

Thistletown Streets Plan

Public Consultation Report

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Consultation Summary

Public and interest group consultation for Thistletown Streets Plan took place from April to June 2025, with public comment period open for four weeks from May 14 to June 10, 2025.

Consultation activities included one-on-one conversations with schools, community serving organizations, other community interest groups and over 50 businesses. Pop-up events and a public drop-in event were hosted along with an online survey and continued comment tracking. The project team interacted with approximately 100 people at in-person events and over 185 survey responses were received, five people provided comments via phone and email.

Communications to notify the public and interest groups about the project included a project webpage, targeted emails to over 30 community interest groups, 9,300 flyers (in English and Punjabi) distributed by Canada Post throughout the project area along with staff participation in community group meetings and door-to-door outreach to schools, community serving organizations and businesses. On-street signage with project information was installed in the neighbourhood and project notices and postcards were made available at three local community centres.

Top priorities and issues raised by participants through the Phase 1 consultation were:

- **Excessive speeding at several locations in the project area.** Participants frequently mentioned speeding concerns on Thistle Down Boulevard, Bankfield Road, Barker Avenue, Riverdale Drive and Kipling Avenue; and requested installation of speed bumps, speed humps, four-way stop signs and better signages.
- **Excessive non-local traffic resulting in speeding, congestion and safety issues on residential streets.** Participants said there is a need for turn restrictions, signage to divert traffic, and one-way conversions to manage non-local traffic on Calstock Drive, Riverdale Drive, Barker Drive, and other residential streets.
- **Congestion and safety concerns during school pick-up and drop-off times near schools.** Participants highlighted the need to develop and enforce 'kiss and ride' zones near schools.
 - At Beaumonde Heights Junior Public School, participants requested increased parking enforcement and an additional crossing guard at the intersection of Monterrey Drive and Amaron Drive.
 - At St. John Vianney Catholic School, non-compliance of turning and parking restrictions was highlighted.
- **Need for improved infrastructure for pedestrians and people cycling** on several streets in the project area, including crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes and bike stands.
- **Need for safety improvements on several streets and intersections** to ensure safety for all road users, including pedestrians, people cycling and motor vehicles. Participants highlighted need for improved visibility, speed reduction measures, removing parking where it leads to congestions, and ensuring parking and stop-sign compliance.

A second phase of consultation is planned for Winter 2026 to receive feedback on the proposed changes to address issues identified during Phase 1.

More information about the project can be found at toronto.ca/ThistletownStreets

Project Overview

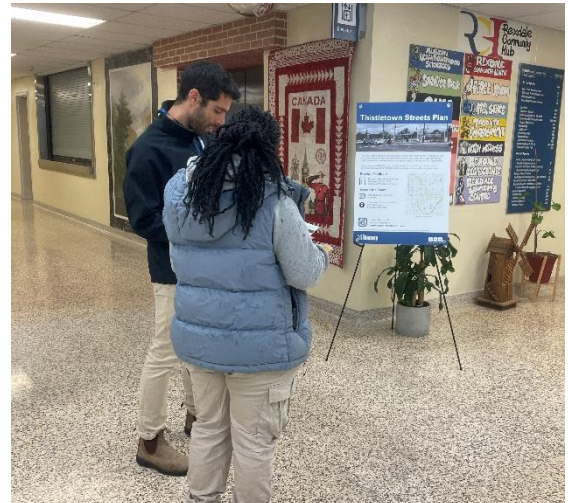
Neighbourhood Streets Plans (NSPs) are a service for neighbourhoods where traffic and travel patterns may be impacting the safety and mobility of people using the streets. The Thistletown neighbourhood was nominated for a Neighbourhood Streets Plan (NSP) by the Ward 1 Councillor in the 2024 NSP program cycle.

The Thistletown Streets Plan (NSP) aims to identify, prioritize and recommend short and long-term improvements to traffic operations and road design to support safety for all modes of transportation. The Plan aims to address four main areas of concern:

1. Road safety for vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians, children, older adults and people cycling)
2. Excessive speeding
3. Excessive motor vehicle traffic on local streets
4. Opportunities for active transportation

The project area is located between Kipling Avenue to the west, and bounded by Humber River to the north, south and east.

Overview of Communications and Consultation Activities



Participants providing feedback at the Public Drop-in Event and at a Pop-up Event

Communication Activities

A variety of methods were used to notify people of the project and opportunities to participate:

- Project webpage toronto.ca/ThistletownStreets
- Notice delivered via Canada Post (9,300 addresses in the project area). Notice translated in Punjabi.
- Email to interest groups including residents' associations, community groups, organizations, institutions and elected officials (30+ contacts)
- In-person visits and post-card drops at 15+ organizations and schools and 50+ businesses.
- On-street signage posted in the neighbourhood.

