

Kensington and Chelsea Citizens' Panel – Making the borough greener

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Introduction

Background

The Citizens' Panel is a large, demographically representative group of residents from across the borough who will be regularly invited to give public preferences and opinions to inform Council decision-making. The Panel was launched in April 2021. The second Panel survey on making the borough greener was launched in July 2021 and focussed on the priorities in the Council's Green Plan, in particular, climate change, air quality and biodiversity. The results will be used to develop action plans in these key areas. A series of focus groups with Panel members are planned for the autumn to build on the results from this survey and explore the action plans in more depth.

Methodology and report

The survey was developed with colleagues from Cleaner Greener and Cultural Services (CGCS) who are responsible for delivering the Green Plan. The Panel survey was launched on 21 July 2021. Three subsequent reminder emails and one reminder text were sent to encourage Panel members to complete the survey.

The survey closed on 23 August 2021 and 301 completed surveys were received (294 online and seven paper).

Appendix

The appendices report contains details of all themed comments made by respondents in relation to the consultation. All other responses and data are in the report. The appendices report is available upon request.

Equalities

Equalities data is presented on the '**About Respondents: Demographic Breakdown**' section.

Acknowledgements

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Results at a glance – Panel survey findings

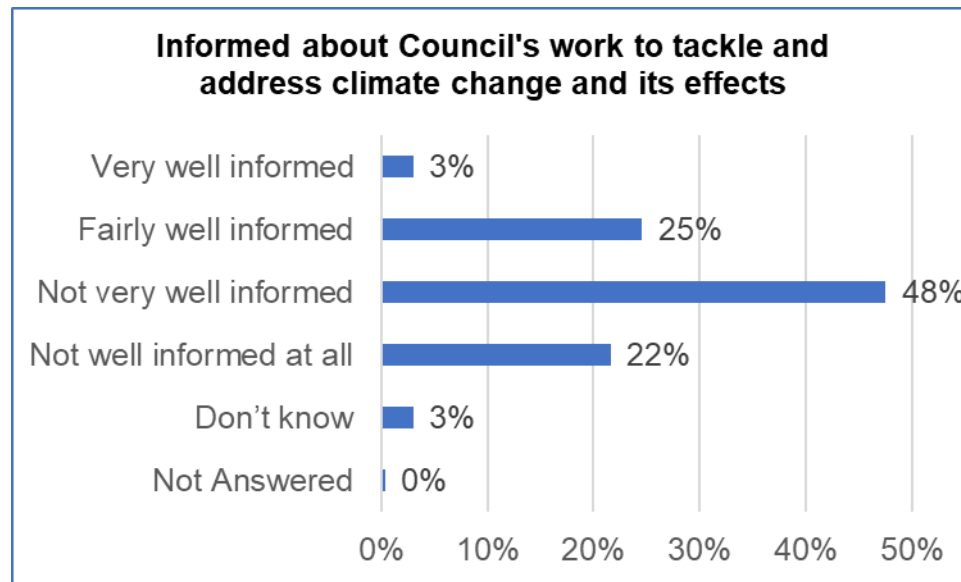
- ***The Council's work to tackle climate change and its effects*** - Almost half (48 per cent) felt that they were not very well informed about the Council's work, with a further 22 per cent feeling not well informed at all. Twenty-seven per cent felt that the Council was doing well in tackling climate change, with two per cent feeling they were doing very well.
- ***Support to act and tackle climate change in local area and reduce carbon footprint*** – The top ways respondents felt the Council could support them were to provide financial incentives/subsidies/grants to reduce their carbon footprint and to identify residents who are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and ensure that their homes are resilient. The least popular ways the Council could provide support were providing information and support on sustainable living and developing and promoting local car sharing.
- ***Importance for reducing carbon emissions*** – Respondents felt that reducing waste and increasing recycling rates was the most important initiative for reducing carbon emissions followed by increasing green spaces in the borough. The initiative seen as the least important was developing climate change communication campaigns for staff and residents.
- ***AirTEXT alerts*** – Only three per cent of respondents currently receive airTEXT alerts. Of those that don't, 62 per cent would like to receive them, the majority, direct to their phone via an app.
- ***Improving air quality*** – Respondents supported installing more rapid electric charging points and doubling the number of electric vehicle charging points the most. The initiative receiving the highest amount of opposition was changing the residents' parking permit to remove the facility to park across the whole borough.
- ***Reduced cost of electric parking permit*** – The majority of respondents felt this was a good policy with 59 per cent thinking the tariffs were about right, 12 per cent thought the cost reduction was too small and 15 per cent that the price per gram of CO₂ should be larger. Twelve per cent thought it wasn't a good policy.
- ***20mph speed limit*** – Seventy-six per cent of respondents had seen 20mph signs or road markings. Fifty-seven per cent felt that the 20mph speed limit should be made permanent on some but not all roads managed by the Council whilst 32 per cent felt it should be made permanent on all roads managed by the Council.

Results at a glance – Panel survey findings

- **Biodiversity** – Respondents' priorities for the biodiversity action plan were to conserve and protect existing habitats, biodiversity features and species and to increase access to nature for residents, businesses and visitors. Top actions to improve biodiversity, nature and green spaces were to plant more wildflower areas for pollinators and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in supporting biodiversity.
- **Recycling** – The top ways to encourage respondents to recycle more were clear information on what can or cannot be recycled and more recycling banks around the borough. The least important was separate wheelie bins.
- **Food waste collection** – Seventy-two per cent of respondents supported the expansion of the food waste collection service in the borough, 19 per cent weren't sure and eight per cent didn't support it.
- **The Green Fund** – Seventy-six per cent of respondents felt that the Green Fund should be administered by local councillors and residents working with Council officers to help steer projects and help allocate funds. Thirty-nine per cent felt that the £10 million allocated was an appropriate amount, whilst 49 per cent felt it was too little. Sixty-eight per cent supported seeking to increase the amount. The most supported potential Green Fund projects were making schools and making Council buildings low carbon and energy efficient.
- **Outdoor dining** – Fifty-seven per cent of respondents support the closure of roads to make them more pedestrian friendly and for outdoor dining whilst 74 per cent support converting parking bays to allow for al fresco dining during the summer annually.
- **Street trees in parking bays** – Sixty-two per cent of respondents support the principle of planting street trees in a small number of parking bays whilst 58 per cent support this in their street or near where they live.
- **Top greening initiatives** – The top greening initiatives for respondents were investment in existing parks and the development of new parks, the Green Fund and more electric vehicle chargers. The least popular were new cycleways in the back streets and a bee superhighway.

Survey findings – Informed about Council's work to tackle and address climate change and its effects

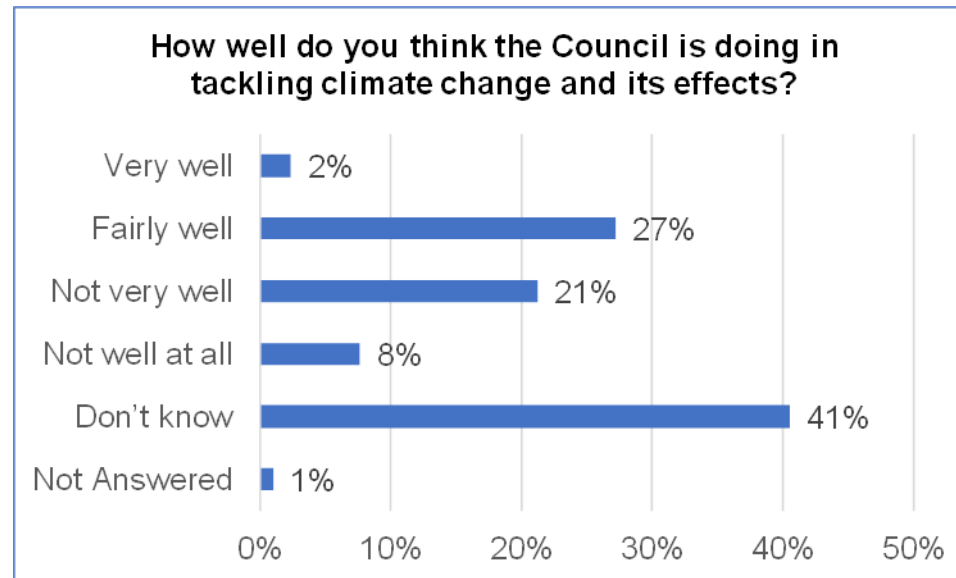
Panel members were asked how well informed they felt about the Council's work to tackle and address climate change and its effects. Almost half (48 per cent) felt that they were not very well informed with a further 22 per cent feeling not well informed at all. Just three per cent of Panel members felt they were very well informed with a quarter of Panel members (25 per cent) feeling fairly well informed about the Council's work in this area.



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – How well is Council doing in tackling climate change and its effects

Panel members were asked how well they thought the Council was doing in tackling climate change and its effects. Perhaps as a reflection of the results of the previous question about how well informed Panel members were, 41 per cent of Panel members answered 'don't know' to this question. Twenty seven per cent of Panel members felt that the Council was doing well with a further two per cent feeling they were doing very well. Around one in five (21 per cent) felt the Council was not doing very well and eight per cent felt that the Council was not doing well at all at tackling climate change and its effects.



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Support to act and tackle climate change in local area and reduce carbon footprint

Panel members were asked to rank their top five ways the Council could support them to act and tackle climate change in their local area and reduce their carbon footprint from one to five with one being their top priority. To rank their responses, a score of five was awarded to the number one priority, two to number two priority, three to number three priority, two to number four priority and one to number five priority. A mean score was then calculated for each value to produce the prioritised list in the graph overleaf.

The top five ways the Council can support respondents were:

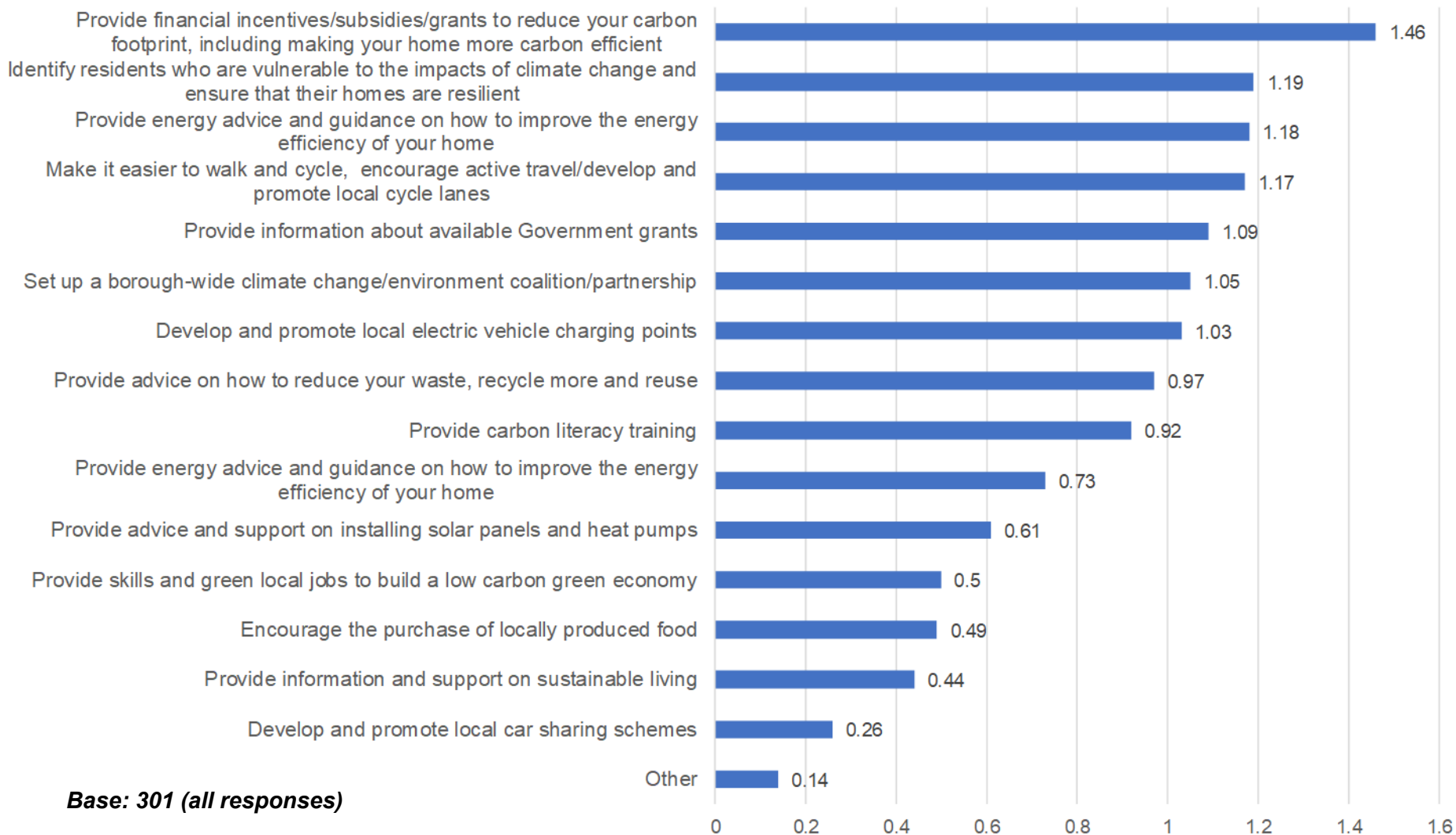
- Provide financial incentives/subsidies/grants to reduce your carbon footprint, including making your home more carbon efficient 1.46
- Identify residents who are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and ensure that their homes are resilient 1.19
- Provide energy advice and guidance on how to improve the energy efficiency of your home 1.18
- Make it easier to walk and cycle, encourage active travel/develop and promote cycle lanes 1.17
- Provide information about available Government grants 1.09

The least popular ways the Council can support respondents were:

- Encourage the purchase of locally produced food 0.49
- Provide information and support on sustainable living 0.44
- Develop and promote local car sharing schemes 0.26

Survey findings – Ways to reduce carbon footprint

How can the Council support you to act and tackle climate change in your local area and reduce your carbon footprint?



