



**Available Walking Routes**

**Mobberley to Knutsford Academy**

**Engagement Report**

October 2017

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## 1. Summary

This report provides details and analysis of the results of the engagement process conducted in respect of the new available walking route between Mobberley and the Knutsford Academy following the installation of a new pavement.

The engagement ran for the period 20 September 2017 to 17 October 2017. It was publicised by a number of routes including:

- Direct mail to the 60 parents who could be affected
- Press release
- Bulletins to local schools
- Coverage in the Knutsford Guardian

Responses were invited via:

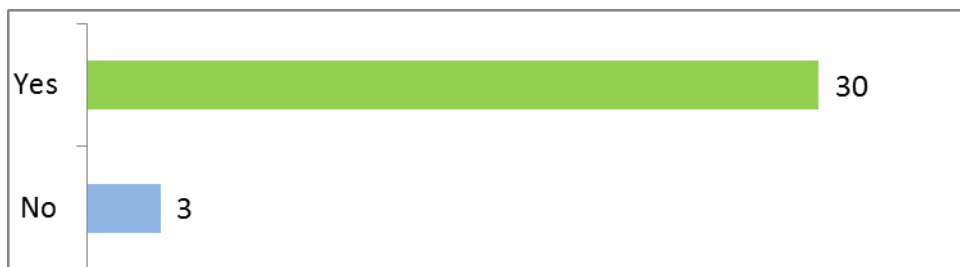
- Online survey
- Email
- Paper questionnaire

In total 35 people responded online with a further 11 responses received by email. Those replies are detailed herein, with all replies anonymised in accordance with our declared data protection policy.

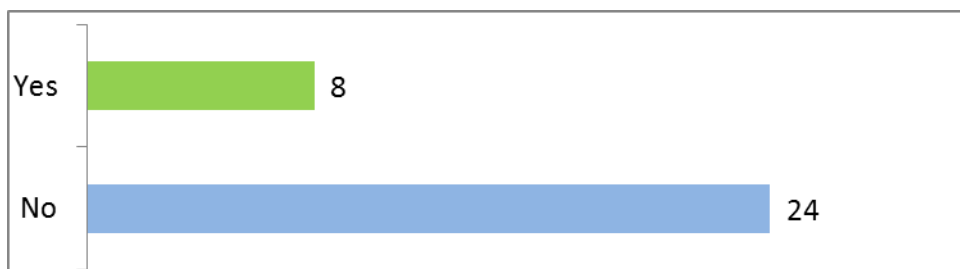
## 2. The Answers Received to Yes/No Questions

*NB: Not every respondent answered every question, therefore the totals do not all tally precisely*

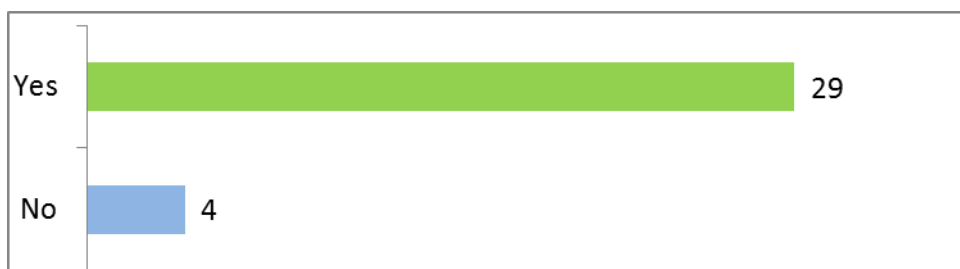
Q1: Do you live in Mobberley?



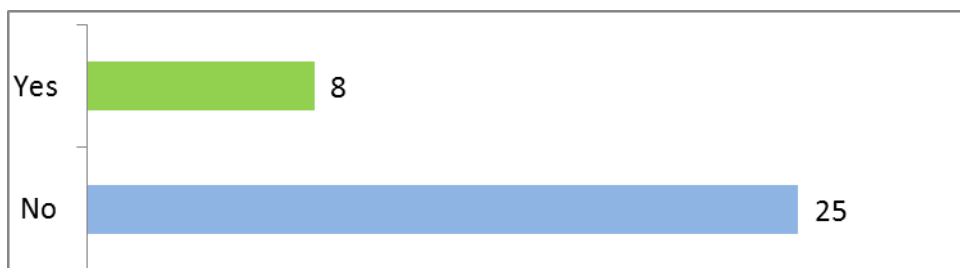
Q2: Do you have a child currently attending Knutsford Academy/The Studio?



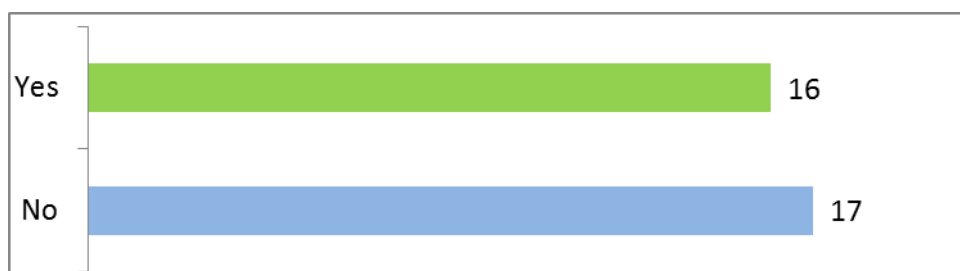
Q3: Do you have a child currently attending a local primary school who is likely to attend the Academy/Studio in the future?



