

Thorburn Square CPZ Review consultation report

July 2019

Executive Summary

The main aim of this Thorburn Square Consultation report is to review the current parking restrictions deployed in the Thorburn Square area and determine whether the restrictions have improved parking facilities to meet resident's and businesses' needs. The report also looks to determine whether there is support for implementation of kerbside smart street measures as a result of the reduced parking occupancy that the zone has brought about.

The Thorburn Square parking zone was introduced October 2018. The restrictions put in place are from Monday to Friday, 8.30 – 18.30 and exist to deter non-residents from all day parking, particularly for work or leisure purposes.

The Thorburn Square area had seen an increase in parking competition as a result of the introduction of neighbouring Controlled Parking Zones such as Zone G, GR and BR and many new developments in the area. Additionally, it is in close proximity to Bermondsey Underground Station and has many transport links into London Bridge and Zone 1 which means it was an attractive place for commuters to park.

Summary of Key Consultation Findings

The consultation showed an increase of 37% of residents and 33% of visitors from the 2017 consultation who never have a problem parking. This implies that the controlled parking zone has improved parking difficulties in the area.

There was a 4% increase in the number of people who do not own a vehicle since the 2017 consultation.

There was a slight majority in favour of no amendments to the current parking restrictions (51%). 8% of people were undecided and the minority were in favour of amendments (41%). Those respondents who were in favour of an amendment voted most favourably for reduced restrictions to two hours.

The majority of respondents were in favour of one or more of the kerbside smarter street measures. Those in favour showed preferences for trees and planting, parklets and cycle stands.

Recommendations

Do not amend the current parking restrictions as the majority were in favour of no amendments. Consider reviewing the area for opportunities for trees and planting, parklets and cycle stands.

Introduction

The Thorburn Square area is situated in the South Bermondsey ward and lies north of Old Kent Road and south of Jamaica Road. The area saw an increase in parking competition due to numerous factors, some of which are outlined below:

- Introduction of Controlled Parking Zones in neighbouring areas: Zone G, Zone GR and Zone BR may have displaced parking into the Thorburn Square area.
- New developments and regeneration
- Proximity to transport links, including Bermondsey Underground Station, South Bermondsey Rail station, bus routes into London Bridge, Zone 1 and walking and cycling links into central London.

A consultation with residents and businesses in the Thorburn Square area was carried out in 2011 asking whether they would like to see the introduction of a CPZ. The results from the initial consultation exercise meant that the CPZ did not progress. Since 2011 and until 2017 when it was decided to consult, regular requests were made asking Southwark Council to re-visit and assess whether the area was appropriate for parking controls.

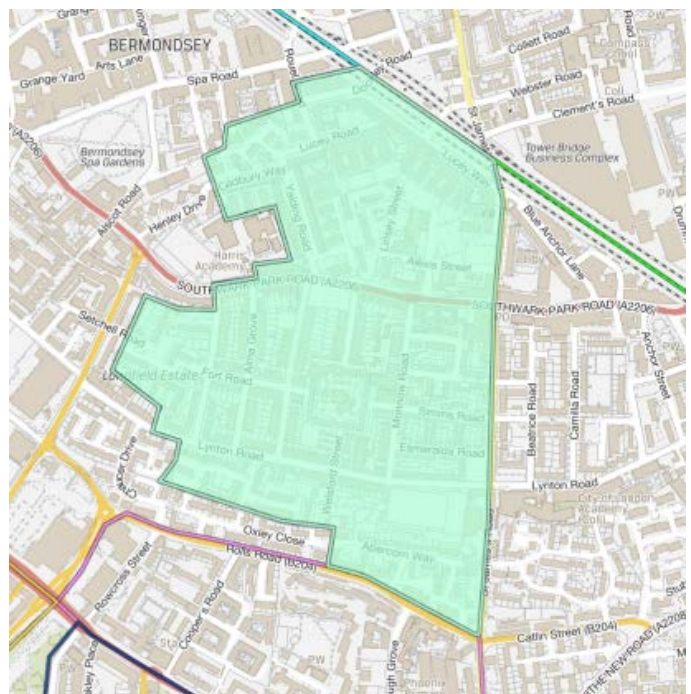
The consultation in 2017 was sent to 2610 postal addresses in the proposed Thorburn Square CPZ boundary. The key findings of this consultation were:

- 11% response rate (98% residents)
- 49% of respondents had trouble parking on weekdays
- 53% of respondents would like a parking zone

The consultation results and approval of Cabinet Member for Environment provided the mandate for the introduction of the Controlled Parking Zone entitled Thorburn Square in October 2018.

