

# Napier Road - Proposed tree planting in parking bays

**Analysis of stakeholder consultation**

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# Introduction

## Background

Following a successful application for Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) funding by a resident of Napier Road, to introduce new trees along the road, the Council is now seeking the views of local residents on the proposals.

A portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is to be spent on local priorities; this is called Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL). This is a fund the Council collects from developers and is required to be spent in consultation with local communities in each ward.

The successful NCIL application requested planting of trees on Napier Road, to improve the environment for residents and visitors.

The proposal is to introduce five new trees along Napier Road. The trees will be planted in five new traffic islands located at the side of the road, within or at the end of the existing parking bays, with three trees on the northwestern side of Napier Road and two trees on the southeastern side. The trees and their islands will take up around ten metres of residents' parking and single yellow line – equivalent to the space taken by two parked cars.

The Council is also investigating incorporating a 'sustainable urban drainage system' (SuDS), which is an underground water storage system that will collect the surface water running off the carriageway and footway. Some of the water will nourish the trees and any excess is gradually released into the existing drainage system, which will help alleviate flooding during heavy periods of rain. If feasible, the SuDs will be installed at the same time as the trees and islands.

## Consultation methodology

The consultation sought residents' views on this proposal. The exercise opened on 10 November 2023 and closed on 22 December 2023. The online consultation was promoted around the affected area by delivering letters to residents and other stakeholders which included a website URL so that feedback could be provided via a range of means, or further information requested – including translation support.



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## **Report**

A total of 17 surveys were returned by the deadline. This report contains an analysis of survey responses. Where graphs are shown they show actual numbers of responses, as percentage figures can be misleading where there are small numbers of responses. It should also be noted that we only received responses from residents and no business owners or visitors.

A separate appendix report is available on request which details all comments made by respondents to the questions within the survey.

## **Acknowledgements**

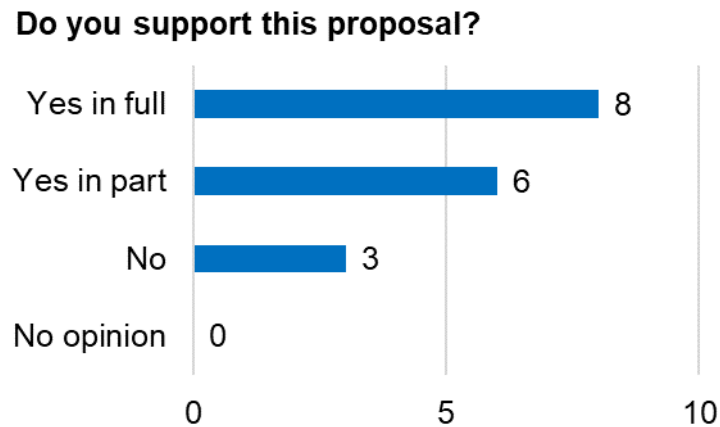
The Council would like to thank all residents and stakeholders that took the time to feedback their views.



# Do you support the proposal?

Respondents were asked if they supported the introduction of five trees in traffic islands along Napier Road:

- The majority (eight) indicated they fully supported the proposal
- Six respondents supported the proposals in part
- Three respondents indicated that they do not support the proposal



*Base: All respondents (17)*

# Comments

Respondents were asked, if they wanted to write any additional comments regarding this proposal. Fifteen respondents commented on this question. Examples of comments made can be seen below, with the full list comments made found in the appendices report. In general, the introduction of trees to Napier Road was welcomed although there were some reservations about the loss of *resident parking* and the potential for *root damage*.

