

# **Bowes Primary and Surrounding Streets Quieter Neighbourhood Motor Vehicle Access Survey**

## **Summary Report August 2022**

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# Introduction

The Bowes Primary and Surrounding Streets Quieter Neighbourhood (Bowes Primary QN) was made permanent by Enfield Council in January 2022 following a trial that commenced in August 2020. A map of the area can be found on the slide 4.

As part of the trial, a statutory consultation on the Experimental Traffic Order was delivered from 28 September 2020 to 2 May 2021 where objections and representations were made to the traffic order. A further opportunity to comment was offered from 1 to 21 November 2021. Following the feedback received, the Council wanted to explore a number of improvements to the project as detailed in the decision report. One of the options to explore was how people would prefer to access the area by motor vehicle; if from the north or from the south. Currently, as introduced as part of the Quieter Neighbourhood, access to the Bowes Primary QN is from the north via the A406 North Circular Road.

A survey was delivered online with paper copies available upon request which asked residents their preference of accessing the area from the north or south, or if they do not have a preference either way. The survey was hosted on the Bowes Primary QN project page on the Let's Talk Enfield website (<https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/BowesQN>), and residents were also invited to comment by email or letter. The engagement period ran from 18 March to 22 May 2022.

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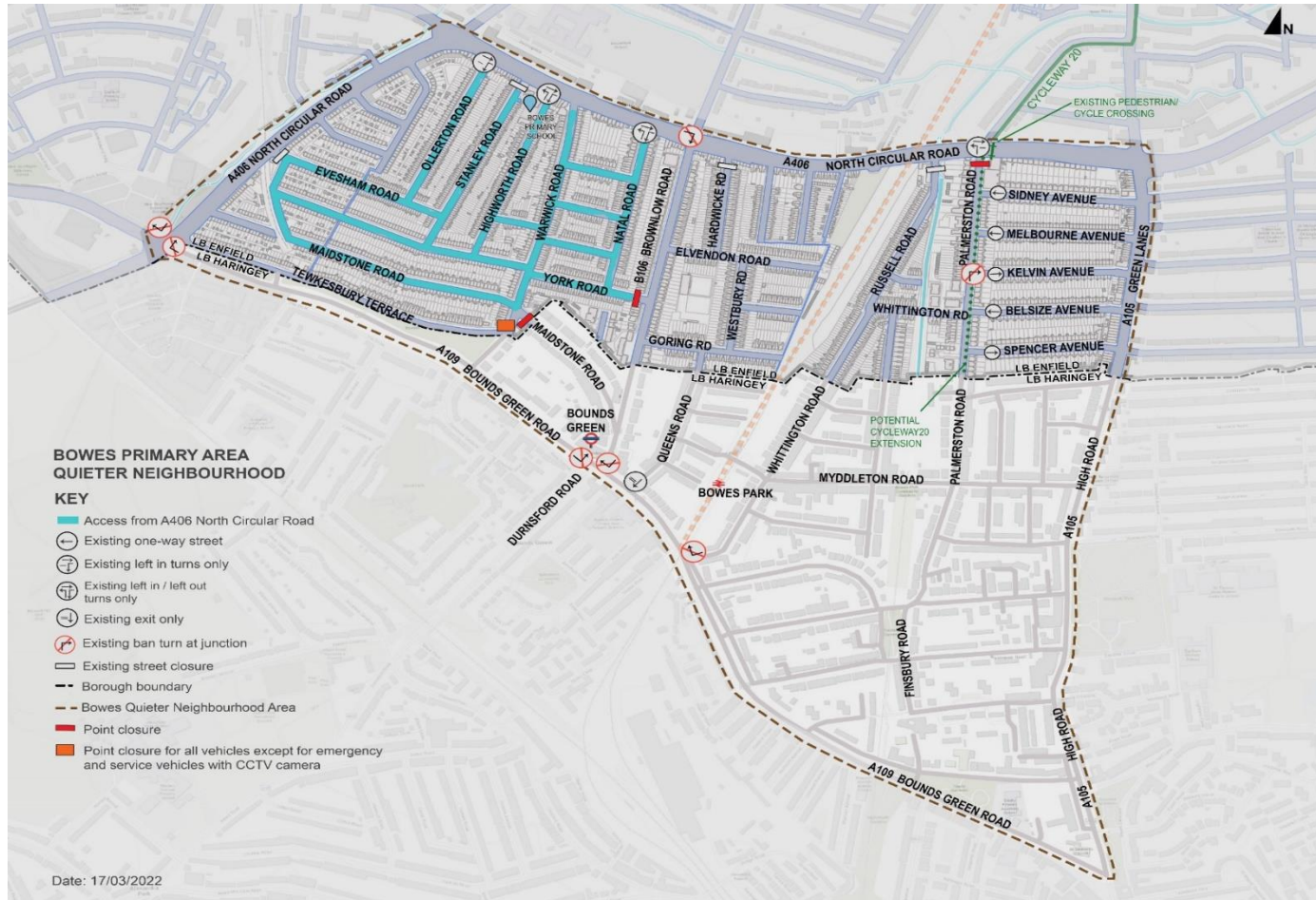
A total of 289 survey responses were received online, 51 survey responses received by post, and 10 emails received. An additional three paper surveys were received however did not answer the survey question and as such have not been included in this analysis. Of the survey responses received 31% stated that they would prefer to see motor vehicle access to the Bowes Primary QN from the north, 62% stated they would prefer access from the south, 7% stated that they do not have a preference either way. A free text box for comments was not provided within the survey online, however there were a number of themes raised by those who emailed or who wrote comments on returned paper copies of the survey. Some of the comments were outside of the scope of this engagement process however are noted in this report for completeness.

