

# Local Transport Strategy Survey

## Findings of the Survey



## **Findings from the Survey**

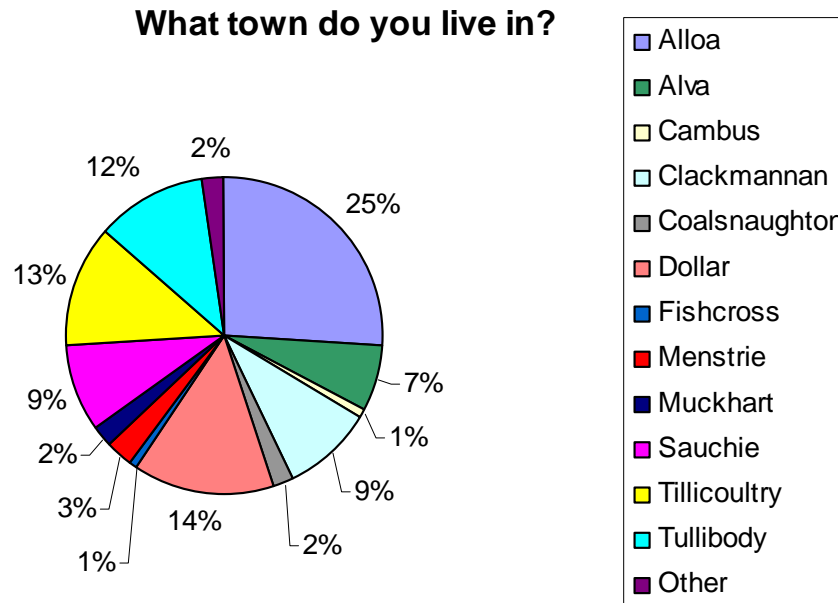
The public's opinion is important and in order to ascertain the views on a variety of issues related to transportation in Clackmannanshire a survey was produced asking a series of questions on current transport topics. The information collected from the survey is being used to develop the Council's forthcoming Local Transport Strategy and assist in developing a better transport system in Clackmannanshire for all.

The survey was distributed to all households within Clackmannanshire Council in September 2014. The questionnaire was also made available to complete online from September to November 2014.

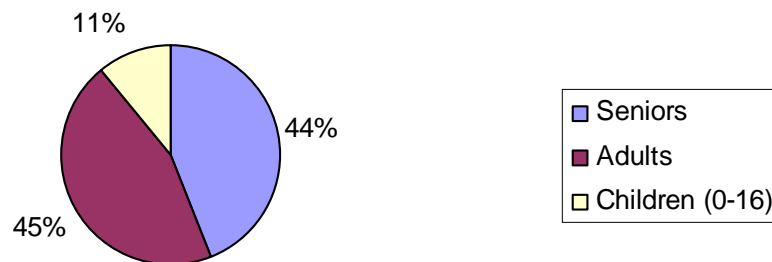
A total of 25,000 surveys were sent out and 1,587 responses were received and analysed, giving a sample rate of 6.3% of Clackmannanshire households. While the sample rate may be considered low they covered a good cross section of the local population, representing all of the towns and villages.

## Household Travel

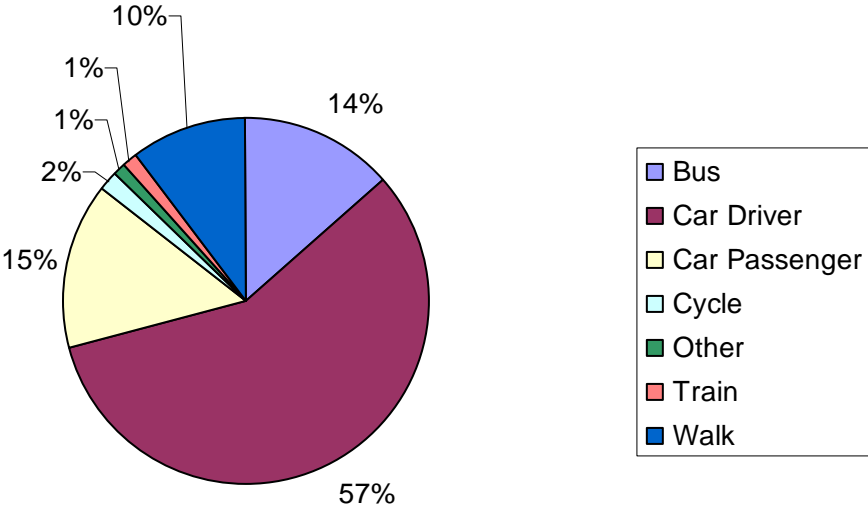
It is important to understand how people currently travel and to establish a baseline to measure future changes in travel behaviour. Respondents were asked a series of questions on the travel of their whole household. The results of which are shown below. In addition respondents were also asked how many cars were available in the household. Out of 1581 households there were 1959 cars, equating to an average of 1.24 cars per household. However 12% of households had no access to a car.