*“Parking is limited enough as it is in the area thus will take additional parking spaces”*

*“Absolutely splendid idea. It is rarely difficult to park in Napier Road and there are always spaces nearby. It will improve the ambience of the road and be good for the environment generally”*



*“Great idea to have more trees and I think two parking spaces is small price to pay as many people will benefit from them”*

*“Trees always sound like a nice idea.”*

*“It is a lovely idea but I would like to know what studies have been done regarding root growth. In Addison Rd and other pavements in RBKC the pavement surface is much disturbed by tree routes. I would want assurance that this would not happen in Napier Rd. causing problems in the future. Also there is the problem of leaves. Many pavements at this time of year are covered in leaves which become slippery and hazardous for pedestrians.”*

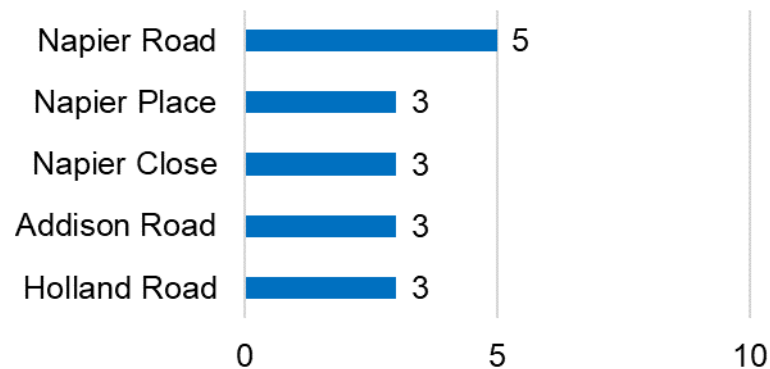
*“Fully support tree planting as helps the environment as long as the residents parking spaces are not replaced. There is already a shortage of residents’ parking space on Napier Road. I have to often park in nearby places which is not convenient...”*



# Profile of respondents

Respondents were asked a series of questions about themselves, to understand who had responded to the consultation. All respondents were residents, with the majority being from Napier Road (five) and others being from nearby road groups.

**Which road the respondents were from**

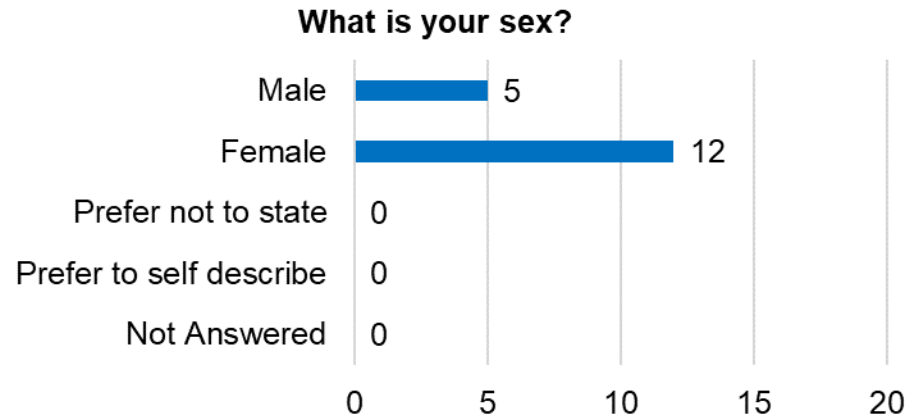


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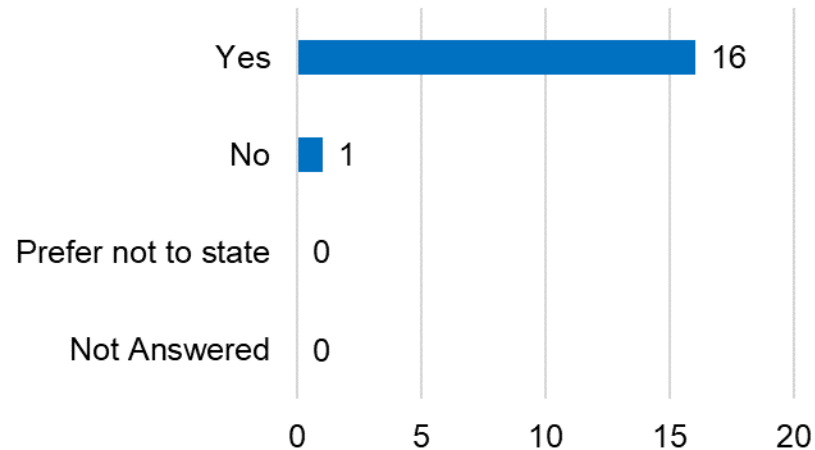


