Beauchamp Place Streetscape Improvements:

Consultation results

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Introduction

The consultation focused on draft proposals to improve Beauchamp Place, Knightsbridge, for residents, businesses, and visitors.

The proposals include widening the pavements, improving the street surface, introducing traffic calming measures and planting new trees. They have been developed by a stakeholder group made up of local businesses and residents.

The consultation opened on 12/02/2024 and closed after six weeks on 24/03/2024.

It was promoted in person through door knocking and online (via email and newsletters). Consultees could respond by filling in the online form or contacting the project team.

We received 81 responses to the questionnaire.

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Key findings

Respondents' connection to Beauchamp Place:

- 62% (50 responses) from residents, 28 local and 22 in another part of K&C or further afield
- 28% (23 responses) from people who run a business or work in the borough, 17 respondents locally and the rest in another part of K&C
- 10% (8 responses) from visitors

Extent of support or opposition:

- 60% (49 responses) support or strongly support proposals
  - Residents: 66%
  - Business: 57%
  - Visitors: 3 (38%)
- 36% (29 responses) oppose or strongly oppose proposals
  - Residents: 34%
  - Business: 35%
  - Visitors: 4 (50%)
- 4% (3 responses) neither support nor oppose proposals

Key reasons for supporting proposals:

- ✓ More attractive streetscape
- ✓ More opportunity for al-fresco dining
- ✓ Better pavements and accessibility
- ✓ Greening

Key reasons for opposing proposals:

- Impact on traffic and parking on neighbouring streets such as Ovington Square
- Traffic in the area is already under pressure because of works on Sloane Street
- Fear of al-fresco dining taking up pedestrian space

Who responded to the survey:

- Age: 47% (38 responses) over 55s, 31% (25 responses) 35-54, 5% (4 responses) under 35s
- Ethnicity: 68% (54 responses) any White background, 18% (14 responses) preferred not to state or have not answered, 9% (7 responses) any Asian or mixed Asian background, 2 any Black background, 2 any Arab background

Questionnaire

1: What is your connection to Beauchamp Place?

There were 81 responses to this part of the question.

Key takeaways:

- 62% (50 responses) from residents, 28 living locally and 22 living in another part of Kensington and Chelsea or further afield
- 28% (23 responses) from people who run a business or work in the borough, 17 respondents locally and the rest in another part of Kensington and Chelsea
- 10% (8 responses) from visitors
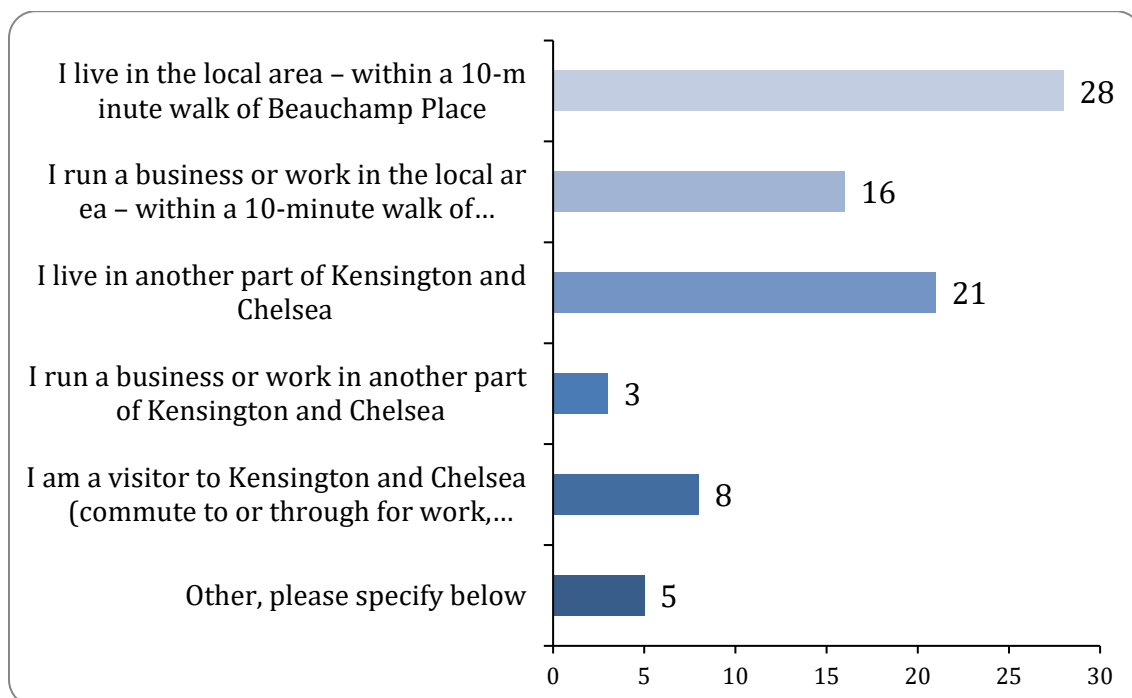
Other connection

