

# Public Consultation Survey & Workshops Summary Report



## Executive Summary

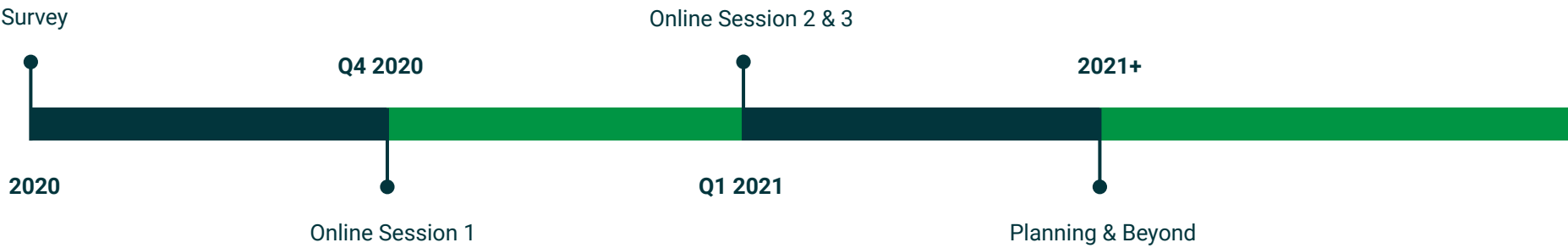
- Initial car park location identified by KCC & the Greenway Project Office to facilitate public access to the SE Greenway in Ferrybank
- Further public consultation was deemed necessary following meetings with residents and the Piltown Municipal District
- Connect the Dots contracted to administer public consultation following a tendering process
- In November 2020, leaflets distributed to households with information about a public survey & online workshops on the Greenway & its Car Park location
- Survey results show local excitement about the Greenway & its uses/benefits, but concern about the impact of the proposed Car Park location on quality of life in estates
- 3 highly attended workshops held in December, January & February gathered local opinions and expertise

**Result →** Car park location selected based on selection criteria and views of residents

# Consultation Process

**Outreach plan initiated**

- Flyers
- Emails
- Social media
- Survey

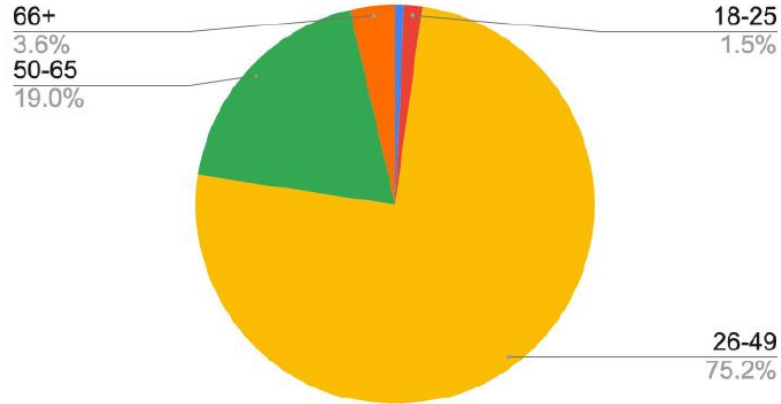


# Survey Summary

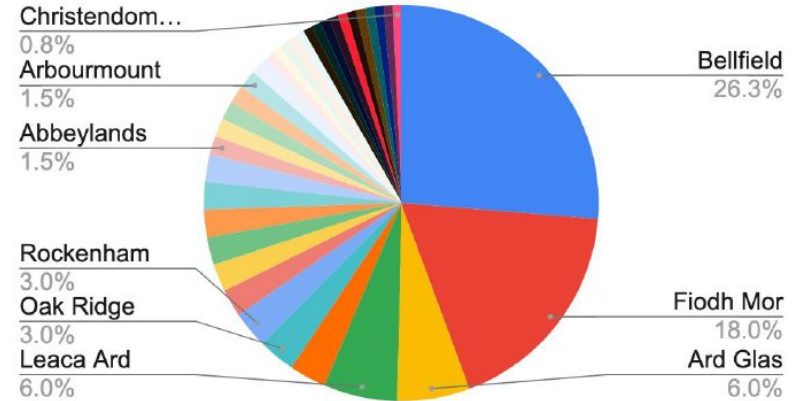


# Survey Respondents

Age of Respondents



What street/estate do you live in?

