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Canonbury West people-friendly streets trial pre-consultation and engagement report



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Pre-consultation engagement summary

Commonplace feedback (May 2020 to March 2021) **367** responses received

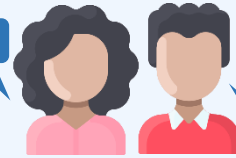
Responses from

73% [Canonbury West's residents]

Age & Gender

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UNDER 24

35%

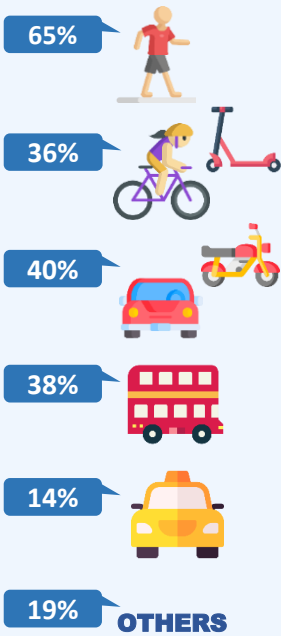


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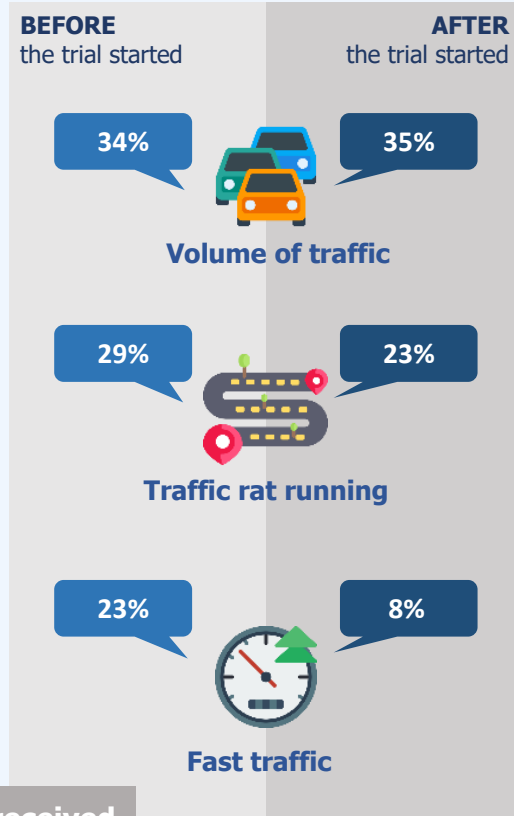
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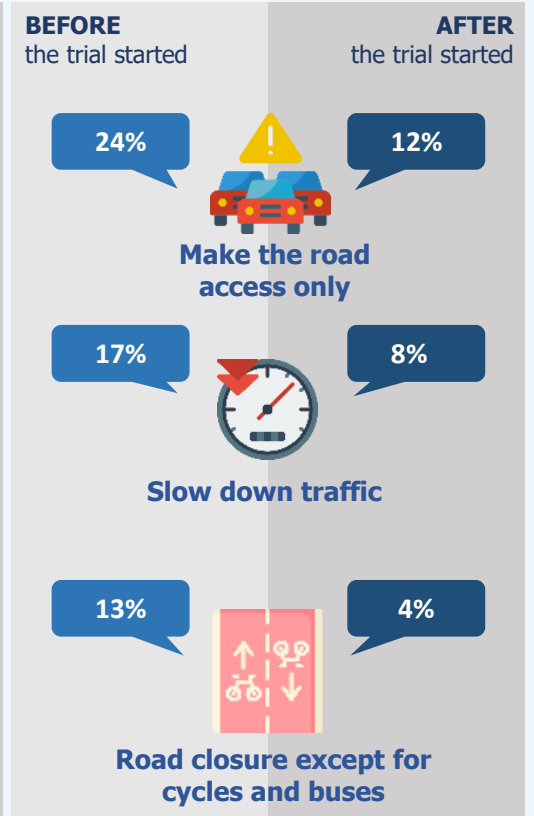
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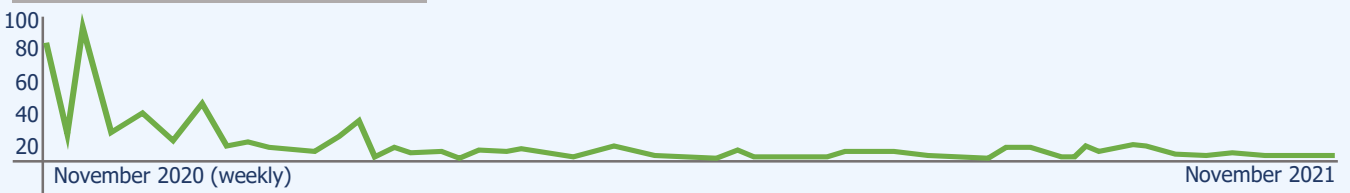
What's the problem?



How could we make it better?



491 emails received





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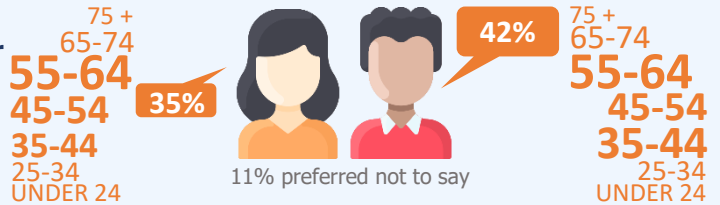
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Trial Feedback Survey (March 2021 to November 2021) **575** responses received

Responses from **Canonbury West's residents** 46%

Age & Gender



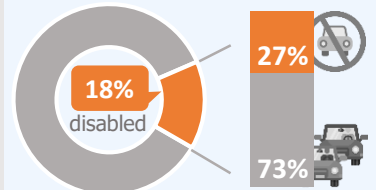
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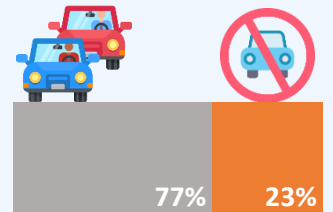
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Disability & car ownership

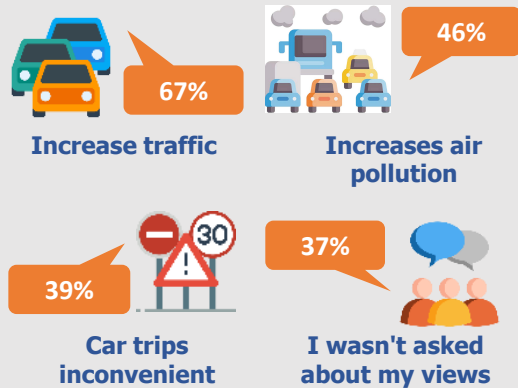


Car ownership* & support of the trial

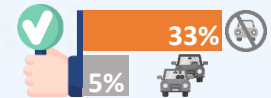


*30% of Islington households own a car

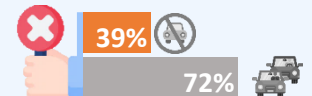
What do you dislike about this trial?



There is **nothing I dislike** about the trial



There is **nothing I like** about the trial





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Summary consultation results

Consultation Questionnaire

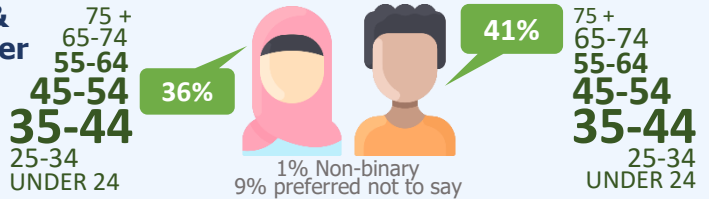
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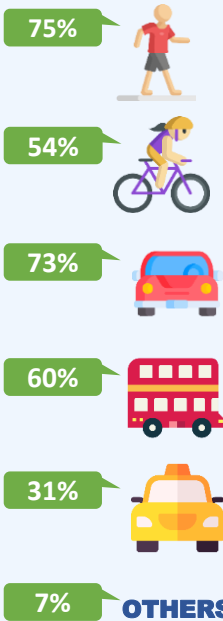
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Age & Gender



How do people travel?



Since the trial began in 2020, people think

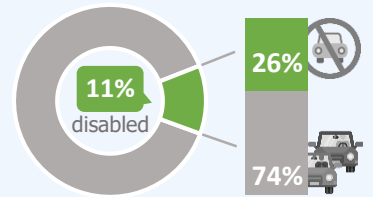
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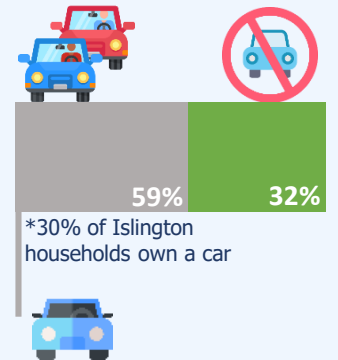
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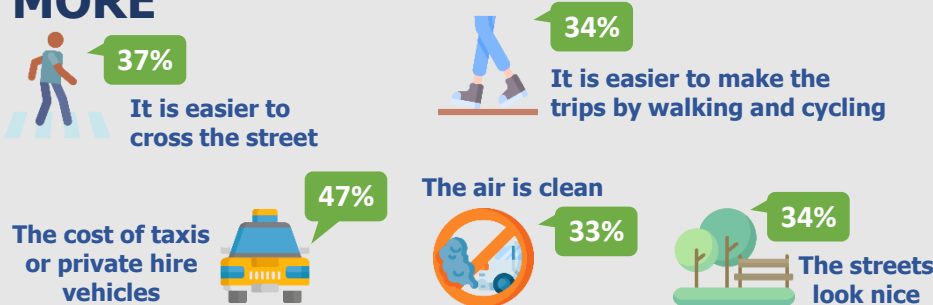
Disability & car ownership



Car ownership*



MORE



28% of car owners walk and cycle for shorter journeys instead of driving



Pre-consultation engagement report –

Canonbury West people-friendly streets low traffic neighbourhood

Date: 1 March 2022

Ward(s): Canonbury, St Mary's

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SUBJECT: Canonbury West Low Traffic Neighbourhood Trial Pre-consultation Engagement Report

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report sets out the results, findings and learnings from the engagement and consultation over the trial period for the Canonbury West low traffic neighbourhood (LTN), implemented under the people-friendly streets (PFS) programme, which was agreed by the council's Executive on 18 June 2020 and further committed to on 14 October 2021. The Canonbury West LTN scheme was initially implemented on 30 November 2020.
- 1.2. The Canonbury West LTN aligns with the Islington Transport Strategy, which was consulted on between 29 July 2019 and 29 September 2019, and adopted by the council's Executive in November 2020. The top item of this strategy's strategic vision was: "Motorised through traffic will be removed from local streets and neighbourhoods." Also adopted in November 2020, after consultation earlier in 2020, was Vision 2030: Building a Net Zero Carbon Islington by 2030. This had as a key objective to "Reduce the need for cars by making active travel (i.e., walking, cycling and public transport) the safest, easiest and most enjoyable option. The implementation of the council's borough-wide programme of People Friendly Streets will significantly support this objective." The Mayor's Transport Strategy for London (2018) and central Government policy also evidence a widely recognised need to reduce motor vehicle journeys.
- 1.3. This report outlines the results from the engagement prior to public consultation, which took place between 30 November 2021 and 18 January 2022. This engagement includes the results from the Commonplace engagement, the formal 6-month objection period to experimental traffic orders (ETOs), trial feedback survey responses, and general correspondence. The report also includes a short summary of the results from the public consultation; a full independent consultation report can be found as Appendix 6 to the delegated decision report. These reports together will inform future decision-making on the scheme.
- 1.4. 367 Commonplace comments were submitted in the Canonbury West LTN area and on the boundary roads, 92 formal objections were received to the Canonbury West traffic orders, in addition to 332 general template objections, there were 575 responses to the trial feedback survey and 491 correspondence emails were received during the trial.

- 1.5. Before the council implemented the trial 34% of the comments submitted via Commonplace said that there was too much traffic in the area. In addition, 29% of comments mentioned traffic taking short-cuts across the area and 23% referred to fast traffic as key challenges.
- 1.6. After the trial was implemented, the trial feedback survey indicates that 50% of participants said they liked something or things about the trial.
- 1.7. The consultation questionnaire responses are analysed in more detail in the independent consultation report found as Appendix 6 to the delegated decision report. Results from this analysis indicate that many participants said they felt the air was cleaner (33% agreed, 28% disagreed), they walk or cycle more to local shops and businesses more (31% agreed, 12% disagreed), and that it was easier to make necessary trips by walking and cycling (34% agreed, 22% disagreed). A total of 28% said they are spending more time in the area (16% said less time), while 26% are using the cleaner, greener, healthier streets to do physical activity more (12% are doing less activity). Only 7% of respondents to the 'free text box' in the consultation questionnaire asked for the LTN to be removed.
- 1.8. Key themes relating to negative feedback include: perceptions that traffic and air pollution have increased on boundary roads since the trial started; concerns that the scheme has increased air pollution; and concerns about Compton Road being used as a cut-through.

2. Introduction and background

2.1. The Canonbury West LTN is located in Canonbury and St Mary's wards in Islington. Data from the 2011 Census shows that a total of 12,072 residents live in the Canonbury ward and 11,553 people live in the St Mary's Ward. Table 1 highlights the population profile of the area.

Categories		London	Islington	Canonbury Ward	St Mary's Ward
		Total: 8,173,941	Total: 206,125 in 2011 (244,372 in 2021)	Total: 12,072	Total:11,553
Gender	Female	51%	51%	54%	51%
	Male	49%	49%	46%	49%
Age	Under 16	20%	16%	17%	14%
	16-24	12%	14%	11%	12%
	25-44	36%	42%	43%	46%
	45-64	21%	19%	19%	19%

Categories		London	Islington	Canonbury Ward	St Mary's Ward
	65+	11%	9%	10%	9%
Disability	Disabled	14%	16%	17%	15%
Ethnic group	BME	40%	32%	28%	25%
	White	60%	68%	72%	75%
Religion or belief	Christian	49%	40%	43%	40%
	Muslim	12%	9%	8%	6%
	Other	10%	4%	3%	4%
	No religion	21%	30%	30%	33%
	Religion not stated	8%	17%	16%	17%

Table 1 - demographics of London, Islington, Canonbury Ward and St Mary's Ward

Source: 2011 Census data available at: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

2.2. The Canonbury West LTN was implemented as the fourth LTN in the people-friendly streets programme on 30 November 2020, as an 18-month trial. Four traffic filters were originally installed to remove through traffic from the neighbourhood at Canonbury Place, Alwyne Road, Clephane Road and Ramsey Walk.

2.3. As part of the PFS programme the council had committed to hold a public consultation once each LTN has been in place for at least twelve months, and to give full and proper regard to the outcome of that consultation when taking a decision on whether to keep, change or remove each scheme. The public consultation for Canonbury West took place between 30 November 2021 and 18 January 2022.

3. Engagement prior to public consultation

a. Commonplace

3.1 Since the early stages of the first Covid-19 lockdown, residents from Islington's local communities and other stakeholders had the opportunity to suggest ways the council could

help them to walk and cycle more safely and easily using the online engagement tool, Commonplace. This was set up on 29 May 2020 to enable residents and others to indicate locations and measures for the people-friendly streets programme to respond to the challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic posed. More detailed information can be found in the [Executive Report](#) (October 2021).

- 3.2 The Commonplace tool closed for comments in March 2021, but the comments made are taken into consideration as part of the development of PFS schemes and can still be viewed on the website at: <https://islingtonpeoplefriendlystreets.commonplace.is/> A total of 6,447 respondents across the borough left comments on the Commonplace site. For each point placed on the map, users were prompted to select from a list of problems or barriers which prevented them using active travel methods more frequently and to select prepopulated solutions.
- 3.3 The council received 367 responses via the Commonplace tool for the Canonbury West area, between 15 May 2020 and 2 March 2021. This report has analysed the data collected, and graphs below show the comments received before and after 30 November 2020. This is the date on which the scheme was implemented, a resident letter announcing the scheme was distributed before and the scheme was announced in Islington's communication channels. From the total of 367 comments, 341 comments were made before 30 November 2020, prior to the scheme in Canonbury West being implemented (blue bars on Figures 1 to 4), and 26 comments after the scheme was implemented on 30 November 2020, (black bars on Figures 1 to 4). This was an effective way to gather local people's views of a) the current streets and public spaces; and b) how to make Islington's streets more people-friendly.
- 3.4 Figure 1 shows the number of comments posted for each listed problem on the Commonplace tool during the survey periods. The volume of traffic has been a historical problem, as 'volume of traffic' featured in 34% of the comments submitted prior to the scheme being implemented. 'Traffic rat running' was also reported (29%), followed by 'fast traffic' (23%) and 'noisy motor traffic' (21%). After the scheme was advertised, 35% of comments selected 'volume of traffic' as a problem, 23% listed 'traffic rat running', 8% reported 'fast traffic' and 15% 'noisy motor traffic'. 39% of the 'what's the problem' comments after the scheme was implemented chose 'other'.
- 3.5 Commonplace respondents could also select 'other' to the 'what's the problem' question, which opened a free text box. Before the scheme was implemented 122 participants (36% of 'before scheme' participants) selected this option and key themes were related to the Highbury Corner remodelling scheme, increased traffic on boundary roads, poor pavement conditions and dangerous cycling conditions. By contrast, after the scheme was implemented, 10 comments (39% of 'post advertising' comments) selected the same option, and most of the comments referred to the trial as being the problem. Other comments mentioned issues such as constrained access for HGVs and dangerous cycling on pavements.

