

YOUR ST DENYS YOUR SAY



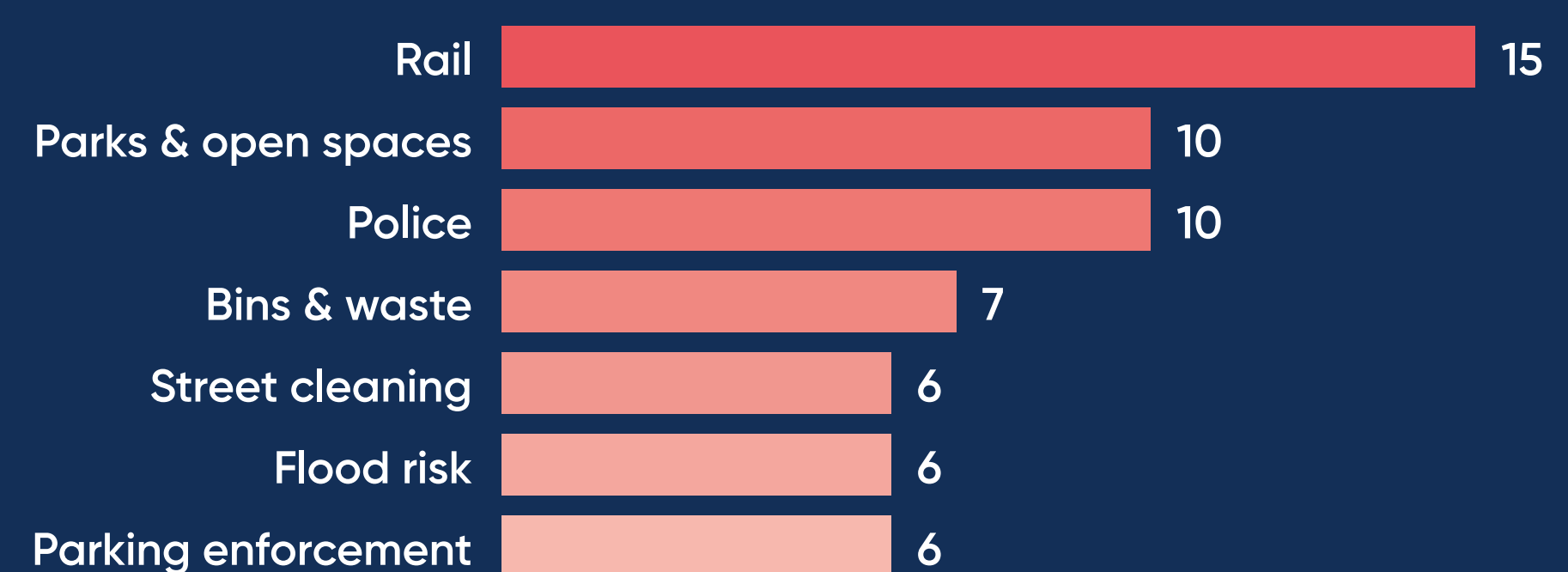
About the survey

Everyone who lives, works or socialises in St Denys and the surrounding area was invited to participate in the Your St Denys Your Say survey between 18 October and 13 December 2019. The purpose was to find out how people perceive St Denys and the surrounding area and what improvements they would like to see.

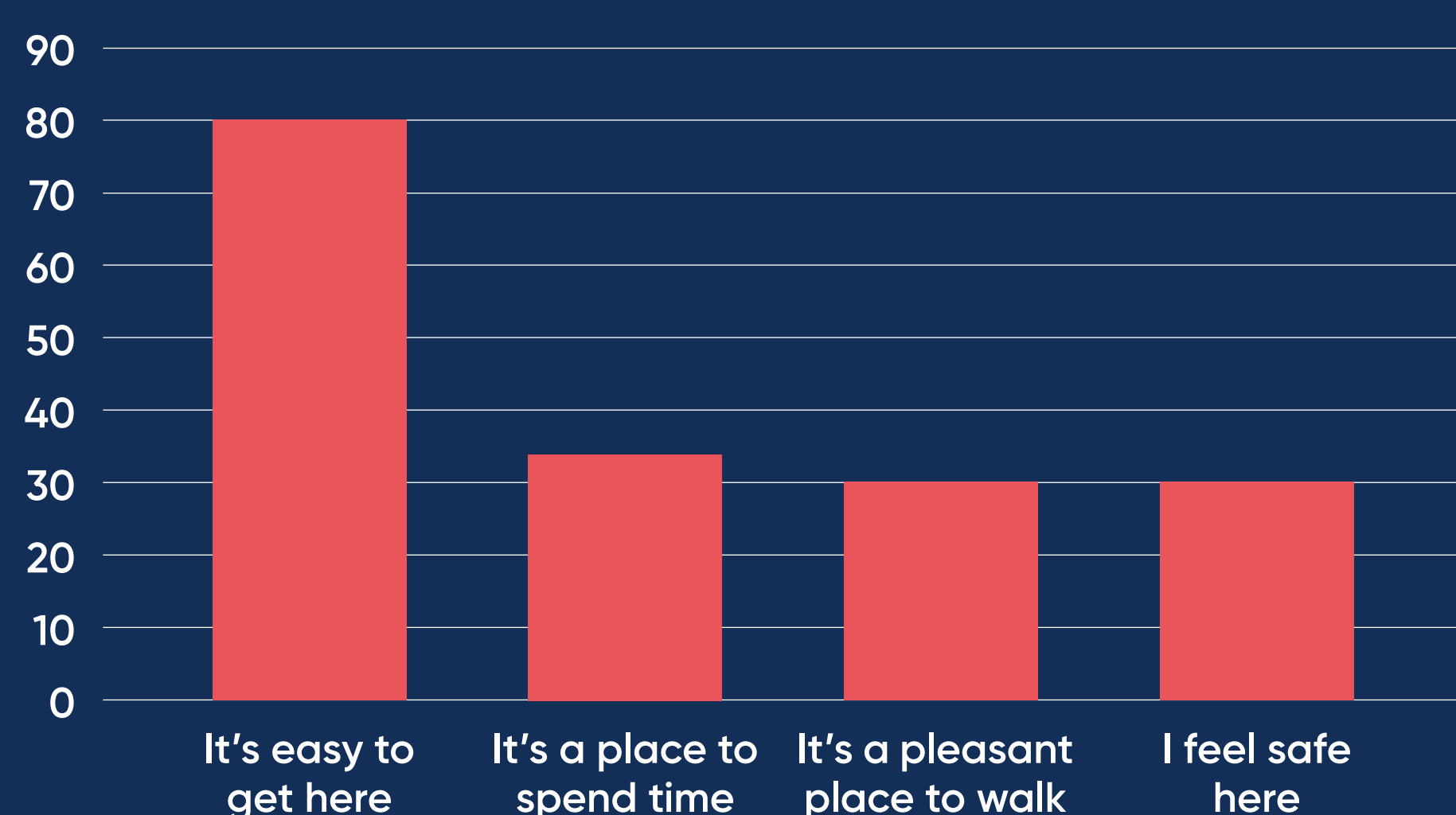
314
contributors provided
430
comments and
983
agreements

- The most commented on streets were St Denys Road, Priory Road and Kent Road
- Most of the comments were about traffic, safety, walking, and/or air quality
- **27%** do not feel comfortable about walking in the area
- **41%** do not feel comfortable about cycling in the area

79 comments were forwarded to other organisations or council departments including:



Some of the things you like about St Denys



"Almost everywhere else you walk in St Denys, you have streets with traffic coming and going all the time. These little footpaths (Janaway/Collier Close) are a blissful escape from that."

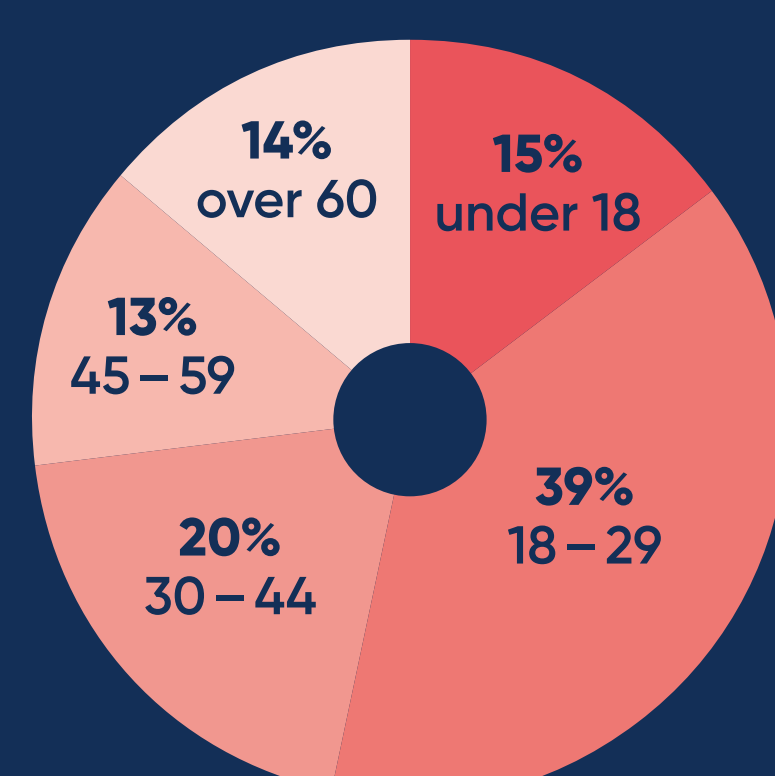
"... Horseshoe Bridge is positively blissful. Closing this off was un-questionably a major improvement to St Denys"

"It's brilliant that the end of this road (Dundee Rd) is closed off; makes it much quieter going down to the school/church."