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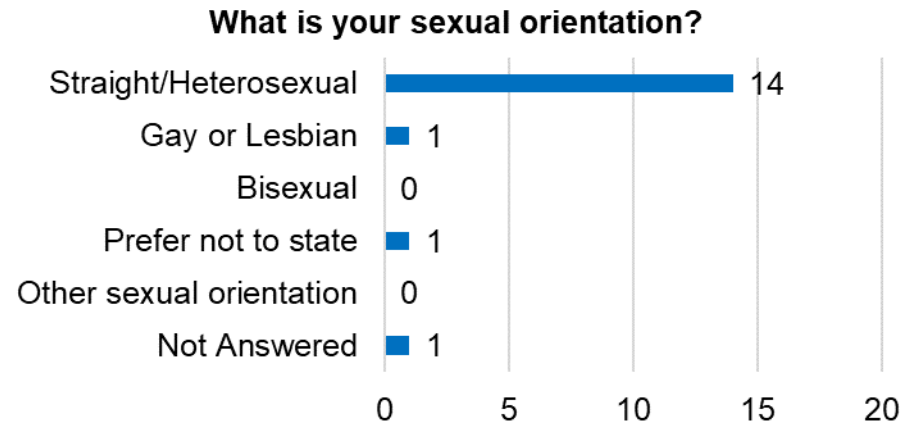
**Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?**



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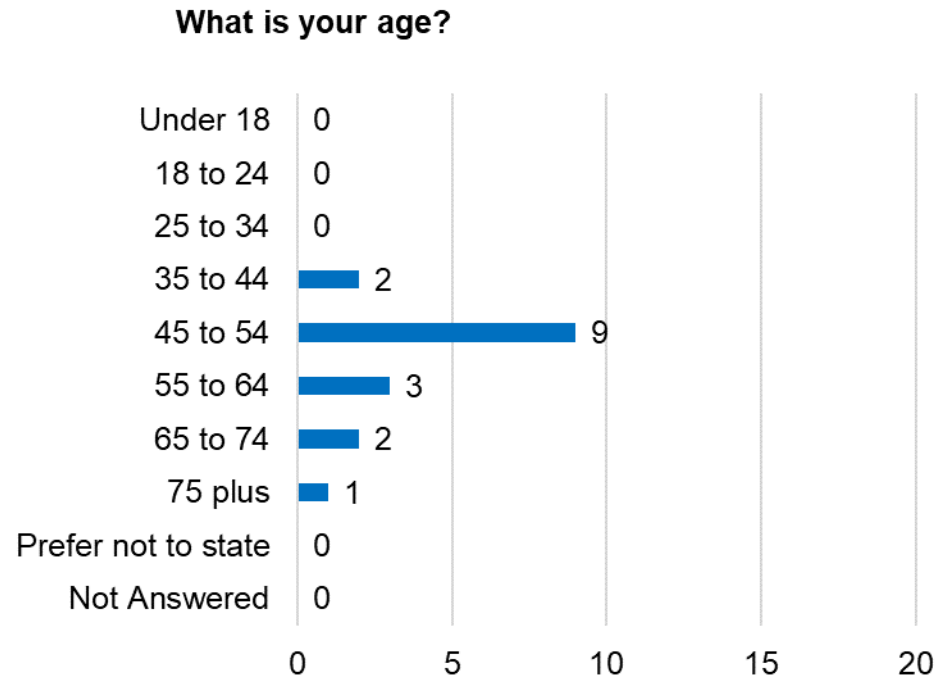


