

Streets as Shared Spaces Trial

Darby Street, Cooks Hill

Six-month trial from:
29 September 2022 to 28 February 2023



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Overall sentiment

Base: All respondents (N=275)

69% agree that changes made for the Darby Street Trial are *positive overall*

59% agree that the trial has *improved pedestrian and cyclist safety* on Darby Street

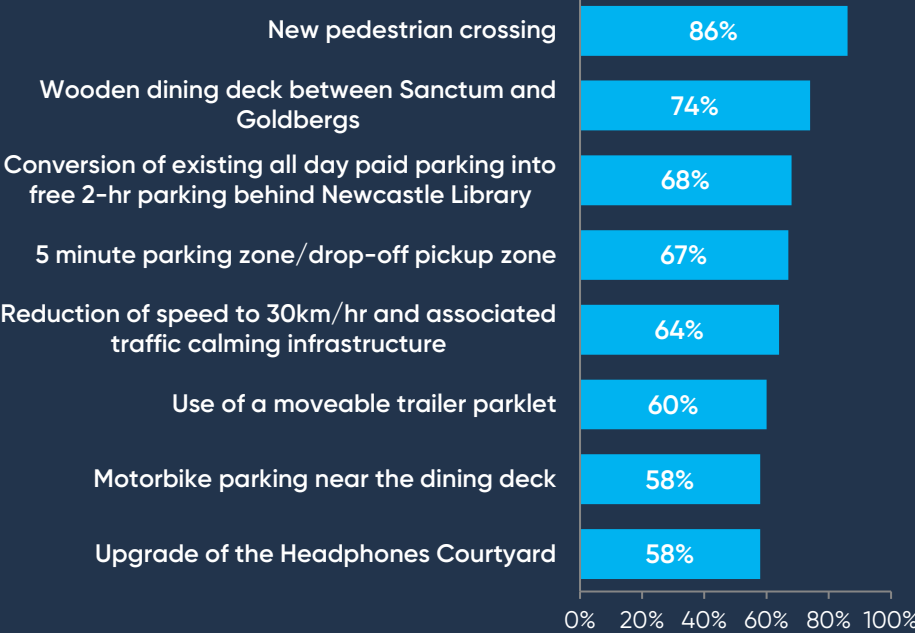
Positive changes

Respondents were asked whether they agreed that specific aspects of the trial infrastructure were a *positive change* for Darby Street.



The pedestrian crossing, dining deck, conversion of parking spaces and pick up/drop off zones were seen as the *most positive* aspects of the trial.

Agreement – Yes %



*Note: Base sizes vary. Percentages are based on those who were aware of each aspect.

Retention of infrastructure

Respondents were asked whether they would like to see the wooden dining deck and the associated traffic calming devices remain (30km/hr speed limit, speed cushions, concrete entry islands) remain in place.

69% want to see the wooden dining deck and 30km/hr zone retained



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Travelling to Darby Street

Base: All respondents (N=275)

Driving by car and walking were the most common forms of transport used to travel to Darby Street



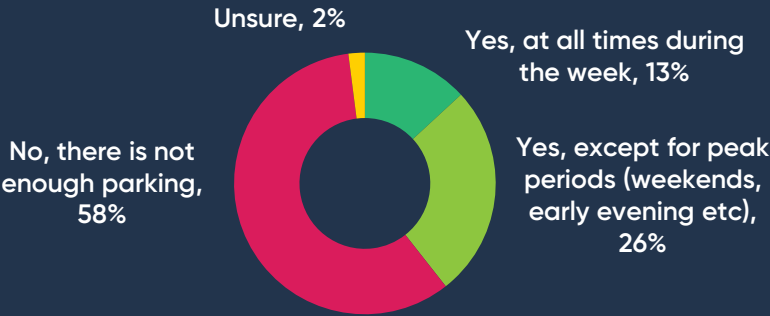
Parking availability

Do you consider there to be enough overall car parking in the Darby Street area?

Respondents were asked whether they consider there to be enough overall car parking in the Darby Street area. Parking was a key concern, with 58%* of respondents who travelled only by car saying there was not enough parking.

Lack of parking was also frequently mentioned in the open comments.

*Note: due to a programming error, respondents who travelled by car and another form of transport were not asked this question.



Base Those who travelled by car (N=85)

What happens next?

In response to cyclist safety concerns, a concept plan for upgraded cyclist infrastructure will be presented to the Newcastle City Traffic Committee in late February 2023.

The project team will review all feedback received during the trial and provide a report to Council at the March 2023 Council meeting. Council will consider the outcomes of the trial and decide whether to retain or remove the trial infrastructure.

Feedback provided during the trial will help inform the future renewal of infrastructure on Darby Street.

Thank you for having your say!