

Appendix 4: Responses Received on the Commonplace Citizen Engagement Website

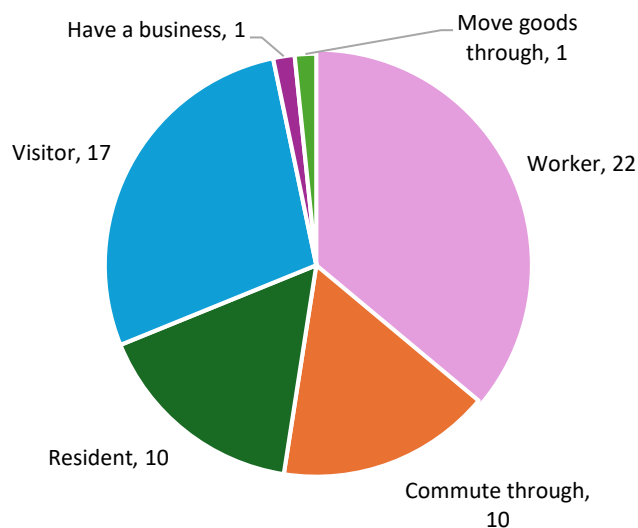
The consultation was placed on the Commonplace citizen engagement web site from 3rd June to 26th July. Sixty-three responses were received, though not all 63 answered every question.

The pie charts presented show a breakdown of responses received for each question. The numbers in the pie charts are the number of people who gave that particular response.

4.1 Connection to the Square Mile

Respondents were asked to state their connection to the Square Mile. Most (64% in total) were visitors or workers.

What is your connection to the Square Mile



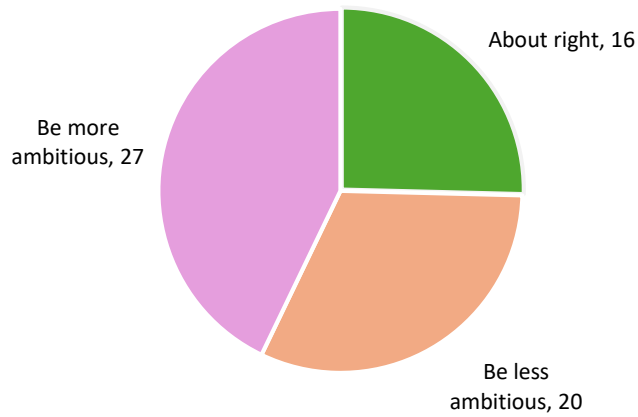
4.2 Strategy aims

Respondents were asked whether they agreed with the aims of the draft strategy which are:

- Over 90% of the Square Mile meets an annual average of $30\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for nitrogen dioxide by 2030.
- To support national and regional action that leads to the Square Mile meeting an annual average of $15\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for PM_{10} by 2030.
- To support national and regional action that leads to the Square Mile meeting an annual average of $10\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ by 2030.

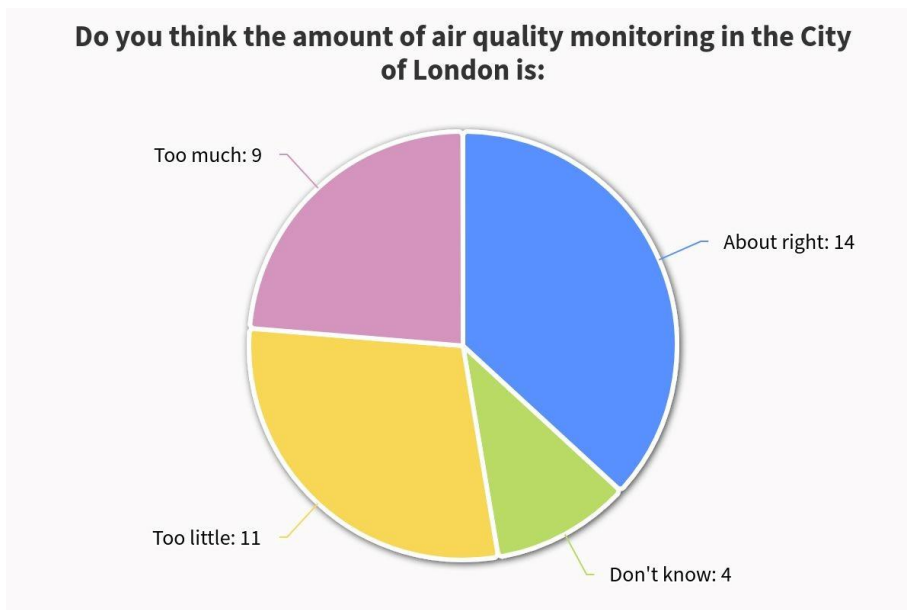
There was a mixed response with 25% saying the aims were about right, 32% thought they were too ambitious and 43% not ambitious enough.

