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Monnow Street Project – Report of Consultation Appendices

Workshop Notes

Leadership Academy – Monmouth Comprehensive School

Social Circles Group – Bridges Centre

March 2023

Monnow Street Design Proposal

Monmouth Comprehensive School

Leadership Academy Workshop

8-50am Wednesday, 8th March 2023

Purpose

The workshop was held with the school's Leadership Academy which comprised 25 young people from across the school Years 7-11. The lead Regeneration Officer for Monmouth supported by Chris Jones of the Roberts Limbrick design team who gave a short presentation on the background off the Monnow Street design proposal, before seeking their views on current experiences and the proposed design.

How Pupils Rate the Existing Monnow Street

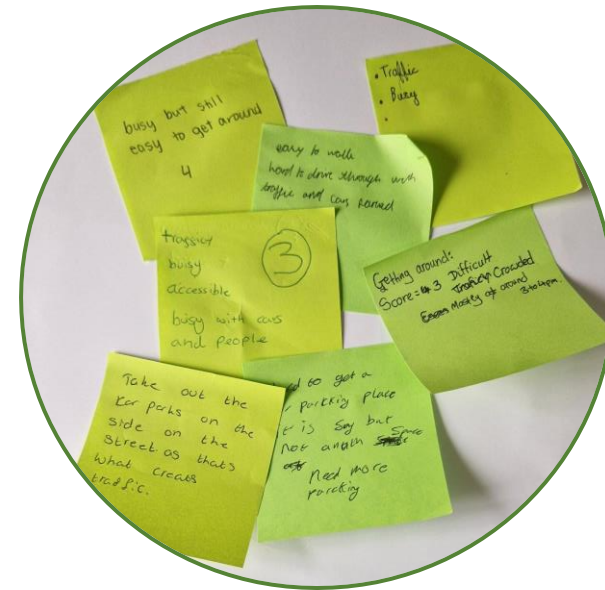
The young people were asked to rate each of the six criteria by volunteering their own thoughts and experiences and by placing a sticky dot on a simple spider chart that had a rating of 0 to 5.

Getting Around

This scored 3.5 out of 5.

These are the comments from the young people:

- Busy but still easy to get around
- Lots of traffic
- Bloomin traffic!



- Easy walking
- Easy, lots of pathways but traffic
- Its accessible but lots of traffic and very busy
- Getting around is fluid and easy
- It gets quite narrow at the top
- Easy to walk but hard to drive through with traffic and cars parked
- Busy but easy to walk
- Busy with cars and people
- Traffic is busy
- Challenging for some people
- Its busy on weekends

- The large pots are obstacles
- Easy, alright, busy, traffic
- Traffic and busy
- Difficult mostly around 3pm to 4pm
- Bust but if its wasn't it would feel empty and very quiet
- Hard to get a parking space - need more parking
- Take out the car parks on the side of the street as this is what creates the traffic
- Not a lot of space to park
- Nice place but busy with cars
- Traffic – busy, accessible
- Busy with cars and people
- Easy
- Difficult, slow, hectic, often busy
- Easy to navigate

A Place to Meet

This scored 2 out of 5.

These are the comments from the young people:

- Happy to meet mates but gets boring easily
- Not enough seating in the town
- Not enough seating but easy to meet up
- Not many places to hang around with friends
- Bottom of town by the bridges is a good place to meet – good and easy

- Its safe to sit in the seating area
- I meet at friends house and walk in
- The arcade at the top end of town needs to go, otherwise perfect
- Easy to meet people
- Some of the seats ae ruined
- Need covered seating
- Not a lot of places to meet up with others
- Plenty of space to sit
- The benches should be in the middle of the pavement
- Chippie fields is a good place to meet – it's a half-way point

