

Egerton Road and Cotswold Road area

In summer 2022 Sustrans delivered activities aimed at widening community engagement in Bath & North East Somerset Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) programme. There was a focus on young people and families at schools, as well as with community groups, ensuring that resident feedback is incorporated into the design process.

Many of the ideas from the groups and individuals we spoke to are presented in the informal report below.

You can view the council's co-design workshop and exhibition report for this LN area at www.bathnes.gov.uk/yourLN

Egerton Road

- Parked cars prevent visibility for pedestrians at junction with Chantry Mead Road
- Junction with Chantry Mead Road could do with pedestrian crossing/traffic calming
- Cars go too fast over hill

The Oval

- Dangerous for cycling
- I like the Oval green space
- Want football goals in Oval green space
- Poor visibility at Oval/Monksdale Road junction
- Want more trees

Monksdale Road/Oldfield Lane/Third Avenue

- Blind corners at junctions, difficult to see cars

Englishcombe Lane and Moorlands Park

- We love the park. Grass could be cut more regularly.
- Want football goals or something for children in park
- Park is good for dogs
- Want a cycle lane along Englishcombe Lane
- I like cycling through the park

Bloomfield Road

- Pedestrian crossing needed at Bloomfield Rd/Englishcombe Rd/Hatfield Rd junction
- Could have a pedestrian crossing between Egerton Road and Wellsway as is busy

Wellsway

- Don't like the crossing at junction with Hatfield Road

Bloomfield Avenue

- Cars go too fast

Entry Hill/Greenway Lane

- Crossing at Greenway Lane junction is unsafe, put in a pelican crossing
- Want a better connection between Greenway Lane and Two Tunnels path

Regular routes

For this part of the engagement individuals were asked to draw one or two of their regular routes onto an A3 map and indicate the following:

- 1 Mode of travel
- 2 Describe why they use that particular route

Ideas for improvements

Sustrans officers used an activity to engage the children in developing ideas for improvements. The activity is called king/queen for a day, the sheet used the words 'If I were king/queen of Bath for the day I would to make it a better place to live and travel for everyone. The children gave the following answers:

- Install splash pads and wide pavements
- Make more play equipment
- Be eco friendly
- Stop running (???)
- Grow more flowers; walking more
- Do a litter pick every Friday
- Say no littering, only in the bins
- More swings
- A scooter ramp in the Moorfields area
- Make a cycle path from Englishcombe Village to [Moorlands] School
- A cycle track from all the homes in Bath to school

Summary

Lots of parents and children walk to Moorlands School. Several local crossings on major and more minor roads around the school were identified as unsafe, with poor visibility due to poorly parked cars and cars going too fast often cited as reasons.

Some parents and children cycled to school. Cycling likelihood seems to be linked to how safe the route to school is based on how many main roads need to be cycled on or crossed. Where there were cycle routes off road such as the Linear Park/Two Tunnels Path and Moorlands Park, these were appreciated, people thought they were pleasant.

Some parents drove children to school, for instance if the route to school was unsafe, the parent had a blue badge or the parent had multiple trips to make in a short period of time. One parent with a blue badge expressed concern that they wouldn't be able to park next to the school if street was changed, while another parent without a blue badge was worried that they wouldn't be able to pick their child up in a medical emergency if access to the school was blocked for cars.