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3. Recommendations for future programmes

The Spaces for People programme was launched near the start of the COVID-19 pandemic with the key priority being to rapidly provide additional space for people to physically distance. It may not have been possible to carry out all recommendations and maintain rapid delivery in the case of Spaces for People. These recommendations are aimed towards future programmes,

4. Key successes

4.2 Collaboration and communication within and between organisations

Closer working relationships formed within and between partner organisations while delivering Spaces for People projects. Sustrans held online

5. Challenges and limitations

5.2 Rapid rollout and limited implementation timeline

The urgent nature of the COVID-19 pandemic meant that the Spaces for People programme had to be rolled out rapidly in order to deal with the immediate risk of increasing viral transmission. However, in some cases the timescale for delivery was a challenge and impacted other elements, such as de

5.5 Procurement challenges

Construction materials and contractors were both in short supply because of the pandemic and this supply issue was compounded by high demand for such materials from many local authorities delivering active travel projects across the UK. Construction items such as wands¹, orcas², signs, poles, cycle lane defenders and black-and-white bollards sold out across the UK. The price of materials increased because of the shortages, and island locations faced higher delivery costs. There was limited choice of materials available at times during the pandemic, and some partners resorted to using traffic management infrastructure (such as cones) in the meantime. This had an impact on the appearance and overall public reception of some of these measures.

¹ Wands: Flexible highly visible plastic bollards which can be used to indicate a cycle lane to other users.

² Orcas: Rubber intermittent kerbs which can be used to mark out a cycle lane and allow for easy maintenance/ cycle access. Examples available at: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Orcas-and-wands.pdf> [Accessed 6th September 2022]