## How many people live in the household?



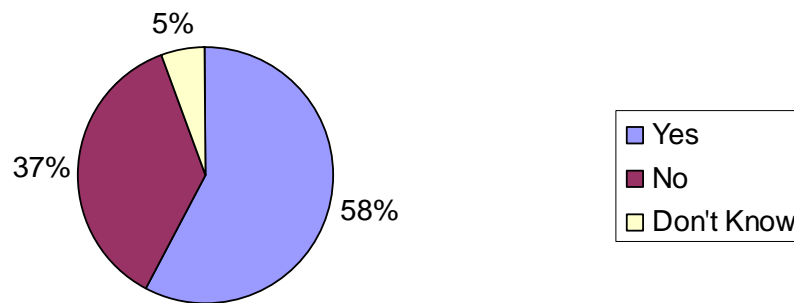
### What is your main mode of travel?



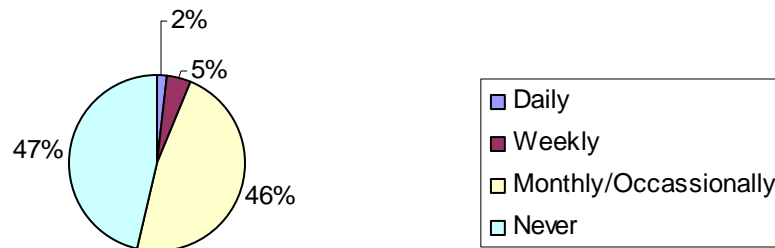
## Travel Choices

In order to address the growing reliance on the car and increase social inclusion for those that cannot drive or have no access to a car, alternative modes of transport should be made available. By encouraging the people of Clackmannanshire to be more aware of how they travel and to be aware of the damage each journey has on the environment and economy, more sensible car use can be achieved. The following summary of the survey results indicate how the public perceive their travel choices.

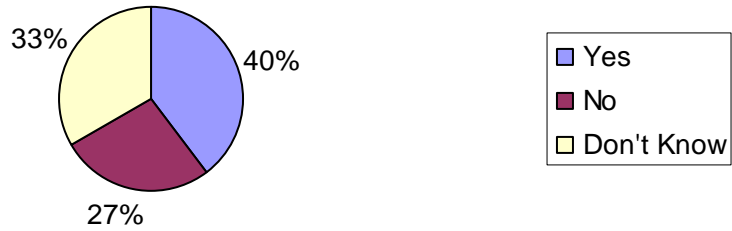
### Would you find it difficult to get to work and the shops if you could only travel by public transport, walking or cycling?



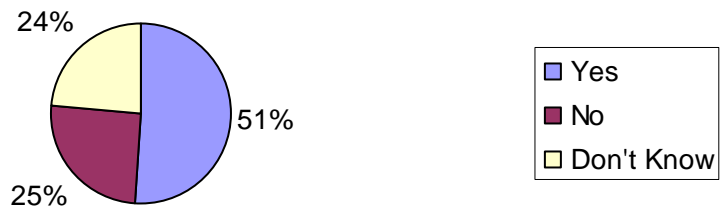
### Do you use the Alloa rail service?