Consultation Activities

Comments on the project was received through the following activities:

Activity	Date(s)	Participation
Interest Group Conversations (One-on-one, in person and virtual interactions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 18, 2024• March 31, 2025• April 25, 2025• May 29, 2025	10+ (Over 30 invitations sent)
Guest Presentations: a) North Etobicoke Resident Council (NERC) b) Etobicoke North York Service Provider Cluster	January 2025	~25 attendees
Door-to-Door Outreach with Businesses	May 16, 2025	50+
Pop-Up at Rexdale Hub	May 25, 2025	15 interactions
Drop-In Public Event	May 28, 2025	~30 attendees
Online Interactive Map and Survey	May 14 – June 10, 2025	186 responses
Email/Phone	May 14 – June 10, 2025	Comments received from 5 individuals

What We Heard

Top priorities and issues raised by participants through the Phase 1 consultation were:

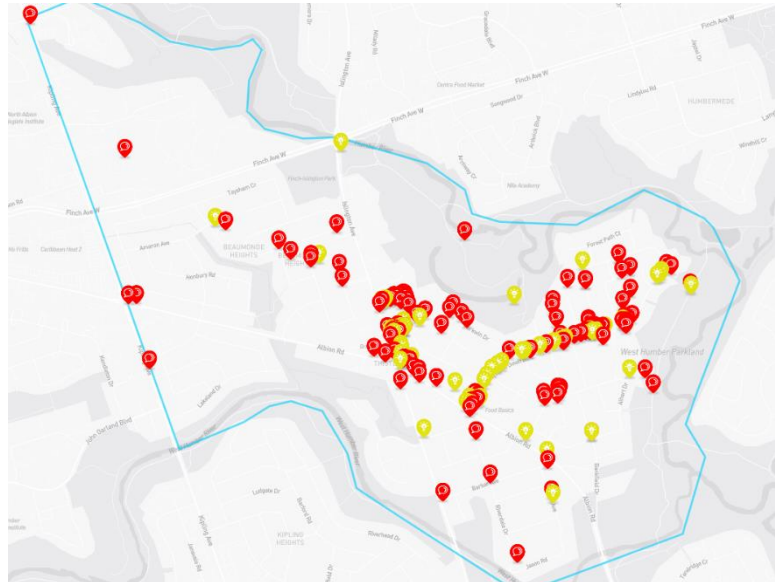
- Excessive speeding at several locations in the project area. Participants frequently mentioned speeding concerns on Thistle Down Boulevard, Bankfield Road, Barker Avenue, Riverdale Drive and Kipling Avenue; and requested installation of speed bumps, speed humps, four-way stop signs and better signages.
- Excessive non-local traffic resulting in speeding, congestion and safety issues on residential streets. Participants said there is a need for turn restrictions, signages to divert traffic and one-way conversions to manage non-local traffic on Calstock Drive, Riverdale Drive, Barker Drive, and other residential streets.
- Congestion and safety during school pick-up and drop-off times near schools. Participants highlighted the need to develop and enforce 'kiss and ride' zones near schools.
 - At Beaumonde Heights Junior Public School, participants requested for increased parking enforcement and an additional crossing guard at the intersection of Monterrey Drive and Amaron Drive.
 - At St. John Vianney Catholic School, non-compliance of turning and parking restrictions was highlighted as a cause for concern. Participants suggested installing better signage.

- Need for improved infrastructure for pedestrians and people cycling on several streets in the project area, including crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes and bike stands.
- Need for safety improvements on several streets and intersections to ensure safety for all road users, including pedestrians, people cycling and motor vehicles. Participants highlighted need for improved visibility, speed reduction measures, removing parking where it leads to congestions, and ensuring parking and stop-sign compliance.

Interactive Map and Survey

An online interactive map, hosted on Social Pinpoint, invited respondents to identify location-specific concerns or opportunities for transportation changes. Participation was anonymous, and optional demographic questions were included in an associated survey (see Appendix for Survey Participant Profile).

Comments received through the interactive map and survey are presented in this section.



