

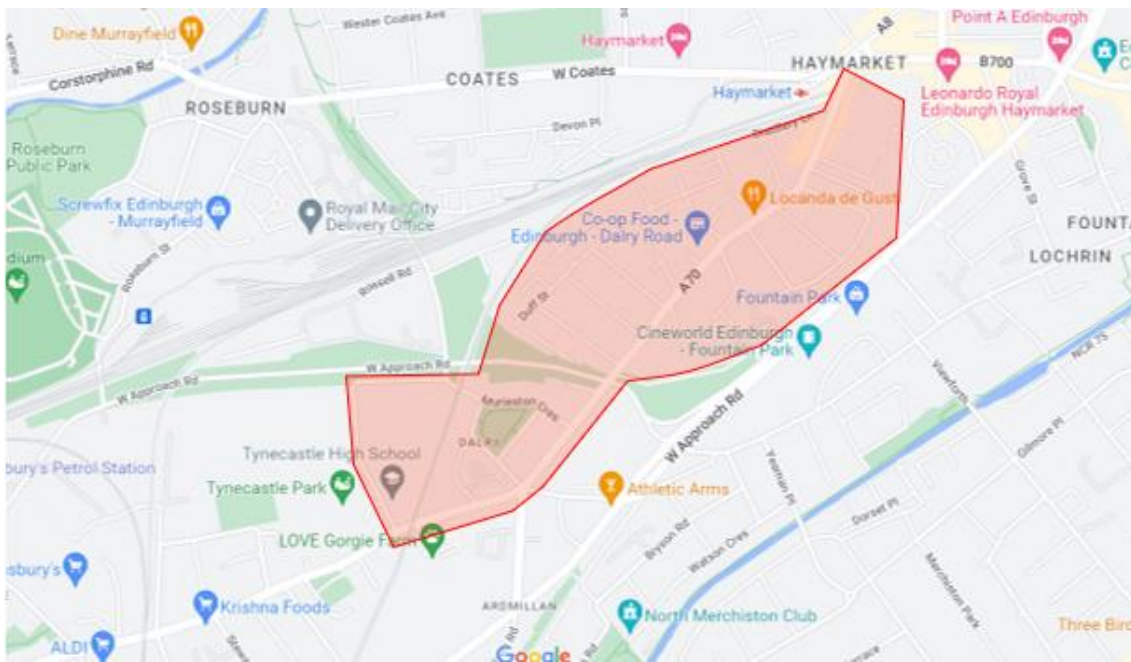
# Gorgie Dalry 20 Minute Neighbourhood

## Online Survey Summary

### Introduction

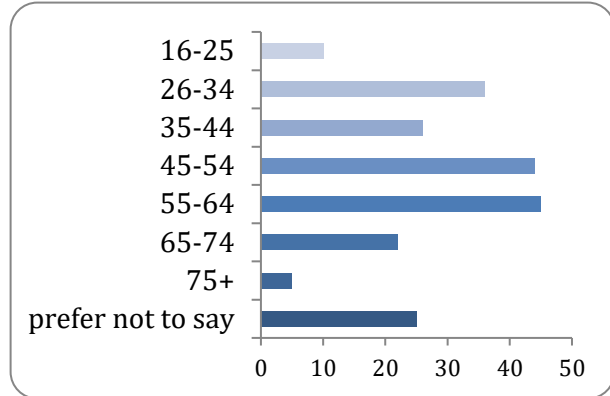
The online survey for the Gorgie Dalry 20 Minute Neighbourhood project was held from 23 November 2022 till 16 January 2023, and received 211 responses.

