

Report on the Broadstone Together survey

The aim of the Broadstone Together survey was to capture common opinions from our neighbourhood that may inform the Broadstone Together submission for the Dublin City Development Plan. Besides the DCDP, this survey can also help guide residents' associations in prioritising actions and activities.

For this report, highly paired down qualitative research methods have predominantly been used to analyse and report the results from the survey. Qualitative methods aim to systematically and objectively provide insights into reasons and motivations of individuals, while minimising bias. From this, common narratives can be found.

Methods

Survey

The survey (found here: <https://www.tinyurl.com/broadstonetogether>) was provided to by email and post to all households within the area shown in Figure 1. All respondents were given approximately two weeks to complete the survey.

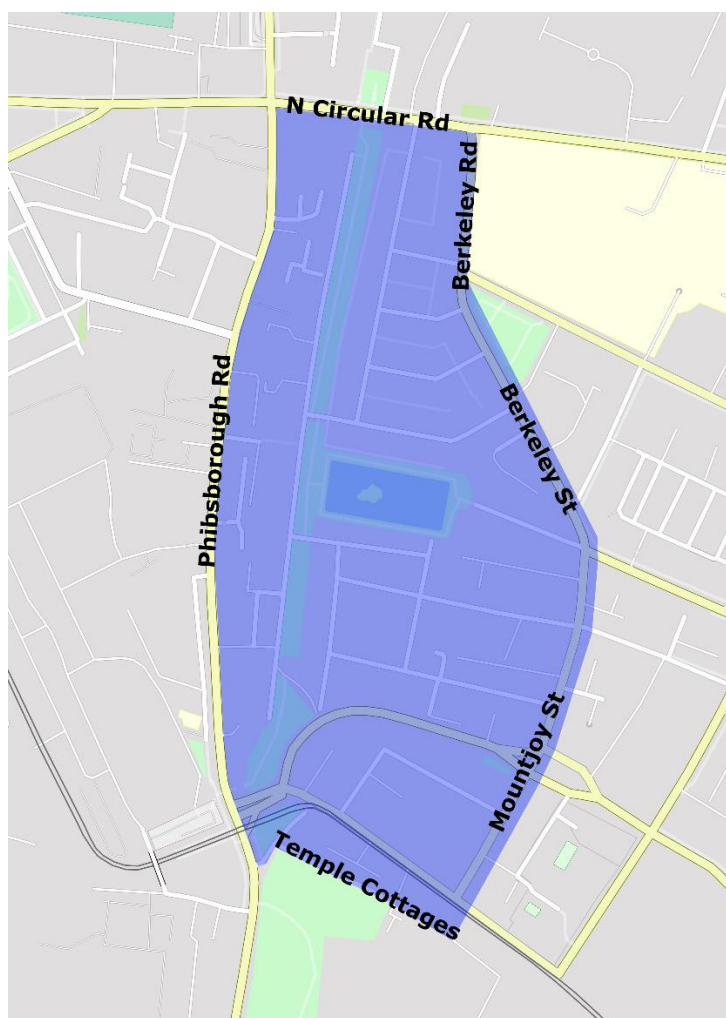


Figure 1. The Broadstone Together survey area

Analysis

To find these common narratives, each answer to all survey questions has been analysed and opinions that relate to the question have been coded to provide the relative frequency of common opinions. Only answers that relate to the question itself are included, however, in some cases, answers from very similar questions have been combined (notes of this have been added to the spreadsheet). Room for interpretation has been kept to a minimum. Answers to multiple choice questions were counted.

Each section of this report will present the results for each section of the survey. The results of the survey will be presented as:

- Frequencies of multiple-choice answers
- Frequencies of coded opinions
- Selected individual answers that most closely illustrate the common opinions expressed

The aim of this report is to provide a backdrop on which the Broadstone Together submission to the Draft Dublin City Development Plan can be designed.

Results

Survey response and demographics

After **3** duplicates responses were removed, **85** unique responses to the survey were recorded.

From the results in Figure 2 can be seen that almost half of the respondents have lived in the area for 10 years or less.

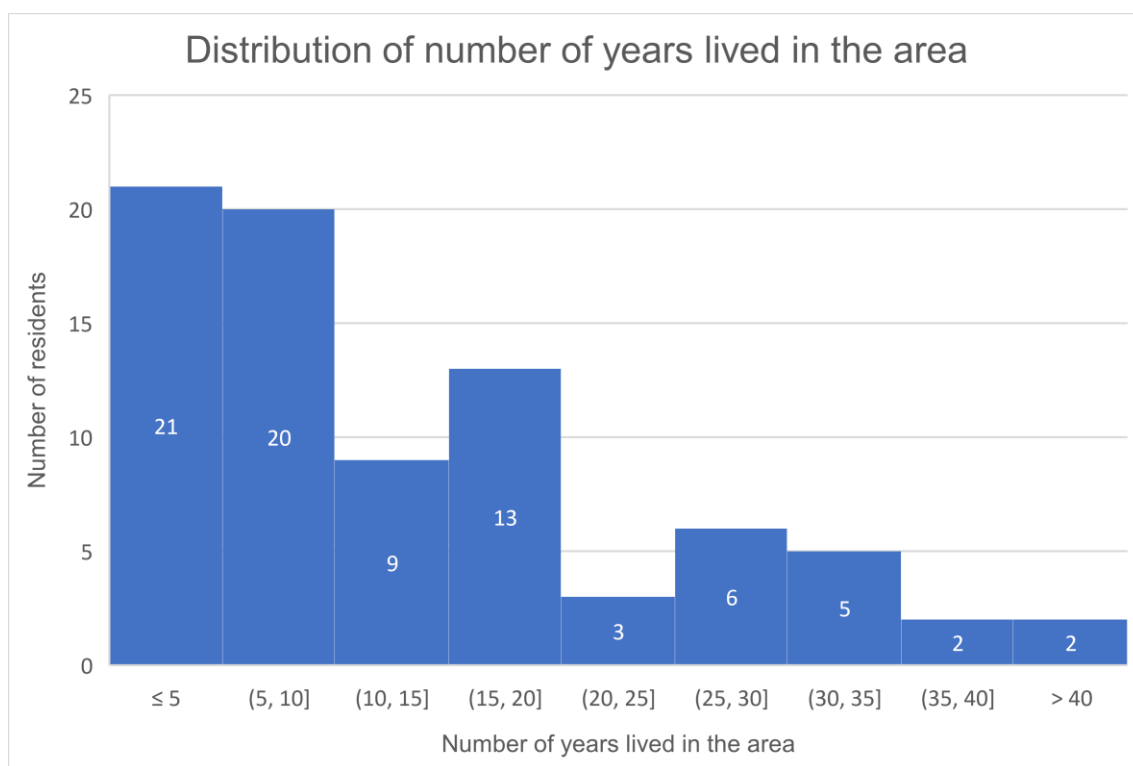


Figure 2. Distribution of residents by number of years lived in the area.

Section: The area in general

Question: What do you like about living here?

78 total responses, 77 valid responses.

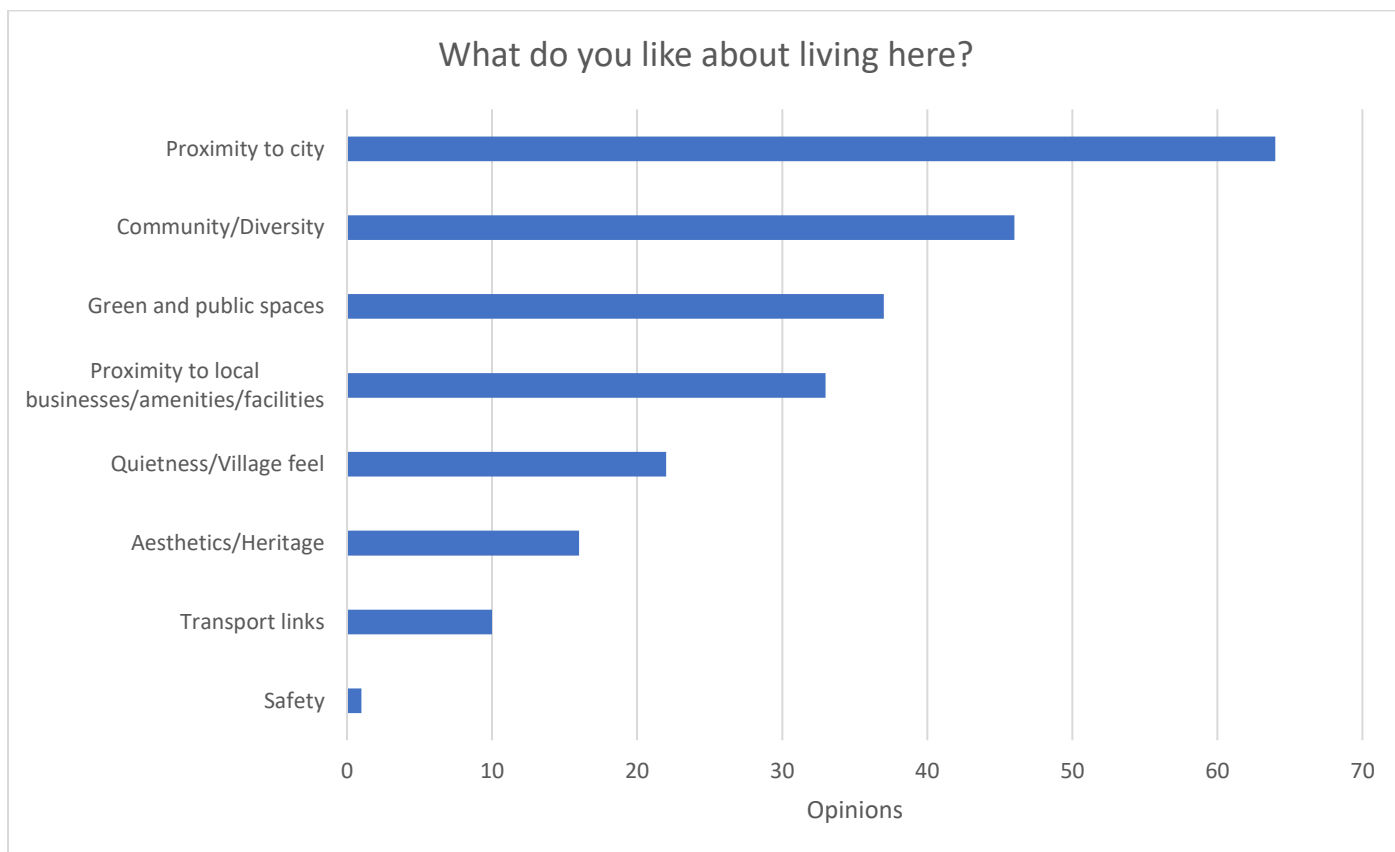


Figure 3. What do you like about living here?

Table 1. Illustrative answers: What do you like about living here?

<p><i>The community, particularly its diversity and energy. The amount of parks, green spaces and trees, the iconic architecture and rich cultural heritage. The amount of artists, musicians and other creatives in the community. How it's so close to the city centre and yet retains the feel of a tightly-knit urban village. The Broadstone Community Garden and the Broadstone Basin.</i></p>
<p><i>Proximity to city, quiet streets and the area maintains a small community feel to the neighbourhood. Improved green spaces in the area - the basin, canal park walk etc.</i></p>
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Question: Are there negative aspects about living here?

80 total responses, 78 valid responses.

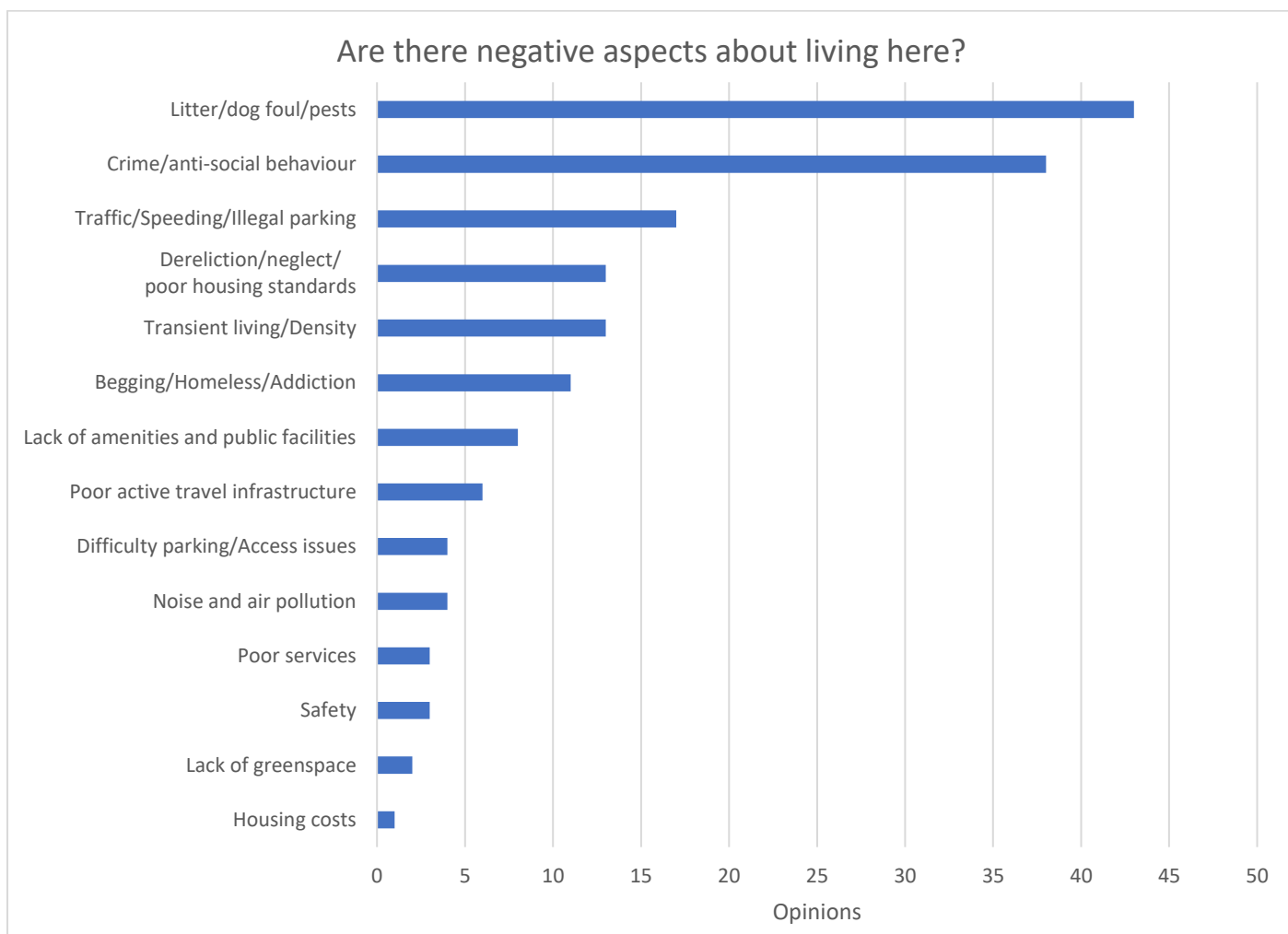


Figure 4. Are there negative aspects about living here?

