

## This is your opportunity to comment

We need your views as this consultation exercise is intended to find out if there is broad public support for the proposals set out in this leaflet.

Please send your response by <sup>14<sup>th</sup></sup> December 2012 to: **London Borough of Camden, Culture and Environment Directorate, Transport Strategy Service, FREEPOST RLZH-UEYC-ACZZ, London, WC1H 8EQ.** Please note that no stamp is required and only **ONE** reply per household, business or organisation will be accepted. Alternatively, email your response to [chris.g.smith@camden.gov.uk](mailto:chris.g.smith@camden.gov.uk). **You must give your postal address if you want us to consider your views.**

While it will not be possible to reply to you individually, all comments will be taken into account. The Assistant Director of Environment and Transport will make a decision whether or not to proceed with the scheme and you will be informed of the outcome of this consultation and the Council's decision within three months, where possible.

Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, we may not treat your response confidentially, as it will be available for public inspection. Please only write to us about the consultation issue. If you want to comment on any other matter, please use a separate letter.

### Who is being consulted?

All properties within the area outlined on the plan will be consulted along with Local and Statutory Groups, Emergency Services and Ward Members.

**Please contact the following people should you have any queries on the proposals detailed in this consultation leaflet.**

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**Thank you for replying to this consultation**

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## Important- Public Consultation

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This is a postal and on-line consultation

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### Earlham Street Experimental Road Closure, Seven Dials, Covent Garden

Camden is working with the Seven Dials' Trust to make the Seven Dials area more attractive for residents and businesses as well as encouraging more people to walk and cycle.

Taxis and other vehicles use Monmouth Street, Earlham Street and Shorts Gardens as a short cut to avoid traffic queues on Shaftesbury Avenue. Therefore these streets are often busy with traffic which makes the area less pleasant for residents and businesses.

The Council would like to undertake a trial closure of Earlham Street at the junction with Shaftesbury Avenue (the closure would not apply to cyclists). In addition, it is proposed to change the direction of traffic in Tower Street to one-way eastbound (from Earlham Street to Monmouth Street). Therefore, traffic on Earlham Street would be able to exit Seven Dials via Tower Street and Monmouth Street (south). Traffic would also be able to access Shaftesbury Avenue via Mercer Street (west).

The closure would reduce traffic on Earlham Street and Monmouth Street (north) making these streets more attractive as well as encouraging people to walk and cycle. The closure is likely to lead to an increase in traffic on Mercer Street (west); however this route may not be as attractive to use as a short cut. The closure should also help to reduce congestion on Shaftesbury Avenue as currently vehicles turning out of Earlham Street block other traffic approaching the traffic lights.

