

Q6 Are there any areas of High Street and Fore Street where you feel the pavement is too narrow to maintain social distancing?

Comments from respondents who answered Q5 as:
"I am concerned about the traffic and safety" (n = 205)

All of High Street and areas of Fore Street

- *I'm disabled and often walk into the road to get past ppl , which worries me because I've fell before in the road . I've been shouted at and abused over parking to and trying to manoeuvre my way down .*
- *Yes, there is no pavement at the beach end of the street and you are forced into the road. Most of the High Street pavements are too narrow, especially when people are queuing to go in shops. Young mothers with toddlers and prams avoid the High Street, it is unsafe for them. Cars are regularly seen driving with 2 wheels on the pavement. Perhaps it should be one way like Sidmouth?*
- *The main stretch of the height street where there are shops both sides, and parking down one side meaning cars 5/6 times out of 10 mount the path to pass oncoming traffic instead of giving way to each other! Many times I have had to go against a shop window to avoid myself and small child being hit by the car on the path!*
- *Pretty much the whole of the High Street pavement is too narrow, especially when you remember that many elderly residents use walking sticks or frames.*
- *Yes it has become a hazard walking down the street too narrow and badly uneven*
- *Yes most too narrow and uneven pavements*
- *All sides especially as the pavement is in dire need of repair it is not safe at all*
- *Most of it and shop keepers should keep their pop up/folding signs off the pavement.*
- *All areas of the high street and fore street are too narrow for social distancing*
- *Unfortunately both sides of the road the pavements are narrow and most likely you will have to walk in the road especially when people are queuing to get into a shop, you would have to be in the road to the minimum social distance .*
- *I do not feel that any of the pavements (coupled with the attitude and behaviours of many people) allow for sufficient social distancing.*
- *Most of the high street is too narrow for social distancing and people often have to walk in the road*
- *Around by the food stores generally it gets congested*
- *Yes all the way along. Very narrow. Bikes shouldn't block the pavement.*
- *Yes, all the pavements are too narrow especially on the Co-op side.*
- *The whole lot, a nightmare of a town to drive and walk—make it one way into town with disabled parking on the left*
- *All those areas. The pavements are 2meters wide*
- *All too narrow - high street should be pedestrianised*
- *All areas of High St. and Fore St. are too narrow. They should be pedestrianised.*
- *Yes Coop Side. All Summer & today in September town is full of tourists who walk 4 abreast & expect others to walk in Road. Go to Magdalen Rd Exeter & see how their Council looked after their residents properly with exceptional temporary paths & a one way system. Budleigh failed residents safety by being threatened by shopkeepers. Appalling dangerous High Street plus bus route totally ridiculous. We have lived here almost all our life & disgusted at the failures of local council in safety for your residents & retired older people . Disgraceful . Make the road ONE WAY it should NEVER be a 2 way system. Too narrow & too dangerous *anonymised* Let's wait until someone's child gets run down or worse !!!!!*
- *Yes especially where there a pavement on only one side*
- *Yes, the areas highlighted in the one way (rejected) proposal*
- *I'm not sure much of it allows you to pass another pedestrian whilst maintaining a 2 metre distance?*
- *The entire length of both streets is too narrow for effective distancing, especially when there are queues outside busy shops (e.g. Co-op and Lloyd's on the south side). When people stop to talk to others, they tend to stand apart and opposite one another, effectively blocking the pavement*
- *Along the entire high street, on both sides, the pavement is too narrow to observe social distancing. I try and move out into the road when possible but if I am blocked by cars, people will just walk past me with no attempt to social distance.*