How do you feel about the aims of the Strategy



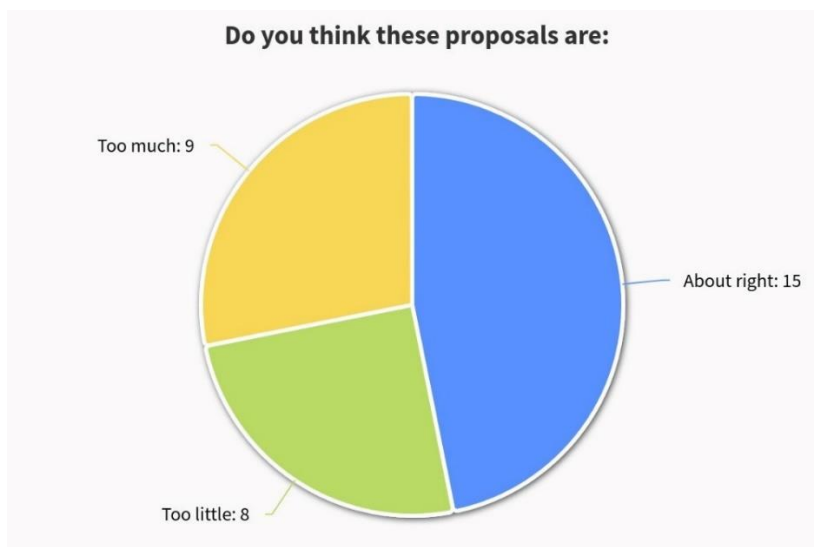
4.3 Air Quality Monitoring

Respondents were asked about the extent of air quality monitoring across the Square Mile with a mixed response, as shown below. Additional air quality monitoring locations were suggested. These will be considered in the air quality monitoring annual review scheduled for mid November.



4.4 Leading by example

Respondents were asked about overall proposals for leading by example, with a mixed response as shown below.



4.5 Collaboration

Respondents were asked to recommend other organisations that we could work with to deliver the Air Quality Strategy.

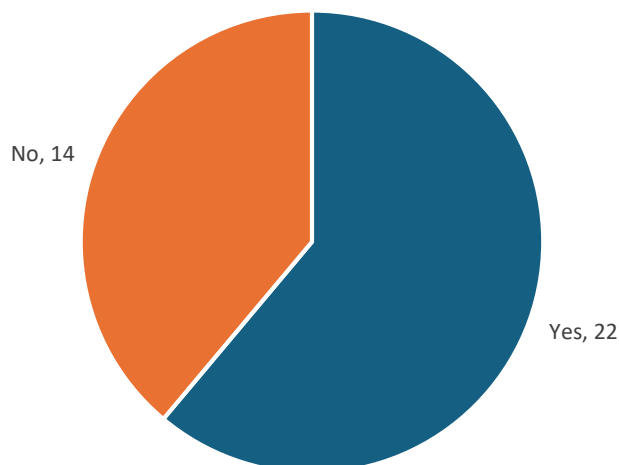
Suggestion	Comment
The British Medical Council and NHS respiratory departments	We currently work with North East London Integrated Care Service. We will raise any further opportunities for collaboration with the recommended groups with the Integrated Care Board.
Cycling and walking groups, Living Streets	Engagement with these groups is led by the Transport Team and supported by the Air Quality Team.
Islington Council	We already work closely with Islington Borough Council.
Business Improvement Districts	We already work closely with BIDs in the Square Mile.
Extinction Rebellion	The focus of this group is climate and nature.
Ride for their Lives / Climate Acceptance Studios	The focus is on climate and nature.
Vehicle manufacturers	We liaise with vehicle manufacturers when purchasing vehicles, for example to trial zero emission options.

London Taxi Drivers Association	Liaison takes place as part of the Transport Strategy workstream.
Airscape	This is a type of air quality sensor. We test new sensors that come on the market against our established monitoring equipment to gauge accuracy and precision.

4.6 Reducing emissions

Respondents were asked if there are any additional actions we should take to reduce emissions of pollution other than those listed in the draft Strategy.

Are there any additional actions we should be taking to reduce emissions of air pollutants?



