

# Climate action in the borough

Climate conversations – preliminary  
summary of external engagement

Environment Forum  
26<sup>th</sup> January 2023



# Introduction - Purpose of external engagement

- Reflect on the original Climate Action Plan, receive feedback and discuss any amendments to seek a collective response.
- Coordinate our actions with actions of external stakeholders.
- Reach out to a wider group of stakeholders who have not yet been engaged in the process so far but are fundamental to its longer-term success.
- Gather new ideas for climate action.
- Explore new partnerships.

This was not a statutory consultation exercise, or a formal opinion poll.



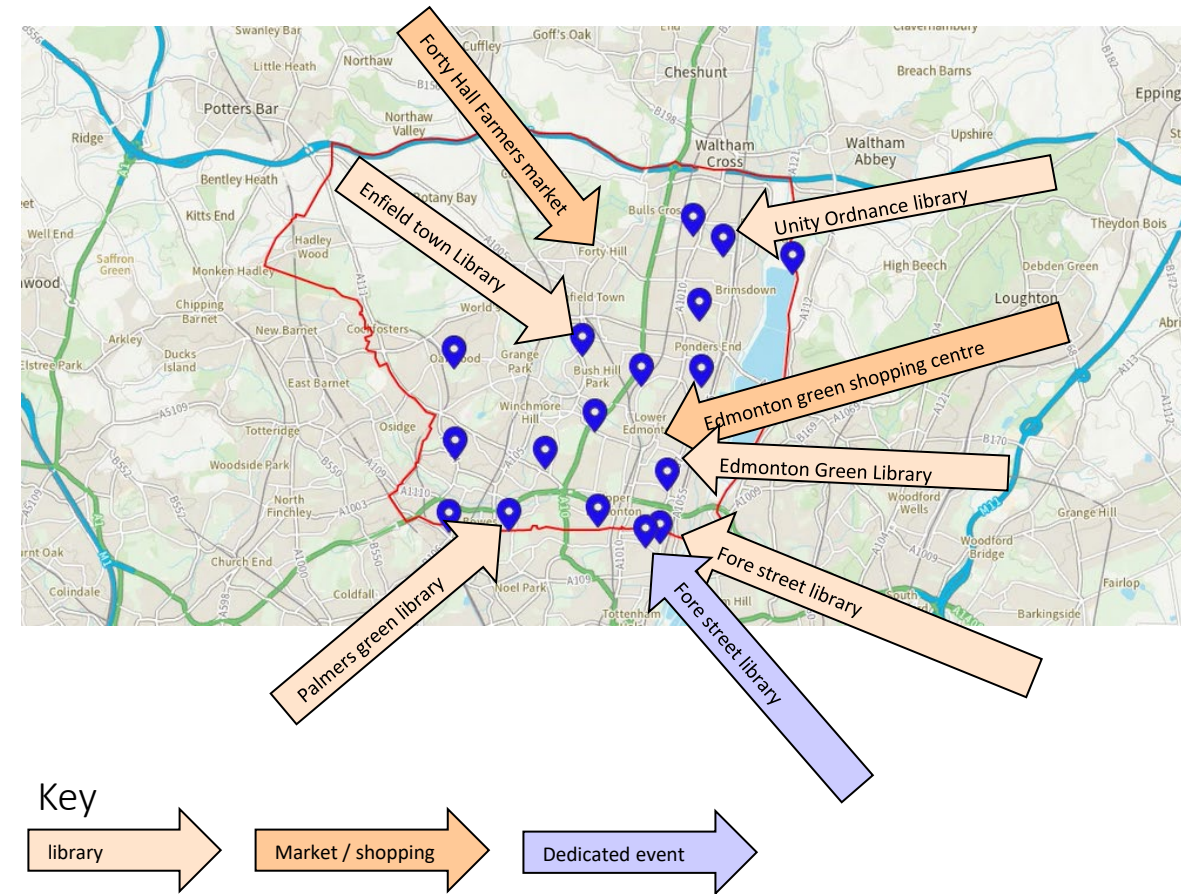


## Overview of engagement

Council officers have engaged across the borough in a number of ways:

- 5 Library drop in sessions
- 2 stand/stall in shopping areas
- 2 open invite events (online and in person)
- 4 dedicated stakeholder engagement session
- 2,779 social media reach with 671 clicks

We used 4 types of survey. One 'easyread' and three different lengths. The survey also formed the structure of interviews when discussing in-person



# Questionnaire reach

Results, as of 5<sup>th</sup> January

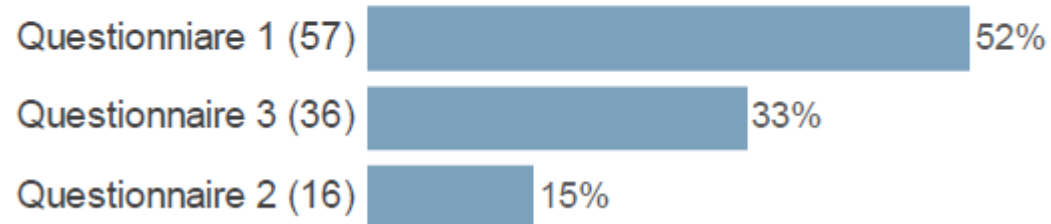
109 completed surveys

12 interested organisation reached

29 interested contacts

Despite the December cold snap, we were very pleased with the quantity and quality of the feedback received.

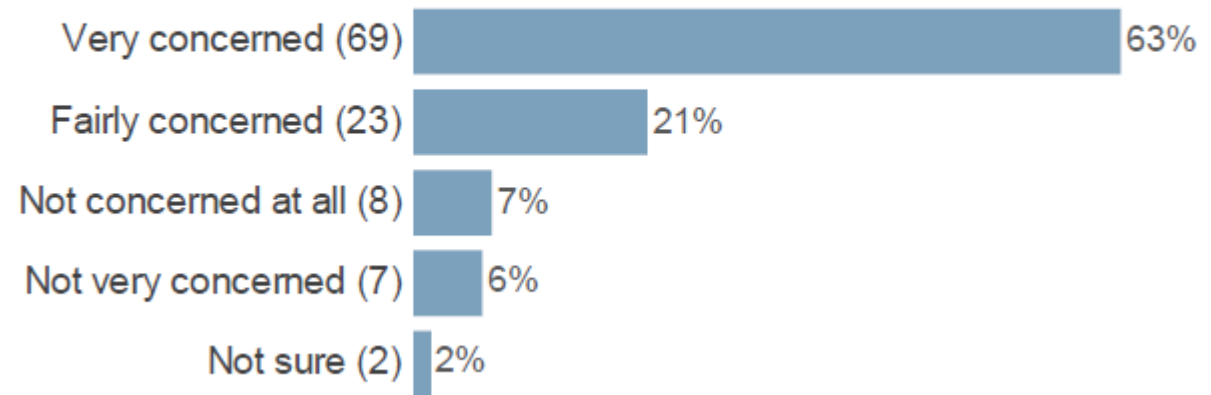
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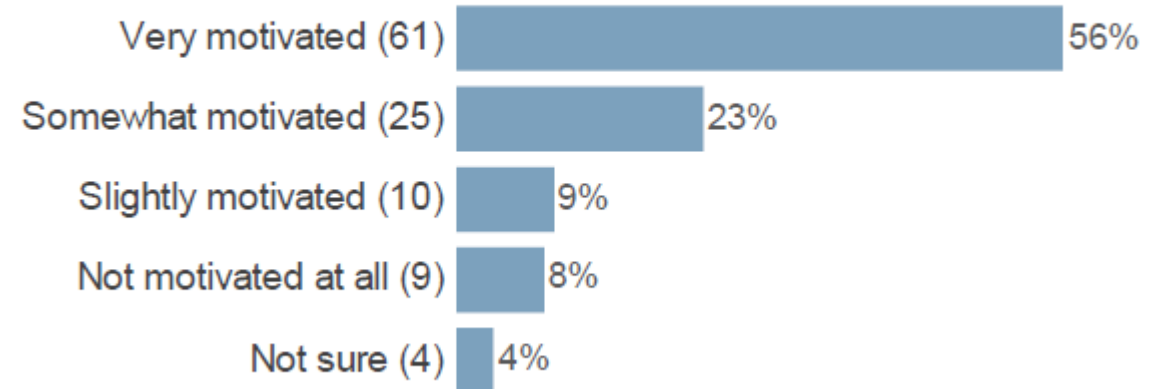
## Overall views – concern and motivation

