

# Fairfield Road Active Travel improvement

**Dorchester Markets Informal Joint Panel  
27 September 2023**

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# Summary

- Public engagement
- Summary of consultation report
- Detailed design – highway scheme
- Draft sketch – public realm element
- Issues arising
- Timescales

# Public engagement on Fairfield Road

- 9/1/2023 – Dorchester Town Council Planning & Environment Committee
- 25/1/2023 – Dorchester Informal Markets Joint Panel
  - Feedback:
    - » move footway to northern side of the road
    - » make sure access onto Maumbury Road is improved
    - » look at Upper Fairfield Road safety
- Online consultation ran from 16/2/23 – 17/3/23
- 14/3/23 - Meeting with Dorchester Access Group
- May 2023 – Consultation Report published
- June 2023 – Further update provided to Dorchester Town Council
- September 2023 – Planning Application underway

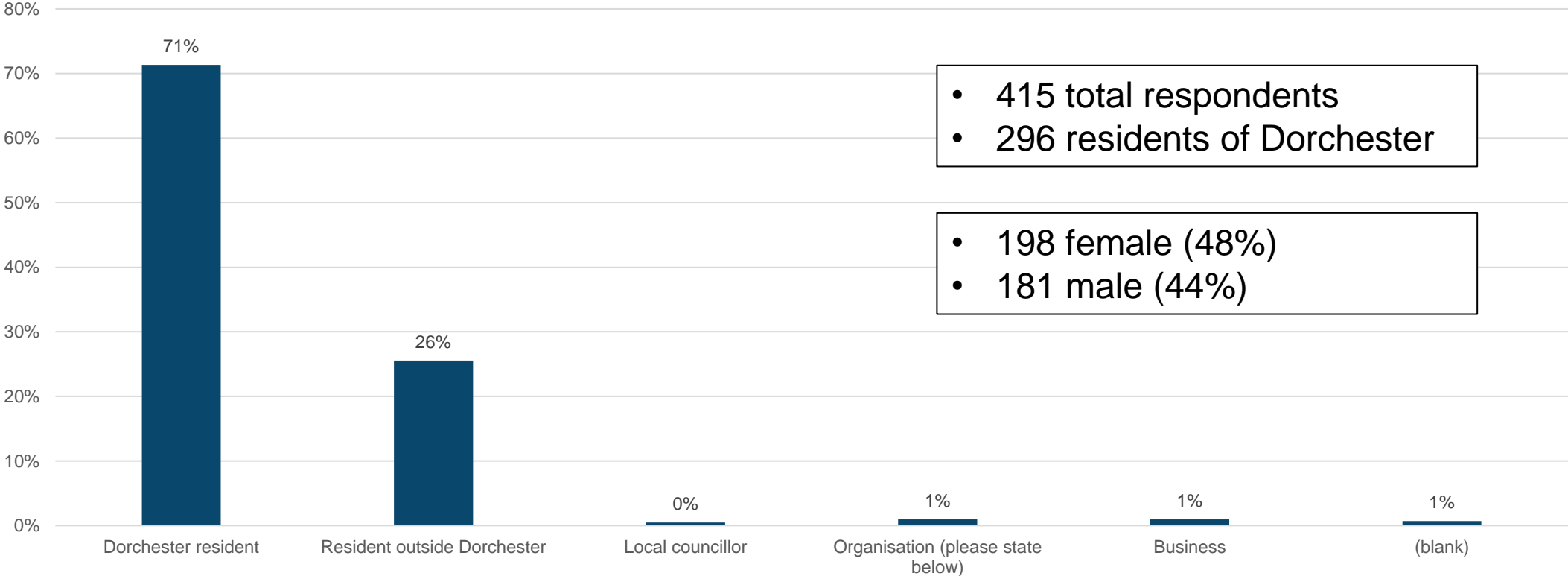
# Public consultation questions

Respondents asked to what they agreed with the following elements:

- A dedicated footway along Fairfield Road
- A way to access the car park directly from the railway station (Copper Street)
- Safer crossing points across Fairfield Road at junctions
- Restricting vehicle access to Fairfield Road (Weymouth Avenue)
- Benches, planters and habitat improvements on Fairfield Road
- Better street lighting on Fairfield Road

