

# Spaces for People programme evaluation

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# Spaces for People delivered:



**373 speed limit reductions**



Inverness, Ewen Weatherspoon

**105km cycle lanes & upgrades**



North Berwick, Neil Hanna

**41km pavement widening**



Dundee, Paul Reid

**83 streets closed to motorised vehicles**

# Types of measures suggested by the public:

## Top three barriers to physical distancing when walking, wheeling and cycling



**36%** Speed of traffic



**35%** Amount of traffic



**34%** Width of pavement

## Top three aids to physical distancing when walking, wheeling and cycling



**29%** Extend pavement



**28%** Add cycle lane



**27%** Reduce vehicle speeds

# Spaces for People aimed to:

1. Protect **public health** through the provision of temporary infrastructure for walking, wheeling and cycling
2. Increase provision of infrastructure that supports safe active travel for **essential journeys**
3. Demonstrate that **rapid delivery** of infrastructure for walking, wheeling and cycling is possible
4. Support the case for **permanent** infrastructure for walking, wheeling and cycling.



# Evaluation methods:

Counts of users

Public perception surveys

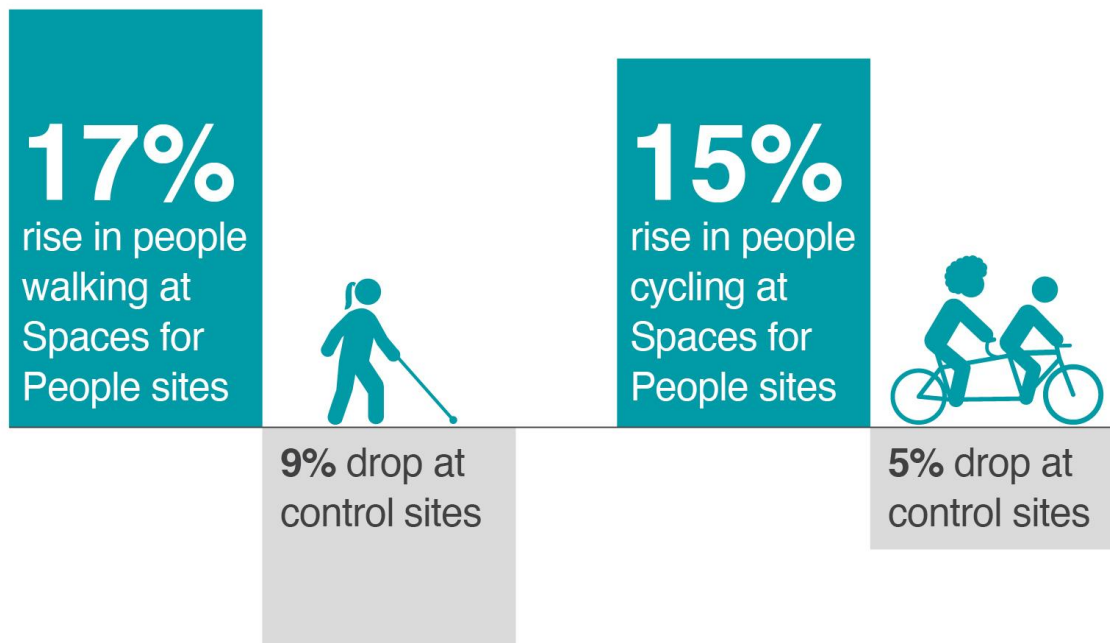
Vehicle speed data

Video interaction footage

Spatial analysis

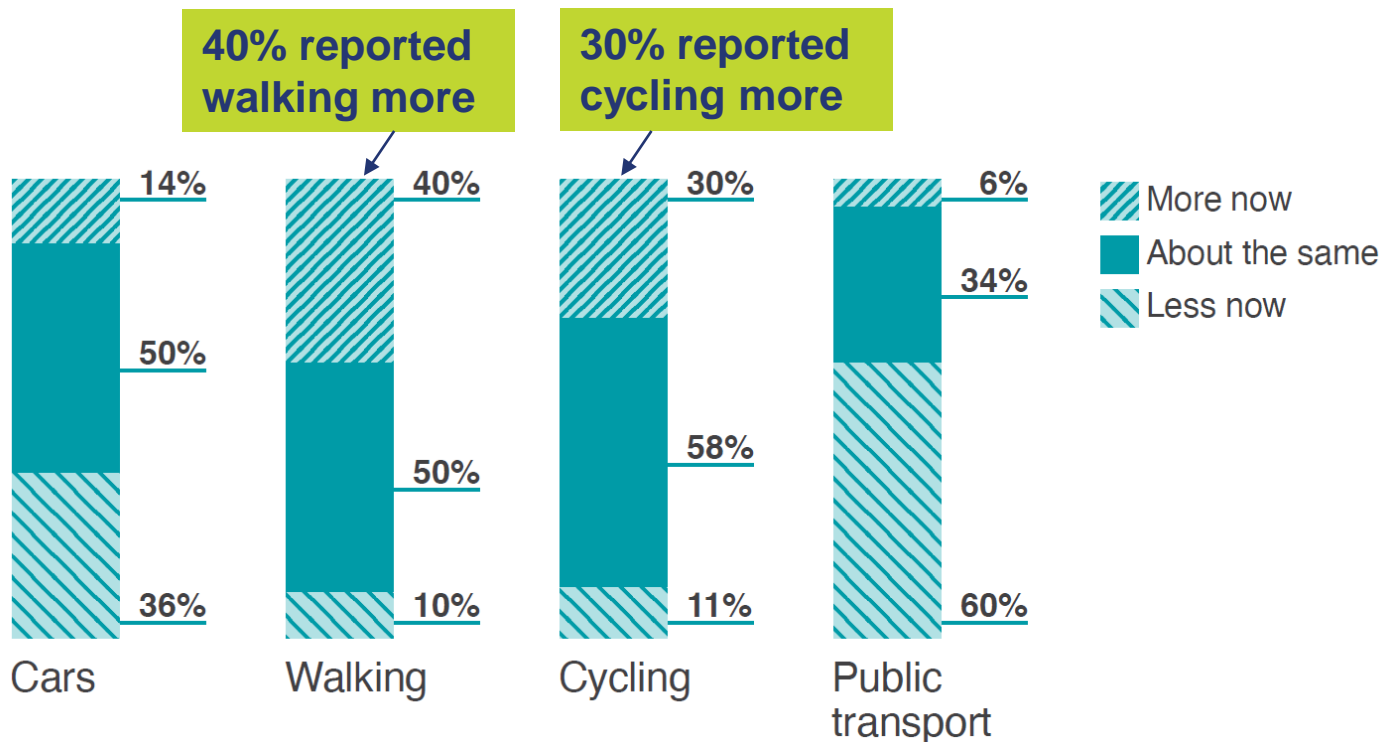


# Difference in walking and cycling levels before and after Spaces for People

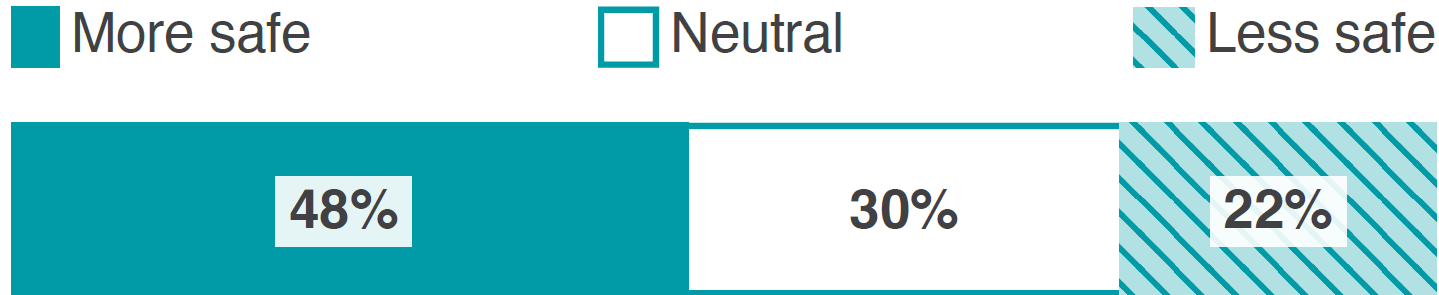




