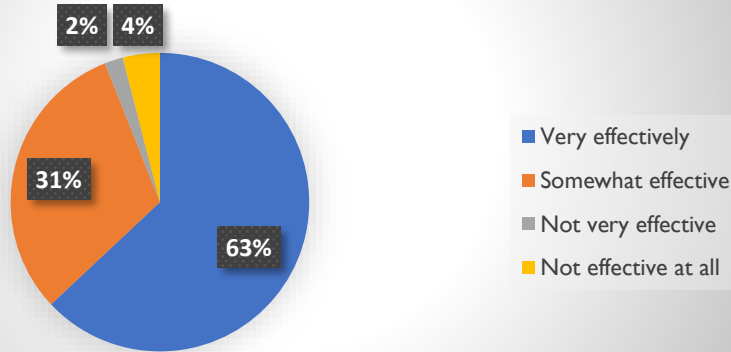




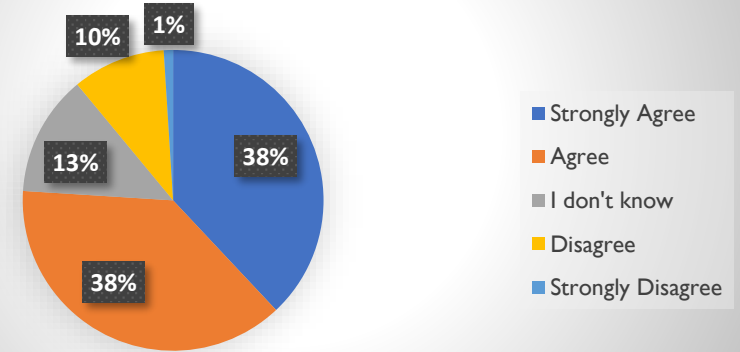
School Street Pilot – ‘Fume Free Fridays’ Questionnaire December 2024



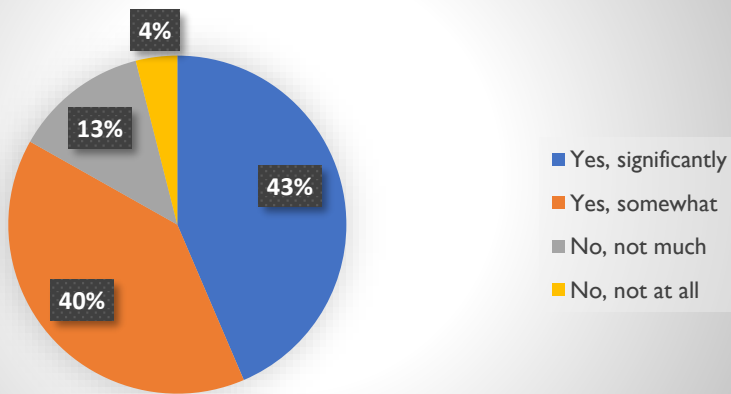
How effective do you feel the 5 Fume Free Friday pilot road closures have been in improving safety and reducing congestion on Vicarage Lane?



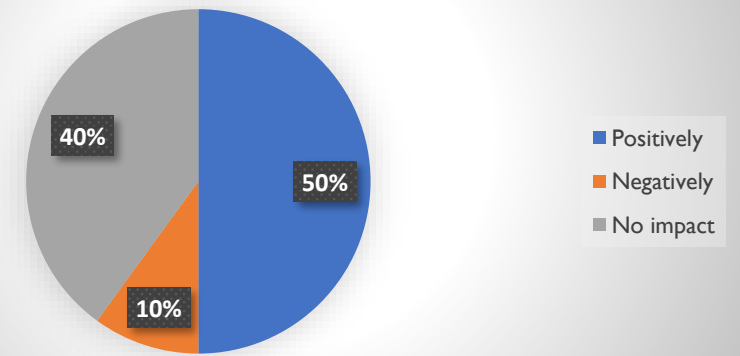
Do you agree with the following statement about the school street? The street is now safer than before the closures.



