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Prescott Place Reimagined

Engagement Report

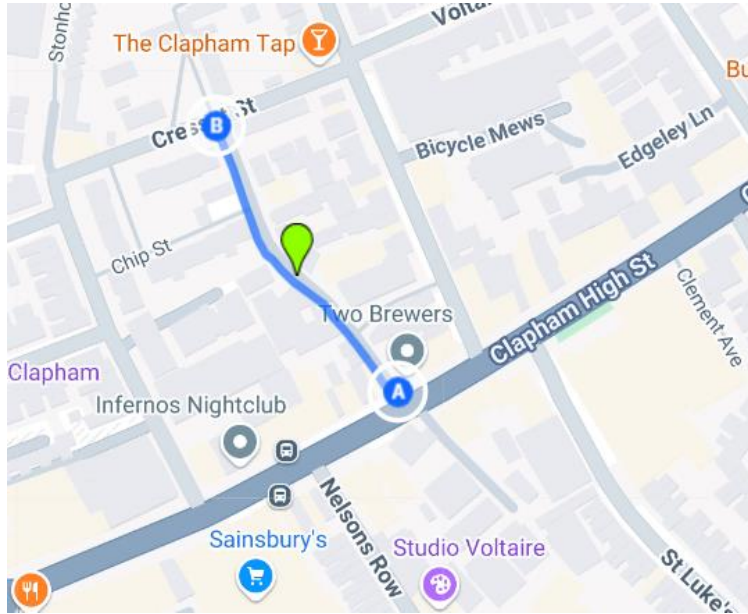
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1. Overview



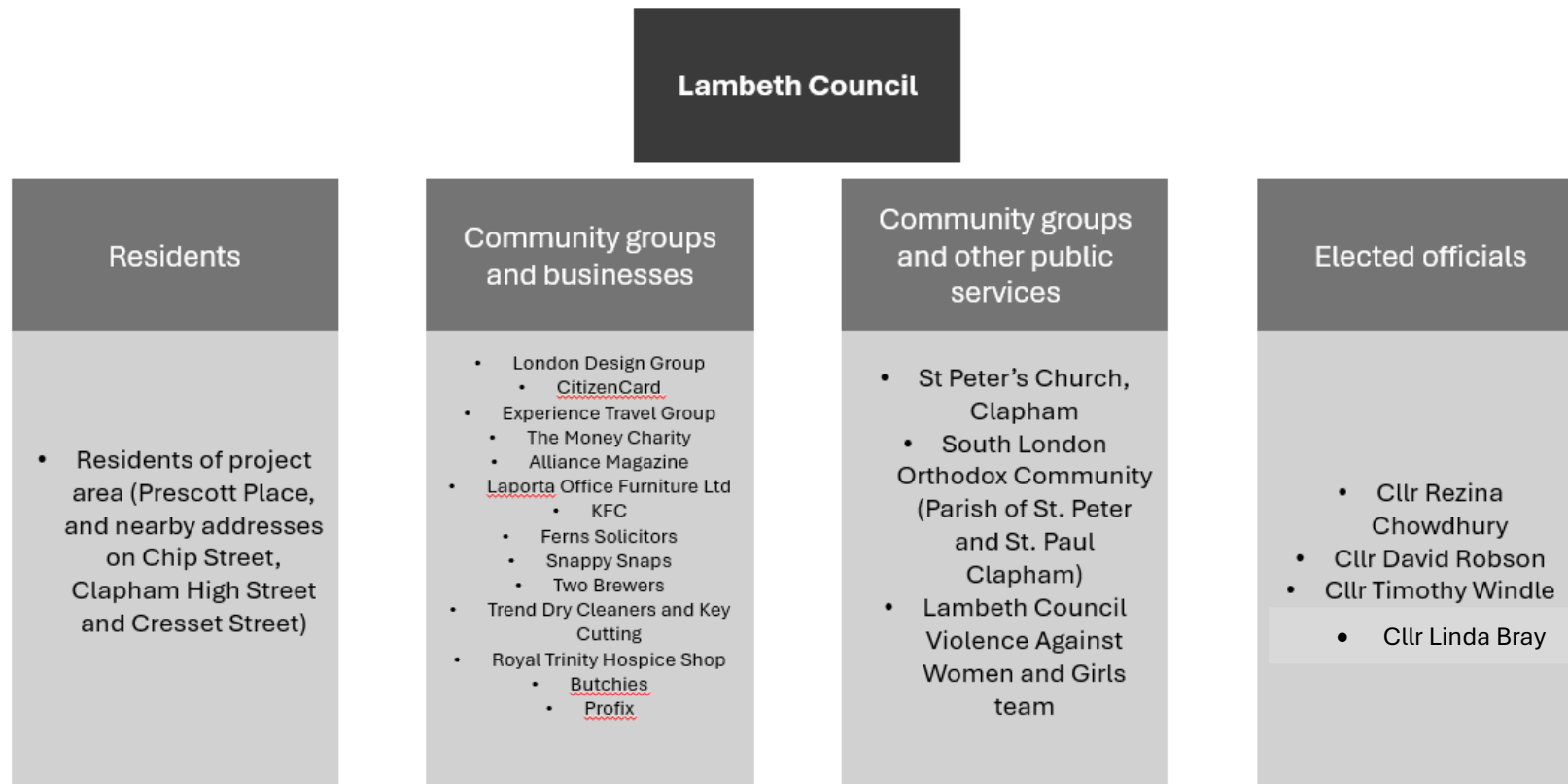
This document summarises the engagement in the Prescott Place Reimagined area which took place between October and January 2024. The engagement will inform the design of the Re-Imagined Prescott Place scheme.

