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# **Road Re-opening Initial Consultation Conducted by St Pauls Unlimited October 2010**

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## Summary

Three resident representatives of St Pauls Unlimited (SPU) carried out surveys from October 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed re-opening of the three junctions at Ashley and Drummond Road, Drummond Road and City Road, and Brighton Street and Argyle Road. One Somali translator and another SPU Resident Representative of Somali Background accompanied these representatives to assist with the survey delivery. The Reps collected 68 surveys. Tracy Edwards-Brown and Diane Dodd completed a further 4 surveys for a total of 72.

The Resident Reps did not give residents the option of not opening the road, however they were instructed to record that information if the respondent did not favor one of the two junction options and independently suggested the road should remain closed.

Respondents were asked if they preferred a “Road Level” or “Tabled” junction option and were then asked to choose a favorite visual option and detail why they preferred that option. The pictures used are as follows:

### Road Level Junctions

A



B



### Tabled Junctions

A



B



C



While there was a decent spread of responses the one overwhelming message that came across in the surveys was that people were concerned about the safety of children who play on the junctions. On each junction, over 50% of the respondents selected one of the two junctions offered (road level or tabled) but between 28% - 44% (per junction) of respondents requested keeping the junctions closed. Individuals who supported the opening of a junction but expressed concern over children in the road commented about the need for humps, tables, and other speed reducing measures.

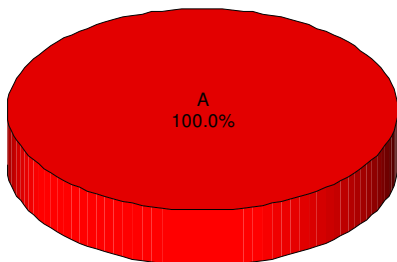
Further results of the survey are summarized below.

## **Junction of Brighton Street & Argyle Road**

Q1 Which style of re-opening would you prefer for the Brighton and Argyle junction? (please select one option)

<i>Road Level (see page 1 for examples)</i>	10 (26.3%)
<i>Tabled (see page 2 for examples)</i>	13 (34.2%)
<i>Do not open it!.....</i>	15 (39.5%)

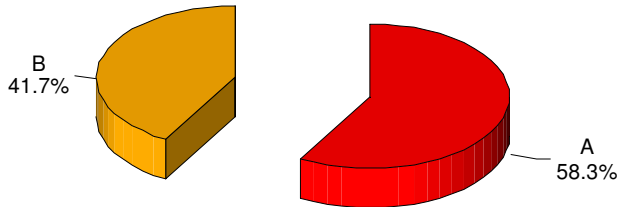
Road Level Preferences for Brighton St & Argyle Rd Junction



### **Why people prefer Road Level Option A:**

1. Bike user
2. Tabled, as it's cheaper. As it is a sharp bend, tabled would be more convenient.
3. No humps
4. Looks like a nice road.
5. Like it was before. Looks nice.
6. Ok before it closed, need to open Richmond RD.
7. Nothing.
8. Better for cars and people

## Tabled Junction Preferences for Brighton St & Argyle Rd Junction



### **Why people prefer Tabled Junction Option A:**

1. Far safer.
2. Nothing
3. Children are safe, now worried.
4. Slow traffic down for children, needs to be slow.
5. Stop cars from speeding in the street. Also keep residential.

### **Why people prefer Tabled Junction Option B:**

1. Looks safer to cross
2. Doesn't have to drive too fast
3. Safe
4. It looks safe and it is probably needed to improve the area.

### **Comments from those who do not want the junction reopened:**

1. Keep it as it is
2. Too many cars. Children can't cross road
3. Prefer not to be open because where would the traffic go?
4. My children will not be able to go to the shops by themselves.
5. Not safe for the children
6. None. No junctions.

