

# South Leeds and Clay Pit Lane Cycle Improvements

Draft Headline Findings Report

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The West Yorkshire Combined Authority

## **Background and current status**

From 12 August – 29 September 2019, a period of public consultation was undertaken to gather feedback on proposals for cycling access improvements in South Leeds (Dewsbury Road and Elland Road) and Clay Pit Lane. The feedback from this has now been collated and a high level breakdown of the data follows.

## **Headline findings – South Leeds (Dewsbury Road)**

A total of 102 surveys were completed (23 from events, 79 online) for both Elland Road and Dewsbury Road

- The majority of journeys (81%) made were longer journeys which involved travelling along and beyond the road, and the most common reason for travelling in the area was living in the area (40%)
- The most common mode of transport is private vehicle, 64%.
- In terms of agreement with the plans, 48% of respondents selected either “agree” or “strongly agree” to the plans.
- However, nearly half (46%) selected ‘I am unlikely to consider an alternative method of travel’ as a result of the improvements. When asked why this would be unlikely, 40% selected ‘My current mode of transport is more suitable for my journey’.
- The most common thematic comments surrounding the scheme were that it should not be delivered, that it would be detrimental to other cars/congestion and suggestions of alternative plans to consider.

## **Headline findings – South Leeds (Elland Road)**

- The majority of journeys (73%) made were longer journeys which involved travelling along and beyond the road, and the most common reason for travelling in the area was living in the area (39%) and work/work related (33%)
- The most common mode of transport is private vehicle, 68%.
- In terms of agreement with the plans, 53% of respondents selected either “agree” or “strongly agree” to the plans.
- Considering if the plans would affect their current method of travel, 45% of respondents selected “I may now consider walking and/or cycling on Elland Road” however 39% selected “I am unlikely to consider an alternative method of travel”
- When asked why this would be unlikely, 42% selected ‘My current mode of transport is more suitable for my journey’.
- The most common thematic comments surrounding the scheme were of general support, desire for an extension of the scheme and support for segregated cycle lanes.

### **Headline findings – Clay Pit Lane**

- There were a total of 41 survey responses, however one response was submitted with no answers, so this was excluded from the analysis.
- The most common reason for travelling in the area was: “work/work related”
- The most common mode of transport is private vehicle.
- 65% of respondents selected either “agree” or “strongly agree” to the plans.
- 68% selected ‘very likely’ or ‘likely’ to the likelihood of using the planned improvements.
- The most common thematic comments surrounding the scheme were a necessity for the cycle route to be segregated, existing issues with the road and the need for improved cycling infrastructure and connections alongside these plans.

### **Next steps**

Over the coming weeks a more detailed analysis will be undertaken to further understand the reasoning behind the headline results. This will include a thorough examination of all the qualitative responses plus a more in-depth evaluation of the quantitative data. All findings will be compiled into a detailed outcome report which will be made available shortly after completion.

## South Leeds Cycle Improvements:

### SECTION A: pre-survey

**Which section would you like to complete? (*n* = 97)**

Dewsbury Road	19 (20%)
Elland Road	28 (29%)
Both (full survey)	50 (50%)

### SECTION B: Dewsbury Road

**Please select the option that best describes your most frequent type of journey using Dewsbury Road: (*n* = 64)**

Longer journeys (by this we mean you make longer journeys from one destination to another that includes travelling along Dewsbury Road e.g. to the White Rose Shopping Centre or Leeds City Centre)	52 (81%)
Local journeys (by this we mean you make short journeys in the local area, that include some part of Dewsbury Road e.g. to or from the One Stop Centre)	12 (19%)

**Which is your main reason for making these journeys on Dewsbury Road? (*n* = 65)**

I live in the area (this means you are likely to make journeys for many reasons)	26 (40%)
Work / work related (includes commuting)	20 (31%)
Visiting health facilities	1 (2%)
Going shopping	4 (6%)
Visiting friends / family	6 (9%)
Visiting leisure facilities / activities	4 (6%)
School / training / education related	0 (0%)
Taking children to school	0 (0%)
Something else	4 (6%)

**If something else, please state: ( $n = 2$ )**

Church	1
General bike riding to get fit. Only just started but cycle paths are not great or exist in some parts	1