# Who responded

Tell us who you are

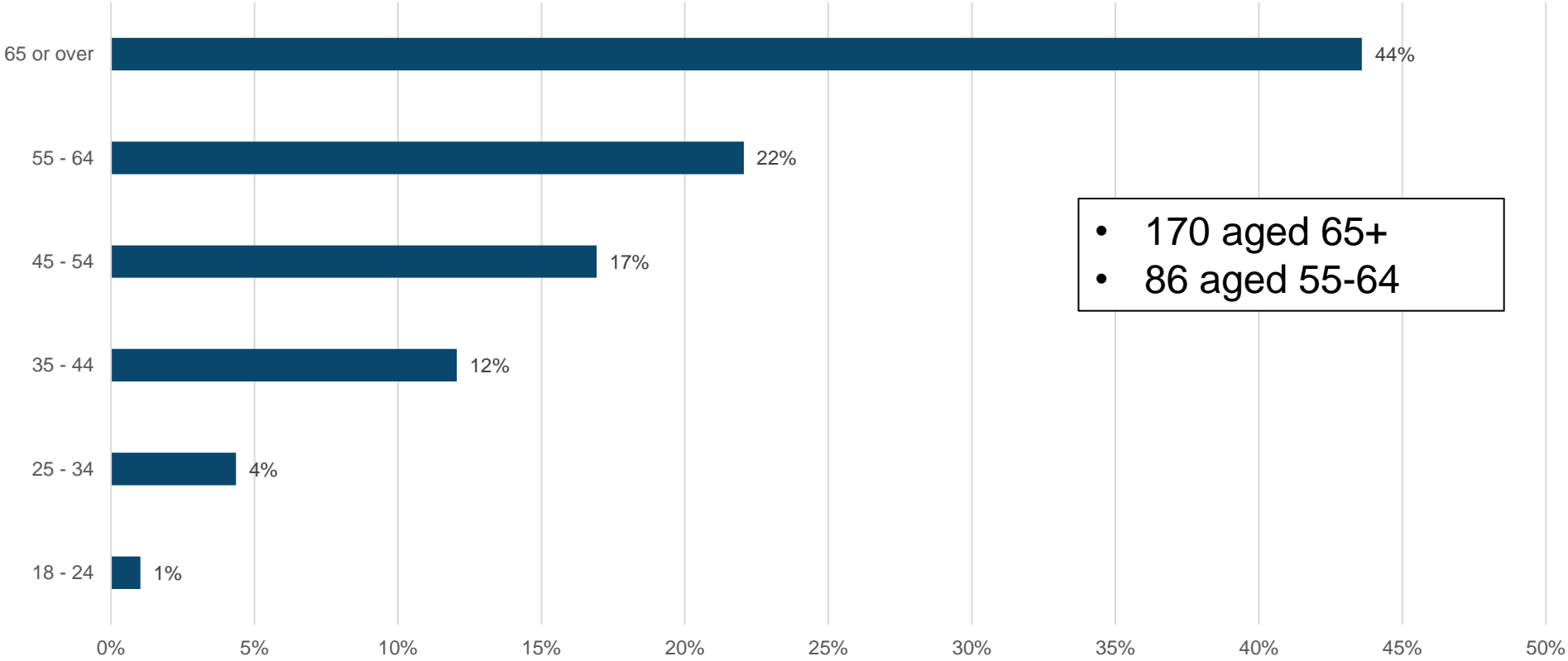


- 415 total respondents
- 296 residents of Dorchester