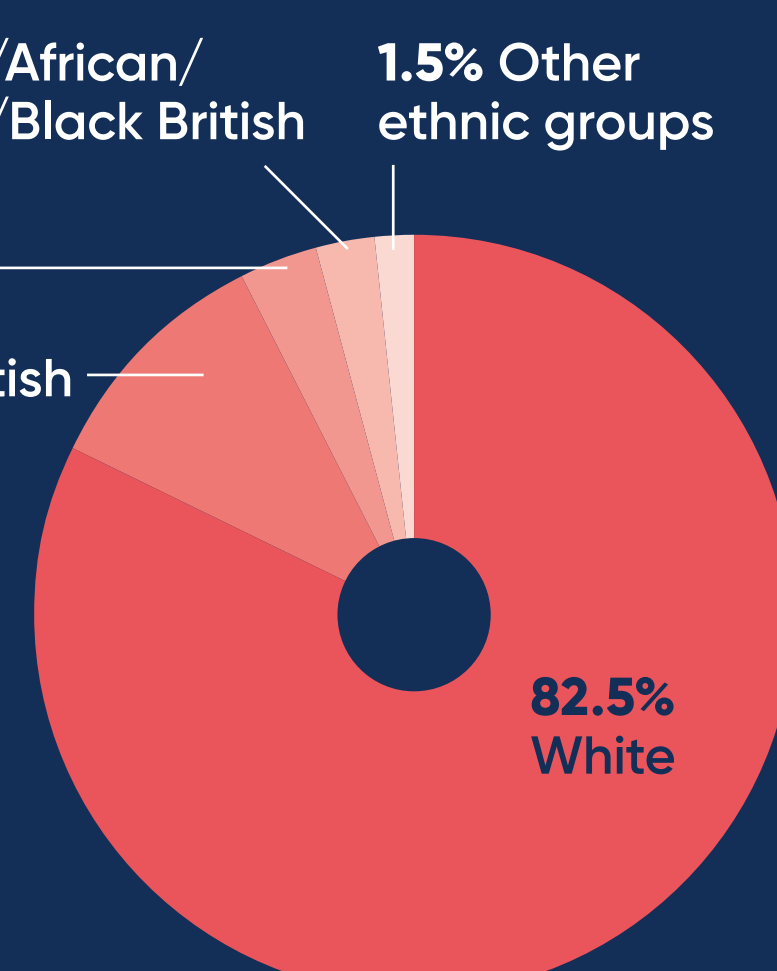
"Great to have a traffic free cycle route into St Denys, I hope this stays!"

Some facts about St Denys*

6615
Total population
52% male
48% female



2.6% Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
3.3% Mixed/multiple ethnic groups
10.3% Asian/Asian British



St Denys constitutes **2.6%** of Southampton's population and the population for the area is forecast to increase by **4.2%** by 2025.

(Source: Small Area Population Forecast- Hampshire County Council 2018 base)

*Source 2011 census

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Why an Active Travel Zone?

The purpose of an Active Travel Zone (ATZ) is to make it easy and safe to walk and cycle in the local neighbourhood, improving the quality of life for the community and reducing pollution in the area.

As part of Southampton City Council's commitment to sustainable travel and improved local air quality in Southampton, we want to help you get the most from St Denys and surrounding neighbourhoods and to enjoy attractive, liveable streets that are easy to get around while connecting you to the wider city and other local services.



Here's how you told us you mostly travel in St Denys

68% regularly walk **43%** regularly cycle **43%** regularly drive

The aims of creating an Active Travel Zone for St Denys are:

1. Make streets safer and more attractive for all.
2. Encourage more residents and visitors to walk and cycle in the area.
3. Improve safety, comfort and access for people walking and cycling whilst smoothing flow for buses and general traffic by improving junctions and signals.
4. Improve access to other areas by developing connecting routes.
5. Cut out unnecessary through traffic that is not visiting residential areas but using these as a shortcut instead of the main roads.
6. Create a cleaner, greener. St Denys for everyone

What you told us you don't like about St Denys



How do you create an Active Travel Zone?

Creating an ATZ normally involves the introduction of a variety of measures to restrict and modify how cars access streets, along with making the streets themselves more attractive by adding things like trees or planters.

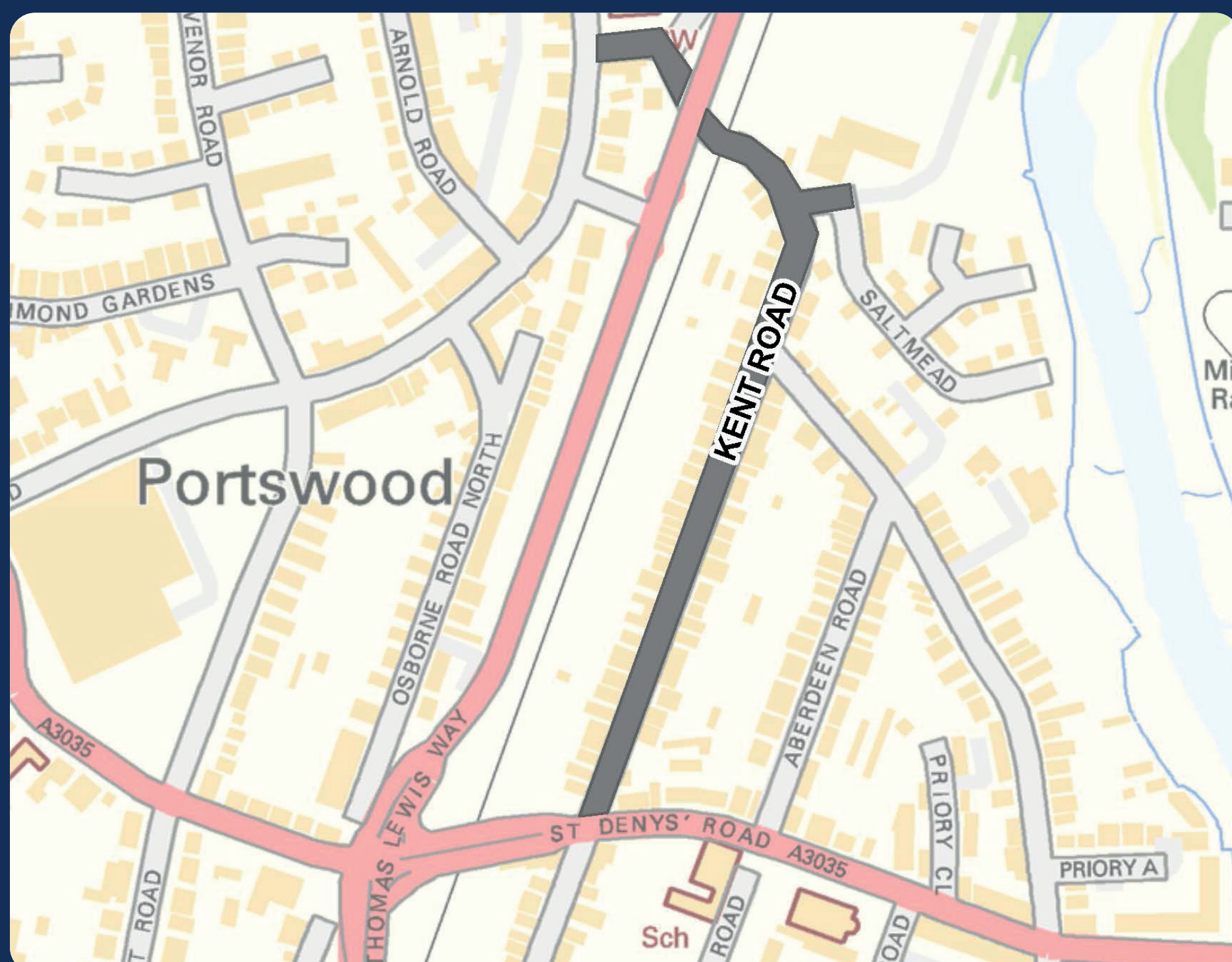
People walking and in most cases cycling are allowed to travel in all directions through traffic filters and the new spaces. This means walking and cycling become more attractive, especially for local trips.

Once non-local traffic is removed from the area road space can be repurposed and used for something else.

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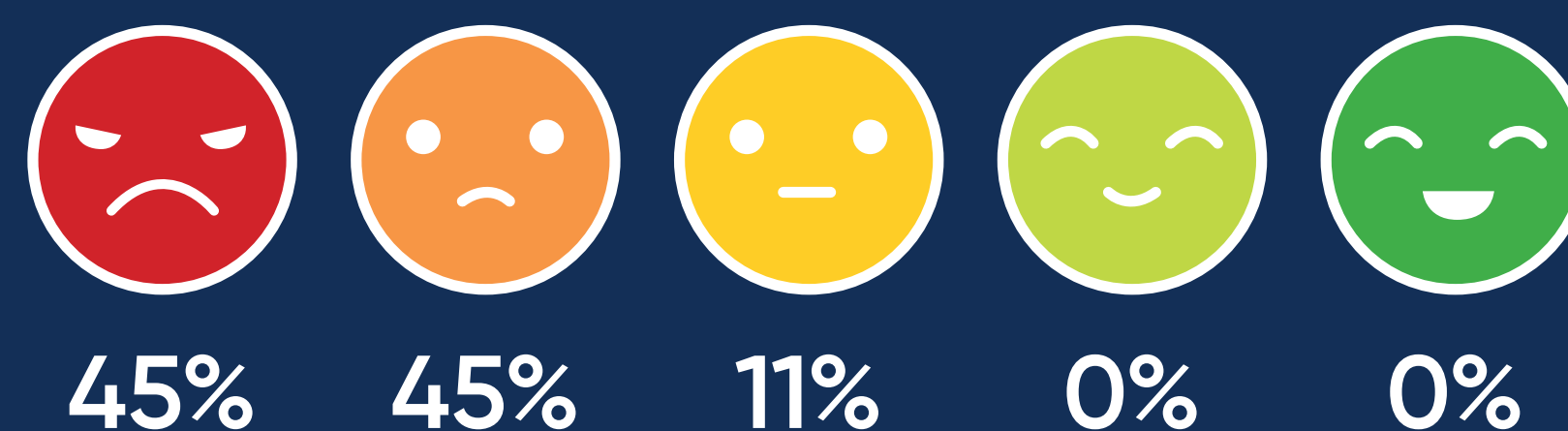