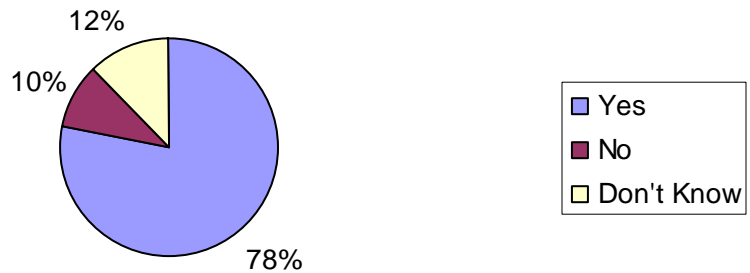
**Does the bus network adequately cover the Clackmannanshire area?**



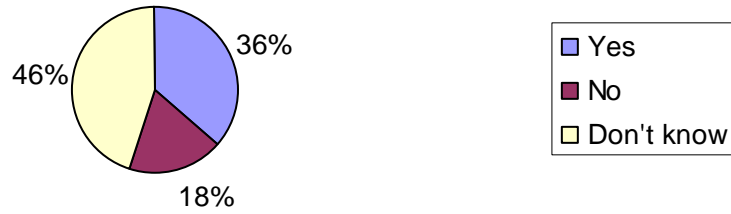
**Is information about public transport easy to access and use?**



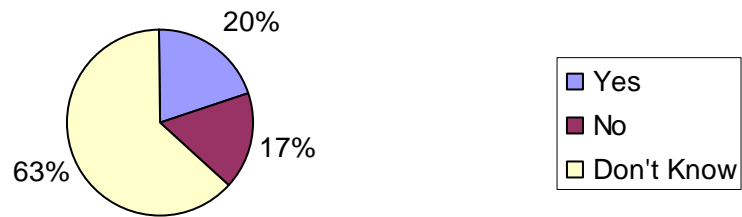
**Is walking in Clackmannanshire easy and direct?**



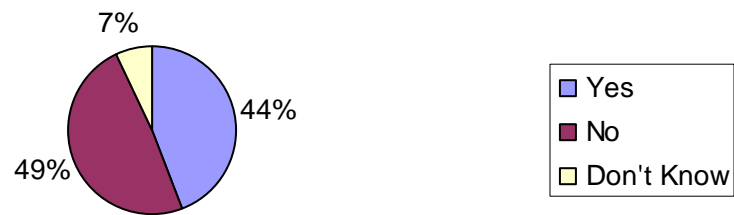
**Does the cycling network adequately cover Clackmannanshire?**



**Should there be more provision for cyclists?**



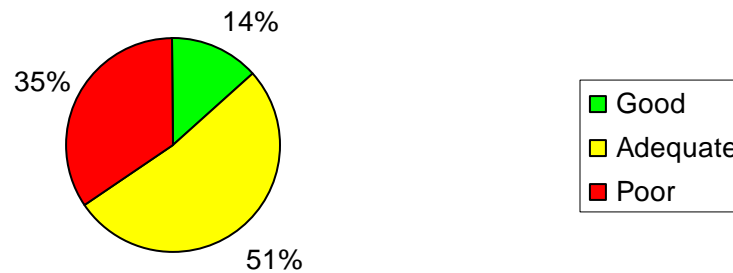
**Are you concerned about the impact your travel has on the environment?**



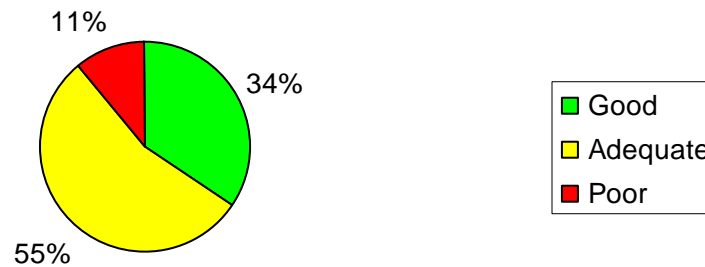
## Road Maintenance

The condition and maintenance of the road network including footpaths and street lighting is critical to the safe and efficient movement of people around Clackmannanshire. The following summary of the survey results indicate how the public perceive the Council's efforts and where improvements are required.

