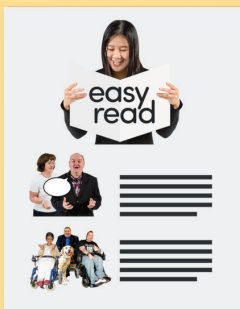


Changes we want to make to transport

How we will make sure disabled people
can move around and use transport



Easy read booklet



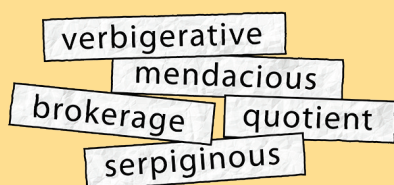
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It has words and pictures.



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words

Some words are **black and bold**. This means we think they are difficult words.



Black and bold words are thicker and darker. We explain what they mean in a box like this.

Who we are



We are **Transport for All**. We work to improve **transport** for disabled people in the UK.



Transport means ways to travel such as by bus and train.



It is hard for disabled people to use transport for lots of reasons.



The way we use transport needs to change in the future because of these reasons.

What this booklet is about



We did some **research** to find out how we can make transport easier for disabled people to use.



Research is when people collect information to help them think about problems and find ways to fix them.



This booklet tells you about

- what problems make transport difficult for disabled people.
- how we did our research.
- what we found out.
- our 5 ideas to make transport easier for disabled people.



Problems with transport



Transport in the UK is not fair or **sustainable**.



Sustainable means something is good for the environment because it can be used for a long time.



There are things that stop disabled people using transport, like when transport costs too much or it is not safe or **accessible**.



Accessible means if places and services can be used by everyone.

How we did our research



When we plan to make changes, we must work with disabled people so that we can meet their needs.



When we listen to disabled people, the changes we make to transport will be better for everyone.



We spoke to disabled people in the UK and went to places in the UK.



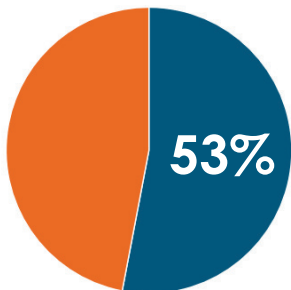
We also went to Belgium to see what they had done and speak to people in charge who make decisions about transport.

What we found out

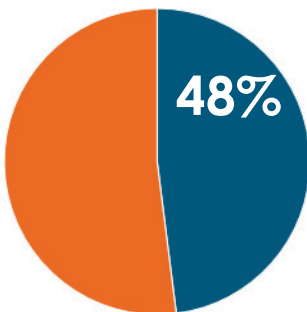


Lots of disabled people thought what we suggested was good, but they were worried that the **government** is not doing enough.

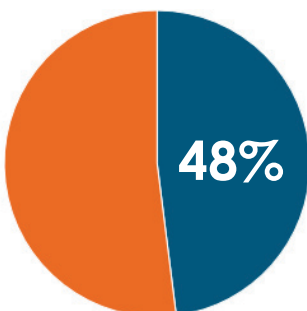
The **Government** is in charge of running the country



Over half of the people thought that the government is not doing enough to help people access nature and be more active.



Just under half of the people thought that the government is not doing enough to make sure transport doesn't cost too much.



Just under half of the people thought that the government is not doing enough to think about accessibility.

Our plan for change



We have thought of 5 ideas to make transport better.



If our ideas work, more people will

- take buses and trains.
- walk, wheel and ride bikes.
- have electric cars.
- go to parks and open spaces.
- enjoy nature.



Less people will

- drive cars.
- drive cars in busy towns or cities.



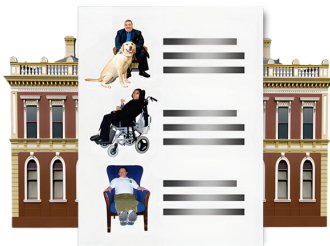
We think these ideas will be used more in the next 5 to 10 years.

