



for Long Leys Residents' Association

Long Leys Residents' Questionnaire, March 2024: Report of Responses

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About the survey

This report summarises responses to a questionnaire made available to all residents of the Long Leys neighbourhood in March 2024.

Responses could be submitted online or on paper and, in total, 174 responses were received.

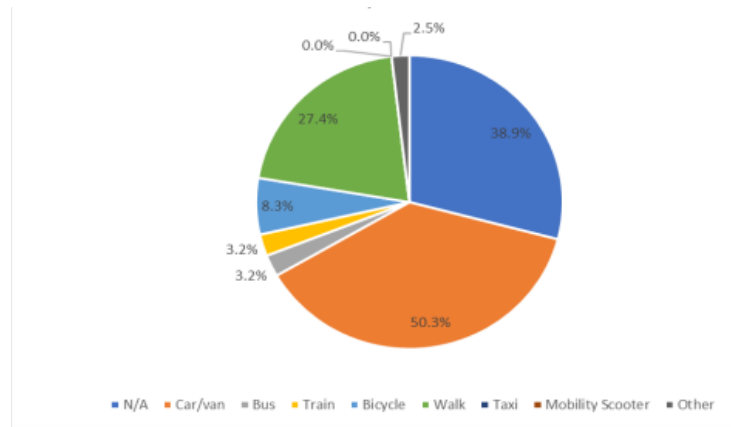
The questions focussed on three main topics: Travel, Facilities, and Possible Developments and Development Sites.

The responses will help to inform preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Long Leys, which will be the subject of further community engagement and consultation.

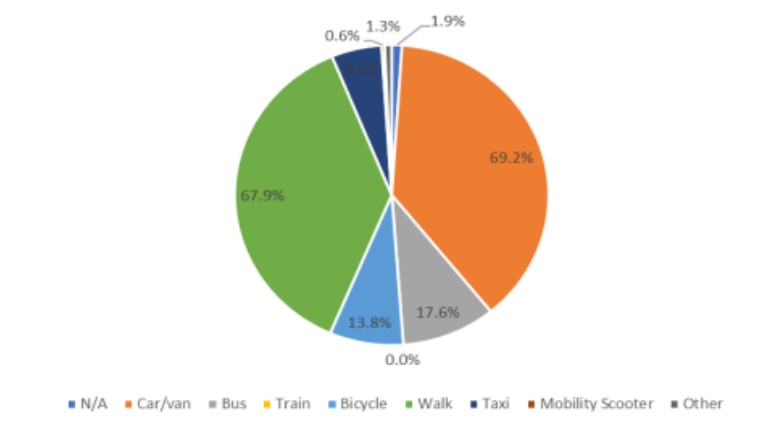
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Q1. Which method of travel do you normally use when carrying out the day-to-day activities listed below? Tick all means of transport that apply for each activity undertaken. 163 out of 174 answered.

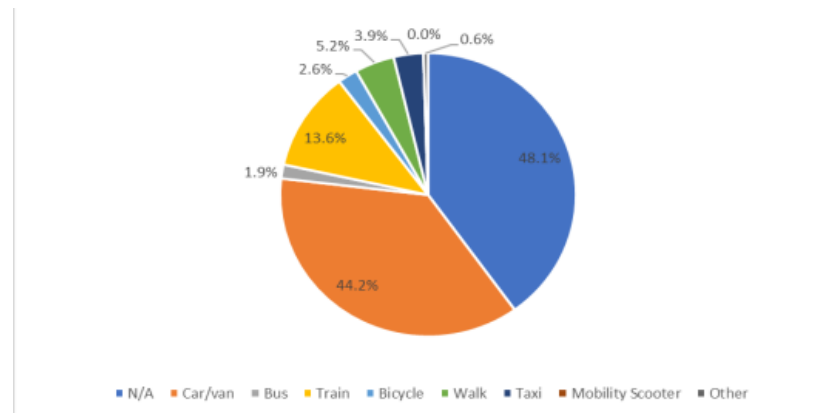
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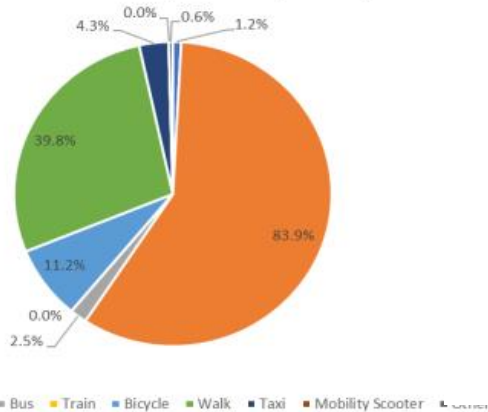


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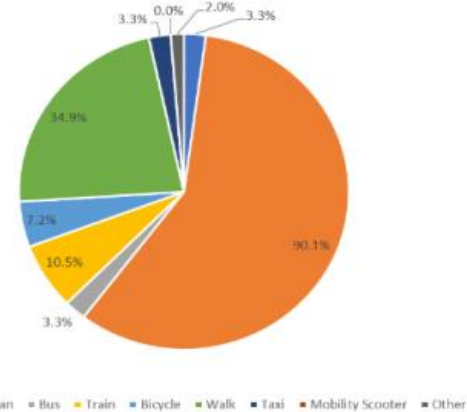
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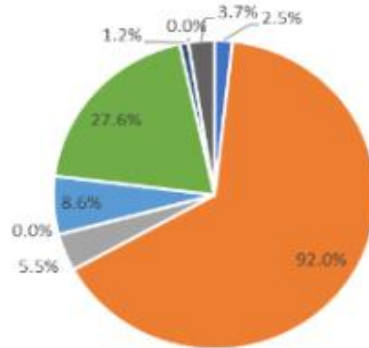
MAKE HEALTH VISITS (e.g. Dr, Dentist)



VISIT FAMILY / FRIENDS



DO GROCERY / OTHER SHOPPING



■ N/A ■ Car/van ■ Bus ■ Train ■ Bicycle ■ Walk ■ Taxi ■ Mobility Scooter ■ Other

Q2. People were asked what improvements would encourage them to walk more for their day-to-day activities.

Here is a summary of the six most frequent suggestions to encourage more walking for day-to-day activities:

1. Improvement of Footpaths and Pavements:

- Some respondents highlighted the need for better-maintained footpaths and pavements, particularly to address issues like mud, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards. Specific suggestions included paving muddy paths, repairing uneven sections, and ensuring paths are usable year-round.

2. Local Amenities:

- A number of respondents expressed a desire for more local amenities within walking distance. This included shops, cafes, pubs, and healthcare facilities. Having these closer-by would make walking for daily tasks more feasible and convenient.