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Climate change priorities: Other comments

Panel members who selected 'Other' when asked about climate change priorities, were able to provide comments about any other suggestions they had. Comments made have been themed and the themes with three or more comments are summarised in the table below. Examples of comments made can be seen overleaf, with the full list of themes and comments made found in the appendices report.

| Theme | Count |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Traffic management | 6 |
| Education | 6 |
| Waste management | 5 |
| Fines/penalties | 3 |
| Energy efficiency measures | 3 |
| Alternative fuel vehicles | 3 |
| Cycle lanes | 3 |
| Survey feedback | 3 |

Base: 44 (all comments)

Survey findings – Climate change priorities: Other comments

“I think currently the trash is a problem is hard to know what goes where and there are questions about where this goes and if things are recycled properly in addition to being hard finding non plastic packaging.”

Waste management

“I think the biggest issue is educating people on how they can be effective in change by doing the smallest things.”

Education

“I think there needs to be penalties for people who aren't making climate conscious decisions. Not just financial penalties but social penalties.”

Fines/penalties

“Have more car free roads. Organize car free days at some parts of the borough. Do something about Westway pollution.”

Traffic management

“There's a lot of housing stock owned by housing associations and buildings owned by companies. If these are all supported to install solar panels this would ensure the borough is leading the way. Look at turning street lighting off after midnight on suburban roads. Anywhere we can have wind turbines?”

Energy efficiency measures

“Provide incentive to purchase electric vehicles more car free roads.”

Alternative fuel vehicles



Survey findings – Importance for reducing carbon emissions

Panel members were asked to assess the relative importance of a series of initiatives for reducing carbon emissions. The graph showing the results for this question can be found overleaf.

The initiatives which were most strongly supported by respondents were:

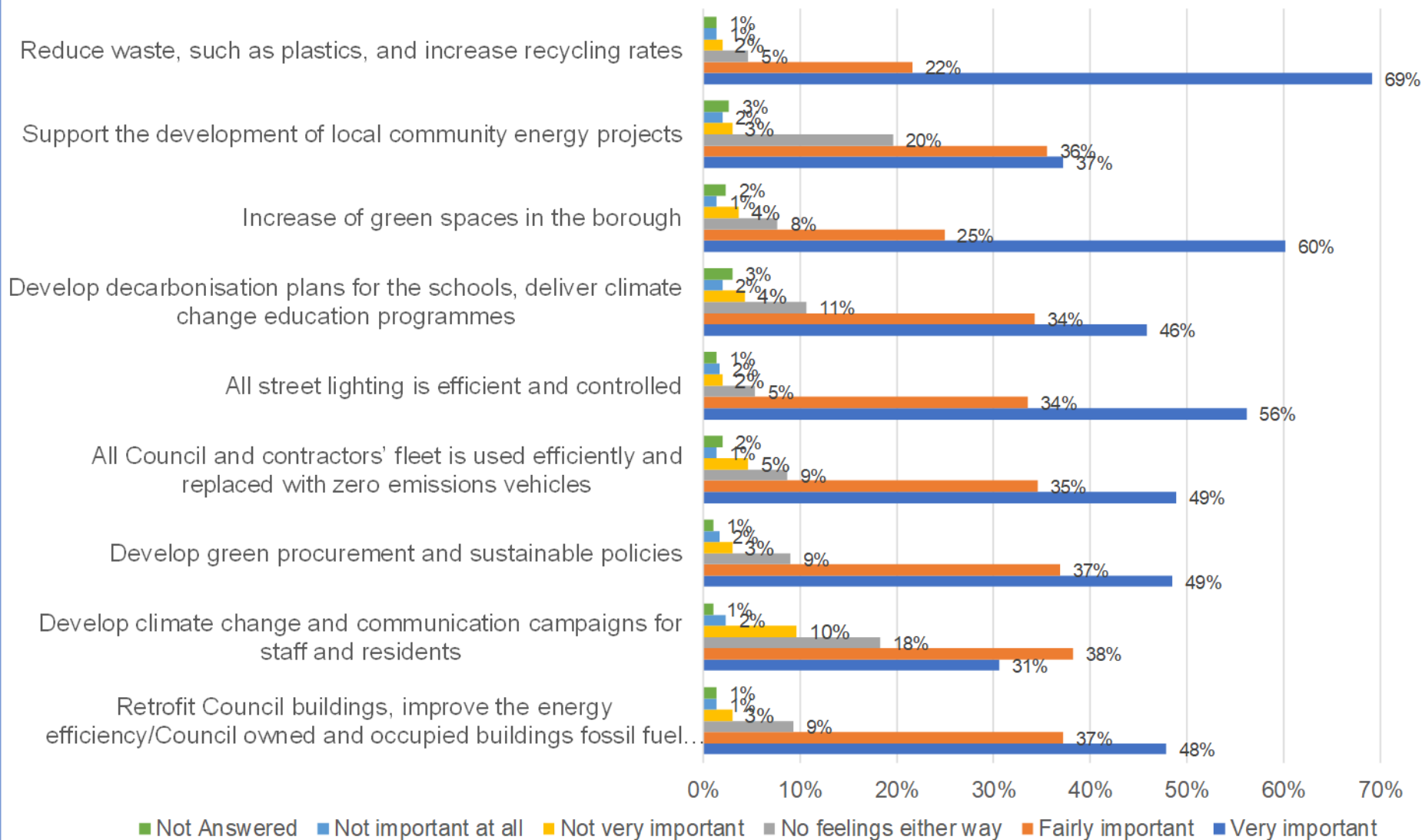
- Reduce waste, such as plastics, and increase recycling rates - 69 per cent strongly support
- Increase green spaces in the borough - 60 per cent strongly support
- All street lighting is efficient and controlled - 56 per cent strongly support

The initiatives with the least amount of strong support from respondents were:

- Develop decarbonisation plans for schools, deliver climate change education programmes - 46 per cent strongly support
- Support the development of local community energy projects - 37 per cent strongly support
- Develop climate change communication campaigns for staff and residents - 31 per cent strongly support

Survey findings – Importance in reducing carbon emission

How important should the following be for Kensington and Chelsea Council in reducing carbon emission?



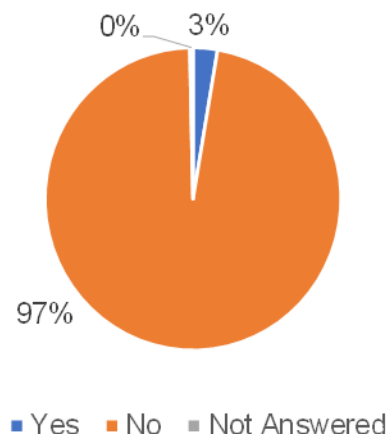
Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – airTEXT alerts

The Council provides airTEXT alerts (this is a free text, email, or voicemail with forecasts for air quality, pollen, UV, and temperature across London to help residents prepare and reduce their chance of exposure to air pollution). Panel members were asked if they currently receive airTEXT alerts. Just three per cent of respondents stated that they did.

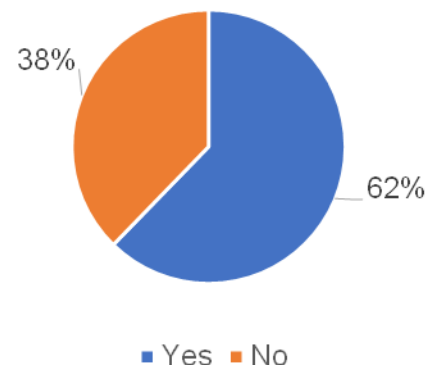
The 97 per cent of respondents who did not currently receive airTEXT alerts were further asked if they were interested in receiving them. Sixty-two per cent of respondents were interested in receiving airTEXT alerts whilst 38 per cent were not.

Do you receive airTEXT alerts?



Base: 301 (all responses)

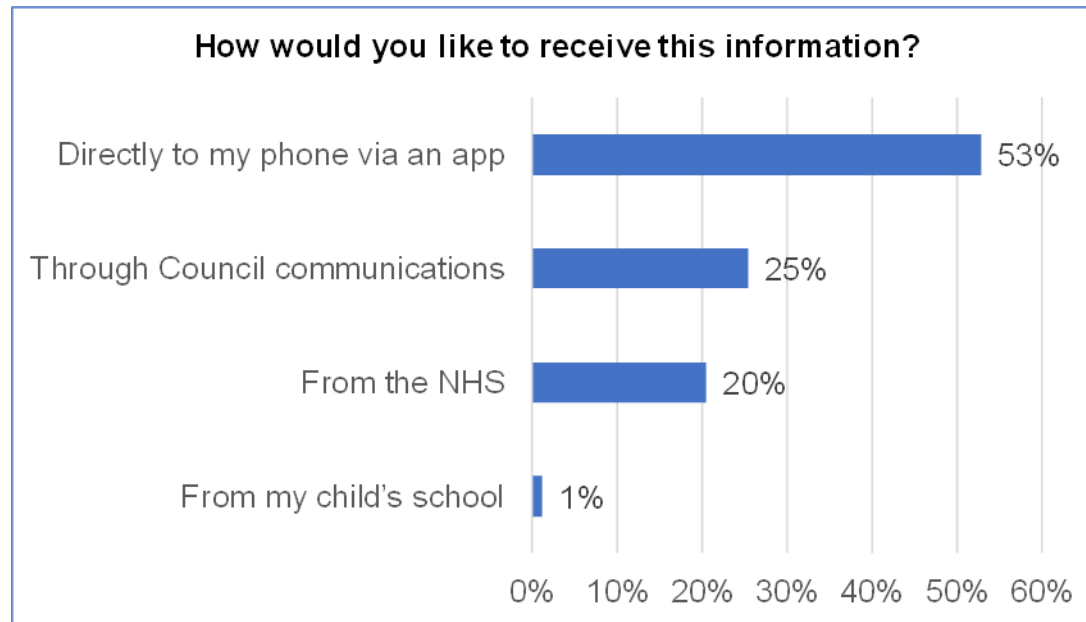
If no, are you interested in receiving airTEXT alerts?



Base: 292 (all responses)

Survey findings – Source of airTEXT alerts

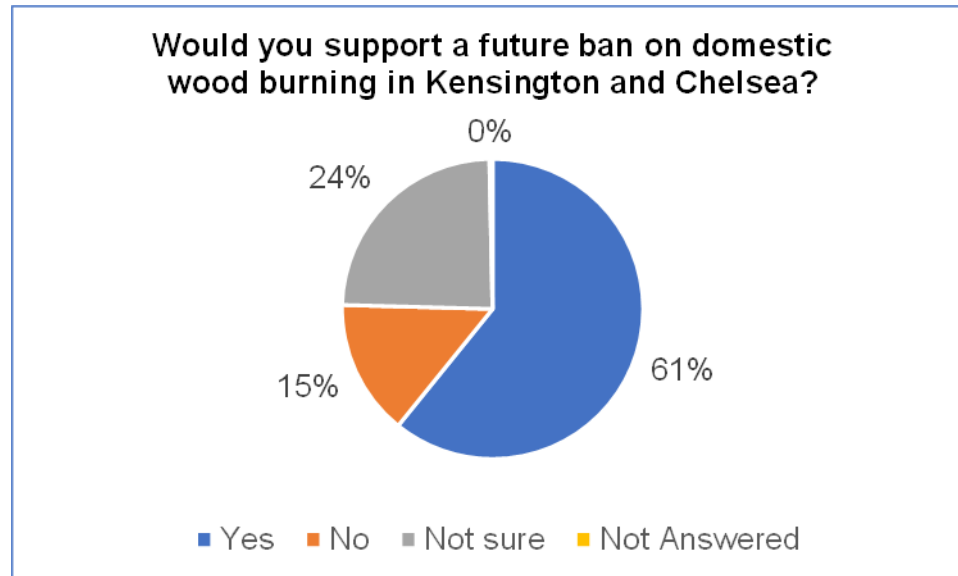
The Panel members who were interested in receiving airTEXT alerts were further asked how they would want to receive them. Over half (53 per cent) stated that they would like to receive this information directly to their phone via an app. A quarter (25 per cent) would like to receive this information through Council communications, 20 per cent from the NHS and one per cent from their child's school.