Comments given in Question 6
Presented according to the answer to Question 5

- *Outside CoOp and down by the Rowan tree is really bad, but the whole High street is hard to social distance on*
- *The entire pavement on the beach side of the highstreet, from the traffic lights down as far as Staddons, is too narrow for social distancing.*
- *All of it given the width of modern vehicles either parked(big sing mirrors) or driving through. Worst spot is outside the Coop/PO.*
- *When the high street is busy, most of the pavement up both sides isn't suitable and I prefer to walk in the road to avoid the pavements - this is obviously not ideal with the traffic on the roads. This is a greater issue when people don't try to social distance and walk two abreast down the pavement.*
- *yes the whole high street especially outside the co op wher queueing is impossible whilst maintaining distancing from other predestrians. Make the two pavements one way on each side?*
- *There are numerous sections, where my family and I have had to walk along the road to scoially distance from people walking on the pavement. This is because there are many older people who are unable/unwilling to step into the road, or there are people not interested in socially distancing. Most pavements in Budleigh, particularly on the coop side are too narrow for anyone to pass each other. Either the road is needed for walking around people standing queing for shops or we have to brush past people, this is not acceptable. During the busy periods we now avoid shopping in the high street because of this. Furthermore all shops should have a max number of shoppers with active gate keeping once that number is reached, some shops fail to do this, again stopping us using local shops as we would normally be happy to do.*
- *everywhere, none of them are 2m wide, particularly bad around co-op, aggravated by people stopping and looking in shop windows. Also not helped by post office van parking on the pavement when picking up last delivery*
- *I feel that all of the pavements are too narrow. I am afraid to walk in the High st and in Fore St*
- *All of the high street is too narrow to maintain social distancing especially when groups of individuals are moving*
- *It's all quite narrow. It's more about people showing consideration and traffic slowing in the High Streer .cars drive too fast*
- *When people are queuing outside shops there is not enough room to pass by*
- *From Beach Road to the traffic lights.*
- *pavement on both sides of High Street are too narrow for social distancing.*
- *I cannot think of any area where it is wide enough to adequately social distance!*
- *All of the main high street pavements are too narrow.*
- *From Staddons rightup to the traffic lights.*
- *Most of the pavement is too narrow for social distancing*
- *Most of the 2 streets*
- *All of it*
- *Most of it*
- *Most*
- *Virtually all of them*
- *All of it*
- *The entire length of both streets*
- *All of the High Street!*
- *Most of it!*
- *All of the High street and Fore street.*
- *Everywhere!*
- *Yes*
- *All of the area*
- *Most of the High St*
- *Most areas*
- *Main high street*

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- *Quite a few are too narrow*
- *Yes*
- *Yes most of High Street*
- *All of high street*
- *All of them.*
- *Yes, all of it*
- *Most of it!*
- *Everywhere.*
- *Yes*
- *There are few areas*
- *Most of it unfortunately*
- *Yes*
- *Yes*
- *All along both sides*
- *The whole of the High Street & Fore Street*
- *All the way along*
- *All areas*
- *All of it*
- *Most of the high Street*
- *The whole high street.*
- *All of it*
- *All of it*
- *Most of it*
- *All of it*
- *Almost all of it with a 2 metre distancing*
- *Most of it!*
- *Yes, nearly all of both High Street and Fore Street.*
- *Most of it.*
- *All way through the high street.*
- *Yes*
- *All the way down*
- *All of it!*
- *All*

Specifically mentioned the South Side

- *Yes. There are always groups of people outside the chemist and co-op and it's very difficult to pass safely. In fact this is true of the whole of the high street. I now only go there for a prescription since it's just too crowded.*
- *The coop and feathers side(the whole side of that road) is very unsafe more from dangerous drivers mounting the curb and driving far too fast my grandchildren have had at least two very near misses one where a passenger shouted to get out of the way whilst her elderly husband drove on the pavement to avoid traffic coming down he Road complete lack of safety on all fronts*
- *On the seaside of the High Street around the Co-Op. Especially with people waiting to enter. There is no where to go when a couple of 'visitors' or more amble along without masks. I turn my face to the shop fronts.*
- *All along the High Street, and Fore Street. The more popular shops (eg Co-Op, Spar, Grocers) become serious pinch points on an already VERY narrow pavement where social distancing is, frankly, impossible.*
- *Almost all the south side of the high street, and almost all of Fore Street*
- *Main area between cliff road and Rolle road especially on the co-op side*
- *From 'the feathers' down to the hospice charity shop*
- *Between Cliff Road and Taj Mahal*
- *Yes - especially south side between Cliff Road and Rolle Road*