Feedback markers on the online interactive map

Road Safety

Location	Comment Summary
Intersection of Thistle Down Boulevard and Albion Road	- Intersection congested and unsafe, non-compliance and mid-block crossing by pedestrians, including children
Intersection of Thistledown Boulevard and Alhart Drive	- Install a four-way stop. The bend is too close to the intersection, cars coming around the bend often miss the intersection, making it dangerous for pedestrians as well as motor vehicles
Thistle Down Boulevard (near St. John Vianney School)	- Illegal u-turns near the school, especially during pick up and drop off times. Install larger signs and barriers on the road. - Install stop signs and use Kiss and Ride drop-offs near the school
Intersection of Thistle Down Boulevard and Thistle Down Boulevard	- Install a stop sign, many cars do not come to a complete stop
Intersection of Thistle Down Boulevard and Albion Road	- Install a four-way stop sign, many cars do not come to a complete stop
Harlow Crescent	- Install speed cushions around the bend and through the intersection
Bridgenorth Crescent	- A school bus does pickups incorrectly on this street
Intersection of Albion Road and Islington Avenue	- The plaza driveway is too close to the intersection, causing chaos for incoming traffic - Northbound left turning vehicles block the intersection for vehicles turning left southbound

Location	Comment Summary
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Barkwin Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive speeding. Install speed reduction measures on Barkwin Drive - Intersection unsafe for both pedestrians and motor vehicles due to congestion and proximity to a major intersection
Wardlaw Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cars turning at the Wardlaw crescent often speed excessively - Low visibility for traffic when approaching this turn
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Wardlaw Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflicts between motor vehicles on Islington Avenue and people driving out of the plaza
Intersection of Monterrey Drive and Waltham Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-compliance of stop sign at the intersection
Intersection of Kipling Avenue and Albion Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns about pedestrians crossing at unmarked locations, excessive speeding, congestion and a large number of traffic lights - Re-introduce advance left turn for cars turning from Albion Road to go Southbound on Kipling Avenue
Intersection of Kipling Avenue and Rowntree Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visibility concerns -- it is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians crossing the road - Improve lighting at the crosswalk
Intersection of Bankfield Drive and Alhart Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install a four-way stop sign
Humber River Recreational Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motor vehicles on the trail cause safety concerns for pedestrians, pets and children.

Speed

Location	Comment Summary
Thistle Down Boulevard (near St. John Vianney School)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive speeding in front of St. John Vianney Catholic School, need for a four-way stop sign
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive speeding throughout, especially dangerous near bends and intersections - Install speed bumps and school crossing guards. Suggestions to not include speed enforcement cameras.
Intersection of Thistle Down Boulevard and Bridgenorth Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive speeding. - Need for a four-way stop, bend too close to the intersection.
Bridgenorth Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive speeding, especially on Bridgenorth Crescent near Kenhill Drive is a concern for pedestrians and children cycling. - Non-compliance with posted speed limits.
Gibson Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive speeding - Install speed reduction measures like speed bumps
Barker Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-local traffic causing congestion and excessive speeding - Install speed reduction measures like speed bumps - Restrict turning on Barker Avenue and making a one-way going east - Drivers ignore the four-way stop sign

Location	Comment Summary
Humber River Recreational Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive speeding by motorized vehicles accessing the trail leading to safety concerns for pedestrian and ecology.
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cars parked during pick up and drop off times near St. John Vianney School impede visibility and do not comply with u-turn and parking restrictions - Intersection of Thistle Down Boulevard and Albion Road is congested with vehicles waiting at the gas station, making it difficult for cars to take left turns. Suggestions to ensure driveway entrance is only accessible after the signal
Intersection of Wardlaw Crescent and Barkwin Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congestion makes driving and riding bikes unsafe
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Barkwin Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congestion is a major issue at the intersection, leading to safety issues for both motor vehicles and pedestrians - Participants said congestion is caused by parking at and near the plaza and proximity to a major intersection and a bus-stop - Suggestions included removing seating, removing parking, and closing off plaza entrance on Barkwin Drive
Beaumonde Heights Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cars parked during drop off and pick up times at Beaumonde Heights Junior Middle school cause congestion. Increase parking enforcement and install signage indicating parking rules - Develop a 'kiss and ride' zone near the school
Barker Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive non-local traffic from Albion Road on Barker Avenue and Riverdale Drive
Panorama Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congestion due to construction related vehicles
Kipling Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of bike lanes make it unsafe to travel towards Etobicoke North GO Station
Harlow Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missing sidewalks
Thistle Down Boulevard near Dashwood Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inadequate sidewalks
Intersection of Albion Road and Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add an advance left turn arrow for both north south directions. This intersection is at an odd angle, resulting in drivers making turns in front of vehicles
Intersection of Thistle Down Boulevard and Judhaven Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for a bigger, more visible crosswalk near the school, cars often miss the lights. Crosswalk lights not visible due to trees.
Albion Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for pedestrian safety measures, like a pedestrian crossing midblock between Thistle Down Boulevard and Islington Road. Many pedestrians cross unsafely midblock
Intersection of Wardlaw Crescent and Barkwin Drive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for speed reduction measures – speeding cars make it unsafe for children
Harlow Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missing sidewalks, leading to unsafe conditions for pedestrians. - Install speed reduction measures: speed cushions, speed bumps
Riverdale Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missing sidewalk

