What the community panel have to say about

**getting around**

and the question

How can Council support more people to use sustainable transport options (walking, bikes and public transport) while also making sure there is enough access for disabled people and people with limited mobility?

Get the community involved.

* Communicate with residents before, during and after any plans to make changes to roads and paths.
* Involve locals in designing new paths or other infrastructure.
* Give the community a sense of ownership by being involved in decisions.
* Share information including best practice, and possible and actual outcomes.
* Communicate with residents after trials to share whether it has been successful.
* People are afraid of change, so help us to understand and to be part of any changes.

Think about all the options.

* Improve the connection between paths, locations and bike parking.
* If it is possible to light more paths, some people would feel more comfortable walking or riding at night.
* Promote any grant or funding opportunities for homeowners to install off-street parking.
* Make sure that the location is the best fit for the travel options, including thinking about resident attitudes.
* Use footpaths and other off-road options where possible.

Celebrate with the community!

* Have community celebrations to launch trials or new paths or infrastructure.
* Give incentives, discounts or prizes to people using or trying sustainable travel options.
* Offer cheap or free parking permits to people or households with low incomes or disabilities.
* Offer alternatives to any perceived loss (of parking spots etc.), such as rate reductions or other incentives for using our cars less.
* Sell any change as a benefit, not a loss.
* Turn it into a community game to see how many kilometres people can walk or ride in their neighbourhood, or how many days they can go without using their car etc.