



Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan

Wiltshire Open Space Study Survey

Findings from the public survey:

1st May – 1st June 2020



The questions in the Wiltshire Open Space Study Survey were created by Ethos Environmental Planning.



This report was prepared by Community First in consultation with Salisbury City Council and the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.



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Introduction

This report has been prepared for Salisbury City Council and the Steering Group for the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan. The report presents the quantitative findings of the Wiltshire Open Space Study Survey, a supplementary online survey which collected responses from Salisbury residents who completed the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Community Survey between 1st May – 1st June 2020.

Survey Design & Distribution

The purpose of the survey was to gather evidence to inform the preparation of the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan. The survey was created by Wiltshire Council with questions from Ethos Environmental Planning. The results of the Wiltshire Open Space Study Survey will inform the Wiltshire-wide Local Plan Review, as well as supporting the development of the Salisbury Neighbourhood Plan. The final version of the survey can be found in Appendix 1 of this report.

Green infrastructure issues were covered in the Community Survey which accompanied this Open Space Survey. At the time that the Community Survey was being prepared, it was agreed with Wiltshire Council that the survey would also accommodate specific issues that Wiltshire Council were researching via their consultants Ethos. Ethos had prepared an Open Space survey on behalf of Wiltshire Council in support of the Local Plan Review. Since both surveys were being released at about the same time, it was agreed that the Salisbury Community Survey would also include a copy of the Ethos Open Space Survey (the subject of this report). Therefore, this report will be shared with Wiltshire Council for their use in the development of their own Open Space policies, though it will also inform the preparation of policies in the Salisbury NDP.

The survey was designed and built using cloud-based online survey software Zoho and branded with the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan logo and colour scheme, as well as the Ethos Environmental Planning logo which was placed in the footer of the survey. Due to the outbreak of Covid-19 and associated lockdown, responses were gathered online via a URL which was only accessible to survey respondents who completed the community survey. A digital PDF or Microsoft Word copy of the survey was also available for respondents who were unable to complete the online survey.

There were 16 questions in the Wiltshire Open Space Study Survey. This survey was open for responses from members of the public between 1st May – 1st June 2020. The survey was closed for responses at 11.30am on Monday 1st June 2020.



Response Rate

Survey Visits	Completed Responses	Partial Responses	Total Responses
995	421 (85%)	76 (15%)	497

A total of 995 people accessed the Wiltshire Open Space Study Survey between 1st May – 1st June 2020. 97% of respondents clicked through to the open space survey after completing the community survey.

Of this number, 497 respondents submitted a complete (421) or partial (76) response to the open space survey, this represents an overall response rate of 49% which is the same response rate for the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Community Survey.

Whilst the response rate for the Wiltshire Open Space Survey was the same as that achieved for the community survey, the percentage of respondents who completed the open space survey in full was higher overall (85%) when compared with the community survey completion rate (64%).

Actual response figures and (rounded) percentage breakdowns are provided for each survey question in this report. This represents the number of responses received as a proportion of all respondents answering each individual question. Not all of the respondents provided answers to all of the questions available, therefore the figures presented for each question may not necessarily match the totals listed above.

There were a number of open-ended questions in the Wiltshire Open Space Study Survey which are summarised in the report, along with a selection of verbatim quotes. A complete list of open-ended responses for each question is included in the appendices. Open-ended comments have been reproduced verbatim from submitted survey responses and thus, may contain spelling, grammatical and other errors.

Response Rate by Question

There were 16 questions in the open space survey. A breakdown of responses, as well as an overall average response rate for each question is included in the table below. Questions with the highest response rate overall are highlighted.

#		Completed	Response Rate
1	Please tick how often members of your household visit or use EACH of the following types of open space within Wiltshire. In each row please tick one box only.	481	97%



2	If you never visit any of the open spaces, what are the barriers that are preventing you from using them?	52	10%
3	Do you think there is a need for more, the same or fewer of the following types of open spaces (accessible from where you live)?	465	94%
4	In general, how does your household rate the quality of the following provisions (accessible from where you live)?	453	91%
5	How long would members of your household normally be prepared to travel to visit the following types of open space?	431	87%
6	What form of transport would members of your household normally use to visit the following types of open space?	433	87%
7	Of the various kinds of open spaces what are your household's priorities in terms of potential improvements? For all the kinds of facility in which you have an interest please indicate an order of priority (high, medium, low).	422	85%
8	Of the various kinds of open spaces what are your household's priorities in terms of potential improvements? For all the kinds of facility in which you have an interest please indicate whether the main need for improvement is a) additional facilities – ADD, b) improvements to existing facilities – IMP; or c) better access to facilities – ACC.	389	78%
9	If the quality of your journey on foot or by bicycle to open spaces was improved would household members:	413	83%
10	If you have any other general comments or specific observations about open spaces, please let us know in the box below	171	34%
11	How many people are normally resident in your household?	414	83%



12	Are there any children or young people in your household?	415	84%
13	How old are the children in your household? Please put the number of children/young people in each age range.	56	11%
14	Does anyone in your household consider themselves to be disabled?	417	84%
15	Do you have access to a car for transport?	418	84%
16	What is your postcode?	411	83%
Average		365	73%

Overall, open-ended questions had a lower completion rate when compared to closed questions. The average response rate for closed questions was 84%. The average response rate for open-ended questions was 19%. This is likely to be because respondents preferred to answer quicker multiple choice or dropdown question in place of open-ended questions which typically take longer to complete.

Question 2 had the lowest response rate overall (10%) as it was an open-ended question that was only applicable to those with barriers to accessing open spaces. Question 13 also had a low response rate of 11%, this is likely to be because the question referred to children in households and the survey sample leaned towards an older/retired cohort. With the exception of the open-ended questions, the average response rate across the questions in the open space survey was relatively high throughout, which suggests that respondent fatigue did not impact upon the overall response rate for the open space survey.



Summary of Findings

Part A - Types of open spaces that you and your household visit

- When combined, 46% of survey respondents use open spaces almost every day, at least weekly or at least monthly.
- 53% use foot/cycle paths and bridleways almost every day, with a further 37% who use parks and recreation grounds daily or almost daily.
- 88% of respondents never visit artificial turf pitches, 84% never visit playing fields and 81% do not make use of allotments.
- On average, 38% of respondents indicated they never visit open spaces.
- 10% of respondents described barriers to accessing open spaces. These included lack of time, age/disability, ease of access and personal circumstances or preferences.

Part B - Are there enough open spaces?

- On average 37% of respondents felt there were enough open spaces in Salisbury.
- 34% felt that there should be more open spaces locally.
- 74% of respondents said there was a need for more foot/cycle paths and bridleways. A further 68% would like to see more wildlife areas and nature reserves.
- 13% said there should be fewer artificial turf pitches and 5% felt there should be fewer churchyards and cemeteries.

Part C - Your opinions of open spaces

- 33% of respondents rated the quality of local open spaces as good or very good.
- Conversely, 15% said the quality of open spaces was poor or very poor.
- 23% rated the quality of parks and recreation grounds as very good. A further 40% rated the quality of country parks and countryside as good.
- 42% of respondents said the quality of facilities for teenagers was poor or very poor.