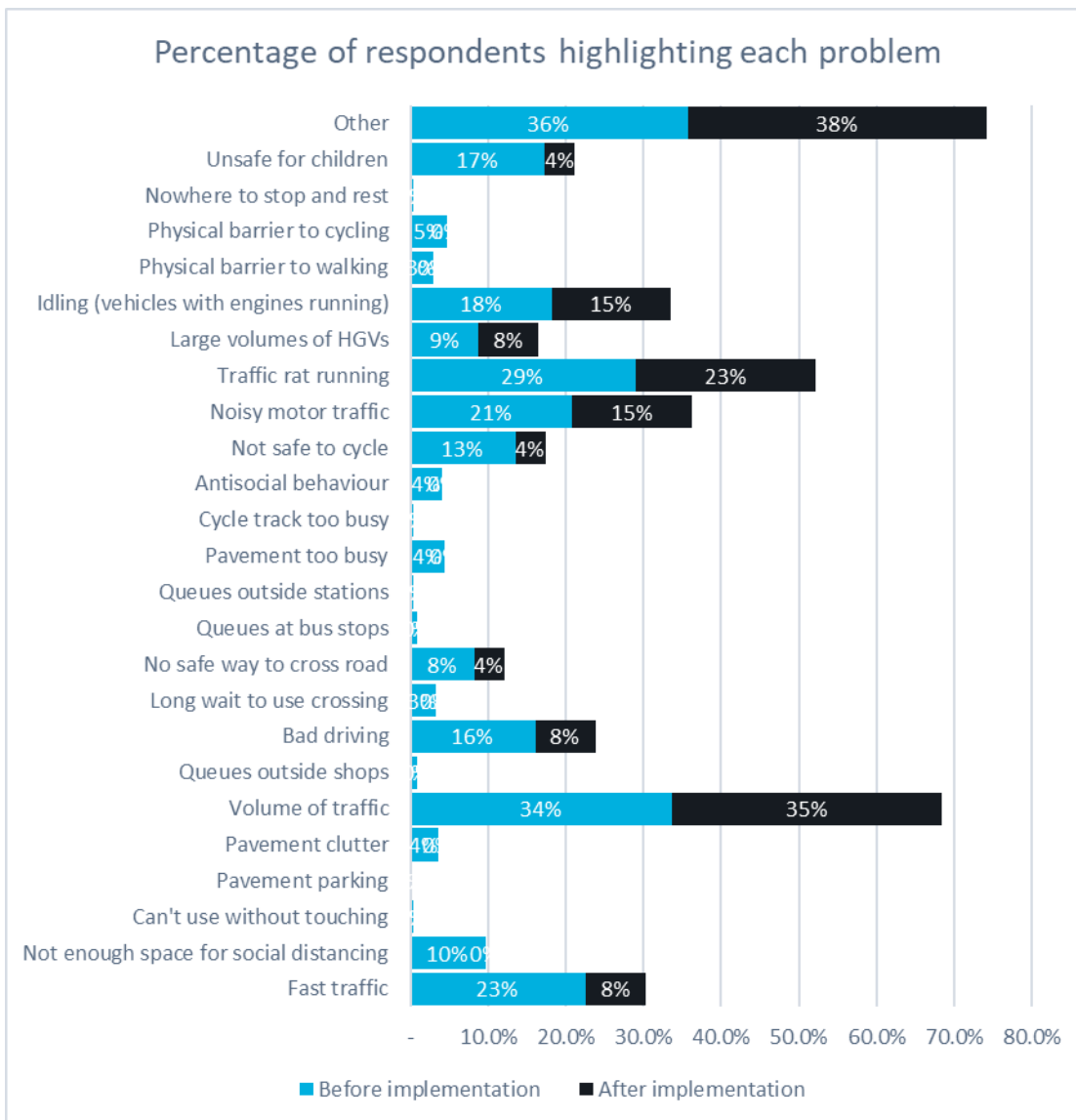


Figure 1: Number of comments posted for each listed problem on Commonplace, question: 'What is the problem?'

3.6 Figure 2 shows the results of the question: 'How could we make it better?' where the top two options in the Canonbury West area were 'Make the road access only' and 'Slow down traffic' with 24% and 17% before the scheme was implemented. By comparison after the scheme was implemented 12% of comments referred to 'Make the road access only' as a solution, 8% referred to 'Slow down traffic'.

3.7 Before the scheme was implemented 149 comments (44% of 'before scheme' participants) selected 'Other' to 'How could we make it better', which opened a free text box. The key themes were relating to banning HGVs, improving signage, and removing road closures. By contrast, after the scheme was implemented 14 comments (58% of 'post advertising' comments) selected the same option, and most comments mentioned removing the trial as a solution and adjust traffic light phasing at Highbury Corner.

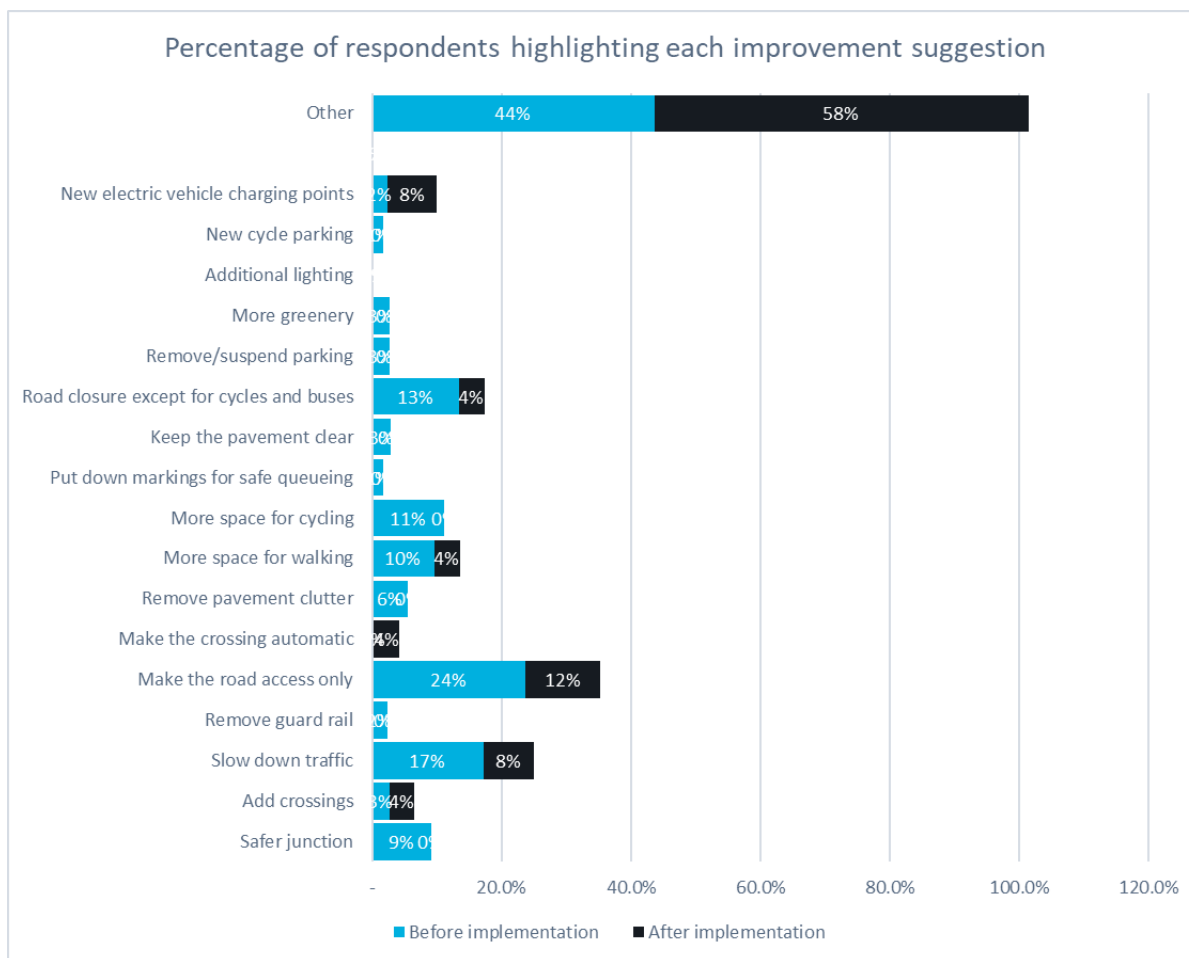


Figure 2: 'How could we make it better?'

3.8 Figure 3 shows that the 69% of respondents to the Canonbury West local Commonplace survey, prior to implementation, would support changes they had suggested via the Commonplace tool being made long-term, while 17% would only support temporary solutions.

3.9 After the trial was implemented 58% of people who responded said that they would support the changes being permanent while 27% said that they would not support this. It must be noted that this question relates to the changes people are suggesting in their comments, and therefore do not necessarily refer to the trial measures. Therefore, no firm conclusions can be drawn out of this data, in terms of a decision on the trial measures.

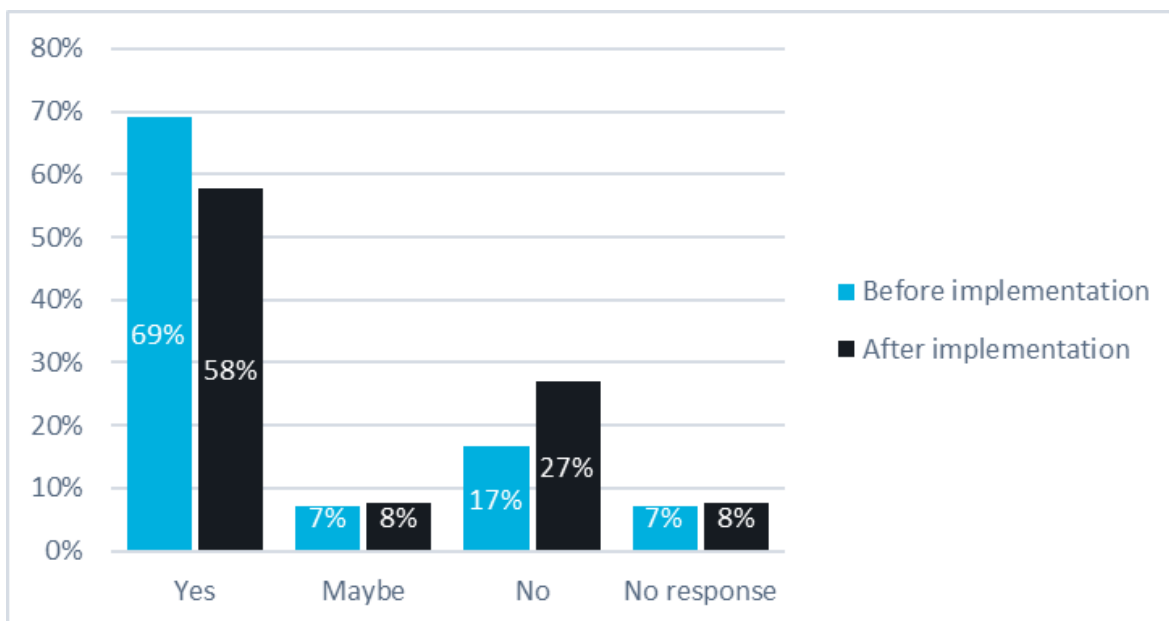


Figure 3: 'Would you support these changes (suggested by respondents) being made long-term?'

3.10 Most of the people who responded to the survey declared that they live in Canonbury West (73% in total) followed by people who work in the area, with 12% in total (see Figure 4).

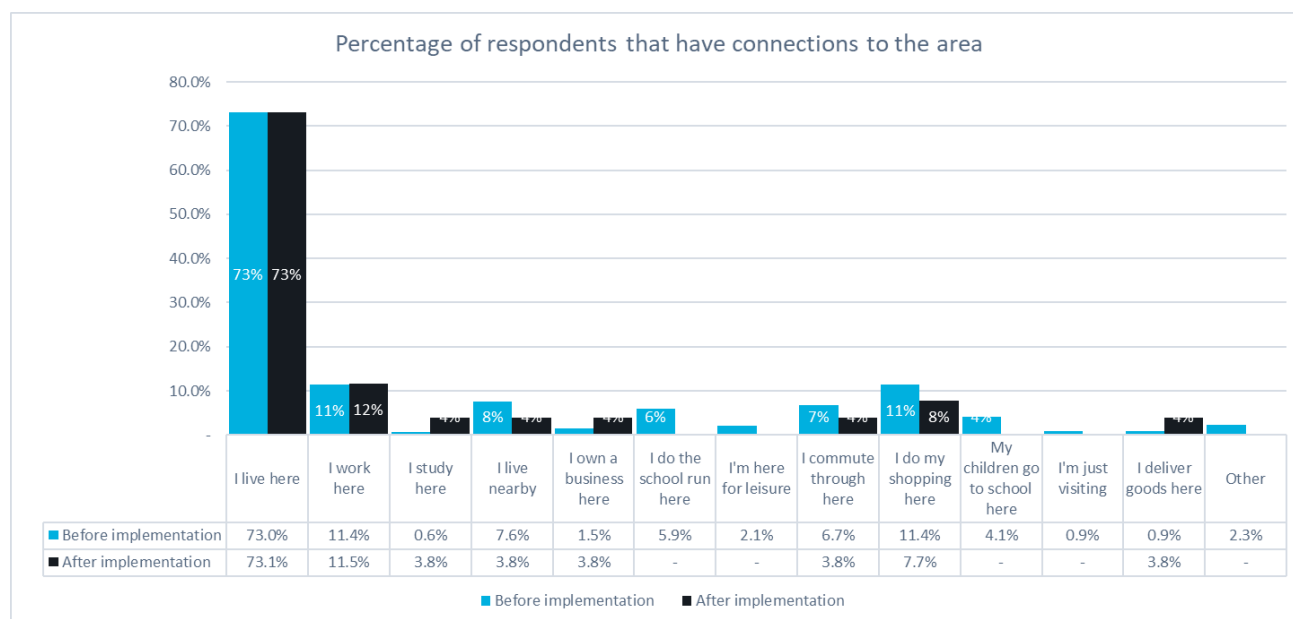


Figure 4: 'What is your connection to the area?'

3.11 Figure 5 displays how people travel in Canonbury West. People who posted comments mainly walk (65% before the scheme was implemented and 62% after) and drive alone (40% and 46%, respectively). About one third of respondents used the bus (38% and 31%) and cycled (35% before the scheme was advertised and 27% after).

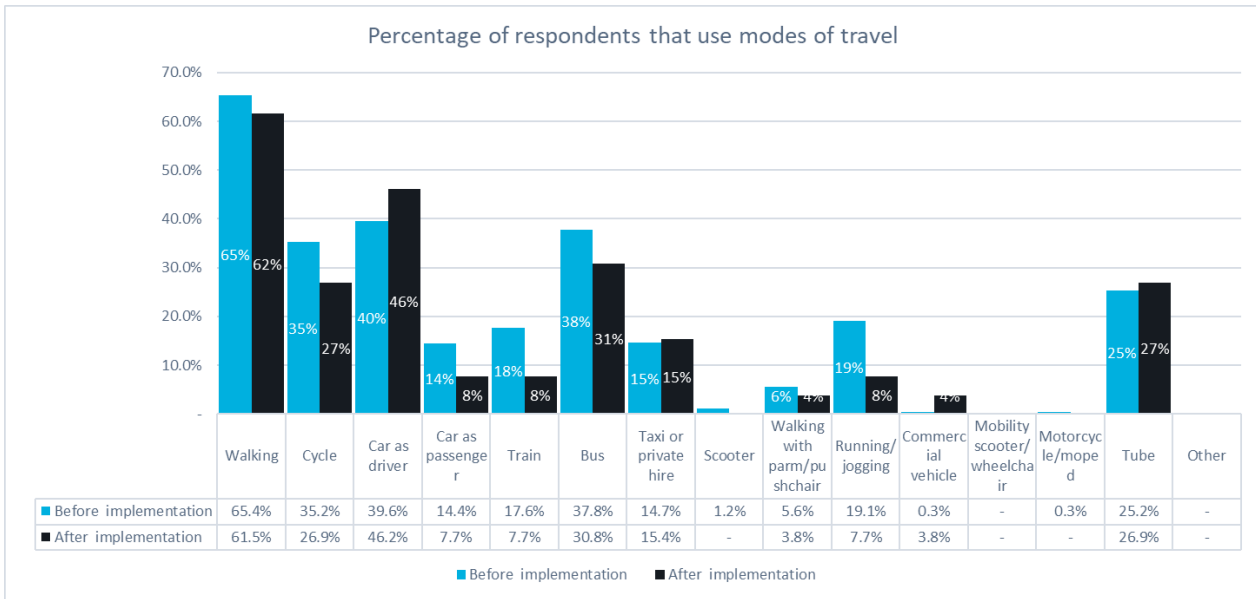


Figure 5: 'How do you usually travel in the areas?'

3.12 As Figure 6 shows, the transport modes selected by people who posted comments prior to the scheme being implemented are relatively consistent regardless of their connection to the area, with a noticeable variation for walking and car use. People reported travelling more by walking, cycling and public transport rather than by car, especially those who work in the area. Walking is the most selected transport mode across the groups, as the proportion of respondents who walk for those who live in Canonbury West is 83%, 90% for people who work in the area, and 100% and 93% for those who shop and whose children go to school. Respondents who live and shop in the area report using cars more than people who work and whose children to go to school. Multiple travel modes could be selected by each individual, so percentages will not sum to 100%.