Enfield Council will be considering all responses received as part of this engagement process on the Bowes Primary QN. Updates will be posted on the project page at <https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/BowesQN>.

This report details the approach to and findings of the engagement on motor vehicle access to the Bowes Primary QN.

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The map below shows the Bowes Primary and Surrounding Streets Quieter Neighbourhood.



# Engagement approach

Residents were invited to share their views on motor vehicle access to the Bowes Primary QN from 18 March to 22 May 2022. Approximately 16,000 letters were delivered in March 2022 to residents who live in and near to the Bowes Primary QN which detailed the purpose of the survey and invited residents to share their views in one of the following ways:

- Completing the survey online at <https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/bowesQN>
- Requesting a paper copy of the survey by emailing [healthystreets@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:healthystreets@enfield.gov.uk), or calling the Council
- Writing to: ATTN Healthy Streets team, Enfield Council, Silver Street, London EN1 3XA.

Information on how to obtain information and materials was also included in the letter written in Greek, Polish, Turkish and Gujarati.

# Participants

During the engagement period, 289 responses were collected through the survey hosted on the Let's Talk Enfield project page, 51 paper copies of the survey were received and 10 email responses were received. No posted letters were received.

Demographic and equalities data was collected through the online survey and paper survey and is reported on in the following slides. Questions were not mandatory, and as a result not every participant completed these questions with many choosing to complete a selection of the questions only. No demographic data was collected for those who emailed the Council.

All respondents to the survey provided their postcode, of which N11 was the most common (296). Twenty-two people said they lived in N13, 20 in N22 and one person in N14. A map of survey responses received by location (postcode) is shown on the following slide.



# Participants

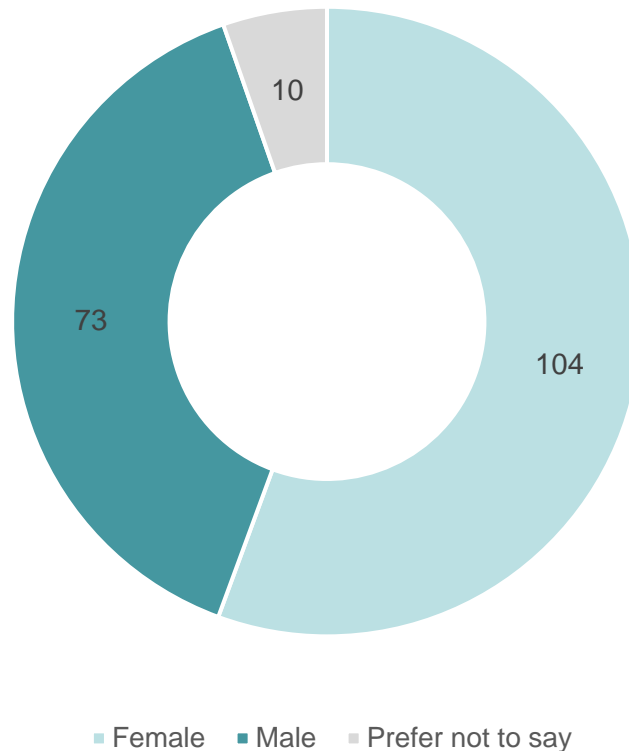
Below shows a heat map of survey responses by location (postcode).