Part D - Travel times for visits to open space, sport and recreational facilities

- Survey respondents are prepared to travel a variety of distances to access open space, sport and recreational facilities.
- On average, 18% of respondents would travel 11-15 minutes, with a further 14% who would travel 6-10 minutes and more than 20 minutes, respectively.
- 34% of respondents (on average) said they do not wish to use or visit open spaces.
- 41% said they would travel more than 20 minutes to visit wildlife areas and nature reserves. A further 38% would travel more than 20 minutes to access country parks or open countryside.
- 32% of respondents said they would be prepared to travel 6-10 minutes to parks and recreation grounds.



- On average, 49% of survey respondents said they most frequently visited the various open spaces on foot. A further 26% use a car to access local open spaces.
- 80% of survey respondents said they access parks and recreation grounds on foot.
- 58% of respondents drive to country parks and countryside. A further 55% drive to wildlife areas and nature reserves.

Part E - Priorities for improvement

- 79% of survey respondents said foot/cycle paths and bridleways are a high priority in terms of improvements. A further 69% felt that wildlife areas and nature reserves are a high priority for improvement.
- 53% of respondents rated public gathering spaces as a medium priority for improvements.
- 76% of respondents felt that artificial turf pitches were a low priority for improvement.
- On average, 47% of survey respondents said they would like to see improvements to existing open space facilities, 34% would like to see additional facilities made available and 19% would like better access to open space facilities.

Part F - Other comments

- 89% of respondents said they would be prepared to cycle or walk further to reach open spaces if the quality of the journey was improved.
- 90% said they would be prepared to cycle or walk more frequently to open spaces if the quality of their journey was improved.
- Survey respondents highlighted several factors that are important to them about open spaces in Salisbury, these included provision for walking and cycling, improved facilities, wildlife and biodiversity, accessibility, protecting green space, increasing the provision of green space and reducing litter.

Part G - About your household

- On average, the total number of people normally resident in households who responded to the survey was 2.
- 47% of households have 2 residents and 20% are single person households. This suggests that couples and single residents are overrepresented in the dataset.
- Households with 5 or more residents made up less than 5% of total responses.
- 29% of respondents said they have children or young people living in their household.
- All of the respondents had a child aged between 7-11 years, with a further 98% who had a young person aged 17-24 living in their household.
- 12% of survey respondents have a disabled person in their household.
- 90% of respondents have access to a car for transport.
- The open space survey reached a variety of Salisbury postcodes. The vast majority of responses were from people living in SP1 (46%) and SP2 (41%) postcode areas.



Survey Responses

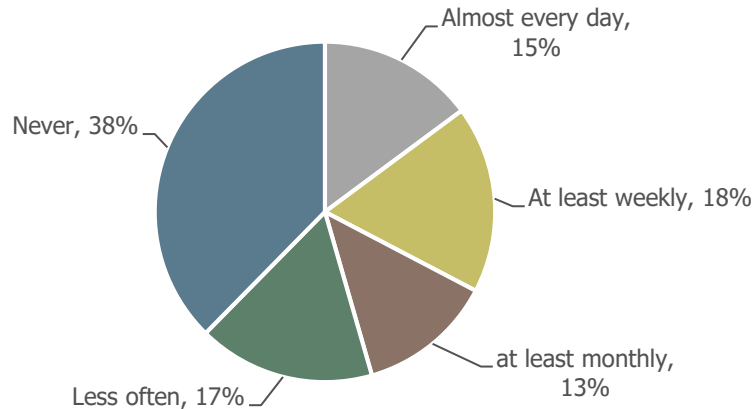
Part A - Types of open spaces that you and your household visit

Q1 Please tick how often members of your household visit or use EACH of the following types of open space within Wiltshire. In each row please tick one box only. 481 Responses

	Almost every day	At least weekly	At least monthly	Less often	Never
Parks and recreation grounds	37% (175)	32% (151)	16% (75)	11% (54)	4% (18)
Children's play areas	4% (16)	8% (38)	8% (38)	23% (102)	57% (254)
Facilities for teenagers	1% (4)	2% (10)	3% (11)	11% (47)	84% (366)
Playing fields	10% (44)	19% (83)	12% (54)	23% (103)	36% (163)
Courts and greens	5% (23)	14% (63)	11% (48)	22% (99)	47% (208)
Foot/cycle paths, bridleways	53% (249)	29% (136)	10% (49)	5% (22)	4% (18)
Water recreation	2% (11)	12% (55)	10% (43)	34% (149)	42% (188)
Country parks/countryside	28% (129)	33% (155)	24% (110)	13% (61)	3% (12)
Artificial turf pitches	0% (2)	3% (137)	2% (8)	7% (29)	88% (389)
Wildlife areas/nature reserves	16% (76)	29% (137)	30% (140)	19% (88)	5% (25)
Allotments	7% (29)	4% (19)	1% (4)	7% (31)	81% (362)
Churchyards and cemeteries	5% (22)	12% (52)	13% (60)	35% (158)	35% (156)
Informal open space/amenity green space	22% (104)	30% (141)	26% (119)	17% (77)	5% (22)
Average	15%	18%	13%	17%	38%



How often do members of your household visit each of the types of open space in Wiltshire? (Overall average)



On average, 38% of survey respondents said they never used the various types of open spaces, 18% used the open spaces at least weekly, 17% used them 'less often', 15% used open spaces almost every day and 13% used open spaces at least monthly, on average.

The table above shows the percentage of survey respondents who said they used the various types of open space almost every day, at least weekly, at least monthly, less often and never. Open spaces with the highest percentage for each of the various answer options are highlighted in the table, key findings are summarised below:

Almost every day:

- 53% of respondents said they used foot/cycle paths and bridleways almost every day.
- A further 37% said they use parks and recreation grounds almost every day.
- 28% access a country park or open countryside every day.

At least weekly:

- 32% of respondents visit parks or recreation grounds at least weekly.
- 30% utilise informal open spaces or amenity green space at least weekly.
- 29% use foot/cycle and bridleways at least weekly.
- A further 29% visit wildlife areas or nature reserves at least weekly.

At least monthly:

- 30% of survey respondents visit wildlife areas or nature reserves at least monthly
- 34% make use of water recreation at least monthly
- 23% visit children's play areas at least monthly
- A further 23% make use of playing fields at least monthly



Less often:

- 35% of respondents said they visit a churchyard or cemetery less often.
- 34% make use of water recreation less often
- 23% visit children's play areas less often
- A further 23% make use of playing fields less often

Never:

- 88% of survey respondents said they never used artificial turf pitches.
- 84% never visit playing fields.
- 81% never make use of allotments.

Q2 If you never visit any of the open spaces, what are the barriers that are preventing you from using them? 52 Responses

10% of respondents described barriers to visiting open spaces in their survey response, this included time, age/disability, ease of access and personal circumstances or preferences including not having children or not playing sports. Barriers are summarised below under key headings with a selection of verbatim quotes. A full list of responses can be found in Appendix 2 of this report.

Lack of time:

Some participants said the lack the time to access open spaces due to work or other commitments. Comments included:

"No particular barriers since I am fortunate but it's a matter of time and preference."

"No time very busy day."

"Time, work pressures."

Age or disability:

Some respondents said that their age or disability was a barrier to accessing open spaces. This included being unable to walk significant distances, uneven surfaces or paths which are unsuitable for wheelchair or mobility scooter users, a lack of seating for rest breaks and perceived lack of disabled toilets. Comments included:

"I'd use them more if there were more wheelchair paths and disabled loos."



