

Appendix B: Comments from individuals on Alfred Place proposals (question 4)

Topic	Comment	No.	Officer response
General	Support for proposal	37	Comment noted.
	Waste of money	6	Providing a park for the community would improve the quality of life for residents, workers and visitors. Planting more trees would improve air quality and introducing grassed / planted areas would contribute to Sustainable Urban Drainage.
	Do not support proposal	4	Comment noted.
	Keep street as it is / no change	4	There is a lack of green and open space in the area and a strong desire from residents to have a park.
Pedestrians	Support public space and allocation of space to pedestrians, local community and employees	9	Comment noted.
	Use by mobility scooter and cycling should also be permitted	3	The paths in and around the park would allow mobility scooters access. A final recommendation on cycle access on the main / north route will be made when the details of the design have been completed.
Cycling	Maintain through cycling	19	A final recommendation on cycle access would be made when the details of the design have been completed.
	Do not remove cycle hire – incorporate it into the park	12	Maintaining the cycle hire station in the park has not been proposed as it would reduce the extent of the planted areas.
	More cycle hire nearby	5	The Council is working with Transport for London to examine the potential for additional cycle hire stations in the area.
	Do not locate cycle hire in Windmill Street as increases street clutter and restricts pedestrian movement	4	Windmill Street is considered to be an appropriate location for a Cycle Hire station as it is close to the shops on TCR and close to Charlotte Street. The design of the station would look to maintain pedestrian crossings on desire lines.
	Need plenty of cycle parking here and near shops	3	Cycle parking is proposed at both ends of the park and additional parking would be included on Store Street.

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Loading servicing	/ Remove all parking and allow loading only between 11pm and 8am or in middle of day and only for those without rear access	4	Late evening / early morning loading on Tottenham Court Road would be considered as part of a proposed loading trial, if the West End Project proposals were to go ahead. A daytime loading slot may also be required.
	Allow loading but remove parking	3	The proposal would allow loading to take place for businesses on Alfred Place whilst relocating parking.
	Need to allow more time for deliveries and collections	2	There is clearly a balance between providing times for businesses to have deliveries and to create an attractive park environment that is free from vehicles. The loading hours would be discussed with the Corporation of London and tenants, if the proposals were to go ahead.
Impact on businesses	Good for business / no impact	2	Comment noted.
Public space	Support as need green spaces in West End but must be maintained	23	Comment noted.
	Needs to be more imaginative including variety of planting, with three-dimensional and child-friendly objects	7	Following public consultation there has been further engagement with local residents and businesses to develop the proposals and these now include a variety of planting and informal play.
	Enough green space already	5	There is a lack of green and open space in the area and a strong desire from residents to have a park in this area.
	More and mature trees	4	The proposals would retain the existing trees and introduce new low level planting.
	Remove Eisenhower Building as it is an eyesore	3	Changes to buildings are outside the scope of this project.
	Relocate war memorial to a position near the new park so that it is more accessible for Armistice Day	1	Following public consultation, the memorial is now proposed to be located within the park, subject to the necessary permissions.
Parking	Do not remove parking	7	It would not be possible to introduce a new park without removing parking from Alfred Place.

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	Relocate / remove more parking	5	All parking is proposed to be removed from Alfred Place. Removing more parking from Store Street and other streets nearby would adversely impact local residents, businesses and visitors.
Traffic flow	Has impact on surrounding streets been analysed? / Traffic will be displaced / create traffic congestion	5	Alfred Place does not carry high volumes of traffic and therefore it is not anticipated that there would be a major impact on surrounding streets of closing Alfred Place. However, if the scheme were to proceed, traffic flows would be monitored before and after implementation and negative impacts mitigated where possible and appropriate.
	Ban all cars from Alfred Place	4	All parking is proposed to be removed from Alfred Place. Access would only be permitted at specific times for loading.
	Will not create traffic congestion / issues for traffic	3	Comment noted.
Accessibility	Will limit access to disabled people	3	The proposals include two blue badge parking bays on Chenies Street and two blue badge and two green badge on Store Street.