Table 2. Illustrative answers: Are there negative aspects about living here?

<p><i>The amount of rubbish, illegal dumping, dog waste and illegal parking. Where are all the rubbish bins??? This is one of the most densely populated areas of the city and yet DCC keep removing public bins from the area to 'stop illegal dumping'. Why are there no bins for dog waste? Also, DCC don't bother clamping illegally parked vehicles in this part of the city. The area seems more geared towards cars passing through than the residents who walk, cycle, socialise and inhabit Broadstone's spaces. Anti-social behaviour is also an issue, particularly around the local parks. Finally, the proliferation of 'Co-Living' developments and student accommodation, which will create a transient community that have no ties to the area. We need sustainable and affordable housing that serves our community.</i></p>
<p><i>Local low level crime, general vandalism / antisocial behaviour. Lack of pedestrian friendly areas - such as outdoor seating and wide pathways in Phibsborough village. There is an issue with being safe alone at night on streets, with aggressive begging and intimidation. There is a disproportionate amount / an influx of people using services for homelessness and addiction in the area. There is an issue with poor housing standards throughout the area, that spills onto the street in the form of refuse bags and litter.</i></p>
<p><i>A lot more than our fair share of antisocial behaviour. My street (Fontenoy St) is a thoroughfare for pedestrians on their way to the basin and there's huge amount of opportunistic crime. We cannot leave our door open or a bike out (even locked) as we will be robbed. My house has been broken into 3 times and I had 4 bikes stolen before I just gave up. My car has ben vandalised 3 times and broken into twice. A lot of people who walk their dogs and don't clean up after them. Very nearby Mountjoy St., Blessington St. have big litter problems with bins spilling on footpaths etc. There is a lot of visible poverty and disadvantage. There's also a large transient population and a large vulnerable population. I don't feel safe on my phone in the neighbourhood as it could be snatched and I'm always alert with my bag etc. I find it depressing that there's always someone begging outside our local shop and that doesn't seem to be the case further away from town or in more salubrious neighbourhoods. I feel safer in other neighbourhoods.</i></p>

Question: Has the area improved or disimproved in the time that you have lived here?

83 total responses.

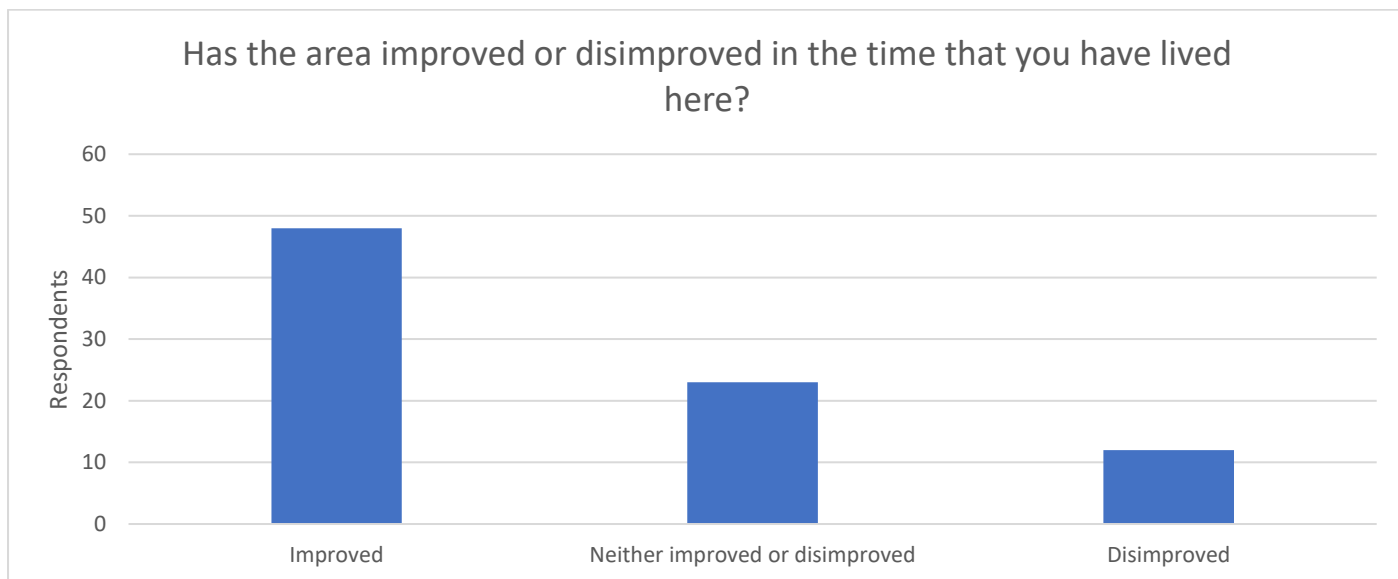


Figure 5. Has the area improved or disimproved in the time that you have lived here?

Question: Please clarify your answer above.

74 total responses, 59 valid responses.

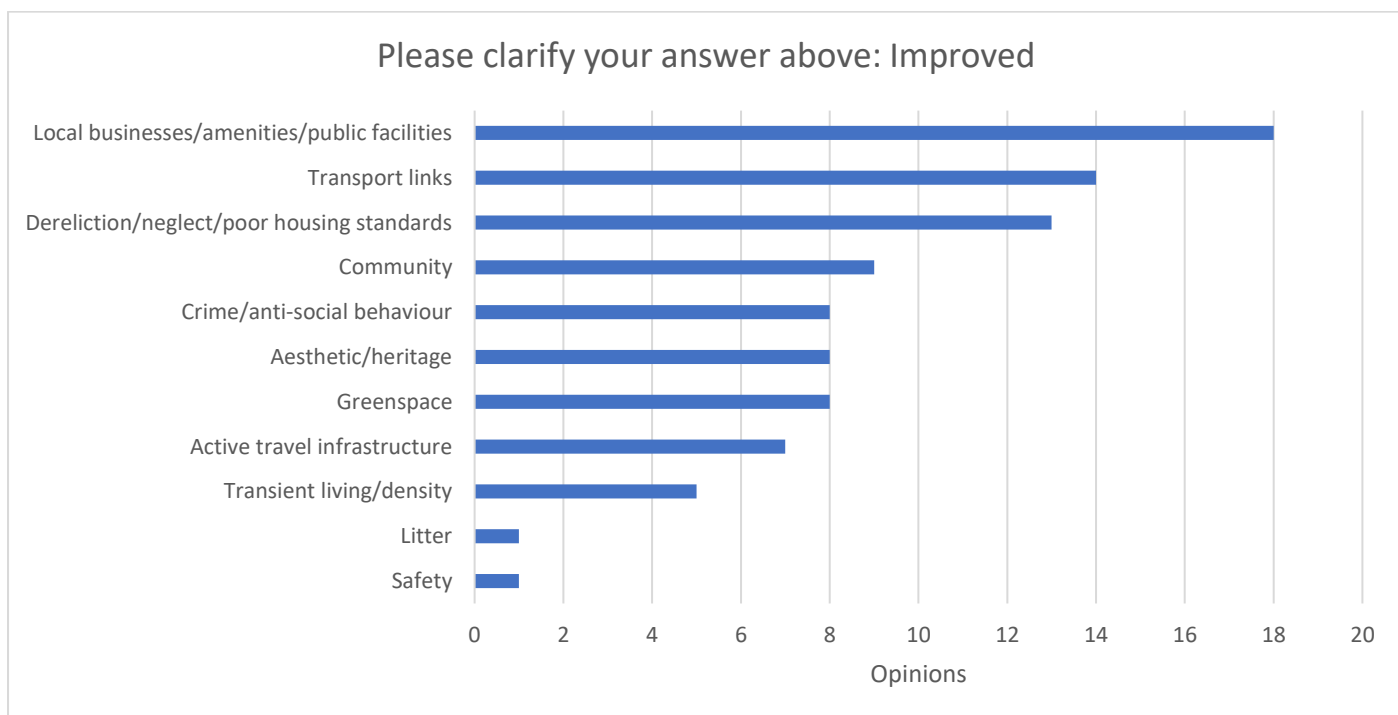


Figure 6. What has improved?

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The Luas has been incredibly beneficial to the area and the Broadstone Plaza, once opened, will result in an excellent new public realm space for the community. Also, the development of the neighbouring TUD Campus at Grangegorman is welcome, as it has resulted in a wonderful new green space, as well as the restoration and conservation of architectural heritage in the locale.

There used to be joyriding which made me feel very unsafe. There are some nicer amenities now such as cafes & restaurants. The basin is kept very well. But I do feel our neighbourhood is forgotten about and that the law abiding and law respecting residents pay the price for sharing the neighbourhood with others who don't share that trait. Such as taking away our bins and postbox.

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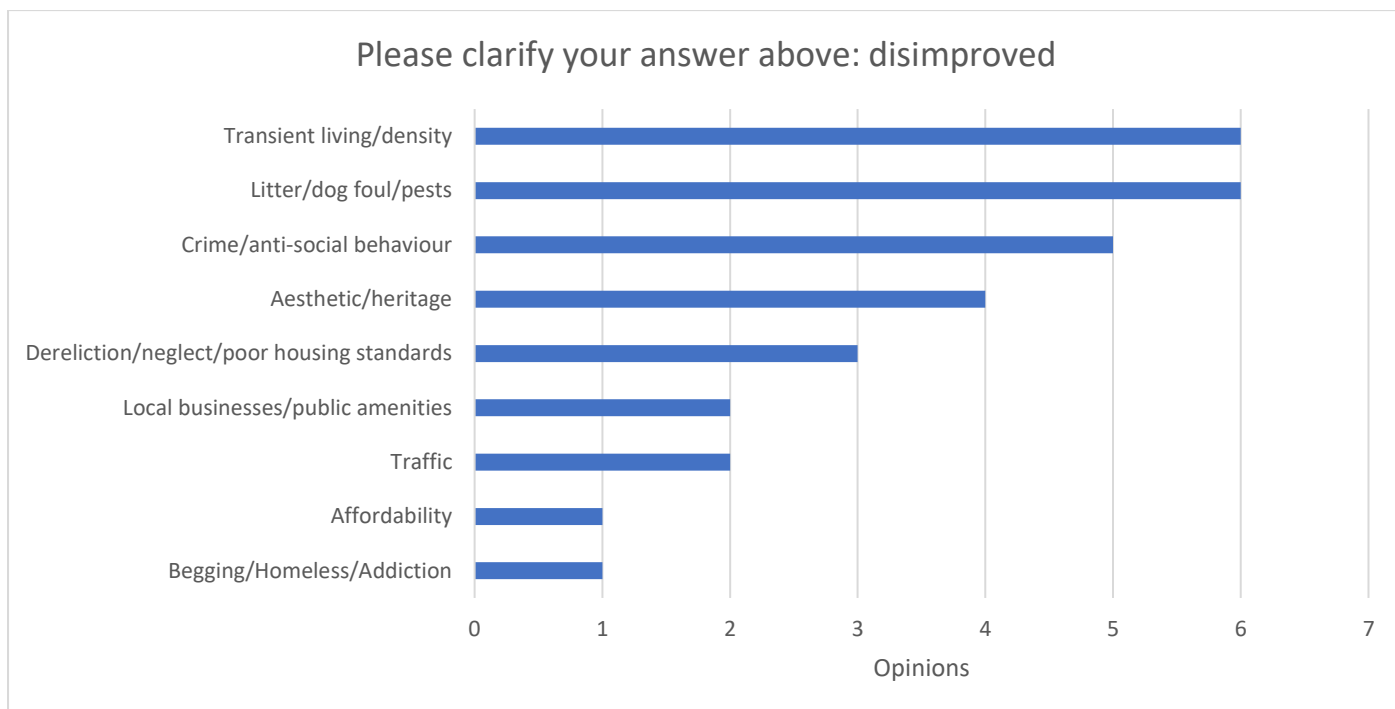


Figure 7. What has disimproved?

Table 4. Illustrative answers: What has disimproved?

I consider the area a litter blackspot. I also believe the area has been dis-improved due to ugly apartment developments; co-living/ student accommodation and very ugly shop fronts

The litter issue appears to be getting worse.

It has improved in some areas and disimproved in others. Littering/dumping problem not being addressed by DCC, huge increase in developing unsuitable, overpriced accommodation. Community activism has driven improvements.

Section: Section: Community and community facilities

Question: Do you feel a sense of community?

83 total responses.

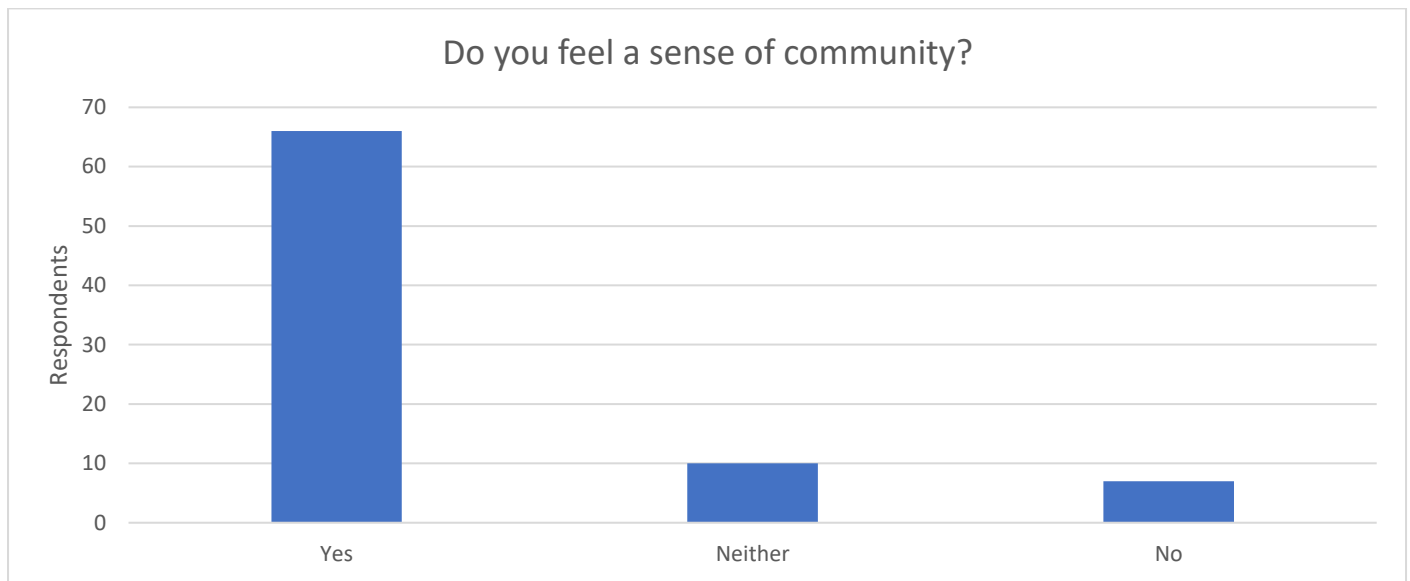


Figure 8. Has the area improved or disimproved in the time that you have lived here?