"I have foot pain and balance problems which make uneven surfaces difficult for me to negotiate. I am limited to well-maintained foot and bridle paths and wildlife areas that I can access by bus."

"Old age and being lame."

Ease of access:

Some survey respondents said they would use open spaces more if they were easy to access for example not having to drive to use open space, some respondents also indicated that transport was a barrier for them to access open space. Comments included:

"Transportation to nature reserves."

"While we do visit countryside, we would like to do so without driving, which is difficult or impossible from many parts of the city without walking/ cycling on busy roads...."

"No car."

Personal circumstances or preferences:

Some survey respondents indicated that there were not necessarily any barriers to them accessing open space and their use of open space (including frequency) was an entirely personal decision. Others mentioned that they did not have children or prefer not to play sports and therefore felt that certain types of open space had no appeal for them. Comments included:

"I don't have teenage children and do not play sports."

"None, I do not participate in organised sport and only use play parks when my grandchildren visit once a year."

"Some are less appropriate for my age / interests."

Part B - Are there enough open spaces?

Q3 Do you think there is a need for more, the same or fewer of the following types of open spaces (accessible from where you live)? 465 Responses

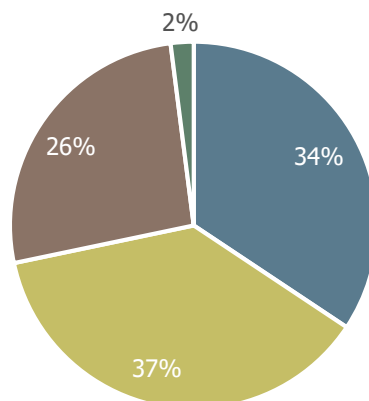
Survey respondents were asked if there were more the same or fewer of the various types of open spaces which are accessible from their home. The responses are summarised in the table below:



	Need for more	There are enough	Don't need as many	No opinion
Parks and recreation grounds	28% (128)	65% (296)	1% (3)	6% (27)
Children's play areas	25% (114)	49% (222)	1% (6)	24% (109)
Facilities for teenagers	59% (269)	10% (44)	1% (4)	30% (137)
Playing fields	22% (99)	52% (234)	1% (6)	25% (115)
Courts and greens	19% (85)	45% (200)	1% (5)	35% (154)
Foot/cycle paths, bridleways	76% (347)	21% (95)	0% (1)	3% (15)
Water recreation	37% (165)	28% (126)	3% (12)	32% (142)
Country parks/countryside	41% (181)	50% (222)	2% (7)	8% (34)
Artificial turf pitches	10% (43)	20% (86)	13% (57)	58% (254)
Wildlife areas/nature reserves	68% (306)	26% (119)	0% (2)	5% (22)
Allotments	32% (145)	27% (122)	2% (8)	38% (172)
Churchyards and cemeteries	7% (33)	48% (215)	5% (21)	40% (178)
Public gathering places	26% (116)	51% (226)	2% (8)	22% (97)
Other open space	32% (137)	31% (136)	2% (9)	35% (152)
Average	34%	37%	2%	26%



Do you think there is a need for more, the same or fewer of the following types of open spaces (accessible from where you live)? Overall average response



■ Need for more ■ There are enough ■ No opinion ■ Don't need as many

On average, 37% of survey respondents said there are enough of the various types of open spaces, 34% said they felt there was a need for more, 26% had no opinion and 2% said they felt that Salisbury didn't need as many open spaces.

The table above shows the percentage of survey respondents who there was a need for more the same or fewer open spaces, as well as those who had no opinion. Open spaces with the highest percentage for each of the various answer options are highlighted in the table, key findings are summarised below:

Need for more:

- 76% of respondents said there was a need for more foot/cycle paths and bridleways.
- 68% felt there was a need for more wildlife areas/nature reserves.
- 59% said there should be more facilities for teenagers.

There are enough:

- 65% of respondents said there are enough parks and recreation grounds locally.
- A further 52% felt there are enough playing fields.
- 50% of survey respondents said there are enough country parks/countryside.

No opinion:

- 58% of survey respondents had no opinion on artificial turf pitches
- 40% had no opinion on churchyards and cemeteries
- 38% of respondents had no opinion on allotments



Don't need as many:

- 13% of survey respondents felt there should be fewer artificial turf pitches
- 5% said there should be fewer churchyards and cemeteries
- 3% said there should be fewer water recreation spaces locally

Part C - Your opinions of open spaces

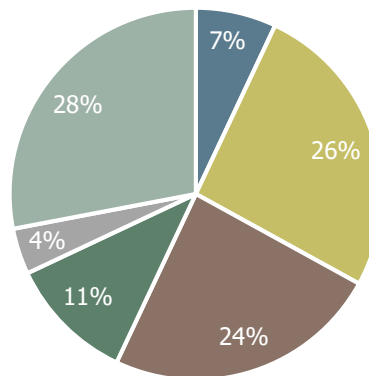
Q4 In general, how does your household rate the quality of the following provisions (accessible from where you live)? 453 Responses

	Very good	Good	Adequate	Poor	Very poor	No opinion
Parks and recreation grounds	23% (104)	49% (220)	20% (91)	4% (20)	2% (8)	1% (5)
Children's play areas	8% (37)	34% (149)	21% (92)	6% (28)	2% (9)	29% (127)
Facilities for teenagers	0% (2)	3% (15)	12% (53)	27% (119)	15% (66)	42% (186)
Playing fields	7% (29)	30% (132)	27% (120)	8% (35)	2% (7)	27% (118)
Courts and greens	3% (13)	24% (104)	24% (106)	9% (39)	1% (6)	39% (172)
Foot/cycle paths, bridleways	8% (34)	28% (125)	32% (142)	25% (113)	6% (29)	2% (7)
Water recreation	1% (5)	14% (60)	21% (91)	18% (81)	8% (35)	38% (167)
Country parks/countryside	15% (68)	40% (178)	29% (131)	9% (39)	1% (5)	6% (27)
Artificial turf pitches	1% (3)	5% (22)	12% (53)	6% (26)	3% (13)	73% (315)
Wildlife areas/nature reserves	10% (46)	39% (176)	30% (136)	12% (53)	2% (11)	6% (26)
Allotments	4% (19)	21% (91)	22% (98)	7% (30)	3% (12)	43% (186)



Churchyards and cemeteries	6% (25)	28% (125)	26% (115)	3% (15)	1% (5)	35% (154)
Public gathering places	4% (16)	26% (114)	34% (151)	10% (45)	3% (11)	23% (102)
Other open space	5% (20)	23% (100)	28% (118)	9% (39)	2% (8)	33% (143)
Average	7%	26%	24%	11%	4%	28%

In general, how does your household rate the quality of the following provisions (accessible from where you live)? Overall average response



■ Very Good ■ Good ■ Adequate ■ Poor ■ Very Poor ■ No opinion

On average, 7% of survey respondents rated the quality of local open space provision as very good, a further 26% rated the quality of open space as good. 24% said provision was adequate, 11% felt it was poor and 4% said it was very poor. 28% of survey respondents had no opinion on the quality of open space provision accessible from where they live.