People were asked to give their views on barriers to walking, wheeling and cycling, and to suggest improvements regarding placemaking for the following project area:



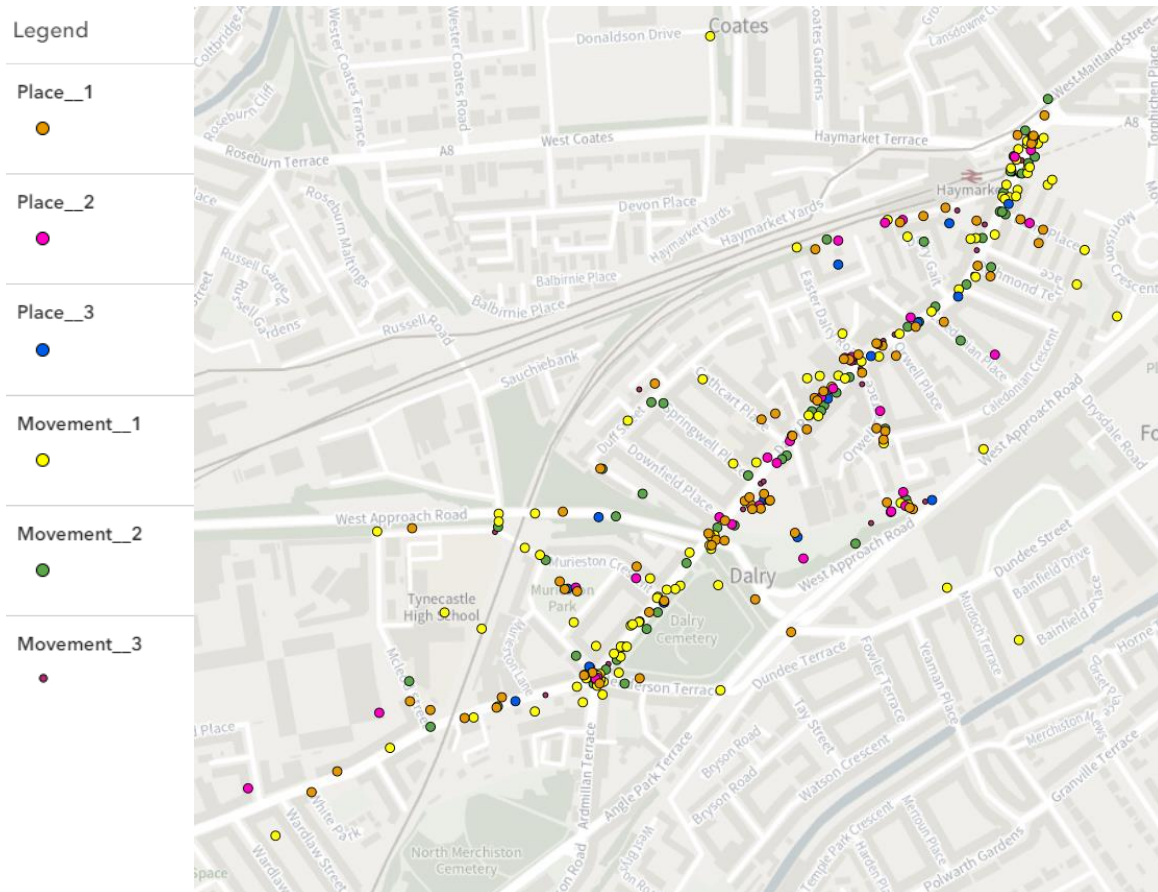
## 1. Background and demographic info

- The main reason for people to visit the area was to go to the shops, cafés or restaurants (51%), followed by the fact that the respondent lives in the area (34%) or passes through it (27%)
- The respondents' age had a good spread, although we might have expected more 26-44 year olds: the biggest age group in this area
- 45% of the respondents were male and 39% female. 16% preferred not to say
- 16% indicated that they have a physical or mental health condition or illness lasting or expected to last 12 months or more. 65% indicated they don't and 19% preferred not to say



## 2. Barriers or issues within the project area that limit how much respondents walk, wheel, cycle or use public transport

The survey resulted in a lot of valuable responses for the 20 Minute Neighbourhood project, some of the responses were very detailed and very useful. The following image shows the number and spread of the responses we received:



In this Survey summary we share the main themes that were distilled from the responses.