3. Better Street Lighting:

- Improved lighting was a common suggestion to enhance safety and usability of walking paths, especially during the darker months. Specific areas mentioned included the West Common and paths leading to key routes like Burton Road.

4. **Safety Improvements:**

- Some respondents mentioned the need for safety improvements such as better lighting on paths, CCTV in certain areas like Higson Steps, and dedicated pedestrian crossings, particularly on busy roads like Long Leys Road. Ensuring paths are free from overgrown vegetation and safer from traffic were also highlighted.

5. **Traffic Calming and Reduction:**

- Reducing traffic speed and volume on key roads was seen as a way to make walking more pleasant and safe. Specific suggestions included implementing traffic calming measures and creating dedicated cycle lanes to separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic.

6. **Accessibility Enhancements:**

- There were calls for making paths more accessible for pushchairs, wheelchairs, and cyclists. This included widening pavements, adding sloping footpaths, and ensuring paths are passable in all weather conditions. Respondents also suggested ensuring pathways are free from parked cars and other obstructions.

These improvements were seen as key factors that would encourage more people to walk for their daily activities.

Q3. Next, people were asked what improvements would encourage them to cycle more for their day-to-day activities. Here is a summary of the six most frequent suggestions:

1. Dedicated Cycle Lanes:

- Some emphasised the need for dedicated cycle lanes on key routes, particularly Long Leys Road. The idea is to separate cyclists from vehicular traffic to enhance safety and encourage more cycling.

2. Better Cycle Path Connectivity:

- Improved connectivity of cycle paths was a common suggestion. Some respondents want a network of well-connected cycle paths that link key areas such as the city centre, rural areas, and popular routes like the A57 and Fosdyke Navigation.

3. Improvement of Road and Path Conditions:

- Better maintenance of road surfaces and incorporation of new cycle paths was mentioned. Some respondents felt that issues like broken glass, poor road surfaces, and paths that are not suitable for cycling, especially in poor weather conditions need to be addressed.

4. Safety Enhancements:

- Enhancing safety for cyclists through measures such as traffic calming (e.g., speed reduction on busy roads like Long Leys Road), better lighting at night, and clear signage on cycle paths were common suggestions. Secure bike parking to prevent theft was also highlighted.

5. **Cycle Path and Footpath Integration:**

- Integration of cycle paths with existing footpaths was suggested to make the infrastructure more versatile and accessible. This includes creating shared footpath/cycle paths and ensuring they are wide enough to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists.

6. **Local Bike Hire and Accessibility:**

- Some respondents mentioned the need for local bike hire services and better access to bicycles. This includes having bike hire stations in strategic locations and ensuring cycles are available and affordable for those who do not own one.

These improvements were seen as key factors that would encourage more people to cycle for their daily activities.

Q4. Next, people were asked what improvements would encourage them to use a bus more for their day-to-day activities.

Here is a summary of the six most frequent suggestions:

1. Increased Frequency:

- Some respondents emphasised the need for more frequent bus services. They mentioned that the current schedule, with buses running only once an hour or every two hours, is inadequate. Suggestions included increasing the frequency to at least half-hourly during the day and providing more regular services in the evenings and on weekends.

2. Better Routes and Coverage:

- There was some desire for more diverse and direct bus routes. Respondents suggested adding routes that cover different parts of the city, including uphill areas and locations such as Burton Road. They also mentioned the need for circular routes that do not always require traveling via the city centre.

3. Extended Operating Hours:

- Some respondents expressed the need for buses to operate earlier in the morning and later in the evening. This would make it easier for people to use the bus service for commuting to work, school, and social activities, as well as for nights out.

4. **Clearer and More Accessible Information:**

- Clearer timetables and better information about bus routes and schedules were frequently mentioned. Respondents indicated that it is often difficult to find accurate and accessible information about bus times, routes, and stops.

5. **Lower Fares and Affordability:**

- The cost of bus fares was a common concern. Respondents suggested that lower fares, subsidies, or free bus services would encourage more people to use the bus. Some noted that the cost of bus travel for multiple people can be more expensive than driving and parking.

6. **Reliability and Punctuality:**

- Ensuring that buses run on time and are reliable was highlighted as a crucial improvement. Respondents mentioned that unpredictable schedules and buses not adhering to the timetable deter them from using the service regularly.

These improvements were seen as key factors that would encourage more people to use buses for their daily activities.

Q5. Are there places in Long Leys where you think traffic speed or volumes cause inconvenience, danger or environmental damage? (Tick one box only Yes/No)

174 out of 174 answered

Yes 109 resp.	62.6%
No 65 resp.	37.4%

Q6. Next, people were asked to identify any places where they think traffic speed or volumes cause inconvenience, danger, or environmental damage.

Here is a summary of the six most frequent concerns:

1. Speeding on Long Leys Road:

- Some respondents highlighted excessive speeding along Long Leys Road, particularly in the evenings and during quieter times. Specific areas of concern include near the cemetery, from the lights at the top of Long Leys Road / Yarborough Road.

2. Traffic Congestion at the Long Leys Road/Yarborough Road Junction:

- The traffic lights at this junction are frequently mentioned as a bottleneck, causing significant congestion during peak times. This results in long queues and increased pollution due to idling vehicles.

3. **Parking Issues:**

- Parking on Long Leys Road and nearby areas like Carram Way, Oakleigh Terrace, and around Curtis' butcher shop causes obstruction and danger. Parked cars on both sides of the road create narrow passages and visibility issues, making it difficult for traffic to flow smoothly and safely.

4. **Volume of Traffic During Peak Times:**

- High traffic volumes, particularly during school runs and commuter hours, were noted as problematic. This leads to congestion, increased pollution, and safety concerns for pedestrians, especially children crossing the road.

5. **Lack of Traffic Calming Measures:**

- There are calls for more traffic calming measures, such as speed cameras, speed bumps, and better signage to enforce the 30-mph speed limit. These measures are seen as necessary to reduce speeding and improve safety for all road users.

6. **Environmental and Safety Concerns:**

- Respondents expressed concerns about the environmental impact of traffic, including air pollution from idling vehicles and noise pollution from speeding cars. Safety concerns were also raised, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists navigating the busy and often fast-moving traffic on Long Leys Road.

These issues reflect the community's desire for improved traffic management, enhanced safety measures, and better environmental conditions along Long Leys Road and surrounding areas.

Q7. Do you have adequate parking spaces at your property for your vehicles? (Tick one box only)

165 out of 174 answered.

Yes 150 resp.	90.9%
No 15 resp.	9.1%

Q8. Next, people were asked to suggest ways in which transport in Long Leys could be improved.

Here is a summary of the six most frequent suggestions:

1. Increased Frequency and Improved Bus Services:

- Some of the respondents called for more frequent bus services, including during evenings and weekends. Suggestions also included better bus routes that cover more areas directly, clearer timetables, and maintaining existing routes to ensure accessibility for non-drivers.