Question: Please clarify.

69 total responses, 63 valid responses.

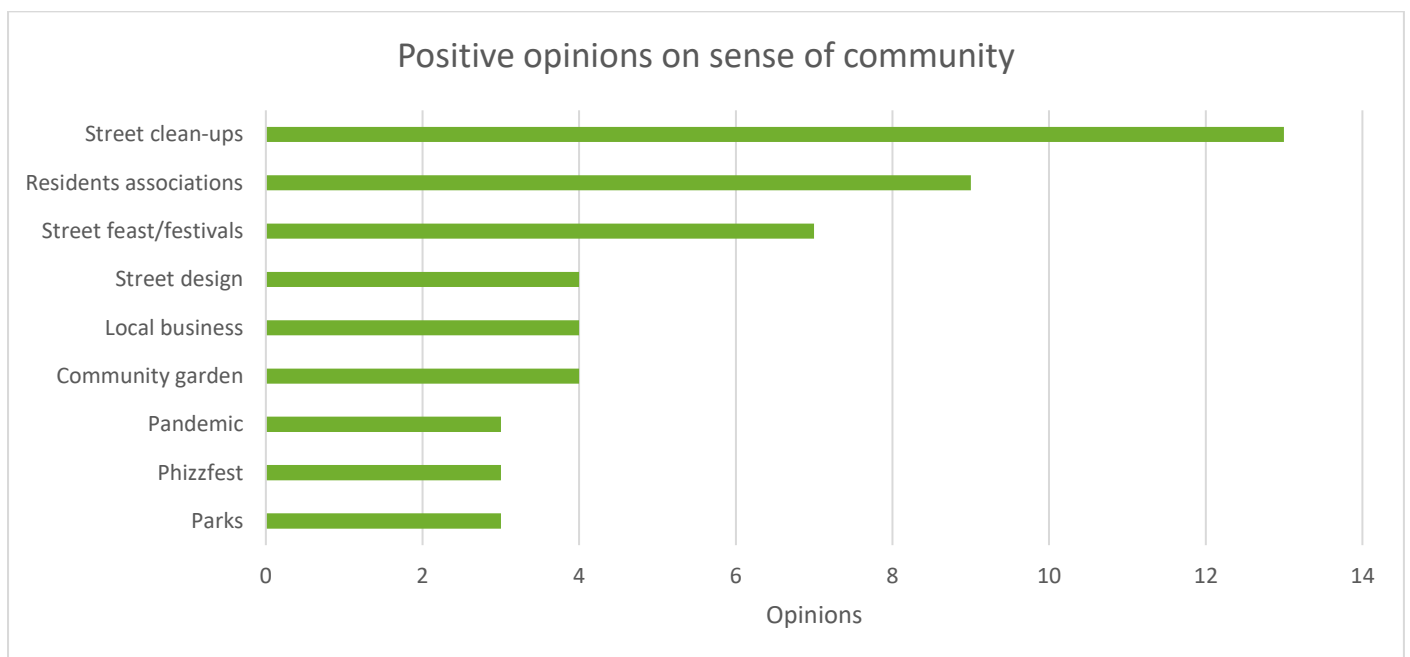


Figure 9. Positive opinions on sense of community

Table 5. Illustrative answers: Positive opinions on sense of community?

We know many neighbours by name. Neighbours are generally are open minded and inclusive. Email list keeps us informed of relevant matters and allow neighbours to get in touch and raise issues. Lots of initiatives e.g. community garden, street party, street clean ups, flower tubs etc.

Broadstone Basin Residents Association, annual Street Feast and regular clean ups greatly contribute to this and offer an opportunity to meet neighbours. Also the layout of the streets/lack of front gardens makes it easier to bump into neighbours.

I have been immersed in the Community via the Broadstone Community Garden, the locals that I have met through Cumiskey's Pub and the other amenities. The street I live on also has a great sense of togetherness and community.

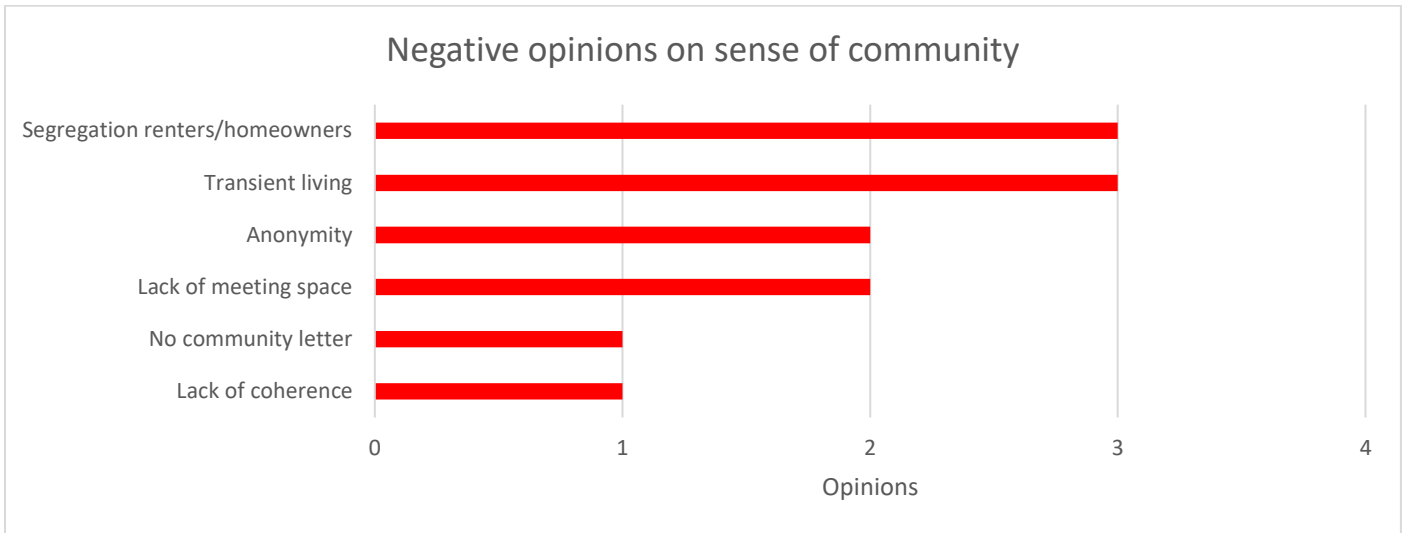


Figure 10. Negative opinions on sense of community

Table 6. Illustrative answers: Positive opinions on sense of community?

Many houses have no front gardens, so there is no reason to be outside the front of your house (e.g. mowing a lawn etc.) which would provide a way to meet neighbours. As mentioned in previous question, an indoor space or even a website, directing people to local clubs and activities.

In three years we've started to interact with a few neighbours, but there's not that much sense of a wider community where we are. It feels as if there's a divide between renters and home owners.

Many properties still in flats so transient nature of occupancy. Recent student accommodation development contributing further to this.

Question: What do you think may strengthen our community?

68 total responses, 64 valid responses.

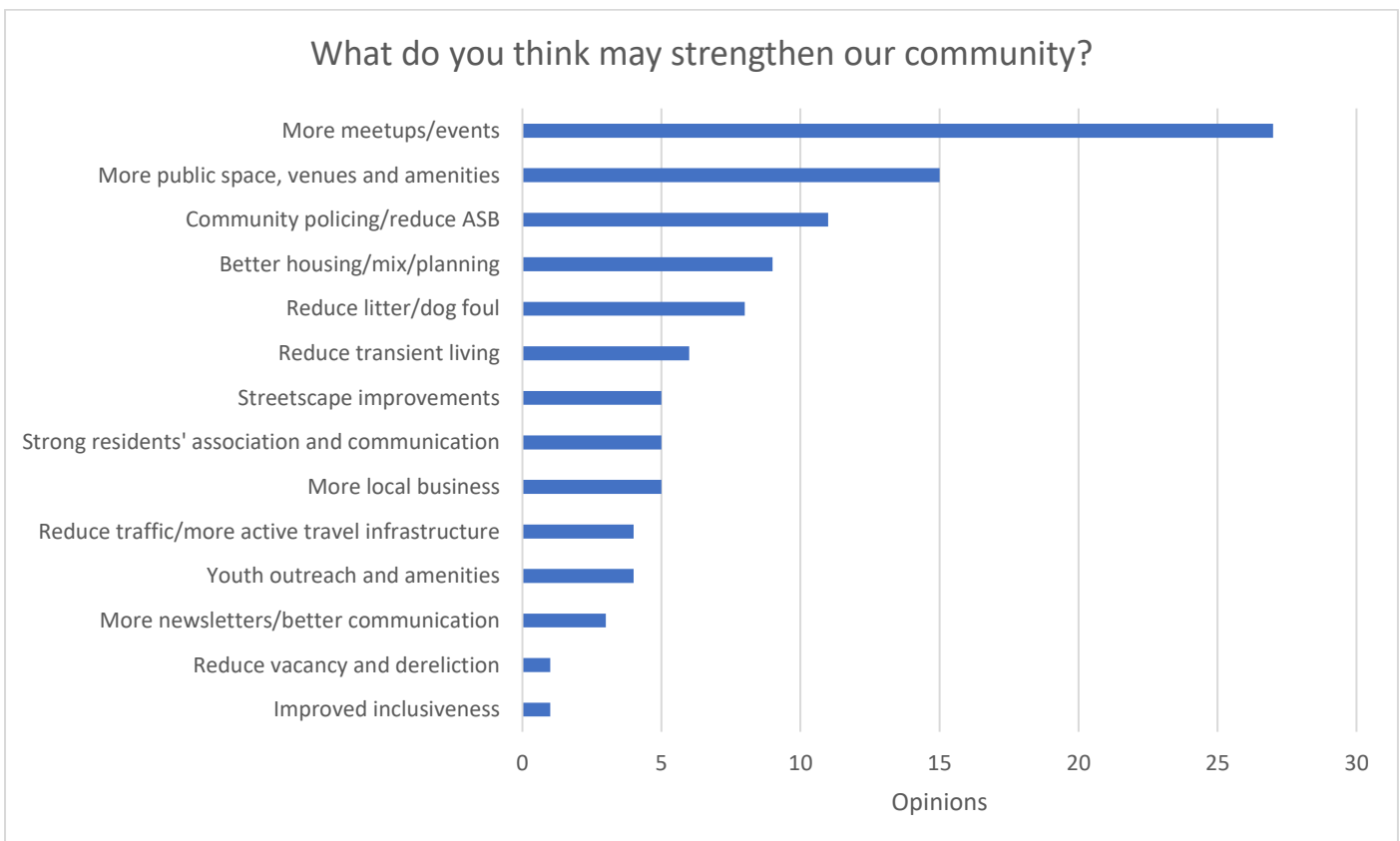


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<p>A greater Broadstone watch group, and further interaction with residents from surrounding areas. An annual event - such as Phizzfest, Syoneybatter Festival would be great - perhaps a street feast hook up with residents on Palmerston Place</p>
<p>More indoor spaces to congregate (without eating / drinking). Organised community activities (e.g. street clean up, planting, parties). More visible neighbourhood groups (perhaps more on social media?).</p>
<p>We need to develop a Tidy Towns Committee (the Phibsborough one doesn't encompass Broadstone). We need to showcase our residents associations and the Broadstone Community Garden more, as they enable residents to come together. We should also develop a local community festival, arts festival, to bring Broadstone's diverse residents together to communicate, celebrate and showcase some of the amazing work and outputs of the local residents.</p>
<p>A more present neighbour association, street local organised events such as. street cleaning day, street celebration day (i.e. where locals bake or cook and enjoy it all together on tables organised somewhere at the top of our street...), any event that can strengthen and build further more the relations between each neighbours</p>
<p>More owner occupied housing that is suitable for lifespan living. Clubs and supports for teenagers to give them somewhere to go and keep them out of trouble. More investment into community policing. Quotas per area so that every area in Dublin has to take their quota of transient accommodations, hostels drug support places etc. A development plan for the area based on what is needed - not allowing one type of development to dominate - just because that is where the developers make the most money. Cultural activities to assist the community to become better integrated. Keeping the streets clean and fines for litterers. Landlords should be responsible to keep their properties litter free. The rodent issue also needs to be addressed.</p>

Question: What community facilities, if any, would you like to see added to the area?

72 total responses, 65 valid responses.

