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Sefton Public Engagement and Consultation Panel

Date: 15th January 2021

Title: Feedback and Evaluation report – Sefton Liveable Streets

Report of: Lee Davies, Principal Officer – Policy & Sustainable Travel

1. **Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To provide feedback on the Sefton Liveable Streets Engagement.

1.2 The Panel have agreed to appraise the Feedback and Evaluation Reports in accordance with the standards of public engagement and consultation and will consider:-

- How the activity was carried out;
- The opinions of the people taking part on how they found the process;
- The number of people who took part and the costs of the different methods of getting them involved;
- How successful different methods were at getting the views of people who are not normally heard, for example, children, young people and people with disabilities;
- How the results will be fed back to the public; and
- How will the results influence policies and service plans.

2. **The Consultation Process**

2.1 The Sefton Liveable Streets engagement is available here; [Sefton Liveable Streets \(commonplace.is\)](https://seftonliveablestreets.commonplace.is/) and has been running since June 2020 and will continue to be available until 31st December 2020.

2.2 The aim of the engagement was to capture the views of people living in Sefton and what problems and issues they had trying to move around on foot or by cycle, and what they would like to see to improve the situation.

2.3 This tool is also available for all the districts (accept Halton) in the Liverpool City Region as follows;

<https://liveablestreetsliverpool.commonplace.is/>

<https://wirraliveablestreets.commonplace.is/>

<https://knowsleyliveablestreets.commonplace.is/>

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<https://sthelensliveablestreets.commonplace.is/>

3. **Summary of the Consultation Results**

3.1 Detailed analysis is yet to be undertaken as at the time of writing the engagement is still ongoing. To date, Sefton Liveable Streets had;

- 4,514 individual visits to the site
- 901 individuals contributed by providing comments or an agreement
- 700 individual comments
- 1897 agreements.

3.2 Below details headline analysis at the time of writing. Here are the top responses from the questions asked by Sefton Liveable Streets.

Q1 What is the issue you are commenting on?

- Behaviour of road users (227)
- Speeding (226)
- Volumes of traffic (216)

Q2 Why do you feel this way?

- Dangerous (386)
- Not cycle friendly (345)
- Not pedestrian friendly (317)
- Congested (158)
- Polluted (89)

Q3 How could we make it better?

- Slow down traffic (197)
- Enforcement (191)
- More cycle lanes (176)
- Safer roads (118)
- Safer intersection (101)
- More places to bike (89)
- Install a temporary filter (restriction on cars) (85)
- Add crossings (80)
- Trim bushes (74)
- More places to walk (61)
- Pedestrianise (53)
- Connected pavement (41)
- More facilities for disabled (30)

Q4 What could help to promote safe physical distancing here?

- Extend pavement (123)

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- Add temporary cycle path (121)
- Less parking (75)
- Close street to cars (63)
- More lights (26)

4. **Feedback**

4.1 In terms of how we will look to make the best use of this information, we will use this to inform policy, projects and capital schemes that the STPI Team are currently progressing as follows;

Policy work

- The emerging Decarbonisation Strategy and associated policy work including;
 - Walking and cycling
 - Liveable Streets
 - E-mobility

Schemes

- Southport Eastern Access
- Southport Liveable Neighbourhood
- Learning from EATR's in Bootle and Southport
- Southport Walking and Cycling Route (Extensions to the Emergency Active Travel Scheme)
- Maritime Corridor

4.2 Once we have more detailed analysis of the results we hope to share this more widely across the council to inform internal work including;

- Southport Town Bid
- Green Infrastructure work being led by Green Sefton
- Highway Cleansing programmes
- Highway Maintenance programmes
- Air Quality work including CAZ
- Ainsdale on Sea improvements
- Green Corridor (Merseytravel)

5. **Future engagement**

5.1 The Commonplace platform has the functionality to keep people informed about the project by providing a project update by email or by providing response to individual pins on the map. We have started to work on providing individual responses to pins and we will continue to do this into the new year. We will also be providing project updates with details of the engagement opportunities we will be progressing in 2021 such as the new walking and cycling routes in Southport and Crosby.

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6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Public Engagement and Consultation Panel are recommended to
- a) Note the contents of the report and feedback and evaluation forms
 - b) Request that lead officers provide the Public Engagement and Consultation Team with the results and reports so that they can be uploaded onto e-Consult.
 - c) Request that lead officer's report to a future Panel meeting to update the panel as to any additional changes that have occurred as a result of the consultation feedback.

