



Ramsden Square / Kings Hedges Road Verge Parking Project

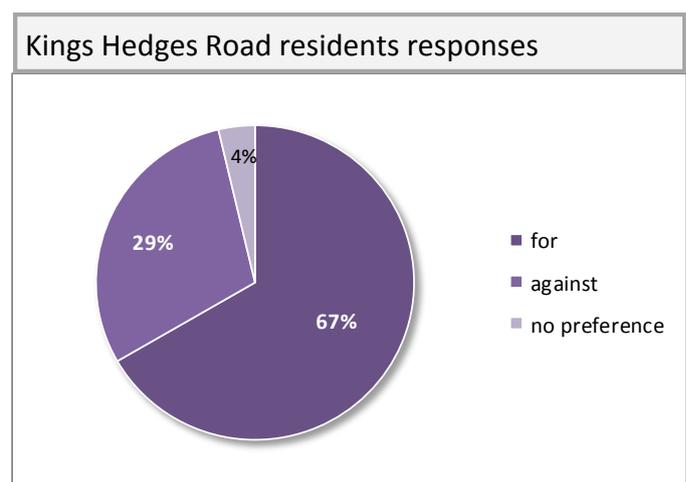
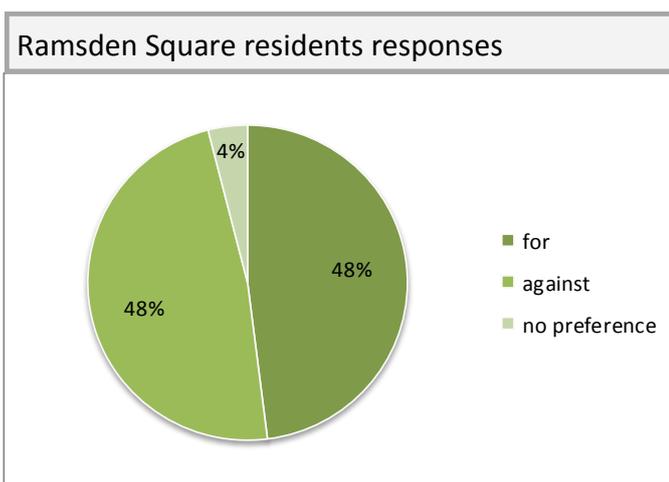
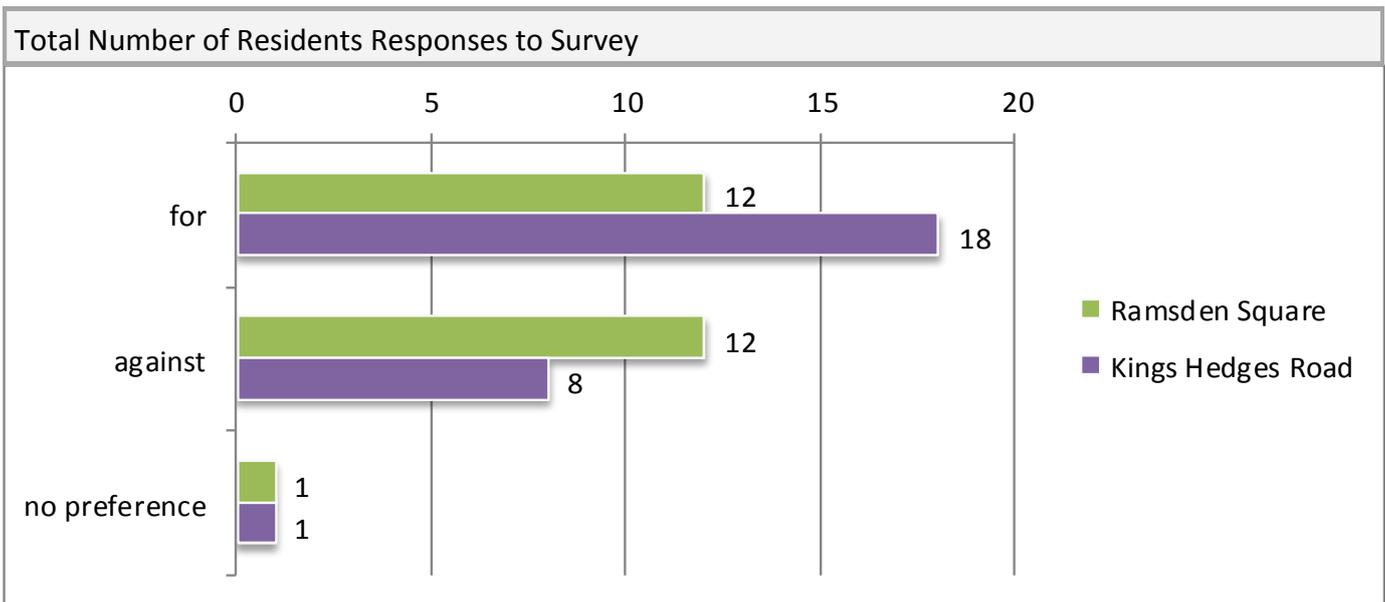
Results of Residents' Consultation

