

Pedestrianisation of Wind Street – Consultation Results

Appendices 2-5

Appendix 2

A. Positive Comments

- 1 - I feel that pedestrianizing Wind Street would boost the appeal of the area and increase trade which would in turn create more hours in the industry and increase the local economy. Apart from the business side, it would also make the area a lot safer for pedestrians and easier to manage.
- 2 - Will improve business on Wind Street and help improve people's behaviour.
- 3- Lower chances of car related incidents when the street is open. It also helps the other businesses to excel and increase the amount of money that can make.
- 4 - Would help change Wind Street from bars and clubs to a more day time. Also more people coming to Wind Street in the day time would help local business, more jobs.
- 5 - Pedestrianisation would lead to a safer environment for people living and visiting Wind Street. It would also help solve the illegal parking problem. Vehicle drivers still park in the street when the street is closed off after seven o'clock.
- 6 - I agree strongly with the 1st paragraph of your letter. Improvement of perceptions of Wind Street would be great. It has changed in the 15 years I have been a resident here and not for the better. Pavement should be improved.
- 7 - More of a safer feel not needing to try and cross any part of road.
- 8 - Easier to manage Wind Street, create a café culture resulting in less crime and disturbances.
- 9 - Swansea has all the potential to be one of the most vibrant, safest and busiest cities in the UK however the 'Wind Street Stereotype' holds us back! Moving away from its current state and towards a 'café culture' will help promote it as a daytime destination as well as a night-time one and so will promote an additional eclectic mix of businesses to relocate here.
- 10 - This will enable a café culture allow all business venues to put events on and make safe for customers.
- 11 - Improve the image of the current landscape. Promote a café culture. Promote daytime business. More family friendly. Safer.
- 12 - I think it's a brilliant idea, this will encourage more trade to the street and make it safer. I also believe that it would improve the visual aspect of the area which would invite investors (Bank Statement).
- 13 - Attract a nicer environment for potential customers. Option to have al fresco dining areas on the street which would make a cool cafe culture.
- 14 - I think it will boost daytime trade. If we were able to out chairs and tables outside I think Wind Street would be a good place to come and enjoy the sun with some food and a pint.
- 15 - It will create a good atmosphere on the street and help business (Fiction and Vinyl).
- 16 - Would work well for Little Wind Street. Better for business. Safer for drinkers.
- 17 - Be able to have seating area outside.
- 18 - Increased footfall in the surrounding area will increase revenue.
- 19 - Possible outside area, more customers seating.
- 20 - It allows everyone to expand business, perhaps creating a more sit down outdoor culture rather than a couple of chairs outside next to road.
- 21 - It would be great for the city and the reputation of Wind Street to increase the use of the street other than late night entertainment. Pedestraining the street would allow the business to make more attractive outside areas to capture the food trader during the day time. Hopefully creating a similar vibe to that on Mill Lane (Cardiff) during the summer/ warm weather.
- 22 - We feel it would make the street more appealing.

- 23 - It could make Wind Street a more attractive destination for diners, coffee drinkers, families etc.
- 24 - If it encourages more visitors to Wind Street then yes.
- 25 - As most of the businesses on Wind Street are either pubs/ eateries selling alcohol, the road poses an issue with people drinking. Often cars don't stop at the pedestrian crossing and are travelling too quickly to react to groups if people spilling onto the road, especially when cars are parked along the road making visibility difficult.
- 26 - We fully support this proposal as we strongly believe this would benefit all surrounding businesses. We believe this will change the stigma and concept surrounding the night-life culture.
- 27 - It will regenerate Wind Street and encourage more families visiting Wind Street during the day (Ice Bar).
- 28 - This should attract more visitors to the area and help existing businesses flourish.
- 29 - Safer for the public.
- 30 - It would make Wind Street a more attractive and vibrant environment.
- 31 - Pedestrianizing Wind Street would give a more family friendly European feel and help improve the reputation.
- 32 - Safety.
- 33 - With the volume of people who arrive into town during the night-time there is an increased potential risk of an accident.