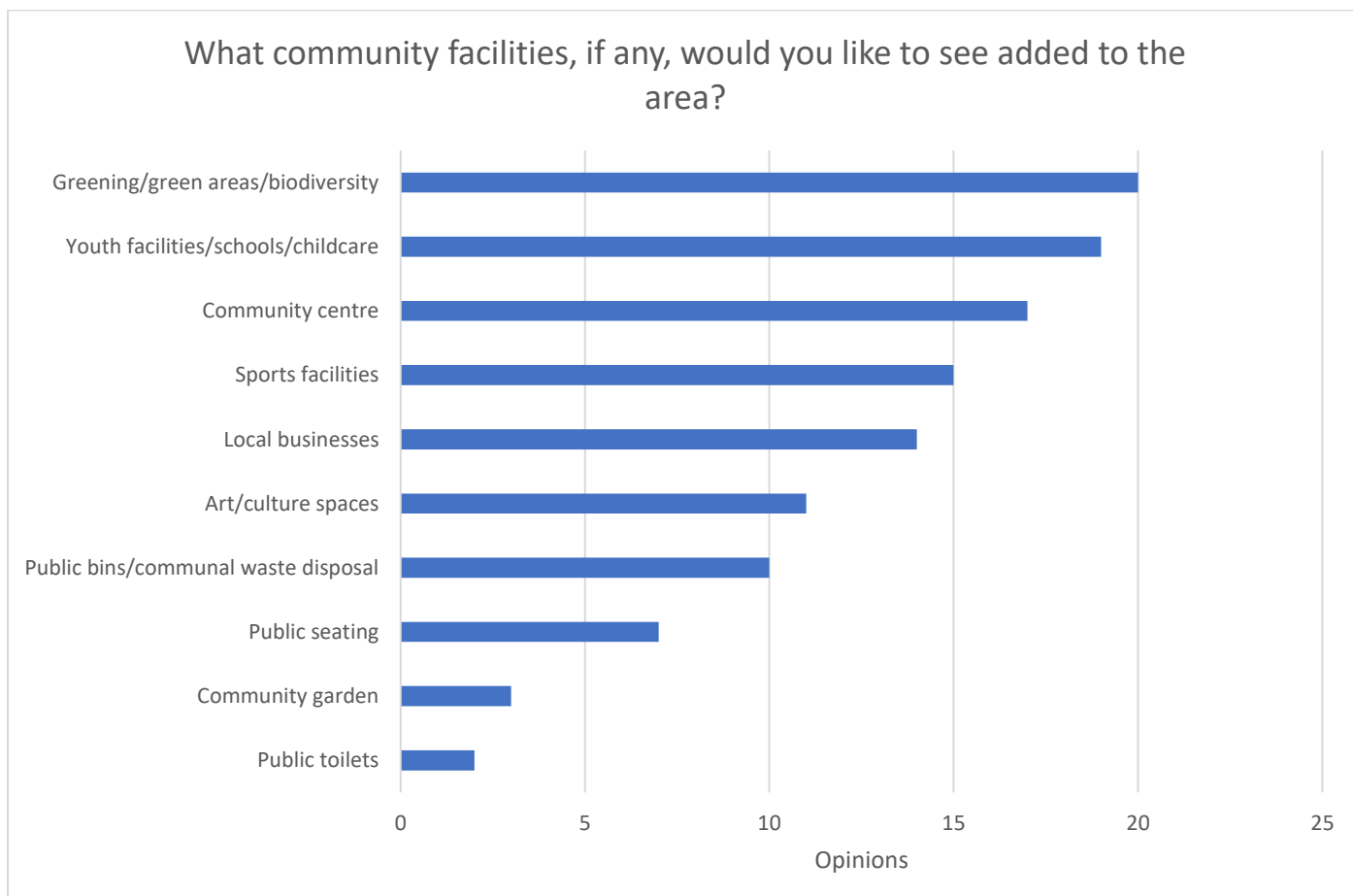


Figure 12. What community facilities, if any, would you like to see added to the area?

Table 8. Illustrative answers: What community facilities, if any, would you like to see added to the area?

<p>Wider footpaths, cycle routes, safe segregated cycle lanes on busy main roads, more greening, trees, planting, seating/benches, public realm space, infill pocket parks on bits of derelict sites/patches of ground. A swimming pool, theatre/cinema/art gallery general community space.</p>
<p>More public bins, secure spaces for bike parking and some public art to brighten up the area and derelict buildings. A key need is that existing community facilities are properly maintained and that DCC liaise with local community groups more to empower and facilitate us to organise clean-up days and planting initiatives. I would also welcome more public seating and biodiversity areas in the parks.</p>
<p>Something for young people, when I was a child/ teen there were supervised playgrounds with organised indoor activities in bad weather, a handball alley and youth clubs. I know times have changed but public facilities removed were not replaced by a considered public response to the needs of our young people. So there is a heavy reliance on private leisure facilities which is only for the people who can afford it. What about a skatepark and a couple of all weather tennis courts?</p>
<p>Sport facility such as the use of our local Boxing Club as ground / place for outdoor / indoor sporting activities such as keep fit classes for adults & kids, specific pilates / toning classes for all ages, mobility classes for over 60s</p>
<p>A space to act as a centre for meetings, classes, children's activities etc.</p>

Question: What community facilities, if any, would you like to see added to the area?

51 total responses, 42 valid responses.

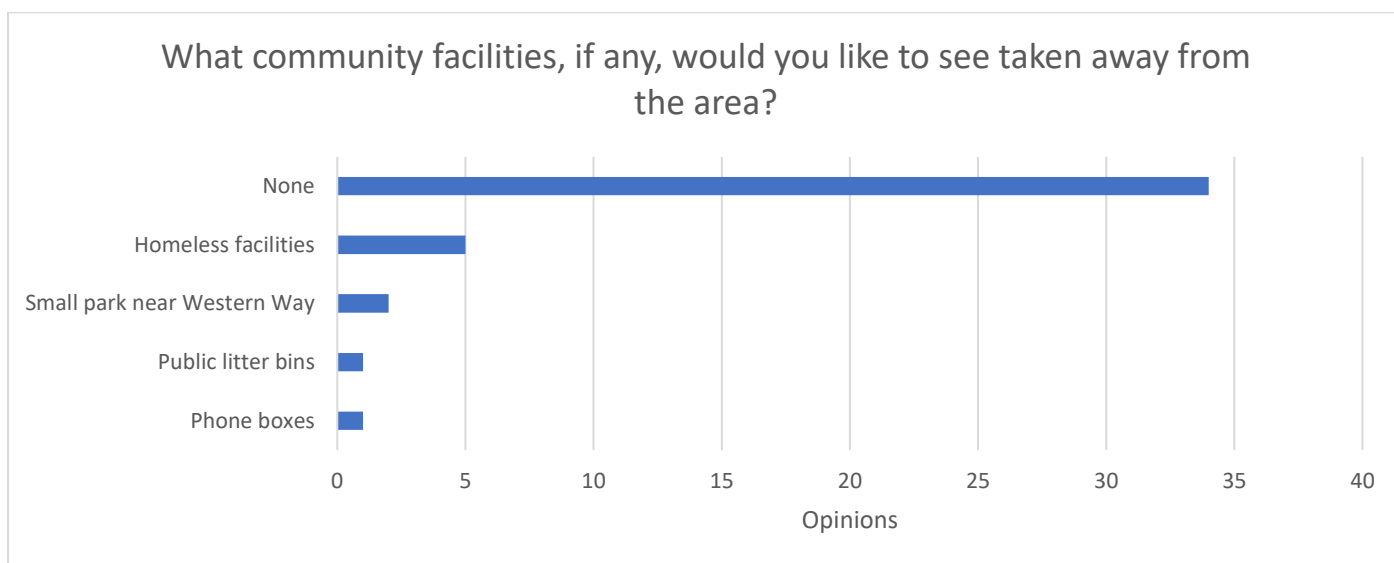


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<p>I think that we have enough homeless accommodation and advice centres in the area and no more should be located in the area. It is not fair to have so much homeless accommodation concentrated in one area, it should be dispersed through the city.</p>
<p>I think we have too many vulnerable people in our area. I absolutely welcome some but it feels like all the homeless shelters, half way houses, drug treatment services, tenements are all in our area and I don't think that's fair.</p>
<p>the small park beside the playground / western way is poorly maintained and attracts anti social behaviour</p>

Question: How would you consider the following public services offered to our area?

83 total responses.

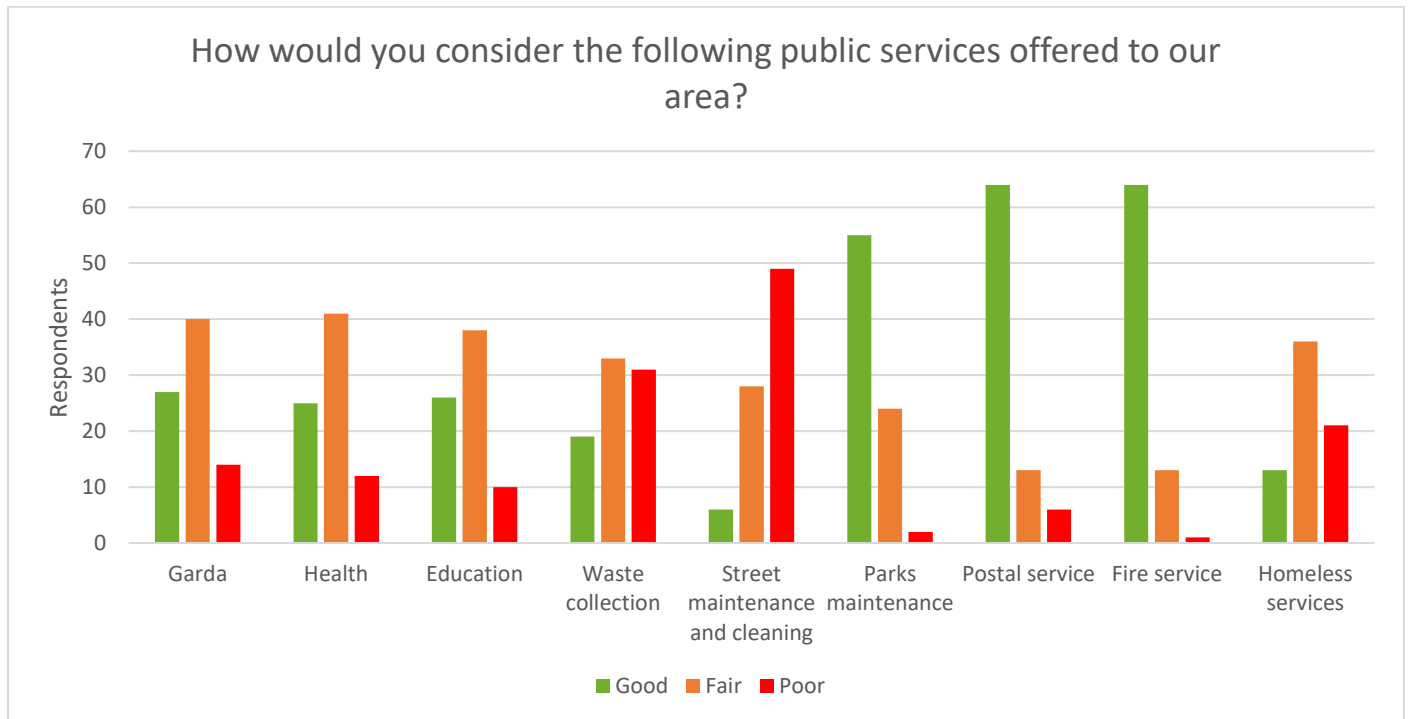


Figure 14. How would you consider the following public services offered to our area?

Section: Security

Question: How do you observe your security and that of your property in our area?

82 total responses.

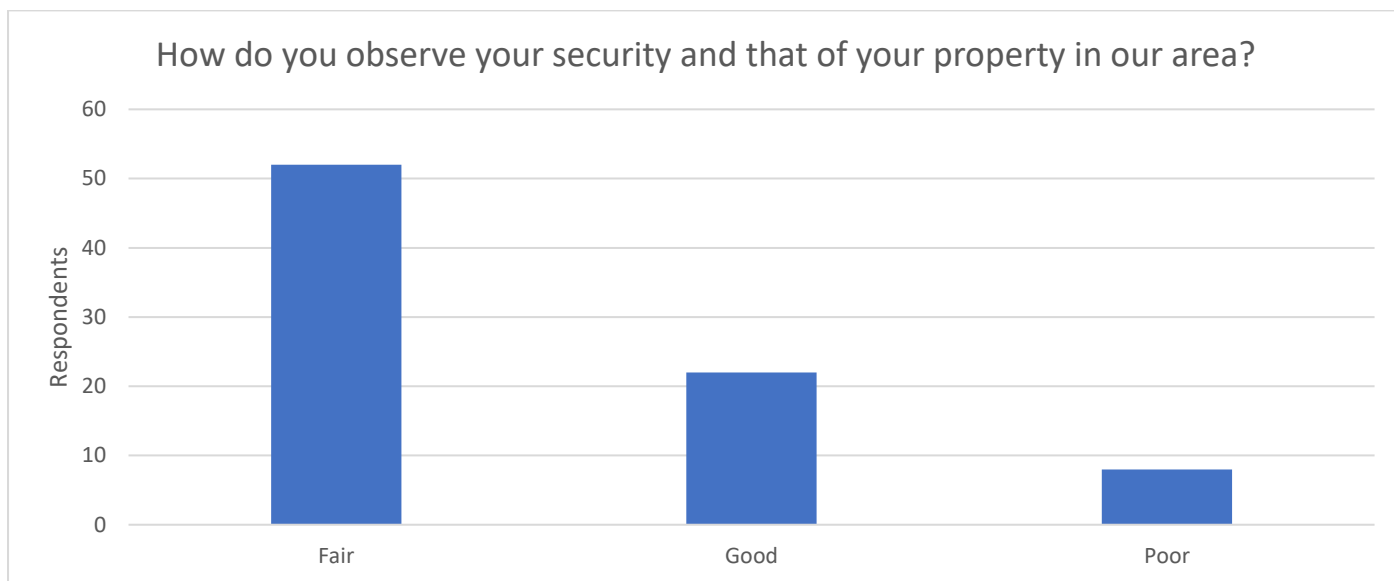


Figure 15. How do you observe your security and that of your property in our area?

Question: Please clarify your choice.

62 responses, 38 valid responses.

