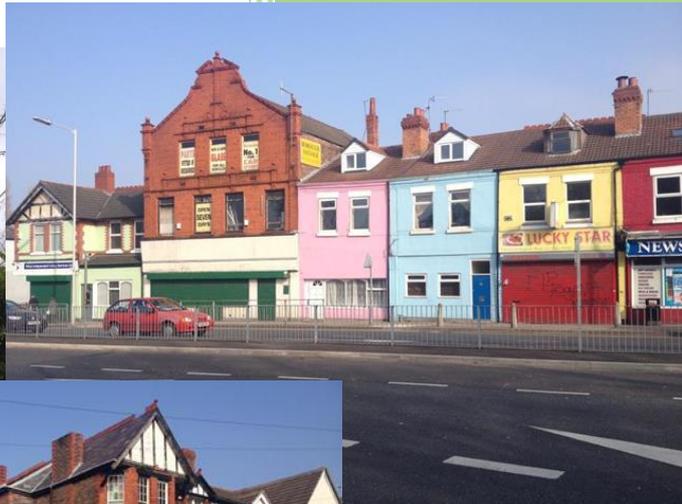


# Community Survey: Report on the Results



## Introduction

### A Neighbourhood Plan for Birkenhead and Tranmere

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the **Localism Act 2011**. Communities can shape development in their areas through the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. *Birkenhead and Tranmere Neighbourhood Planning Forum* (BATNPF) has the lead responsibility for producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated Neighbourhood Area of Birkenhead and Tranmere.

In undertaking the development of such a plan, it is important to engage the community to identify and understand its aspirations, issues and ideas for the neighbourhood area. Since formal designation in November 2015, BATNPF has used several methods to raise awareness of the Forum and the Neighbourhood Plan including a website, *Facebook* and meetings.

### Survey of the BATNPF Neighbourhood Area

Between June and October 2016 BATNPF carried out a survey of all households and businesses in the Neighbourhood Area. The survey was delivered in hard copy to about 6,000 residential and commercial addresses. An electronic version was available on the BATNPF website. The survey was publicised on the BATNPF website and *Facebook* page, with interim findings reported at the Forum's general meetings. Direct approaches were also made to community groups and the *Wirral Green Party* publicised the survey in its local newsletter.

The deadline for the consultation was extended to December 2016 to gather further responses. Once the deadline ended, a total of 122 responses had been received. This was a lower response rate than anticipated. Nevertheless, it has been possible to identify meaningful information from the replies received.

Recommendations for further community engagement to back up the findings are made in the report.

The purpose of the survey was to identify the issues and priorities of the community of Birkenhead and Tranmere. The survey included 27 questions, with a mix of quantitative and qualitative questions. The findings gathered from the survey will influence and shape the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **Analysis and report of the results of the survey**

The analysis of the survey data and the production of this report were carried out independently by a consultant, Carol Latham, who has 5 years' experience of working with groups on neighbourhood planning.

## **Findings of the survey**

This report:

- Sets out the key findings of the survey
- Identifies implications for the Neighbourhood Plan
- Identifies key challenges and recommends further work, where appropriate
- Recommends possible further community engagement

## PART 1: Where You Live or Work

### Q1.1 What is the postcode of the place you live or work within the BATPLAN area?

This question seeks to identify where respondents live or work in the Neighbourhood Area so that it can be shown that the views of a range of people living and working across the Area have been considered. **Figure 1** shows a map of the extent of the designated Neighbourhood Area (within the red line), with the postcode areas overlaid.

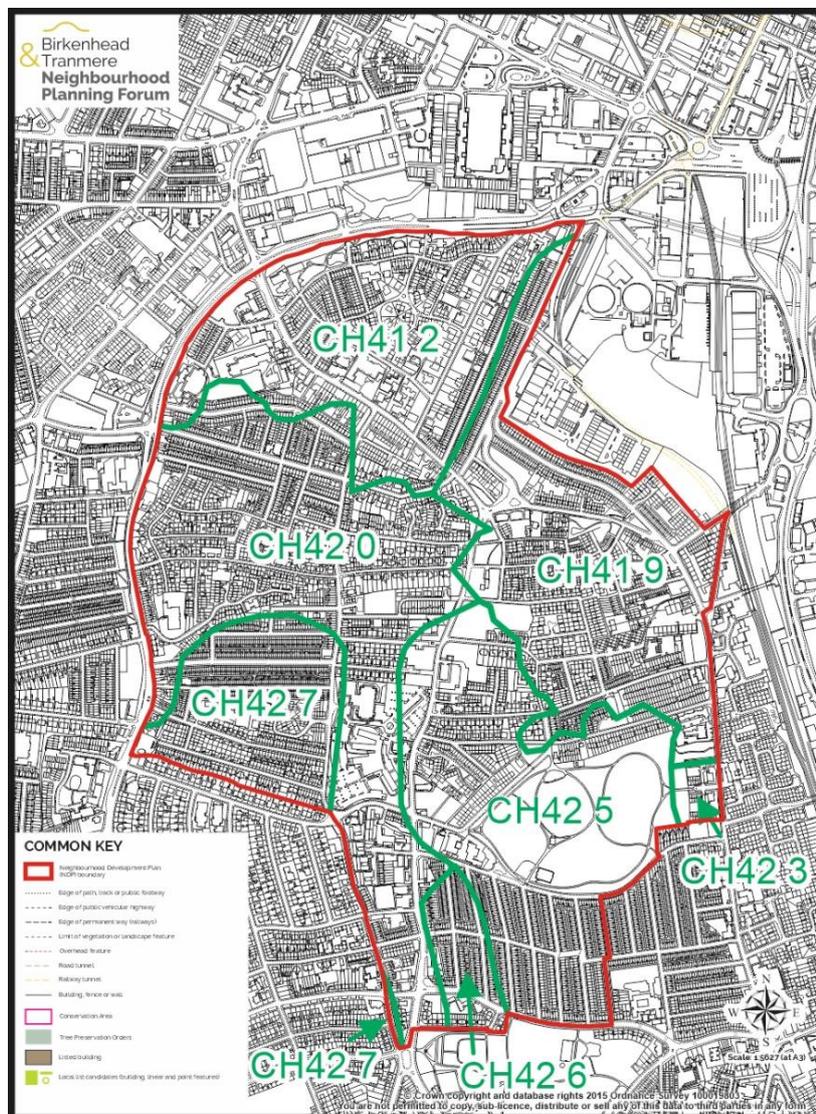
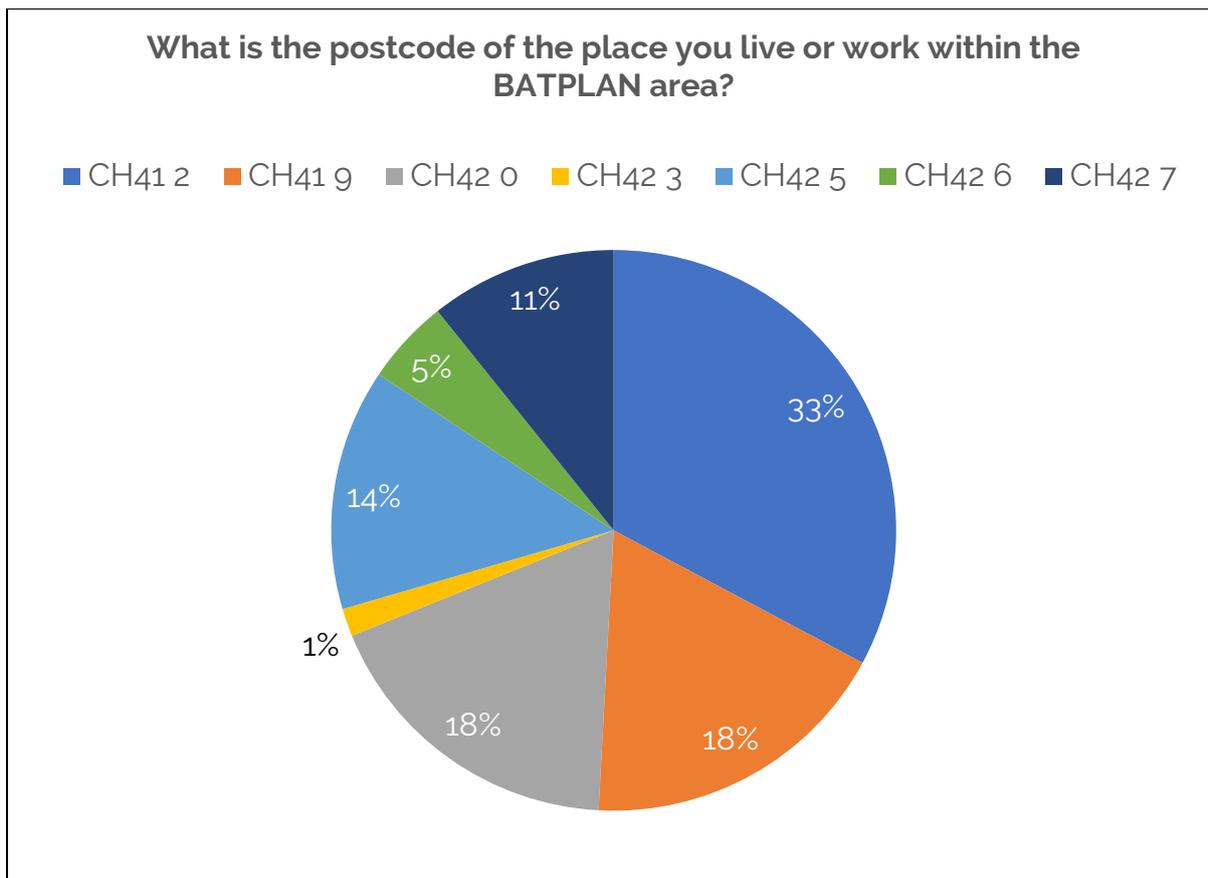


Figure 1



**Table 1**

## Key findings

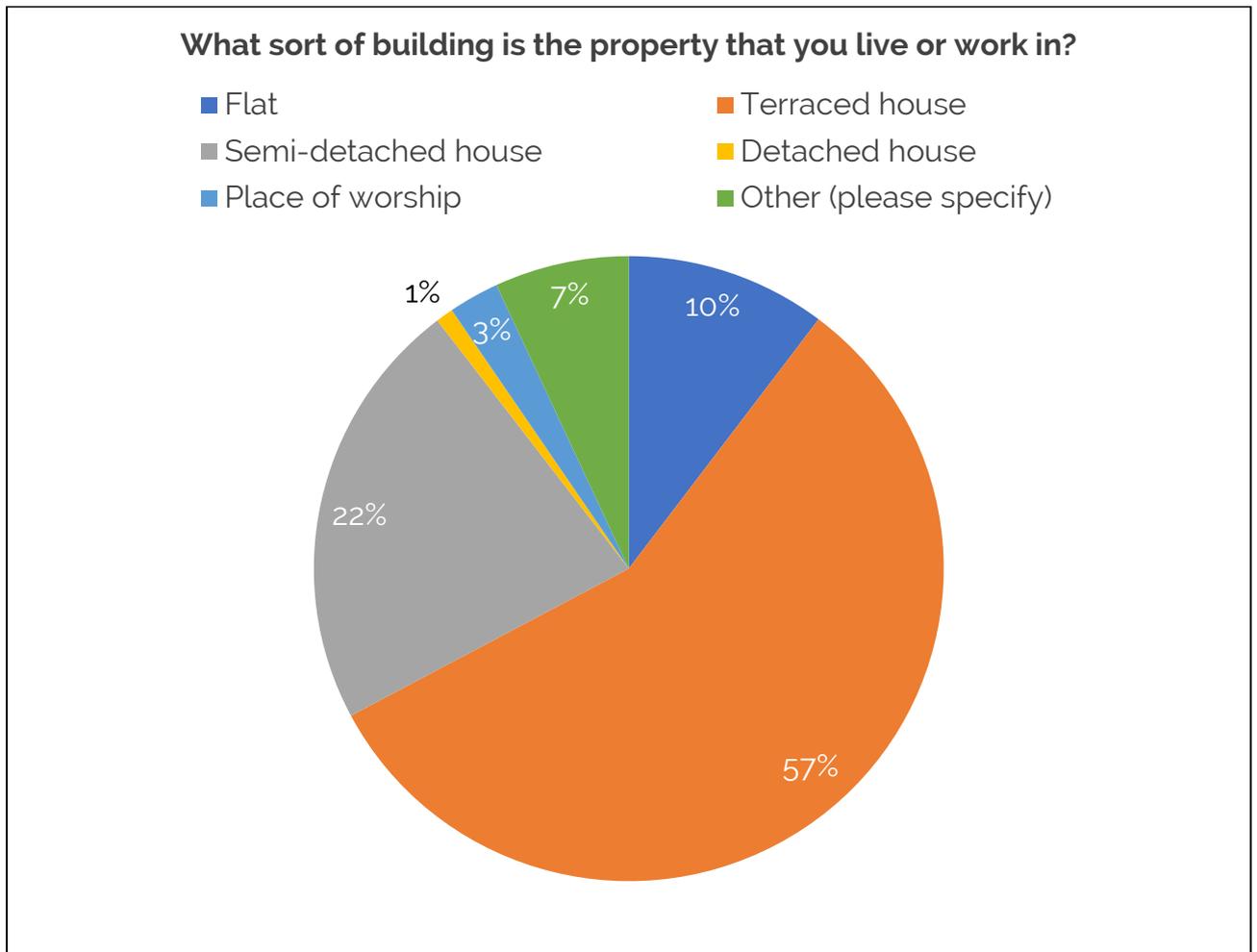
In **Table 1**, the data shows that there have been responses from each postcode area with the highest, 33% of responses from CH41 2 and lowest, 1% of responses from CH42 3. Comparing **Figure 1** with **Table 1**, this response rate broadly reflects the sizes of each postcode area.

## Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

Even though there has been a response from each postcode area, BATNPF should consider whether there is a need to target future consultation work on areas with a smaller return rate. This might show whether there are key issues and views in these areas which were not reflected in the survey.

## Q1.2. What sort of building is the property that you live or work in?

This question seeks to identify what type of property respondents live or work in in the Neighbourhood Area, so that it can be shown that the views of a range of people living and working across the Area have been considered.



**Table 2<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> The survey asked that those who replied other state the type of residence/place of work. These included college, end terrace, hostel and underground air raid shelter.

## **Key findings**

Most respondents lived in 3 types of property: flat, terraced house and semi-detached house. There were 3 responses from places of work, which indicate that most people working or doing business in the area did not reply to the survey (although they could have answered as a resident).

## **Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan**

Given the apparent low response from people working in the area, additional consultation with businesses may be needed to identify their issues and views of the Neighbourhood Area.

## PART 2: Community

### Q2.1. What aspects of the Birkenhead & Tranmere community do you like and wish to preserve?

This is an open-ended question, giving respondents the opportunity to identify the aspects of the Birkenhead and Tranmere community they liked and wished to preserve.



**Table 3**

### Key findings

Open-ended questions can lead to a wide variety of answers. The Word Cloud in **Table 3** shows the main responses from the survey: the larger the word, the more often it was given as an answer.

Further analysis of the data showed 5 key aspects of the Birkenhead and Tranmere community people liked and wished to preserve:

- **Open Spaces:** the parks in the area were highly regarded
- **Heritage and Historic Environment:** including local landmarks such as Hamilton Square; the character of the area, including housing styles and the street scene;
- **Local Facilities:** respondents referred to a variety of facilities such as shops, community venues, the hospital, the library
- **Community:** the friendliness of the community was mentioned by many respondents
- **Housing:** residential areas were valued by some respondents.

## Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

When developing a Neighbourhood Plan all groups produce a vision and a statement of objectives that will shape what policies go in to the Plan. Open-ended questions such as 2.1 give people the opportunity to state what they value in their own community.

When developing its own vision and objectives, BATNPF should consider how the responses to this question can be included.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document that focuses on land-use issues. Policies on open spaces, the built environment, local facilities and housing are often included in plans.

Taking into account the results of community consultation (and in conjunction with the emerging local evidence base) BATNPF should consider including such policies in its own Neighbourhood Plan.

## **Q2.2. Do you know of any undesirable, derelict sites, spaces or buildings in the BATPLAN area? If so, please identify them and tell us how you would like them to be improved or developed for an alternative use**

This is an open-ended question, giving respondents the opportunity to identify sites, spaces and buildings in the Neighbourhood Area they did not like and to make suggestions for improvement or development for an alternative use.

### **Key findings**

**Table 4** shows those areas in the Neighbourhood Area identified as undesirable or derelict, along with solutions where given.

### **Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan**

The survey findings have produced key intelligence for BATNPF. By identifying such areas, there is potential to include policies, site allocations or specific developments within the Neighbourhood Plan. It is recommended that further work is done to map these areas and scope for potential policies/development proposals.

Identified Area	Solution
Poorly maintained houses in Clifton Park Conservation Area	
Victoria Lodge pub in Victoria Road	Needs to be demolished. Consider for development as a community resource with a focus on supporting children, families, young people and particularly older people. The building includes a car park and grounds for a community garden and playground. I'd like to use the arts as the driver.
The row of houses (derelict) between Birkenhead Library and Charing Cross	Perhaps new houses or gardens
The new buildings on the 'triangle ' at green lane!	I know we can't get rid of these new building but I wish to express my dismay that they were ever approved. Doors onto the pavements, no greenery and a general appearance reminiscent of Victorian Slum buildings. I never want such poor architecture approved again, design matters, good design
Many undesirable sites	The deposit cheques could be regenerated to encourage tourism
Rear of 12 to 28 The Woodlands	
The waste grounds adjoining Church road near the Whetstone Lane end need to be developed as soon as possible. They've been empty for too long	New community hall
Charing Cross needs to be renovated and Oxton Road/Grange Road West	
Birkenhead shopping has become charity and phone repair shops	
The corner of Wood Church Road and Woodville Road. There is an abandoned plot where a house has been knocked down, it is just fenced	

Identified Area	Solution
off and painted grey.	
Derelict shops by central library have been vacant for years	It is a good site to build houses
Several sites on Old Chester Road, between St Paul's Road and Green Lane	It would be nice to see flower gardens there
Rocky outcrop on Sidney Road - looks scruffy and catches litter	
Old Chester Road - derelict land opposite Holt Road	
Old site of the Southend Social Club off Old Chester Road	Possible potential
The fenced off land at the bottom of Elmswood Road (junction with Borough Road)	
The area behind Birkenhead central station that used to be the gasworks.	
By Tetbury [Street] and Oak Bank	
Waste piece of land at bottom of Hinderton Road (Green Lane	Could be turned over to parking spaces for residents to ease the parking problems
Empty houses on Fountain Street and surrounding area. This allows the area to look run down	
Empty lots of Church Road (opposite Co-op) and at the end of Harrowby Road and Borough Road	Filled appropriately i.e. play area for children or essential services
Grange View and other properties around the Woodlands/Clifton Park area	
Bottom of Downham road. used as an enclosed dog park.	
Bottom of Downham Road (CH42)	ideal for investment in sports activities to get children off the street (community

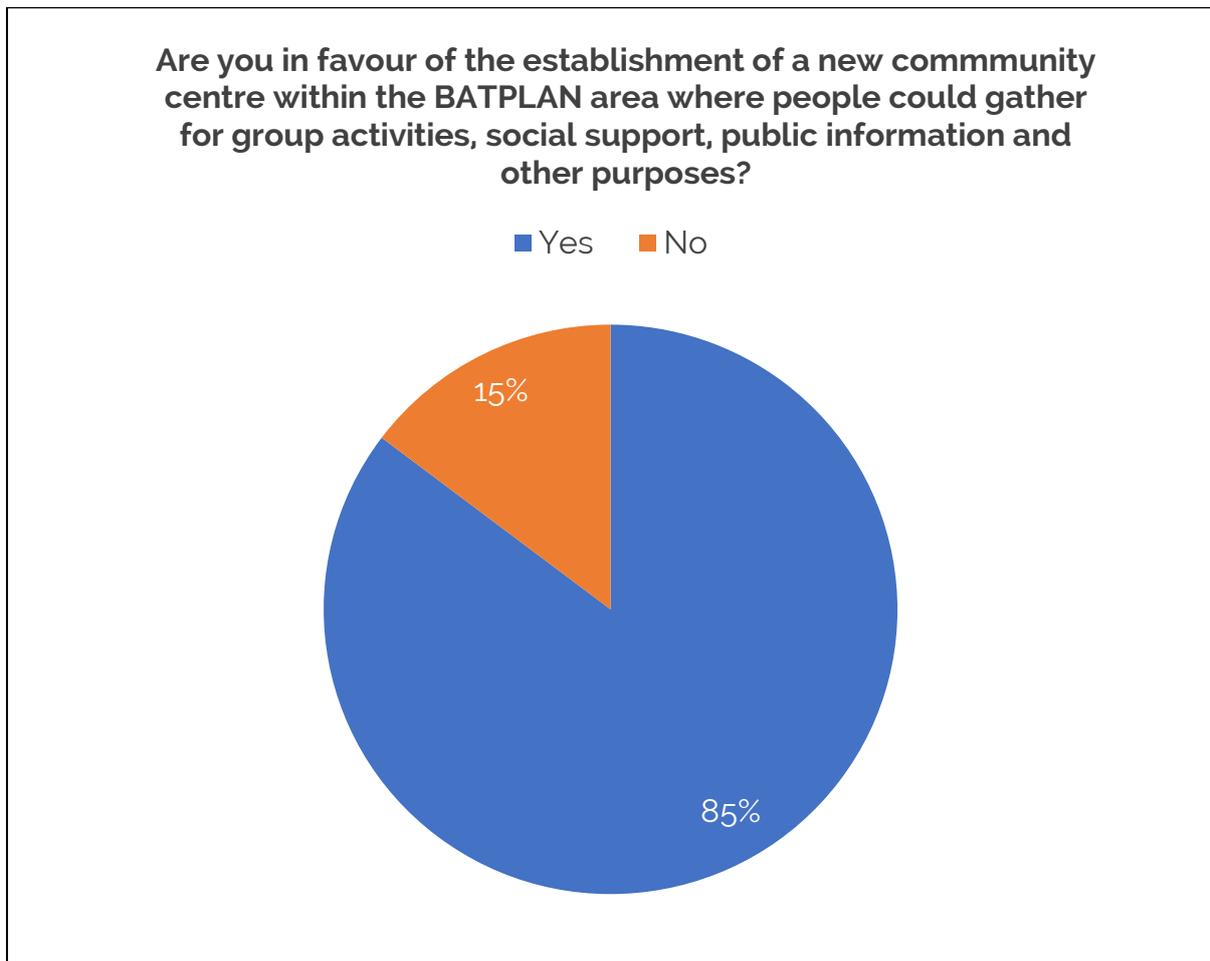
Identified Area	Solution
	centre) - health advice etc.
Derelict land by Birkenhead North.	Housing and small businesses
Victoria Lodge subject to dumping and fires.	Should be redeveloped or knocked down to build flats (ideally reopened as a pub!)
Lots of graffiti and dog poo in Victoria Road. Car park is a disgrace	
The Conservative Club on Church Road	
Willmer Road to Argyle Street South	
Old Chester Road/Holt Road	
Empty plots between No5 & No11 Marqis St. used for dumping are eyesores	
Alleyway between 3 Marquis and 48 Frodsham completely overgrown and inaccessible	
Local Town Council	
Corner of Downham Road and Old Chester Road	
Waste land on Conway street/Simpson street	General landscaping
Derelict church on New Chester Road - borders on to Rock Ferry and Tranmere	Would make a great community housing project
The buildings adjacent to the main library are a disgrace	Demolish
Vacant shops	Turned into community hubs
Church Road	For housing
There are a number of small plots of land: Elm Grove, Derby Road, Whitfield Street	Clear and develop

<b>Identified Area</b>	<b>Solution</b>
The housing market renewal sites that have still not been built on after years of lying empty	
The scrap yard on Green Lane	Should be houses

**Table 4**

**Q2.3. Are you in favour of the establishment of a new community centre within the BATPLAN area where people could gather for group activities, social support, public information and other purposes?**

This question seeks to identify the support for a new community centre within the Neighbourhood Area.



**Table 5**

**Key findings**

The responses indicate a key majority in favour of a new community centre in the Neighbourhood Area: 85% responded yes to the question.

