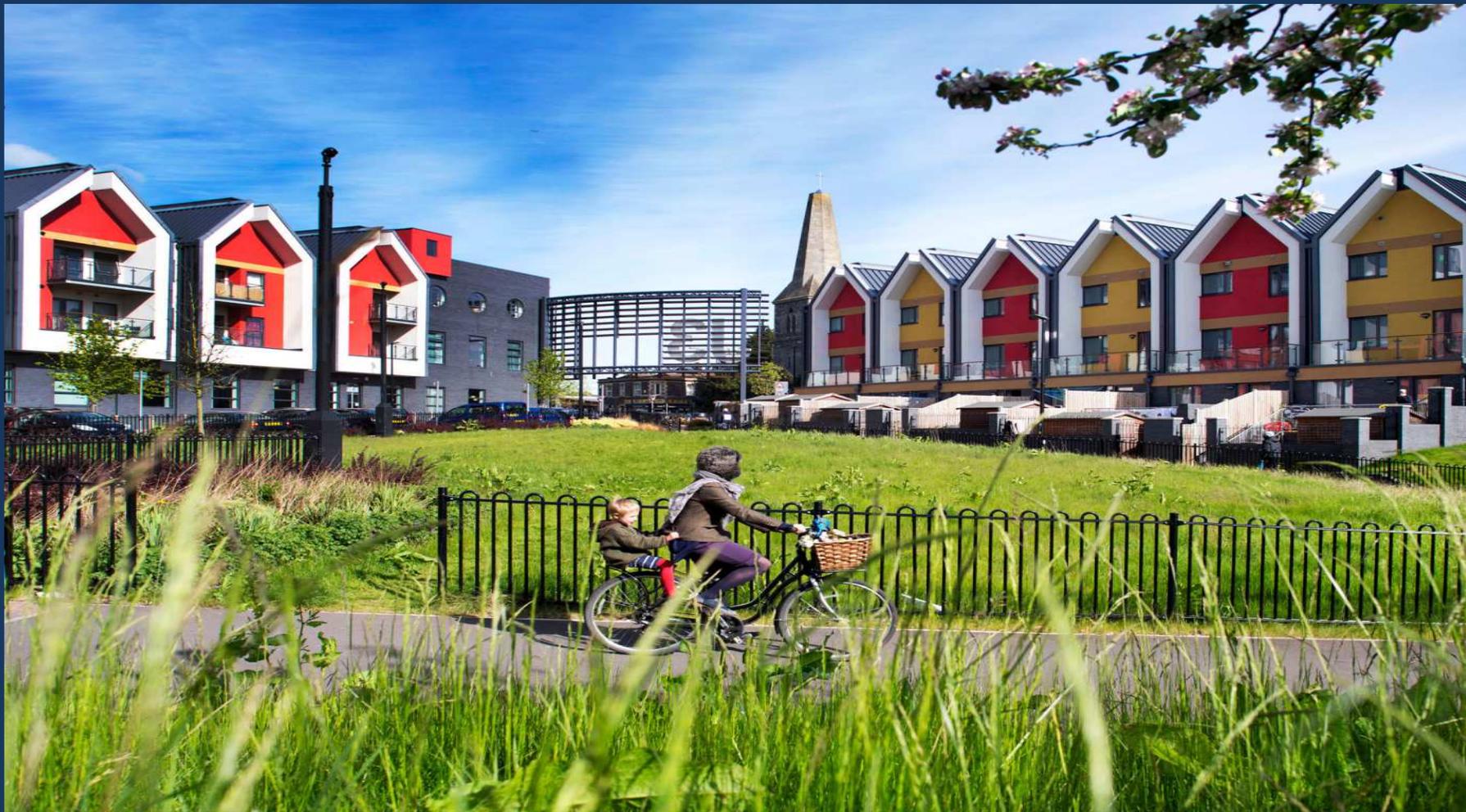


# Liveable Neighbourhoods Strategy update

Scrutiny 16/11/2021

Policy, Strategic Projects & Bidding - Strategic Transport



## Q: What is a Liveable Neighbourhood

- ❖ A neighbourhood where you re-design streets so that they meet a range of environmental, health, transport and place making objectives
- ❖ Reducing or removing the presence of motor vehicle traffic cutting through an area. Local access is retained
- ❖ More room for community assets such as children's play space, cycle hangars, trees, benches, parklets and so on.
- ❖ Clustered around local amenities and demarcated by physical barriers such as busy road, rivers, rail lines. Each LN should be approximately 1km (15min walk);
- ❖ Co-design process key to LN approach



# Orford Road - Walthamstow







# Cotham Hill



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## Q: What does the evidence tell us...