The table above shows the percentage of survey respondents who rated the quality of local open spaces, as well as those who had no opinion. Open spaces with the highest percentage for each of the various answer options are highlighted in the table, key findings are summarised below:

Very good:

- 23% of respondents rated quality of parks and recreation grounds as very good.
- A further 15% said the quality of local country parks and countryside was very good.
- 10% said rated the quality of wildlife areas and nature reserves as very good



Good:

- 49% of respondents said that the quality of local parks and recreation grounds is good.
- A further 40% rated the quality of local country parks and countryside as good
- 39% said the quality of wildlife areas and nature reserves was good.

Adequate:

- 34% rated the quality of public gathering spaces as adequate.
- A further 32% rated the quality of foot/cycle paths and bridleways as adequate.
- 29% said the quality of country parks and countryside locally was adequate.

Poor:

- 27% said the quality of facilities for teenagers is poor.
- 25% felt local foot/cycle paths and bridleways are poor in terms of quality.
- A further 12% said local wildlife areas and nature reserves are poor quality.

Very poor:

- 15% of survey respondents said the quality of facilities for teenagers is poor.
- 8% said that the provision of water recreation locally is very poor in terms of quality.
- 6% rated that the quality of foot/cycle paths and bridleways as very poor.

No opinion:

- 73% of respondents had no opinion on the quality of artificial turf pitches.
- 43% had no opinion on allotments.
- A further 42% had no opinion on the quality of playing fields.

Part D - Travel times for visits to open space, sport and recreational facilities

Q5 How long would members of your household normally be prepared to travel to visit the following types of open space? 431 Responses

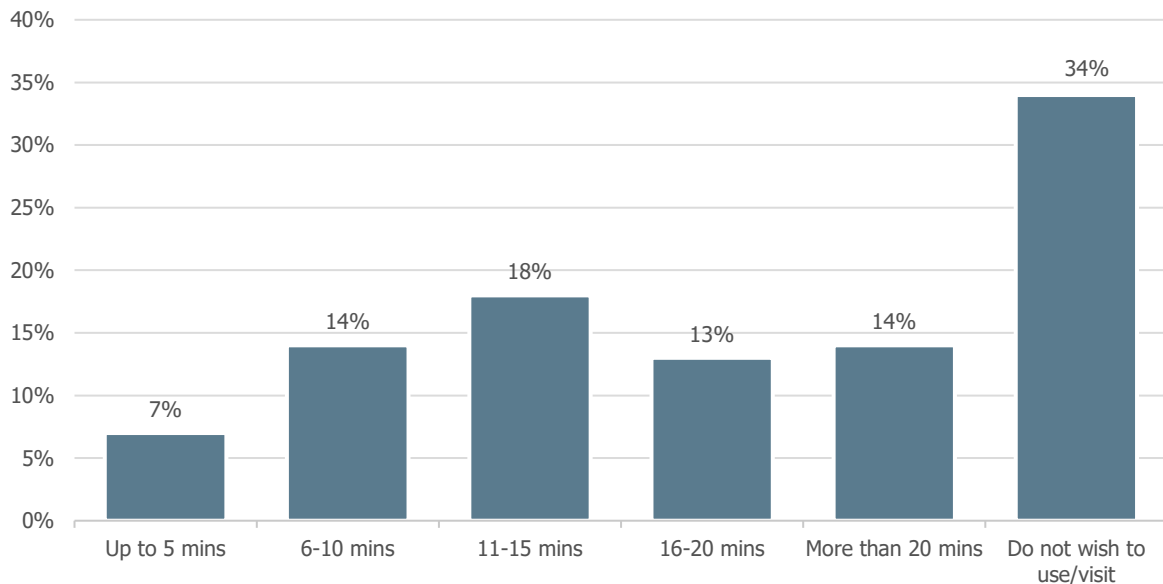
	Up to 5 mins	6-10 mins	11-15 mins	16-20 mins	More than 20 mins	Do not wish to visit/use
Parks and recreation grounds	12% (49)	32% (134)	26% (109)	14% (58)	14% (59)	4% (15)



Children's play areas	8% (35)	18% (77)	12% (52)	6% (26)	4% (15)	51% (212)
Facilities for teenagers	2% (8)	9% (39)	11% (47)	5% (21)	5% (19)	68% (281)
Playing fields	7% (30)	14% (60)	18% (74)	15% (62)	7% (31)	38% (159)
Courts and greens	6% (24)	13% (53)	19% (76)	12% (50)	6% (23)	45% (184)
Foot/cycle paths, bridleways	34% (145)	27% (113)	15% (64)	8% (35)	12% (52)	4% (15)
Water recreation	2% (10)	7% (30)	17% (71)	16% (68)	21% (89)	36% (150)
Country parks/countryside	4% (18)	11% (45)	21% (90)	22% (95)	38% (161)	4% (17)
Artificial turf pitches	0% (1)	3% (11)	4% (16)	7% (30)	4% (18)	82% (337)
Wildlife areas/nature reserves	3% (14)	7% (30)	23% (99)	23% (97)	41% (172)	2% (10)
Allotments	5% (22)	15% (61)	13% (55)	6% (26)	3% (14)	57% (235)
Churchyards and cemeteries	7% (29)	11% (47)	16% (65)	14% (59)	11% (46)	41% (173)
Public gathering places	6% (23)	17% (72)	28% (118)	18% (75)	13% (52)	18% (75)
Other open space	8% (32)	14% (58)	25% (100)	13% (53)	19% (76)	22% (88)
Average	7%	14%	18%	13%	14%	34%



How long would members of your household normally be prepared to travel to visit the following types of open space? (Overall average response)



On average, 7% of survey respondents said they would normally be prepared to travel up to 5 minutes to access open space, 14% said they would travel 6-10 minutes, 18% would travel 11-15 minutes, 13% are prepared to travel 16-12 minutes and 14% said they would normally be prepared to travel for more than 20 minutes to access open spaces. 34% of survey respondents said they do not wish to use or visit open spaces.

The table above shows the percentage of survey respondents who indicated how far they would normally be prepared to travel to visit open spaces as well as those who do not wish to use or visit open spaces. Open spaces with the highest percentage for each of the various answer options are highlighted in the table, key findings are summarised below:

Up to 5 minutes:

- 34% of survey respondents said they would be prepared to travel 5 minutes to access foot/cycle paths and bridleways.
- 12% said they would be prepared to travel 5 minutes to visit parks and recreation grounds.
- 8% would travel up to 5 minutes to visit a children's play area.

6-10 minutes:

- 32% of respondents said they would be prepared to travel 6-10 minutes to parks and recreation grounds.
- 27% would travel 6-10 minutes to access foot/cycle paths and bridleways.
- 18% would travel 6-10 minutes to visit a children's play area.



11-15 minutes:

- 28% would be prepared to travel 11-15 minutes to access public gathering spaces.
- 26% said they would travel 11-15 minutes to access parks and recreation grounds.
- 25% would travel 11-15 minutes to visit other open spaces.

16-20 minutes:

- 23% would travel 16-20 minutes to visit wildlife areas and nature reserves.
- 22% would be prepared to travel 26-20 minutes to access country parks and countryside.
- 18% would travel 16-20 minutes to visit public gathering spaces.

More than 20 minutes:

- 41% would be prepared to travel more than 20 minutes to visit wildlife areas and nature reserves.
- A further 38% would travel more than 20 minutes to access country parks and countryside.
- 19% would travel more than 20 minutes to visit other open spaces.