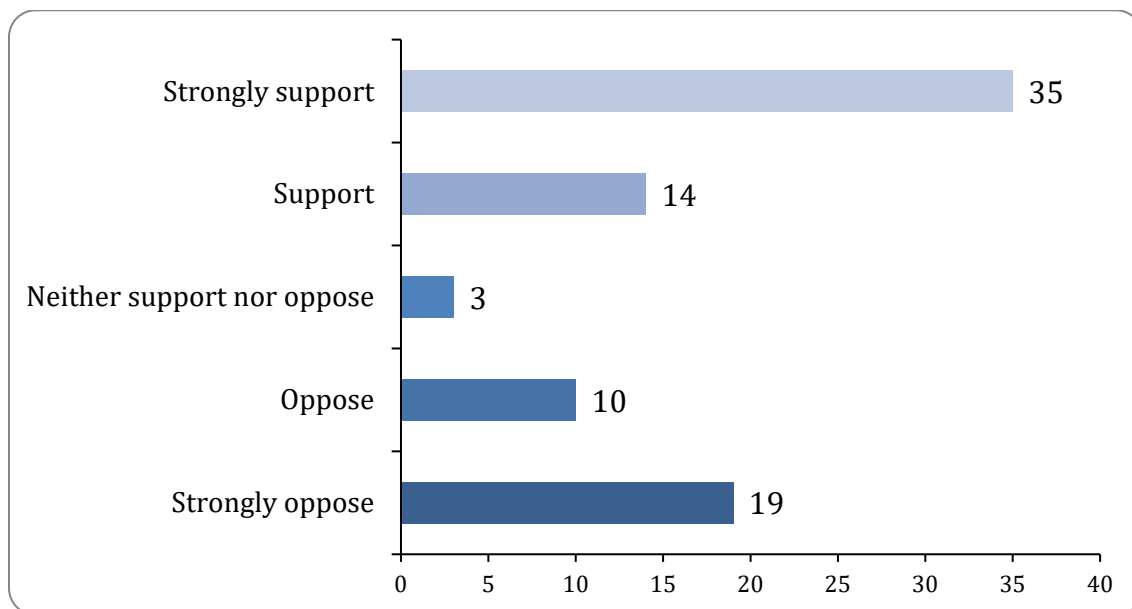There were 7 responses to this part of the question.

- Business on Beauchamp Place
- London taxi driver
- Licensed Hackney carriage driver
- TFL London Black Taxis
- On behalf of a Taxi Trade Organisation
- Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum

2: To what extent do you support or oppose the proposals for Beauchamp Place as shown in the drawings?

There were 81 responses to this part of the question.

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  - Business: 57%
  - Visitors: 3 (38%)
- 4% (3 responses) neither support nor oppose proposals
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  - Visitors: 4 (50%)

3: Please share any comments or suggestions you may have about the proposals.

There were 56 responses to this part of the question.

Key takeaways:

- Most comments supporting and strongly supporting the proposals are looking forward to the more attractive streetscape, more opportunity for al-fresco dining, better pavements and accessibility, and greening. They ask that loading bays are retained, and taxis have kerbside access for pick-up and drop off. Also better traffic management / parking enforcement.

- Most comments opposing and strongly opposing the proposals raise the impact on traffic and parking on neighbouring streets, particularly Ovington Square. Some say that traffic in the area is already under pressure because of the ongoing works on Sloane Street. Respondents suggest that any changes should retain the current road width and traffic flow. They also fear further conflicts between additional al-fresco dining taking up pedestrian space.
- To address concerns, respondents suggest clarifying the impact on traffic and parking on neighbouring streets, the scope of interventions regarding road width and future improved traffic management.

4: Would you like to sign up for updates and latest news?

There were 80 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Yes and I consent to my information being used for this purpose	51	62.96%
No	29	35.80%
Not Answered	1	1.23%

5: What is your postcode?

There were 70 responses to this part of the question.

