

# Cheddar Gorge for everyone Survey

Wednesday 31st January to Tuesday 12th March 2024

## Section 1: About you

\*Your name:

- If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please share which group here:
- Your post code (this is used to understand the geographical location of respondents and their proximity to Cheddar Gorge):

\* Are you... (tick all that apply)

- A local resident (within Cheddar Parish Council area)
- A Somerset resident
- Someone who works in Cheddar
- A local business owner or representative
- A visitor to Cheddar Gorge
- Other:

If you ticked 'a visitor to Cheddar Gorge', please tell us how frequently you visit?

- I visit regularly (monthly or more)
- I visit occasionally (a few times a year)
- I have visited a few times
- I have visited once
- If you ticked 'a visitor to Cheddar Gorge', please tell us about your visitor experience.
- If you are a local resident or local business owner, please tell us about any issues or opportunities you can see within Cheddar Gorge.

If you are happy for us to contact you in relation to this project, please leave your email address below:

## Section 2: An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in Cheddar Gorge

\*How far do you agree that Cheddar Gorge should be more accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, and other visitors (non-vehicular)?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neutral / unsure
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

**The proposal is for the Gorge to be closed to vehicles **initially one day in the month.****

\*What day(s) of the week do you think closing the Gorge to vehicular traffic would be best?

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday
- None

\*What time(s) do you think closing the Gorge to vehicular traffic would be best? Select as many as you wish.

- Mornings: 7am to 10am
- Lunchtimes: 11am to 2pm
- Afternoons: 3pm to 5pm
- Evenings: 6pm to 8pm
- Late nights: 9pm to midnight
- All day
- None

\*If closing the Gorge to traffic was to become more frequent in the future, how often would you like to see these measures introduced?

- More than once a week
- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Not at all

**The current proposals would see the Gorge closed from the first narrows to Black Rock car park.**

\*Do you agree this would be the best location for the restrictions? (see map in section 1 of this survey).

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you chose no to the previous question, where do you think the restrictions should be?

**\*What type of events or activities might you like to see in Cheddar Gorge during these times?**

Select as many as you wish.

- Theatre performances
- Live music
- Community groups
- Rambling groups
- Cycling groups
- Running groups
- Family days
- Nothing, just a traffic-free environment
- Other:

What do you think would be the benefits of an ETRO in Cheddar Gorge? Select as many as you wish.

- Help physical wellbeing of residents and visitors
- Help mental wellbeing of residents and visitors
- Create a safer visitor experience
- Encourage more people to visit Cheddar Gorge
- Help to provide a safer place for wildlife
- Encourage more events / activities to be held in Cheddar Gorge
- None

- Other:

\*Please tell us when you would like the ETRO trial to begin.

- Spring 2024 (March to May)
- Summer 2024 (June to August)
- Autumn 2024 (September to November)
- Winter 2024/2025 (December to February)
- No preference
- I don't want to see an ETRO in place

Do you have any other suggestions you would like to make to help improve the visitor experience to Cheddar Gorge?

**This is only the beginning...**

**We hope through the proposed ETROs we can improve the visitor experience and look forward to exploring more opportunities in the future.**

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