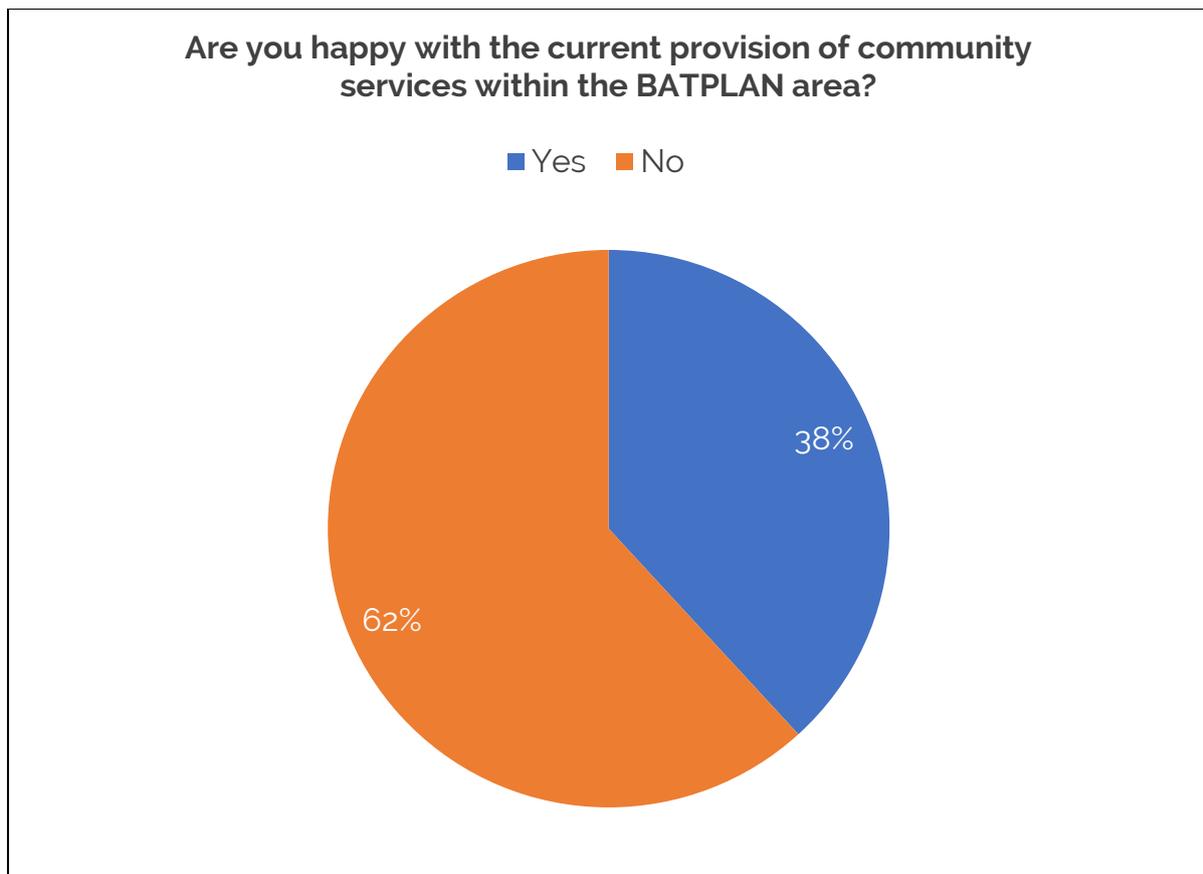
## Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

Given the support for such a facility, BATNPF may wish to consider including a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan that facilitates the development of a community centre. This could be:

- **Criteria based:** indicating in what circumstances a proposal for a new community centre would be permitted and/or
- **A site allocation:** a specific site could be identified for a new community centre

## Q2.4. Are you happy with the current provision of community services within the BATPLAN area?

This question seeks to identify the satisfaction with current provision of community services within the Neighbourhood Area.



**Table 6**

### Key findings

62% of respondents stated that they were unhappy with current provision of services within the Neighbourhood Area.

## Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

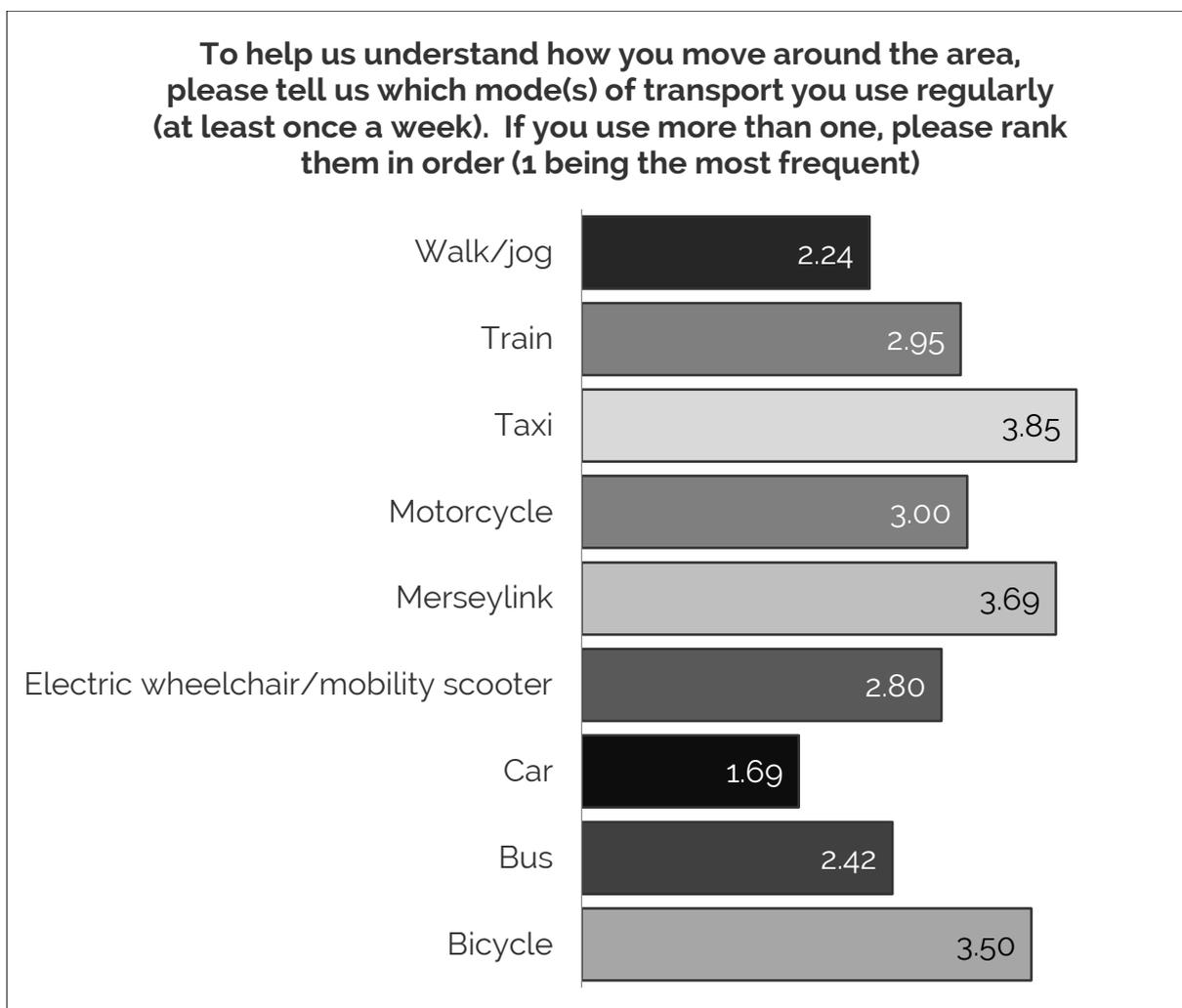
The question does not identify which services the respondents are unhappy with (or whether they are referring to gaps in service provision). Consequently:

- BATNPF may wish to do further consultation to find out which services people are unhappy with, and
- Where possible, such consultation should identify whether these concerns relate to land-use planning issues, which could be dealt with in the Neighbourhood Plan

## PART 3: Transport

**Q3.1. To help us understand how you move around the area, please tell us which mode(s) of transport you use regularly (at least once every week).**

This question seeks to identify how the community moves around the Neighbourhood Area.



**Table 7**

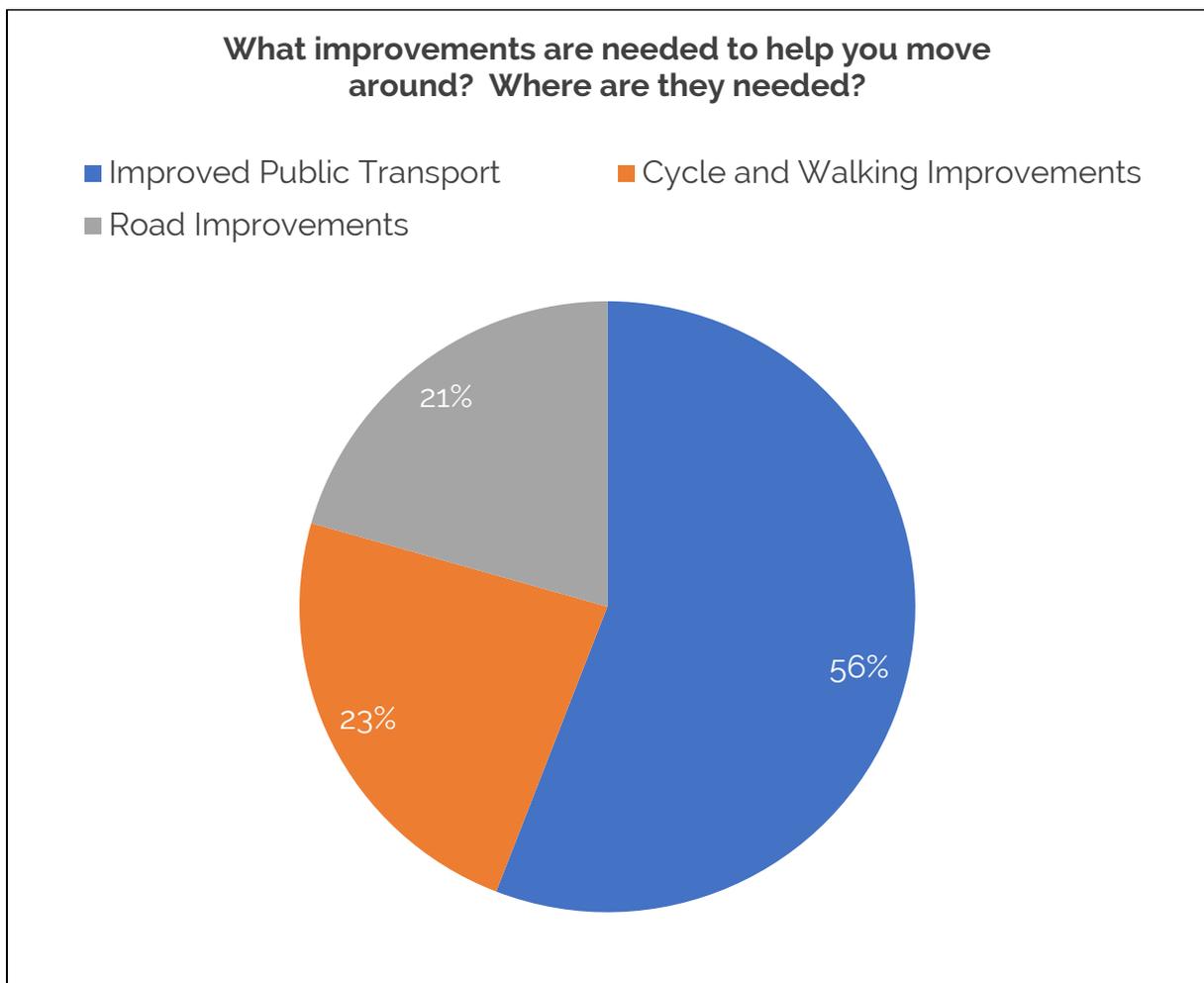
## Key findings

Respondents were asked to identify what mode(s) of transport they used regularly with 1 being the most frequent. **Table 7** shows the frequency of each mode, with a lower score showing the most frequently used. Thus:

- Car was the most frequently used mode of transport;
- Respondents also were likely to walk or use the bus, and
- Taxi, *Merseylink* and bicycle were the least frequently used modes of transport

### Q3.2. What improvements are needed to help you move around? Where are they needed?

This is an open-ended question, which seeks to identify what improvements the community needs to help it move around and where those improvements are needed.



**Table 8**

### Key findings

Respondents stated a variety of improvements needed to help them move around. These improvements were categorised in 3 main areas:

- **Improved public transport:** suggestions included better bus services, cheaper and more frequent services, services to new parts of the Neighbourhood Area.
- **Cycle and walking improvements:** the main concerns were the safety of cycling and walking. Improvements suggested included: more scenic cycle routes; better pedestrian crossings on Green Lane/Holt Lane; safer walking routes and safer access to Mersey Park via Mersey Walk.
- **Road improvements:** the main concerns were the need for better road surfaces, improved traffic flow and parking on *Tranmere Rovers* match days.

## Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

Some of the concerns expressed are difficult to deal with in a land-use planning document like a Neighbourhood Plan.

