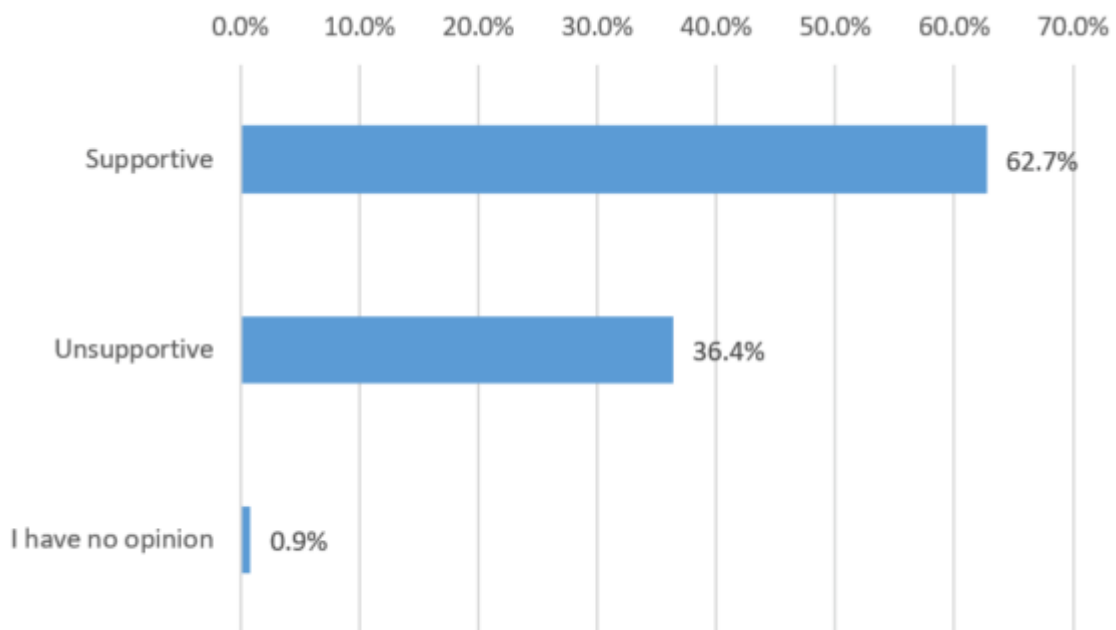


Consultation responses

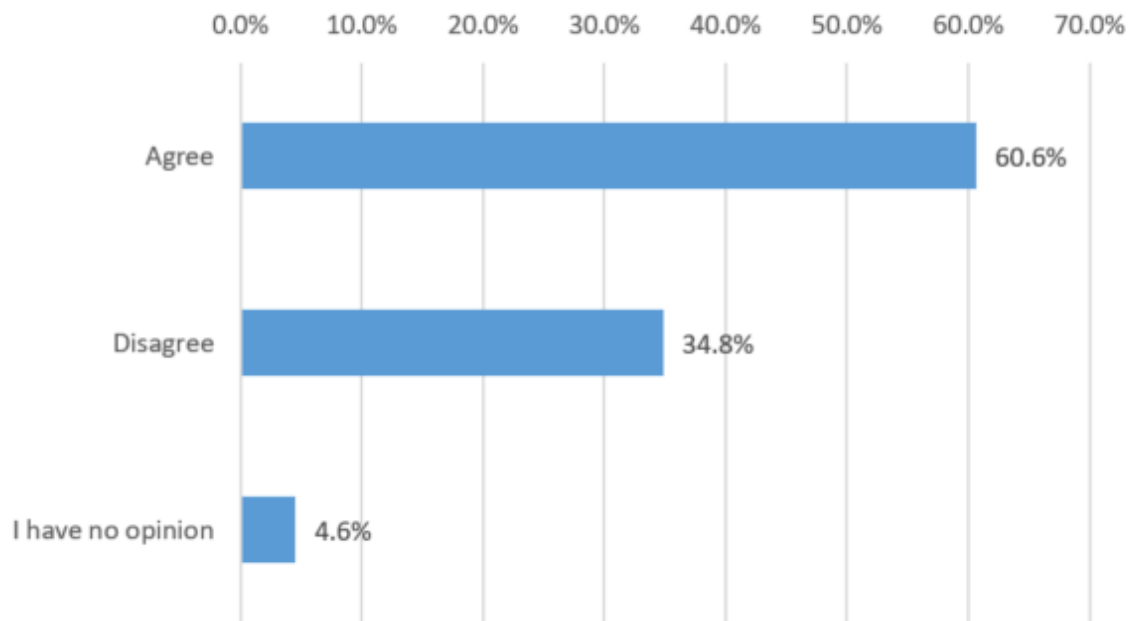
A consultation on the proposed scheme ran for four weeks in October 2021. People were invited to respond online, and we also ran a drop-in event at Harvey Hadden Sports Village.



