

**QUESTION NO 16**

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 24 June 2021**

The Convener has highlighted an issue that the public consultation was spammed but this was identified early on, and impacted responses were removed prior to analysis. No such statement has been made about the market research used to inform the report on the potential retention of Spaces People measures.

**Question** (1) Would the Convener consider that the following comments in the market research appear to be anomalies that need further investigation on the basis that the comments are essentially meaningless, but very similar, and while scattered, they include two sets of consecutive pairs in terms of timing of submission (respondent 321 & 322, and 370 & 371)?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) Would the Convener agree that these comments are not identical enough (e.g. the misspelling of 'modificatiions' in row 371) to suggest that some sort of 'autofill' has been to blame, so these must have been manually and separately input somehow?

	If you wish to make a comment about measures you would li...
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321	ested modification
322	ing suggested modificatio
365	ding suggested modifications
370	ing suggested modifications
371	suggested modificatiions

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) Would the Convener agree that the other responses provided by the person providing those comments are essentially very similar, so this would justify investigation?

2	Area	And finally, how many cars or vans are owned, or available for private use, by members of your household? Include any company cars or vans available for private use.	Age	Gender	Question Weight
321	Central		1 25 –44	Male	1.08698
322	Central		1 25 –44	Male	1.08698
365	Central		1 25 –44	Male	1.08698
370	Central		1 25 –44	Male	1.08698
371	Central		1 25 –44	Male	1.08698

2	Measures to provide more space and improve road safety for parents and children near schools	Measures to provide more space and improve road safety for parents and children near schools	New protected cycle lanes on main roads (e.g. Comiston Road, Ferry Road, Crewe Road, Old Dalkeith Road)	New protected cycle lanes on main roads (e.g. Comiston Road, Ferry Road, Crewe Road, Old Dalkeith Road)	Additional space for walking and/or cycling in shopping streets (e.g. Morningside, Corstorphine, Stockbridge, Gorgie)	Additional space for walking and/or cycling in shopping streets (e.g. Morningside, Corstorphine, Stockbridge, Gorgie)	Additional space for walking and/or cycling in the city centre, (e.g. Waverley Bridge closure, Mound cycle lane)	Additional space for walking and/or cycling in the city centre, (e.g. Waverley Bridge closure, Mound cycle lane)	Measures to provide more space for people to exercise. (e.g. closures to motor traffic of Silverknowes Road, Links Gardens, Braid Road, Cammo Walk)	Measures to provide more space for people to exercise. (e.g. closures to motor traffic of Silverknowes Road, Links Gardens, Braid Road, Cammo Walk)	New signed 'quiet connections' for cycling, with road closures to reduce traffic (e.g. Greenbank to Meadows, Hope Lane and Stanley St)	New signed 'quiet connections' for cycling, with road closures to reduce traffic (e.g. Greenbank to Meadows, Hope Lane and Stanley St)	Can you select the schools with Spaces for People measures that you are most familiar with?	Can you select the schools with Spaces for People measures that you are most familiar with?	Can you select the schools with Spaces for People measures that you are most familiar with?	Can you select the schools with Spaces for People measures that you are most familiar with?
321	I often use a road with traffic	Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I am aware Not used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I often use ; Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used			Boroughmuir High School			
322	I often use a road with traffic	Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I am aware Not used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I often use ; Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used			Boroughmuir High School			
365	I often use a road with traffic	Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I often use ; Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I often use ; Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used			Boroughmuir High School			
370	I often use a road with traffic	Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I often use ; Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I often use ; Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used			Boroughmuir High School			
371	I often use a road with traffic	Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I often use ; Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used	I often use ; Used	I occasionally Used	I occasionally Used			Boroughmuir High School			

**Answer (3)**

**Question (4)** Would it concern the Convener to learn that other consecutive respondents in the market research have shown almost identical but fractionally different responses which on initial examination impacts a minimum of 13 responses?

**Answer (4)**