Do not wish to use/visit:

- 82% said they did not wish to use or visit artificial turf pitches
- 68% said they did not want to use facilities for teenagers
- 57% did not wish to use or visit allotments

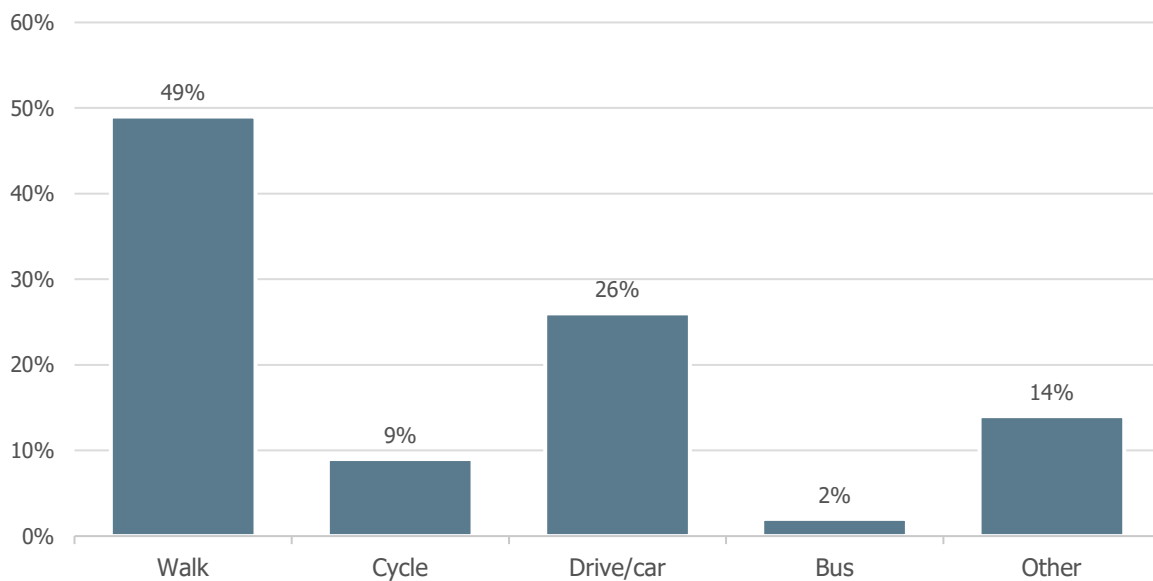
Q6 What form of transport would members of your household normally use to visit the following types of open space? 433 Responses

	Walk	Cycle	Drive/car	Bus	Other
Parks and recreation grounds	80% (338)	8% (35)	9% (37)	2% (10)	1% (3)
Children's play areas	76% (240)	3% (10)	7% (23)	1% (2)	13% (41)
Facilities for teenagers	45% (122)	10% (27)	14% (38)	3% (7)	29% (78)
Playing fields	58% (194)	9% (30)	22% (73)	2% (7)	10% (33)



Courts and greens	50% (155)	8% (25)	26% (80)	1% (3)	16% (50)
Foot/cycle paths, bridleways	67% (279)	24% (99)	7% (28)	0% (1)	2% (8)
Water recreation	31% (101)	9% (29)	45% (148)	3% (9)	13% (43)
Country parks/countryside	28% (115)	8% (35)	58% (242)	5% (20)	1% (6)
Artificial turf pitches	19% (48)	4% (11)	30% (76)	2% (6)	44% (113)
Wildlife areas/nature reserves	32% (136)	8% (35)	55% (232)	3% (12)	2% (8)
Allotments	39% (114)	11% (31)	20% (59)	1% (4)	29% (84)
Churchyards and cemeteries	56% (191)	5% (16)	23% (77)	1% (4)	15% (52)
Public gathering places	58% (213)	8% (28)	22% (80)	4% (16)	8% (31)
Other open space	52% (184)	7% (26)	27% (94)	3% (12)	10% (37)
Average	49%	9%	26%	2%	14%

What form of transport would members of your household normally use to visit the following types of open space? (Overall average response)





On average, 49% of survey respondents said they most frequently visited the various open spaces on foot, 26% use a car to access local open spaces, 14% utilise a non-specified 'other' form of transport, 9% cycle and 2% take a bus.

The table above shows the percentage of survey respondents who accessed the various types of open space on foot, cycle, bus, car or 'other' methods (unspecified). Open spaces with the highest percentage for each of the various answer options are highlighted in the table, key findings are summarised below:

Walk:

- 80% of survey respondents said they access parks and recreation grounds on foot.
- 76% of respondents walk to children's play areas.
- 67% access foot/cycle paths and bridleways on foot.

Cycle:

- 24% of survey participants access foot/cycle paths and bridleways on foot.
- 11% of respondents cycle to allotments.
- 10% access facilities for teenagers by cycling.

Drive/car:

- 58% of respondents drive to country parks and countryside.
- A further 55% drive to wildlife areas and nature reserves.
- 45% of survey respondents access local water recreation via car.

Bus:

- 5% of respondents take the bus to country parks or countryside.
- 4% access public gathering spaces via bus travel.
- 3% access other open spaces, water recreation and wildlife areas by bus.

Other:

- 44% of respondents access artificial turf pitches via an 'other' form of transport.
- 29% use 'other' transport to visit allotments
- A further 29% access facilities for teenagers via 'other' transport means



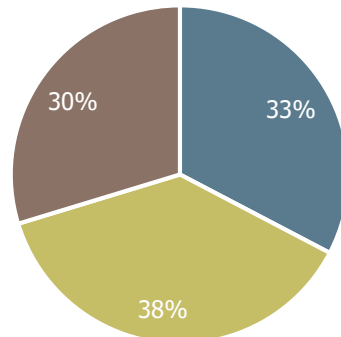
Part E - Priorities for improvement

Q7 Of the various kinds of open spaces what are your household's priorities in terms of potential improvements? For all the kinds of facility in which you have an interest please indicate an order of priority (high, medium, low). 422 Responses

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Parks and recreation grounds	48% (194)	41% (166)	11% (44)
Children's play areas	30% (105)	40% (142)	30% (108)
Facilities for teenagers	45% (162)	29% (103)	26% (94)
Playing fields	17% (62)	51% (183)	31% (112)
Courts and greens	10% (36)	46% (162)	43% (152)
Foot/cycle paths, bridleways	79% (323)	18% (74)	3% (13)
Water recreation	23% (84)	39% (141)	38% (135)
Country parks/countryside	56% (225)	37% (148)	7% (30)
Artificial turf pitches	6% (19)	19% (65)	76% (259)
Wildlife areas/nature reserves	69% (282)	25% (103)	5% (21)
Allotments	25% (92)	37% (135)	37% (134)
Churchyards and cemeteries	10% (37)	41% (145)	49% (176)
Public gathering places	20% (72)	53% (196)	27% (100)
Other open space	21% (74)	50% (179)	29% (103)
Average	33%	38%	30%



What are your household's priorities in terms of high, medium and low potential improvements? Overall average response



■ High Priority ■ Medium Priority ■ Low Priority

On average, 38% of survey respondents rated improvements to the various open spaces as a medium priority, 33% rated improvements as a high priority and 30% rated improvements to public spaces as a low priority for their household.