2. Cycle Lanes and Paths:

- Some respondents emphasised the need for dedicated cycle lanes and improved cycle paths. This includes making existing pathways sturdier and safer for cyclists, integrating cycle lanes along main roads like Long Leys Road, and creating safe routes for school children.

3. **Traffic Calming Measures:**

- Respondents frequently suggested implementing traffic calming measures to reduce speeding and improve safety. Specific measures mentioned included installing speed bumps, speed cameras, chicanes, and clearer signage for speed limits.

4. **Parking Management:**

- Improved management of parking was a common suggestion. This includes restricting parking at critical junctions and corners, offering designated parking bays to ease congestion, and preventing on-pavement parking to ensure safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

5. **Better Junction and Road Layouts:**

- Several respondents suggested improving the layout of key junctions, such as the Long Leys Road/Yarborough Road junction, to reduce congestion and enhance traffic flow. This includes considering roundabouts or adjusted road layouts to facilitate smoother traffic movement.

6. **Local Amenities and Accessibility:**

- Some respondents highlighted the need for local amenities such as shops, which would reduce the need for short car trips. Others mentioned improving pedestrian pathways, adding zebra crossings, and ensuring accessible public transport options for those without cars.

These improvements were seen as key factors that would enhance the overall transport experience and safety in Long Leys.

FACILITIES

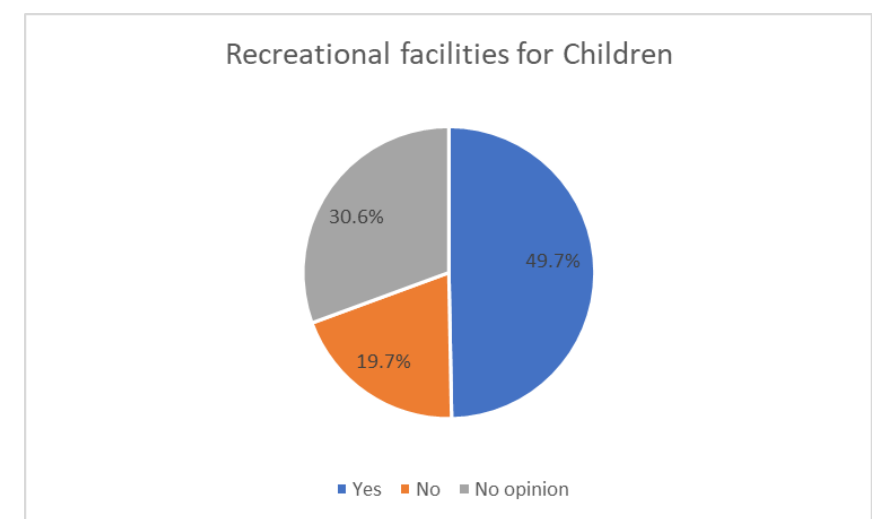
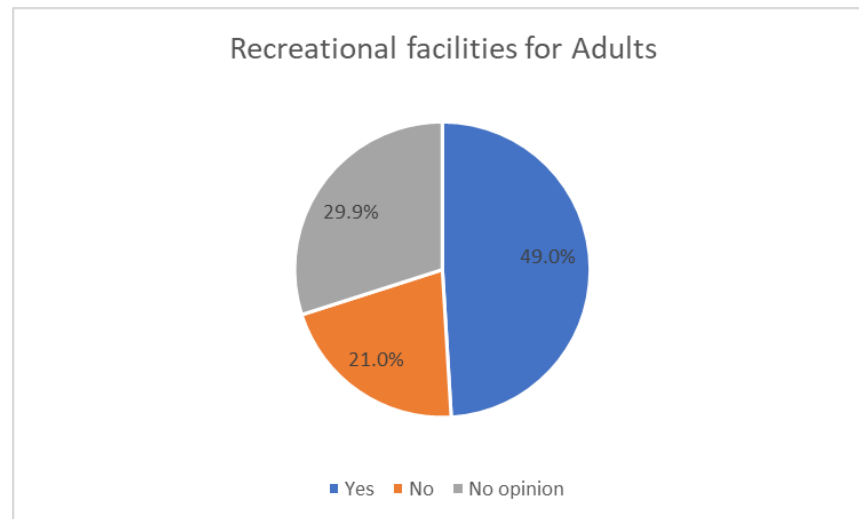
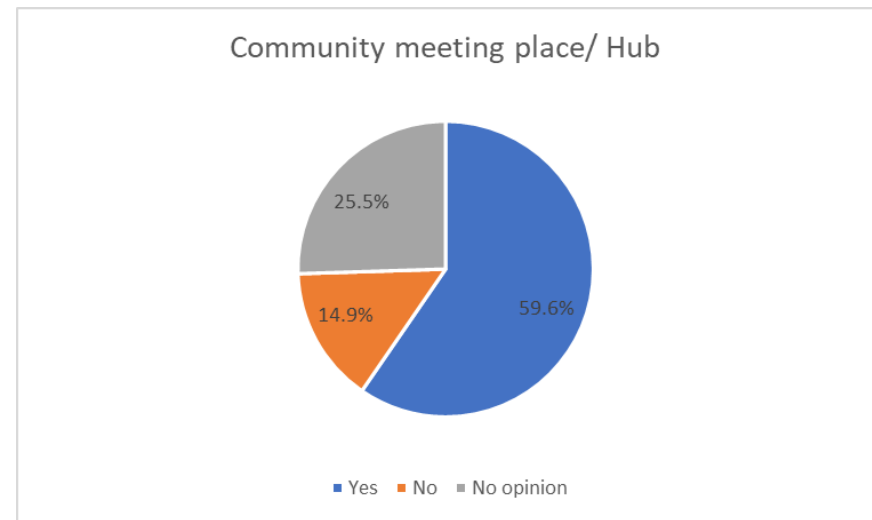
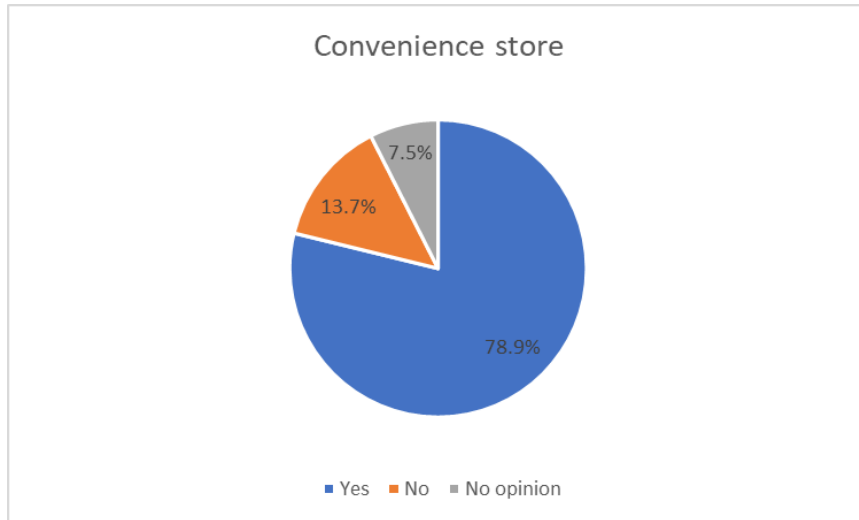
Q9. How would you rate the current level of overall facilities available to residents within walking distance of your home?