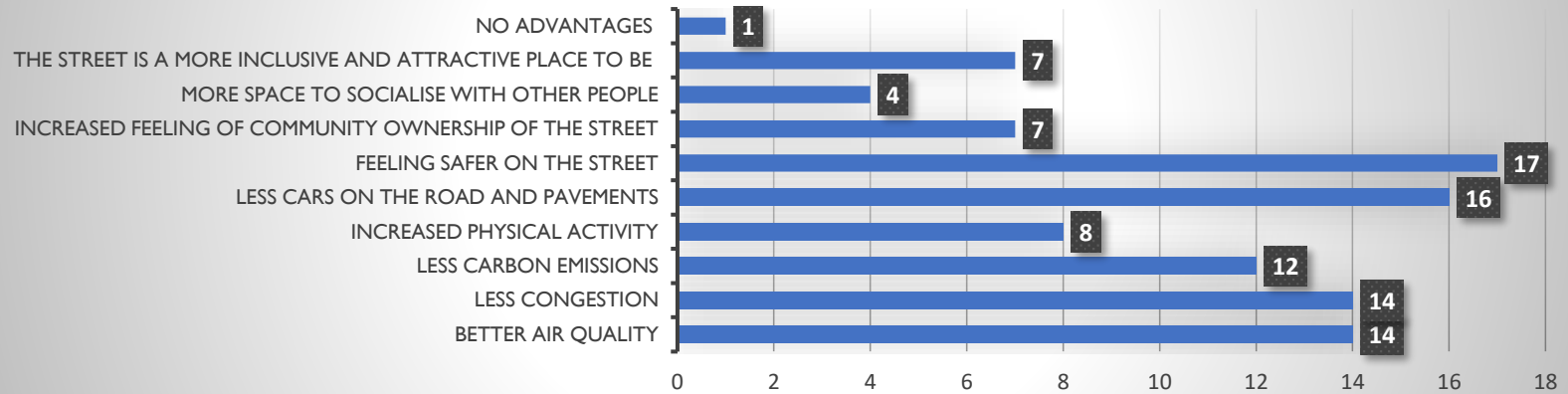
Do you believe the pilot has improved the experience of travelling to and from school for children and parents?



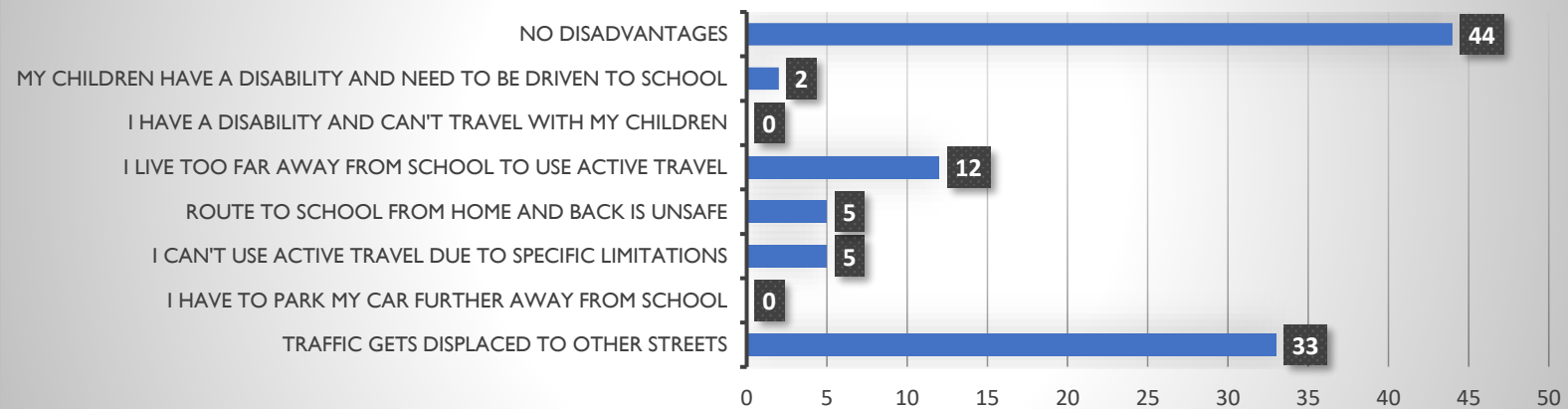
How have the pilot closures impacted your daily routines (e.g., commuting, parking, travelling actively to school)?



