

### Appendix 3 - Thriving Neighbourhoods Consultation (March-May 2023)

A consultation exercise took place between March – May 2023 to inform the setting of Elected Members ward priorities, promote the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy and inform the Delivery Plan and Full Equality Analysis.

The consultation involved a range of community-based meetings, presentations, and drop-ins across all 25 wards as well as an online questionnaire. 400 residents contributed either online or at a ward event. A summary of the findings is captured below.

Elected Members received a similar summary specific for their ward which also included additional comments and suggestions about how to tackle the issues identified.

Residents were asked to pick two options under each heading (note - some selected more than two).

#### 1. An Ideal Successful & Thriving Neighbourhood

<b>Safe and welcoming with a good community spirit</b>	
Feeling safe	245
Good neighbours and a sense community spirit	224
Community events	94
Able to have your say on the things that matter to you	91
Activities and support for older people	69
<b>Happy, healthy and love where you live</b>	
Clean and well-maintained streets	198
Parks and green spaces	150
Local shops and places to eat & drink	121
Doctors and medical centres	94
Leisure/community centres and libraries	80
Good quality housing	69
<b>Opportunities to use knowledge and skills</b>	
Activities and support for children and young people	162
Good schools	135
Opportunities for employment	131
Community organisations and Parish Councils	109
Able to get online	71

## 2. Best things about your neighbourhood

<b>Safe and welcoming with a good community spirit</b>	
Good neighbours and a sense community spirit	181
Feeling safe	112
Community events	99
Activities and support for older people	60
Able to have your say on the things that matter to you	58
<b>Happy, healthy and love where you live</b>	
Parks and green spaces	143
Local shops and places to eat & drink	104
Doctors and medical centres	89
Leisure/community centres and libraries	78
Clean and well-maintained streets	70
Good quality housing	47
<b>Opportunities to use knowledge and skills</b>	
Good schools	113
Able to get online	96
Community organisations and Parish Councils	85
Opportunities for employment	62
Activities and support for children and young people	56

## 3. Neighbourhood Improvements

<b>Safe and welcoming with a good community spirit</b>	
Feeling safe	183
Community events	110
Able to have your say on the things that matter to you	110
Good neighbours and a sense community spirit	100
Activities and support for older people	82
<b>Happy, healthy and love where you live</b>	
Clean and well-maintained streets	198
Local shops and places to eat & drink	102
Doctors and medical centres	91
Parks and green spaces	91
Leisure/community centres and libraries	66
Good quality housing	61
<b>Opportunities to use knowledge and skills</b>	
Activities and support for children and young people	142
Opportunities for employment	105
Community organisations and Parish Councils	94
Good schools	88
Able to get online	48

Note – the following were frequently mentioned as areas for improvement under 'other comments' -

- public transport (mainly bus services)
- road safety
- quality of roads (repairs / potholes)
- transport infrastructure / congestion

#### 4. Summary

It is acknowledged that the number of respondents (400) is a small sample size, and the results should be considered accordingly.

According to those that responded -

The **most important things** that make up a successful and thriving neighbourhood are –

- Feeling safe
- Good neighbours and a sense community spirit
- Clean and well-maintained streets
- Parks and green spaces
- Activities and support for children and young people