Base: 244 (all responses)

Survey findings – Domestic wood burning in Kensington and Chelsea

Pollution from wood burning stoves and garden bonfires can be damaging to people's health. Panel members were asked if they would support a future ban on domestic wood burning in Kensington and Chelsea. The majority of respondents would support a future ban (61 per cent) whereas 15 per cent would not support a ban. Around a quarter (24 per cent) of respondents weren't sure about a future ban.



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Actions the Council should focus on to improve air quality

As road transport is a major source of air pollution, Panel members were asked what actions in relation to road transport the Council should focus on to improve air quality.

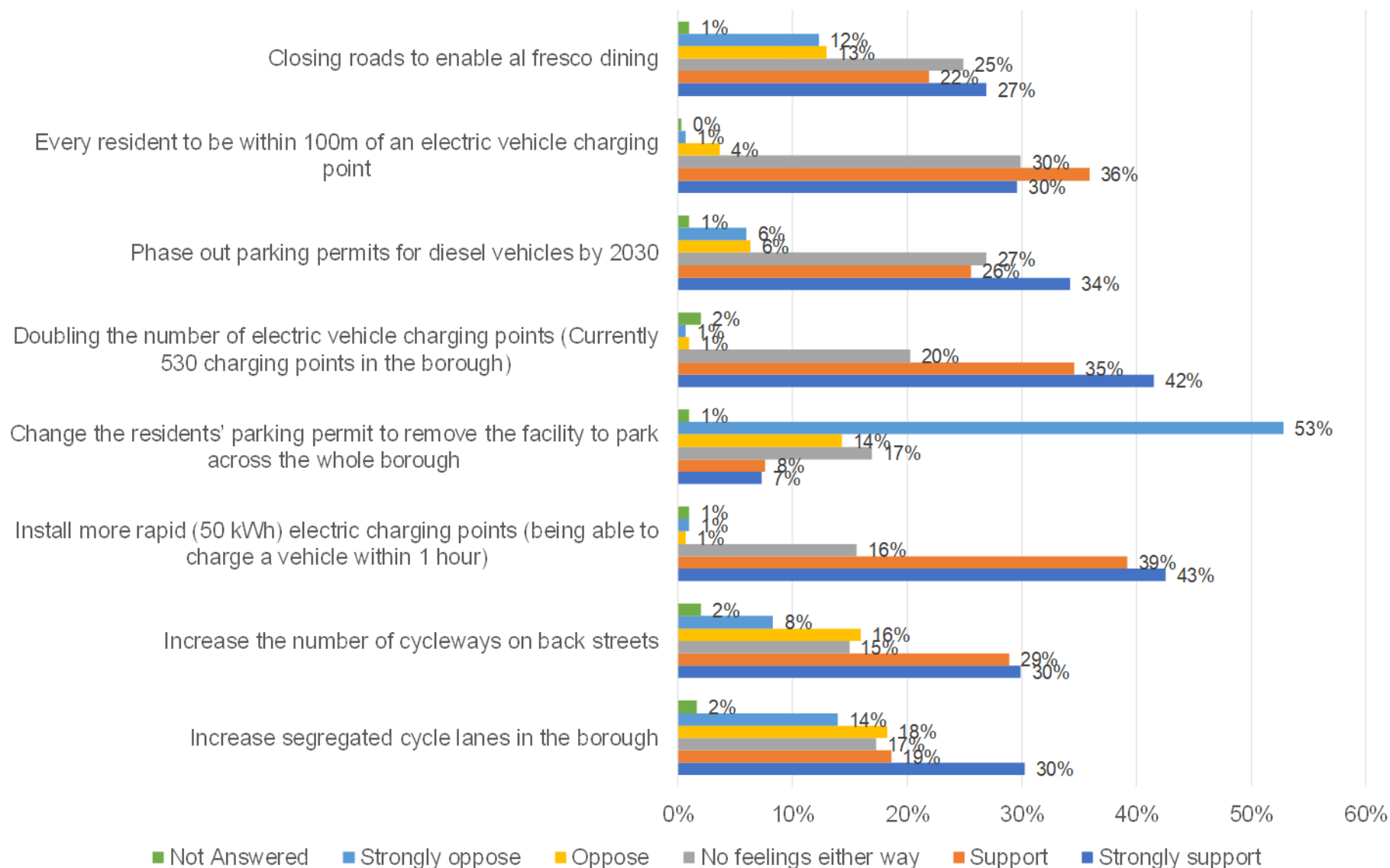
The actions most strongly supported by respondents were:

- Install more rapid electric charging points - 43 per cent strongly support
- Doubling the number of electric vehicle charging points - 42 per cent strongly support
- Phase out parking permits from diesel vehicles by 2030 - 34 per cent strongly support

The remaining actions on the list attracted a similar amount of strong support of around 30 per cent. The action receiving the least amount of support was 'change the residents' parking permit to remove the facility to park across the whole borough' which only attracted strong support from seven per cent of respondents whilst 53 per cent strongly opposed this option.

Survey findings – Actions to improve air quality

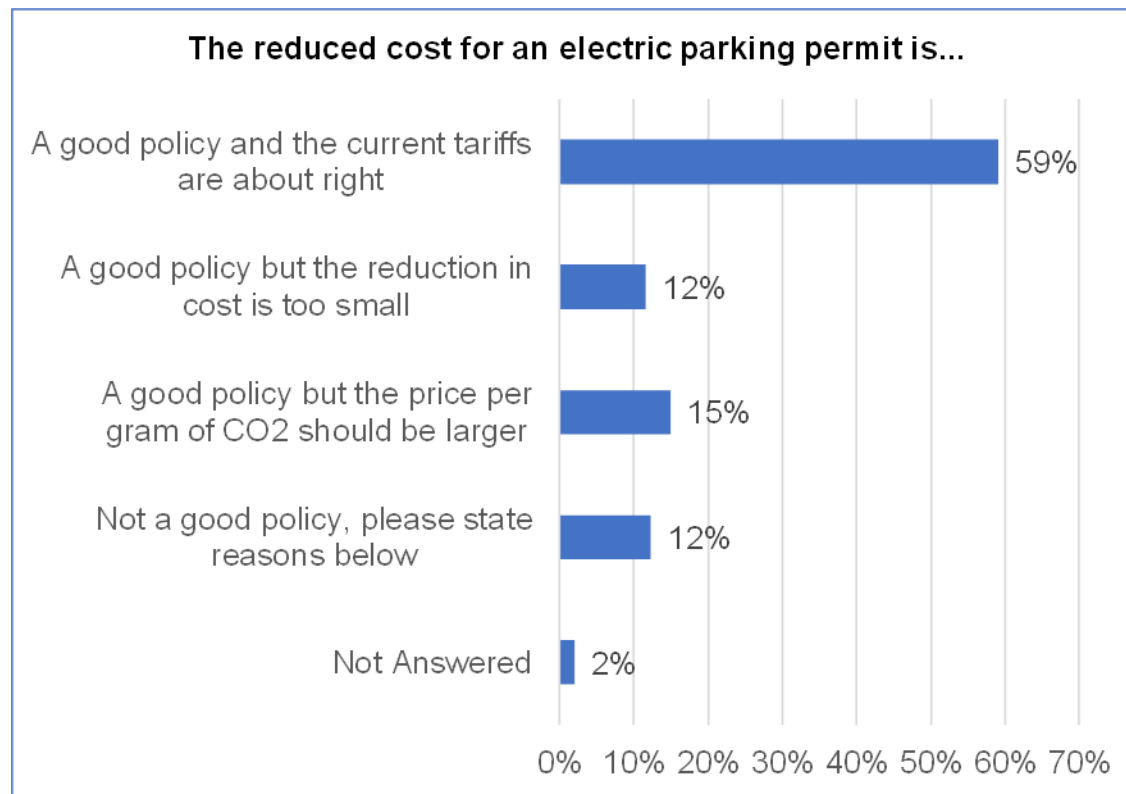
What particular actions do you think we should be focussing on to improve air quality?



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Electric parking permit

The borough has become the first place in Britain to charge for parking permits based on the grams of CO₂ a vehicle emits, therefore, there is a reduced cost for electric parking permits. Panel members were asked for their views on this policy. The majority of respondents felt that the reduced cost for an electric parking permit is a good policy with 59 per cent thinking the current tariffs were about right, 12 per cent that the reduction in cost is too small and 15 per cent that the price per gram of CO₂ should be larger. Twelve per cent of respondents felt that this was not a good policy.



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Electric parking permit charging policy: Reasons comments

Panel members were asked to elaborate on their reasons for their answer with regard to the electric parking permit charging policy. Comments made have been themed and the themes with three or more comments are summarised in the table below. Examples of comments made can be seen overleaf, with the full list of themes and comments made found in the appendices report.

| Theme | Count |
|--|-------|
| Penalises those that can't afford electric car | 18 |
| Concern about electric vehicles | 10 |
| Increase charges for polluting vehicles | 8 |
| Incentivise more | 4 |
| General support | 3 |
| Concern about long term impact of policy | 3 |
| Charging points | 3 |
| Will encourage vehicle change | 3 |

Base: 71 (all comments)

Survey findings – Electric parking permit: Reasons

“People can’t always afford to buy new upgraded electric car, shouldn’t then be charged to be able to park outside their own homes.”

Penalises those that can’t afford electric car

“This would be a good start. Better still increase the tariffs for oversize cars/Chelsea Tractors, etc.”

Increase charges for polluting vehicles



“The policy is right now, but will, when everyone has an electric car, leave the council short of revenue and will potentially lead to a shortage of residents’ parking spaces as the effective coat of parking will have fallen.”

Concern about long term impact of policy

“A good policy but electric cars are generally owned by more wealthy residents so perhaps this is TOO ahead of the curve and penalising those in the area who can less afford such costs.”

Penalises those that can’t afford electric car

“Fossil fuel vehicles are less damaging to the environment than electric vehicles which are causing an ecological catastrophe wars for mineral deposits needed for the battery production. Concentrate on Hydrogen vehicles please.”

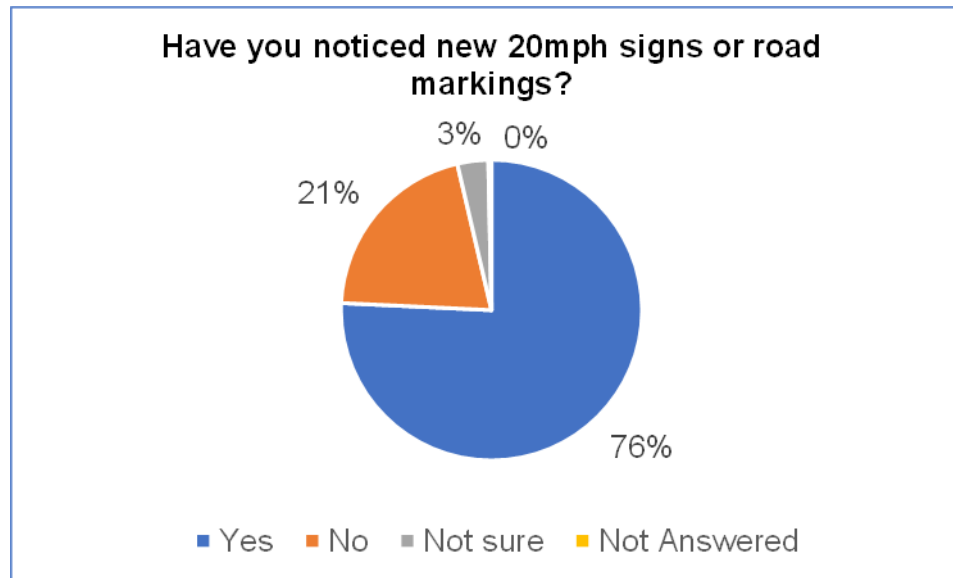
Concern about electric vehicles

“There should be a greater incentive to go electric.”

