

# Transforming Cities Fund Portswood & Swaythling

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# Connecting Southampton

- Connecting Southampton sets out the transport strategy to 2040.
- The plan is built around three goals that support sustainable growth and mobility for all across the city.
- The vision is centred around connecting people to places and enabling them to get to where they want to go more easily by walking, cycling and public transport.
- Creating a 'Liveable City' and 'Southampton's Mass Transit System' are fundamental to achieving this.



# Connecting Southampton – Key Principles

- The key principles of Connecting Southampton, include:
  - **Innovative, Connected and Resilient City** through measures such as smart technology and a Mass Transit System;
  - **Attractive, Safe and Inclusive City** where everyone has access to safe, fair and equal transport options.
  - **Healthy and Zero Emission City** where people are supported to walk and cycle through the creation of a Liveable City, Active Travel Zones and Local Mobility Hubs.

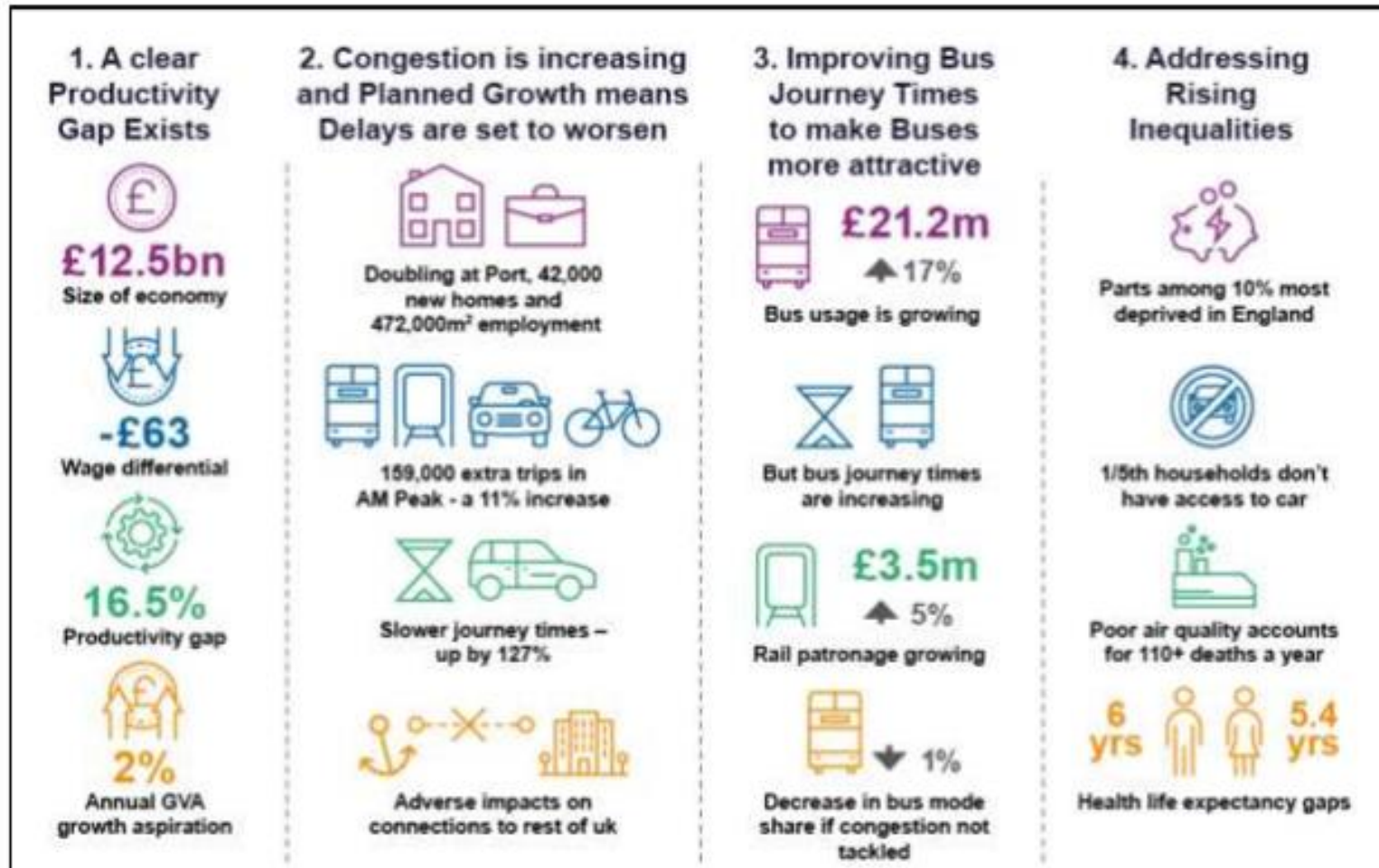


# Transforming Cities

- DfT awarded £57 million to Southampton and Hampshire County Council for the city region up to March 2023.
- £11.5 million contribution from SCC and partners.
- Programme focused on four key corridors, including Portswood Road and Thomas Lewis Way.
- Programme aims to transform:
  - Mobility
  - Lifestyles; and
  - Gateways.