Prescott Place is a residential street with several businesses, and important community spaces including a church and a nursery. Nestled between Clapham High Street on one end, and Cresset Place at the other, Prescott Place is near to late-night venues, restaurants on shops on Clapham High Street and the quieter Cresset Street, which is residential and forms part of Clapham Manor Primary's School Street.

We have undertaken several engagement activities to identify areas on and near to Prescott Place that may require street improvements. Community input will be used along with other sources of data such as traffic counts and speed data to create design proposals.



1.1. Key Stakeholders



1.2. Engagement Methods

All feedback from the following activities is being shared with the designers to inform the design proposals. See Appendices for further detailed information on each activity.

Activities	Detail	Result
Letter Drop Leaflet sent to all households within, and 100m beyond the Reimagined Street area on 15 November 2024	A leaflet introducing the Prescott Place Reimagined project and Have Your Say engagement website was sent to all households in the project area.	Leaflets distributed to 750 addresses on and near to Prescott Place
Prescott Place Reimagined Have Your Say site Launched on 1 November 2024	A website providing information on the Streets Reimagined scheme, including the interactive map, timeline and information about engagement events	10 news subscribers
Prescott Place Interactive Map Launched on 1 November 2024	An online interactive map on Have Your Say people could add specific feedback on Prescott Place	11 responses
Clapham BID outreach Ongoing contact through all project phases	Regular meetings with the Clapham BID, working in partnership with This is Clapham to deliver Car Free Day in June 2025	Ongoing contact will be maintained throughout all project stages.



<p>Safety for Women and Girls Visit – Prescott Place to Voltaire Road Visit took place on Wednesday 20 November, at 7 PM</p>	<p>Arranged in partnership with the Safer Neighbourhoods Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) team, a led walk was conducted through Prescott Place and down Clapham High Street to Voltaire Road. The purpose of the walk was to explore safety concerns for women and girls and identify issues and opportunities through facilitated questions and a discussion.</p>	<p>Walk completed with two attendees, and written feedback on safety for women and girls in the area provided by one registered attendee after the event.</p>
<p>Two Brewers Clapham Meeting took place on Thursday 21 November 2024, at 3 PM</p>	<p>In person meeting was held with the manager of Two Brewers and a representative from the Stonegate Group to learn about their experiences with Prescott Place and desires for improvement</p>	<p>Meeting was held on Thursday 21 November, at 3 PM</p>
<p>St Peter’s Church, Clapham and South London Orthodox Community Meeting occurred on Tuesday 26 November 2024, at 10.30AM</p>	<p>In person meeting was held with the Rev Jonathan Boardman, Priest-in-Charge of St Peter’s, and the warden of the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul to learn about their experiences with Prescott Place and desires for improvement</p>	<p>Meeting was held on Tuesday 26 November 2024, at 10.30AM</p>
<p>Local businesses Drop-in meetings occurred on Monday 25 November, from 9.30AM to 12.30PM</p>	<p>Drop-in meetings were held with businesses on Prescott Place, and adjacent to it on Clapham High Street</p>	<p>12 businesses were visited, of which all but 1 engaged</p>
<p>Resident meeting Meeting occurred on Thursday 12 December, at 7PM</p>	<p>In person meeting was held with residents from Prescott Place and the wider project area.</p>	<p>14 residents and community members joined the meeting, which was held at St. Peter’s Church.</p>
<p>LGBT Hero Meeting took place 10 January 2025</p>	<p>A meeting was held with LGBT Hero, a national health and well-being charity for</p>	<p>In this meeting, methodologies for engagement with local LGBTQ+ people and</p>



LGBTQ+ people and developers of the Lambeth Allies programme, to understand how LGBT+ voices can be engaged with as the Prescott Place Reimagined project progresses.

communities were discussed, as well as possible recruitment channels. Consider continuing collaboration with LGBT Hero in subsequent stages of the Prescott Place Reimagined project.



