

Active Travel (Wales) Bill – Summary of Survey Responses

As part of the National Assembly for Wales’s consultation on the Active Travel (Wales) Bill, the Outreach Team conducted a survey using both online and paper-based questionnaires asking participants for their views, opinions and habits with regards to active travel. The target audience, as per the Committee’s requirements, was children and young people, particularly those of secondary school age.

This document provides a summary of the responses received during the external engagement period 18 March to the 9 April 2013. Responses were also received from participants who were outside the target age-group. A breakdown of responses by age-group has been provided.

Key statistics

Total Number of Responses Received: 276

Total Number of Online Responses Received: 107

Total Number of Paper-based Responses Received: 169

Total Number of Young Respondents (aged 0 – 25): 157

Total Number of Secondary School-age Respondents (aged 11-18): 134

Detailed Summary of Survey Responses

Question 1) Do you live in an urban area or a rural area?		
All Survey Respondents	Urban: 52.4%	Rural: 47.6%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Urban: 45.8%	Rural: 54.1%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Urban: 40.3%	Rural: 59.7%

Question 2) What is your current status?	
All Survey Respondents	School: 34.4%
	Further Education (e.g. training, college): 23.6%
	Higher Education (e.g. university): 3.6%
	Employment: 34.1%
	Other: 4.3%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	School: 45.9%
	Further Education (e.g. training, college): 41.4%
	Higher Education (e.g. university): 3.8%
	Employment: 8.2%
	Other: 0.6%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	School: 51.5%
	Further Education (e.g. training, college): 46.3%
	Higher Education (e.g. university): 1.5%
	Employment: 0%
	Other: 0.7%

Question 3) How old are you?

This information has been captured and is displayed on page 1.

Question 4) Are you male or female?		
All Survey Respondents	Male: 45.3%	Female: 54.7%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Male: 39.5%	Female: 60.5%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Male: 37.3%	Female: 62.7%

Question 5) Do you regularly walk and / or cycle when you need to get somewhere, for example to school or college?		
All Survey Respondents	Yes: 66.5%	No: 33.5%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Yes: 64.3%	No: 35.7%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Yes: 64.2%	No: 35.8%

Question 6) What are the main things that prevent you from walking and cycling when you need to travel?	
All Survey Respondents	Poor Weather Conditions: 87 respondents
	Distance: 76 respondents
	Lack of suitable walking/cycling routes: 40 respondents
	Concerns about safety of walking/cycling: 32 respondents
	Existence of easier alternatives (e.g. cars, buses etc.): 26 respondents
	Concerns about volume of traffic on the roads: 25 respondents
	Cars parking/blocking cycle lanes: 9 respondents
	Lack of secure storage (e.g. bicycle racks): 8 respondents
	Poorly maintained routes/roads: 8 respondents
	Laziness: 7 respondents
	Health Concerns: 3 respondents
	Lack of street lighting: 3 respondents
Concerns about pollution: 1 respondent	

Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Car required for work: 1 respondent
	Poor Weather Conditions: 77 respondents
	Distance: 61 respondents
	Existence of easier alternatives (e.g. cars, buses etc.): 19 respondents
	Lack of suitable walking/cycling routes: 15 respondents
	Concerns about safety of walking/cycling: 14 respondents
	Concerns about volume of traffic on the roads: 8 respondents
	Laziness: 7 respondents
	Poorly maintained routes/roads: 5 respondents
	Cars parking/blocking cycle lanes: 4 respondents
	Health Concerns: 4 respondents
	Lack of street lighting: 2 respondents
	Lack of secure storage (e.g. bicycle racks): 2 respondents
	Concerns about pollution: 1 respondent
Car required for work: 0 respondents	
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Poor Weather Conditions: 72 respondents
	Distance: 55 respondents
	Existence of easier alternatives (e.g. cars, buses etc.): 15 respondents
	Lack of suitable walking/cycling routes: 12 respondents
	Concerns about safety of walking/cycling: 9 respondents
	Laziness: 7 respondents
	Concerns about volume of traffic on the roads: 5 respondents
	Cars parking/blocking cycle lanes: 3 respondents
	Poorly maintained routes/roads: 3 respondents
	Health Concerns: 3 respondents
	Lack of secure storage (e.g. bicycle racks): 2 respondents
	Concerns about pollution: 1 respondent
	Lack of street lighting: 0 respondents
	Car required for work: 0 respondents

Question 7) What would make you more likely to travel by foot or bike?