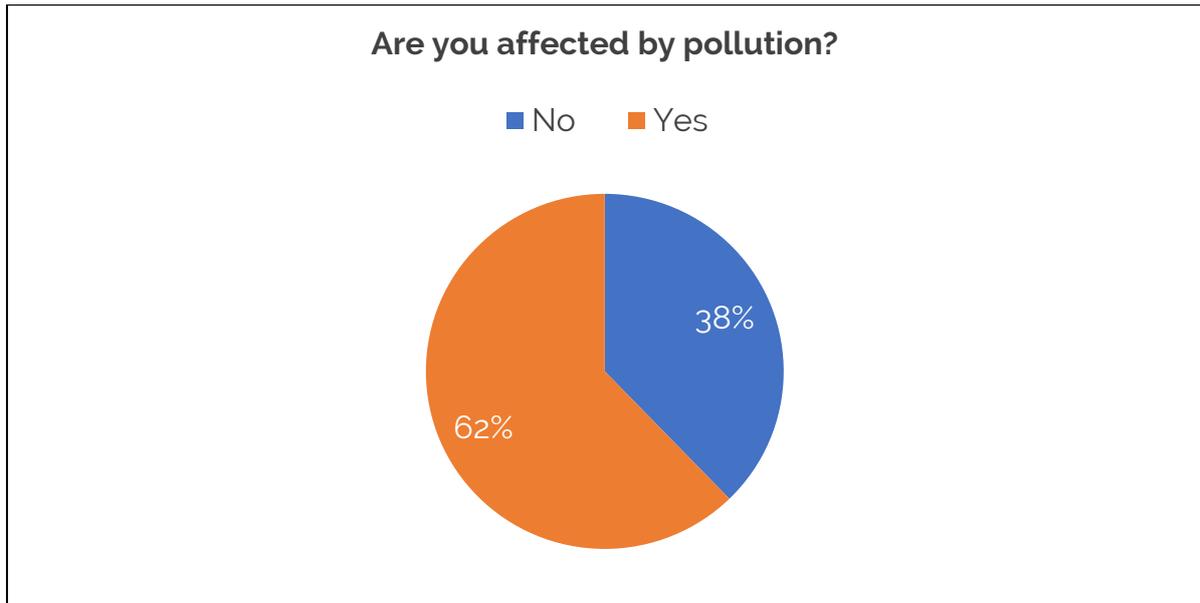
BATNPF may wish to consider how it can influence issues such as bus services and road resurfacing outside of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Parking, cycle routes and walking routes are issues that have been addressed as policies in many other Neighbourhood Plans. However, as these were not major concerns for the majority of respondents, BATNPF should consider whether this is a priority for its own Neighbourhood Plan.

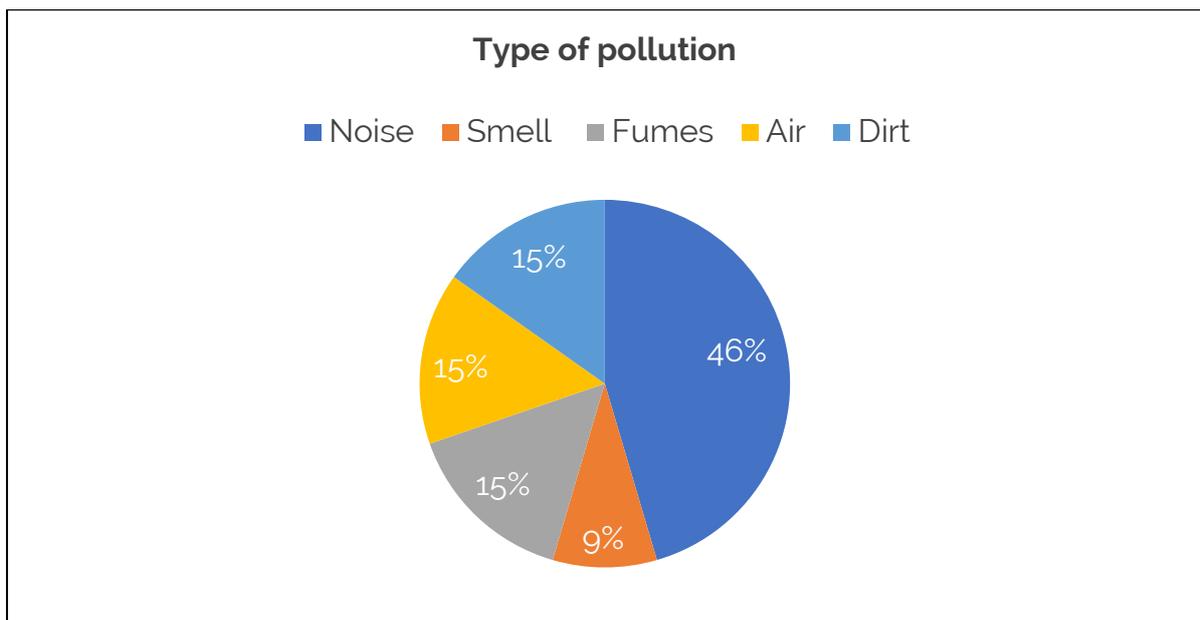
When further consultation activities take place, support for such policies should be further explored.

**Q3.3 Are you affected by pollution (i.e. fumes, light, noise, smell, vibration) from vehicles and/or any other source? Please explain:**

This is an open-ended question that seeks to identify whether the community is affected by pollution and, if so, what types of pollution.



**Table 9**



**Table 10**

## Key findings

**Table 9** shows that 62% of respondents are affected by pollution. **Table 10** breaks down the types of this pollution, which was mainly noise from:

- People
- Clubs
- Traffic
- Dogs

## Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

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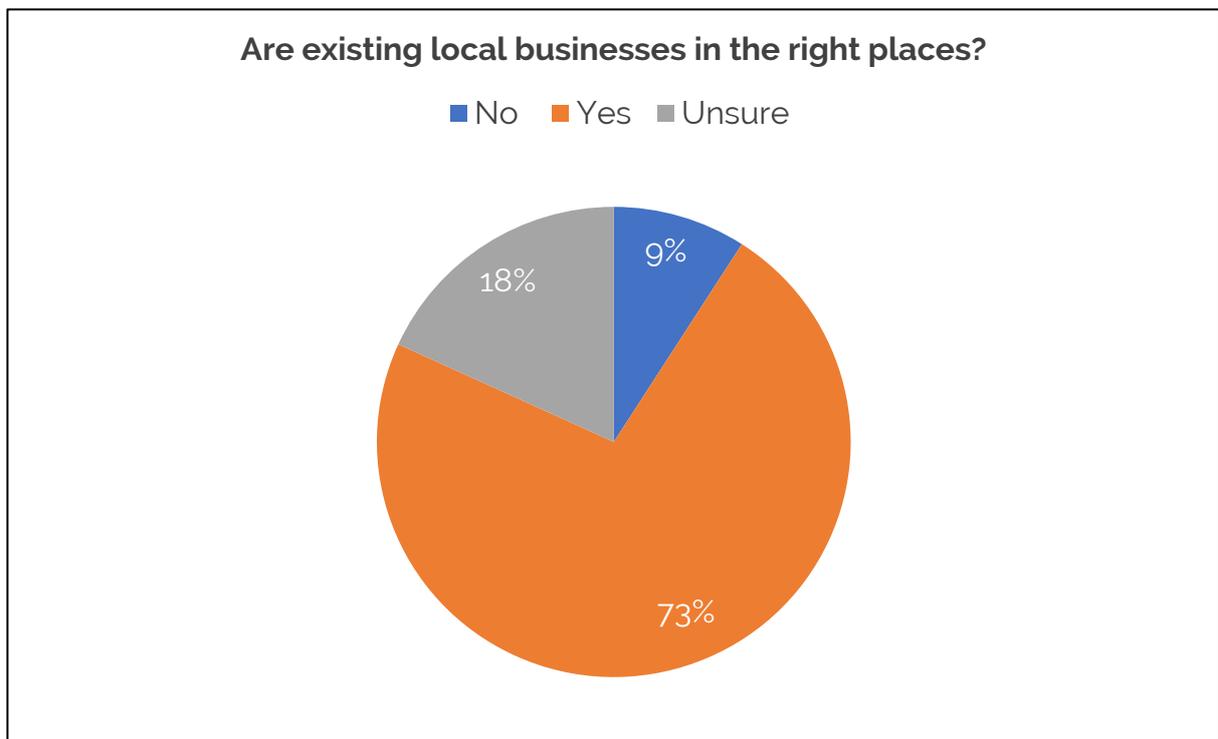
BATNPF may wish to consider how it can influence issues such as noise from local clubs outside of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Also, BATNPF could explore the potential for addressing pollution issues through design policies and other policies for new development.

## PART 4: Economy

### Q4.1. Are existing local businesses (e.g. offices, industrial units) in the right places? What new businesses (if any) would you like to see attracted to the area?

This question seeks to identify whether the community believes that existing local businesses are in the right places and what new businesses should be located in the area.



**Table 11**

### Key findings

Most respondents (73%) felt that businesses were in the right places. **Table 12** identifies a range of businesses respondents felt were needed in the Neighbourhood Area.

Most of these were retail or leisure businesses but there were some ideas for local, small-scale employment units. Many felt there were too many fast food outlets and betting shops.

## **Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan**

BATNPF should consider whether there are opportunities for employment/retail policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. However, compared with other issues identified in the survey, the economy does not seem to be a major concern for the community.

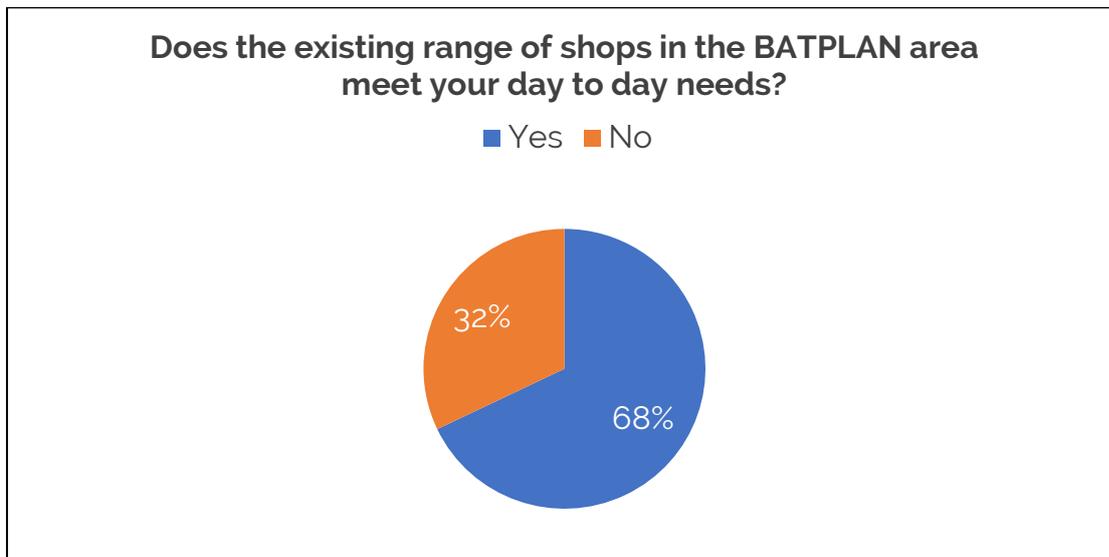
Further consultation with local businesses might identify other issues that could be included in the BATPLAN.

<b>More</b>	<b>Fewer</b>
Boutique shops	Fast food outlets
Services not available in the town centre	Betting shops
Dock area built up to encourage tourists from Liverpool	
Retail	
Warehouse storage	
Independent Shops	
Restaurants and cafes	
Engineering/Manufacturing	
Supermarket	
Post Office	
Workshops	
Live/work units	
Healthy eating places	

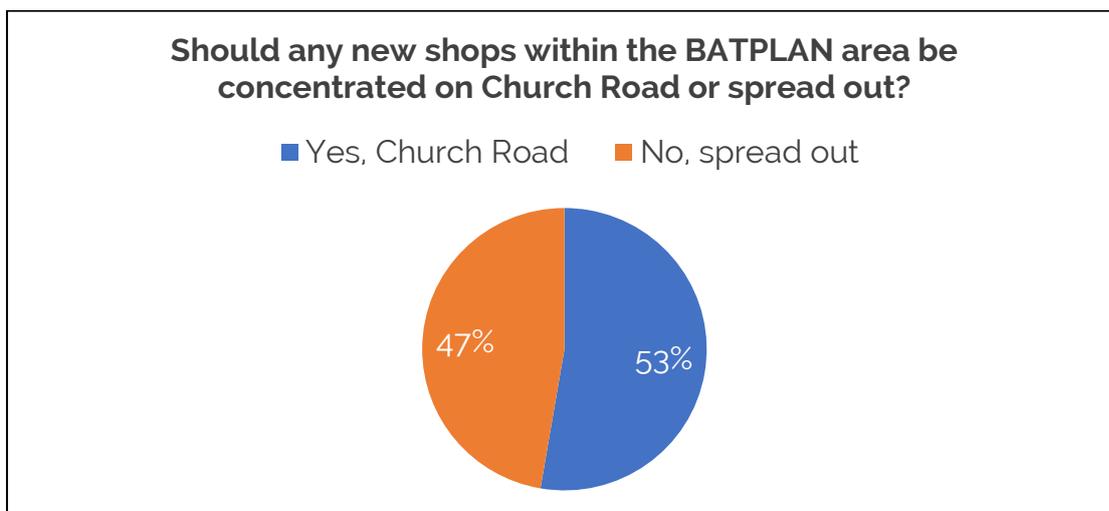
**Table 12**

**Q4.2. Does the existing range of shops in the BATPLAN area meet your day to day needs? and Q. 4.3 Should any new shops within the BATPLAN area be concentrated on Church Road or spread out?**

These questions seek to identify whether the community believes the existing range of shops in the Neighbourhood Area meets its day to day needs and where any new shops should be concentrated.



