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## 2.6.2020 / Tuesday Club

A survey in the South West showed that only 16% of people will be happy to start using public transport again when the current "essential use only" restrictions are lifted.

Are you the one in nine who will get straight back on the bus or a train? Or if not, what else would you like to see before you use the bus or train again, or will you ever?

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<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/350/2020-06-01>

At our Tuesday Club meeting today (2nd June 2020) we'll look at the desires and fears associated with our return to public transport, **with one eye on the short term worries of social interaction** and the other eye on the medium and long term imperative of travelling sustainably and healthily.

BUT all the respondents so far online have related to the short term – let's look at that.

# About the journey

Will it be safe? Do I feel it's a safe thing to do?

Will it be allowed? Do I feel it's the right thing to do?

Are the services running? Will there be space?

Is it enjoyable with the precautions in place?

I'm fine with travelling but the rest of my would-be party are not.

Can I afford it?

# About your destination

Is what I'm going to open and able to cope?

Is it enjoyable with the precautions in place?

Will it be safe there? Do I feel it's a safe thing to do?

Do I feel it's the right thing to do?

Will there be space?

# About the need to travel

Have I found better things to do without travelling?

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Let's see what you think of some statements from this morning:

# Agree or Disagree (1)

A combination of cheap promotional fares together with more direct services to attractive destinations will soon get people back

# Agree or Disagree (2)

Nearly everyone I know in the over 50 age group is very apprehensive about any travel until they are sure they won't catch covid.

They are avoiding shops where they aren't satisfied about the distancing. This is due to the behaviour of other shoppers, mainly I must say the behaviour of younger shoppers who are unlikely to get a serious reaction to covid. It is going to take a lot more than cheap ticket offers to get most of the older generation back onto rail, especially for leisure. How other passengers behave is the key.

# Agree or Disagree (3)

when the older generation make a travel decision I don't think it matters what the social distancing length is. Their concern will be the behaviour of other passengers.

On trains with air conditioning the distance is only one factor anyway. Unless the air conditioning is modified to include something to clean up recircled air I wouldn't travel in an IEP for example.

In my experience most people are now deciding for themselves what is safe anyway. They no longer trust anything that Boris spouts.



# Agree or Disagree (4)

Forget what Boris says you obviously have a strong political bias , within 3 month our death rates will be down to zero most days and they'll want their lives back before they're replaced by the next generation

# Agree or Disagree (5)

If, like myself, you can't drive, then there is no alternative but to use public transport despite the risk

# Agree or Disagree (6)

There is another option - don't travel at all.

The big question facing all public transport is how many take the minimal travel option and change their lives accordingly.

Locally I've met plenty of people who have realised they can get most of what they want by shopping local. They might choose to use public transport only when they have no alternative and only off peak.

# Agree or Disagree (7)

I'd be much happier if masks were compulsory. Knowing that it is less likely that my fellow passengers could infect me would be a help in building my confidence.

Good cleaning practices of grab rails, seats and tables would help as would knowing that the air I breathe on a train, or bus, isn't recirculated.

# Agree or Disagree (8)

We need to look at the medium and long term too (what are your top three?)

- \* Climate Change and CO2 (and Ozone ...)
- \* Particulates and NO2 and other waste products
- \* Resources such as fossil fuel
- \* Congestion and delays as a result
- \* Loss of habitat
- \* Health
- \* Economy
- \* Quality of life

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