

Thames Ditton High Street Business Consultation

Part time pedestrian area near the Lime Tree

The consultation ran between 29th March – 7th May 2021.

A total of 42 letters were hand delivered to businesses of The High Street.

There were 10 responses – **24%**.

30% voted NO.

70% voted YES.

	Comments from those opposed
	<p>this scheme is deterrent for people to come and do their shopping locally in thames ditton high street .</p> <p>I don`t know who came up with this idea but its a lunacy, if you want to kill the remaining shops this is the way to do it.</p> <p>Cars ,delivery vans and lorries already struggle to manoeuvre around and let along with the partial closure.</p> <p>So i oppose this idea categorically as the rest will.</p> <p>High street is fine as it is we are coping with the current set up quite nicely.</p> <p>We love it as it is why would you want to fix something thats not broken</p>
	<p>As a business we need access all the time to the shop to do deliveries, also some of our customers need to bring a car to do a weekly shop as it can get heavy, we feel this will impact on our customers coming when it is pedestrianized this will then have an impact on our business and if it is effected in a large way we will have to look at relocating. Not sure how this will make the village better as it works very well at this point in time. The bays took a long time to get and they are a great asset to our business so why take them away.</p> <p>We have around 1 and a half tons of produce daily to empty from our van into the shop which we can park outside and off load ,to park down the street and do this will take its toll on my staff and I could not expect them to do this.</p> <p>Really don't know who will benefit from this!!!!!!</p>
	<p>As a local business owner any restrictions even if temporary will cause me problems with loading and unloading. My customers will have fewer parking spaces and Saturdays are our busiest day. Customers often just pull up to collect and I believe that making it “hassle” to shop in the village will add to the already tricky trading as a retailer. I believe the only people who will benefit from this are business owners that sell food and drinks and whose customers would use this outside space. Please don`t put obstacles in the way of an already challenging course.</p>

	Comments from those in favour
	Just as long as the end goal is to have this in use at weekends I support it fully. If the intention is to have it in use all week after the trials then I strongly oppose this idea.
	<p>Hopefully the road closure furniture will look pleasing to the eye so the area is attractive for local residents and shoppers. The aim must be to make it an attractive place to be.</p> <p>We envisage being able to serve customers outside.</p>
	I'm concerned that by only implementing this scheme for a few hours on Saturdays and Sundays, the local businesses (cafés in particularly) are unlikely to commit to purchasing the necessary tables and chairs that would be needed to make this an attractive addition to the High Street. However, as these very limited hours seem to be the best we can wish for, I would ask that Fridays are included too. I can't help but feel that this scheme would need to be properly implemented, with the parking properly marked out and the pedestrianised area attractively finished, to be the benefit to the community that it could surely be. The proposed very limited hours, and changing between the old and new schemes, risk confusing residents who would otherwise be in support of the pedestrianised area.
	Need to provide alternative parking for spaces lost in pedestrianising area