

## ALVERTON TRAVEL PLAN - PARENT SURVEY OCTOBER 2015

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete and return the survey questionnaire. We received 118 completed questionnaires representing 162 children. This level of feedback shows the strength of feeling which exists around this particular issue.

I have attached graphs to show the responses to the main questions which were asked as well as a copy of the written responses from parents relating to the main areas of perceived danger. To make this easier to interpret, I have added a rough map of the areas which were raised as a concern.

### Main findings:

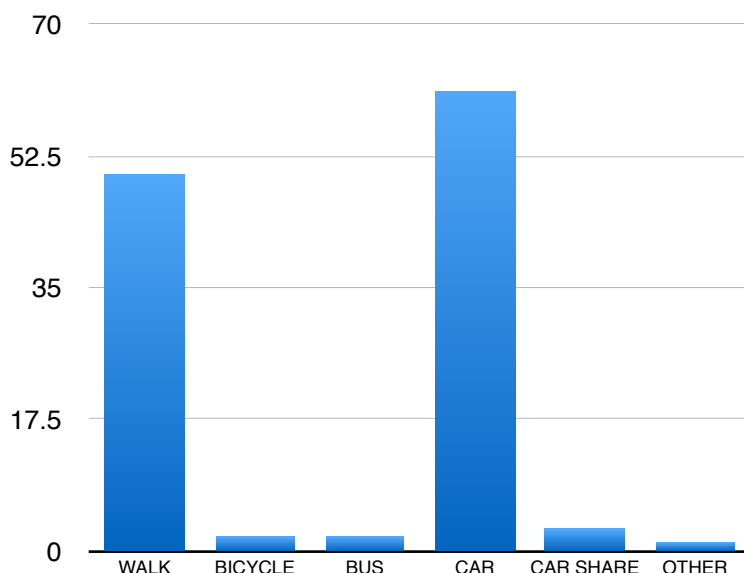
- We have a high proportion of children who arrive at school in a car.
- There are slightly more children who travel home on foot than arrive at school in that way.
- Many children appear to be dropped to school by parents as part of a journey to work.
- Personal/Road Safety and distance from the school are the main factors influencing how children travel to and from school.
- A large number of parents (42) indicated that they would use a walking bus to and from the Free Church Car Park if this was available.
- Parents considered that the greatest area of danger for children walking and cycling to school was in and around Toltuff Crescent, in particular the area immediately around the school gates and the road in front of the school. Many parents are very concerned about the fact that this is an area of high traffic congestion at the start and end of the school day. This has been a concern raised by parents and the school for many years.
- Another area of concern was the crossing point across the bottom of Trevena Road.

### Proposed Actions

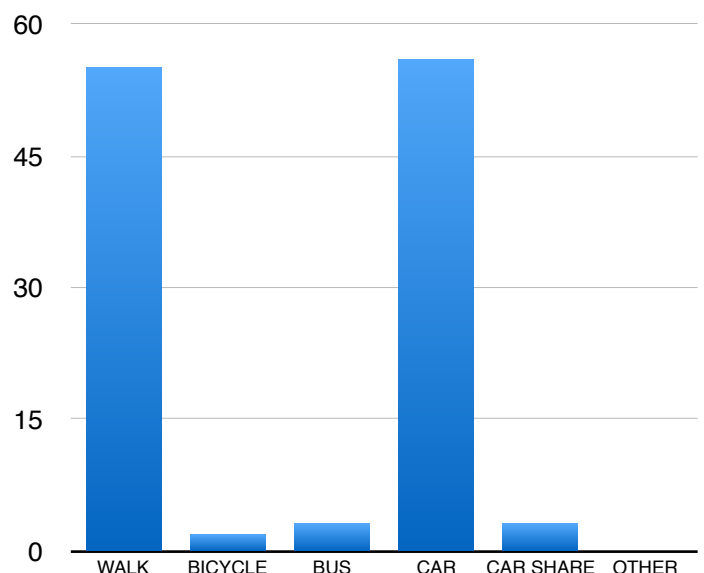
- As distance to school prohibits many children from walking or cycling to school, and with limited public transport available, we have to accept that a number of children will have to arrive at school by car. However, it is clear that many parents believe that vehicular traffic around immediately in front of the school presents the biggest risk of children arriving and leaving school. Therefore, we have created a manned access control point into Toltuff Road and Crescent in order to dissuade parents from driving down the school site. There will of course be exceptions to this, e.g. disabled badge holders. This access control will be operated by senior Alverton School Staff each morning and at the end of school.
- To request new warning signage and a manned crossing point around Treveana & Toltuff Roads
- Re-establish a Walking Bus service to and from the Free Church Car Park