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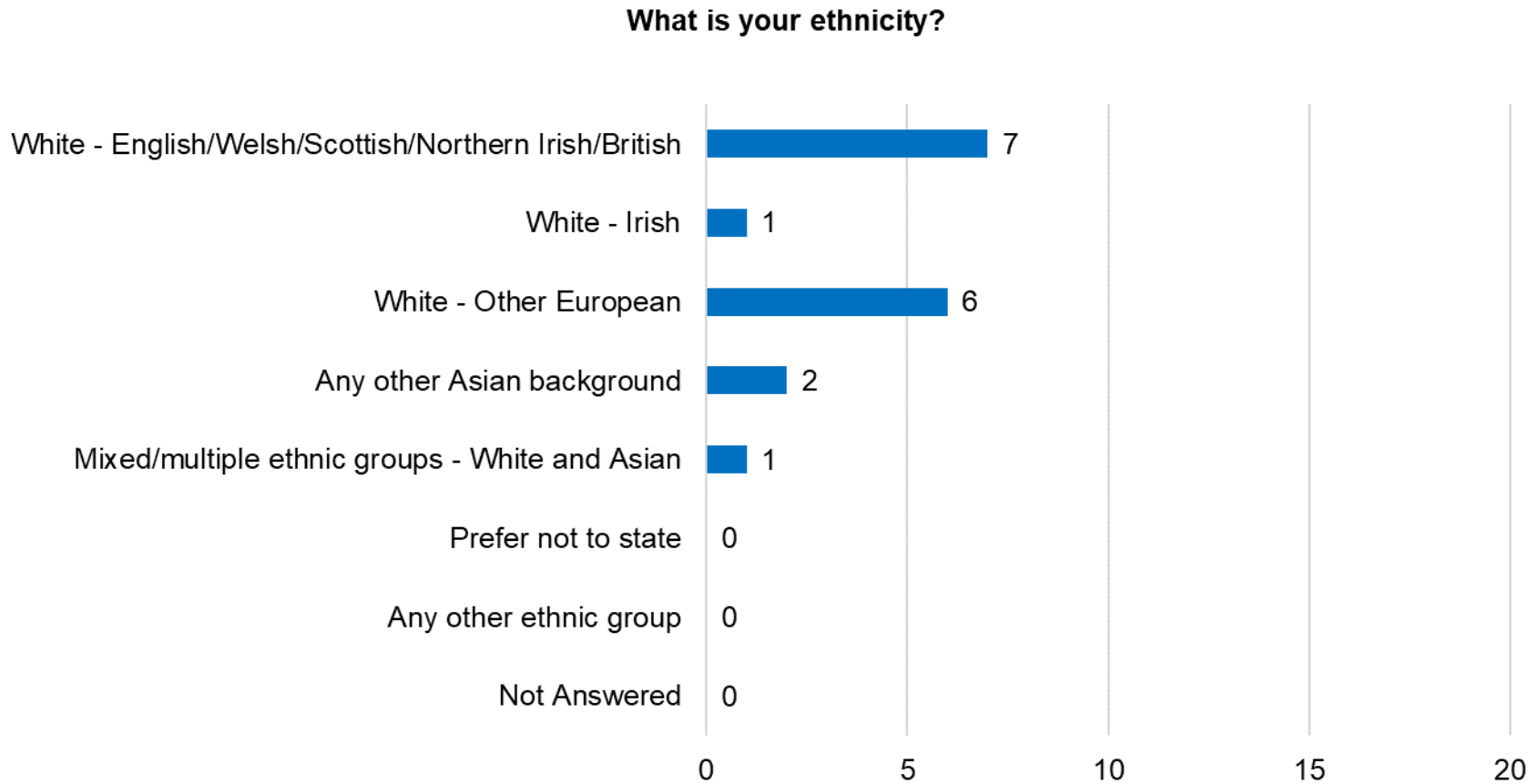


