



**Subject:** St Johns Traffic (Zone DS)

**Date:** 21/12/2023

**Time:** 13:00 – 13:45 GMT

**Who:** Paul Middleton – Greening Subcommittee Member, SJS  
Darren Gotch – Principle Engineer, Lewisham Highways

**Summary:**

- **Traffic Analysis:** Traffic tubes shall be installed on Friendly Street and St Johns Vale during January 2024. These tubes are placed across the road surface to measure vehicle movements, traffic volume, speed, axle load and classification type (cars, lorries, skips, vans etc). This is part of the sustainable streets programme and data will be gathered and analyzed to support decisions to improve the traffic flow within St Johns.
- The **Sustainable Streets** consultation for Deptford South (Zone DS) is currently ongoing whereby residents can access an online survey which takes about 2 minutes to complete. This survey closes on **Sunday 21 January 2024**. Residents should have also received postcards on this subject already. This consultation is to understand resident views on parking permit schemes in their area as well as reviewing existing parking arrangements and issues, sustainable transport measures and improvements people would like to see on their street, such as more street trees, safer crossing points, cycle hangars, electric vehicle charging points and car club bays.
- Sustainable Streets Links:
  - <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/roads-and-transport/sustainable-streets-programme>
  - <https://lewishamsustainablestreets.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/i-live-in-deptford-south/step1>
- **School Streets** were discussed and further streets within the DS Zone are being reviewed which includes Albyn Road where St Stephens C of E Primary School is located. This programme is being managed by Liz Brooker and Graham Curtis from the Council. Darren advised to send an email on this subject directly to him and he will obtain and share the latest plan and what is being discussed (check if Lucas Vale are also included).
- **Bins** located on Friendly Street were discussed and Wendy Nicholas who is the Strategic Waste and Environment manager is currently reviewing this and will update on her proposal in January 2024 which shall be shared with local residents.
- **General Communication:** The method of communication between residents and Lewisham Highways is currently through residents contacting Darren directly which he is fine with this due to the very low frequency of people making contact and his desire to properly understand the issues on the ground. However, as the sustainable streets programme starts to pick up momentum, he anticipates more contact and therefore would be open to review a more coordinated approach in Q1 2024.
- **Next Meeting** although tentative, should be planned for February 2024 (to be further defined and I will update)
- **Community Engagement:** Darren would be very interested in speaking to the residents at a community talk session within the Brookmill and we should take the opportunity to discuss rain garden opportunities and their benefits in this session. He would like to focus his agenda on the following:
  - The Sustainable Streets Programme which would also include:
    - Traffic tube data analysis findings.
    - EV charging strategy and proposed trials.