3 fold decrease in traffic injuries in Waltham Forest

Laverty et al. 2020

No statistical evidence to suggest LN's affect emergency responses

Goodman et al, 2020

Waltham Forest residents expected to gain 7-9 months life expectancy as a result of increased accessibility of active travel

Waltham Forest LN was associated with a 10% reduction in street crime rising to 18% over 3 years. Particularly pronounced for violence and sexual assault

Aldred, 2021

Goodman and

Motor traffic volumes on roads inside and outside LN's showed an overall 8.6% reduction

Aldred et al

3 fold reduction in car ownership in LN areas (6%) over 2 years compared with non LN areas (2%)

Aldred 2020

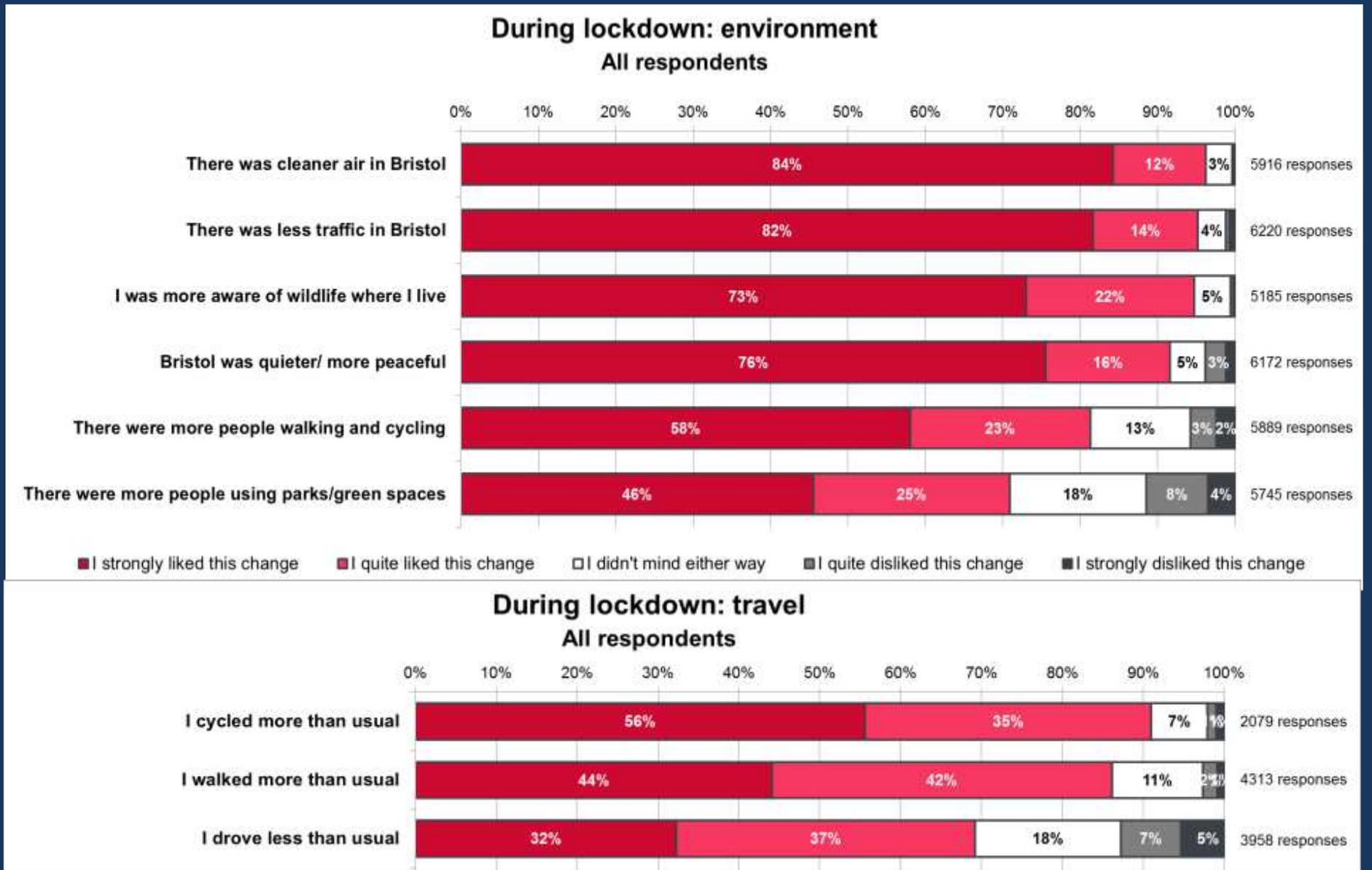
Goodman, Urban and

Active travel improvements can increase retail spend by up to 30%

TfL, 2019

# Public Opinion

❖ Your City our Future Survey: experiences of lockdown. >6,500 responses, August 2020.