### **Q4 Do you have any other suggestions for the re-opening of this junction?**

1. The street is very busy at the moment
2. Fix road or sort out the puddles. Open it up
3. High risk for children's safety
4. Too many children in the area at the moment.
5. A playground for the kids
6. There's no benefit to re-open this. There are too many cars in the street at the moment.
7. No
8. No

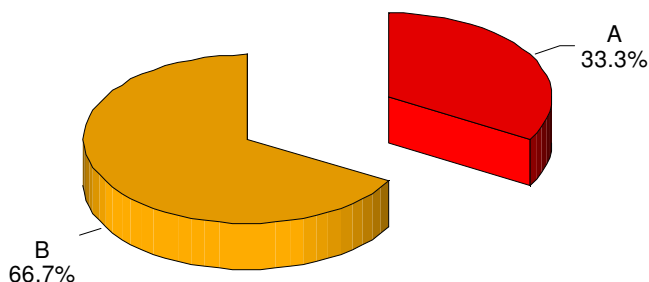
9. It's not safe for the children if the road gets re-opened.
10. Too many cars in the street. No parking for outsiders. I'm not a drug dealer but I do live in the street.
11. Too many cars and congested
12. No to reopening because the kids can play at the moment.
13. There are too many children living in Argyle Rd so the need to open is not relevant.
14. Too many kids on street.
15. I need help to get a disabled bay.
16. Need to make road as wide as possible in order to house 2 lanes up and down.
17. Children play, will be accidents, car crashes.
18. Leave it as it is.
19. Need parking there is a problem what will happen when road reopens.
20. No
21. Children's safety. Unsupervised play dangerous for children.
22. Not safe for children. Road too small to drive fast. Not good safety.
23. Cul-de-sac. No pedestrians, no car access one side or leave as it is. Have a lot of children on the street playing, unsupervised.
24. One-way system, small road just to go out not back in. Easy to turn left to come out. Keep environment friendly.
25. No cars parking, only residents.
26. The design must slow down traffic. A lot of kids play in the area.
27. One way
28. Doesn't mind whether it's tabled or road level, as long as it's open.

## **Junction of Drummond Road & City Road**

Q5 Which style of re-opening would you prefer for the Drummond and City Road junction? (please select one option)

<i>Road Level (see page 1 for examples)</i>	4 (16.0%)
<i>Tabled (see page 2 for examples)</i>	10 (40.0%)
<i>Do not open it!.....</i>	11 (44.0%)

### Road Level Preferences for Drummond Rd & City Road Junction



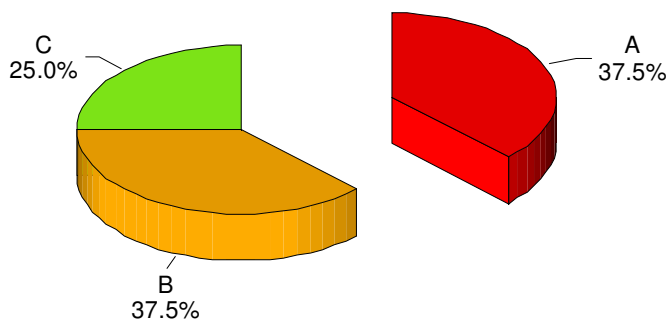
### Why people prefer Road Level Option A:

1. No humps

### Why people prefer Road Level Option B:

1. Makes it safer, kid's play in the road.

## Tabled Junction Preferences for Drummond Rd & City Road Junction



### Why people prefer Tabled Junction Option A:

2. Junctions must take into consideration the recycling banks.  
Narrowed entrances into the streets to accommodate the MRCs and to allow easy access for emergency vehicles (especially fire vehicles)
3. The bump looks bigger, reduced traffic.
4. Safe for the children.

### Why people prefer Tabled Junction Option B:

- No Comments made

### Why people prefer Tabled Junction Option C:

1. It's narrow and looks safe.

### Comments from those who do not want the junction reopened:

1. Do not want the road open. Safety of children.
2. Do not want it open. We would like to have speed bumps on the road.
3. Not to open, children playing games. If the road opens, cars will go too fast.
4. I do not want it open because of the kids playing in the traffic.
5. Leave it closed, not happy to open it.
6. Not to open, already busy with cars. Make it worse with parked cars.