# Participants

Of respondents who provided their gender (187), 104 were female, 73 were male, and 10 stated 'Prefer not to say', as shown in the graph below.

Gender of survey respondents (n=187)





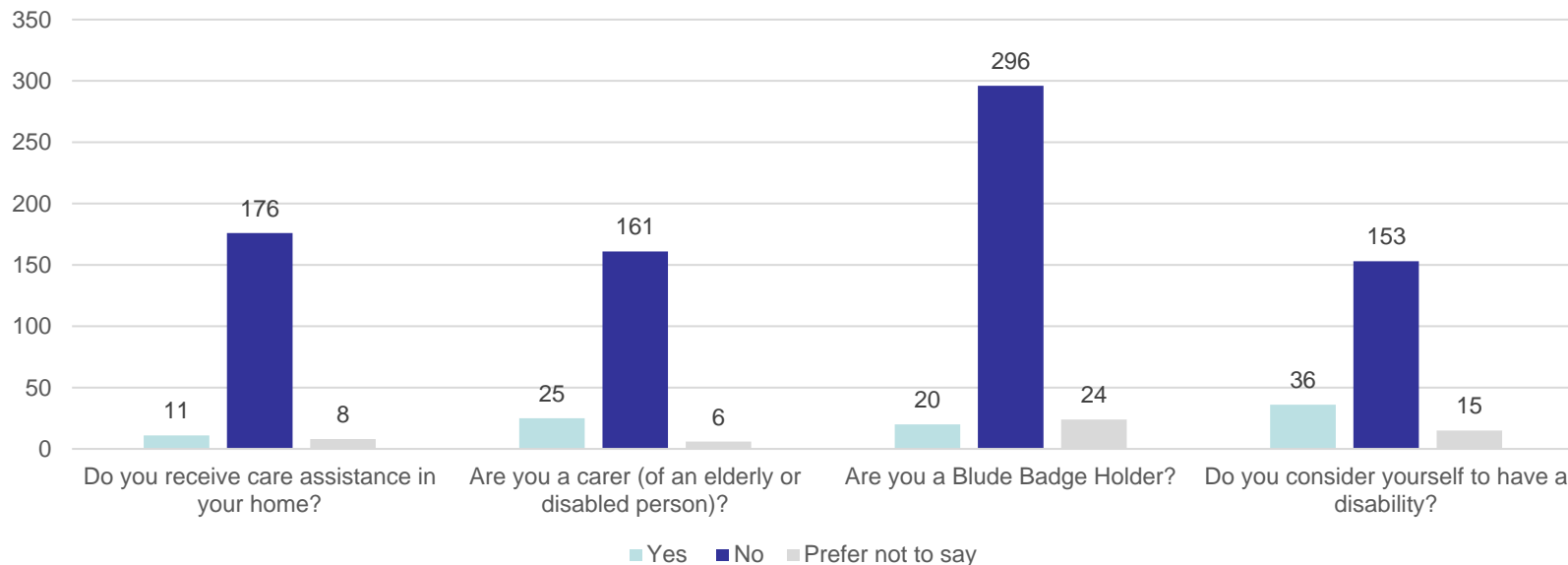
# Participants

Of respondents who provided their gender (187), 104 were female, 73 were male, and 10 stated 'Prefer not to say'.

Twenty respondents stated that they are a Blue Badge holder, and 36 stated that they consider themselves to have a disability, as shown in the graph below.