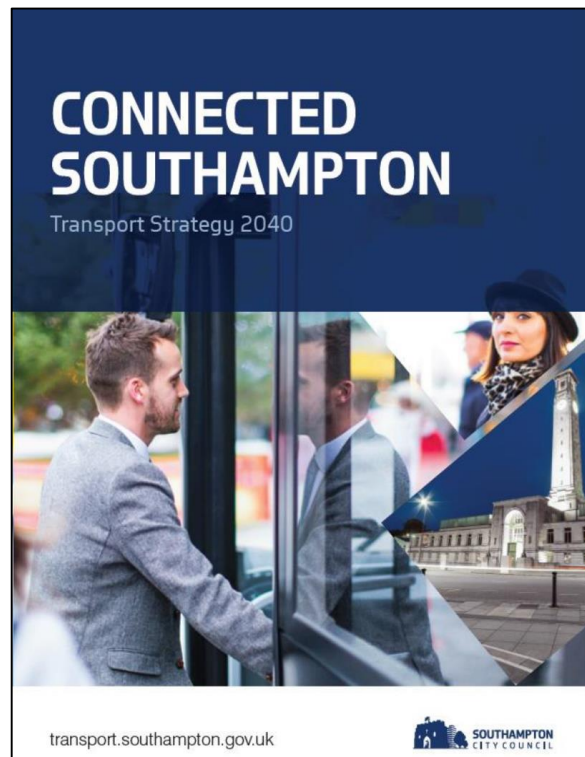


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## Our ambitions



**8km of Cycle Route**



**Up to 9 minutes bus journey time improvement**



**15 traffic signals upgraded with Smart Technology**



**4 new