161 out of 174 answered

Poor 98 resp.	60.9%
Good 31 resp.	19.3%
Acceptable 29 resp.	18%
Don't Know 3 resp.	1.9%

Q10. What additional facilities would you like to see in Long Leys?

161 out of 174 answered



Q11. As well as the specific facilities reviewed in Q10, the additional following suggestions, made by responders, received one or more mentions. Here is a summary of the five most frequent additional facilities residents would like to see in Long Leys:

1. Local Health Services:

- Some respondents emphasised the need for local health services, including a GP surgery, a dental clinic, and a pharmacy. These facilities would provide convenient access to medical care for residents and reduce the need for travel to other areas.

2. Community and Recreational Facilities:

- Some respondents suggested various community and recreational facilities, such as a local gym, social club, community garden, and youth centre. These facilities would serve as gathering places and provide activities for residents of all ages.

3. Cafes and Pubs:

- There was a desire for local cafes and pubs where residents could socialise. Suggestions included a dog-friendly cafe, a coffee shop, and a pub with amenities like table tennis, pool, and live sports screenings.

4. Improved Walking and Cycling Paths:

- Improved walking and cycling infrastructure was frequently mentioned. Suggestions included sturdier woodland paths, designated cycle lanes, and better-maintained walking routes around the common to ensure accessibility year-round.

5. **Recycling and Environmental Facilities:**

- Some respondents expressed a need for better recycling facilities, including clothing banks and charity bins to prevent unwanted items from going to landfill. More litter and dog poo bins were also suggested to keep the area clean and tidy.

These suggestions reflect the community's desire for enhanced local amenities and services that would improve the quality of life in Long Leys.

Q 12. People were also invited to suggest any ways in which existing facilities could be improved or added to. Here is a summary of the six most frequent suggestions:

1. **Convenience Store:**

- Some respondents expressed a strong desire for a local convenience store. They suggested that it would provide easy access to daily necessities and reduce the need to travel further for basic shopping needs. Some mentioned utilising existing commercial properties for this purpose.

2. **Improved Walking and Cycling Paths:**

- Enhancing the quality and accessibility of footpaths and cycle paths was frequently mentioned. Suggestions included maintaining and widening existing paths, adding all-weather paths around the common, and ensuring better lighting for safer use at night.

3. **Community and Recreational Facilities:**

- There were several suggestions for community-oriented facilities such as a community garden, an exercise area near the common gates, a youth club, and a meeting hub that includes spaces for social events and activities. These facilities are seen as ways to foster community engagement and provide recreational opportunities.

4. **Whitton Park Improvements:**

- Some respondents suggested improvements to Whitton Park, including better drainage to make it usable year-round, adding more seating areas and picnic tables, and increasing the number of litter and dog poo bins. Some also mentioned the possibility of having a cafe or pop-up facility in the park.

5. **Better Bus Services:**

- Improved public transportation services were mentioned. Respondents suggested more frequent bus services, including services during evenings and weekends, to make commuting easier and more reliable for residents.

6. **Street Lighting and Safety:**

- Better street lighting was a common suggestion to enhance safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. Respondents also mentioned the need for improved safety measures on paths and roads, such as better signage and traffic calming measures.

These suggestions reflect the community's desire for enhanced local amenities and improved infrastructure to support a better quality of life in Long Leys.

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT SITES

In the next group of questions, people were asked to comment on 4 possible development sites

Q13a. Do you think **Albion Works** is a suitable site for redevelopment?

174 out of 174 answered

Yes 144 resp.	82.8%
No 30 resp.	17.2%



Q13b. If Yes, what type(s) of development would you prefer?

144 out of 174 answered

Housing and Light Commercial 60 resp.	41.7%
Light Commercial 40 resp.	27.8%
Housing 34 resp.	23.6%
Heavy Commercial / Industrial 1 resp.	0.7%

Other 9 resp.	6.2%
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Q 13c. If they did not favour development of a site, people were asked to explain why.

Based on the comments from those saying 'No' to development, here is a summary of the key concerns and comments regarding the first of the possible development sites, Albion Works:

1. **Infrastructure Concerns:**

- Some respondents expressed concerns about the existing infrastructure's capacity to support new developments. Specific issues mentioned include inadequate road access, insufficient drainage, and the need for updates to roads and public services such as schools and health facilities.

2. **Traffic and Safety Issues:**

- Increased traffic volume and its impact on safety were concerns for some. Some respondents felt that that Long Leys Road already experiences heavy traffic and noise pollution. There were also mentions of past accidents involving pedestrians. The potential for increased commercial traffic mixing with pedestrian routes was seen as a significant safety issue.

3. **Preservation of Green Spaces:**

- A number of respondents emphasised the importance of preserving existing green spaces and woodland areas. They highlighted the value of these spaces for the community's well-being and their contribution to the area's semi-rural character. There was a strong sentiment against disturbing these natural areas for development.

4. **Environmental and Contamination Concerns:**

- Concerns about environmental impact and land suitability were raised, particularly regarding potential contamination from old landfill sites. Respondents stressed the need to ensure that any development is safe and environmentally sustainable.

5. **Over-development Concerns:**

- Some respondents felt that the area is already over-developed, and that additional development would exacerbate existing problems. There was a desire to maintain the semi-rural, attractive nature of Long Leys Road and prevent it from becoming overly urbanised, similar to other heavily developed areas.

6. **Community Impact:**

- The impact on the community was a recurring theme. Respondents mentioned the potential for noise nuisance, the strain on local services, and the overall quality of life. There was a desire for maintaining the current state of the area to ensure it remains a pleasant place to live.

These concerns highlight the community's desire for careful consideration of any new development, with a focus on preserving the character of the area, ensuring safety, and updating infrastructure to handle potential changes.

Q 13d. For the same site, people were also asked if there were any general observations they would like to make on the possible development of this land.

Based on the responses provided, here is a summary of the general observations regarding the possible development of the Albion Works site:

1. Traffic and Access Concerns:

- Some respondents expressed concerns about the impact of additional traffic on Long Leys Road, especially at the junction with Yarborough Road. Proper vehicular access and measures to handle increased traffic flow were frequently mentioned. Suggestions included ensuring adequate parking to prevent overflow onto pavements and considering a pedestrian or zebra crossing to improve safety.

