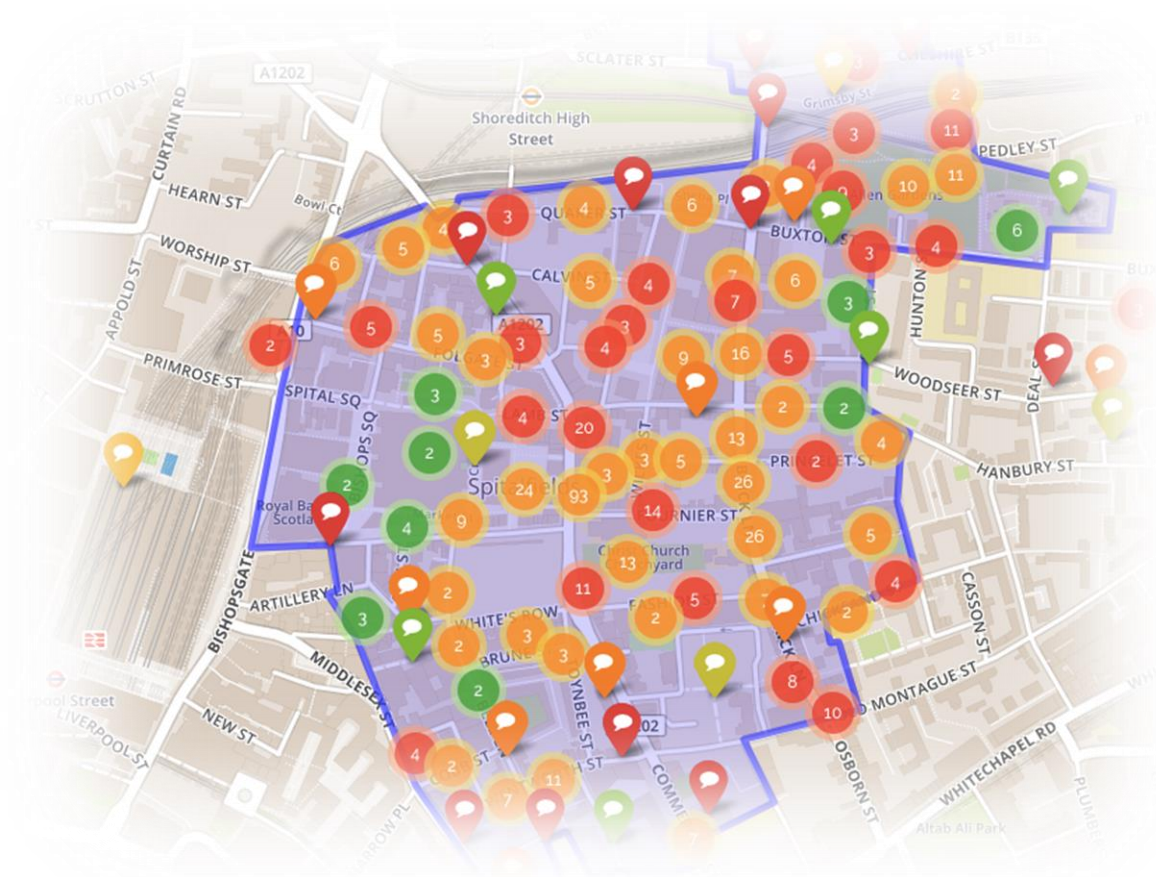


# Spitalfields Commonplace Outreach report 2018/19



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# Abstract

This report aims to develop a plan for sustainable, profitable and beneficial change for Spitalfields which allows growth whilst protecting our heritage.

This is done by looking at the four main areas set out in the 'project vision': the built, economic, natural and social environments.

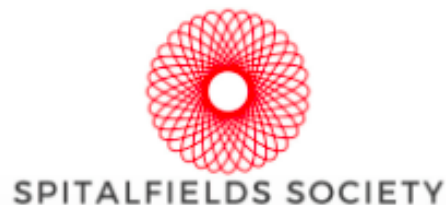
The Mosque on Fournier St, many of the open spaces (Elder Gardens, Allen gardens) and the rich heritage of the Brick Lane conservation area were constantly praised and there was a call for further protection in these areas and management strategies to reduce antisocial behaviour.

Many wanted to see commercial development in both sides of the Old Truman brewery. There was a strong debate over the Christ Church churchyard, and general disapproval over the Time Out plans on Commercial St.

Overall the general improvements that were wanted included better waste management throughout each area, reduced antisocial behaviour and drug related activity and various traffic/pedestrian improvements.

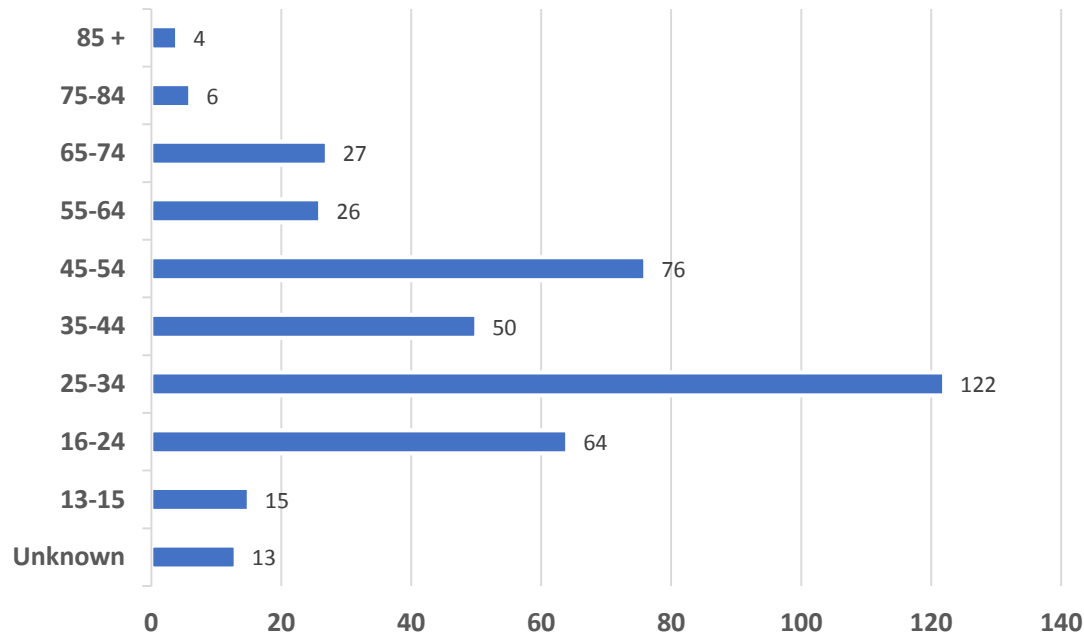
# Engagement Summary

- **1809** people visited the site in total.
- **403** of these people also interacted in some way with the site:
  - **102** commented
  - **232** surveyed
  - **126** agreed with one or more comment
- There was a total of **2094** interactions with the site of which:
  - **602** were comments
  - **1492** were agreements
- **1074** visitors were directed to the site via 'spitalfieldsforum.co.uk'.
- **132** from Facebook and **120 from the commonplace website.**
- The others were made up mostly from Twitter, google and the Spitalfields neighbourhood planning forum.



# Age and Gender

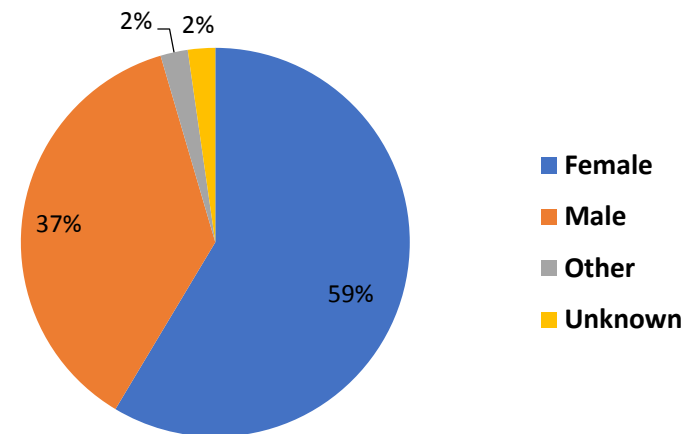
Age of contributors



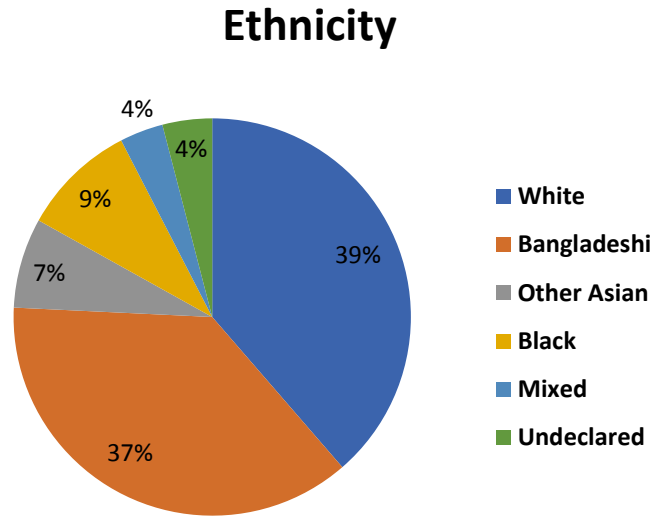
The largest age group to contribute were between the ages of 25 and 34. a majority of contributors were between the ages of 16 and 54.

Of the 396 contributors over half were female.

Gender



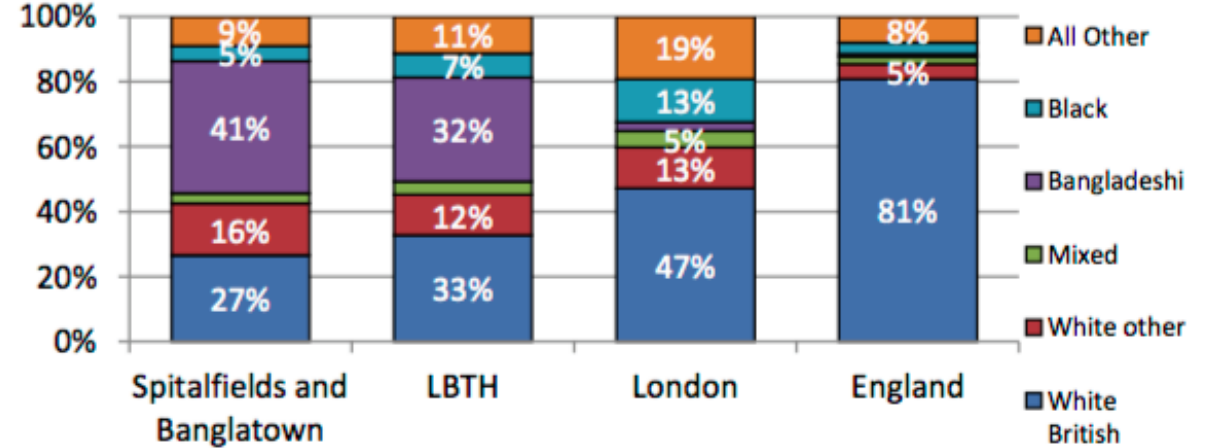
# Ethnicity



The largest group of contributors were white (**155**), followed closely by Bangladeshi (**148**).

## Ethnicity

Figure 2: Ethnicity



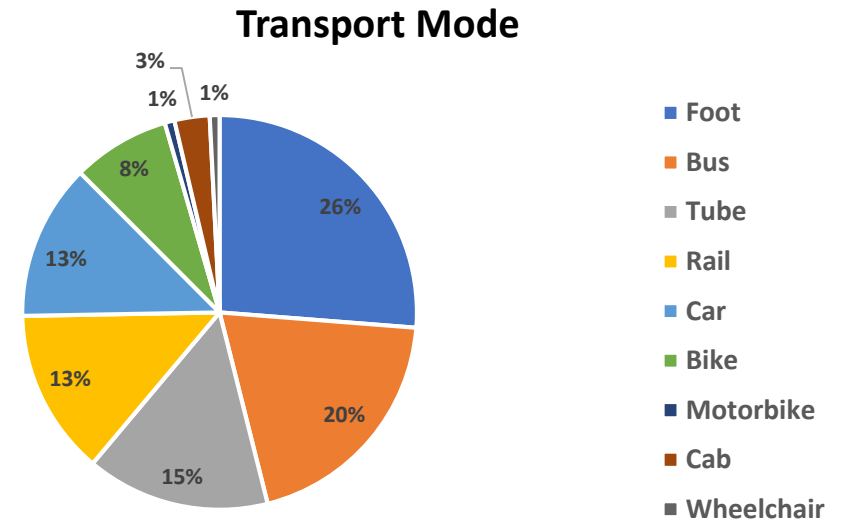
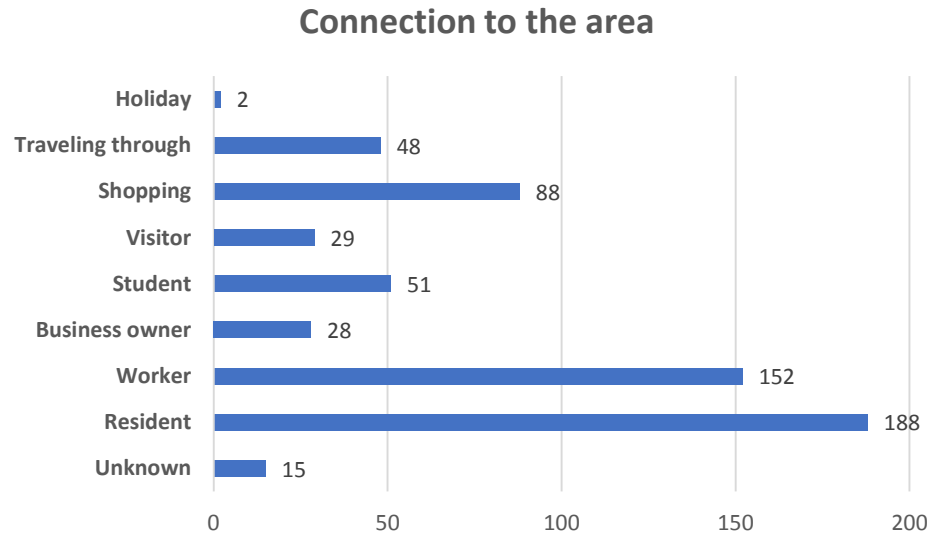
(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

This graph, taken from a Ward Profile (2014) of the area by Tower Hamlets using data from the 2011 census, shows this to be almost exactly representational of the residential area and fluctuations can be allowed due to the number of people surveyed but not residents of the area.

Source:

[https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Borough\\_statistics/Ward\\_profiles/Spitalfields-and-Banglatown-FINAL-10062014.pdf](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Borough_statistics/Ward_profiles/Spitalfields-and-Banglatown-FINAL-10062014.pdf)

# Transport Mode and Connection to the area



Residents were the highest proportion of visitors, followed by workers to make a majority.

Foot and bus were the most popular modes of transport.

N.B. the high proportion of people using wheelchairs (and pushchairs) as pavement and road quality consistently come up as issues throughout the report.

# In general, these were the key issues raised:

- **Waste**/litter/management
- **Traffic**/pedestrian safety/parking/cycling facilities
- **Antisocial behaviour**
  - Particularly drugs
  - Safety
- **Conservation** and protection
  - Heritage
  - Open space
  - Businesses
- Issues concerning **housing**/accommodation and community.
- **Accessibility**
  - Wheelchair users and pavements.



# Different aspects of antisocial behaviour mentioned in this report: (referred to usually as ASB)

- **Drugs** (mostly dealing) and drinking:

- Where: Cheshire St, Allen gardens, Buxton St, Elder St, Quaker St, Grey Eagle St, Spital St, Brick Lane, Bell Lane, Strype St, Brune St, Commercial St, Old Montague St, Wilkes St/Fournier St (more than 10 comments here), Chicksand park. (Essentially everywhere...)

- **Urination**

- Where: Commercial St N, Braithwaite Underpass, Brick Lane, Peck's yard, Wentworth St Alleyway, Christ Church

- **Vandalism:**

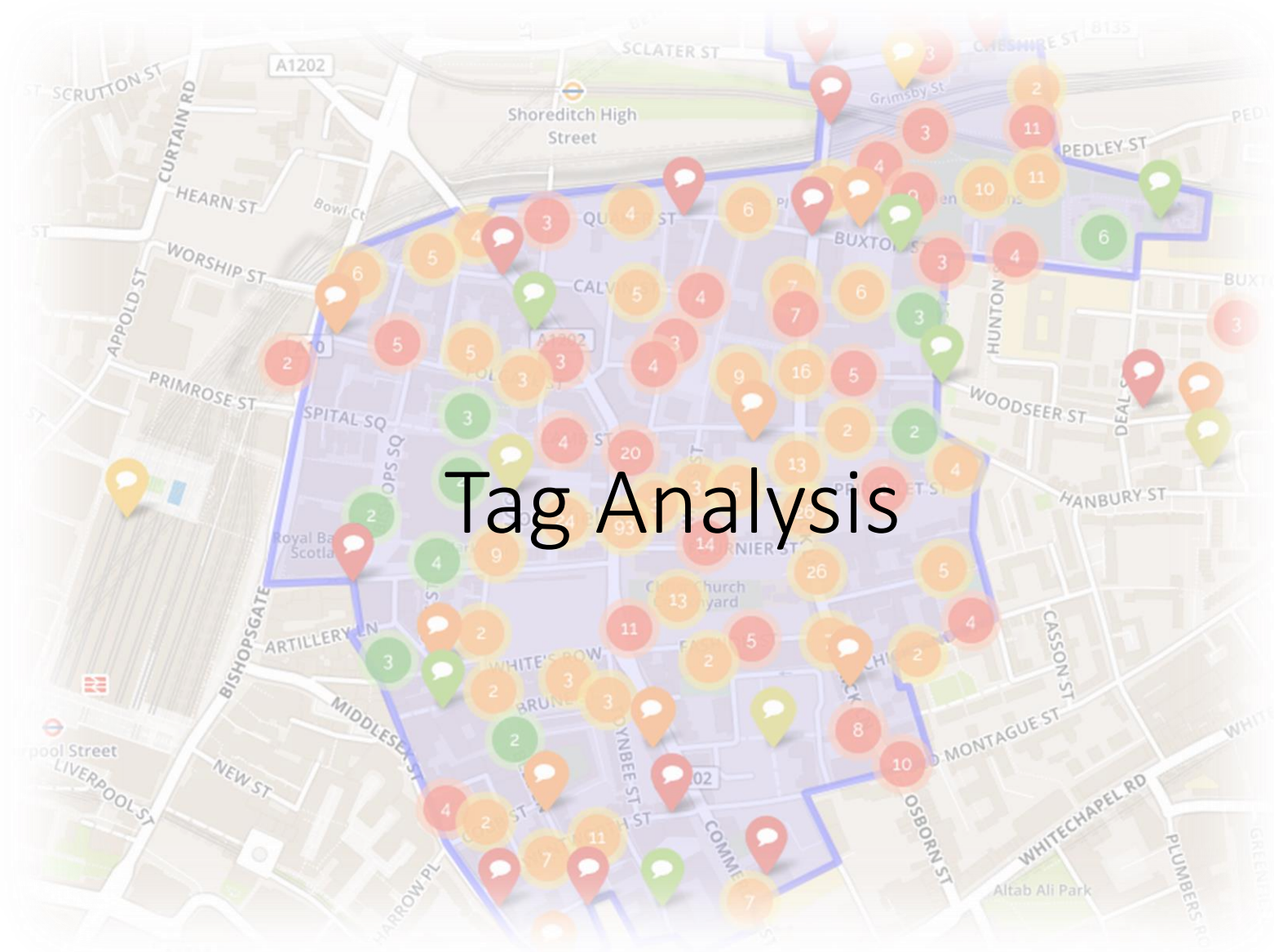
- Where: Calvin St, Grey Eagle St, Wilkes St,

- **General:** (crime/unsafe behaviour)

- Where: Calvin St, Woodseer St, Brick Lane,

# Urban Greenery

- Preservation of open space and ‘street planting’ to increase urban greenery a key issue. Praise for the city farm and a keen interest in the churchyard/garden shows this to be popular within the community.
- There was **praise** for: Spitalfields City Farm (and suggestion that it is expanded), Quaker St trees, Elder Gardens, Bishop’s Sq, Eric Elstob’s Wisteria (puma court).
- **Protection** called for: Allen gardens, Elder Gardens (from surrounding development), Churchyard front garden (from talk of it being entirely paved), .
- Possibility for **further** urban greenery suggested on: Fleur de Lis St (north side), White lion yard, Point A hostel (Folgate St), Jerome x Calvin St, Corbet Place x Grey Eagle St, Links Yard.
- Debate on School building and Christ Church Churchyard.
- Further Comments:
  - Brushfield St trees need watering.
  - Heneage St trees blocking pavement.

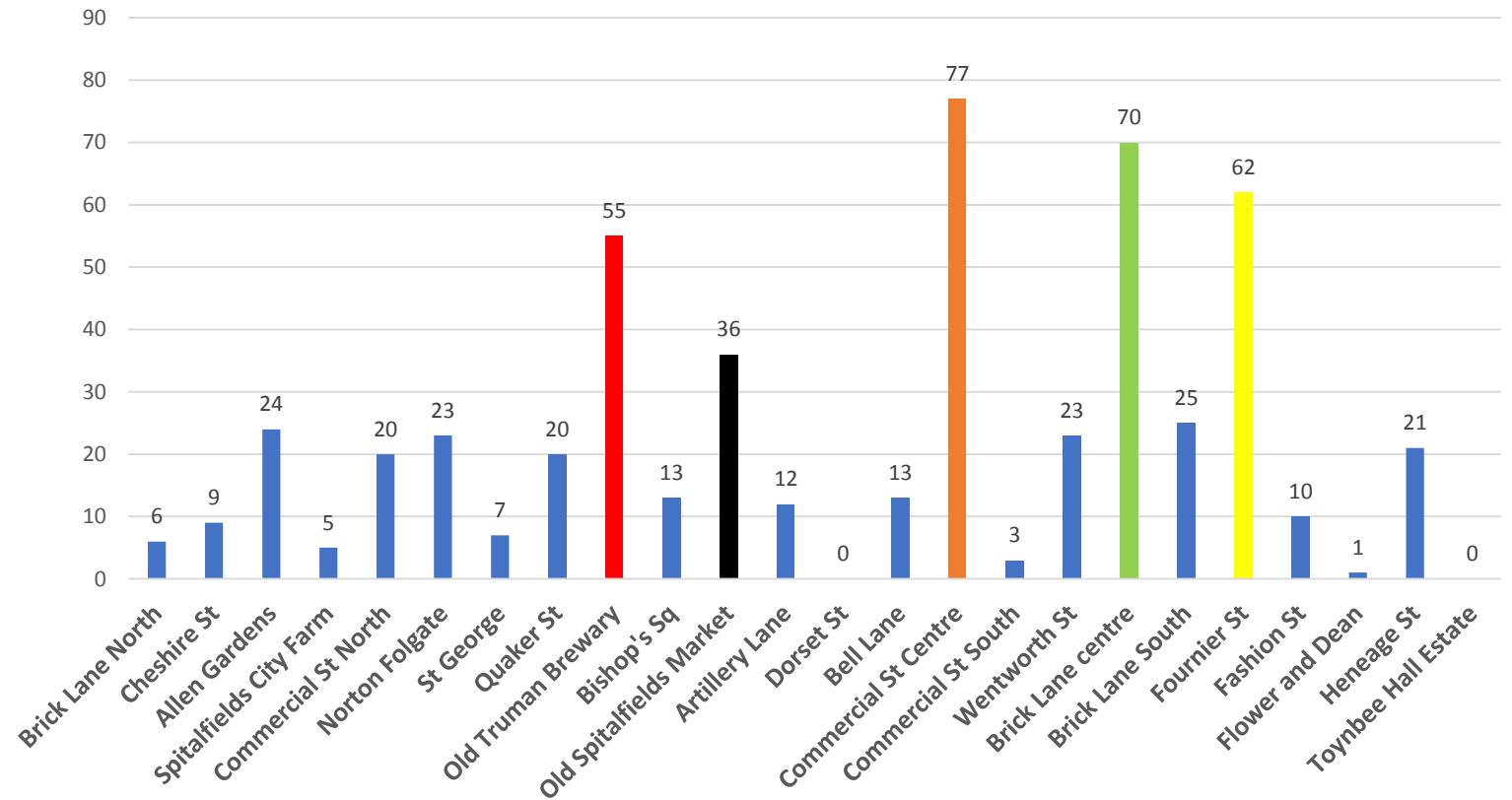


# Tag Analysis

# Locations

Top 5 most commented on Locations:

- Brick Lane Centre
- Fournier St
- Old Truman Brewery
- Old Spitalfields Market
- Commercial St Centre (including all general comments)

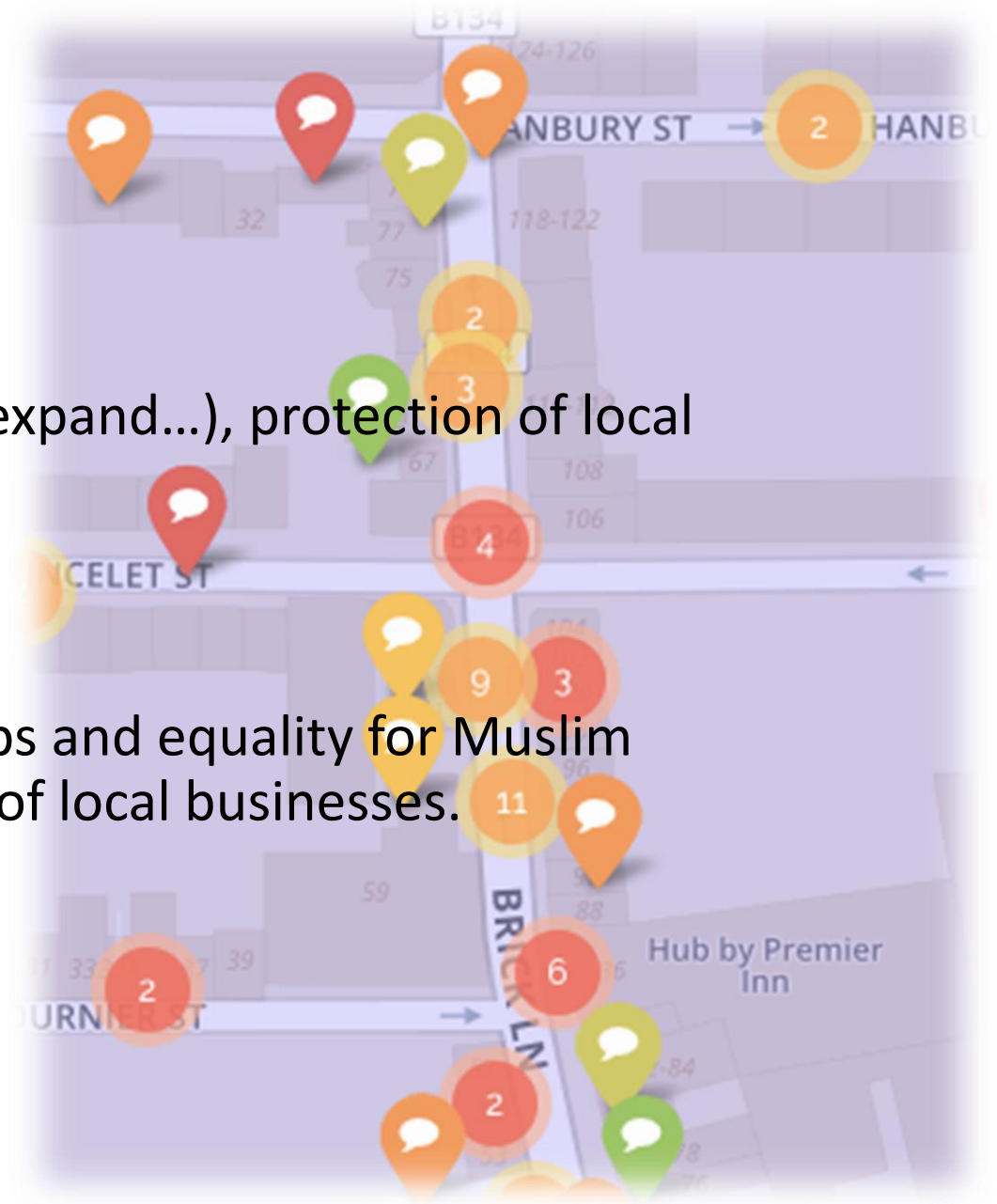


*(Numbers in graph refer to the number of comments in each area.)*

In general there are more comments on those areas that encompass what could be considered an 'attraction' of the area (e.g. Christ Church, Brick lane market etc).

# Brick Lane Centre

- *17 Positive comments:*
  - **Mosque**, school (praise and suggestion they expand...), protection of local businesses.
- *37 Neutral comments:*
  - **Safety** (women and children), open space, jobs and equality for Muslim women, poor housing conditions, protection of local businesses.
- *16 Negative comments:*
  - **Noise**, dirt, housing and overcrowding.