All Survey Respondents	More routes suitable for walking/cycling: 94 respondents
	Nicer weather: 51 respondents
	Improved safety on the roads (e.g. less traffic, tougher speeding limits and/or tougher penalties for illegal parking): 35 respondents
	Changes to personal circumstances: 28 respondents
	Better facilities (e.g. bike racks, secure storage etc.): 15 respondents
	Improved personal fitness: 7 respondents
	Change of clothes facilities at work/school: 5 respondents
	Already travel predominantly by foot/bike: 5 respondents
	Not likely under any circumstances to travel by foot or bike: 5 respondents
	Cheaper cost of hardware and/or gear: 4 respondents
	More incentives (e.g. funding for bikes): 2 respondents
	Cultural Change: 2 respondents
	Flatter terrain: 1 respondent
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Nicer weather: 44 respondents
	More routes suitable for walking/cycling: 42 respondents
	Improved safety on the roads (e.g. less traffic, tougher speeding limits and/or tougher penalties for illegal parking): 15 respondents
	Better facilities (e.g. bike racks, secure storage etc.): 7 respondents
	Improved personal fitness: 7 respondents
	Changes to personal circumstances: 4 respondents
	Not likely under any circumstances to travel by foot or bike: 3 respondents
	Change of clothes facilities at work/school: 2 respondents
	Already travel predominantly by foot/bike: 2 respondents
	Cultural Change: 2 respondents
	More incentives (e.g. funding for bikes): 1 respondent
Flatter terrain: 1 respondent	
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Nicer weather: 42 respondents
	More routes suitable for walking/cycling: 37 respondents
	Improved safety on the roads (e.g. less traffic, tougher speeding limits and/or tougher penalties for illegal parking): 9 respondents
	Changes to personal circumstances: 4 respondents
	Better facilities (e.g. bike racks, secure storage etc.): 4 respondents

	Improved personal fitness: 3 respondents
	Change of clothes facilities at work/school: 2 respondents
	Cultural Change: 2 respondents
	Not likely under any circumstances to travel by foot or bike: 2 respondents
	Already travel predominantly by foot/bike: 1 respondent
	Flatter terrain: 1 respondent
	Cheaper cost of hardware and/or gear: 0 respondents
	More incentives (e.g. funding for bikes): 0 respondents

Question 8a) Are there enough facilities (e.g. shelters and secure bike racks) for cycling and walking in your area?		
All Survey Respondents	Yes: 37.6%	No: 62.4%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Yes: 39.4%	No: 60.6%
Secondary School age Respondents (11-18)	Yes: 41.7%	No: 58.3%

Question 8b) If you answered no, what extra facilities are needed?	
All Survey Respondents	Bike racks: 85 respondents
	Bike shelters: 45 respondents
	More routes: 16 respondents
	Better prevention of bike theft (e.g. better policing, more CCTV etc.): 8 respondents
	Safer routes: 5 respondents
	Change of clothes facilities at work/school: 3 respondents
	Maps of network: 2 respondents
	More street lighting: 1 respondent
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Bike racks: 52 respondents
	Bike shelters: 34 respondents
	More routes: 15 respondents
	Better prevention of bike theft (e.g. better policing, more CCTV etc.): 1 respondent
	Safer routes: 1 respondent
	Change of clothes facilities at work/school: 1 respondent
	Maps of network: 0 respondents

	More street lighting: 0 respondents
Secondary School age Respondents (11-18)	Bike racks: 43 respondents
	Bike shelters: 30 respondents
	More routes: 10 respondents
	Better prevention of bike theft (e.g. better policing, more CCTV etc.): 1 respondent
	Safer routes: 1 respondent
	Change of clothes facilities at work/school: 0 respondents
	Maps of network: 0 respondents
	More street lighting: 0 respondents

