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# STEP FORWARD FOR WALES

**A Wales where everyone can walk and wheel – what can the Senedd do?**

## WHERE WE'RE AT...

The people of Wales are fed up with more and more traffic, neglected pavements, inconsiderate driver behaviour and dangerous streets at night. We deserve better.

We surveyed our supporters and the message is clear – safer, cleaner and better streets would change lives:



Improving health



Combatting social isolation



Increasing safety



Pavement parking is a massive issue for us. My father has limited mobility and impaired eyesight, so it's a big detriment to his confidence and ability to move around.



61%

people said the 20mph speed limit has made a difference, but many say it needs to be better enforced.



As a blind pedestrian, I generally feel that I'm the one who has to accommodate drivers.



Everyone deserves to be able to walk and wheel safely around their neighbourhood.

Unsafe walking routes, poor driver behaviour and pavement parking are the biggest things that stop people walking and wheeling in their area, according to our supporters.

Some fixes are easy, some will take more time. But the next Welsh Government can make a real difference to our streets.



THIS IS HOW



### 1 GET CARS OFF OUR PAVEMENTS

90% of our supporters are concerned about pavement parking.

Disabled people, parents with buggies and older people are pushed into the road every day. Cars parked on pavements even stops some people leaving their homes.



Introduce a nationwide ban on pavement parking, like in Scotland.



### 2 FIX OUR PAVEMENTS

Uneven, cracked pavements make walking impossible for some people. Falls cost the NHS millions of pounds. We can fix this.



Give pavements at least the same priority as roads for maintenance and gritting.



### 3 MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE SAFE WALKING TO SCHOOL

Congested school gates, cars on pavements, rubbish crossings put families off walking to school.

Only

**49%** children walk to school in Wales.



Walking or wheeling to school boosts mood and gets kids active. The best start to the day!



Implement School Streets across Wales.

Slow speeds in our neighbourhoods. Make sure that crossings work and are where we want them.

### 4 TACKLE INCONSIDERATE DRIVERS AND RIDERS

Drink drivers, drivers on their phones and speeders are a danger to people walking.

People riding illegal e-scooters and cycling on the pavement make it scary for people to walk and wheel.



Work with UK government to increase sentences for dangerous driving and ensure poor drivers are fined.

Introduce clear legislation around shared e-bikes and e-scooters.



### 5 IMPROVE OUR HIGH STREETS

In Wales, two-thirds of people are deterred from visiting town centres due to closed facilities, like public toilets.

**41%** disabled people consider UK streets to be inaccessible.

When high streets are walkable, they benefit from increased footfall, increased time spent and more money exchanged.



Invest in the Transforming Towns programme and empower local authorities and communities to shape change to regenerate their economies.

Integrate improved and safe walking and wheeling routes in public transport planning.

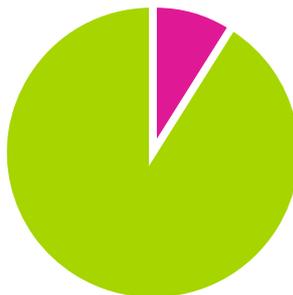


### AND FINALLY...

Everyone is a pedestrian at some point.

So, investing 10% of the transport budget on walking, wheeling and cycling is a no brainer.

And by investing in better streets for all, there will be longer term savings due to a reduction in casualties, better health and increased wellbeing.



### WALK WITH US



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