2. Environmental and Sustainability Considerations:

- Environmental impact was a concern, with respondents highlighting issues such as potential contamination from the old landfill, drainage, and the need for sustainable development. There were calls for developments to have low environmental impact, be chemical and waste-free, and include green spaces and sustainable design features.

3. Preferred Development Types:

- There was a preference for housing developments with associated amenities like convenience stores, community centres, and leisure facilities. Some respondents favoured residential development over commercial or industrial uses, particularly avoiding heavy industry or large retail parks that could increase traffic and noise.

4. **Community Facilities and Amenities:**

- Some respondents suggested including facilities that would benefit the community, such as a convenience store, a GP practice, a pharmacy, and community spaces. There were also suggestions for a cafe, pub, or leisure complex to serve local residents and enhance community engagement.

5. **Preservation of Green Spaces and Aesthetics:**

- Preserving the natural landscape and ensuring that any development is in keeping with the area's character was important to respondents. There were concerns about maintaining proximity to green open spaces, protecting the woodland at the back, and improving the aesthetic appeal of the site.

6. **Safety and Infrastructure Improvements:**

- Respondents emphasised the need for infrastructure improvements, including better drainage, road updates, and sufficient parking. Safety measures such as improved lighting, traffic calming, and ensuring no heavy vehicles or extension of existing industrial operations were also highlighted.

These observations reflect the community's desire for thoughtful, sustainable development that enhances the quality of life while preserving the character and environment of Long Leys.

Q13e. Do you think the **land to the south of the A46** is a suitable site for redevelopment?

174 out of 174 answered

Yes 102 resp.	58.6%
No 72 resp.	41.4%

Q13f. If Yes, what type(s) of development would you prefer?

98 out of 174 answered

Housing 48 resp.	49%
Housing and Light Commercial 40 resp.	40.8%
Light Commercial 7 resp.	7.1%
Heavy Commercial / Industrial 0 resp.	0%
Other 3 resp.	3.1%



Q 13g. People who did not favour development of this site south of the A46. were asked to explain why.

Based on the responses provided, here is a summary of the key concerns:

1. Flooding:

- There were views that the area is prone to flooding and acts as a floodplain. There were concerns that developing this land could exacerbate flood risks, making it unsuitable for housing or other developments.

2. Traffic and Infrastructure Issues:

- There were concerns about the impact of additional traffic on Long Leys Road, which is already busy. Respondents felt that the existing road infrastructure is not adequate to handle more traffic, and access to the site could be dangerous, particularly near the Carholme Road roundabout and the bypass bridge.

3. Preservation of Green Space and Agricultural Land:

- A theme was the importance of preserving green spaces and fertile agricultural land. Some respondents opposed further urbanisation and the loss of valuable farmland, stressing the need to maintain the area's rural and semi-rural character.

4. Environmental and Noise Pollution:

- Proximity to the A46 raised concerns about noise and air pollution, making the area unsuitable for residential development. Some respondents emphasised the need for more trees and green buffers if any development were to take place.

5. **Lack of Facilities and Services:**

- Some respondents pointed out that the local area lacks the necessary facilities and services to support additional housing. There were concerns about the impact on schooling, healthcare, drainage, and other essential infrastructure.

6. **General Opposition to Overdevelopment:**

- There was some sentiment against overdevelopment in the area. Respondents preferred focusing on developing brownfield sites within the city rather than encroaching on greenfield sites, which would lead to increased urban sprawl and environmental degradation.

Amongst those responding 'No' to developing this land there was a preference for preserving the natural and agricultural character of the land south of the A46 and addressing existing infrastructure limitations before considering any further development.

Q13h. For the same site, people were also asked if there were any general observations they would like to make on the possible development of this land.

Here is a summary of the general observations regarding the possible development of the land south of the A46:

1. **Traffic and Infrastructure Concerns:**

- Some respondents were worried about the impact of additional traffic on Long Leys Road, particularly around the bend under the bypass bridge. There were calls for improvements to road access and infrastructure before any development takes place to handle the increased congestion and ensure safety.

2. **Flood Risk and Water Management:**

- Some respondents highlighted concerns about the area's propensity to flood. They emphasised the need to address drainage and water management issues, ensuring that any development does not exacerbate flooding risks for local residents.

3. **Preservation of Green Space and Agricultural Land:**

- Some respondents expressed a desire to preserve the green space and agricultural land, opposing development that would destroy these areas. Some suggested maintaining the land as farmland, using it for biodiversity, or developing it as recreational or open space instead.

4. **Environmental Impact and Sustainability:**

- There were concerns about the environmental impact of development, particularly regarding noise and pollution from the nearby A46. Some suggested that any housing should be low-profile and designed to minimise environmental impact, with adequate green buffers and open spaces included.

5. **Provision of Community Amenities:**

- Some respondents indicated that if development were to occur, it should include essential community amenities such as a convenience store, a community centre, and recreational facilities like parks or playgrounds. There was also a desire for additional healthcare and educational facilities to support the increased population.

6. **Suitability for Housing:**

- While some respondents acknowledged that the site could be suitable for housing, there were mixed opinions. Some suggested that the area could be developed for housing with proper planning and infrastructure improvements, while others felt the noise from the A46 and flood risks made it unsuitable. Bungalows and low-density housing were preferred by some to mitigate these concerns.

These observations reflect a cautious approach to development, emphasising the need for careful planning to address infrastructure, environmental, and community impacts while preserving the character and functionality of the area.

Q13i. Do you think the **land to the north of the A46** is a suitable site for redevelopment?

174 out of 174 answered

Yes 81 resp.	46.6%
No 93 resp.	53.4%

Q13j. If Yes, what type(s) of development would you prefer?

76 out of 174 answered

Housing 29 resp.	38.2%
Housing and Light Commercial 26 resp.	34.2%
Light Commercial 14 resp.	18.4%
Heavy Commercial / Industrial 4 resp.	5.3%
Other 3 resp.	3.9%



Q 13k. People who did not favour development of the site land north of the A46. were asked to explain why. Here is a summary of the key concerns regarding the possible development of the land north of the A46:

1. Flooding:

- Some respondents highlighted that the area is prone to flooding and functions as a floodplain. Developing this land could increase flood risks, making it unsuitable for housing or other developments.

2. Traffic and Infrastructure Issues:

- There were concerns about the impact of additional traffic on Long Leys Road and the surrounding areas. Some respondents felt that the existing road infrastructure is inadequate to handle more traffic, and access to the site could be problematic, especially given the narrow roads and congestion around the A46 and A57.