The CPZ boundary is outlined below.

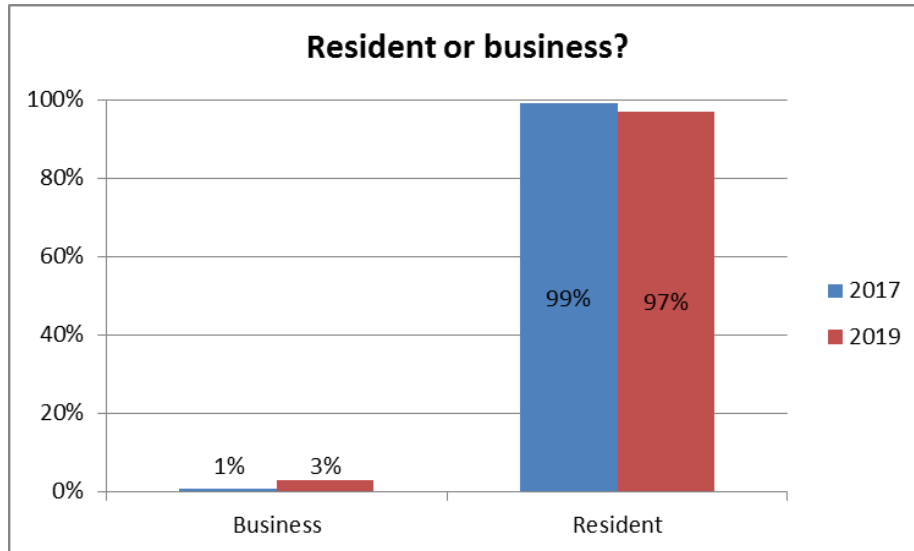
To assess the impact of the controlled parking zone introduced in October 2018 a follow-up review was carried out in July 2019.



Analysis of Responses

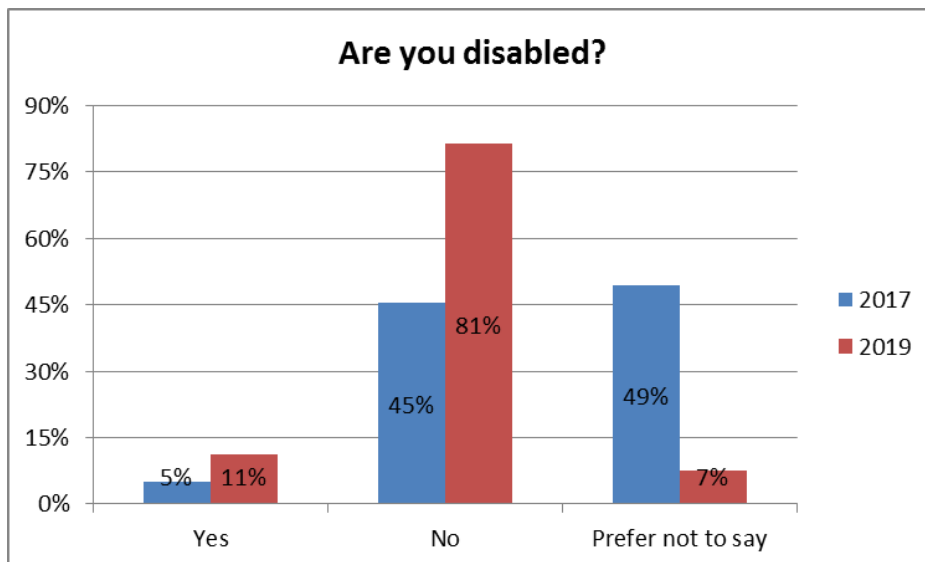
The consultation received a response rate of 5%; this is ordinary for Controlled parking zone review consultations.

