

Liveable Streets Programme

Presentation to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

25th October 2021



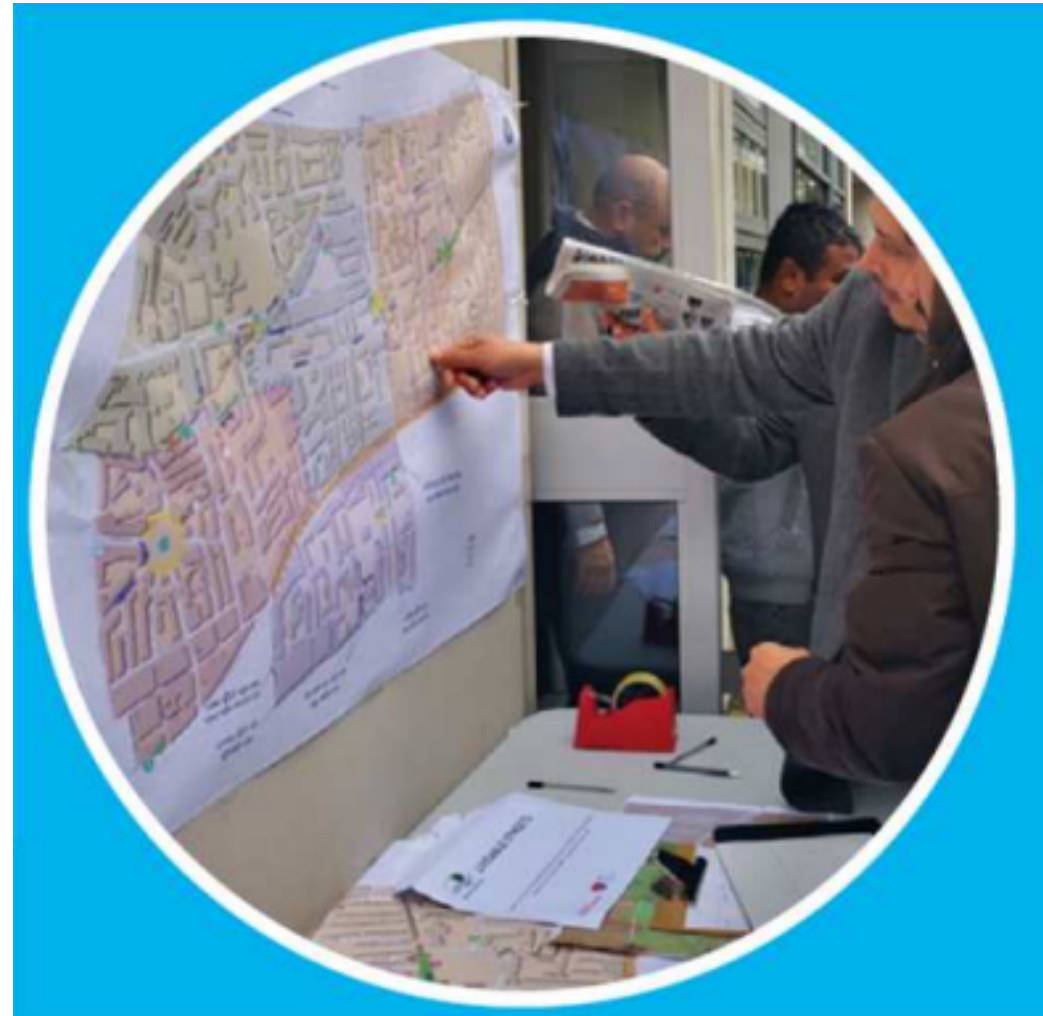
Overview of programme

- 17 Schemes across the borough were proposed
- 7 live schemes
 - Bethnal Green
 - Bow
 - Wapping
 - Barkantine
 - Brick Lane
 - Old Ford Road West
 - Shadwell



Consultation approach

- Consultation with strategic stakeholders such as TfL and emergency services.
- All schemes included two co-design workshops with stakeholders & residents.