October 2014

A consultation was undertaken between 21st August and 10th September 2014. About 300 leaflets were delivered to all the residents of Ramsden Square and the stretch of King Hedges Road affected by this scheme. The leaflets were tailored to the two areas, and residents asked for views/comments on the scheme in their particular street.

The results of the survey are given below. The key findings include:

- Total number of responses: 53 (18% response rate)
- Just under half of Ramsden Square residents are in favour of the scheme but just under half are not.
- About two-thirds of Kings Hedges Road residents are in favour of the scheme and a third are not.



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Ramsden Square

1. Comments from residents (✘ = negative ✓ = positive)

- ✘ It is already hard at times to drive around the square squeezing through parked vehicles.
- ✘ Moving cars onto the road will cause obstructions for other road users - particularly large vehicles.
- ✘ On street parking will make the Square less safe especially for children.
- ✘ It is better to park on the verge than in the road, reducing visibility.
- ✘ Remove the verge and replace with parking spaces.
- ✘ How will it be enforced as most verge parking is in evenings and at weekends?
- ✘ Nowhere to park outside house, so spaces should be created for residents with no driveways.
- ✓ Strangers park on verge outside house and make it difficult to reverse from drive.
- ✓ Good idea but parking must be restricted on the corners of the square.
- ✓ Some residents park on verge instead of own driveway.



2. General Issues

- Part of the Square is used by traffic as a short cut, an issue that has been raised with the County Council.
- Some residents who support the scheme are concerned about its knock-on effects.
- The introduction of on-street parking restrictions in some areas, along with verge parking restrictions, may be necessary.

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Kings Hedges Road

1. Comments from residents of Kings Hedges Road (✘ = negative ✓ = positive)

- ✘ Where are we to park our cars?
- ✘ Marked area for on-street parking runs across driveways/dropped kerbs - these will be blocked by inconsiderate drivers.
- ✘ It is dangerous for cyclists to negotiate around cars parked on the road; some drivers will park in the cycle lane.
- ✘ It is dangerous to get in/out of a car parked on this busy road - especially for children; on-road spaces are too narrow.
- ✘ Cars parked in the road will block visibility for drivers exiting driveways.
- ✘ Houses with multiple tenancies means multiple cars (in one example there are 5).
- ✘ Verge damage was not caused by cars but by gas board.
- ✓ Grass is destroyed, mud blocks the drains, ruts look unsightly and are a trip hazard.
- ✓ Verge parking obstructs view of the road.
- ✓ Hope it will be enforced.



2. General Issues:

- Those against the scheme commented significantly more than those in favour.
- Cars park on the verge adjacent to parking spaces and in some locations double park on the verge.
- There is no legal on-street parking on the northern side of the road due to the cycle lane.

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