1) Are you a business or a resident?



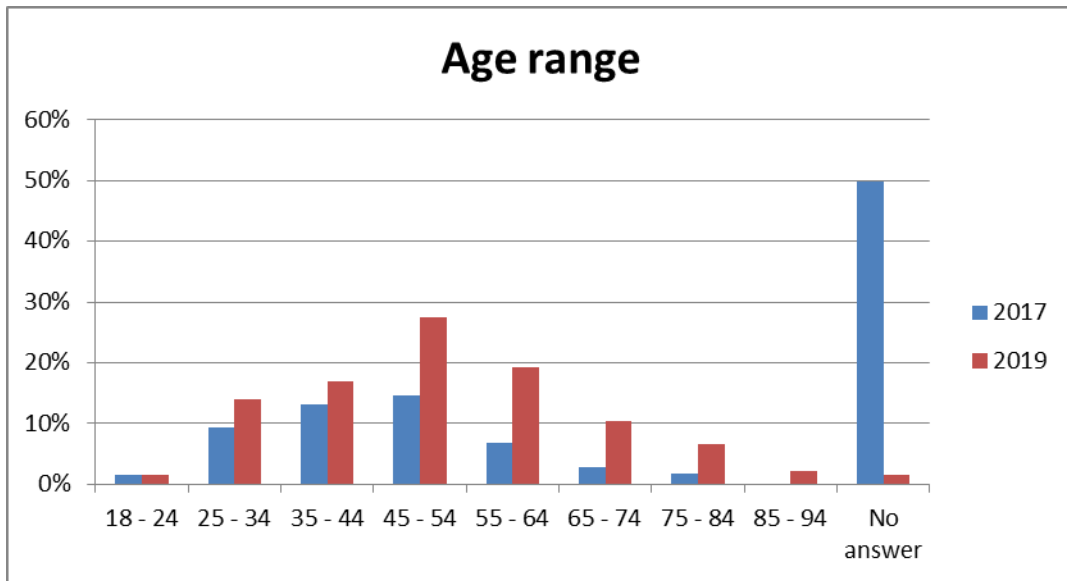
A slight increase (+2%) in the number of businesses who have responded to this consultation in comparison to 2017.

2) Are you disabled?



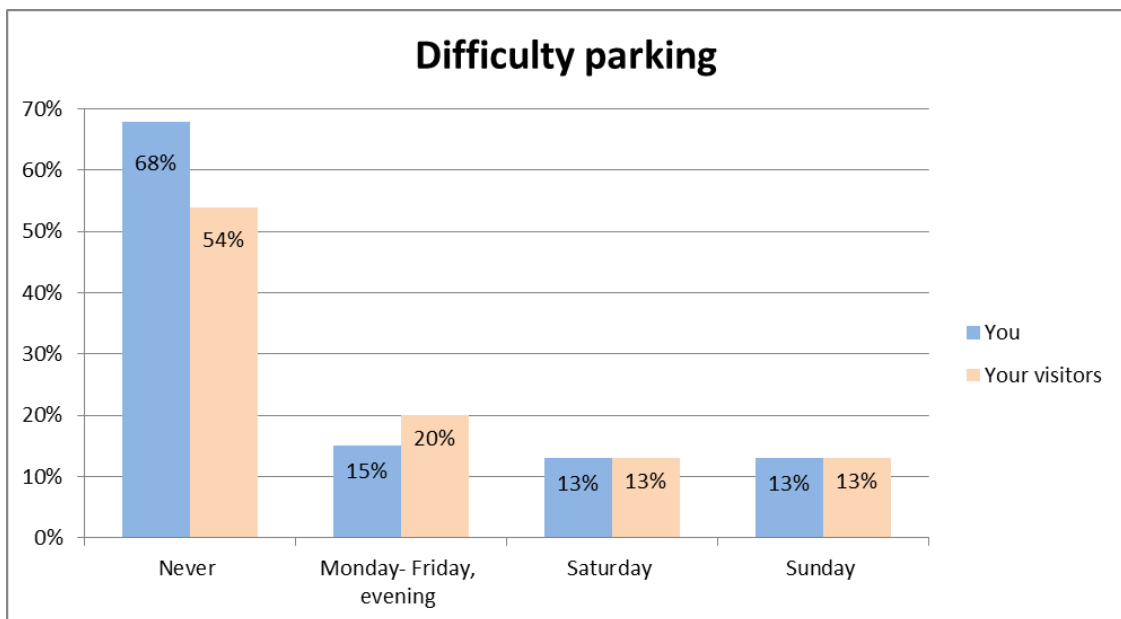
See analysis to Q3.

