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Adaptations of the ALPHA questionnaire and ALPHA short made after the first field testing and expert meeting

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| All questions  | Rephrased neighbourhood definition:  
                          "By your neighbourhood we mean the area ALL around your home that you could walk to in 10-15 minutes - approx 1 mile or 1.5 km"  
                          "By your neighbourhood we mean ALL the area within approximately one kilometer or half a mile of your home or that you could walk to in 10-15 minutes."  
| 1              | - rephrased item b:  
                          "Semi-detached townhouses, terraced houses"  
                          - rephrased item c:  
                          “Flats of 6 floors or more”  
                          "Semi-detached houses or terraced houses"  
                          "Apartment buildings or blocks of flats"  
| 2              | rephrased item h  
                          "Open recreation area such as a park, beach or other open space"  
                          "Open recreation area such as a park or other open space"  
| 3              | - Rephrased title  
                          “Walking or cycling infrastructure in your neighbourhood”  
                          - Deleted "I don’t know” answer category  
                          - reordered items  
                          - rephrased items b & d  
                          a) There are special lanes, routes or paths to cycle in my neighbourhood  
                          b) There are traffic-free cycle routes in my neighbourhood  
                          c) There are sidewalks in my neighbourhood  
                          d) There are pedestrian zones in my neighbourhood  
                          for shopping  
                          “Walking and cycling infrastructure in your neighbourhood”  
                          a) There are sidewalks in my neighbourhood  
                          b) There are pedestrian zones or pedestrian trails in my neighbourhood  
                          c) There are special lanes, routes or paths for cycling in my neighbourhood  
                          d) There are cycle routes in my neighbourhood that are separated from traffic  
| 4              | - Rephrased title  
                          “Maintenance of infrastructure in your neighbourhood”  
                          - Reordered items  
                          - Changed answer category  
                          “I don’t know/Not applicable”  
                          “Maintenance of walking and cycling infrastructure in your neighbourhood”  
                          “Not applicable”  
| 5              | Changed the words “unsafe” and “not safe” into dangerous  
                          a) It is not safe to leave a bicycle locked in my neighbourhood  
                          c) Walking is unsafe because of the traffic in my neighbourhood  
                          d) Cycling is unsafe because of the traffic in my neighbourhood  
                          e) It is unsafe in my neighbourhood during the day because of the level of crime  
                          f) It is unsafe in my neighbourhood during the night because of the level of crime  
                          a) It is dangerous to leave a bicycle locked in my neighbourhood  
                          c) Walking is dangerous because of the traffic in my neighbourhood  
                          d) Cycling is dangerous because of the traffic in my neighbourhood  
                          e) It is dangerous in my neighbourhood during the day because of the level of crime  
                          f) It is dangerous in my neighbourhood during the night because of the level of crime  
| 6              | - Rephrased title  
                          “How pleasant is your neighbourhood?”  
                          “My local neighbourhood is a pleasant environment for walking and cycling”  
                          “My local neighbourhood is generally free from litter or graffiti”  
                          - Items b, c, d other answer categories  
                          “Strongly disagree – somewhat disagree –”  
                          “How pleasant is your neighbourhood for walking or cycling?”  
                          “My local neighbourhood is a pleasant environment for walking or cycling”  
                          “There is litter or graffiti in the streets of my neighbourhood”  
                          “None – a few – some – plenty”  
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| 7 | **Rephrased title**  
   | “Cycling and walking network”  
   | **Item a & b reordered**  
   | “It is easier to take shortcuts with a bicycle or walking than with a car”  
   | **Item c rephrased**  
   | “There are many intersections in my neighbourhood” | “Walking and cycling network”  
   | **There are many shortcuts for walking in my neighbourhood”**  
   | **There are many road junctions in my neighbourhood”** |
| 9 | **Rephrased Items f & g**  
   | “A free car park;”  
   | “employer subsidised public transport / cycling” | “Enough car parking spaces”  
<p>| “employer/school subsidised public transport” |</p>
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<td>b</td>
<td>Item b rephrased: &quot;Many shops, stores, markets or other places to buy things I need are within easy walking distance of my home&quot;</td>
<td>b &quot;There are many shops within easy walking distance of my home&quot;</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Item c rephrased: &quot;There is a transit stop (such as bus stop, train, trolley or tram station) within easy walking distance of my home&quot;</td>
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<td>g</td>
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<td>h &quot;At my home, I have small sports equipment such as a ball, racquets, … for my personal use&quot;</td>
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<td>i</td>
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