Sharing street space

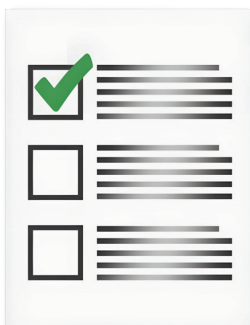


We think **local authorities** should make roads and paths better for people who

- walk.
- cycle.
- use public transport.
- drive a car.
- meet with friends.



Local authorities are organisations such as local councils that run services like schools, housing and care.



They should do this by making a **Streetspace Allocation Framework**.



A **Streetspace Allocation Framework** is a way to make roads and paths better for everyone who uses them. This include peoples who use transport or people doing social activities.



A Streetspace Allocation Framework will

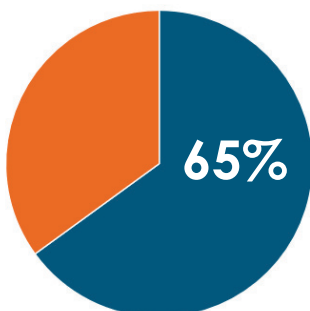
- give more space to people who walk, wheel, cycle and use a bus or tram.
- make transport more **reliable**.
- make transport safer.



Reliable means you can trust something to work well every time.



To do this, we need to take away some spaces that cars use now, but we will make sure they can still drive where they need to.



Over half of disabled people think it's a good idea to make a framework for how streets should be used, so everyone has their own space.

Give people crossing the road priority



We think that the government should let local authorities make more **side road crossings**.



Side road crossings can go where one road joins to the side of a main road. They are painted white stripes from one side of the road to the other. They don't have lights like a zebra crossing.



The Highway Code changed in 2022 to give people crossing the road **priority** over people driving and cycling when they are turning at a side road.



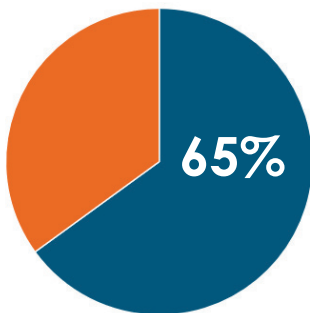
If someone has **priority**, it means others should stop and let them go before moving.



Side road crossings give people waiting to cross side roads priority over cars and cycles.



They are a cheap to make and quick to build.



Side road crossings make more than half of drivers give people priority when they are at a side road.

Changes to parking



Local authorities should make changes to use less space for car parking.



These spaces will be used as public spaces instead. They can be used for

- bus lanes.
- cycle lanes.
- small parks.
- plants.



We can find better spaces for

- cycles.
- electric scooters.
- bins.
- outdoor spaces for people to eat and drink.

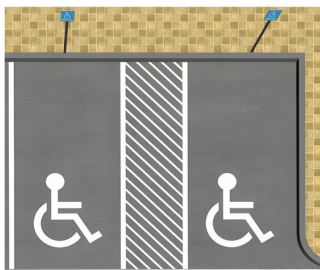




Taking away some parking spaces will help to tidy up the street and make streets more accessible.



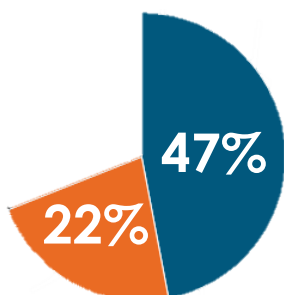
Any changes made to parking spaces must include talking to disabled people.



This helps make sure there are enough disabled parking spaces, that they are in the right places and are easy to use.



We asked disabled people about taking away on-street visitor parking spaces that are not disabled bays.



- almost half of people liked this idea.
- almost a quarter of people did not like this idea.

Setting up access panels



We think local transport authorities should set up an **access panel**.



An **access panel** is a group of disabled people who are paid to check and help decide how to make transport better.



Disabled people need to be included when we make transport plans. If they are not included, the plans might not meet their needs.



Access panels should get help and training from teams that can give them good ideas.