

Ottensen macht Platz — Hamburg's Five-Month Car-Free Street Experiment, Curtailed by a Court and Made Permanent

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

From Sept 2019 to Jan 2020 five street sections of Hamburg-Ottensen were largely car-free. Surveys showed ~80% saw gains in safety and quality of stay; retailers were split (44% positive, 40% negative). A court ended it early; a permanent scheme is now under construction.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-21

[Bezirksamt Altona \(Hamburg\); TU Hamburg evaluation; EU Cities4People](#) — accessed 2026-10-21

[Kommunalwiki: Ottensen macht Platz](#) — accessed 2026-10-21

[Bezirksamt Altona: freiRaum Ottensen](#) — accessed 2026-10-21

[TUHH evaluation record](#) — accessed 2026-10-21

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