

The main part of the content of this paper represents the results and conclusions of a sociological survey which was carried out in the area of the pedestrian zone Anděl in a Prague quarter Smíchov in two phases. The survey was a part of a broader project "Life among the Buildings". The aim of this project was to create a conception of the pedestrian zone, to find its strengths and weaknesses and outline the solutions of possible problems with the participation of public. The whole project was built as a participation one from its beginning which means that the public and the users of the area were involved in the process of creation of the system of recommendation for changes. The process covered meetings with the public, with entrepreneurs and local political authorities. The output of the whole project is the publication "Doporučení pro pěší zónu Anděl" ("Recommendations for the pedestrian zone Anděl"), which is available on the Internet (www.mezibudovami.cz).

The first phase of the survey was the observation which in its two parts - counting and tracing described the area in terms of intensity and directions of movement. The volume of the movement in and out of the area was measured at all entry and exit points, the sum total of the entries was c. 160.000 between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. During the process of tracing the directions of movement were recorded. They served as the basis for map outputs which describe the density of movement in the pedestrian zone and show different types of possible conflict points.

The second phase of the survey was the questionnaire enquiry aimed mostly at defining the users' relation to the area. Among the interesting results of the survey belong the proof of the association between the apprehension of green areas and the impression of security or between the fact that the respondent had been a victim of pickpocket in the area and his attitude to different socially weaker groups.