

## Appendix B: Detailed points raised in the petition and council responses

Reason stated in the petition	Council response
The parklets were a temporary measure under Covid to allow businesses to have more space to retain footfall whilst adhering to government guidelines re spacing in restaurants.	Parklets were first proposed as part of the Golders Green Town Centre Strategy, adopted prior to the pandemic.
Parklets were put there to help five restaurants on Golders Green Road. Of those five restaurants: only one uses the space; the others have not used the space (with one closed).	All five restaurants used the space extensively during warmer weather. This was verified prior to upgrading the parklets in June 2022.  The parklet outside the closed business was moved in December 2022.
Due to the parklets, local traffic has increased.	There is no evidence to substantiate this claim.
The petitioners ask the council to consider the environmental [impact] of traffic congestion due to the narrowing of the road.	Parklets occupy existing parking spaces meaning that the carriageway has not been narrowed.
With the inability to park where the parklets now are, other traders alongside the strip are losing footfall.	No evidence has been provided to substantiate this claim.  Parking data shows no discernible relationship between the installation of parklets and levels of parking activity. Any impact on footfall is therefore assumed.
Parklets have made it difficult for the said traders to get their deliveries in without causing traffic issues.	Prior to their installation, all parklets are assessed for their possible impact on loading, pedestrian crossings and other highways issues.
These parklets cost £14,000 to put into place.  The petitioners ask the council to consider the cost of these parklets alongside the loss of [parking] income. Particularly the lack of charges and the decreased business rates that may occur due to the lack of footfall in other traders.	Funding for the parklets was drawn from central government grants for business support. Due to their modular nature, parklets can be – and often have been – re-used outside multiple businesses, thus contributing to their value for money.  Site visits and parking data show no discernible relationship between the installation of parklets and levels of parking activity. Indeed, parking income in Golders Green increased in the months after the parklets were upgraded in June 2022.  There is no evidence of a link between parklet installations and reductions in business rates.
The petitioners could	Officers will keep all parklets under review.

compromise on the following:

- One parklet could stay;
- The ones by the closed restaurant should be removed.

The parklet outside the closed restaurant was moved in December 2022.