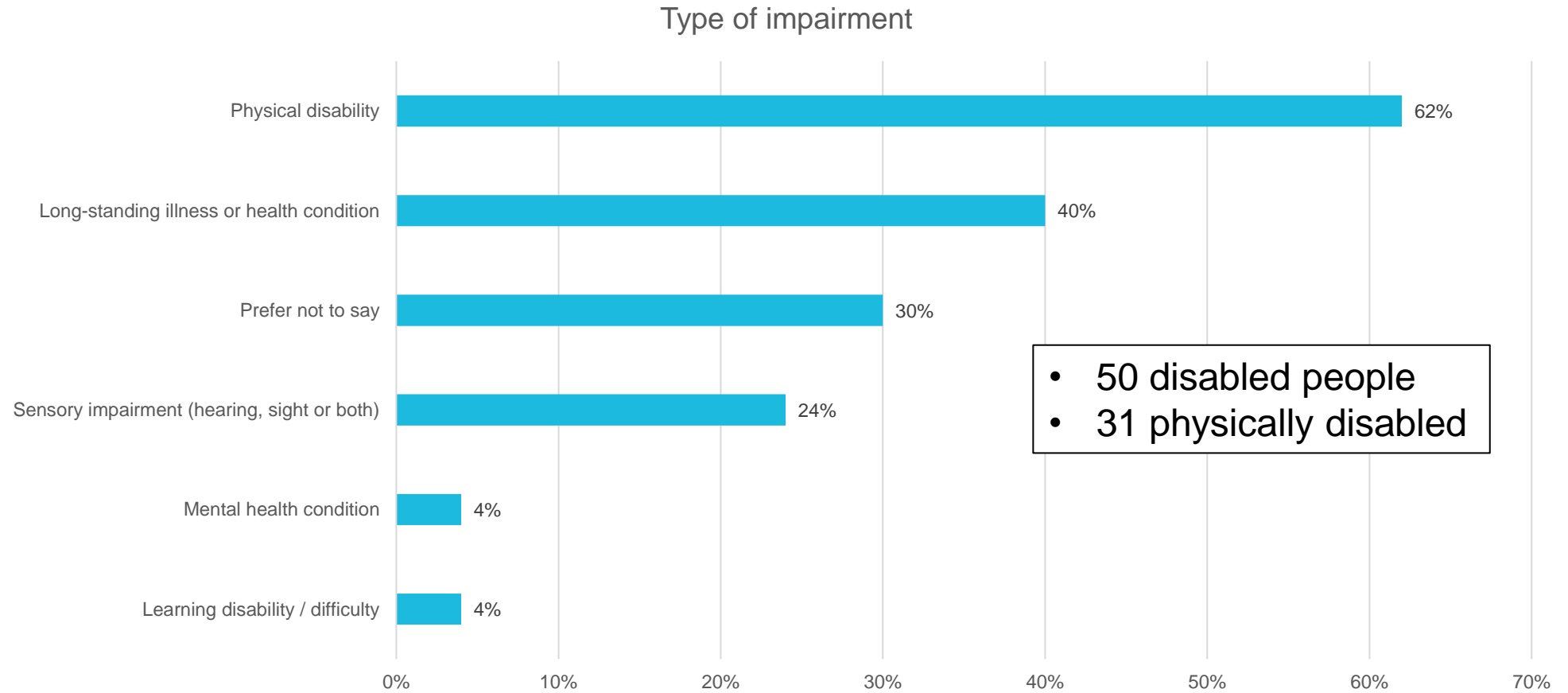
- 198 female (48%)
- 181 male (44%)

# Who responded: age

Which age group do you belong to?