3. Preservation of Green Space and Agricultural Land:

- A theme was the importance of preserving green spaces and agricultural land. Some respondents opposed development that would encroach on these areas, emphasising the need to maintain the rural and semi-rural character of the region. Some suggested keeping the land for farming or as open green space.

4. **Environmental and Noise Pollution:**

- Proximity to the A46 raised concerns about noise and air pollution, making the area unsuitable for residential development. Some emphasised the need to maintain green buffers and protect the environment from further degradation.

5. **Accessibility and Suitability for Housing:**

- Some respondents questioned the accessibility of the site, concerned that it is detached from the developed part of Long Leys and lacks pedestrian paths and infrastructure. The proximity to major roads and the lack of amenities nearby made it less suitable for housing development.

6. **General Opposition to Overdevelopment:**

- There was some sentiment against further urban expansion, especially beyond the bypass. Respondents preferred focusing on developing brownfield sites within the city rather than extending the urban boundary into greenfield areas. They expressed concerns about overdevelopment, traffic congestion, and the loss of the area's countryside feel.

These concerns reflect a preference for preserving the natural and agricultural character of the land north of the A46 and addressing existing infrastructure limitations before considering any further development.

Q 131. For the same site, people were also asked if there were any general observations they would like to make on the possible development of this land.

Based on the responses provided, here is a summary of the general observations regarding the possible development of the land north of the A46:

1. Traffic and Accessibility Concerns:

- Some respondents highlighted the need to consider traffic accessibility and congestion. There were concerns about the impact of increased traffic on Long Leys Road and surrounding areas. Some suggested improving road access and infrastructure before any development takes place, and considering alternative exits onto the A46 to manage traffic flow.

2. Flood Risk and Environmental Impact:

- Several respondents emphasised the flood risk associated with the area and the importance of maintaining it as a green space to absorb rainfall and prevent flooding. There were also concerns about the environmental impact of development, including the effects on wildlife and ecology.

3. Preference for Green and Recreational Spaces:

- Some respondents preferred that the area should remain as open green space or be developed into recreational facilities or woodland. There were suggestions for using the land for flood prevention, creating a woodland wildlife park, or retaining it as farmland.

4. **Suitability for Community and Light Commercial Use:**

- Some respondents suggested that the land could be suitable for community facilities, such as a hub or community centre, or light commercial use, including shops, cafes, or even a fuel station with a shop. Any development should include natural areas and adequate infrastructure to support it.

5. **Infrastructural Requirements for Housing:**

- If the land is to be developed for housing, respondents emphasised the need for additional infrastructure, such as schools, GP practices, and convenience stores, to support the new residents. There were also calls for low-density housing that considers noise and pollution from the nearby A46.

6. **General Opposition to Overdevelopment:**

- There was some sentiment against extending urban development into green spaces and beyond the bypass. Respondents preferred focusing on developing brownfield sites within the city and expressed concerns about overdevelopment, traffic congestion, and the loss of the rural character of the area.

A majority of respondents did not favour development of this site, The observations reflect this and, from the minority who were not opposed to development here, a cautious approach, emphasising the need for careful planning to address infrastructure, environmental, and community impacts while preserving the character and functionality of the area.

Q13m. Do you think **St George's Hospital** is a suitable site for redevelopment?

174 out of 174 answered

Yes 84 resp.	48.3%
No 90 resp.	51.7%

Q13n. If Yes, what type(s) of development would you prefer?

84 out of 174 answered

Housing 43 resp.	51.2%
Housing and Light Commercial 21 resp.	25%
Light Commercial 10 resp.	11.9%
Heavy Commercial / Industrial 0 resp.	0%
Other 10 resp.	11.9%



Q 13o. People who did not favour development of the St George's Hospital site were asked to explain why.

Here is a summary of the key concerns and observations:

1. Importance of Mental Health Facilities:

- Some respondents emphasised the importance of retaining the mental health facilities provided by St. George's Hospital. They highlighted the need for such services in Lincoln and opposed any development that would remove or reduce these essential healthcare provisions.

2. Infrastructure and Traffic Concerns:

- There were concerns about the impact of additional development on the existing infrastructure, particularly regarding traffic congestion on Long Leys Road. Respondents felt that the current road network and drainage systems were not adequate to support further development, and any new construction would exacerbate these issues.

3. Preservation of Green Space and Buildings:

- Some respondents suggested that if the hospital were to be vacated, the site should be turned into green space or used for community activities. There were also calls to preserve the trees and old buildings on the site, maintaining its historical and aesthetic value.

4. Opposition to Housing or Commercial Development:

- Some respondents were against the idea of developing the site for housing, retail, or commercial purposes. They argued that the area is already densely populated and lacks the necessary facilities to support

additional residents or businesses. There were also concerns about the potential noise and disruption that new development could bring to the neighbourhood.

5. **Need for Community and Medical Services:**

- Several respondents suggested that any redevelopment should focus on providing medical, dental, or community services to local residents. They felt that these types of facilities would be more beneficial and appropriate for the area compared to housing or commercial projects.

6. **General Satisfaction with Current Use:**

- A number of respondents expressed satisfaction with the current use of the site as a hospital. They appreciated that the hospital provides necessary services and employment opportunities while not being intrusive to the neighbourhood. They saw no need for change and preferred to keep the site as it is.

These concerns and observations reflect a strong preference for maintaining the current healthcare services provided by St. George's Hospital and ensuring any future development is carefully considered to avoid negative impacts on the community and infrastructure.

Q 13p. For the same site, people were also asked if there were any general observations they would like to make on the possible development of this land.

Here is a summary of the key general observations regarding the possible development of St. George's Hospital:

1. Preference for Healthcare and Community Services:

- Some respondents suggested that any development on this site should focus on healthcare services, retaining its original purpose. They also proposed repurposing existing buildings for community use, such as a community hub, hall, or recreational facilities that benefit both NHS staff and local residents.

2. Opposition to Development:

- A number of respondents expressed a preference to leave the site as it is, emphasising its current usefulness as a healthcare facility. They highlighted the importance of the mental health services provided and opposed any redevelopment that would detract from this purpose.

3. Potential for Mixed-Use Development:

- If the site were to be developed, respondents suggested a mixed-use approach. This could include housing, additional healthcare facilities like a GP practice or dentist, and local amenities such as a convenience store, butcher, baker, and cafe. The focus was on ensuring the development met community needs without overburdening the infrastructure.

4. **Infrastructure and Traffic Concerns:**

- Concerns about traffic congestion and the adequacy of the existing infrastructure were common. Respondents emphasised the need for careful planning to ensure any development did not exacerbate traffic issues on Long Leys Road and that adequate parking facilities were provided to avoid overflow onto the streets.

5. **Preservation of Historic and Green Elements:**

- Some respondents highlighted the importance of preserving the site's historic buildings, such as Gervas House and the gatehouse, and maintaining green spaces. They suggested that these elements be retained and integrated into any new development to preserve the area's character.