Location	Comment Summary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to improve pedestrian safety – introduce speed limits, better lighting and enforcement
Intersection of Calstock Drive and Allcroft Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedestrian safety concerns, including safety for children, due to parked and speeding vehicles - Restrict parking and introduce four-way stop signs
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Barkwin Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedestrians crossing at unmarked locations near the bus stop
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking near the intersection of Thistledown Boulevard and Alhart Drive causes visibility issues for people coming out of their driveways and blocks the intersection - Visibility also obstructed due to cars parked at the curve on Thistle Down Boulevard near Dashwood Crescent - Remove parking entirely and introduce more parking enforcement
Bridgenorth Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery trucks and residents parked by tenants at the corner (near Bridgenorth Crescent and Kenhill Drive) in middle of the lane, causing visibility concerns for oncoming traffic.
Albion Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking along the entire stretch due to businesses causes congestion and safety concerns - Vehicles block sidewalk near Albion Islington Medical Centre, interrupting pedestrians, people who cycle and people who use mobility devices
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Barkwin Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overflowing business parking leading to issues with visibility for pedestrians and with congestion
Intersection of Wardlaw Crescent and Barkwin Drive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install a no-parking sign
Wardlaw Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congestion issues due to parking on the street. Remove parking on this street
Intersection of Monterrey Drive and Beaumonde Heights drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motor vehicles parked illegally overnight, obstructing space and visibility for vehicles coming in from Islington Avenue to Beaumonde Heights Drive
Park Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce parking restrictions and increase enforcement
Riverdale Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive parking on the street
Judhaven Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cars parked on both sides of the street cause visibility concerns and cause inconvenience for drivers. Need for better enforcement.
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise concerns - Visibility issues due to overgrown trees and fence, at the intersection of Judhaven Road and Thistle Down Boulevard
Kenhill Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise concerns
Albion Garden Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add a splash pad and extend programming hours, safety and enforcement
Humber River Recreational Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety concerns due to conflict between trail users, need for increased patrolling and enforcement.

Public Drop-in Event

The in-person Public Drop-in Event was held on May 28, 2025, at Thistletown Community Centre. Attendees were able to view information panels and speak with members of the project team. Participant comments are summarized below:

Road Safety

Location	Comment Summary
Thistle Down Boulevard	- Excessive speeding. Some also had concerns about TTC busses speeding
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Barker Drive	- Newly installed stop lights at this intersection are working well. Install a right turn lane onto Islington Avenue to help with traffic backlog at the intersection
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Riverdale Drive	- Need for better signage directing vehicles to Islington Avenue
Bankfield Road	- Need for a four-way stop sign at Bankfield Road and Allhurst Drive
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Albion Road	- Lack of visibility at the intersection, specially while making right turns. - Add setbacks for west-south and east-south turns
Intersection of Alhurst Drive and Bankfield Road	- Non-compliance of stop signs
Monterrey Drive and Beaumonde Drive	- Non-compliance of stop signs

Speed

Location	Comment Summary
Calstock Drive	- Excessive speeding
Barker Drive	- Excessive speeding
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Riverdale Drive	- Excessive speeding - Need for better signage directing non-local traffic to Islington Avenue
Alhurst Drive	- Excessive speeding
Bankfield Road	- Excessive speeding - Need for speed enforcement measures
Jason Road	- Excessive speeding
Thistle Down Boulevard	- Excessive speeding - Introduce speed restriction measures like speed humps or speed camera

Volume

Location	Comment Summary
Calstock Drive	- Excessive non-local traffic
Riverdale Drive	- Excessive non-local traffic

Location	Comment Summary
Barker Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive non-local traffic on Barker Drive and Riverdale Drive from vehicles going south - Convert Barker Drive to one way with parking on one side, westbound. Some suggested introducing turn restrictions during specific times

Cycling

Location	Comment Summary
Albion Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install a Bike Share station and bike parking at the 90 Albion Road Plaza
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Albion Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for cycling facilities