Key takeaways:

- Amongst the 70 postcodes provided, 13 are out of the borough and 4 out of the 13 are out of London
- However, some people may work in the borough although provided their residential postcode.
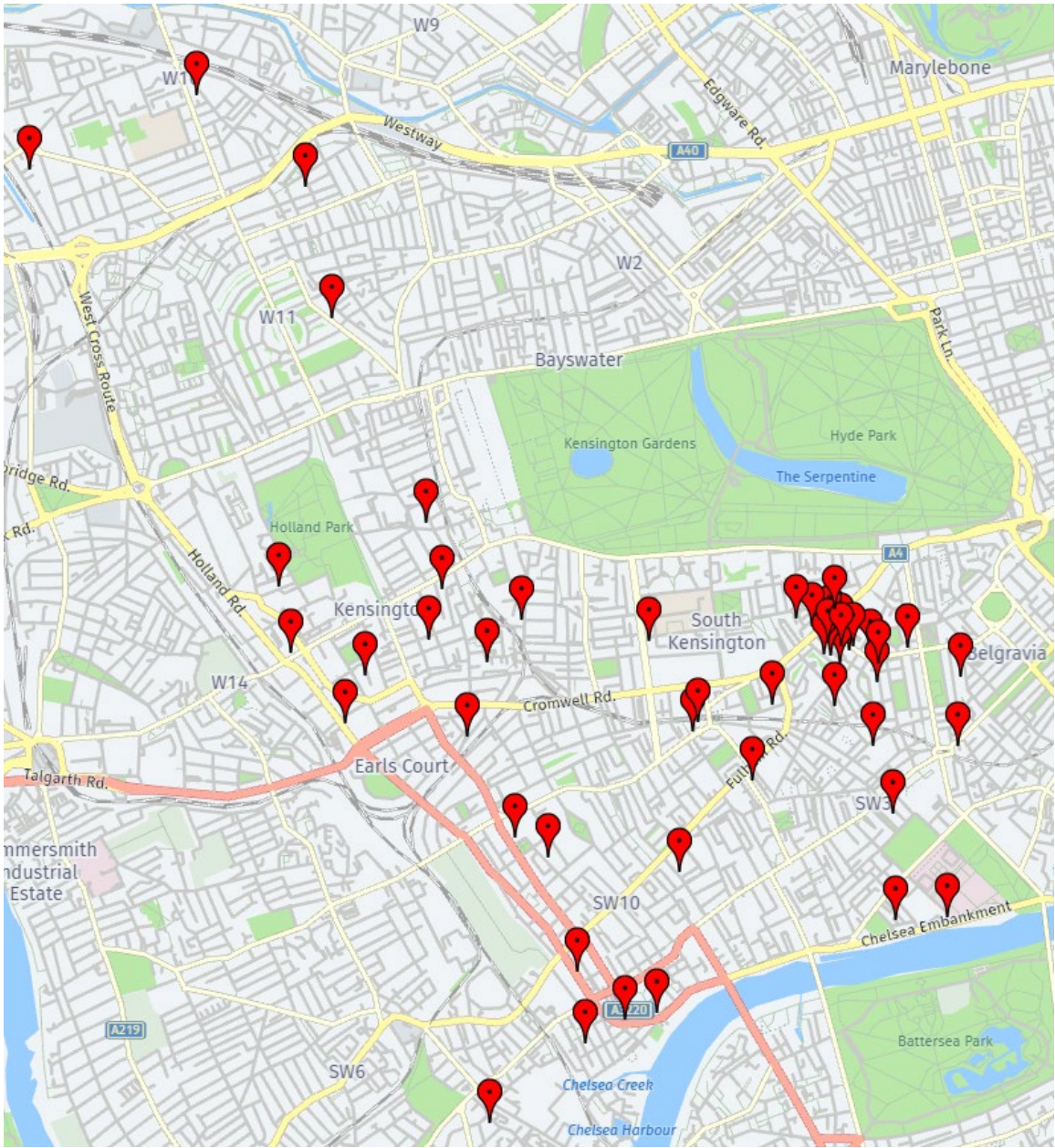
6: What is your sex?

There were 78 responses to this part of the question.

| Option	Total	Percent
Male	40	49.38%
Female	29	35.80%
Prefer not to state	6	7.41%
Prefer to self describe - please specify below	3	3.70%
Not Answered	3	3.70%

7: Which age group do you belong to?

There were 78 responses to this part of the question.