- 85% of respondents were very or fairly concerned about climate change
- 79% of respondents are very or somewhat motivated to help prevent climate change
- Takeaways:
  - Overall, high level of concern and anxiety
  - Many people motivated.

How concerned, if at all, are you about climate change?



How motivated are you to help prevent climate change?



## Overall views - ambition and actions

Thoughts on the ambition of the vision and agreement to the actions

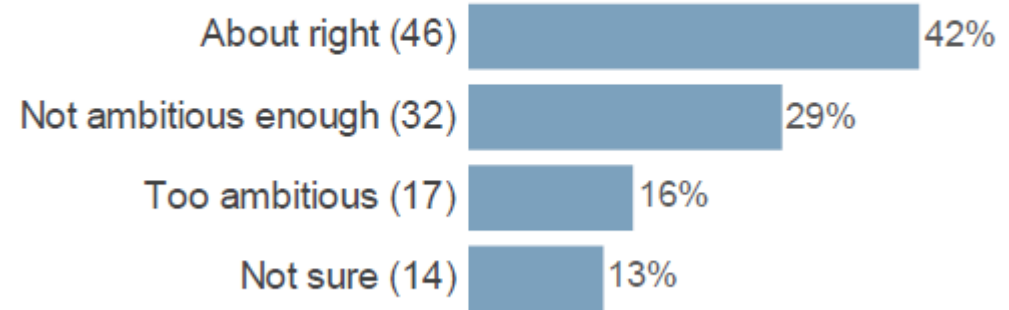
### Takeaways

- 71% thought it was either the right level of ambition or not ambitious enough
- 69% agreed with the high level actions

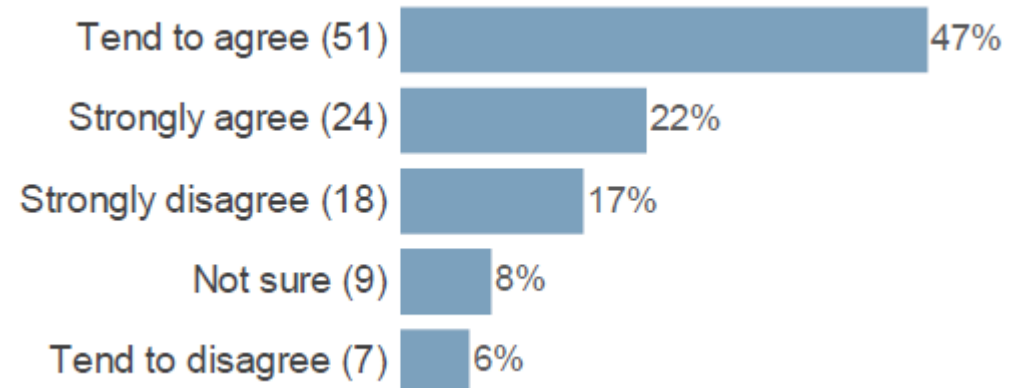
Our **vision** for climate action:

*We will work with our staff, suppliers, residents, businesses, schools, statutory partners and Government to become a carbon neutral organisation by 2030 and create a carbon neutral borough by 2040. (page 4 of Enfield Climate Action Plan)*

### Do you think this is ambitious enough?



To what extent do you agree or disagree that the actions set out in the Climate Action Plan are, overall, the appropriate actions to take?



## The role of the council

- Some quotes

“Get in touch with local groups!”

“Short relevant videos and posters”

“Educate and lead by example”

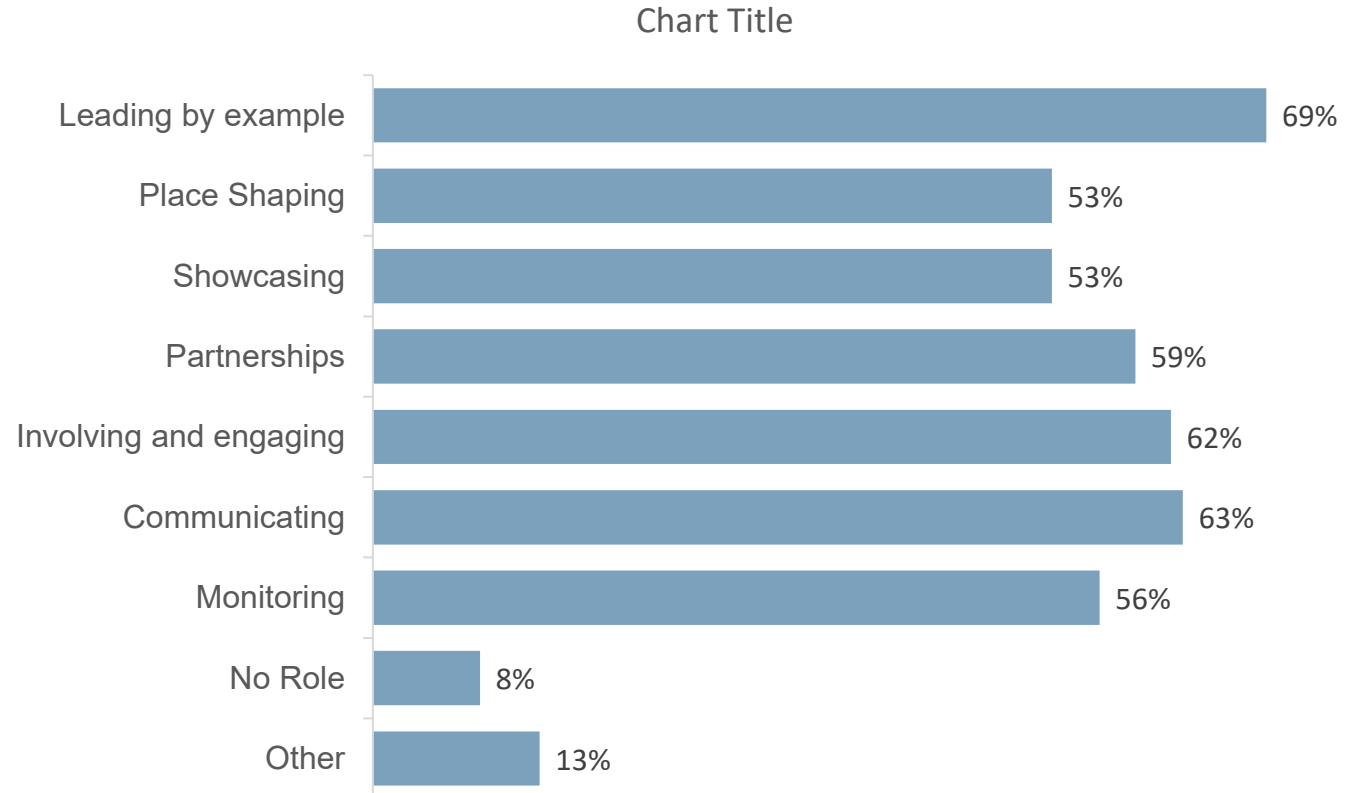
### Takeaways:

- Essential for us to lead by example
- Importance of working in partnership
- Want the council to be active in all levels of involvement

### Emerging actions:

- More working in partnership with community, business and education groups

What role do you think the local government should play in tackling/adapting to climate change?