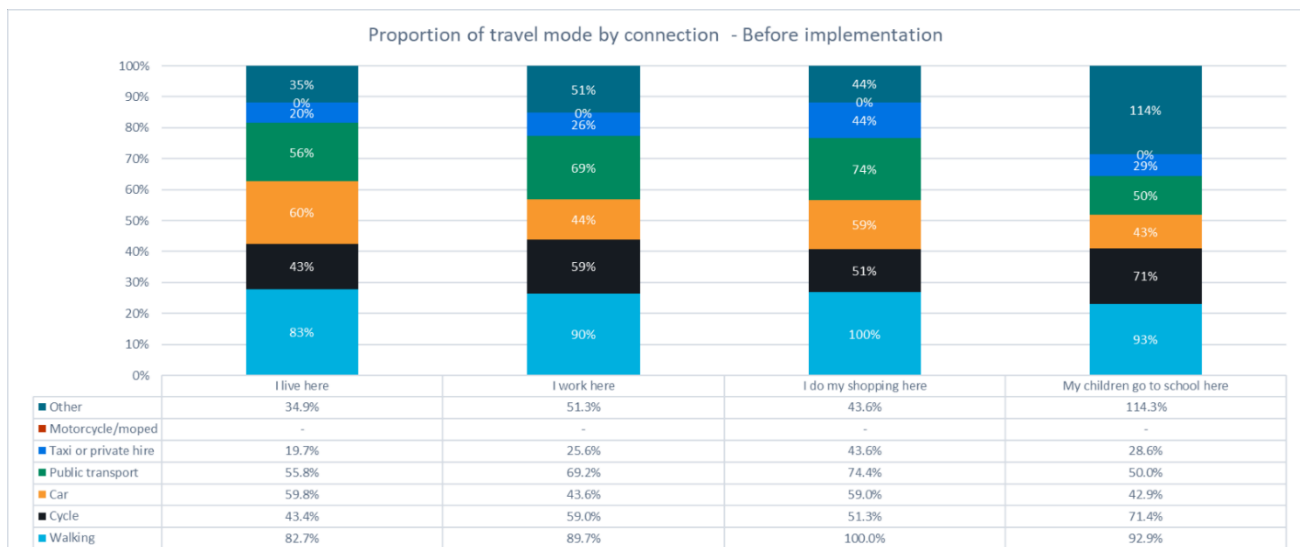


Figure 6: 'What is your connection to the area? And 'How do you usually travel in the areas?' - Before scheme was advertised

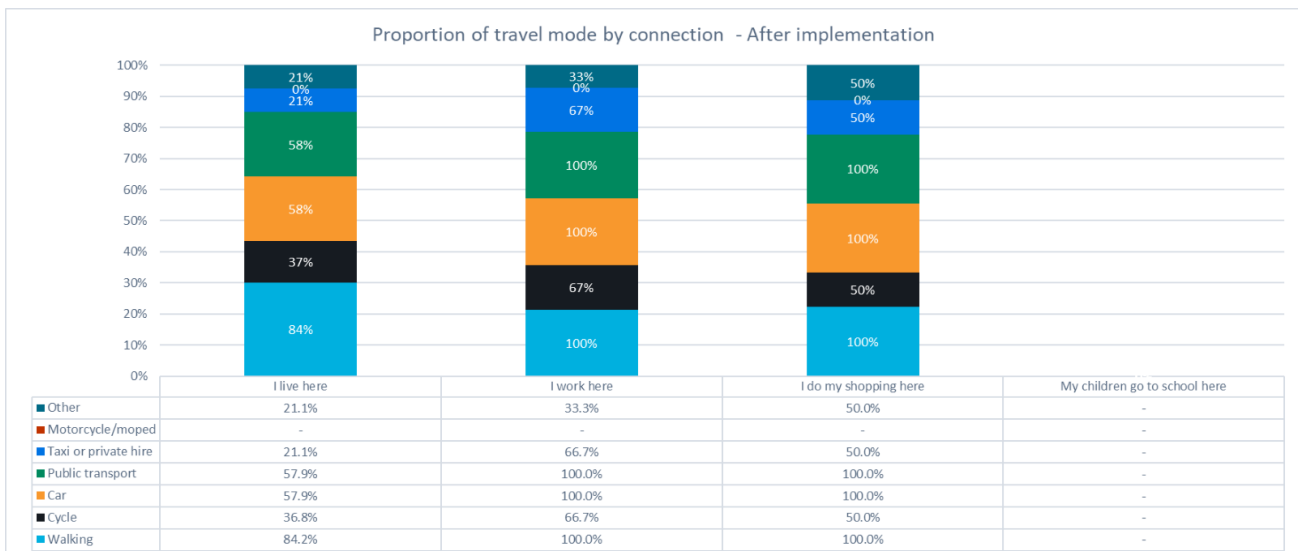


Figure 7: 'What is your connection to the area? And 'How do you usually travel in the areas?' After scheme was advertised

3.13 The proportion of car users (as passenger and drivers) who posted comments after the scheme was implemented did not significantly increase compared with the pre-implementation comments, as shown by a comparison of Figures 6 and 7. It should be noted that only three respondents after the scheme was implemented indicated they worked in the area, and only two said they shopped in the area.

3.14 Commonplace comments for the Canonbury West area show that traffic issues were reported spontaneously by local people prior to the scheme being implemented. The top three issues reported were the volume of traffic, traffic taking short cuts and fast traffic. Some comments proposed solutions such as pedestrianising some local streets or local road closures. From the comments, active travel and public transport were the most common transport modes amongst residents.

3.15 The analysis of the comments shows that transport modes have an influence over the responses submitted. For instance, car users reported issues relating to the traffic restrictions whilst people who do not drive reported more issues relating to landscaping, poor pavement accessibility, fast traffic and cyclist behaviour.

3.16 Analysis of the demographics on Commonplace show that 10% of the comments came from people aged 25-34, 17% came from people aged 35-44, 19% from 45-54, 22% from 55-64. Younger people (Under 24, 1% with 3 comments) and older people (+65 years old, 8% with 31 comments) were under-represented in the Commonplace feedback.

3.17 35% of respondents said they were men, 35% said they were women.

b. Statutory consultees

3.18 The pre-implementation consultation with statutory consultees took place in August 2020 and involved the following statutory stakeholders: London Ambulance Service (LAS), London Fire Brigade (LFB), the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), the NHS Blood and Transplant Service, the Road Haulage Association, the Freight Transport Association (Logistics UK), TfL Network Management, TfL Buses, HCT Bus company, Royal Mail, Emily Thornberry MP (Islington South), Sem Moema AM (GLA).

3.19 Preliminary designs of the proposed traffic filters at four locations in Canonbury West, included one camera enforced filter at Canonbury Place, and three physical filters at Alwyne Road, Clephane Road and Ramsey Walk. Initial feedback from the emergency services highlighted concerns around the number of physical filters being introduced in the area, and the negative impact this would have on response times. As a result, the physical filter at Ramsey Walk was changed to a camera enforced filter.

3.20 After further discussions with the emergency services on 10 August 2020 to address outstanding concerns, the decision was made to convert the remaining two physical filters at Alwyne Road and Clephane Road to camera enforced filters. The emergency services were sent revised designs on 17 September 2020 and responded stating they had no objections to the proposals.

c. Engagement with Schools

3.21 North Bridge House – Senior Canonbury, 6-9 Canonbury Place was visited on 1 July 2021. School representative stated that the school receives 7-15 deliveries per day, with delivery drivers sometimes confused regarding access since the introduction of the LTN. Adjustment also made to drop off and pick arrangements for PE sessions. Coaches now wait on Canonbury Road and students walk to and from school.

3.22 Canonbury Primary School on Canonbury Road is in continuous contact with officers as part of the School Streets programme. Officers conducted meetings with school representatives in Spring 2021 and before Christmas period in 2021. Consultation for the School Streets programme at Canonbury Primary School took place in January 2022.

d. Email correspondence

3.23 The total amount of individuals who sent correspondence regarding Canonbury West over the period of advertisement, implementation and pre-consultation amounts to 491. 87% of the correspondence received was categorised as negative, 4% as positive, 4% as mixed and 0.4% as unclear, and 4% as other topic.

3.24 Those emails were received through the PFS email address set up for correspondence relating to the programme (peoplefriendlystreets@islington.gov.uk). It must be noted that that email address was set up to answer queries and provide information to people who had questions about the programme, the council did not directly invite feedback through this email address. Therefore, email correspondence in isolation should not be understood as a quantifiable measure of the support for or against the scheme. It is worth pointing out that people who are the most severely impacted by the scheme tend to write to the council. Most council services would show a similar proportion of 'negative' to 'positive' correspondence, as most residents feel more motivated to write in when they perceive that a change has impacted them negatively than when a change has had a beneficial effect.

3.25 However, the correspondence received by email provides valuable feedback from residents and visitors of the Canonbury West LTN, and the key themes are considered in this section.

3.26 Figure 8 highlights the volume of correspondence received and the trends over time. Week 52 represents the week before the Canonbury West consultation, once the scheme had been in place for 12 months. This began on 30 November 2021. The graph shows a high volume of correspondence after the scheme was first advertised, declining over time.

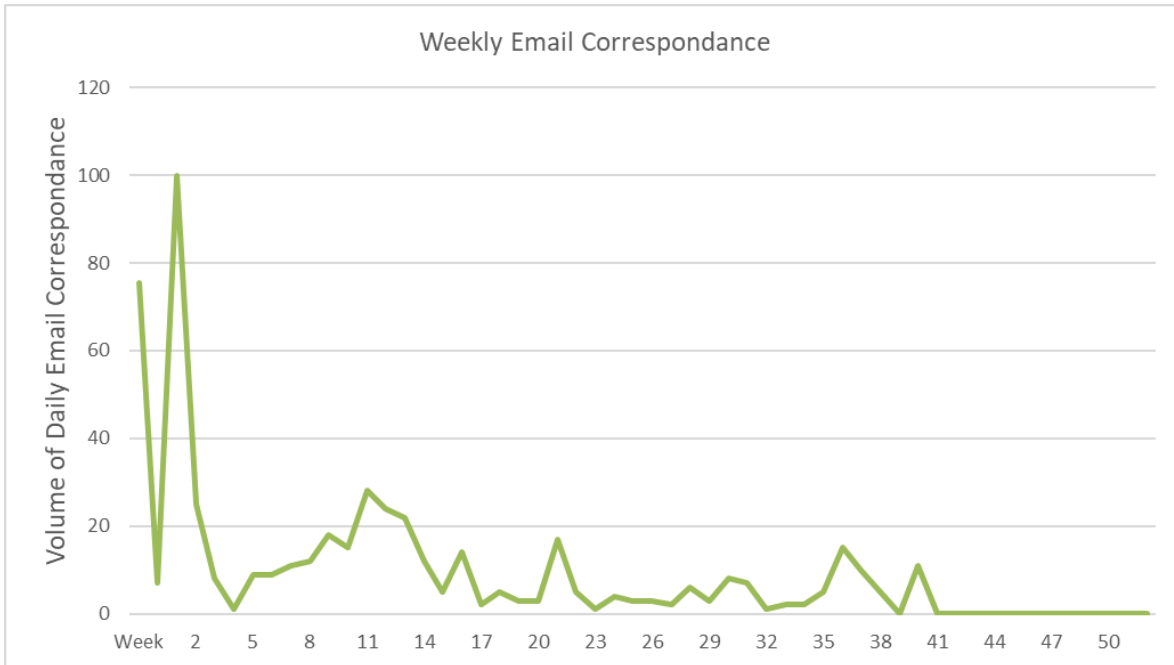


Figure 1: Volume of weekly correspondence, during each week, of received correspondence over time

3.27 Throughout the scheme, people have raised concerns around local traffic increases at Compton Road, increases of traffic on boundary roads and congestion at Highbury Corner. Another regular topic raised was exemptions for residents, Blue Badge exemptions, access for and cost of taxis and businesses.

3.28 List of negative themes (in no order):

- Increase in traffic/pollution on boundary roads, particularly on St Paul’s Road
- Inconvenient car journeys
- Access for disabled worsened, Blue Badge exemptions
- Danger from increased traffic/speeding
- Lack of compliance from motorcycles and mopeds
- No clear signage
- Traffic near Highbury Corner
- Cars queuing on Compton Road
- Scheme pushing traffic past Canonbury Primary School
- Making driving routes longer and more complicated
- Speeding on local roads
- Delivery drivers unable to make deliveries
- Safety for women on quiet streets
- Businesses complain about infringement of their accessibility on streets
- Impact on emergency services

3.29 List of positive themes (in no order)

- Calls for more greening, planting trees
- Increase of cycle storage and cheaper rates than parking permits
- Less speeding on internal roads
- More electric charging points
- Quieter streets at night for sleeping
- More pleasant surroundings
- More children able to cycle safely
- Less pollution- impact on air quality
- Less noise from traffic on internal roads
- More active travel for disabled people
- Support for reallocation of road space for walking and cycling
- Better route mapping, e.g., footways

e. Trial feedback survey analysis

3.30 The trial feedback survey was designed to capture the experience of residents and people in the area about the trial, how they think the trial was going and their ideas on how the scheme could make their streets more people-friendly.

3.31 The Canonbury West trial feedback survey was open between the beginning of March 2021 and to 30 November 2021, closing on this date with the start of the public consultation. 575 people submitted a survey response. The majority of responses were received at the beginning and end of the survey period (March and November 2021) with 196 and 150 responses, respectively.

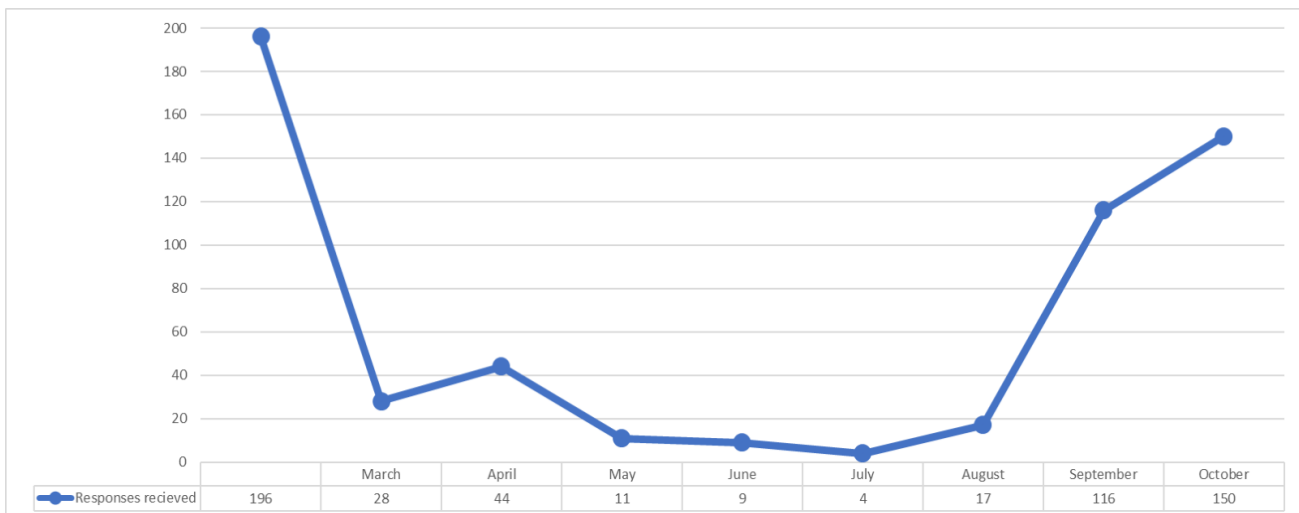


Figure 9: Trial feedback survey trend over time

3.32 Respondents who reported as living within the Canonbury West’s people-friendly streets area are largest group in the survey responses (46%), followed by respondents who live near the Canonbury West area with 23%, and 14% for those who live in another part of Islington. This is consistent with responses about people’s connection to the area, for which 67% stated that they were a resident, followed by 11% who work in Islington and 6% of respondents who represent businesses, as show in Figure 10.

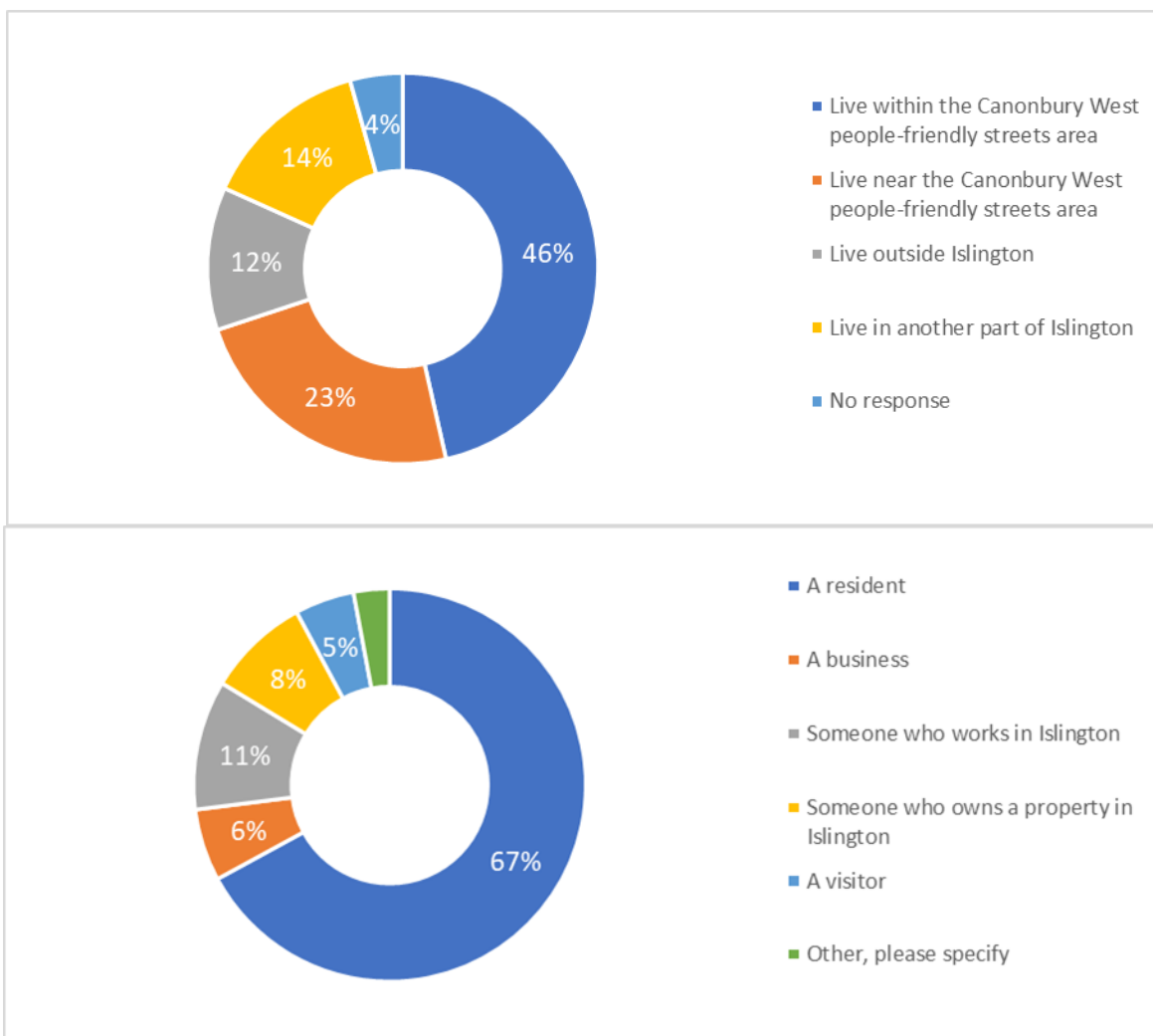


Figure 10: Who responded and their relation to the area

3.33 As Figure 11 shows, respondents' transport modes are fairly consistent regardless of their connections to the area, except for those respondents who live outside of Islington. Individuals were able to select more than one mode of transport and as such the sum of the percentages is not 100%. The proportion of respondents who live in Canonbury West and walk is 83%, this proportion is 76% for people who live near Canonbury West and 69% for people who live in another part of Islington, while only 46% of respondents who live outside of Islington selected walking as a transport mode. The proportion of respondents who are car users is 79% for those living in Canonbury West, 84% for those living near Canonbury West, 76% for those living in another part of Islington, and 85% for those living outside of Islington, suggesting that the trial feedback survey has attracted a greater proportion of car users from outside the area.

3.34 Figure 11 also shows that across all categories, between 24% and 47% of respondents reported that they cycled. By contrast, the three-year average (2017/18-2019/20) of the London Travel Demand Survey for trips made by Islington residents shows that only 5% of trips are made by cycles, which suggests an over-representation of people cycling in the survey responses.