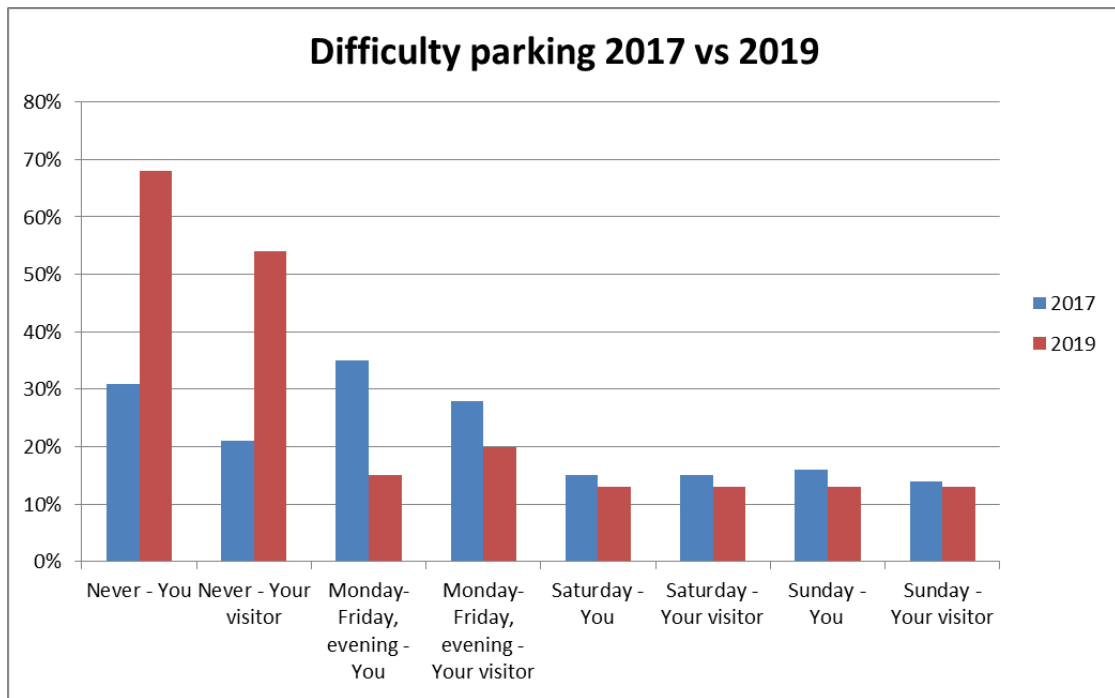
3) Age



Due to the number of responses received in 2017 that are 'Prefer not to say' or 'No answer' the results are not comparable and there are no conclusions to be drawn.

