible permanent order, public consultation would be undertaken during January/February 2022 before the pre-election period begins.
2. At this stage it is envisaged that public engagement events would be undertaken on a hybrid basis, with both online and physical drop in information sessions taking place. Virtual stakeholder meetings have been found to be convenient for some stakeholders and useful for disseminating information and gathering feedback. It means people can choose to attend a set virtual presentation with question and answer session, or less formal sessions where they can have a 1-2-1 chat with a member of the project team.
3. We have the advantage of having undertaken a recent period of engagement on this scheme already so have a good database of contacts and methods to contact affected parties who may wish to comment. Ward members will also be approached for additional contacts to ensure a wide response from the public. It is also intended that the project team will work with Islington to ensure their residents are equally aware of the proposals and how they can provide feedback on the proposals. The detailed public consultation methodology and content is recommended to be delegated to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman in consultation with the Deputy Director (Transportation and Public Realm).
4. A third-party survey company will be commissioned to design the consultation survey ensuring impartiality of the questions and the smooth running of the survey from a user's perspective.
5. It is intended that the analysis will be undertaken in-house to ensure that the feedback is able to be understood and actioned in terms of next steps for the design in the programmed timeframe. A public consultation response report will be prepared and submitted for consideration to the May committee cycle.
6. A report will be bought to May Streets and Walkways sub-committee with outputs from the public consultation for members to make a decision on whether to proceed with a permanent restriction using a Traffic Regulation Order.

Statutory Consultation

7. It is only from this decision point that the statutory consultation on the permanent traffic order (Traffic Regulation Order) would begin. This process would take a minimum of 6-8 weeks if no objections were received. However, if there are objections to the TRO, which is considered likely, these must be considered and if unresolved with the objector, be determined by Committee (or a delegated officer) and consideration must also be given to whether to hold a Public Inquiry. Beyond a standard objection, there is also the possibility of an injunction or a further Judicial Review within 3 months of the Committee decision to make the scheme permanent.

8. The full public consultation process will take place with all local stakeholders, road user groups, residents, businesses and access groups consulted.
9. London Borough of Islington would be consulted as part of the statutory process and we would work with Transport for London to attain the necessary Traffic Management Notification.