Kent Road



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How Kent Road makes you feel



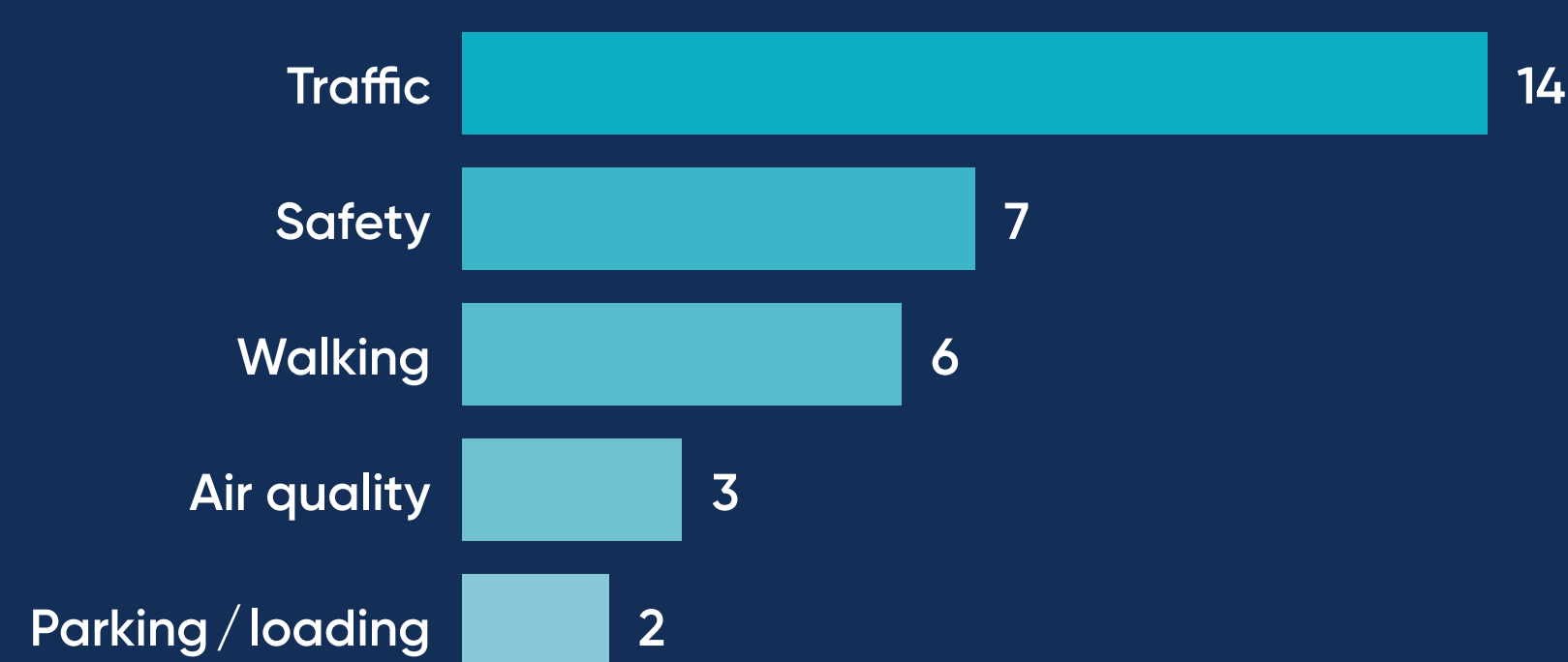
"Road needs closing to all but residents, traffic can use TL way and St Denys road."

"I don't feel safe to walk here after dark on my own. Improved lighting and some obvious CCTV could be helpful as a deterrent."

Top 50 words

access along area art better bridge cars community
crossing cultivation damaged dark denys design end fast fewer footpath
green HGV junction kent lewis lighting loading
maintenance needs parking pavements
pedestrians people polluting portswood problems projects
residents road safe safer slow space thomas
traffic trees turn vehicles walk water wheelchairs wider

St Denys perceptions survey theme tags – Kent Road



What would you change?

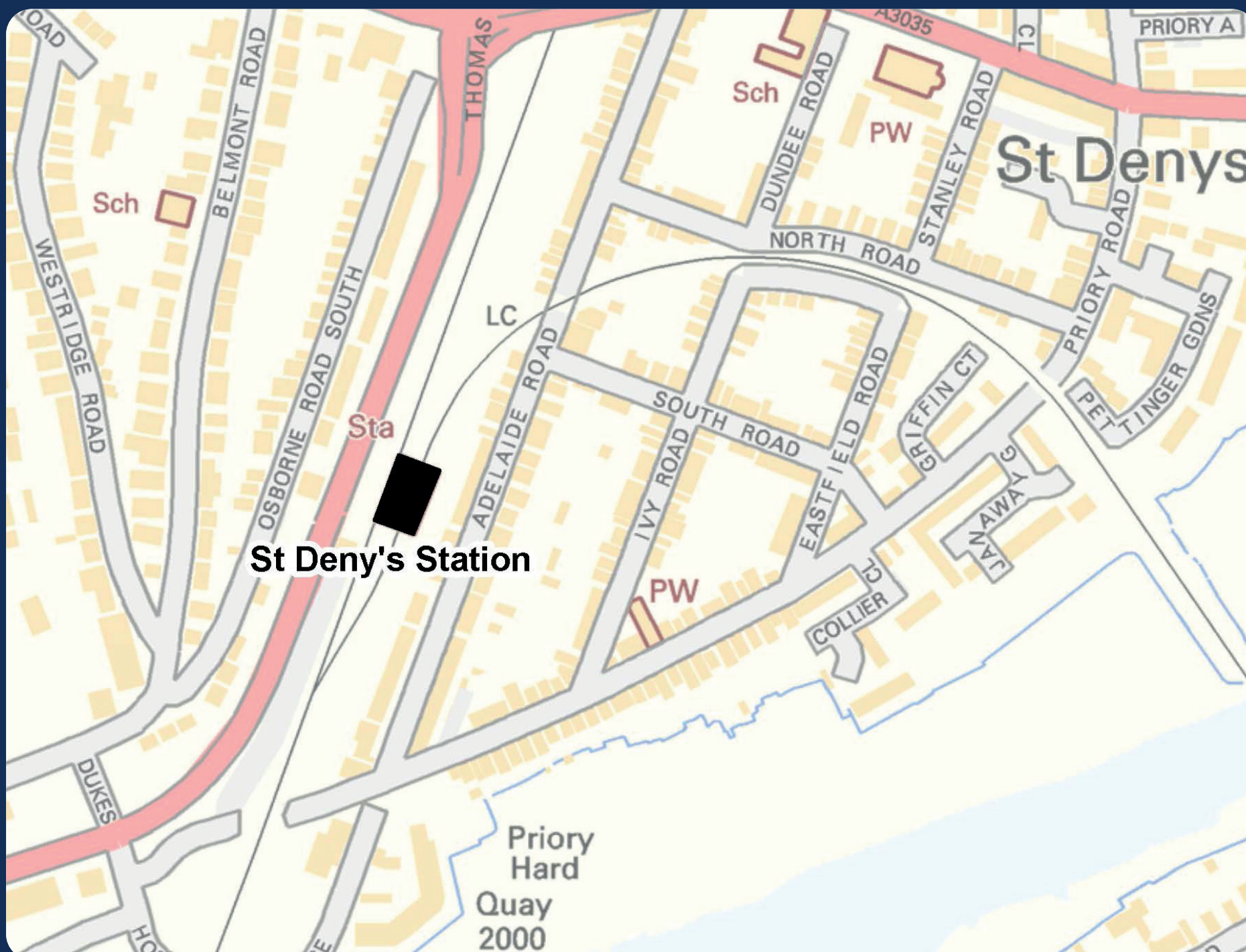
- Slow down traffic
- Less traffic
- Better maintenance
- Space for parking / loading
- More trees and green spaces

"Kent Road is used by HGVs to access commercial sites at the old Southern Water site. The road is not suitable for this and people's homes are being damaged by vibration and cars are damaged by impacts from larger, fast vehicles. Cars have to park up on the pavement to prevent losing wing mirrors to trucks and speeding cars, which mean people with pushchairs, wheelchairs or white sticks have to walk in the road – where the fast, heavy traffic is."

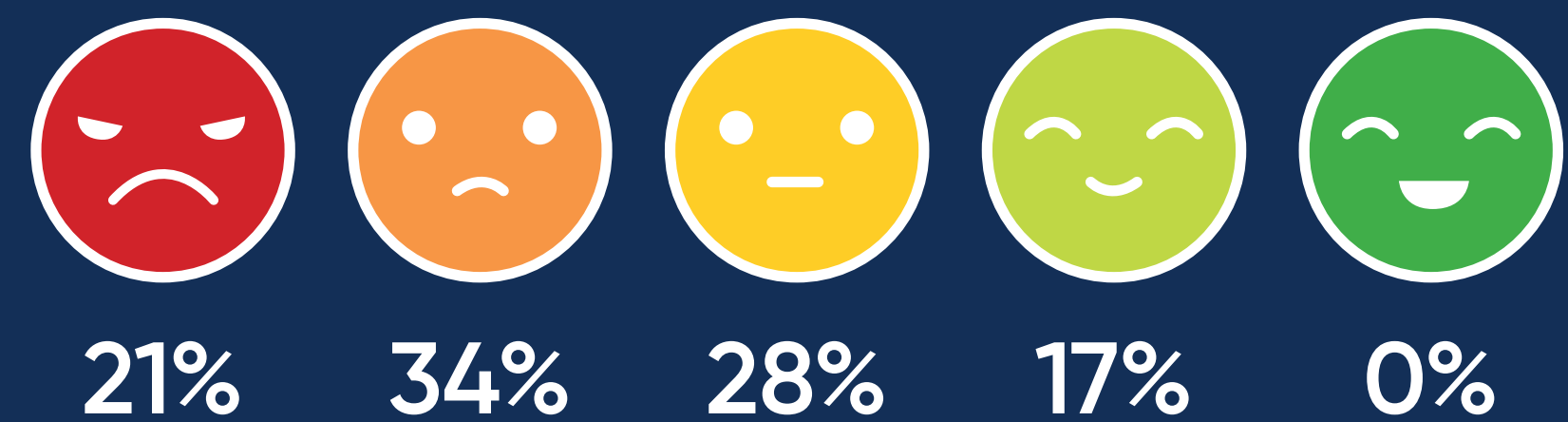
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St Denys Station