# Reported change in transport use

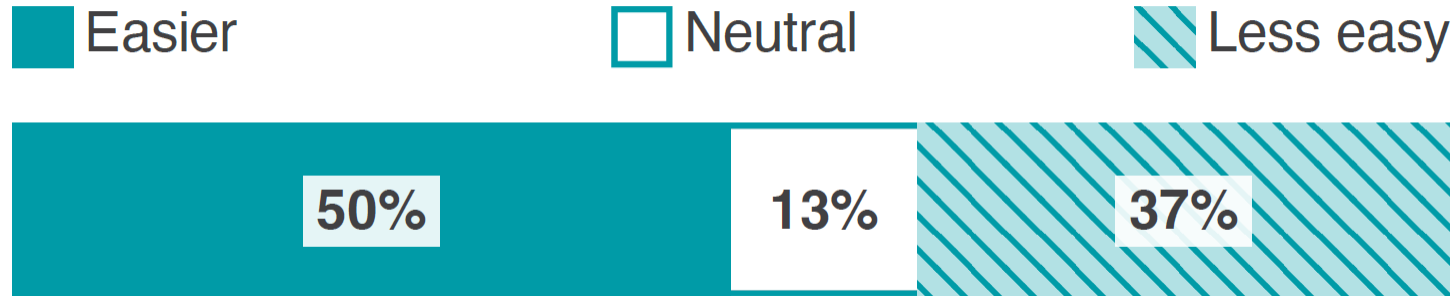


## Did the measures help people feel safer?

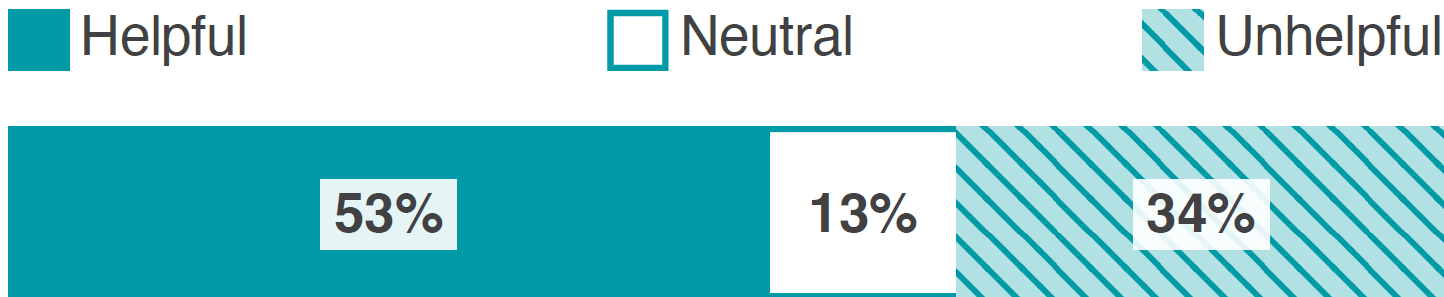




# Did the measures make it easier to physically distance?



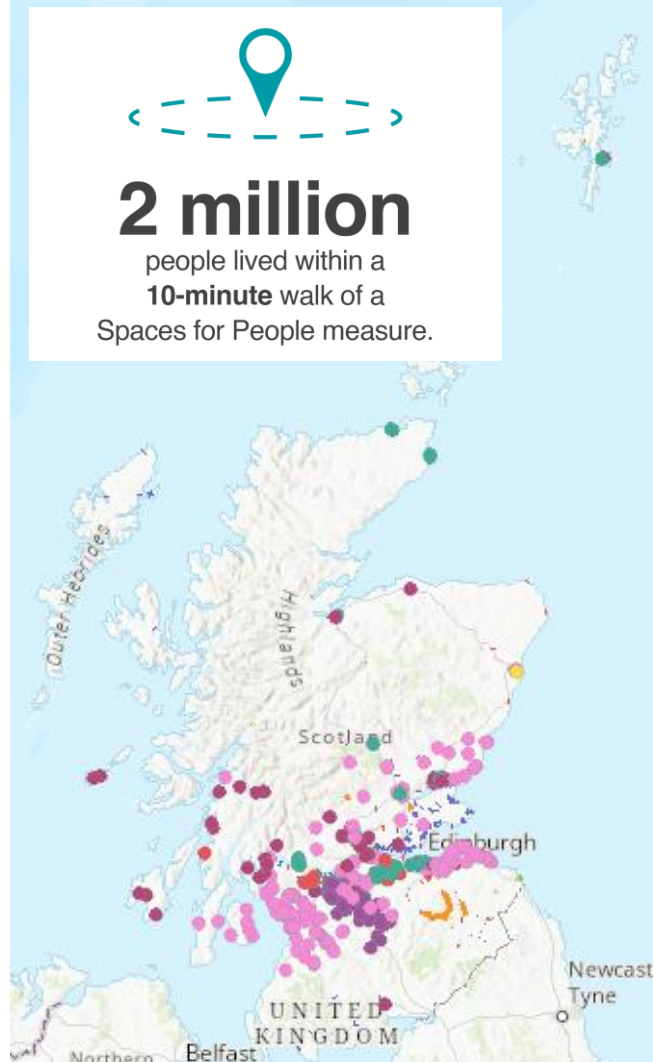
# How helpful were the measures when making essential journeys?



# Spaces for People for essential journeys

Located within a ten-minute walk of a Spaces for People measure:

- Over 1,300 supermarkets (43%)
- Over 400 GP surgeries (45%)
- Over 400 pharmacies (50%)
- Over 800 schools (32%)
- Close to 5000 greenspaces (29%)



# Vehicle speeds



## 3.35 mph

decrease in average speed  
after speed restrictions  
were introduced.