Comments given in Question 6
Presented according to the answer to Question 5

- *The pavement is too narrow along the length of the High Street / Fore Street and especially outside the Co-op and Tesco*
- *Outside Co-op where there is often a que. I had to walk in the road and nearly got run over more than once.*
- *It's mainly outside shops where people congregate to talk to others means you either have to step into the road along with others. Around the co-op area i find difficult and down by the Spa if they have their shelves out on the pavement.*
- *Outside the feathers and the opticians which is a really busy area of the high street. Also outside the coop as there are a lot of people going in and out of this shop.*
- *Outside the co-op you take your life in your hands if you dare step off that dangerously narrow pavement. That is an accident waiting to happen!*
- *The pavement on the coop side of the road is far too narrow. Also. People queue outside the coop and it is difficult to keep the distancing.*
- *Yes between the traffic lights and the rolle flats particularly bad outside the feathers pub, optical shop and pebbles gift shop*
- *Outside Co-op and pharmacy next door is particularly narrow and risky since people needing access to both*
- *The middle section from Feathers down to Sraddons*
- *Outside the co-op/post office*
- *All of the pavements in Budleigh - especially by coop*
- *Most of it to be honest. Worst area is near the coop*
- *Co-op to elizabeths. Feathers to the traffic lights*
- *All of them, mainly outside co-op*
- *Where there are queues for shops - like the. Co-op or Spar*
- *Most of the high street especially outside co-op and the grocers*
- *Outside the Co-op*
- *Outside Co-op*
- *Co-op Side of high street.*
- *Co-op down to the Indian*
- *Coop side of the road*
- *Outside the co-op*
- *Yes outside the co-op & big Lloyds*
- *Most of it. Particularly bad on the coop side for some reason.*
- *Outside the Co Op when there is a queue...*
- *The side where the coop is is very narrow*
- *Tesco, Spar (plants), Co-op, Chemist*
- *Outside co-op and Tesco*
- *By coop and pharmacy*
- *Co-op side is very narrow*
- *Co-op area*
- *Around co-op gets tight to walk and distance and sometimes by oxfam.*
- *Outside co-op and Lloyd's along the high street on that side all the way along.*
- *In front of pub.*
- *In the area around the Co-Op*
- *Yes outside the coop*
- *All of the side that houses Co-op, except for the small section outside Mcmillans deli*
- *Yes, outside the Coop and that run of shops. Also between the Oxfam shop and the old GPO*
- *Outside Big Lloyds, the Coop and by the Spar and Tescos*
- *The area outside the Cooperative.*
- *Outside the coop is particularly bad. Their sign blocks half of the pavement as it is*
- *Narrow pavements on co-op side of the street from around co-op up to traffic lights.*
- *Outside Co Op in the High St. By Orchard Wholefoods. Around Tesco Express*

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- *Coop side of high st*
- *Out side of the Butchers and the Coop*
- *Looking down the high street all of the right hand side until just past the coop*
- *Yes outside coop where people are queueing*
- *feathers to Rolle flats*
- *Yes. On the southern side adjacent to the Co-op and Lloyds Chemist*
- *Outside Co-op if people are queuing, outside Pebble*
- *Especially near the queues (e.g. outside Co-op)*
- *The top end of Fore St by Tesco's and most of the High St on the Feathers side.*
- *Most of it especially outside Co op and chemist.*
- *Pretty much impossible on the seaward side.*
- *Whole of South side*
- *On the beach side of the high street - pavement to thin if people are queuing for coop etc*
- *By the Co-op*
- *Around the co-op and lloyds and also by the spar and tesco.*
- *Area outside Co-Op*
- *Outside the co-op is particularly bad.*
- *By co op*
- *South Side of the High Street is too narrow*
- *Outside Big Lloyds and the Co-Op*
- *Mainly outside Coop area.*
- *Outside shops where queuing is necessary ie: coop, pharmacy and vegetable shop.*
- *Around Coop/postoffice and the chemist.*
- *In vicinity of Co op.*
- *by co-op*
- *yes near the co-op*
- *Outside the co op. The feather also. And the ginger bread deli*
- *Outside the coop*
- *Outside the COOP can be a pinch point if there is a queue*
- *Outside shops where there are queues*
- *Yes. Most of it! The whole stretch from Granny Gotthards down to Hayes Travel especially.*