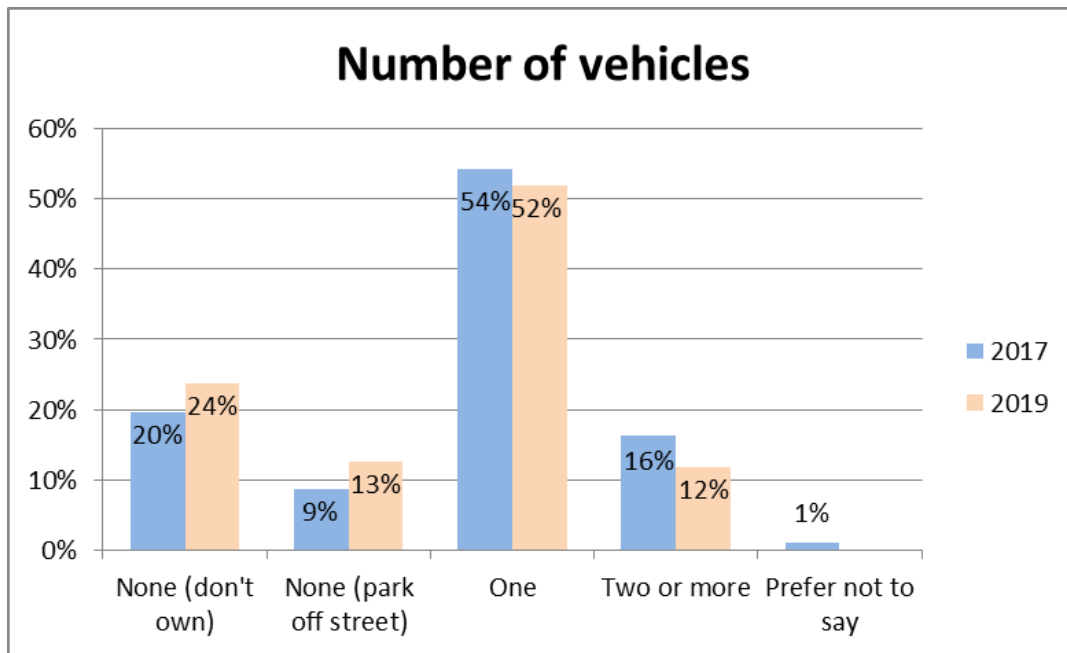
4) At what times do you or your visitors have difficulty parking?





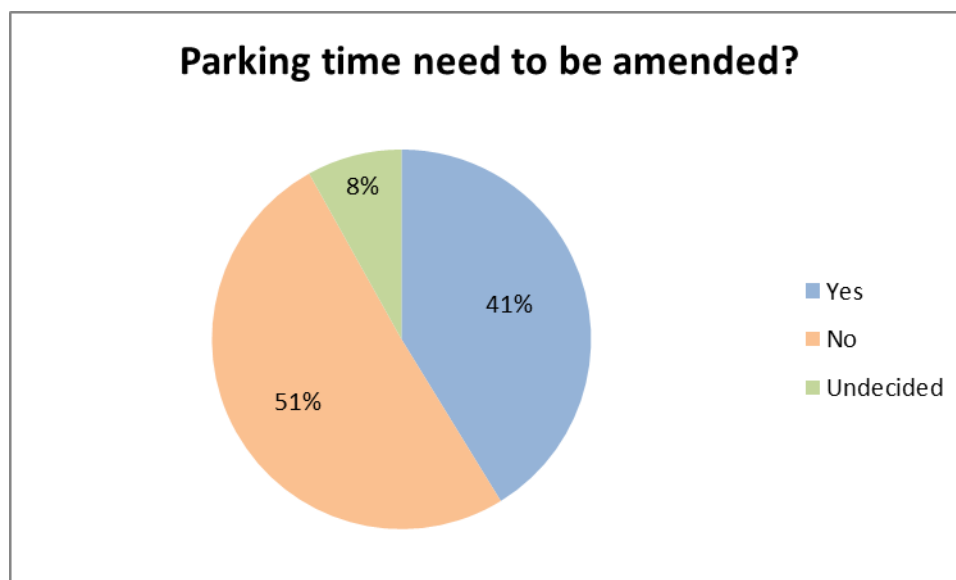
The majority of residents and their visitors never have difficulty parking. Since the 2017 consultation there has been an increase of 37% in the number of residents, and 33% of their visitors who 'Never' have difficulty parking. There has been a decrease of 20% for residents and 8% for visitors who have difficulty parking Monday-Friday evening, and slight decreases also found on weekends.