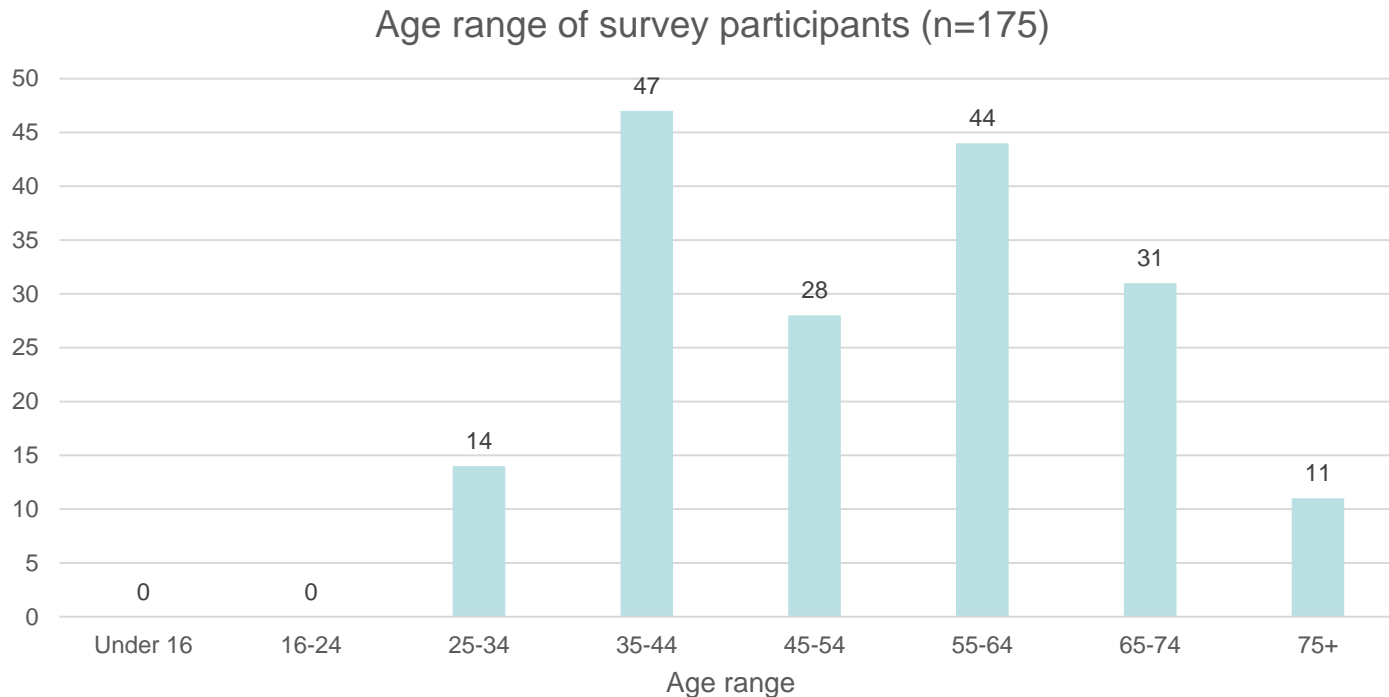
Eleven respondents stated that they receive care in their home, and 25 stated they provide care for someone such as an elderly or disabled person, as shown in the graph below.

Survey respondents who have a disability (n=204), are a Blue Badge holder (n=340), receive care (n=195), and who provide care (n=192)



# Participants

In order to determine age brackets of participants, year of birth was asked in the survey and where no response was provided, year of birth from the sign-up form was used. The age bracket was determined by the age respondents will turn in 2022. Of those who provided their year of birth (175), respondents aged 35-44 years and 55-64 years were the most represented with 47 and 44 survey respondents in each of these age groups respectively. Age brackets of survey respondents who provided their year of birth are shown in the graph below.