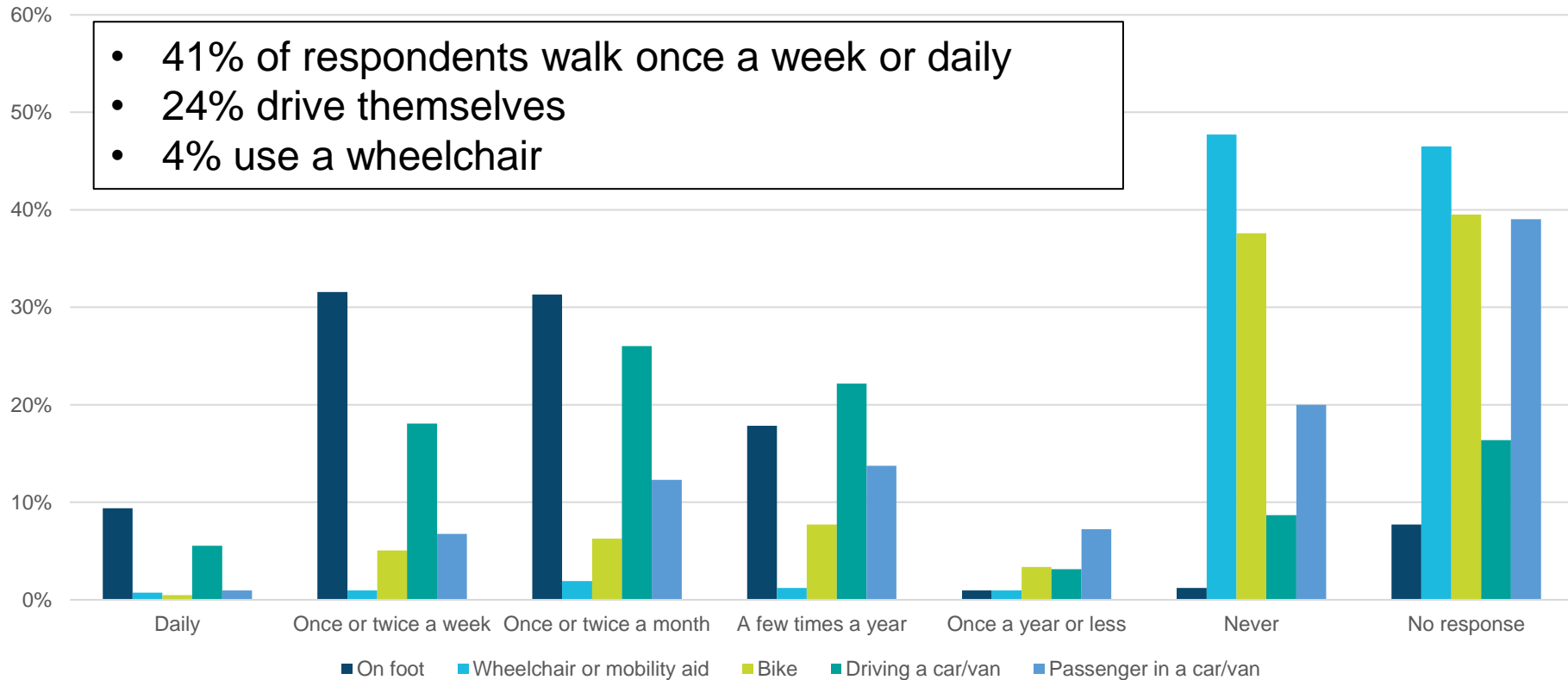


# Who responded: disabled people



# How people use Fairfield Road now

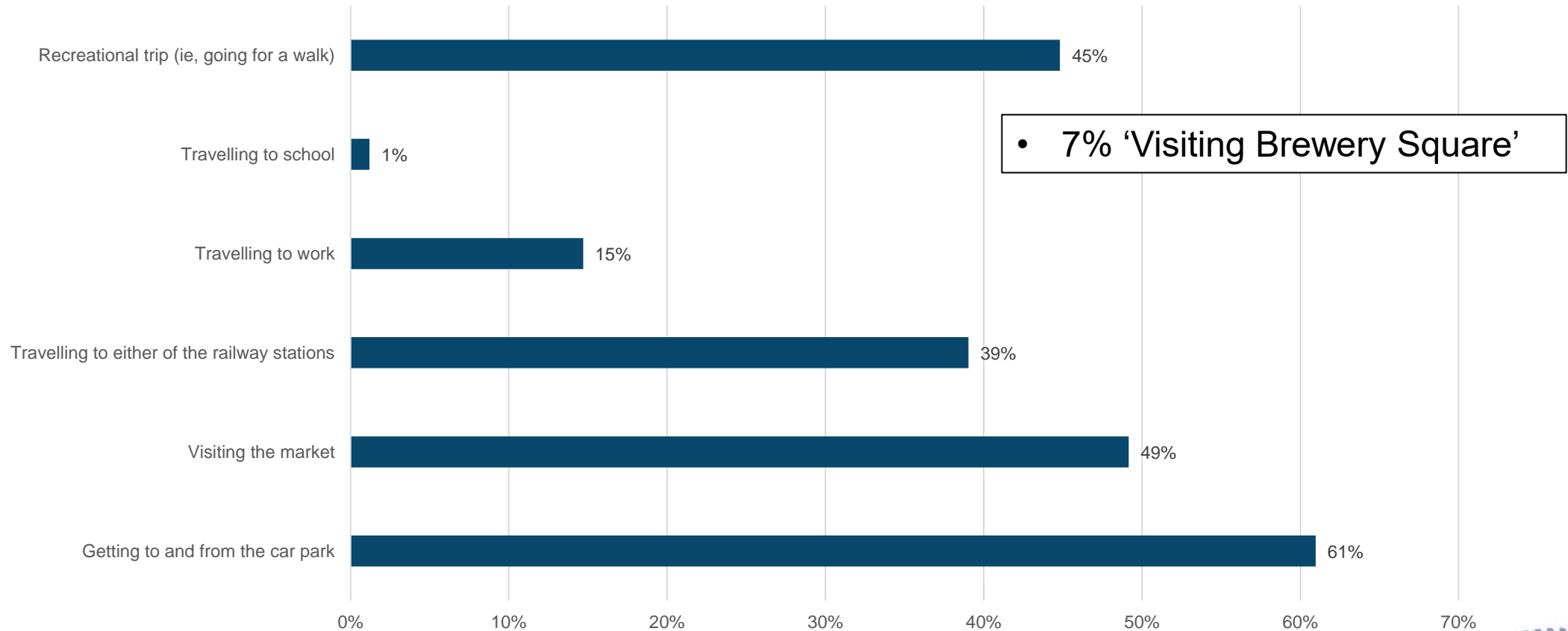
How do you travel on Fairfield Road at the moment?