How St Denys Station makes you feel



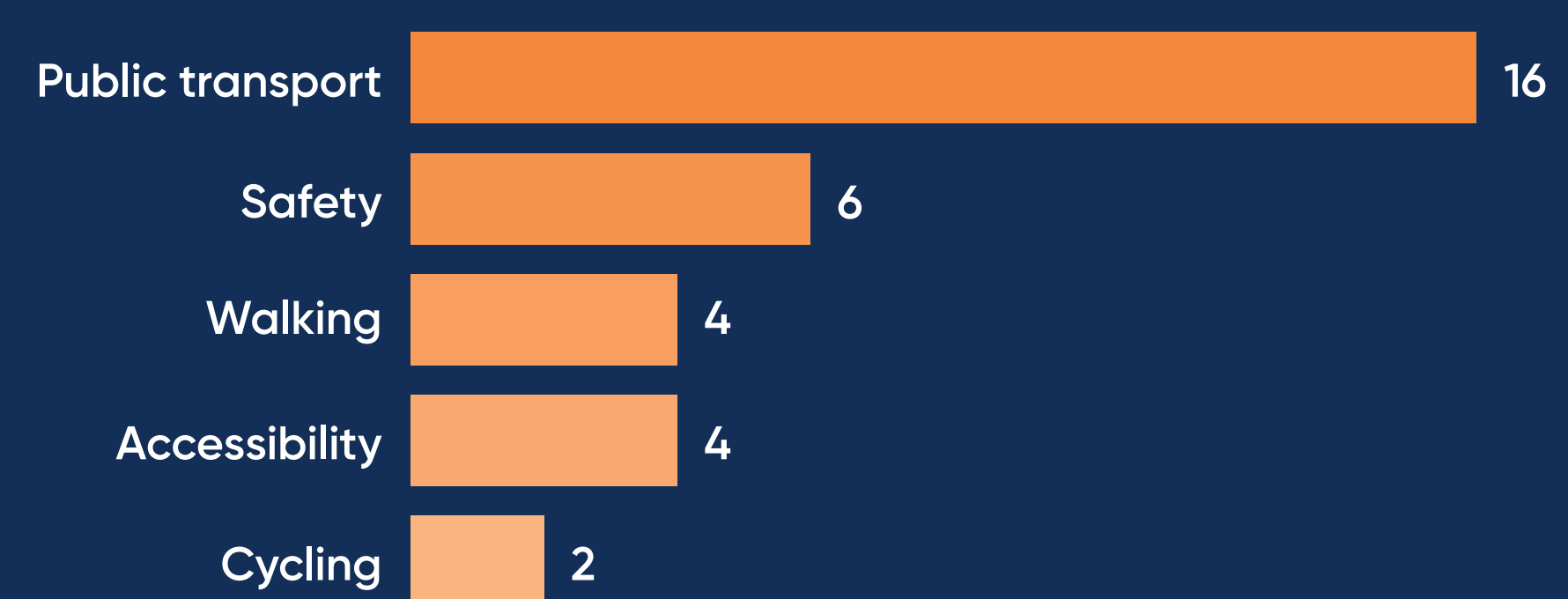
"The bridge and car park need to be **better lit** and **shrubbery cut back** regularly."

"Hard to get to by bus and **not wheelchair friendly**, but otherwise an **incredibly useful** historic station that's **somewhat neglected**."

Top 50 words

accessible areas assault **better** bike bridge buildings cafe
car central cycle dark denys enforcement feel green help
lighting loading lots maintenance muggings
needs office open parking people platforms polluting poor
projects regularly road room route safe seating southampton space
station street ticket toilets traffic train trees used
waiting wheelchair year

St Denys perceptions survey theme tags – St Denys Station



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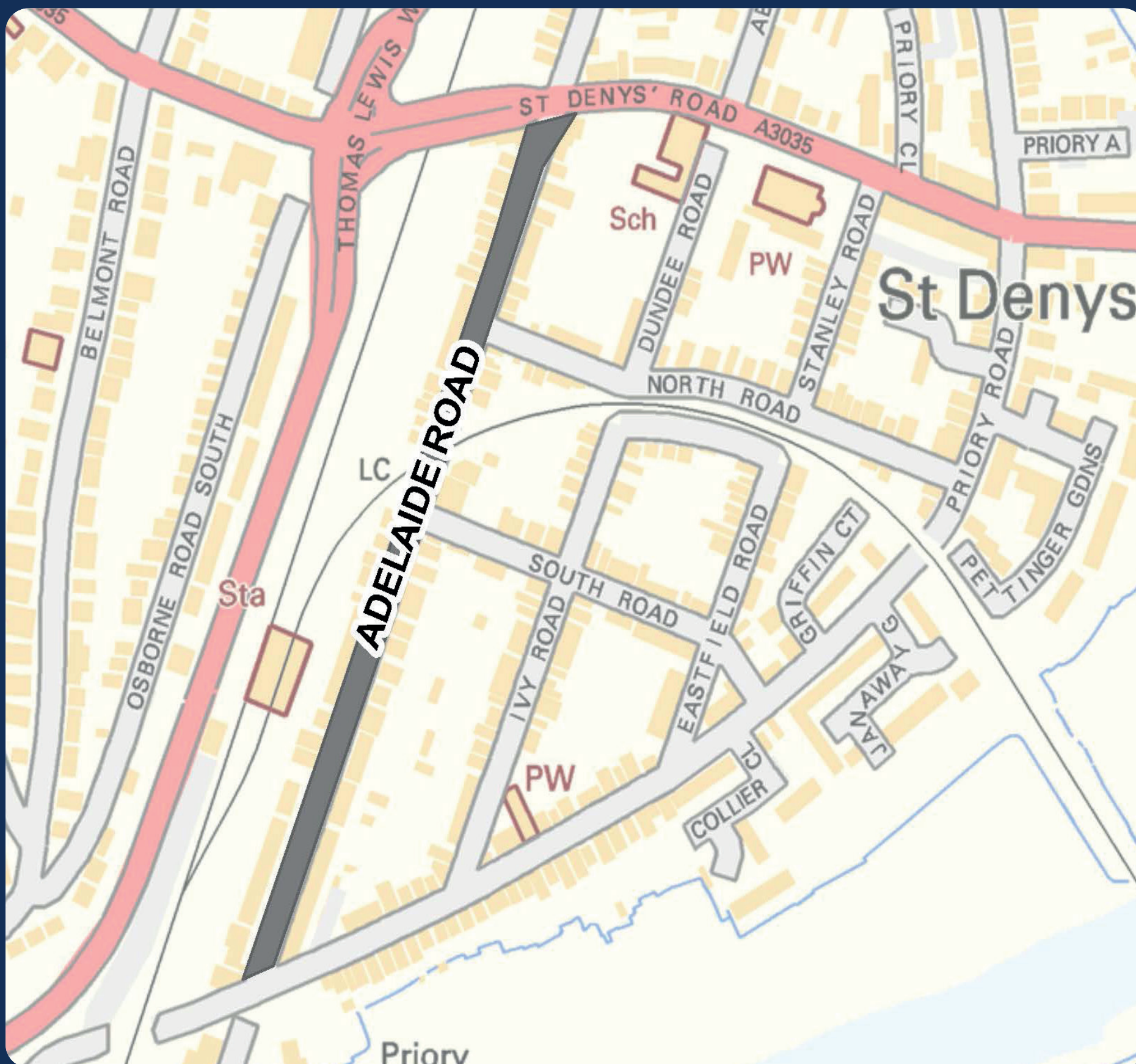
- More trees and green spaces
- Space for parking/loading
- Better lighting
- Better maintenance
- Less traffic

"St Denys station needs help. Lots of people use it. **Not enough places to sit. Water coming through roof. Paint flaking off. No lift. Lots of steps. Please help the station.**"

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Adelaide Road



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How Adelaide Road makes you feel



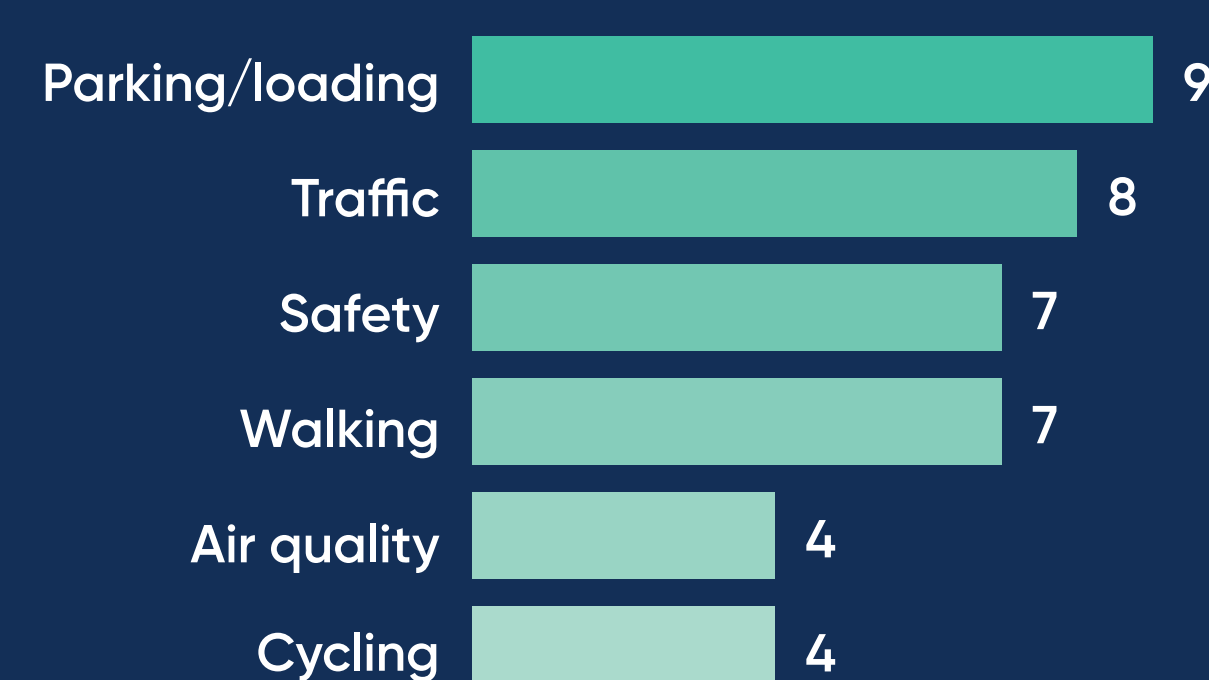
"Use of this road as a 'park and train/walk', especially south of the level crossing is getting progressively worse-this just means more traffic, creating more pollution."