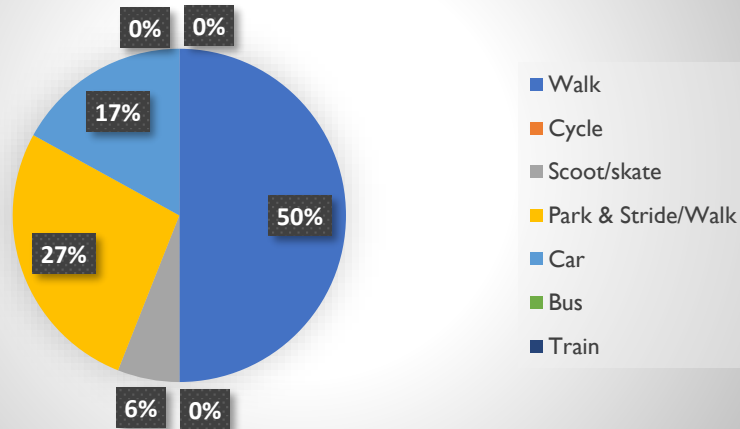
What do you believe are the advantages of our school street closure in your opinion? (select all that apply)



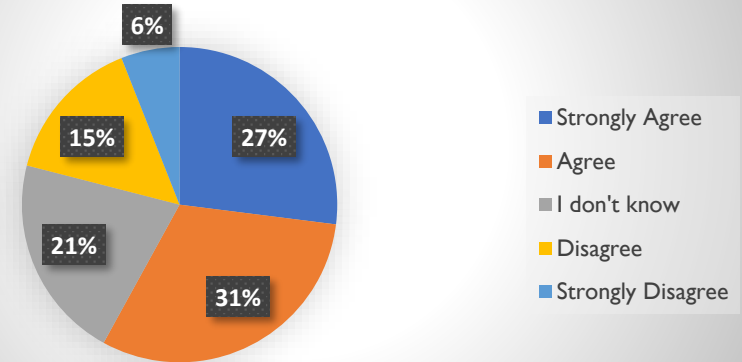
What do you believe are the disadvantages of the school street closures in your opinion? (Select all that apply)



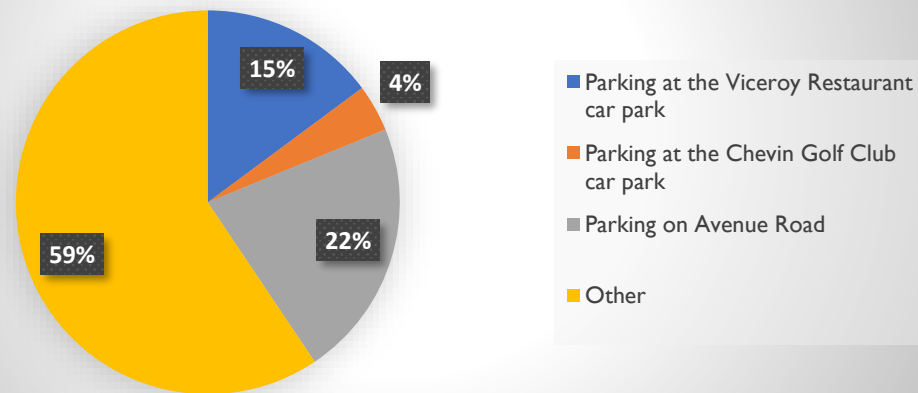
How do you/your child(ren) usually (or most often) travel to school?