The table above shows the percentage of survey respondents who rated the various open spaces as high, medium or low in terms of priority for improvement. Open spaces with the highest percentage for each of the various answer options are highlighted in the table, key findings are summarised below:

High Priority:

- 79% of survey respondents said foot/cycle paths and bridleways are a high priority in terms of improvements.
- 69% felt that wildlife areas and nature reserves are a high priority for improvement.
- 56% rated country parks and countryside as a high priority for improvement.

Medium Priority:

- 53% of respondents rated public gathering spaces as a medium priority for improvements.
- 51% felt that playing fields were a medium priority for improvement.
- A further 50% rated other open spaces as a medium priority

Low Priority:

- 76% of respondents felt that artificial turf pitches were a low priority for improvement.
- 49% said that churchyards and cemeteries were a low priority
- 43% said courts and green were a low priority for improvements.

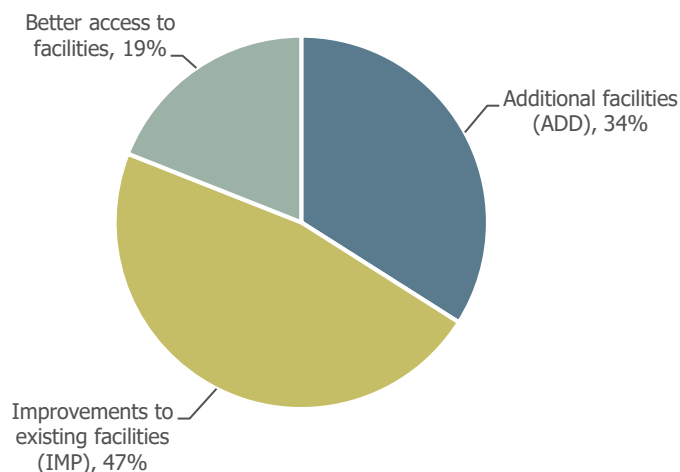


Q8 Of the various kinds of open spaces what are your household's priorities in terms of potential improvements? For all the kinds of facility in which you have an interest please indicate whether the main need for improvement is a) additional facilities – ADD, b) improvements to existing facilities – IMP; or c) better access to facilities – ACC. 389 Responses

	ADD	IMP	ACC
Parks and recreation grounds	28% (95)	63% (214)	9% (30)
Children's play areas	25% (66)	67% (174)	8% (20)
Facilities for teenagers	65% (170)	27% (71)	8% (21)
Playing fields	21% (50)	63% (150)	16% (37)
Courts and greens	21% (48)	53% (120)	26% (60)
Foot/cycle paths, bridleways	62% (224)	28% (101)	10% (37)
Water recreation	37% (98)	40% (106)	22% (58)
Country parks/countryside	35% (111)	41% (131)	23% (74)
Artificial turf pitches	19% (35)	42% (78)	39% (73)
Wildlife areas/nature reserves	59% (196)	28% (93)	14% (46)
Allotments	34% (86)	42% (105)	24% (59)
Churchyards and cemeteries	10% (23)	57% (125)	32% (71)
Public gathering places	29% (77)	51% (136)	21% (55)
Other open space	28% (69)	51% (126)	20% (50)
Average	34%	47%	19%



What are your household's priorities in terms of potential improvements?
(Overall average response)



On average, 47% of survey respondents said they would like to see improvements to existing open space facilities, 34% would like to see additional facilities made available and 19% would like better access to open space facilities.

The table above shows the percentage of survey respondents who selected ADD, IMP or ACC in relation to priorities for open space improvements. Open spaces with the highest percentage for each of the various answer options are highlighted in the table, key findings are summarised below:

Additional Facilities (ADD):

- 65% said that additional facilities for teenagers were a priority.
- 62% felt that additional foot/cycle paths and bridleways were a priority.
- 59% of respondents said additional wildlife areas and nature reserves were a priority.

Improvements to existing facilities (IMP):

- 67% of respondents said improvements to children's play areas were a priority.
- 63% said improvements to playing fields and parks/recreation grounds were a priority.
- 57% felt churchyards and cemeteries should be improved as a priority.

Better access to facilities (ACC):

- 39% of respondents felt there should be better access to artificial turf pitches
- 32% said better access to churchyards and cemeteries was a priority
- 26% said there should be better access to courts and greens as a priority.

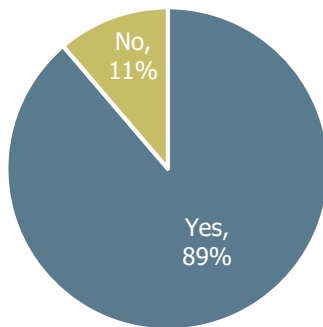


Part F - Other comments

Q9 If the quality of your journey on foot or by bicycle to open spaces was improved would household members be prepared to walk/cycle further to reach the facility and make the journey more often? 413 Responses

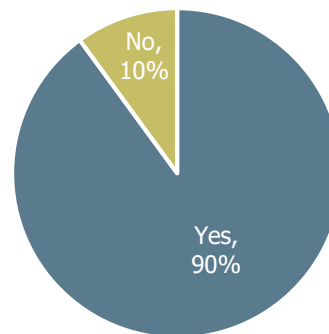
	Yes	No
Be prepared to walk/cycle further to reach the facility	89% (363)	11% (46)
Make the journey more often	90% (367)	10% (41)

Be prepared to walk/cycle further to reach the facility?



89% of survey respondents said that they would be prepared to walk or cycle further to reach open spaces if the quality of their journey on foot or by bicycle was improved. The remaining 11% suggested this would not impact upon how far they are prepared to walk or cycle to open spaces.

Make the journey more often?



90% of respondents said they would make a journey on foot or bicycle more often if the quality of the journey was improved. 10% indicated the quality of the journey or foot/cycle was not a factor in their decision to walk or cycle more often to open spaces.

Q10 If you have any other general comments or specific observations about open spaces please let us know in the box below: 171 Responses.

Survey respondents were asked for general comments or observations about local green spaces and were invited to share their thoughts via an open-ended question.

Due to a high number of responses, the comments were analysed and grouped under key headings which are summarised in the table below. A summary of each key theme in presented in the section below and all of the verbatim responses can be found in Appendix 2 of this report.



	Count	Percent
Walking and cycling	73	43%
Facilities	27	16%
Wildlife and Biodiversity	19	11%
Other	17	10%
Accessibility	16	9%
Protect green space	14	8%
More green space	13	8%
Litter	9	5%

Walking and Cycling (43%)

43% of survey respondents who commented on open spaces mentioned walking and/or cycling in their response. Amongst some individuals who mentioned walking or cycling, footpaths and cycle paths were felt to be insufficient locally.

Survey respondents said they would like to see more footpaths, safe cycle lanes, cycle tracks and better connectivity with other areas (including outside of the City Centre). Concerns about cycling or walking included heavy traffic in and around Salisbury which some respondents said made them feel unsafe. Other concerns included poorly maintained paths, pavements, roads, markings and signage. Some respondents mentioned inconsiderate cycle users who cycle on pavements or in a dangerous manner. Amongst those who do cycle regularly, there was a general indication that improvements to cycle infrastructure would encourage them to cycle more often.

Additionally, several respondents mentioned that they would like to see improved access to the riverside in Salisbury including foot/cycle paths. Comments included:

“Too much emphasis on bicycles...Fine to have more bikes on the road but bikes on footpaths and narrow paths is really irritating and dangerous to those of us who walk. And bikes should NOT be allowed on pavements as they are a hazard to pedestrians...”