Pedestrians

Location	Comment Summary
Bankfield Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missing sidewalks - Need for pedestrian safety measures and enhanced accessibility for older adults
Intersection of Islington Avenue and Humber River West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for proper connections for people cycling and pedestrians. - Existing crosswalk signals are not working adequately
Jason Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missing sidewalks

Public Transit

Location	Comment Summary
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise and safety concerns due to TTC busses at night

Parking

Location	Comment Summary
Batawa Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking blocks the road, specially during winters

Other

Location	Comment Summary
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand TTC Route 118 to include southern part of Thistle Down Boulevard
Intersection of Allhurst Drive and Bankfield Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visibility concerns for vehicles due to overgrown vegetation

Interest Group Feedback

The comments received through one-on-one meetings with community interest groups are summarized below:

Road Safety

Location	Comment Summary
Amaron Avenue and Monterrey Drive	- Need for stop signs at this location
Thistle Down Boulevard (near St. John Vianney School)	- Vehicles often do not comply with turning restrictions, making dangerous u-turns specially during pick up and drop off times - Need for more signage and enforcement
Rowntree Road	- Midblock crossing by pedestrians near North Kipling Community Centre

Speed

Location	Comment Summary
Monterrey Drive	- Excessive speeding
Intersection of Monterrey Drive and Islington Avenue	- Excessive speeding. Speeding vehicles make it unsafe for children walking to school even with the crossing guard present
Kipling Avenue	- Excessive speeding. Need for speed reduction measures to make the road safer for pedestrians, including children
Thistle Down Boulevard	- Need for speed reduction measures throughout the road, especially near St. John Vianney Catholic School

Volume

Location	Comment Summary
Kipling Avenue	- Congestion concerns near St. Andrew Catholic School, especially during school pick up and drop off times

Cycling

Location	Comment Summary
Kipling Avenue	- Bike paths near North Albion Collegiate are helpful for students who cycle to school and well used

Pedestrians

Location	Comment Summary
Amaron Avenue and Monterrey Drive	- Need for a crosswalk on both sides of the street and additional crossing guard to ensure safety for students at Beaumonde Heights Junior Public School
Albion Road	- Pedestrian often cross unsafely midblock. Install a pedestrian crossing midblock

Location	Comment Summary
Intersection of Albion Road and Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signal timing is inadequate for seniors who walk slower or have other accessibility requirements

Parking

Location	Comment Summary
Monterrey Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This location is unsafe for loading school busses due to congestion, especially at drop-off and pick-up times - Non-compliance of parking restrictions

Additional Feedback

The comments received at the pop-up events and through phone and email are summarized by theme below:

Road Safety

Location	Comment Summary
Intersection of Albion Road and Islington Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for road safety improvements - Allow only left turn westbound on Albion Road and install signage indicating no right turn
Intersection of Alhart Drive and Bridgenorth Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install a four-way stop sign. Road safety concern for children crossing to get to school
Near St. John Vianney Catholic School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for a safer and more organized pick-up and drop-off area

Speed

Location	Comment Summary
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed restriction measures are necessary. Need to ensure that the speed cushions or speed bumps are designed considering the needs of residents who take the road frequently - A few residents did not support installing speed bumps, chicanes or lane narrowing measures - Speed reduction and speed cameras may not work well for the neighbourhood

Volume

Location	Comment Summary
Kipling Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excessive congestion on Kipling Avenue, specifically near St. Andrew Catholic School

Pedestrians

Location	Comment Summary
Albion Road (midblock between Thistle Down Boulevard and Islington Road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install a crosswalk or other pedestrian safety measure, since many cross the road midblock

Parking

Location	Comment Summary
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove parking on one side of the street (along the bus route) and allow for visitor parking on the other side where possible