Incentivise more

Survey findings – 20 mph speed limit

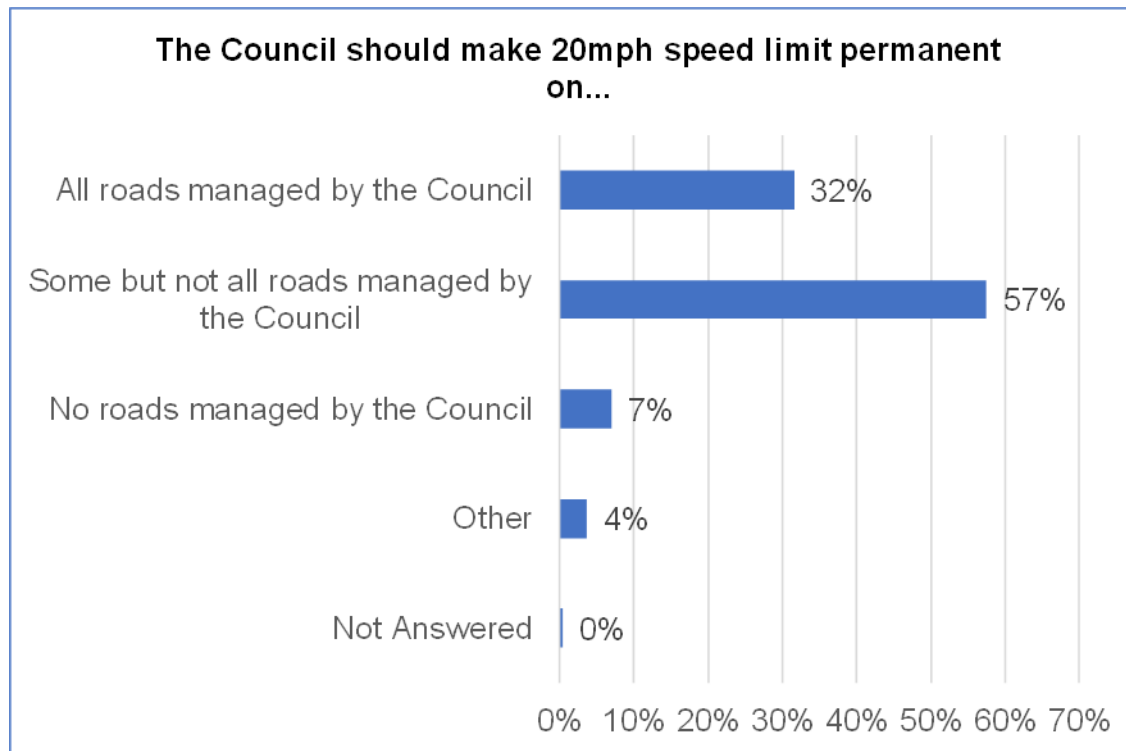
Panel members were asked whether or not they had noticed the 20mph signs and road markings around the borough. Just over three quarters (76 per cent) said that they had seen them with around one in five (21 per cent) stating they hadn't. Three per cent were not sure whether or not they had seen the 20mph signs or road markings.



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – 20 mph speed limit

Panel members were asked on which roads managed by the Council they felt the 20mph speed limit should be made permanent. The majority (57 per cent) felt that the 20mph speed limit should be made permanent on some but not all roads managed by the Council whilst around a third (32 per cent) felt it should be made permanent on all roads managed by the Council. Seven per cent felt that no roads managed by the Council should have a permanent 20mph limit whilst four per cent responded 'other.'



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – 20mph limit: Reasons

Panel members were asked to elaborate on the reasons for their answer to the question about the 20mph speed limit. Comments made have been themed and the themes with two or more comments are summarised in the table below. Examples of comments made can be seen overleaf, with the full list of themes and comments made found in the appendices report.

| Theme | Count |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Not appropriate for all roads | 10 |
| Concern about slow traffic/congestion | 9 |
| Enforcement | 5 |
| Support for specific streets | 2 |
| Signage | 2 |
| Evidence base | 2 |
| Not enough knowledge to comment | 2 |
| Oppose 20mph speed limit | 2 |

Base: 36 (all comments)

Survey findings – 20mph speed limit: Reasons

“Not all roads are equal and there are some roads on which 20mph is too slow. Others on which it is essential. Is this scheme introduced to save lives or to reduce carbon emissions? That should be made clear.”

Not appropriate on all roads

“Roads where there are schools and hospitals should have reduced speed limits. I would like to know what baseline measures were taken and what they are now to see if this has been beneficial what I see is more traffic with idling engines whose to say this does not increase pollution? So air quality measures and number of accidents pre and post change then people can make an informed decision. You are asking people to comment on areas where there is no evidence of benefit.”

Evidence base



“Drivers should be able to drive responsibly to the road conditions and by having very slow traffic only makes for more congestion and fumes when on the odd occasion it is possible to go over 20 e.g.; the Embankment, Cromwell Road - A 20 mph limit is appropriate say near schools but in most cases it is not necessary.”

Concern about slow traffic/congestion

“It would be great to see these limits actually being enforced more.”

Enforcement

“Residential roads yes but not main thoroughfares.”

Not appropriate for all roads

“I oppose the 20mph on any roads.”

Oppose 20mph limit

Survey findings – Priorities for Biodiversity action plan

Panel members were asked how far they agreed or disagreed with the inclusion of a series of biodiversity priorities in the Biodiversity action plan. The graph of these results can be found overleaf.

The priorities with the strongest level of agreement from respondents were:

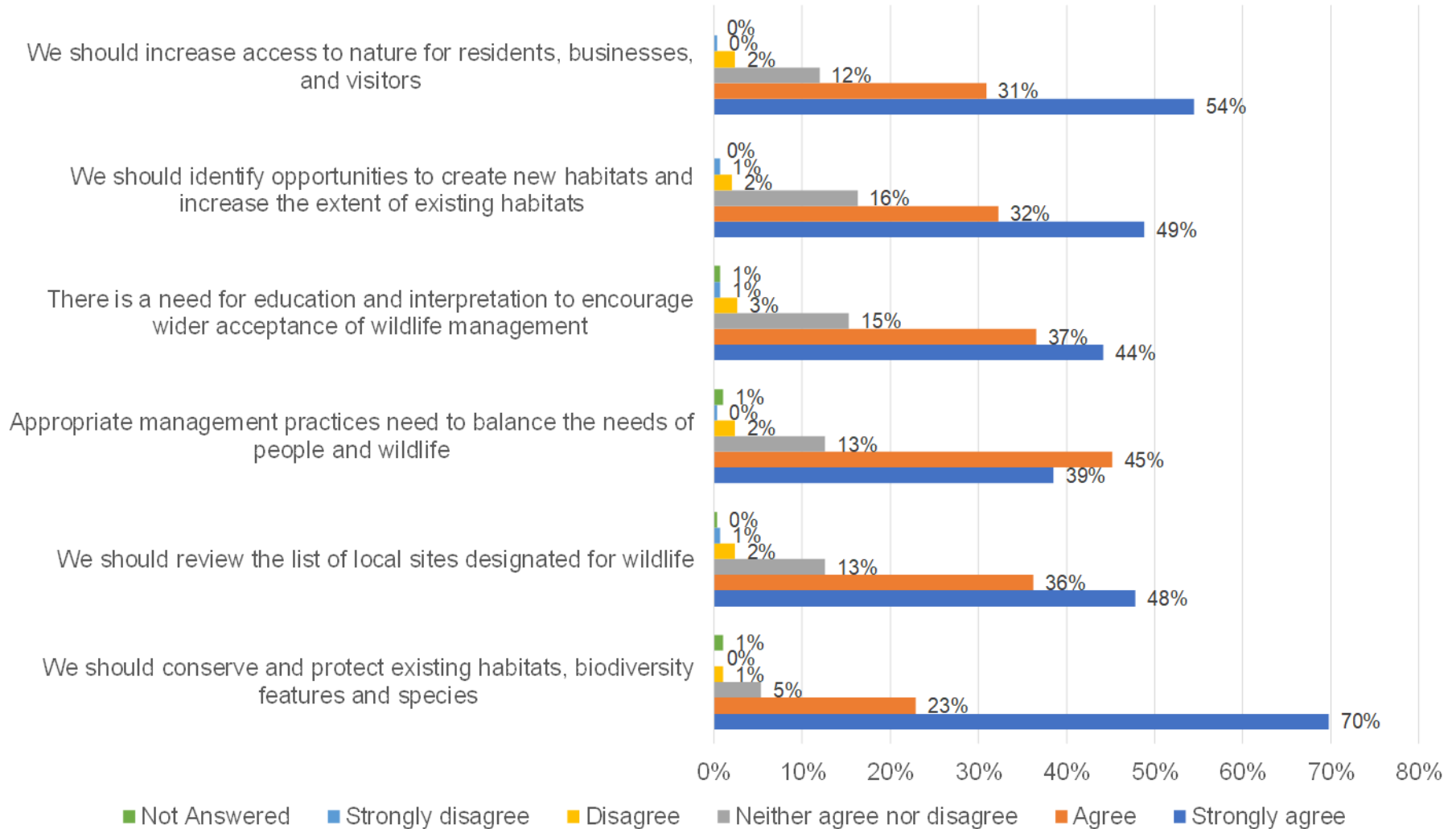
- We should conserve and protect existing habitats, biodiversity features and species - 70 per cent strongly agreed
- We should increase access to nature for residents, businesses and visitors - 54 per cent strongly agreed

The priorities receiving the least amount of strong agreement from residents were:

- There is a need for education and interpretation to encourage wider acceptance of wildlife management - 44 per cent strongly agreed
- Appropriate management practices to balance the needs of people and wildlife - 39 per cent strongly agreed

Survey findings – Priorities for Biodiversity action plan

We want to set out our biodiversity priorities in the biodiversity action plan, levels of agreement



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Actions to improve biodiversity, nature and green spaces

Panel members were asked which actions they supported to expand and improve biodiversity, nature and green space to increase access to nature and people's enjoyment. The graph of results can be found overleaf.

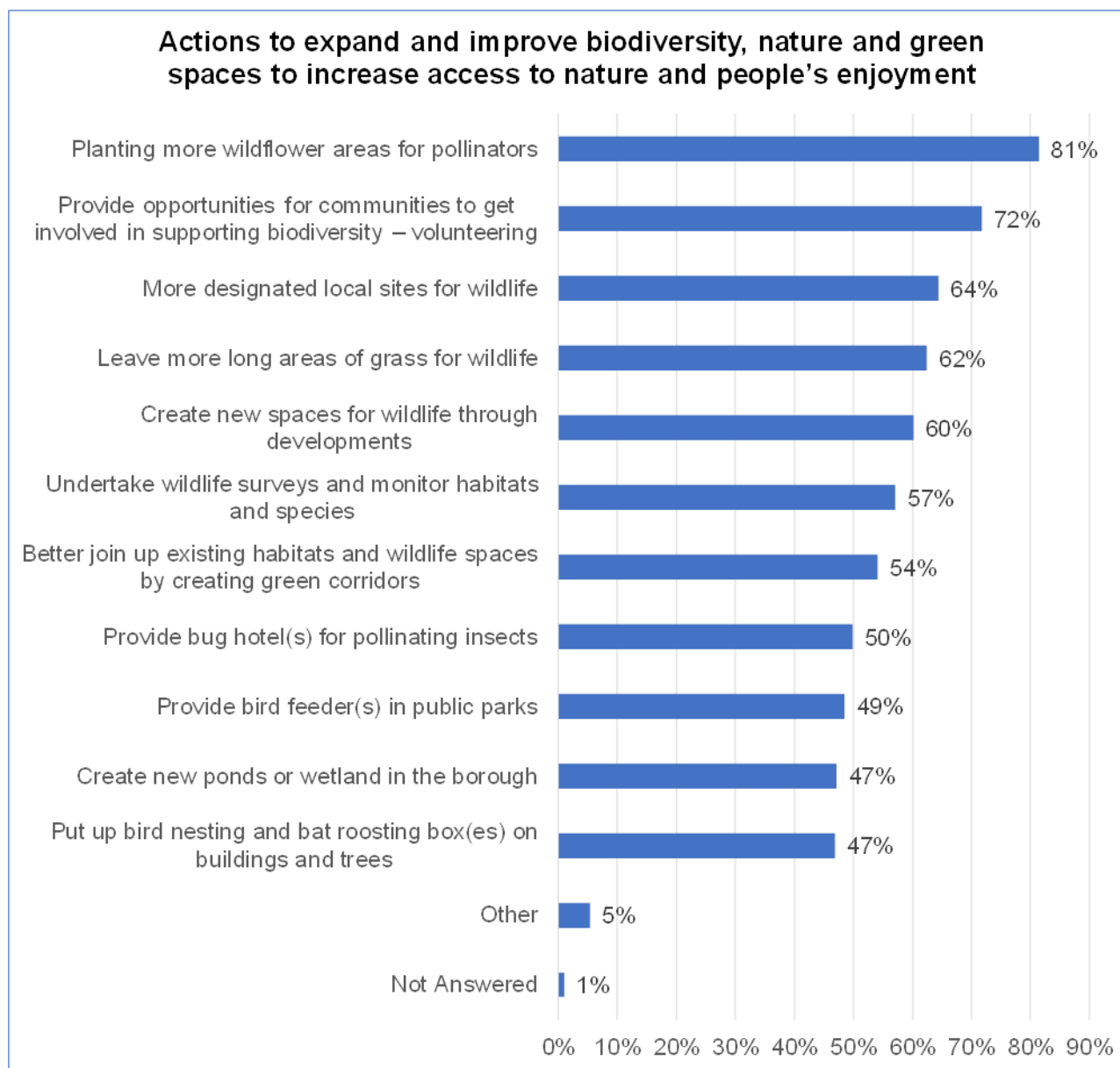
The top actions supported by respondents were:

- Planting more wildflower areas for pollinators - 81 per cent
- Provide opportunities for communities to get involved in supporting biodiversity: volunteering - 72 per cent
- More designated local sites for wildlife - 64 per cent

The least supported actions by respondents were:

- Provide bird feeder(s) in public places - 49 per cent
- Create new ponds or wetland in the borough - 47 per cent
- Put up bird nesting and bat roosting box(es) on buildings and trees - 47 per cent

Survey findings - Biodiversity



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Biodiversity: Other comments

Panel members who selected 'Other' when asked about biodiversity priorities, were able to provide comments about any other suggestions they had. Comments made have been themed and the themes with two or more comments are summarised in the table below. Examples of comments made can be seen overleaf, with the full list of themes and comments made found in the appendices report.

| Theme | Count |
|------------------------|-------|
| Wildlife | 9 |
| Education | 6 |
| Encourage planting | 5 |
| Green space management | 4 |
| All options | 3 |
| Trees | 3 |
| Needs expert opinion | 2 |

Base: 36 (all comments)

Survey findings – Biodiversity: Other comments

“All of this is important - social infrastructure for the less fortunate (e.g. without garden access) is key, as Covid showed, but also education, education.”

Education

“Provide learning opportunities for children in local schools about the green spaces and wildlife near them.”

Education

“We are in the centre of a large city, do as much as possible to help wildlife don't just talk about it.”

Wildlife



“Stop chopping down trees, as was proposed for Holland Park Avenue. Where is there room to create new ponds and wetlands, and at what cost? Would we turn parks into wetlands.”

Trees

“Financial and practical help for residents to plant in window boxes/containers in any available space outside their homes - flats or houses.”

Encourage planting

“We are in the middle of a metropolis. Isn't this stuff a shade silly other than in parks which seem well managed already.”

Green space management

Survey findings - Recycling

Panel members were asked what, if anything, would encourage them to recycle more. The graph of the results for this question can be found overleaf. Around a quarter (24 per cent) of respondents stated that nothing would encourage them to recycle more as they already recycle everything they can.

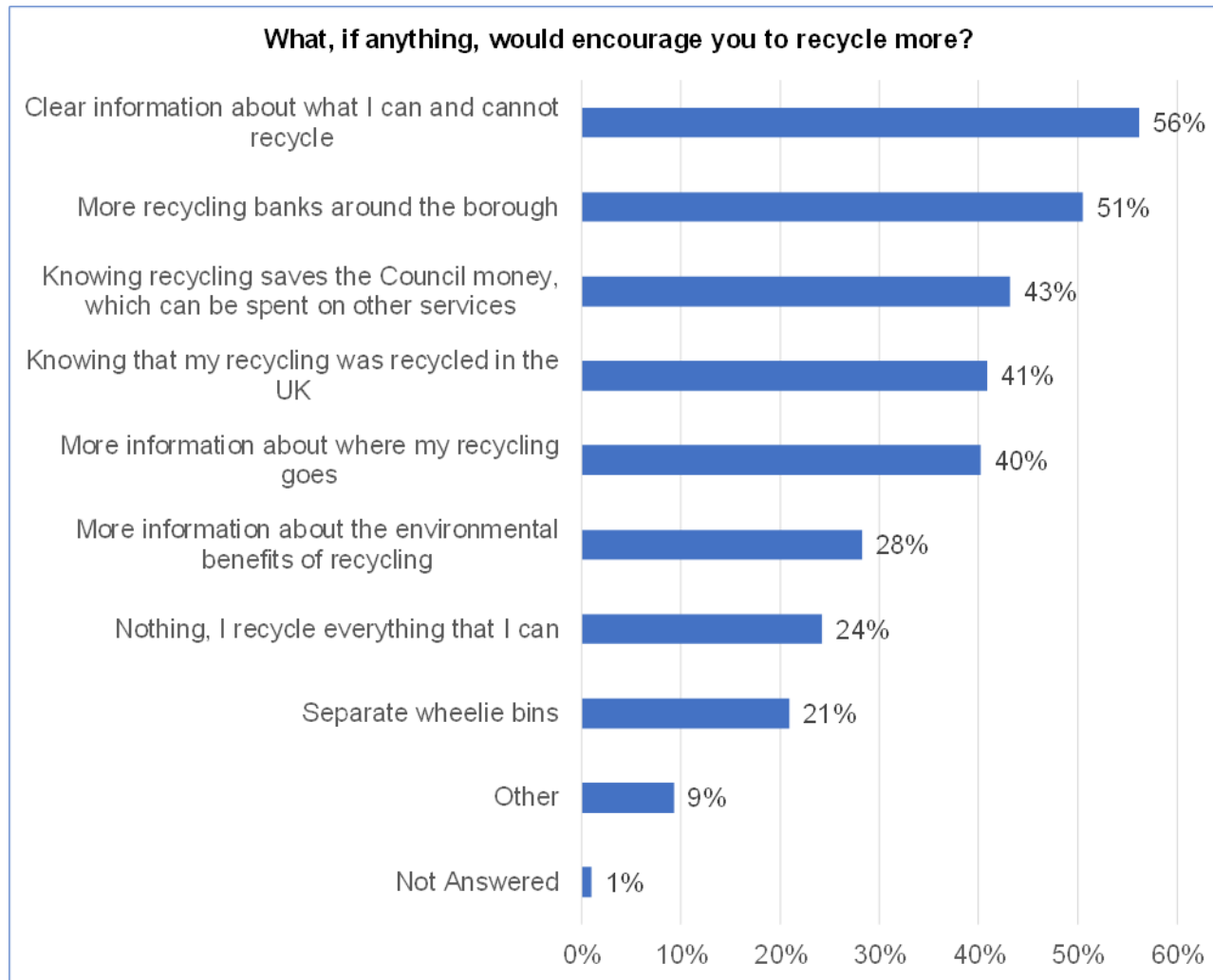
The top actions to encourage respondents to recycle more were:

- Clear information about what I can and cannot recycle - 56 per cent
- More recycling banks around the borough - 51 per cent
- Knowing recycling saves the Council money, which can be spent on other services - 43 per cent

The least supported actions to encourage respondents to recycle more were:

- More information on the environmental benefits of recycling - 24 per cent
- Separate wheelie bins - 21 per cent

Survey findings - Recycling



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Recycling: Other comments

Panel members who selected 'Other' when asked about what would encourage them to recycle more were able to provide comments about any other suggestions they had. Comments made have been themed and the themes with three or more comments are summarised in the table below. Examples of comments made can be seen overleaf, with the full list of themes and comments made found in the appendices report.

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| Additional recycling facilities | 13 |
| Recycling bags/supplies | 6 |
| Fines/penalties | 6 |
| Education | 5 |
| Composting | 4 |
| Incentives | 4 |
| Recycling sorting | 3 |
| Recycle more items | 3 |

Base: 55 (all comments)

Survey findings – Recycling: Other comments

“Smugglers Wharf recycling centre is a long journey for most people in the borough, and that’s not very green.

Local drop-off points for large recyclable items (and large la daily items too) would reduce fly-tipping and encourage more recycling.”

Additional recycling facilities

“I recycle as much as I can already but fines should be enforced and given out to those who recycle incorrectly or dump rubbish on the streets on the wrong days.”

Fines/penalties

“More items that can be recycled by RBKC which seems lower than some councils around the UK.”

Recycle more items

“The small browns bins have been a great success with my children and husband to make them aware of food waste versus plastic . The recycling plastic bags given to residents are excellent - again reinforcing the differences in rubbish waste.”

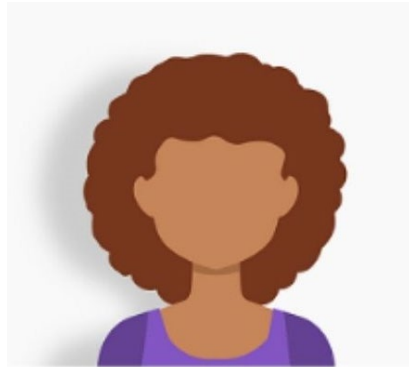
Recycling bags/supplies

“I have been recycling for many years and have my own compost bin in my garden. Encouraging those with gardens to do the same.”

Composting

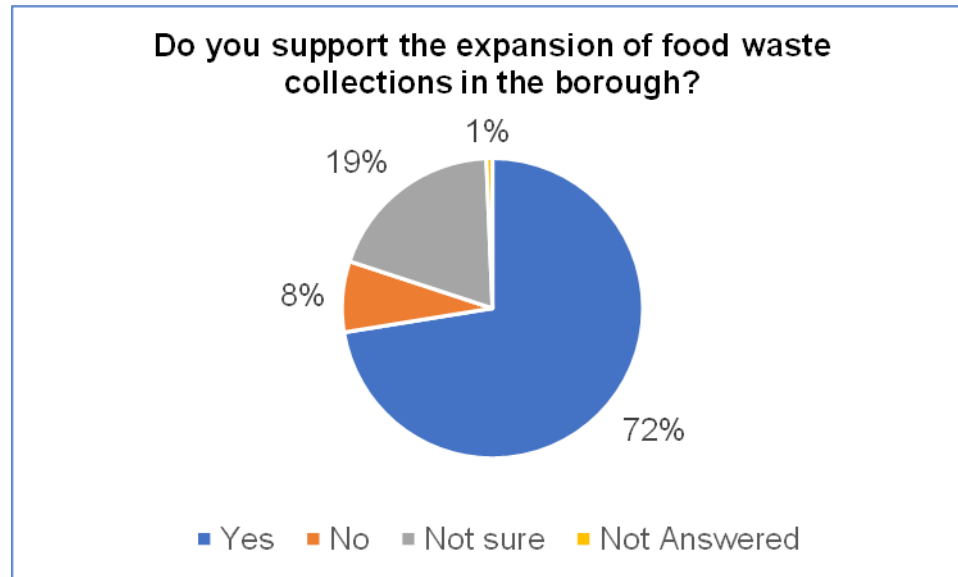
“Educating necessity of recycling is a way forward.”

Education



Survey findings – Food waste collections

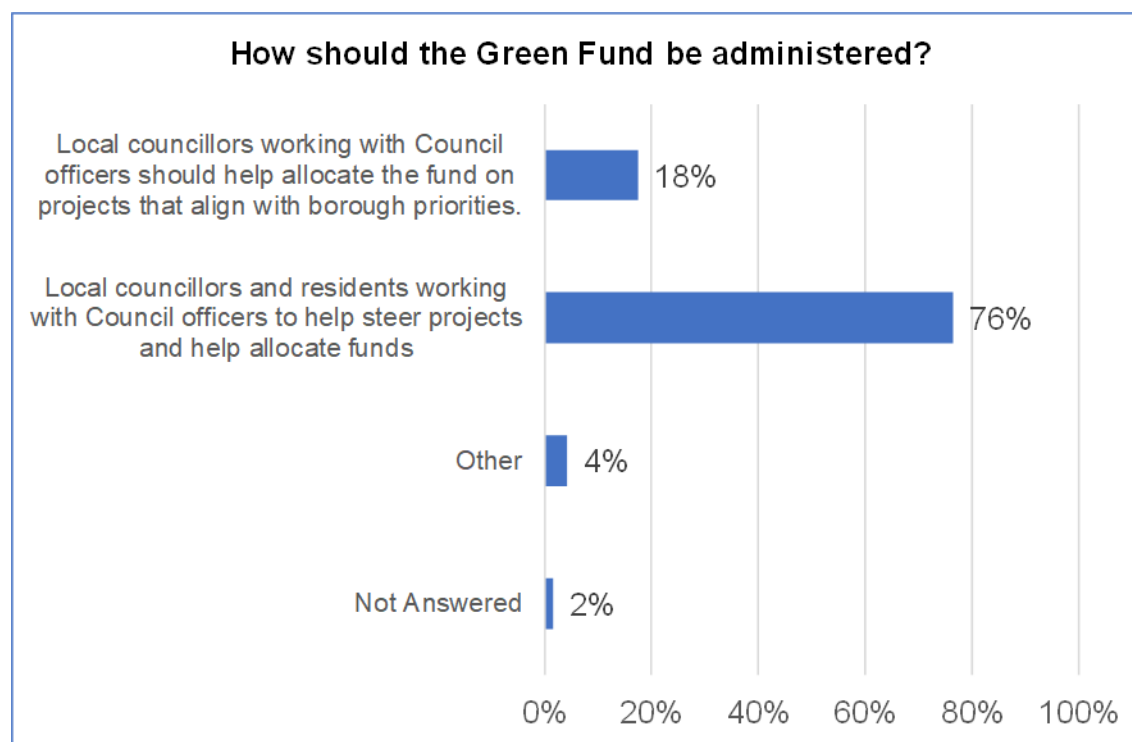
Panel members were asked whether or not they supported the expansion of food waste collections in the borough. The majority (72 per cent) were in favour of the expansion with only eight per cent of respondents saying no to the expansion. Around one in five (19 per cent) stated that they were not sure about the expansion of the food waste collections.