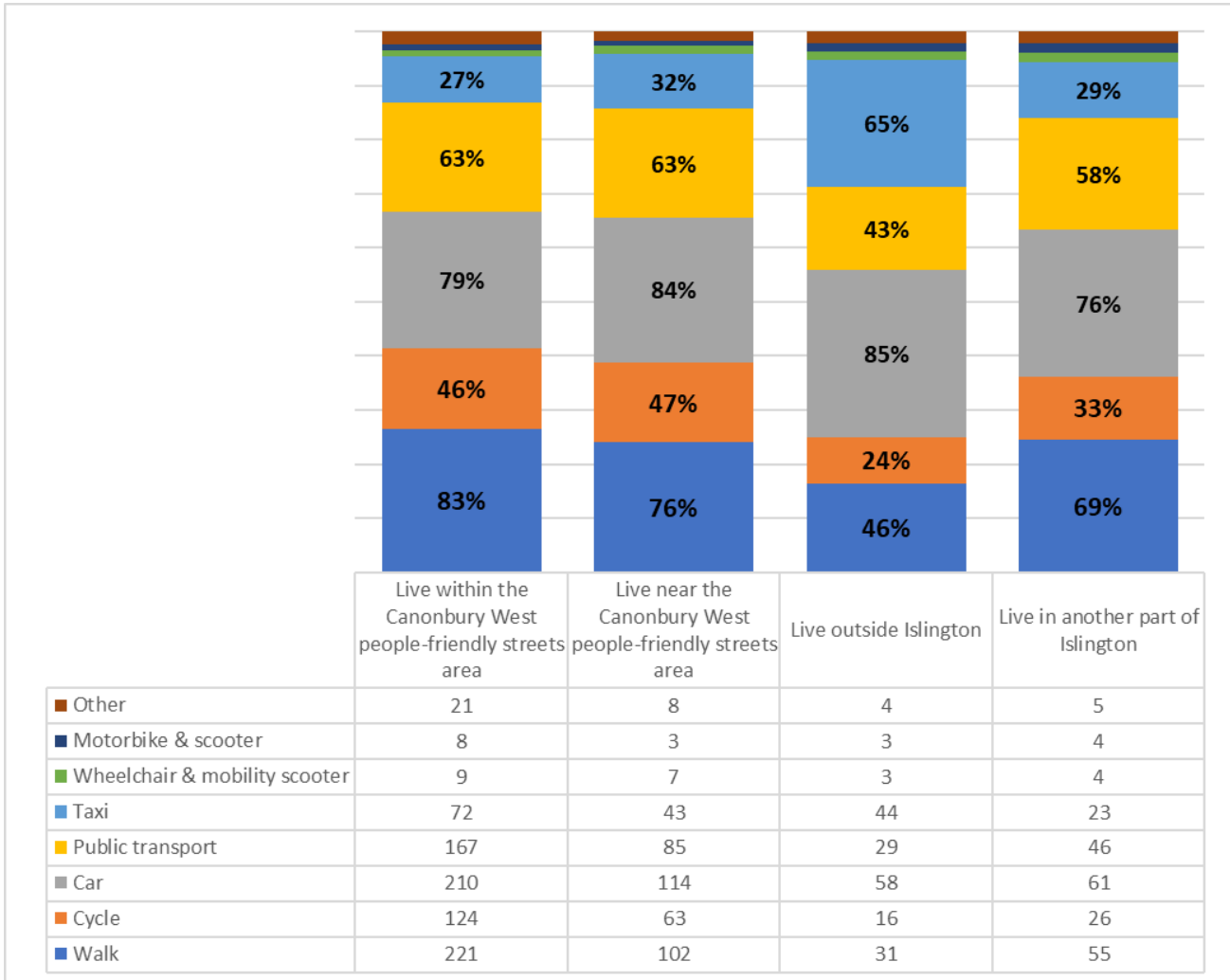


Figure 11: Who responded and modes of transport

3.35 Figure 12 shows that 77% of respondents are car owners, and 23% of respondents reported not owing a car. Given that 71% of the households in Islington are without access to a car, this indicates an over-representation of car owners in the trial feedback survey responses.

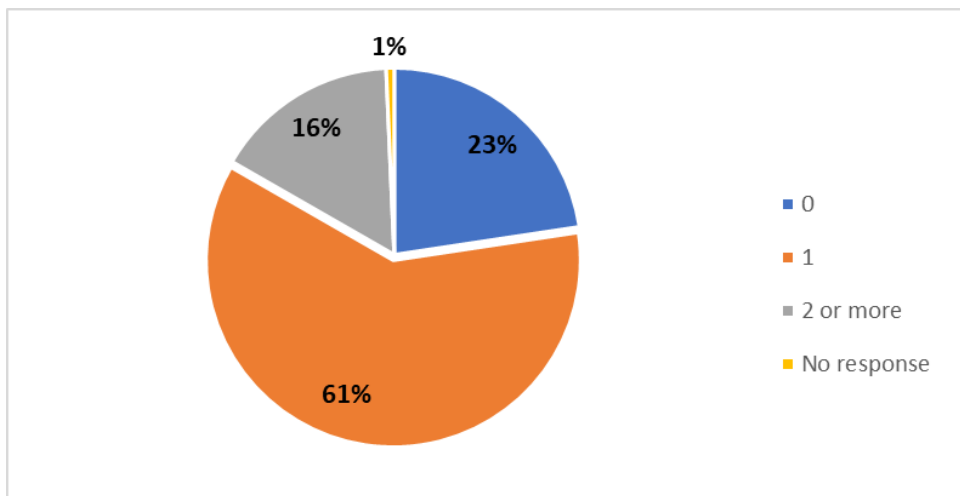


Figure 12: Car ownership

3.36 Respondents were asked which traffic filter they were providing feedback on. 74% of respondents gave feedback on all the filters. The Canonbury Place traffic filter was the most commented-on individual filter with 26%, followed by the Alwyne Road traffic filter with 17%, all are shown in Figure 13. (All filters, or a combination of individual filters could be selected, so percentages will not sum to 100%).

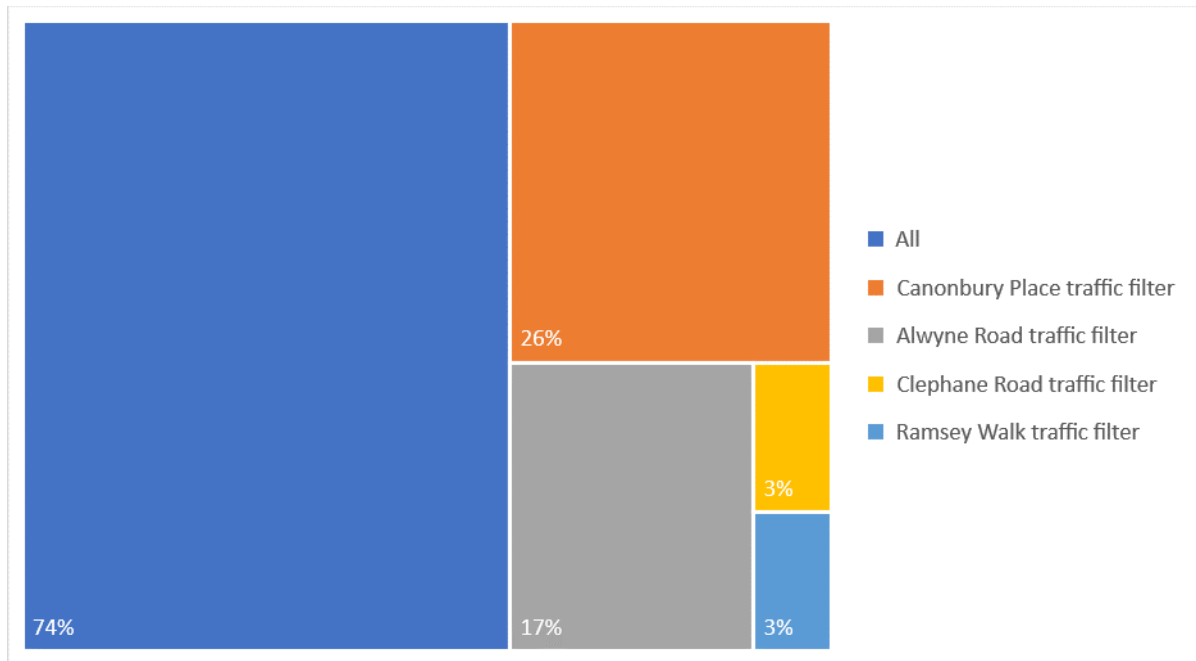


Figure 13: 'Which traffic filters are you commenting on?'

3.37 Figure 14 shows the proportion of people who agreed with the following statement, grouped in agree / disagree categories:

- 30% had concerns about danger from traffic in the area, 58% disagreed
- 44% had concerns about traffic congestion in the area, 46% disagreed
- 42% had concerns about air pollution from traffic in the area, 42% disagreed
- 50% wanted to see less carbon emissions from traffic, 25% disagreed
- 41% thought streets should be safer for children, parents and carers walking and wheeling to school, 32% disagreed
- 34% thought that action should be taken to improve people's health by making it easier for people to walk, wheel and cycle more, 41% disagreed
- 20% thought the trial makes it safer and easier to travel in the area by walking, wheeling or cycling, 71% disagreed
- 80% thought the trial makes it more difficult to drive, 12% disagreed

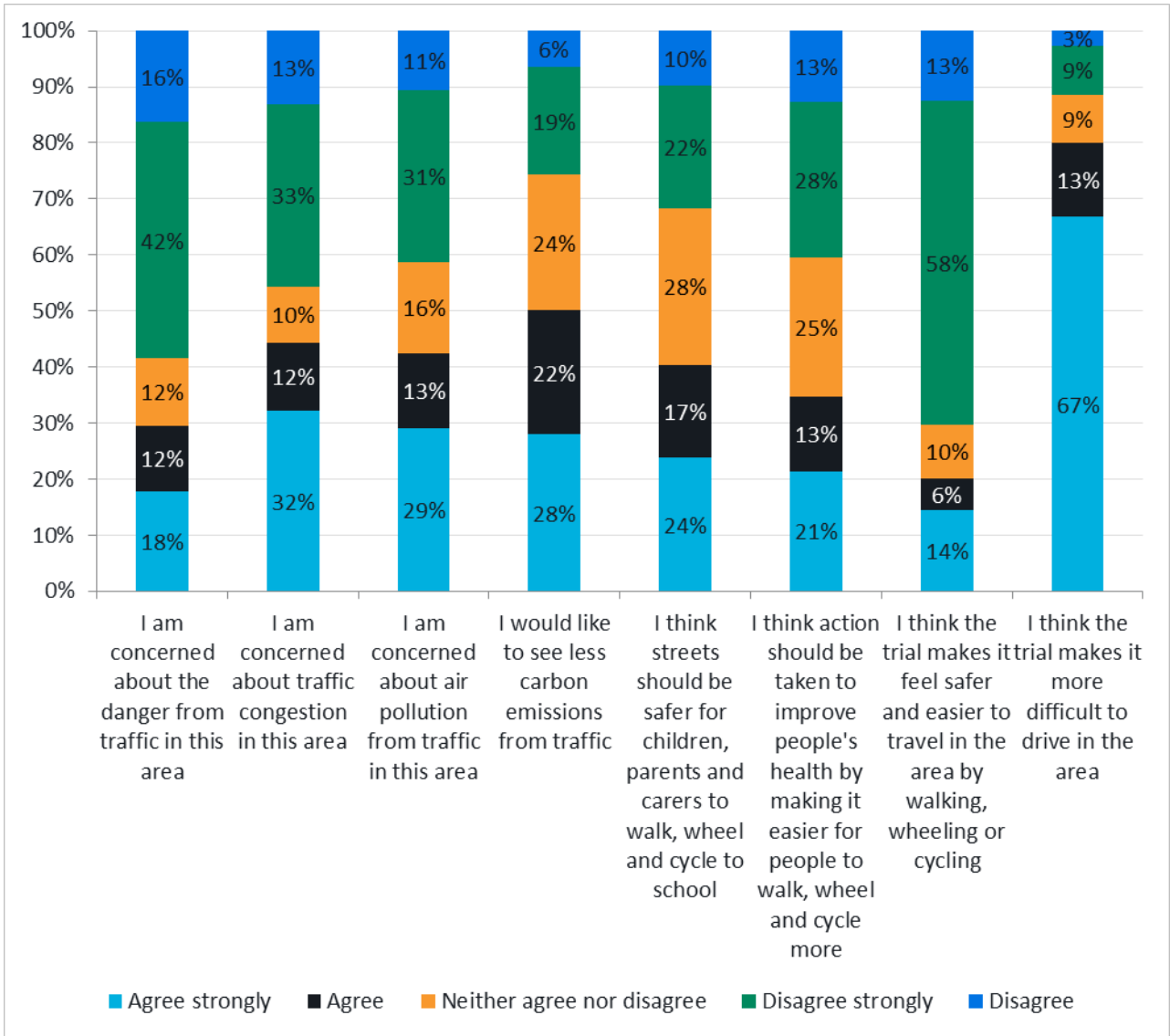


Figure 14: How much people agree or disagree with the statements about the Canonbury West people-friendly streets (PFS) area

3.38 Figure 15 shows that around 50% of respondents expressed that they liked one or many things about the trial, while 37% expressed that there was nothing they liked about the trial. On the other hand, 89% of respondents disliked one or more things about the trial, while just 3% expressed that they do not dislike anything about the trial.

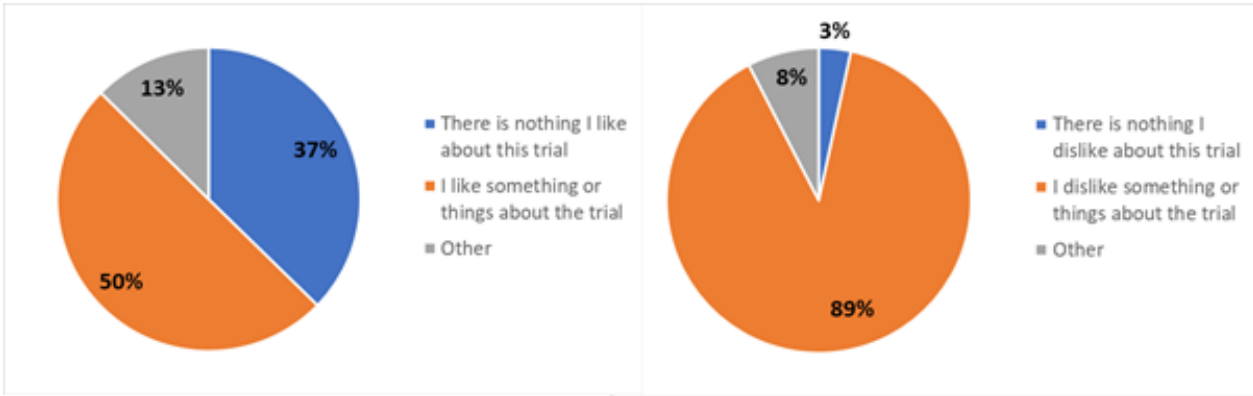


Figure 15: Do people like the Canonbury West trial?

3.39 Figures 16 and 17 show what people liked and disliked the most about the trial when selecting one or more of the listed options. The options respondents selected the most as 'like' were the reduction of through traffic (17%), making the area more pleasant (12%) and reduces air pollution (11%). On the other hand, what most people dislike about the trial were the increase of traffic on the main roads (67%), the increase of air pollution (46%) and that the trial makes car trips more inconvenient for me or my visitors (39%).