### What do you consider the condition of road in Clackmannanshire to be?

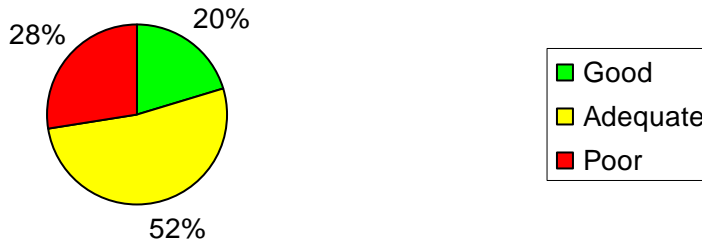


### What do you consider the condition of street lighting in Clackmannanshire to be?

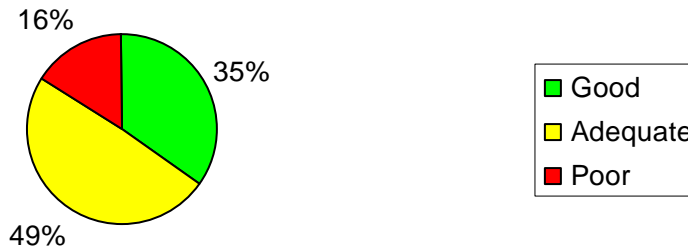




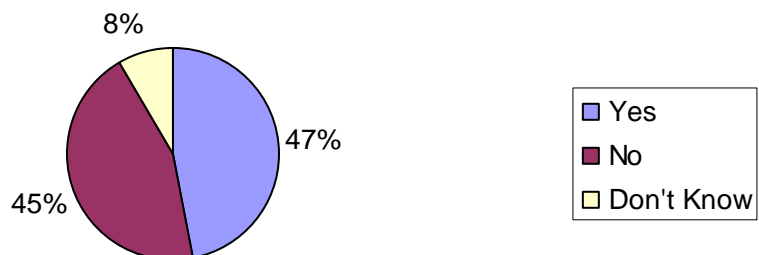
**What do you consider the condition of footways in Clackmannanshire to be?**



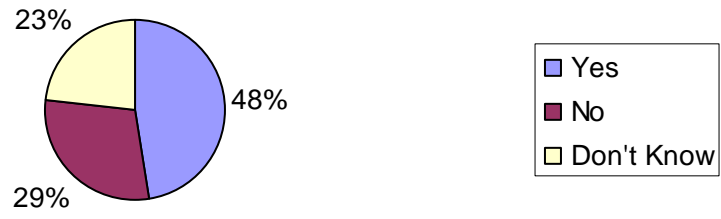
**What do you consider the condition of cycle paths in Clackmannanshire to be?**



**Do you think that the main roads and footways are adequately treated for snow and ice in winter?**



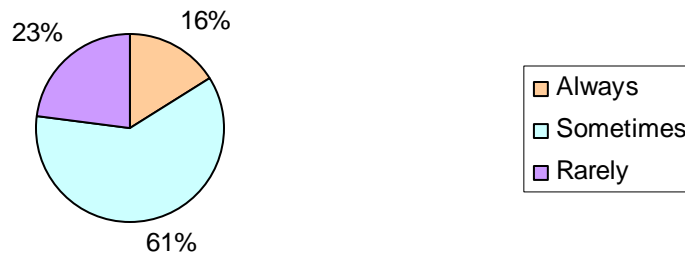
**Do you think that the roadworks are well controlled  
by the Council?**



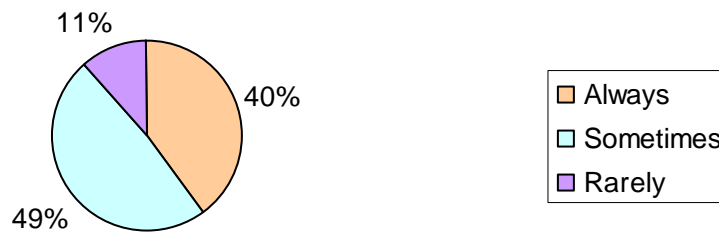
## Parking and Congestion

Increasing levels of car ownership and use are placing an extra burden on our already busy roads and car parks. In order to determine the extent that this level of car use is having in Clackmannanshire the following responses indicate the public's perception of the issue.