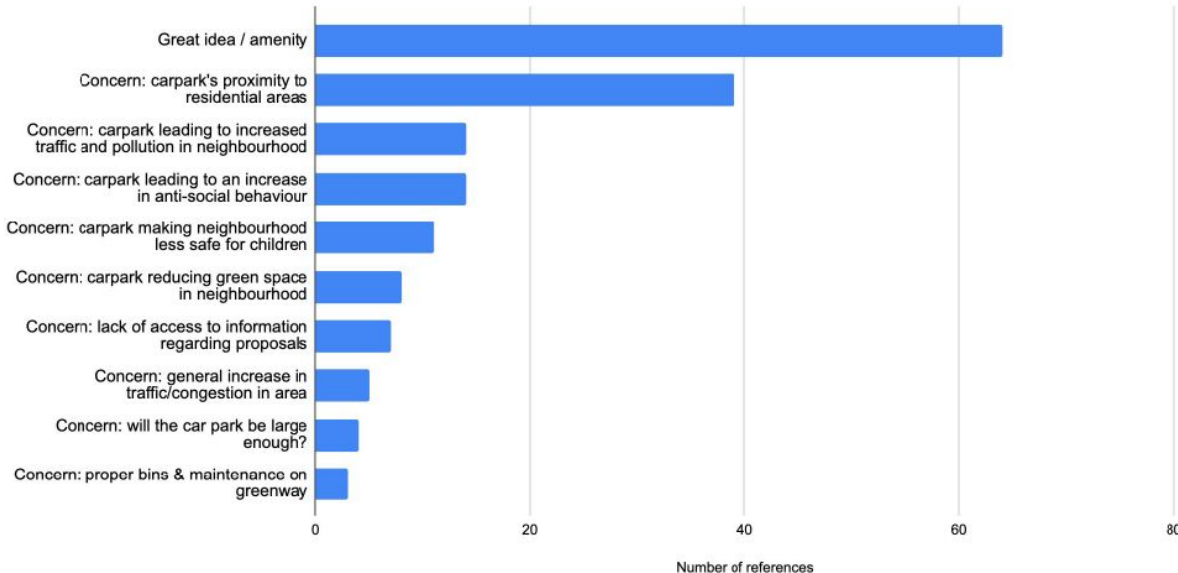




# Opinions on the Proposal

What do you think about the South East Greenway, the proposed car park and the Ferrybank access point?

10 most referenced themes from open ended responses



I think it will be a great amenity for the area and region. HOWEVER, I do have concerns. These are in relation to the location of the primary access point / carpark for... Ferrybank being located in a residential area and the implications of this on residents.

I'm 100% in favor. Love the idea, love the concept, walking and cycling. Huge yes.

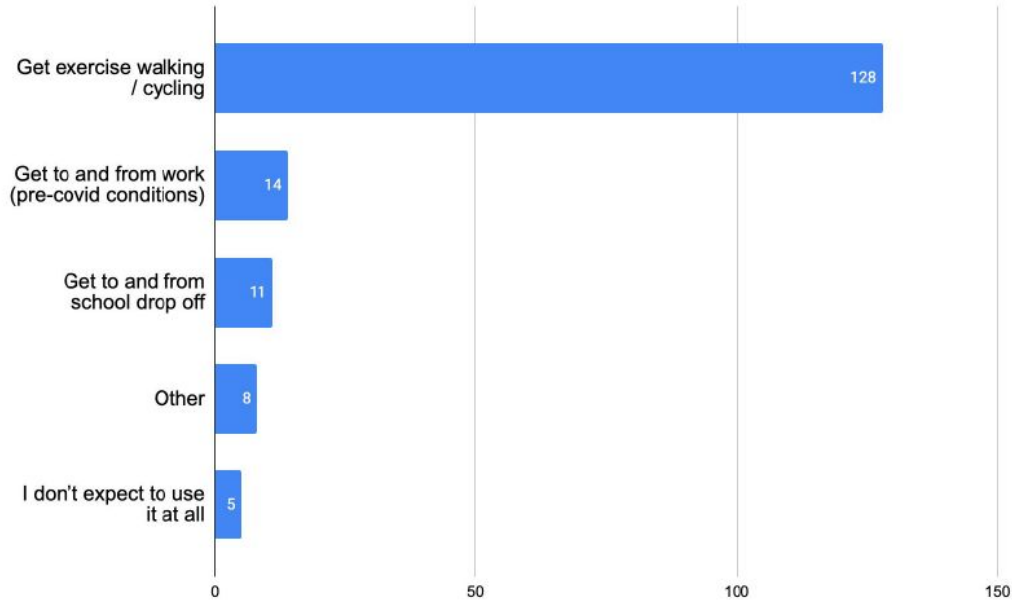
My back garden is next to the green way and I'm wondering what security and privacy I'm going to have