"Could do with being 20mph speed limit along the whole length."

Top 50 words

adelaide along area avoid bad bumps cars crossing
denys dog drivers effect enforcement engines fewer footway free
house junction lane leave level light litter loading means needs
parking past pavement people polluting problem really
road signs slow someone sometimes south space speed
street traffic turn used vehicles wait walk wider

St Denys perceptions survey theme tags – Adelaide Road



What would you change?

- Enforcement
- Fewer polluting vehicles
- More trees and green spaces
- Less traffic
- Slow down traffic

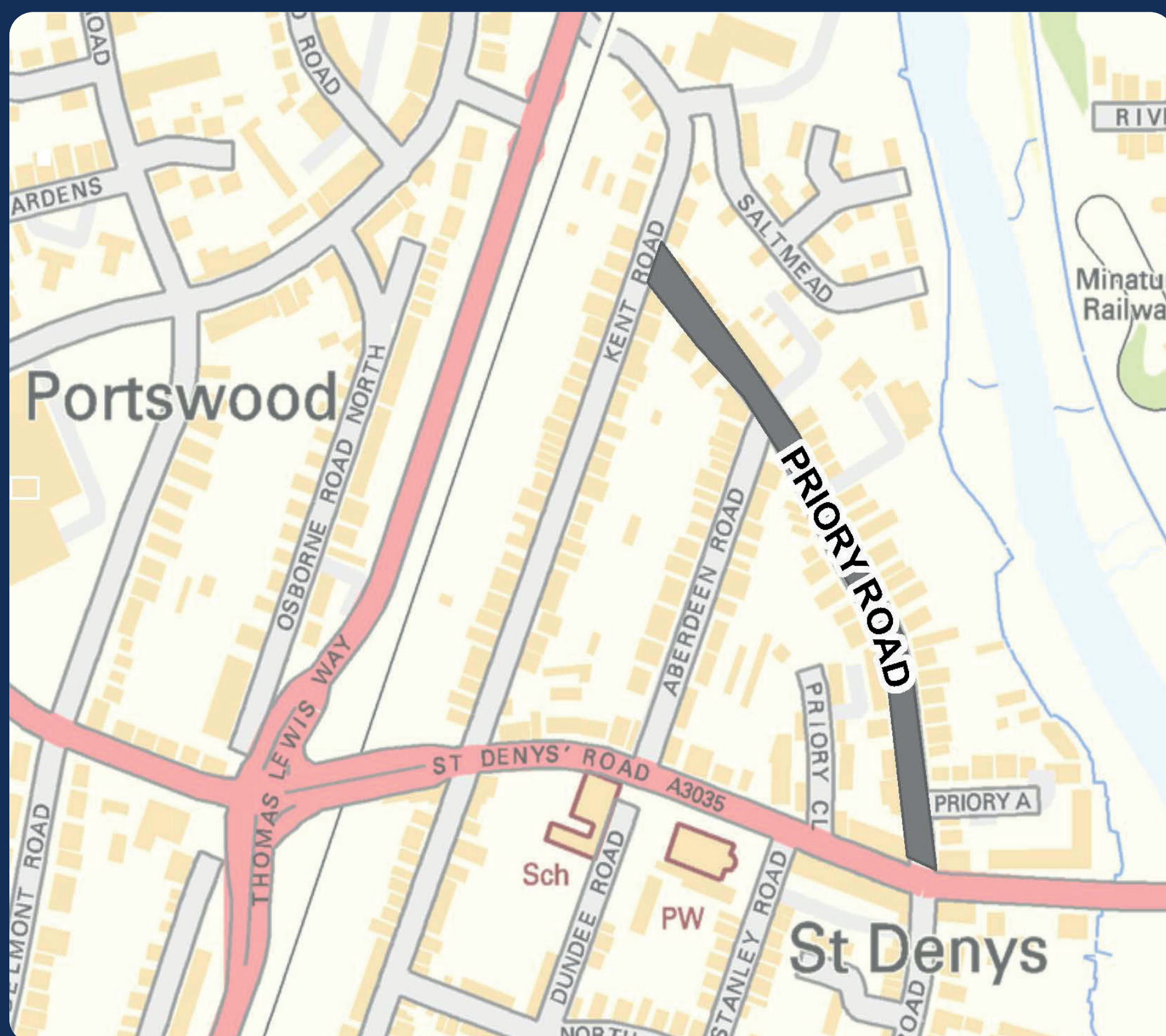
"Cars idle here as they wait for the level crossing to go up. Add a sign asking drivers to turn off their engines when the gates are down."

"We should have speed bumps south of St Denys Road due to the tendency for roads to be used as a rat-run to avoid traffic."

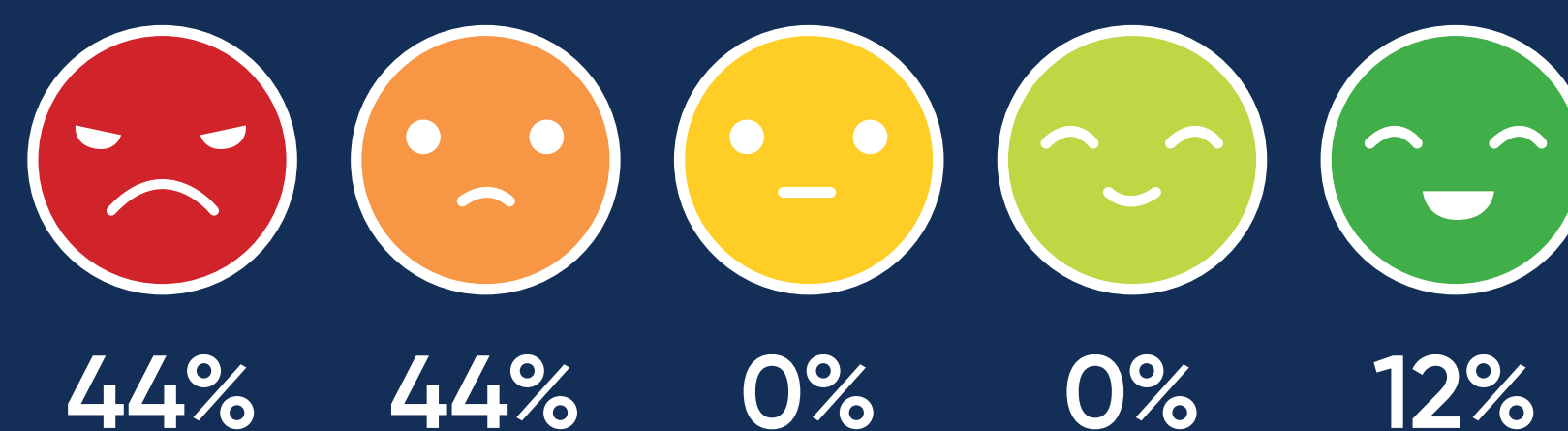
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Priory Road North



How Priory Road North makes you feel



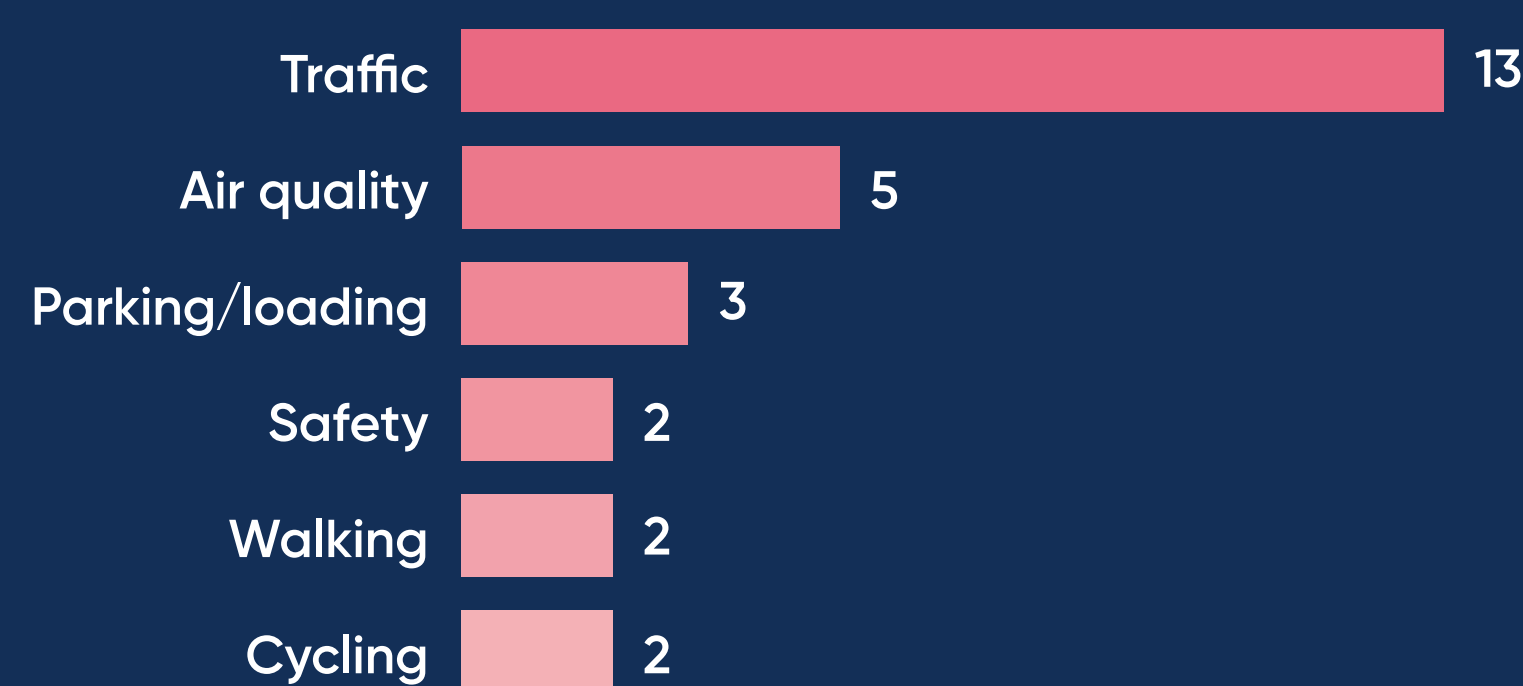
"Make this road one way (northbound) and stop vehicles using it to access St Denys Road. Block off access to main road from Kent and Aberdeen. Stop managing roads for cars."