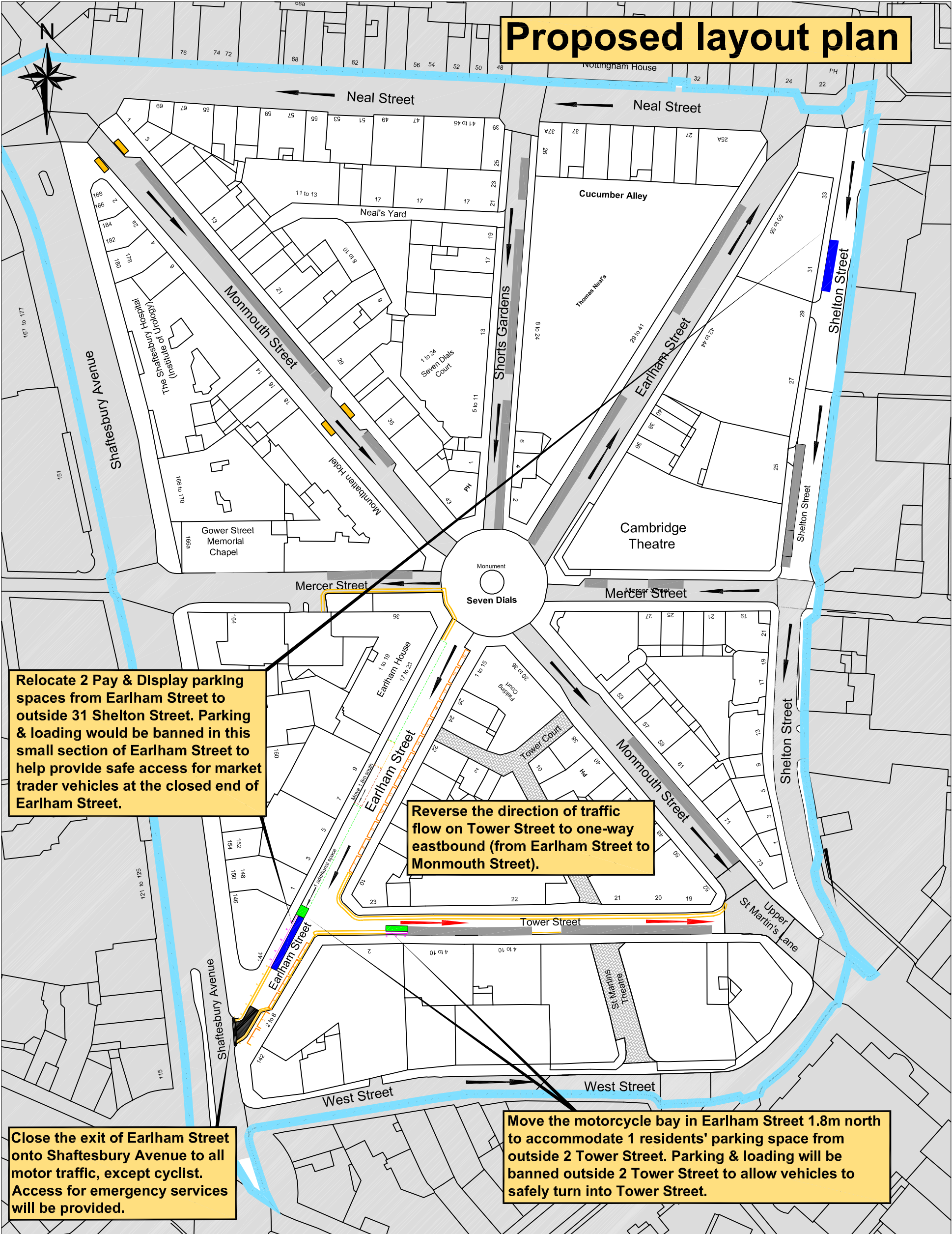
The following changes are proposed for a minimum of 6 months:

- A.** Close the exit of Earlham Street onto Shaftesbury Avenue to all motor traffic, except cyclists.
- B.** Change the direction of traffic in Tower Street to one-way eastbound (from Earlham Street to Monmouth Street).
- C.** Relocate 1 x residents' parking space from outside 2 Tower Street to 1-5 Earlham Street. Parking and loading would then be banned outside 2 Tower Street to allow vehicles to safely turn into Tower Street.
- D.** Relocate 2 x Pay and Display parking spaces from Earlham Street to outside 31 Shelton Street. Parking and loading would then be banned in this small section of Earlham Street to help provide safe access for market trader vehicles to the closed end of Earlham Street.

The market trader's pitches will also be standardised to a slightly larger size (4 metres x 2 metres) by extending them onto vacant pitches.

The closure of Earlham Street at the junction with Shaftesbury Avenue will be on a trial basis for 6 months. During the trial, traffic surveys will be undertaken to assess the impacts of the closure. After the 6 month period Camden will make a decision on whether to make the closure permanent or not.

# Proposed layout plan



Relocate 2 Pay & Display parking spaces from Earham Street to outside 31 Shelton Street. Parking & loading would be banned in this small section of Earham Street to help provide safe access for market trader vehicles at the closed end of Earham Street.

Reverse the direction of traffic flow on Tower Street to one-way eastbound (from Earham Street to Monmouth Street).

Close the exit of Earham Street onto Shaftesbury Avenue to all motor traffic, except cyclist. Access for emergency services will be provided.

Move the motorcycle bay in Earham Street 1.8m north to accommodate 1 residents' parking space from outside 2 Tower Street. Parking & loading will be banned outside 2 Tower Street to allow vehicles to safely turn into Tower Street.

Key:	Proposed Road Closure		Existing Parking Bays	
	Direction of Traffic Flow		Relocation of P&D parking bays	
	Proposed double yellow lines with blips		Relocation of residents' parking bay	
	Market trader pitches		Consultation Area	