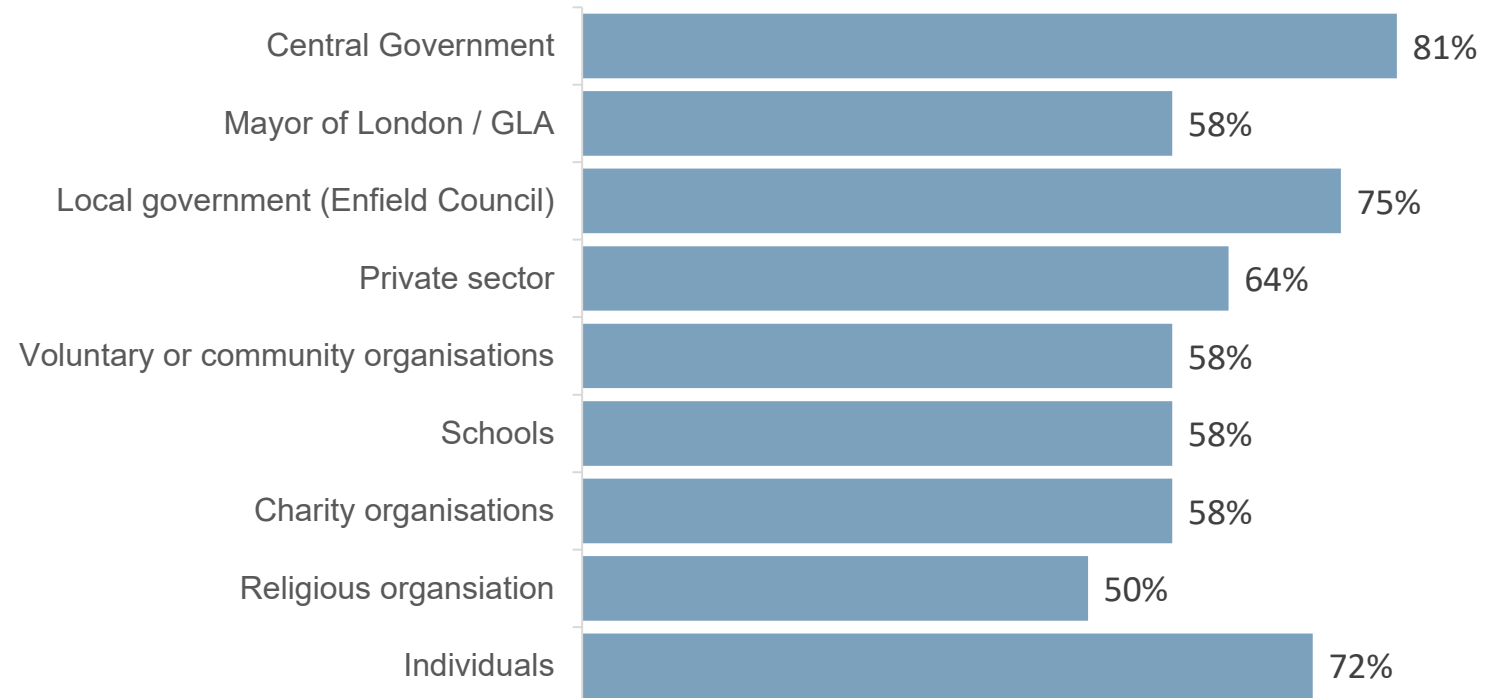


# Responsibility

Who should be responsible?

- Takeaways
  - Everyone should be involved.
- Emerging Actions
  - Coordination !

Who do you think should be responsible for preventing and adapting to climate change in the borough?





## Actions for travel – feedback

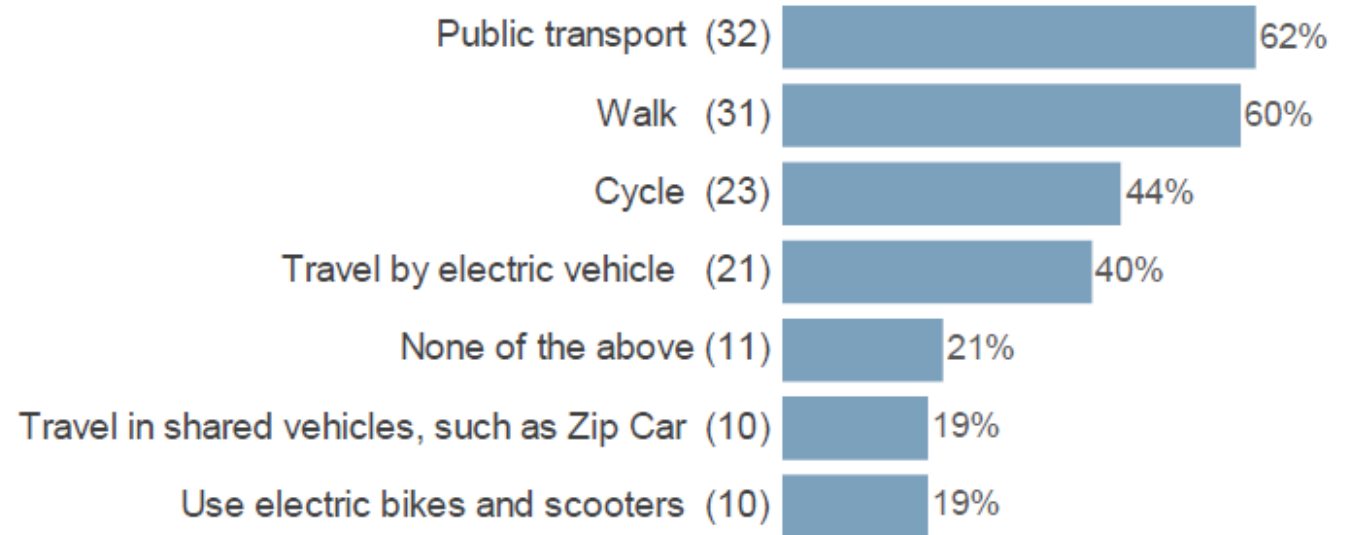
### Takeaways:

- Popularity of better and safer existing modes of transport rather than on new solutions
- Clear understanding of reduction in car use needs to be compensated by other options

### Emerging Changes to Actions:

- More coordination with public transport providers?
- Communication and pilot projects for new solutions?
- Explore barriers of active travel further?
- Set up or join community green travel working group?