Martin Higgs

**How does your child normally travel to school**



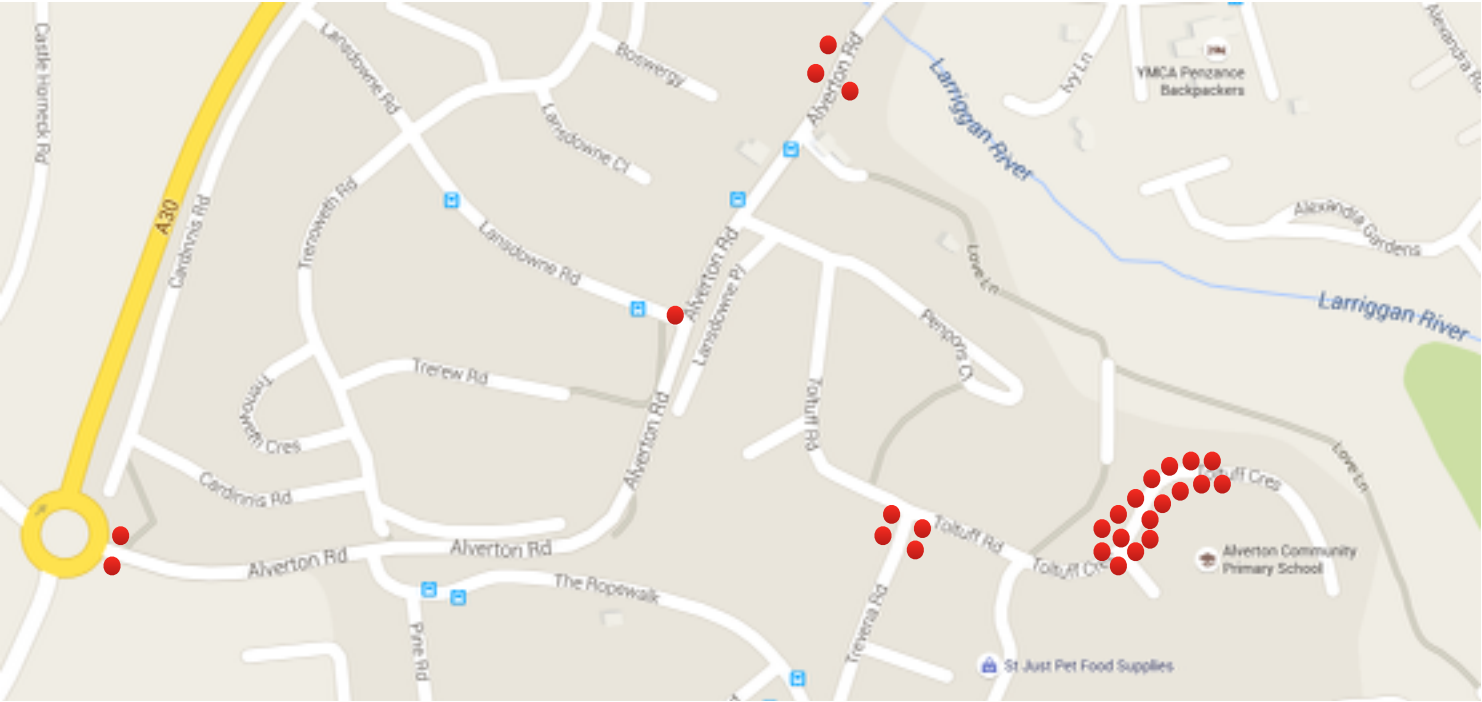
**How does your child normally travel from school**



Are there any places on the journey to/from school that you think makes them dangerous for pupils walking or cycling.