**How often do you make a journey on Dewsbury Road? ( $n = 69$ )**

5 or more days a week	24 (35%)
3 or 4 days a week	15 (22%)
At least once a week	9 (13%)
At least once a fortnight	4 (6%)
At least once a month	9 (13%)
At least once a year	4 (6%)
Hardly ever / Never	4 (6%)

**Please select which modes of transport you currently use to travel on Dewsbury Road ( $n = 69$ ). Respondents were able to select multiple options.**

Walking	19 (28%)
Private vehicle (this includes car, van, taxi or motorcycle)	44 (64%)
Bicycle	24 (35%)
Public Transport (bus/train)	0 (0%)
Other	1 (1%)

**As a pedestrian, please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road ( <i>n</i> = 19)	3 (16%)	3 (16%)	5 (26%)	7 (37%)	1 (5%)
Crossing the road ( <i>n</i> = 18)	4 (22%)	4 (22%)	4 (22%)	4 (22%)	2 (11%)
Space available to move around other road and pavement users ( <i>n</i> = 19)	2 (11%)	6 (32%)	3 (16%)	4 (21%)	4 (21%)
Condition of the pavements/footpaths ( <i>n</i> = 19)	2 (11%)	4 (21%)	3 (16%)	6 (32%)	4 (21%)

**As a private vehicle user (this includes car, van, taxi or motorcycle) please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road ( <i>n</i> = 41)	4 (10%)	5 (12%)	19 (46%)	6 (15%)	7 (17%)
Parking / loading / unloading ( <i>n</i> = 40)	3 (8%)	4 (10%)	11 (28%)	13 (33%)	9 (23%)
Space available to move around other road and pavement users ( <i>n</i> = 42)	4 (10%)	4 (10%)	8 (19%)	14 (33%)	12 (29%)
Condition of the roads and kerbs ( <i>n</i> = 42)	1 (2%)	5 (12%)	19 (45%)	9 (21%)	8 (19%)

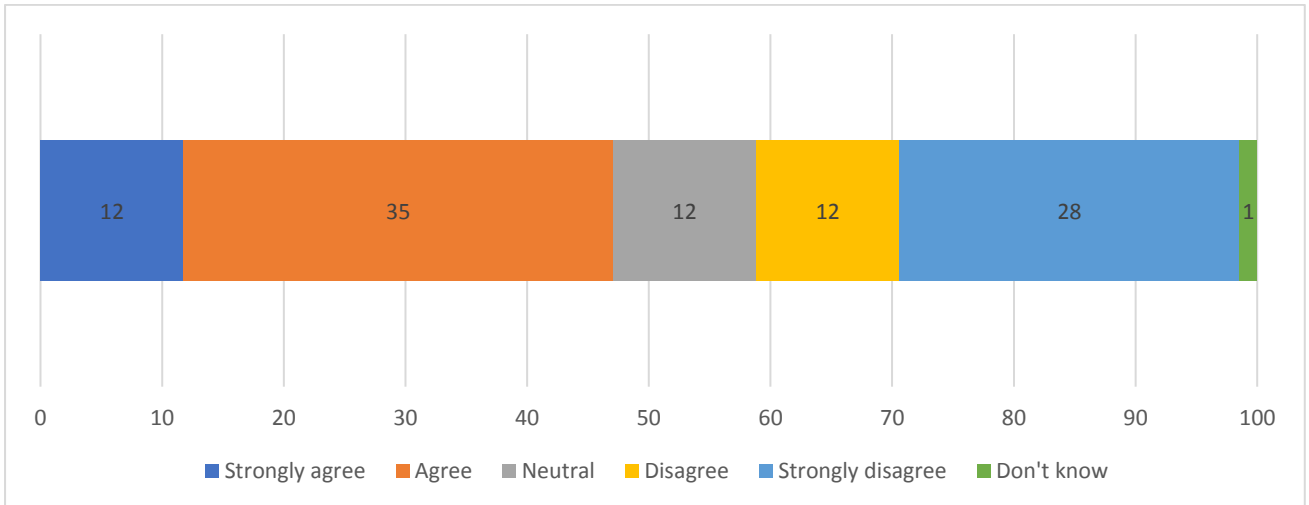
**As a person on a bike, please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road ( <i>n</i> = 24)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	5 (21%)	9 (38%)	9 (38%)
Crossing the road ( <i>n</i> = 23)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	7 (30%)	9 (39%)	6 (26%)
Space available to move around other road and pavement users ( <i>n</i> = 23)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	3 (13%)	10 (43%)	9 (39%)
Condition of the roads and kerbs ( <i>n</i> = 23)	0 (0%)	3 (13%)	5 (22%)	9 (39%)	6 (26%)