One way in which we can help mitigate the impact of climate change is to encourage more sustainable forms of transport. Which of the following would you like to do, or do more often?



## Electric charging points - Interest and location

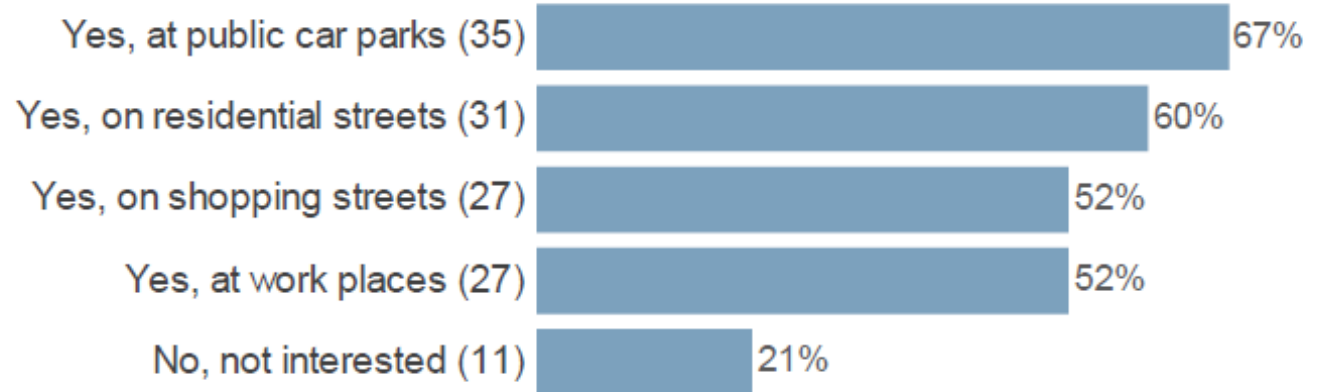
### Takeaways

- High level of interest
- Public Carparks and Residential streets preferred locations

### Emerging changes to Actions:

- Accelerate provision of EV charging

Would you like to see more electric charging points on the borough's streets?

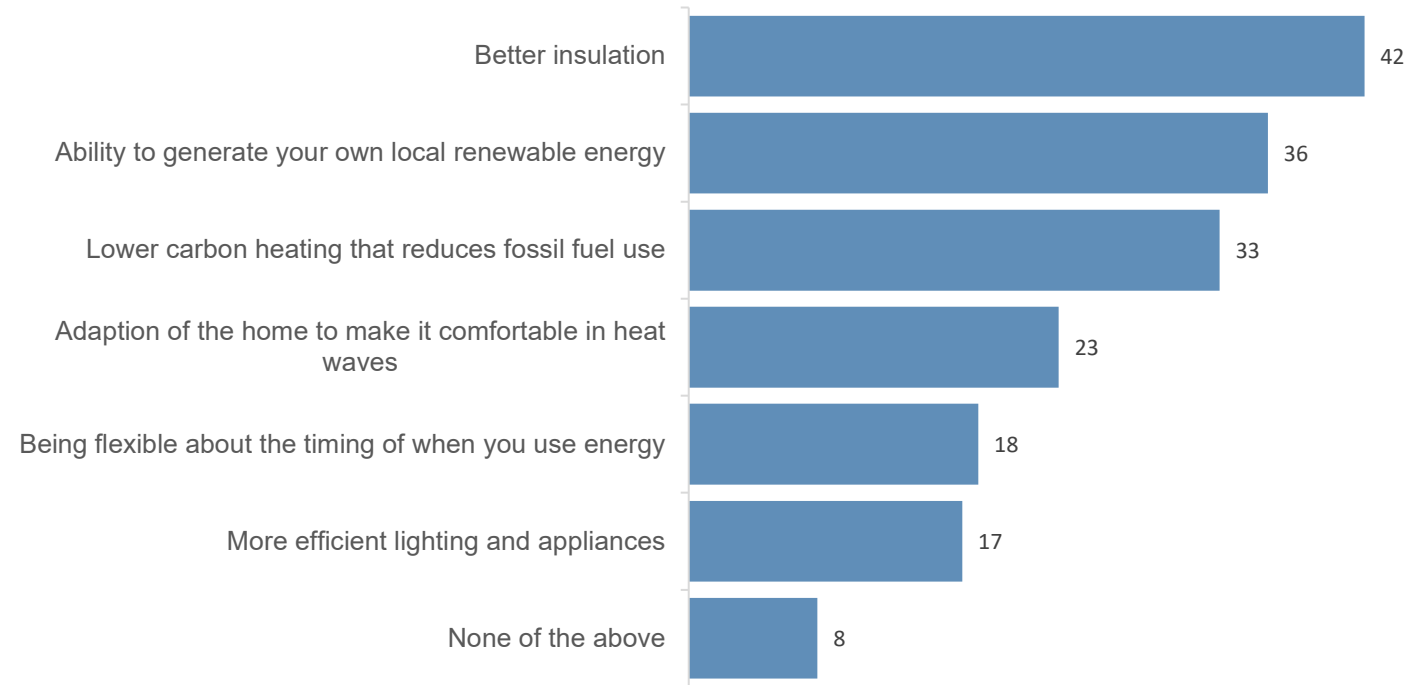


## Actions for buildings

### Takeaways

- High level of interest in better insulation
- Interest in generating renewable energy

In your home / school / business, which of the following would give the greatest benefit to you and the climate?



## Levels of disruption, cost and savings

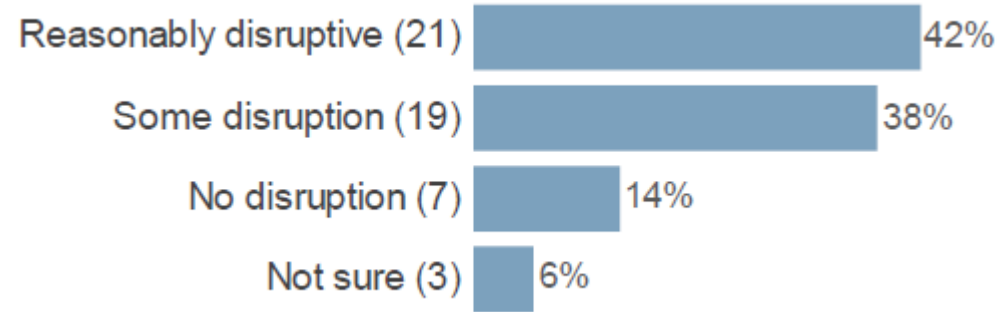
### Takeaways

- People prepared to put up with some disruptions and cost – as long as it's reasonable
- Savings are beneficial, but cost neutral is ok for some people too.

