

Elm Park Gardens (east and west arms) – Proposed sinusoidal road hump traffic calming

Analysis of consultation

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Proposals

Background

Following a successful Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) application to introduce traffic calming, the Council is now seeking the views of local residents on the proposal to install seven sinusoidal road humps in Elm Park Gardens - four on the east arm and three on the west arm

Road humps with a sinusoidal profile are similar to round-top road humps but have a shallower initial rise. They minimise the potential noise impact of vehicles, particularly larger ones, passing over them. The profile also provides a more comfortable ride for cyclists. The sinusoidal profile is now the preferred standard for road humps in the Borough.

It is important to avoid leaving large gaps between humps, as this can lead to drivers accelerating between them and then braking hard. The humps proposed are between 40 and 70 metres apart, to encourage drivers to keep to a consistent speed as they negotiate them, thereby minimising any associated noise and emissions. The spacing of the humps will vary slightly as they need to be placed away from metal covers in the road and residents' driveways.

Consultation methodology

An online consultation on the proposed sinusoidal road hump traffic calming launched on 24 June 2023.

Report

A total of 64 surveys were completed by the closing date of 10 September 2023. This report contains an analysis of survey responses. An appendices document is also available on request, containing data tables (appendix one) and all comments made by respondents to the survey (appendix two).

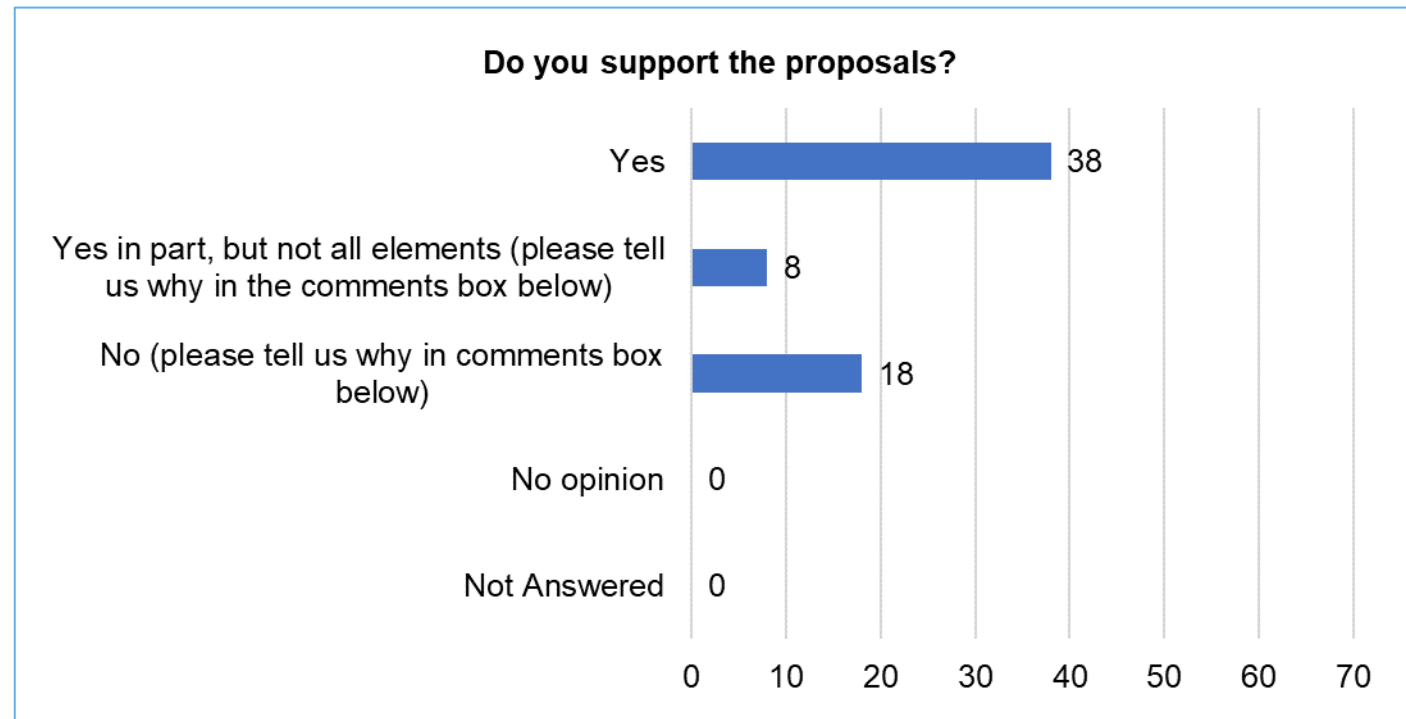
Acknowledgements

The Council would like to thank all respondents that took the time to feedback their views.