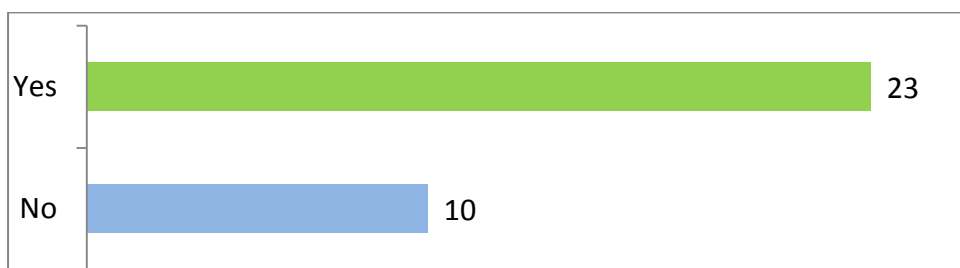
Q4: Are you currently receiving free transport to school?



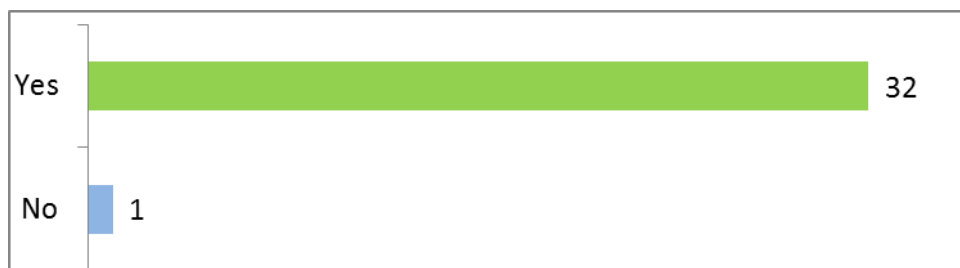
Q5: Were you aware that the Authority only has a statutory duty to provide travel assistance to pupils aged 11-16 who live further than 3 miles from school?



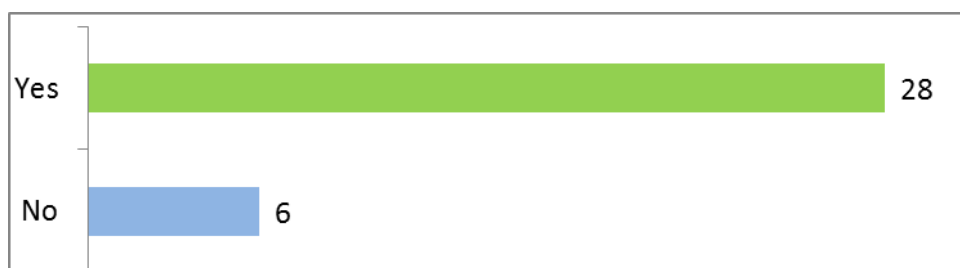
Q6: Were you aware that it is national policy that it is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child travels to school safely?



Q7: Have you read the Cabinet paper which proposed changes to transport for Academy/The Studio pupils?



Q11: Did you find it easy to participate in this engagement process?



*If you answered no, please provide further information below*

There were four responses to this as below:

There hasn't been an engagement process! How it can be called that when it began AFTER the footpath was laid. The council is clearly trying its hardest to make any decision a formality. Well you may just have outsmarted yourselves this time.

I was not contacted nor was my opinion actively sought (sic) I had to hear about this from other parents

I have not seen any previous communication that the pavement would be used to scrap free school transport. The public was not consulted.

The survey is one thing but consultation should be in person too, make sure no-one is hiding behind technology

### 3. The Responses Received to Free Text Questions

Notes:

- *These include the text comments received by email*
- *All respondents made more than one point, therefore the count of items below is greater than the 46 respondents*
- *The topics raised have been grouped below into common themes*

Q8. Do you have any specific queries about the route? } Combined  
Q10. Do you have any further comments? }

Themes	Count of mentions
The road/route is unsafe and dangerous	22
It is dark with no street lighting	27
Traffic speed is high/national speed limit	30
Pupils will be wet in school/have to carry heavy bags etc.	17
Length of journey/time taken	9
Will add to existing traffic	10
Vulnerability of solo walkers	11
The lower school is further away	8
Impact on children's wellbeing and learning	13
Conflict with parents work time/patterns	4
Has any officer/councillor walked the route	4
Has the DfE guidance been properly applied?	6

Q9: Do you have any suggestions in relation to the implementation of the policy?

Subject Raised	Count of mentions
Install other new pedestrian crossings	3
Introduce traffic calming/Lower speed limit/speed bumps/speed camera/crossing patrols	2
Install more street lighting	3
Continue with a Paid/subsidised school bus	2
Don't implement the policy	16

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