How much do you agree with the following statement about our school street? **It is now easier to walk, cycle or scoot to school and back than before the school street closure.**



If you need to drive into the village to drop your child(ren) off at school, do you use any of the following places identified on the William Gilbert School Travel Plan and then stride/walk the remaining distance? (tick all those that you use)



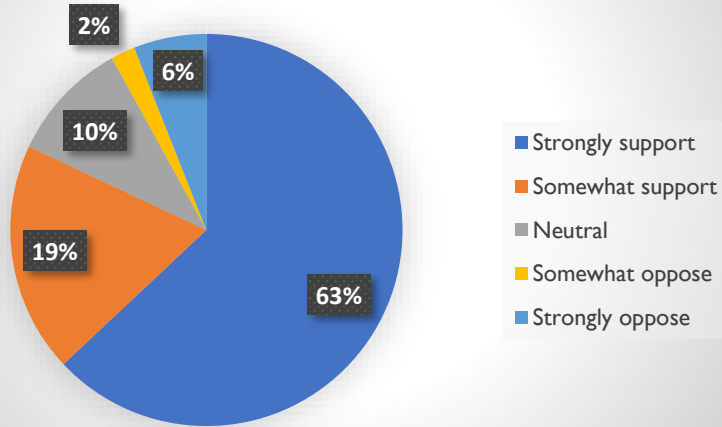
Of the 59% who selected 'other' option

79% stated they walk.

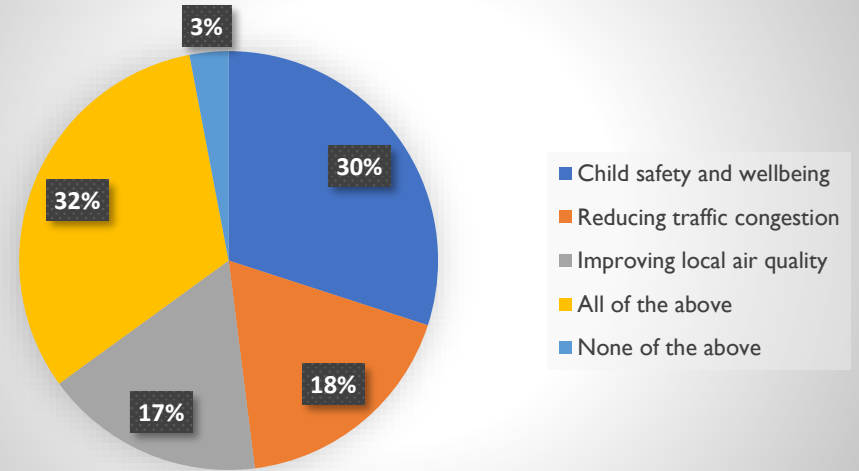
21% park in the following places

- Eyes Meadow
- A6
- Tennis Club
- Next to the cemetery

How would you feel if the road closures became a daily feature each morning and afternoon for the next 12 months through an experimental/temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)?



Do you believe a permanent School Street along Vicarage Lane would positively contribute to:



If such a closure were introduced, what measures or considerations would you like to see included to address any concerns (e.g. access for residents, parking permits, designated drop-off zones)?

If the current exemptions work for those affected, then to continue with them.

The road section which encompasses the school on Vicarage Lane to be closed to all traffic. No access at the infants gate to all vehicles from 8:30 to 9am and 3:15 - 3:50 except residents and blue badge access if necessary for safety. HGV, vans and large vehicles no access at all in this times. Delivery drivers are careless and use as turning points and speed past both gates. Permits for access could work but how would it be manned? Parking is an issue for the whole village and the other schools aren't doing anything about it.

Visiting family who live on the street. Parking permits would be valued.

Access for residents and blue badge. Further notices throughout the village to make more people aware and avoid congestion/poor air quality at Castle Hill/King St junctions, where cars are turning around.

I would like it to be extended to cover where the crossing patrol stands. Cars drop off in front of the crossing.