**Table 13**



**Table 14**

## Key findings

Most respondents (68%) felt that the existing range of shops met their needs. However, there was a division of opinion about where new shops should be located. 53% believed they should be in the Church Road area, with 47% stating that they should be spread out.

## Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

As there is such a division of opinion, BATNPF should consider whether more consultation on this issue is needed.

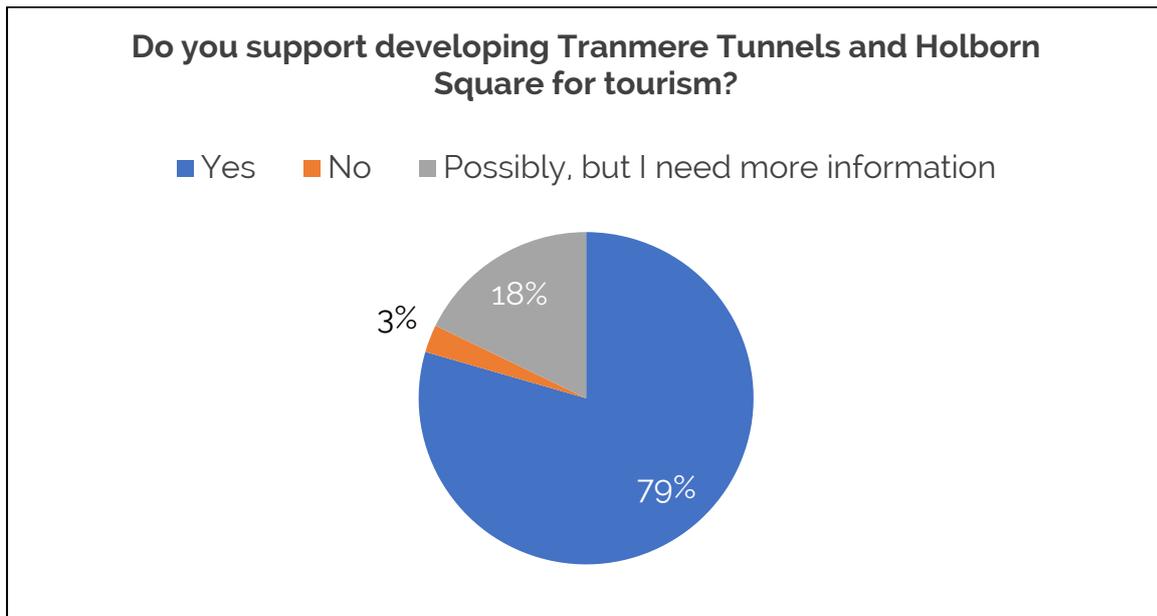
Is the provision of new shops a priority matter that is likely to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan?

If it has not already been carried out, a retail survey could be done to establish the retail offer in the area.

This has also been highlighted previously, but consultation with businesses could identify issues that could be dealt with in the Plan.

#### Q4.4. Do you support developing Tranmere Tunnels and Holborn Square for tourism?

This question seeks to identify whether there is community support for developing Tranmere Tunnels and Holborn Square for tourism.



**Table 15**

#### Key findings

A clear majority supported development of the Tranmere Tunnels<sup>2</sup> and Holborn Square for tourism. 79% were in favour, with only 3% against the idea.

#### Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

There is substantial community support for the principle of developing Tranmere Tunnels and Holborn Square for tourism.

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<sup>2</sup> An extensive network of tunnels excavated during World War II, which were intended for use as a deep underground air raid shelter, primarily for the *Cammell Lairds* shipyard workforce.

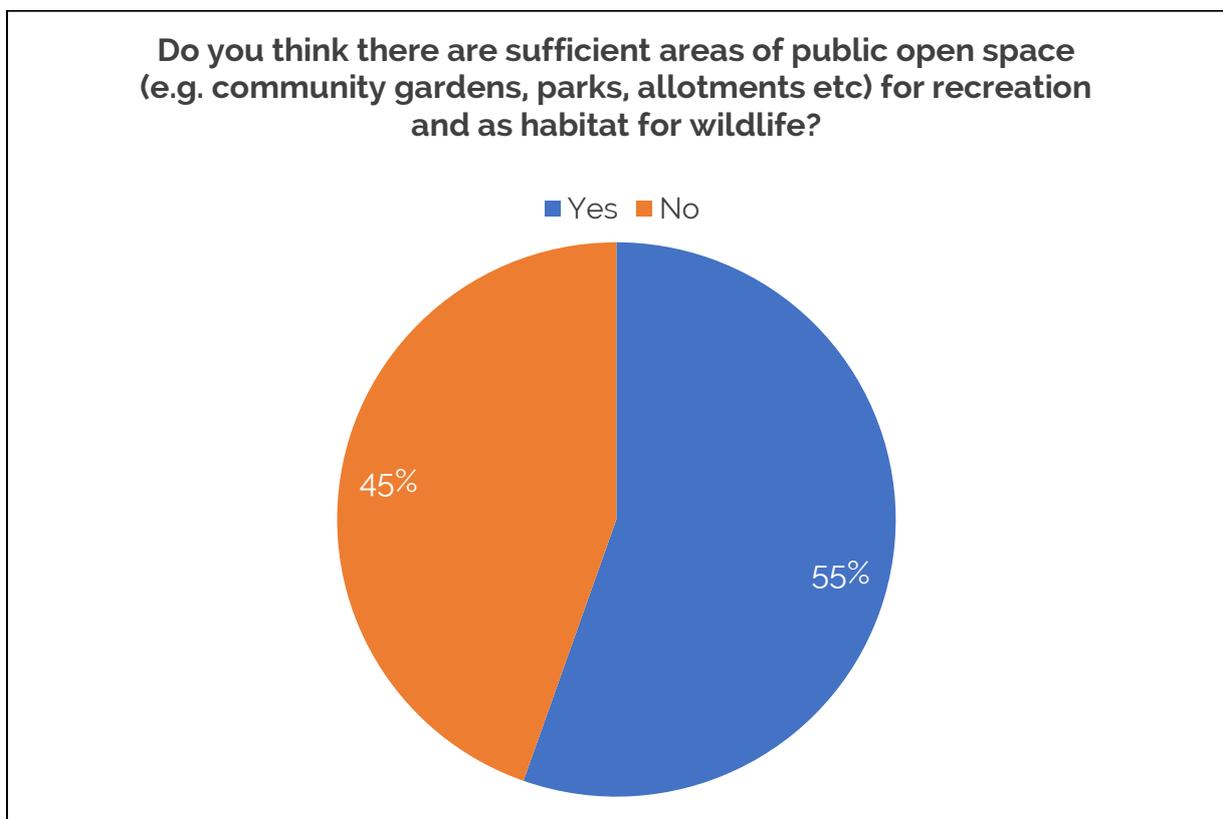
When developing policies around tourism in the Neighbourhood Plan BATNPF could consider a general, aspirational policy, which sets out the type of tourism development that would be welcomed in the area, along with criteria indicating in what circumstances a proposal for tourism development would be permitted.

BATNPF could also consider further community consultation on this issue.

## PART 5: Nature

### Q5.1. Do you think there are sufficient areas of public open space (e.g. community gardens, parks, allotments etc.) for recreation and as habitat for wildlife?

This question seeks to identify whether the community believes there are sufficient areas of public open space within the Neighbourhood Area.



**Table 16**

### Key findings

55% of respondents believe there is sufficient public open space within the Neighbourhood Area.

However, a significant minority (45%) think there is insufficient public open space.

## **Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan**

Responses to Question 2.1 showed how much the Birkenhead and Tranmere community values open spaces.

Responses to Question 5.1 indicate that there might be potential for identifying more areas of public open space within the Neighbourhood Area.

The next question offers ideas for where there are opportunities for more open space to be provided.

## **Q5.2. Please identify any area(s) you would like to be formally designated as public open space:**

This question seeks to identify potential areas that could be designated as public open space.

### **Key findings**

**Table 17** lists those areas identified in the survey.

### **Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan**

As previously mentioned, open spaces are a land-use issue that can be dealt with in a Neighbourhood Plan. Questions 5.1 and 5.2 have identified that there is:

- Potentially a lack of open space in the Neighbourhood Area, and
- Sites where there may be potential for new public open space.

As part of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, BATNPF should consider mapping areas of public open space and appraise whether there is potential to enhance and protect these open spaces through policies in the Plan.

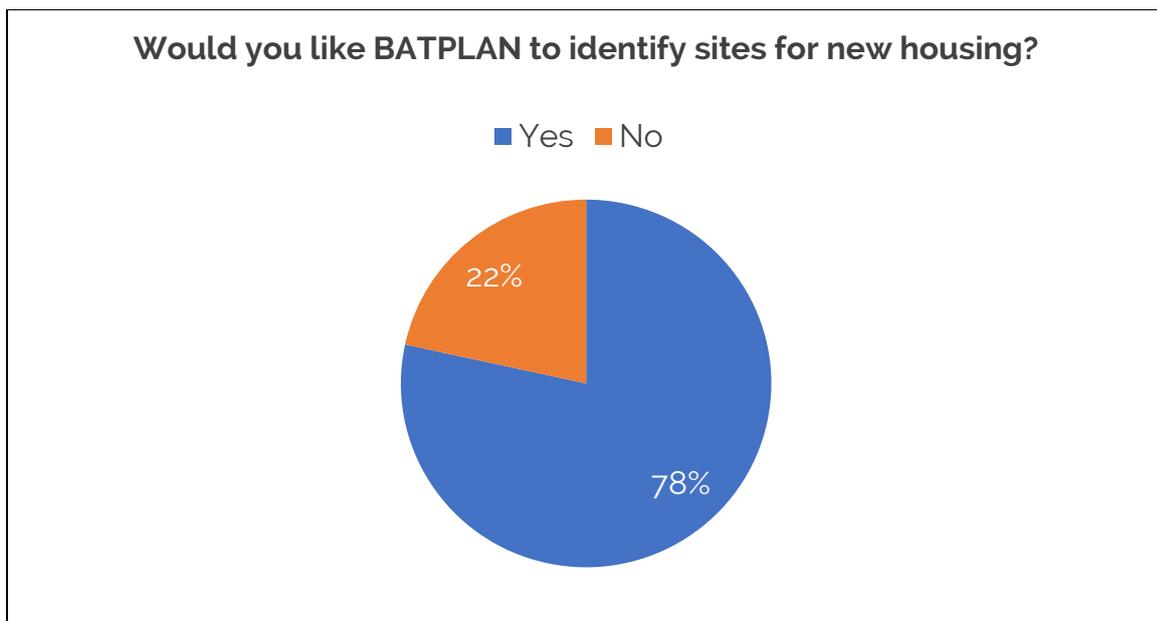
Allotments opposite Mersey Park Primary School made more attractive as looked run down for years
Dug up area bottom of Simpson Street
Land adjacent to the library
Field behind whetstone medical centre
Fields fronting Conway Street
Holborn Square
Mersey Park vicinity – enhanced
Part of the land on Church Road
Pears[on] Road grass area
Streets and grassed areas along Borough Road
Tenants of flats could cultivate part of communal gardens. Grassed area adopted by residents
The area between Borough Road and the Whetstone Medical Centre
The docks area
The tree and grass triangle by Warrington Street where Church Road and Whetstone Lane meet, could be opened up with a path through it and a bench - needs bushes reducing
The waste ground on both sides of Church Road between the Hospital and Victoria Road
There is the old Woodside main line track (some places would need to be sectioned off from the rail track in use) open to be used as a public walk way and a habitat for wildlife
Victoria and Mersey Parks
Wild life habitat created within the area anywhere it could be any disused space unsuitable for homes, business or community use

**Table 17**

## PART 6: Homes

### Q6.1. Would you like BATPLAN to identify sites for new housing?

This question seeks to identify whether there is community support to identify sites for new housing.



**Table 18**

### Key findings

The majority of respondents, 78%, believed that the BATPLAN should identify sites for housing.

### Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plans offer local communities the opportunity to identify sites for housing development and several plans across the country have done so. If BATNPF goes down this route there are issues to be aware of:

- A sites assessment will need to be carried out;
- Allocating sites will trigger the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment, and
- A housing needs assessment might also identify the types of housing that could be allocated.

Whilst this would lead to additional work, there is a technical support package available to do this work.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> BATNPF has applied for the housing needs assessment technical support package but this is currently on hold due to delays in determining Wirral's overall housing need.

## Q6.2. What type of homes do you think are needed within the BATPLAN area? Please rank them by level of need, with 1 being those needed most:

This question seeks to identify what types of housing the community believes is most needed within the Neighbourhood Area.