Proposals

Respondents were asked if they supported the proposals

- **38** respondents indicated that they **support** the proposals and an additional **8** respondents indicated that they **partially support** the proposals.
- A total of **18** respondents were **against** the proposals.



Base: All responses (64)

Comments about the proposal

Respondents were offered the opportunity to comment on the proposed sinusoidal road hump traffic calming. Comments made have been themed and themes with three or more comments summarised in the table below.

Examples of comments made can be seen overleaf, and the full list of themes and comments made can be found in the appendices report. We received 49 comments in total; however, comments can appear in multiple themes. The most commented on themes were in relation to ***‘Concerns about traffic (speed of cars/pollution/noise)’*** (26 comments) and ***‘Support for the proposal’*** (26 comments).

Theme	Comments
Concerns about traffic (speed of cars/pollution/noise)	26
Support for proposal	26
Don't support proposal	20
Suggestions for additional changes	11
Used as a short cut/ rat run	6
Concern about reduction/difficulty of parking	5
Concern about impact/damage to vehicles	4
Concern about money spending	3



Comments about the proposal

“There is already a lot of noisy cars on Fulham Rd, and some dangerous driving in the area. Anything to minimise noise is welcome.”

Concern about traffic (speed of cars/pollution/noise)

“Very good idea completely support it.”

Support proposal

“I don’t believe having these humps is necessary...I kindly ask you to not go ahead with the planning.”

Don’t support proposal

“A cobbled raised path could be included from the South side to the Garden entrance...which could serve for allowing disabled access and prams/buggies which presently have to navigate the kerbstones and road.”

Suggestion for additional changes

“The cause of the increased traffic is not people living in Elm Park Gardens...but other drivers using Elm Park Gardens as a 'rat run' between Old Church Street/Fulham Road/King's Road/Elm Park Road/Beaufort Street.”

Used as a short cut/rat run



“It will reduce the amount of residents parking bays.”

“It will make parking of our cars more difficult due to Humps.”

Concern about reduction/difficulty of parking

“Speed bumps are not great for the undercarriage of cars.”

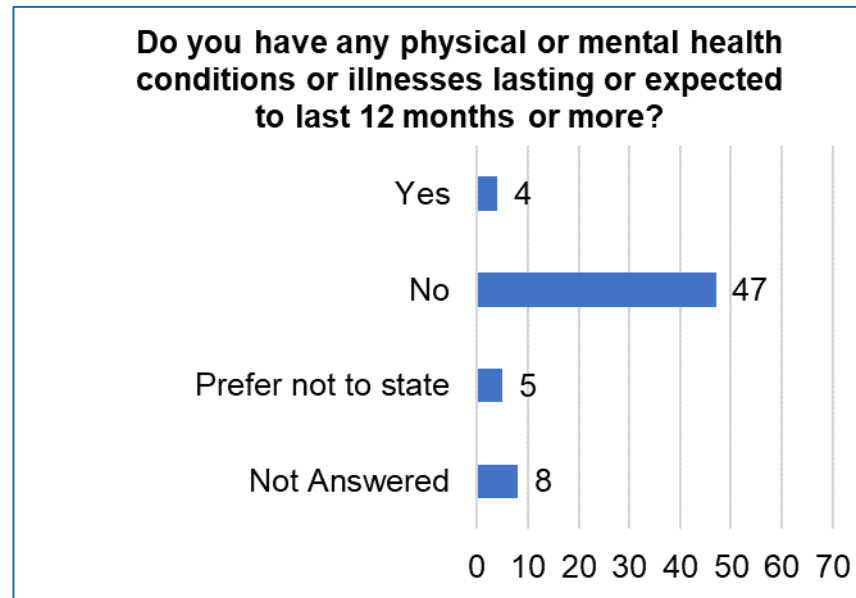
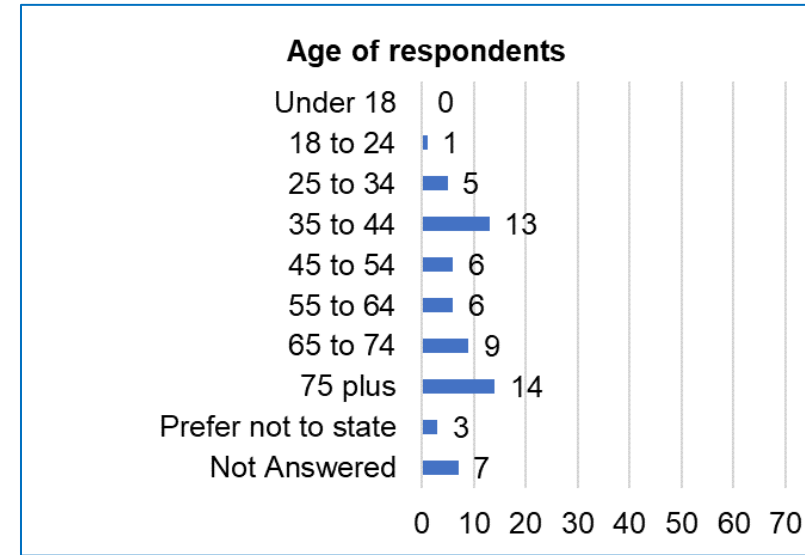
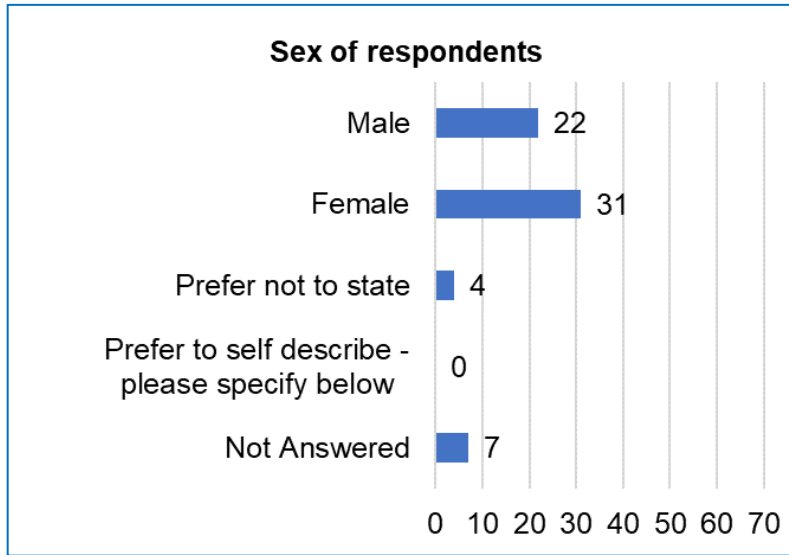
Concern about impact/ damage to vehicles