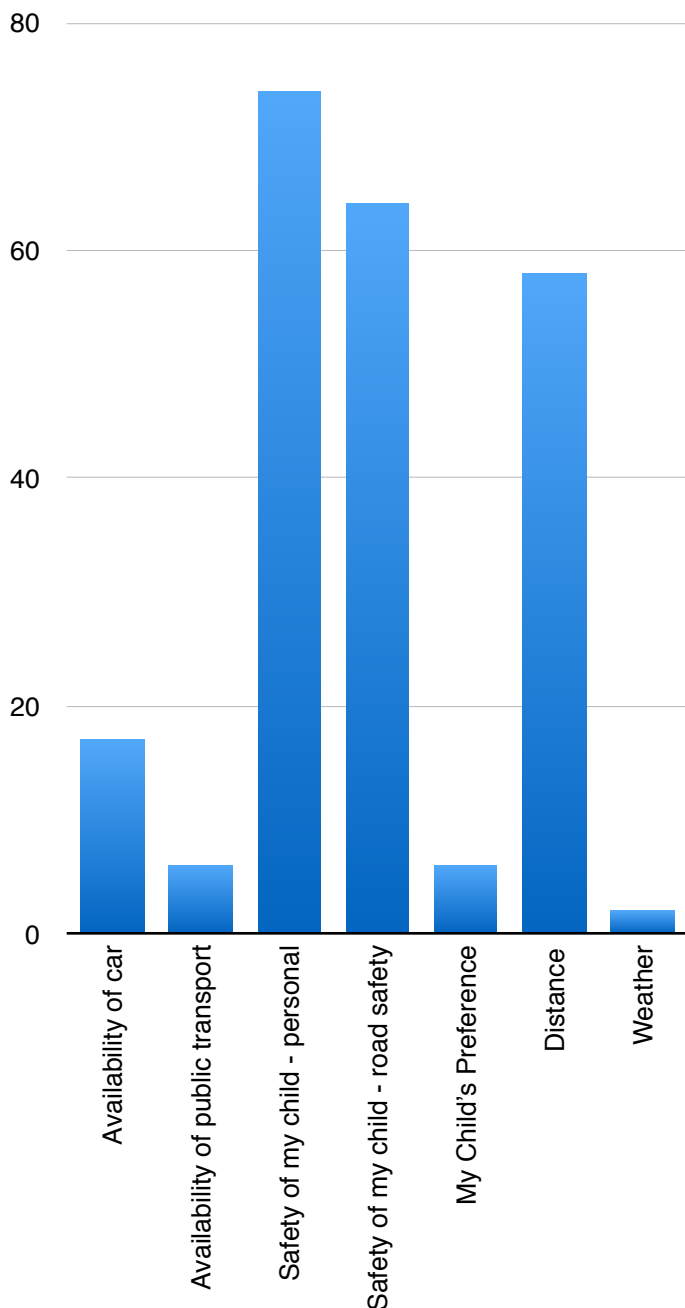
By the Year 6 playground - cars continue to reverse and pull in there
Toltuff - children have to look in 3 directions to make sure it is safe to cross
All main roads, the bottom of Lansdowne Road
Cars reversing into turning by the playground
The traffic around the school - parking on the pavement, reversing & speeding around small children
The school road with cars badly parked and parents driving too fast.
Crossing the bypass
Dangerous with buggies on pavements near the school with cars so close by
Toltuff Cres, is far too busy I have no idea why parents would drive into that road or the car park to drop their children off. I think that parents should not be allowed to drive down the road at peak times.
No crossing near to David Lays Auction house
Directly outside school - congestion
Corner of the road next to the Pirate Inn
Immediate vicinity of school - reckless driving and too much traffic an accident waiting to happen
The road between the school & church car park
The corner of Toltuff Crescent - hard to cross safely

The road from the top of Newlyn has no pavements in some sections
At the school gates!! Traffic is still hazardous here. Too many cars and people reversing. It needs attention!
The school gateway - cars turning & pulling in and out. Cars drive at speed past the school
All areas seem fine apart from Toltuff Crescent - people insist on driving down even when it's obvious that there are no spaces. People park on the pavement and also drive/reverse much too fast.
Mount Misery roundabout - A30
The zig-zag zone outside of the school gate - the school car park - the lane by the 5/6 playground
The immediate roads around the school entrance I think are the most dangerous with parents driving too fast, often on pavements! It's all been said before...
Cars driving/reversing in and out of school entrance and roads in the immediate areas
Crossing the road into Toltuff Road
The corner junction into Toltuff Crescent
Toltuff Crescent is a nightmare with completely irresponsible drivers - too many cars being driven badly near the school
Outside of school. Parents driving right up to the school gate. Reversing whilst children are crossing the road.
Immediately outside of the school gate....why can't people park a little further away and walk!