A one way designated drop off zone

As per the pilot VERY clear signage

King street/hazelwood road especially around the castle hill is a nightmare please encourage traffic wardens to walk this road. Some parents do not have a clue how to park or give way to cars/pedestrians

I really feel for Helen, our lollypop lady, who bears the brunt of poor visibility with carelessly parked vehicles, and on occasion, drivers standing off towards each other. I think some yellow lines directly at the bottom of Vicarage Lane on King's Street would safeguard her and the children she tries to keep safe.

Slower driving in all the roads around school a lot of cars not doing 30mph let alone 20 poses a lot more risk than driving up the school road

No parking just up from Helen who works incredibly hard to keep the children safe crossing the street. When cars park just up from her on the left it causes a lot of congestion.

Double yellow lines around the junctions of Vicarage lane both ends and with St Alkmunds. People park dangerously around these junctions on a regular basis. Same for the bottom of castle hill which should not have cars parked as soon as you turn onto castle hill from the A6.

Designated drop off zones or an area where children can be dropped off by parents and the children are escorted in to school. Open school at 8am to spread out congestion for those who drive.

Double yellow lines near St.Alkmund's/ Vicarage Lane and the lower part of Castle Hill between A6 up to & near junction with Vicarage Lane . Dangerous parking, poor visibility

Monitored road safety on adjacent roads. Castle Hill and Hazelwood road become more congested. Parking at the bottom of Castle Hill is currently extremely dangerous as it is!

I think that introducing a one way system on King Street (after Crown Street) and Hazelwood Road up to its junction with Avenue road would improve the safety on the route which is heavily used by the children to walk into school. There are often vehicles which have to reverse or mount pavements in order to let each other pass and as the pavements are so narrow this is quite dangerous. There are always many cars parked on these roads meaning the carriage way is usually down to one lane the majority of the time. I think making these streets one way would increase their safety for the children who are being encouraged to walk, cycle and scoot to school.

Significant concern about increased congestion Hazelwood road, especially where lollipop lady stands Does the road closure reduce the number of people parking close to school on very narrow roads or has it increased walk to school and park and ride. Would be useful if questionnaire asks this.

I am broadly in support of school street, but do struggle to get my young children to walk safely from further away. We also need more measures eg enforced 20mph along hazelwood road where the path is very narrow.

Access for residents

Drop off pick up zone would be useful. Particularly if you have a child with additional needs..

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for improving the implementation of road closures, either as part of the pilot or in the future?

Would be great to have this weekly.

As above, more notices through the village to avoid further congestion at other points.

I think if there is anything that can be done on King Street, between Vicarage Lane and Castle Hill. For me, this is the most dangerous part of the walk in and a reason I won't allow the children to travel in on scooter

Additional requests to not drop off in front of crossing patrol staff, requests not to park or pull into the pastures often cars pull in without paying enough attention to the path

Notes on drivers car parked inappropriately within the vicinity of Vicarage Lane.

Residential parking permit-only zones / permanently restricted parking during set times would enable people to get into a routine regarding where they are going to park. We routinely park and stride from Avenue Road so the road closure impacts on our ability to find a parking space because vehicles are displaced there, although the introduction of using Chevin Golf Club has been positive. I am aware of unpleasant alterations between residents and parents as a result of the street closure. If changes are permanent and regulated (as opposed to "voluntary") this would make the rules very clear to motorist parents. The closures have also had a negative impact on the already-difficult driving/parking situation along King Street. Consideration by the council of introducing an amount of restrictions to parking near school on King Street might help this too. Frustrated parents in a rush to park and drop off their children and get to work are some of the most dangerous I have observed. The crossing patrol location and further up onto Hazelwood Road is scary to walk along the pavement, with cars going far too fast past young children on a very narrow pavement.

Increased traffic wardens in the roads close to school and expand the closure area.

Make people aware of other spaces to park, a one way system down the main Rd towards school would be less stressful due to parked cars and less congestion building up.

Making King Street a one way street up to Avenue Road could help with congestion.

