Summary

The London Borough of Newham (LBN) is working with Transport for London (TfL) to deliver programmes under the Mayor of London’s Vision for Cycling 2013-2022. This includes the ‘Quietway’ programme, intended to deliver pan-borough cycling routes by linking low-traffic streets, green spaces, and housing areas. The second route for investment in Newham is the Greenway, linking Victoria Park and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park with Cycle Superhighway 2 and Stratford, West Ham, Plaistow, East Ham, Cycle Superhighway 3 and Beckton.

During June 2016, LBN ran an initial consultation with residents and other stakeholders on the proposed installation of lighting and CCTV on the entire route. The report below summarises the responses.

What was consulted upon?

During 2015/16 LBN officers prepared outline designs for the installation of lighting and CCTV on the Greenway from Wick Lane in the Queen Elizabeth Park to High Street South in East Ham.

Who was consulted, how, and when?

- Plans were made (and continue to be) available via the Newham website.
- Laminated posters were placed on gateways along the route.
- A printed letter and plan was also delivered to each address immediately adjacent to the route.
- Drop-in sessions were hosted in Stratford, Plaistow, and East Ham.
Who responded?

A total of 65 responses were received.

Which schemes did respondents comment upon?

- Of the 56 responses that commented on the proposed installation of lighting and CCTV, 53 (95%) fully supported the proposals. The three respondents (5%) that did not support the proposals cited concerns with privacy, security, and impact on ecology.

- 16 respondents (25%) requested new and improved ramp access points including at West Ham Memorial Park.

- 9 respondents (15%) requested that the existing gateways be improved for people with buggies, on wheelchairs and for people cycling (particularly on non-standard cycles), combined with longer opening hours.

- 9 responses (14%) raised questions as to when individual sections of the Greenway would re-open, following works by Thames Water Utilities (TWU) and Crossrail.

- 8 respondents (12%) requested additional bins, including dog bins, and greater enforcement against fly-tipping.

- 7 respondents (11%) expressed an interest in adding new activities to the Greenway including projects to develop and manage the ecology, creating and installing artwork, and additional leisure activities such as walking groups.

- 5 respondents (8%) requested improvements to the ecology on the route, including planting and maintenance.

- 4 respondents (6%) requested that the Greenway be made an alcohol-free zone and more enforcement against public drug use.

- 3 respondents (5%) cited concerns over potential conflict between people cycling and walking and requested greater effective width of the path.

- 2 responses (3%) requested the installations of secure power points for community markets and other events and activities.

- 2 responses (3%) requested improvements to the Greenway east of the A13.

- 1 response (2%) requested improved fencing along the route.

- 1 respondent (2%) requested additional and improved seating for the elderly.
**Recommendations**

It is recommended to:

- Progress with the proposed installation of lighting and CCTV along the route, including any planning applications required and keep residents and users informed of the process. The design will be adapted in liaison with residents to address any specific concerns raised.

- Develop detailed designs for new and improved ramped access points along the route, for prioritisation for delivery within the existing budget.

- Once CCTV and lighting has been installed, conduct a pilot of replacing the existing anti-vehicular gates with lockable bollards that are more accessible to those with buggies, on wheelchairs, and people cycling; and pilot longer opening hours in cooperation with enforcement and local stakeholders.

- Install new and more bins, including dog bins, and investigate co-ordinated action to enforce against fly-tipping.

- Liaise with partners within and external to LBN, including LBN Green Space, LBN Leisure, Active Newham and others, to develop a joint programme of regular and annual activities to increase use of the Greenway and further improve natural surveillance and security.

- Continue to liaise with partners to implement an agreed maintenance and ecology plan for the route.

- Investigate the potential for making the Greenway an official no-alcohol route with associated enforcement.

- Continue to monitor any conflict between people walking and cycling and ensure that the designs for the installation of lighting and CCTV allow for the future potential widening of the path to create greater effective width, including possible segregation between users if needed.

- Investigate the potential installation of secure power points for events and community activities where requested.

- Investigate the installation of new fencing where funding allows and seek additional funding where possible.

- Renew existing seating along the route and investigate the potential for more where demand is highest.