Overall Brick lane centre is:

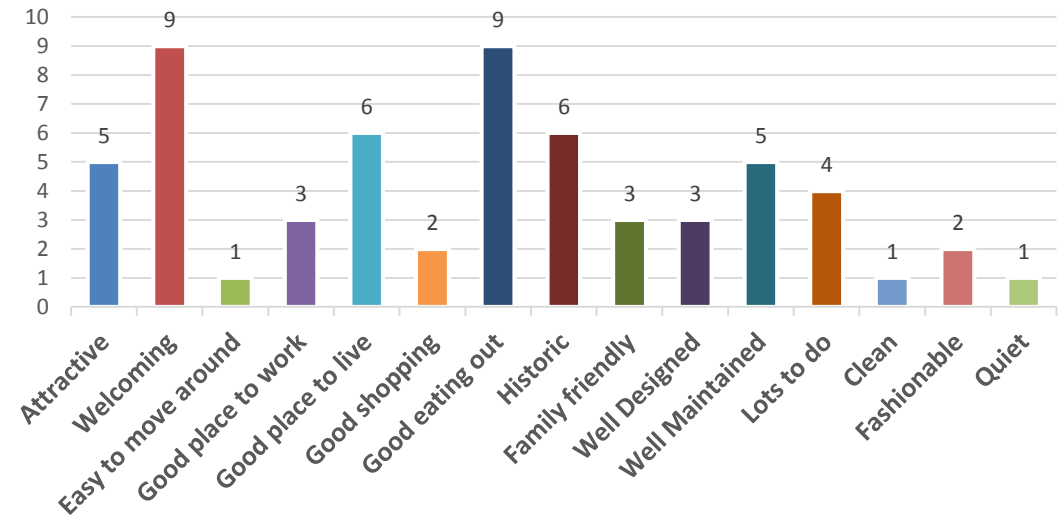
- **Welcoming**
- **Good eating out**
- A good place to live
- Historic

However it is also:

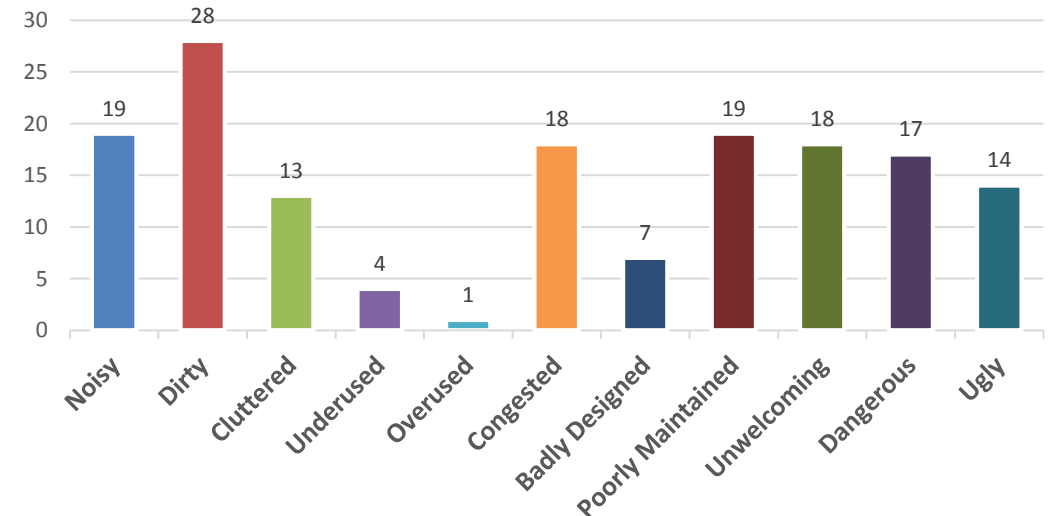
- **Dirty**
- Poorly maintained
- Noisy

*(Numbers in graphs refer to number of times these options were selected in this area).*

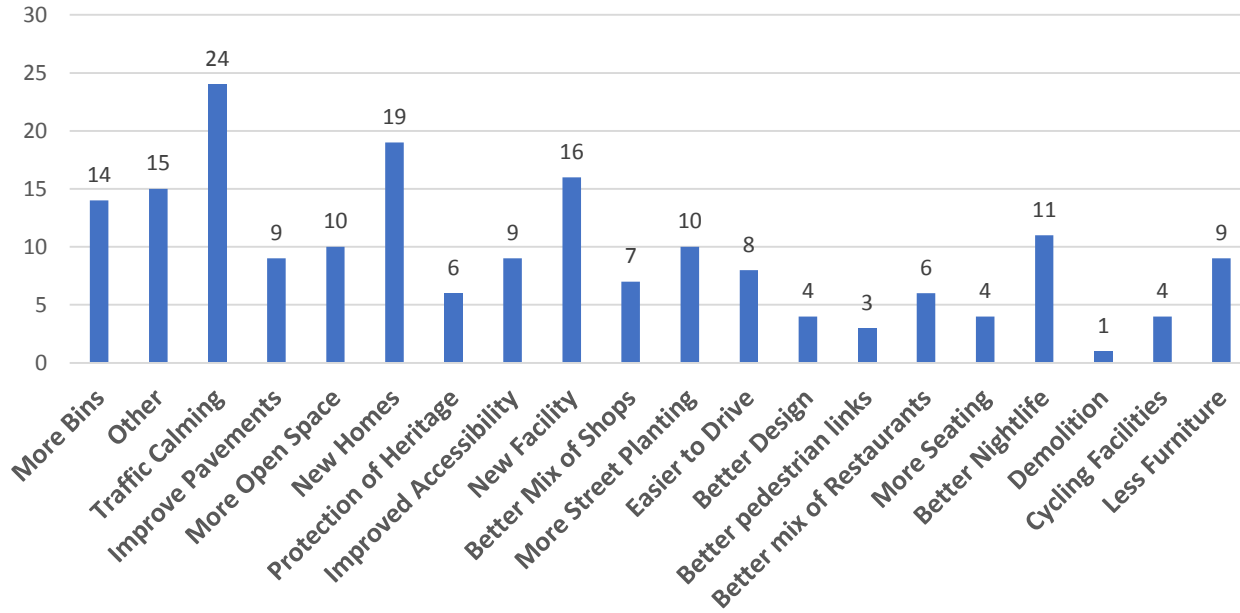
Brick Lane Centre - Positive Codes



Brick Lane Centre - Negative Codes



Brick Lane Centre Improvements



Top Improvements:

- **Traffic Calming**
- **New Homes**
- **New facility**

Other:

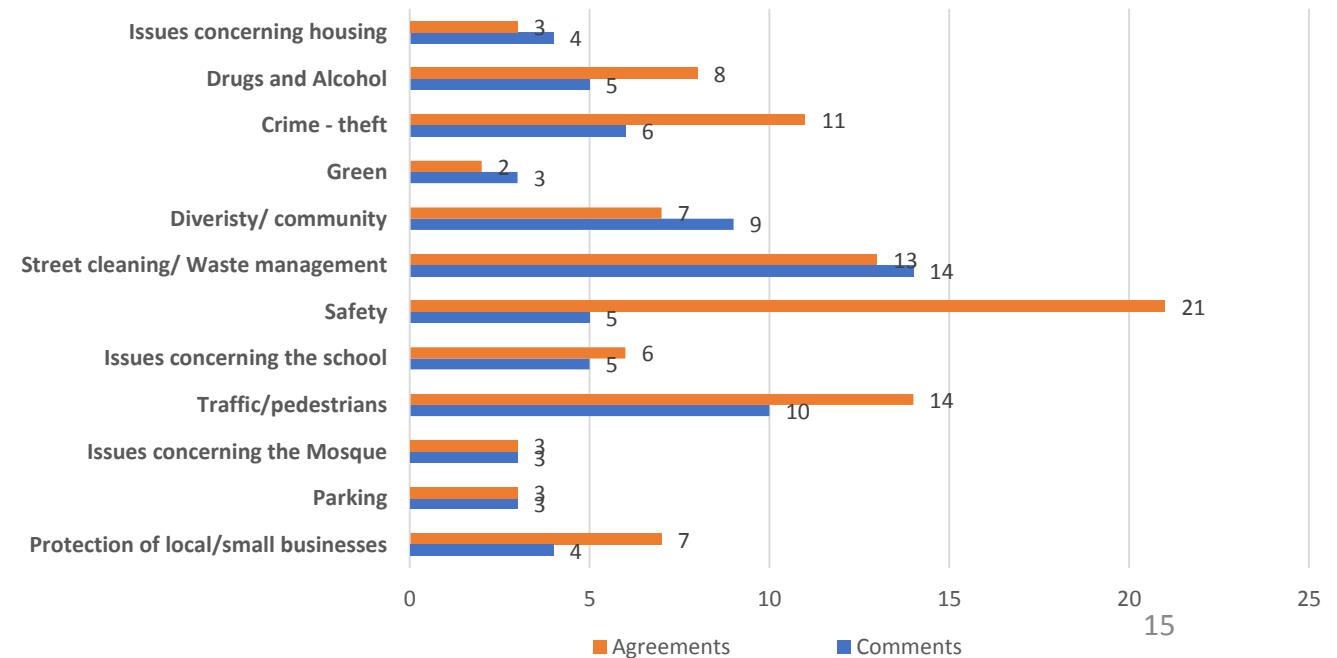
- **Street cleaning**
- **CCTV/ extra police**

*(Numbers in graph refer to number times these improvements were selected in this area).*

Keyword agreements show concern over **safety** and **waste** management to be a top priority.

*(Numbers in graph refer to the number of times a keyword was agreed with in this area in each relevant comment (orange) and how many comments contained/ referred to this keyword (blue)).*

Brick Lane Centre: Keywords by agreements and comments



# Fournier St

- *16 Positive comments:*

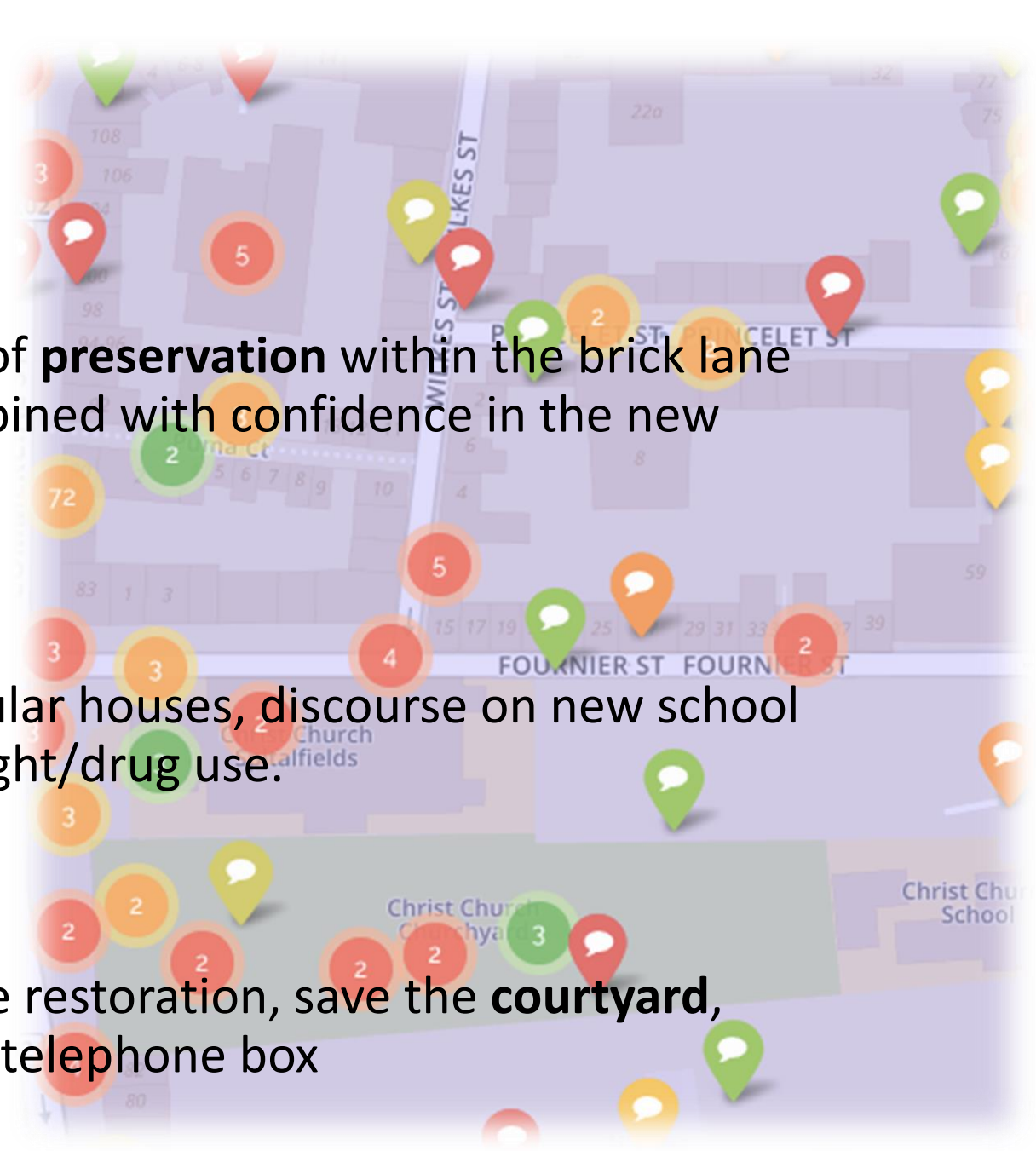
- General praise for the area, suggestions of **preservation** within the brick lane conservation area (restore cobbles) combined with confidence in the new school building.

- *13 Neutral comments:*

- Protection of **heritage** concerning particular houses, discourse on new school building, safety of church courtyard at night/drug use.

- *33 Negative comments:*

- Night **crime**, drugs and dealing, public life restoration, save the **courtyard**, illegal building in church garden, remove telephone box





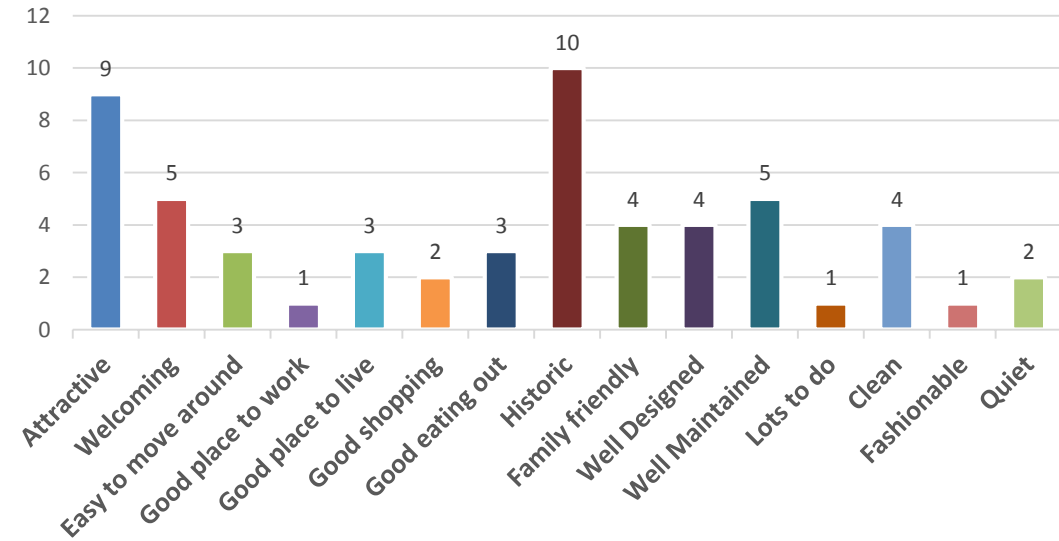
Overall Fournier St is:

- **Historic**
- Attractive
- Welcoming
- Well maintained

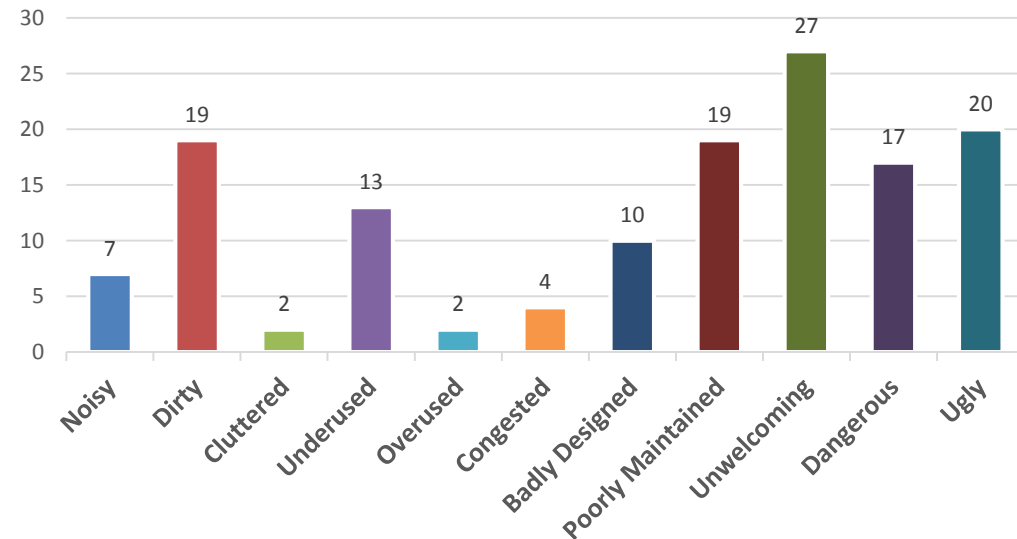
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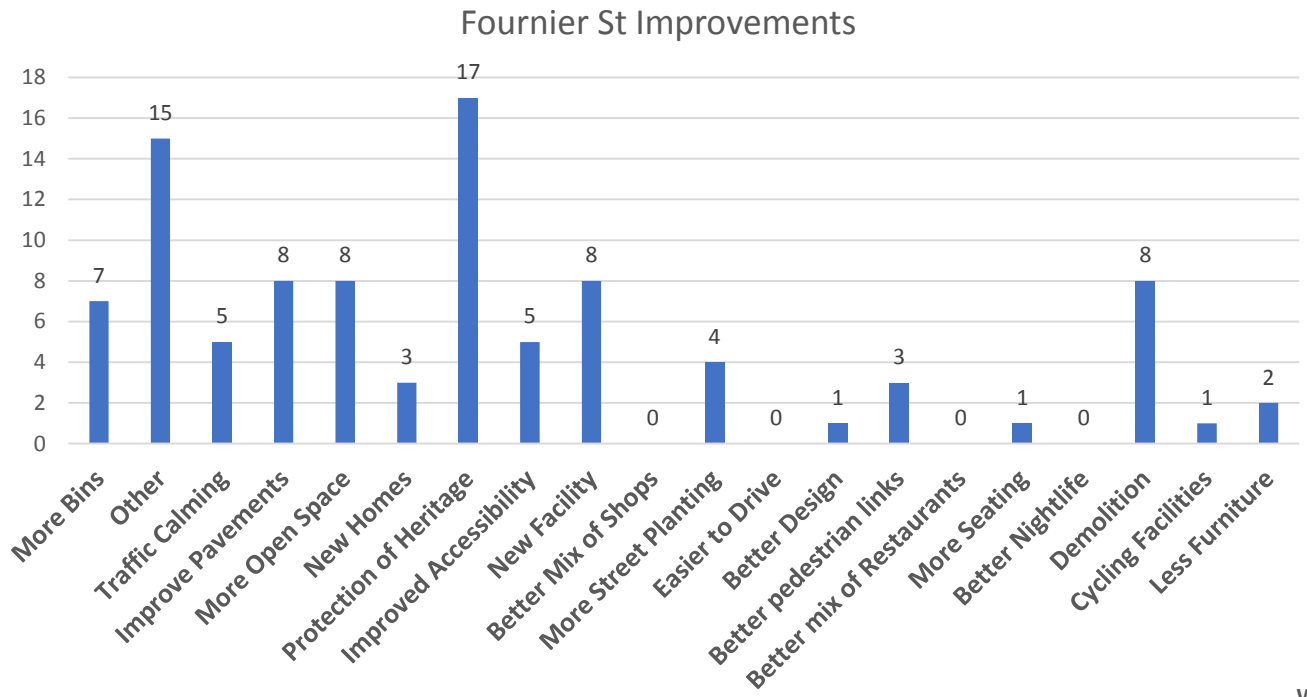
- **Unwelcoming**
- Ugly
- Dirty

Fournier St - Positive Codes



Fournier St - Negative Codes





**Top Improvements:**

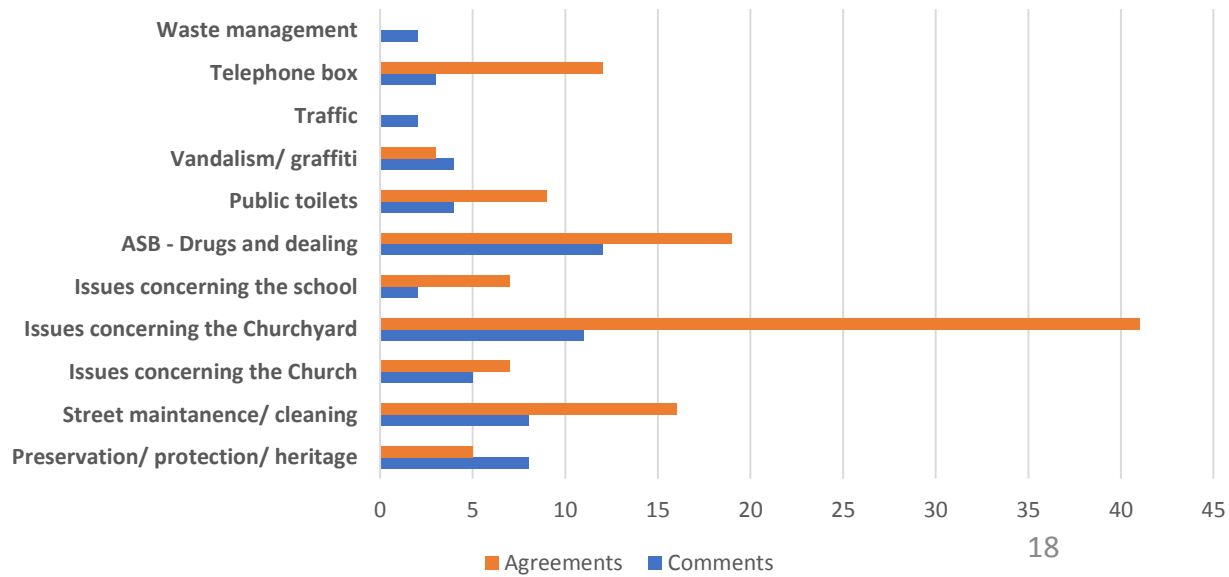
- Protection of heritage
- Improve pavements
- More open space
- New facility
- Demolition

**Other:**

- Policing/CCTV/ Council action re drugs.
- Remove telephone box

The main issues agreed on are issues concerning the **churchyard** and **antisocial behaviour** (drugs and dealing).

Fournier St - Keyword by comments and agreements



# Old Truman Brewery Estate

- *18 Positive comments:*

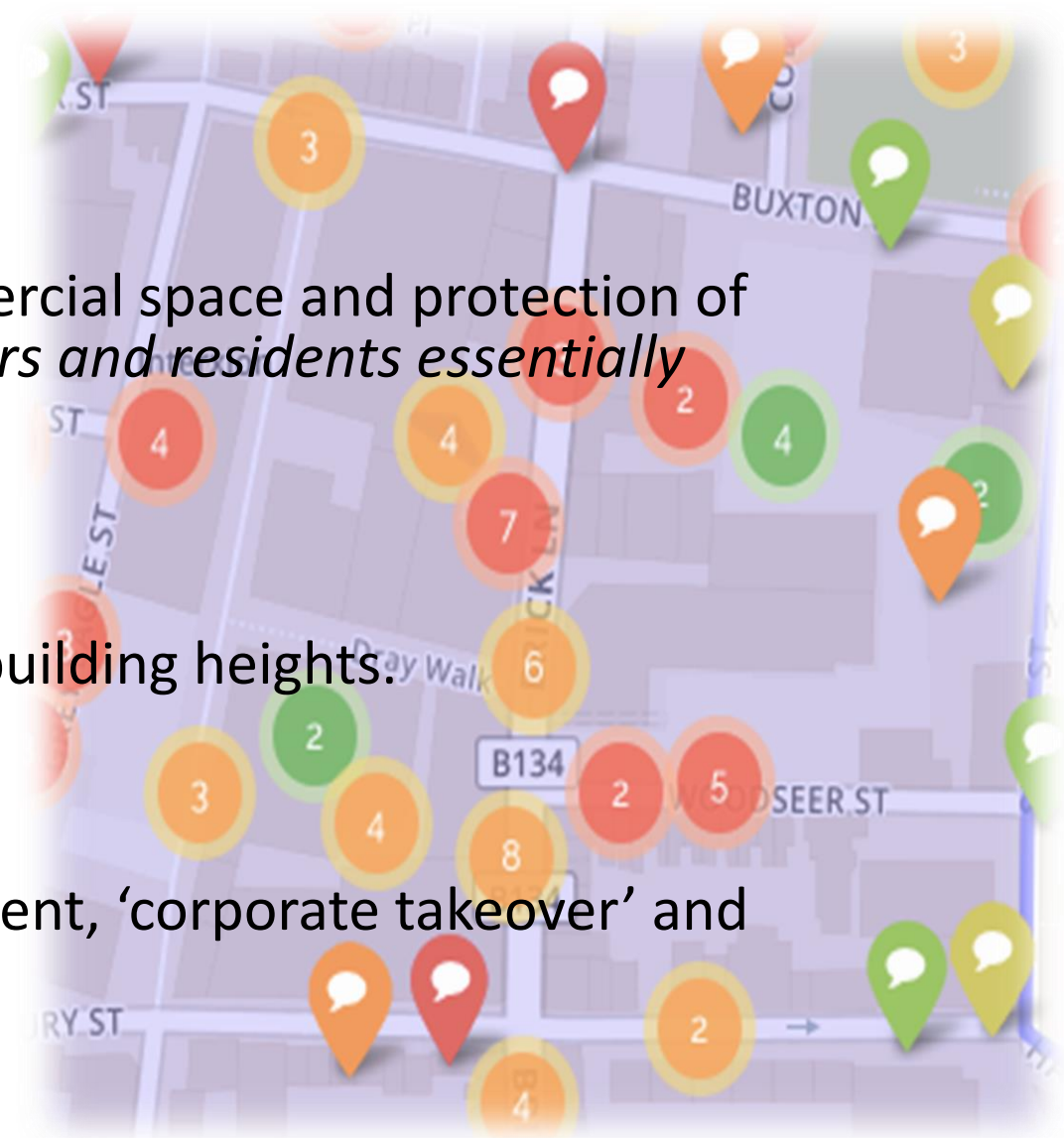
- Combination of suggestion of potential commercial space and protection of heritage (*Looks like a combination of developers and residents essentially arguing over this space.*)

- *15 Neutral comments:*

- Similar to above, plus ASB, pedestrian safety, building heights.

- *22 Negative comments:*

- **Parking** and pedestrians, community involvement, 'corporate takeover' and 'diversity going backwards'.



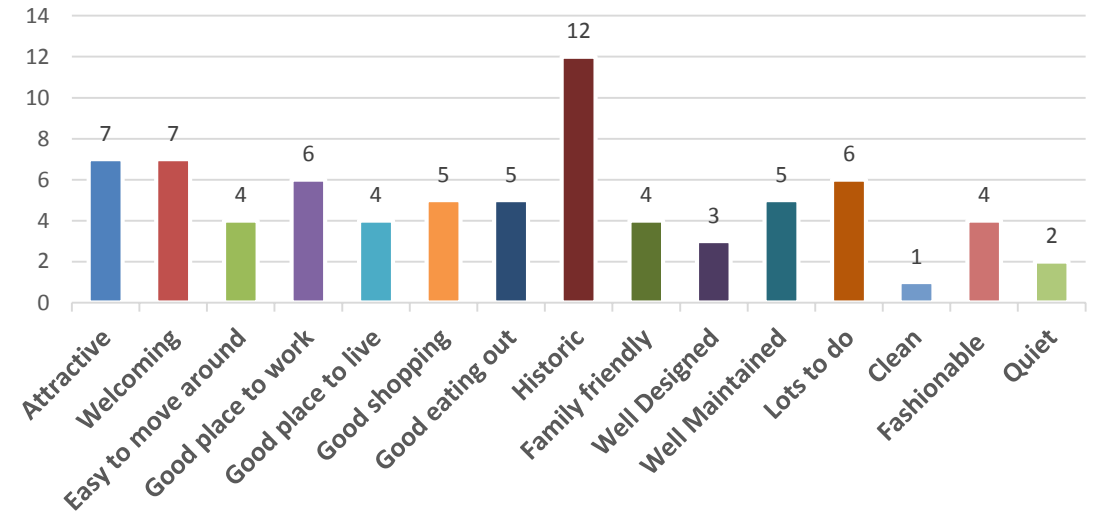
Overall OTB is:

- **Historic**
- Attractive
- Welcoming

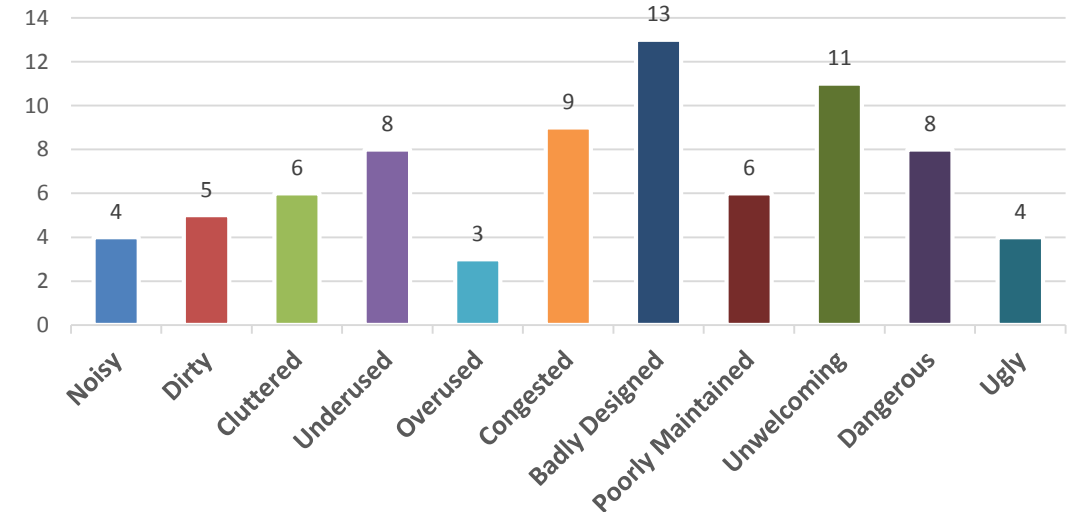
However it is also:

- **Badly designed**
- Unwelcoming
- Congested.

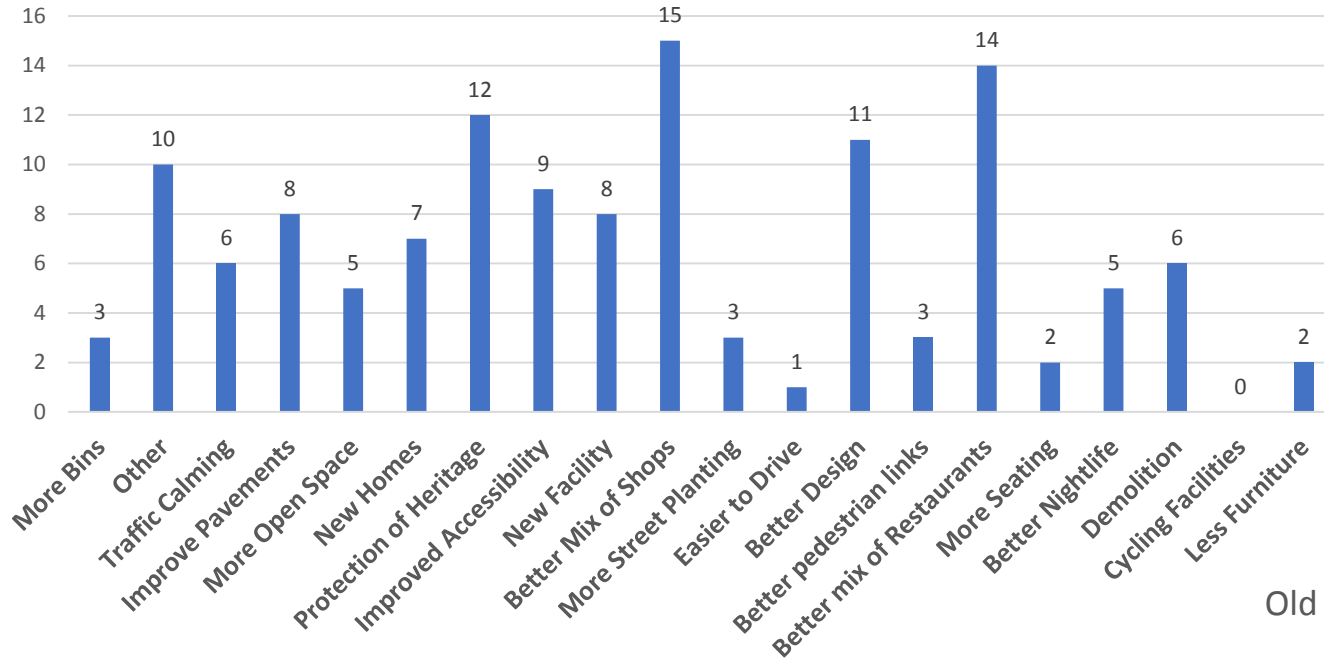
OTB Estate - Positive Codes



OTB Estate - Negative Codes



### Old Truman Brewery Improvements



#### Top Improvements:

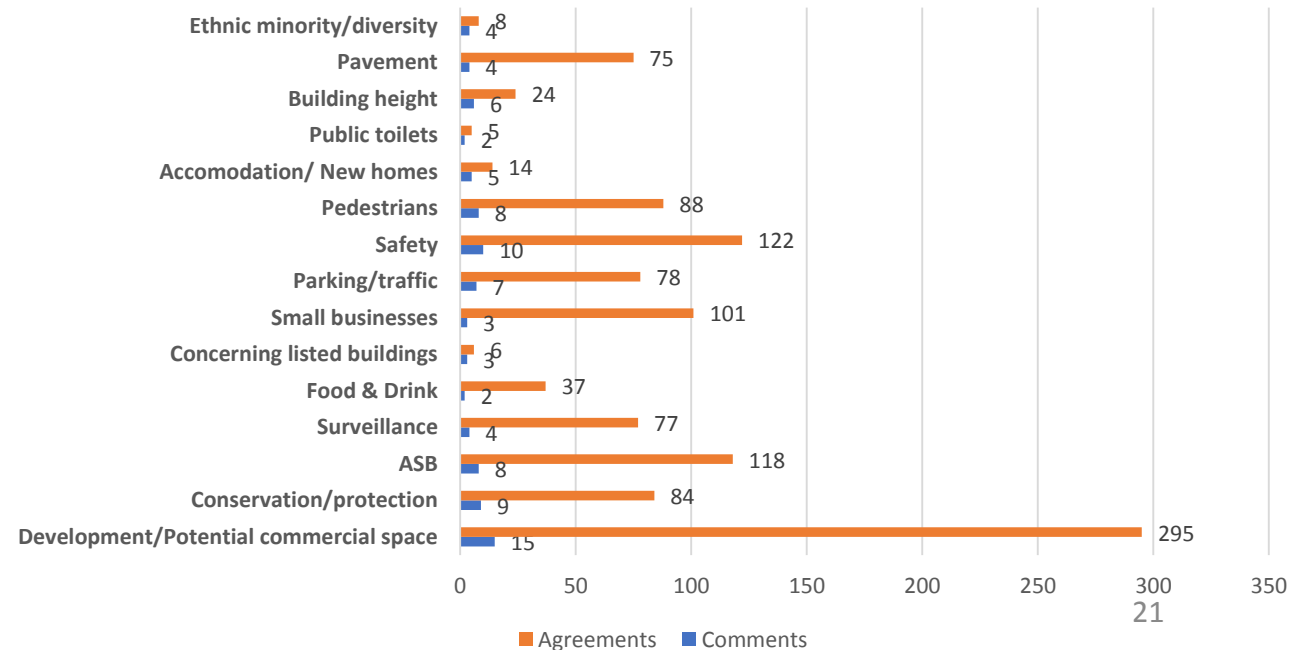
- Better mix of shops
- Better mix of restaurants
- Protection of heritage

#### Other:

- Listing of building (OTB)
- Pedestrianisation

Main discussion concerned **development** and its potential as a commercial space (and concern to protect it) and **safety** in the area.