"Cars exceed the 20mph speed limit and I have witnessed parked cars being damaged by impatient drivers."

Top 50 words

access along area bittern blocked bridge **cars** clear comes cut cyclists
damage denys difficult dog drive drivers
enforcement engines **fewer** getting green hour house
kent leave making **parking** pavement people please pm
polluting priory protected residents **road** rush section
slow small south **space** stop streets think **traffic** trees
vehicles walking

St Denys perceptions survey theme tags – Priory Road North



What would you change?

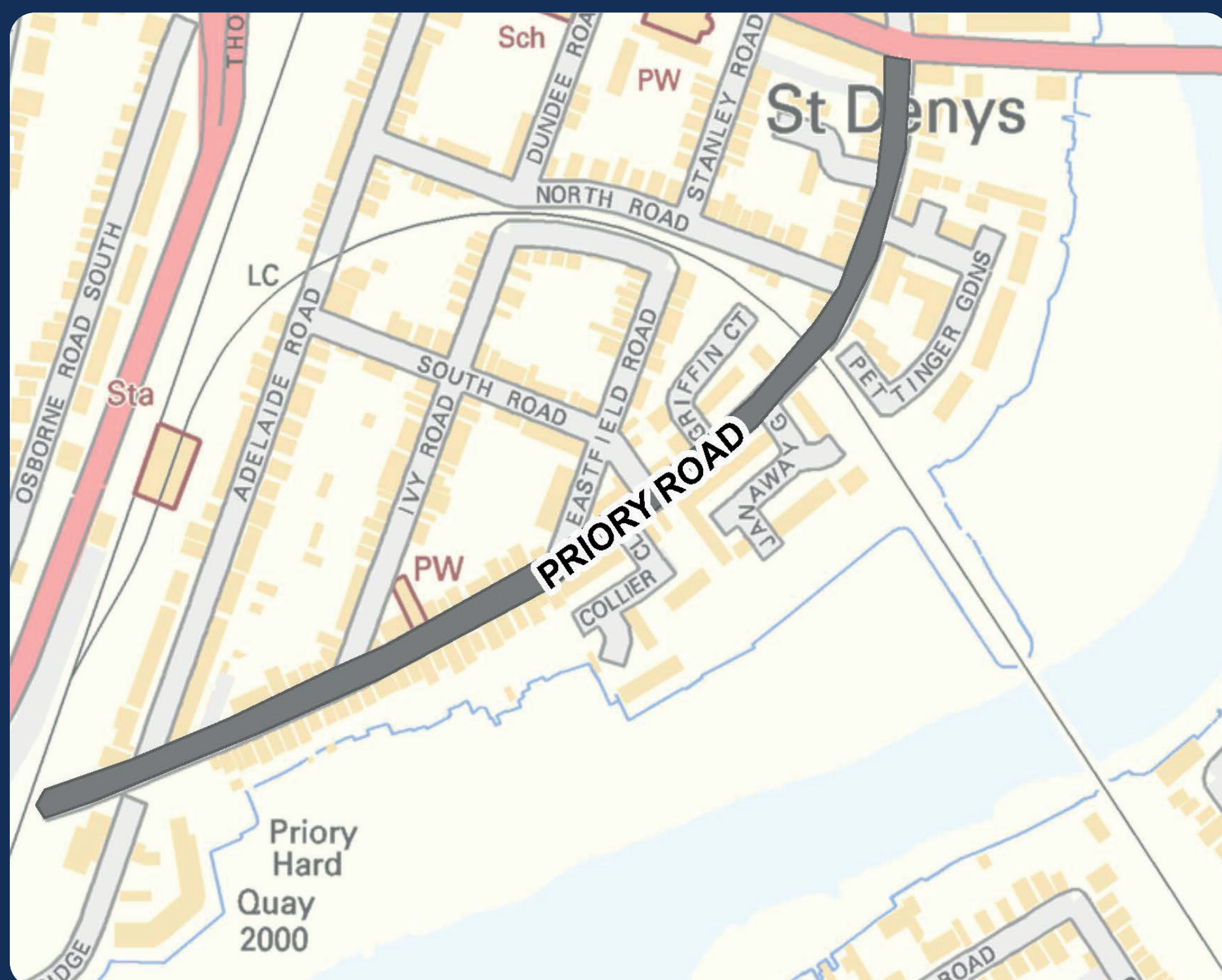
- Fewer polluting vehicles
- Slow down traffic
- Less traffic
- Enforcement
- More trees and green spaces

"It would be nice to see the Priory Road north area closed to through traffic in the same way that has been done on the south end. I would like to see the space greener rather than using the saved space to add more parking ultimately to make the traffic flow work."

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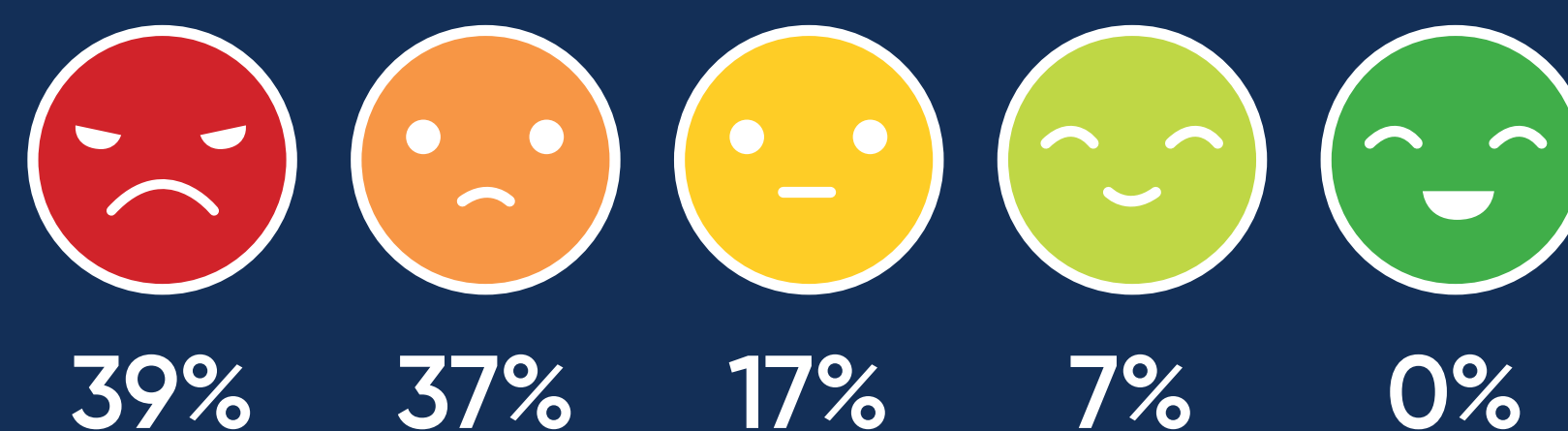


Priory Road South



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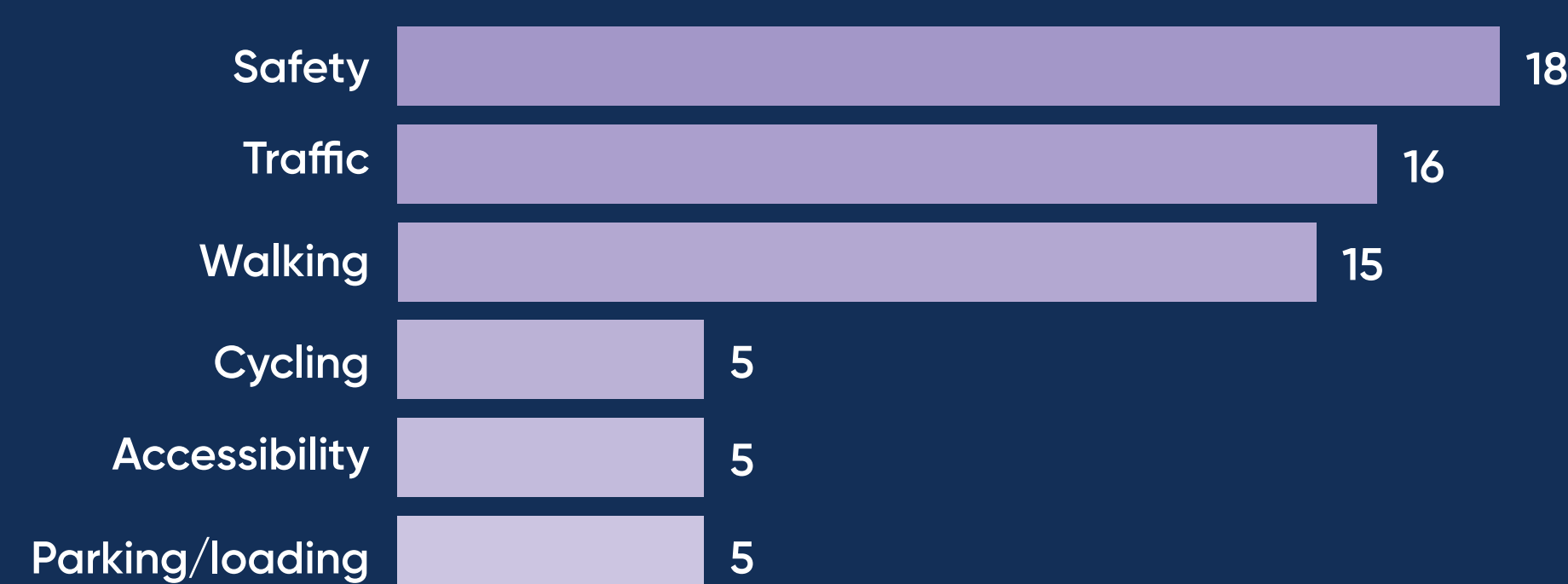
How Priory Road South makes you feel