Other

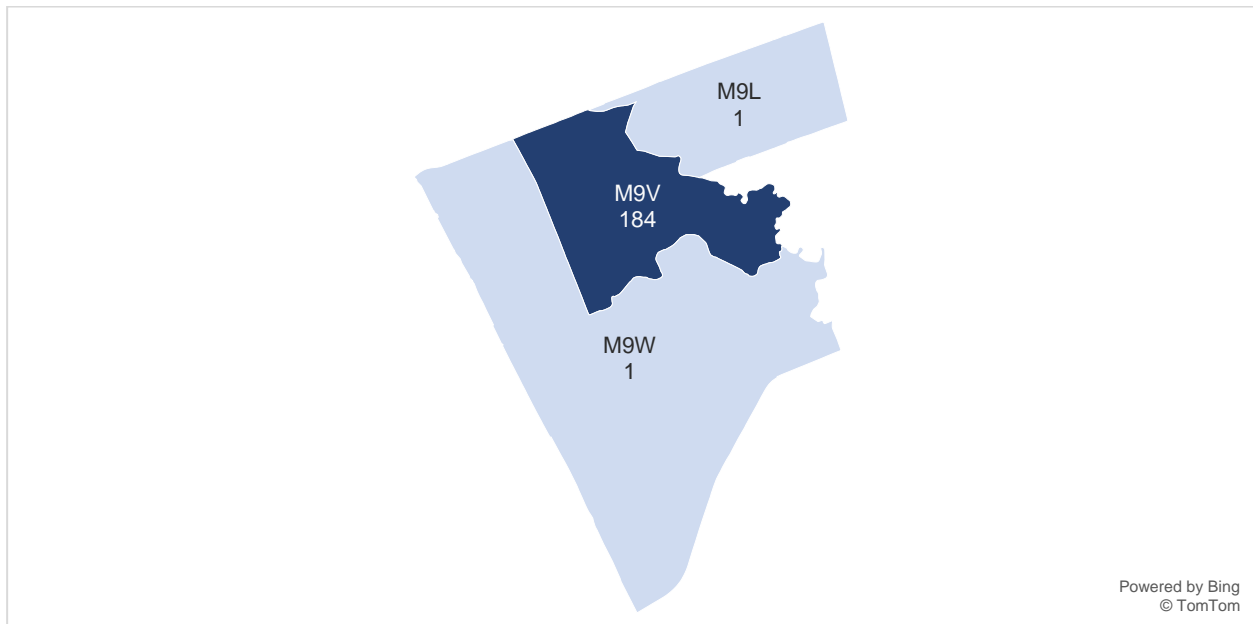
Location	Comment Summary
Thistle Down Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Noise concerns- Install more lighting on the street
Wardlaw Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concerns about the new development on 7-9 Wardlaw Crescent

Appendices

Appendix A: Survey Participant Profile

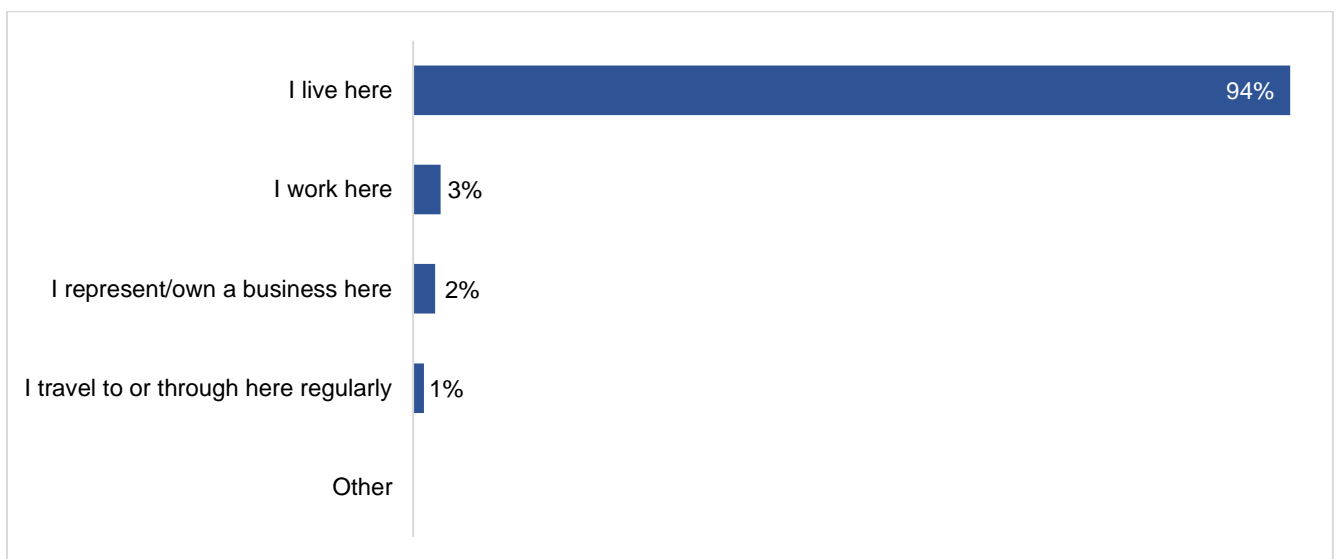
Postal Code | n (total number of responses) =186

A total of 186 responses were received for the following optional demographic question below. All responses came from respondents who provided postal codes from the project area, with 99% from M9V postal code.



