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Summary of responses to consultation events with Flintshire Disability Forum

As part of the development of Flintshire County Council's Integrated Route Map a series of informal engagement events were programmed with Flintshire Disability Forum to establish barriers faced by mobility users in making Active Travel Journeys. The Disability Forum was established to help and support all people with a physical disability in Flintshire and to promote services and practices that are positive about disability.

The first event was at Llys Jasmine Mold on the 23rd March 2017 with thirteen forum members. The second event was held at Burntwood Court Buckley on the 11th April, 2017 with eight forum members and the third event was held at Llys Eleanor on the 19th April 2017 with fifteen forum members.

Attendees at the Forum Group were from various towns and villages throughout Flintshire and not confined to Mold, Buckley and Shotton and all had a range of disabilities

The events began with an explanation of the aim of Active Travel Act, what an Active Travel Journey is and who are Active Traveler's. This was followed with group exercises, below is a summary of all responses received

Group Exercise 1 - Please list the barriers that might put you off making Active Travel Journeys.

Mold Group

There is not enough room to maneuver when utilities are carrying out works, also on occasions barriers are not being placed around works to allow safe access

- A Frames preventing access for many mobility scooter users
- Paving slabs creating uneven surfaces
- Irregular kerb heights
- Lack of dropped kerbs at crossing points
- Cars parking on pavements reducing width
- Overhanging branches
- Obstacles on pavements outside some businesses
- Potholes in roads and lanes
- Lack of pavements or pavements not wide enough to cater for mobility users
- Bollards preventing access
- Hedges overgrowing into paths

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Buckley Group

- Parked Cars on footpaths
- Narrow paths and gradients
- Overgrown hedges
- Refuge sacks on collection days prevent mobility users to travel
- Lack of dropped kerbs
- As the elderly population is growing there are more mobility users and this needs to be recognised

Shotton Group

- Lack of dropped kerbs particularly in Saltney, Garden City and Sandycroft and Chapel Street, Connahs Quay
- Lots of pinch points creating access problems
- Parked vehicles on footways Phoenix Street, Sandycroft creating hazards for blind and mobility scooters
- Sandycroft has a high population of elderly people with mobility problems.

Group Exercise 2 - Please list what infrastructure improvements would encourage you to make Active Travel Journeys.

Mold Group

- Provide more resting places
- Lower buttons on signals to enable wheelchair users to reach
- Provide more dropped kerbs
- Widen pavements to accommodate pedestrians, prams, wheelchairs and scooters
- Better liaison between landowners, businesses and the Council regarding responsibilities to keep pavements clear and safe
- Better consultation with those who have special needs to remain safe and mobile
- Yellow Lines required at Bodlonfa as cars are blocking pavements by parking over them.
- There are no dropped kerbs on Clayton Road junction to cross over from the Dolphin to the other side.
- The kerb on the Pedestrian Crossing on New Street by Iceland is too high which causes difficulty in a wheelchair.
- There are no dropped kerbs to access the public toilets in the coop car park.

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- In Meadow Place car park the footpath that runs along the houses behind the pay machine has no dropped kerbs and there are no dropped kerbs to get down or on West View road.
- Crossing facility required at junction of King Street and Bryn Awelon
- Adjust the A Frames on the Bovril Path to allow mobility scooter access (cannot open gate at the side when on a mobility scooter).
- Meadow Place surface uneven, used by elderly from Carriageworks
- Provision of more dropped kerbs within Mold Bus Station to enable mobility users to cross through the centre
- Widen footway in front of Alyn Bank Terrace, King Street

Buckley Group

- Provide more cycle lanes as they would be good for mobility users
- Widen footway on Mill Lane by the Farm
- Improve gradients

Shotton Group

- Programme of dropped kerbs, particularly at elderly accommodation locations
- More dedicated cycle paths so that wheelchair users can get out and about
- Improve access to Wepre Park from Killins Lane entrance
- Provision of battery charging points at key locations would encourage mobility users to get out and about.
- Better enforcement of vehicles parked on footways causing obstructions for mobility users who are then having to use busy roads.
- H marking required at Riverside, Garden City to stop vehicles parking over dropped kerb

Group Exercise 3 - Using the Map provided, please tell us of any routes that you know that you think are good routes for mobility users.

Mold Group

The group used the maps to identify the problems that were raised in group exercise 1 and 2.

Buckley Group

The group were not interested in the maps and preferred to just discuss issues



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