**As a public transport user (this includes buses and trains) please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road ( <i>n</i> = 19)	1 (5%)	2 (11%)	6 (32%)	7 (37%)	3 (16%)
Crossing the road ( <i>n</i> = 19)	2 (11%)	4 (21%)	5 (26%)	3 (16%)	5 (26%)
Space available for the bus to move around other road and pavement users ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	4 (21%)	5 (26%)	9 (47%)
Condition of the roads and kerbs ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	4 (21%)	5 (26%)	6 (32%)	4 (21%)

**To what extent do you agree that the proposed plans meet the aims of the route improvements?** (*n* = 68), responses shown as a percentage.



**Please choose the statement that best matches how the proposed changes will affect how you travel along Dewsbury Road:** (*n* = 68)

I may now consider walking and/or cycling on Dewsbury Road	19 (28%)
I don't know yet know how the proposed changes will affect my method of travel	17 (25%)
I am unlikely to consider an alternative method of travel	31 (46%)

**If you are unlikely to consider an alternative method, please could you choose a statement that best explains why:** (*n* = 30)

My journey is too far and/or hilly	4 (13%)
I don't have access to a bike	1 (3%)
I don't have appropriate facilities at my destination	0 (0%)
I don't feel safe to cycle	0 (0%)
I don't know how to ride a bike	1 (3%)
My health or fitness is a barrier to cycling	3 (10%)
The weather conditions are often poor and unpredictable	1 (3%)
My current mode of transport is more suitable for my journey	12 (40%)
Other	8 (27%)



**If other, please state:** ( $n = 6$ )

I'll still ride despite the poor facilities	1
The weather, general area, time, safety etc. will not be resolved by proposed changes	1
Bus travel is essential for me as I am elderly therefore cycling is out of the question and walking	1
For my wife and I it is not economically viable to use public transport (cheaper by private car)	1
I'm likely to stop cycling on Dewsbury Road & switch to car if you make these changes	1
Pollution will increase I will continue to use bus to reduce breathing in the fumes	1

**Do you have any other comments on the Dewsbury Road plans to share at this stage?** ( $n = 42$ ). *Respondents were able to make multiple comments.*

The proposed route proposals should not be delivered / are a waste of money	5
Suggestion for other improvements / alternative developments	4
The proposals will be detrimental to car drivers / congestion	4
Previous work on Dewsbury Road has had a detrimental effect	4
General support	3
There should be more enforcement of traffic and cycle regulations	3
Cyclists should have a right of way at junctions / should have designated bike lights	3
The current cycle infrastructure is not successful / is underused / does not provide value for money (specific to Dewsbury Road)	3
Concern regarding the consultation process	3
Desire for an extension to the scheme	2
The proposals do not go far enough	2
There are issues with the design of the proposals	2
The road is too narrow	2
The proposals will only benefit a small group	2

There is a need to reduce the number of cars on the road	2
Current facilities are poor / cycling is currently unsafe along this route	1
The proposals should not include shared space / shared space is dangerous	1
Request for evidence	1
Bus services / infrastructure should be improved	1
The proposals will not result in a modal shift towards cycling	1
The proposals will increase risks for road users	1

## SECTION C: Elland Road

**Please select the option that best describes your most frequent type of journey using Elland Road: ( $n = 74$ )**

Longer journeys (by this we mean you make longer journeys from one destination to another that includes travelling along Elland Road e.g. to the White Rose Shopping Centre or Leeds City Centre)	54 (73%)
Local journeys (by this we mean you make short journeys in the local area, that include some part of Elland Road e.g. to or from the One Stop Centre)	20 (27%)

**Which is your main reason for making these journeys on Elland Road? ( $n = 72$ )**

I live in the area (this means you are likely to make journeys for many reasons)	24 (33%)
Work / work related (includes commuting)	28 (39%)
Visiting health facilities	0 (0%)
Going shopping	7 (10%)
Visiting friends / family	4 (6%)
Visiting leisure facilities / activities	6 (8%)
School / training / education related	0 (0%)

Taking children to school	0 (0%)
Something else	3 (4%)

**If something else, please state:** ( $n = 1$ )

Part of longer journey	1
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**How often do you make a journey on Elland Road?** ( $n = 77$ )

5 or more days a week	23 (30%)
3 or 4 days a week	18 (23%)
At least once a week	11 (14%)
At least once a fortnight	6 (8%)
At least once a month	9 (12%)
At least once a year	7 (9%)
Hardly ever / Never	3 (4%)

**Please select which modes of transport you currently use to travel on Elland Road** ( $n = 77$ ). Respondents were able to select multiple options.