“Cycle and walking lanes are very poor in Salisbury with busy traffic making unsafe especially for children.”

“The surface of the cycle track and pathway alongside the river from Stratford sub Castle is poor. Most of the signs indicating which side is for cyclists are almost worn away making it dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.”



"High levels of traffic within Salisbury and the surrounding area is a major drawback to accessing open spaces. Walking next to busy roads with large volumes of traffic with poor air quality and noise pollution is unpleasant as well as unhealthy."

"The rivers could be better used in Salisbury and an attraction to tourists. A Place to walk or relax or an energy source. Riverside walks linking them all together with resting places along the way."

Facilities (16%)

16% of survey respondents mentioned local facilities in their response to this question. Some respondents said they would like to see more public toilets and conveniences for people who use green or open spaces locally. Facilities for families and young people (including teenagers) were also felt to be needed, suggestions included playparks for older and younger children, table tennis, sports facilities and places for young people to have fun.

Other requests for facilities included a bandstand, outside gym equipment, cafes in local parks and an outdoor pool. Comments included:

"Would like more cafes in play parks for parents/grandparents to meet with children. This is much more common in London and is part of the enjoyment..."

"Activities for youth in parks e.g. more of the outdoor activities such as the table-tennis in Priory Square, but obviously only if well made, suitable for purpose and continually maintained."

"Provision of more public toilets in areas of public open spaces would be a useful improvement."

"Play equipment is usually aimed at small children - need more challenging equipment for older children...How can we encourage children to get outdoors if there is nothing for them to use?"

"Facilities in parks. No park has any refreshments available except ice cream vans!"

Wildlife and Biodiversity (11%)

11% of respondents mentioned wildlife and biodiversity in their response. Survey respondents said they would like to see an increase in wildlife habitats locally, suggestions included an increase in wildflowers, trees and shrubs, uncut grass/verges and a reduction in pruning of trees. Some survey respondents also said they would like to see green and wildlife corridors in Salisbury. Comments included:



"Don't keep strimming the verges and cutting the grass short during spring and summer- we want to see more wild flowers, bees and butterflies, not monotonous green turf covered in unsightly grass cuttings!"

"The more green and wildlife, the better the city is for everyone. That includes improving our residential streets and areas with more trees, bushes, hedges, etc. Our street doesn't have one tree on it - not one."

"Wildlife shares our open spaces and have as much right, if not more so, to these spaces. All open spaces should have care and concern for our wildlife, and species diversity, as a priority."

"Open spaces need to be joined up to form green corridors so that wildlife has a continuum and can provide greenways for people walking and cycling."

"Letting nature take its course is one of the cheapest and rewarding ways to improve the outdoor experience. More wild areas please..."

Accessibility (9%)

9% of survey respondents referenced access to open spaces in their response to this question. Some respondents mentioned that distance was a problem for them when using open spaces and said they would like to see more resting spots e.g. benches. Others were concerned about their access to open spaces as they were unable to drive and felt that public transport was not a suitable option for accessing open space. Other comments included making hard walking surfaces suitable for wheelchair users, safe pedestrian routes without cyclists or runners and disabled toilets. Comments included:

"More rest spots with seating would be useful as health/fitness is the main obstacle for longer distances."

"As a disabled wheelchair user, the things that would help me access green spaces are wheelchair paths, disabled loos and properly maintained pavements that are safe for wheelchair user to use."

"As an older person with some mobility problems I would walk more often if footpaths were wider to accommodate runners and cyclists alongside those of us who move more slowly and have some hearing loss. I have nearly been knocked aside on several occasions which is frightening."

"Got two children and it is not enough country parks and water accessible by bus. It is very difficult to get to New Forest without a car."



"Accessibility is key. I do not know how much longer I will be able to drive. Public transport from my address is poor..."

Protect green space (8%)

8% of respondents emphasised the need to protect green space in and around Salisbury. This included preventing new developments on existing green spaces and ensuring that new developments have provision for outdoor space. Comments included:

"Retaining current open spaces is important. I am concerned about the large number of housing developments, the scale of those developments and the impact on our green open spaces."

"Stop building new housing on green open spaces on the edge of Salisbury. We need some green space around us to improve the air quality and reduce traffic on roads which were not built for the traffic volumes they now have to carry..."

"Do not build on current open space and countryside parks."

"More open land is being covered with housing and the housing is often crammed in with little green space within it. Salisbury has been a uniquely historic and beautiful city in the past and this is being spoilt by its surroundings being built over and the subsequent loss of habitats and an increase in traffic causing poor air quality. Not good."

"Lots of popular open spaces around Salisbury have planned construction on them. Surely it is important to have a good balance of green space and housing?"

More green space (8%)

8% of survey respondents would like to see more green space in and around Salisbury as well as a better distribution of green/open space across the city. Suggestions included a park or green area in the centre of Salisbury, a new park in Salisbury and a country park locally. Comments included:

"The centre of Salisbury (especially around the market square) is totally concrete, since some idiot decided it was a great idea to remove all the trees in the market square. We should take advantage of the unfortunate loss of Debenhams to demolish that ugly building and create a green garden/park area."

"Country parks are great, would be lovely to have one in Wiltshire that is accessible within half an hour of Salisbury by car."



"I think that there is uneven distribution in and around Salisbury; I am lucky enough to live where there is good provision within easy range of my home."

"It would be nice to have something like Churchill Gardens only larger to avoid crowding."

"We need more open spaces available to all not just children's play areas!"

Litter (5%)

5% of survey respondents said they would like to see a reduction in littering and fly tipping in local open spaces, verges and roads, as well as an effort to clear litter and debris from the river. Some survey respondents also said they would like to see more waste bins and more frequent emptying of the bins. Comments included:

"Also, kerbside litter on roads leading out of Salisbury is unsightly and never appears to be cleared."

Fly tipping on byways and lanes is a serious problem which needs to be tackled more aggressively.

"The waterways in Salisbury are never cleaned of litter, and the weed that grown in them are neglected and contribute to the collecting of litter on the surface. For example, the river at the back of queen Elizabeth gardens in Salisbury."

"More waste bins needed, and dog waste bins need to be in full working order."

"Provide more bins Not just in parks! Salisbury city council have almost removed all bins that used to be on the street."