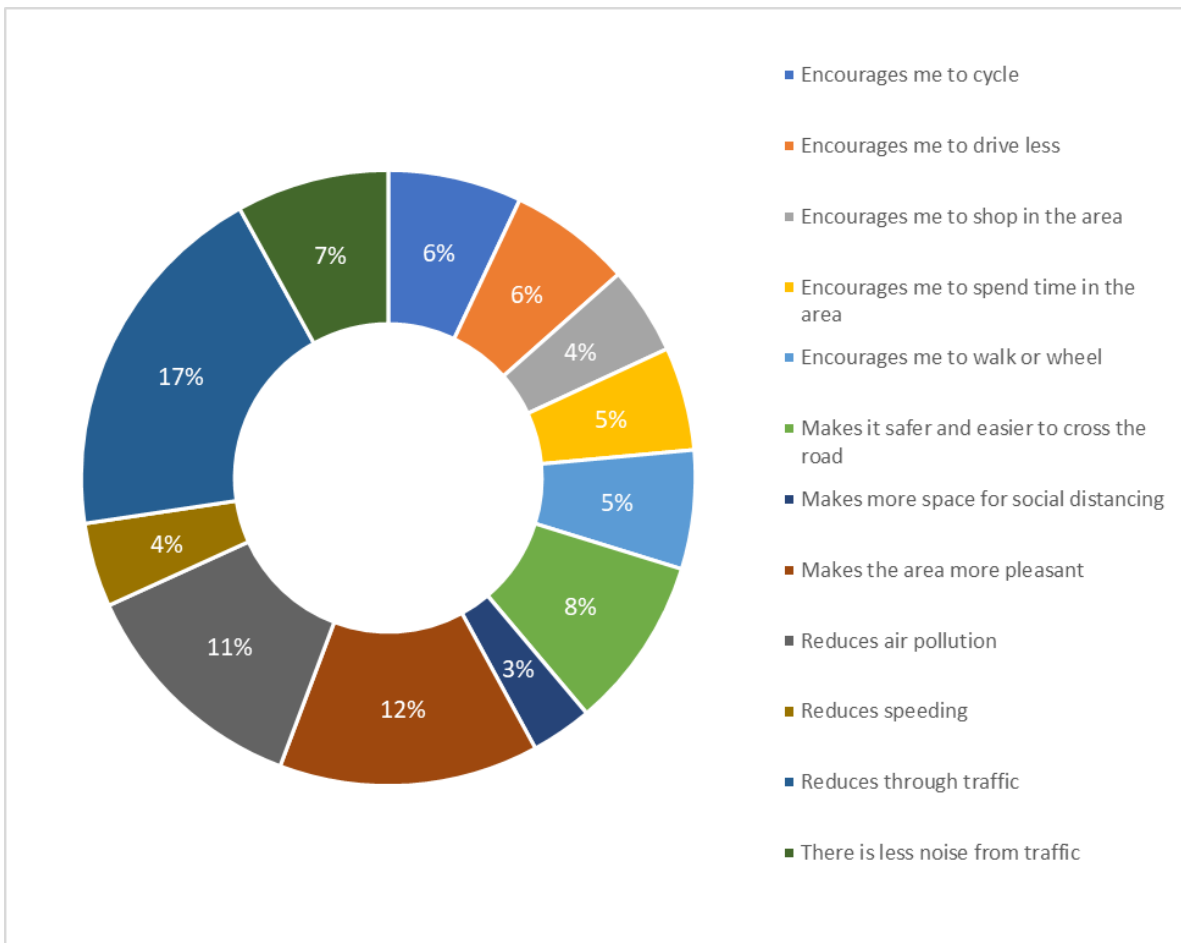


Figure 16: What do people like about the Canonbury West trial

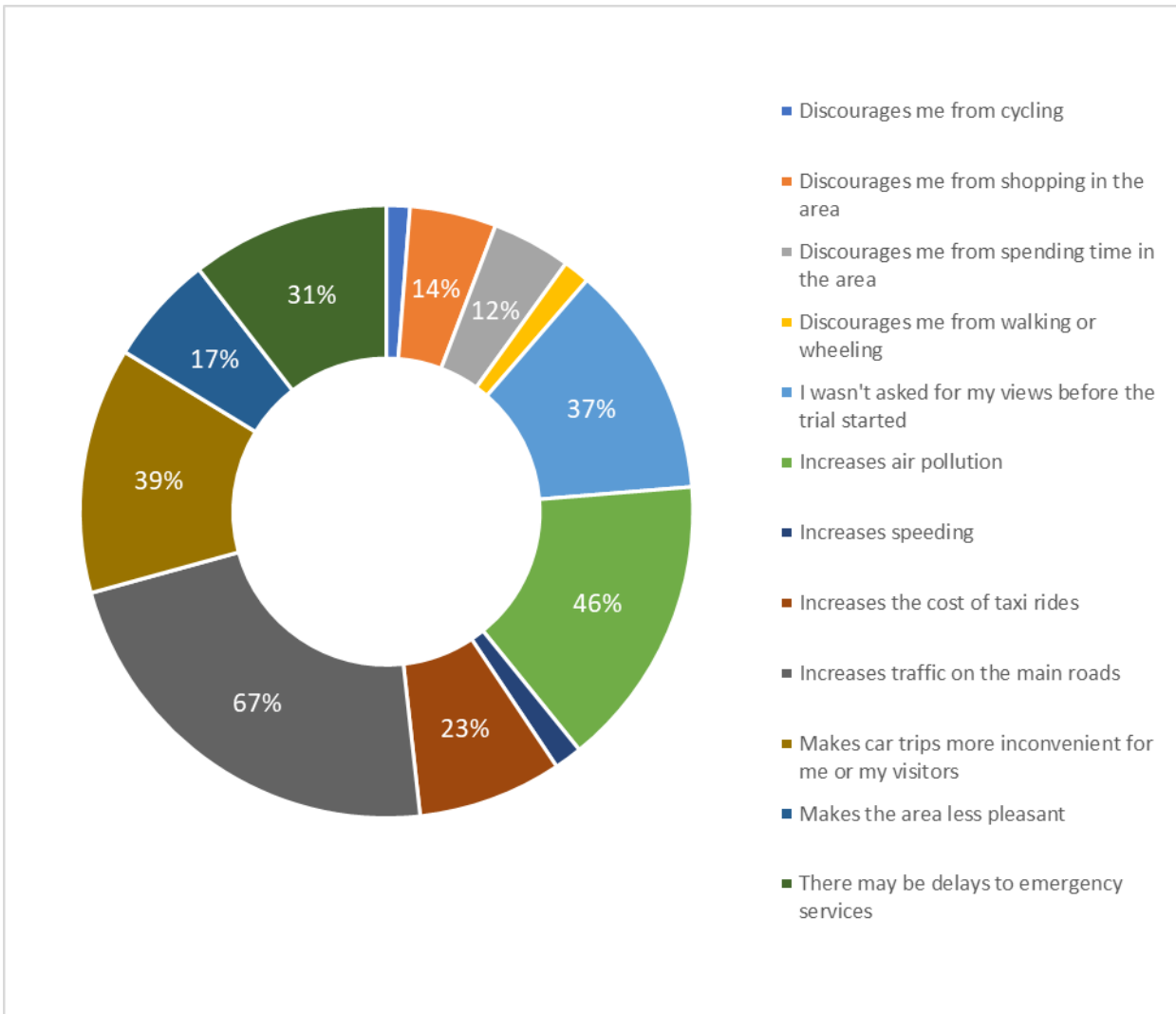
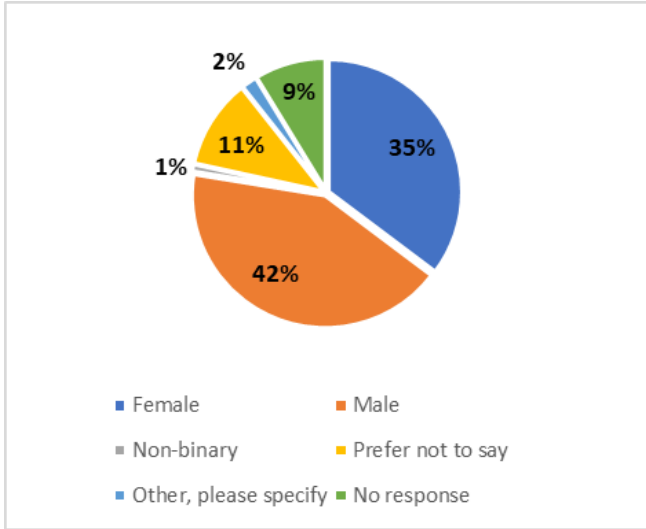


Figure 17: What do people dislike about the Canonbury West trial

3.40 35% (203) of people responding to the trial feedback survey were female and 42% (243) were male, with 11% (63) of respondents preferring not to say. Figures 18 and 19 compare responses to 'like' and 'dislike' depending on gender. Respondents were able to select multiple likes or dislikes and as such the total percentage does not equate to 100%. 70% of women and 59% of men responded that there was nothing they liked about the trial. 13% of women and 21% of men reported they liked that trial reduces through traffic and 23% of women and 15% of men stating they liked 'other' things about the trial. 73% of women and 63% of men that they disliked the increase of traffic on main roads. 46% of women and 43% of men stated they disliked that the trial has had an increase in pollution.



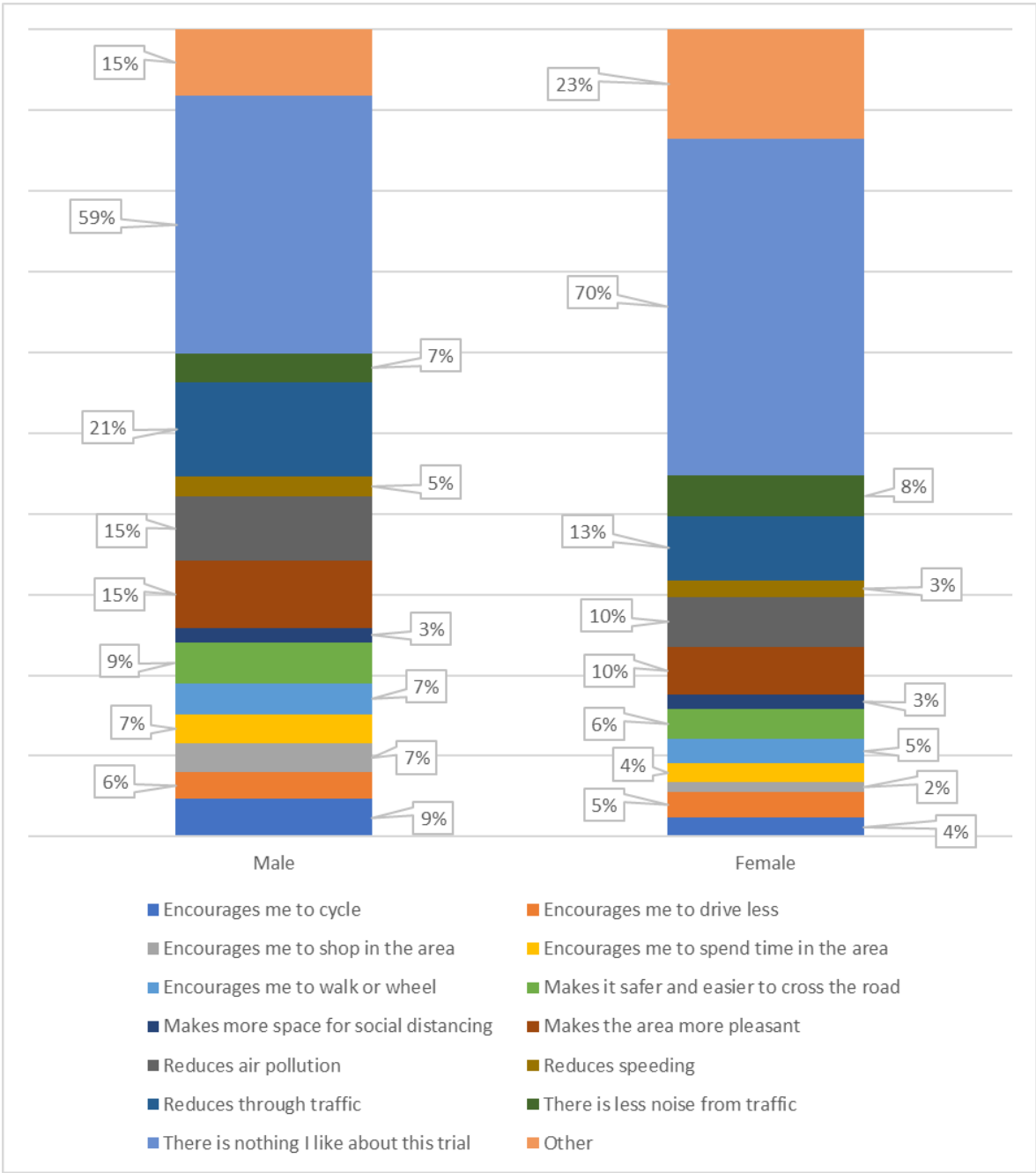


Figure 18: Gender cross-referenced with what people like about the Canonbury West trial

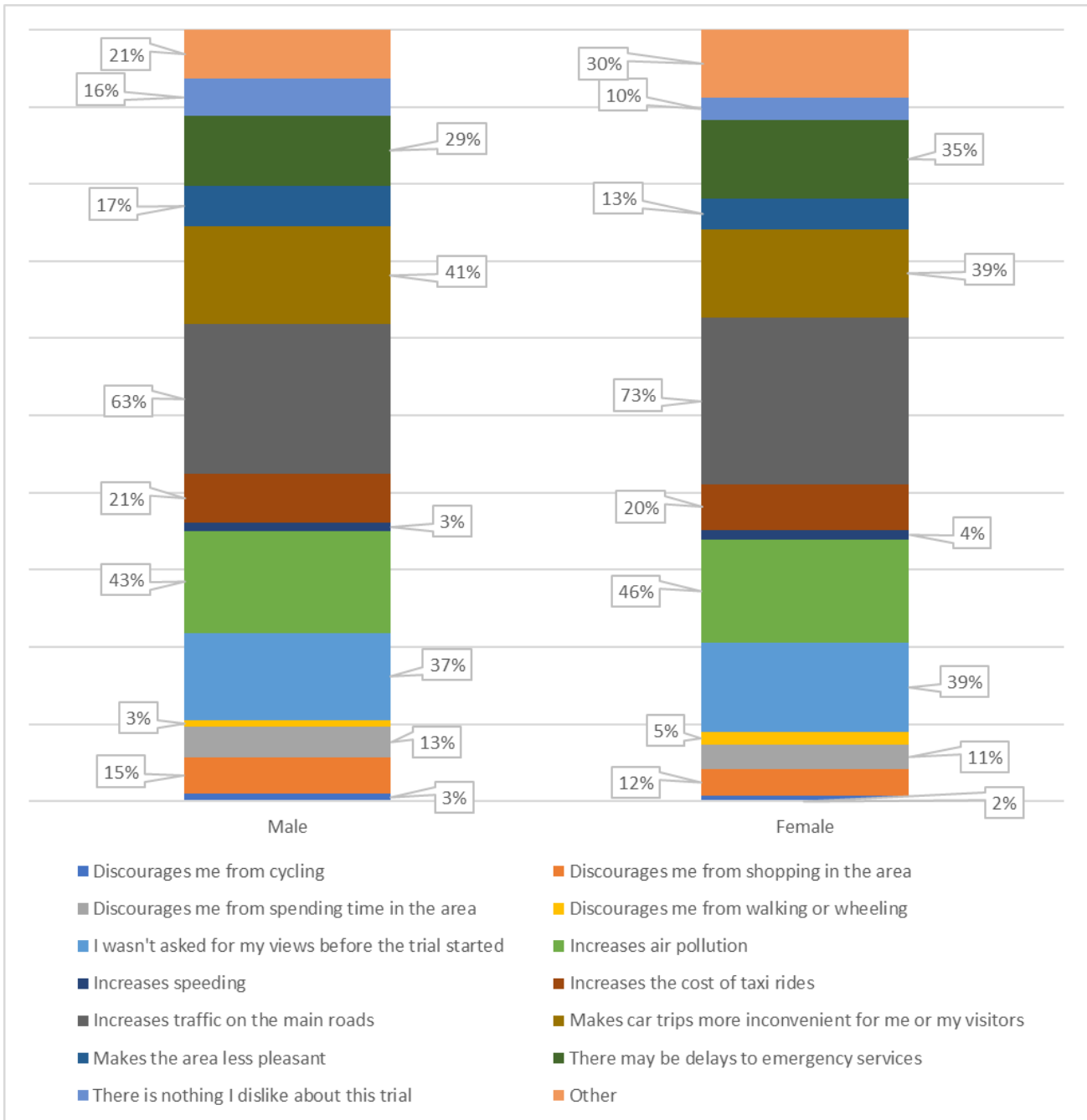


Figure 19: Gender cross-referenced with what people dislike about the Canonbury West trial

3.41 Figure 20 shows how female and male respondents travel in the Canonbury West area. Respondents were able to select more than one option, so the total response does not sum to 100%. Walking is the most popular mode of transport (80% of female respondents and 75% of male respondents), followed by public transport with 57% and 64%, respectively, then by 'car as driver' with 61% and 56% respectively.

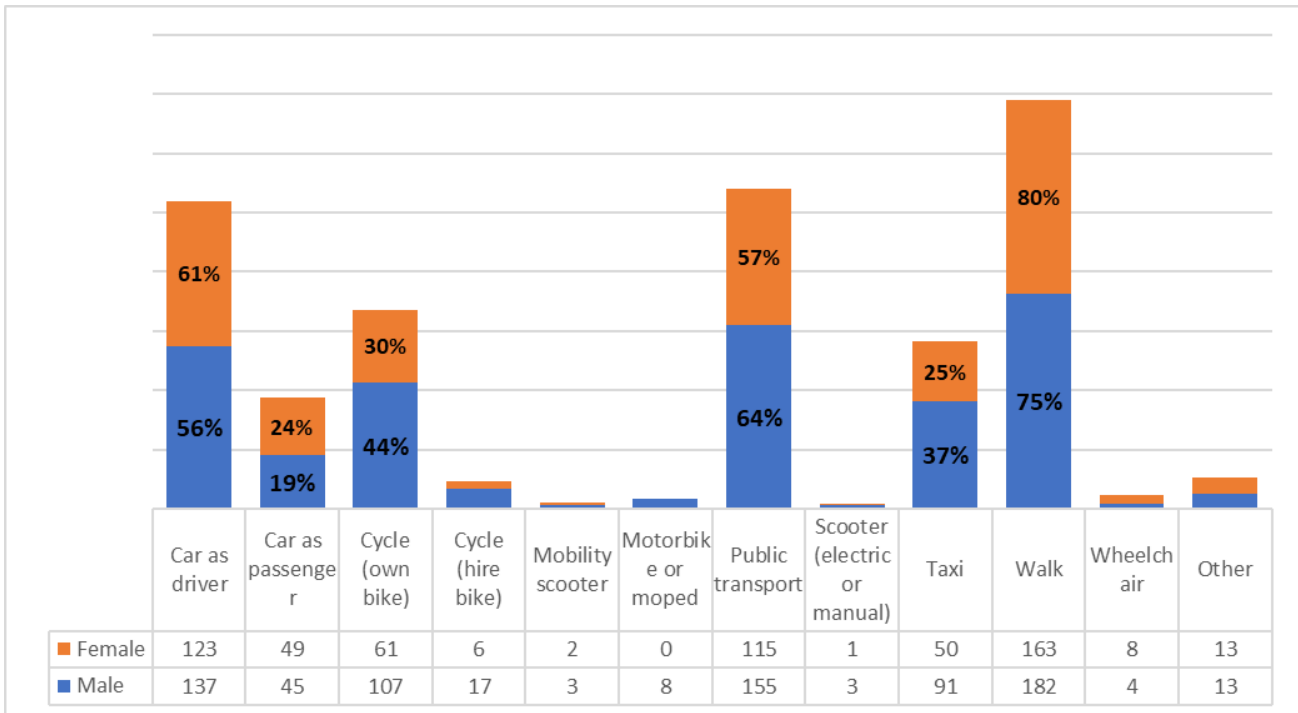


Figure 20: How do female and male respondents travel?

3.42 Figure 21 shows the relation between gender, age and disability, where the largest age group of women who responded the survey were around the age 55-64 (27%), while the largest group for men was also age 55-64 (26%). From the disabled respondents, there were more participation from disabled men (40%) than disabled women (38%).