Walking	20 (26%)
Private vehicle (this includes car, van, taxi or motorcycle)	52 (68%)
Bicycle	30 (39%)
Public Transport (bus/train)	0 (0%)
Other	1 (1%)

**If other, please state:** ( $n = 1$ )

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Quadricycle and bicycle (Option removed when answering other)	1
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**As a pedestrian, please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	4 (20%)	9 (45%)	4 (20%)	3 (15%)
Crossing the road ( <i>n</i> = 18)	0 (0%)	2 (10%)	5 (25%)	5 (25%)	9 (40%)
Space available to move around other road and pavement users ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	2 (11%)	9 (47%)	6 (32%)	2 (11%)
Condition of the pavements/footpaths ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	3 (15%)	10 (50%)	5 (25%)	2 (10%)

**As a private vehicle user (this includes car, van, taxi or motorcycle) please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road ( <i>n</i> = 41)	5 (10%)	9 (18%)	20 (40%)	11 (22%)	5 (10%)
Parking / loading / unloading ( <i>n</i> = 40)	3 (7%)	6 (13%)	15 (33%)	12 (27%)	9 (20%)
Space available to move around other road and pavement users ( <i>n</i> = 42)	4 (9%)	8 (17%)	15 (32%)	11 (23%)	9 (19%)
Condition of the roads and kerbs ( <i>n</i> = 42)	1 (2%)	8 (16%)	27 (55%)	7 (14%)	6 (12%)

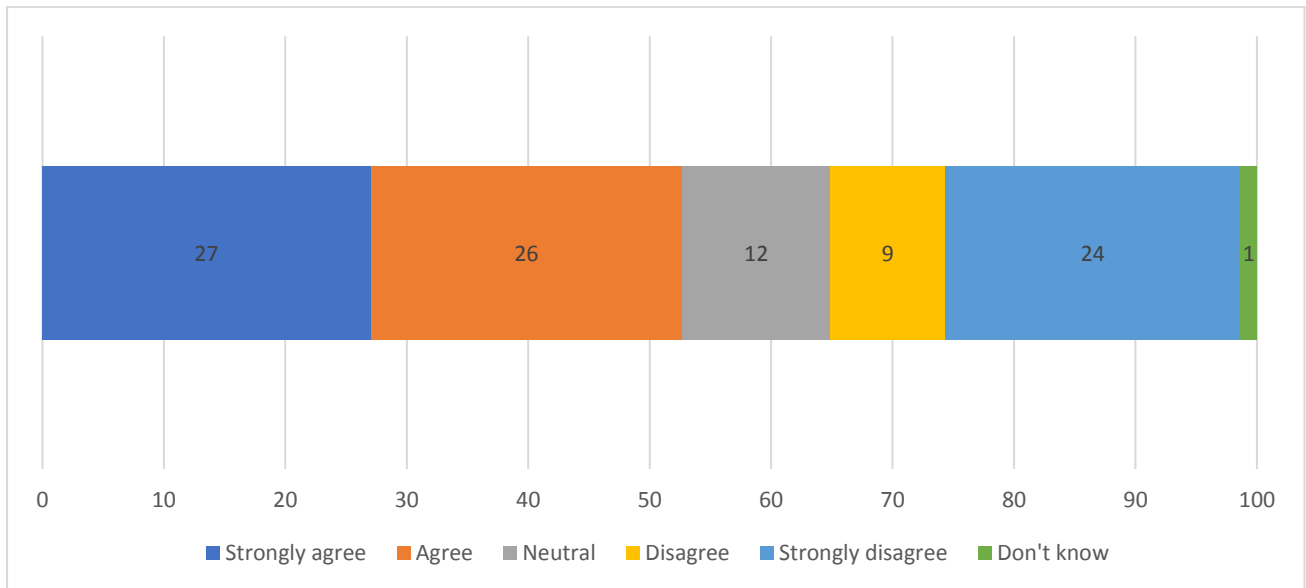
**As a person on a bike, please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road ( <i>n</i> = 24)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	17 (61%)	5 (18%)
Crossing the road ( <i>n</i> = 23)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	6 (21%)	12 (43%)	9 (32%)
Space available to move around other road and pavement users ( <i>n</i> = 23)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	18 (64%)	6 (21%)
Condition of the roads and kerbs ( <i>n</i> = 23)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	7 (25%)	15 (54%)	5 (18%)