6. **Need for Additional Facilities:**

- There were suggestions to develop additional facilities on the site to support the local community. These included a shop, a community centre, leisure facilities, and parks for younger children. The aim was to enhance the quality of life for residents while providing necessary services and amenities.

These observations reflect a cautious and community-focused approach to any potential development of St. George's Hospital, emphasising the need to balance any new development in the future, with the preservation of existing services and infrastructure.

Q 14. People were also asked if there were any sites they would wish not to be developed.

Here is a summary of the key sites that people wish not to be developed and their reasons:

1. **St. George's Hospital:**

- A number of respondents emphasised the importance of the mental health facilities provided by St. George's Hospital and opposed its development for other purposes. They highlighted the need to retain this essential healthcare service.

2. **Allotments:**

- There was strong opposition to developing the existing allotments on Long Leys Road. Some respondents valued these spaces for the exercise, wellbeing benefits, and the opportunity to grow their own food. They emphasised the allotments' importance to the community and recreational use.

3. **West Common:**

- Some respondents expressed a desire to protect West Common from any development. They cited its significance as a green space, a wildlife habitat, and a recreational area for walking and nature conservation.

4. **Green Spaces and Farmland:**

- Some respondents wanted to preserve various green spaces and farmland, including the land south and north of the A46, the woodland behind Albion, and the areas around Whittons Park and Hobbler's Hole. They emphasised the importance of these areas for environmental reasons, flood prevention, and maintaining the rural character of Long Leys.

5. Land to the South and North of the A46:

- There were concerns about developing the land south and north of the A46 due to issues such as traffic congestion, flood risk, and the loss of agricultural land. Some respondents preferred keeping these areas as open spaces or for agricultural use.

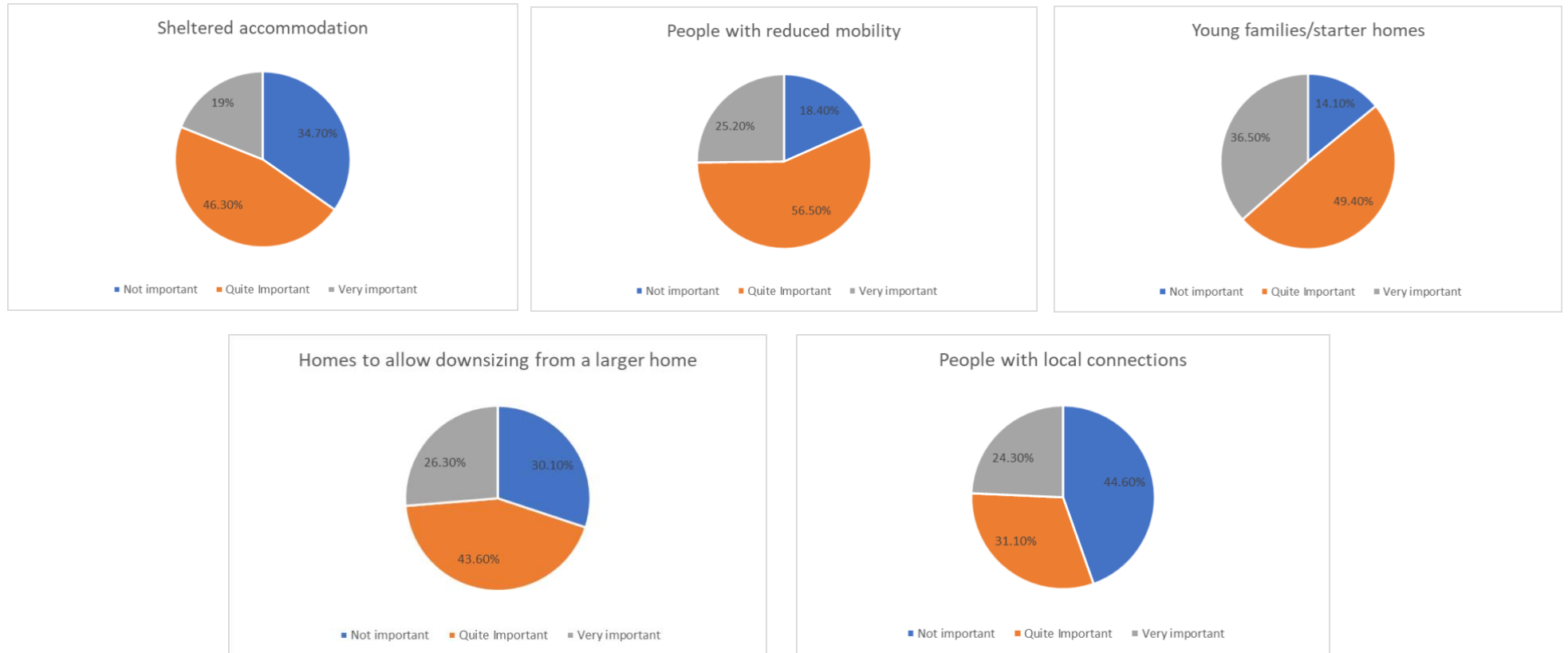
6. General Opposition to Overdevelopment:

- Some respondents expressed a general opposition to overdevelopment in the Long Leys area. They stressed the importance of maintaining the area's semi-rural charm, protecting existing green spaces, and ensuring that any development does not negatively impact the environment or the community's quality of life.

These concerns reflect a preference for preserving the existing character and green spaces of Long Leys while ensuring that any future development is carefully planned and considerate of the community's needs and the environment.

Q15. What importance would you give to the provision of new housing for each of the following groups? (Tick one box per row)

156 out of 174 answered



Q16. Next, people were asked to identify which green, open spaces or viewpoints they considered to be important, and to say why.

Based on the responses, here is a summary of the green, open spaces, and viewpoints people considered important and their reasons:

1. West Common:

- A cherished green space for walking, dog walking, exercise, and socialising.
- Important for wildlife and nature, providing a sense of countryside within the city.
- Offers views and a sense of open space, crucial for mental and physical well-being.
- Historical and recreational significance, including as a site for bird watching and picnics.

2. Whitton Park:

- Essential for children's play and family activities.
- A vital recreational area used extensively during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Important for exercise, community events, and relaxation.

3. Allotments:

- Provide opportunities for growing food, which is beneficial for physical and mental health.
- Serve as important green spaces that contribute to the allotment tenant's well-being.
- Essential for maintaining local biodiversity and offering recreational gardening space.

4. **Higson Steps and Surrounding Woodlands:**

- Offer great views of the city, including the Cathedral and historic hilltop.
- Important for walking routes, connecting different parts of the community.
- Provide a natural, scenic area for relaxation and exercise.

5. **Hobblers Hole:**

- A crucial green space known for its natural beauty and biodiversity.
- Includes important habitats like ponds that support wildlife, including newts.
- Used for walking and enjoying nature.