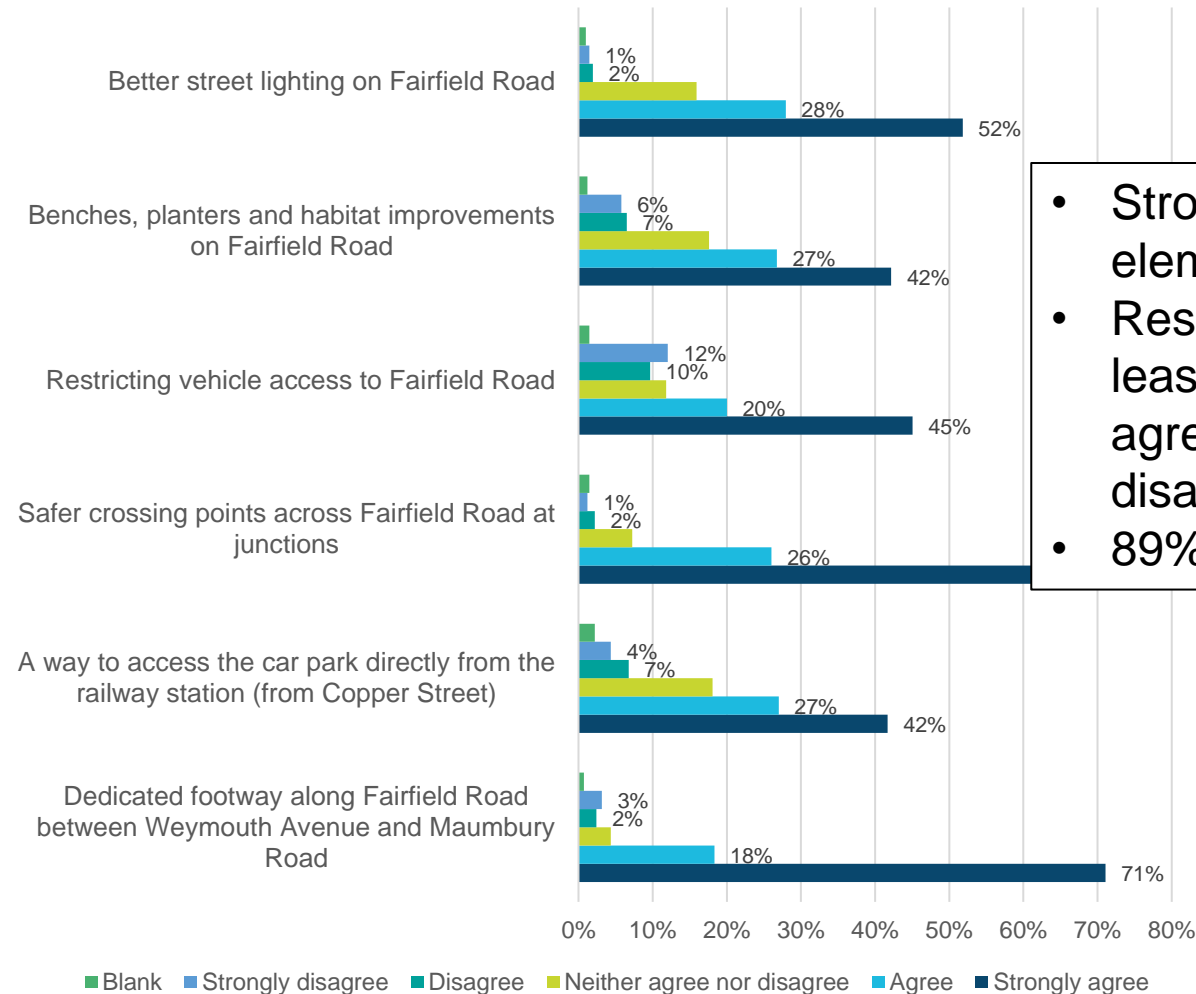
# How people use Fairfield Road now

When you use Fairfield Road, what are you doing?