**As a public transport user (this includes buses and trains) please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	8 (38%)	6 (29%)	6 (29%)	1 (5%)
Crossing the road ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	4 (20%)	6 (30%)	6 (30%)	4 (20%)
Space available for the bus to move around other road and pavement users ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	3 (14%)	7 (33%)	5 (24%)	6 (29%)
Condition of the roads and kerbs ( <i>n</i> = 19)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	11 (55%)	4 (20%)	5 (25%)

**To what extent do you agree that the proposed plans meet the aims of the route improvements?** ( $n = 74$ ), responses shown as a percentage.



**To what extent do you agree that the proposed plans meet the aims of the Elland Road route improvements? Please explain your answer:**

( $n = 54$ ). Respondents were able to make multiple comments.

General support	14
Desire for an extension to the scheme	7
Support for segregated cycle lanes	5
Current facilities are poor / cycling is currently unsafe along this route	5
The current cycle infrastructure is not successful / is underused / does not provide value for money (not specific to Elland Road)	5
Miscellaneous	4
There are issues with the design of the proposals	4
The proposed route proposals should not be delivered / are a waste of money	3
The proposals will be detrimental to car drivers / congestion	3
There are few cyclists on Elland Road	2
Cyclists and pedestrians should be given priority	2
The proposals should not include shared space / shared space is dangerous	2

The condition of the road needs to be improved	2
The proposals do not go far enough	1
There should be more enforcement of traffic and cycle regulations	1
The proposals will not result in a modal shift towards cycling	1
Previous work on Elland Road has had a detrimental effect	1
Desire for cycle hire points	1
This is not needed	1
Concern regarding the removal of bus stops	1
There is a need for sufficient signage	1
Concern regarding the consultation process	1

**Please choose the statement that best matches how the proposed changes will affect how you travel along Elland Road: ( $n = 74$ )**

I may now consider walking and/or cycling on Elland Road	33 (45%)
I don't know yet how the proposed changes will affect my method of travel	12 (16%)
I am unlikely to consider an alternative method of travel	29 (39%)

**If you are unlikely to consider an alternative method, please could you choose a statement that best explains why: ( $n = 26$ )**

My journey is too far and/or hilly	3 (12%)
I don't have access to a bike	1 (4%)
I don't have appropriate facilities at my destination	0 (0%)
I don't feel safe to cycle	1 (4%)
I don't know how to ride a bike	1 (4%)
My health or fitness is a barrier to cycling	3 (12%)

The weather conditions are often poor and unpredictable	0 (0%)
My current mode of transport is more suitable for my journey	11 (42%)
Other	6 (23%)

**If other, please state:** ( $n = 3$ )

I'll still ride despite the poor facilities	1
Please allow for more text in these boxes. Or contact for in-depth discussion	1
The footway/cycleway shared use parts of the design are dangerous & will be avoided by safe cyclists	1

**Do you have any other comments on the Elland Road plans to share at this stage?** ( $n = 42$ ). *Respondents were able to make multiple comments.*

Miscellaneous	9
Suggestion for other improvements / alternative developments	7
There are issues with the design of the proposals	5
Concern regarding the consultation process	5
General support	2
Current facilities are poor / cycling is currently unsafe along this route	2
There should be more enforcement of traffic and cycle regulations	2
Concern regarding the removal of bus stops	2
Specific likes	1
Support for shared space	1
Desire for an extension to the scheme	1
The proposed route proposals should not be delivered / are a waste of money	1
The proposals will be detrimental to car drivers / congestion	1
Linking the cycling network is important	1



The proposals should not include shared space / shared space is dangerous	1
Request for evidence	1
The proposals will not result in a modal shift towards cycling	1
There is a need to reduce the number of cars on the road	1
Desire for cycle hire points	1
There is a need for sufficient signage	1

**Gender Identity** ( $n = 95$ )

Female	28 (29%)
Male	60 (63%)
Prefer not to say	7 (7%)