2. Appendices

2.1 Letter Drop

Prescott Place Re-Imagined

We are planning to introduce a Re-Imagined project on Prescott Place to make it safer and easier to walk, wheel and cycle.

Help us design it by commenting on our interactive map!

To share your thoughts and receive updates about the scheme proposed, scan the QR code below.

Project Area Map

The flyer features the Lambeth logo at the top. The left version includes a QR code and a colorful illustration of a person sitting at a table, surrounded by icons of a bicycle, a bus, a building, a tree, and a person walking. The right version features a map of the Prescott Place area in Clapham, London, with various streets and landmarks labeled, including Clapham High Street, Voltare Rd, and St Luke's Ave. The map highlights Prescott Place in purple.

What: Initial Letter drop to all addresses on and near to Prescott Place, informing them of the pre-trial data collection and engagement

When: Delivery completed w/c 15th November 2024 to 750 addresses

Outputs: 10 subscribers received on the Prescott Place Reimagined Have Your Say page at the time of the launch



2.2 Have Your Say Prescott Place Reimagined website



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Prescott Place Reimagined

Lambeth Council aims to enhance Prescott Place, creating a destination that supports local businesses and provides space for people to meet, relax, and travel actively. We seek to celebrate local history and champion inclusivity, creativity, and accessibility.

What are Reimagined Streets?

Across the borough, we have identified streets where the community comes together. Residents and businesses have shared that there is potential to make these spaces safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

Each of these spaces is unique, and our improvements – incorporating feedback from the local community and businesses – will reflect this uniqueness.

How can I share my views?

Keep an eye on this page. Here, you will find all the information about the project, as well as details about upcoming events and online activities where you can share your views.

Please add a comment on our interactive map to let us know about your area!

What: Website with information for the public on the scheme, including the interactive map, project timeline and information about engagement events

When: Launched on 1 November 2024

Outputs: 10 subscribers received by 01 May 2025



2.3 Prescott Place Interactive Map

As part of the pre-trial engagement, we launched an online interactive map on the Have Your Say page for residents and other stakeholders to learn about their views of Prescott Place and desires for the Reimagined street.

We learned about the following:

- What changes people want to see to Prescott Place
- What concerns people have about Prescott Place

A total of 10 comments were left on the Interactive Map.

Headlines:

- A majority of the responses described issues with fly tipping and rubbish on the street. There were concerns that there is inadequate provision of bins for some of the residences, which means rubbish is left out on the road, and that flytipping also occurs. Additionally, several comments flagged that the non-functioning bike locker should be removed. People characterised the litter issue as making the street feel less inviting.
- With regards to road safety, several comments described finding the pavements too narrow and that this, along with the disjointed pavements and bins blocking parts of the pavement, causes difficulties and poses safety concerns for pedestrians. The road being narrow towards Clapham High Street, cars driving at high speeds, and there being a lot of parked cars, also elicited some road safety concerns.
 - There were a range of suggestions on what to do to improve pedestrian safety, with some suggesting the street be made one-way and others suggesting it should be pedestrianised or make other provisions to give priority to pedestrians and cyclists. Other comments highlighted the need to maintain vehicle access to the road, especially for the purposes of deliveries and visitors to the businesses.
- A number of comments were regarding personal safety, and people described feeling unsafe on the street, both in daytime and at night. This feeling of unsafety was linked to the street being dark and having bends and hidden corners making it difficult to get an overview of it, and also because it is used for anti-social behaviour and drug selling.



- To improve personal safety, many comments suggested adding in more lighting on the street. Others also suggested bringing in more footfall as a deterrent to negative behaviour, adding CCTV and closing the street to cars on Friday and Saturday nights so the Two Brewers' queueing and smoking areas would provide some security.
- Further improvements suggested to add to the functionality and ambiance of the street included adding greenery, bicycle parking, electric vehicle charging points and children's play areas.