Other comments:

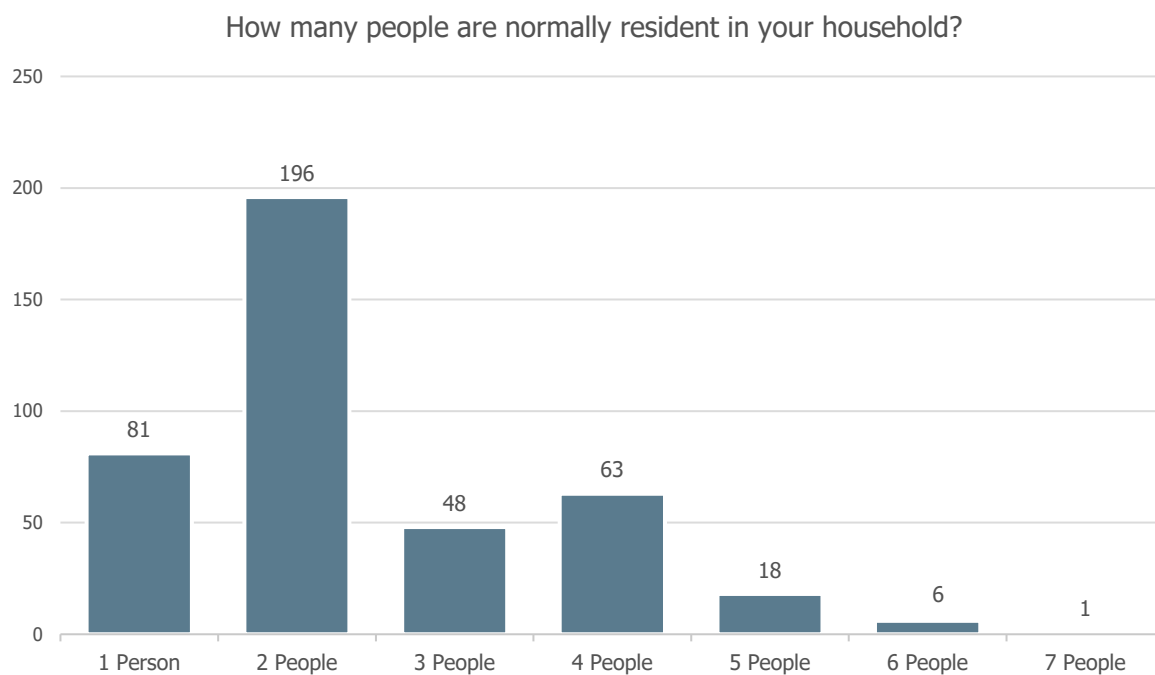
Other comments included prioritising the green agenda, community projects for urban farming, an information desk for members of the public and improvements to air quality in the City Centre.



Part G - About your household

Q11 How many people are normally resident in your household? 414 Responses

	Count	Percent
1 Person	81	20%
2 People	196	47%
3 People	48	12%
4 People	63	15%
5 People	18	4%
6 People	6	1%
7 People	1	0%



On average, the total number of people normally resident in households who responded to the survey was 2.

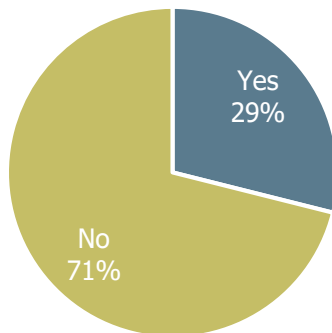
47% of households had 2 people, 20% were single person households, 15% had 4 residents and 12% had 3 residents. Households with 5 or more residents made up less than 5% of total responses to the survey. This suggests that couples and single residents are overrepresented in the dataset.



Q12 Are there any children or young people in your household? 415 Responses

	Count	Percent
Yes	120	29%
No	295	71%

Are there any children or young people in your household?



29% of surveyed residents said they had children or young people living in their household. 71% said they did not have any children or young people in their household.

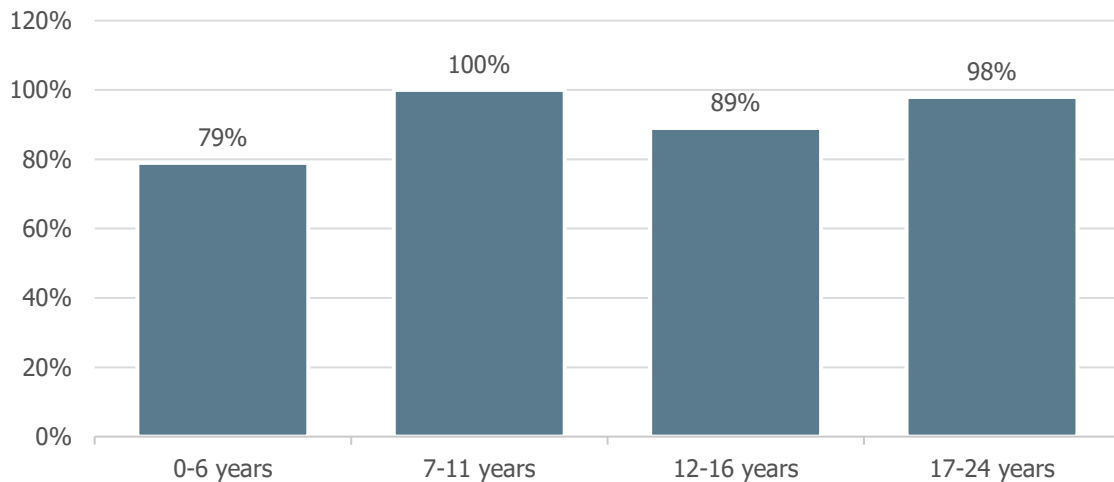
This suggests that families with younger children and teenagers are underrepresented in the dataset.

Q13 How old are the children in your household? Please put the number of children/young people in each age range. 56 Responses

	Count	Percent
0-6 years	44	79%
7-11 years	56	100%
12-16 years	50	89%
17-24 years	55	98%



How old are the children in your household?

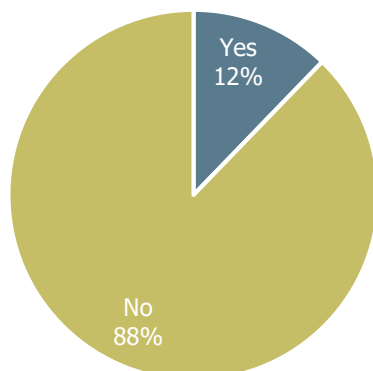


All of the survey respondents who answered this question said they have a child aged between 7-11 years living in their household. A further 98% have a young person aged between 17-24 years, 89% have a child aged between 12-16 years and 79% have a child between 0-6 years. The high percentages for each age range for this question suggests that many of the survey respondents have more than one child living in their household.

Q14 Does anyone in your household consider themselves to be disabled? 417 Responses.

	Count	Percent
Yes	51	12%
No	366	88%

Does anyone in your household consider themselves to be disabled?



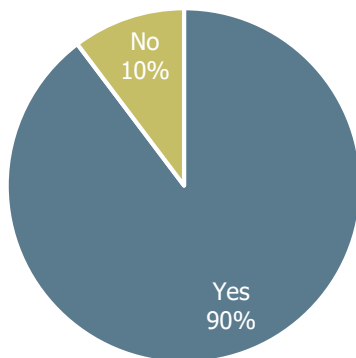
88% of survey respondents said nobody in their house considers themselves to be disabled. The remaining 12% said someone in their household has a disability.



Q15 Do you have access to a car for transport? 418 Responses

	Count	Percent
Yes	375	90%
No	43	10%

Do you have access to a car for transport?



90% of survey respondents said they have access to a car for transport. 10% do not have access to a car.

Q16 What is your postcode? 411 Responses

In the interests of privacy, postcodes are not summarised in this report or in the appendices. A complete list of postcodes is provided in a separate document. Postcodes provided by survey respondents are plotted on the map below.

The map shows a variety of postcodes are represented in the survey data, the percentage of respondents from different postcode areas is also summarised in the table below:

	Count	Percent
SP1	188	46%
SP2	169	41%
SP3	6	1%
SP4	19	5%
SP5	25	6%
Outside Salisbury	4	1%

As with the community survey, the vast majority of responses to the open space survey were from people living in SP1 (46%) and SP2 (41%) postcode areas.