**2.1 Lack of (safe) cycling provision**

E.g. unsafe cycle lanes/ parking in cycle lanes, dangerous junctions, lack of secure cycle storage and bike stands, poor road surface for cycling

**2.2 Walking provision is of low quality**

E.g. narrow and poor quality pavements, lack of crossing points, short green man times and long waiting times, street clutter, especially narrow footway at various bus stops

**2.3 Lack of maintenance and cleanness**

E.g. poor quality of the roads and pavements, lighting. Dirt, dog poo and overflowing bins and drainage issues. Unsafe feeling areas – especially Telfer subway and Dalry Community Park

**2.4 Area is dominated by vehicle traffic**

E.g. congestion, speeding cars, cars parked in bus and cycle lanes, pollution issues, dangerous junctions

**2.5 Lacking public transport provision**

E.g. no route to where I need to go, full buses, delayed buses

**2.6 Lacking provision for travel by car**

E.g. detours required, too few car parking spaces, obstructions on the road

**2.7 Lacking provision for impaired people**

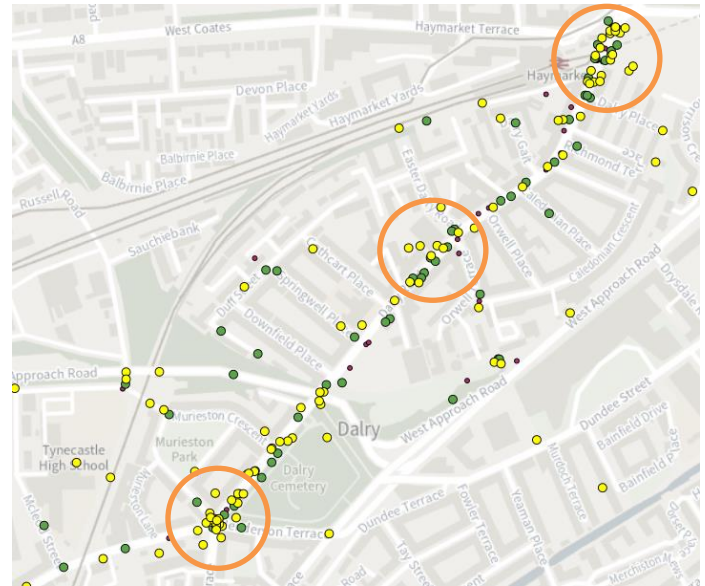
E.g. cobles and uneven pavement, steps, lack of dropped kerbs and limited blue badge holder parking

Around 10% of the respondents did not experience any barriers and some of these respondents would prefer the Council to spend money in a different way. Around 7% of the respondents fear that this project will restrict their freedom of movement. Some people mentioned that any changes should not negatively affect the local businesses.

Regarding the freedom of movement comments: it is important to note that 20 Minute Neighbourhood projects don't aim to restrict people's movement, but rather that their goal is to make walking, wheeling and cycling and living locally more attractive.

Although relatively evenly spread, three areas stand out regarding 'Movement issues':

- The area near Haymarket junction
- The area around the Coop and Orwell Terrace
- The junction between Gorgie and Dalry



### 3. Potential solutions to improve walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport

Respondents chose the following top 13 of solutions (chosen at least 10% of the people):

Option	Total	Percent
Create a cycle lane that is separate from cars and pedestrians	82	39%
Remove clutter from the pavement	75	36%
Create safe crossing point	69	33%
Slow down vehicles	52	25%
Create a safer junction for cyclists	52	25%
More space at the bus stop	40	19%
Restrict or suspend vehicle parking	36	17 %
Better maintenance and facilities	31	15%
Make a place to rest	30	14%
Close street to vehicles	29	14%
Install cycle racks	29	14%
Install secure cycle storage	23	11%
Widen the pavements	22	10%

#### **4. Improvements to streets and public spaces**

Respondents provided very valuable information and useful suggestions regarding potential improvements of the local area. We could distinguish the themes below and will use the detailed responses in the next (design) stage of the project.

##### **4.1 More greenspace and better placemaking**

E.g. seating, planters, trees, space to play, murals.