"The footpath on St Denys Rd to the bus stop is **full of puddles** when it has rained... Priory Rd itself is not in a very good state either, with **potholes and cracked surfaces** as well."

"I suggest that the road underneath the bridge could be **narrowed to one lane**, with priority given to traffic from the north... making the junction with North Road much **safer**."

St Denys perceptions survey theme tags – Priory Road South



Top 50 words

adelaide along area **better** bridge bus **cars** coming council crossings
cycling cyclists dangerous denys difficult drive
enforcement fast feel fewer forcing green lights live loading
maintenance making north parking
pavements pedestrians people polluting priory
road running safe safer **slow** space speed stop
traffic trees turn used vehicles walking wider years

What would you change?

- Wider pavements
- Better maintenance
- Slow down traffic
- Less traffic
- Space for parking/loading

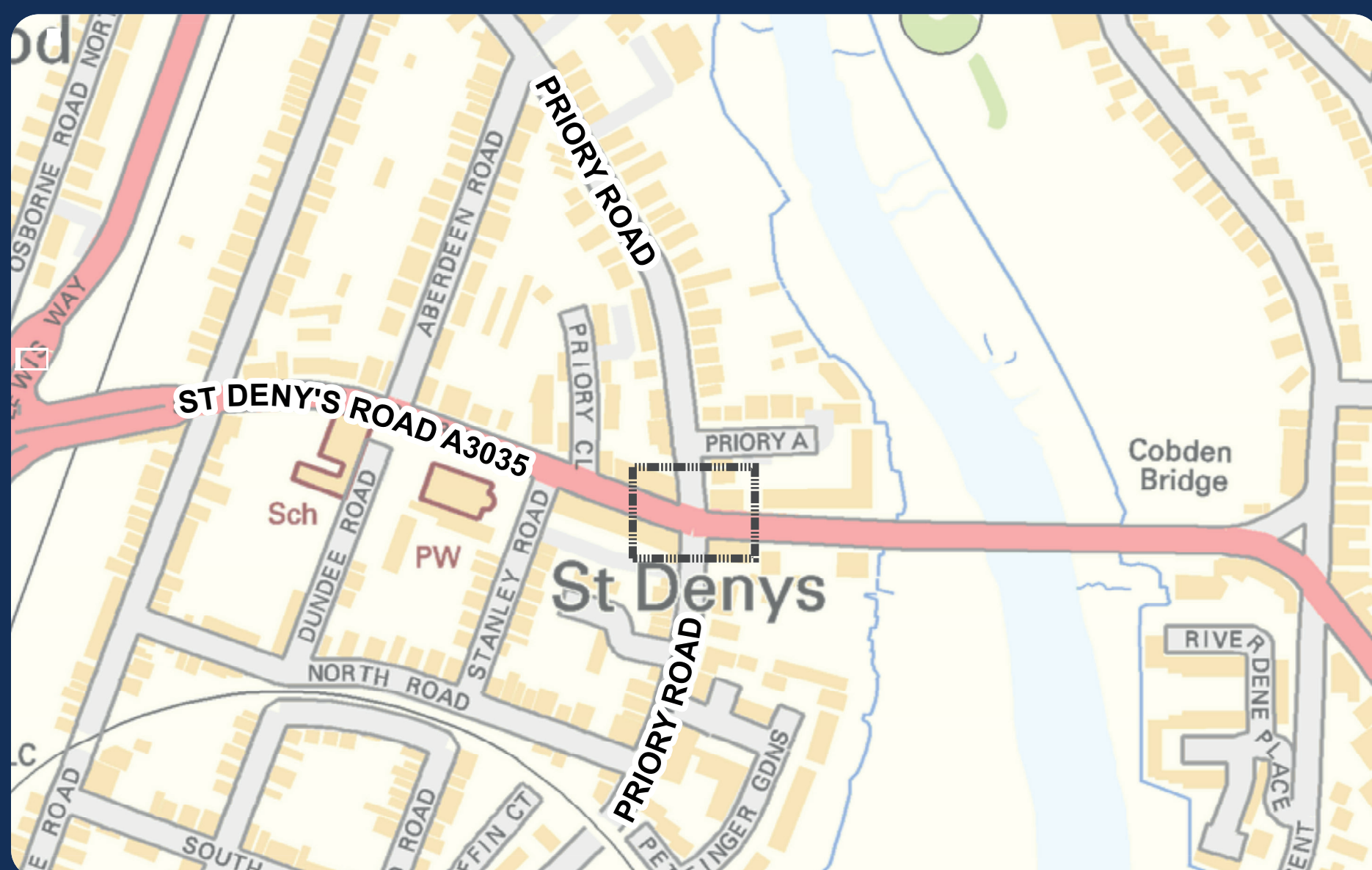
"When traffic is queuing eastbound along St Denys Road, some drivers think they can beat the queue by **rat running** along Adelaide, North and Priory... often at dangerous speed and creating a huge amount of **extra traffic** waiting to turn right at the Priory Road lights."

"**Cars come extremely fast under the bridge** particularly northbound. **Visibility** turning out of North Road is extremely poor, and there are also cyclists and pedestrians to consider. This is one place where a **speed bump** would definitely help..."

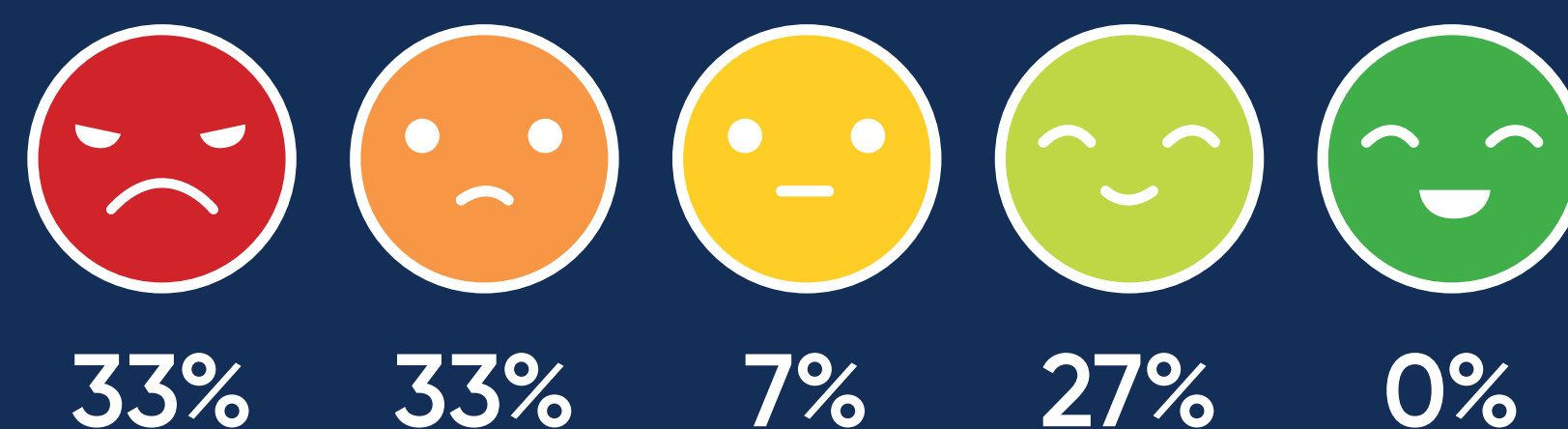
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Priory/St Denys junction



How Priory/St Denys junction makes you feel



"This junction feels really **unsafe** to cross; there is only a button for crossing on one side (west); if you are crossing on the other three sides (north/east/south) you are on your own. Lots of school children often cross here going to the primary school or the schools over the river in Bitterne."

"This is a **dangerous junction** whether you are a pedestrian, cyclist or motorist... It needs **traffic calming methods** to be employed along with **cameras** to catch and **deter offenders**."

St Denys perceptions survey theme tags – Priory/St Denys junction



Top 50 words

accidents better bridge builds bus cameras **CARS** caused change corners course
crossing cyclists dangerous difficult enforcement fewer hit
home hour junction large **lights** loading maintenance motorists
needs north nothing **parking** **pavements**
pedestrians people polluting poor priory really **road**
rush **safe** **safer** school sides slow space stop **traffic**
uneven van vehicles

What would you change?