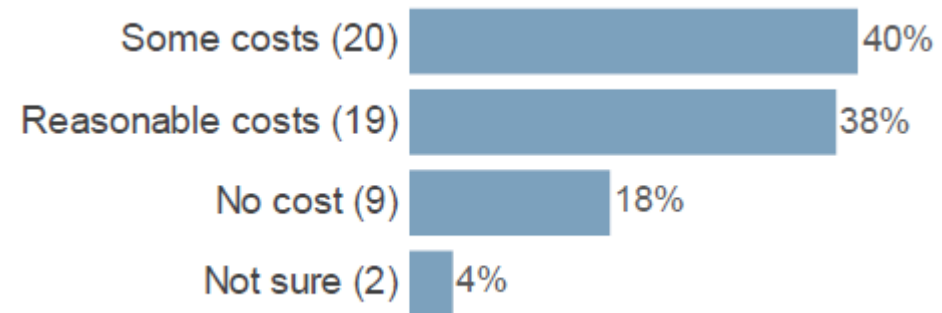
### Emerging actions

- Explore coordination with private retrofit projects in the borough, both by individuals and by organisations

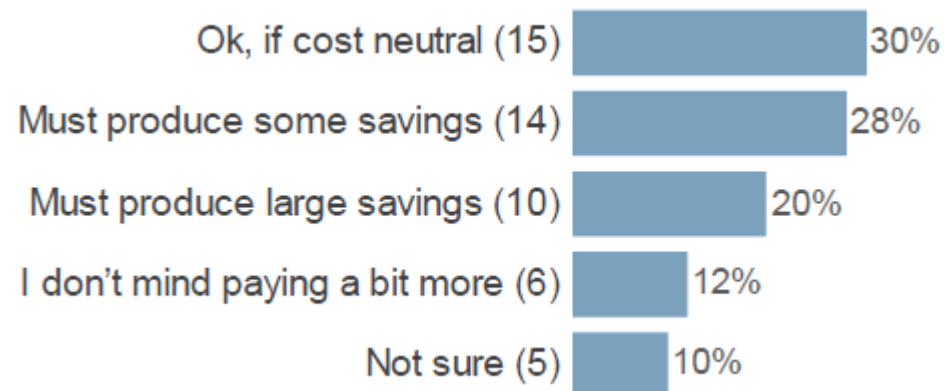
Making these changes often involves disruption, cost but can deliver savings.  
What is the level of disruption you would be happy to put up with?



What is the level of upfront cost you would be happy to pay?



What is the level of savings would you require?



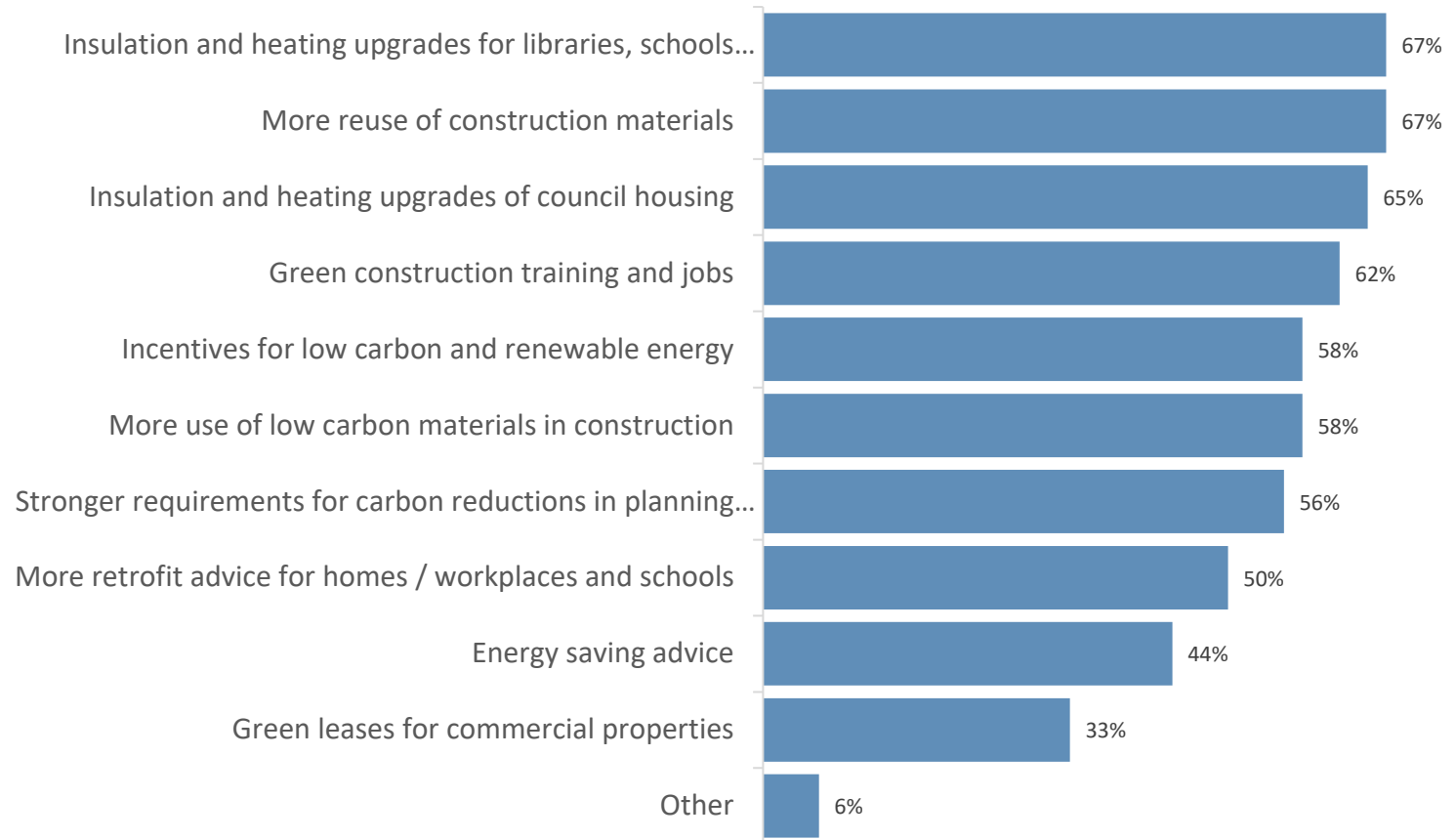


## Actions for buildings – your feedback

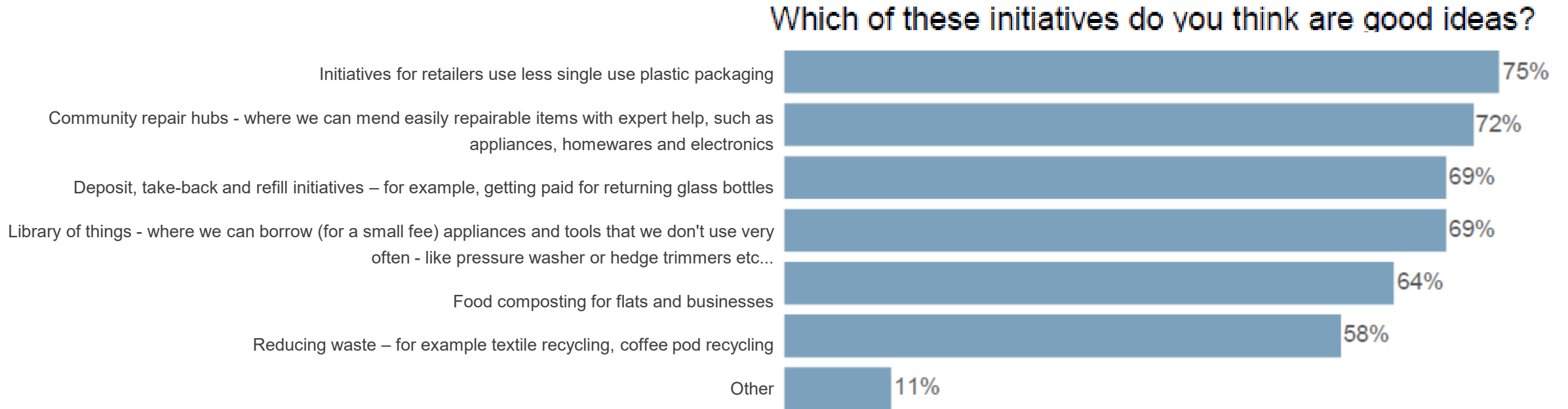
What building initiatives would you like to see?