5) How many vehicles does your household regularly park on the street?

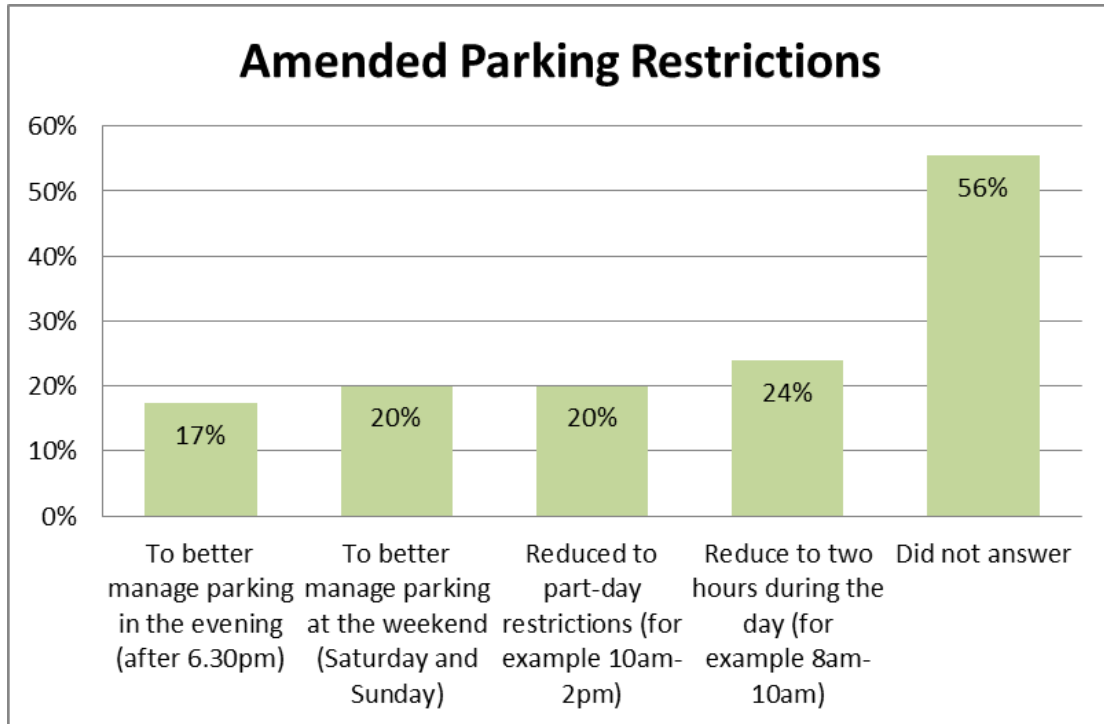


The results show a 4% increase in the number of residents who do not own vehicles in the controlled parking zone, and a 6% decrease of residents owning one or more cars.

6) The current parking restrictions exist (Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 6.30pm) exist to prevent all day parking, does this need to be amended?