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Administration of the Green Fund

The Council recently launched a £10 million Green Fund. The fund will last ten years (working out at £1 million per year) and will be used to fund pilot green schemes across the borough. Panel members were asked how they felt that the Green Fund should be administered. The majority of respondents (76 per cent) supported local councillors and residents working with Council officers to help steer projects and help allocate funds. Eighteen per cent of respondents supported local councillors working with Council officers to help allocate the fund on projects that align with borough priorities. Eighteen per cent of respondents supported local councillors working with Council officers to help allocate the fund on projects that align with borough priorities. Eighteen per cent of respondents supported local councillors working with Council officers to help allocate the fund on projects that align with borough priorities.



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Administration of the Green Fund:

Other comments

Panel members who selected 'Other' when asked about the administration of the Green Fund, were able to provide comments about any other suggestions they had. Comments made have been themed and the themes with two or more comments are summarised in the table below. Examples of comments made can be seen overleaf, with the full list of themes and comments made found in the appendices report.

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|------------------------|-------|
| Resident involvement | 6 |
| Unsure | 2 |
| Avoid bureaucracy | 2 |
| Council responsibility | 2 |
| Environmental experts | 2 |
| Partnership | 2 |

Base: 23 (all comments)

Survey findings – Administration of the Green Fund:

Other comments

“Very important to involve residents so they feel that they are part of the whole thing.”

Resident involvement

“Don’t create too much bureaucracy.”

Avoid bureaucracy

“Local councillors and residents working with Council officers yes good idea, however small organisations, charities in the borough should also be involved because these organisations work with groups of residents and so they can make projects with real impact for us all.”

Partnership

“More efforts from authorities on all levels for deeper involvement of residents (including particularly young residence, schools, teachers, etc) to environmental education and practical actions.”

Resident involvement

“Take advice from other environmental experts on how to put policies into effect.”

Environmental experts

“More consultation with locally based experts and less centralisation within the council.”

Environmental experts



Survey findings – Green Fund projects

As the Green Fund can be spent on a range of priorities, Panel members were asked which sort of Green Fund projects they supported.

The most popular projects were:

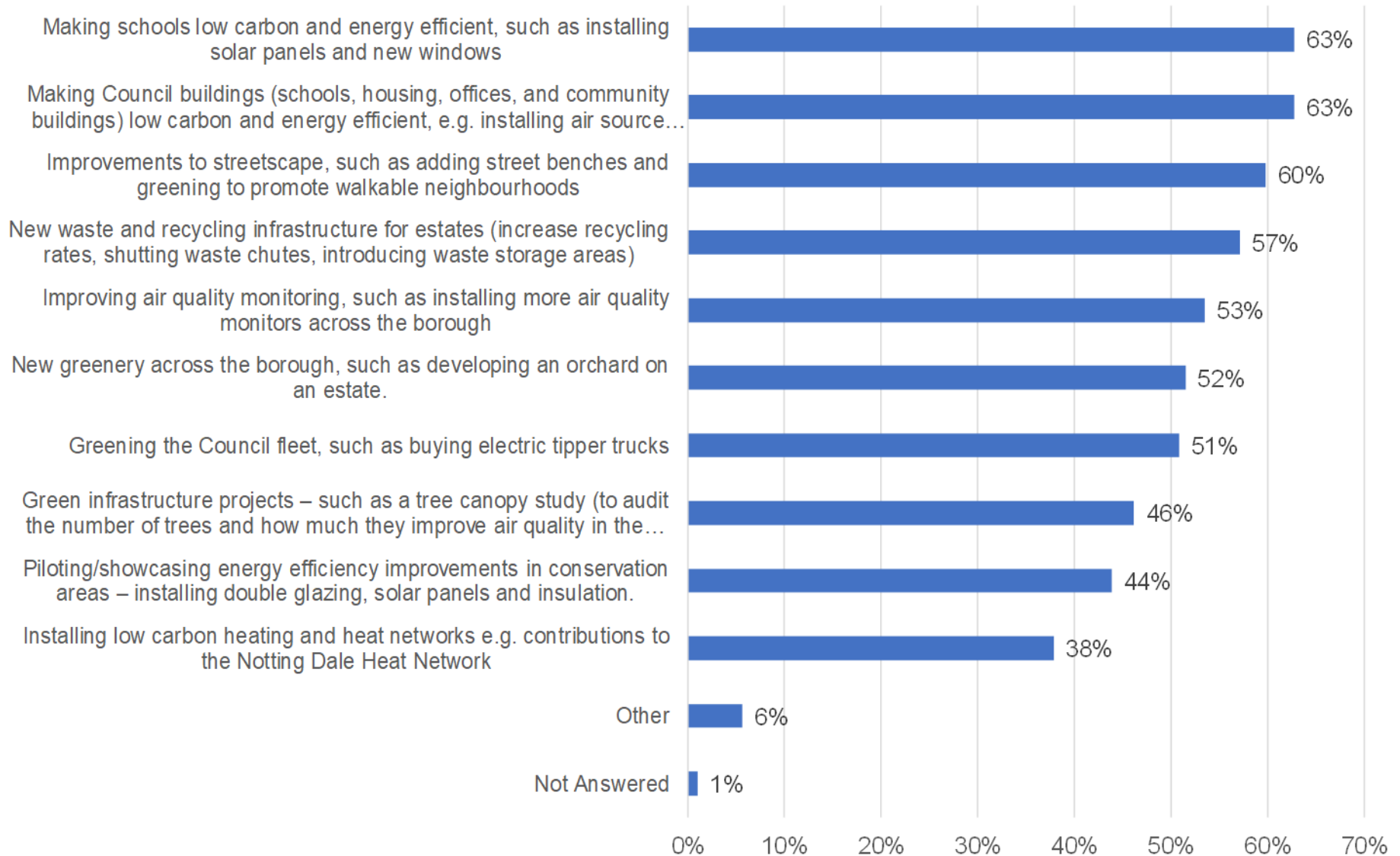
- Making schools low carbon and energy efficient, such as installing solar panels and new windows - 63 per cent
- Making Council buildings (schools, housing, offices, and community buildings) low carbon and energy efficient, e.g. installing air source heat pumps - 63 per cent
- Improvements to streetscape, such as adding street benches and greening to promote walkable neighbourhoods - 60 per cent

The least popular projects were:

- Piloting/showcasing energy efficiency improvements in conservation areas – installing double glazing, solar panels and insulation - 44 per cent
- Installing low carbon heating and heat networks e.g. contributions to the Notting Dale Heat Network - 38 per cent

Survey findings – Green Fund projects

A new Green Fund can be spent on a range of priorities. Which kinds of projects do you support funding?



Base: 301 (all responses)

Survey findings – Green Fund projects: Other comments

Panel members who selected 'Other' when asked about Green Fund projects, were able to provide comments about any other suggestions they had. Comments made have been themed and the themes with two or more comments are summarised in the table below. Examples of comments made can be seen overleaf, with the full list of themes and comments made found in the appendices report.

| Theme | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Double glazing | 6 |
| Air quality | 3 |
| Needs consideration | 2 |
| Benches | 2 |
| All options | 2 |
| Education | 2 |
| Flooding | 2 |
| Discourage car use | 2 |
| Waste management | 2 |

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Survey findings – Green Fund projects: Other comments

“Allow sympathetic double glazing and solar panels on listed houses; invest in Tiny Forests asking local landowners to donate tennis court sized parcels of land.”

Double glazing

“Install a better solution for the restaurant rubbish bags dropped in the footpaths in the high streets like Old Brompton Road.”

Waste management



“We need measures visible- have signage around the town showing air quality so we can see daily the impact of our driving habits.”

Air quality

“With the recent flash floods we had, I was wondering if we could have a committee looking into using flat roofs as roof gardens in order to retain some of the water. That might help ease the amount of rain the drains have to deal with.”

Flooding

“Anything used to improve schools should be explained to the children to encourage awareness of the environment in their everyday life as they grow and become adults. Better way of living built into them from a young age so it’s natural for them to recycle etc.”

Education

“The suggestion of more benches may be attractive, but it raises other issues, e.g. litter, safety concerns, etc. Such ideas need to be reviewed in the wider context and should not be proposed in isolation.”

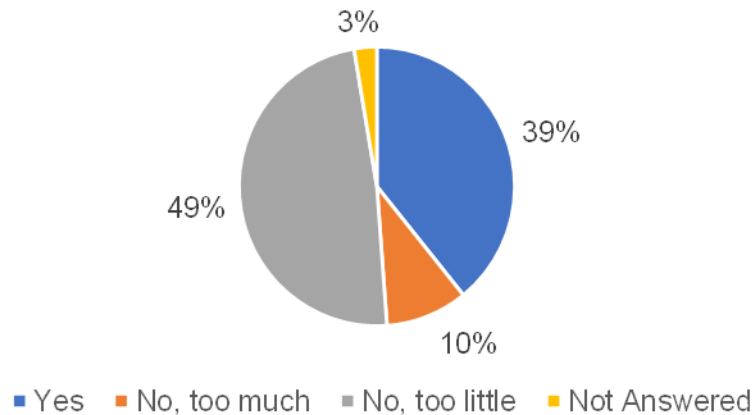
Benches

Survey findings – Green Fund amount

Panel members were asked if they felt the £10 million amount was appropriate for the Green Fund over the next decade to help achieve net zero. Thirty nine per cent of respondents agreed that it was an appropriate amount, whilst 49 per cent felt it was too little and ten per cent too much.

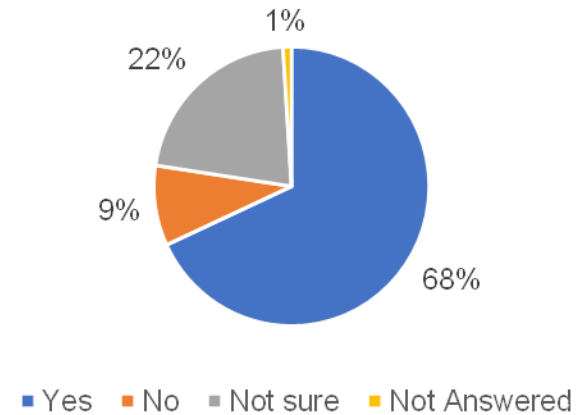
Panel members were further asked if they supported seeking to increase the Green Fund to invest in more green schemes. Sixty-eight per cent of respondents agreed the Council should seek to increase the Green Fund whilst nine per cent felt it shouldn't. Over one in five (22 per cent) stated that they weren't sure.

Is £10 million appropriate amount for Green Fund over next decade to help achieve net zero?



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Do you support seeking to increase Green Fund, so borough can invest in more green schemes?