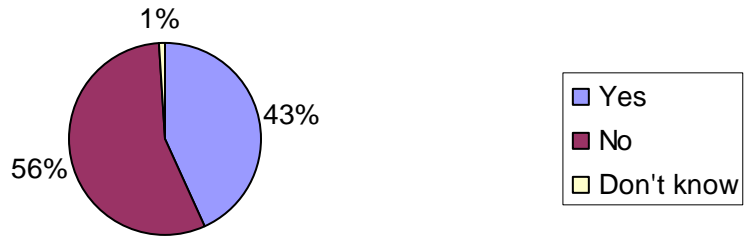
### Are you delayed on Clackmannanshire's roads at peak periods?



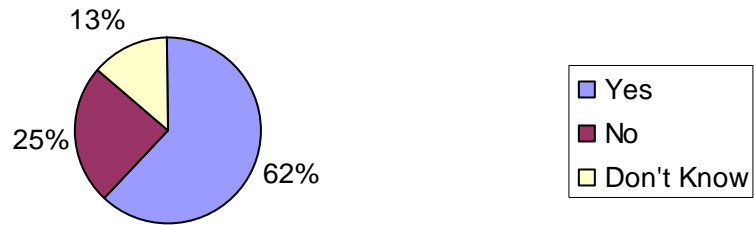
### Do you find it easy to park in Clackmannanshire towns?



**Do you use the Park & Ride at Springkerse to travel into Stirling city centre?**



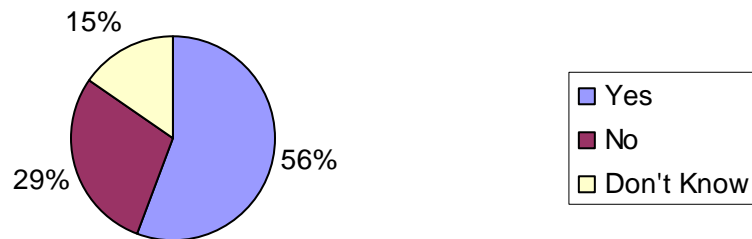
**Should all cars, except residents, be banned from the streets outside schools at start and finish times?**



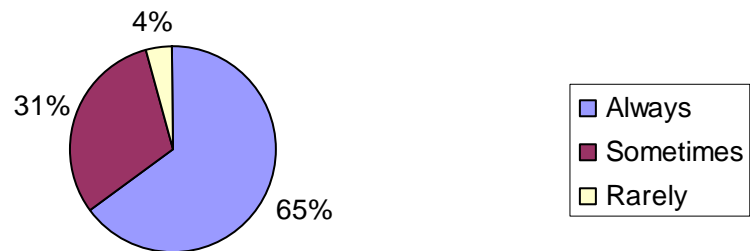
## Road Safety

The safe movement of people within Clackmannanshire is a priority for local government. The management of traffic is essential to ensuring that safety is maintained while educating all travellers on the safe and efficient use of the road network. The following responses are assisting the Council in gauging how safe and well managed the general public perceive the network to be within Clackmannanshire.

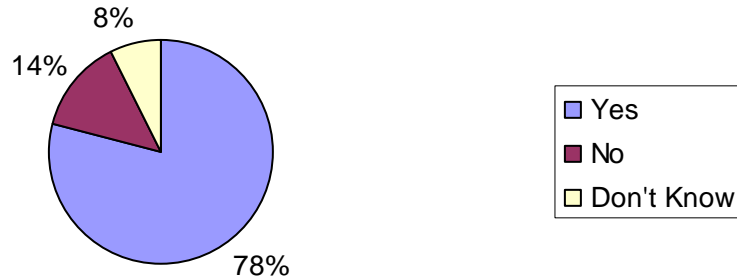
### Are the roads in Clackmannanshire safe for you as a pedestrian or cyclist?