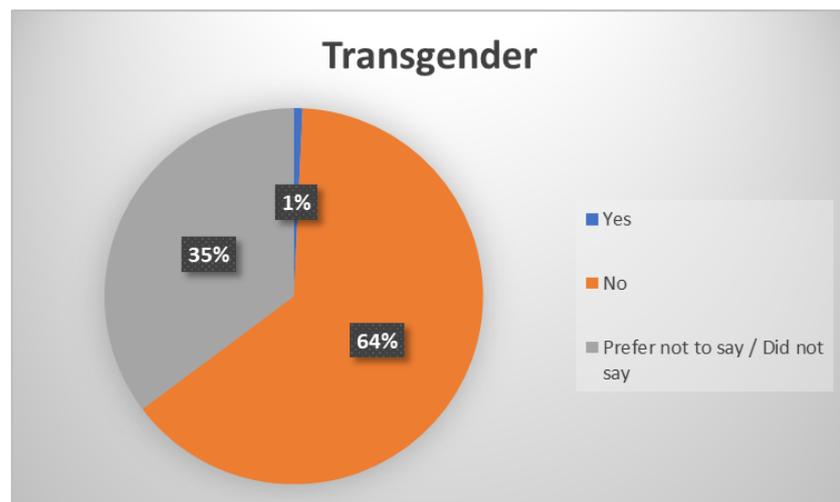
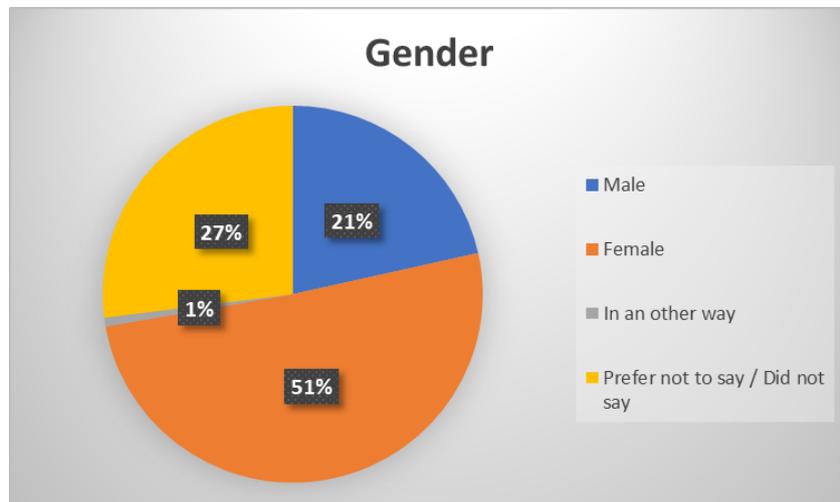
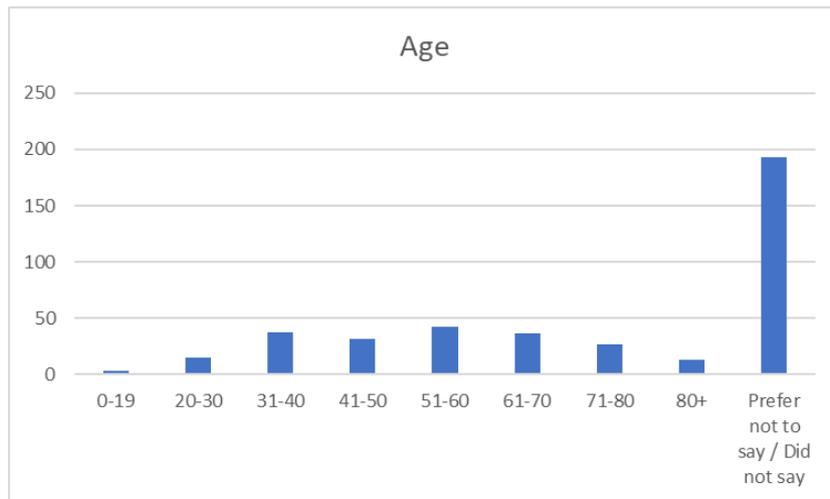
The **best things** about their neighbourhoods are –

