Greater Manchester Public Survey

Hello, my name is... calling from GfK NOP, an independent research company. We are carrying out a short survey for the local authorities in Greater Manchester. We are interviewing people about some important issues to do with the future of Greater Manchester. Your number has been selected at random and we would like to include your views in the survey – the interview will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

QA Can I just check, do you live in xxx council area?

Yes
No – QA2
Don't know – QA2
Refused - CLOSE

IF NO AT QA

QA2 Can you please tell me which council area you live in? This will be the council that you pay your council tax to? PROMPT IF NECESSARY

Bolton
Bury
Manchester
Oldham
Rochdale
Salford
Stockport
Tameside
Trafford
Wigan
Don't know – CLOSE
None of these - CLOSE

Q1. Which of the following modes of transport do you use, in and around Greater Manchester, at least once a month? READ OUT AND CODE ALL THAT APPLY

Buses
Local train services
Metrolink
Bicycle
Car as a passenger or driver
Motorcycle
Walking
(None of these)
Q2  I’m now going to read out some statements that people have made about what might happen in Greater Manchester in the next 5-10 years. For each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree. PROBE FOR CODE AS NECESSARY.

Agree strongly
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Disagree strongly
(Don't know)

- Traffic congestion will have an increasing impact on the economy of Greater Manchester
- There is already enough public money spent on public transport in Greater Manchester
- Unless action is taken in the near future, traffic congestion in Greater Manchester will get much worse
- Traffic congestion causes no real damage to the environment in Greater Manchester

Q3  Across Greater Manchester, how big a problem is traffic congestion at the moment?
Would you say it is a...

Serious problem
A problem but not serious
Or not a problem at all?
(Don't know)

Q4a. Are you aware of proposals to make a £3 billion bid for new public funds to improve transport in Greater Manchester?

Yes
No
Don't know

Q4b. And were you aware that there have been proposals to introduce congestion charging, at peak times on weekdays, across certain areas of Greater Manchester?

Yes
No
Don't know

IF YES AT Q4b - OTHERS GO TO FILTER BEFORE Q5

Q4c. Were you aware that the congestion charging would only be introduced AFTER most of the £3 billion funding has actually been spent on improving transport across Greater Manchester?

Yes
No
Don't know

Q4d. And did you know that without congestion charging being introduced, the £3 billion will NOT be awarded to Greater Manchester?

Yes
No
Don't know
IF YES AT Q4a/ b - OTHERS GO TO Q6

Q5. How did you hear about these proposals? DO NOT PROMPT Any other way?

Adverts
- On television
- On the radio
- In national newspaper
- In local newspaper

Stories/articles/interviews:
- On television
- On the radio
- In national newspaper
- In local newspaper

Other sources:
- Word of mouth/friends
- From a leaflet
- Website/GMPTE website/Our Future Transport website
- Yellow school bus
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Don't know

ASK ALL

Q6. Would you agree or disagree with the principle of a combined package of £3 billion improvements in transport in Greater Manchester that also included greater local control over buses and rail and the introduction of congestion charging for vehicles using the busiest roads at peak times on weekdays? PROBE FOR CODE

Agree strongly
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Disagree strongly
(Don't know)

Q7. The proposal is that congestion charging would only operate at peak time, on weekdays, for inward journeys in the morning and outward journeys in the evening. For the longest journey, the maximum cost in the morning would be £3 and in the evening £2.

These charges would only be introduced after there has been a large investment in transport in Greater Manchester. All of the money raised from the charges would also be invested in improved public transport. Do you agree or disagree with this overall proposal? PROBE FOR CODE

Agree strongly
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Disagree strongly
(Don't know)
Q8 In July, the Councils of Greater Manchester can submit its bid to the Government for the overall transport package we have been talking about. This is a competition and if successful, there would be further consultation with the public and businesses before the schemes are introduced. On this basis, would you agree or disagree with the principle of Greater Manchester submitting a bid for the package? PROBE FOR CODE

Agree strongly
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Disagree strongly
(Don’t know)

Q9. How often, if at all, do you travel in a car, at weekday peak times, either into or out of, central Manchester? PROBE AS NEEDED

On 4-5 days a week
2-3 days a week
Once a week
Less than once a week but at least once a month
Less often than once a month
Never travel in a car into central Manchester at weekday peak times
Don’t know

Q10. Finally, I would like to ask a few questions to make sure that we interview a representative sample of the population. INTERVIEWER CODE

Male
Female

Q11. What was your age last birthday?

16-19
20-24
25-34
35-44
45-54
55-64
65-74
75+

Q12. Are you in paid work full-time or part time or aren’t you in paid work?

Full-time
Part-time
Not in paid work

Q13. STANDARD SOCIAL CLASS QUESTION:

AB
C1
C2
DE
Q14. Would you be happy to be re-contacted in the future by GfK NOP or another agency, on behalf of your local council, to talk about some of the issues covered in this survey?

Yes
No

IF YES - OTHERS THANK AND CLOSE

Q15. RECORD NAME IN FULL

Q16. On Saturday 14th July, the Greater Manchester local authorities are holding a public meeting at Bridgewater Hall, central Manchester, to give residents the opportunity to have their say on proposals we have talked about. Expenses would be met and refreshments provided.

Would you be interested in taking part on Saturday 14th July if we were to contact you nearer the time?

Yes
No

THANK AND CLOSE