

# (Y)our Dartmouth Park Conversations

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## **WHO ARE WE?**

Urban Movement is an urban design and transport practice based in London. We have been asked to host a series of Community Conversations for the Dartmouth Park area, that provide an opportunity for local people and businesses to come together and air ideas, views and concerns, with the aim of building a consensus and agreeing a collaborative way forward to address traffic and streetscape issues.

We have been instructed by the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum but we are expressly neutral and do not represent any public body or community organisation.

## **WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

Our work aims to build consensus within the community to help resolve issues associated with traffic in the area. We want to speak with you in order to discuss your ideas for improving traffic as well as your ideas to make all the area's streets safer, cleaner, and rooted in community spirit, for example. Importantly, we also want to hear your worries and concerns around reducing traffic for example and work towards discussing what can be done within the parameters you set to benefit the area.

## **WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE?**

The outcome we hope to achieve is a design brief, a charter, an agreed way forward. By this we do not mean that we will be drawing any plans up, we mean that we will have discussed your ideas and concerns and (notionally) agreed a set of parameters from which the Council and community can move forward into a design process, if any interventions are deemed to be desirable.

## **HOW ARE WE DOING THIS?**

We are hosting a series of online conversations which we need you to attend. We know that it might be easier to fill out a form online and walk away - we really do - but this has happened before and it does not build consensus. We want to discuss things with you, talk about your concerns and find the balance which allows the community to move forwards as a whole that you are happy with. As is the case in all areas, we all want different things from our streets - and indeed we need different things at different times of the day, on different days of the week, and at different times of the year and our lives - so this is why we want to talk with you, understand concerns and agree what a successful outcome looks like.

Again, we have no vested interest, other than we think our streets and public spaces are valuable and that how we use them deserves consideration.