

Representations in Support of the proposals

1. Resident Support 001

I just received the leaflet about ELLIOTT ROAD - TREES AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS dated 23 January 2020, ref: LBL/MFNP3/23012020

I like the ideas put forward and I support the action on the trees and improvements. However, I see no provision for motorcycle parking. There are a few residents in the Foxley Square estate who own motorcycles. I am one of those.

Currently I secure my motorcycle to the metal posts alongside the green perimeter fence of the Patmos Lodge site. The posts have been there for many years and are used to secure other motorcycles. This should not be confused with the bicycle racks at the pedestrianised section of the road. My flat overlooks this motorcycle post position and I feel reassured to keep it in sight from my home.

2 years ago I had my last motorcycle stolen a few minutes walk away - despite it being alarmed and locked. The MET police and other authorities clearly advise to securely attach motorcycles to a post - it's well researched and reported that motorcycle theft in London is at an all time high.

The plans put forward provide no solution for motorcyclists. Please consider providing a small motorcycle bay for residents with ability to secure with posts. There's no motorcycle considerations in the surrounding area. Providing this would help reduce motorcycle thefts and put my mind at rest.

I'd very much welcome your thoughts on this and to know what steps need to be taken to officially add this to the proposals.

Kind regards

Officer response:

Thank you for your response regarding the proposals at Elliott Road. The request for motorcycle parking will be added to the design brief.

2. Resident Support 002

Pleased that trees will be planted and footpaths for pedestrians improved. Very concerned that space will be taken up by parking - in a borough/city so polluted we should be making it harder for people to use cars. There is no reason to have a car and need a parking space in the middle of London.'

Officer response:

When considering the current parking behaviour in Elliott Road, the proposals will reduce the number of effective spaces for cars.

Representations in Opposition of the proposals

None Received

1. Resident Comment 001

Dear Lambeth Council,

I am shocked to hear that you are planning to cut down mature trees and replace them with seedlings in Myatt's Fields North.

ref: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/have-your-say-on-our-proposals-for-myatts-field-north-phase-3-better-streets?medium=email&source=GovDelivery>

Is this a cost-saving exercise, as the shameful and destructive mass tree-cutting in Sheffield was? I know you are dealing with Tory cuts, but if this is the case it is too shortsighted.

The idea that trees and their roots are a problem is an outdated one and must be jettisoned if the city, country and planet are to have any chance of mitigating environmental and climate disaster.

There must be a better way, that takes into account the needs of the trees as well as those of pedestrians and drivers; we must learn to do this to have any chance of mitigating the climate. Please look to the future, and spare these trees.

Thank you for your attention,

Officer response:

The decision whether or not to replace the trees has not been entered into lightly. The initial intention was to preserve the trees where possible. Following the tree survey, the existing condition, short lifespan and level of impact of the tree roots in contrast with the amount of highway engineering work required to upgrade and maintain the carriageway in an adequate condition, could not be justified. In addition, the drainage CCTV surveys showed the tree roots have entered the drainage system and will require significant works to ensure the asset remains fit for purpose. Furthermore, the street in its current layout remains inaccessible for disabled users, pushchairs and other vulnerable road users. The current tree layout is such that a continuous footway 2 metres wide, cannot be achieved.

2. Resident Comment 002

Your reasoning for removing the existing trees is flawed. See Sheffield's mistakes and the ensuing report. Saplings have little or no chance of surviving in that environment and "planters are inappropriate in a conservation area. Why not narrow the road? There are plenty of other roads, and spend the money on a playground.

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The Council's tree officer has recommended that these trees be replaced with suitable species of significant size, not saplings, given the size of the existing trees. Elliott's Road does not form part of the Conservation areas and any planters would take into account the surroundings.