- Takeaways:
  - Support for existing actions
  - Retrofit of Council housing and Corporate buildings
  - Focus on reuse
  - High interest in green jobs
- Emerging Changes to Actions:
  - A retrofit programme for the borough, reusing materials, training people and providing jobs, would be very popular.

Which of the following building initiatives would you most want to see more of?



## Recycling initiatives – feedback



Takeaways – there is interest in:

- Pressurising retailers to reduce plastic
- Community repair hubs
- Deposit schemes
- Library of things
- Food composting

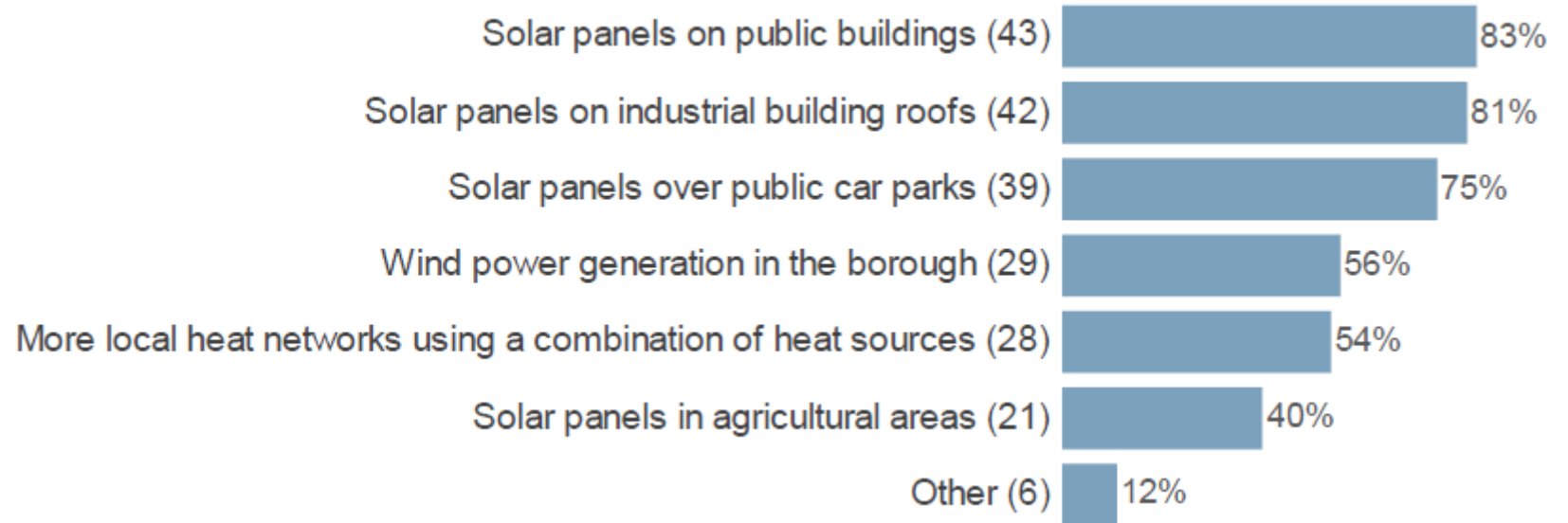
• Emerging Changes to Actions:

- Explore waste reduction through circular economy solutions as well as increasing recycling rates
- Communications and transparency in partnership with NWLA?

## Actions for Energy – your feedback

- What energy actions you would like to see in the borough
- Takeaways
  - Most interest in solar panels on buildings
  - Interest in solar panels over public car parks
  - People interested in wind power in the borough, and more local heat networks.
  - Room for more actions on other opportunities for solar e.g industrial

Would you like to see any of the following in the borough?



- Emerging Changes to Actions:
  - Support for existing actions around solar panels on public buildings and heat networks – strengthen our aspiration?
  - Investigate other opportunities for renewable generation in the borough?

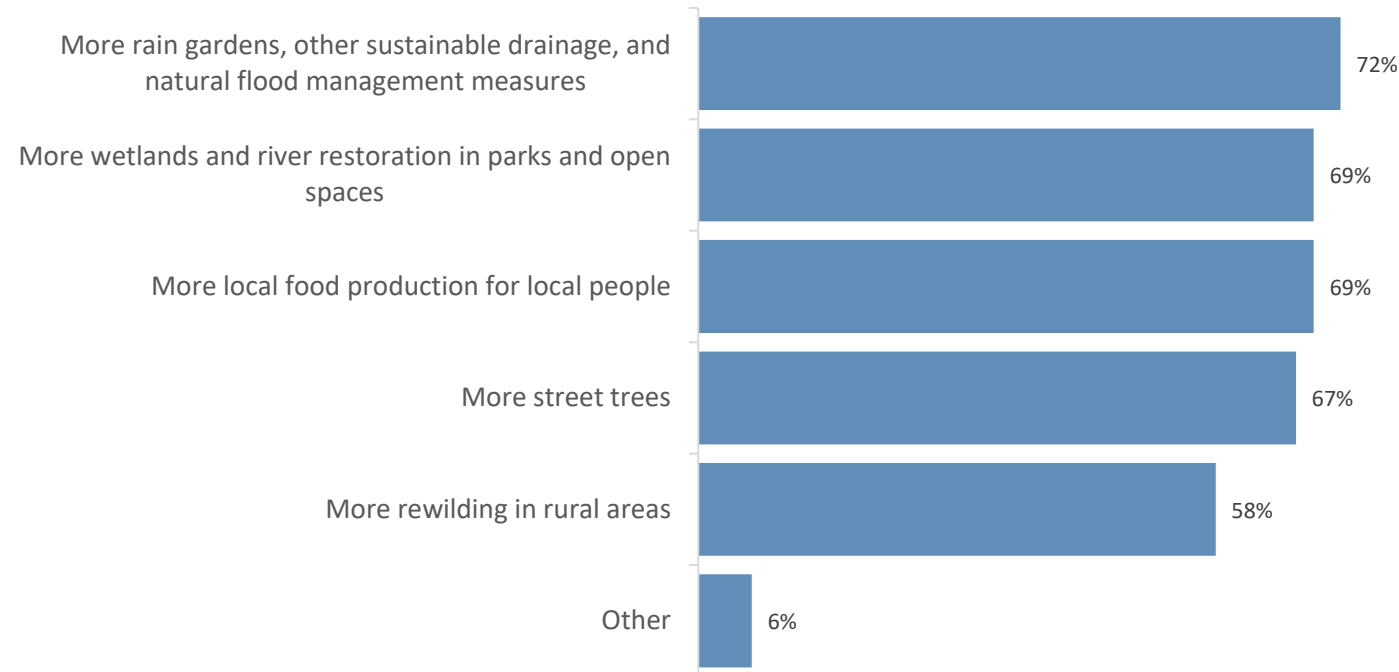
## Actions for the Natural Environment – your feedback

- What natural environment actions you would like to see
- Takeaways
  - Support for existing green initiatives
  - High interest in local food production for local people
  - Large interest in more street trees

### Emerging Changes to Actions:

- Enhance existing actions in response to this and to reflect manifesto pledges
- New action to be reviewed around food production

Which of the following, if any, would you like to see in the borough?