### Old Truman Brewery: Keywords by comments and agreements



# Old Spitalfields Market

- *11 Positive comments:*
  - **General** positivity, call for more Islamic involvement and halal restaurants.
- *18 Neutral comments:*
  - **ASB**, cycling facilities, residential parking, delivery noise disturbing residents, 'stealth conversion of OSM to food venue'.
- *7 Negative comments:*
  - Antiques market is not being **preserved** (but should be), ASB, diversity going backwards, aggressive begging.

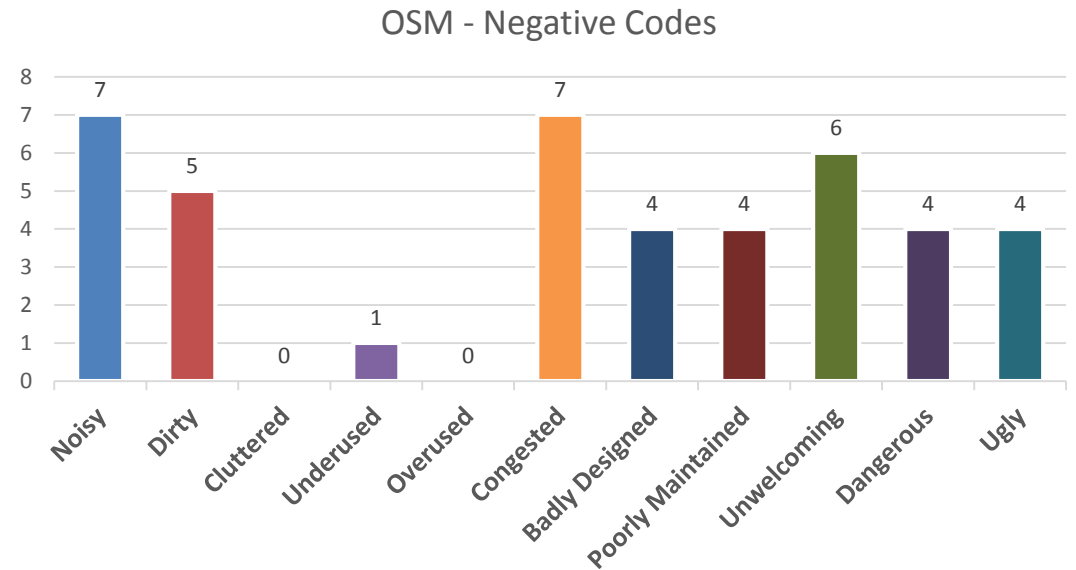
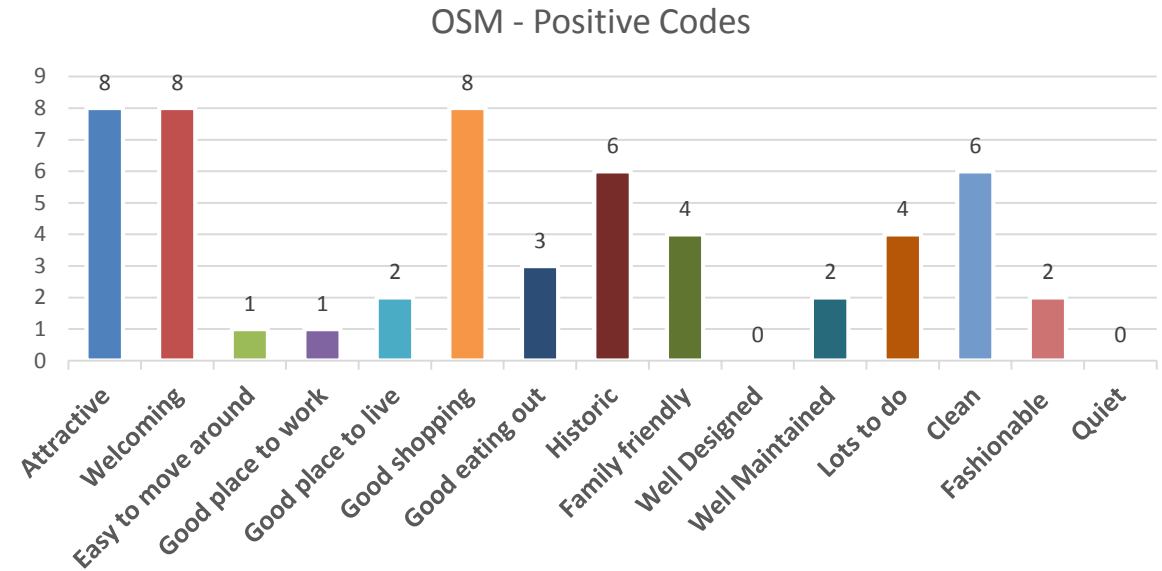


Overall OSM is:

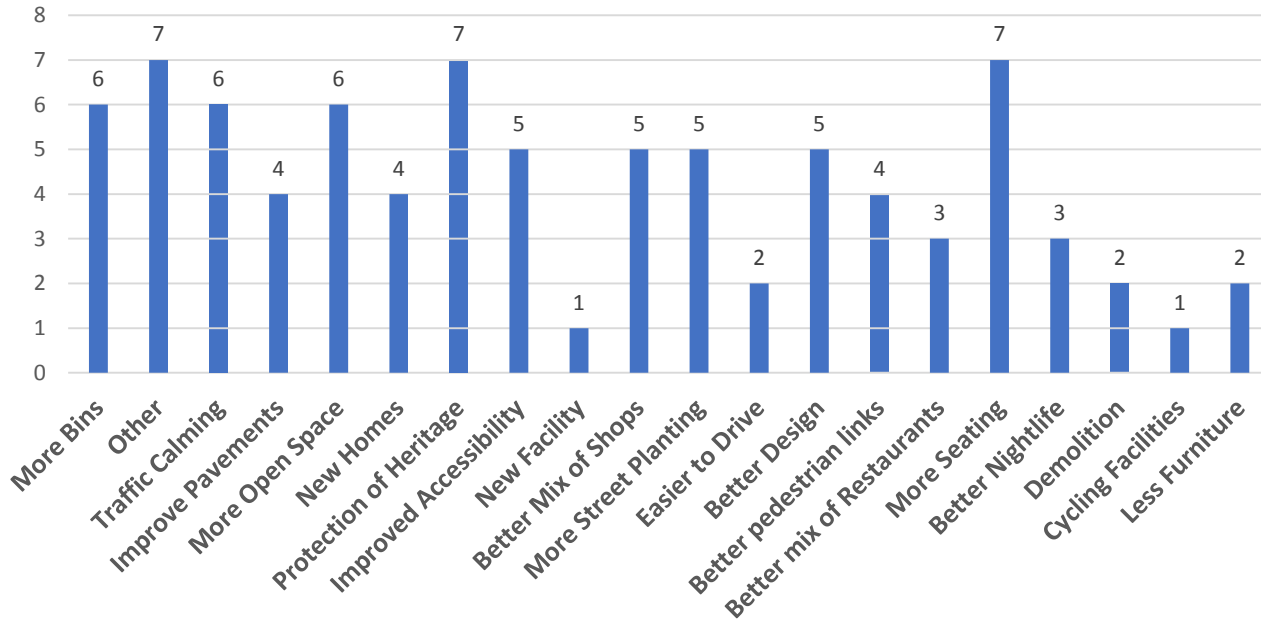
- **Attractive**
- Welcoming
- Good shopping

However it is also:

- **Noisy**
- Congested
- Unwelcoming.



### Old Spitalfields Market Improvements



### Top improvements:

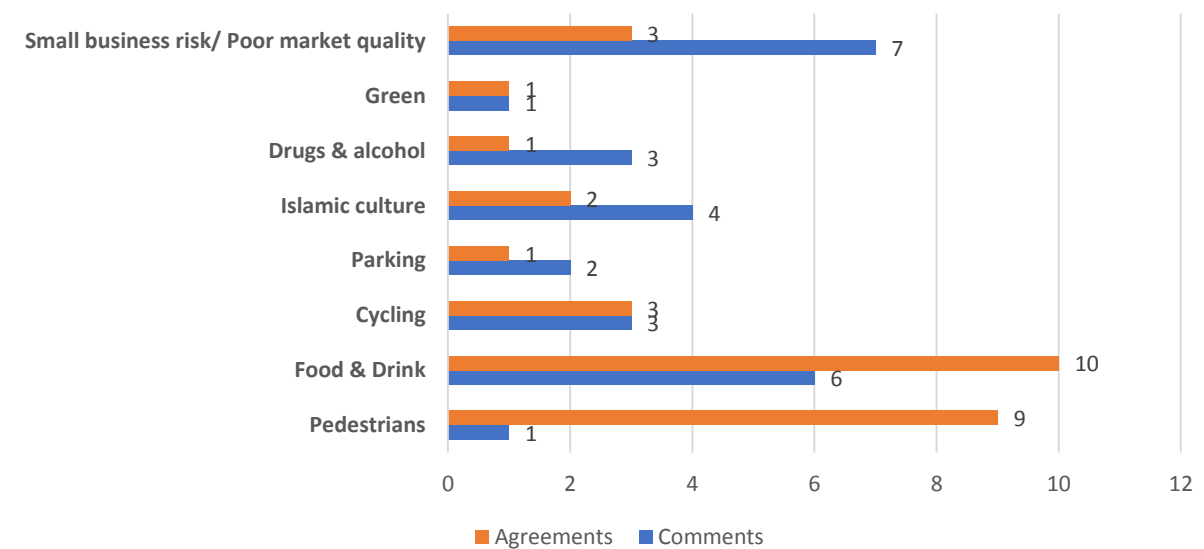
- Protection of heritage
- More seating

### Other:

- Parking
- Pedestrianisation

Commenters agree on issues concerning **pedestrians** (safety with cycle lane between Fort St and Crispin St) and **food and drink** (that the market is 'slowly becoming a food venue to make fast money').

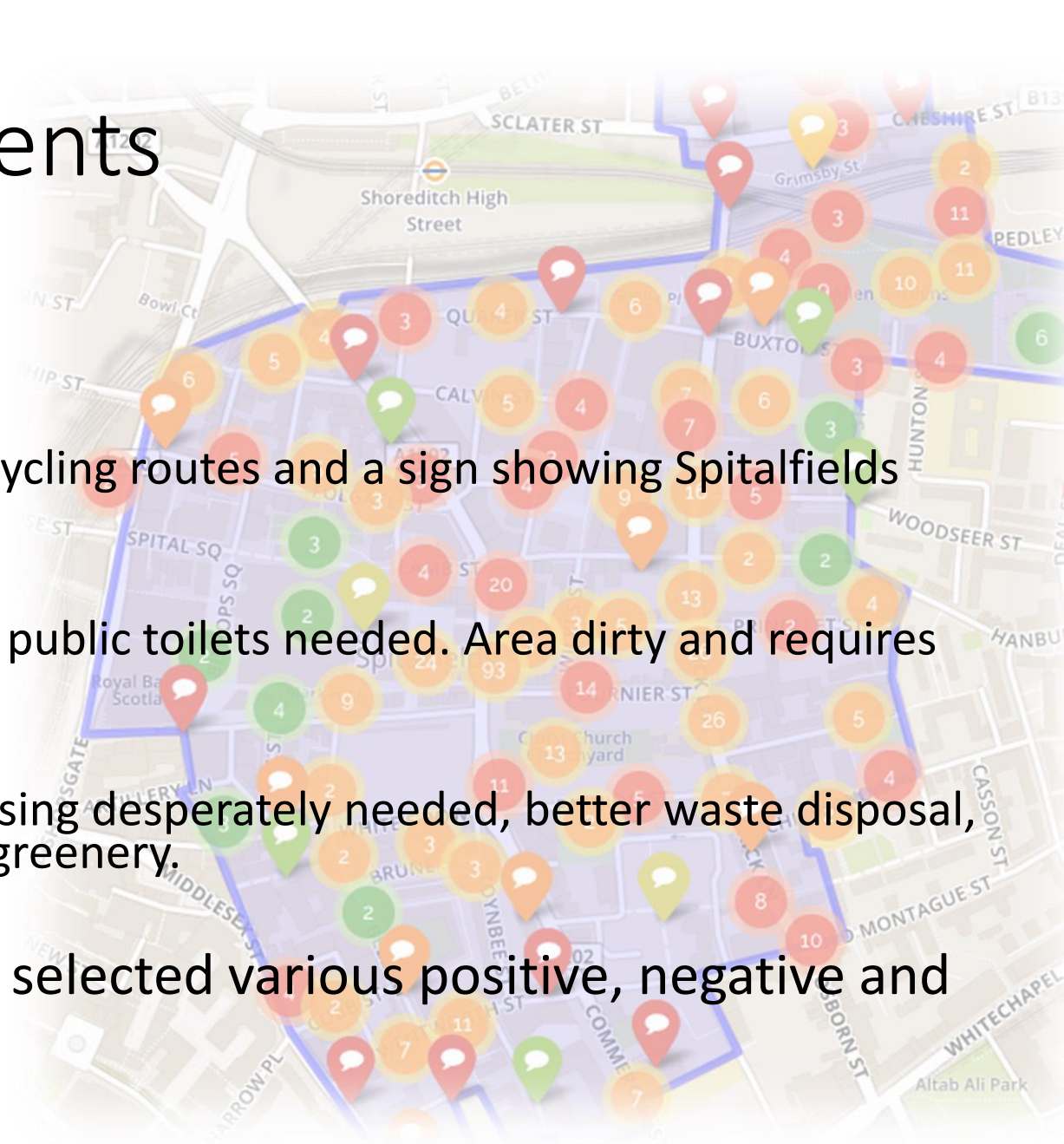
### Old Spitalfields Market: Keywords by comment and agreements





# Spitalfields: General comments

- Separated from Commercial St centre.
- *14 positive comments:*
  - More **public space** and facilities needed, safer cycling routes and a sign showing Spitalfields boundaries.
- *28 neutral comments:*
  - More **affordable housing**, family amenities and public toilets needed. Area dirty and requires more street cleaning.
- *7 negative comments:*
  - Call for a Spitalfields '**regeneration**' – more housing desperately needed, better waste disposal, improved crime management and more urban greenery.
- 21 of these comments left no comment but selected various positive, negative and improvement codes.



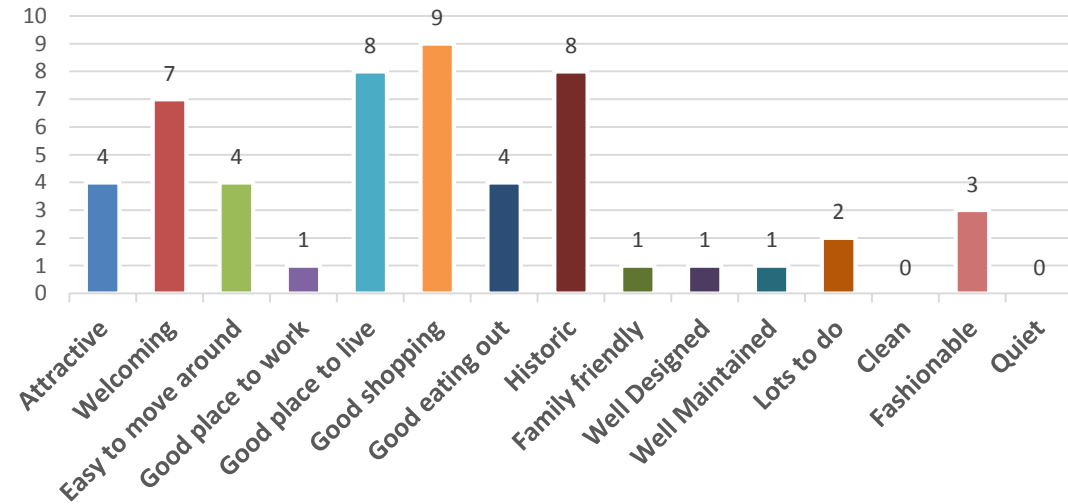
Overall:

- **Dirty**
- congested
- Badly designed.

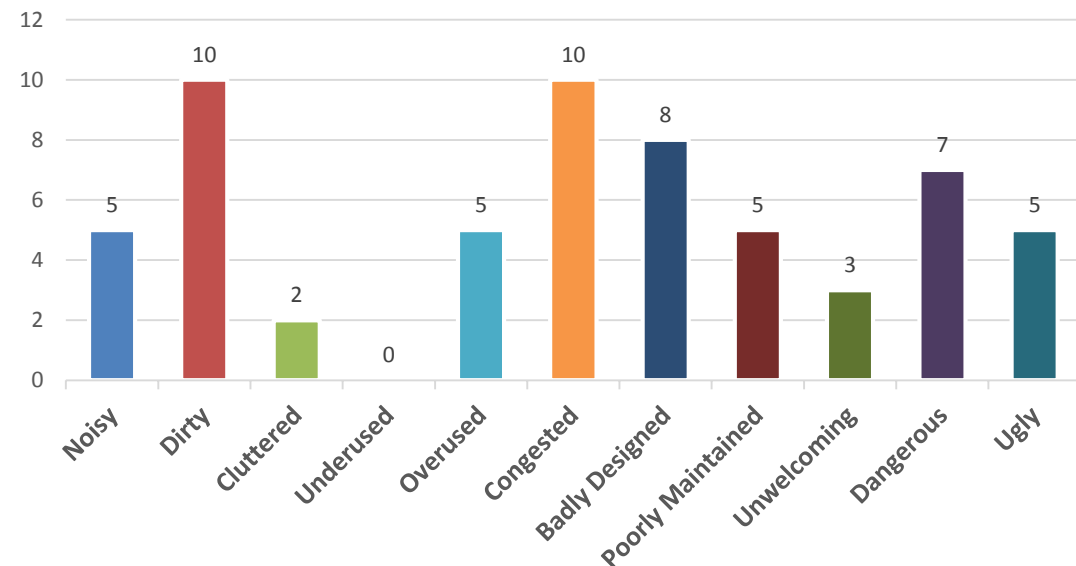
However, also:

- **Good shopping**
- Good place to live
- Historic

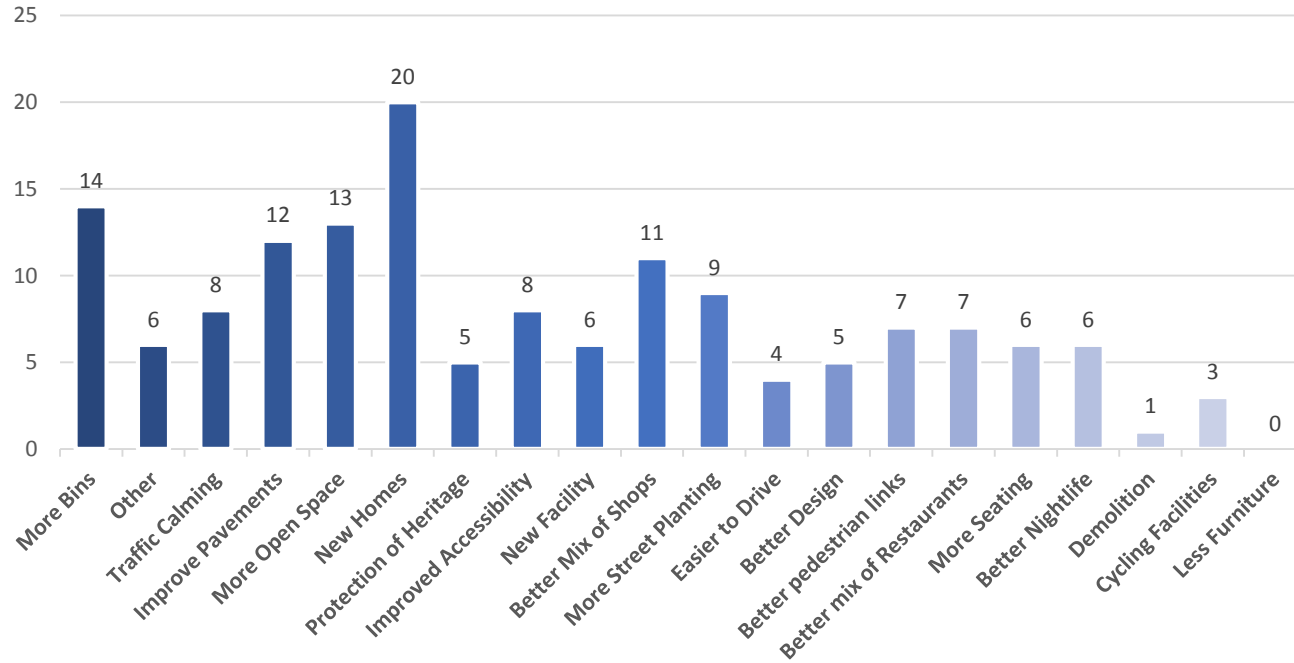
Spitalfields General - positive



Spitalfields General - negative



### Spitalfields General - Improvements



Keyword agreements showed need for more (affordable) housing and better pedestrian and traffic safety.

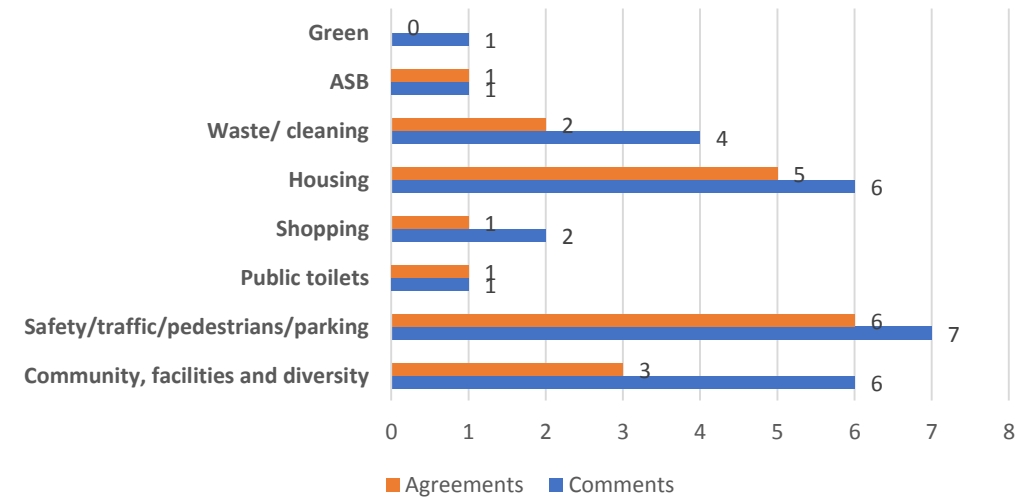
### Top Improvements:

- New Homes
- More Bins
- More Open space

### Other:

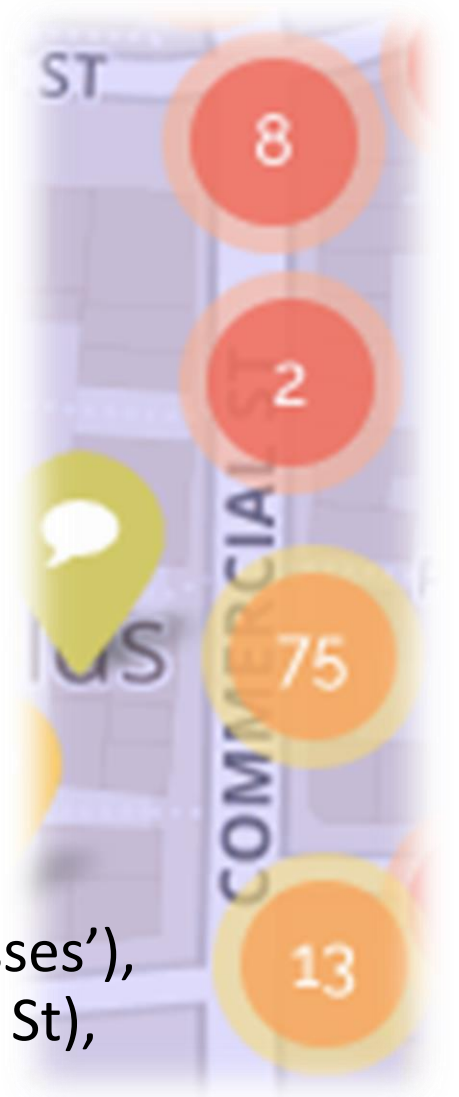
- Signage
- Street cleaning

### Spitalfields general: Keywords by comments and agreements.



# Commercial St Centre

- Commercial St Centre was used as a focal point for all general comments, therefore they have been split up into two sections.
- *7 Positive comments:*
  - Praise for Eric Elstob's **wisteria**, and protection of **local** businesses.
- *9 Neutral comments:*
  - Street **drinking**, pedestrian safety.
- *12 Negative comments:*
  - General disapproval for **Time Out proposal** ('disaster for local businesses'), dangerous pedestrian crossing (between Commercial/Hanbury/Lamb St), Waste from Poppies and St John's.



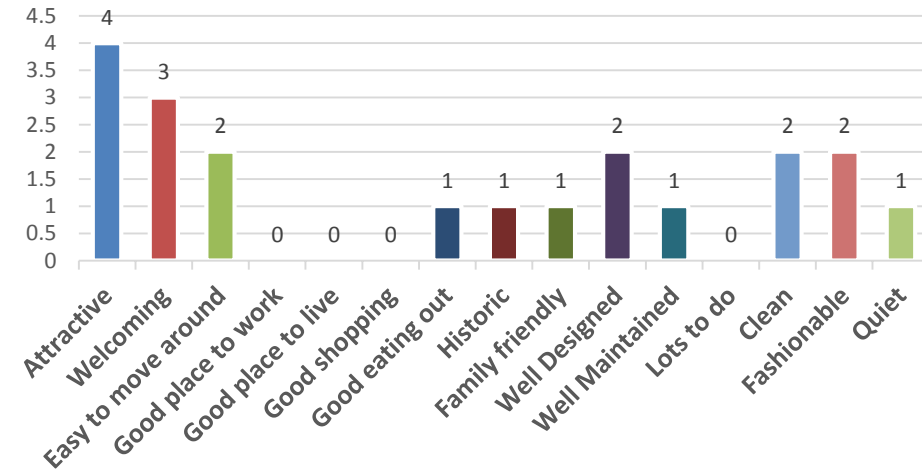
Overall:

- **Attractive**
- Welcoming

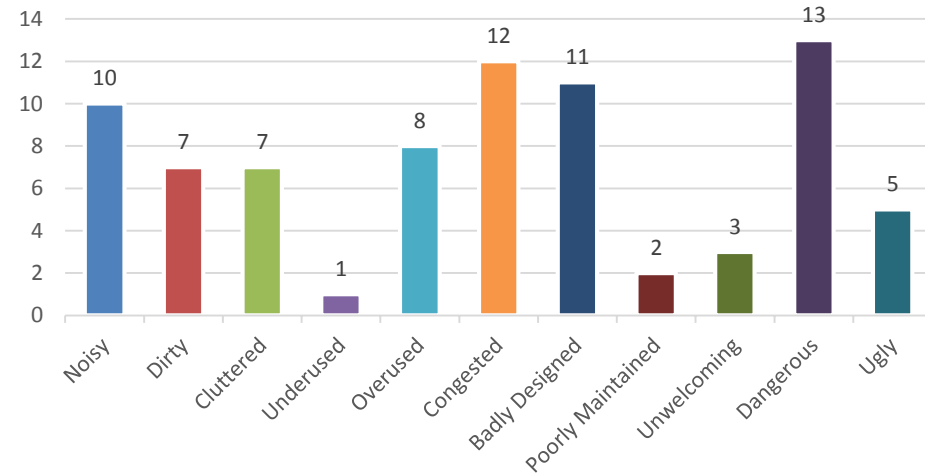
However also:

- **Dangerous**
- Congested
- Badly designed

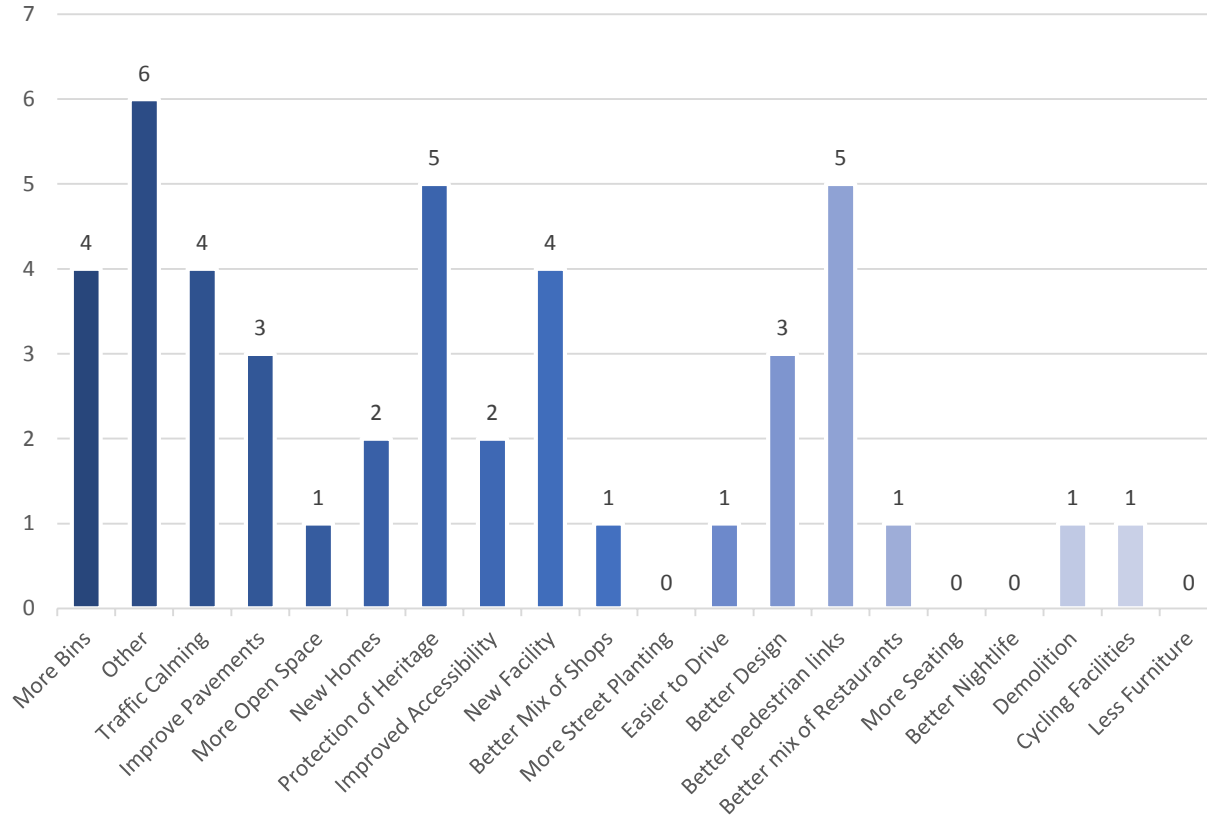
Commercial St Centre - Positive



Commercial St Centre - Negative



### Commercial St Centre - Improvements



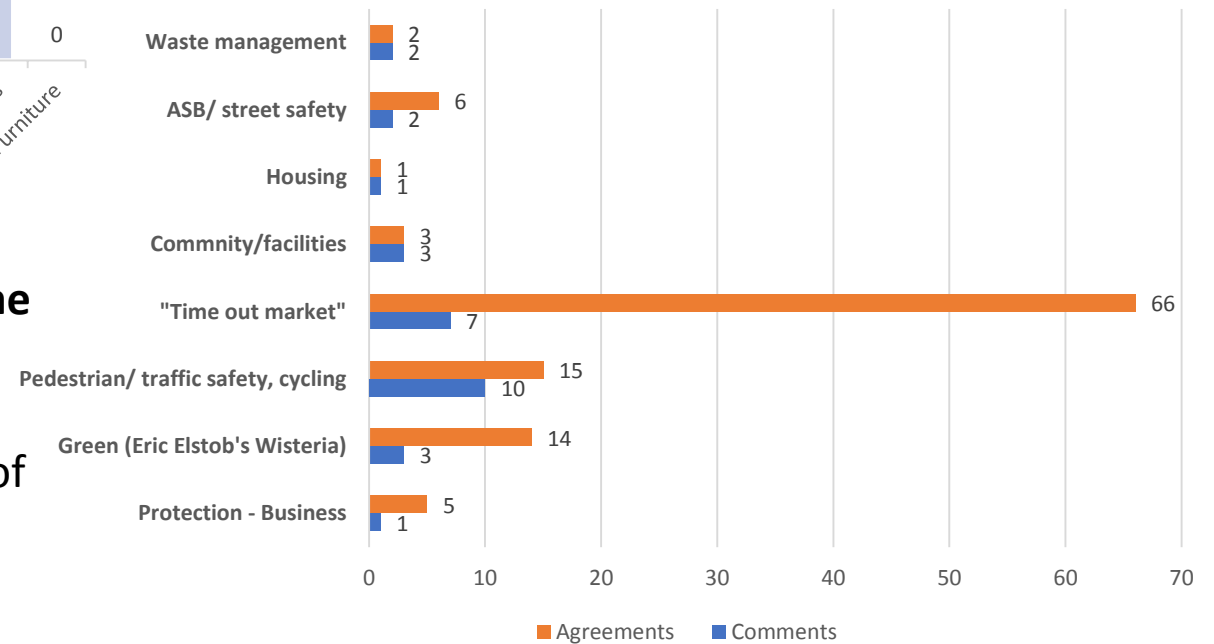
### Top improvements:

- Protection of heritage
- Better pedestrian links
- Traffic calming/ more bins/ new facility.