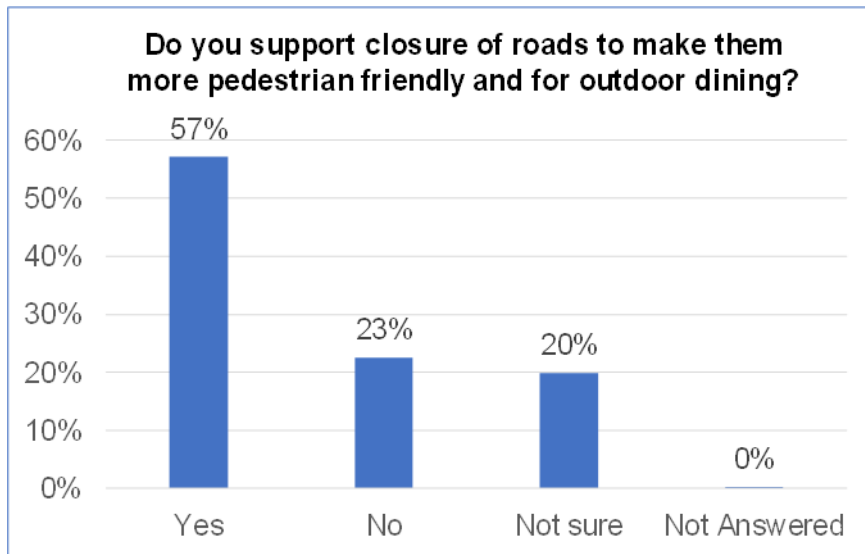


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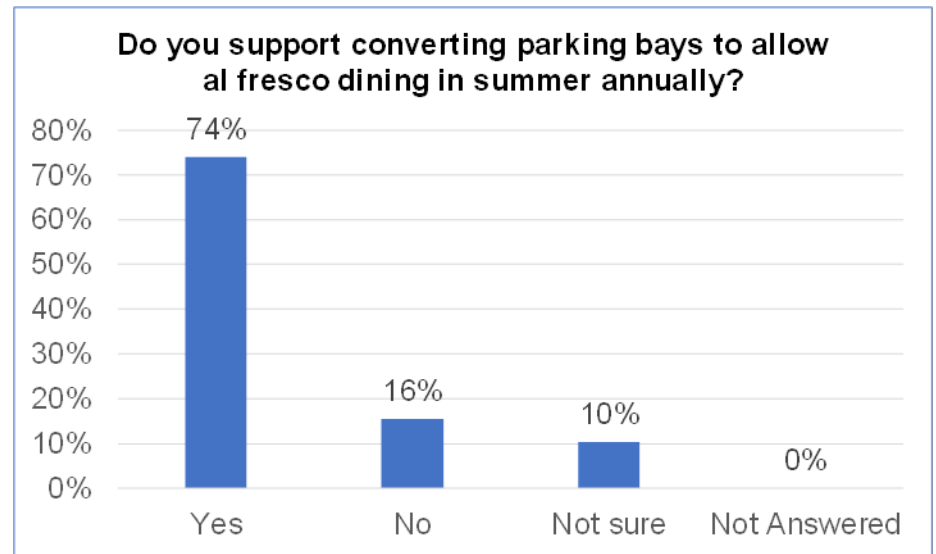
Survey findings – Outdoor dining

Panel members were asked whether or not they support the closure of roads to make them more pedestrian friendly and for outdoor dining. Over half of respondents (57 per cent) were in favour of the closure of roads for these purposes with 23 per cent not in favour and one in five (20 per cent) not sure.

Panel members were also asked whether or not they support converting parking bays to allow al fresco dining during the summer annually. There was more support for this proposal with almost three quarters (74 per cent) of respondents in favour, whilst 16 per cent opposed the proposal and ten per cent weren't sure.



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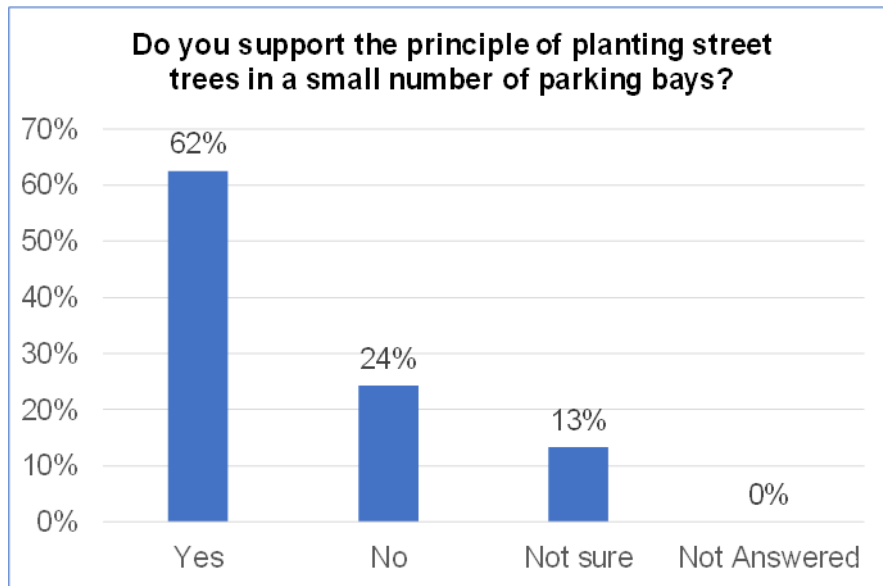


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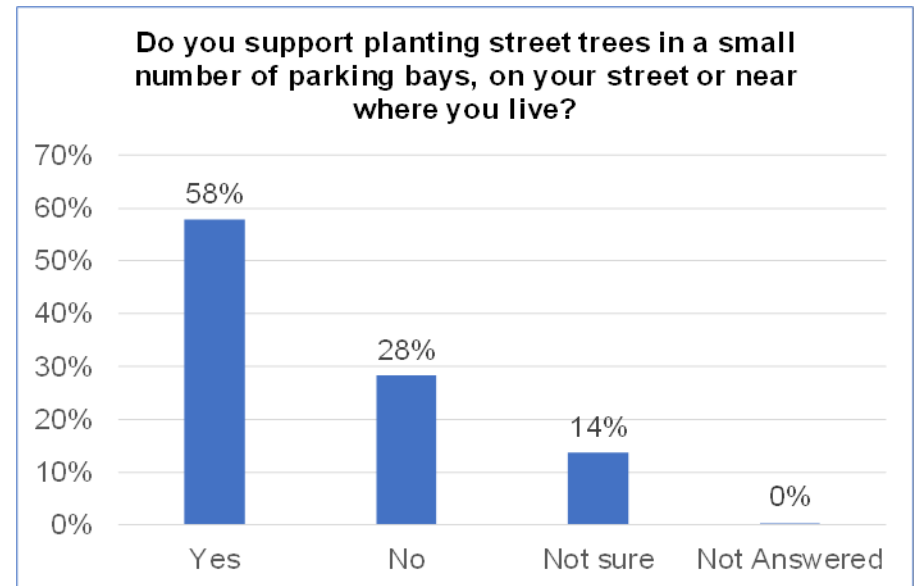
Survey findings – Street trees in parking bays

Panel members were asked if they supported the principle of planting street trees in a small number of parking bays. Sixty-two per cent of respondents supported this idea, with 24 per cent opposed to the idea and 13 per cent not sure.

Panel members were then asked if they supported the planting of street trees in parking bays on their street or near where they live. The percentage of respondents who said yes to this dropped slightly to 58 per cent whilst the percentage who said no increased to 28 per cent. Fourteen per cent of respondents weren't sure.



Base: 301 (all responses)



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Survey findings – Top greening initiatives

Panel members were asked to rank their top five greening initiatives from the topics covered in the survey. The graph of results for this question can be found overleaf. Respondents were asked to rank their top five initiatives from one for their top priority through to five for their fifth priority. A score of five was allocated to initiatives ranked highest through to a score of one for last placed priorities. A mean score was then calculated for each initiative to produce the prioritised list overleaf.

The top five greening initiatives for respondents were:

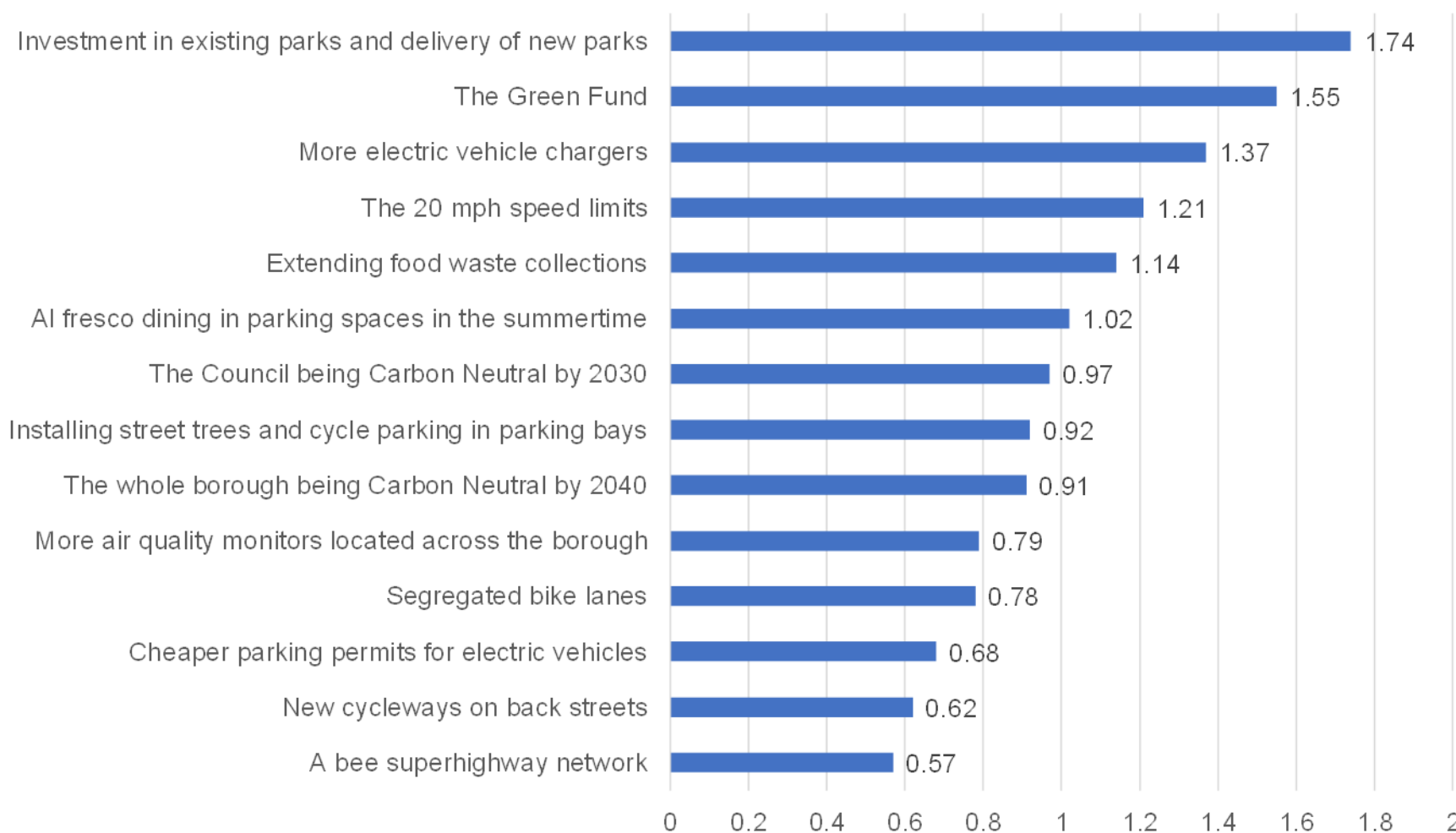
- Investment in existing parks and delivery of new parks 1.74
- The Green Fund 1.55
- More electric vehicle chargers 1.37
- The 20mph speed limits 1.21
- Extending food waste collections 1.14

The least popular greening initiatives for respondents were:

- Cheaper parking permits for electric vehicles 0.68
- New cycleways on back streets 0.62
- A bee superhighway 0.57

Survey findings – Top greening initiatives

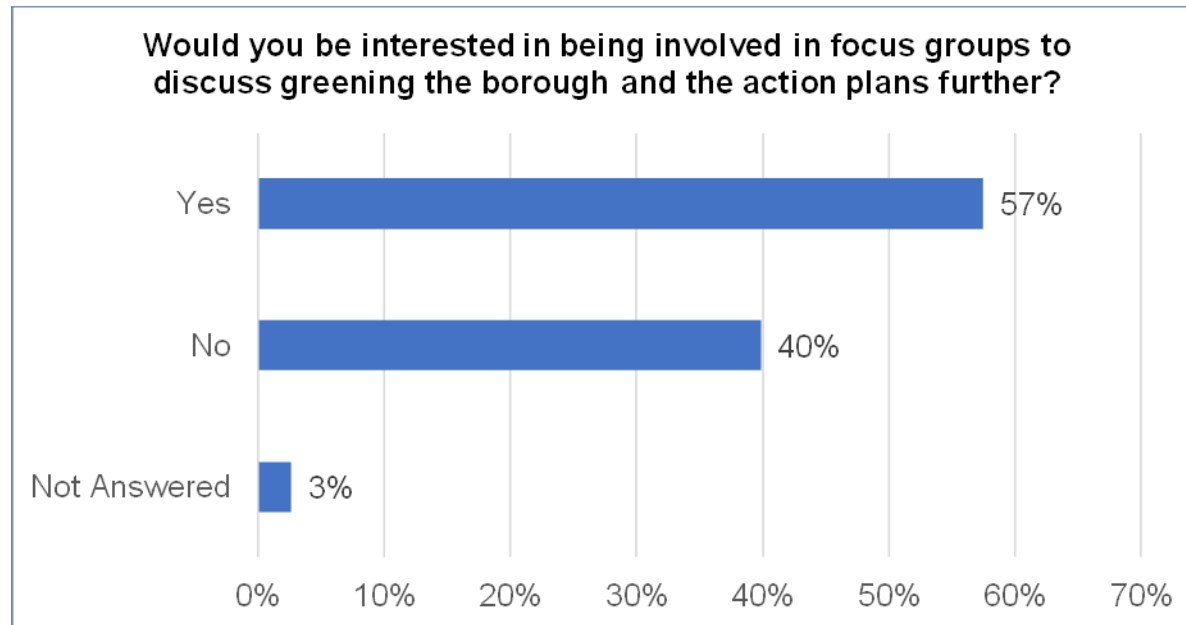
Please rank your top five greening initiatives