## Public Opinion

# How do we recover from COVID-19 and create a better future for all in Bristol?

Report from Bristol's Citizens' Assembly

JUNE 2021



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**90% of the panel supporting the following recommendations:**

- Fundamentally reimagine the places we live so that they are people centred (i.e. create liveable neighbourhoods)
- Developing a pilot program to showcase what could be achieved if a citywide approach to being carbon neutral was taken received
- Empower local communities in the decision-making process to deliver the services and activities that they want to promote healthy lifestyle choices.

# Meeting national and local policy objectives



Across all priority themes approx. 123 of our One City Plan Goals are met by delivering Liveable Neighbourhoods

## A Plan for Bristol to 2050

In 2050 Bristol is a fair, healthy and sustainable city. A city of hope and aspiration, where everyone can share in its success.

# Meeting national and local policy objectives



**Goal 38** By acting on what children, young people and their families tell us we have started to make a real difference to the city's communal spaces and streets so that they feel safer and more welcoming – co-design process that engages children and young people, creating more play and green space and reducing traffic volumes where appropriate.



**Goal 248 (and Goal 428)** The number of citizens feeling involved in decision making in their neighbourhoods has increased by 20% co-design and meaningful engagement



**Goal 95** Promote businesses to reduce their Scope 3 indirect greenhouse gas emissions through the use of the local supply chain for low carbon and sustainable goods and services – installation of EV charging infrastructure, promotion of cycle, micro and other forms of zero-emission freight



**Goal 52** A citywide programme is in place to ensure all transport in Bristol is zero carbon by 2030 improved active and public transport connections, EV charge points, zero emission freight options



**Goal 260 & 441** Tree canopy cover has increased 50% since 2018 – Street tree planting



**Goal 64** 30% more people living in the most deprived wards are doing more than 30 minutes physical activity per week compared to 2020 - improved active travel connections and better access to green space

## The Challenges of Liveable Neighbourhoods

- ❖ Ensuring the benefits of LN's are shared in fair and equitable manner across the city
- ❖ Doubling down on our efforts to engage with 'seldom heard groups' so community involvement is as representative as possible
- ❖ Taking a case by case approach to improvements to avoid displacing problems from one area to another
- ❖ Communicating to stakeholders that benefits may need time to be realised
- ❖ Challenging commonly held myths about LN's
- ❖ Anticipating, managing and finding solutions to 'kickback'

## Q: What are the objectives for the Strategy

- ❖ To provide a Strategy and Policy Framework for developing and delivering Liveable Neighbourhoods
- ❖ To establish a clear vision and objectives
- ❖ To outline the key design and engagement principles
- ❖ To identify high level costs and potential funding sources
- ❖ To establish a programme for delivery
- ❖ To outline how we will prioritise investment
- ❖ To establish locations for Liveable Neighbourhoods subject to consultation

## The Liveable Neighbourhoods Strategy Outcome Objectives

- ❖ Improve local and citywide air quality and contribute to meeting the climate and ecological emergency.
- ❖ Improve residents' physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- ❖ Improve levels of physical and perceived safety in our communities.
- ❖ Contribute to reducing inequality and opening opportunities for all in our communities.
- ❖ Improve local accessibility and connectivity to shops, schools, services, and other amenities for everyone to move around safely and sustainably.
- ❖ Transform our neighbourhoods to places where people want to spend time, can interact with neighbours, and enjoy their unique identities.
- ❖ Reflect the needs and characteristics of the local community and increase the sense of pride and belonging.
- ❖ Increase resilience and support the economy to recover after Covid-19 by improving local centres and high streets and access to jobs, skills, and training.

## Liveable Neighbourhoods Strategy Timeframes

- ❖ January - March 2021 – Pre-development key stakeholder input
- ❖ April - July 2021 –Produced initial draft
- ❖ August - December 2021 - Key stakeholder engagement and re-draft
- ❖ January –March 2022 – Public consultation and redraft
- ❖ March-May – Final edits and adoption of strategy

## What else are we doing?

- ❖ Submitted to government an expression of interest to be 1 of 12 cities to pilot a Mini Holland (liveable Neighbourhood) scheme in East Bristol.
- ❖ If successful, this would expand on a scheme already under development for a Liveable Neighbourhood pilot in the Barton Hill, Redfield & St George area.
- ❖ Announcement November/December 2021.

