

Project: Active Travel Street Audits

Location: Various towns across Dumfries and Galloway

Date: 2017 - 2019

Client/ Partners

Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Project type

Item of Interest

Urban all abilities active travel. Community audits. Partnership working.

Project Content

TP&E were commissioned to undertake street audits of fifteen towns across Dumfries and Galloway over two separate commissions. The key ambitions of the study were to improve the walking and cycling experience for all and utilise active travel developments as a key consideration of regeneration schemes to support the economy through day-trippers and active tourism.

Three of the fifteen audit locations were to be undertaken in co-ordination with the community, TP&E partnered with Living Streets to undertake the community audits in Dumfries and Stranraer. Together we engaged with primary schools and parents, business improvement districts, the NHS, business owners, disability groups and community councils.

Through adopting a community led approach, we asked members of the public to audit their own streets supported by our team of professionals – particularly valuable as the people who use the streets everyday are certainly best placed to tell us all what is important and problematic to them!

TP&E champions accessibility for all, and challenges misconceptions that active travel is for the fit and healthy. To incorporate this approach to the audits we utilised TfL's Healthy Street tool and adapted for each community.

Access should be for all and with many people utilising bikes or scooters as mobility aids, it is perhaps even more important that our streets are accessible for anyone of reduced mobility to assist in maintaining personal independence.



Outcomes

2018: 9 Street Audits, 1 Community Street Audit engaging 20 members of the community.

2019: 3 Street Audits, 2 Community Street Audits engaging 30 members of the community.

The study produced an audit report of each town, discussing the current conditions which support and deflect from the towns' active travel potential and providing a prioritised and costed list of recommendations which relate to Dumfries and Galloway's Active Travel Strategy.

Outcomes from the reports have informed targeted project development within the council across active travel and regeneration teams.



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