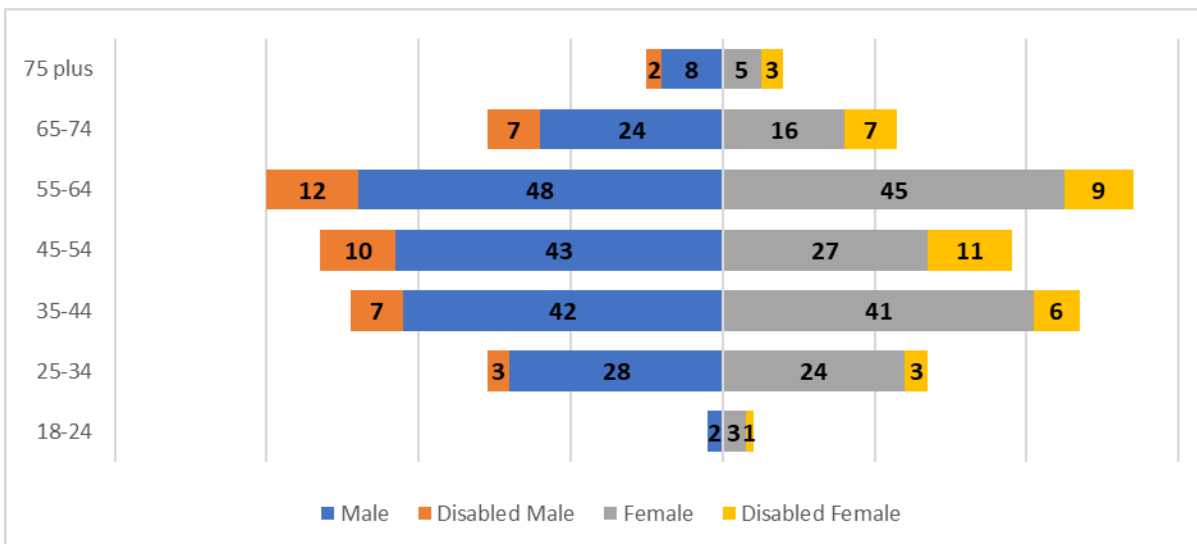


Figure 21: Gender, age and disability

3.43 Figure 22 shows that 18% of the respondents to the trial feedback survey stated that they have a disability, long term illness or impairment that affects their day-to-day activity. This is consistent with the proportion of disabled people in Canonbury West's ward (see table 1). 73% of this group are car owners, while 27% are not car owners. Both disabled women and disabled men have a very similar car ownership with 75% and 71% respectively.

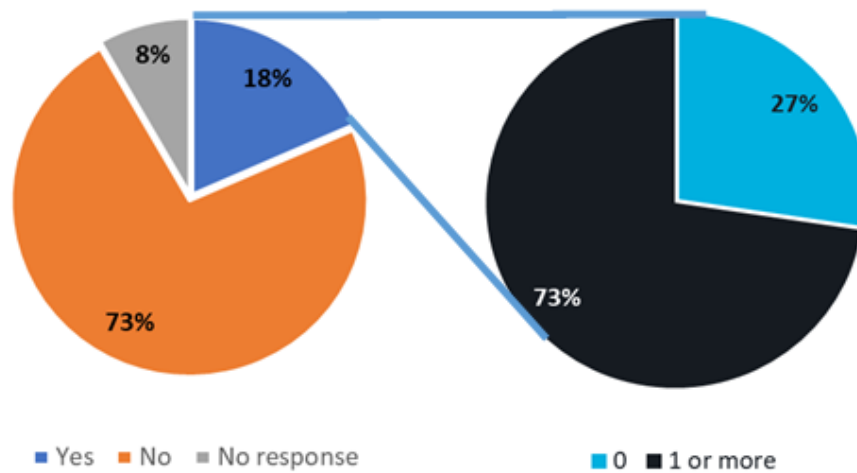


Figure 22: Disability and car ownership

3.44 Figure 23 shows how disabled and non-disabled people who responded travel. Almost two-thirds of disabled people who responded are car drivers (62%), while 25% travel as car passengers. 54% said they regularly walk, and 52% use public transport. 11% of disabled people who responded use a wheelchair. By comparison, non-disabled respondents said they usually walk (81%) and cycle (41% own a cycle, 5% use cycle hires), followed by public transport (62%), and car as drivers (58%). Multiple options could be selected, so percentages do not sum to 100%.

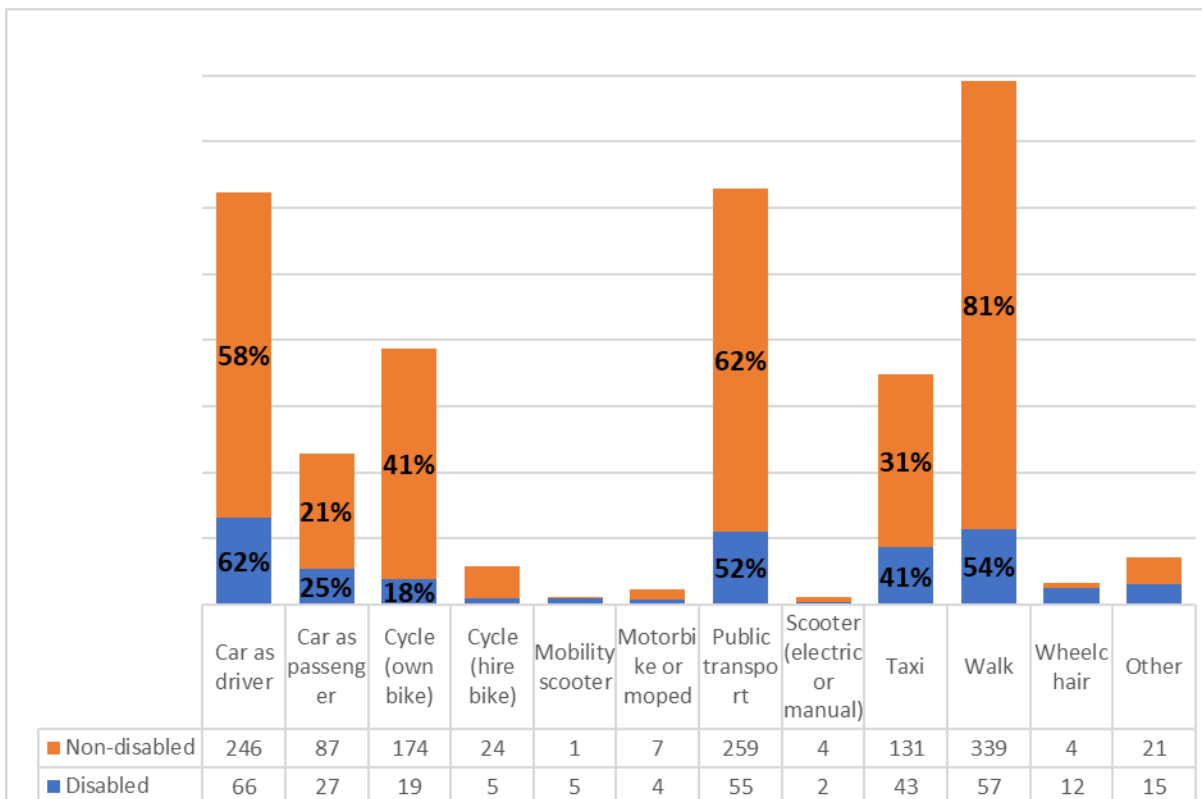


Figure 23: How disabled/non-disabled people travel

3.45 Figure 24 shows what disabled people who responded like and dislike about the trial. Most responded that there was nothing they liked about this trial (80%), followed by over a fifth selecting that there were 'other' things they liked (22%) and 8% respondent for liking that there is reduced through traffic. However, 64% stated that there is increased traffic on the main roads. 55% were concerned that the trial increases air pollution and 42% expressed they were concerned they were not asked for their view prior to that start of the trial.

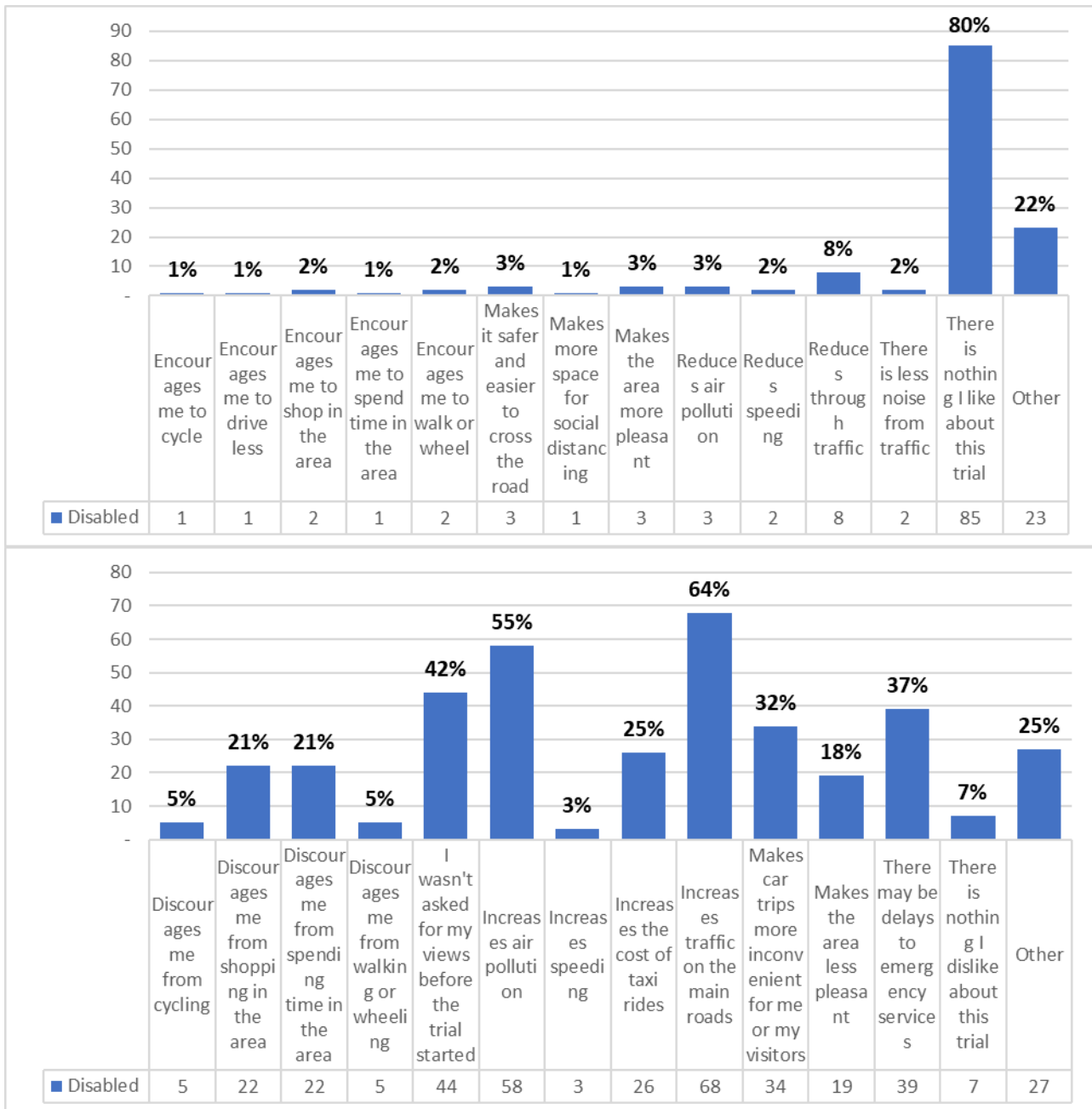


Figure 24: What do disabled people like/dislike about the trial

3.46 Most of the respondents who support or like the trial use active modes such as walking (31%) and cycling (own cycle 23% and hire cycle 6%) and public transport (25%) as travel modes. People who dislike the trial are mostly car users (as a driver 23%, as passenger 10%, taxi 12%), but also people who walk (23%) and use public transport (18%), as shown in Figure 25.

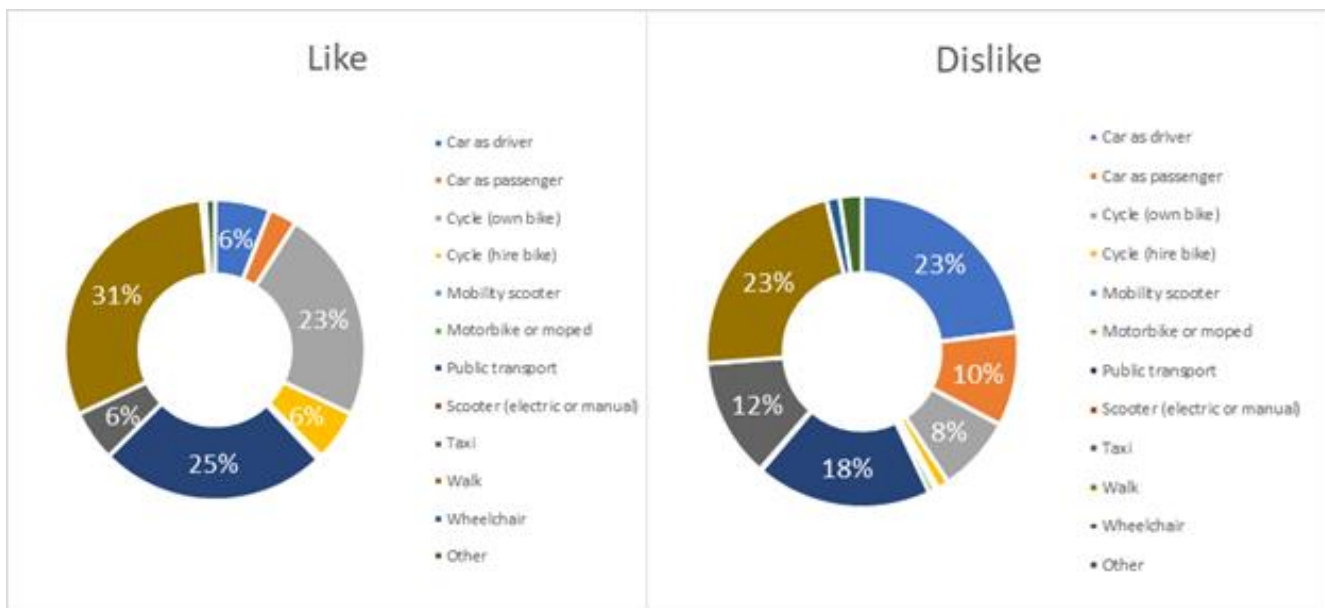


Figure 25: People who like/dislike the trial and how they travel

3.47 Figure 26 shows the influence of car ownership in relation to appreciation of the trial. Amongst non-car owners, 33% dislike nothing about the trial, and 39% like nothing about the trial. By contrast 5% of car owners dislike nothing about the trial, and 72% like nothing about the trial.

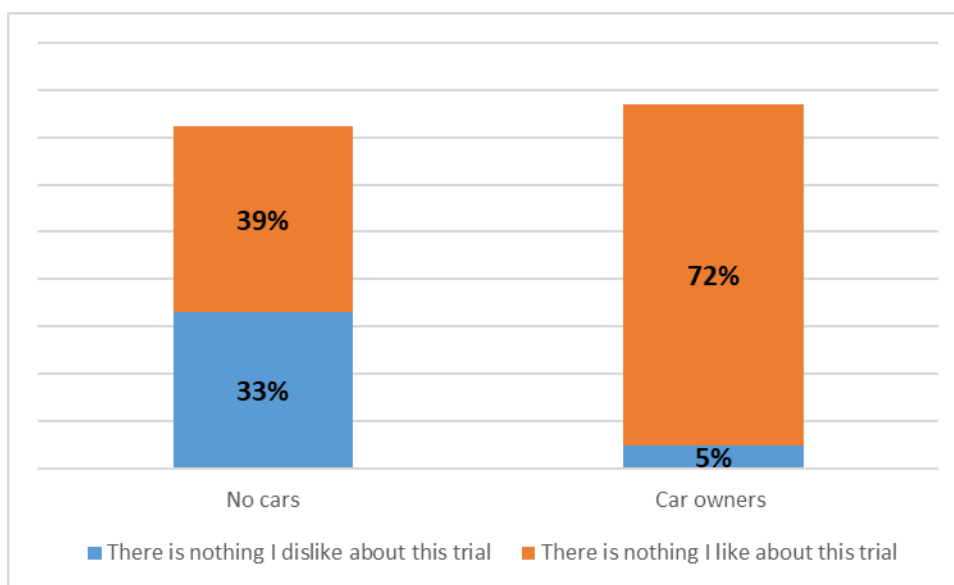


Figure 26: Car ownership and support of the trial

3.48 Figure 27 shows the correlation between how people travel and what they dislike about the trial. 34% of those who stated the trial discouraged them from shopping in the area or discouraged them from spending time in the area were car and/or motorcycle users. 32% of those who stated that they disliked that they weren't asked their views before the trial started

and 32% that disliked that there may be delays to emergency services were also car and/or motorcycle users. Those that cycle provided 29% of the response to the statement that there was nothing they disliked about this trial and 31% of the response to this statement was provided by those that walk. Those that walk also provided 29% of the response that the trial increases speeding.

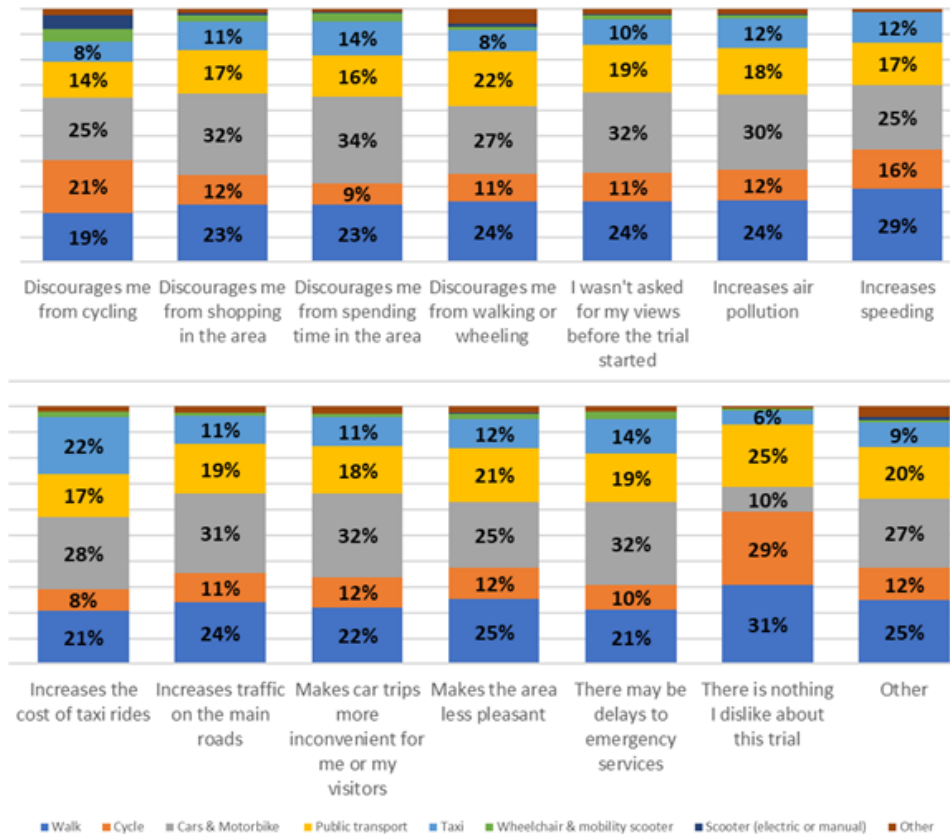


Figure 27: How people travel and what they dislike about the trial

3.49 Figure 28 shows the correlation between how people travel and what they like about the trial. 31% of respondents who stated they liked that the trial encourages them to cycle and encourages them to spend time and shop in the area (30% and 32% respectively) in the area were cycle users. 33% of those who stated the trial makes it safer and easier to cross the road were walkers and 32% of those that stated that the trial encourages them to wheel, or walk were those who use walking modes. 33% of those who responded that there is nothing they like about this trial were car and/or motorcycle users.