Super Stops**



**2 Local Mobility Hubs**



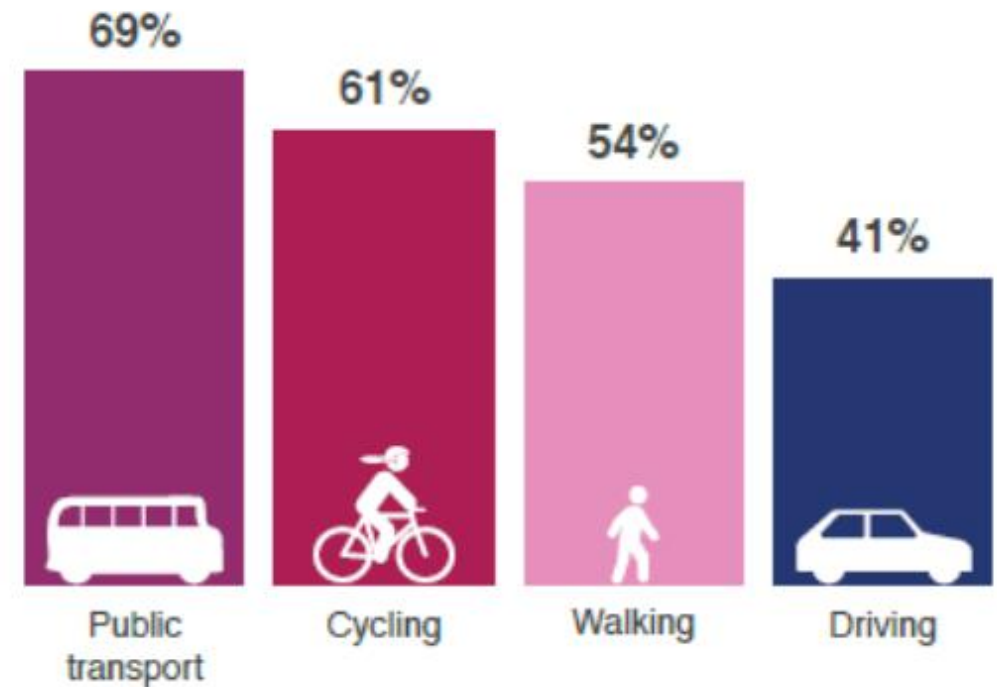
**1 Active Travel Zone**

# What do we know about Portswood Road?

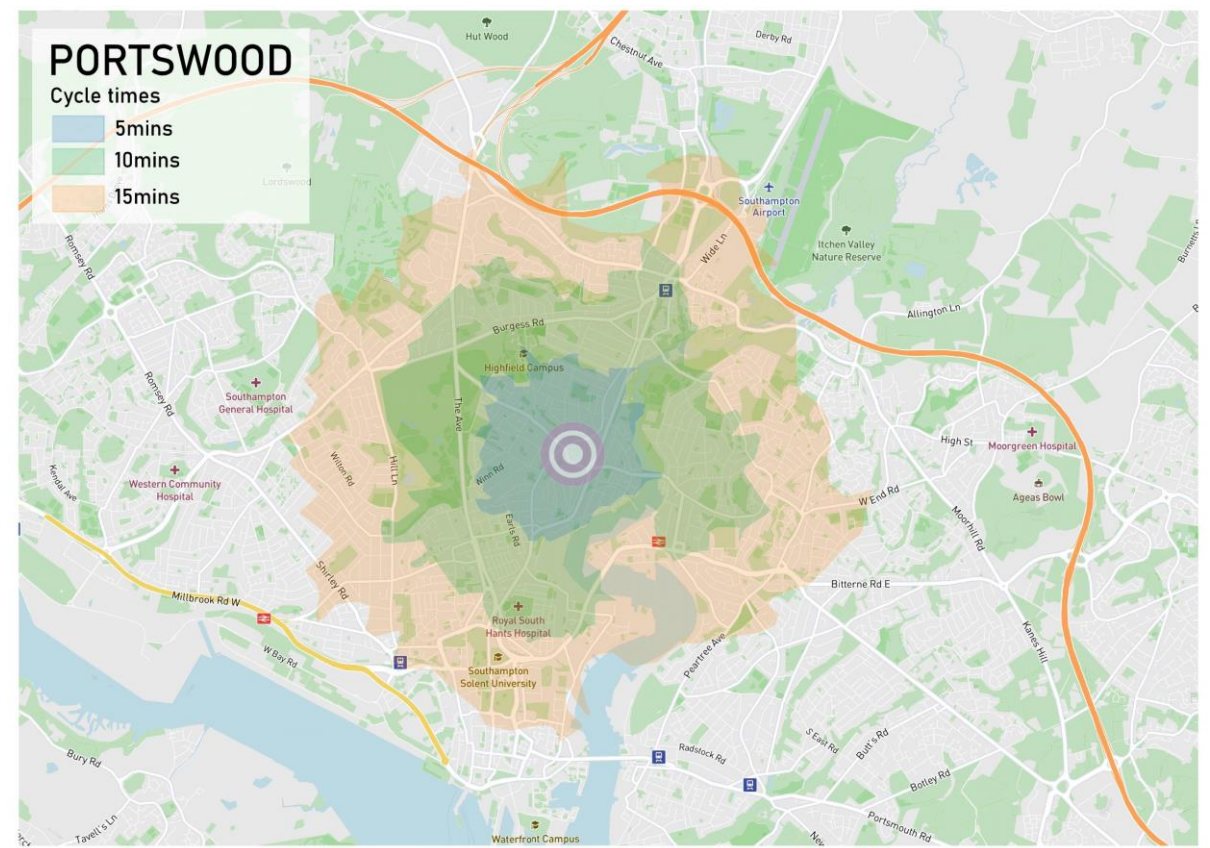
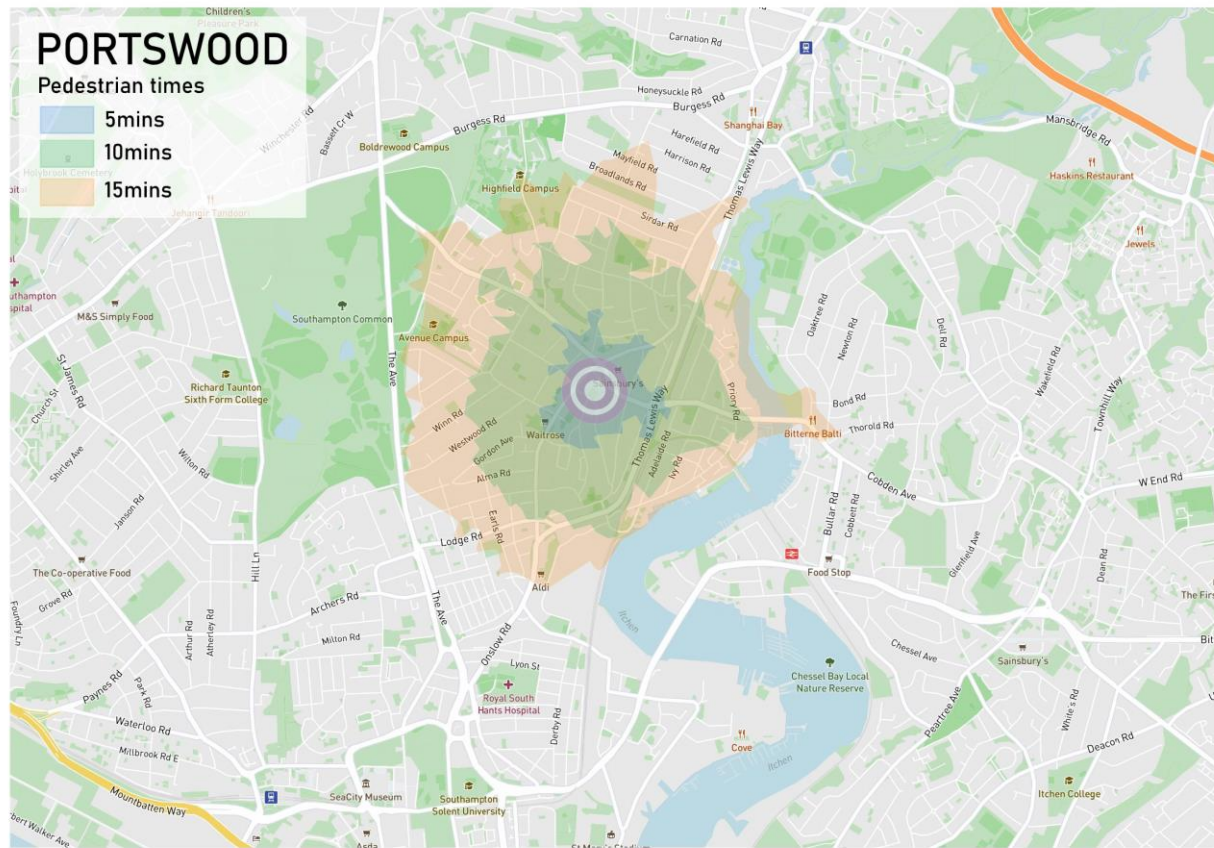
## Key transport stats