B. Negative Comments

- 1 - Don't know enough about the proposal. It's not a particularly busy road during the day and I see no reason to pedestrianize during the working week i.e. Mon-Fri 8-6.
- 2 - It will create heavy traffic congestion around the area.
- 3 - Wind St, is a quiet street – (EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAYS) and I see no reason to pedestrianise it during these quiet periods – I do understand the current arrangement because of safety.
- 4 - Because my dad is a pensioner and every Tuesday night he gets dropped off to go to Labour Club on Wind Street.
- 5 - Some of our guests like to park opposite our restaurant. If it was pedestrianised, they wouldn't be able to do this. Sometimes if we change supplier, they aren't familiar with the area and if they couldn't get to us, we wouldn't get our delivery. It would be difficult to explain over the telephone how to reach our store without directing down Wind Street.
- 6 - There are a lot of OA Pensioners that come to this Club to meet up with friends if the plan goes ahead they will not be coming owing to no taxis coming into the street.
- 7 - With the City Gates already being pedestrianised our delivery trucks rely on Wind Street to supply our business.
- 8 - It will create heavy traffic congestion around the area.

C. Neutral Comments

- 1 - I don't feel as though I am sufficiently informed in terms of how the pedestrianisation would affect businesses on Wind Street.
- 2 - Compilation of pros and cons.
- 3 - Does not apply to our business needs.
- 4 - It will have no direct effect on our daily revenue.

D. Both Negative & Positive Comments

- 1 - I like the idea of Wind Street becoming more family orientated and it feels a bit lifeless during the day. I think the pedestrianisation if it means more events will make Wind Street a more attractive place, but I suspect that the focus will continue to be with pubs and drinking culture. It is uncomfortable leaving my flat in the evenings. I don't want this during the daytime as well.

Appendix 3

A. Positive Comments

- 1 - A very good idea. Everyone would know there is no parking and driving in Wind Street seven days a week. The automatic bollard would prevent vehicles entering or leaving the street. At the moment the street is only closed on a few nights of the week. This is dangerous and confusing. It is better to close Wind Street seven days a week, with only emergency vehicles allowed.
- 2 - No I don't as deliveries would still be able to happen at the rear of most venues and there is a very low use of the roads in any case. The street is blocked off most busy nights as it so I don't feel any practical uses of the road would be hindered.
- 3- I can't think of any reason why this should not go ahead.
- 4- No all issues are minor and can be overcome.
- 5- No it's practical enough to walk to from anywhere in City Centre.
- 6- Clear example is St Mary's Street in Cardiff.
- 7- None deliveries would be out of the way before the pubs/ clubs open.

B. Practical Suggestions

- 1 - Deliveries – allow current businesses opportunity to request new delivery time windows. Contractor/ development work.
- 2 - Should allow some kind of access to emergency services. Also should look into parking permits for residents of Wind Street for the Strand area.
- 3 - At night the positioning of police cars.
- 4 - Traffic of taxis dropping people into Wind Street.
- 5 - Increased lighting in street especially top end around Yates and Griffin. Standard outside barrier, drinking and eating annex.
- 6- Offer free parking scheme for anyone that uses any of the businesses in area. Level off street getting rid of any pavements to create same level.

C. Negative Comments

- 1 - It would limit residents in some aspects – for example if I was to have something delivered and the delivery person doesn't know the area well, they would put the postcode or address in their Sat Nav and wouldn't be able to get to me. This has happened in the events when the road has been closed – it gets worked out but it is very stressful.
- 2 - Wind Street is a quiet street (EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAYS) and I see no reason to pedestrianise it during these quiet periods – I do understand the current arrangement because of safety.
- 3- Obviously more traffic will be directed to Princess Way, parking may become more difficult.
- 4 - Deliveries often arrive in the afternoon which we have difficulties rearranging.
- 5 - Where would the sat nav lead potential guests to? Due to the traffic system outside there would be no road into Wind Street area, the closest would potentially be the Strand? Or the Vue Cinema?
- 6 - Beer deliveries and any other deliveries are to our front door.

Appendix 4

A. Positive Comments

- 1 - I think that would be a great idea. It doesn't affect us negatively in any way.
- 2 - Would be a good thing apart from deliveries. Not much traffic use Wind Street day to day and when it is closed during Wednesday night not much disruption.
- 3 - It is already closed some evenings so why not same feel during daytime.
- 4 - Good idea.
- 5 - Absolutely fine apart from delivery access.
- 6 - Very positive! It will promote the City Centre as a destination for more eateries etc.
- 7 - No issues for me as all my deliveries are before these times.
- 8 - Very positive. I support this change.
- 9 - Great easy enough to arrange delivery times.
- 10 - Like it.
- 11 - We are lucky enough to have a delivery yard at the back of our premises so it won't affect us that bad.
- 12 - Think it would have a positive effect on the city.
- 13 - Perfect.
- 14 - Those times would be perfect for our business.
- 15 - We have no problem with that.
- 16 - We welcome the change.
- 17 - I support it fully.
- 18 - Ok.
- 19 - I think it's a good idea.
- 20 - We fully support this idea.
- 21 - No issues.
- 22 - Great!

