

Initial Survey Analysis:

How would you describe your relationship with the city?

Love/hate relationship

Stressful but exciting

Difference between 'notion' and 'reality' of city

Thoughts: contradiction/confusion/dichotomy in environment and also between notion of city (positive) and reality (more negatives)

How do you travel about within the city?

In order: walking, bus, trains (inc tubes), trams, car

Thoughts: varied - reflecting the varied uses and users of the space?

How do you think living in a city changes your life for the better?

Accessibility to amenities/culture

How do you think living in a city changes your life for the worse?

Pollution (chemical, noise and emotional)

Crime

Financial expense

Do you feel you have any ownership over the urban environment?

Yes: 40%

Involved in planning decisions

Marks left on the environment through design work

No: 60%

Feels temporary - passing through

Change without input

Instructional signs

Use of space is not the same as interaction with

Thoughts: Seems that those who recognise a direct physical impact they have on the space (visual or conceptual through involvement in town planning) are the minority who feel like the city is 'theirs' - the majority who have no lasting physical input to the spaces they use and simply pass through the city do not feel any ownership.

Appendix 2A

What single thing would you change about the city (if you could) to improve your experience of it?

Less crime/violence/homelessness

Better public transport

'Being less replaceable'

Thoughts: 'being less replaceable' comment - connected to lack of individual identity in the mass? Same as alienation?

Thinking about your emotional response to the city...

What single thing about the city most inspires an emotional response in you?

Positive (40%):

Looking at it as an outsider - fascination, astonishment, being touched/moved

Seeing tourist advertising for my city - pride

Negative (60%):

Crime - anger

Noise - irritation

Drunkenness - fear

Thoughts: is it the same 40% who feel they have ownership over the city who feel their strongest emotional response to the space is positive? Is it the same 60% who feel a lack of ownership who recognise the negative feelings more? Is this directly linked to a feeling of making a contribution to the city? If you feel you are making a contribution will you feel more positively towards the city? Does negativity stem from a lack of engagement, feeling that you have no control over the space? It seems the aspects raised which cause the negative feelings are associated with a lack of control.

If you live in or were to move to a rural area, what do/would you most miss about the city?

Access to amenities and cultural facilities

Thoughts: all things you participate (have input) in...

If you live in/were to move to a rural area, what are you/would you be most happy to leave behind?

Noise, crime, overcrowding, alienation

Thoughts: all things you have little or no control over...

Theory:

Input = Control = Ownership

No impact = No control = No ownership