Specifically mentioned the North Side

- *Main problem is groups of people chatting or walking several abreast, but area from Rowan Tree to Chapel Street is narrow.*
- *Yes, the whole stretch of pavement is too narrow however in particular the area outside the Budleigh Antiques shop*
- *Near Orchard Foods. Role Road. Rowan Tree.*
- *North side of high street*
- *By Richards Menswear.*
- *Most of the High Street is too narrow. It is particularly difficult near Rolle Mews car park.*

General Comments

- *A one way system would be useful though it should run from West (top of town by traffic lights) to east bottom beach end. This way visitors to Budleigh would be encouraged to shop at point of entry to town & not upon leaving the area. It would be the more natural flow of the road, when I drive down into town this is the route I deliberately chose given it is safer & provides better visibility of what is going on in the road. I appreciate that this may cause issues with the lorries or buses by the war memorial, though this could be better amended into a mini roundabout preventing cars rushing round a blind bend. Plus to put traffic the opposite direction west to east would cause increased traffic on Upper Stoneborough Lane trying to turn right which is a tricky & blind junction especially when spotting vehicles approaching from the left. In conclusion I would support a one way system but only if ran from West to east.*

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- *It isn't the pavement it is drivers driving up the pavement because they can't be bothered to reverse. Near where fulfords was. There needs to be boulevards to stop this. My daughter is 11 and meets her friend down town and I am concerned she won't be safe on the pavement. I have with witnessed it so many times over the summer, even had a heated chat with a car driver that drive towards my daughter and I go the pavement. Someone will get knocked down.*
- *If there are groups of people it can be difficult and of course if there is a queue outside a shop you have to walk in the road or cross it. Mostly it comes down to courtesy!*
- *The main problem is when people stop moving and block the pavement.*
- *Not if everyone is considerate.*
- *Not if people were sensible and look where they are going*
- *Not sure*
- *The pavements should be one way on one side and one way on the other, as the pavement is too narrow on both sides to maintain social distancing*
- *Don't know*
- *No - this is patently a set up survey to project the outcomes. People just need to make allowances to do this and forget!*

18 respondents left the option to comment blank

Q6 Are there any areas of High Street and Fore Street where you feel the pavement is too narrow to maintain social distancing?

Comments from respondents who had answered Q5 as:

"No, but others have had to do this to get by" (n = 6)

All of High Street and areas of Fore Street

- *All of it*
- *If there are a large number of people the distancing would be difficult from the traffic lights down to Staddons.*

Specifically mentioned the South Side

- *Near Co op*

Specifically mentioned the North Side

General Comments

- *To be pedestrian friendly any pavement should be a MINIMUM of Two and a Half Meters Wide.*
- *This depends on the volume of people.*

1 respondent left the option to comment blank

Q6 Are there any areas of High Street and Fore Street where you feel the pavement is too narrow to maintain social distancing?

