

Safe Streets Consultation

Tameside Council held a borough-wide consultation between 21st May and 2nd July 2020 as we wanted to share our plans to deliver new experimental walking and cycling schemes in response to the coronavirus outbreak. The plans aim to reallocate road space to enable people to walk and cycle safely whilst socially distancing. Changes to roads and pavements is considered essential to supporting the local economy as people get use to different ways of working and travelling.

Due to the fast pace of the situation and with updated rules from government, measures to give pedestrians and cyclists in Tameside more safe space to travel are being implemented quickly. Although these changes are temporary measures, wherever possible we are seeking to find permanent solutions to make a safer borough for everyone.

We wanted to give residents a chance to have their say on the changes so we can work together to explore long-term opportunities and make walking and cycling in Tameside an easier and safer way to travel for residents.

You Said

People were asked to provide feedback on the schemes being proposed to introduce safe measures to help residents to work or cycle in light of the social distancing guidelines. 461 online questionnaires were received:

The responses were:

25% expressed a positive response

9% said measures needed to go further.

60% provided neutral comments or did not answer the question.

15% expressed concern with the proposals. The feedback, in the main, related to the works being implemented at Lord Sheldon Way at the time of the consultation.

We Did

The findings from the consultation have been fed into the development process and in particular the scheme being delivered at Lord Sheldon Way.

Based on the feedback received the opportunity to widen some of the pavements, particularly near the tram and bus stops, is being considered and changes will be made if works are feasible.

As further temporary schemes are developed we will carry out scheme specific consultation to obtain feedback and make changes to the design of schemes where appropriate.