## Actions around Financing the actions – your feedback

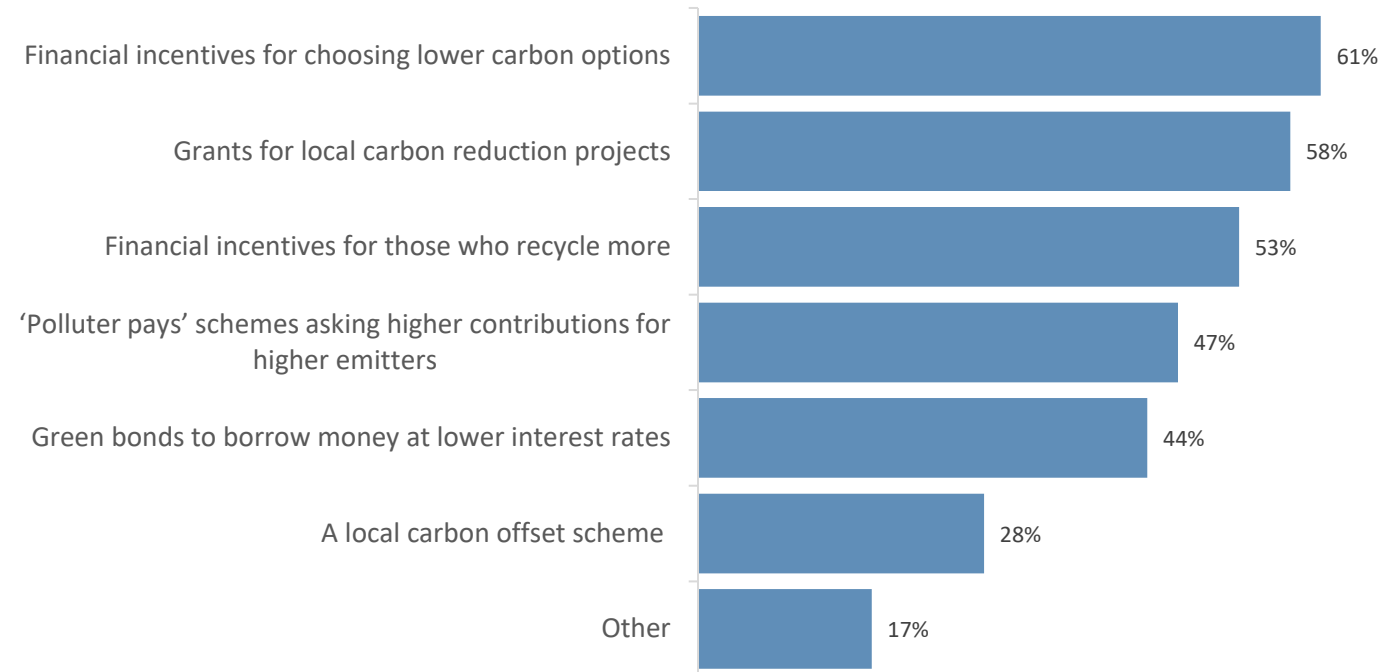
What finance actions you would like to see

- Takeaways
  - Interest in Grants for local carbon reduction projects
  - Interest in financial incentives – for lower carbon options and for those who recycle more

### Emerging Changes to Actions:

- Explore financial incentives for lower carbon choices
- Develop long and short term energy savings communication further
- Explore how council can support low carbon community projects

Which of these initiatives do you think are good ideas?



## Ideas for your area – your feedback

What would you like to see in your area?

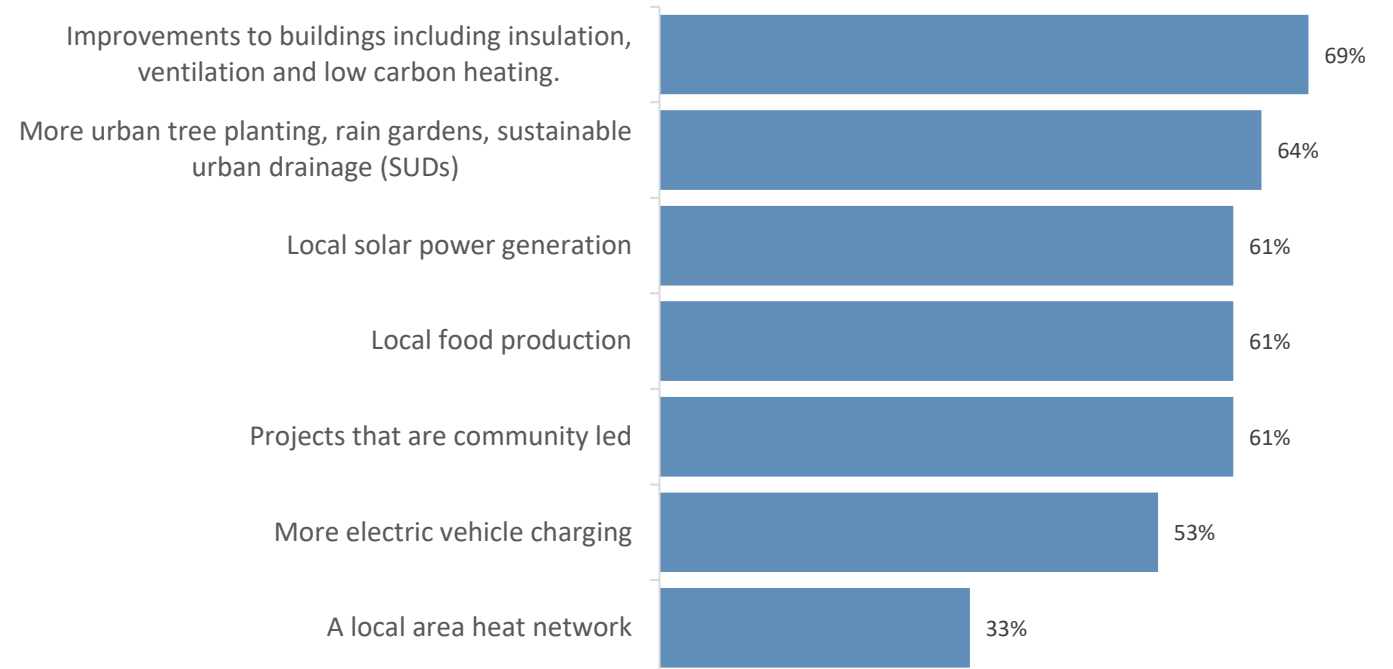
### Takeaways

- Highest interest in retrofit building projects
- High interest in natural environment projects
- Interest in local food production, solar power generation
- Interest in projects that are community led.

### Emerging Changes to Actions:

- Review idea of piloting a local area multi-intervention project

Which of these ideas would you like to see in your local area ('local area' being within 10 minutes walk of where you live)?