### Key findings

Respondents were asked to identify types of housing are needed in the Neighbourhood Area, with 1 being the most needed. **Table 19** shows the type of housing that might be needed in the area, with a lower score showing the most needed. Thus:

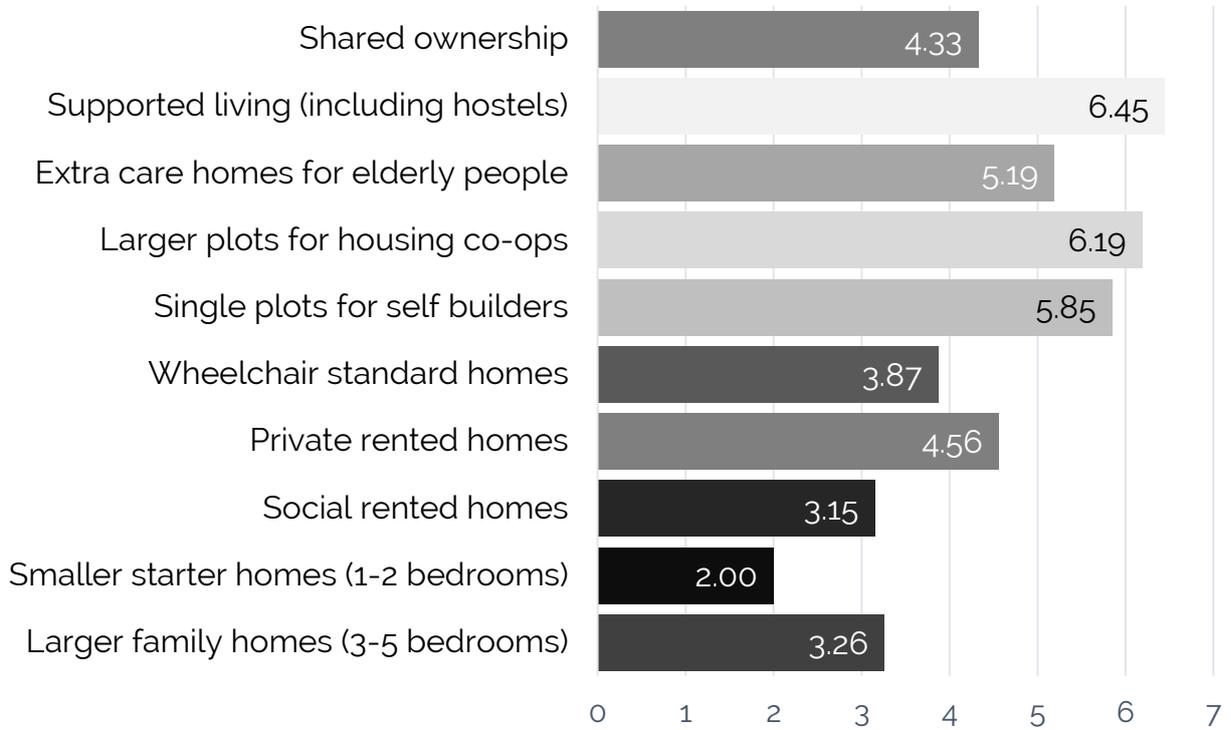
- Smaller starter homes are identified as the most needed;
- Supported living and housing co-ops were viewed as the least needed, and
- Socially rented homes and larger family homes were also felt to be needed.

### Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

Types of housing, including affordable housing, are an issue that other groups have dealt with in their Neighbourhood Plans.

- A local housing needs assessment may need to be produced to provide evidence to support such policies.<sup>3</sup>

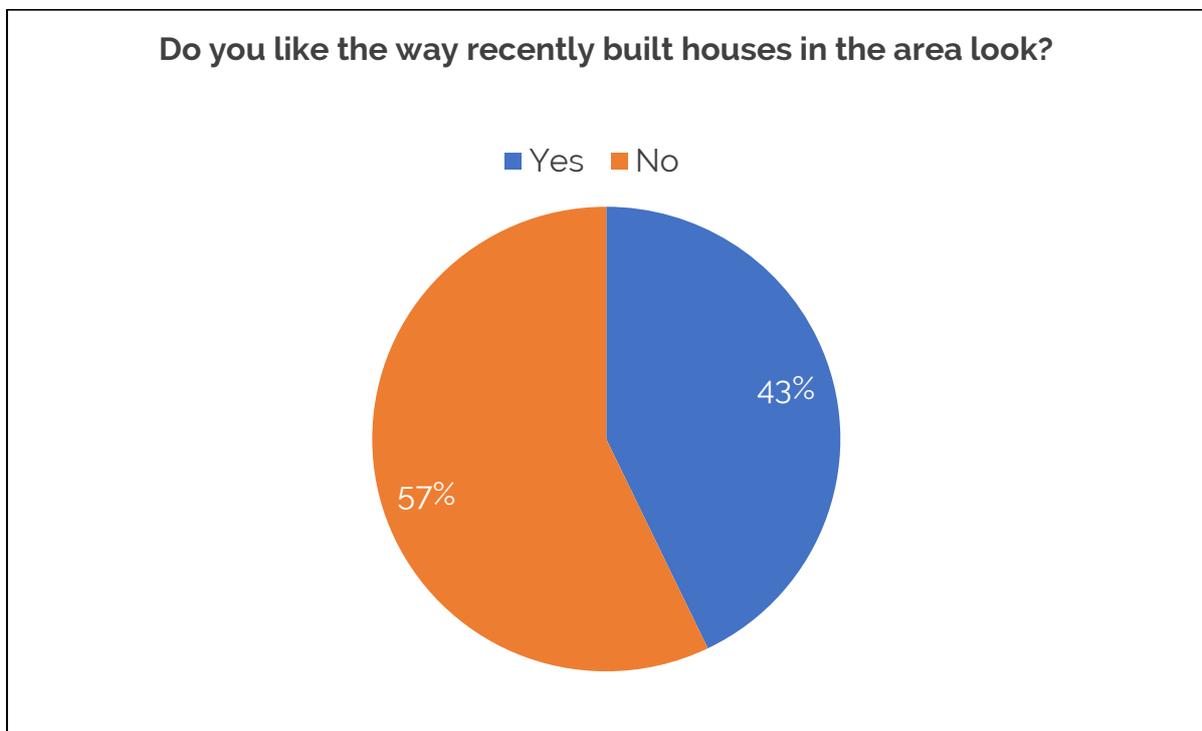
**What type of homes do you think are needed within the BATPLAN area? Please rank them by level of need, with 1 being those needed most:**



**Table 19**

**Q6.3. Do you like the way recently built houses in the area look? Would you like to see more of these designs of house or something different? Do you have anything else to say about housing in the area?**

These questions seek to identify the community's views on recent housing development and find out what type of design the community would like to see in the future.



*Table 20*

**Key findings**

Whilst most respondents did not like the look of recently built houses (57%) many stated that they liked their design (43%). Reservations about new houses included the following points:

- **Houses not fitting into the local character:** they should be more locally distinctive and complement the older housing in use of materials and design details (such as bay windows and different colours of brick).
- **Building design:** lack of gardens/open space; smallness of houses and rooms; lack of variety in their design; quality of materials and design, with concerns over how well built the houses are and how long they will last

## Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

As stated previously, design is an issue that can be included in a Neighbourhood Plan and many groups have chosen to include design policies.

If BATNPF is minded to deal with design issues it should consider carrying out a character assessment of the Neighbourhood Area. A technical support package is available to complete this work.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> A heritage and character assessment has already been carried out for the Neighbourhood Area.

## PART 7: Heritage

### Q7.1. What local buildings or land should be recognised for their historic or heritage value (and potentially protected)?

This is an open-ended question that seeks to identify local buildings or land that the community believes should be recognised for their historic or heritage value.

#### Key findings

Respondents listed many local buildings and land they felt should be recognised for their historic or heritage value. These were divided in 4 main categories:

- Community Facilities
- Residential
- Historic Sites
- Green Space

**Table 21** lists each of these places. Interestingly, there were only a few overlaps, indicating a real local knowledge by the respondents.

#### Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan

Protection of important local heritage is an issue that can be included in a Neighbourhood Plan and many groups have chosen to include such policies.

As previously mentioned, a character assessment of the Neighbourhood Area could be carried out to identify whether any of these areas could be protected (if they are not already protected).<sup>4</sup>

<b>Community Facility</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Historical Sites</b>	<b>Green Space</b>
Central Library and gardens	Whetstone Lane	St Catherine's Institute	Birkenhead Park
Police Station, Well Lane	Pre 1900 housing	The Lodge, St Catherine's hospital grounds	Mersey Park
The frontages of older shops in the likes of Oxton Road/Grange Road West	The Woodlands	Tranmere Tunnels	Victoria Park
Mersey Park School	Well Lane	Wall of the old Holt Hill Convent	The quarries
Local dance studio on Holt Hill	Holt Road	Hamilton Square	
Williamson Art Gallery	87 Holt Hill	Cast iron road name plates	
Byrne Avenue Baths	Clifton Road	Beechcroft	
The Oval Athletics Stadium		<i>AJ Motors</i> building, Church Road	
St Paul's/St Lukes		Ancient wall in Tower Road	
St Paul's Mission		Lord Birkenhead's home in Clifton Road	
Tranmere Methodist Church		Sandstone wall and gate in Elm Grove/Whetstone Lane/Church Road	
Salvation Army Church		Create a new conservation area between the parks to help protect the parks from development	

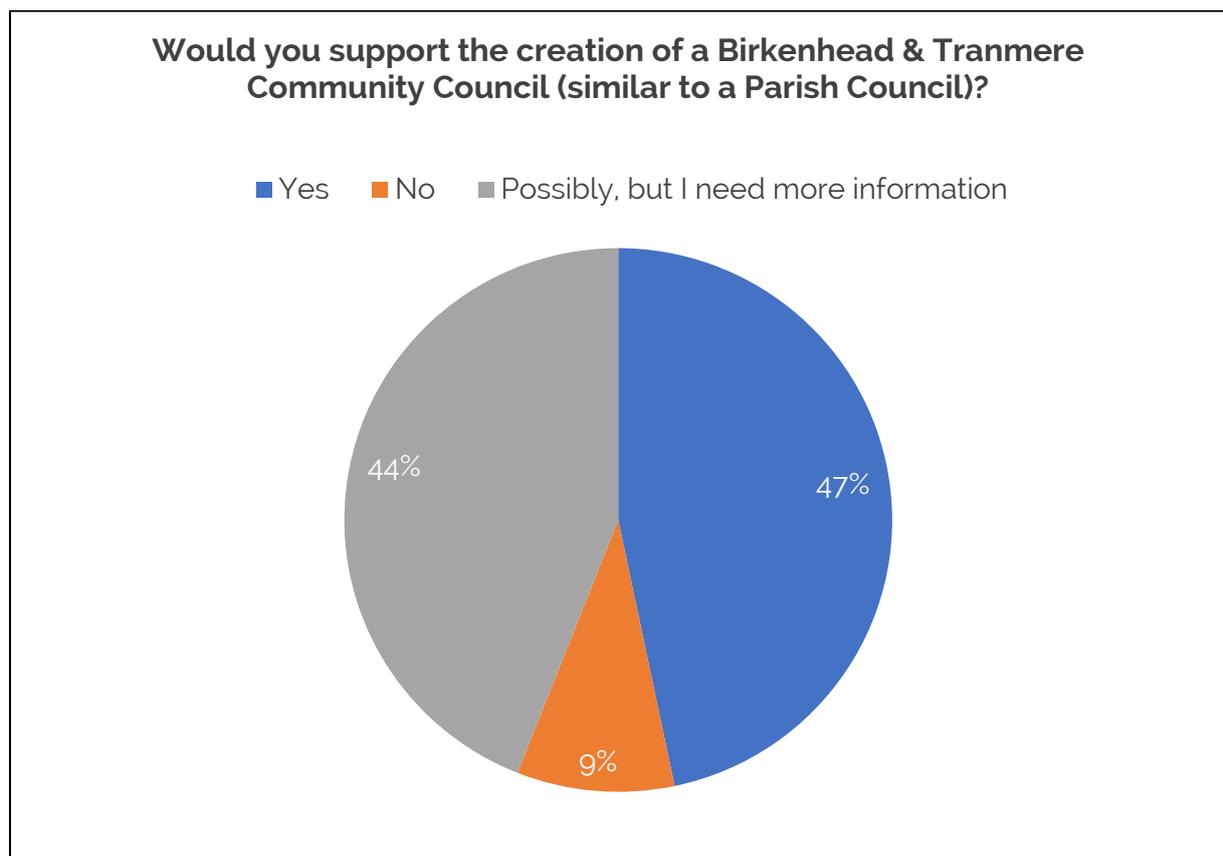
<b>Community Facility</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Historical Sites</b>	<b>Green Space</b>
Green Lane Train Station		Victorian post box in Elm Grove	
Islamic Centre, Whetstone Lane		Birkenhead Priory	
Scout Centre			
Birkenhead Town Hall			
Birkenhead Library			

**Table 21**

## PART 8: Local Democracy

### Q8.1. Would you support the creation of a Birkenhead & Tranmere Community Council (similar to a Parish Council)?

This question seeks to identify whether there is community support for the creation of a *Birkenhead and Tranmere Community Council*.