PROJECT EVALUATION

Project Title:	Sefton Liveable Streets		
Lead officer:	Lee Davies	Contact no	Click here to enter text.
Designation	Principal Officer – Policy & Sustainable Travel	E-mail	Lee.davies@sefton.gov.uk
How does your consultation relate to the Council's Core Purpose? (please tick)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Protect the most vulnerable		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Facilitate confident and resilient communities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commission, broker and provide core services		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Place – Leadership and Influencer		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drivers of change and reform		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Facilitate sustainable and economic growth		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater income for social investment		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cleaner, Greener		
Which of the Health and Wellbeing Board's Priorities does your Consultation relate to (please tick)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure all children have a positive start in life		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support people early to prevent and treat avoidable illnesses and reduce inequalities in health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support older people and those with long term conditions and disabilities to remain independent and in their own homes		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Promote positive mental health and wellbeing		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seek to address the wider social, environmental and economic issues that contribute to poor health and wellbeing		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Build capacity and resilience to empower and strengthen communities		

Does this consultation relate to an item on the Forward Plan? If so which one?

No

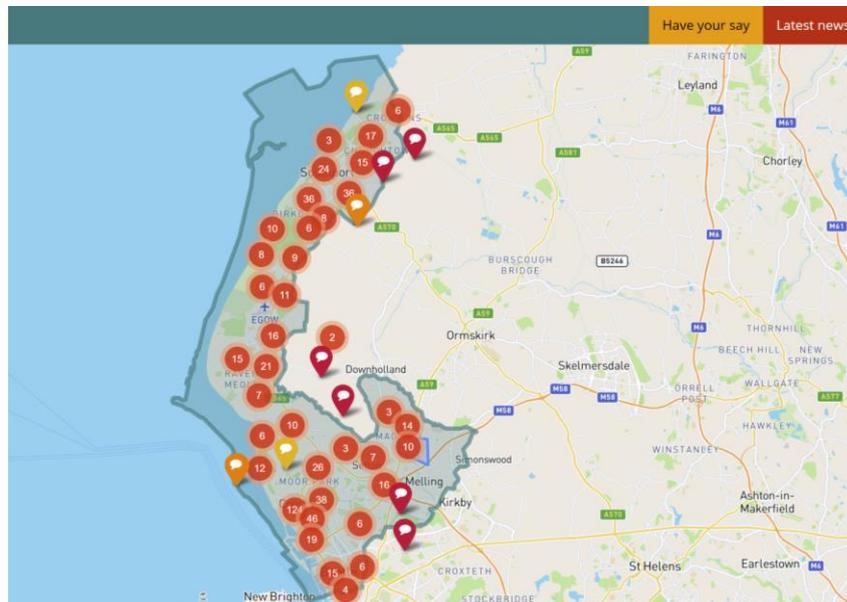
Summary of the Consultation/Engagement Undertaken

The Sefton Liveable Streets engagement has been running from June 2020 and will close on 31st December 2020. The aim of the engagement is to capture the views of people living in Sefton about any problems and issues they are facing moving around on foot or by cycle in Sefton during the COVID pandemic.

People taking part put a pin in the location they would like to tell us about and are then asked a series of questions. The answers to the questions can either be selected from a list or an individual answer created. The questions asked and the list of answers which could be selected, are standard across the local authorities in the City Region (except Halton) as follows;

- What are you commenting on?
- What is the issue you are commenting on?
- Why do you feel this way?
- How could we make it better?
- What could help to promote physical distancing here?
- Would you like to see these temporary changes made permanent?
- Any other comment?

The plan below shows geographically where pins have been dropped throughout the course of this engagement.



Please give details of other partners who were involved in this consultation/engagement activity.

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All the Liverpool City Region authorities (accept Halton) took part in offering the engagement tool.

<https://liveablestreetsliverpool.commonplace.is/>
<https://wirrallliveablestreets.commonplace.is/>
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Methodology

The following activities were completed to raise awareness of the platform;

- A press release
- Sent out via @seftoncouncil on twitter
- Engaged with grass roots organisations to spread the word

Did you engage the voluntary, community or faith sector?

Not specifically, however Sefton Liveable Streets did feature at a Sefton Older Persons Forum.

What was the overall cost of the consultation/engagement? What was spent on what?

The platform was offered free of charge to all the Authorities in the City Region (and nationally)

Is there anything you would do differently next time?

Within the context of COVID this way of seeking information was a good way to do it. Greater exposure via Schools and community groups etc would have been helpful.

Have the results been fed back?

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How have you used the results of this consultation/engagement and what changes have you made?

- The emerging Decarbonisation Strategy and associated policy work including;
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 - E-mobility
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- Learning from Emergency Active Travel Routes in Bootle and Southport
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What are your plans to keep members of the public informed and involved?

We are looking to re-establish a walking and cycling interest group to help us keep respondents engaged and to help us to shape our plans moving forward.

If you require any further information please contact either Jayne Vincent (0151 934 3733)

Signature of Project Lead: Lee Davies

Date: 18/12/2020

Manager Approval:



Date: 18/12/2020

Please return this form electronically to:-

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