Additional actions suggested in the table below. The comments have been grouped into themes:

Suggestion	Comment
Traffic management: Car free days, banning vehicles at weekend, discourage motorised vehicles, trial a zero emission zone, limit access to combustion vehicles, keep traffic moving, close roads / stop blocking off roads, improve cycle infrastructure, work with Mayor of London to give priority to smaller vehicles, encourage sustainable / active travel, lobby for an all-electric black cab fleet, promote	<p>Policy for traffic management in the Square Mile is detailed in the Transport Strategy Transport strategy - City of London.</p> <p>Overall aims of the Transport Strategy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritise the needs of people walking and wheeling - Make the most efficient and effective use of street space by significantly

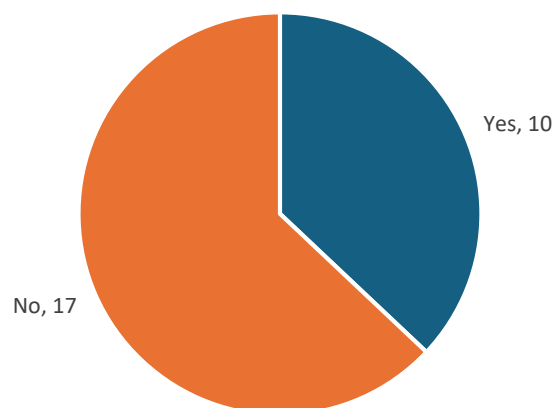
<p>cargo bikes, zero emission delivery vehicles</p>	<p>reducing motor traffic, including the number of delivery and servicing vehicles in the Square Mile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enable more people to choose to cycle by making conditions for cycling in the Square Mile safer and more pleasant - Improve air quality and reduce noise by encouraging and enabling the switch to zero emission capable vehicles
<p>Idling vehicle engines: Prioritise action to deal with vehicle engine idling including pressing for powers to issue a PCN without a warning</p>	<p>We take a wide range of action to deal with unnecessary vehicle engine idling as detailed in section 5.1.1 of the Strategy.</p>
<p>Cycle Lane: Reroute the cycle lane from Upper Thames Street to Cannon Street / reduce cycle lanes</p>	<p>The cycle lane on Upper Thames Street is managed by Transport for London. There are proposals for a new cycle route to run from Aldgate to Blackfriars going along St Botolph Street, Aldgate Square, Leadenhall Street, Cornhill, Bank Junction and Queen Victoria Street.</p>
<p>Businesses: Help businesses reduce car use</p>	<p>This will be considered as part of our business engagement workstream.</p>
<p>Street vendors: Close regulation of street vendors</p>	<p>Further opportunities will be considered through liaison with the Licencing Team.</p>
<p>Combined Heat and Power: Discourage / ban combined heat and power in new buildings</p>	<p>Combined Heat and Power is discouraged through the planning process.</p>
<p>Construction: Reduce the amount of construction, mandate zero emission Non-Road Mobile Machinery, do more to deal with emissions associated with construction and set emission targets, more detail on how emissions from construction are managed</p>	<p>The Code of Practice for Construction and Deconstruction will be updated within the next 12 months and these comments considered.</p>
<p>Generators: Standby generators should use HVO or hydrogen, provide funding for diesel generators to be replaced by electric</p>	<p>We cannot mandate the use of Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil, though we have put a proposal together for new powers to be able to set emission limits on combustion plant in the Square Mile. Through the planning process we ask</p>

	for alternatives to diesel generators to be considered.
Noise: Deal with noise pollution	This is dealt with in the Noise Strategy.
London Underground: Trap and filter the air from London Underground	This is dealt with by Transport for London.

4.7 Raising awareness

Respondents were asked if there is any additional action we should be taking to raise awareness of air pollution.

Are there any other actions we should be taking to raise awareness?



Additional actions suggested:

Suggestion	Comment
Provide information about indoor air quality	There is an action in the Strategy to raise awareness of the health impacts of poor indoor air quality.
Provide quarterly briefings	We disseminate a monthly e-newsletter which contains air quality data for the previous month and information about ongoing action to improve air quality in the Square Mile.
Raise awareness of noise	This is covered by the Noise Strategy.
Interactive billboards / digital signposts to provide local instant air quality	A campaign to promote the real time air quality data site Air-Aware Air Aware –

<p>information, information on buses and the tube.</p>	<p>Transforming Air Quality Awareness Across London (air-aware.co.uk) was live in May and June 2024. Further campaigns will be considered, subject to funding. Digital displays are permanently available in the Barbican and Artisan libraries.</p> <p>We are involved in a London wide project to deal with unnecessary engine idling, this will include messaging on billboards across London.</p>
<p>Encourage only eco vehicles to enter the City and discourage driving on days of poor air quality</p>	<p>Traffic management is delivered through the Transport Strategy which includes an aim to:</p> <p>Improve air quality and reduce noise by encouraging and enabling the switch to zero emission capable vehicles</p>
<p>Air quality reports for all London Underground stations</p>	<p>This is within the remit of Transport for London.</p>