“At the time of the cost of living crisis...there are so many more pressing issues that need funding.”

Concern about money spending



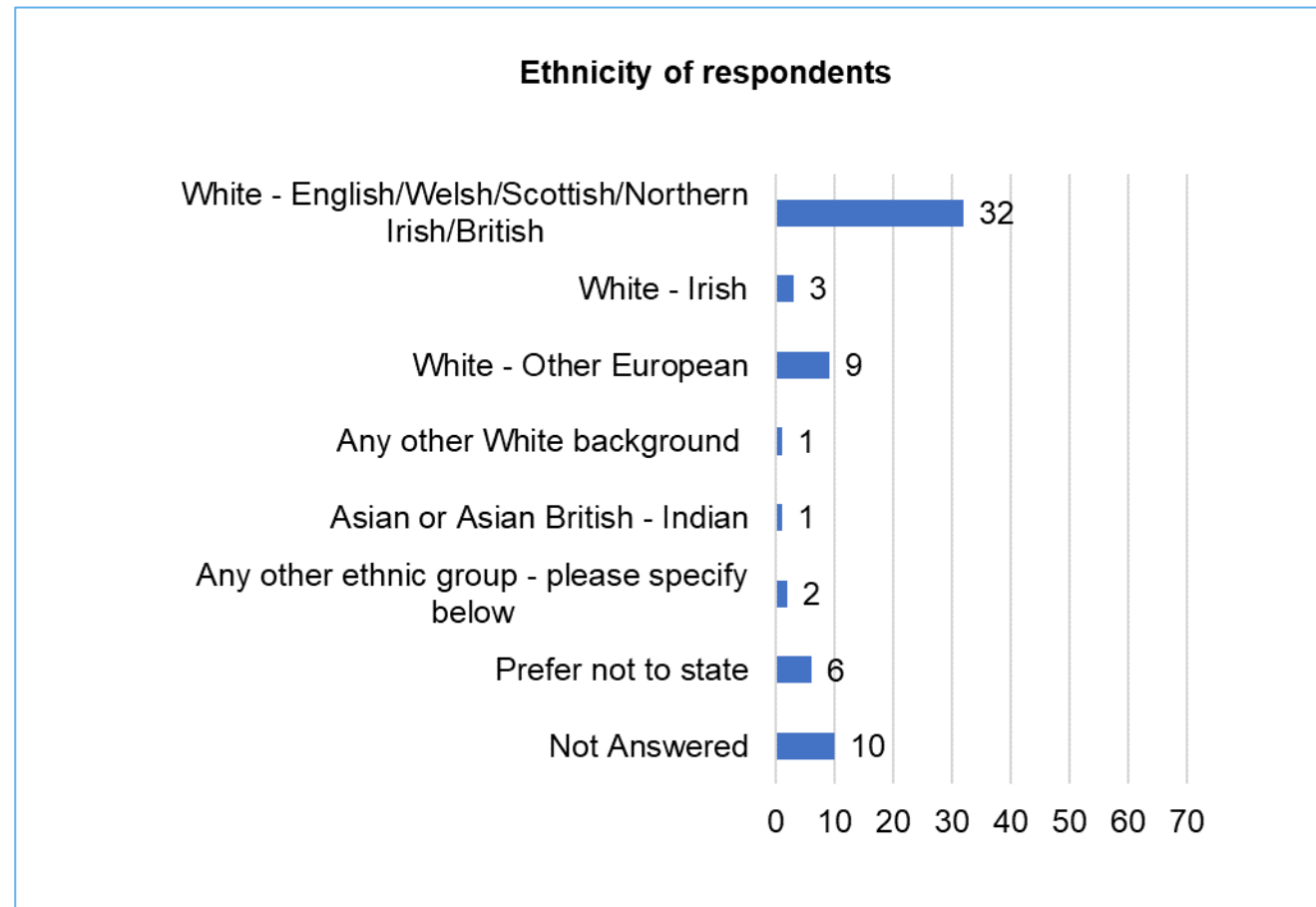
Demographics of respondents



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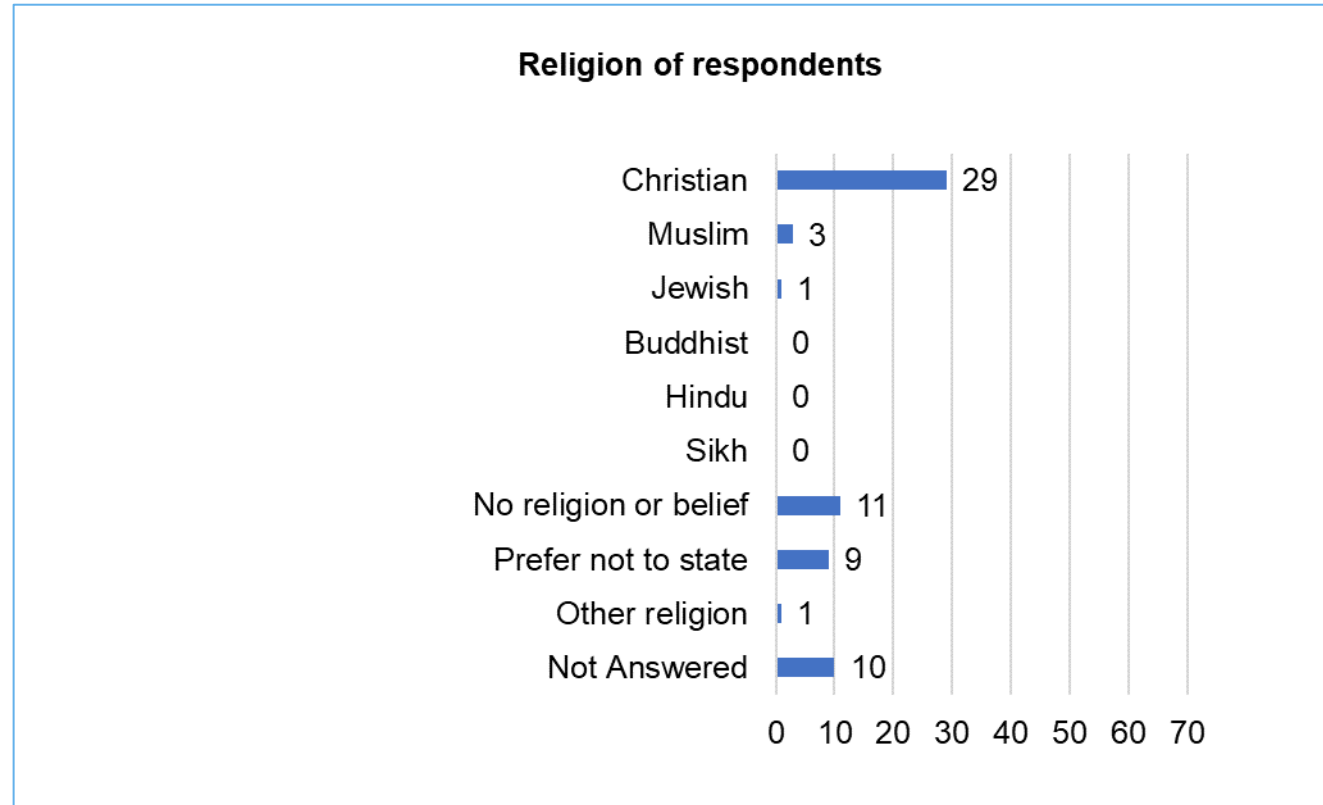
Demographics of respondents

The chart below displays only ethnicities that were selected by participants who took part in the survey. The full question shown to respondents can be found in the appendices document



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