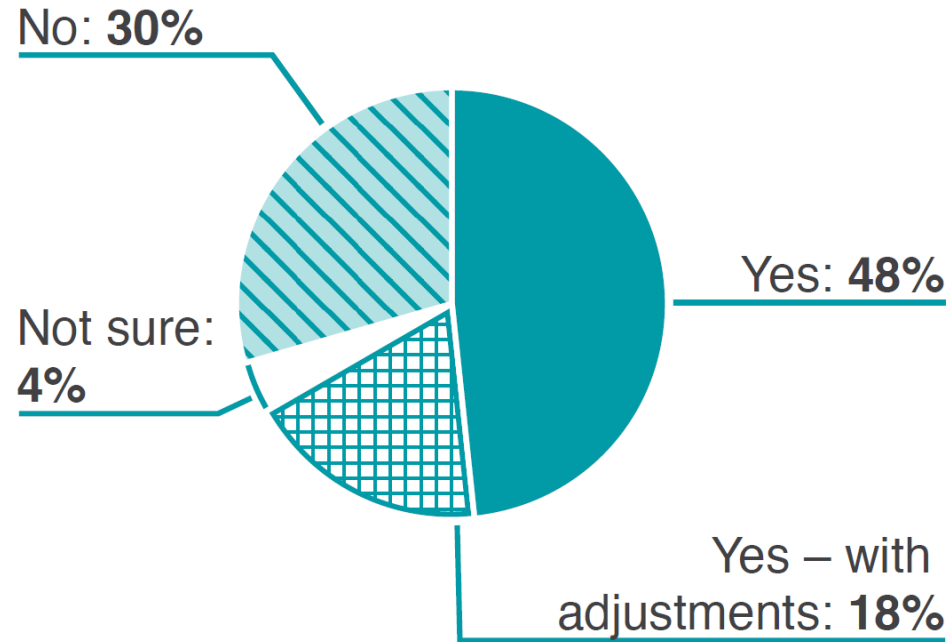
**Average speeds decreased from  
25.8mph to 22.5mph**



# Rapid delivery

	3 months		6 months		12 months	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Interventions installed	258	20%	459 (+201)	35% (+15%)	1,015 (+556)	78% (+43%)
Partners with at least one intervention installed	23	70%	27	82%	30	91%

# Should the measures be made permanent?



**61%**

of interventions planned  
to be kept after the  
COVID-19 period.

# Thank you!

Overall:

- A lot of infrastructure went down quickly
- Infrastructure was in close proximity to a large number of Scotland's essential services
- People used the measures

## Questions?



Clackmannanshire, Julie Howden



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