If parents could still use the Methodist church car park that would greatly reduce the amount of cars needing to drive up to school.

I think it will be easier to police if it is a permanent policy because people will have to adapt their regular journey to and from school as it will be the "way it is". There need to be clear disincentives/penalties in place for those that abuse or regularly flout the rules.

Need double yellow lines from vicarage lane down castle hill to the A6 VERY dangerous when cars parked there on blind corners.

Yellow lines along parts of Vicarage Lane - especially around the junction of Castle Hill. Also, double yellow lines on Castle hill down to the A6. So dangerous with parked cars.

Double yellow lines to eliminate dangerous parking with poor visibility.

In my old neighbourhood in oxford, ANPR cameras are being installed at school street entry points to help operate the road closure scheme without reliance on a volunteer team.

Would prefer to see no delivery vans allowed through.

So important that the parking difficulties are not just dissipated to adjoining roads. People should be encouraged to walk or park and ride.

Consider parents who are already finding it difficult to get children to school on time. Who have a long commute or a child with additional needs. There must be a consistent approach so that all children know what to do where to go and how to have road sense.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with the 5 Fume Free Friday pilot or the idea of a permanent School Street?

On a Friday the golden lock has always added an extra level of excitement to scoot to school, incentives for the children to recognise their participation in this is fab (and an extra help in the morning!)

On none fume free Friday some parents are still racing down vicarage lane. My parents cars (who live on Vicarage lane) have been scratched/hit many times. It would be great if it was a daily thing. Some parents who need access due to disability arrive earlier than normal and this is welcomed as the school walk at busy periods feel safe.

Positive experience and would back it as a permanent feature on vicarage lane for school safety particularly the school road section of vicarage lane. There are some, however, who use those days as a drive and drop off at the barrier day by the dentist which caused no end of congestion. Would welcome the council to look into this for Wirksworth Road, Park Road and Meadow Vale for school safety.

I fully support the idea of a permanent school street. More research is signifying the increased damage of car fumes to our health. If people are able to use their legs well enough then they should be encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle. Not only through walking further but reducing the car fumes breathed in by all.

I think it is a good idea and should be a daily occurrence. Unfortunately, car dependence will take a long time to rectify. Continuing to recommend parking away from school and walking if possible.

Permanent restrictions make planning easier, random days to remember just add to the list of things to do before school/work and therefore just add to stress levels.

Makes drop off/pick up easier however more needs to be done regarding speed awareness, knowledge of what double yellow lines mean and how to park near a junction.

Great idea but to really understand the impact you need to do it every day for a longer period. Thanks.

Thank all the staff and volunteers supporting this

Implementing the 5 Fume Free Friday pilot has encouraged us to cycle more as it feels much safer on the roads surrounding Vicarage Lane. There was much less traffic in the area on those days, which shows that it encouraged people to leave their cars at home. We think this would also be the case if Vicarage Lane became a permanent School Street. Thank all the staff and volunteers supporting this.

Teachers to talk to children about alternative travel methods - tally chart of who has done what / get them writing or drawing about their travel / the benefits of it. Could they write a letter to be sent out thanking parents / carers for their efforts with the scheme and the benefits to them / the community? Could they design a logo for the scheme?

The school have done a great job putting this scheme in place. Much needed so fully support this

If they are to continue, there would need to be more support staff, including an extra lollipop person to support safer crossing on the busier congested streets.

Much nice experience for the kids

Thank you for the time and consideration it has taken to build towards this success. There is a significant positive impact on the days when you hold free fuse Fridays and look forward to more to come.

It makes sense to limit traffic on Vicarage Lane as much as possible during school drop off and pick up

It's a wonderful initiative and has so many benefit our health, community and environment. I hope it becomes a permanent feature in Vicarage Lane.

Our household is ALL in favour of a permanent closure of the road during school drop off and pick up timesit makes the access so much less stressful and worrisome

Good pilot but made things more tricky for me as a parent. Now need a decision quickly to keep everyone safe instead of different things happening each week.