Key takeaways:

- 47% (38 responses) from people over 55
- 31% (25 responses) from people between 35 and 54
- 5% (4 responses) from people under 35
- 17% (14 responses) preferred not to state or have not answered
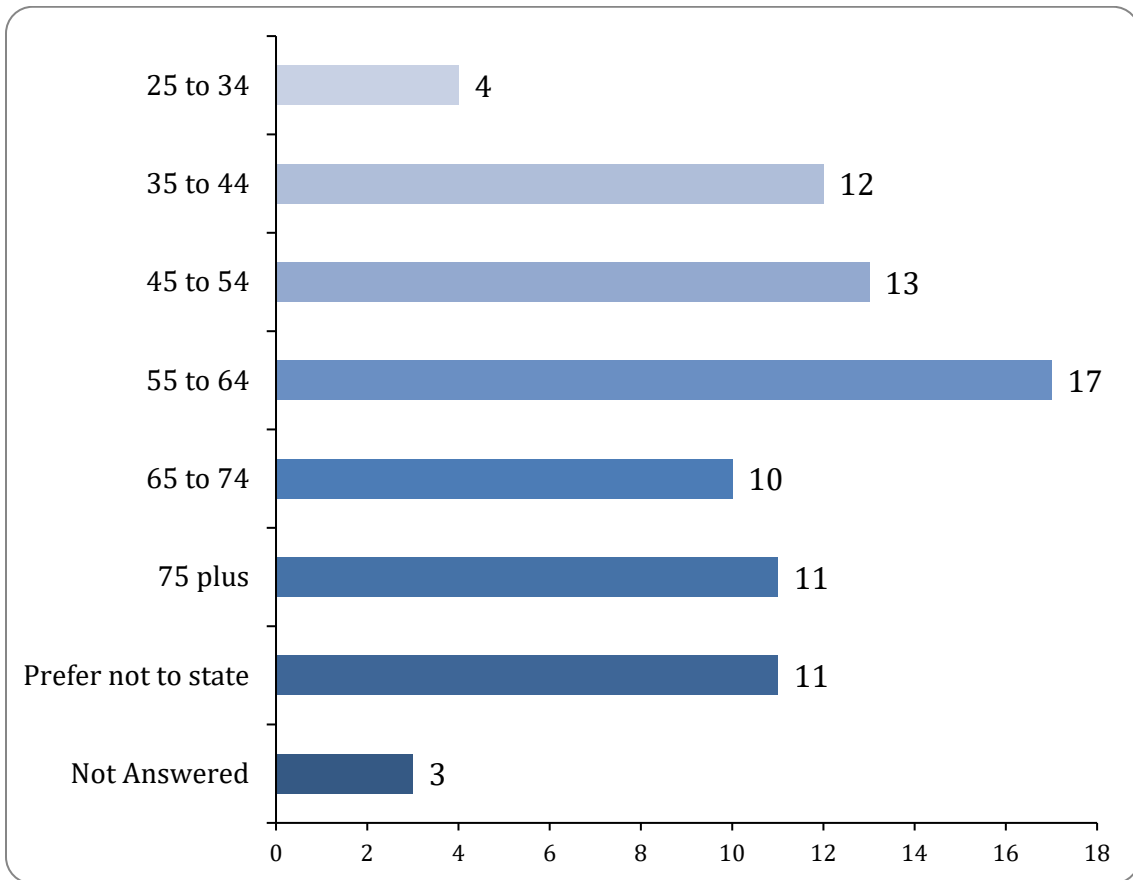
8: How do you describe your ethnic origin?

There were 77 responses to this part of the question.

Key takeaways (out of 79 responses inc. 2 not answered at first then ethnicity specified on "Other" text box):

- 68% (54 responses) from any White background
- 9% (7 responses) from any Asian or mixed Asian background

- (2 responses) from any Black background
- (2 responses) from any Arab background
- 18% (14 responses) preferred not to state or have not answered

Option	Total	Percent
White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	44	54.32%
White - Irish	1	1.23%
White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.00%
White - Other European	7	8.64%
Any other White background - please specify below	2	2.47%
Black or Black British - African	1	1.23%
Black or Black British - Somali	0	0.00%
Black or Black British - Caribbean	1	1.23%
Any other Black background - please specify below	0	0.00%
Asian or Asian British - Indian	2	2.47%
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	1	1.23%
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	1	1.23%
Asian or Asian British - Chinese	2	2.47%
Any other Asian background - please specify below	1	1.23%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean	0	0.00%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African	0	0.00%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian	0	0.00%
Any other mixed background - please specify below	0	0.00%
Other ethnic group - Moroccan Arab	1	1.23%
Other ethnic group - Other Arab	1	1.23%
Other ethnic group - Filipino	0	0.00%
Prefer not to state	10	12.35%
Any other ethnic group - please specify below	2 (1)	2.47%
Not Answered	4 (3)	4.94%

9: What is your religion or belief?