Comments from respondents who had answered Q5 as:

"Yes, but I am not concerned about the traffic or safety" (n = 81)

All of High Street and areas of Fore Street

- *The pavements are all narrow, but local people respect the need for distancing, and it isn't usually a problem (tourists in summer not so considerate, but they're gone now)*
- *there are narrow area but if people use common sense it is not a problem*
- *Yes, if you do it by 2m rule*
- *Pretty much all of it*
- *Yes there are parts which are too narrow that's why i walk on the road.*
- *All of the High street pavements are quite narrow, and poorly maintained*
- *Most of high street*
- *The majority of the pavements in both areas*

Specifically mentioned the South Side

Comments given in Question 6
Presented according to the answer to Question 5

- *Around the Co-op*
- *It is narrow at the opticians and when people queue outside co op but I feel people have been very kind to each other. I have a pram and people have allowed me to pass. People usually walk on the road, even before covid.*
- *Outside the Coop mainly especially when the Post Office van parks on half of the pavement at collection times but that is only twice a day.*
- *South side through the entire length. North side from The Rowan Tree, heading east (i.e. no pavement available).*
- *The co-op side is rather narrow.*
- *Around the Co op and the Feathers Pub*
- *Co-operative*
- *Quite a lot of it. It is especially difficult when people are queueing outside shops before going in, such as for Lloyds and Coop etc.*
- *By Co-op and Orchard Wholefoods*
- *near Snob/Card Shop. Also outside Feathers.*
- *The Coop side of the road is narrow, I avoid walking on that side of the road unless I need a particular shop*
- *No. If CoOp had a sensible entry system and didn't force people to queue unnecessarily it would be fine.*
- *Near co op*
- *Outside the co-op*
- *Outside Llyods / Co-Op*
- *Outside the opticians and co-op as the pavement is narrow there.*
- *Outside co-op they do not need to have the queuing system as they do.*

Specifically mentioned the North Side

- *I tend to stick to the green-grocer side of the High Street as I find that side wider although this might be in my head! I think closer to the beach end it widens out on the other side but near the Feathers and up that end on that side it's more narrow.*

General Comments

- *In general the pavement is narrow however that is part of the character of the town. Most vehicle drivers are aware of this and are very happy to accommodate pedestrians standing in the road to allow social distance. The fact that drivers know the road area is narrow helps to slow them down and pay more attention. If we were to introduce a one way system, drivers may go faster with a false sense of security provided by not having to consider traffic coming the other way. This may mean pedestrians are less safe.*
- *Problem is not the width of the pavement, most people step aside ,wait and are considerate. Some are not and walk two abreast blocking the pavement*
- *Not where Budleigh residents are concerned. Visitors frequently walk several abreast and do not give way*
- *Most areas are ok in the winter months. Locals respect each other and walk line astern. Visitors dawdle about eating ice creams unaware of others trying to get along the pavement. We need to make visitors more aware that the rules apply to them even when visiting our town. I have seen the stencilled social distancing signs on the pavements but believe they should be more frequent*
- *The space is there if people particularly young people and visitors would go into single file when passing others.*
- *Not if you have common sense.*
- *No. People's ignorance is the issue, not the pavements*
- *Common sense and common courtesy..should prevail*
- *No, people just need to be sensible, cross to other side if busy.*
- *I find it quite easy to judge when people are coming and either make way for them, walk around them taking cars into account or cross the road*
- *No I do not see it as an issue. Drivers and people behave sensibly.*
- *No, there is absolutely no chance from catching COVID from walking past someone!*

Comments given in Question 6
Presented according to the answer to Question 5

- *Stop going on about it and just get on with it , it's less likely to be caught outside and while you are walking past people this has been confirmed*
- *No. If the consensus it is too narrow then make Each side of the street one way. Those concerned can wear masks if they wish.*
- *No, but I think the new signs on pavement are wrong. They appear to show that 2 people can walk side by side -when we should be encouraging single file walking in these positions*
- *Remove two car parking spaces that are causing a blind spot for cars going up the high street towards the traffic lights. Reduce or limit parking time during busy periods. Look at the pinch point outside the health food shop and reduce parking to after 6pm only. Make the speed limit 20mph through the town. Key is to keep traffic flowing.*
- *Not that come to mind- I feel safe using the high street.*
- *Not if you are sensible*
- *Not that I have noticed*
- *None.*
- *None at all.*
- *Not really*
- *its ok*

16 respondents in this group entered "NO"

17 respondents left the option to comment blank

Q6 Are there any areas of High Street and Fore Street where you feel the pavement is too narrow to maintain social distancing?

