



Welcome and Introductions.

Inclusive Streets Meeting:

29th April 2026.

Southport Town Hall and on Teams.

Attendees:

Donna Gutteridge – Principal Transport Planning Officer, Sefton Council.

Jayne Rodgers – Transport Planning Project Manager, Sefton Council.

Michelle Anglesea – Consultation, Engagement and Accessibility Officer, Sefton Council.

Tim Thompson – Communications Officer, Sefton Council.

Charlotte Groom – Transport Planning Support Officer, Sefton Council.

Bernard Powell – Retired, Southport Access for Everyone (SAFE) voluntary group to improve life for those with disabilities.

Terri Balon – RNIB Area Campaigns Officer North West.

Christine Fletcher – retired from Sefton Council as Locality manager and registered blind.

Peter Roome – Crosby resident, EV driver, Merseyside Cycling Campaign.

Felix Zajitschek – Formby Resident

Eric Woodcock – Churchtown resident, cyclist

Kelly Barton – Pocklington Trust

Pauline – Kelly's Support worker

Phil Morris – Ainsdale Horticultural Society / Ainsdale Lunch & Learn.

Jan – People First

Sam – People First



Paul – People First

Neil Gibson – Sefton CVS

Apologies:

Stu Bennett – Rimrose Valley Friends

Brian Kelsall

Paula Hodson

David Logie

Lou Henderson

Callum Webster





1. Welcome and Introductions.

The group introduced who they were.

The internet and link to the Teams call was set up.



2. Inclusive Streets Introduction and discussion. Jayne Rodgers.

Jayne provided an update on how healthy streets will be measured through public surveys. Healthy Streets has been mentioned in past meetings.

Jayne talked to the group about the different parts of the Healthy Streets indicators and an online healthy street survey is available to the public to fill in about their own street.

Jayne talked about improving South Road in Crosby.

Jayne will come back with an invitation to discuss this further - **ACTION**

Bernard mentioned the writing on the printout being too small to read. Michelle explained this is a screen grab and is available to enlarge online.

Peter raised a concern about waiting a long time at crossings and how people start to cross if lights take too long to change. The group then discussed the accessibility of crossings and junctions with traffic lights.

It was agreed good lighting and murals are important in making these areas safer and healthier.

The group talked about how to access the toolkit on the Healthy Street's website. The form will take around 10 minutes to fill in.

Terri raised an issue about the survey being available to those who are digitally excluded.

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Jayne will come back with a solution for providing this survey to those who are digitally excluded by bringing paper copies – **ACTION**

Jayne will also come back with a survey QR code for those who struggle to access it – **ACTION**

Bernard asked what's been done with shelter bus stops as they provide a place for people to rest.

Jayne will liaise with local authority and the Liverpool City Region to see how they can be improved – **ACTION**

3. Sefton's Electric Vehicle Strategy. Donna Gutteridge.

Donna shared an update of the Electric Vehicles Strategy being approved by cabinet in April 2026 and that an awareness campaign and easy read version of the strategy will be available – **ACTION**

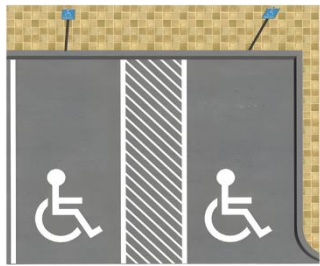
Donna explained there will be trial areas for charging points in car parks and on street locations which are to be confirmed. These will be Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funded.

Donna explained there will be cross pavement trials too which will be covered by another funding pot.

The group discussed hazards surrounding cross pavement channel charging points.

Donna explained that cross pavement channels must pass safety and electrical checks. Donna tells the group they shouldn't be a hazard as they are dug into the pavement and covered at pavement level.

Terri asked what proportion of charging points will be available in accessible parking spaces. Donna will share this information early next year, but each site will be looked at individually. – **ACTION**.



Donna will speak to the team to explore if EV charging points can be included in our own healthy streets survey – **ACTION**

The group discussed accessible disabled parking with EV charging and misuse of EV charging cables.



Misuse, like creating a trip hazard, of EV charging cables can be reported on the Sefton Council Website.

Donna will share more information on how the council will try to ensure the misuse of disabled EV car spaces and cable misuse doesn't happen – **ACTION**

Bernard questioned whether the charging points will be a certain colour to help people to see them.

Donna stated that the charging cables will be black, in a channel below the pavement where they are flush to the footway. Donna can bring an example of cross pavement charging to the group if this is wanted.



The group talked about who is responsible if someone gets hurt tripping over a loose cross pavement charging cable.



Donna will speak to colleagues to check insurance and safety reviews are in place and share this information once it's confirmed – **ACTION**

The group discussed the energy rates for charging electric vehicles and raised concerns over pricing inequalities.

Donna can discuss the rates once the supplier is chosen. Public EV charging will be more expensive than charging at home – **ACTION**

Donna explained the behaviours around EV's are



a long process and will not change overnight.

The group discussed people fighting over car parking spaces.

Donna suggested to the group that a separate meeting with EV charging suppliers can be held. This will give members the chance to ask any specific questions about EV charging. – **ACTION**

6. Any Other Business.

Phil raised the issue of flooding outside the Tesco in Ainsdale, and was advised to contact Tesco themselves.

The group suggested a separate active travel group. Jayne has raised this in the council and is to be confirmed – **ACTION**

Next Inclusive Streets Forum:

Date - 14th October 2026

Time – 1.00pm- 3:00pm

Location – Birkdale Room, Southport Town Hall

Please contact Helen if you have any questions or need anything to make sure you can take part in the meetings.



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