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During 2020, as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Birmingham City Council used a number of funding streams to introduce a variety of schemes across the city with the

In some instances, the boarding/alighting area at bus stops lies directly in the path of the pop-up cycle lane, presenting a danger to cyclists and bus users, particularly people with pushchairs and those with visual impairments.

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short term and further more substantial recommendations to be incorporated into the

restrictions. The impact of this approach needs to be considered in view of the proportion of people, approximately a tenth in the West Midlands, that do not use the internet.

Despite these restrictions on engagement activities, over 7,600 comments have been made by members of the public on the Commonplace platform and over 1,000 emails were received via the Birmingham Connected inbox. These comments and emails have been analysed with a view to gauging levels of public support for the schemes as well as identifying suggestions for changes and improvements. It is clear that the nature of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated consultation period is not readily understood by members of the public and further information on this should be included in the consultation strategy for the second round of funding.

Due to the experimental and temporary nature of these schemes, feedback from members of the public is an important tool in refining the measures. Some changes have already been made to schemes in response to such feedback and this has also been used to identify

Recommendation: A robust communications strategy should be developed and implemented for the second round of funding, with a view to reaching those that may have been excluded from commenting on the initial round of schemes, and returning to face-to-face engagement activities as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allow.

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	Scheme Name	Scheme Type	Outcome
1	Moseley	Local Centre	Progress to making more permanent in 2021/22*
2	Stirchley	Local Centre	Progress to making more permanent in 2021/22*
3	Lozells	Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)	Progress to developing further in 2021/22*
4	Kings Heath	Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)	Progress to developing further in 2021/22*