## Use, Youth Benefit & Promotion

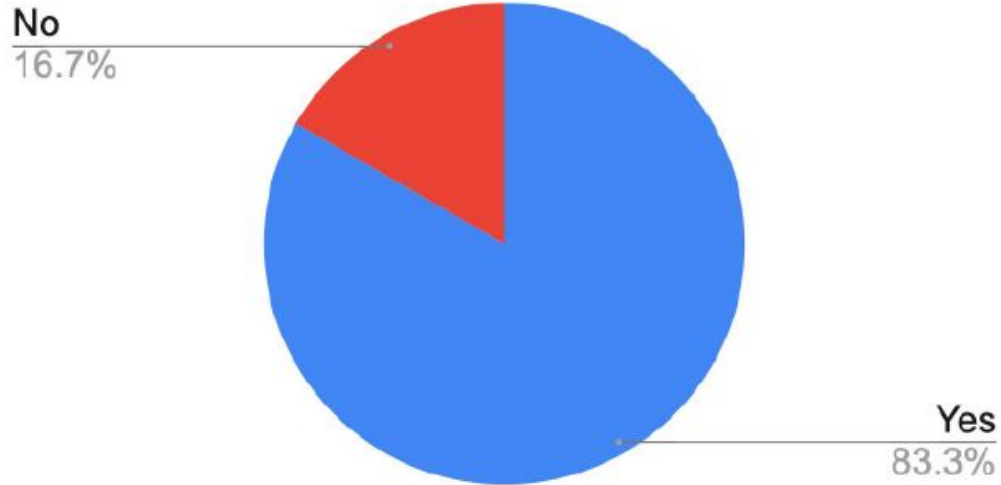
Would you use the greenway to:





## Use, Youth Benefit & Promotion

Do you see this greenway as being of benefit to the young people in the area?







# Ideas for encouraging Youth greenway use

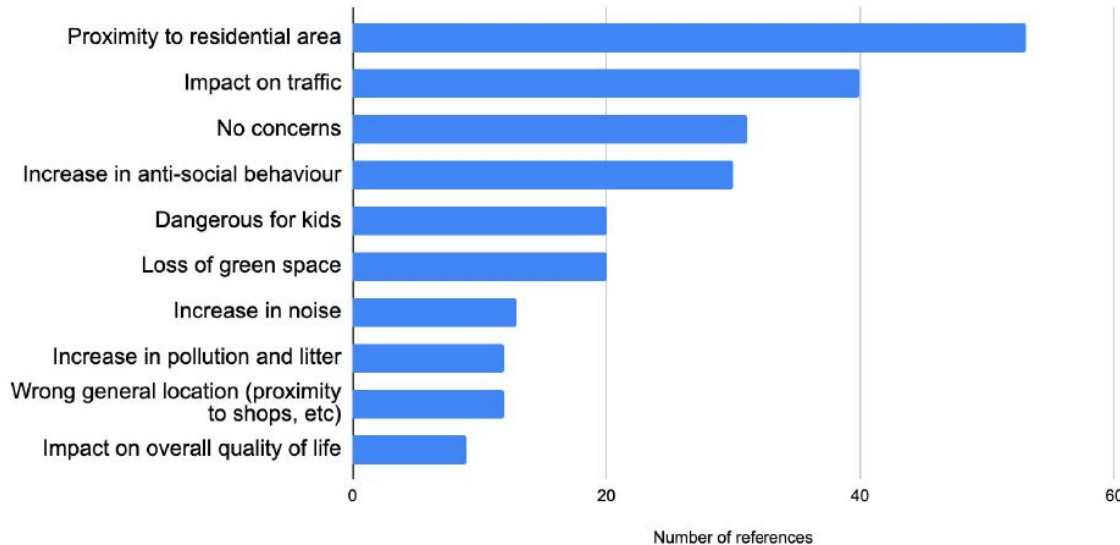
1. Coordinate with schools & their programming
2. "Build it and they will come"
3. Shops along the Greenway (i.e. ice cream)
4. Interactive signage/artefacts on the Greenway  
(QR codes for games, 'fairy huts', mileage markers for races)
5. Playgrounds or other meeting points along the route
6. Bike rental or subsidy programme
7. Sport & recreation programming
8. Ensure the Greenway has easy access  
(generally & to schools/playgrounds)