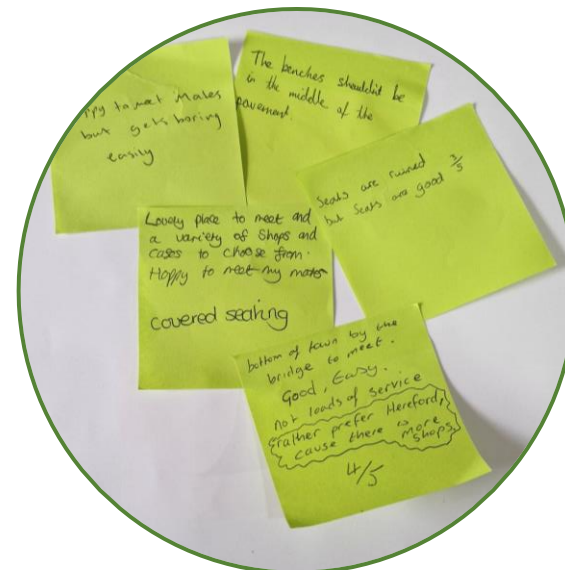
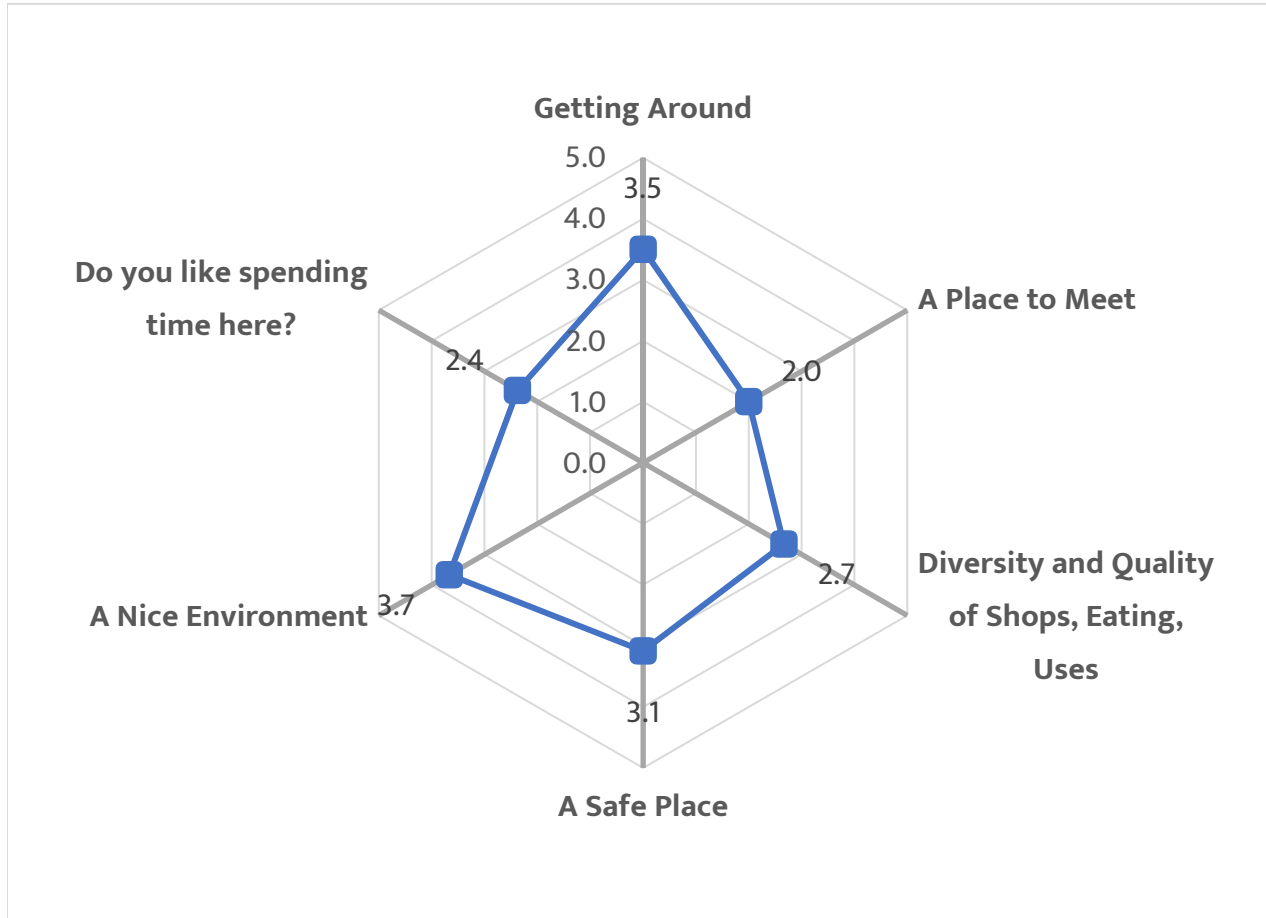


Figure 1 - How Pupils Rate the Existing Monnow Street



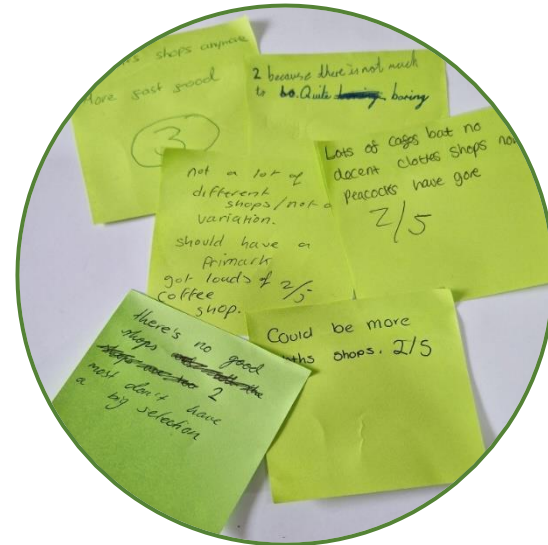
Source: Leadership Academy Monmouth Comprehensive School

Diversity and Quality of Shops, Eating, Uses

This scored 2.7 out of 5.