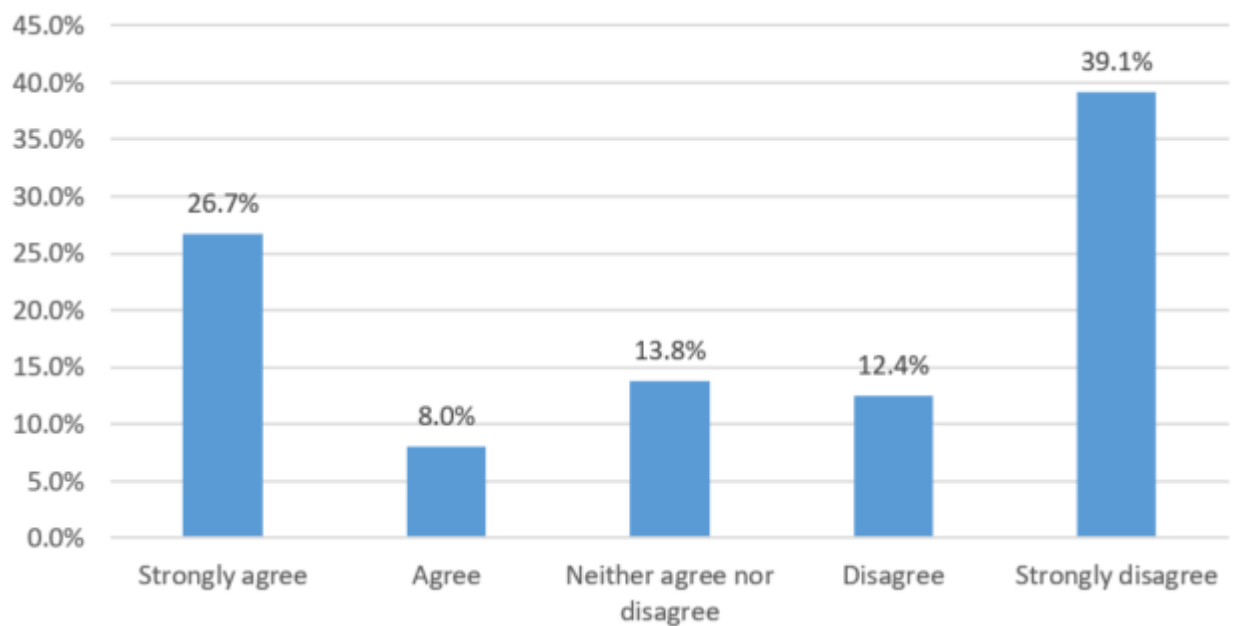
We received 228 responses, with a total of 62.7 per cent supporting the scheme somewhat or to a great extent.



Respondents were asked specifically whether they supported the proposal to remove the central refuge along the first part of Beechdale Road and Hollington Road – 60.6 per cent of respondents supported this somewhat or to a great extent.



Finally, we asked how strongly people thought they would cycle more as a result of these proposals. As a result, 34.7 per cent of respondents strongly agreed or agreed, while 51.5 per cent disagreed or strongly disagreed.



Positive comments included:

- Improved cyclist safety
- Better crossing facilities
- Would help to create a more pleasant environment.

The key concerns raised about the proposal related to:

- The potential impact removing the central refuge might have on traffic volume and speed
- The potential adverse impact on businesses if parking outside shops was reduced
- Concerns that crossing the roads would be made more difficult
- The roundabout/T-junction layout at Bathurst Drive
- The potential adverse impact on access to driveways.

There was a mixed response to the proposal to change the Bathurst Drive roundabout to a T-junction, with some respondents concerned that it would increase driver speeds and make it more difficult for residents to enter Wigman Road from Bathurst Drive. Others liked this proposal and thought the new layout made more sense for all road users.

The potential impact on access to parked vehicles for disabled residents and visitors as a result of new kerbs and crossing the cycle lane was also raised.