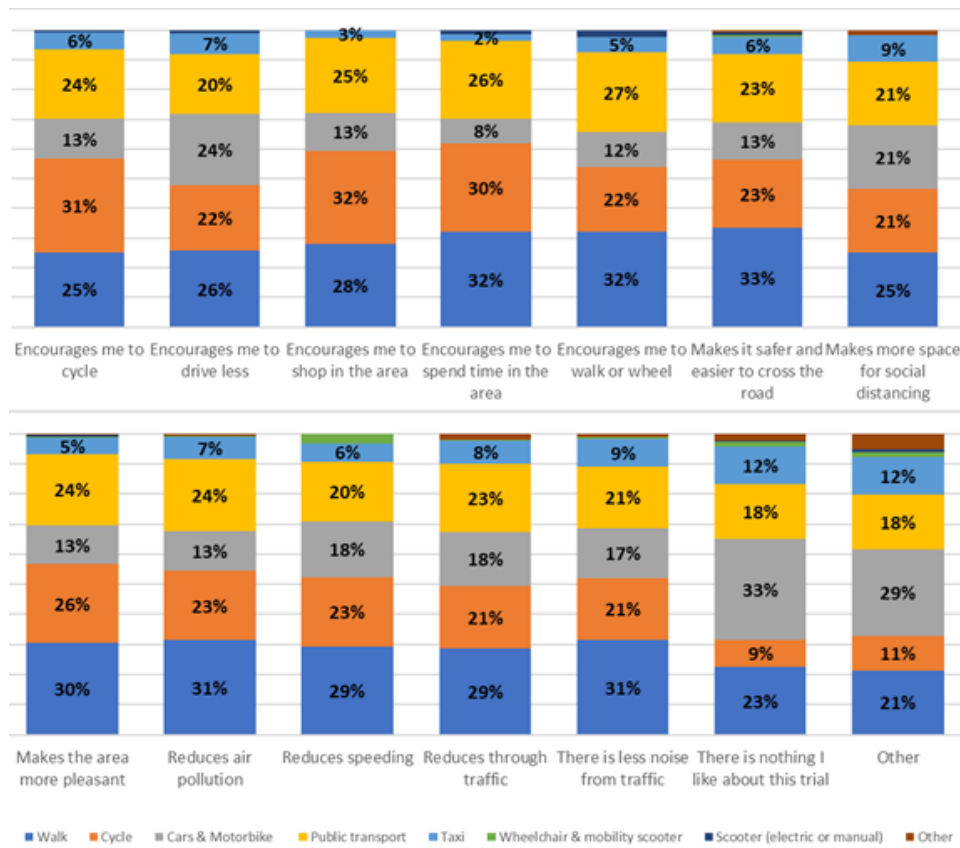
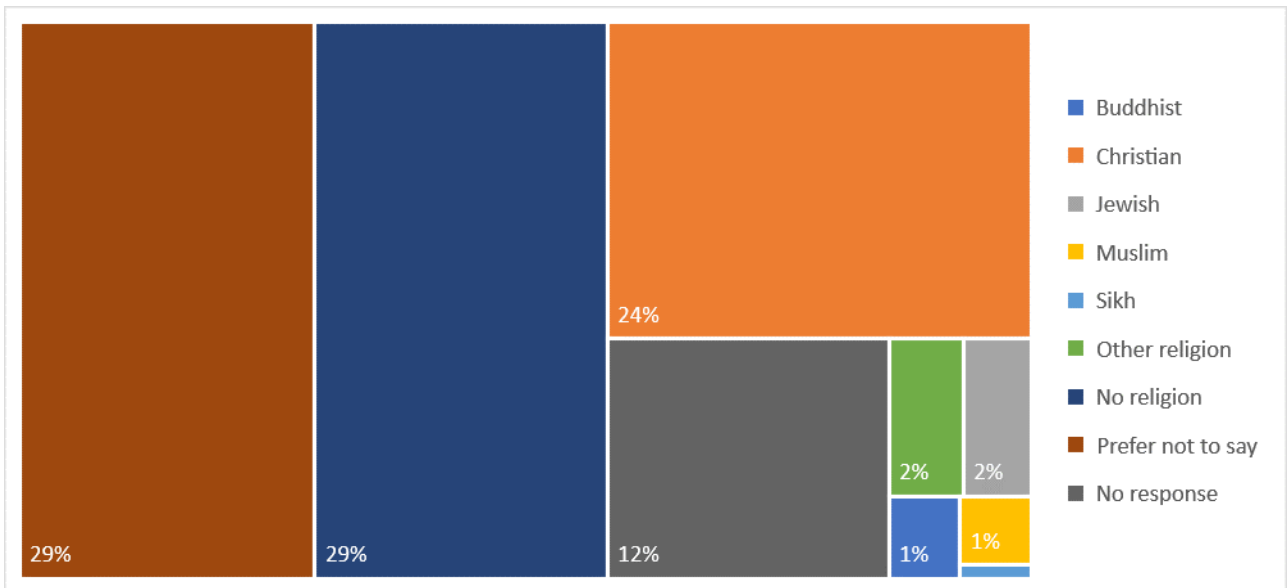
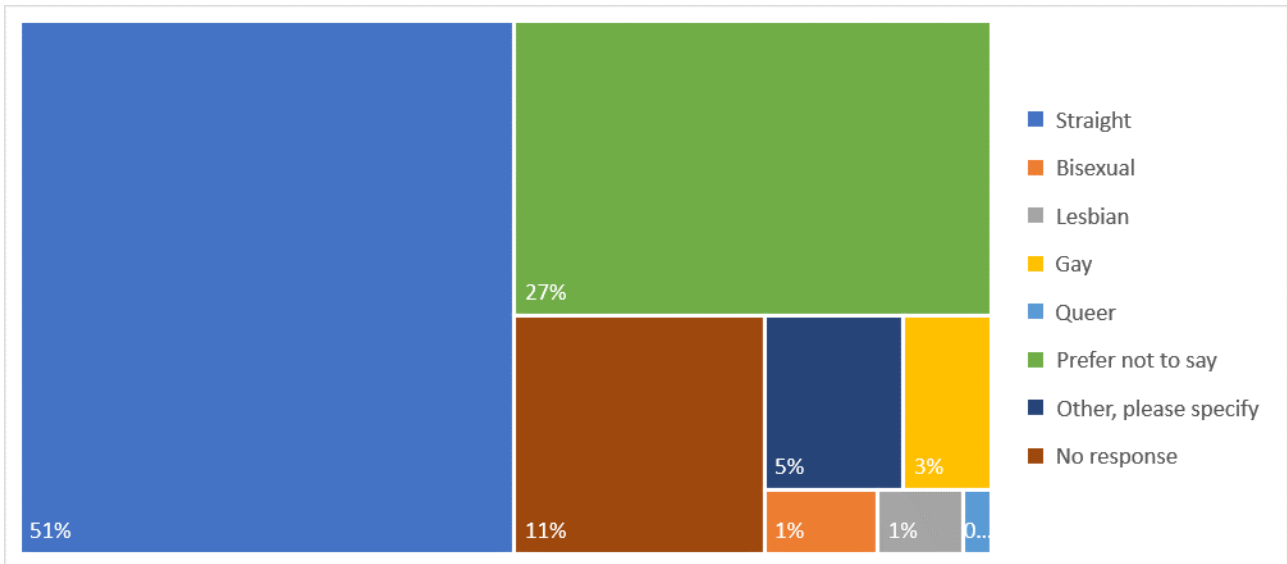


Figure 28: How people travel and what they like about the trial

3.50 Figure 29 shows the different demographics and some groups with protected characteristics (Equalities Act 2010), where the participation of member of the BAME community was lower than 10%, and the LGBTQ+ communities was 10%. This percentage is below Canonbury West’s BAME population which, based on the 2011 Census 2011, was 28% in Canonbury Ward and 25% in St Mary’s Ward. In relation to Religion, the majority of respondents stated No Religion (29%), preferred not to say (29%) or stated they were Christian (24%). For comparison, the 2011 Census data for the Canonbury ward was 43% Christian, 30% no religion and 8% Muslim. St Mary’s Ward was 40% Christian, 33% no religion and 6% Muslim.



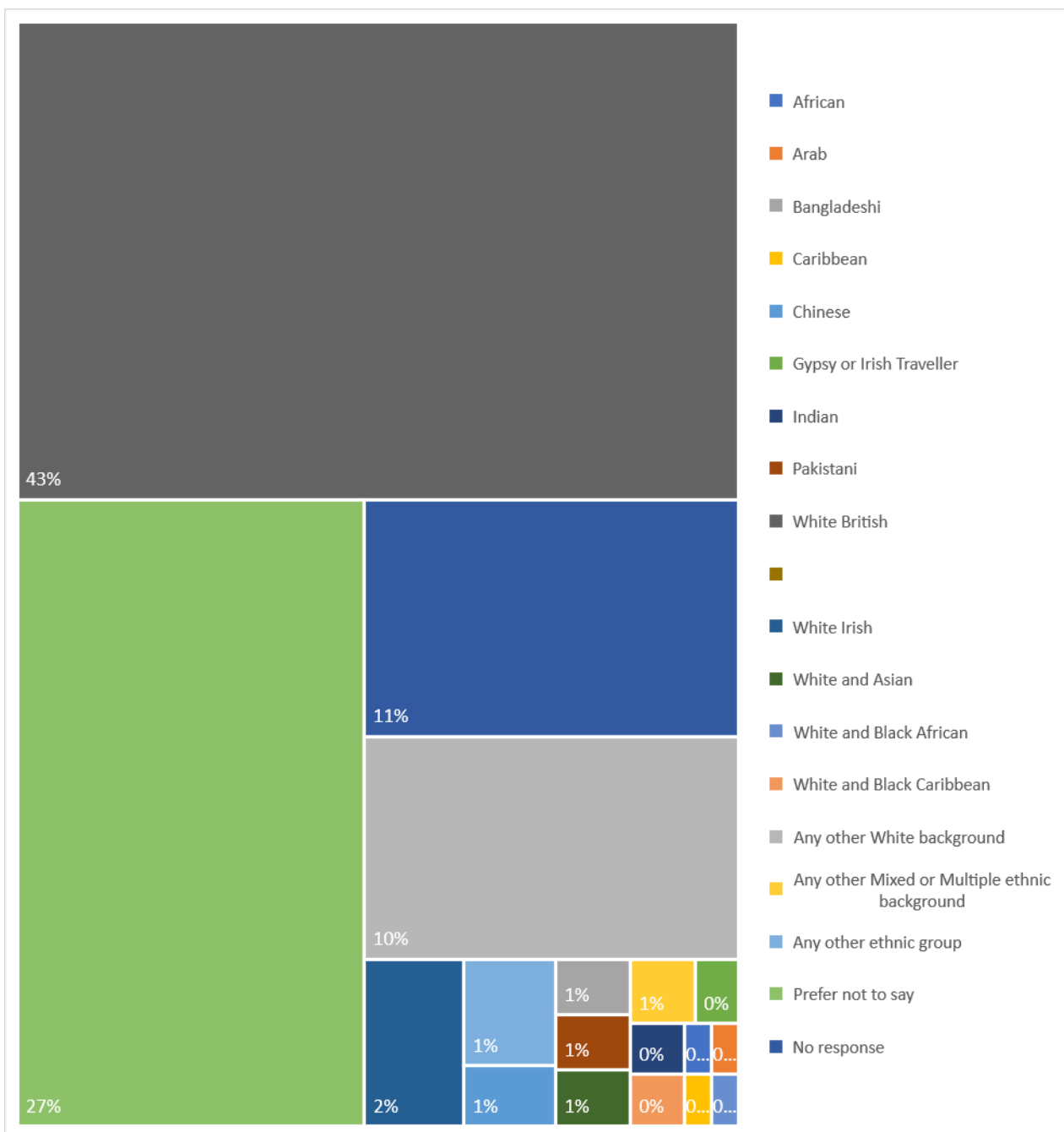


Figure 29: Sexual orientation, religion and ethnic background of respondents

3.51 The free text boxes in the trial feedback survey have also been analysed in order to provide statistics relating to the key trends and themes regarding resident's opinions on the people-friendly streets trial. The free text boxes featured four questions which were:

- Question 5: Are there urgent issues you would like to tell us about? (For example, about road danger or safety - please be as specific as possible).
- Question 6: Do you have other suggestions for what can be done to reduce air pollution and motor vehicle trips in Islington?
- Question 7: Do you have any additional comments?
- Question 9: Which of the following would encourage you to walk, use pavements, wheel or cycle more? (Select all that apply) [The final option to this question was 'Other', with a free text box provided].

3.52 The figures show that 575 surveys' free text box were completed of which 70% were categorised as negative. A total of 14% contained positive feedback and a further 15% of individuals provided mixed feedback.

3.53 A more detailed analysis of everyone's feedback was carried out, and the main themes from each response were coded. The top 10 most common responses were negative comments. The table below highlights the top 10 negative comments and the top 5 positive comments.

Theme	Positive/ Negative	Percentage of respondents
Increases traffic and pollution	Negative	39.9%
Other negative comments	Negative	29.8%
Need for ANPR exemption for residents	Negative	15.3%
Car trips inconvenient for vehicles	Negative	15.2%
Scheme increases concerns regarding crime and safety	Negative	13.2%
Access for disabled/elderly/vulnerable more difficult	Negative	13.1%
Wasn't asked views before the trial	Negative	9.8%
Concern that people cycle dangerously	Negative	6.4%
Scheme increases concerns of danger from traffic	Negative	5.6%
LTN was badly planned/ill thought out/ waste of money	Negative	5.4%
Other positive comments	Positive	4%
Makes area more pleasant	Positive	3%
Reduces through traffic/ air pollution	Positive	1.9%
Reduces traffic danger	Positive	1.2%
Children play or use the streets	Positive	1.2% ⁱ

Table 2: Most common responses in free text boxes.

f. Formal objections

Introduction

3.54 The public can make a formal objection to a traffic order. There is an initial six-month statutory objection period as part of the Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) process; the feedback must be considered when deciding whether to make a trial scheme permanent.

3.55 Any formal objection to a specific ETO had to be in writing and must state the grounds on which it is made. Objections had to be sent by email to PublicRealm@islington.gov.uk or by post to Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.

3.56 92 formal objections have been received for the Canonbury West LTN. 33 of those were received during the ETO objection period that came into force on 02/10/2020 and expired 02/04/2021. A further 59 objections were submitted outside of the statutory period but have been nonetheless included below for consideration. In addition, the council received 332 template objections which did not directly refer to Canonbury West. The total amount received of Canonbury West and template objections amounted to 424.

3.57 The council received 332 template objections which did not relate specifically to the traffic orders for any specific LTN or scheme, but to the people-friendly streets programme in general. The themes are listed below:

- there are real anxiety and safety concerns about walking around these deserted LTNs for women, children and young people
- Congestion and pollution have risen on main roads due to idling gridlocked vehicles; there is no signs of traffic evaporation after almost 4 months.
- The new cycle lanes are not being used as envisaged
- Residents and businesses, who are suffering have not been properly consulted
- The Council is required to revise its consultation plans so that all residents of a LTN scheme MUST be consulted
- There is a clear and distinct lack of thought and planning.
- The exceptional needs of the elderly, vulnerable and disabled have not been considered or addressed and in doing so the Council is guilty of direct discrimination.
- There are Issues for emergency service access - neither LAS nor the Met have keys to lockable bollards.
- Section 122 of the RTRA 1984 refers to the duty of local authorities "to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic" "not to cause unnecessary congestion and pollution" which the LTN scheme fails to provide, and the Authority are therefore in breach of this regulation and failing in its duty of care.
- Data held on the Council's Commonplace website is not fit for purpose - anyone Nationally can register: the Head of Sales and Marketing is Labour Councillor Peter Mason (biased and not independent).
- Islington already has one of the lowest pollution and car ownership levels,
- 81% of Islington residents' trips are made by walking, cycling or using public transport and yet the Council is unfairly persecuting its residents
- Islington have implemented the most Safe School Streets.
- Islington already exceed the pollution standards set and so such a vast and overreaching exercise is not warranted.
- Petition signed by over 7,000 people opposing the LTNs has been disregarded
- Valid concerns put forward by resident representatives to the Council Leader have not been addressed and have been dismissed
- LTNs are not realising the benefits envisioned
- It would appear that Islington Council are disregarding Government advice: "The Transport Secretary has admitted too many cycle lanes are being left "unused" with traffic "backed up" as a result of his green transport revolution. The Government is not anti-car, explaining: "No one should be in doubt about our support for motorists." We are not prepared to tolerate hastily introduced schemes which will create sweeping changes to communities without consultation, and ones where the benefits to cycling and walking do not outweigh the dis-benefits for other road users."
- A judgement was recently made in favour of Nobu Group against Hackney Council for denying access to all but ULEV to certain roads. In that judgement it was stated and confirmed that "Councils do not have the power to close roads, their duty is to repair and maintain only".
- Air quality will not improve if road mileage increases, that is what LTNs are doing, displacing traffic and increasing mileage

- Particulate emissions within LTNs will have dropped but their source had been diverted and added to areas where emissions and pedestrians are densest and now impacting greater numbers of people
- Neighbourhood shops are risk of closure from loss of business
- Our human rights laws protect us all from arbitrary and excessive action by public officials that “intrude into our lives” and the Council have failed to address factors that ought to have been taken into account.
- Councillors of the LBI are neglecting their duties to such a degree as to amount to an abuse of the public's trust in the office that they hold. They are therefore guilty of a wilful dereliction of duty.

3.58 In addition, 92 individual objections for Canonbury West LTN were submitted to the council. The themes are summarised in Table 3.