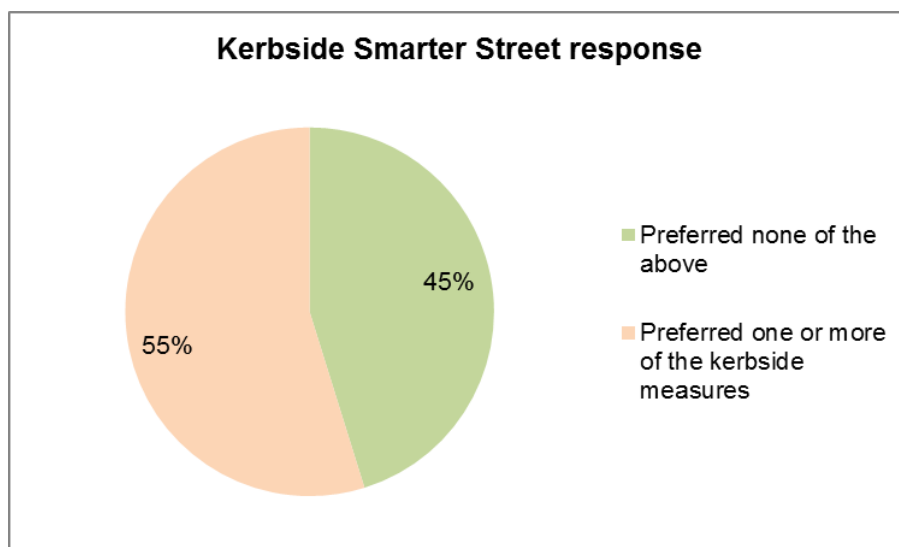


6.1) If yes, how would you like them to be amended?

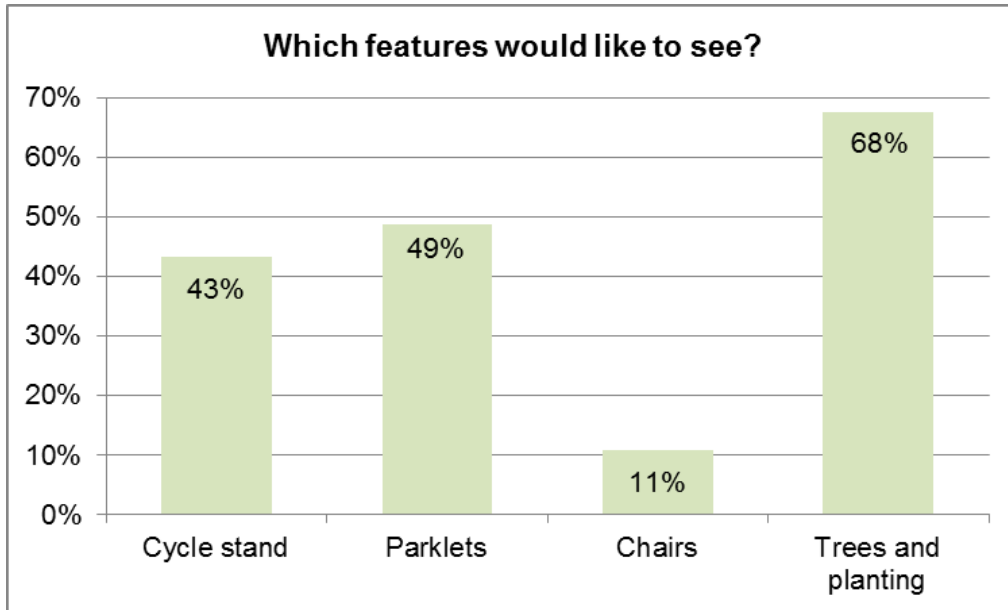


From these results we can conclude that a majority of 51% would not like to see the parking restrictions amended. 8% of respondents were undecided and a remaining 41% would like to see the restrictions amended. The following question shows the preferred amendment option between those who were in favour of an amendment. There was a slight majority of 24% for the restriction hours to be reduced to two hours.

7) Which features would you like to see introduced into the space created as a result of the parking zone?