Fig 1. Are you concerned about any of the issues listed below at this location? Number of people who were concerned about each issue.

Fig 2. What improvements would you like to see at this location? Number of people who wanted each improvement.



I would be supportive of better lighting to support people arriving and leaving in the dark. I would also support fewer on-street parking spaces to provide space for both greening projects and cycle hangers.

The whole road should be pedestrianised and more green plants and children's play equipment introduced.

The road is a mess of fragmented pavements and narrow carriageways. It is also cluttered with on street parking, which creates poor visibility.

One thing that is really terrible on the road currently is the amount of rubbish left on the roads.

Grim and dangerous day and night. The ground near the church and the alleyway opposite are secluded, dark at night and feel very unsafe when walking through - even in daylight.

The pavements are extremely narrow in places and uneven. A wheelchair user or someone with a pushchair has no alternative but to use the road.

Prescott Place needs to be elevated so that it discourages gangs and individuals from using the space for negative activity.

Prescott Place needs better, more accessible pavements, improved lighting and adequate council refuse collection. It also needs to retain vehicle access so that businesses can continue to operate. Making the street one way would make it safer for all.

Extract of feedback received via interactive map on Have Your Say.



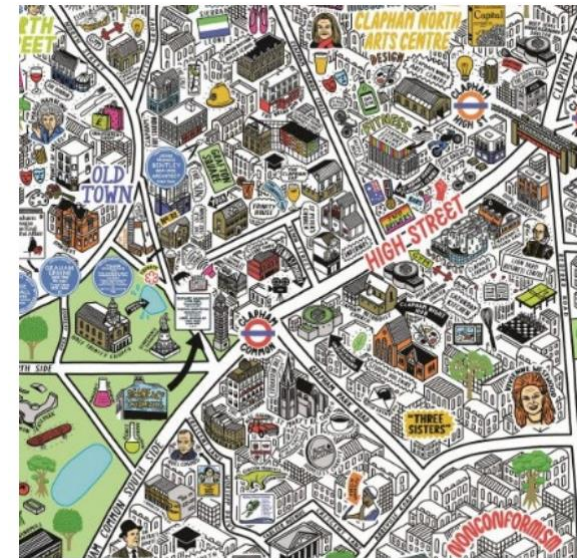
2.4 Clapham BID Outreach

When: Ongoing contact through all project phases

What: Regular meetings are held with the Clapham BID, working in partnership with This is Clapham to deliver a Car Free Day on 29 June 2025.

Outputs

- Clapham BID helped reach out to businesses and stakeholders
- Working in partnership to deliver Car Free Day on 29 June 2025



2.5 Safety for Women and Girls Neighbourhood Visit

When: Wednesday 20 November 2024. 7 PM to 8 PM

What: A one hour walk down Prescott Place to Voltaire Road, via Clapham High Street, delivered in collaboration with Lambeth's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) team, to learn more about safety concerns for women and girls in the area and what remedial works can be done to rectify this. Residents openly discussed their safety concerns and whether they would feel



comfortable traveling through specific areas at night or alone. This walk was attended by two women from different age groups. Low attendance was assumed to be caused by unusually low temperatures. Email feedback was later provided by one of the registered attendees who was unable to come.

Where: We met at the corner of Prescott Place and Clapham High Street, and walked down and up Prescott Place, before walking down Clapham High Street and down and up Voltaire Road.

Outputs:

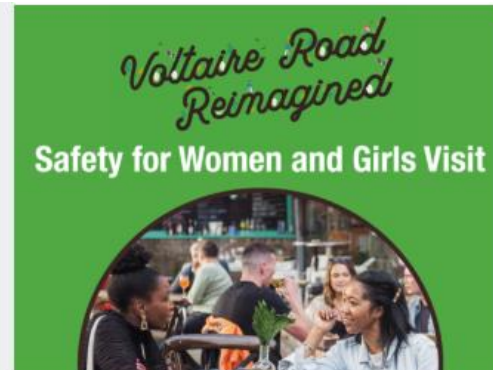
- Prescott Place was experienced as very dark and difficult to get an overview of due to the absence of light and the street bending. Streets, and areas of streets, with poorer lighting were said to feel more unsafe.
- During the walk, participants noted that there were very few pedestrians on Prescott Place.
- For evenings and nights, the general area was described as being impacted by the night-time economy in the sense that many people out are under the influence of alcohol and drugs. In some cases, these people were experienced as threatening, and in other cases, more as inconsiderate and loud.



- One participant who often walks her dogs around the area late at night described avoiding Clapham High Street at the bars' and clubs' peak hours as she is concerned about being knocked over by people who are inconsiderate in their use of public space.
- With regards to increasing their feelings of personal safety, participants described carrying their belongings in cross-body bags and feeling more safe due to walking with dogs who may deter dangerous people.
- Participants suggested adding in more lighting would increase their feeling of personal safety, and that this may also deter fly tipping.
- One participant described that the pocket park on Clapham Manor Street has become a place for people to congregate on summer nights, and that this causes noise.
- A participant noted there has been an increase in cases of spiking in the general area on and around Clapham High Street, and that The Clapham Night Hub is used by people who may need support.
- With regards to Clapham High Street, one participant described observing that a lot of bar and club patrons will cross it at inappropriate places during the night, and she reported having seen several near-accidents at such times.



**Re-Imagined Prescott Place:
Residents' Meeting**



**Safety for Women and Girls
Visit - Prescott Place to
Voltaire Road**



2.6 Meeting with Two Brewers Clapham



When: Thursday 21 November 2024 from 3PM

What: A meeting was held with the general manager of the Two Brewers, and a representative from the Stonegate Group

Where: Two Brewers Clapham

Outputs: The Two Brewers provided us with feedback on how they experience and use Prescott Place today, and what developments they would like to see to it in the future.

- The establishment currently uses Prescott Place for rubbish disposal (their bins are currently placed on the pavement but can be moved), queuing and for some deliveries. The remaining deliveries are dropped at Clapham High Street. Their deliveries are twice a week, by lorry. There is no parking and no requirements for it.
- During COVID, Prescott Place had a timed closure and the Two Brewers utilised the space outside their venue for tables and chairs.
- The Two Brewers are an active member of the Prescott Place community, and frequently collaborate with the church and residents, for instance on street parties and events during Pride.



2.7 Meeting with St. Peter's Church and South London Orthodox Community



When: Tuesday 26 November 2024, 10.30 AM

What: A meeting with the Vicar of St. Peter's Church and the warden of the South London Orthodox Community (Parish of St. Peter & St. Paul)

Where: At the church

Outputs: Representatives from the two congregations shared their experiences with Prescott Place today, and their suggestions for the Reimagined project.

- The church receives deliveries and post through the entrance on Clapham Manor Street. This is also the entrance that maintenance workers use. They have one parking space directly outside/on the side of the church on Prescott Place, and they do not have their own bin.
- St Peter's Church is used by several congregations, and its church hall is used for a variety of community purposes, including for after school clubs, exercise and dance classes and support groups. They are actively engaged in the community in and around Prescott Place, for example through collaborating on events with the Two Brewers and taking part in the Safer Neighbourhood Panel.
- For funerals, the church requires access the church for vehicles such as hearses. These usually drive down Prescott Place from Cresset Street.



2.8 Local Business Visits



When: Monday 25 November 2024

What: Drop-in visits were made to 12 businesses on Prescott Place, and adjacent to it on Clapham High Street. The businesses were asked about their use of and views on Prescott Place today, as well as what improvements they would like to see for it in the future.

Outputs:

- The businesses on Prescott Place all receive deliveries on this street, at varying frequencies and with various vehicle sizes. Some businesses had street parking for employees and clients. Most of the businesses on Clapham High Street did not use Prescott Place for deliveries, although one described using Prescott Place for deliveries due to the High Street loading bay being used for parking. A charity shop noted it would be useful if people could use Prescott Place to stop when they are dropping off donations.
- Opinions were divided on whether vehicle traffic and road safety are a problem on Prescott Place, with some businesses describing the street as quiet and others describing road rage occurring when two vehicles meet and compete for space, and others pointing out the narrow and disjointed pavements as an issue.
- In terms of traffic reduction, several expressed resistance to pedestrianising the street and were keen to keep vehicular access to the street. Others suggested making Prescott Place drive-through access only, and/or making it a one-way street. One business suggested that pedestrianisation would make the street look smarter but stressed that businesses, deliveries and residents



should still have vehicular access. Some also suggested that reducing road access and parking on Prescott Place could have negative carry-over effects relating to congestion on other streets.

