

## APPENDIX C

### Summary of responses to consultation “Travel to school in Nottinghamshire; a school travel pathfinder scheme”

The following comments were those most commonly found in replies received;

#### **A Nottinghamshire Sustainable Travel Strategy 2007 -2011**

A good document  
Yes to improving behaviour on buses  
Agree we need safer areas around schools  
Yes to encouraging people to walk and cycle

#### **B Proposal to bid to become a School travel Pathfinder Authority**

##### **1(a) Further measures to improve safety and behaviour on school transport**

No more CCTV, it's intrusive.  
Adult supervision is required  
Bring back school bus inspectors  
Use citizenship topic to promote good behaviour  
Are bully's prosecuted?  
Introduce no parking zones near schools

##### **1(b) Greater promotion of bus travel, cycling and walking amongst young people**

Introduce more/better cycle lanes to schools  
Improve footways/pavements especially in rural areas  
Too many busy roads to cross  
Not safe for my child to walk  
More school crossing patrols  
Install secure lockable cycle lockers at schools  
Up to parents to promote /encourage walking  
Better quality buses (seatbelts) are required  
Introduce walking buses to schools

##### **1(c) Improved co-ordination of education and transport to allow additional and more flexible travel arrangements**

Improve services in rural areas to offer greater choice of options  
Would use the bus if there was one to use  
Our catchment school is miles away. What choice do I have?

##### **1(d) Charging for some pupils who currently receive free travel MAY be introduced. Under the scheme children and young people may purchase a**

*subsidised annual pass to travel to and from school on a school bus (up to £250 for primary age pupils; up to £300 for secondary age pupils).*

This proposal is discriminatory

It will be cheaper for me to take my children to school by car

£250/300 too much, I have three children using school transport – this would be unaffordable

Charging will hit low income families hardest

Charging must be means tested

Free travel for all school journeys should be an entitlement

School is legal obligation. Why should I pay?

An instalment payment scheme is required

Charge those who opt for denominational or preferred school not their catchment school

A consequence of this proposal will be to force more traffic on to the roads

This policy will encourage car use / discourage use of school transport

Requires policy document to show clearly what criteria is applied to each individual case – who would be exempt?

I would be happy to pay if the service improves

No objection to charging in principle, but the figures quoted seem too high

**1(e)** *A half fare travel scheme would be introduced for all children and young people (11-19 years) in full time education, available for use on buses and trams across Nottinghamshire. This may be used at most times of the day and evening including weekends and school holidays. Depending on the Pathfinder funding available, this may be phased in across the age range over the period 2009-2012.*

Good idea

Will work well especially with after school activity

Will promote independence amongst young

Great to have a card to use at weekends

### **General comments**

These are a selection of some of the comments which do not fall into any particular area

More information about the proposals required

Consultation document should have included a post paid envelope

Consultation is a waste of time – the outcome is already decided

Yet another tax increase / Just another money saving exercise

Concern re availability of transport in rural areas

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