# Agreement with scheme elements

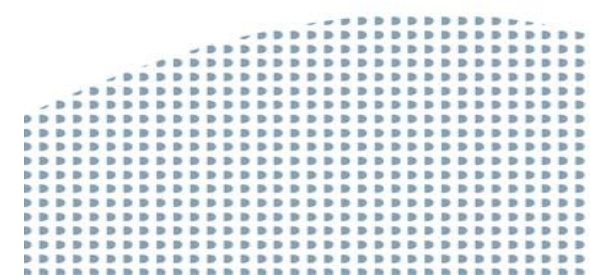
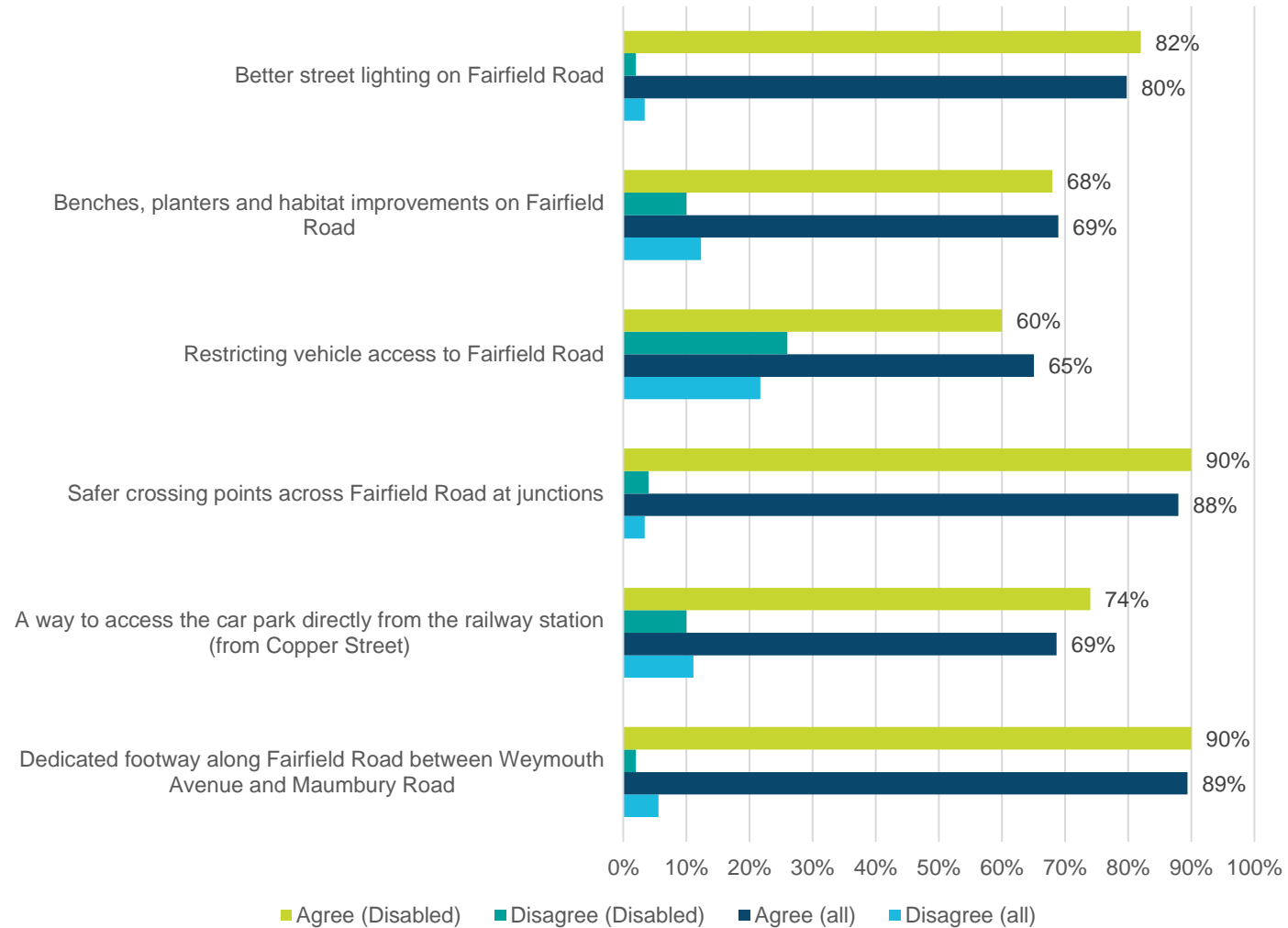
How do you feel about the individual aspects of the proposal?

