

Report of: Gary Bartlett, Chief Officer Highways and Transportation

Report to: Inner East Community Committee

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To note

Title: Leeds Streets for All consultation - public responses

Purpose of report

1. To provide the Inner East Community Committee with an update following the Leeds Streets for All consultation which ran 29th July – 8th September 2024
2. Members are asked to read the detailed report (attached) ahead of the community committee meeting on 20th February 2025.
3. A short presentation (attached) will be used to frame discussions at the meeting.

Main points

4. The report provides the Inner East Community Committee with the findings of what the public told us are their main issues under the themes of vehicles & parking, walking & wheeling, cycling, accessing bus stops & rail stations and the street environment.
5. Nearly 2,800 people visited the consultation website, and 95 respondents left 257 contributions. A total of 441 relevant comments were analysed in this report.
6. Of the responses received 42% were related to vehicles and parking, 20% cycling, 14% wheeling and walking, 16% street environment and 8% accessing bus and rail stations.
7. Common themes for vehicles and parking include - inconsiderate parking, speeding, congestion/volume of traffic, vehicle using street as a rat-run.
8. Common themes for cycling include - cycle provision feels unsafe/inadequate, no provision for people cycling, cycle route not well connected, difficult to cross the road.
9. Common themes for wheeling and walking - difficult to cross the road, obstruction on pavement, pavement too narrow/damaged, inconsiderate parking.
10. Common themes for accessing bus stops and rail stations include - hard to cross the road to access bus stop/rail station, not enough space around bus shelter, bus shelter too small, congestion/volume of traffic.

11. Common themes for street environment include - anti-social behaviour, lack of greenery, plants and trees, street is too noisy, overgrown shrubs.
12. A map on pg 15 provides a visual display of the key locations where people have highlighted issues in the Inner East area.

Recommendations

13. A local plan with a list of potential interventions is in (appendix 1) which can only be developed as funding opportunities become available.
14. Elected Members are asked to note the contents of the full report and provide feedback regarding:
 - the findings and if they tie in with ward members' knowledge or are there any gaps
 - officer's recommendations for potential future schemes (subject to funding)
 - how findings can be fed back to residents