Topic/Theme of Objection	Percentage of Formal Objections mentioning topic/theme for objections for Canonbury West's LTN only
Increase in Traffic and Pollution on Main Roads	62%
Disturbance from traffic increase (affecting quality of life)	43%
Scheme not thought through/ justifiable	37%
Impact on St Paul's Road and its residents	37%
LTNs are not delivering the benefits envisaged	36%
No Consultation or due notice	34%
Allow Exemptions for Residents, GPs, blue badges	33%
Increase in air pollution – cars forced to use longer routes	33%
Highbury Corner causes congestion in the area	28%
Poor effect on businesses, less passing trade	17%
Islington Council are not representing all their residents, including, the elderly, those with young children, those with disabled children and disabled people, not just the able bodied	17%
Poor Safety in the area	15%
Impact on Compton Road and its residents	15%
Emergency Service Access / Increase in time	14%
Negative effect on Vulnerable/Disabled, less independence	13%
Increase in traffic on remaining open, small, residential roads	12%
Air quality will not improve if road mileage increases, that is what LTNs are doing, displacing traffic, and increasing mileage	11%
Increase/Encouragement of Crime	10%
Increase of dangerous driving	9%
Section 122 of the RTRA (Road Traffic Regulation Act) 1984 refers to the duty of local authorities “to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic” which the LTN scheme fails to provide, and the Authority are therefore failing in its duty of care	8%

Topic/Theme of Objection	Percentage of Formal Objections mentioning topic/theme for objections for Canonbury West's LTN only
Allows a better environment for wealthy homes, yet the less fortunate have more pollution	8%
Islington already exceed the pollution standards set and so such a vast and overreaching exercise is not warranted	8%
Local councillors are responsible for ensuring that local decisions about street infrastructure take account of the needs and opinions of local people	7%
Unsafe for women travelling alone, forced to use public transport, walk on ghostly streets and cabs cannot drop to your door	7%
Local funding and funding allocated by government should be spend with agreement of the people of Islington	7%
Dangerous cycling	5%
81% of Islington residents' trips are made by walking, cycling, or using public Transport and yet the Council is unfairly persecuting its residents	4%
Creating an increase of Anxiety, Stress & depression levels - Effect on mental health	4%
LTNs do not provide a reduction in car use or ownership or lower air pollution for the majority	4%
Petition signed by over 7,000 people opposing the LTNs has been disregarded	4%
Financial repercussions – increased costs of petrol/cabs	3%
Why electric vehicles cannot be exempt?	3%
Islington already has one of the lowest pollution and car ownership levels	2%
Covid Measurements not application for LTN - roads are wide / not a busy area	2%
There is less travel due to working from home – road closures are not needed	2%
Data held on the Commonplace website is not fit for purpose as anyone can register a comment	1%
Cycle lanes not occupied	1%

Table 3: Themes of objections

3.59 The full list of objection themes and officers' responses is available as Appendix 7 of the delegated decision report.

g. Meetings with specific groups

3.60 Beyond the consultation with statutory consultees described at section 3.18 of this report, the Department for Transport guidelines recommend that when implementing schemes by ETO, authorities engage with specific groups who are likely to be directly impacted by the proposals. In this case disability groups have been identified as those most likely to be directly affected by the Blue Badge exemption policy. This engagement also aligns with the council's commitment to fairness.

3.61 At the start of the people-friendly streets programme and in the Resident Impact Assessment attached to the original Canonbury West experimental traffic orders (the RIA was signed on 23 September 2020, and is the document used to evidence the council's public sector equality

duty) the council committed to engage with disabled groups. This engagement was intended to gain a greater understanding of the impacts on disabled people who rely on motor vehicle transport and are therefore more likely to be impacted by different travel routes and a possibly increase in journey time. This engagement took the form of several officer meetings with disability groups and groups representing people who have complex mobility needs. Groups met include Disability Action in Islington, the Carers' Forum, Islington Parents' Forum, London Travel Watch, Transport for All, Keeping Safe sub-group, Power and Control. Officers have also had email exchanges with Horizon on cycle schemes, low traffic neighbourhoods and pavement obstructions.

- 3.62 Key feedback from these meetings covered issues encountered with pavement accessibility, difficulty in accessing active travel and open spaces in the borough. On the specific topic of car journeys, the LTNs were perceived as disruptive, sometimes creating confusion and anxiety, making door-to-door journeys complicated, creating longer trips or even social isolation as people travel less and receive fewer visits. Lack of clear signage and legibility was another key concern. It was also felt that schemes should accommodate the needs of people with complex mobility issue as well as those caring for them by providing exemptions from traffic filters – some groups expressed in that respect a clear preference for camera-enforced filters rather than bollard filters. Other key themes were a perception of increased traffic on main roads and potential impacts on air pollution.
- 3.63 The accessibility of pavements and the pedestrian environment was also raised numerous times. Groups also recognised the challenges traffic poses to disabled people's autonomy and wellbeing, and that the situation prior to both Covid-19 and people-friendly streets also presented accessibility challenges.
- 3.64 Council officers, the Executive Member for Environment and Transport and Jeremy Corbyn MP attended a meeting on 13 September 2021 with Disability Action in Islington. During this meeting Blue Badge exemptions for people-friendly streets was discussed. Representatives of Disability Action in Islington reported on the negative impact that the scheme was having on disabled people who rely on cars as their primary mode of transport. There was a discussion around other groups who could require exemptions such as taxi users, carers and relatives. Representatives stated that there was an urgency to implement exemptions for Blue Badge holders.
- 3.65 On Sunday 10 October 2021 and as part of the public consultation for the St Peter's LTN the council hosted a disability drop-in session. Ahead of this meeting invitations were issued to groups representing disabled people and individuals were invited to discuss the people-friendly streets programme and the impact it might be having on disabled people. The themes raised were relevant to all LTNs. During this meeting, some of the comments on the proposed Blue Badge exemption policy (which had been published on 6 October 2021 in the [Executive Report](#)) were: more than one vehicle should be included; the policy should apply to more filters than just the home LTN; the process for receiving the permits should be as simple as possible for disabled people; taxi users would not benefit from the exemption.
- 3.66 On Tuesday 7 December 2021 as part of the public consultation for the Canonbury West LTN the council hosted a focus group with Help On Your Doorstep charity. Ahead of this meeting invitations were issues to group members with disabilities and mobility requirements. The feedback received has been included in the independent Consultation Report for Canonbury West LTN.

- 3.67 Following the publication of the Executive Report which recommended to introduce a Blue Badge exemption policy, a further meeting took place between Disability Action in Islington, councillors, officers, and Jeremy Corbyn MP on 18 October 2021. At this meeting the Blue Badge exemption policy was discussed in more detail. Feedback was provided on the exemption approach and the urgency of its introduction was expressed by representatives. There was feedback that the application process should be as simple as possible. There was further feedback that for some disabled people exemptions to their home LTN would not go far enough as some people need to travel through multiple LTNs on a regular basis or may live outside the LTN and be impacted. Some people also felt that more than a single vehicle was required.
- 3.68 Disability Action in Islington have submitted a number of written representations with questions and points raised about the Blue Badge exemption approach and other concerns relating to engaging with disabled people.
- 3.69 In October 2021 the council's Executive decision on PFS introduced the Blue Badge exemption policy. In line with this decision changes to the Canonbury West LTN are being introduced after considerations which include: a response to feedback provided from these groups; an analysis of the feedback provided by disabled residents to the trial feedback surveys for each scheme; and a journey time analysis carried out by independent consultants. This feedback and analysis are summarised in more detail in the Resident Impact Assessment (RIA) produced alongside the October 2021 Executive Report on people-friendly streets (see pages 7-10 of this RIA for more details). The proposed changes are in line with the application of the Blue Badge exemption on St Peter's, Highbury, St Mary's Church, Canonbury East and Clerkenwell Green LTNs.
- 3.70 In response to the recent and historic engagement with disabled groups and individuals the council will also be implementing an 'exceptional circumstance dispensation' which will involve a case-by-case consideration for individuals requesting exemption beyond the standard home LTN approach. This will provide a route to obtain an exemption to drive through a single filter in an LTN in which the applicant does not live. The council recognises the need for this and will continue engaging with disabled groups and representatives on further developing this engagement route.
- 3.71 In response to recent engagement since the publication of the Executive Report the council, where possible, will be granting exemptions automatically for Blue Badge holders living within the Canonbury West low traffic neighbourhood.
- 3.72 In response to the recent and historic engagement with disabled groups with regards to the need for exemptions for disabled taxi users and disabled people who may not have Blue Badges, the council acknowledges that the implementation of this policy will not benefit those users and is limited. The justification and rationale for the exclusion of taxis is explained in more detail in the Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) Appendix 4 to the March 2022 delegated decision report for Canonbury West LTN.
- 3.73 The exemption will allow Blue Badge holders to register a single motor vehicle for their personal use which is registered to their own address within (or on the boundary of) the low traffic neighbourhood in which they live. A permit will be provided for this vehicle, which will allow the Blue Badge holder to drive, or be driven, through designated camera-enforced filters of the LTN in which they reside.

3.74 The council will continue to engage directly with groups representing disabled people and disabled individuals as part of the wider people-friendly streets programme. Further feedback will be taken into account in a final decision on the experimental traffic order for the Canonbury West LTN.

4. Conclusion to pre-consultation engagement

- 4.1 The Commonplace engagement feedback, trial feedback surveys, correspondence and objections received highlight these key points:
- Car users are over-represented in the feedback and engagement, as are people who cycle.
 - Many respondents have the perception that the scheme pushes traffic onto the main roads, with impacts on air quality and making trips more inconvenient. This is the main concern reported via the trial feedback surveys and the formal objections.
 - Before the scheme was implemented the most commonly reported complaints were about volume of traffic, through-traffic on local streets in the area and traffic speeds. After the scheme was implemented, complaints of through-traffic and traffic speeds substantially reduced.
 - The majority of respondents reported that they live within the scheme area or nearby.
 - The respondents profile highlights that young people (16 – 24 years old) and older residents (+65 years old) are under-represented in the feedback, as well as BAME people.
 - Individuals and groups representing disabled people and other people with complex mobility needs responded that the scheme made journeys longer and more difficult for people who need to drive, and requested exemptions to the camera-controlled traffic filters.
 - Support for the trial tends to increase amongst people who do not own cars.

5. Public consultation analysis

- 5.1 In June 2020 the council committed to undertake a formal consultation around 12 months after the implementation of each trial scheme.
- 5.2 In August 2021, the council hired transport consultants Steer to support with the public consultation, providing additional resources and independent advice and analysis of the consultation results.
- 5.3 The Canonbury West PFS consultation ran from Tuesday 30 November 2021 and Tuesday 18 January 2022 and included an online questionnaire available via the Islington website. Paper copies of the questionnaire were also made available at Islington Town Hall reception, consultation events, and could be requested by post.
- 5.4 751 questionnaires were filled in, 635 were completed. A questionnaire is classified as complete when respondents have responded to all the questions, however the consultation analysis takes into account all the questionnaires submitted. The questionnaires submitted indicate that 42% of respondents live within the Canonbury West PFS area and 13% live on the immediate boundary roads.

- 5.5 The council used different ways to promote the consultation. Approximately 10,000 leaflets were distributed. 8,500 were hand-delivered on day 1 of the consultation (30 November 2021), approximately 1,500 were distributed during other scheduled events. The leaflets were distributed in the Canonbury West PFS area and on the two sides of the boundary roads surrounding the area: St Paul's Road, Canonbury Road and Essex Road. Trifold boards were also installed at various locations of high footfall across the area.
- 5.6 The council also promoted the consultation and encouraged people to fill in the questionnaires at various events. During the consultation, officers and councillors attended events organised at the following locations and dates:
- On-street leafleting and engagement on Canonbury Place, Thursday 2 December 2021.
 - On-street event opposite New River Green Children's Centre, Sunday 5 December 2021.
 - Focus group with a community group Help On Your Doorstep , Tuesday 7 December 2021.
 - On-street engagement with Dr Bike at Islington Town Hall, 10 December 2021.
 - Q&A session at Islington Town Hall (event moved online due to Covid-19 pandemic), Tuesday 14 December 2021.
 - Business door knocking on Friday 7 January 2022, targeting businesses within the Canonbury West area.
 - Online Q&A session on Zoom, Monday 10 January 2022.
 - Residents' door knocking on Wednesday 12 January 2022, targeting streets with low consultation response rates.
- 5.7 Leaflets and questionnaires were available at all in-person events.
- 5.8 The consultation information was shared on social media platforms including Next door, Twitter, Facebook, and by press release. An email informing people of the consultation was sent to 2,752 Commonplace subscribers, and also to the 223 people who had subscribed to email updates via the trial feedback survey.
- 5.9 Appendix 6 of the delegated decision report is the consultation report produced by Steer which summarises the consultation feedback received via the consultation questionnaire and some of the engagement activities during the consultation. These events include the Help On Your Doorstep focus group event on 7 December 2021, the Town Hall Q&A session on 14 December 2021 and the online Q&A session on 10 January 2022. The report also outlines business visits on 7 January 2022 and the targeted resident door-knocking on 12 January 2022.
- 5.10 There were three events which were not attended by Steer and therefore were not included in their report. These were the on-street leafleting on Canonbury Place on 2 December 2021, the New River Green Children's Centre event on 5 December 2021 and the Dr Bike event at Islington Town Hall on 10 December 2021.
- 5.11 It is worth noting that certain people attended multiple consultation events – so the number of people attending those events should not be added and conflated as a total number of event participants.

- 5.12 Targeted residential and business door knocking took place following the consultation questionnaire being open for over a month. Steer analysed the postcode data to assess streets and locations which had relatively low response rates to the consultation questionnaire. This provided a number of streets to target for residential door knocking. The streets targeted were:
- Canonbury Place
 - Alwyne Square
 - Canonbury Road
 - Canonbury Street
 - Arran Walk
 - Canonbury Crescent
- 5.13 Steer analysed the postcode data to identify streets and locations which had relatively few responses to the survey. This indicated locations to check residents' awareness of the consultation and provide information about how to complete the survey. Due to the Covid-19 Omicron wave, it was decided that it was not appropriate to knock on people's doors and so the team engaged people on the streets or in public places.
- 5.14 Steer and council officers also visited a list of 94 businesses in the LTN area and on the boundary roads on 7 January 2022.
- 5.15 Due to the Covid19 Omicron wave in London, advice from Islington's Inclusive Economies team, staff were only allowed to engage with businesses about the scheme outside, largely businesses did not want to do this and were more willing to take a consultation leaflet instead.
- 5.16 Main themes from the business engagement include: the scheme making deliveries from suppliers more challenging for some on the boundary roads; general lack of awareness or opinions on the scheme (the nature of the businesses meant that for many vehicle access was not a problem); Vacant business premises or organisations where employees are working from home.
- 5.17 It should be noted that the council recruited an inclusive economy officer to lead on PFS liaison back in October 2021 to provide support to businesses in relation to the programme's schemes.
- 5.18 The in-person town hall event was planned for the 14 December 2021 from 5-6pm at Islington Town Hall. Due to the Covid-19 Omicron wave this was moved to an online meeting. There were 50 attendees signed event up to the event. The session included a presentation on the monitoring of the trial scheme by LBI followed by an opportunity for attendees to provide comments and ask questions. The main themes raised at the event are included in Steer's consultation report, which can be found at Appendix 6 of the delegated decision report.
- 5.19 The online Q&A event was held on 10 January 2022 from 5-6pm. 23 people registered for the event and 15 people attended. LBI officers presented the monitoring data which had been collected during the Canonbury West trial with the remainder of the meeting dedicated to a Q&A facilitated by Steer. The main themes raised at the event are included in Steer's consultation report.
- 5.20 A focus group session was held at the Walter Sickert Community Centre on 7 December 2021 from 1-2:30pm. The purpose of the event was to sit down with members of the

Help on Your Doorstep charity to provide a space to discuss the scheme with Islington officers and Steer staff. Paper copies of the survey were provided, and people were supported in filling these out if they wished. Maps and posters discussing aspects of the scheme as well as the forthcoming Blue Badge exemption policy were provided. 10-15 residents attended the session. The main themes raised at the event are included in Steer's consultation report.

5.21 Considering all the feedback from consultation events, the key findings are:

- Attendees of the online event were concerned about the effect of the scheme on boundary roads, particularly in regard to pollution, and the lack of engagement for those living on boundary roads.
- Attendees of the in-person Town Hall event were concerned that the monitoring and consultation for the scheme may not be sufficiently robust.
- Attendees of the in-person Town Hall event were concerned about the impact of the scheme on disabled people.
- Attendees objected that their car journeys had become longer as a result of the scheme.

5.22 The consultation questionnaire was filled in by 751 respondents, the detailed findings are included in Steer's report in Appendix 6 of the delegated decision report.

6. Conclusions and who is under-represented

6.1 The council has received a significant volume of both positive and negative feedback about the Canonbury West PFS trial. The council received feedback through a variety of different engagement activities and aimed to hear from as many residents as possible. 491 emails, 424 objections (of which 332 were general template objections), 575 trial feedback survey responses, completed 751 consultation questionnaire responses and 367 Commonplace comments were received.

6.2 The key things people have told us they like about the trial are:

- Reduces through-traffic
- Reduces air pollution
- Makes area more pleasant
- Reduces traffic danger
- Reduces noise pollution
- Greater sense of community
- Walk, cycle, wheel (active travel) more and drive less

6.3 The key things people have told us they dislike about the trial are:

- Increases traffic and pollution on main roads
- Makes driving routes longer and more complicated
- Impact greater for disabled people
- Disabled/vulnerable people's access more difficult
- Lack of consultation before the trial
- Lack of compliance from motorcycles and mopeds
- Business negatively impacted
- Crime/safety is worse on quieter streets

- 6.4 It should be noted that whilst some respondents flagged that shorter car journeys are more inconvenient, some others reported having switched from car journeys to walking and cycling for local journeys, which is an objective of the scheme.
- 6.5 The consultation and engagement feedback have highlighted that certain groups were under-represented in the surveys and engagement activities. Young people including children and those under 25 years old had a low response rate to Commonplace (1% of comments), trial feedback surveys (1% of surveys) and consultation questionnaire (2% of responses), despite making up 28% of the population of Canonbury ward and 26% of St Mary's ward. At the other end of the age spectrum, the digital divide tends to increase with age, which means older people can be excluded from engagement tools such as Commonplace and the trial feedback surveys.
- 6.6 Other under-represented groups were ethnically diverse communities. Canonbury ward has a 28% BAME population and 72% White population, and St Mary's ward has a 25% BAME population and 75% White population. However, this is not reflected in the responses to consultation. For instance, the trial feedback survey analysis shows that less than 10% of respondents identified as belonging to BAME groups. Similarly, only 6% of respondents to the consultation questionnaire identified as belonging to BAME groups.
- 6.7 The trial feedback survey shows that in proportion of respondents more men responded than women, as men make up 42% of respondents and women 35%. Similarly in the consultation questionnaire, 41% of respondents identified as male and 36% as female.
- 6.8 The proportion of motor vehicle users amongst respondents to all engagement channels is disproportionately high compared to the 71% of Islington households do not have access to a private car.

End.
