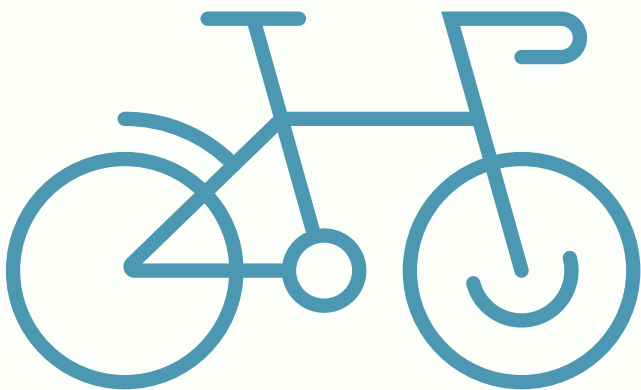


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Your Streets Consultation



Young Advisors Report 2021

Sefton Young Advisors

Sefton Young Advisors are a group of 14 young people aged 15-23 from across the Sefton borough; their role is to work with councillors, leaders and key decision makers to ensure that the voices of young people are heard in both the individual and wider community. They bring unique expertise and knowledge about being young in their area to influence organisations.

Young advisors offer a range of services including youth proofing documents, consultations and designing tailor-made activities to engage with young people.

The Sefton Young Advisors team have won awards for their work and have worked together with many organisations including: Local Authorities, Public Health and the NHS. The Sefton Young Advisors have worked on a number of topics including: health and wellbeing and environmental projects.

Your Streets Consultation

Sefton Young Advisors were approached by Sefton Council to consult with young people across Southport regarding walking and cycling to and from school and extra curricular activities.

As part of the consultation Sefton Young Advisors set up online focus groups on the platform Zoom to interact with young people and sent out questionnaires.

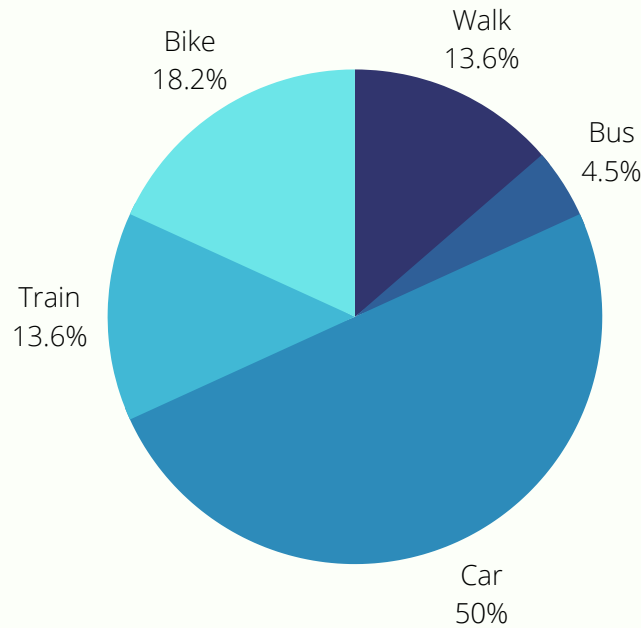
In total we managed to engage with two secondary schools and 19 pupils in total. 11 pupils from Birkdale High School and 8 from Greenbank High School and recieved valuable feedback from the pupils that took part.

Consultation Questions

The answers below are a representation of Birkdale and Greenbank High Schools.

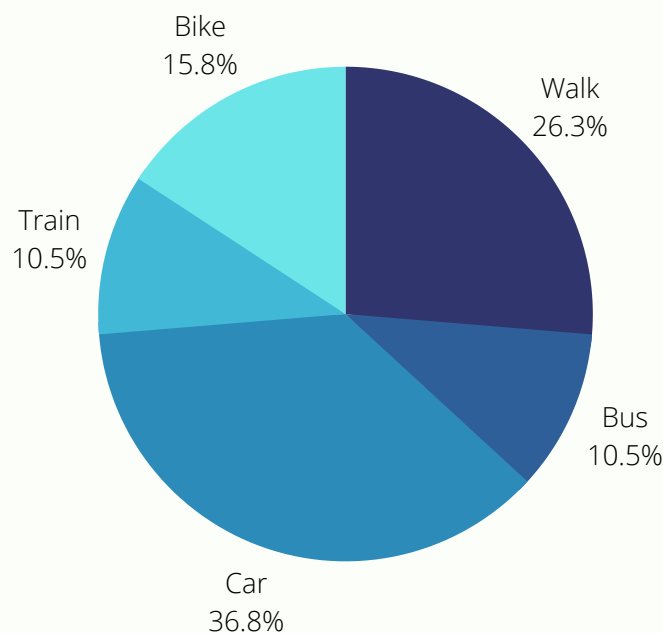
Q1. How do you travel most often?

*please note participants can select multiple options



Across both secondary schools, travelling by car was the mode of transport used most often by the participants.

Q2. How do you travel to and from school most often?



Travelling by car was the most popular mode of transport for going to and from school. No participants from Greenbank High School stated that they cycled to school.

Q2a. If you do not walk or cycle to school, why is this?

Common answers are represented below:

'It would take too long to get the bus'

'I oversleep a lot so do not have time to walk'

'I live too far away from school'

'Cycling is a concern for me'

Q3. If you travel with a parent/carer/other adult - how come?

