

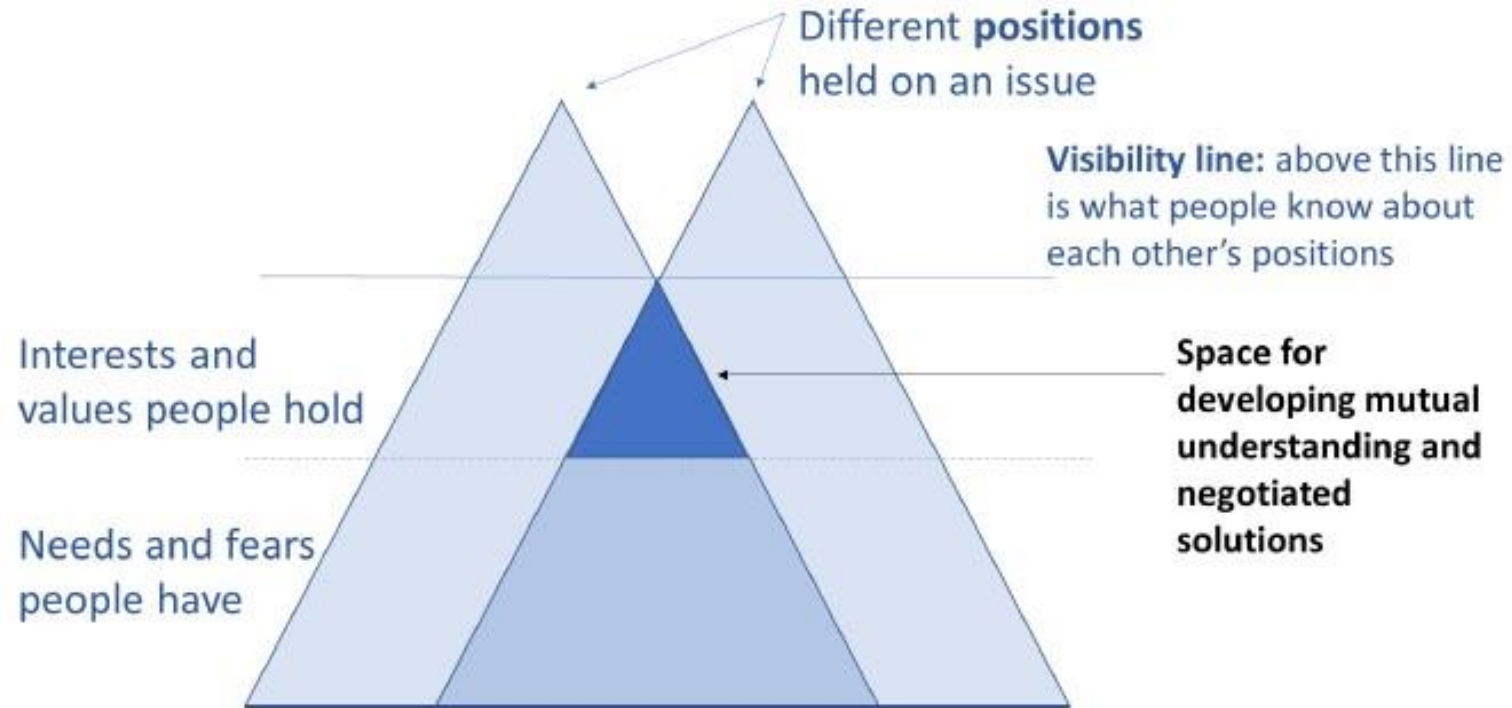
**CITIZENS'  
JURY**  
ON CAR  
DEPENDENCY  
IN BELFAST

8 & 9 Oct 2022

How can car  
dependency and  
levels of car use in  
Belfast be reduced?



# Deliberation



- Less self-interested, more cooperative.
- Recommendations respond more closely to people's needs.
- Provides democratic legitimacy to decision making.
- Creates conditions where movement out of entrenched positions is possible
- Offers assurance to the public that recommendations are in their interests.
- More considered judgements that decision-makers can trust as systematically thought-out

## Benefits of deliberative mini publics

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## KEY FEATURES



Members reflect the characteristic of the general population.



Participation is incentivised.



A lot of time is given to discussion.



Deliberative – emphasis is on finding solutions, common ground and agreement.



Independently facilitated.

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## HOW IT WORKED

Listen

Learn about the issues from a range of speakers

Discuss

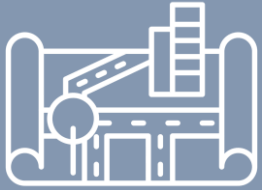
Discuss the issues with each other

Decide

Together, come to a set of recommendations for what they think needs to happen



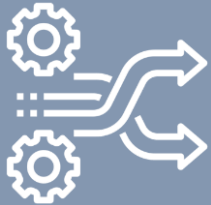
Agreeing ways of working



Understanding the current situation



Defining principles



What could be done differently



Reflecting on evidence

# Structure Day one



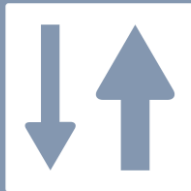
Perspectives on opportunities  
and challenges



Reflecting on evidence and  
generating ideas for  
recommendations



Drafting recommendations



Prioritising recommendations

# Structure Day two

**Reducing car dependency and car use in Belfast should be underpinned by the values/principles of...**

**so that...**

Safety

people can travel around safely.

Environmental issues

our environment is protected; it's a far more pleasant environment.

Equality and inclusivity

no-one is excluded from travel, more accountability to reduce inequality and create more equal access, affordable housing in the city centre can be created, quality of life is improved.

Community

our communities are more integrated and inclusive

Sustainability (underpinned by investment)

we have cost effectiveness; affordability of public transport options; planning long term.

Accountability, truth and integrity

public understand policies and why, holding decision makers accountability, to justify policy decisions.

Fairness

the equality impact of any strategy reflects needs and rights.

Accessibility

city networks e.g hospitals, schools, shopping, is accessible to all and disabled people are catered for.

Consultation and engagement; co-creation

there are democratic, tangible outcomes with ring fenced finance; social justice is delivered; there is no decision about us without us.

# Principles





We strongly recommend a universally safe, accessible, reliable, affordable, and properly resourced [public] transport network



Fast track planning decisions to support long-term, sustainable, affordable, accessible city centre housing



Decrease car dependency for school runs



Building a network of cycle access and dedicated cycle lanes connecting to, across and through the Greater Belfast area and integrated with other transport policies/solutions



Educate the public about the importance of reducing car usage in the Greater Belfast area to support behaviour change



Incentivise reducing car dependency and car usage

## In participants' own words

"Very worthwhile and enjoyable exercise. Loved the diversity of participants."

"I am leaving the weekend feeling informed and motivated."

"It was hard going at times with a lot of information to take in, but it was fun and engaging and I am leaving with a sense of accomplishment."

"I had some reservations before coming regarding time commitment involved but thoroughly enjoyed it. Time flew and I have learned a lot."

"As a motorist, the information on health impact with car usage has allowed me to consider how I will change my usage"