6. **General Green Spaces and Viewpoints:**

- All green spaces in the area are considered valuable for their contribution to mental and physical health, air quality, and biodiversity.
- Spaces like the cemetery and other undeveloped areas are important for peaceful walks, community well-being, and maintaining the rural feel of the area.
- Viewpoints and green corridors are appreciated for their aesthetic and environmental benefits.

These spaces collectively enhance the quality of life for residents by providing areas for recreation, socialisation, and connection with nature. They are considered important by some for maintaining the character and charm of Long Leys as an urban village.

Q17. How important is it to provide further employment opportunities locally within Long Leys

159 out of 174 answered

Not Important		Quite Important		Very Important	
53 resp.	13 resp.	61 resp.	11 resp.	21 resp.	
33.3%	8.2%	38.4%	6.9%	13.2%	

Q 18. In the final group of questions, people were asked for their feelings and opinions about living in Long Leys. The first question in this group was: "What do you like most about Long Leys and living here?"

Here's a summary of the responses:

- Proximity to Nature and Green Spaces:** A number of respondents appreciate the access to West Common, parks, and other green spaces. These areas provide opportunities for recreation, walking, cycling, and enjoying nature, contributing to a semi-rural feel despite being close to the city.
- Quiet and Peaceful Environment:** The tranquility and low noise levels of Long Leys are highly valued. Residents enjoy the peaceful atmosphere, which contrasts with the busier parts of Lincoln.
- Community and Safety:** The strong sense of community, friendly neighbors, and the overall safety of the area are significant positives for residents. Activities like community events and the presence of community groups enhance this feeling.

4. **Convenient Location:** The strategic location of Long Leys, with easy access to Lincoln city center, Bailgate, and major roads like the A46, is a key advantage. This allows for convenient commuting and access to amenities while maintaining a village-like feel.
5. **Blend of Urban and Rural:** Residents appreciate living in an area that offers the benefits of both urban and rural living. The proximity to city amenities combined with the open, green spaces provides a balanced lifestyle.
6. **Low Crime and Cleanliness:** The area's low crime rate and the clean, well-maintained environment contribute to its appeal. People take pride in their community, and the presence of green spaces adds to the aesthetic and health benefits of the area.

Q 19. The next question was: "What do you like least about Long Leys and living here?"

Here's a summary of the responses:

1. **Lack of Local Facilities**

- A number of residents expressed dissatisfaction with the absence of a local convenience store or corner shop for necessities like groceries, milk, and bread. The nearest shops are often too far to walk to, especially in poor weather or for those with health conditions.
- The absence of a local pub, cafe, or community hub was also mentioned. Some residents feel that these facilities would enhance the community feel and provide places for social interaction.

2. **Traffic and Parking Issues**

- Heavy traffic on Long Leys Road, particularly during rush hours, was a concern. The speed and volume of traffic, as well as the presence of large commercial vehicles, were felt to be problems that affect safety and peace in the area.
- Inadequate parking and dangerous parking practices, especially at the entrances to the estate and on corners, were highlighted as issues that need addressing.

3. **Noise and Pollution**

- Noise from the bypass and industrial areas, including businesses like Veolia and Curtis, was a concern for many residents. This noise pollution affects the overall tranquillity of the area.
- Increased pollution, particularly from traffic, was also mentioned as a negative aspect of living in Long Leys.

4. **Lack of Community Spirit and Division**

- A small number of residents felt that the actions of the Long Leys Residents' Association (LLRA) have been divisive and have caused stress and problems within the community. They felt that the LLRA does not always act in the best interests of the residents.

5. **Public Transport and Accessibility**

- The bus service in Long Leys was described as inadequate and unreliable. This lack of good public transport options makes it difficult for those without cars to access essential services and facilities.

6. **Concerns About Overdevelopment**

- Some residents are worried about the potential for overdevelopment, which they fear could ruin the peaceful and semi-rural character of the area. The prospect of increased traffic, noise, and loss of green spaces due to new developments is a concern.

These points encapsulate the primary concerns and dislikes expressed by residents about living in Long Leys, highlighting areas for potential improvement to enhance their quality of life.

Q20. And finally, people were asked: "What would you like to see changed in Long Leys?"

Here's a summary of the responses:

1. **Introduction of Local Amenities:**

- A local convenience store or corner shop was mentioned as a desired addition, making it easier for residents to purchase essentials without needing to drive.
- Some responses suggested the addition of a café, pub, or community hub to serve as social gathering points and enhance the community spirit.
- Suggestions for recreational facilities such as a leisure center, gym, or more developed play areas for children were also noted.

2. **Traffic and Road Safety Improvements:**

- Some residents expressed concerns about traffic volume and speeding on Long Leys Road, suggesting the implementation of speed cameras, traffic calming measures, and better enforcement of parking regulations.
- Improved road safety for pedestrians and cyclists, including the creation of cycle paths and safer crossings, was a common theme.

3. **Enhanced Public Transport:**

- Better public transport links and more frequent bus services were requested to improve accessibility to other parts of the city without relying on cars.

4. **Environmental and Aesthetic Improvements:**

- Improved maintenance of green spaces, such as West Common, including better lighting, seating, and rubbish bins, was a frequent request.
- Some residents called for beautification efforts, such as planting more trees, wildflowers, and creating nature walks.

5. **Infrastructure and Community Services:**

- Calls for better infrastructure support, including more parking spaces, especially around Whittons Park, and improved footpaths, particularly those connecting to Burton Road and other key areas.

- Improved facilities for dog owners, including more dog waste bins, were also noted.

6. **Community Engagement and Safety:**

- Increased community engagement and consultation in decision-making processes, ensuring residents have a say in developments and changes.
- Enhanced policing and measures to address antisocial behaviour, particularly around areas prone to such activities.

7. **Housing and Development:**

- While some residents called for the removal of industrial sites in favour of housing, there were also some calls to limit further development to preserve the area's semi-rural charm and prevent overdevelopment.
- Specific mentions of redeveloping industrial sites like the old Curtis Bakery Building into useful community spaces or housing were made.

8. **Specific Site Suggestions:**

- Some responses included specific site-related suggestions, such as better utilisation of Whittons Park, and the creation of a public right of way into the graveyard/green space adjacent to St. Georges.
- Maintenance and improvement of existing paths and ensuring green spaces remain accessible and well-maintained.

These responses collectively highlight a desire for Long Leys to balance its semi-rural charm with practical amenities and improvements that enhance the quality of life for its residents while maintaining the area's character.

Q21. Developer contributions towards community facilities etc.

164 out of 174 answered

The chart below shows respondents' preferences regarding facilities towards the provision of which any infrastructure contributions made by developers as part of the planning process should be directed:

