



# Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk

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Healthy Neighbourhoods  
Engagement report

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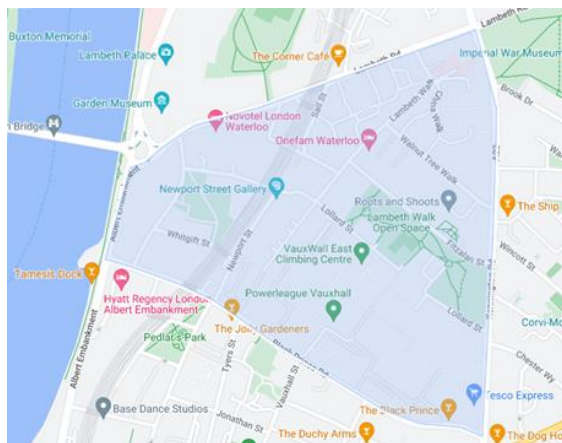
# 1. Overview

This document summarises the engagement on the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood areas which took place between September 2024 and January 2025.

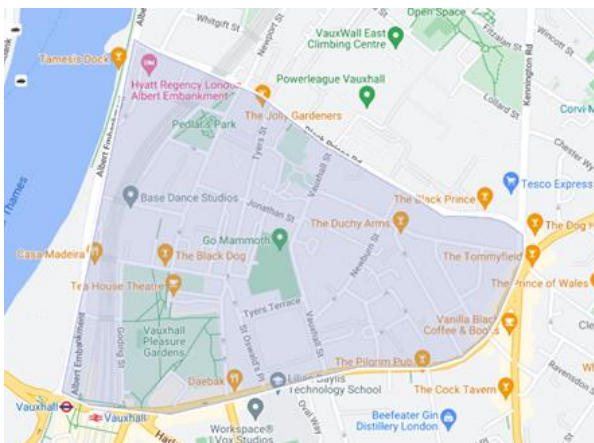
The Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens Healthy Neighbourhood is bounded by Albert Embankment, Kennington Lane (A3204) and Black Prince Road.

The Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood is bounded by Albert Embankment, Black Prince Road, Kennington Road (A23) and Lambeth Road.

We have undertaken several engagement activities to identify areas within both Healthy Neighbourhood areas 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.



On the left: Walnut Tree Walk area map



On the right: Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens area map




# Engagement Overview

The Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood 'Identify' phase of engagement took place from September 2024 and January 2025.

The engagement events were advertised through different streams and aimed to reach a wide demographic.

Here we present:

- Stakeholders
- Engagement & Communication Methods Overview
- Engagement headlines



**Healthy Neighbourhoods Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk**

We are excited to announce that we will be using this platform to keep you updated on the latest news, events, and activities regarding the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk healthy Neighbourhoods.

Stay tuned for upcoming updates and event announcements. Let's engage and build our community together.

Add a comment in our interactive map to give us an insight on your local streets.

**Walk & Talk Public Events**

Tell us about the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhoods by attending our walkabout events.

**Interactive Map - Have Your Say!**

Tell us about the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhoods.

128 participants

**Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk**

Find out more about Lambeth Council's Healthy Neighbourhood projects in the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens and Walnut Tree Walk area.

**Interactive Map - Have Your Say!**

Drop a pin to show us places that you like within the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood area or places you want to see improvement. You can leave a comment to tell us what you think is positive, or explain the changes you want to see.

We want to use this information to decide where to focus improvements and to learn from areas that are working well.

Thank you for helping us shape the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhoods.

See the comments

128 participants

**Phases**

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Interactive Map

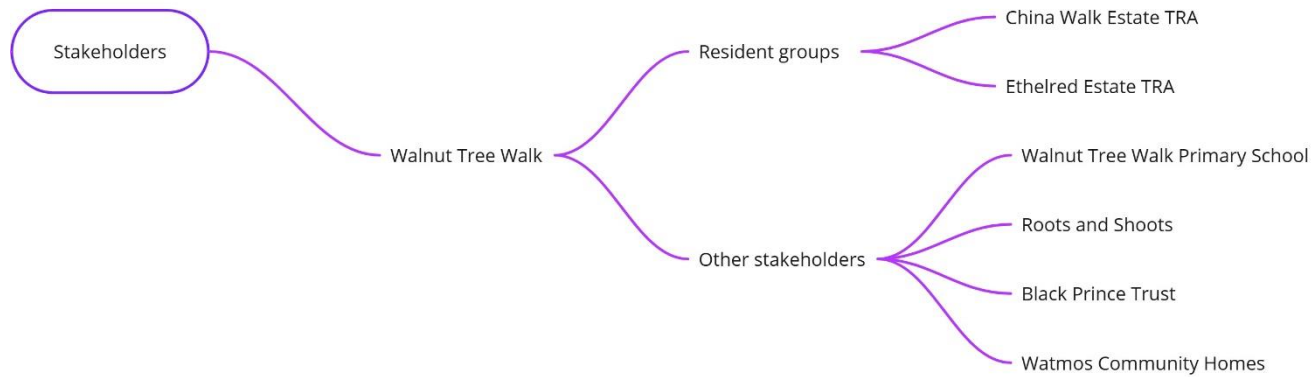
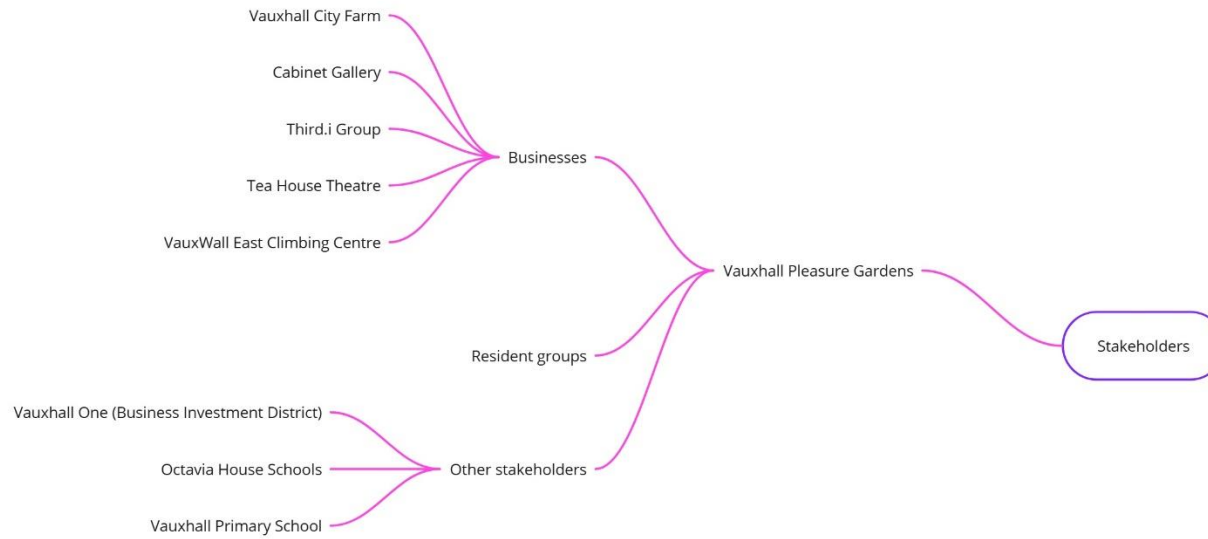
**1 Interactive Map**

28 October 2024-12 January 2025

We want to hear about the changes that you would like to see in this area to make it a "Healthy Neighbourhood". Drop a pin in the map to identify problems areas that stop you or make it less attractive to walk, wheel and cycle.



# 1.1. Key Stakeholders



## 1.2. Engagement Methods

The feedback from the engagement activities listed below have been used to inform the design proposals. See the Appendix for further detailed information on each activity.

Method	Detail	Result
<p><b>Letter Drop</b> Letters were distributed to all households within the Healthy Neighbourhood areas on 30 October 2024.</p>	<p>Letters informed residents of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The launch of the Healthy Neighbourhood project</li> <li>• How to provide feedback / receive updates through the Have Your Say engagement platform</li> </ul>	<p>Letters distributed to 6,665 addresses.</p>
<p><b>Have Your Say webpage</b> Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens &amp; Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood webpage launch in Lambeth Council's engagement platform including an Interactive Map. Launched in October 2024.</p>	<p>The webpage provides information about the project including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Healthy Neighbourhood map and timeline of delivery</li> <li>• Interactive map and survey for users to submit feedback</li> <li>• Engagement event information.</li> <li>• How to sign up to the newsletter to receive updates</li> <li>• Interactive online map inviting users to drop a pin on the map and to leave a comment on a location within the Healthy Neighbourhood area.</li> </ul>	<p>By January 2025: 83 followers 156 comments</p>




<p><b>Key stakeholder outreach</b> Completed in phases and on a rolling basis throughout the project.</p>	<p>Direct outreach to stakeholders within the Healthy Neighbourhood area. Businesses and key stakeholders were targeted specifically to learn about their transport needs.</p>	<p>16 stakeholder meetings (businesses, resident groups and others).</p>
<p><b>Walk and Talk events</b> Events published on Have Your Say site on 5 November 2024.</p>	<p>Walk and Talks were promoted via Have Your Say news updates and by directly contacting stakeholders.</p>	<p>Residents and stakeholders contacted.</p>
<p><b>Walk focussed on Violence against women and girls walk (VAWG)</b> Promoted via VAWG newsletters and Have Your Say.</p>	<p>Walk held in line with the VAWG team to identify areas where there might be a safety concern for women and girls within Healthy Neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>2 attendees, from businesses with interest in VAWG work, participated on the walk and gave feedback for specific areas that could benefit from changes.</p>
<p><b>Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens and Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood Walk and Talks</b> 2 walks delivered across Thursday 14 November &amp; Monday 18 November 2024 (VAWG).</p>	<p>In person walks in Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens and Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhoods with facilitated discussion and journals to complete.</p>	<p>2 walks delivered across Thursday 14 November and Monday 18 November 2024. 15 residents and stakeholders attended overall.</p>
<p><b>Walnut Tree Walk Primary School Street Design Workshop</b> A workshop completed on Thursday 19 December 2024</p>	<p>A street design workshop was completed with the Year 5 class at Walnut Tree Walk Primary School who completed booklets about their journey to school and how their local streets could be improved.</p>	<p>20+ students in attendance for street design workshop</p>



## 2. Appendices



## 2.1 Letter Drop






### Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood

We are planning to introduce a Healthy Neighbourhood in the Walnut Tree Walk area to make it safer and easier to walk, wheel and cycle.



**Help us design it by responding to our survey and commenting on our interactive map!**

To complete the survey and map, and to receive the updates about the schemes proposed, sign up on our Have Your Say website by scanning the QR below.



### Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood

**Project Area Map**



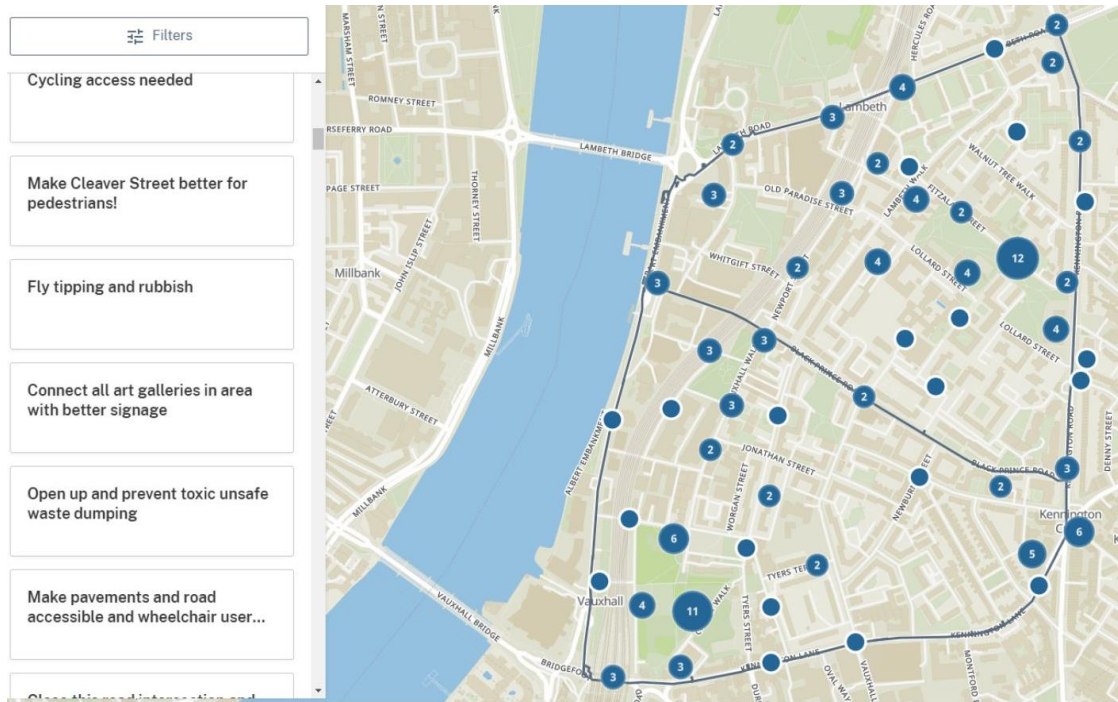
**What:** Letter drop to all addresses within the Healthy Neighbourhood area informing them of the incoming trial Healthy Neighbourhood and how to receive further updates

**When:** Delivery completed on Wednesday 30 October 2024 to 6,665 addresses

**Outputs:** 83 followers of the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk Have Your Say after delivery



## 2.2 Have Your Say Interactive Map



**What:** Online Live Map

**When:** Launched on 28 October 2024

**Outputs:** 155 comments received

As part of the Identify stage of engagement, we launched an online live map for residents, visitors, and stakeholders to learn about specific streets within the Healthy Neighbourhood area.

**We learned about the following:**

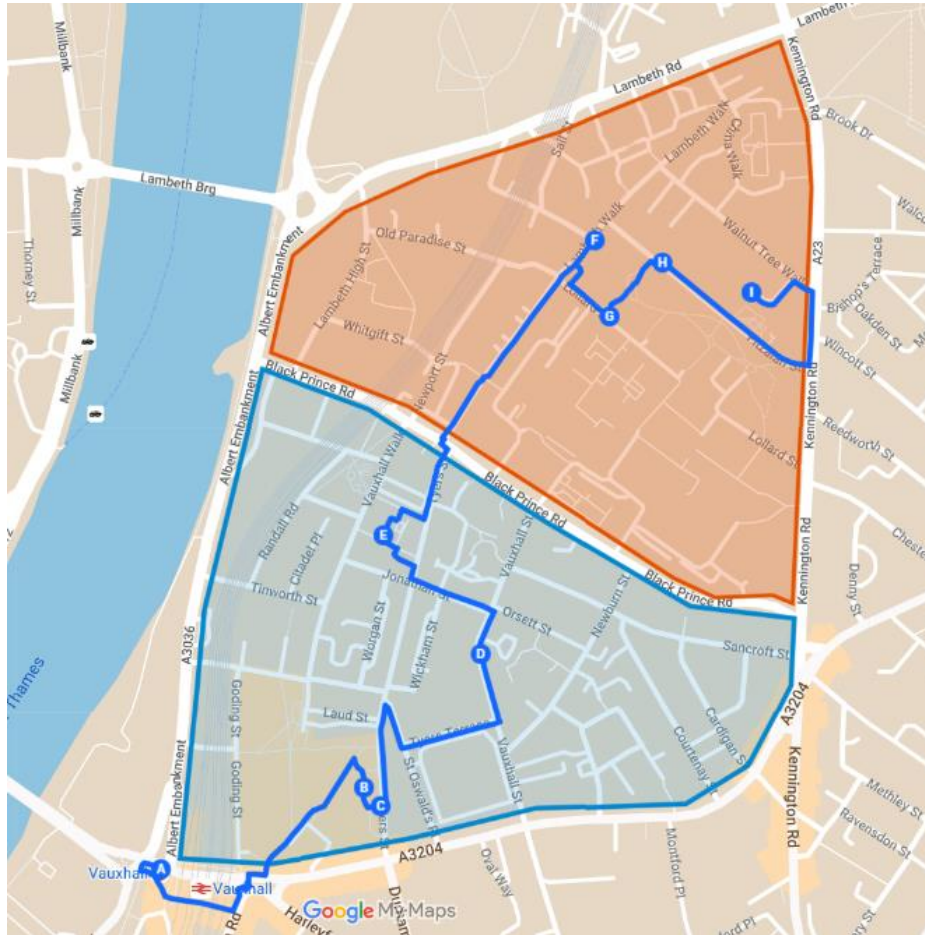
- What parts are easy to get around?
- What parts make you feel good when you travel through them?
- Are there areas you have concerns about?
- What could make those areas better?

### Headlines:

- Concerns around road danger: speeding vehicles and poor visibility at junctions; impact on pedestrians, cyclists, and schoolchildren.
- Concerns around potholes and uneven pavements.
- Concerns around waste management, fly-tipping and littering.
- Concerns around Lime bikes and other hire bikes obstructing pavements.
- Concerns around noise pollution from traffic
- Suggestions around more street lighting to improve safety at night; and the installation of CCTV to deter antisocial behaviour.
- Suggestions for safer crossings, traffic calming measures, and improved cycle lanes.



## 2.3 Walk and Talk



**When:** Thursday 21 November 2024

**What:** The session lasted for 1 hour. The walking route was about a 30-minute journey, but we stopped along the way to accommodate discussions and feedback. Attendees were provided with a flyer with a series of prompts including:

- What do you like about this area?
- What do you not like?
- What can be changed to make you use this area differently?
- How do you feel when you use this space?

**Where:** Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens & Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhoods

**Headlines:**

- Overall supportive of Healthy Neighbourhood goals
- Concerns over reduced car access
- Concerns about e-bikes
- Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens feels unsafe at night. Suggestions to improve lighting.
- Concerns about cycle route through the park, creating risks of collisions with pedestrians. Suggestions for alternative routes.
- Suggestions to improve Lambeth Walk as it feels unsafe
- Suggestions to improve Black Prince Road



## 2.4 VAWG Walk and Talk

**When:** Monday 18 November 2024. 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**What:** The session lasted for 1 hour. The walking route was about a 30-minute journey, but we stopped along the way to accommodate discussions and feedback. They were be provided with a flyer with a series of prompts including:

- What do you like about this area?
- What do you not like?
- What can be changed to make you use this area differently?
- How do you feel when you use this space?

### Headlines:

- Roads with poor lighting felt more unsafe
- Residential streets felt safer people due to having more people
- Estates felt unsafe due to hidden entry points and multiple access/exit points
- Participants who were familiar with specific routes or areas declared taking them despite feeling unsafe



## 2.5 School Workshop

**When:** Thursday 19 December 2024

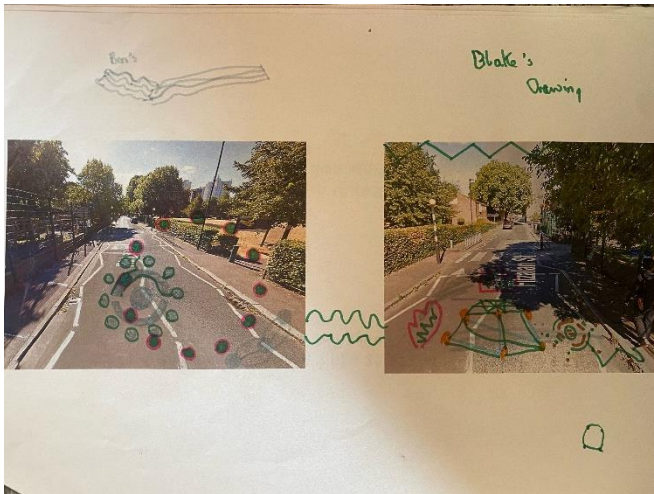
**What:** A workshop was held with the Year 5 Class of Walnut Tree Walk Primary School

**Where:** Walnut Tree Walk Primary School

### Headlines:

The Year 5 were very engaged with the idea of improvements to the public realm on Fitzalan Street

- Most students walk, cycle or use public transport. Only one student drove due to distance and location of school from home.
- All stated an interest in cycling to school.
- All students said they enjoyed the impact of the School Street
- They felt the street was safer because there were less cars
- They were interested in adding more colour and greening to the street
- Students all shared ideas about street art that encouraged play such as 5-a-side football pitches and cartoon characters
- Some students raised that the park opposite the school was not commonly used and suggested play features
- The number of bins were too low according to students



## 2.6 Key Stakeholder Engagement

**When:** October, November and December 2024

**What:** We met with 16 key stakeholders to find out what improvements they would like to see in the local area through. 1 to 1 meetings took place with each one of the 16 key stakeholders.

During the meetings we explained the objectives of the Healthy Neighbourhood and the proposed timeline and discussed the following points:

- Delivery schedules, routes, vehicle sizes of their businesses
- Do you have off street parking?
- How do most users reach this site?
- Are there any local amenities that are well used by site visitors?
- Accessibility features
- Are there any areas of concern (regarding transport) within the healthy neighbourhoods
- How would you like for these areas to be improved?
- Have you had any feedback from members?
- For the religious organisations discuss funeral arrangements

Date	Stakeholder	In-person/Online
16 October	China Walk Estate TRA	Online
16 October	Walnut Tree Walk School	In-person
18 October	Roots and Shoots	In-person
18 October	Vauxhall City Farm	In-person
21 October	Cabinet Gallery	Online
23 October	Ethelred Estate TRA	In-person
25 October	Ethelred Estate Housing Officer	In-person
25 October	Vauxhall One	In-person



25 October	Third.i Group	Online
25 October	Vauxhall One BID	In-person
11 November	Octavia House Schools Vauxhall Primary School	In-person
15 November	Black Prince Trust	In-person
18 November	WATMOS	Online
18 November	Vauxhall Tea House	In person
20 November	WATMOS engagement team	Online
16 December	Black Prince Trust community engagement	Online



## 2.7 Estates and Housing Association Outreach - WATMOS



The flyer is titled "Walnut Tree Walk" and "Healthy Neighbourhood" under the Lambeth logo. It includes a QR code and the Watmos Community Homes logo. The text on the flyer reads: "We are planning to introduce a Healthy Neighbourhood in the Walnut Tree Walk area to make it safer and easier to walk, wheel and cycle. Help us design it by responding to our survey and commenting on our interactive map! To share your thoughts and receive updates about the scheme proposed, scan the QR code below." The bottom of the flyer features an illustration of a person in a wheelchair, a person on a bicycle, and a person on a scooter, along with various urban icons like houses, trees, and a bus.

**When:** 16 December 2024

**Where:** Letter drop to 800 residents

**What:** We collaborated with Watmos Community Homes who sent out 800 flyers to households in Ethelred Estate, alongside their periodic newsletter. The flyer below was also posted on online WhatsApp groups and inside Watmos buildings on shared notice boards.

### Headlines

- Concerns around estate roads being used for through traffic onto the main roads when traffic filters are implemented
- Concerns around increased through traffic leading to increased road danger in estate roads