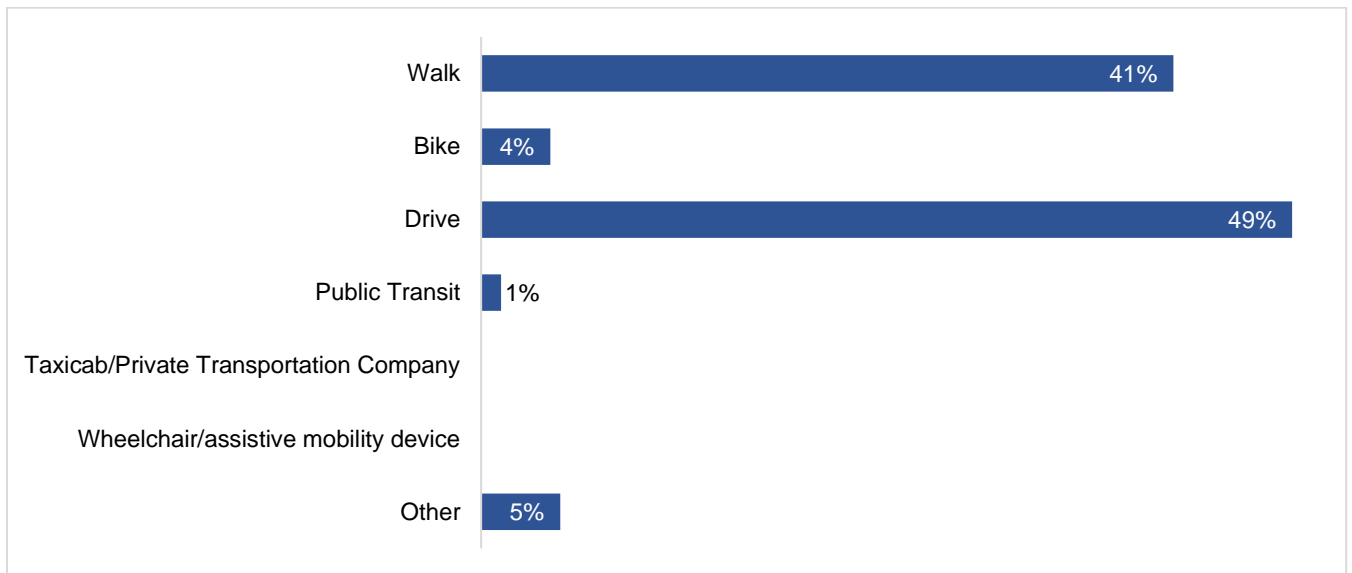
Relationship to the Project Area | n= 160

160 responses were received for this question. 94% were from respondents who lived in the project area, 3% who worked in the project area and 2% from those who represent/own a business in the project area.



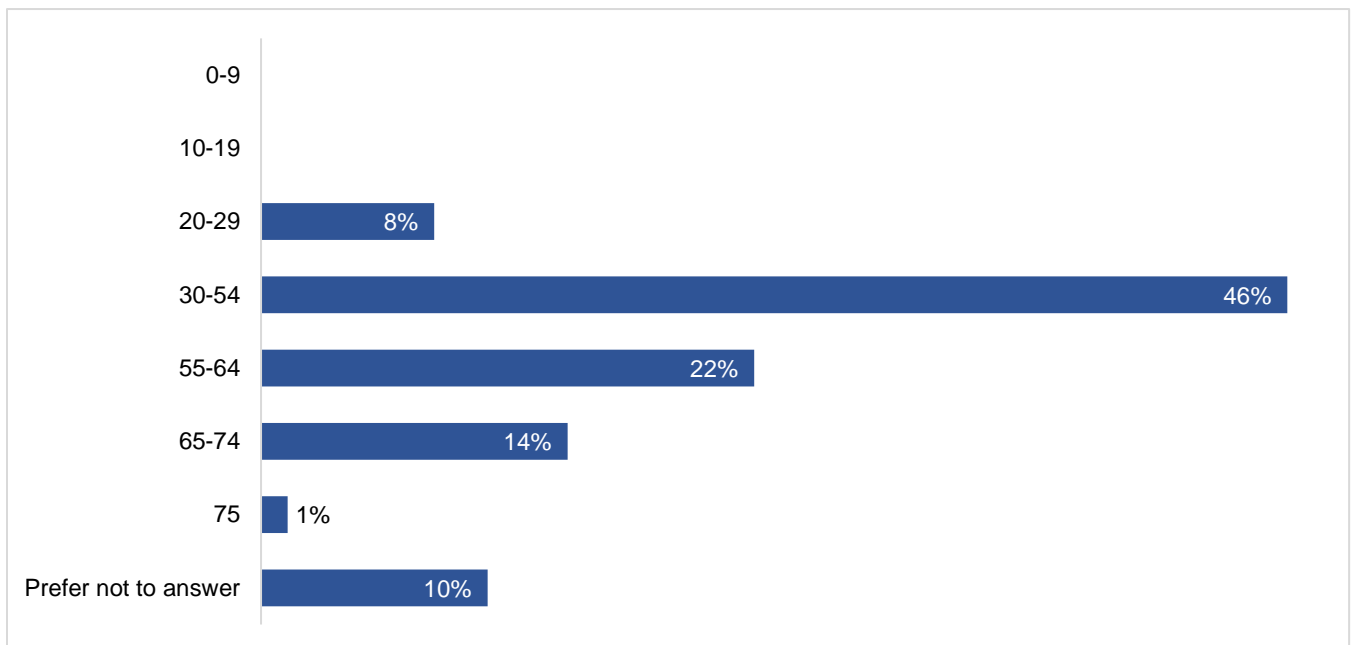
Typical Ways of Travelling In/Near the Project Area | n=169