Areas that were mentioned a lot were the former petrol station, space in front of Locavore and beside the Coop.

##### **4.2 Better maintenance**

E.g. fix pot holes, clean the streets, empty the bins, provide better lighting, make area feel safer especially Telfer Subway and Dalry Community Park, the derelict former Takeaway above the railway station was mentioned various times

##### **4.3 Better provision for car use**

E.g. open up roads, create more parking spaces

##### **4.4 Better provision for cycling**

E.g. segregated cycle lanes and secure cycle storage

##### **4.5 Better provision for walking**

E.g. wider pavements, more space at bus stops

##### **4.6 Restrict vehicle access and parking**

E.g. close road, pedestrianize, introduce a bus gate

##### **4.7 Make sure that any changes do not damage local businesses**

##### **4.8 Better provision for people with impairments**

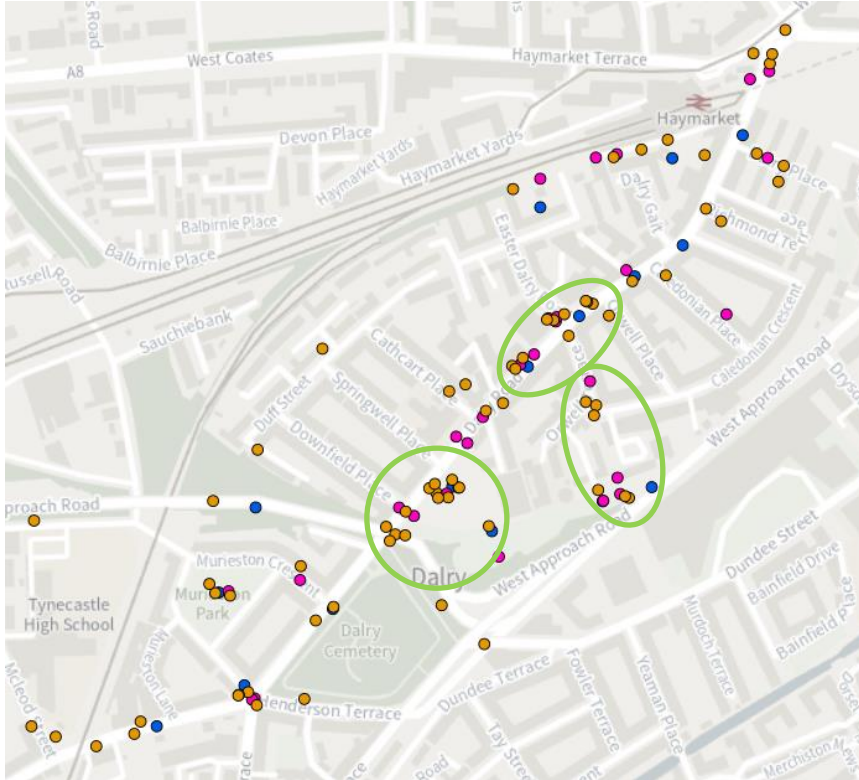
##### **4.9 Better provision of public transport**

E.g. open up south suburban railway, Access to Haymarket station from Dalry Road

Similar to the responses of the 'Movement' question, around 9% of the respondents felt that no change is needed, and around 6% of people do not want to see their freedom of movement restricted.

The responses related to various parts of the project area, but the following areas stand out:

- The shopping area around Locavore and the Coop
- The Telfer Subway and the link with Fountainbridge
- Dalry Community Park, the former petrol station, Lidl and the railway bridge



### ***5 Comments regarding facilities and services in the area***

This question also resulted in very valuable and sometimes very detailed suggestions that we will use going forward.

The main comments are listed below:

- There is a lack of public toilets in the area
- There is a good variety of shops and services, but the area could do with independent specialist food shops
- There is a need for more space at the doctor's surgery
- There is a desire for more care for the area:
  - regular cleaning
  - better maintenance of roads, pavements and green spaces
  - more frequent emptying of the bins
  - better street lighting