## Getting involved

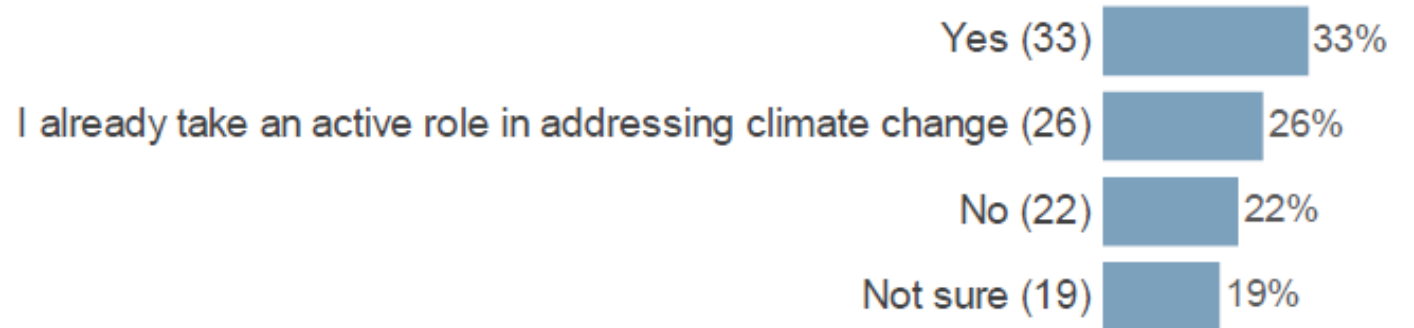
### Takeaways

- Natural environment sparks the most interest
- Residents want to start an Enfield Community Energy Company
- Scout groups would like to get involved in reuse and recycling schemes
- Community climate hubs could this engagement on a month-by-month basis, rather than every two years.

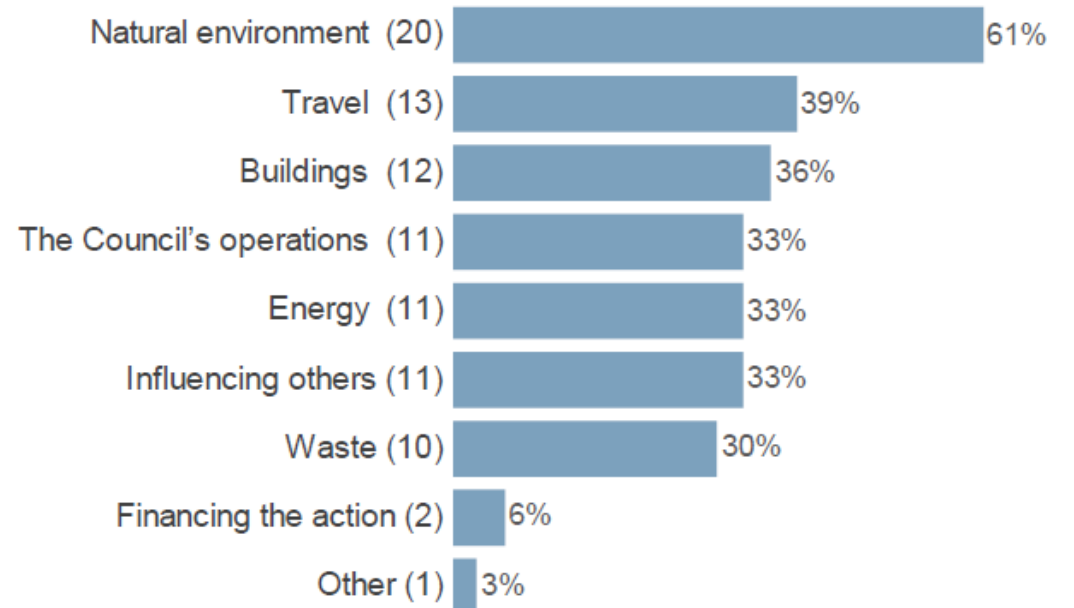
### Emerging Changes to Actions:

- Make adaption to climate change in a critical part of the plan?
- Set out ongoing ways to increase our 'Working in Partnership' part of the CAP

Would you like to take an active role in addressing climate change in the borough?



Which areas of interest are you, or would like to be, involved in?



## Overall reflections of the engagement so far

**Communication** of this complex subject is challenging

Any overview needs to start very simply and clearly.

**Priorities** - not everyone is interested, or has the capacity to be interested

With the current cost of living crisis, reducing emissions by financial incentives and other co-benefits will be important

**So much is going on** in the borough and embedded in organisations already.

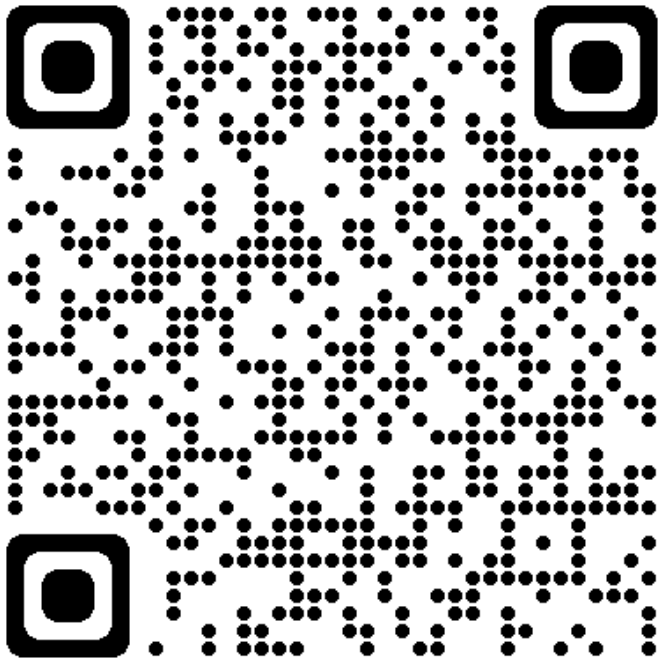
Need to engage with groups to coordinate more on an ongoing basis.

Please note, these are high-level, preliminary reflections



## The Questionnaires are still open – until 30<sup>th</sup> January

- Search '[Enfield council have your say](#)' or use link
- Point your phone camera at the QR code below
- Useful background information and links to the Climate Action Plan
- Follow link the Questionnaire
- Please encourage others



A screenshot of the Enfield Council website's 'Climate action in the borough' page. The page features the Enfield Council logo, a search bar, and navigation links. The main heading is 'Climate action in the borough'. Below this, there is a section for the 'Community Survey' with a green background and an illustration of a family walking a dog. The text on the page includes: 'Status: Current consultation', 'Start date: 25 November 2022', 'Closing date: 08 January 2023', and a call to action: 'Complete our survey to participate in the Climate Action Plan 2022 Review'. The 'Details' section provides information about the council's climate emergency declaration and the survey's purpose. It also includes a quote from the Council's Deputy Leader, Cllr Ergin Erbil, and a list of survey goals: 'Receive feedback, and discuss ideas for any amendments', 'Provide an opportunity to voice concerns and opinions', 'Gather new ideas for climate action', and 'Explore ways of working in partnership.'

## Next steps

Review and collate after 30<sup>th</sup> January

Review outcomes of internal engagement

Strengthen existing actions, add additional actions where missing

Draft next version

While continuing to work to reduce emissions

Bring progress to review at the next Environment Forum