Comments from respondents who had answered Q5 as:

"No, and I do not see it as an issue" (n = 52)

All of High Street and areas of Fore Street

- *Some are but you can just cross to the other side of the street*
- *Yes but you can just wait for oncoming people*
- *Yes! But it doesn't take long to cross the road. Shopping should be pre planned to support our businesses.*
- *A couple*

Specifically mentioned the South Side

- *By the Coop*
- *The stretch outside the co-op and Lloyd's but you can easily cross the road to avoid*
- *Outside the Coop/post office, and that side generally. The coop could help by having some (limited) instore queue space especially as Winter approaches.*
- *Yes on the coop side when there are queues in particular*
- *Coop expects customers to queue outside but often shop is empty when one in one out policy is enforced. Shop needs to manage the queue outside better themselves. Traffic light system they've introduced is making things better and reducing queues on pavement. People should also be encouraged to queue closer to coop building so people are not forced into road when people are queuing in middle of pavement.*

Specifically mentioned the North Side

- *Fruit & vegetable shop limit space on what could be a large pavement with their goods outside when they have a large indoor premises*

General Comments

- *Not really WEAR A FACE COVERINGS*
- *No. Plus if people wear masks it isn't a problem. Most people don't seem at all bothered about social distancing. I simply wear a mask in any congested area and am then not concerned. As winter approaches the High Street will be empty. I am vehemently against any one way system, a waste of council resources and money should be spent on helping families hit financially by the crisis not by policing people who could simply don a mask.*

Comments given in Question 6
Presented according to the answer to Question 5

- *No. Social distancing is 1m+ not 2m. People need to respect one another and wait if necessary.*
- *No and I'm sure the government have correctly stated that you can't catch Covid by passing someone in the street.*
- *No. According to Public Health guidelines you have to be in close contact facing a person for longer than 15 minutes for the virus to pass. I have never experienced this on the high street. Merely passing people briefly is all that happens, in my experience.*
- *Not really if everyone treats each other with respect for distancing issues*
- *No where - there are shop doorways where people can stand aside to let other pass*
- *Not if one demonstrates a little patience*
- *No all over blown Don't know of anyone that has had virus*
- *No it is wide enough if you take care.*
- *No if people just use a little common sense and consideration.*
- *Depends if people are walking In groups and won't move in to single file or standing chatting and are oblivious to any one around them.*
- *Do not extend the pavement.*

21 respondents in this group entered "NO"

8 respondents left the option to comment blank

Q6 Are there any areas of High Street and Fore Street where you feel the pavement is too narrow to maintain social distancing?

Comments from respondents who had answered Q5 as:

"I have never had to walk in the road" (n = 27)

**All of High Street and areas of Fore Street
Specifically mentioned the South Side**

- *By the Co-op*
- *The south side is narrow but I usually try to walk on the north side when there are pedestrians occupying the narrow side.*
- *Small section opposite Rolle Court sunken level.*
- *Outside Spar only place it's a problem and that was only when it was busy last July. Now it's fine.*

Specifically mentioned the North Side

General Comments

- *Only when couples walk hand in hand and don't move over*
- *The pavement is fine. The main problem is a few militant locals who seem to think they have a god given right to stride down the middle of the pavement with out meeting any one else. If you slow down and let others pass there is plenty of space on the pavements. The militant aggressive attitude of a few local people is awful. We own a shop in the high street and we witness this behaviour first hand. There is one local woman in particularshe marches down the middle of the high street even when the pavements are quiet! These militant few seem hell bent on making a big issue out of some thing that is not an issue.
*anonymised**
- *Not at all, make the pavements one way during social distancing if necessary, Budleigh has wider pavements than most locally! Take a look at Winchester & their signage - have photos if you want a look*
- *It is not an ideal situation, but with a little common sense and patience there is sufficient room to maintain social distancing.*
- *no, none*
- *None*

14 respondents in this group entered "No"

3 respondents left the option blank