Common answers are represented below:

'COVID related'

'Because they can drive me to school'

'It is faster to travel with them'

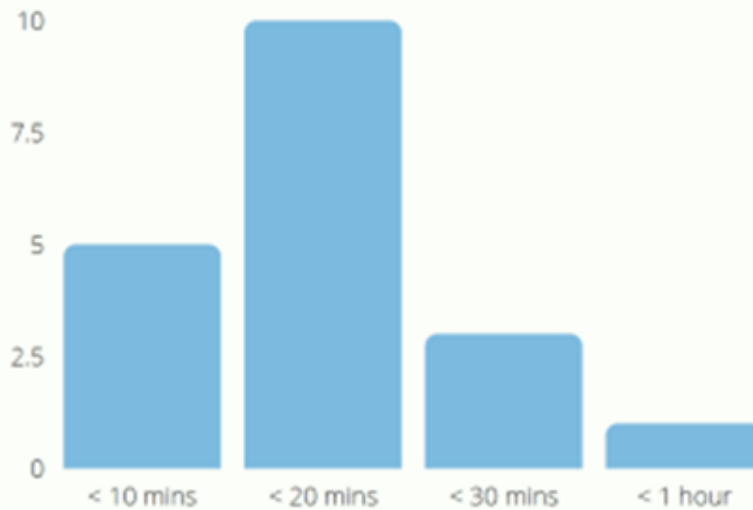
'As my parents drop me off on the way to work'

'My mum and dad drop me and my brother off on the way to work'



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Q4. How far is your journey to and from school? (this can be how long it takes you)



The most common travel time was around 15 minutes to and from school across both Greenbank and Birkdale.

Q5. Think about your journey to and from school - can you think of any potential hazards when walking or cycling?

Common answers are represented below:

'Busy roads'

'Roundabouts and junctions'

'Suspicious people'

'Not enough cycle lanes'

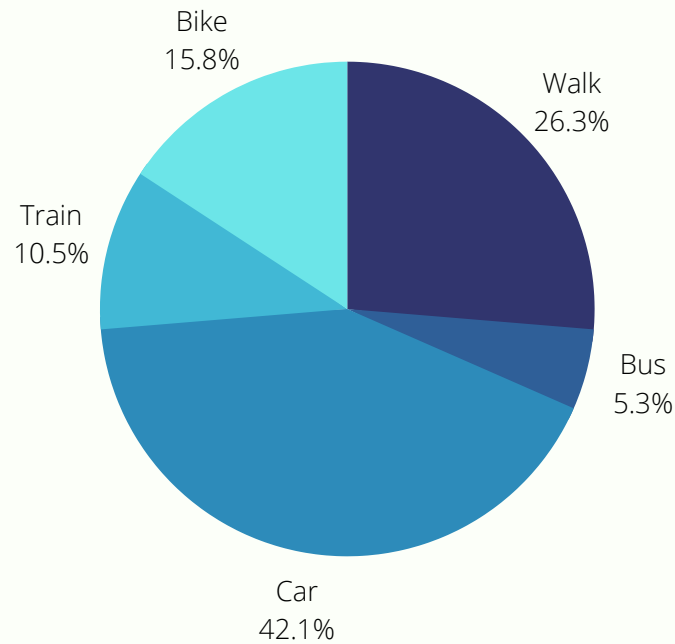
'No traffic lights in some places'

'Being approached by strangers'

'Cambridge Road'

'Dangerous drivers'

'Boys from Birkdale School'

Q6. How do you travel to and from weekend activities?

Many participants stated that if the journey was close to home they would walk but if it was further they would get dropped off by parents in a car.

Q7. Do you have to go into a busy town centre to get to weekend activities?

Yes
53%

No
47%

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Q8. Think about your journey to and from weekend activities - are there any more hazards than travelling to and from school?

Common answers are represented below:

'Men in town that could approach me'

'More populated areas'

'More drivers'

'I think there are less hazards because my parents drop me off'

'It is a lot busier in town'

'Formby Bypass'

Q9. What barriers are there to travelling independantly?

Common answers are represented below:

'My parents don't like me travelling alone'

'Having no-one to turn to if something happened'

'I feel safer travelling with parents'

'I have to contact my mum when I arrive'

'Busy roads'

'Money for buses'

'Time consuming'

Q10. Are there any times/places that you are not allowed to travel alone?

Common answers are represented below:

'After 7/8pm in Southport'

'I am told to avoid back streets and alley ways'

'I can not go out of Southport/local area'

'I cannot go too far away from home'

'If it is dark'

Q11. Is there anything that could make you feel safer when walking independantly?

Common answers are represented below:

'More bike lanes so I can cycle more'

'More street lights'

'More security'

'Police on the streets'

'Making pavements wider'

'More promotion of safety apps such as 360 tracking app'

Q12. Do you have access to a bike that you can use and are happy to use? - one that you like in style?

Yes
95%

No
5%

Some participants from Greenbank High School felt they did not like wearing their bike helmet and therefore do not use their bike as much.

Q13. Is there anything that could make you feel safer when cycling independantly?

Common answers are represented below:

'More cycle paths'

'More ramps'

'No parked cars in the way of cycling routes'

'Better bike storage for leaving my bike locked up'

'Better bike locks'

Summary of Data

It is notable that Birkdale High School is an all boys school and Greenbank High School is an all girls school.

None of the girls from Greenbank cycled to school or weekend activities, and when asked why they do not cycle issues of safety and being approached by strangers were mentioned. 8 out of 11 boys stated that their most common mode of transport to school was to walk or cycle.

The young people that we consulted with gave suggestions on how they would feel safer to cycle, the overriding comment on this was to have more cycle lanes to make them feel safer. A number of girls mentioned strangers as a reason to why they travel with parents to school.

When discussing hazards travelling to and from school, junctions, roundabouts and busy roads were mentioned widely. The same matters arose around travelling to and from weekend activities. Specific roads such as the Formby Bypass and Cambridge Road were mentioned by individuals.