**Age category** ( $n = 96$ )

16 - 18	0 (0%)
19 - 24	1 (1%)
25 - 44	39 (41%)
45 - 64	36 (38%)
65 - 79	13 (14%)
80+	2 (2%)
Prefer not to say	5 (5%)

## Clay Pit Lane Results

**What is your main reason for making these journeys on Clay Pit Lane? Please tick one (n=40)**

Response	Count	Percentage
Work / work related (includes commuting)	14	35%
I live in the area (this means you are likely to make journeys for many reasons)	8	20%
Visiting leisure facilities / activities	8	20%
Going shopping	4	10%
Something else	2	5%
Visiting friends / family	2	5%
Visiting health facilities	2	5%

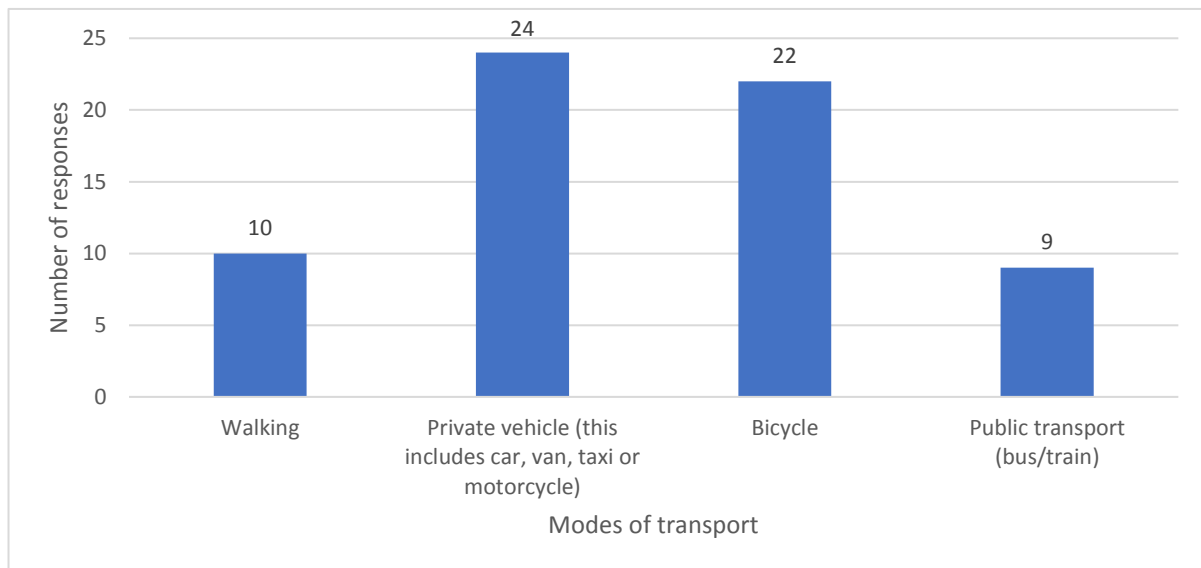
**If other, please state: (n = 2)**

part of ad hoc cycle ride.”	1
I live fairly close but wouldn't cycle on Clay Pit Lane because of the horrendous traffic	1

**How often do you make a journey on Clay Pit Lane? (Choose any one option) (n=40)**

Response	Count	Percentage
At least once a month	10	25%
3 or 4 days a week	8	20%
At least once a week	6	15%
5 or more days a week	5	13%
Hardly ever / Never	5	13%
At least once a fortnight	4	10%
At least once a year	2	5%

**Please select which modes of transport you currently use to travel on Clay Pit Lane: Select all that apply (n = 65). Respondents were able to make multiple comments.**



**As a pedestrian, please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road (n=10)	3 (30%)	5 (50%)	2 (20%)	0	0
Crossing the road (n=10)	5 (50%)	4 (40%)	1 (10%)	0	0
Space available to move around other road and pavement users (n=10)	4 (40%)	3 (30%)	2 (20%)	1 (10%)	0
Condition of the pavements/footpaths (n=10)	2 (20%)	3 (30%)	5 (50%)	0	0

**As a private vehicle user (this includes car, van, taxi or motorcycle) please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road (n=24)	1 (4%)	6 (25%)	8 (33%)	7 (29%)	2 (8%)
Parking / loading / unloading (n=24)	7 (29%)	3 (13%)	7 (29%)	0	0

Space available to move around other road and pavement users (n=24)	4 (17%)	5 (21%)	7 (29%)	3 (13%)	2 (8%)
Condition of the roads and kerbs (n=24)	1 (4%)	4 (17%)	7 (29%)	9 (38%)	1

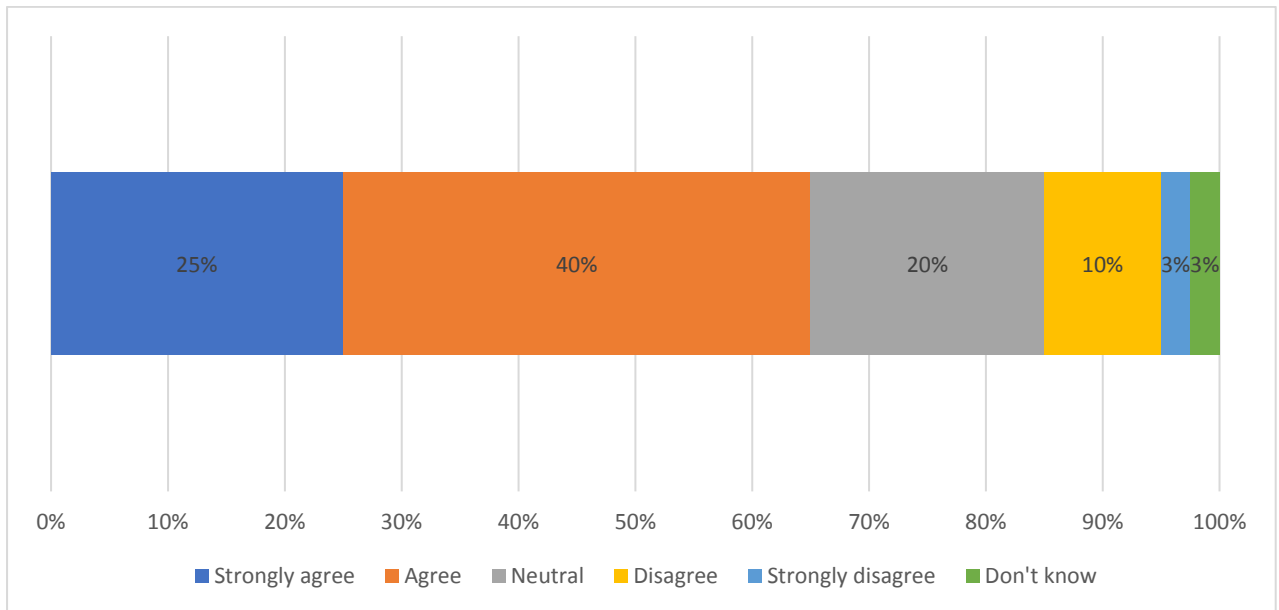
**As a person on a bike, please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road (n=21)	13 (62%)	8 (38%)	0	0	0
Crossing the road (n=21)	12 (57%)	7 (33%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	0
Space available to move around other road and pavement users (n=21)	13 (62%)	6 (29%)	2 (10%)	0	0
Condition of the roads and kerbs (n=21)	12 (57%)	6 (29%)	3 (14%)	0	0

**As a public transport user (this includes buses and trains) please rate your current experience of the following:**

	Very good 5	4	3	2	Very poor 1
Travelling on/along this road (n=9)	1 (11%)	4 (44%)	2 (22%)	2 (22%)	0
Crossing the road (n=8)	2 (25%)	6 (75%)	0	0	0
Space available for the bus to move around other road and pavement users (n=9)	3 (33%)	2 (22%)	2 (22%)	2 (22%)	0
Condition of the roads and kerbs (n=9)	1 (11%)	4 (44%)	2 (22%)	2 (22%)	0