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Survey findings – Focus groups

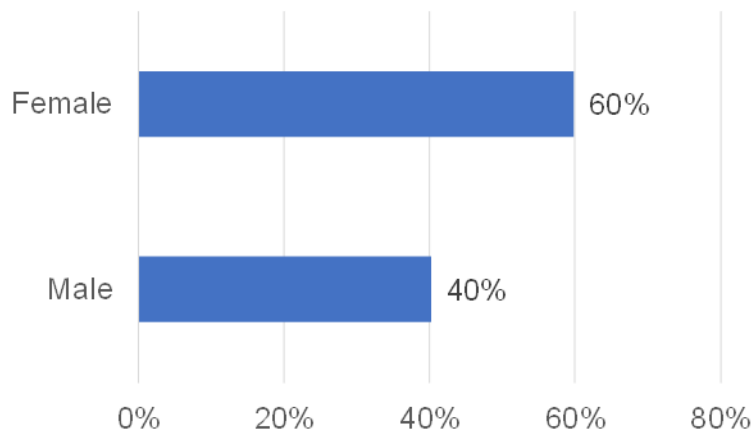
Panel members were asked if they would be interested in participating in focus groups to discuss greening the borough and the action plans further. Over half of respondents (57 per cent) were interested in being involved in focus groups whilst 40 per cent were not. The focus groups are scheduled for autumn 2021 and will build on the survey results with a view to developing the action plans.



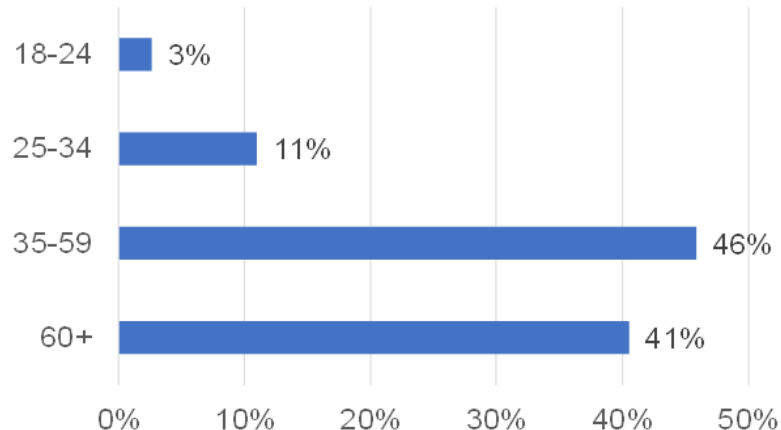
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About respondents: Demographic Breakdown

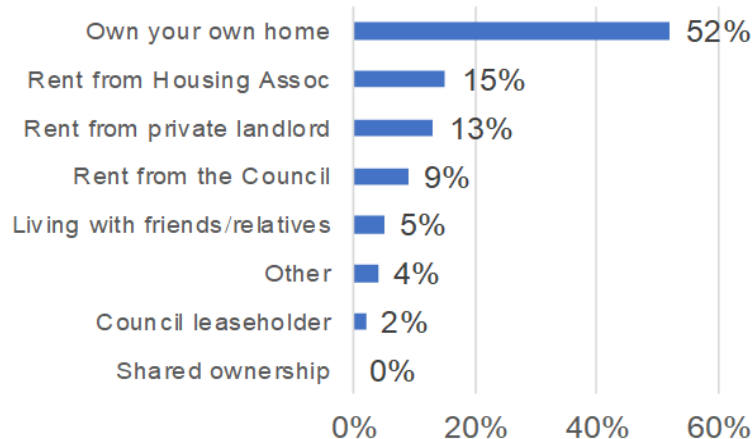
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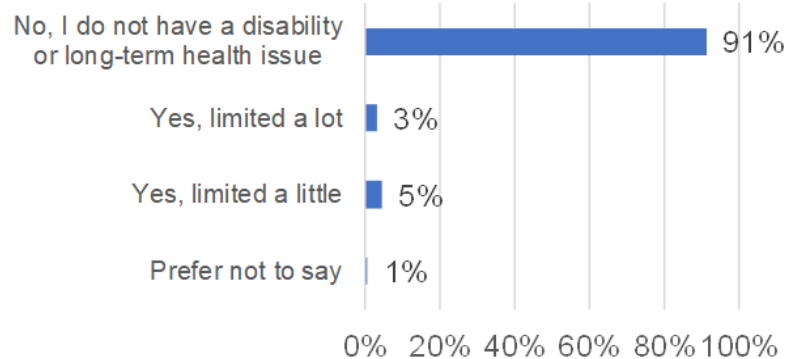
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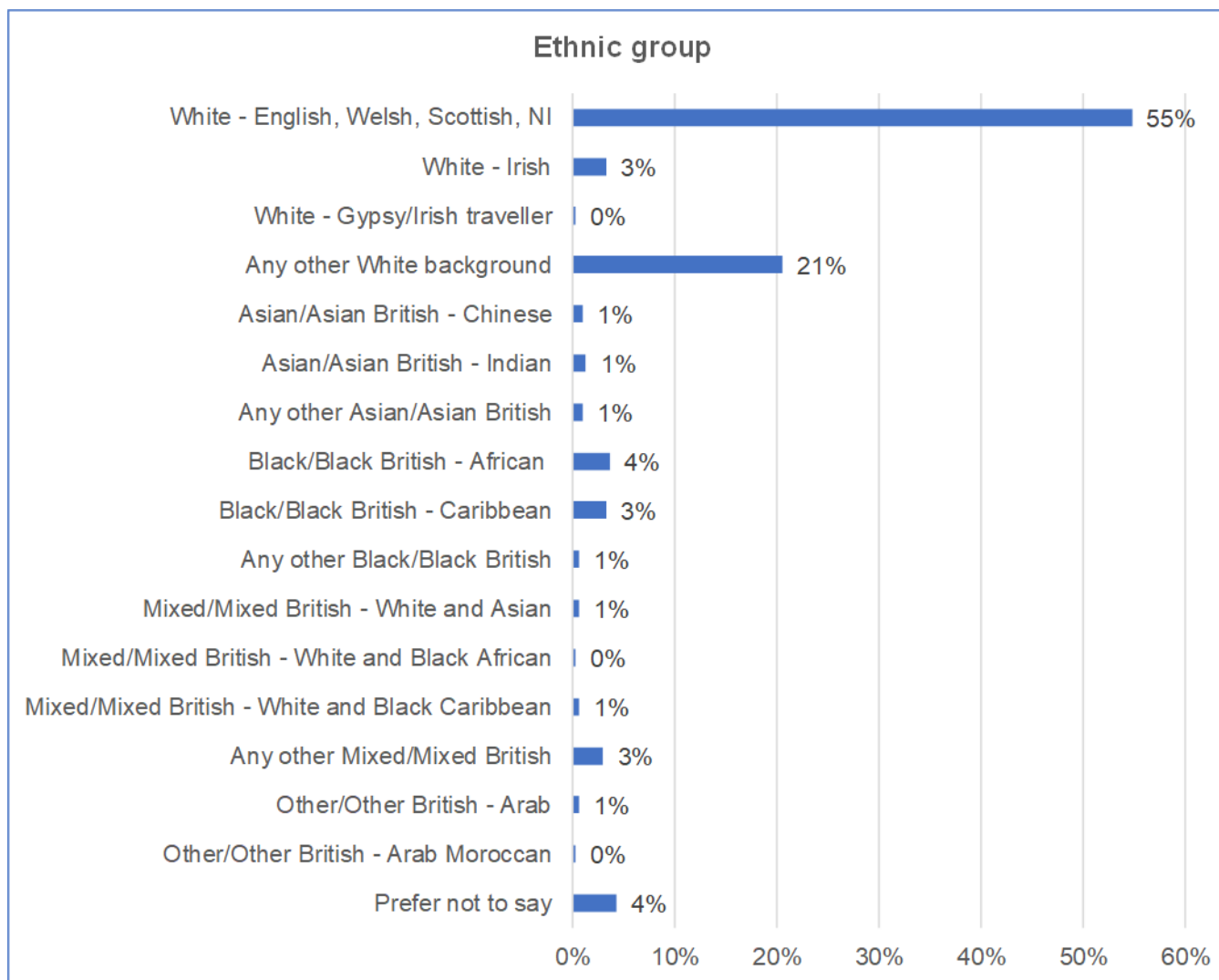
Housing tenure



Do you have a long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits your daily activities?

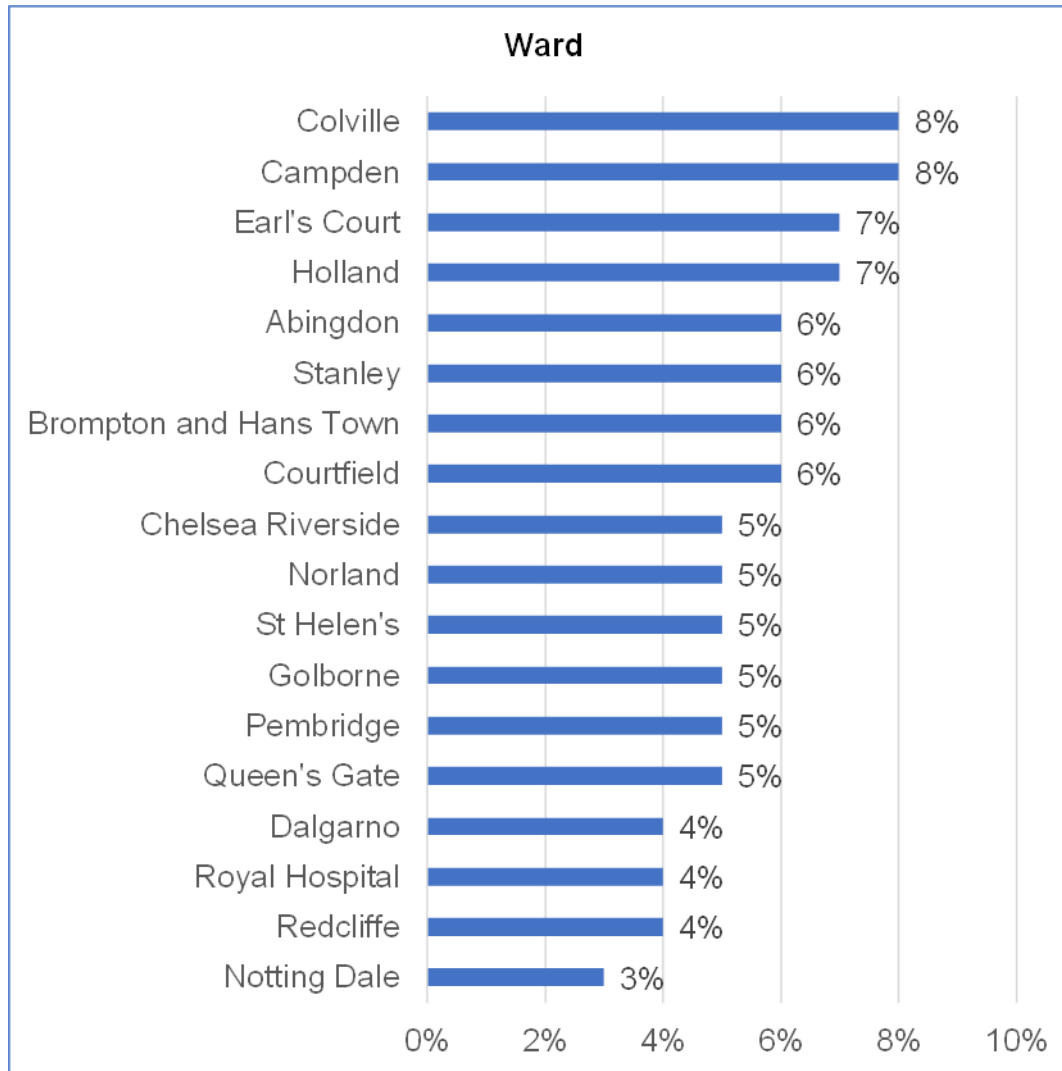


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