Consultation approach



- Engagement with local stakeholder including residents, ward councillors, business, TRAs and disability groups
- Over 50,000 scheme leaflets and surveys sent
- Over 9000 responses

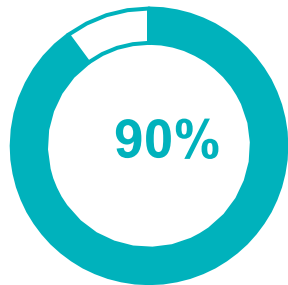
Scheme area	Properties sent leaflets and surveys
Bethnal Green	10500
Wapping	7000
Bow	14000
Barkentine	2900
Brick Lane	5700
Shadwell	5500
Old Ford Road West	4500
Total	50100



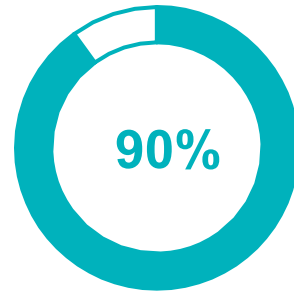
Scheme delivery progress



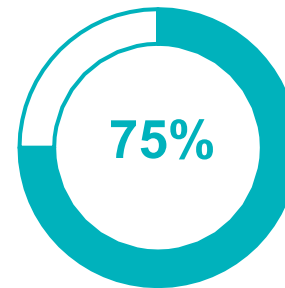
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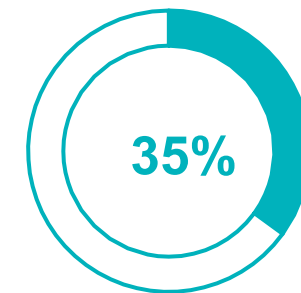
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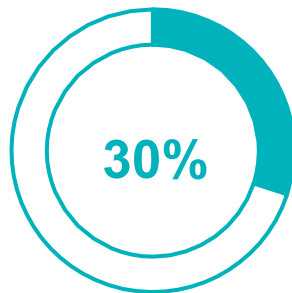
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Brick Lane



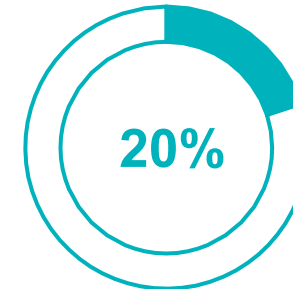
Bow



Old Ford



Shadwell



Which schemes have been paused for review



- Bow Bus Gate/Skew Bridge Closures: There are concerns from TfL that diverted traffic could have adverse impacts on the wider road network and particularly bus journey times. Modelling is required to verify impacts and allow for the design of mitigation impacts
- Future Liveable Street Projects: the remaining 10 projects have been paused while the other elements of the programme are underway



Scheme is near completion

- Widened footways on Alpha Grove
- Raised junctions on Alpha Grove
- Greening on Mellish Street
- Bay removals to allow turning movements for larger vehicles



Wapping

Delivered so far:

- Widened footways across the area
- Improved crossings



To be delivered:

- New crossing outside Wapping Station
- New Pocket Park on Wapping Lane
- Possible resident permit for the bus gate



Bethnal Green

Delivered so far:

Gossett Street public realm

Old Bethnal Green Road Scheme

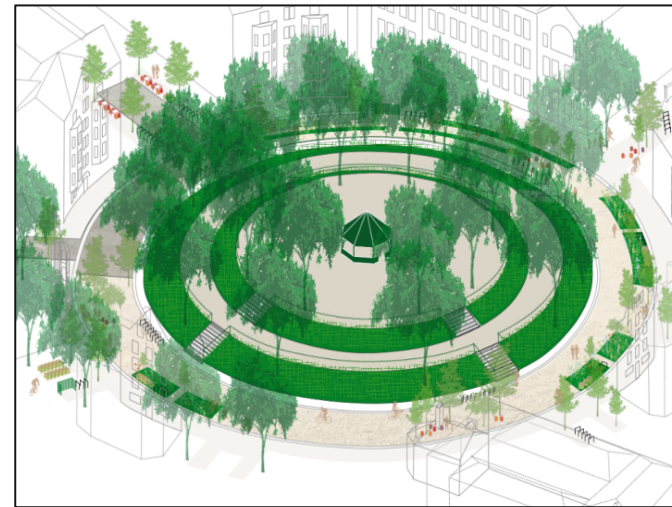


To be delivered:

New cycle lanes on Old Bethnal Green Road

New pedestrian space on Arnold Circus

Possible re-design of north-south routes



Bow

Delivered so far:

- Continuous crossings and junction improvements on St Stephens Road



To be delivered:

- Public Realm Improvements to Roman Road Market
- Two new Pocket Parks
- Closures on Antill Road and Coborn Road

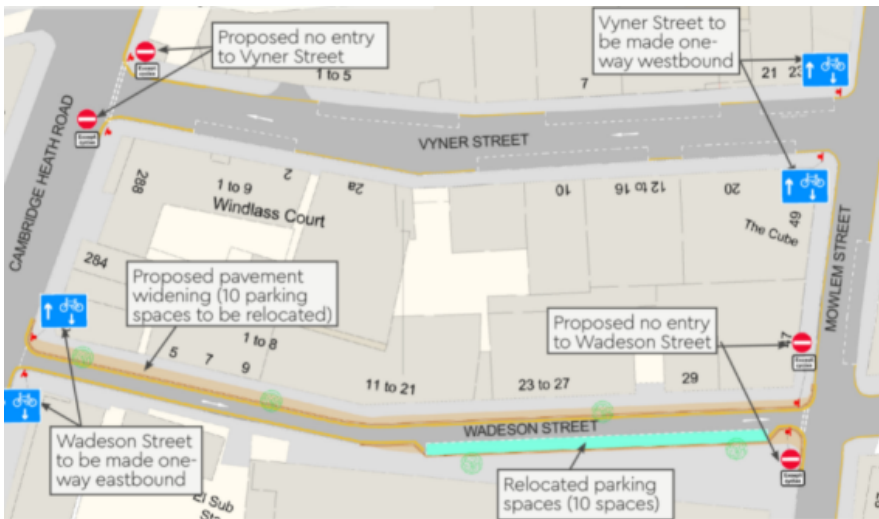


Old Ford Road West

Most schemes will be delivered but certain elements will be subject to further detailed modelling.

To be delivered:

Vyner Road/Wadestone Street one way and public realm



Sewardstone Road Public Realm and closure: may be subject to re-design



Bonner Town Square



Brick Lane

Review is currently underway for the timed closures.