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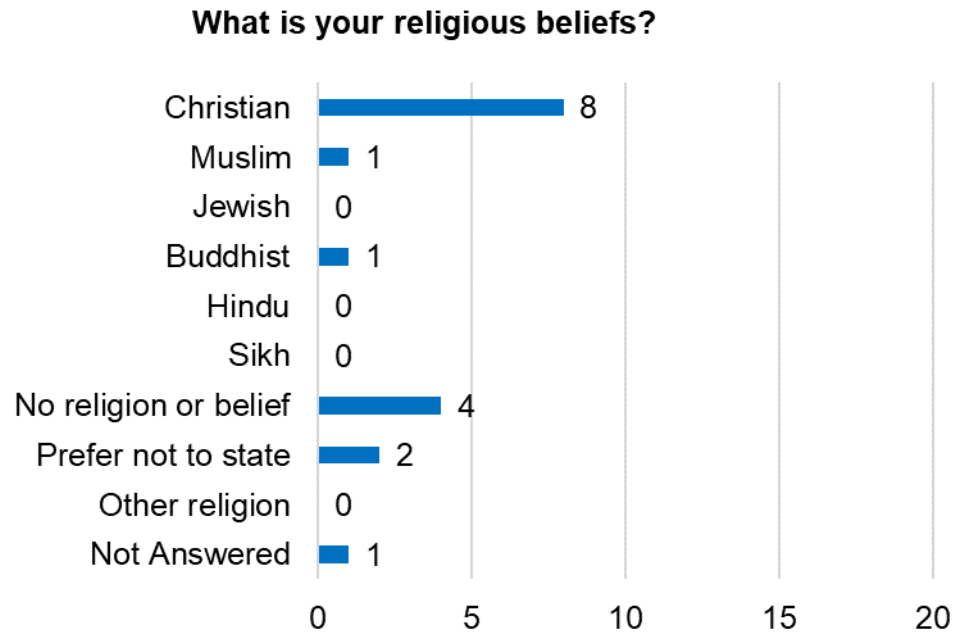
Respondents were given a range of options; the graph below only shows the options that were selected.



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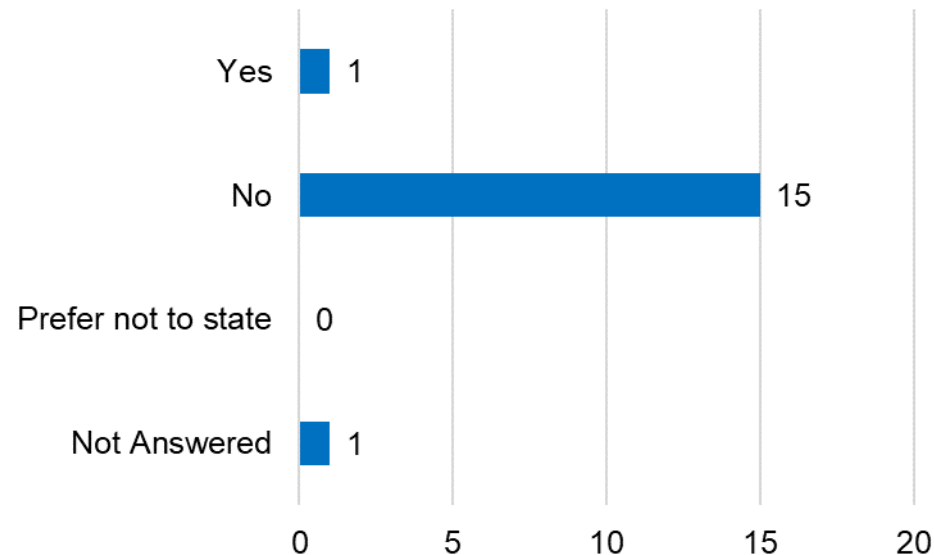
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# Profile of respondents

Respondents were asked if they had any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more. The majority answered no (15), with one answering yes. This respondent later commented that they had a mobility and hearing impairment.

**Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?**



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