- Around 7,500 vehicles per day travelling on Portswood Road and 20,000 on Thomas Lewis Way.
- 22% of people living in the city region do not have access to a car and 51% in some parts of Southampton.
- Portswood Road is served by 26 buses per hour, but congestion impacts on bus journey times.
- Portswood Road links people to places via SCN6. 4.8% of commuters in Southampton cycle to work.
- Excellent connections to the rail network and passenger numbers are growing.

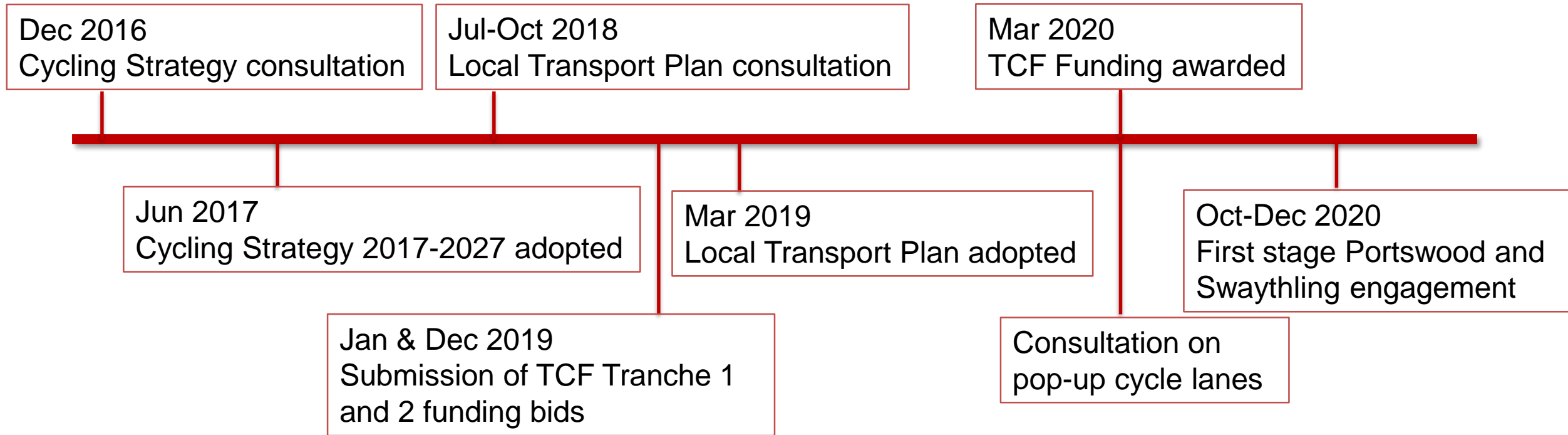
Proportion of residents who would like to see more government spending on different types of transport



# Portswood Road – Potential for Active Travel



# The story so far...



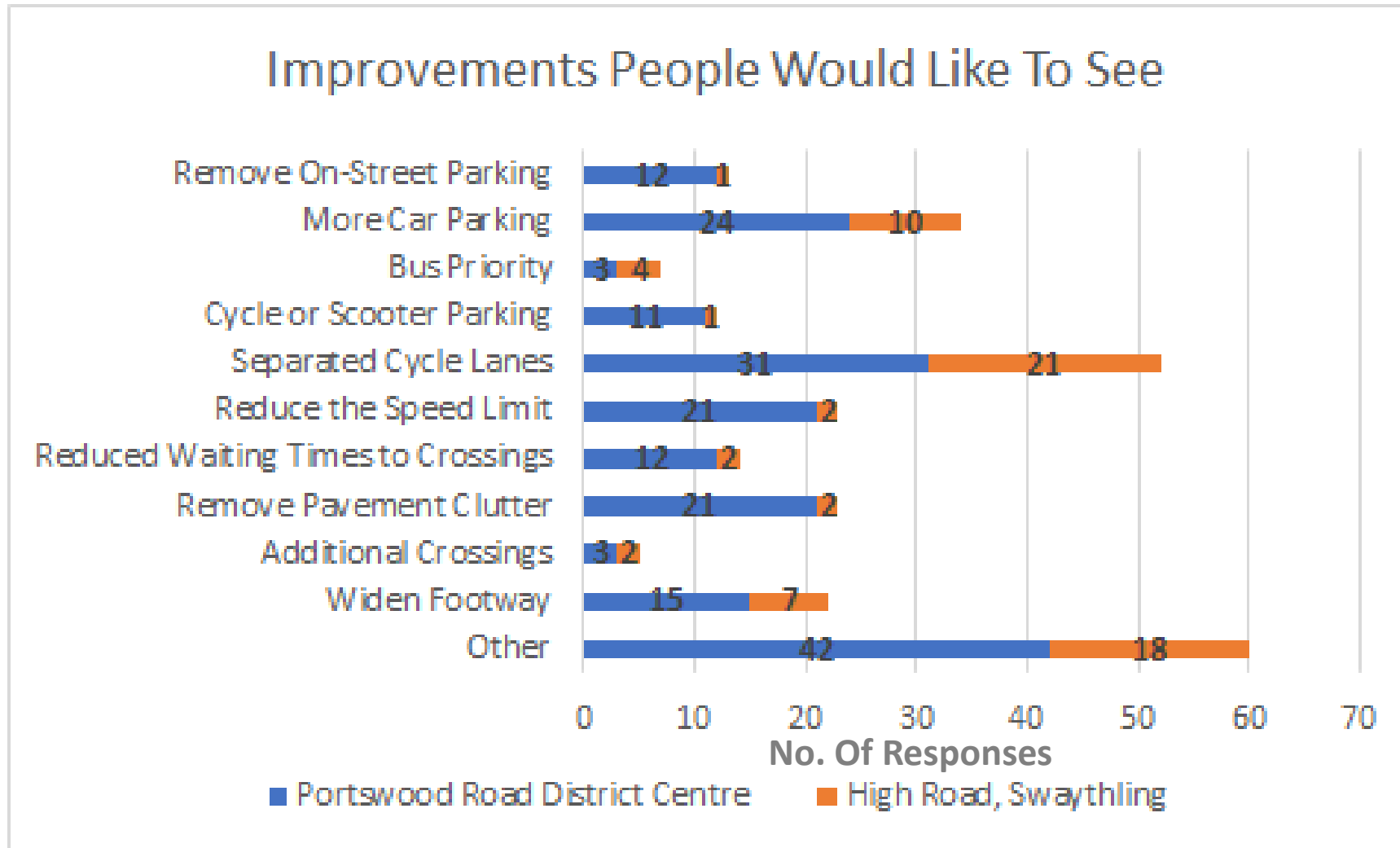
# Perception Survey Results - Highlights