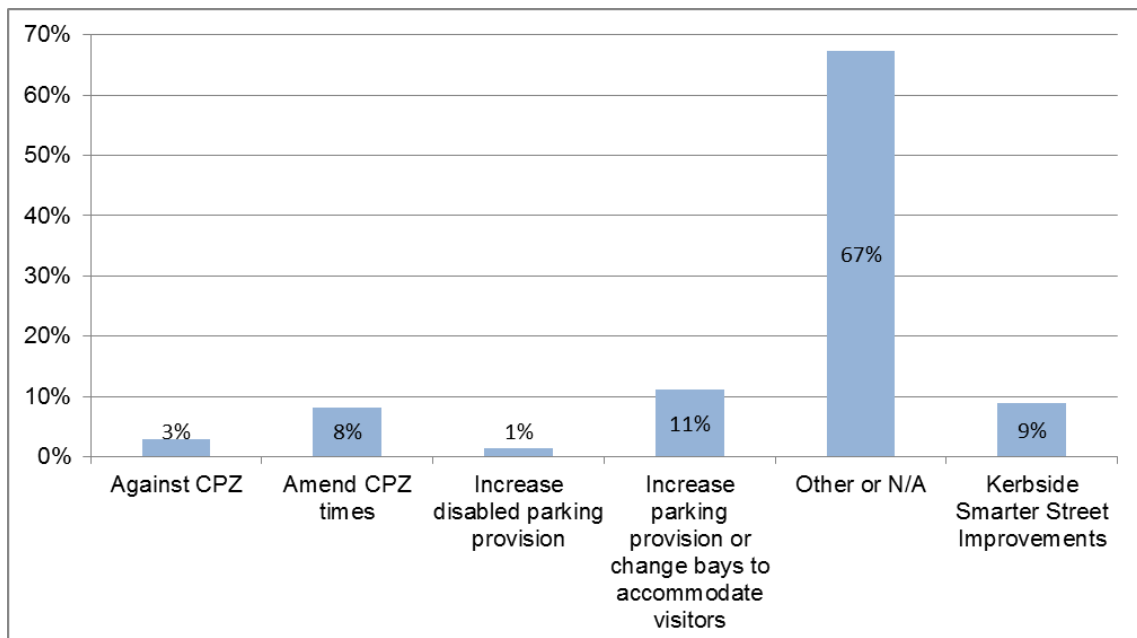


7a) Which features would you like to see?



The majority of people that were in favour of kerbside smarter street measures opted for trees and planting. Parklets were the second preference followed by cycle stands with the least favourable being chairs.

8) Further comments



Street-by-Street analysis

The current parking restrictions exist (Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 6.30pm) exist to prevent all day parking, does this need to be amended?

	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Grand Total
Abercorn Way	1	1	2	4
Acanthus Drive			1	1
Achilles Close		1	1	2
Alma Grove	1		1	2
Amina Way			1	1
Balaclava Road	4			4
Bushwood Drive	2		1	3
Cadbury Way		1	2	3
Cadet Drive	1		1	2
Esmeralda Road	1		1	2
Fairby House		1		1
Fort Road	9		6	15
Goodwin Close	4	1	1	6
Hannah Mary Way	2			2
Linsey Street	1		2	3
Longley Street	3		3	6
Lucey Way	1		1	2
Lynton Road	10	1	6	17
Macks Road	1			1
Monnow Road	3	1	2	6
Reverdy Road	9		5	14
Rouel Road	1	2	3	6
Simms Road			4	4
Southwark Park Road	4	1	2	7
St James's Road	1			1
Strathnaim Street	2		1	3
Thorburn Square	2		2	4
Trothy Road	2	1		3
Welsford Street	2			2
Whittaker Way	1			1
Woolstaplers Way			1	1
Yalding Road			6	6
Grand Total	68	11	56	135

What features would you like to be introduced?

	Chairs	Cycle stand	Parklets	Trees and planting
Abercorn Way				1
Acanthus Drive				1
Achilles Close		1	1	
Amina Way				
Balaclava Road		1	2	1
Bushwood Drive		2	2	1
Cadbury Way		1		3
Cadet Drive				
Esmeralda Road				
Fairby House		1	1	
Fort Road	2	4	4	7
Goodwin Close		1	2	2
Hannah Mary Way		1		1
Linsey Street		1		
Longley Street	1	1	2	1
Lucey Way			1	
Lynton Road		2	4	4
Macks Road				
Monnow Road		1	3	4
Reverdy Road	2	1	4	3
Rouel Road			1	2
Simms Road	1	1		3
Southwark Park Road	1	2	1	1
St James's Road			1	
Strathnairn Street			1	1
Thorburn Square		2	1	3
Trothy Road		2	2	2
Welsford Street		1	1	2
Whittaker Way				1
Woolstaplers Way				
Yalding Road	1	1	2	1
Grand Total	8	27	36	45