These are the comments from the young people:

- Rather Hereford because there are more shops
- Very good because there is lots of choice for food
- No good shops – costa, Superdrug and Greggs are good
- Not many good shops to go into
- Chip shops are great
- Good variety of shops and cafes to choose from
- Arcade shouldn't be there
- Nothing to do
- Bit boring now
- Lots of food, pubs, cafes but no clothing shops or things to do
- Lots of variety from shops also a Greggs
- No clothes shops or quick food
- It has everything you need – coffee shops, spoons and chip shops
- Get loads of coffee shops
- Lots of cafes but no decent clothes shop now Peacocks has gone
- More clothes shops
- The shops are nice though the street are covered in litter
- Not a lot of different shops – not a variation



- Should have a Primark
- Quite boring
- Not bad places to go to
- Not a lot of cafes
- Too many supermarkets
- Not a lot of places to eat such as restaurants
- Like adventure shop
- Hardly any clothes shops
- More fast food
- Its too expensive
- Missing clothes for young people
- We need nice places to go to eat
- No clothes shops

- Could be more clothes shops
- No clothes shops
- More fast food
- There's no good shops – most don't have a big selection
- Diverse, covers all basic needs
- Plenty of eating out opportunities
- More leisure shopping
- Lack of a tourist attraction for young people
- No clothes shops but does the town need it?
- Food is very good in terms of diversity and quality
- Food is diverse
- More clothing shops
- Realistically there is nothing in Monmouth – some core shops are needed like Primark, Subway, Starbucks, but we need better quality cafes
- More stuff is needed
- I am not a big shopper so not that engaged but lots of food choices

A Safe Place

This scored 3.1 out of 5.

These are the comments from the young people:

- Lot of cars
- Sense there is no police
- Suss alleyways

- We need more CCTV
- We need a graffiti wall

Do You Like Spending Time Here?

This scored 2.4 out of 5.

These are the comments from the young people:

- It's a bit boring
- Prefer it in Usk where I live
- Tend to visit Hereford and Abergavenny more

A Nice Environment

This scored 3.7 out of 5.

These are the comments from the young people:

- More flowers
- More greenery
- Planters were put in a rush
- Litter
- Damaged pavements
- Need bins near Fish and Chip bar

How Pupils Rate the Proposed Street Design

The proposed street design was shared in the form a large plan with the lead Regeneration officer for Monmouth supported by Chris Jones of the Roberts Limbrick design team indicating the main design principles. Copies of the feedback survey were handed out, completed and returned.

Social Circles Group

Bridges Centre

Monmouth

10-30am, Tuesday 7th March 2023

Workshop Note

A discussion was held with approximately 20 members of the Social Circles group held at the Bridges Centre in Monmouth. The group was a mix of volunteers and members of the group.

The lead Regeneration officer for Monmouth supported by Chris Jones of the Roberts Limbrick design team shared with the group the exhibition panels for the Monnow Street design with a number of questions raised during the session.

- Q. On Monday this week, two lorries were unloading on opposite sides of the road, slightly apart but caused absolute chaos.
- A. The design proposes an additional 4 no. loading bays in the street, providing a total of 6 which will take the majority of delivery vehicles off the carriageway. The design has been checked and will accommodate two large lorries passing side by side with a 6.3 metres carriageway proposed.

- Q. The existing gullies in the footways are a trip hazard when your balance is not as good as it was.
- A. If the design was approved these gullies would be removed and flat surfaced slot drains would be used across the scheme that would provide a minimised trip hazard and more of a comfortable journey for people in wheelchairs and for those using prams and walkers.

- Q. Jay walking is a problem in the road.
- A. The proposed design would introduce additional courtesy crossings with zebra crossing (no Belisha beacons) up the street to direct people to crossing points as well as the retention of the light controlled crossing.

- Q. Parking for disabled.
- A. 6 disabled spaces are to be provided at locations to be agreed. Discussion about whether these need to be on the edges, in the middle and close to places such as pharmacies, the hearing centre and the doctors surgery needs further development.

Q. Trip-hazards

A. The design is aiming to declutter and remove trip-hazards across the existing street such as additional posts, signage, street cabinets, and other items.

Q. Pots on pavements

A. These are to be removed as they were temporary features during the pandemic period. Further updates to follow.

Q. Seating

A. Additional seating that will be accessible to all will either be integrated into walling and landscaping or freestanding at key places down the street.

Q. Don't want trees, we want parking, pavements are disgusting – trees should be alongside the river.

A. The proposed trees bring amenity value to the street, in addition to absorbing water during heavy rainfall, thereby reducing pooling of water in the footways. Trees also provide shade from the sun. The pavements will be replaced with a new material with an opportunity to improve the levels, where we can.

Q. The top of town is blocked where it is too narrow (the pinch point)

A. This is not within the scheme area covers but it is being considered specifically a courtesy arrangement for priority cars and whether the junction with Agincourt Street needs a hatched box to prevent vehicles blocking the right hand turn from Monnow Street.

Q. Top of town is narrow and dangerous.

A. See above response.

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Copies of the feedback survey were handed out, and those that were completed were collected the following day and entered online.