

Safer Streets



Date	Tuesday 22 October 2024	Time	1 - 1.45
Attendees	Tanny Stobart, Katie Chivers, Lisa Money, Rebekah Daws		

Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Partner Updates & Developments● Strategic Direction of Safer Streets & Reflecting on Past Initiatives
Summary

Partner Updates & Developments

Tanny reflected on the recent meeting at Occombe House, where discussions centered around a Locality Model for SEN children and the Parkfield building. There were concerns that the community hadn't been properly consulted, leading to differing opinions. During the meeting, there was talk of co-creating a plan that could incorporate Parkfield, but extend beyond just a school, possibly including a sixth form and other community facilities. Tanny acknowledged that resolving the issue will require more meetings and discussions, given the complexity and strong feelings surrounding the matter in Torbay.

Strategic Direction of Safer Streets & Reflecting on Past Initiatives

Lisa acknowledged that there are various ongoing changes, such as those related to Parkfield and the Imagine This restructure, and suggests refocusing discussions on the issue of safer streets for young people. This impact group has been slow to gather diverse input and we want to ensure that conversations are happening with the right people to move in a unified direction. The group touched on the Greater Access for All group discussion on whether inclusivity should be a central theme across all groups, rather than a separate focus.

Tanny mentioned the ongoing Mayfield Hub Club, which aims to create an inclusive space for young people, and emphasised the importance of building on this development. She highlighted the need for careful handling and community involvement to ensure its success. The conversation also touched on the intersection of inclusion and safety, particularly for young people with SEN, who have expressed vulnerability in public spaces.

Lisa asked Katie and Rebekah for their thoughts/personal experience as YP around street safety: Katie, especially as a young mother, feels uneasy going out alone, particularly after dark, and is more cautious since becoming a parent. She mentioned encountering arrogance from others in public spaces and notes

that certain areas, like Victoria Park, feel unsafe even during the day. Rebekah, on the other hand, typically doesn't go out alone, especially at night. She tends to go to town with others, as she doesn't live in walking distance. Her hesitance is more personal than related to external safety concerns. Both expressed a general wariness about navigating public spaces. We also recognised that hotspots around pubs and alcohol-driven behaviour often contribute to a sense of insecurity, and efforts like those from the Community Alcohol Partnership could be key in tackling these issues.

The group revisited past ideas and initiatives. The SafeBay project, which involved placing stickers in businesses and venues around the community, where individuals could seek help or refuge, was highlighted as something worth reviving. The group discussed re-energising this project, noting that previous work had already been done, and a conversation with involved partners like "Eat That Frog" could help restart it. As part of this we touched on the idea of implementing training for local businesses. There was recognition that while the project may need more structure to avoid failing again, it could provide a valuable resource for various populations, including those experiencing mental health issues or mothers with children.

In relation to Lisa point about strategic direction, Rebekah suggested mapping out the various strands or topics within the "Safer Streets" initiative. Since the issue is broad, visualising and categorising the specific aspects could help the group focus and navigate more effectively. There was mention of a community safety partnership with the council, and the idea of engaging with them to help structure the group's objectives. Also the need for specific, measurable objectives for the group was highlighted. The broad scope of "Safer Streets" could benefit from targeted goals to address different aspects more clearly.

The decision was made to revisit these ideas after the restructure to better understand the way forward.

Action	Owner
Revisit ideas after the restructure	All