Question 9) Are there walking and cycling routes you would be happy to use in your area?		
All Survey Respondents	Yes: 76.1%	No: 23.9%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Yes: 70.9%	No: 29%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Yes: 69.9%	No: 30.1%

Question 10) Would you be more likely to walk and cycle if there were more routes and facilities?		
All Survey Respondents	Yes: 82.5%	No: 17.5%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Yes: 80.8%	No: 19.2%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Yes: 78.9%	No: 21.1%

Question 11) Would having maps of the walking and cycling routes that are available in your area now be helpful, and encourage you to walk and cycle more?		
All Survey Respondents	Yes: 64.7%	No: 35.3%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Yes: 52.6%	No: 47.4%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Yes: 48.1%	No: 51.9%

Question 12) Do you think your local council should have to identify the new routes and facilities that would make it
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easier to travel to the places you need to reach, and then work towards building these?		
All Survey Respondents	Yes: 85.8%	No: 14.2%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Yes: 85.9%	No: 14.1%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Yes: 85.7%	No: 14.3%

Question 13 a) The Welsh Government has said that they want to encourage people to walk and cycle when they need to travel, as well as just for fun. They've also decided to focus on towns and cities, rather than the countryside. Do you agree with this?		
All Survey Respondents	Agree: 70.5%	Disagree: 29.5%
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Agree: 67.8%	Disagree: 32.2%
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Agree: 65.6%	Disagree: 34.4%

Question 13 b) Why?	
All Survey Respondents	Agreed that the Welsh Government should focus on urban locations: 62 respondents
	Emphasised the potential health benefits: 44 respondents
	Argued that the Welsh Government should focus on both urban and rural locations: 43 respondents
	Emphasised the potential environmental benefits: 41 respondents
	Disagreed with the exclusion of rural locations: 18 respondents
	Emphasised the potential economic benefits: 10 respondents
	Argued that the Welsh Government should firstly focus on urban locations and then move on to rural locations in the longer term: 6 respondents
	Agreed with the general principles of the Bill: 5 respondents
	Emphasised benefits of active travel in terms of leisure and tourism: 4 respondents
	Disagreed with basic premise of the Bill: 3 respondents
	Argued for lower urban speed limits: 2 respondents
Emphasised that walking and/or cycling is fun: 2 respondents	
Young Respondents (ages 0-25)	Agreed that the Welsh Government should focus on urban locations: 38 respondents
	Emphasised the potential health benefits: 30 respondents
	Argued that the Welsh Government should focus on both urban and rural locations: 27 respondents

	Emphasised the potential environmental benefits: 22 respondents
	Disagreed with the exclusion of rural locations: 9 respondents
	Emphasised the potential economic benefits: 8 respondents
	Agreed with the general principles of the Bill: 3 respondents
	Disagreed with basic premise of the Bill: 3 respondents
	Argued that the Welsh Government should firstly focus on urban locations and then move on to rural locations in the longer term: 1 respondent
	Emphasised benefits of active travel in terms of leisure and tourism: 0 respondents
	Argued for lower urban speed limits: 0 respondents
Secondary School-age Respondents (11-18)	Emphasised the potential health benefits: 27 respondents
	Agreed that the Welsh Government should focus on urban locations: 26 respondents
	Argued that the Welsh Government should focus on both urban and rural locations: 23 respondents
	Emphasised the potential environmental benefits: 24 respondents
	Disagreed with the exclusion of rural locations: 11 respondents
	Emphasised the potential economic benefits: 7 respondents
	Agreed with the general principles of the Bill: 3 respondents
	Disagreed with basic premise of the Bill: 2 respondents
	Emphasised that walking and/or cycling is fun: 1 respondent
	Argued for lower urban speed limits: 0 respondents
	Argued that the Welsh Government should firstly focus on urban locations and then move on to rural locations in the longer term: 0 respondents
	Emphasised benefits of active travel in terms of leisure and tourism: 0 respondents