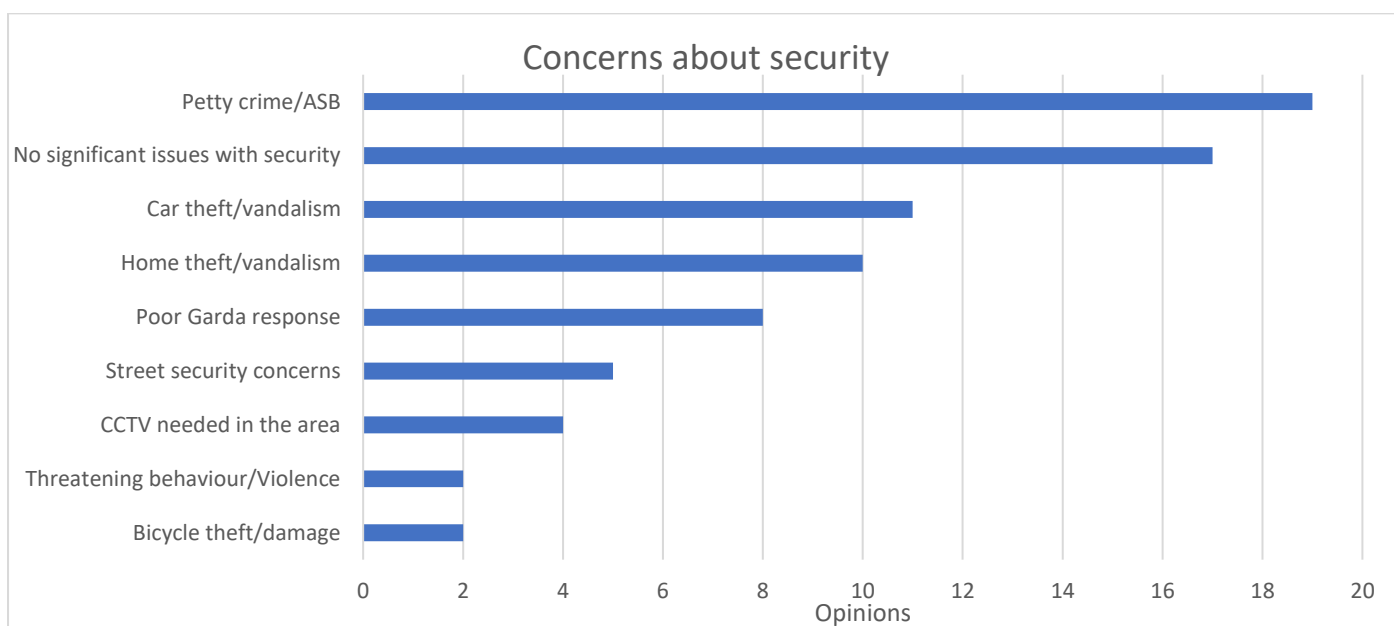


Figure 16. Opinion on security in the area.

Table 10. Illustrative answers: Opinion on security in the area.

<p><i>There is often antisocial behaviour / threatening behaviour / violent incidents near our house but any time we call the Gardaí in Mountjoy Station it can take up to an hour for them to arrive, if they arrive at all. They don't seem familiar with our area and don't seem to know where our street is. Also there are a lot of teenagers regularly hanging around our house who have caused intentional damage to our car and bicycle.</i></p>
<p><i>There are drawbacks about living in the inner city. We have had a couple of attempted break ins in the shop - this is mainly due to the fact that entire buildings are left unattended all around us, making access to our property quite easy. I am comfortable walking at home at night (when the pubs were still open), but I live on a well lit part of the area.</i></p>
<p><i>I'm neutral on this issue. I feel safe in the area and am lucky not to have had property stolen in a while.</i></p>

Question: What suggestions do you have to enhance security in our area?

68 total responses, 62 valid responses.

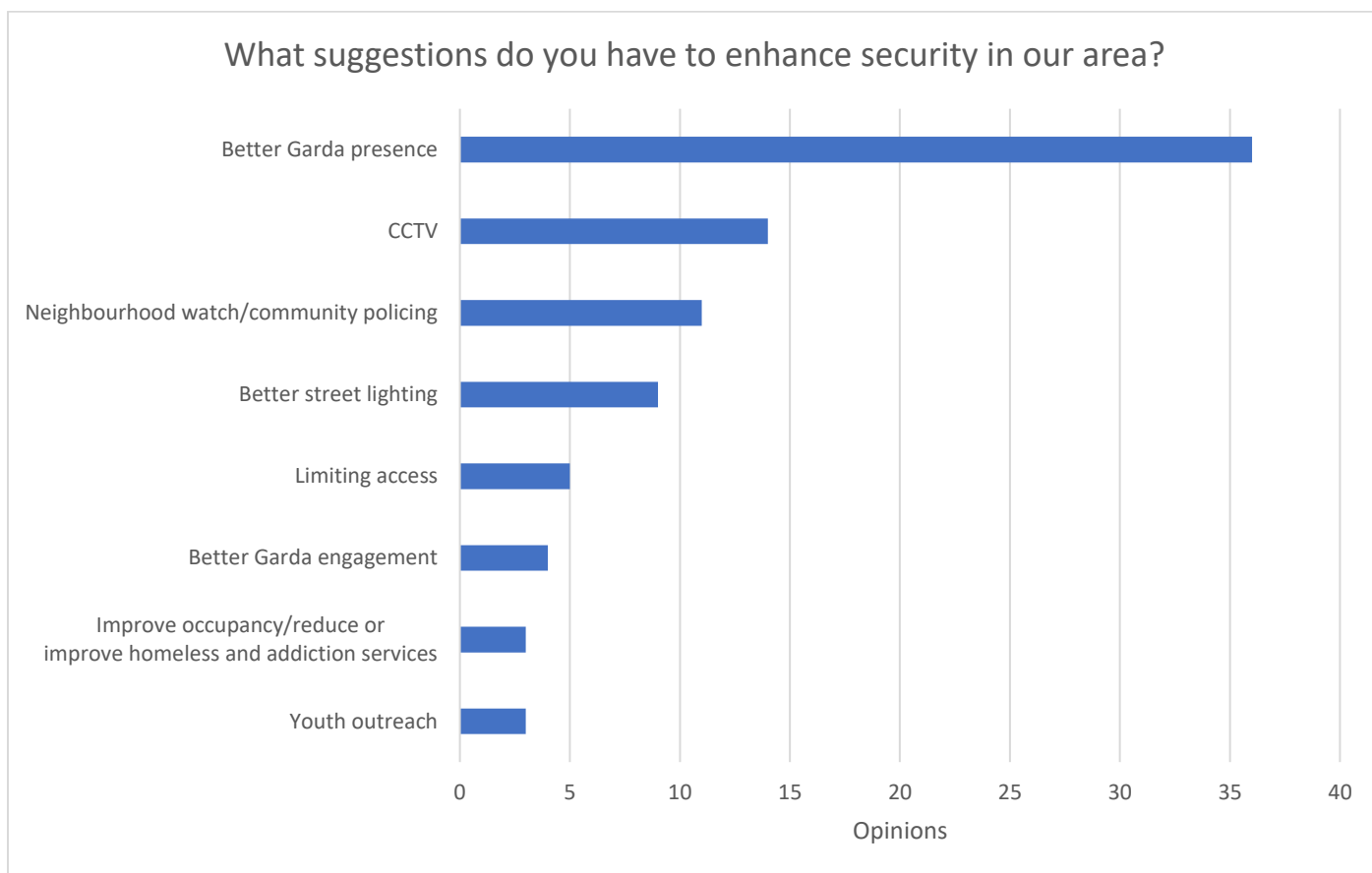


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Table 11. Illustrative answers: What suggestions do you have to enhance security in our area?

<p><i>Better Garda presence, better Garda engagement with the community. More street lighting especially by the park and basketball court. Garda security camera near the basketball court/park/yellow bollards. Garda engagement with local teenagers. Offering something else for teenagers to do besides hanging around and drinking.</i></p>
<p><i>More garda presence especially around the pubs to prevent future fights (on the Phibsborough Road). Start a few neighbourhood watch areas within Broadstone. I think one for the whole of Broadstone might be too large an area to have just one neighbourhood watch group.</i></p>
<p><i>Enhanced public lighting and security cameras. More gardai on patrol.</i></p>

Section: Housing and Living

Question: What type of housing would you like to see more of and what less of?

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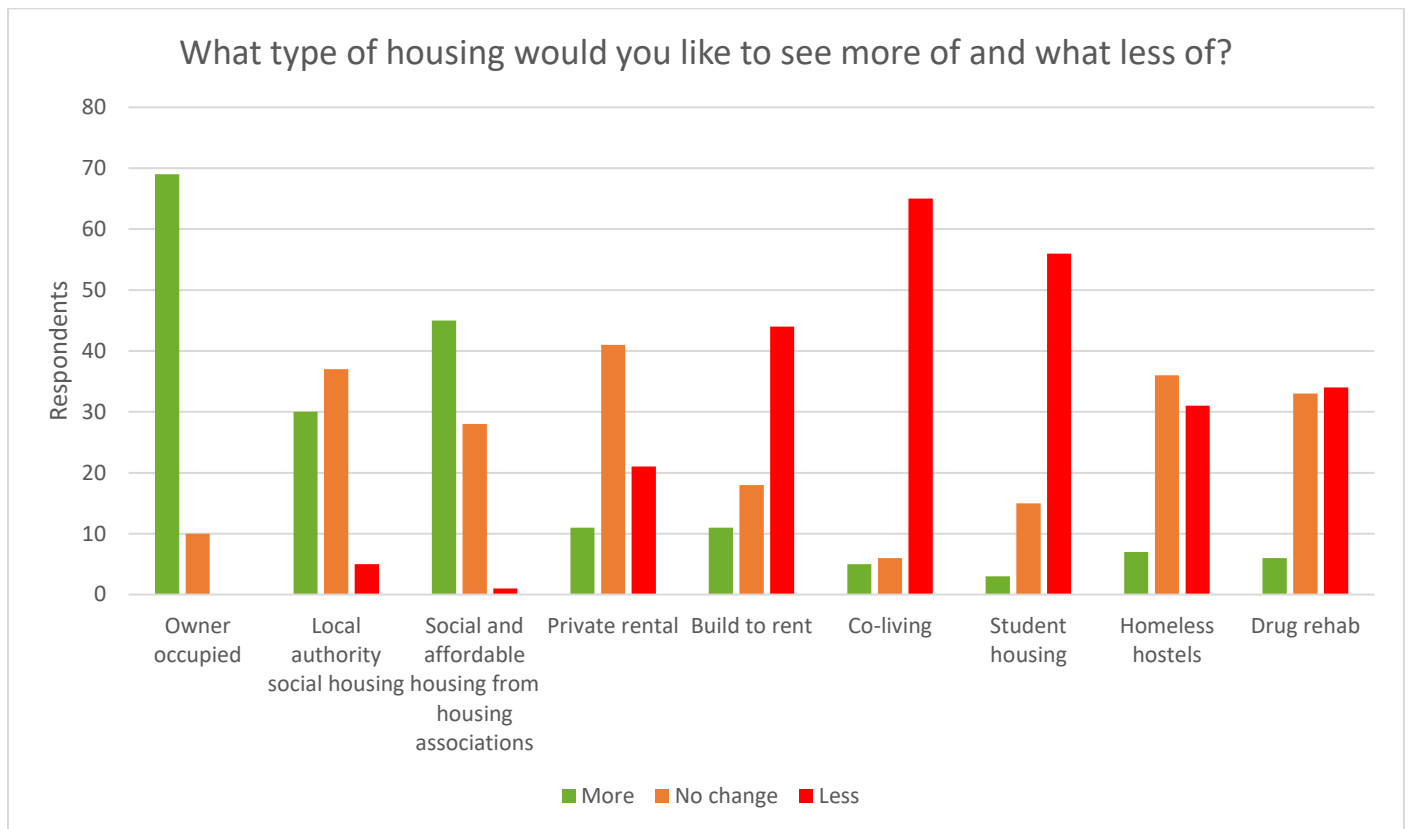


Figure 18. What type of housing would you like to see more of and what less of?

Question: Could you please provide your opinion on developments recently added to the area or currently under planning application that you may be aware of?

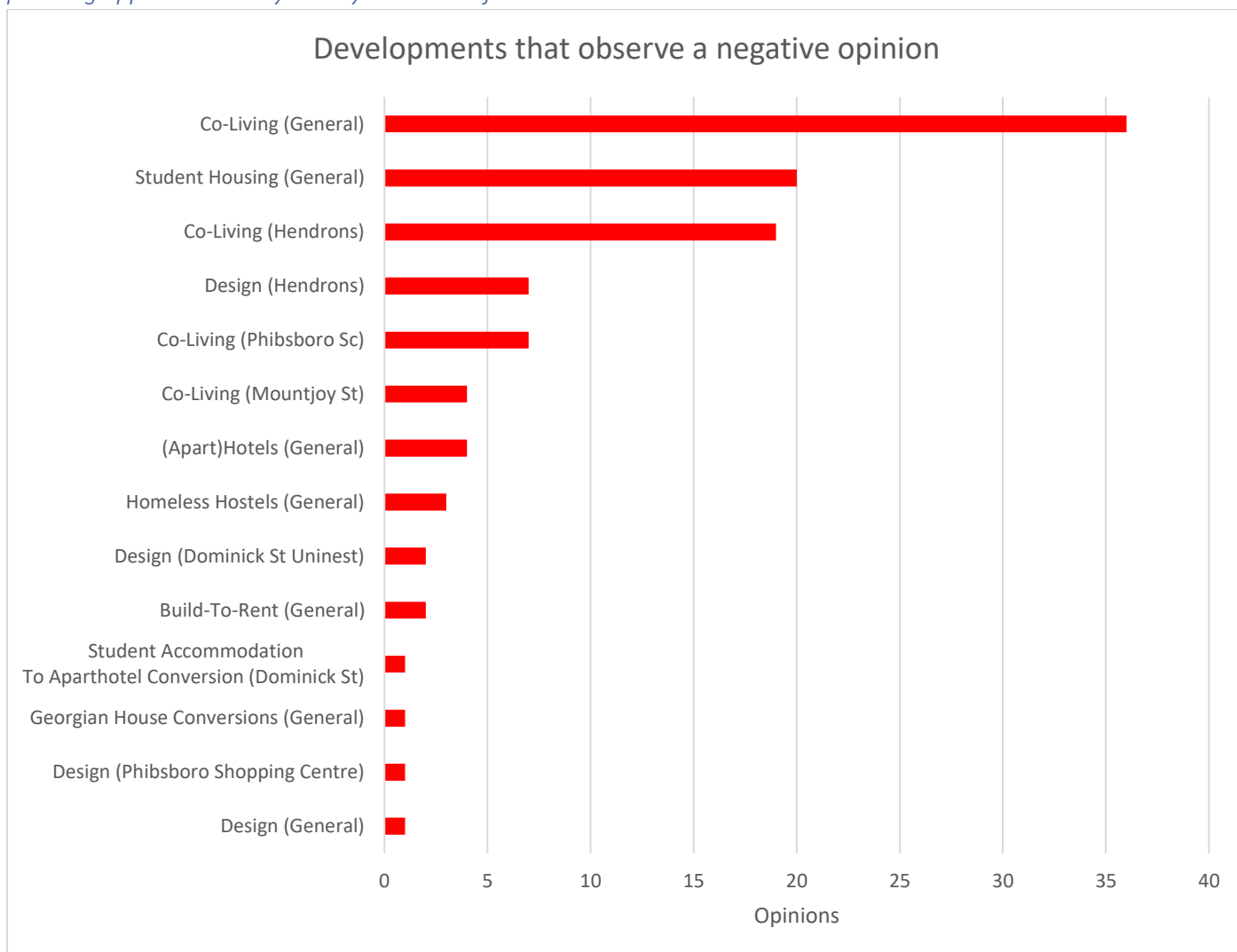


Figure 19. Developments that observed a negative opinion

Table 12. Illustrative answers: Developments that observed a negative opinion

Over-concentration of transient accommodation types in this area, either developed or in the planning process (student accommodation, co-living, homeless hotels, aparthotels). As part of District 7 (alliance of 1500 homes and over 200 businesses in the area) have produced the stats, and the evidence illustrates the level of extreme and disproportionate level of transient accommodation in this area when compared to anywhere else in Dublin or the Country. We need investment in our community, and the first step in doing that is to increase rather than decrease the numbers of those invested in the community i.e. permanent residents

It's hard work living here. Several steroidal planning applications have been made since 2008. E.g. Phibsboro shopping centre (co-living) and Hendron Building(in 2008 a 14 storey tower and now 9 storey co-living blocks). Residents and small businesses have to raise money to object in short timelines. Big developers are capitalizing on SHD without taking any account of Protected structures or of unique architectural fabric. E.g. Georgian architecture and Victorian streetscapes. Dominick Street is now very bland with empty Student accommodation blocks on either side. Erosion of small businesses and shops around Berkeley Road and Phibsboro Road and Dominick St (e.g. fish shop, butchers, pubs, cafes, post offices, seamstresses etc. Empty ground level retail space unoccupied since 2008 (e.g. corner of Dominick and Mountjoy st). Steps under porch often occupied by homeless.