- The majority of people walk within the local area
- However, many respondents noted that they use the car when going to the supermarket – shopping is the main reason why people travel to Portswood Road – or take the bus.
- In both surveys there was support for introducing separated cycle lanes, reducing the speed limit and removing street clutter.
- There was an acknowledgement that bus facilities and services could be upgraded and improved.

# Survey Results

Portswood survey	Swaythling survey
203 responses	71 responses
95% live within 20-minute walking distance of Portswood Road	92% live within 20-minute walking distance for Portswood Road and High Road
73% walk when travelling to Portswood high street	42% walk when travelling to the shops on Portswood Road and High Road, while 41% use the car.
For 78% of people, shopping is their main reason for travelling to the high street.	For 70% of people, shopping is their main reason for travelling to the high street.
The top travel improvement people would like to see in the area is separated cycle lanes	The top travel improvement people would like to see in the area is separated cycle lanes

## You said:

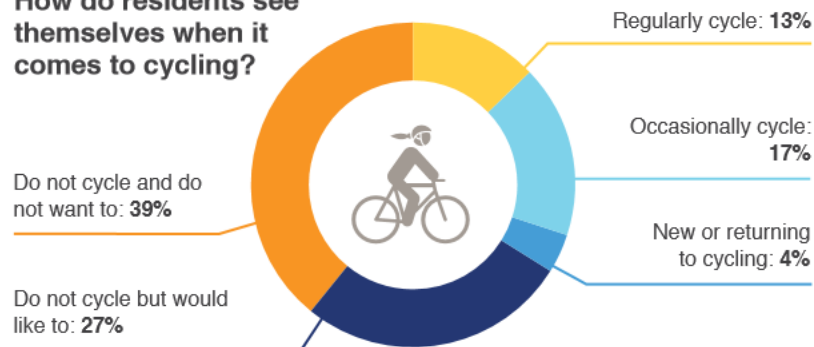


# Bike Life Report 2019

**48%**

of residents feel that they should cycle more

How do residents see themselves when it comes to cycling?



To help residents cycle more we need better cycling infrastructure

**78%**

think that more cycle tracks along roads physically separated from traffic and pedestrians would be useful to help them cycle more

**71%**

support building more of these tracks, even when this means less room for other road traffic

**3 miles**

of cycle tracks along roads physically separated from traffic and pedestrians currently exist in the City Region



City Region residents believe improving their streets for cycling and walking would make their area a better place to live, work or visit

**61%**

think more cycling would make their area a better place to live and work

**70%**

think space should be increased for people socialising, cycling and walking on their local high street

**56%**

think streets outside local schools should be closed to cars during drop off and pick up times

**62%**

think fewer motor vehicles on our streets would be useful to help them cycle more