- Better maintenance
- Fewer polluting vehicles
- Slow down traffic
- New/safer crossings
- Space for parking/loading

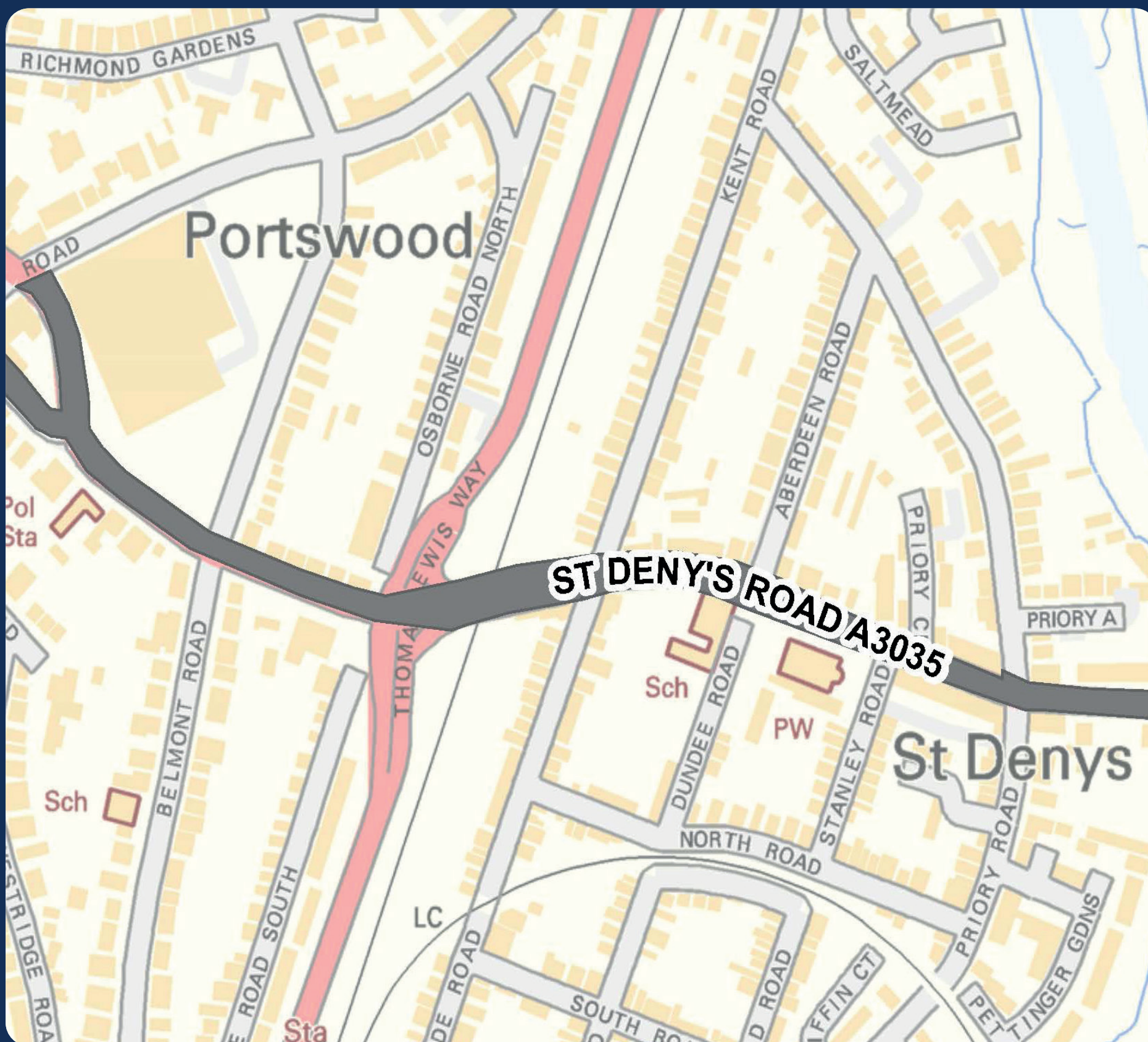
"**Pavement very uneven** – when it rains a large puddle forms from wall of houses to the curb causing pedestrians to walk in the road. Overall **pavements very poor condition** in Priory Road. Slopes – I don't know how people in mobility scooters manage!"

This crossing is **very busy** especially at peak/school times and pedestrians cross the road on all four parts of the crossing. There should be a **four-way pedestrian crossing** here. It is very difficult to cross Priory Road in either direction."

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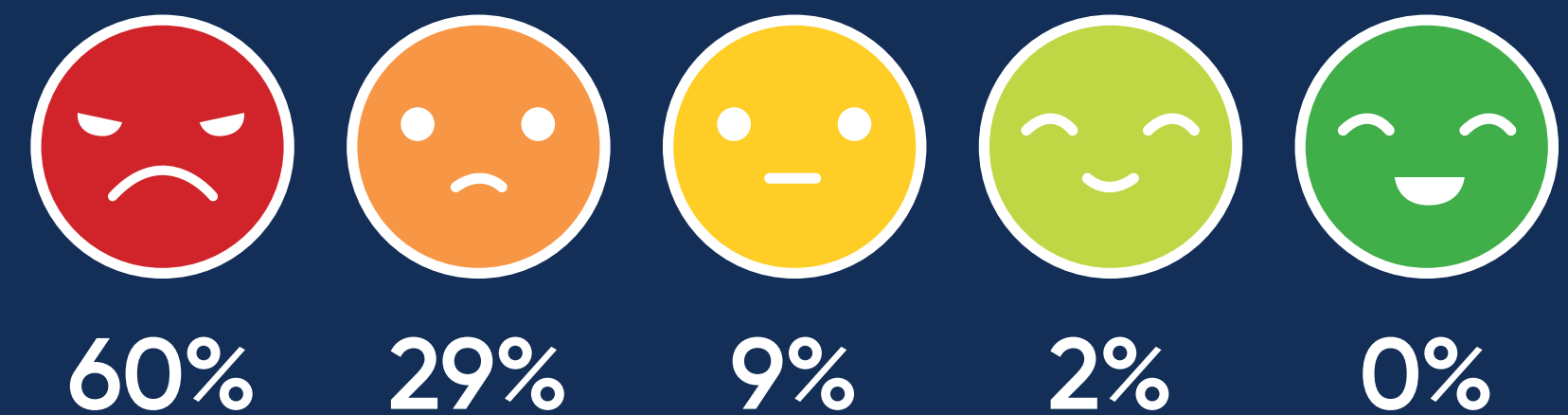


St Denys Road



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How St Denys Road makes you feel



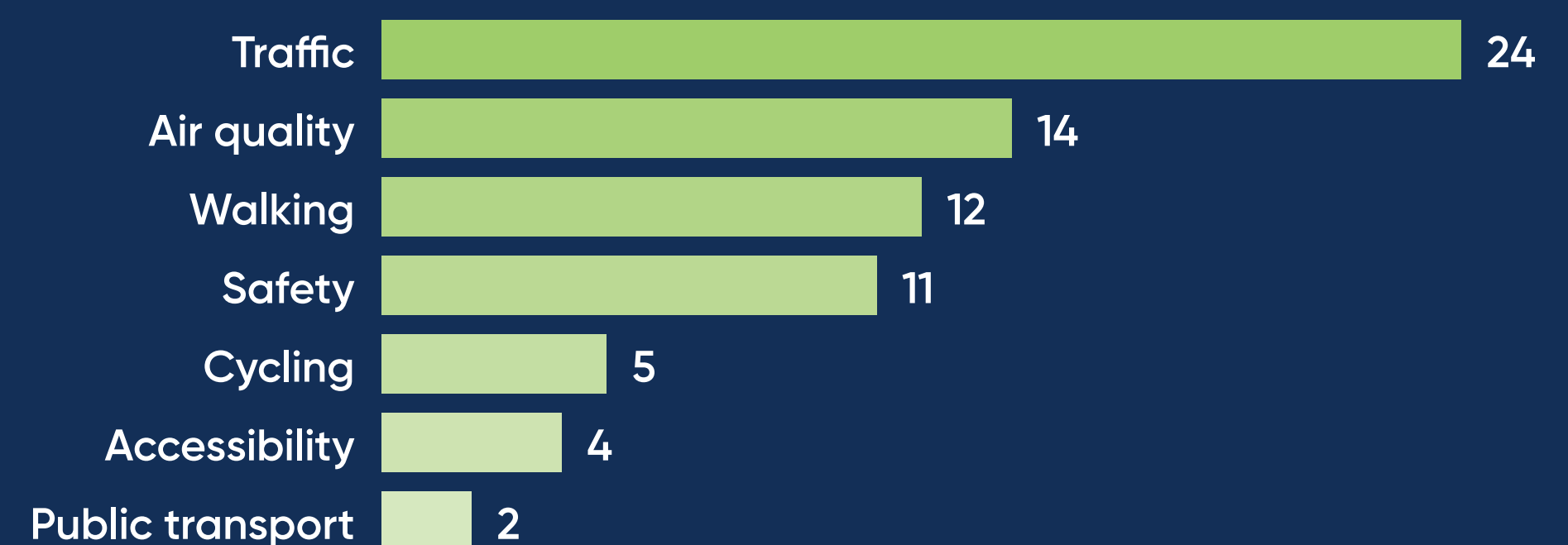
"Something needs to be done about **traffic congestion** here, every weekday it's impossible to get through the traffic, most drivers won't allow anyone to get out of St Denys, drivers use St Denys small roads as rat runs to beat traffic queues etc."

"It is difficult to get from this crossing (Portswood Rd / St Denys) to the start of Cobden bridge. You have to cross several roads and there **aren't any safe crossings** on many of these."

Top 50 words

air area better bitterne bridge bus cars change cobden crossings cycle cyclists denys design enforcement fewer green helpful hour improve increase junction lanes lewis lights north park pavements pedestrian people polluting protected quality queues residents river road rush safer services slow space thomas traffic trees triangle turning vehicles walk wider

St Denys perceptions survey theme tags – St Denys Road



What would you change?

- Less traffic
- Wider pavements
- More trees and green spaces
- New/safer crossings
- Better bus services

"There's a **weird side-track** here which I think is intended to protect cyclists from traffic turning left. However, it abjectly doesn't work..."

"When busy it is **impossible to get through** the give way line onto St Denys Road. The priorities need sorting here to allow people to turn left."