**Table 22**

#### Key findings

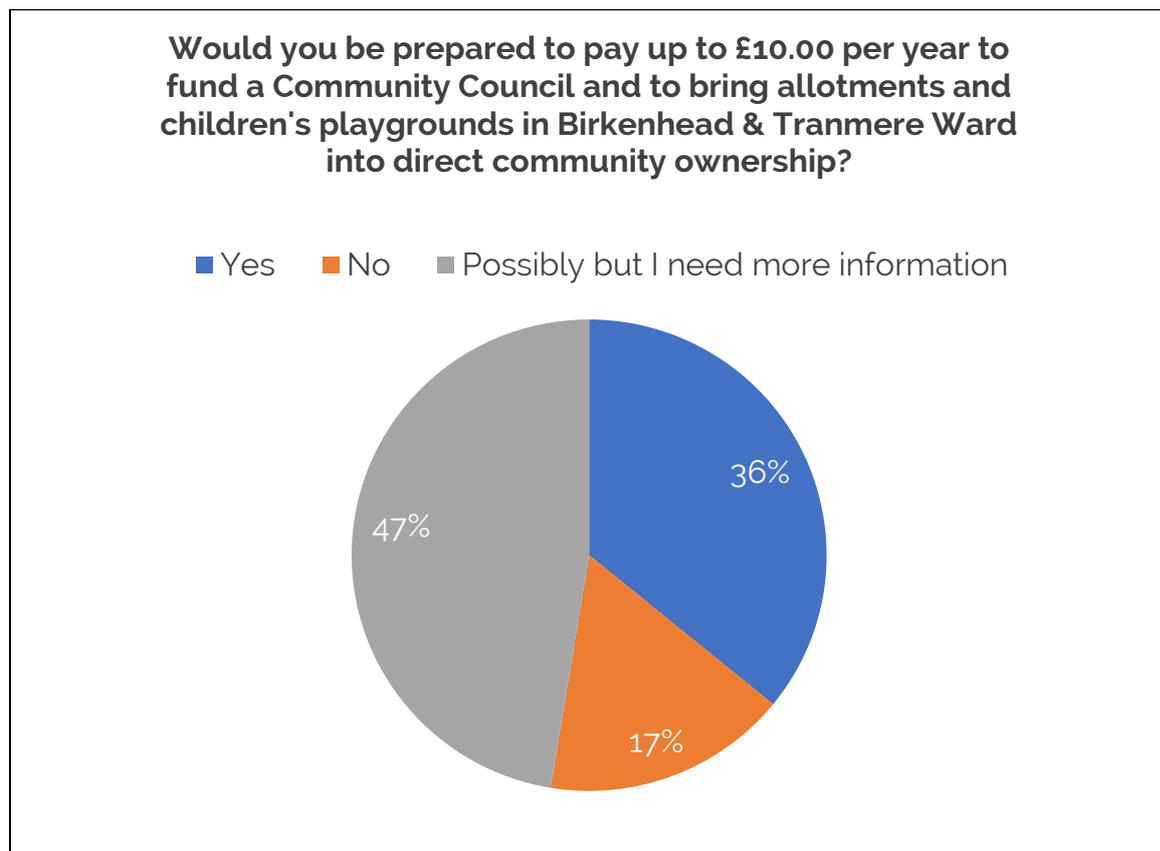
There was a positive response to the idea of a Community Council, with 47% in favour and only 9% against the idea. However, 44% stated that they might possibly be in favour but would need more information.

## **Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan**

Whilst this is not a land-use issue, the setting up of a Community Council might have positive implications for the longer-term implementation and monitoring of the Neighbourhood Plan, once it is made.

**Q8.2. Would you be prepared to pay up to £10.00 per year to fund a Community Council and to bring allotments and children's playgrounds in Birkenhead & Tranmere Ward into direct community ownership?**

This question seeks to identify whether the community would be willing to pay to fund a Community Council to the Neighbourhood Area.



**Table 23**

**Key findings**

There was a less favourable response to this idea than the support for the idea of the creation of a Community Council. However, only 17% of respondents were against the idea, with 47% stating they needed more information.

## **Implications and key challenges for the Neighbourhood Plan**

If a Community Council were set up, with its own resources, it may be able to implement some of the ideas that have been identified as part of the Neighbourhood Plan development process (including those that are not able to be dealt with as a land-use policy).

## **PART 9: Over to You**

### **9.1 Is there anything else you want to tell us about?**

## PART 10: About You

### Characteristics of the survey respondents

To identify that a wide-range of community views had been considered, the survey included questions asking about the respondents' age, gender identify, disability, race or ethnicity, and sexual identity.

#### Q22. Which of the following age groups do you fall into?

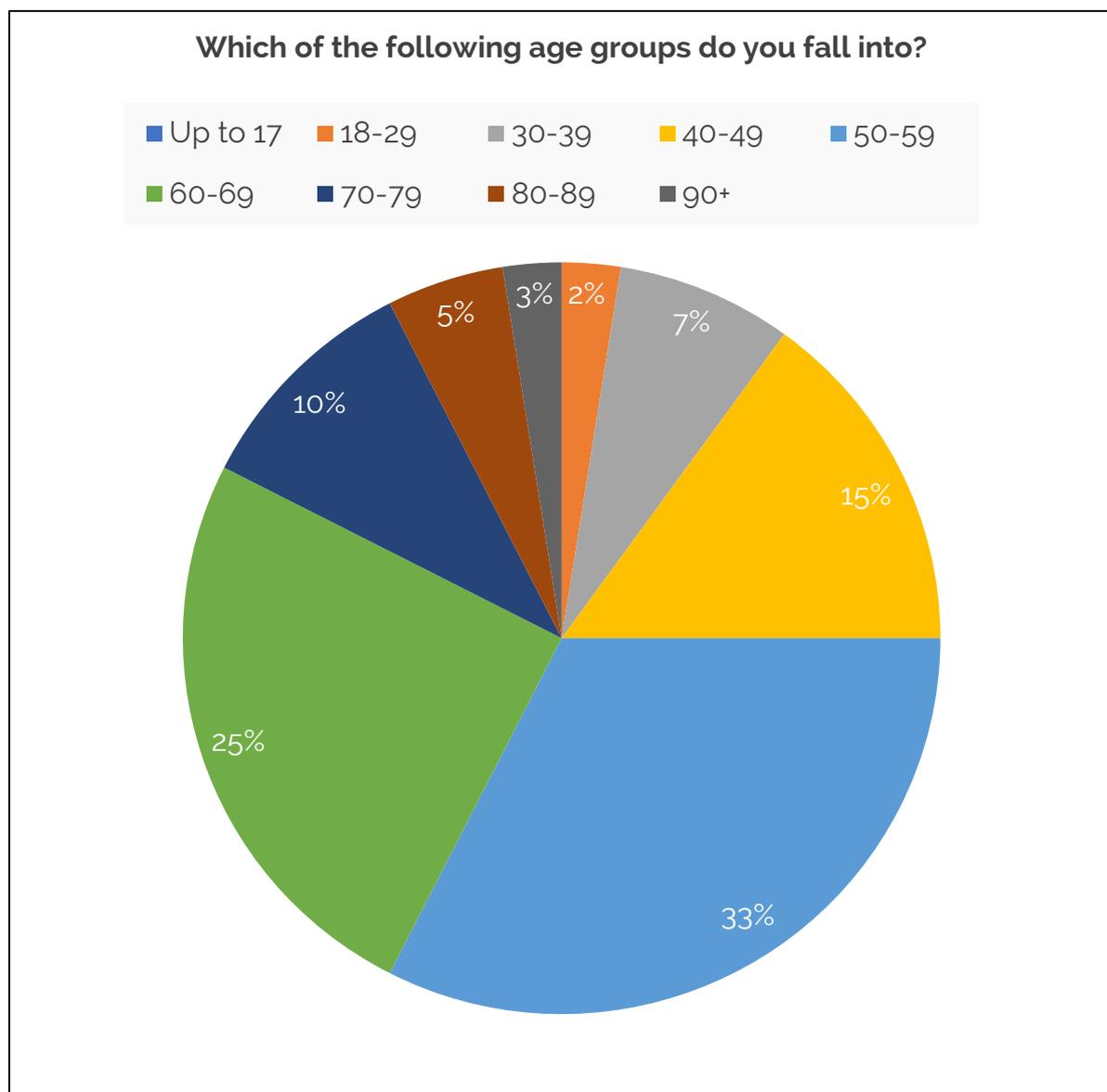
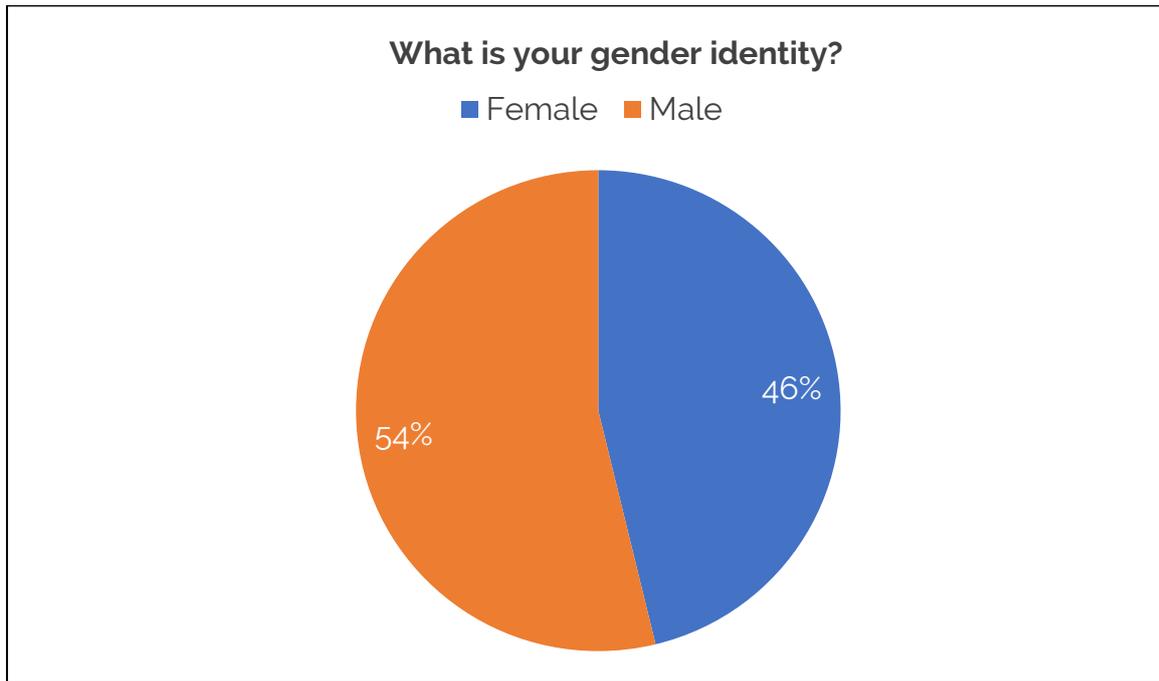