## Car Park Concerns

### Concerns over the location of the car park

10 most referenced themes in open-response questions



The carpark and access point location cannot be in an estate full of kids.

No concerns - they have to park somewhere.

A well lit car park next to the Bellfield estate could become a locus point for attracting antisocial behaviour (issues that local garda can attest have become an issue in the Bellfield estate as of late).

# Workshop Summary



## Online Workshops

- Three workshops held from December 2020 to February 2021
- KCC & Greenway Project Office staff presented updates on site selection process for the SE Greenway Car Park in Ferrybank
- Residents provided their views and expertise through large group Q&A sessions and small group breakout room discussions with trained facilitators

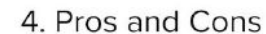


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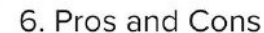
## 1. Pros and Cons

Option 4 Newpark House



## 5. Pros and Cons

Option 6 Clover Meadows eastern corner

 Connect the Dots

# 1

## December Workshop

### Key Takeaways

- Options 1, 2 & 3 could negatively impact estates through: traffic, anti-social behaviour, parking overflow, noise...
- Option 4 emerged as an imperfect but preferred choice of residents



View the map showcasing the car park location options discussed on the next slide



# SEG Car Park Options Layout

Dec 2020

Car Park locations options discussed in December



Site 2 – Clover Meadows West  
[Temporary Site Compound for Lot 2 works]

Site 1 – Clover Meadows East

Site 3 – Fiadh Mor East

Site 4 – Ross Abbey, Rathculiheen, Ferrybank

Proposed temporary access road to temporary site compound at Site 2 location

New link road

## 2

# January Workshop

### Key Takeaways

- Options 4 & 5 seen most favourably by residents, because of their limited impact on existing estates and access through the proposed Link Road
- Residents & Council staff agreed to hold a final consultation workshop in February to discuss the site location to be forwarded to planning