There were 77 responses to this part of the question.
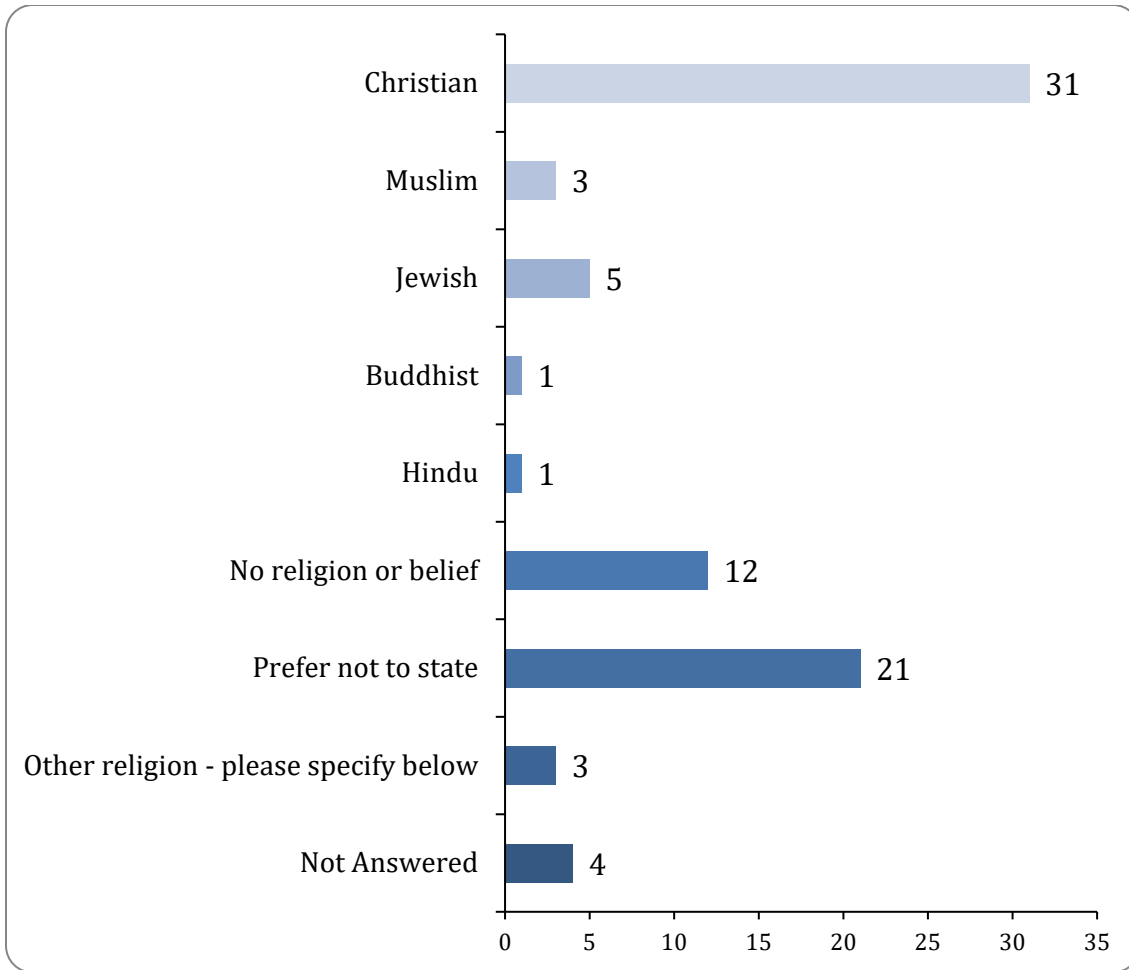
10: Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

There were 80 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	12	14.81%
No	51	62.96%
Prefer not to state	17	20.99%
Not Answered	1	1.23%

11: If yes, what is the nature of your physical or mental health condition or illness? (Select all that apply)

There were 22 responses to this part of the question.

Key takeaways:

- The majority of the 22 responses to this question were prefer not to state (14).
- Among those with a long term disability, 5 have a mobility impairment.

Option	Total	Percent
I have a physical impairment	1	1.23%
I have a mental health condition (including depression, dementia, obsessive compulsive disorder, and other mental health conditions)	0	0.00%
I have a mobility impairment	5	6.17%
I have another illness or disability e.g. hidden impairment (diabetes, epilepsy etc.)	2	2.47%
I am a wheelchair user	0	0.00%
I use medical equipment requiring an electricity supply	0	0.00%
I have a hearing impairment	1	1.23%
I have a visual impairment	0	0.00%
I have a learning difficulty	0	0.00%
Prefer not to state	14	17.28%
Prefer to self-describe - please specify below	1	1.23%
Not Answered	59	72.84%