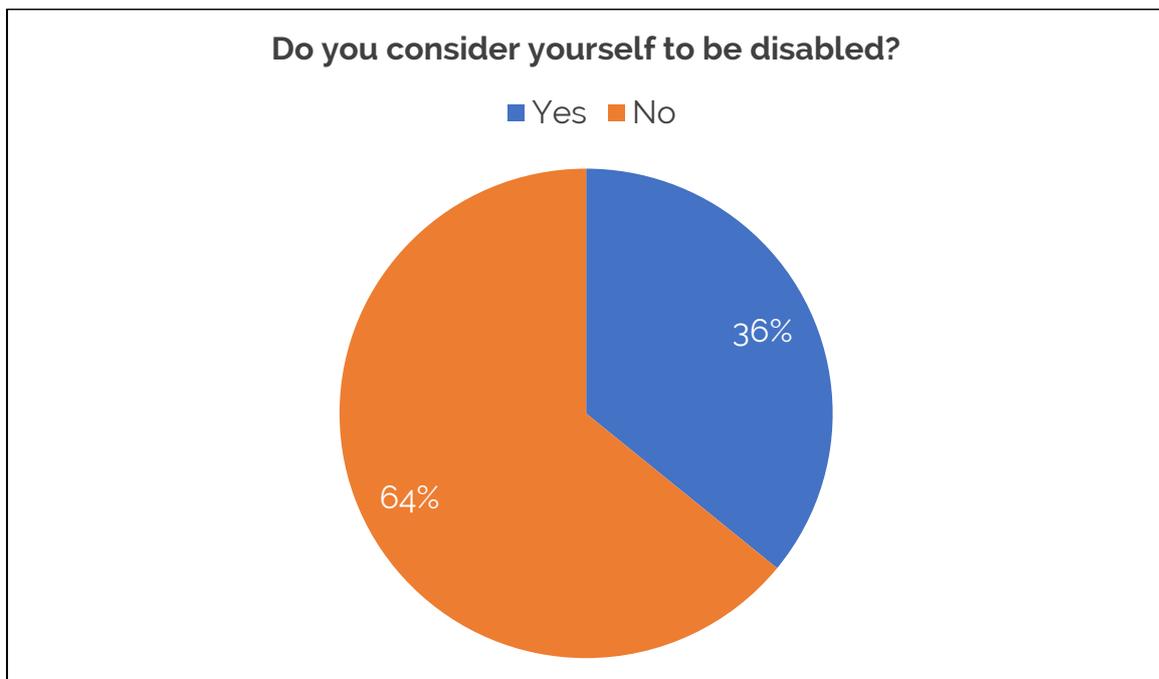
Table 24

**Q23. What is your gender identity?**



*Table 25*

**Q24. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?**



*Table 26*

### Q25. What is your race or ethnicity?

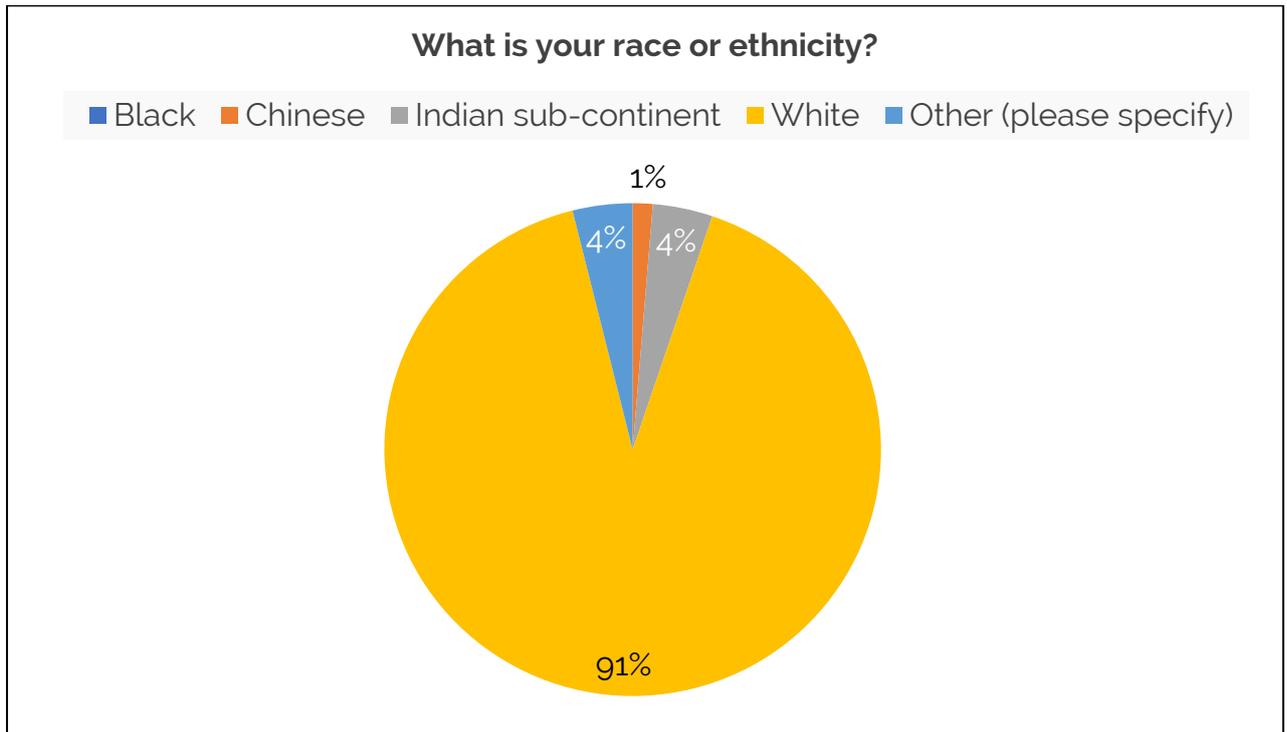


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### Q26. What is your sexual identity?

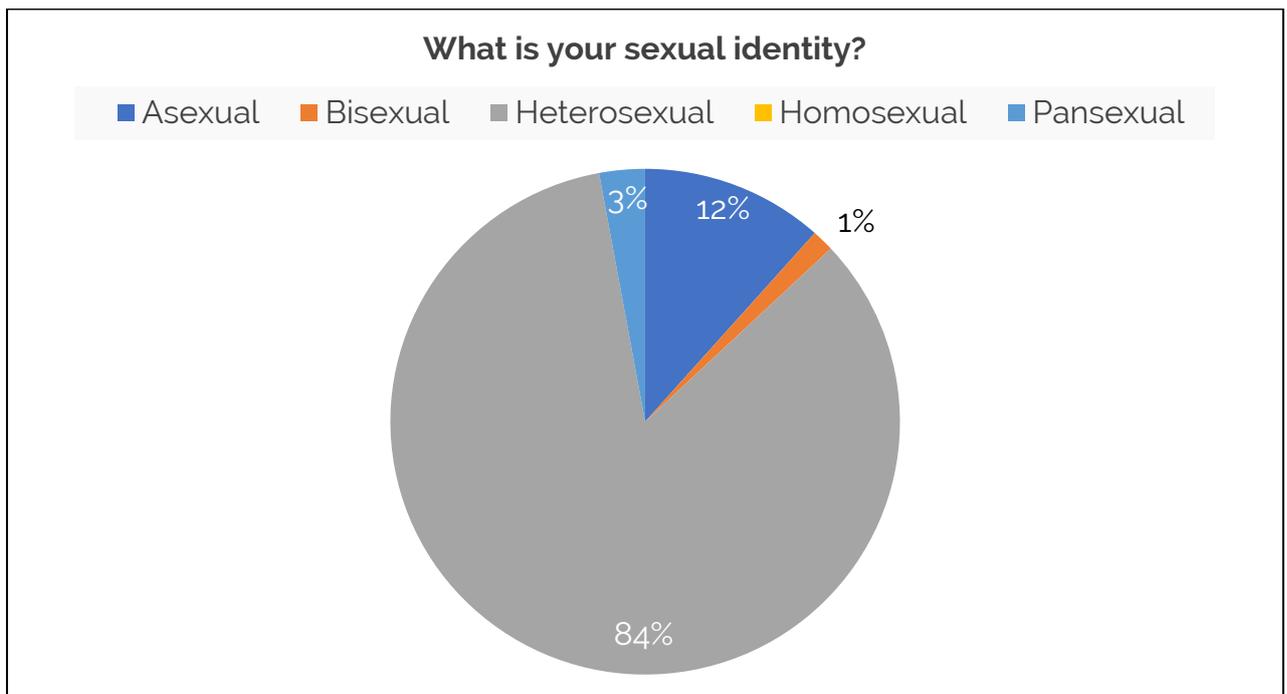


Table 28

## Appendix 1: Questionnaire



# COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

If you have received this through your letterbox then you live or work within the Birkenhead & Tranmere Neighbourhood Area, where a Neighbourhood Plan ("BATPLAN") is being prepared. BATPLAN will be your plan. It is being produced by volunteers, all of whom live or work within the neighbourhood area. It will deal primarily with issues relating to land use but the Forum wants to know about everything that is important to you about living in this area. The questions below are based upon issues arising from consultation with existing Forum members but please let us know about any other issues that are not covered by the questions. You can find out more about the Forum at our website [batnfpf.org](http://batnfpf.org), including how to become a member with voting rights. An electronic version of this questionnaire is available at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/batplan2016>

আপনার যদি এই প্রশ্ননামুদ্রা-এ বুঝতে সাহায্য লাগে এবং এই প্রশ্ননামুদ্রা-এর উত্তর ইংরেজিতে দিতে চান তাহলে যোগাযোগ করুন ওইরাল মালতকিলাচুরে অর্গানাইজেশন, ফোন করুন ০১৫১ ৬৬৬৪৫৪৯ রফেরেনেস কোড: PO16-002 (এই রফেরেনেস কোড বলতে হবে)  
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Jesli potrzebujesz pomocy w zrozumieniu tego kwestionariusza i udzieleniu odpowiedzi na pytania w języku angielskim, proszę skontaktuj się z Wirral Multicultural Organisation pod numerem telefonu 0151 666 4547 podając kod: PO16-002.

### PART 1 - WHERE YOU LIVE OR WORK

1.1 What is the postcode of the property this questionnaire was delivered to?  
(please tick one box only)

CH41 2  CH41 9  CH42 0  CH42 3  CH42 5  CH42 6  CH42 7

1.2 What sort of building is the property this questionnaire was delivered to?  
(please tick one box only)

Flat  Terraced house  Semi-detached house  Detached house

Office  Shop  School  Place of worship  Medical facility

Other (please specify)  \_\_\_\_\_

### PART 2 - COMMUNITY

2.1 What aspects of the Birkenhead & Tranmere community do you like and wish to preserve?

**PART 2 - COMMUNITY (continued)**

**2.2** Do you know of any undesirable, derelict sites, spaces or buildings in your locality? If so, please identify them and tell us how you would like them to be improved or developed for an alternative use.

**2.3** Are you in favour of the establishment of a new community centre where people could gather for group activities, social support, public information and other purposes?  
(please tick one box only)    Yes     No

**2.4** If you answered **Yes** to question **2.3** do you know of any existing building(s) or location(s) that would be suitable for a new community centre?

**2.5** Are you happy with the current provision of community services in your locality?  
(please tick one box only)    Yes     No

**2.6** If you answered **No** to question **2.5** which service(s) are you unhappy with and why?

**PART 3 - TRANSPORT**

**3.1** To help us understand how you move around the area, please tell us which mode(s) of transport you use regularly (at least once every week). If you use more than one, please rank them in order, with **1** being the most frequently used mode of transport.  
(please rank as appropriate - e.g. Bicycle  **2** Train  **1** )

Bicycle  Bus  Car  Electric wheelchair/mobility scooter  Merseylink

Motorcycle  Taxi  Train  Walk/jog

**3.2** What improvements are needed to help you move around? Where are they needed?

**3.3** Are you affected by pollution (i.e. fumes, light, noise, smell, vibration) from any source? Please explain.

#### PART 4 - ECONOMY

- 4.1 Are existing local businesses (e.g. offices, industrial units) in the right places? What new businesses, if any, would you like to see attracted to the area?

- 4.2 Does the existing range of shops in the area meet your day-to-day needs?  
(please tick one box only)    Yes     No
- 4.3 Should any new shops be concentrated on Church Road or spread out across the area?  
(please tick one box only)    Yes, Church Road     No, spread out
- 4.4 Do you support developing Tranmere Tunnels and Holborn Square for tourism?  
(please tick one box only)    Yes     No

#### PART 5 - NATURE

- 5.1 Do you think there are sufficient areas of public open space (e.g. community gardens, parks, allotments, etc.) for recreation and as habitat for wildlife?  
(please tick one box only)    Yes     No
- 5.2 Please identify any area(s) you would like to be formally designated as public open space.

#### PART 6 - HOMES

- 6.1 Would you like the neighbourhood plan to identify sites for new housing?  
(please tick one box only)    Yes     No
- 6.2 What type of homes do you think are needed locally? Please rank in order of need, with **1** being the type of home most needed.
- |                                      |                          |                                     |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Larger family homes (3-5 bedrooms)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wheelchair standard homes           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Smaller starter homes (1-2 bedrooms) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Single plots for self-builders      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social rented homes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Larger plots for housing co-ops     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Private rented homes                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Extra-care homes for elderly people | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Supported living (including hostels) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shared ownership                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 6.3 Do you like the way recently built houses in the area look? Would you like to see more of these designs of house or something different? Do you have anything else to say about housing in the area?

## PART 7 - HERITAGE

7.1 What local buildings or land should be recognised for their historic or heritage value (and potentially protected)?

## PART 8 - LOCAL DEMOCRACY

8.1 The Forum is exploring the potential for new forms of democratic control of local services. Would you support the creation of a Birkenhead & Tranmere Community Council (similar to a Parish Council)?

(please tick one box only) YES  NO  POSSIBLY BUT I NEED MORE INFORMATION

8.2 Would you be prepared to pay up to **£10.00 per year** to fund a Community Council and to bring allotments and children's playgrounds in Birkenhead & Tranmere Ward into direct community ownership?

(please tick one box only) YES  NO  POSSIBLY BUT I NEED MORE INFORMATION

## PART 9 - OVER TO YOU

9.1 Is there anything else you want to tell us about?

## PART 10 - ABOUT YOU

10.1 It would be very helpful if you could please provide the following information about the person completing this questionnaire. (please tick all boxes that apply)

Age: up to 17  18-29  30-39  40-49  50-59  60-69  70-79  80-89  90+

Gender: Female  Male  Are you disabled? Yes  No

Race and ethnicity: Black  Chinese  Indian sub-continent  White  Other

Sexual identity: Asexual  Bisexual  Heterosexual  Homosexual  Pansexual

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire. Please post it to the following address:

**BATPLAN consultation, 1 Lorn Court, Lorn Street, BIRKENHEAD, Wirral. CH41 6SA**

Alternatively, call **0151 666 2938** or e-mail [consultation@batnpf.org](mailto:consultation@batnpf.org) to arrange for a member of the Forum to collect your completed questionnaire in person.