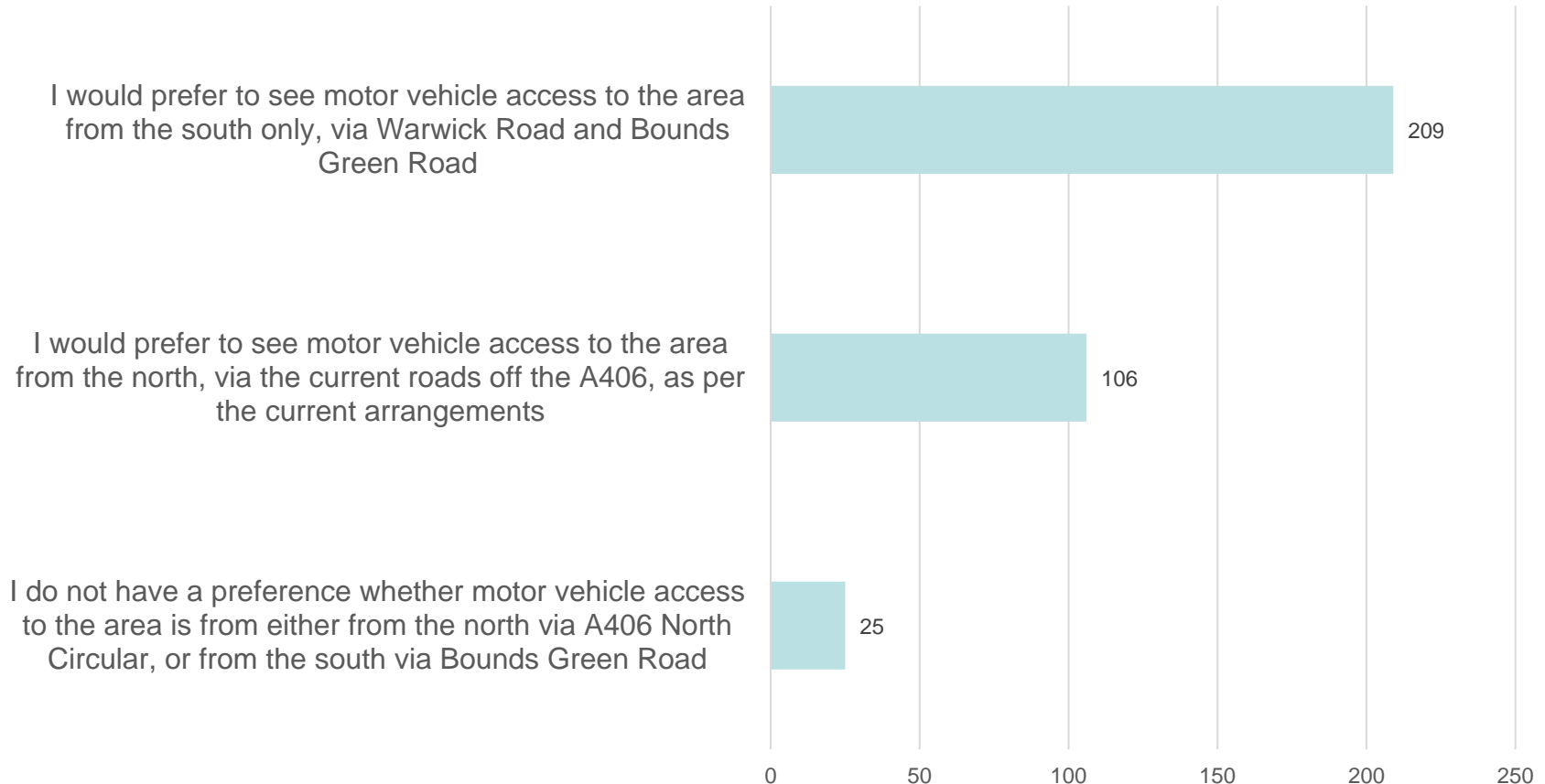
# Engagement findings - survey

Of the 340 survey responses received, 209 respondents (62%) stated that they would prefer to see motor vehicle access to the Bowes Primary QN from the south, whereas 106 (31%) stated that they would rather see access from the north. Twenty-five respondents (7%) said they do not have a preference.

The graphs on the following slide shows the response from all survey respondents and respondents who stated they are a Blue Badge holder, carer, receive care at home and have a disability.