Agreements show overwhelming support **against** potential **time out market**.

Analysis shows that although one comment alone, in support of the time out market, had 39 agreements, far higher than a majority of all comments in the report. However, a further 6 separate comments contended this suggestion.

### Commercial St Centre: Keywords by comment and agreement



# Summary of all other areas:

## Location

## Key Issues

**Brick Lane North**

Parking, Sunday market waste

**Cheshire St**

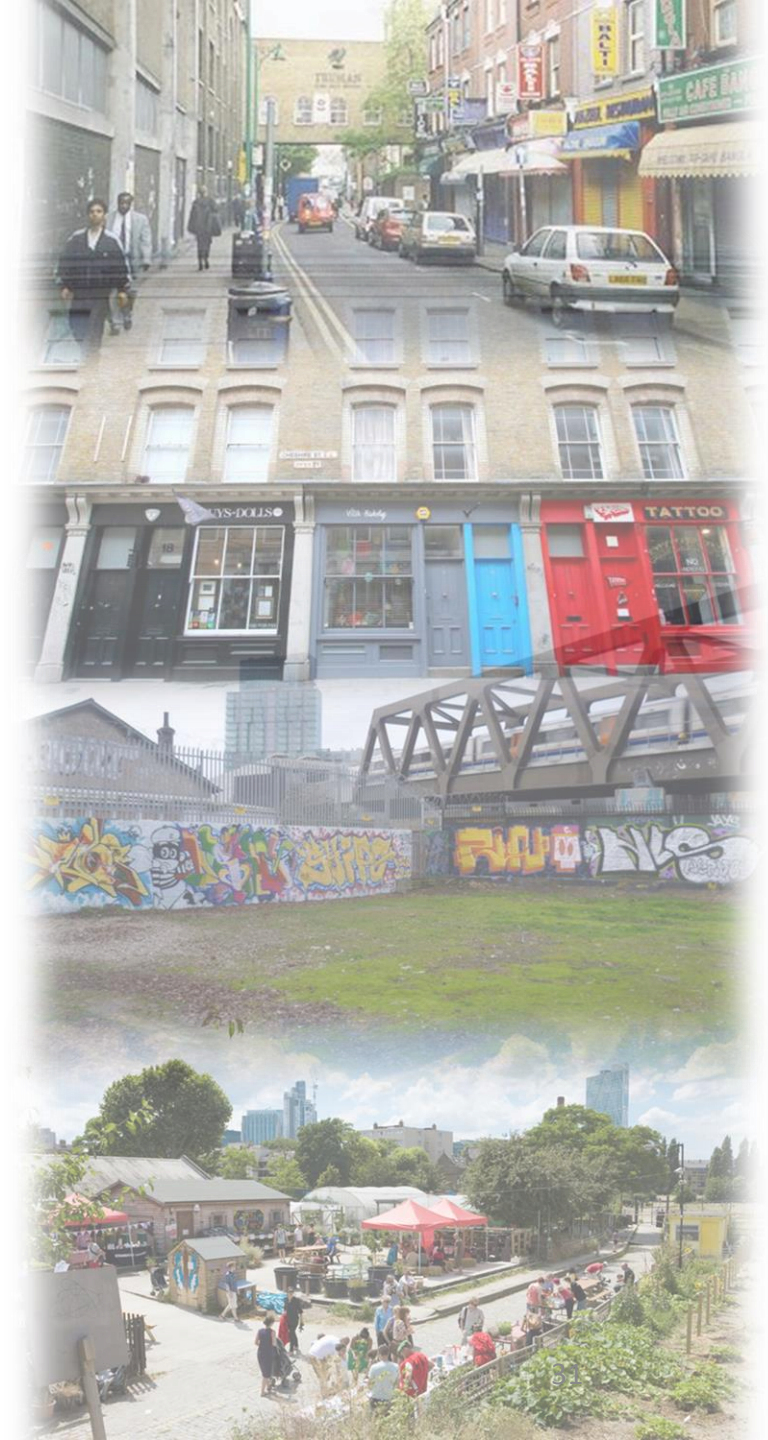
Drugs, traffic safety, pavements for wheelchairs

**Allen Gardens**

Green space, bins and litter, playground safety, drugs, stop astro-turf plans.

**Spitalfields City Farm**

Give more land to farm, entrance from Allen gardens, ASB



## Location

## Key Issues

### Commercial St North

Dangerous crossing, bus shelter needs seating, community building should be put to use, deliveries.

### Norton Folgate

Redevelopment opportunity for green space, protection of warehouses, wildlife and tree protection, dislike for tall new building on Bishopsgate.

### St George

Threatening surrounding development, cycling: separate cyclists and pedestrians.

### Quaker St

Uneven pavements, homelessness, area caters to drug users, derelict buildings and privately owned garden underused.





## Location

## Key Issues

### Bishop's Square

Change lighting and drainage system of market, alcohol licensing and noise of bar in Bishop's sq.

### Artillery Lane

Mixed bag: needs livening up, businesses should open to give an 'east end feel', possible nightclub location, underused but needs protection and residential parking needed, unmanageable waste produced.

### Dorset St

*No comments.*

### Bell Lane

Protection needed for Duke of Wellington PH, general neglect of this area, litter/waste management needed, drugs and ASB an issue.



## Location

## Key Issues

### Commercial St South

Abandoned/dilapidated shops need protection, Wentworth St. alleyway needs waste management/cleaning.

### Wentworth St

Unsafe traffic, ineffective dead end signs. Plan needed to save market and identity, proper waste disposal after market needed, unsafe parking by traders.

### Brick Lane South

Need for visible police patrols, street cleaning, lighting in alleyway next to Thrawl St, ban customer soliciting, damp housing, police management of drug usage and ASB.



## Location

## Key Issues

### Fashion St

Too few pedestrian crossings, street surface unmanageable for push chair users.

### Flower and Dean

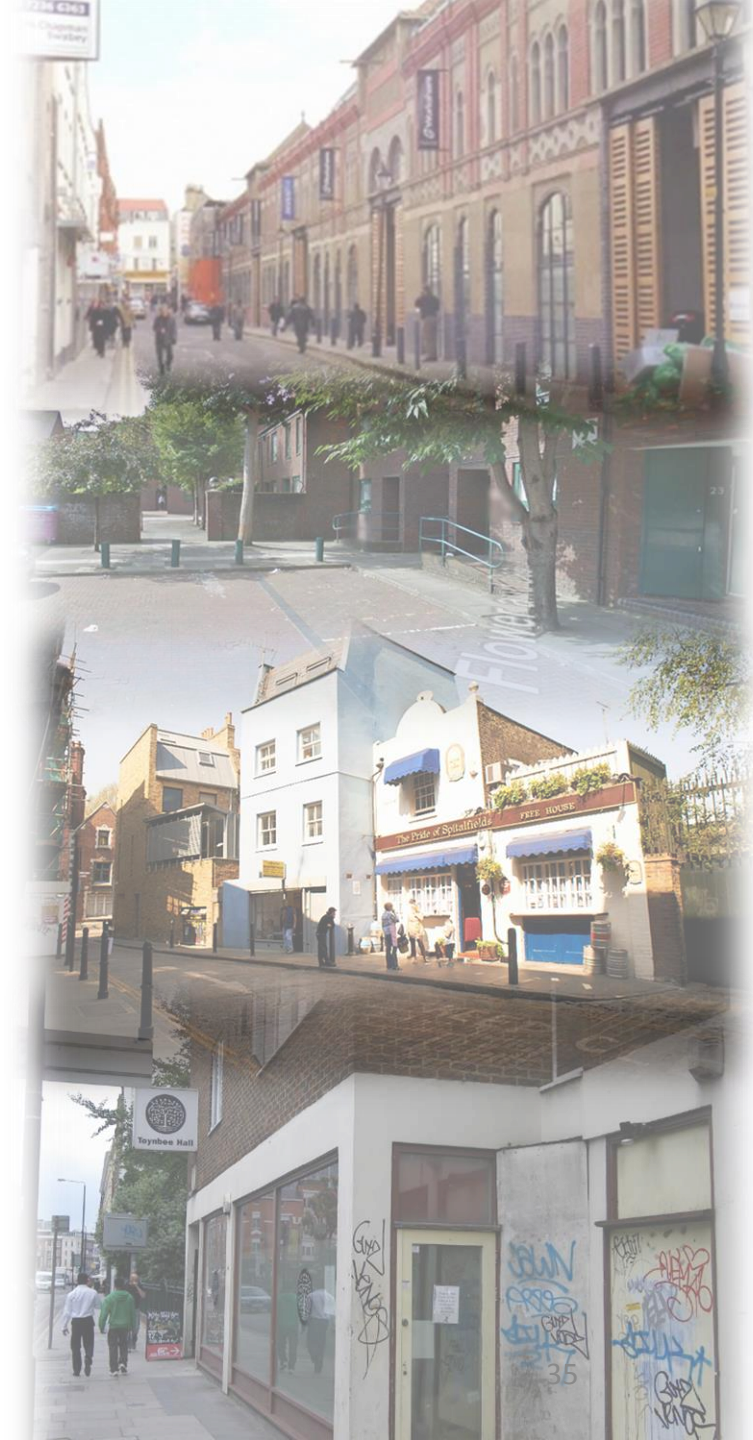
‘House fronts too similar and bland’.

### Heneage St

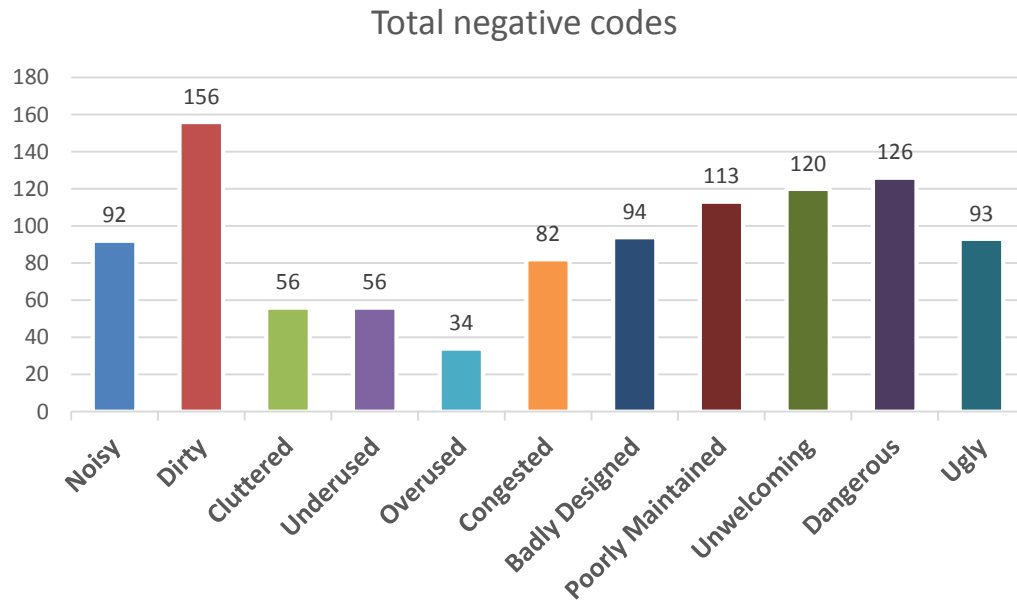
Water feature and gym equipment not maintained, keep area identity, council housing needed, encouragement for younger generation to start businesses, pavements and wheelchair/pushchair users, drugs and ASB a problem.

### Toynbee Hall St

*No comments.*

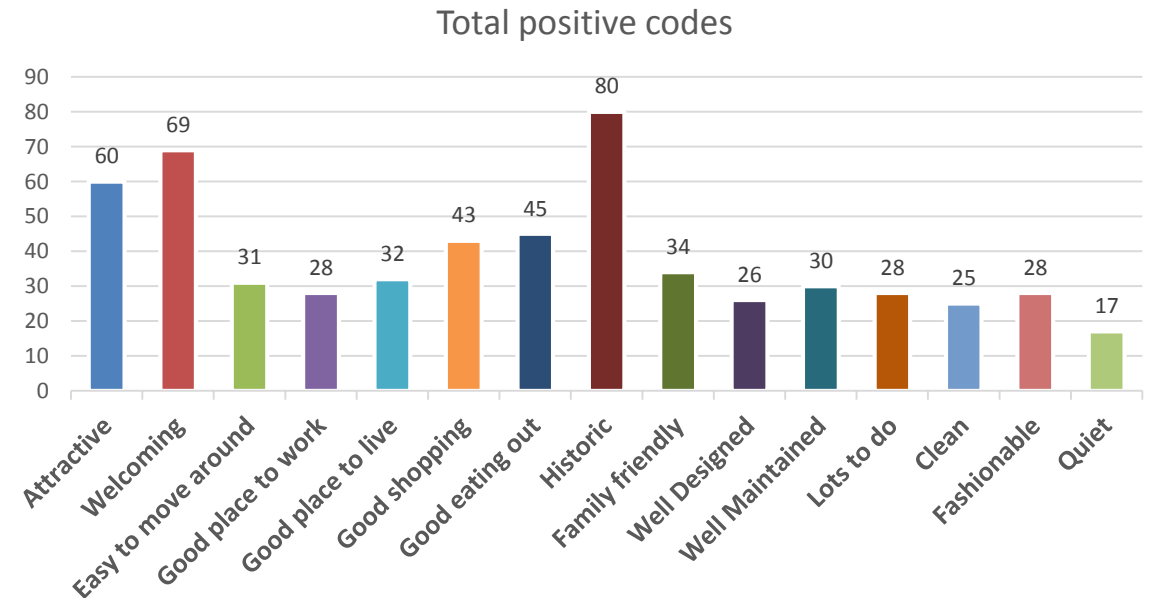


# Responses to the question: Why do you feel this way?



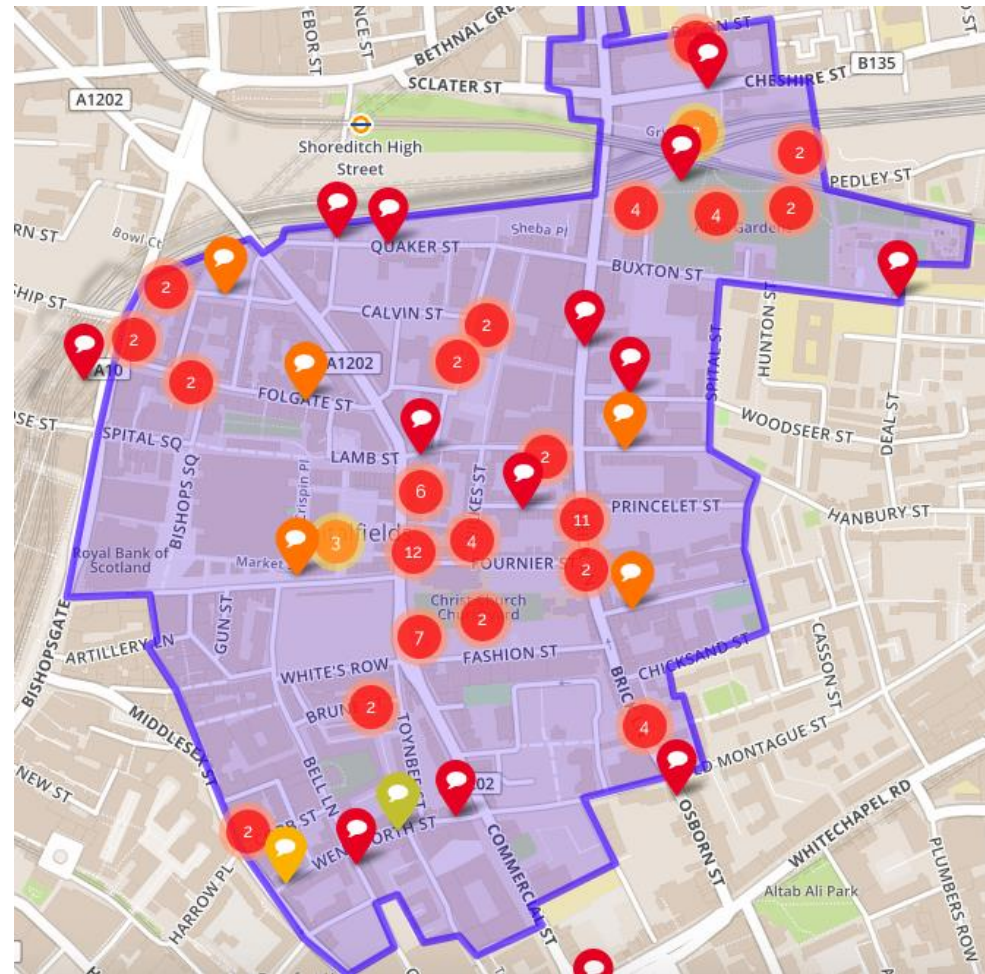
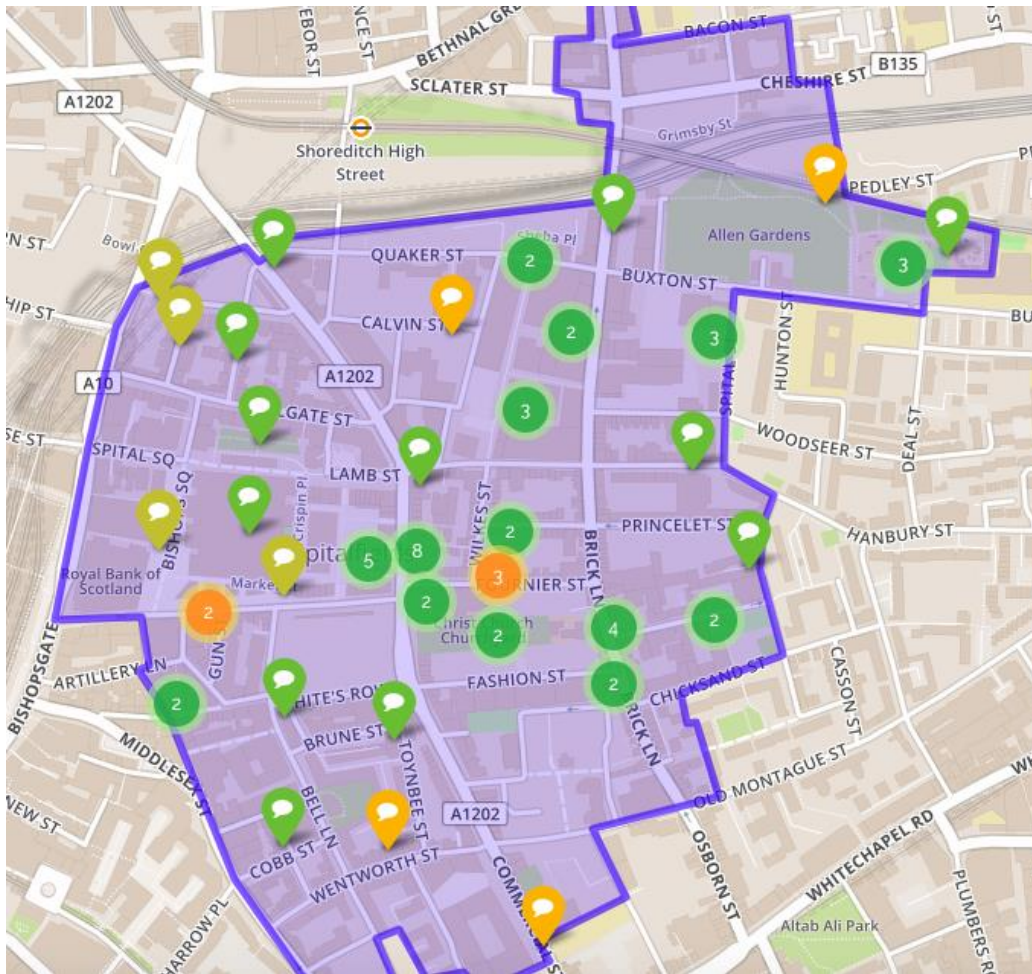
Dirty, dangerous and unwelcoming.

Historic, welcoming and attractive.



# Tags based on location: Attractive / Ugly

Top 3 areas for each response indicated. Where there are contrasting opinions for one place (e.g. here in Fournier St) these will refer to different areas of the segment. *Worth also remembering that this also depends on how many comments overall were left in each area.*



## Attractive:

- Fournier St
- Old Spitalfields market
- Old Truman Brewery

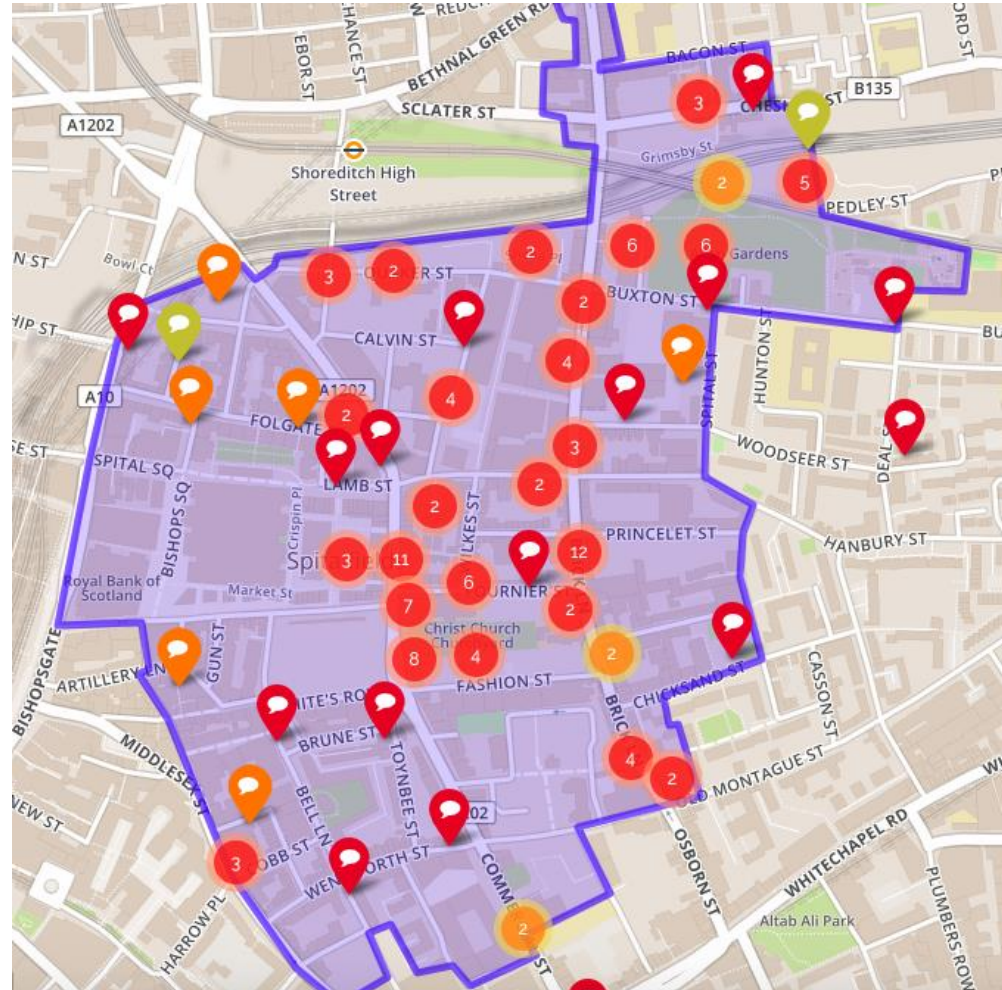
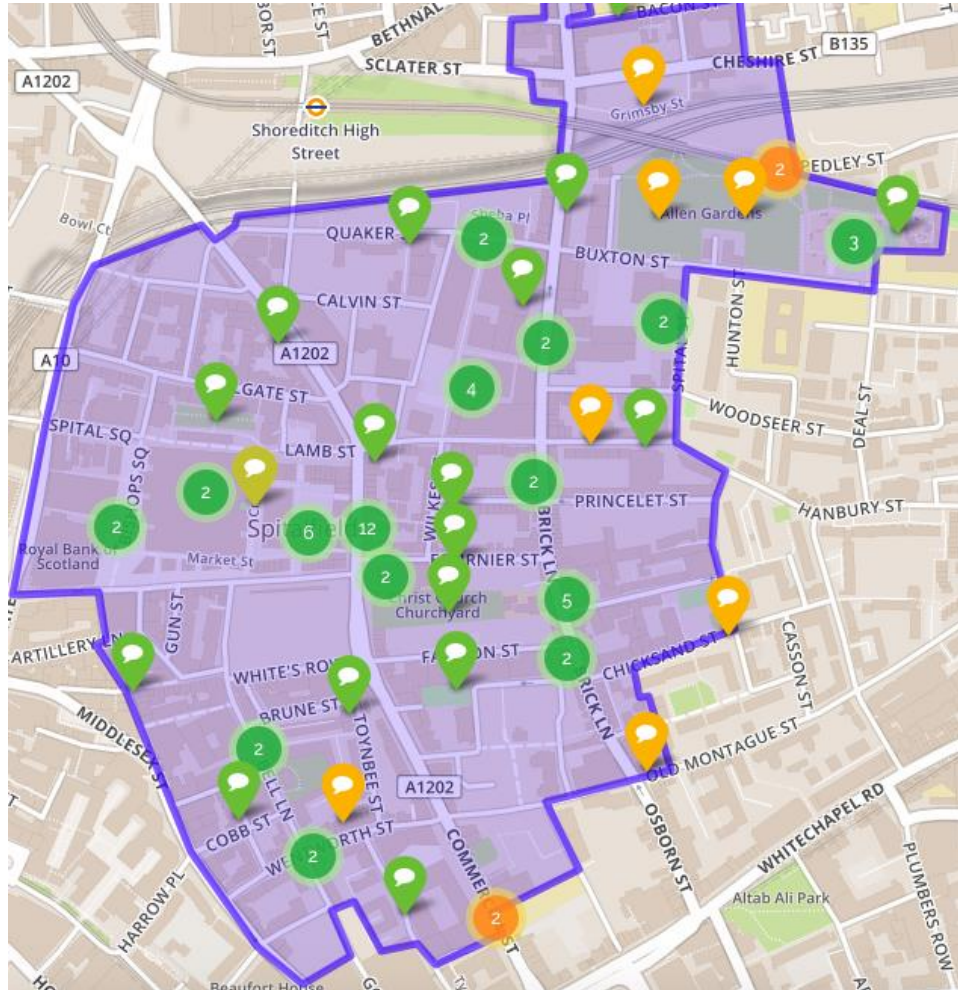
## Ugly:

- Fournier St
- Brick Lane Centre
- Norton Folgate

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# Welcoming / Unwelcoming



## Welcoming:

- Brick Lane Centre
- Old Spitalfields market
- Old Truman Brewery

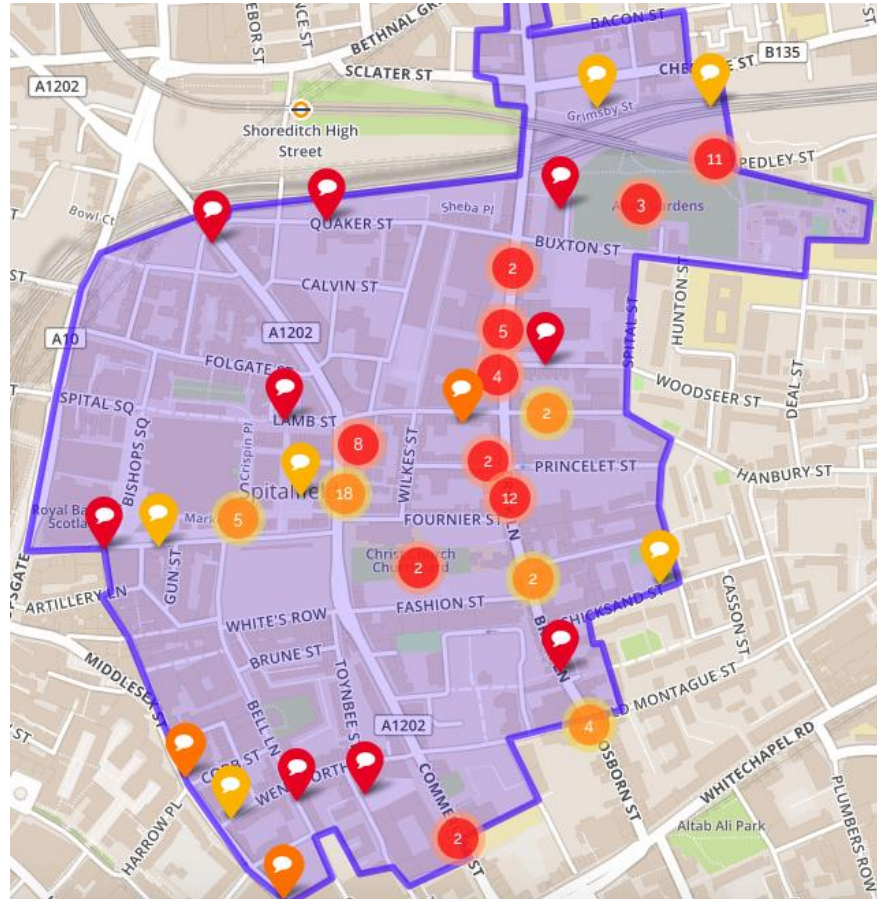
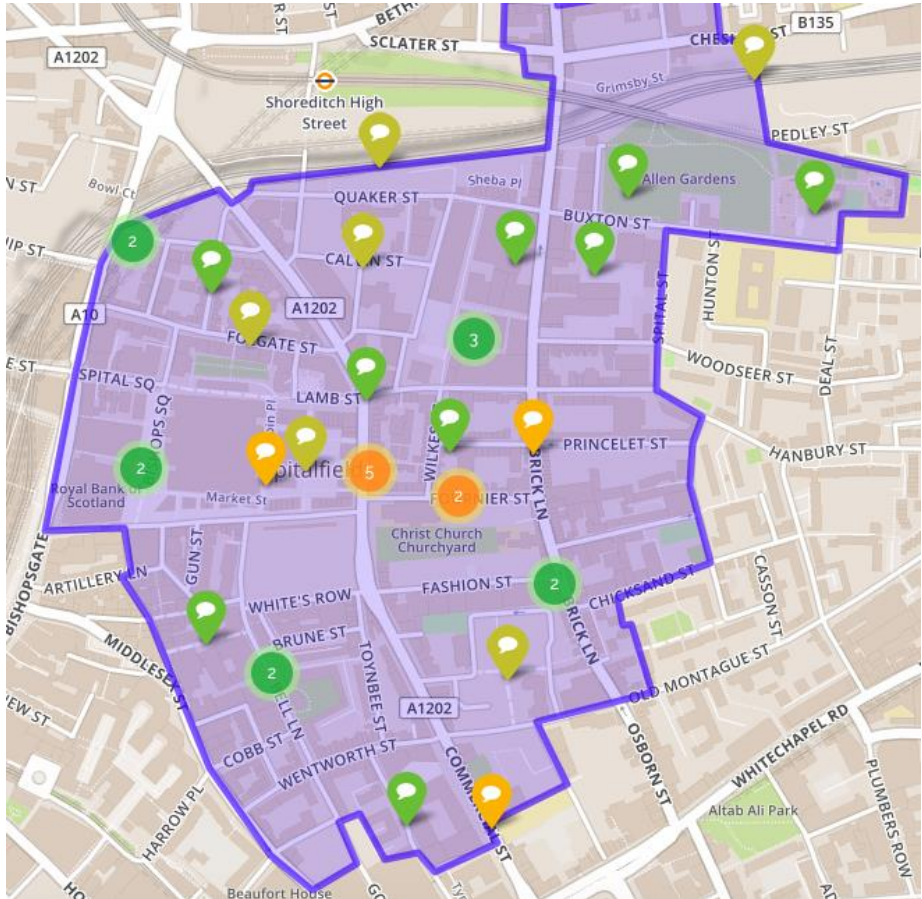
## Unwelcoming:

- Fournier St
- Brick Lane Centre
- Old Truman Brewery

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# Easy to move around / Congested



Easy to move around:

- Old Truman Brewery
- Bishop's Square
- Fournier St

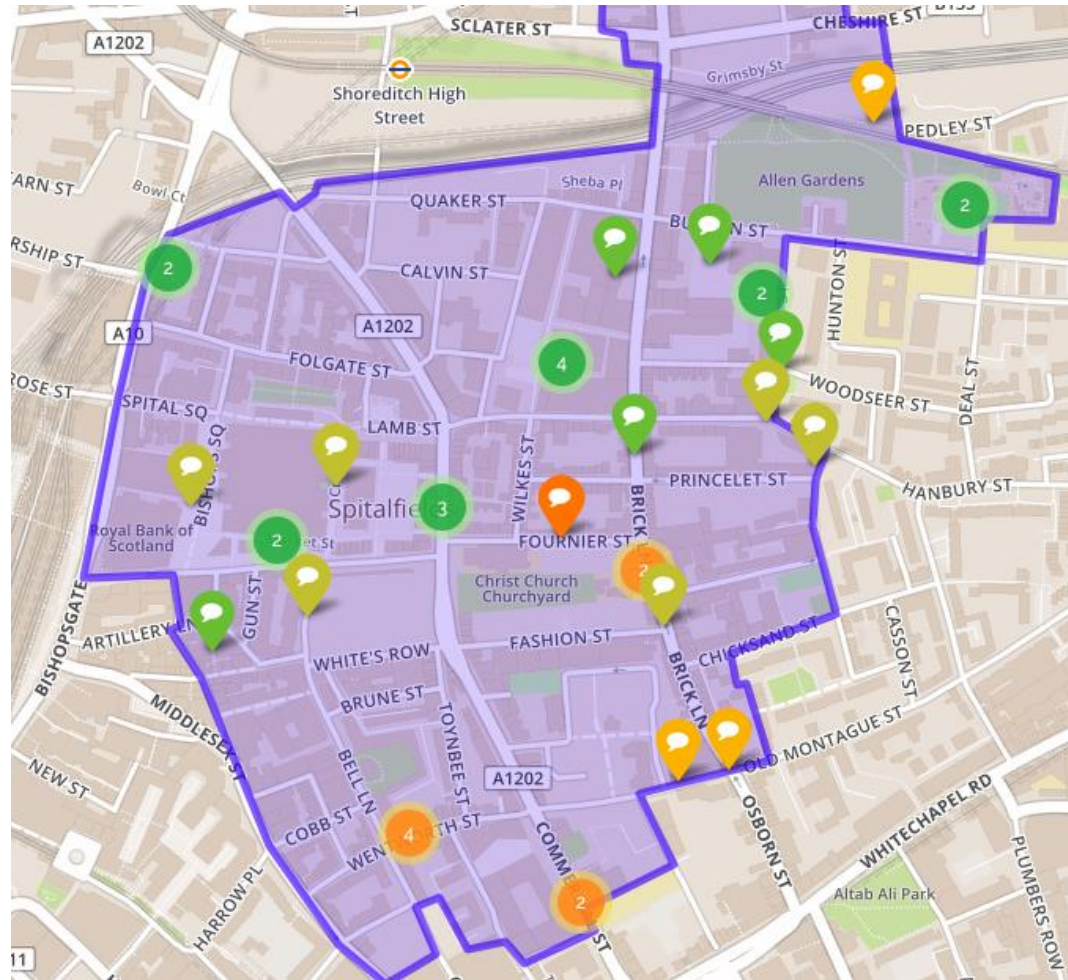
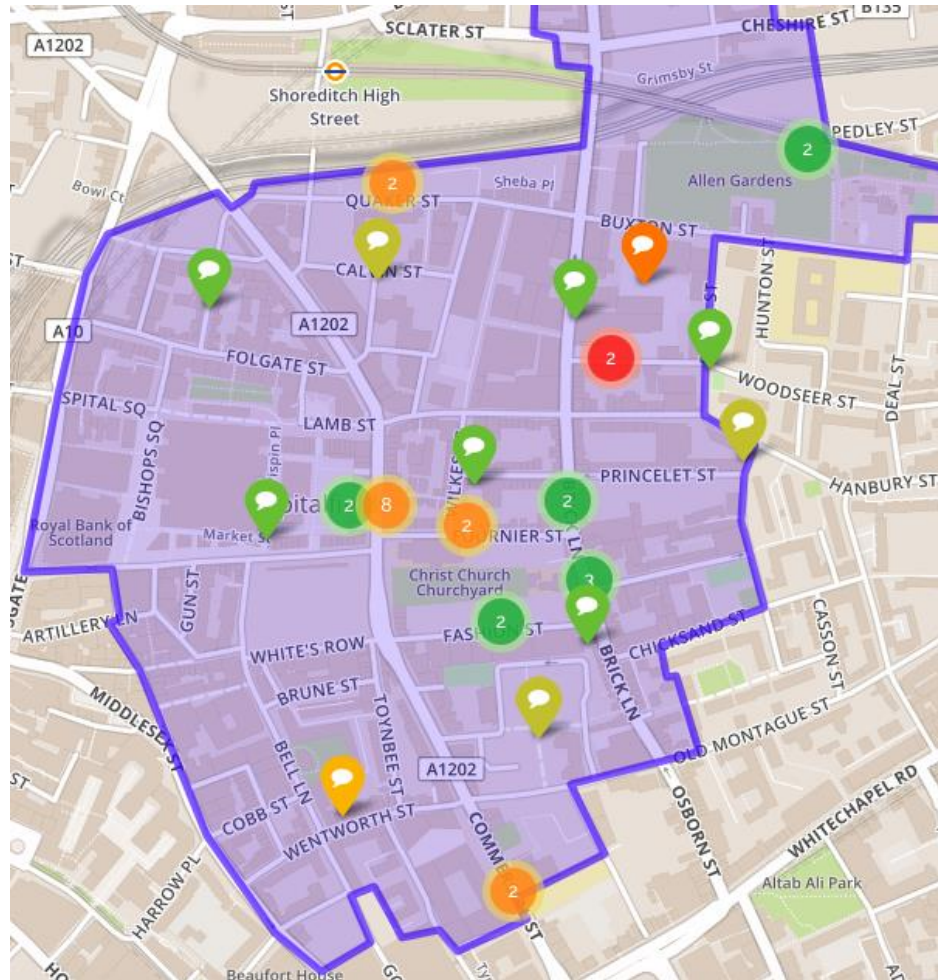
Congested:

- Brick Lane Centre
- Commercial St Centre
- Old Truman Brewery

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# Good place to live / Good place to work



Good Place to live:

- Brick Lane Centre
- Old Truman Brewery
- Fournier St

Good place to work:

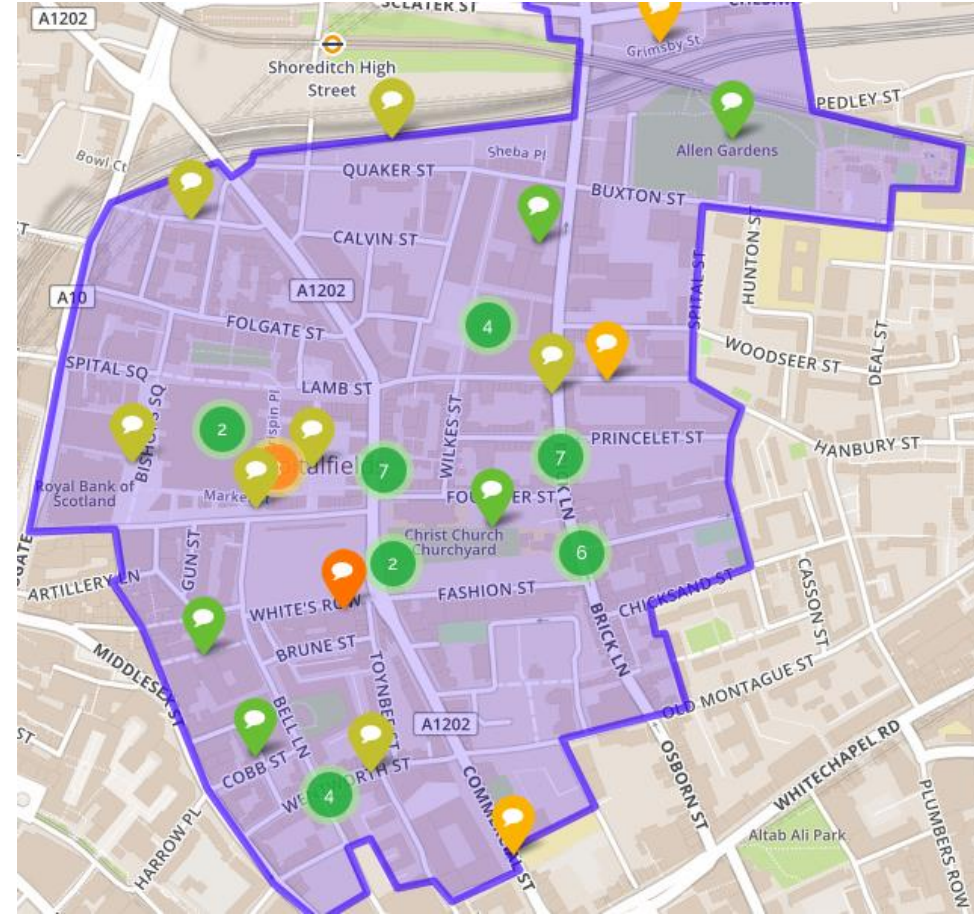
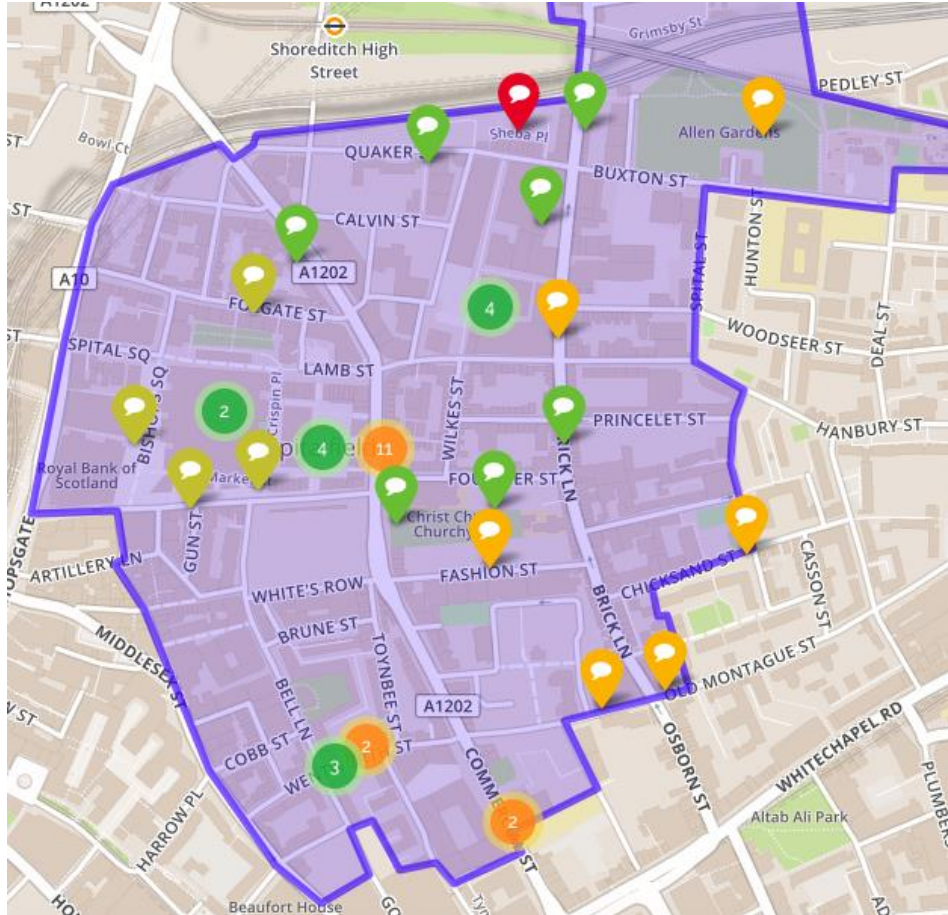
- Old Truman Brewery
- Wentworth St

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# Good shopping / Good eating out



## Good Shopping:

- Old Spitalfields market
- Wentworth St
- Old Truman Brewery

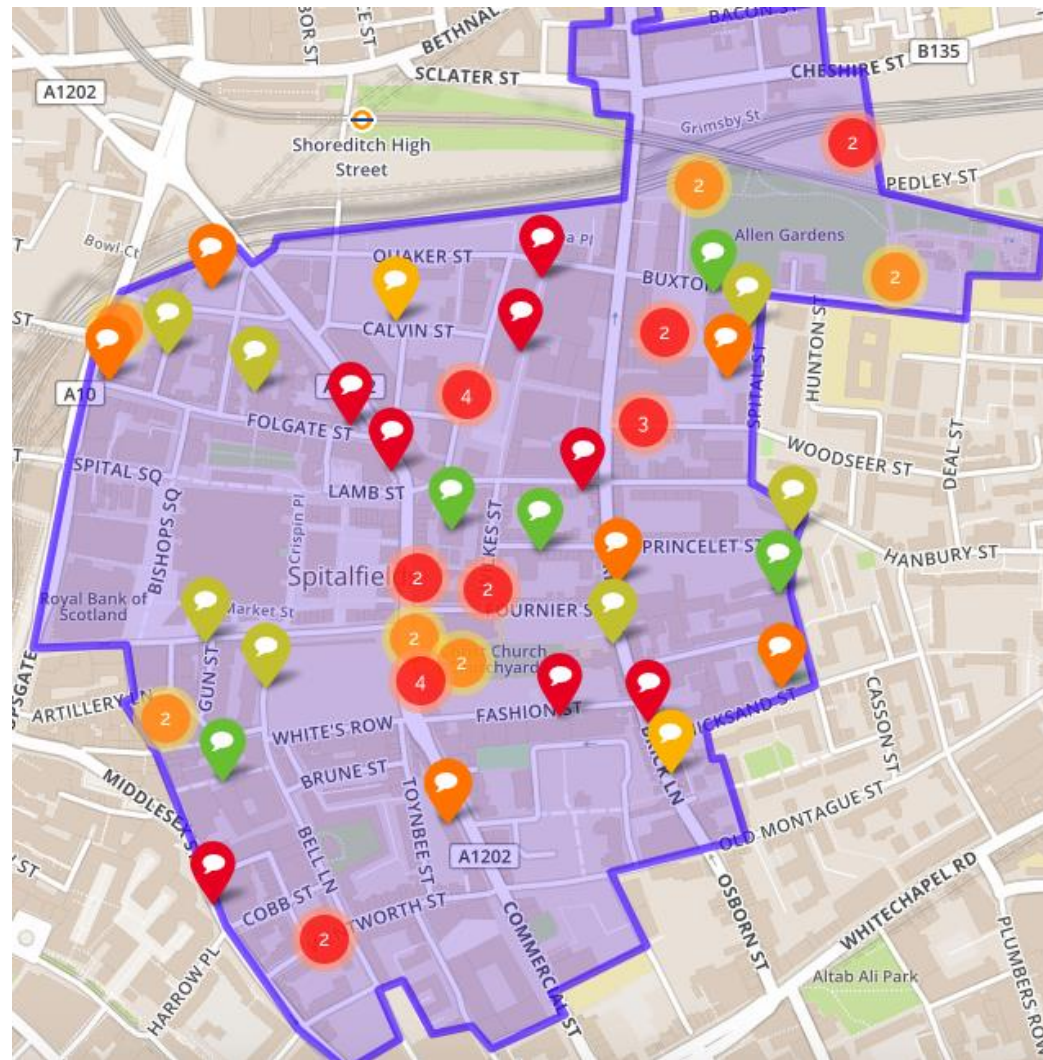
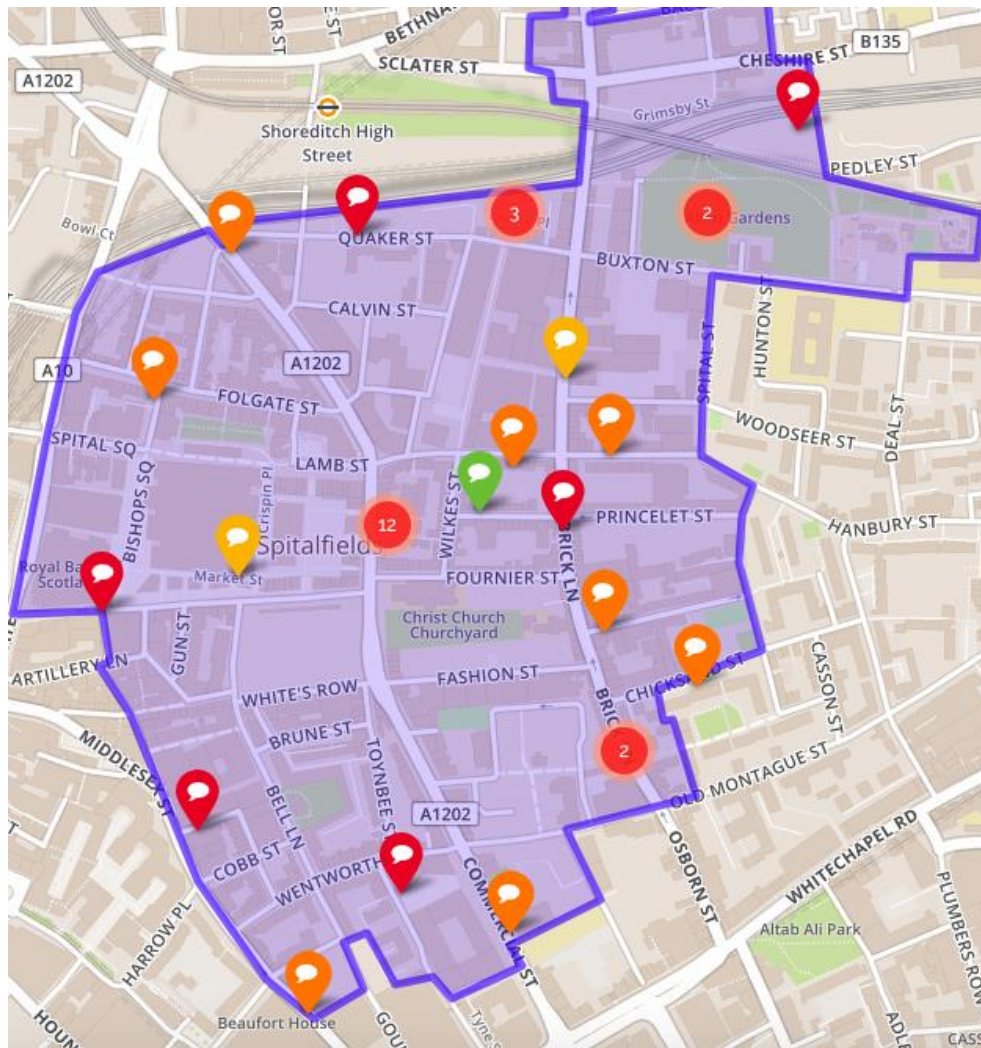
## Good Eating out:

- Brick Lane centre
- Wentworth St
- Old Spitalfields Market

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# Over-used / Under-used



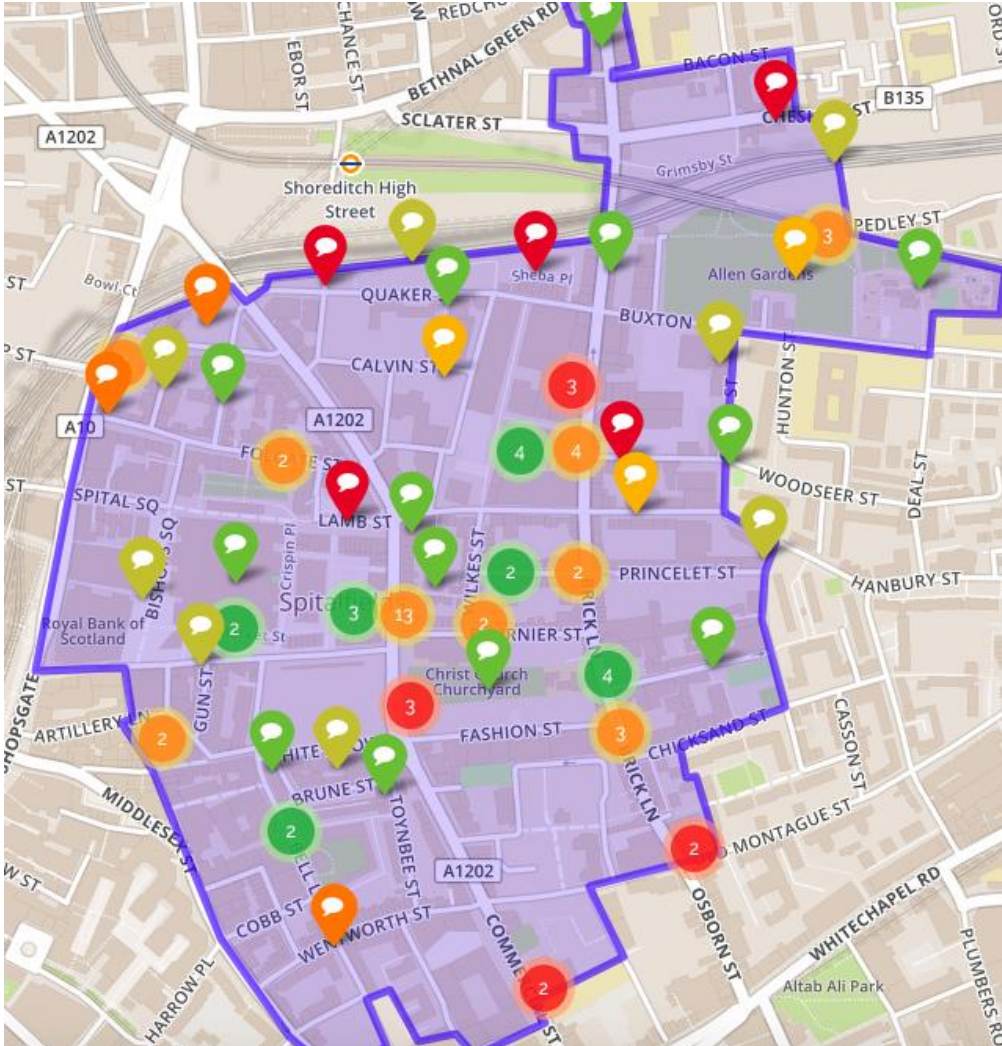
- Over-used:
- Commercial St Centre
  - Saint George
  - Old Truman Brewery

- Under-used:
- Fournier St
  - Old Truman Brewery
  - City Farm

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# Historic

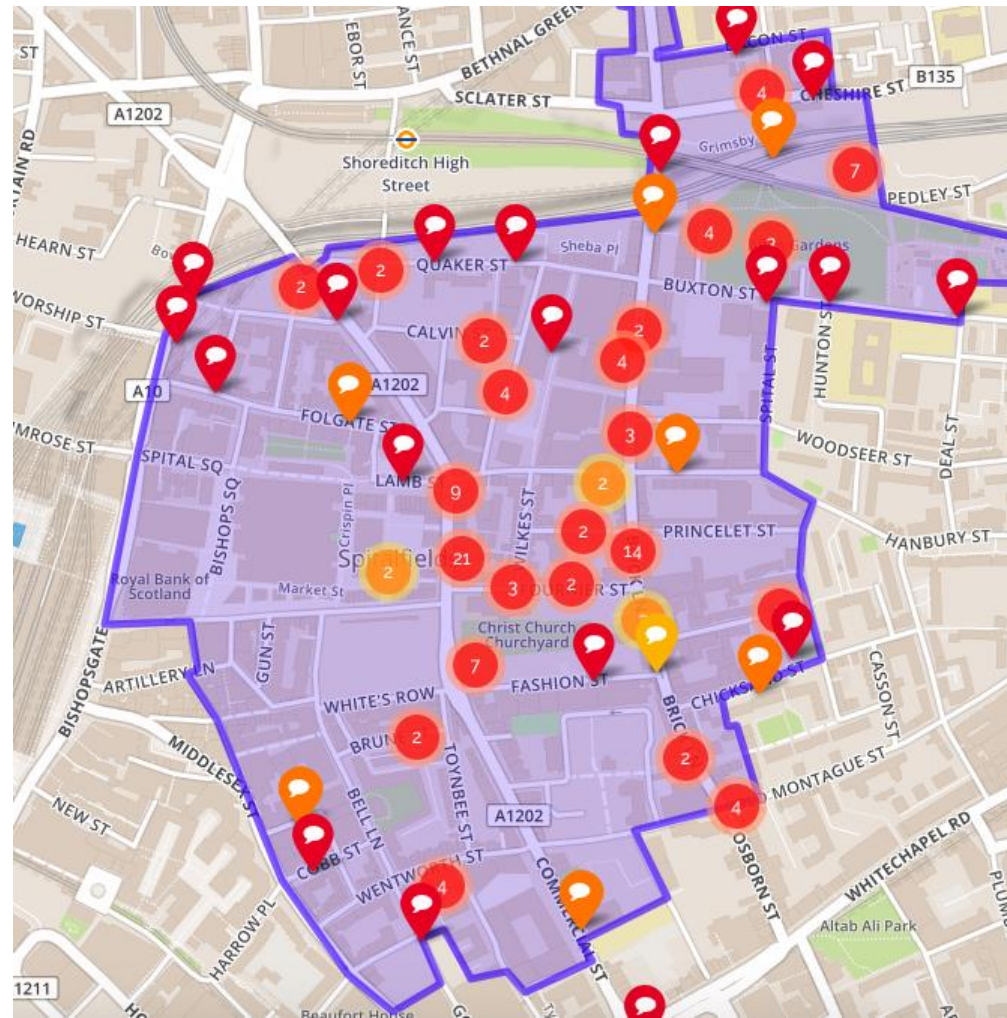
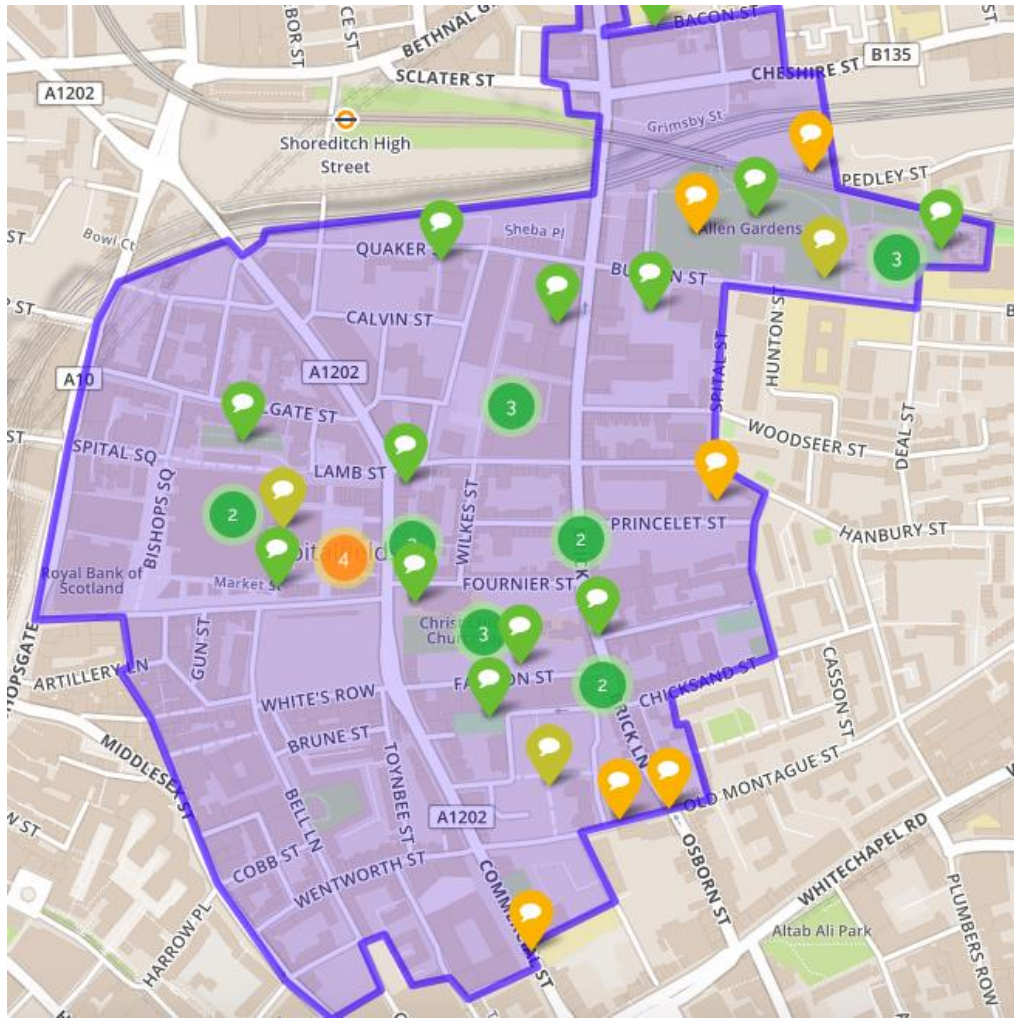


## Historic:

- Old Truman brewery
- Fournier St
- Norton Folgate

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# Family friendly / Dangerous



## Family Friendly:

- Old Spitalfields Market
- Old Truman Brewery
- Fournier St

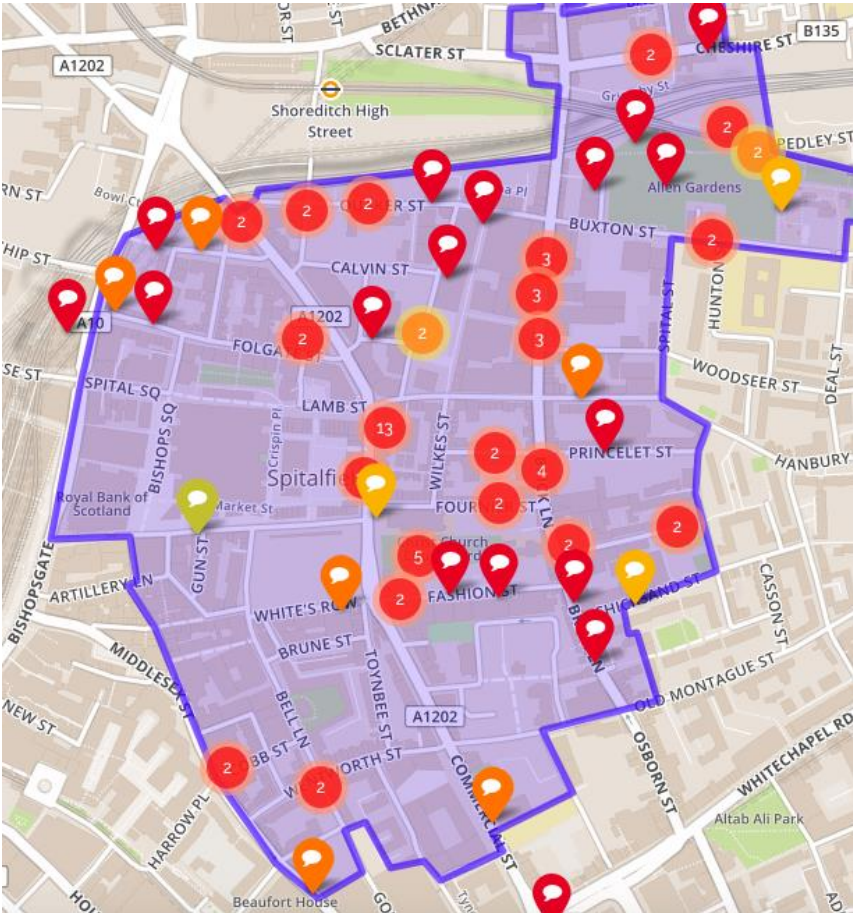
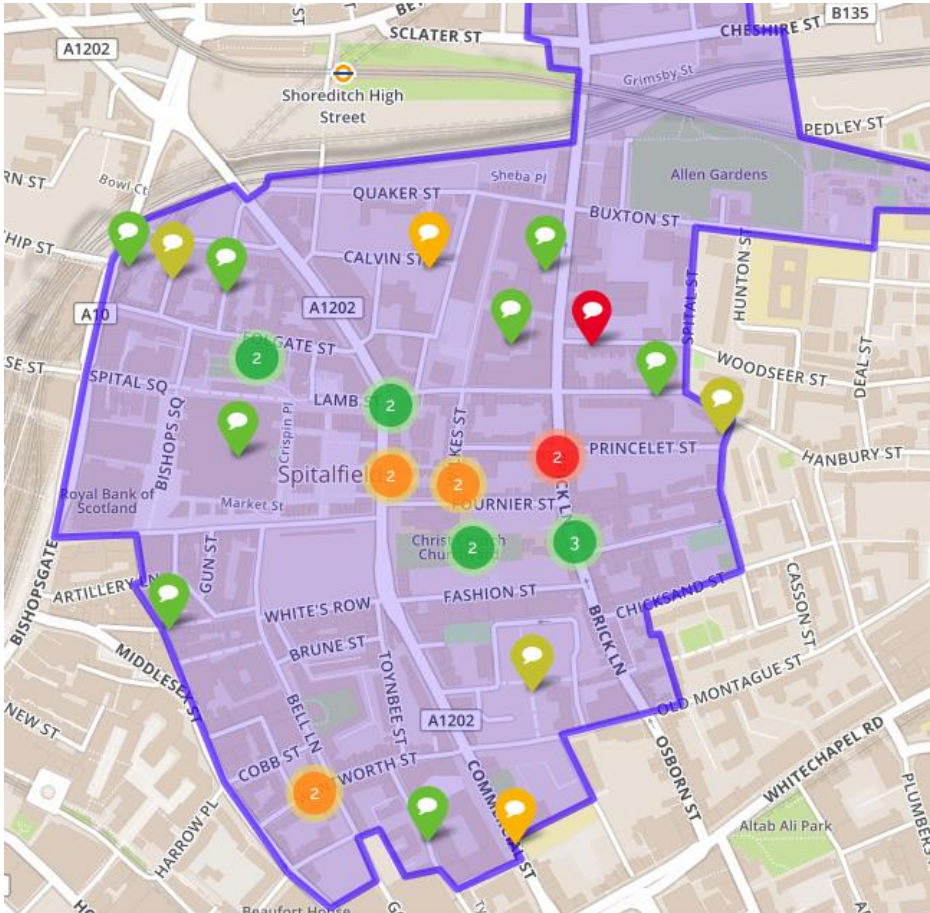
## Dangerous:

- Fournier St
- Brick Lane Centre
- Commercial St Centre

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# Well designed / Badly designed



## Well designed:

- Fournier St
- Brick Lane Centre
- Old Truman Brewery
- Norton Folgate

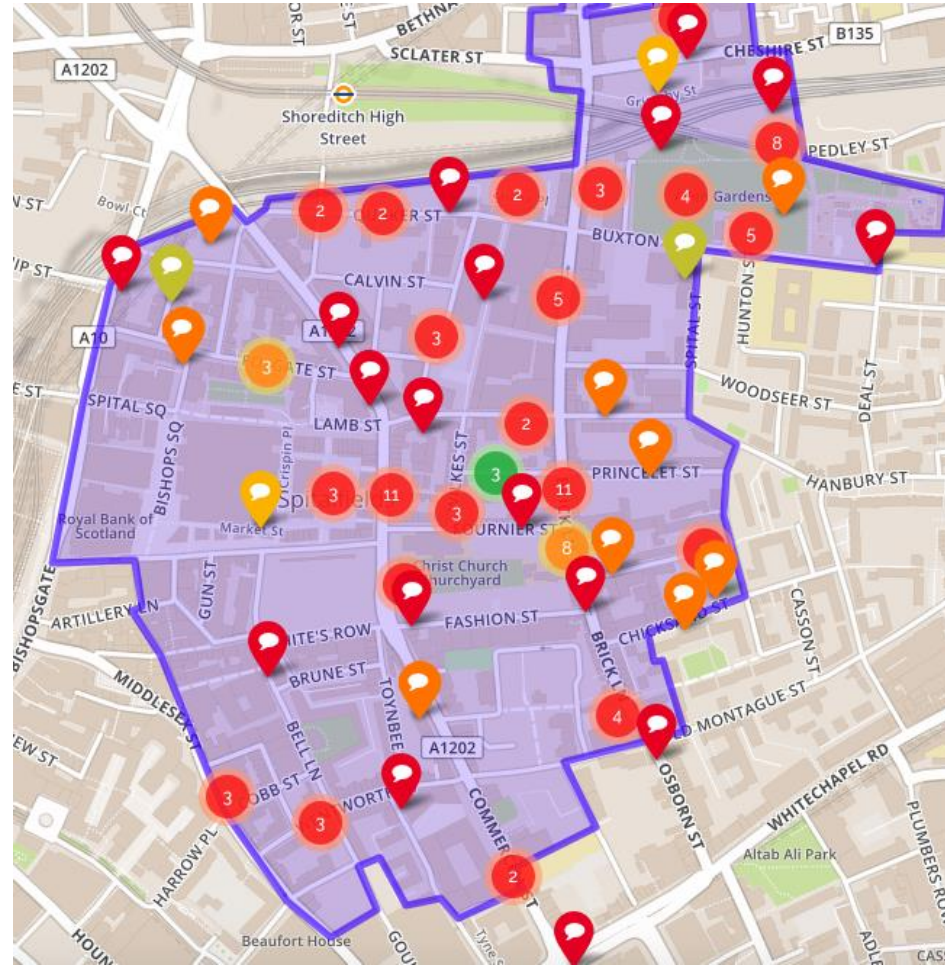
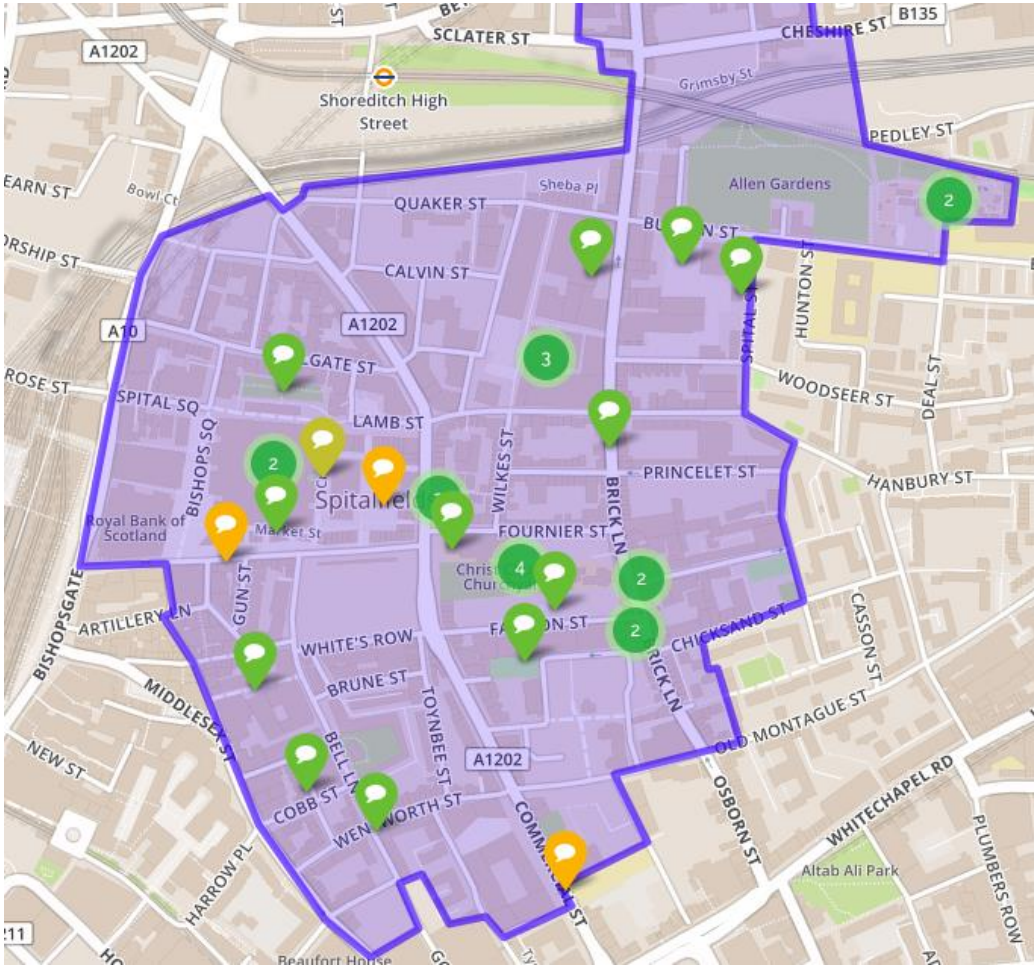
## Badly designed:

- Old Truman Brewery
- Fournier St
- Commercial St centre

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# Well maintained / Poorly maintained



## Well maintained:

- Old Truman Brewery
- Fournier St
- Brick Lane Centre

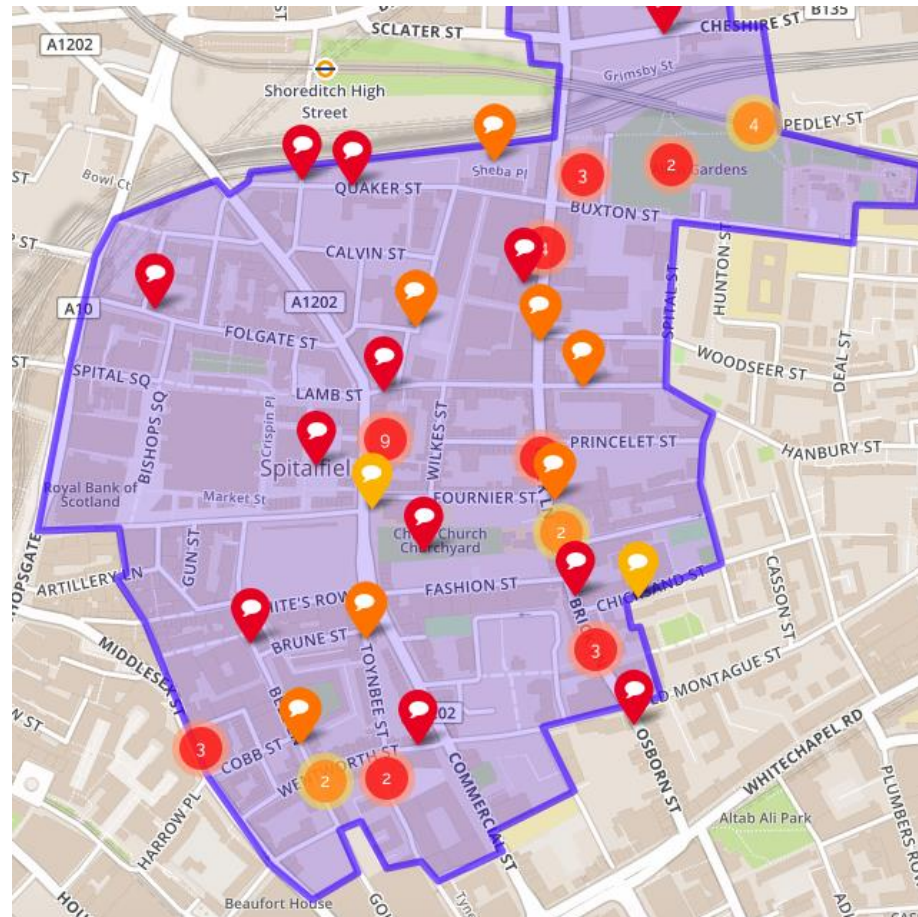
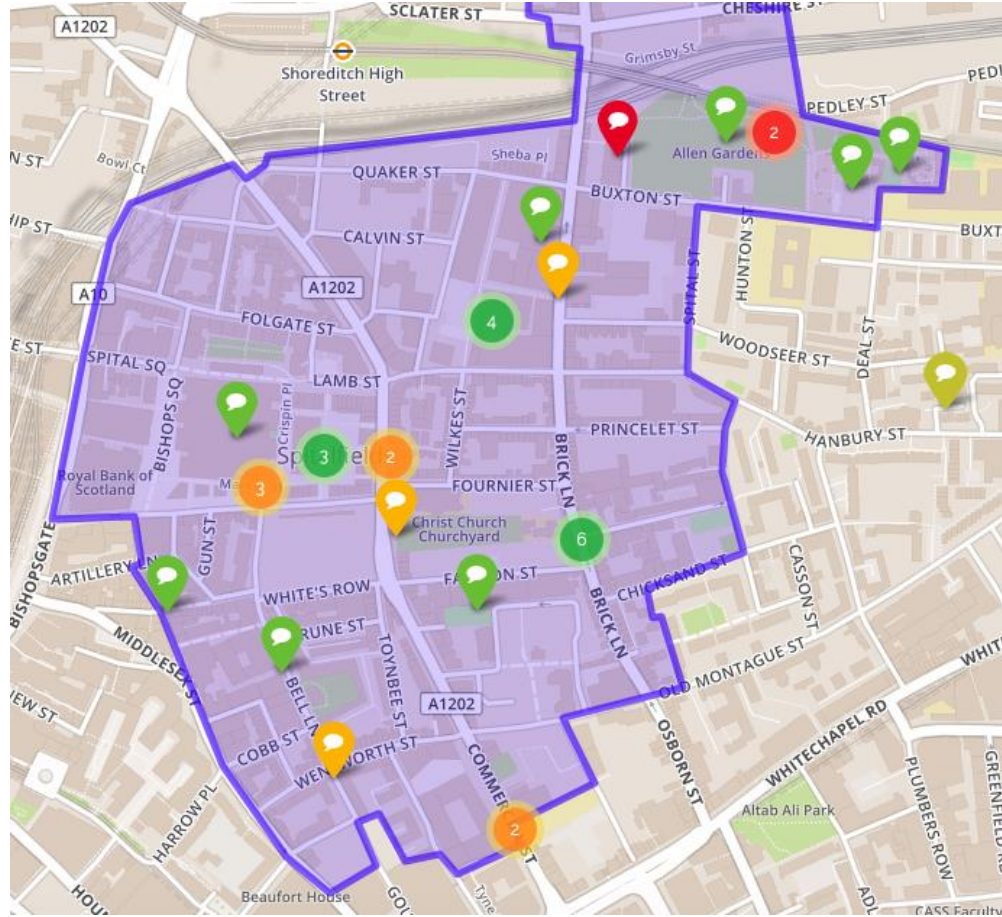
## Poorly maintained:

- Fournier St
- Brick Lane Centre
- Quaker St
- Allen Gardens

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# Lots to do / Cluttered



## Lots to do:

- Old Truman Brewery
- Old Spitalfields market
- Brick Lane Centre

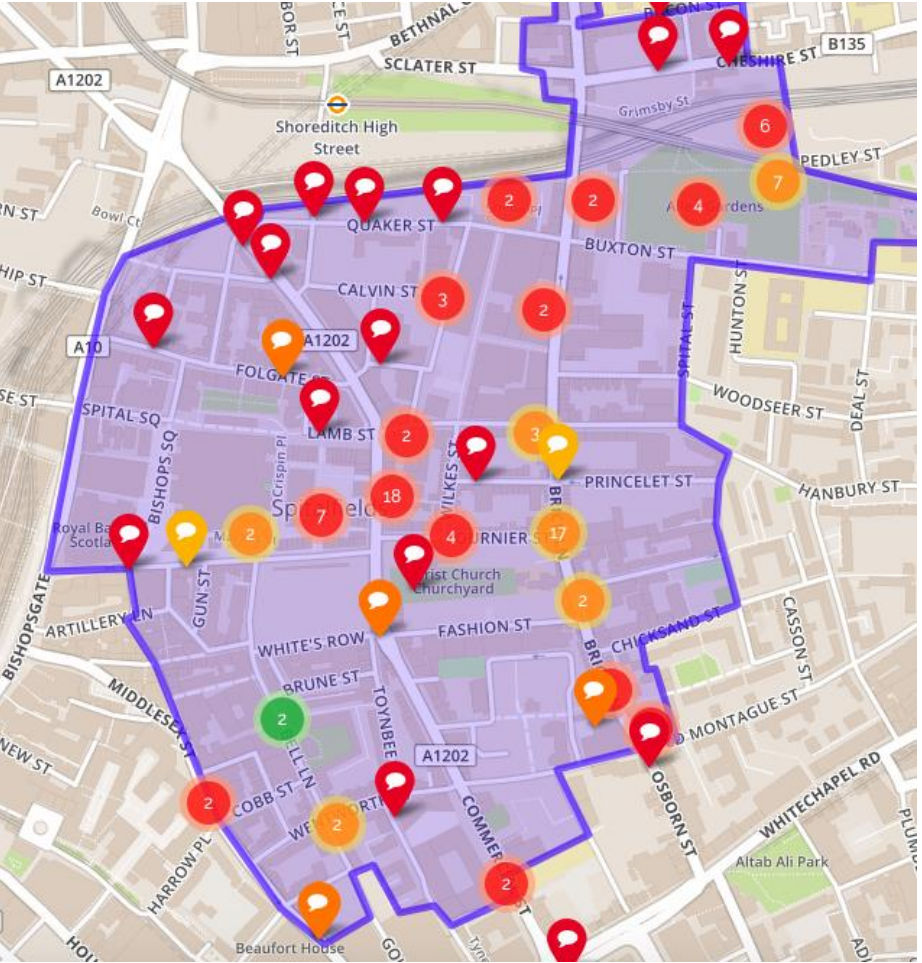
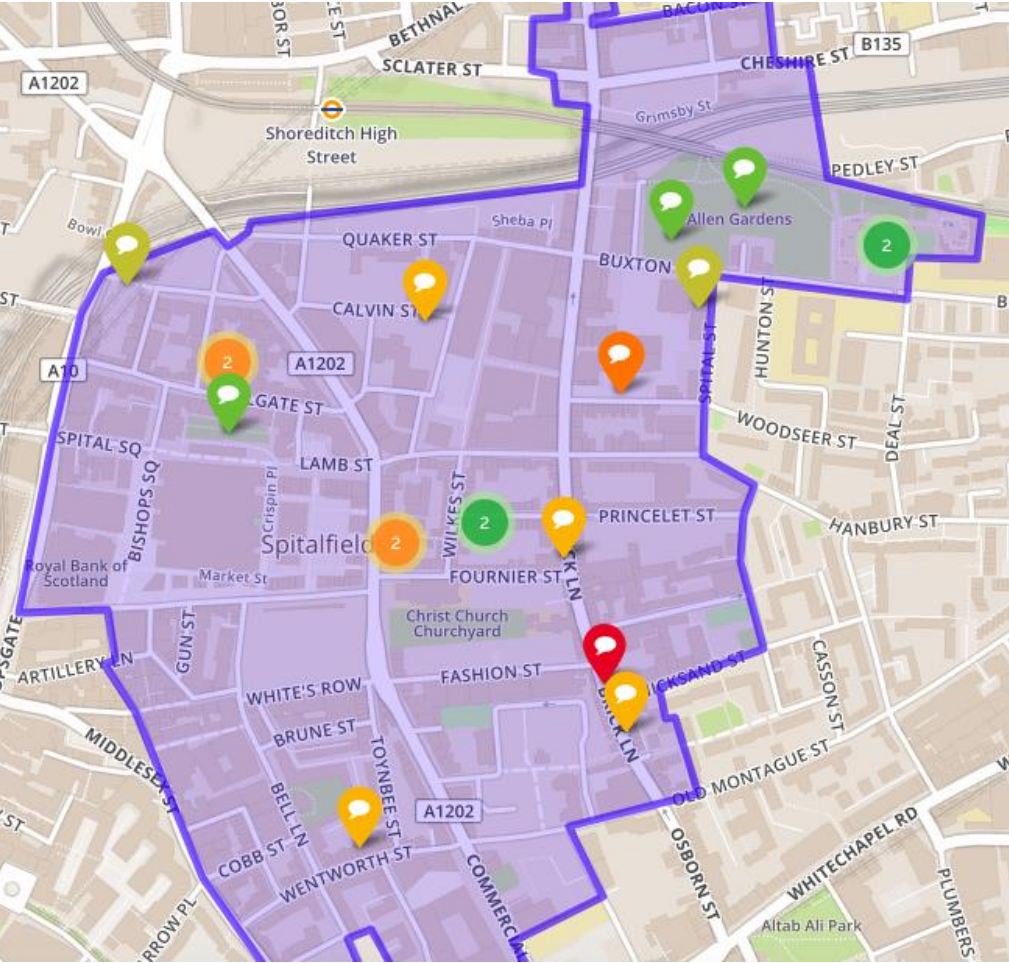
## Cluttered:

- Brick Lane centre
- Commercial St centre
- Old Spitalfields market

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# Quiet / Noisy



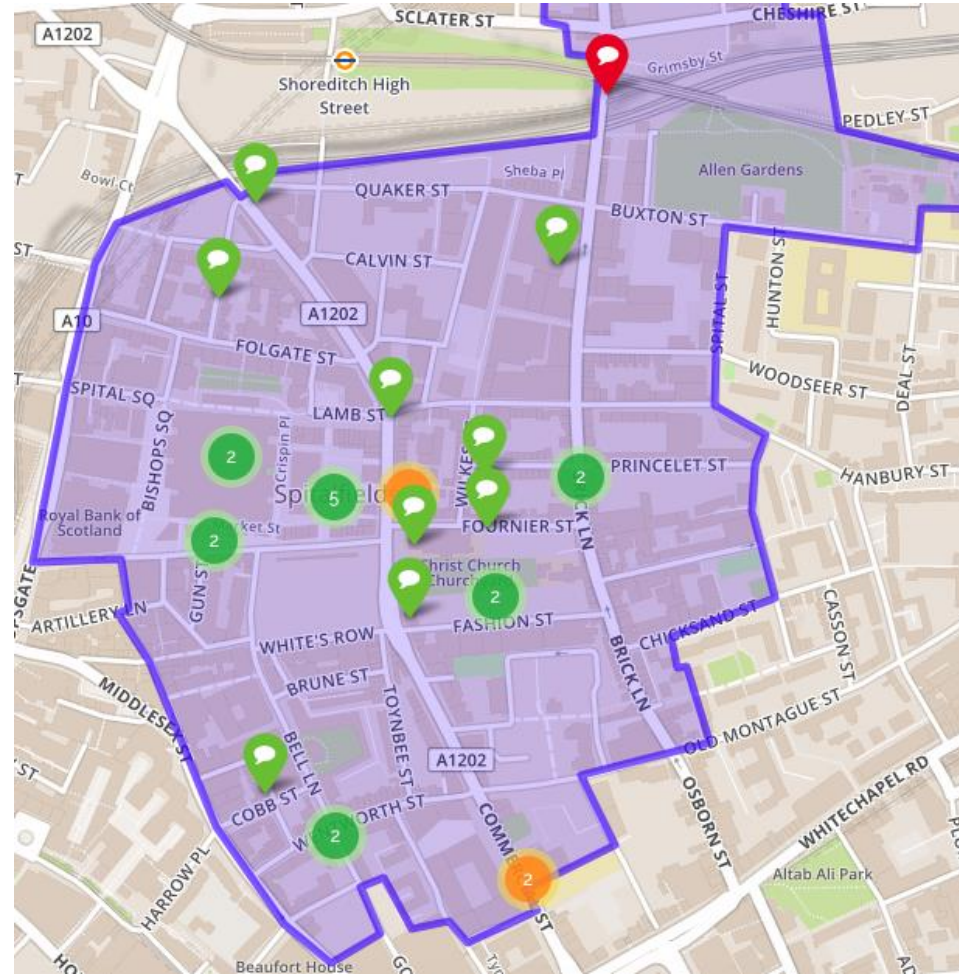
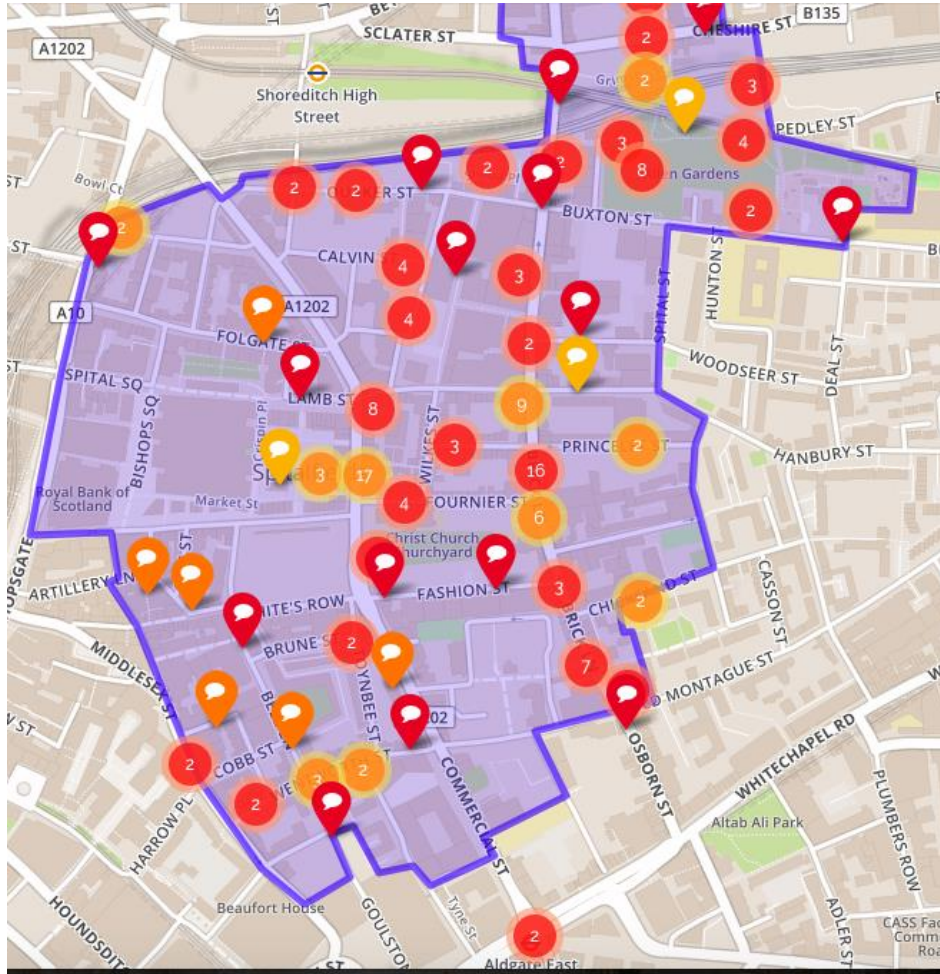
- Quiet:
- Norton Folgate

- Noisy:
- Brick Lane Centre
  - Brick Lane south
  - Commercial St centre

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# Dirty / Clean



## Clean:

- Old Spitalfields Market
- Fournier St

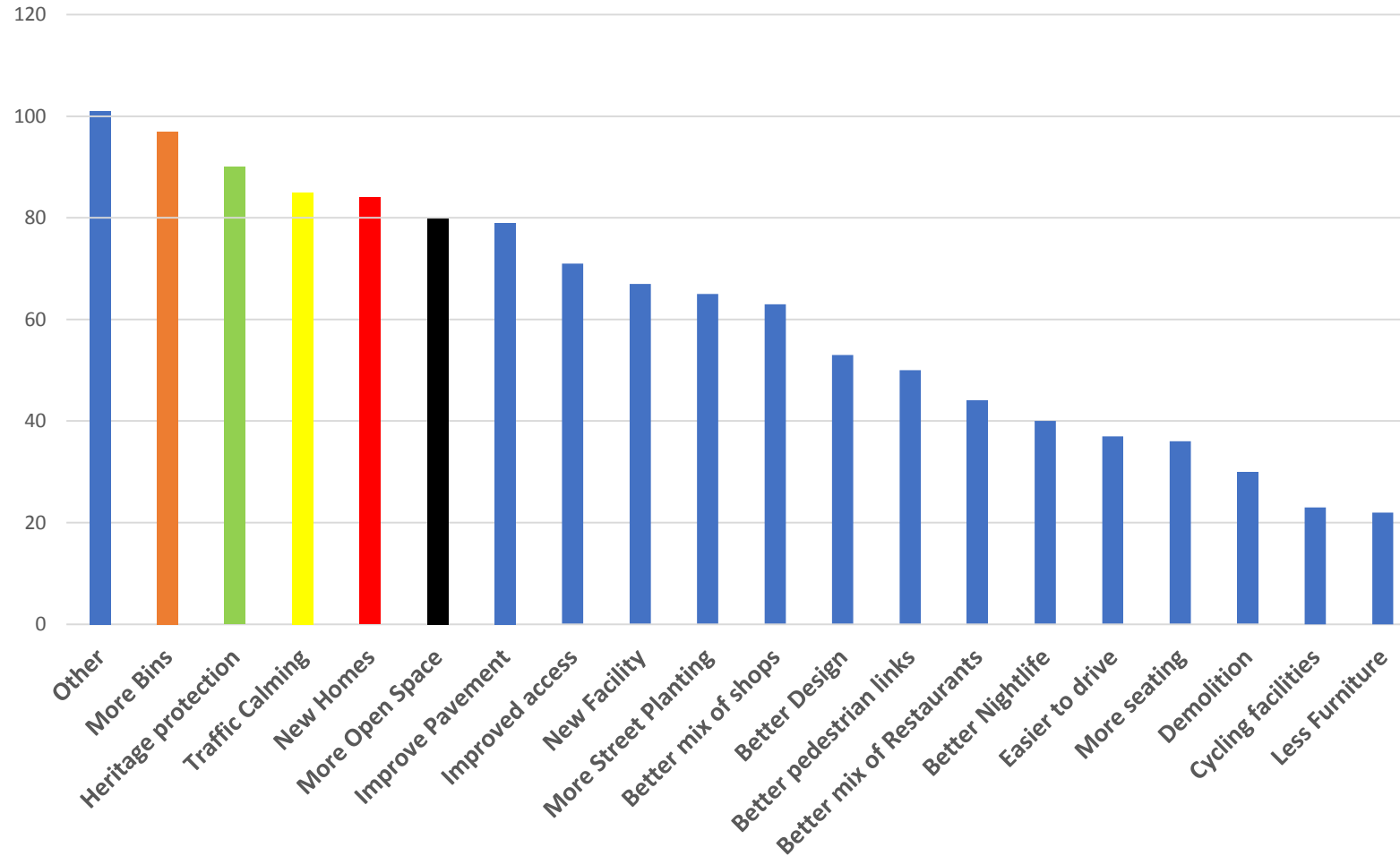
## Dirty:

- Brick Lane centre
- Brick Lane south
- Fournier St

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# Responses to the question: What improvements would you like to see?



Top improvements that people would like to see:

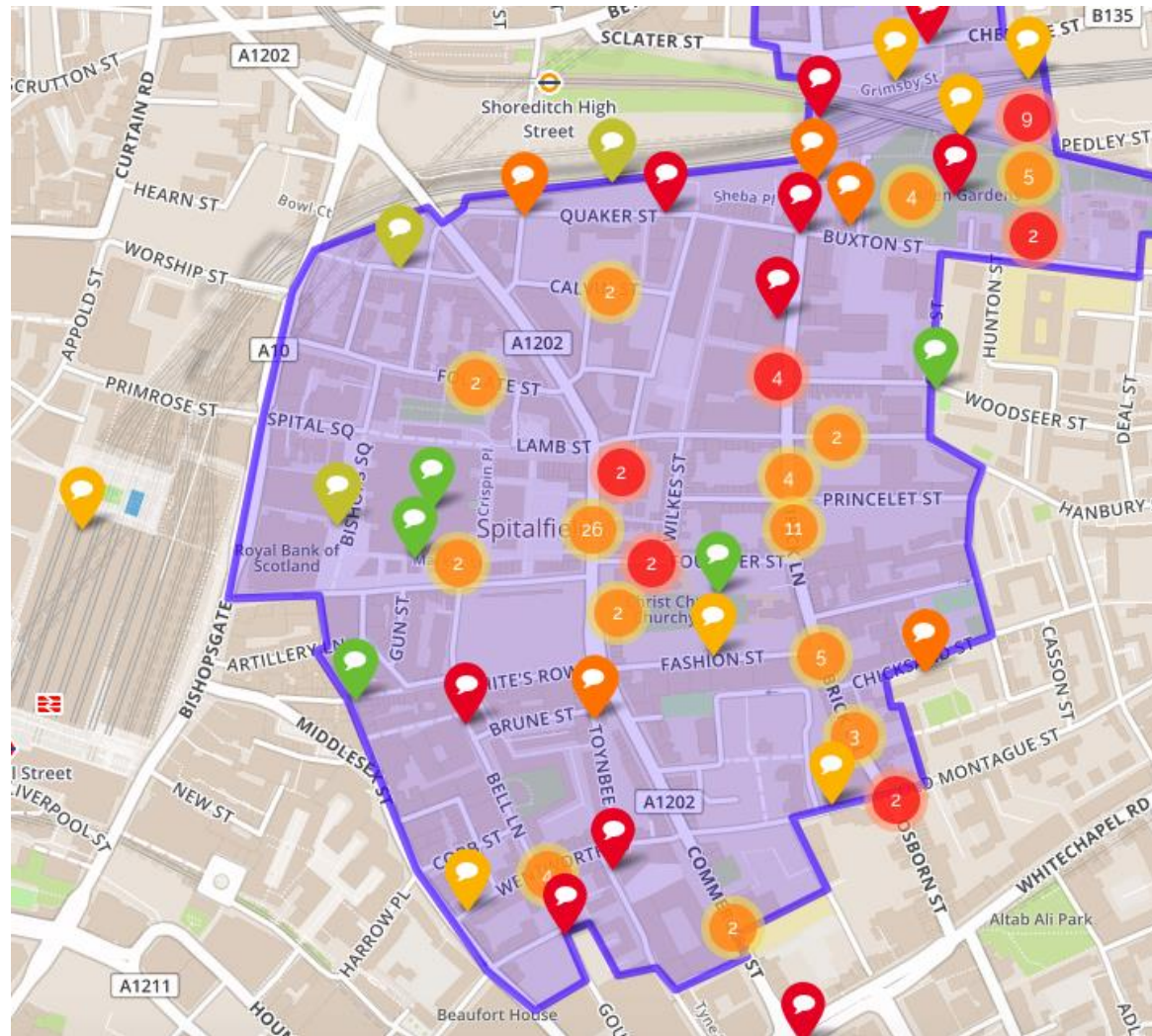
- More Bins
- Heritage Protection
- Traffic Calming
- New Homes
- More Open Space

# Improvements by age and gender and ethnicity

- Slide to be removed if data not available.