7. It should not be open. I have children and I do not like to have cars passing by.
8. Children play in the road. No it should not be open. Safety. A lot of children play in the road.
9. Do not open it. It's safe like this.
10. Please do not open it. We have a lot of traffic here.
11. I prefer it to stay closed for the safety of the children.

Q8 Do you have any other suggestions for the re-opening of this junction?

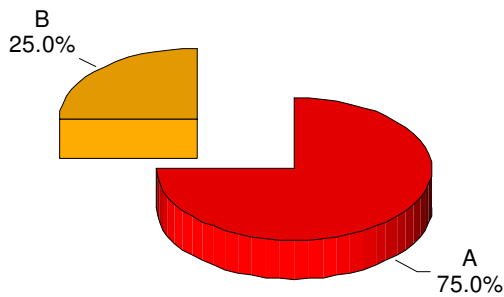
1. Do not want the road open. Safety of children.
2. To many children on the road. We have speeding cars.
3. Not to open, too many children playing in the street.
4. This road in Gwyn Street is too narrow it would be easier to park cars. But we have a lot of children playing, there needs to be speed bumps.
5. Do not want it open. We would like to have speed bumps on the road.
6. Not to open, children playing games. If open cars will go too fast.
7. I do not want it open because of the kids playing in the traffic.
8. Too dangerous for children, already too many cars parked which do not belong to residents.
9. If you open the road opening it should be narrow to slow the traffic.
10. Leave it closed, not happy to open it.
11. That would be nice, safer for children.
12. Yes to opening, it's easier for me to drive to Stokes Croft for school.
13. No to open, already busy with cars. Make it worse with parked cars.
14. Opening it will cause to much traffic, I totally disagree. Opening it will cause more cars to be parked.
15. Good idea, this road is already jammed with a lot of cars.
16. No
17. We should open it. So many people park but do not live here. I don't know what the terms mean. Would it make a difference?
18. Would like to open it. We have to go around a long way to park.
19. It should not be open. I have children and I do not like to have cars passing by.
20. Children play in the road. No it should not be open. Safety. A lot of children play in the road.
21. Do not open it. It's safe like this.
22. Please do not open it. We have a lot of traffic here.
23. I prefer it to stay closed for the safety of the children.

## Junction of Drummond Road & Ashley Road

Q9 Which style of re-opening would you prefer for the Drummond and Ashley Road junction? (please select one option)

<i>Road Level (see page 1 for examples)</i>	5 (20.0%)
<i>Tabled (see page 2 for examples)</i>	13 (52.0%)
<i>Do not open it!.....</i>	7 (28.0%)

### Road Level Preferences for Drummond Rd & Ashley Rd Junction



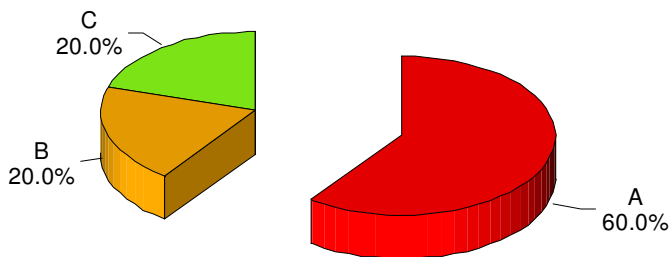
#### **Why people prefer Road Level Option A:**

1. A because you have right road.
2. No humps

#### **Why people prefer Road Level Option B:**

1. Safety

### Tabled Junction Preferences for Drummond Rd & Ashley Rd Junction



**Why people prefer Tabled Junction Option A:**

1. Slow down traffic. Safer for children.
2. Has a hump, safety for children.
3. It slows traffic down.
4. Safety for children