B. Practical Suggestions

- 1 - I would suggest 12pm-6am to allow businesses ample time to receive deliveries. Also times need to be reliable as we have experience lots of difficulties with barriers not being taken down at the proposed times.
- 2 - As long as the pathways are wide enough and the road was reduced to 1 lane.
- 3 - (12 noon – 6am).
- 4 - 2pm-5am would be preferable to ensure we get all our necessary deliveries.
- 5- Sounds ok, but wouldn't be as effective as fully pedestrianizing the street.
- 6 - My only concern would be deliveries. Apart from this I fully support and welcome the initiative.
- 7 - An extra taxi rank at the bottom of Wind Street would be helpful.

C. Negative Comments

- 1 - As stated above on Question 3 (Because my dad is a pensioner and every Tuesday night he gets dropped off to go to Labour Club on Wind St).
- 2 - Clear example is St Mary's in Cardiff.
- 3 - Seems unnecessary.
- 4- I'm not sure how this will impact older or disabled residents who may need to use taxis.
- 5 - I see no reason to close access traffic to Wind Street during these quiet periods – (probably mornings Monday to Friday) – Agree to times such as bank holidays/ or similar busy events .
- 6 - Restricted access for staff, deliveries and any bands playing in venues. Not all venues have rear access.
- 7 - Deliveries and work men in vans might find it hard to access pubs on the street.
- 8 - This would cause confusion of when the road can and can't be driven through.

- 9 - I don't see much reason for this. Obviously delivery vehicles have to be considered.
- 10 - I have concerns over delivery access.
- 11 - What is the point of it being open from 6am til 11am? I guess it would help with the delivery situation. It wouldn't help with the fact that from pedestrianising the street, we could lose passing trade.
- 12 - I think it is disgusting that you should penalise our customers. Without transport they cannot come out.
- 13 - Not a good idea.
- 14 - It will create heavy traffic congestion around the area.
- 15 - Would affect beer/ale deliveries.

Appendix 5

A. Positive Comments

- 1 - I really do love the idea as it would make the entire street more appealing and interesting. It would make it safer and turn it into something similar to a strip in London or Cardiff's Mill Lane.
- 2 - Wind Street is becoming a late night destination only. Pedestrianizing it would attract more day time trade and encourage existing vendors to open daytimes.
- 3 - Good idea.
- 4 - Best idea be great for business.
- 5 - This would benefit the city and help shake off the negativity associated with Wind Street.
- 6 - We would be delighted with this proposal.

B. Practical Suggestions

- 1 - Remove tree which block sunlight in Winter, falling leaves litter the street. Lower level evergreen planters. Improve street lighting – 'festoon'? Encourage street events – markets, entertainers, fairs etc.
- 2 - It would be a chance for a nicer upgrade of external areas of the buildings.
- 3 - I wish the members consider the following points please. 1 – during day time serving hours and til 8pm glass to be allowed outside. From 8pm til close the glass to be replaced by plastic. 2 – we need more lighting if more area introduced to place the tables and chairs. 3 – Different type trees to be used (leaves causing a lot of people slipping when pavement is wet).
- 4 - The current car bays to be levelled off and railings throughout street removed.
- 5 - I want to promote safe environment for my customers and if additional seating could be arranged I would like to be able to serve glass outside until 7pm (change to plastic).
- 6 - More bins and policing.

C. Negative Comments

- 1 - It would make accessibility for disabled guest difficult and hinder our delivery times which would affect the way we operate.
- 2 - This area is not a shopping area all the trade is done on weekends and late evenings.
- 3 - I found it difficult to find information about the proposal – when I did a search on Council website it returned no results.

D. Neutral Comments

- 1 - Currently doing a refurb, however, we will still be using the front entrance for bands/ deliveries, as well as the keg drop which is situated on Wind Street. Due to changes in licencing at the premises we are currently unsure how the outside area is going to be used.