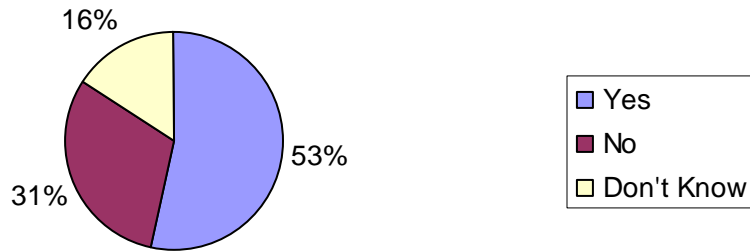
### Do you or would you feel safe when travelling on public transport?



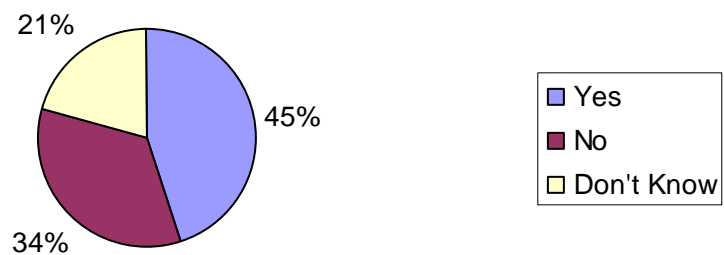
**Are the roads in Clackmannanshire safe for you as a driver or passenger?**



**Are 20mph limits at schools and in residential areas effective in reducing speed limits and improving safety?**



**Is traffic calming in Clackmannanshire successful in reducing vehicle speeds and volumes?**



## Comments

All of the respondents were offered the opportunity to provide further comment on roads, traffic and transportation. In total 828 comments were made. After reviewing all of these comments, it is clear there are some common themes, which are outlined below.

Public transport was one of the most commonly commented on issue. The main complaints related to a lack of access to buses in Dollar, Muckhart, areas of Tullibody and Middleton Kerse in Menstrie. Most of those responding on bus services feel that it is too expensive and too infrequent, or that buses all arrived around the same time. A lack of evening and Sunday service was also a problem to many. There is a lot of support for the H1/H2 bus service to the hospital in Larbert and most commented that it would be bad if it wasn't there. There was also a lot of positive support for the railway service with calls for more frequent trains to both Glasgow and Edinburgh and stops at Cambus and Clackmannan. However many felt that the integration between the train and the bus is poor and could be improved.

Cycling was another commonly commented on issue with a clear divide between cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. On the whole cycling is generally very positively received by all and many commended the great new facilities such as the path between Alva and Tillicoultry and the improvements continuing to be made. However drivers want cyclists off the roads and onto the shared use paths and pedestrians are unhappy with the volume and speed of cyclists on these paths. Many cyclists don't feel safe on roads and the link to Stirling at Manor Powis was reported as a barrier to many commuting by bike.

Traffic calming was again a divided issue. Many residents are asking for more traffic calming or traffic management, with speed reduction being a common issue. However there were many complaints about speed cushions damaging cars and being dangerous or there being too much traffic calming overall. The enforcement of speed limits was also a common issue. However support for 20mph and other reduced speed limits in the area was high. There were a significant number of calls to have the 20mph limit at Redwell Primary School reduced to only school hours.

Support for the road and footway conditions varied from very positive to very negative. There were many calls for repair of potholes and footway resurfacing. Many of these related to individual streets in residential areas. Winter maintenance was again divided with many supporting the good service they receive. However there were many complaints that side streets and footways were not gritted. Dog fouling was also a very common complaint. The cutting back of hedgerows and verges was also an issue for many and the cleaning and maintenance of road marking and signs was another commonly reported issue.

Car parking was another big area of complaint. The parking pressure in Alloa town centre was noted by many, with suggestions of imposing a 3 hour limit. However there were also calls to continue to provide free parking. Parking at the Station car park was also of concern due to the success of the passenger service to Stirling and Glasgow. There were many complaints about illegal and pavement parking. Enforcement of those illegally parking in blue badge holder spaces was another issue for those with disabilities. Inconsiderate parking by parents outside schools and the lack of children walking to school was also another common issue, with specific mention of Back Road, Dollar by several.