Strongly against Hendron Building development due to the fact that it is coliving and also an unattractive design that overshadows the original Hendron Building. Unfortunately recent proposed developments in the area have been very unattractive - this area has great old architecture and these new developments would take away from that.

Too much student accommodation, over priced, no where for people to set up homes

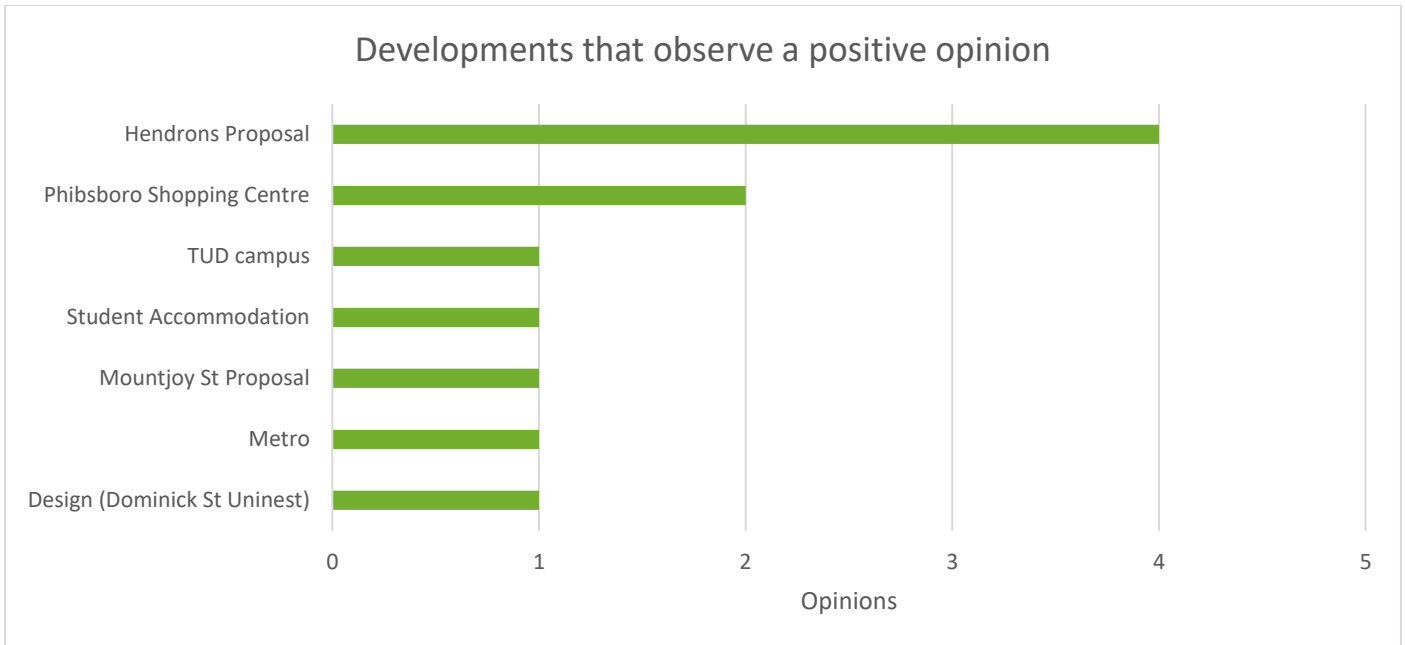


Figure 20. Developments that observed a positive opinion

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I am aware about the plan to demolish Hendron's Building and build other living spaces there. Although it is a lovely building and part of the local historical area I am not opposed to this plan as it would include new artists studio and make good use of the space around that building. I would like to see the original building being integrated in the plans ideally and not to be completely demolished.

I am aware of the Hendrons proposals. In general I welcome it as that site has needed developing for a long time. The existing building is architecturally interesting and should provide an inspiration for the remainder of the development. I do however feel that there is a great opportunity here to incorporate facilities that would be of general use to the neighbourhood. I am aware of a fine similar development in the Clerkenwell area of London. It incorporates a very good casual restaurant.

I do not want student housing but I'm delighted there's something being done to the shopping centre

Question: How would you improve the sustainability of housing and living in our area?

57 total responses, 50 valid responses.

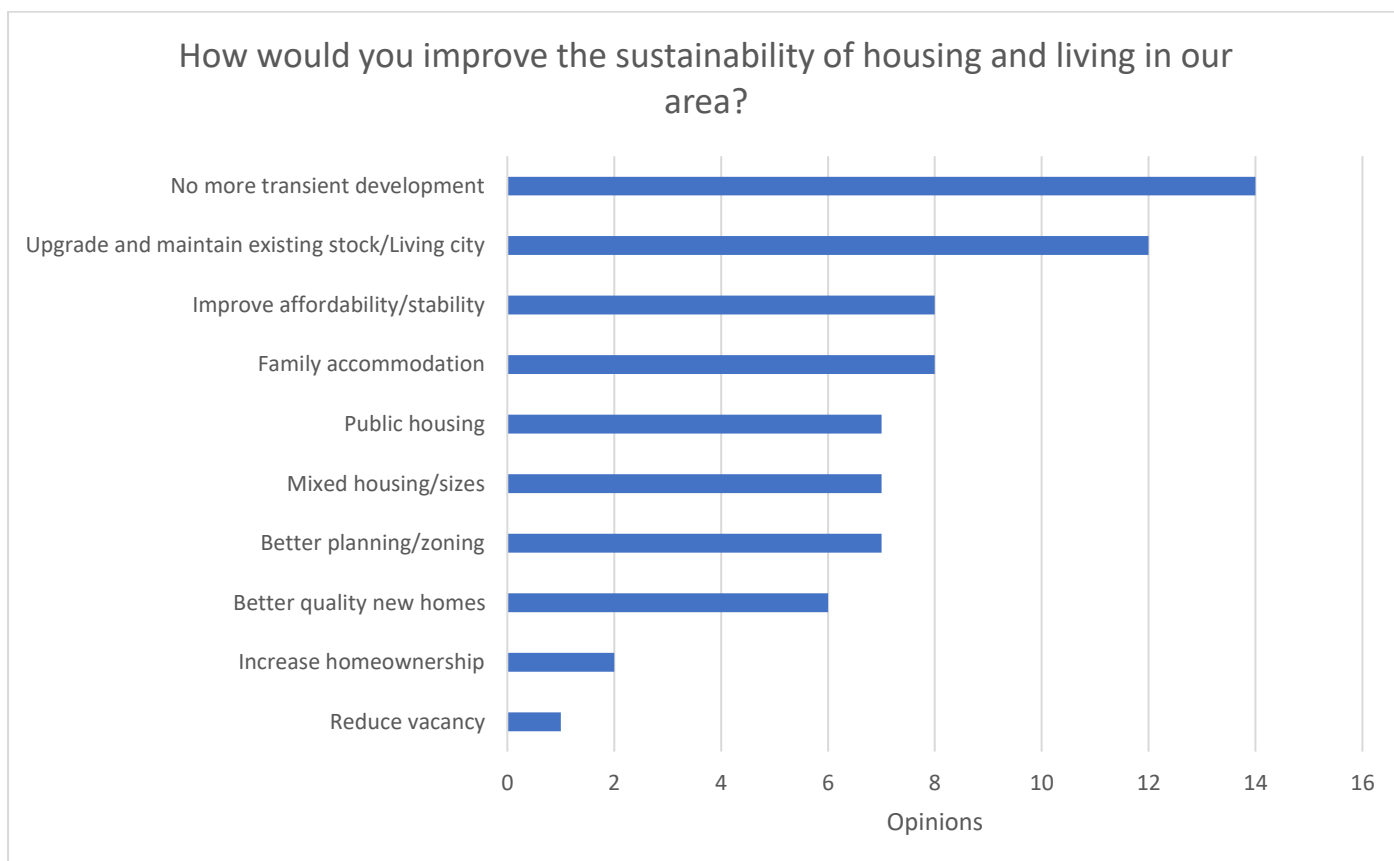


Figure 21. How would you improve the sustainability of housing and living in our area?

Table 14. Illustrative answers: How would you improve the sustainability of housing and living in our area?

<p><i>Housing that meets the needs of present and future generations (the children) of this community i.e. non transient offerings and housing that will deliver better quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come. So housing with facilities for living e.g. sufficient internal space, sufficient storage facilities, recreational and communal facilities e.g. green spaces etc. We need to build for the peoples needs and not for specifications that maximise the profits for developers</i></p>
<p><i>I think it is important to retain if possible the original architecture and look of the streets whilst integrating new buildings into the community. I would avail of larger grants and schemes if such were in place to update existing buildings. I think any newer buildings should be built to the highest standards possible in order to help with lowering emissions. Also keep as much greenery as possible in the area.</i></p>
<p><i>More three bedroom units, more focus on common amenities as very few gardens in the area. The pandemic has exposed the need for more domestic space as people work from home so a practical, flexible approach to home renovations (supports, grants, flexible planning approach e.g. regarding rear dormers) would allow people to remain in the area rather than having to move elsewhere.</i></p>
<p><i>DCC should build affordable housing and council housing on public land in the area. These developments should be well thought out and designed with real living in mind and there should be enough green space maintained to balance the growth in numbers of residents in the area.</i></p>

Section: Transport, Roads and Infrastructure

Question: What is your most common mode of transport?

83 total responses, 81 valid responses.

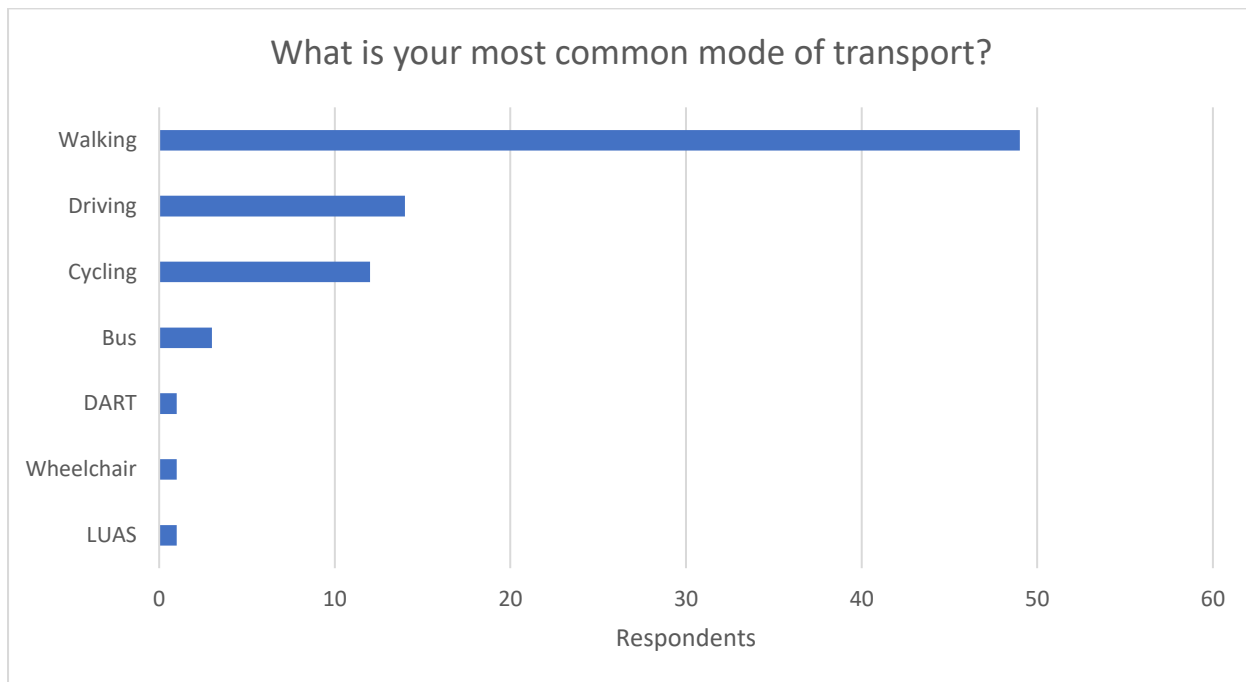


Figure 22. What is your most common mode of transport?

Question: What specific changes or improvements would you like to see with respect to the transport infrastructure in the area?

67 total responses, 59 valid responses.