Elements of the scheme that are currently progressing

- Public realm Enhancement of Brick Lane
- New public realm on Buxton Street

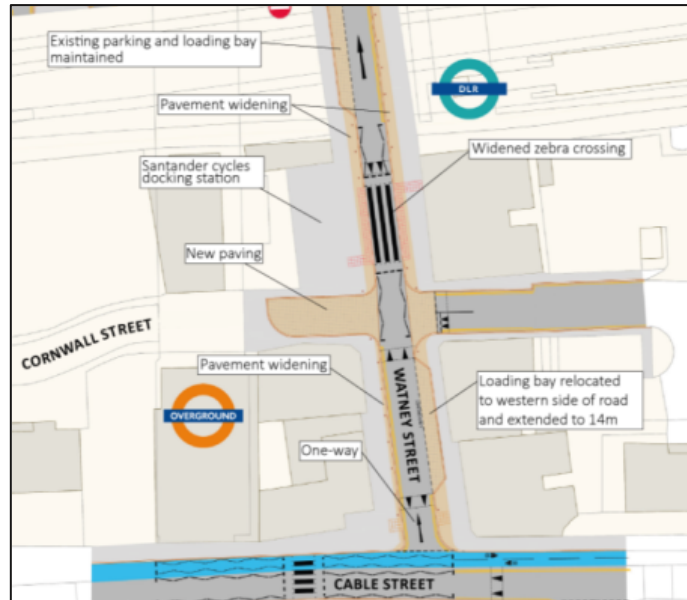


Shadwell

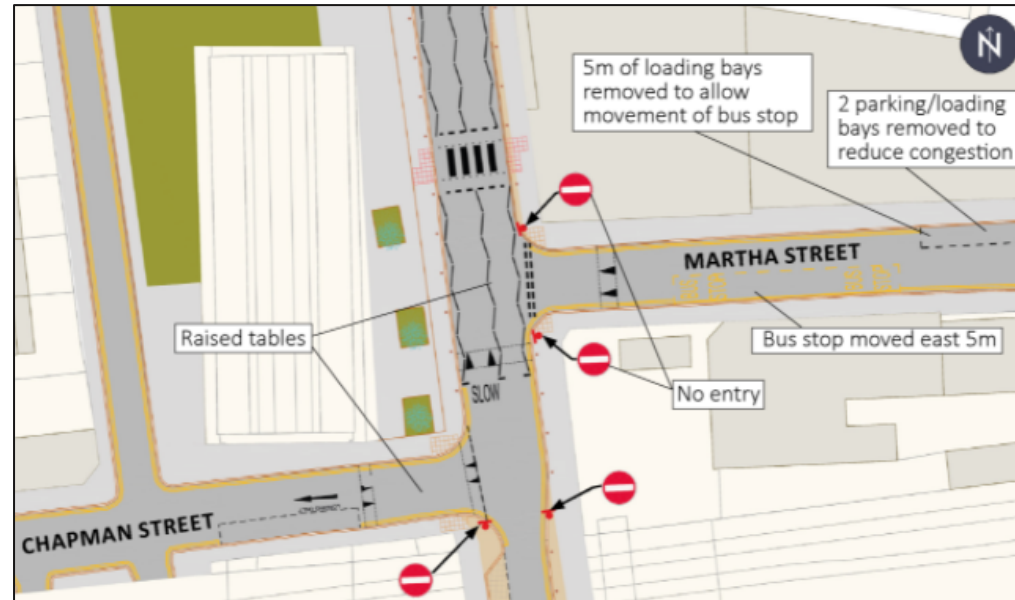
Outcome report on public consultation to go to December cabinet.

Proposed schemes include:

Watney Street pedestrian improvements :



Martha Street safety improvements



Cannon Street Road public realm improvements



Lessons learnt



Need for a new consultation approach:

- Feedback has shown that there is a perception from sections of the community that the project is led by a team of external consultants.
- This has led to a lack of trust in the consultation and engagement process from certain section of the community.
- Council officers now take more of a front facing role for all consultations



Lessons learnt



A new consultation methodology:

- There is a need to develop a bespoke consultation approach less reliant on online responses and mailed out surveys. This has been difficult during the pandemic.
- Support/opposition of schemes needs to be captured in a more face to face way to address digital exclusion concerns. E.g. we are undertaking onsite hotspot surveys to complement online surveys for Shadwell and Brick Lane.
- Survey design needs to be simplified to make it more accessible, e.g. less text and limited use of jargon.
- Systems need to be in place to address potential abuse of online responses from interest groups. Responses in opposition and support were received from other parts of the UK.



Lessons learnt



Greater use on internal resource for project management and design:

- Much of the project management and design of the first three schemes was outsourced to external consultants, due to the lack of internal capacity.
- An internal restructure of the Highways service has increased capacity for design and delivery to be led by internal council teams.
- More use of internal resource has reduced project costs.
- Old Ford Road West and most of Bow and Brick Lane schemes are now delivered in house by council designers and engineers.

The need for a review

- Principle of Liveable Streets with some redesign are still supported.
- Questions have arisen from some journeys for residents being unreasonably lengthened.



Liveable Streets Spend



Scheme	Total Approved Budget	Current Spend	Projected final Spend (by April 2022)
Bethnal Green	£2,700,000	£1,834,003	£3,531,503
Barkentine	£1,000,000	£671,592	£871,592
Wapping	£1,100,000	£949,234	£1,363,234
Bow	£2,700,000	£509,916	£2,624,916
Bricklane*	£1,700,000	£112,976	£1,037,976
Old Ford Road West *	£1,000,000	£122,258	£995,258
Shadwell	£1,000,000	£48,014	£1,078,014
Whitechapel	£1,200,000	£66,066	£96,066
Mile End West	£1,000,000	£0	£0
Total	£13,400,000	£4,314,059	£11,598,559

*£400,000 funding from TfL for Brick Lane

*£750,000 funding from TfL for Old Ford Road West