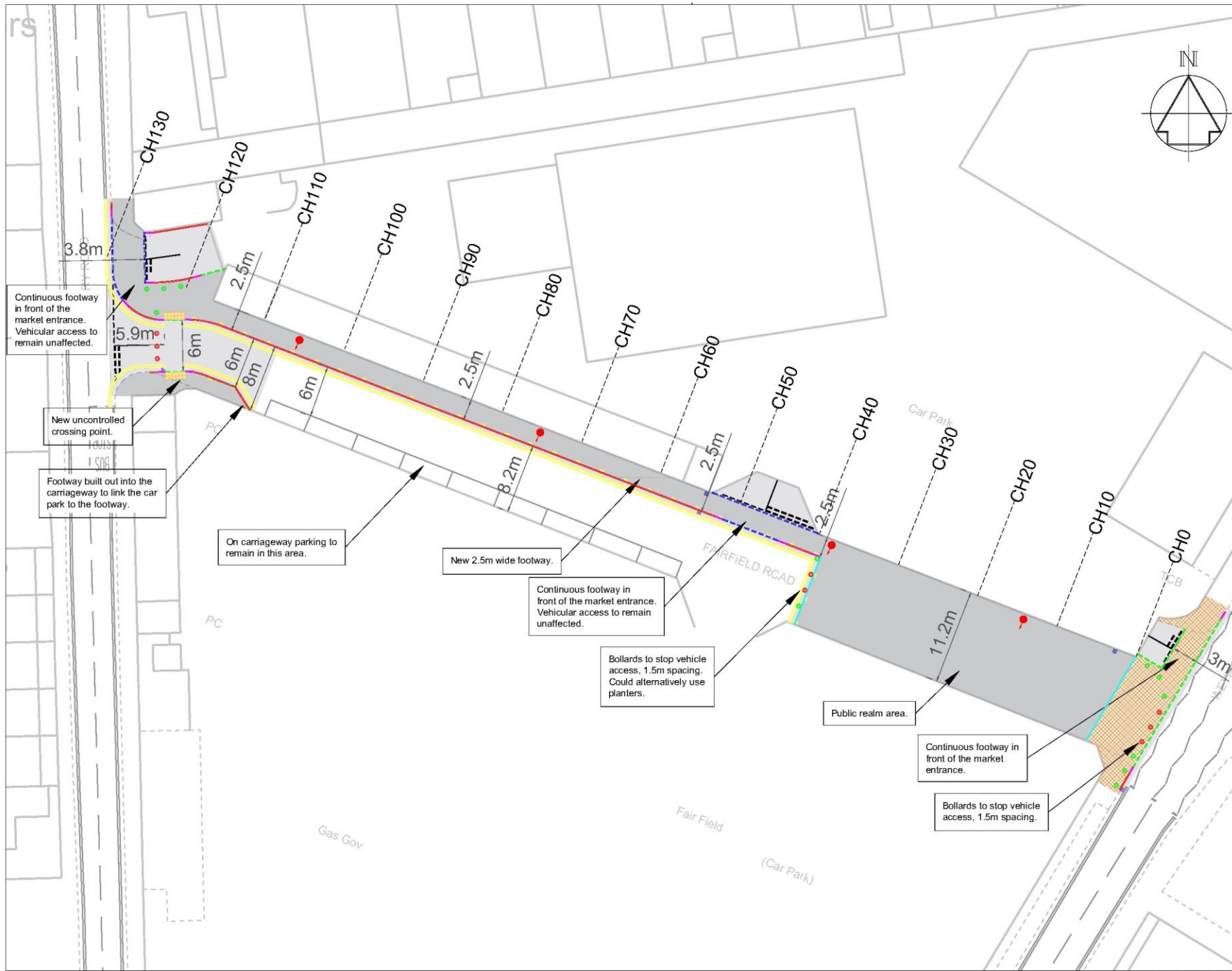


- Strong support for all elements.
- Restricting vehicle access least supported, but still 65% agreements to 22% disagreement
- 89% agreement with footway

# Agreement with scheme elements – disabled people

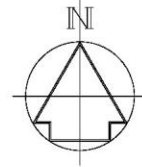
How do you feel about the individual aspects of the proposal? - all (415) vs disabled people (50)





**KEY**

- Proposed kerbing.
- Proposed channels.
- Proposed tactile.
- Proposed slab paving.
- Gullies.
- Footway surfacing.
- Carriageway surfacing.
- Proposed Lining.
- Proposed fixed bollards.
- Proposed socketed bollards.
- Proposed lamp columns.