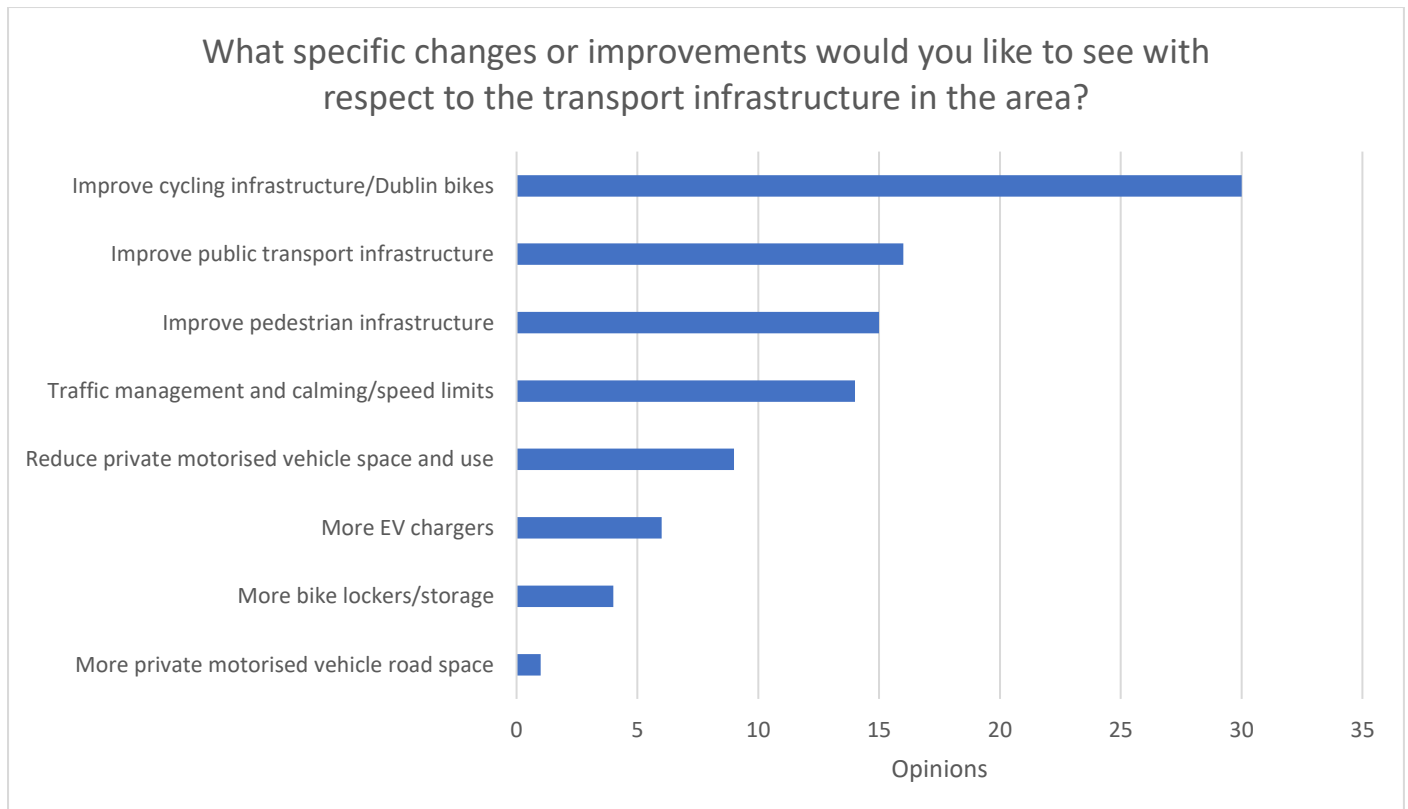


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<p>Better cycle lanes, widen footpaths. Reduce speed limit. Reduce traffic lanes to discourage people driving into city centre. Traffic calming measures.</p>
<p>We need more segregated cycle lanes to encourage more cycling and less car use. Pavements need to be maintained for walking and cars illegally parked should be clamped. The Metro needs to be developed and the LUAS expanded! These are much faster and more sustainable modes of transport than diesel spewing buses and single use private cars.</p>
<p>More traffic management, less speeding in residential areas (or just less fast driving in general). More dedicated (and preferably segregated) cycling facilities, such as contra-flow cycle lane on Blessington Street. Increase in number of Dublin Bikes in the area. Repairs to footpaths, many are crumbling or in a generally poor state. Wider footpaths. Maximum of 30kph speed limit on all roads in the area.</p>
<p>To reduce traffic and congestion - a oneway system of streets. Geraldine street one way from Berkeley Road, Royal Canal Bank one way to White lane and White lane one way to Constitution hill. Goldsmith street one way towards NCR. O'Connell Avenue one way towards Berkeley road, Sarsfield street one way towards Goldsmith. St Vincent St north one way towards Berkeley road (prevent those drivers who shoot across from Eccles street, up St Vincent st and up Goldsmith to avoid the traffic lights. This would be safer for cyclists. In general more secure cycle lanes for cyclists.</p>

Question: What specific changes or improvements would you like to see with respect to specific roads, footpaths and walkways?

62 total responses, 33 valid responses.

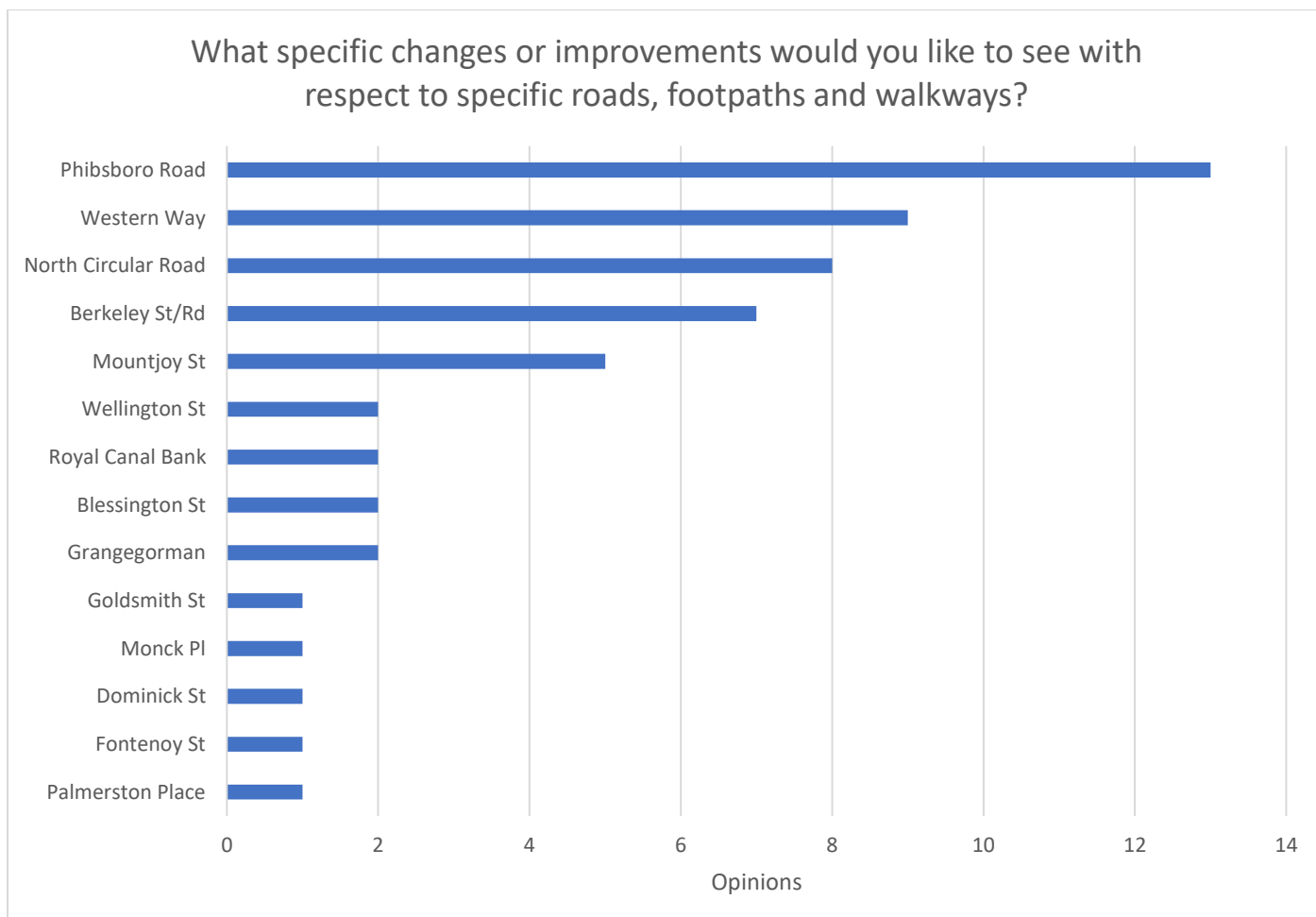


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<p><i>Phibsborough Road - less traffic, more DECENT cycle lanes (they are a bit too narrow and only half-decent on one side of the road). More maintenance of footpaths - wider in some areas, potholes filled in, litter regularly collected. Walkways are actually good if you mean the walkways along the Royal Canal. Walkways around the Basin are fine too.</i></p>
<p><i>"Western Way to be properly paved, and for measures to reduce traffic speed (particularly heavy vehicles) to be put in place. Planters (or similar division) along the middle of Mountjoy Street where it is particularly wide (between Dominick St. and Western Way. Proper crossings over Western Way by Black Church junction, and narrowing of the road. "</i></p>
<p><i>Widen protected cycle lane southbound on Phibsborough Road and introduce protected cycle lane northbound. Widen footpaths around Doyle's corner. Traffic calming measures on North Circular Road near the pedestrian crossing at the library.</i></p>
<p><i>"All of them really. Berkley St/Rd is a major route for the city. It needs repaving and all street furniture repositioned. All other streets in the area suffer from narrow paths in disrepair and with uneven surfaces. Aesthetically all footpaths are appalling."</i></p>
<p><i>Monck place made one way, Goldsmith Street cut off to remove the rat run, wider footpaths at Phibsborough and less through traffic. There is very good public transport - no need for traffic - introduce congestion charges. The truck that's allowed to park on Western way is outrageous - why can't they buy/rent a premises like any other business.</i></p>
<p><i>Safer cycleways along Berkeley Road, Phibsborough Road, less traffic and reduced traffic speed</i></p>

Section: Environment, climate action and urban aesthetic.

Question: Are you satisfied with the amount of public green space in our area?

83 total responses.

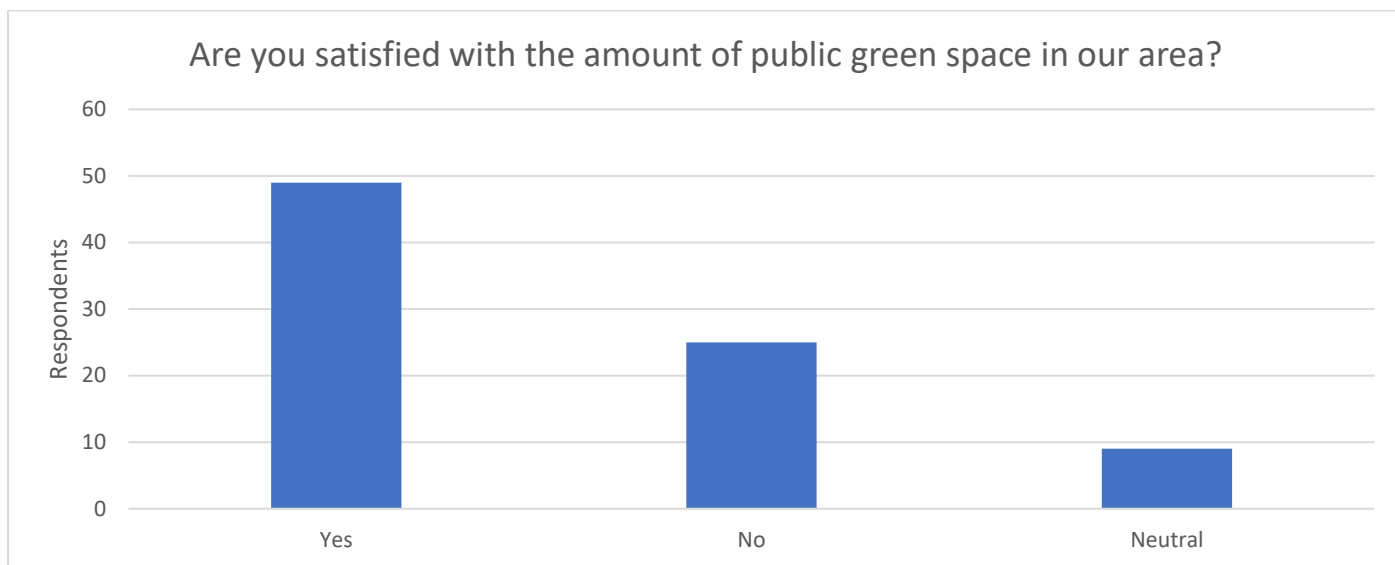


Figure 25. Are you satisfied with the amount of public green space in our area?

Question: How would you improve the greening of our area?

61 total responses, 63 valid responses (responses from the previous "Please comment on your answer above" were included).

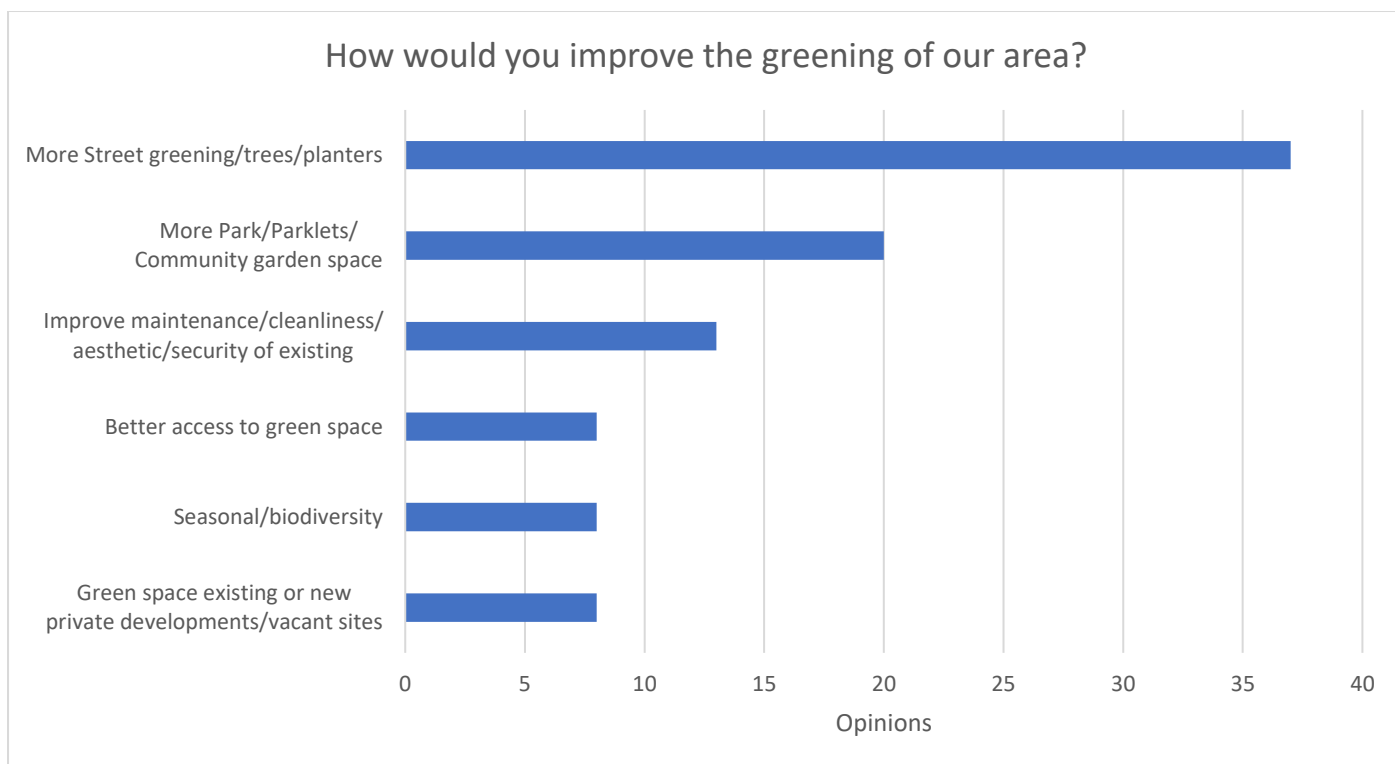


Figure 26. How would you improve the greening of our area?