# Tags based on location

More bins:

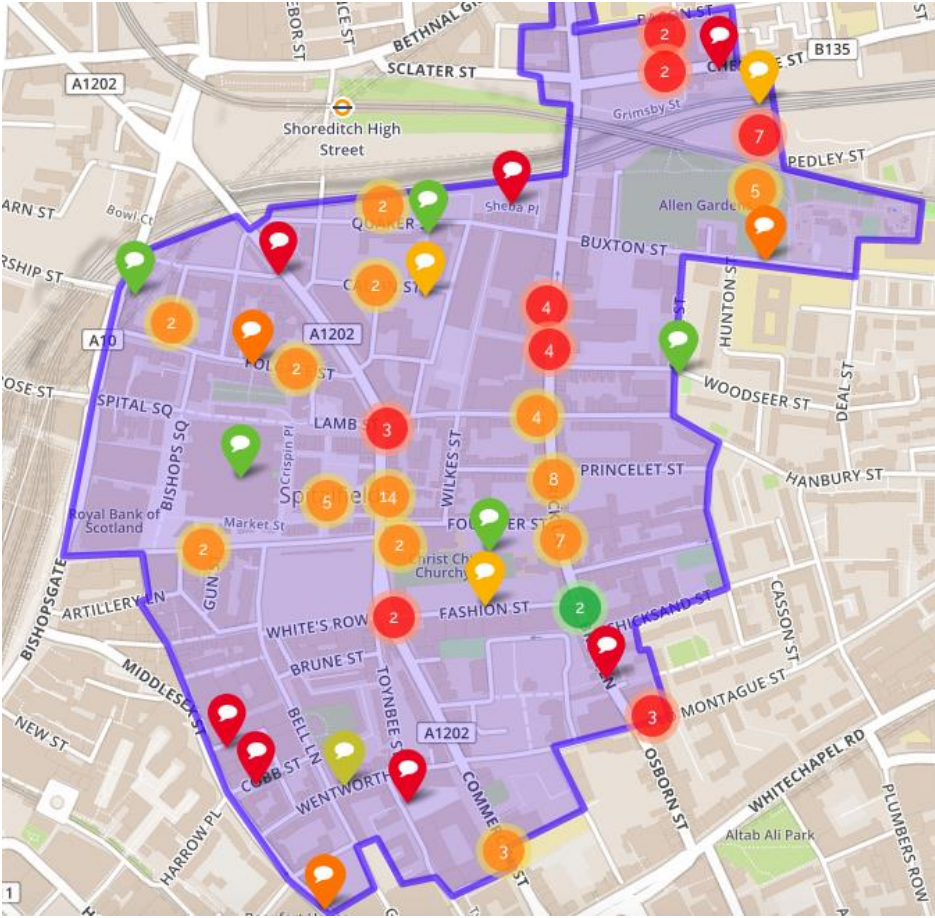


Top 3 areas concerned (estimation):

- Allen Gardens
- Brick lane (all)
- Wentworth St

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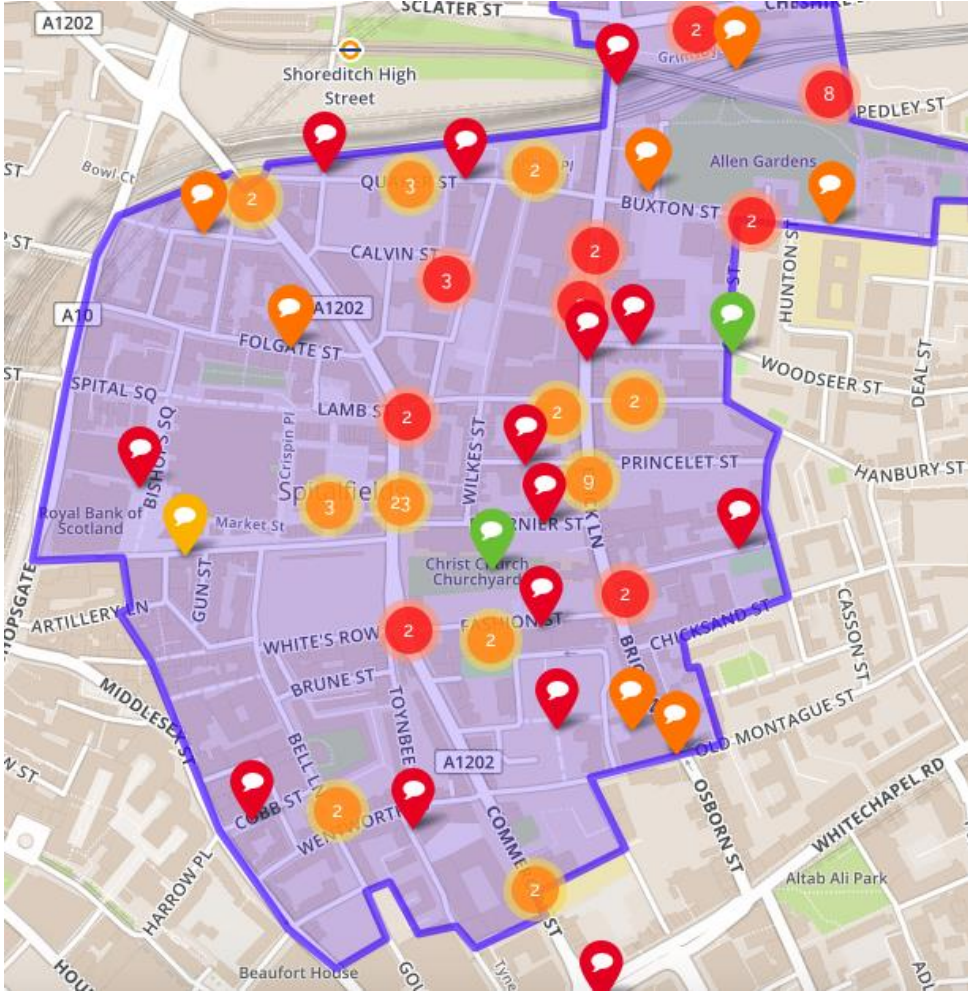
# Traffic calming:



- Brick Lane
- Allen Gardens
- St George

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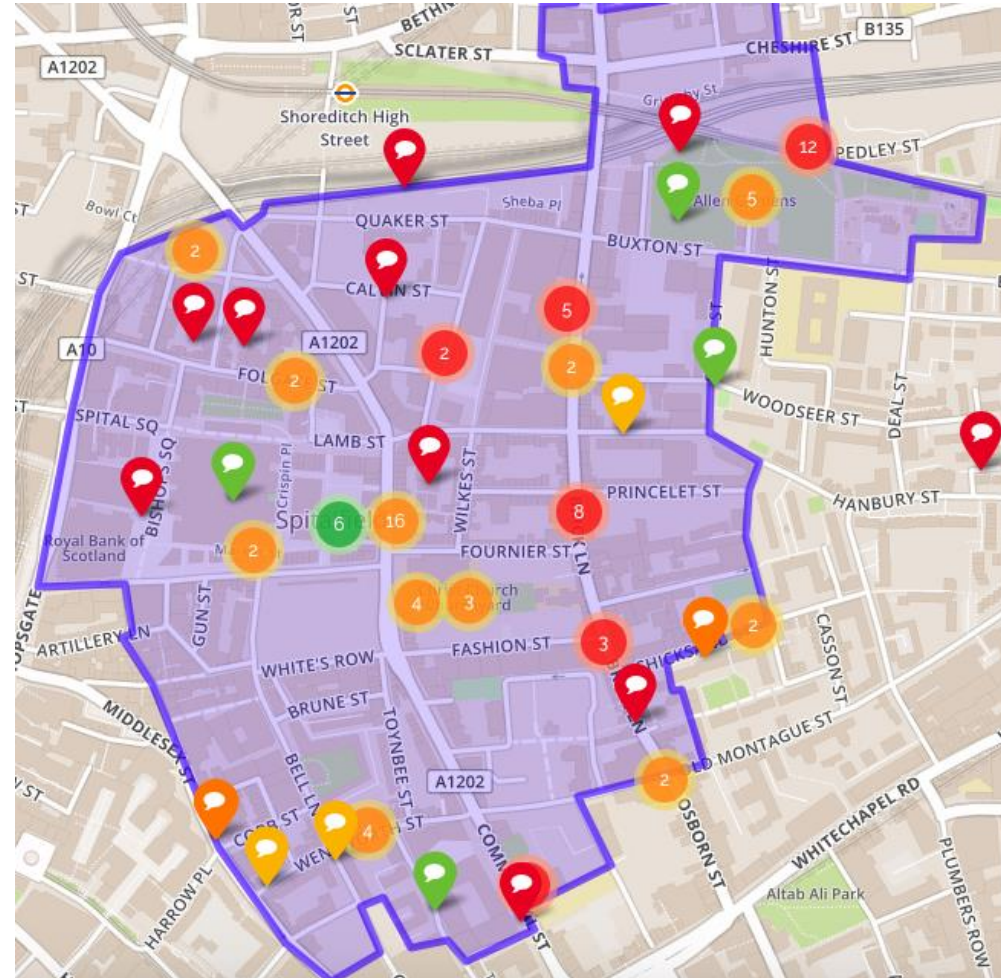
# Improve pavements:



- Brick Lane
- Quaker St
- Allen Gardens

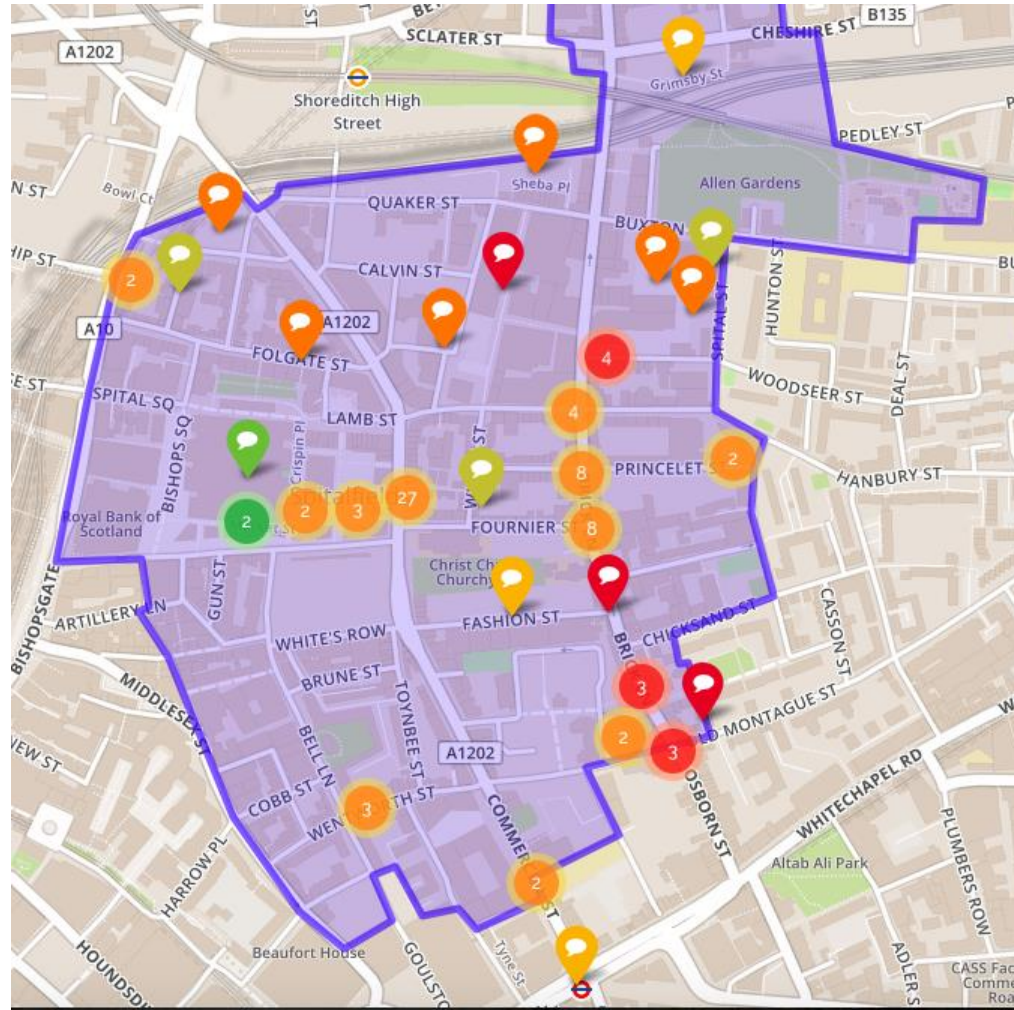
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# More open spaces



- Fournier St
- Spitalfields Market
- Allen gardens

# New homes

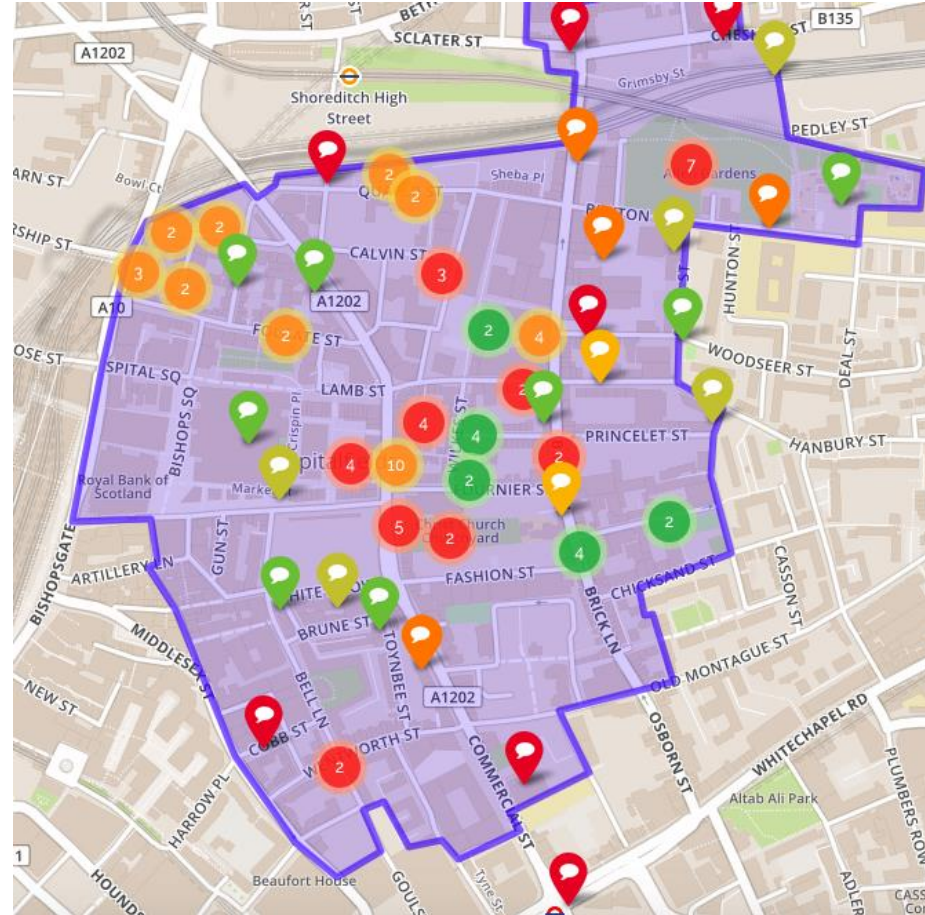


- Spitalfields Market
- Brick lane centre
- Brick lane south

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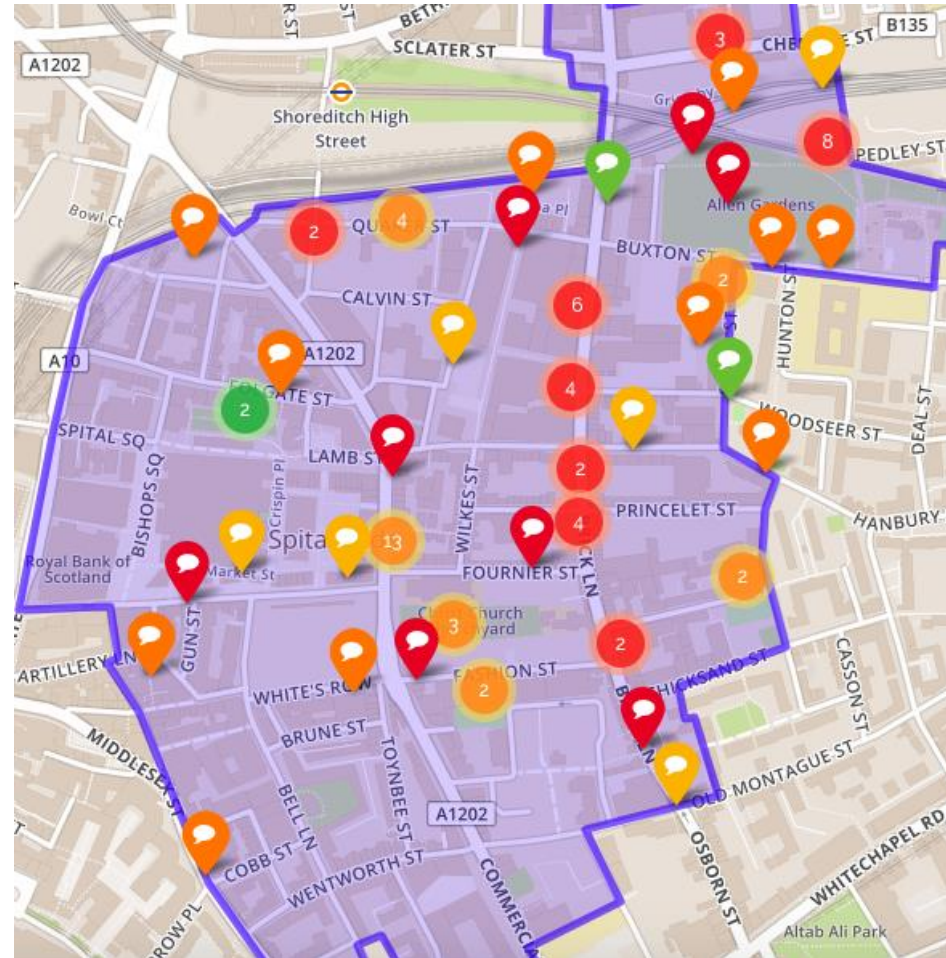


# Protection of heritage



- Universal
- Norton Folgate
- Fournier St
- Commercial St Centre
- Allen Gardens

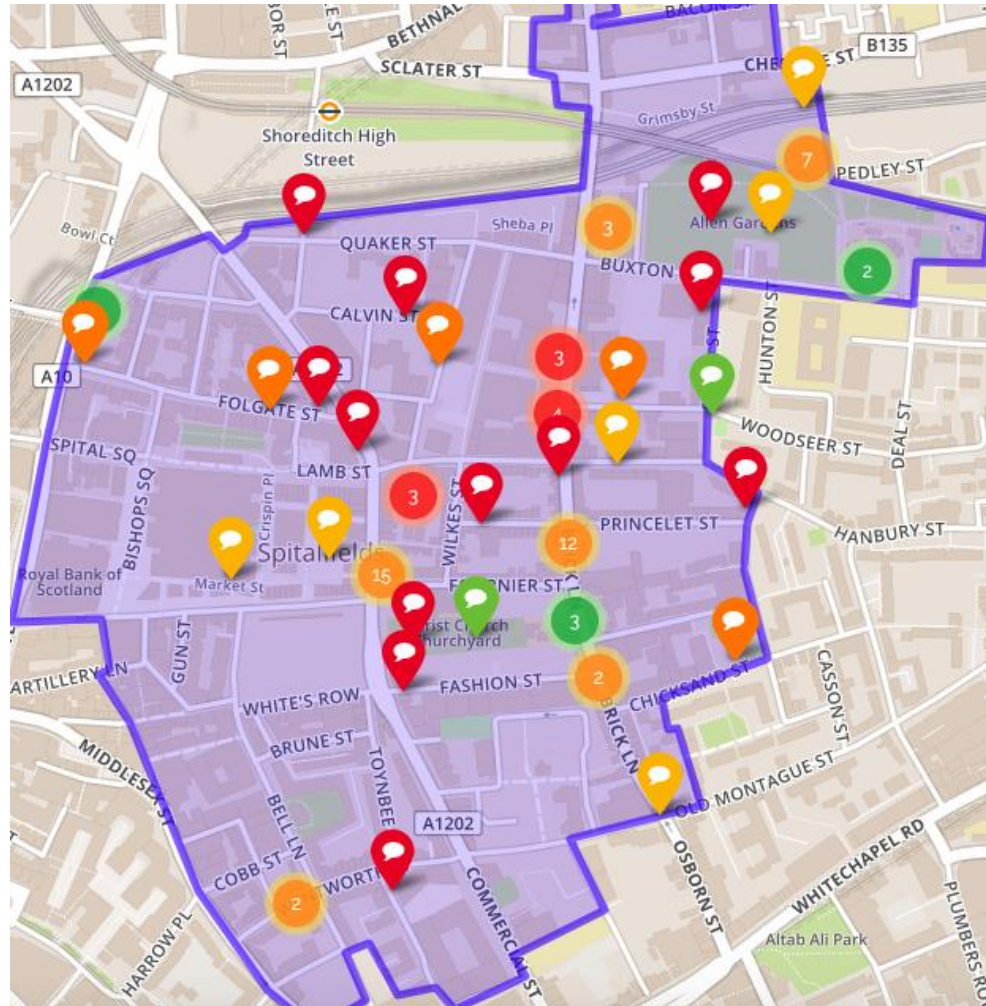
# Improved accessibility



- Brick Lane
- Allen Gardens
- Commercial St South

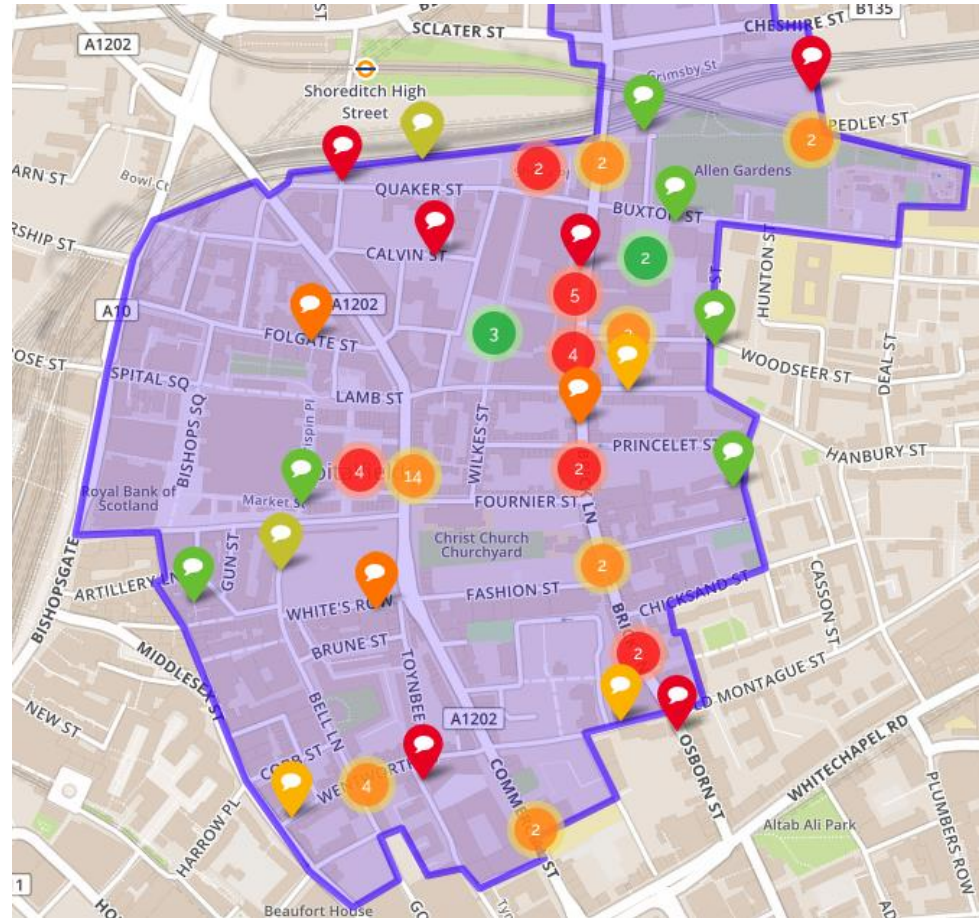
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# New public facility/amenity



- Old Truman Brewery
- Allen Gardens
- Fournier St/Brick Lane

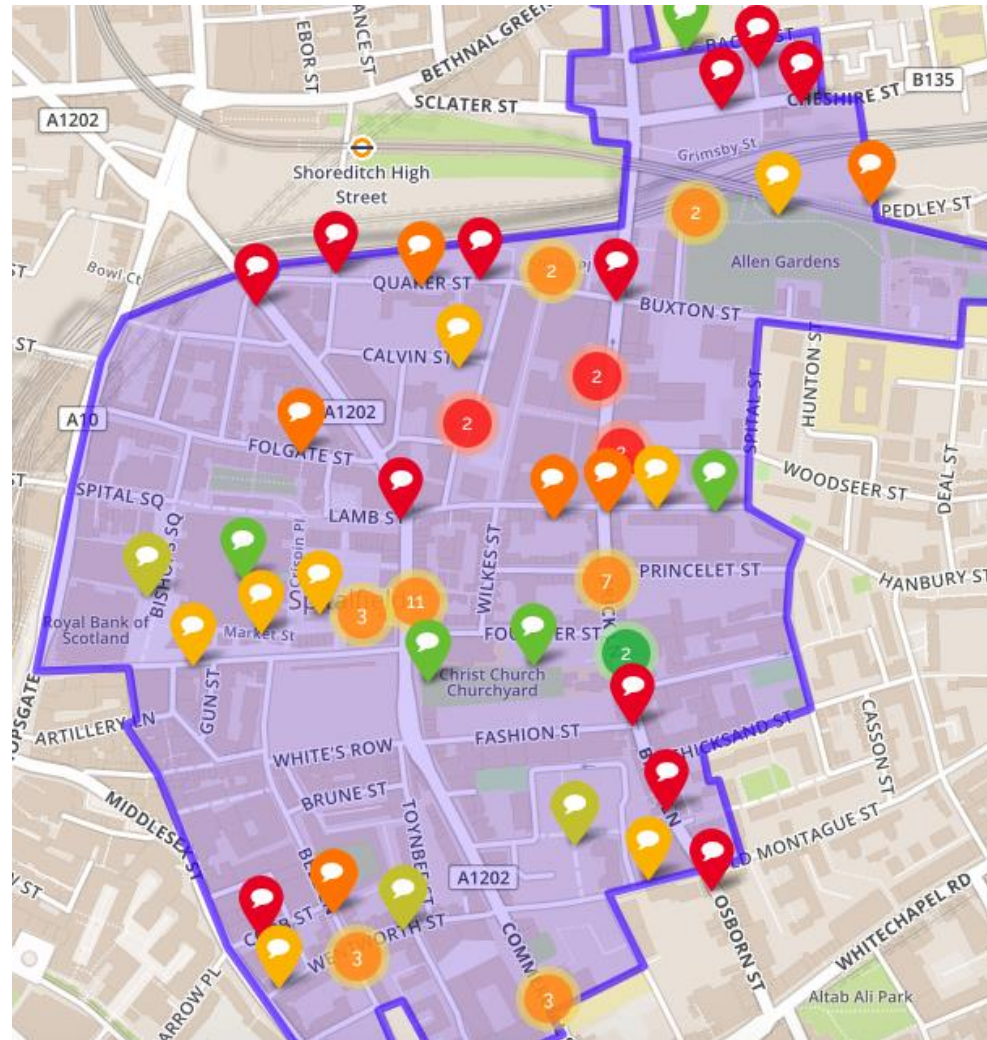
# Better mix of shops



- Brick Lane (all)
- Spitalfields Market
- Wentworth St
- Old Truman Brewery

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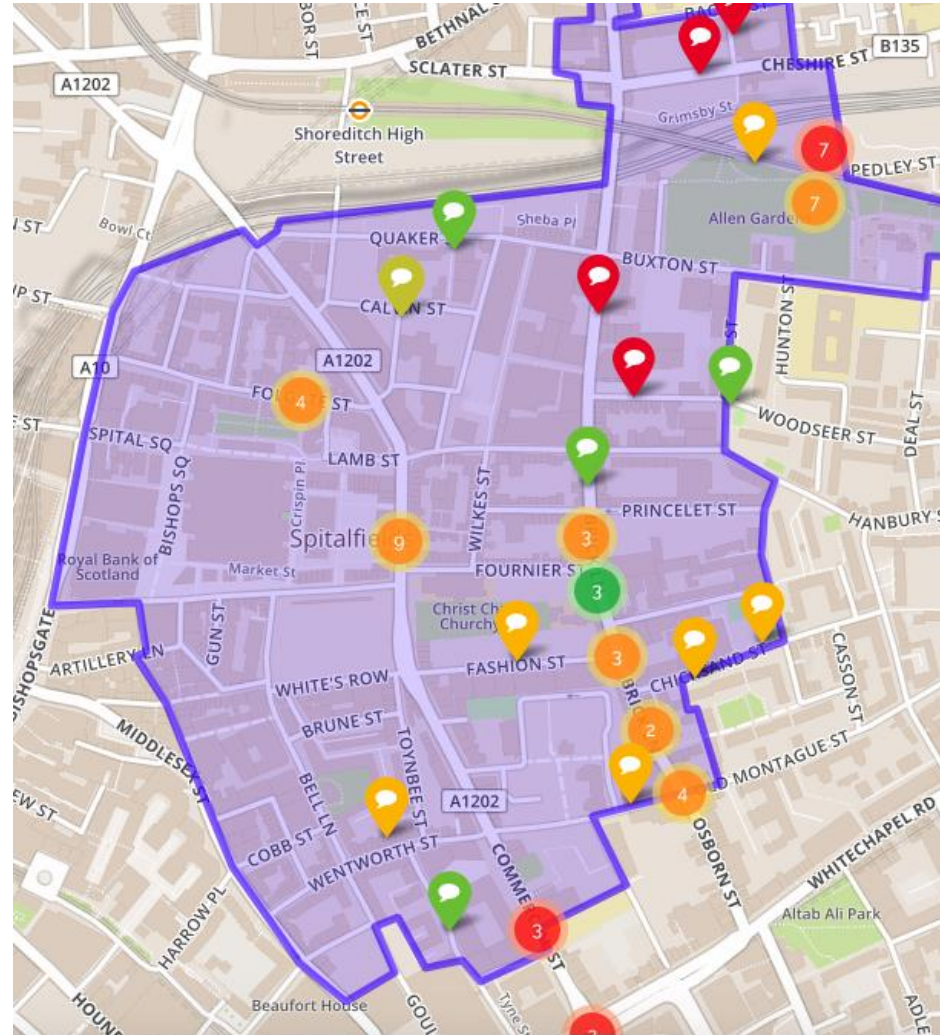
# More street planting