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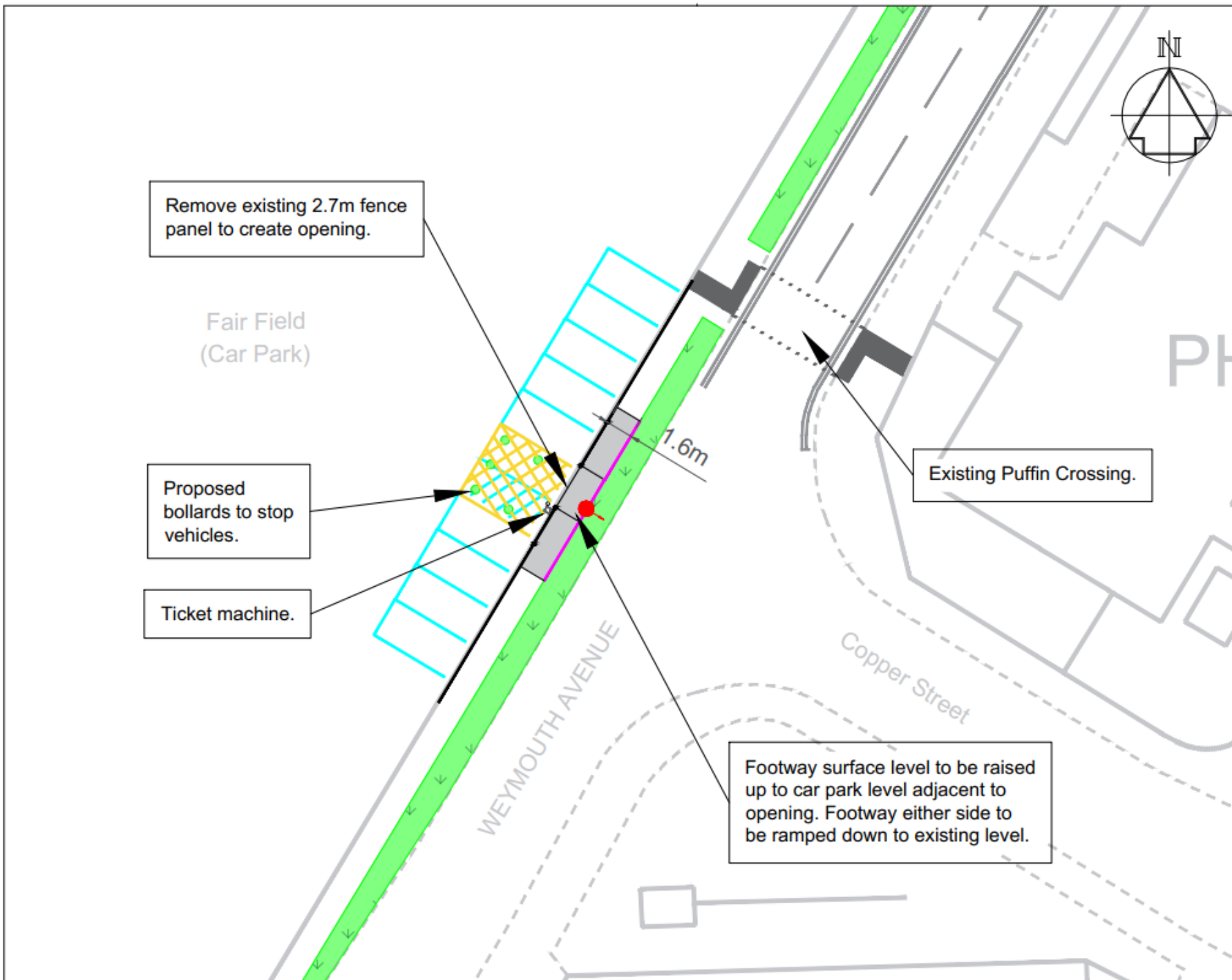
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 Fairfield Road

Drawing Title  
 General Arrangement  
 Drawing

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 HI1290\_1\_101\_DD\_General Arrangement

Drawing Status  
 Detailed Design



Remove existing 2.7m fence panel to create opening.

Fair Field  
(Car Park)

Proposed bollards to stop vehicles.

Ticket machine.

1.6m

Existing Puffin Crossing.

Footway surface level to be raised up to car park level adjacent to opening. Footway either side to be ramped down to existing level.

**KEY**

- Proposed edging kerbs.
- Proposed footway surfacing.
- Proposed fixed bollards.
- Please refer to drawing H1290\_1\_401\_DD\_Street Furniture for type to be used.
- Proposed lining.
- Existing lamp column.
- Existing lining.
- Existing iron fencing.
- Existing grass verge.



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Drawing Status	Detailed Design		

# Issues

- Scheme will require full planning permission.
- This will entail evidence of net biodiversity benefit and support preservation of the conservation area.
- Any substantial underground works will require archaeological supervision.
- All of these will entail additional costs.
- Current budget insufficient to cover full public realm scheme: a cheaper option is also under consideration using simpler materials.

# Timescales

- Planning application – Oct / November / December 2023
- Footway / carriageway works – January / February / March 2024
- Further public engagement and design for the public realm scheme – 2024?

# Questions