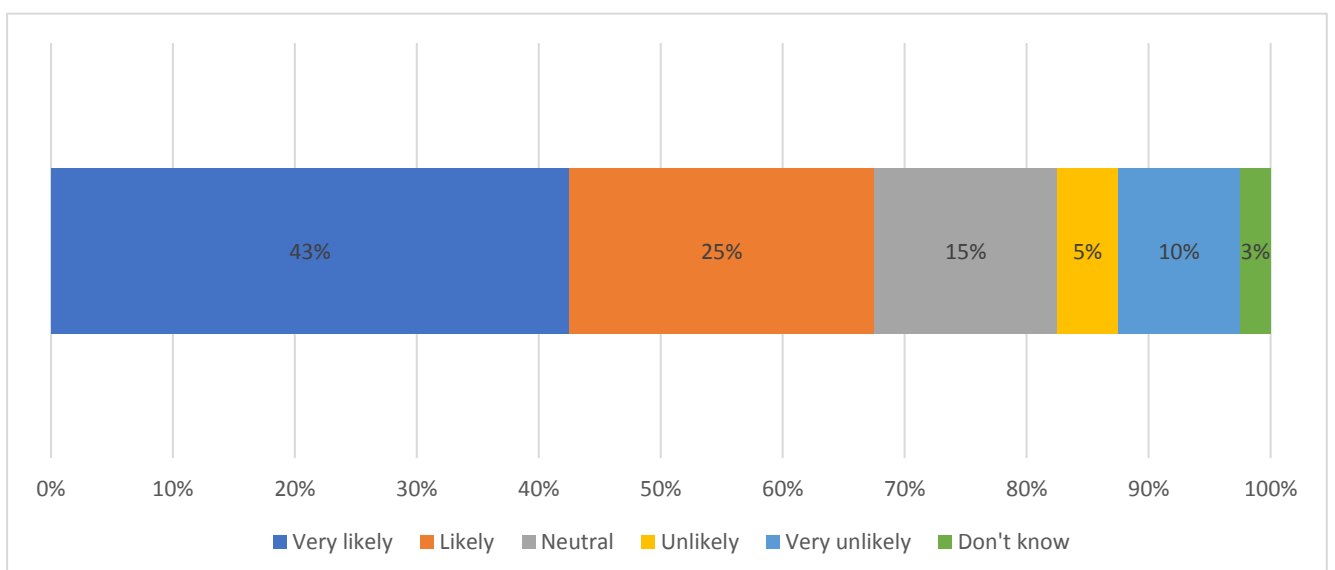
**To what extent do you agree that the proposed plans meet the aims of the route improvements? (Please tick one box) (n=40)**



**Please explain your answer: (n=25)**

Needs segregating	9
Not enough information provided	4
Still unsafe	3
Needs more information on how it will connect with other cycle routes	2
Should help	2
Plans should prioritise people over motorists	2
Cycle lanes should be two way	2
Walking should be prioritised	2
Using an alternative/smaller road would be better	1

**How likely are you to use the improved walking and cycling access on Clay Pit Lane? (n=40)**



**Please explain your answer: (n=28)**

The plans would save me time/be more appealing	8
I am already a user of this route	4
Segregation is needed for use	3
The plans would make this route safer	3
Can't tell at this time	2
Not applicable - I only travel infrequently/don't cycle	2
Will use this infrequently	2
I would not use this route	2
I would only use this route if it is traffic free	1
I would use if well connected with cycle routes in the city	1

**Do you have any other comments on the Clay Pit Lane plans to share at this stage? (n=20)**

Needs protection at junctions	4
Needs proper segregation	3
Support for the scheme	3
Road feels unsafe	3
No comments	2
Unsupportive of scheme	2
Route amend - connect to Oatland Drive	1
High levels of pollution on this road	1
Route amend/query - cycle lanes to connect with Woodhouse Lane	1
Road feels like a mototway	1
Provisions for cycling and walking while the work is carried out	1
Needs to be accompanied by good cycling infrastructure	1
Could the cycle path be dual bike/pedestrian	1
Concern over narrowing the roads	1

**Demographic questions:**

The following demographic questions were optional and aimed to understand the representation of respondents in order to better target and improve future consultation and engagement activities.

**Do you identify as: (n=40)**

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	30	75%
Female	6	15%
Prefer not to say	4	10%

**Which age category do you fall within? (n=40)**

Response	Count	Percentage
16 - 18	1	3%
19 - 24	3	8%
25 - 44	16	40%
45 - 64	17	43%
65 - 79	1	3%
Prefer not to say	2	5%

**How did you hear about this engagement exercise? (e.g. booklet, poster, press release etc.) (n=37)**

Response	Count	Percentage
Facebook	13	35%
Twitter	8	22%
Online	4	11%
Article	3	8%
Social media	2	5%
Via city connect	2	5%
Email	1	3%
Instagram	1	3%
Real time bus information	1	3%
Skyscraper	1	3%
Word of mouth	1	3%