



Chelsea Road: promoting and enhancing walking access – Residents questionnaire

Transition Bath Transport and Built Environment Group are doing a project to promote walking (and cycling or bus travel) to the Chelsea Road shops and services. We hope that this will benefit both the local shops and the local community. Fuller details are attached.

As part of this we would appreciate it if you could complete this questionnaire, and leave it on your doorstep on the afternoon/evening of _____ when we will be round to collect it. Alternatively, you can email us at transport@transitionbath.org for an online version.

What is your postcode? _____

How many individuals in your household fit into the following age ranges?

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| - 0-5 years..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - 6-12 years..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - 13-25 years..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - 26-45 years..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - 46-65 years..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - 65+ years..... <input type="checkbox"/> |

Are any people in your household of low mobility or wheelchair users?

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| - Yes..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - No..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
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How many cars does your household own?

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| • None..... <input type="checkbox"/> | • One..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Two..... <input type="checkbox"/> | • More than two..... <input type="checkbox"/> |

How far would you consider Chelsea Road to be?

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| - Short walk..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - Medium walk..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Long walk..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - Too far to walk..... <input type="checkbox"/> |

Does your household shop in Chelsea Road?

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| - Yes..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - No..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
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If yes, how often does your household use the shops there?

(Please tick more than one if appropriate)

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| - More than once a week..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - Once a week..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Three times a month..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - Twice a month..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Once a month..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - Less than once a month..... <input type="checkbox"/> |

How does your household usually get there?

(Please tick more than one if appropriate)

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| - Walk..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - Car..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Cycle..... <input type="checkbox"/> | - Bus..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Other..... <input type="checkbox"/> | |

If you don't walk or cycle, is there anything that would encourage you to do so?

Which types of businesses does your household use in Chelsea Road?

(Please tick more than one if appropriate)

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| - Café and pub..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | - Post Office (on Newbridge Rd)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Bakery, deli and takeaways..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | - Furniture and hardware stores..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Grocery and veg shops..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | - Other businesses..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |

What items are unavailable in Chelsea Road that your household have to buy elsewhere?

Where does your household usually do their main shopping?

(Please tick more than one if appropriate)

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| - Large supermarket..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | - Local supermarket..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - City centre shops..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | - Local shops..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Farmer's market..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | - Delivery..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Other..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Where does your household do "top-up" shopping, for other items?

Any further comments please.



Transition Bath Transport and Built Environment Group **Chelsea Road project: promoting and enhancing walking access**

There are many parts of Bath with groups of local shops and services. Transition Bath believes that walking access to all local shopping and service areas should be encouraged and improved. Many people both within Bath and visiting Bath regularly need to shop and access services without a car, and we believe many others would choose to do so if it were safe, pleasant and convenient. Everyone needs walking routes, even if only from where they have parked their bicycle or motor vehicle. It is thus important to ensure that walking routes are easy to use, safe, with all pedestrians able to cross roads in a convenient place safely and without feeling hurried or intimidated.

We are therefore undertaking a project to investigate the current access to and use of the Chelsea Road shops and services and how this can be encouraged. Since everyone should be able to use walking routes, the emphasis of the project is on walking, although cycling and bus travel are included as important alternatives to the car. It focuses on the area within 800m (½ mile) of Chelsea Road, approximately 10 minutes walk, and north of the river, about 300m away at its nearest point. The area south of the river is not part of this study because of the provision of alternative shopping areas at Moorland Road and Twerton and the limited number of crossing points.

The project has already revealed that the number of households in the project area listed in the 2001 census as owning no car is substantially above the average both for Bath and North East Somerset (BaNES) and for the South West region. In fact, in part of the study area over 49% of households owned no car, against an average for the region of 20% and for BaNES of 22%. This proves a definite need for non-car access: it is probable that these households regularly walk, cycle or travel by bus to shops.

We have developed a questionnaire for local residents and have begun distributing it as well as making it available to complete online. We have also begun discussing the issues with the local traders, and will be talking to B&B owners and Newbridge Primary School, which is inside the project area.

In due course we aim to hold public workshops to explore the issues and challenges. We envisage that this process will inform residents and B&B visitors about Chelsea Road, what businesses are there and how to get there, improving the local economy. We also expect to identify targets for BaNES council investment.

We are working with local councillors and relevant council staff on this project, and it is kindly funded by Bath Car Share Club.

For further information about this project, Transition Bath, or the Transport and Built Environment group, please see our website at <http://www.transitionbath.org> or email us at transport@transitionbath.org