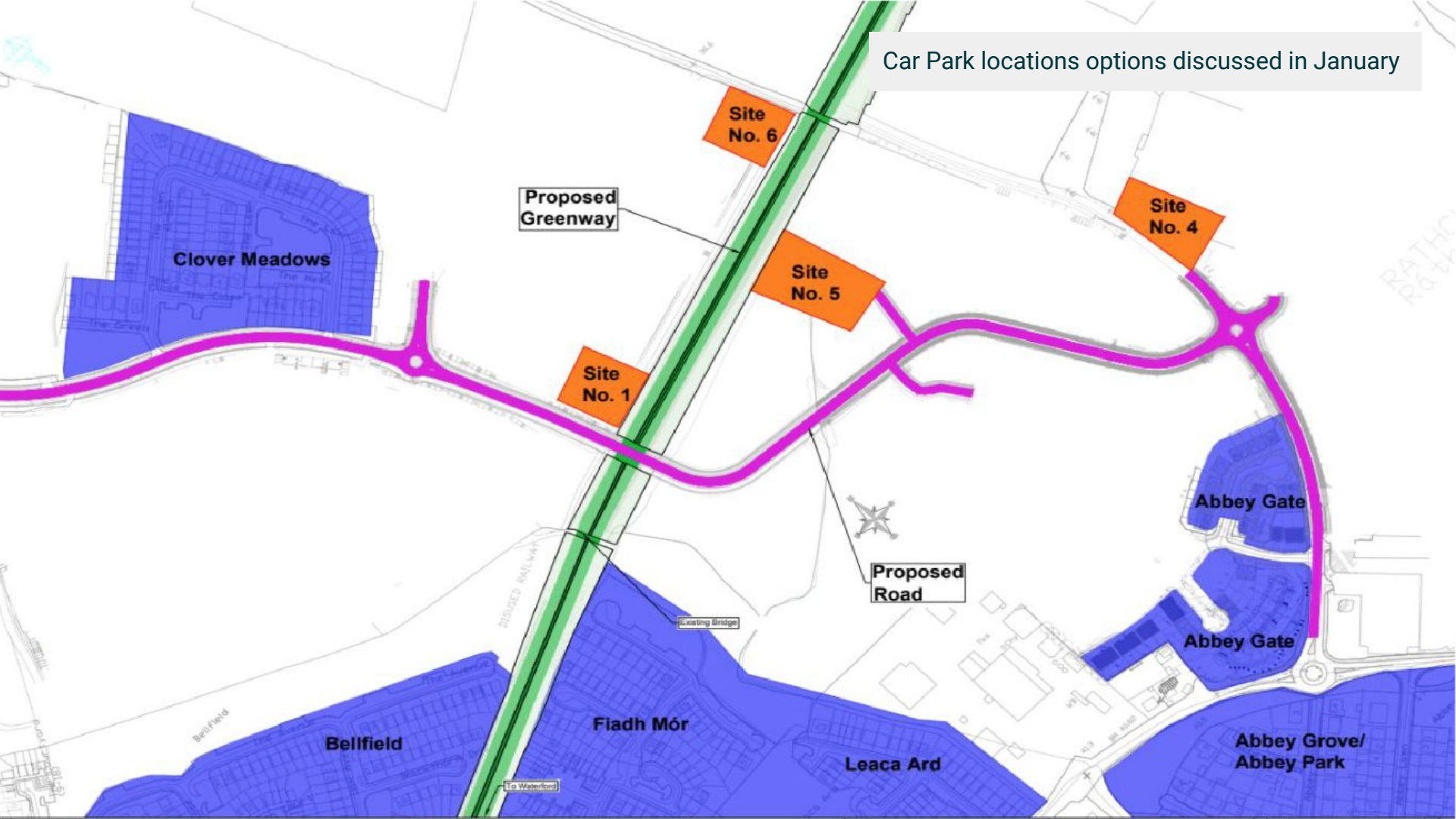


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Car Park locations options discussed in January



# 3

## February Workshop

Public consultation & the site selection process to that point were summarised.

**The rationale for the car park site location chosen to be progressed to Part 8 Planning was presented according to criteria identified in the first workshop, including:**

- Proximity to the Greenway, community support, availability of the site & potential for future expansion

**A concluding Q&A session raised the following points:**

- Positive feedback on the final preferred car park location decision & consultation process
- Concerns regarding continuing consultation & communication as Greenway works begin
- Concerns regarding addressing anti-social behaviour, specifically around the Bellfield Bridge
- Discussion of the staggered timelines of the Greenway & Link Road construction, and concerns regarding temporary access routes to the car park while the Link Road is being completed



## Feedback from Residents

Following the workshops, residents were asked to provide feedback on the public workshops and the overall public consultation process through brief online surveys.

**When asked what worked well in the workshops, common responses included:**

- Breakout room format, interactive nature, honest sharing of information

**When asked what could have been improved in the workshops, common responses included:**

- Starting engagement process earlier, clearer maps, sharing presentation slides well before workshops

**To track the level of public confidence that their opinions were being taken on board by the Council, residents were asked to rank their level of confidence at the start and end of the process:**

- In November 2020, 58% of respondents selected either 'confident' or 'very confident'
- In February 2021, 92% of respondents selected either 'confident' or 'very confident'



## Report & Next Steps

- Detailed and summary report to go onto website and sent around to contact list
- Information Session to be held during the Part 8 process
- Ongoing information sharing and consultation opportunities encouraged for the duration of planning and construction





# Thank You