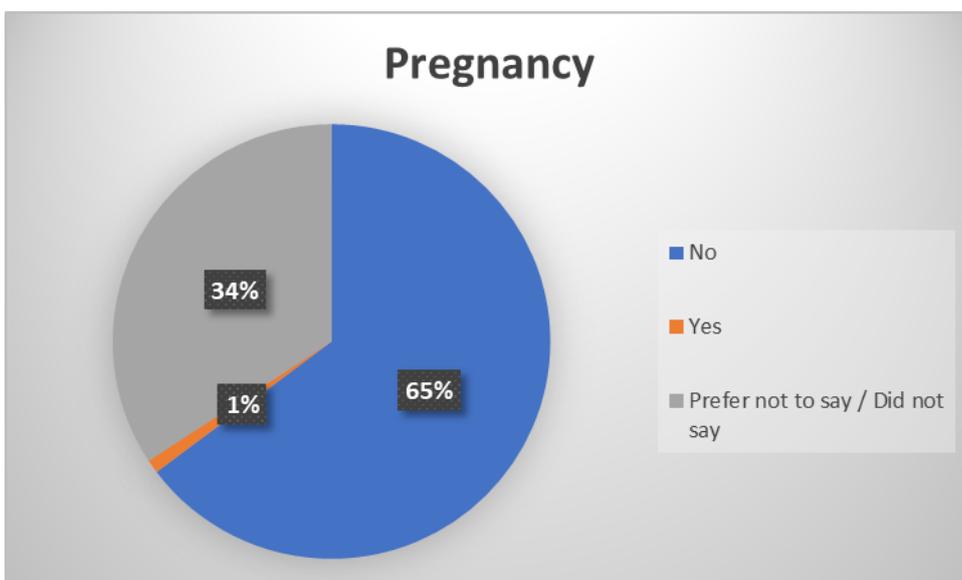
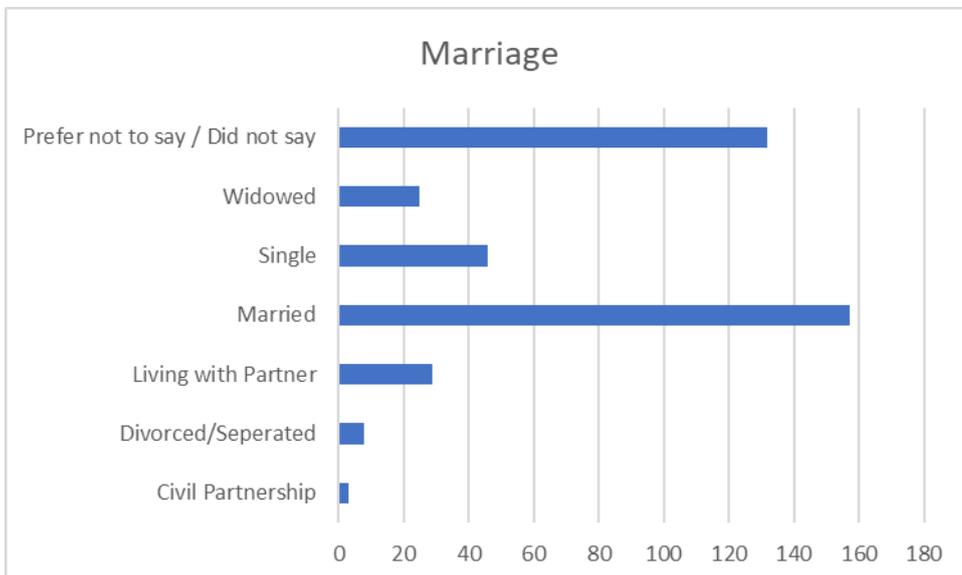
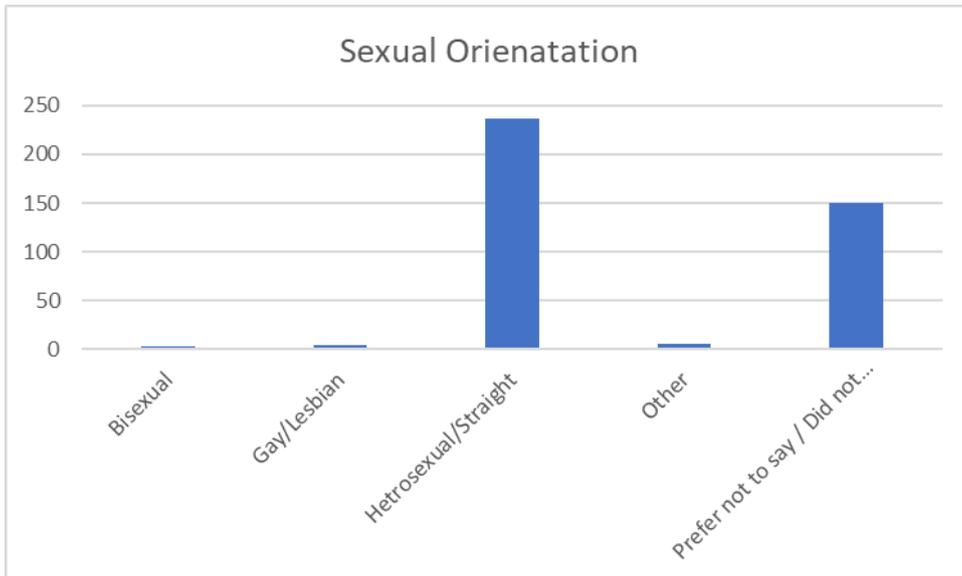
- Good neighbours and a sense community spirit
- Feeling safe
- Parks and green spaces
- Local shops and places to eat & drink
- Good schools

The **improvements** that needed to be made in their neighbourhoods are –

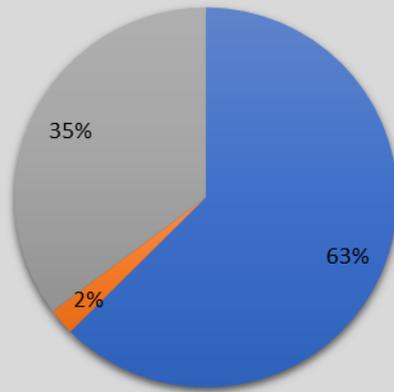
- Feeling safe
- Clean and well-maintained streets
- Activities and support for children and young people

## 5. Equality Monitoring





## Maternity



■ No ■ Yes ■ Prefer not to say / Did not say

## Disability



■ No ■ Yes ■ Prefer not to say / Did not say

## Ethnicity

