

Parklets in Practice:

Providing additional green space for communities and businesses.



Credit: Hammersmith BID

Following the publication of [Cross River Partnership's Healthy Streets Everyday \(HSE\) Parklet Guidance](#), 'Creating Parklets for Community and Business Resilience', the HSE Programme funded a Parklet in Hammersmith BID. Installed at the corner of Overstone Road, the Parklet helped to provide more outdoor seating space for a local pub, the Dartmouth Castle. As social distancing measures associated with the COVID-19 pandemic had reduced the pub's indoor capacity, the parklet provided much needed space to help the business continue trading whilst maintaining a safe and COVID secure environment.

If you are looking to install a parklet, please contact your local authority, local community groups, landowner and/or Business Improvement District early in the process to gain advice and support on planning, funding and permissions needed to install a parklet.



What is a Parklet?

A parklet is a temporary or permanent pavement extension that sits in existing parking bay(s). They usually act as a space for people to sit and rest, but can also include features such as bicycle parking, outdoor dining and local art or information. Temporary parklets can be a great route to delivering permanent installations as they can act as a trial for assessing the community and business response to the parklet.

The Parklet which the Hammersmith BID Team provided for us at The Dartmouth Castle was extremely useful in maximising our outdoor space during the trading restrictions of 2020. We were able to increase our outdoor trading area and make up some of the lost ground from reduced capacity indoors. Thank you very much for your support in these difficult times.

Richard Manners, Owner, The Dartmouth Castle

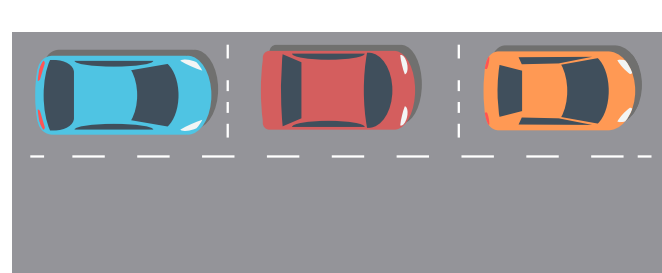


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We are delighted to see how our parklets scheme is contributing towards the overall greening of Hammersmith town centre; hand in hand with helping businesses to open safely following the coronavirus lockdowns. We now have 6 parklets installed for public use and will be looking to build on this.

Patricia Bench, Hammersmith BID Director

The Impact



3
parking bays removed



Outdoor seating provided for a maximum of

24

people



Greening of the local area



Economic benefits for local businesses

As well as helping businesses to adapt to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, Parklets can also act as spaces for communities to enjoy, helping people to feel connected to their local area. [The 'Ark'](#) in the [London Borough of Lewisham](#), that was funded by Spin and built by Yes Make, is a great example of a Parklet designed with the community in mind. The HSE "[Creating Parklets for Community and Business Resilience](#)" guidance played an instrumental role in the early development stages. Read the full document for step-by-step support on creating your own parklet, including the design elements to think about in order to build a truly inclusive and accessible space for all to enjoy.



Credit: Yes Make

What is the Healthy Streets Everyday Programme?

[Cross River Partnership's Healthy Streets Everyday Programme](#) is a 3-year cross-sector project that is funded by the Mayor's Air Quality Fund. The project aims to empower boroughs, businesses and communities across London to deliver pedestrian-priority healthy streets, increase walking rates and reduce emissions and exposure to toxic air pollution.

The programme is also helping to supplement London's COVID response by creating streets that can accommodate and encourage increases in sustainable and active travel, and that are pleasant, safe places that all Londoners can safely enjoy.

For more information please visit [CRP's Healthy Streets Everyday webpage](#).



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