- One business described the Clapham Manor Primary School Street as having inadequate signage and that the placement of the School Street could negatively impact their business as customers would have difficulty accessing it.
- There were complaints about anti-social behaviour from kids using the parklet outside the church, crime including drug dealing and stabbings, people sleeping rough, littering and fly tipping and poor maintenance in general, with some experiencing problems with mess from the night-time economy on Monday mornings. Several believed that the rubbish issue is partially caused by residences having insufficient bins, and that the issue has gotten worse in recent months, as rubbish collection occurs less frequently.
- With regards to personal safety, several people described Prescott Place feeling unsafe after dark and that they avoid it at nighttime, and some expressed feeling concerned about female colleagues leaving work late and in the dark. One business described finding Prescott Place scary and that they avoid it at any time of day.
- Informants described not perceiving it as safe to park their bikes on Prescott Place.
- Suggested improvements included:
 - Moving the bin away from the pavement outside the Two Brewers
 - Adding lighting for personal safety
 - Adding greenery to allow office workers some outside space to rest
 - Improving cycle and moped parking facilities
 - Addressing the littering issue and installing CCTV to prevent littering
 - Maintenance work on the kerb as slabs are coming apart from the pavement in places, posing a tripping hazard
 - Clear drains at intersection of Prescott Place and Clapham High Street, as these flood
 - Implement measures to increase footfall on this part of Clapham High Street, for instance organising community and business events such as a summer faire.
- People were ambivalent about adding seating, as there were concern this could encourage more anti-social behaviour. However, several businesses' employees use the parklet outside the church during breaks and some were supportive of adding more seating on Prescott Place.



2.9 Residents' meeting



When: Thursday 12 November 2024, 7-8PM

Where: At St. Peter's Church

What: We organised a residents' meeting which was advertised through the Have Your Say page and a letter drop to residents. 15 people attended, and this was a mix of residents, business owners and church representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to get resident input on how they experience Prescott Place today, and what improvements they would like to see to it in the future.

Outputs:

- Meeting attendees described issues with both personal and road safety on Prescott Place.
- Some described collisions and near-accidents involving cars and pedestrians, and concerns were expressed about pavements being narrow, disjointed and regularly blocked by bins, leading to people walking in the road. Others pointed out that the road being single track width combined with having two-way traffic makes it unsafe.
- A common concern for residents was littering on the street, and poor upkeep in general. One community member suggested that poor upkeep encourages bad behaviour. Some argued that there is an insufficient number of bins for the street's residents and visitors. Fly tipping was also an issue, and one person described the street as "dirty".
- Residents expressed feeling concerned about their personal safety both at nighttime and daytime, with issues relating to firework throwing on the street, and what was described as a disproportionately high amount of crime for a street of that size. For instance, drug dealing happening on the street and people using hedges to dig down drugs or hide stolen phones. Further, the street was described as dark and as the street design enabling crime and anti-social behaviour, due to its darkness and having several hidden pockets and bends. One resident had experienced crime leading to a police report on the street. Residents also



described issues with noise and fights at night from people leaving bars and clubs, and some were scared to address these people.

- The resident community have previously come together to make improvements to the street, including clearing rubbish and installing greenery, and one resident described there being a good sense of community on the street. They were hopeful to come together more as a community of residents, as past efforts at removing fly tipping and litter had been successful at preventing it for some time. There was a desire for residents and other community members to work together to make the street look like a “cared for area”.
- Residents had several suggestions for improvements of Prescott Place which were centred around five themes:
 - Personal safety: Residents expressed there is a need for the street to feel safer for both residents and visitors. Adding lighting was suggested as enhancing the sense of personal safety, and as something that could also deter littering and fly tipping. Installing cameras and a greater police presence was also suggested.
 - Greenery: Residents expressed a desire for more greenery, and one suggested planting fruit trees to create food, attract pollinators and improve the street visually. There was also a desire to upgrade existing planters.
 - Cleanliness: There were unanimous requests for efforts to improve cleanliness on the street, by addressing fly tipping and overflowing bins. It was also suggested that the disused bike locker should be removed.
 - Aesthetic elements: One resident expressed that improving the aesthetics of the street, for instance by adding ‘swirly paint’ should not take priority, with cleanliness being the main concern.
 - Road safety: There were suggestions to improve the pavements and to introduce a one-way traffic system. There was some ambivalence towards pedestrianisation, with residents pointing out that vehicle access is required for residents, tradespeople and businesses, and there were also concerns that this would make the street more quiet, which could make the street feel more intimidating from a personal safety perspective.
- Street furniture was discouraged by several residents and community members, due to concerns about encouraging anti-social behaviour.
- Other feedback was provided on Prescott Place and the engagement process. This included suggestions for police representation at community engagement events, more community engagement and participation from the local estate (who were perceived as being able to help with some of the issues described).