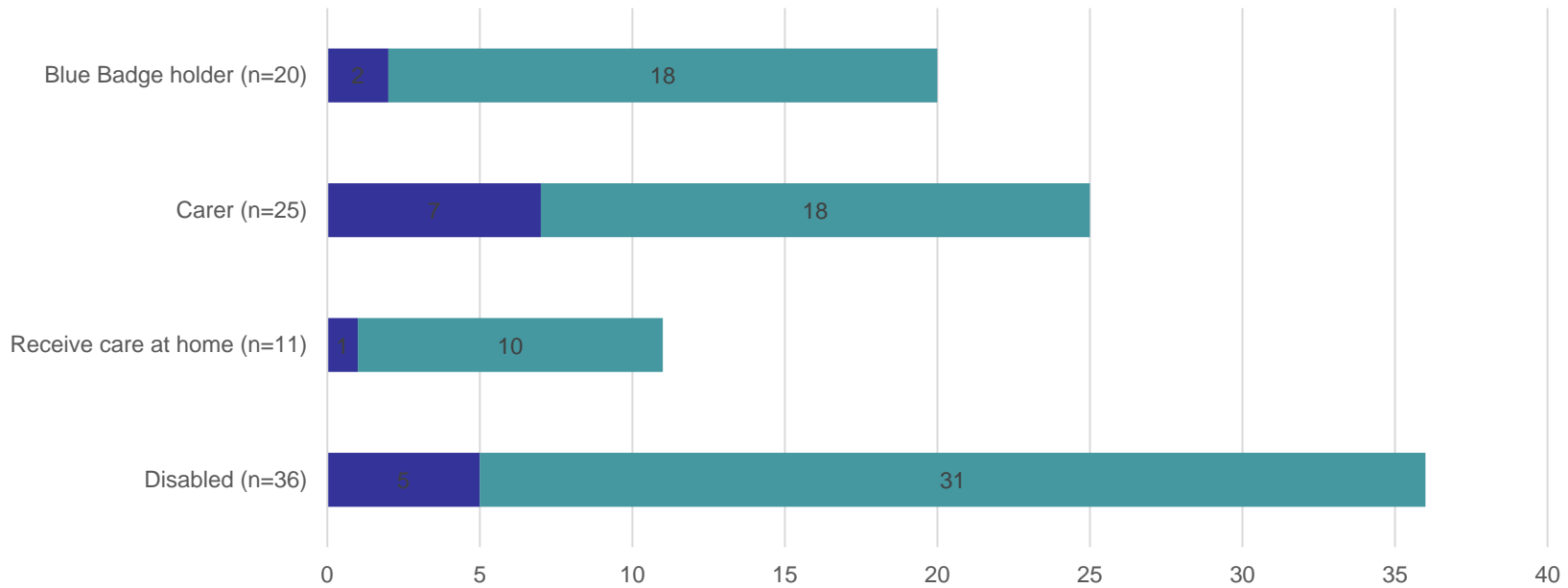
# Engagement findings - survey

Survey respondents' preferences for access to the Bowes QN (n=340)



# Engagement findings - survey

Survey respondents' (Blue Badge holder, carer, receive care and disabled) preferences for access to the Bowes QN



- I do not have a preference whether motor vehicle access to the area is from either from the north via A406 North Circular, or from the south via Bounds Green Road
- I would prefer to see motor vehicle access to the area from the north, via the current roads off the A406, as per the current arrangements
- I would prefer to see motor vehicle access to the area from the south only, via Warwick Road and Bounds Green Road

# Engagement findings - emails

Ten emails were received related to the survey on access to the Bowes Primary QN, including one from the Warwick Road Action Group. Four people who emailed stated that they would prefer access remains to the north of the Bowes Primary QN, and shared concerns about the possibilities of congestion, tailbacks, increased journey times and dangerous driving such as people making U-turns if access were changed to the south. Concerns about the impact on the community were also shared, with one stating that the introduction of the Quieter Neighbourhood was a significant change for local residents who have now had time to adjust and for whom it could disrupt should there be a change in access points.

There were also a number of suggestions made by those who emailed. One person suggested adding a one-way access point from York Road onto Brownlow Road. Another suggested providing camera-controlled access for residents, similar to the exemptions for eligible Blue Badge holders. There was also a suggestion for public spaces improvements to the junction of Warwick Road and Maidstone Road if there were a change in access to the south.

Three people who emailed stated that they would prefer access to and from both the north and south, with two of these people saying they would like the Quieter Neighbourhood removed in its entirety. One stated that they do not have a preference in terms of access from the north or south.

Five people provided feedback on the survey, some of whom did not feel it offered an opportunity to provide more feedback or an option that they would prefer such as access from both the north and south.



# Conclusion and next steps

In conclusion, 209 (62%) out of 339 respondents stated that they would prefer to see access to the Bowes Primary and Surrounding Streets Quieter Neighbourhood from the south, via Warwick Road and Bounds Green Road, 106 (31%) said they would prefer access to the area is from the north via the A406 North Circular Road, and 25 (7%) said they do not have a preference. Currently access is to the north of the area.

This engagement report will be considered as part of a Key Decision (KD5512) report. The Key Decision report will present a recommendation and will be published on the Enfield Council website.