**Why people prefer Tabled Junction Option B:**

1. Least busy junction. Speed ramp.
2. Far safer

**Why people prefer Tabled Junction Option C:**

1. Looks narrow and safe.

**Comments from those who do not want the junction reopened:**

1. Nothing.
2. Not safe

**Q12 Do you have any other suggestions for the re-opening of this junction?**

1. This is a safe place for the children to walk and play. No need to open again.
2. A child got knocked over before, lets not forget the history.
3. The council needs to work with the community more especially if they are disabled.
4. Not to be open, safety of children, cars usually speed along the road.
5. Not to have it open because its dangerous for the children.
6. We would like resident parking.
7. Yes to open it makes it easier for cars to come from town to park.
8. Not safe.
9. It's narrow.
10. To leave it closed.
11. Have a bump in the road to slow traffic.
12. Get quite busy with what it is. Too many cars parked.
13. Good idea.
14. Road one-way on Brighton ST. What about the children?
15. Our kids play out on St. Don't want cars coming through.
16. Leave it alone. What will happen to the communal bins? Its safe now. It would be dangerous for family and children. It would feel like cul de sac.
17. Narrow road hard to reverse out. One way fine, traffic can flow through. Worry of people driving fast.

18. Its because children play on the streets. Do not want it to be opened. Kids are always on the streets. Happy for it to stay the way it is.
19. no
20. I would like to see this so simply designed that there is no space for 'crime to be designed in'.
21. No, I do not drive
22. It should not be open. I have small children that play in the road.
23. Do not open it. Safety for children. There are no parks near, of lot of children play in the road.
24. The road is more quite. Opening it would not be safe for children. It would be noisy at nighttime. Please keep the road closed.
25. For the safety of the children I would like the road to stay closed.

Q13 Do you live on...

	<i>Bright-on St</i>	<i>Argyle Rd</i>	<i>Drummond Rd</i>	<i>Gwyn</i>	<i>Other</i>
	21	15	13	15	5
	(30.4%)	(21.7%)	(18.8%)	(21.7%)	(7.2%)
<i>If other, please specify</i>					1 (100.0%)

## Demographics

Q14 What age band do you belong to?

<i>16-24</i> .....	11 (16.2%)
<i>25-34</i> .....	18 (26.5%)
<i>35-44</i> .....	12 (17.6%)
<i>45-54</i> .....	15 (22.1%)
<i>55-64</i> .....	3 (4.4%)
<i>65-74</i> .....	4 (5.9%)
<i>75+</i> .....	6 (8.8%)

Q15 Gender

<i>Male</i> .....	27 (39.7%)
<i>Female</i> .....	41 (60.3%)

Q16 To which of these groups do you consider yourself to belong...?

<i>White: British</i> .....	9 (12.9%)
<i>White: Irish</i> .....	0 (0.0%)

<i>White: Any other White background</i>	2 (2.9%)
<i>Mixed: White &amp; Black Caribbean</i>	5 (7.1%)
<i>Mixed: White&amp; Black African</i>	0 (0.0%)
<i>Mixed White &amp; Asian .....</i>	0 (0.0%)
<i>Mixed: Any other Mixed background</i>	1 (1.4%)
<i>Asian or Asian British: Indian</i>	3 (4.3%)
<i>Asian or Asian British: Pakistani</i>	6 (8.6%)
<i>Asian of Asian British: Bangladeshi</i>	0 (0.0%)
<i>Asian or Asian British: Any other Asian background .....</i>	0 (0.0%)
<i>Black or Black British: Caribbean</i>	13 (18.6%)
<i>Black of Black British: African</i>	5 (7.1%)
<i>Black of Black British: Somali</i>	24 (34.3%)
<i>Black or Black British: Any other Black background .....</i>	0 (0.0%)
<i>Chinese.....</i>	0 (0.0%)
<i>Other (please tick and explain in the box below) .....</i>	2 (2.9%)

Q1 Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

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<i>Yes.....</i>	16 (22.9%)
<i>No.....</i>	54 (77.1%)

Q1 Questionnaires Completed:

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72 (100.0%)

Q19 Which resident complete this questionnaire?

<i>Lisa Blackwood .....</i>	20 (29.4%)
<i>Musnilja Babatunji.....</i>	23 (33.8%)
<i>Abda Parveen.....</i>	25 (36.8%)