**58%**

think speed limits should be reduced on local roads



# Portswood Road – Emerging Ideas



# Portswood Local Mobility Hub

## What is a local mobility hub?

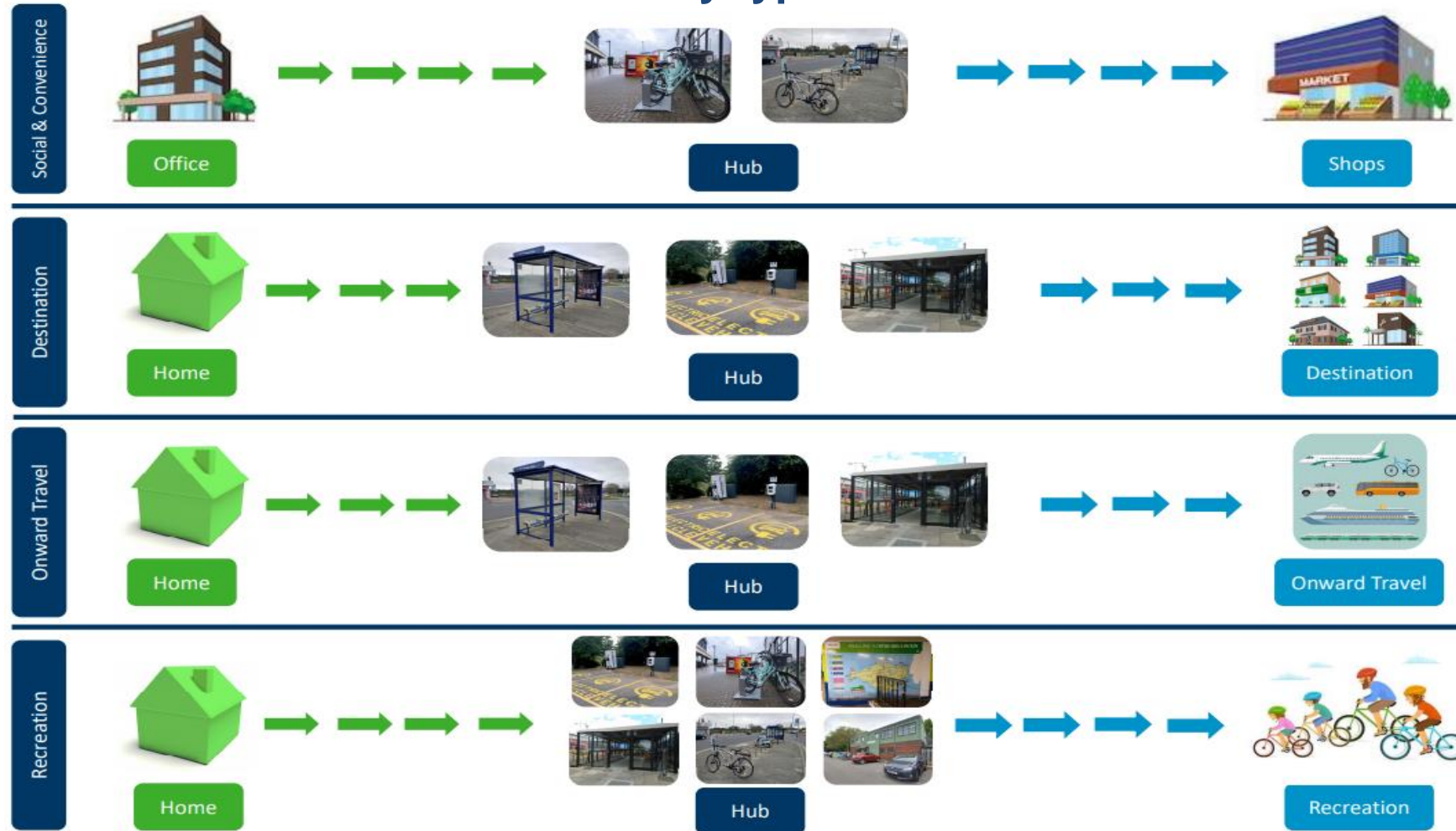
There is no fixed definition of what a local mobility hub is or what facilities it should offer.

Generally speaking, a local mobility hub is a series of mobility options located close to one another that are designed for user convenience and to encourage more sustainable travel choices.

The following slides will provide more information.

# Portswood Local Mobility Hub

## Journey types



# Portswood Local Mobility Hub - Opportunities

e-Scooter hire location



Electric vehicles and charging



Micro Logistics/Freight consolidation



Bike maintenance



Cycle/trailer hire



e-Car hire/disabled parking



Public Green Space



Cycle parking location



# Next steps

- The next stage of engagement is set for Spring 2021.
- If you have any comments about the proposals, please email:  
[roadworks@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:roadworks@southampton.gov.uk)
- To learn more about the Portswood TCF project, please visit:  
[transport.southampton.gov.uk/PortswoodSwaythling](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/PortswoodSwaythling)
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