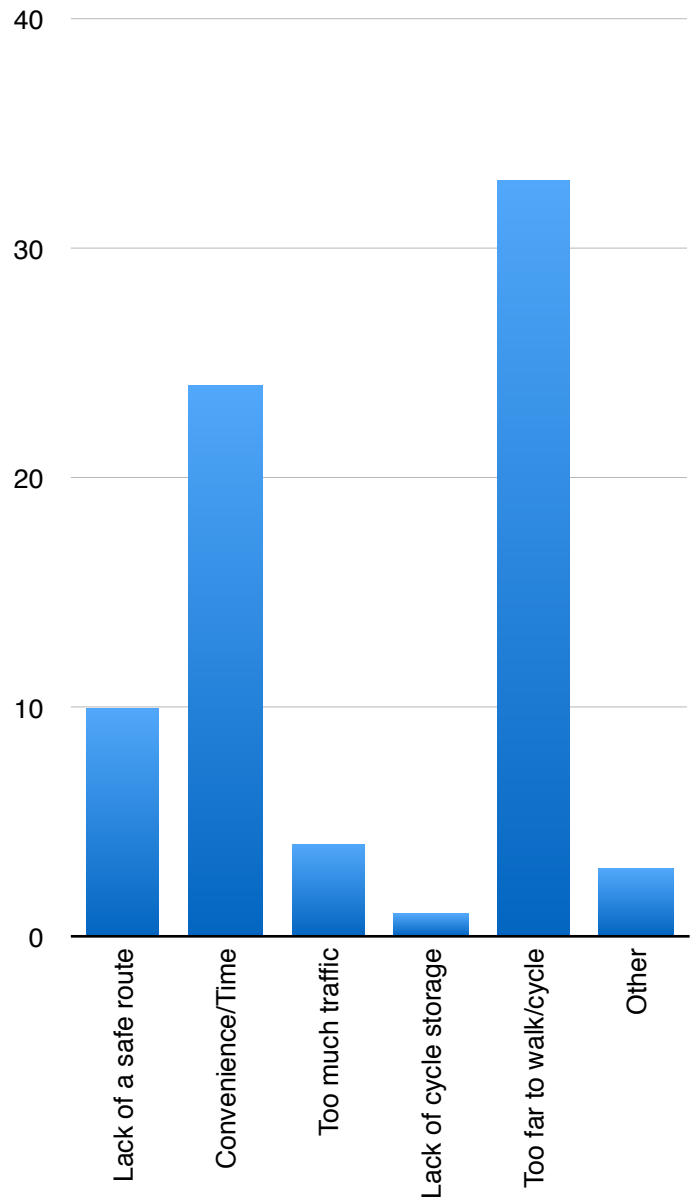


● Areas of potential danger highlighted by parents

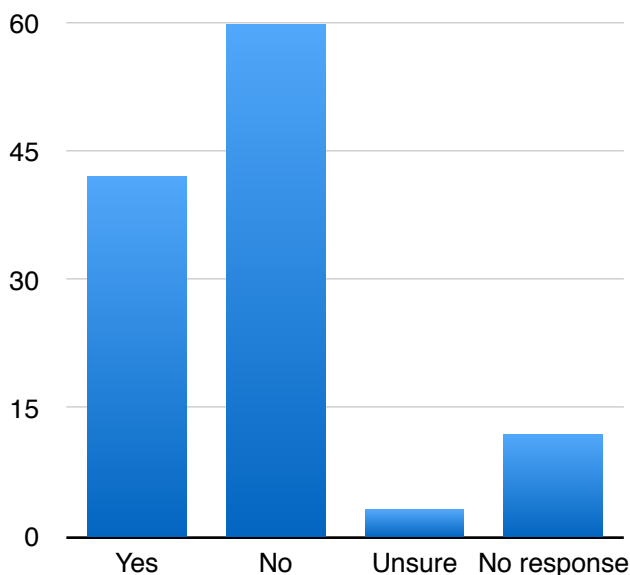
**What are the 2 most important factors in your travel choice**



**If you currently travel by car, what prevents him/her walking or cycling**



**If a Walking Bus was created from/ to the Free Church Car Park would you be interested in using it?**



**If you drive to school where do you usually go immediately afterwards**