Of the 169 responses received for this question, almost half, 49%, were from respondents who drive in the project area, followed by 41% who walk in the project area. 4% came from those who bike and 1% who use public transit.



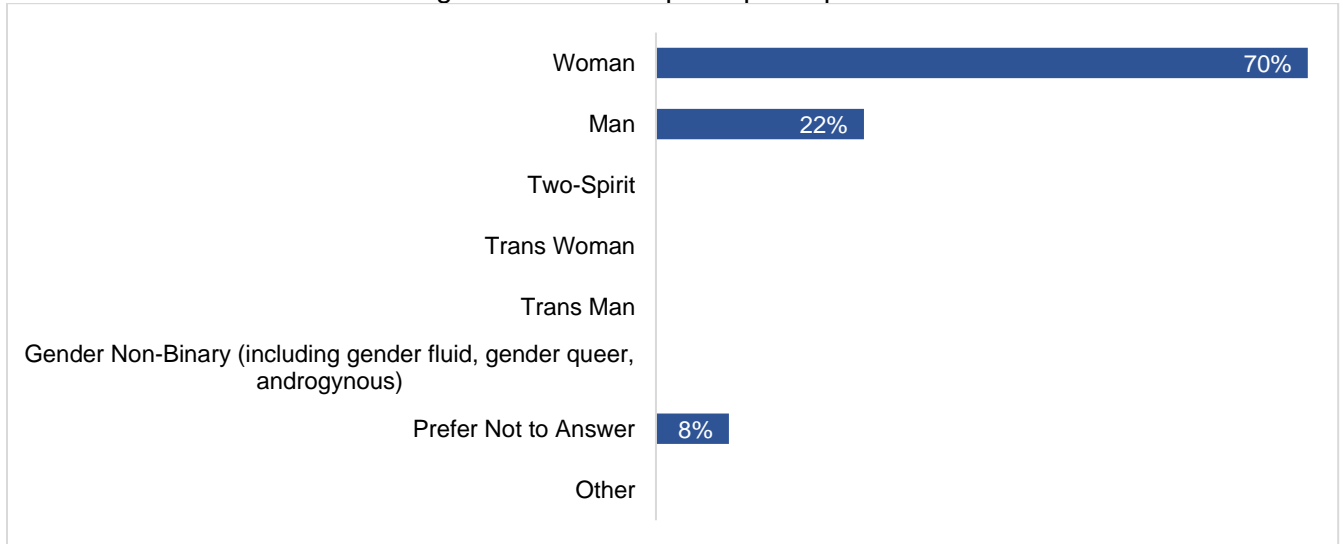
Age | n=169

Close to half, 68% of the responses came from respondents who identified as being 30-64 years old, 17% of the respondents identified as being over 65 and 8% as being 20–29 years old.



Gender | n=166

70% of the 166 responses came from respondents who identified as being women and 22% from those who identified as being men. 8% of the participants preferred not to answer.



Point of Engagement | n = 166

Over half of the respondents heard about the project through notices received in mail, 23% from friends, family or neighbours and 7% from either lawn signages in the project area or through the local Councillor.