- Brick Lane (all)
- Quaker St
- Wentworth St

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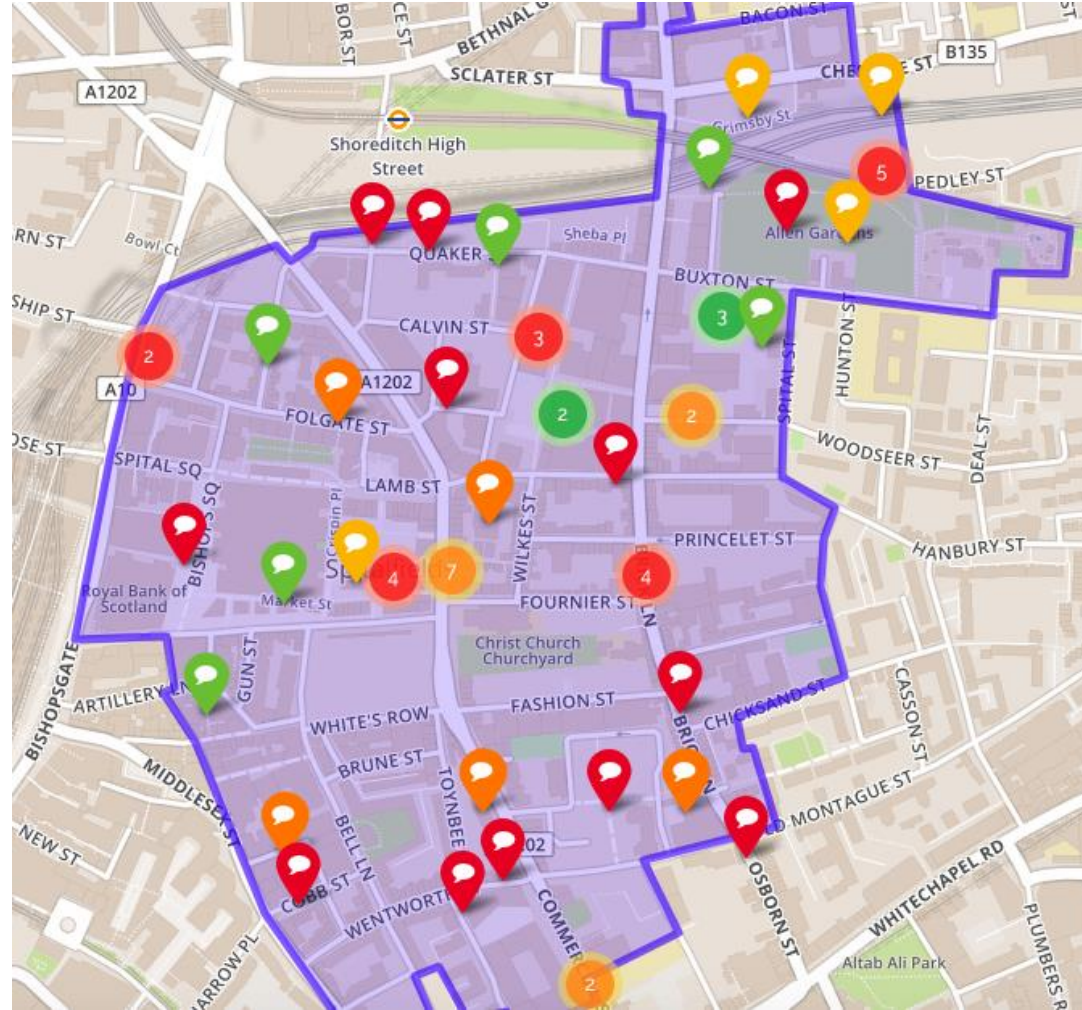
# Easier to drive



- Brick Lane (south and centre)
- Allen Gardens
- Norton Folgate

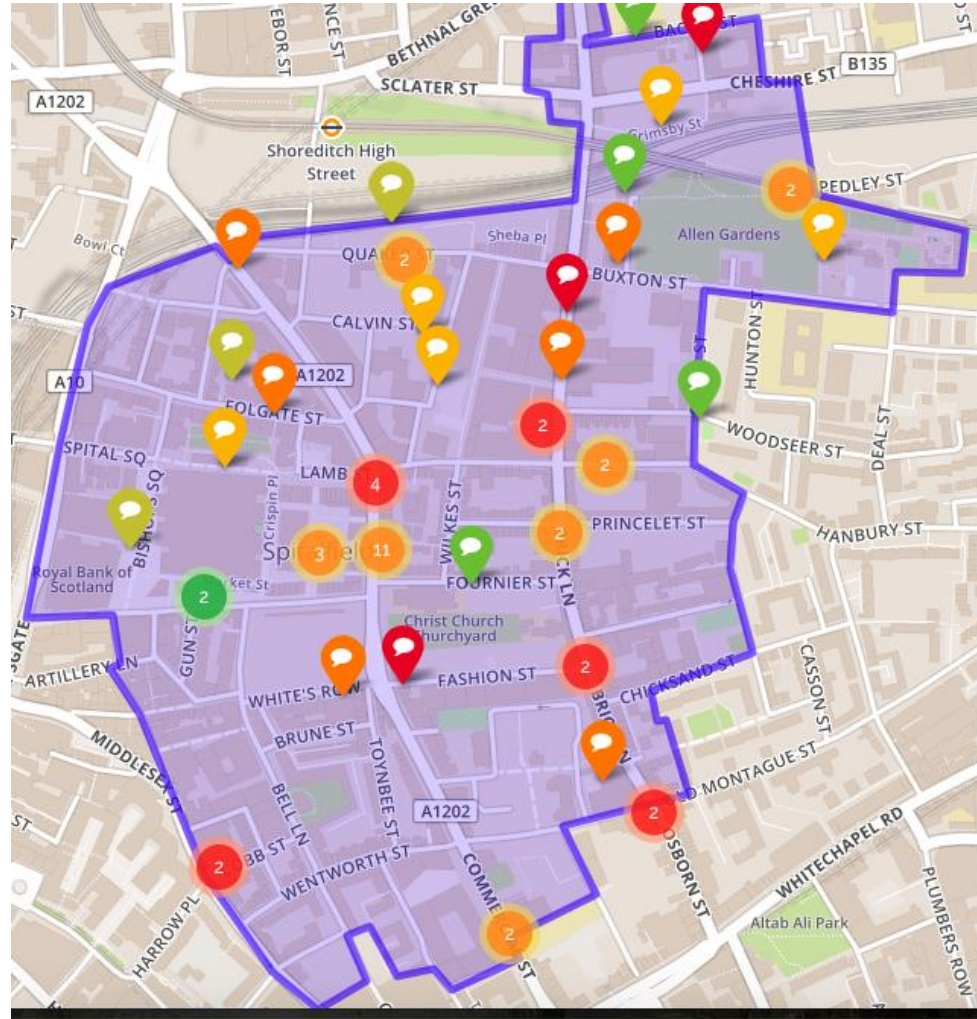
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# Better designed buildings



- Wentworth St
- Old Truman Brewery
- Allen Gardens

# Better pedestrian links

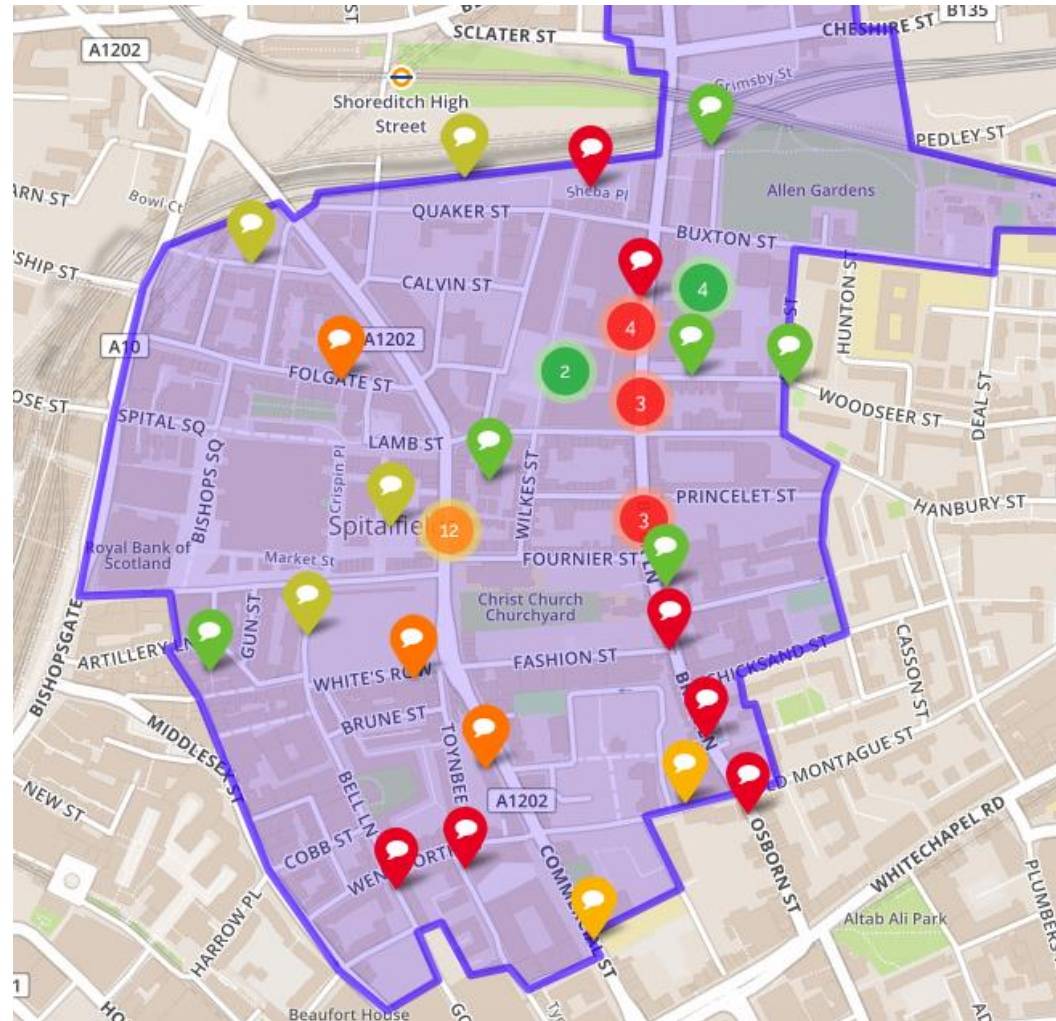


- Norton Folgate
- Quaker St
- Brick Lane Center

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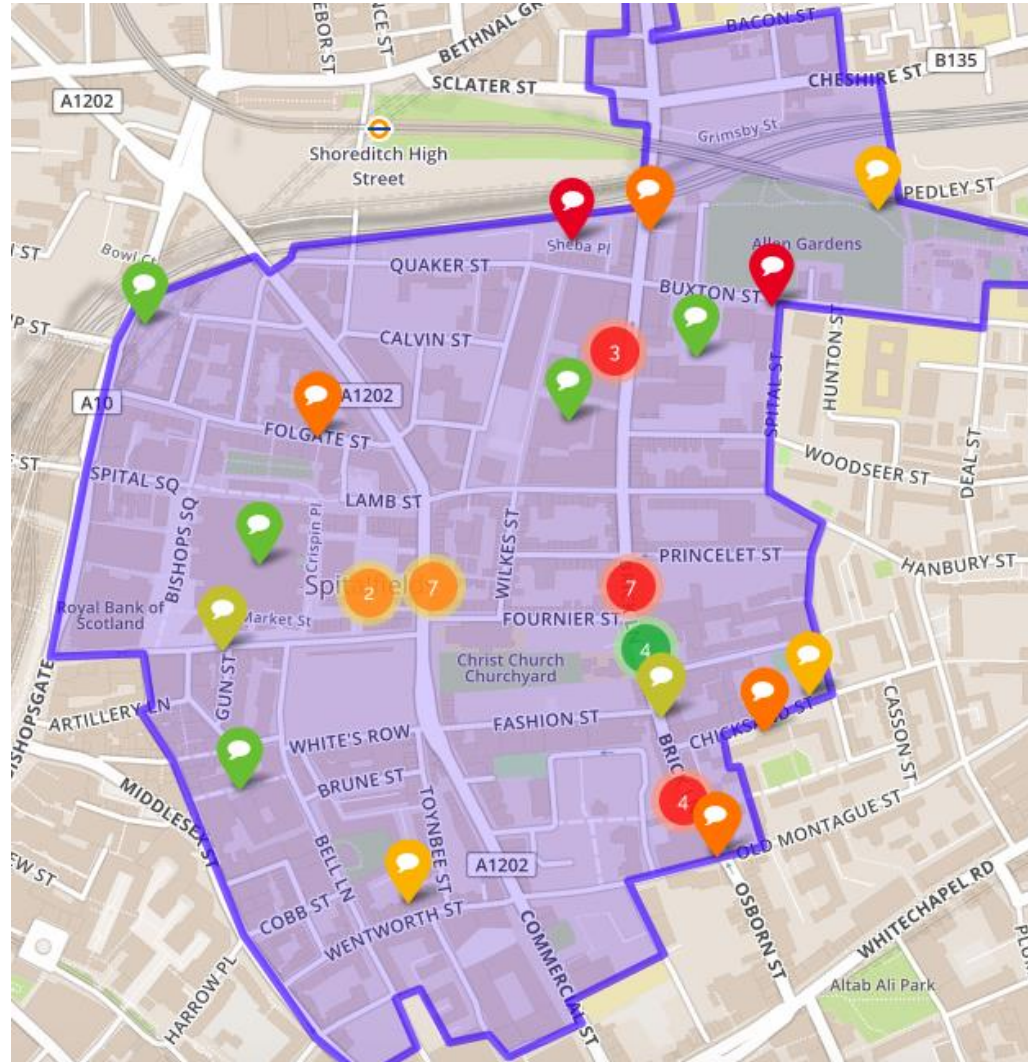
# Better mix of restaurants



- Brick Lane South
- Old Truman Brewery



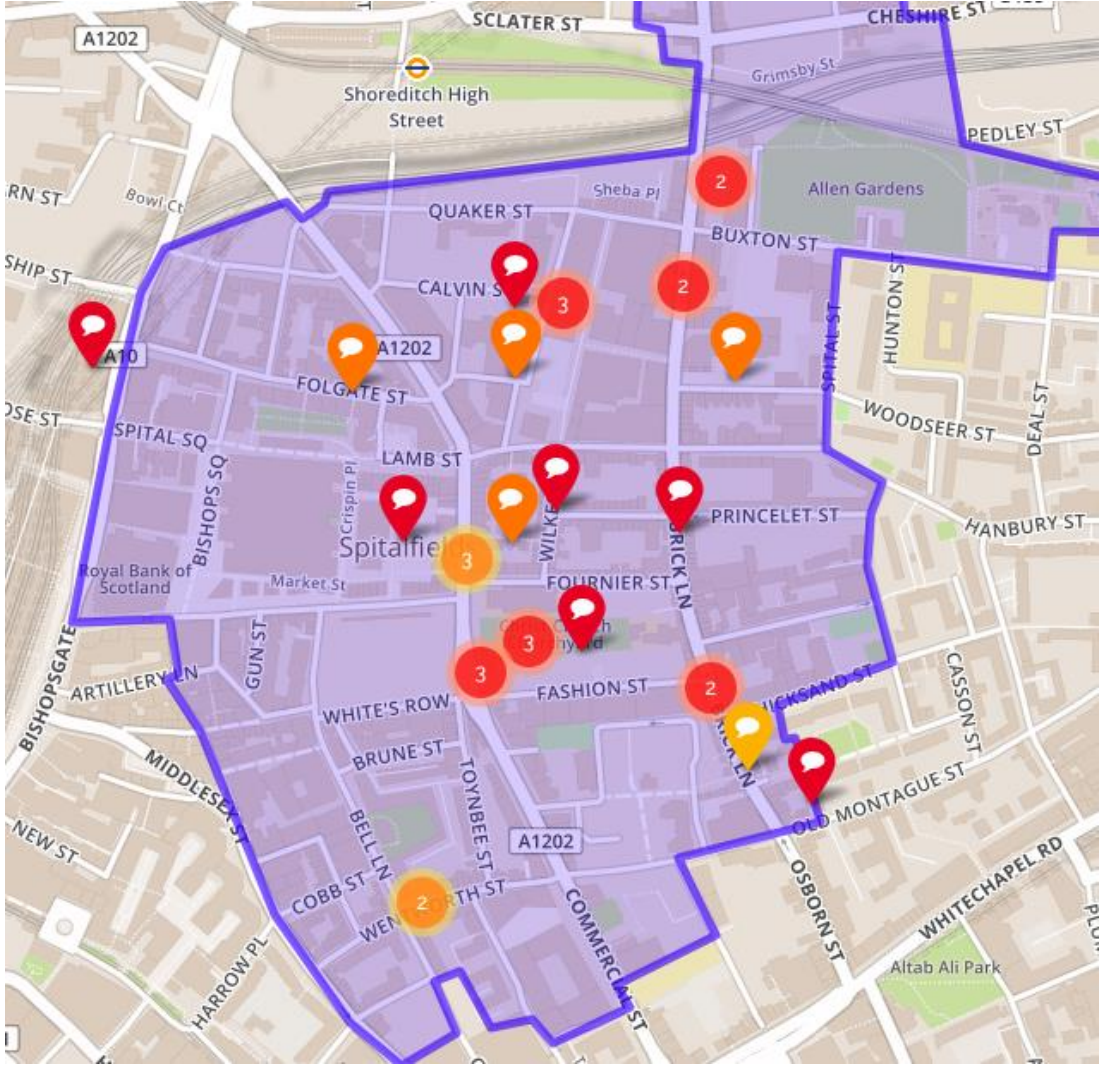
# Better nightlife



- Brick Lane South
- Spitalfields Market
- Old Truman Brewery

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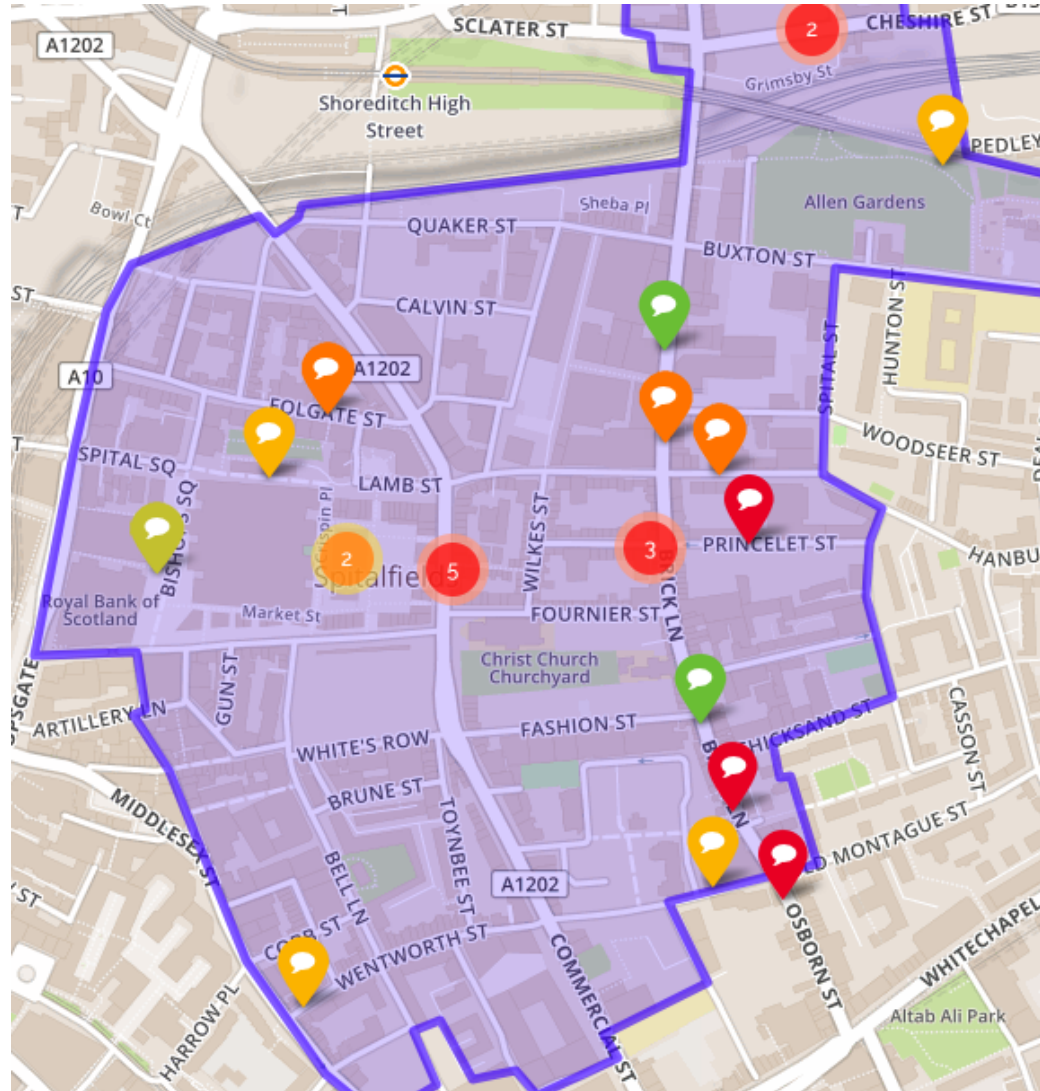
# Demolition



- Fournier St
- Old Truman Brewery
- Commercial St North

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# Cycling facilities

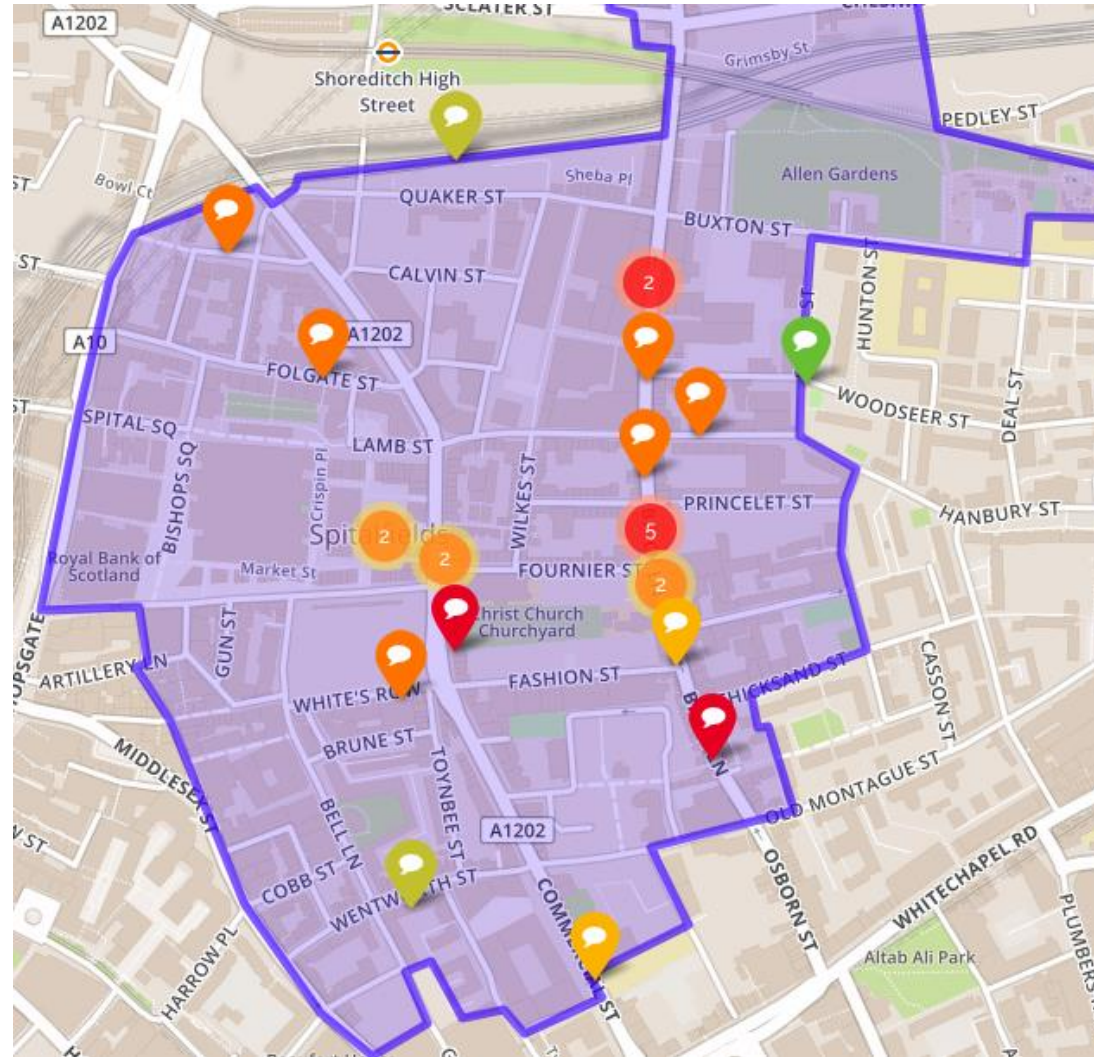


- Fournier St
- Spitalfields market
- Brick Lane South

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# Less street furniture

- Brick Lane Centre
- Brick Lane South
- Old Truman Brewery



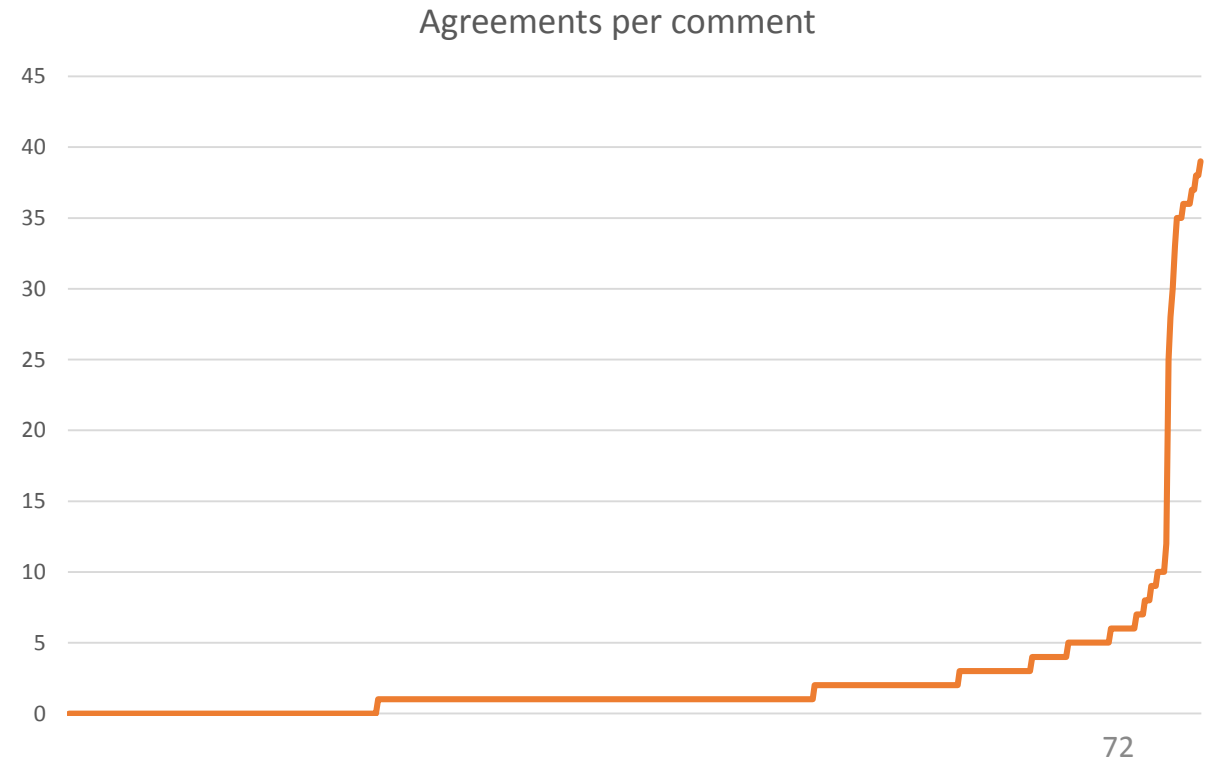
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# Other suggested improvements:

- Increased police/ CCTV
- Enlargement of existing green space (e.g. the farm)
- Electronic display in the Commercial St (north) bus shelter
- Pedestrian crossing on Commercial St (north)
- Cycle paths (improvement, moved or changed to be safer)
- More trees
- List buildings to protect them (e.g. OTB)
- Restrict alcohol licensing (Bishop's Square)
- Parking (more residential parking)
- Signage (Spitalfields, conservation areas)
- Street cleaning
- Safeguard small/local businesses
- More street lighting
- Pedestrianisation various sections of the area
- Remove telephone box (Commercial St/ Christ Church).

# Agreements

- Of the 535 comments 73% had 1 or more agreement.
- 21 had 10 or more agreements.
- The most agreements was 39.





# Comments with the most agreements:

Most of the top agreed with comments concerned The Truman Brewery, for example:

‘More active uses within the Truman Brewery site would help to bring foot traffic off the main public thoroughfares such as Brick Lane and Hanbury Street.’

These were counteracted by comments such as:

‘Truman Brewery needs protection. It offers a really diverse number of buildings and spaces, for events and the rapidly changing business use in the area. This must be a coveted site for developers, and if high rise buildings are permitted here Spitalfields will be penned in on all sides, now that Aldgate, the city and Shoreditch are filling with hi-rises’

And:

‘The building which houses the Vintage Market (part of the Truman Brewery estate) should be listed - it is a beautiful old building and it needs protection from crazy development schemes which would destroy the character of Brick Lane.’

Data analysis suggests a coordinated agreement response in support of Truman Brewery development, counteracted by numerous however less ‘agreed with’ comments.

# Other comments with top agreements:

A similar story with these other buildings which resulted in high agreements and high counteracting responses:

## **106 Commercial St:**

‘A well designed and well run multi-cuisine restaurant operation would bring this warehouse use building back into **positive use**, would create many **jobs**, and would provide local residents and visitors with greater choice.’

And

‘This area is choc a bloc with food outlets! The last thing we need are 17 more restaurants. This lovely & historic stable block is right in the middle of four streets of houses. If it becomes a food and drink outlet it will have a disastrous impact on residents way of life... Maybe the Forum should even give some thought to registering it as a Community Asset? With a long term plan of developing it into a space for all the community to enjoy?...’

## **Cooperage building on Spital St:**

‘This wonderful building on Spital Street is already fully occupied and home to creative businesses.’

And

‘This historic building in a quiet area needs protection. It also needs to be 'recycled' and brought back to life; perhaps as a light-industrial business, a micro-brewery, a new school, a new medical clinic? it could even be converted into housing but I think re-use as a business or civic amenity would be best.’

This trend is continued elsewhere in the report: for example Old Shoreditch station and Woodseer St.

# Other Top Agreements:

**Brick Lane:** 'Motorbike **parking** facility outside 93 Feet East on Brick Lane  
On market days the crush in this bottle neck caused by this bike park is so extreme that pedestrians are forced to walk in the road and are then confronted with moving traffic. Attempting to push a push-chair or a pram down here is an extremely scary experience.'

**Brick Lane:** 'Parking bays blocking pavement'

**Brick Lane:** 'Brick Lane becoming a **pedestrian** precinct would provide many advantages:

- 1) Current dangerously speeding vehicles would no longer be permitted
- 2) The current ability of drug-dealers to drive fast around the local streets would be hindered
- 3) There would be additional space for restaurant seating and family leisure
- 4) It should encourage and enhance the economic viability of the Brick Lane shops and restaurants.'

**Buxton St x Brick Lane:** 'The **bins** on this corner are often overflowing and it means the area gets filthy. On a Sunday when the market is on, the bins are already full by 10am. More bins and more rubbish collection are badly needed'



**Spitalfields City Farm:** 'This farm is crucial to the soul of the area. We have few quiet places and the ability to come here and be surrounded by nature is so important to me. My little daughter also adores this place and without it her life in Spitalfields would be significantly diminished. The farm should have extra **protection** so it can remain a public amenity forever.' (15 agreements)

**Code St:** 'Lots of **antisocial behaviour** in this area. Too many drunks and drug users make going to the park an unpleasant experience. Drug dealing and drug use happens openly around this area. Litter such as laughing gas canisters, empty cans and bottles and sometimes used syringes can be found all around the park. I would encourage plain clothes police to patrol this area and all of Allen Gardens especially at weekends.' (13 agreements)

**Christ Church Garden:** 'This park could be lovely but it is extremely **dirty** and used by **drug** addicts and people needing the toilet. There are not enough seats for people to use and the bins are usually overflowing. It needs better monitoring and better facilities.' (9 agreements)

**Allen Gardens:** 'The park is great but in the summer the **bins** are a disaster and it is filthy. This must be cleaned and maintained better.' (8 agreements)