Table 17. Illustrative answers: Please comment on the green space in the area.

<p><i>Taking back some of the public space given over to parking spaces could be used to create mini-parks (parklets) along the streets. Some of the vacant space that has not been allocated as being for future housing developments could perhaps be given over to creating green space. I'd like to see far more trees planted in the area too.</i></p>
<p><i>Again, turning parts of our streets into park areas - perhaps allowing parking on one side, with plants and seating areas on the other.</i></p>
<p><i>Encourage local communities to create green spaces and planting on their streets. More tree planting and upkeep of existing trees.</i></p>
<p><i>Advantage should be taken of any small areas to develop pocket parks. Compact trees suitable for urban areas should be planted at regular intervals in the parking zones of the treeless streets but not on the footpaths which could be widened in many cases.</i></p>
<p><i>It's good. TUD security will be important particularly around the Broadstone Station and Plaza. Opening hours of green spaces could be extended. Opening hours of Kings Inns park are unpredictable. If TUD plan to be open 24/7 goes ahead then there will have to be much stronger security and lighting for pedestrians on the campus. The problem with our green spaces is the anti-social behaviour - public drinking and drug taking and dealing in Broadstone Basin park. Park staff are great but serious measures need to be put in place involving coordination between Gardai, Parks Dept, local residents and park users.</i></p>
<p><i>"More green space would be wonderful. Gardens in this area are tiny or non-existent. The Basin and linear parks are wonderful resources but they are narrow and therefore often congested. The land at Broadstone Bus Depot could be reclaimed as a park if the bus depot were to move. Equally, if Mountjoy prison were to relocate, there could be a fantastic park included in any future development. Grangegorman should retain as much green space as possible."</i></p>

Question: The new Dublin City Development Plan will prioritise climate action. What measures or schemes would you like to see implemented in our area?

55 total responses, 54 valid responses.

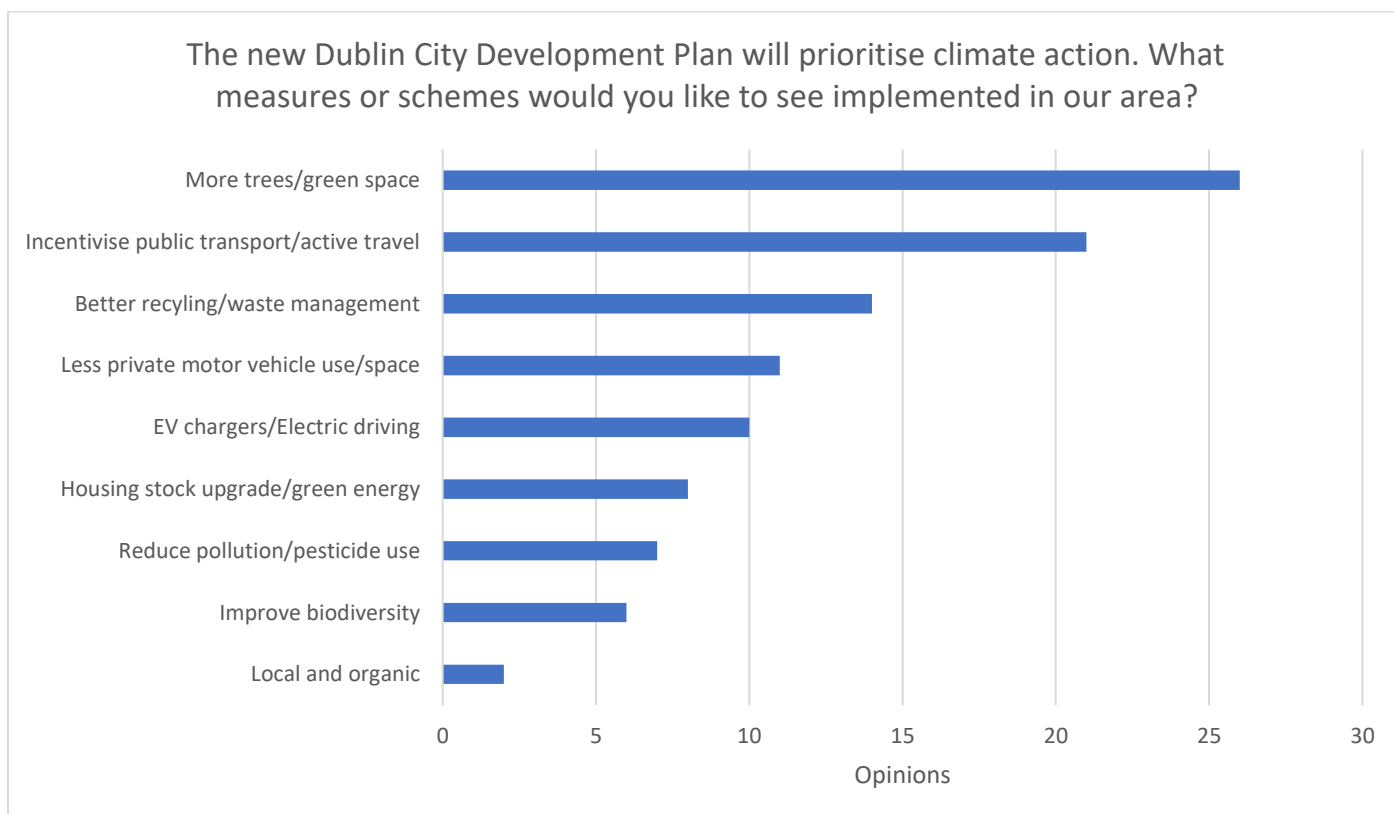


Figure 27. The new Dublin City Development Plan will prioritise climate action. What measures or schemes would you like to see implemented in our area?

Table 18. Illustrative answers: The new Dublin City Development Plan will prioritise climate action. What measures or schemes would you like to see implemented in our area?

<p><i>More trees and green spaces! More segregated cycle lanes and the creation of local 'urban walks'. Biodiversity areas, more recycling facilities and the introduction of a bottle deposit scheme for glass bottles. To speed up the phasing out of diesel in public buses.</i></p>
<p><i>Measures to positively encourage people to use public transport rather than private cars.</i></p>
<p><i>Take away road space from cars, and give more road space to active travel - Wider footpaths, cycle lanes, bus lanes. Make all car drivers think twice about the need to use their car and drive into the city. Remove parking from areas such as Berkeley Road (church side), Parnell Sq. Great Western Way. Support congestion charge.</i></p>
<p><i>Encourage electric cars, provide charging. Protected cycle lanes with barrier like Westland row. Better composting facilities. Education on recycling/landfill.. More tree planting. Turn the lights OFF during the night in the Broadstone basin. It's a waste and disrupts nature. Zero chemicals/weed killer.</i></p>
<p><i>Increase green spaces (like parks) for all to enjoy. In the case of private transport i.e. cars: we'd like to think that the use of electric cars will be more widely available in the coming years, therefore safe charging stations to be considered</i></p>
<p><i>Transport is one of those issues that we could tackle "easily" - it represents 12% of our carbon emissions and yet, 70% of all trips by car are for less than 7km. Providing good walking and cycling paths (continuous ones) would mean that these emissions could be put down (if every country in Europe cycled like the Danes do, the transport emissions for the continent would go down by 25%). The other major issue is housing - houses are not insulated properly and people still burn solid fuel to heat their home. Incentives and grants need to happen for people to do these things as they are very costly. We could also start talking about "deconcretise" our built environment - planting trees, greening areas have been shown to decrease the overall temperature of cities and capture some of the gases.</i></p>

Question: What improvements to the urban environment and streetscape would you like to see?

60 total responses, 55 valid responses.

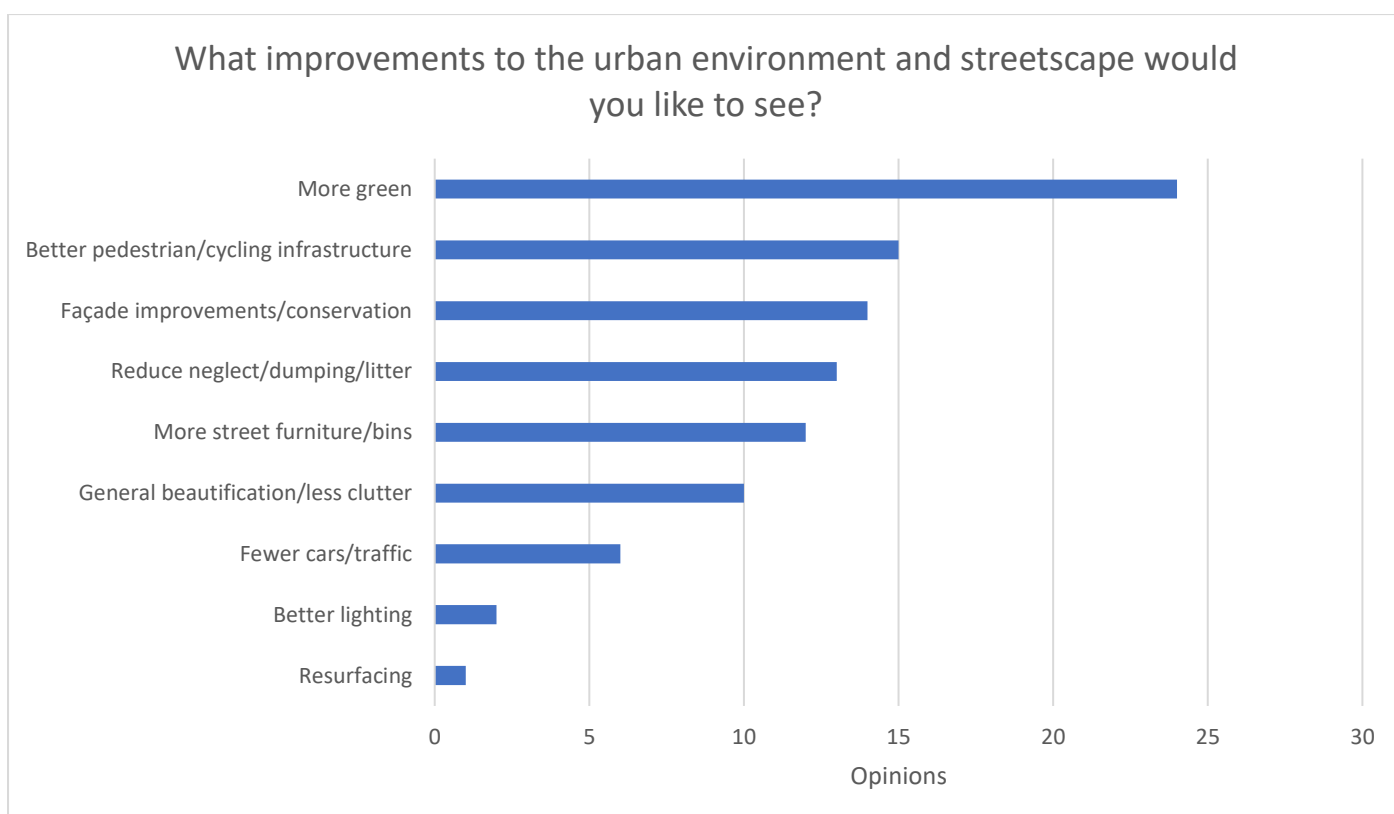


Figure 28. What improvements to the urban environment and streetscape would you like to see?

Table 19. Illustrative answers: What improvements to the urban environment and streetscape would you like to see?

<p><i>Better street lighting. Pedestrian priority zones, wider pathways. More street furniture. More trees and cycle stands. More bins</i></p>
<p><i>Incentives to refurbish our beautiful Georgian and historic building for owner occupiers. Tax relief on sympathetic works down to properties such as removing render from bricks, replacing unsympathetic doors with period doors, sash windows, repointing bricks etc. More trees on the streets with an attractive solution for tree pits, more bicycle parking, refurbishing the footpaths.</i></p>
<p><i>More public bins, street furniture and street art. Upkeep of existing public buildings, trees and planting. Better street cleaning. Enhanced protection of structures of architectural merit and cultural spaces. Less cars, more bikes, walking and use of public transport.</i></p>
<p><i>Trees, trees, trees. A space for skaters. Bike racks. Less graffiti and litter</i></p>
<p><i>I would like to see all illegal signage removed from businesses and properties in the area. For example, the estate agent at no. 33 Berkeley Road has placed a large sign above his unit with 'FREE' in large lettering. This is incredibly insensitive to the residents on Berkeley Road - it is unsightly and does not add to the streetscape. The shop unit at the opposite end of Berkeley Road - 'Selections' - appears derelict. Can this unit be better managed in some way? For instance, can it be painted and can the windows be covered up with some kind of mural or art installation?</i></p>

Section: Economy, commercial and mixed use.

Question: Are you satisfied with the retail, hospitality and commercial services in our area?

81 total responses.



Figure 29. Are you satisfied with the retail, hospitality and commercial services in our area?

Question: Are there any specific types of business you would like to see more of in the area?

62 total responses, 51 valid responses.

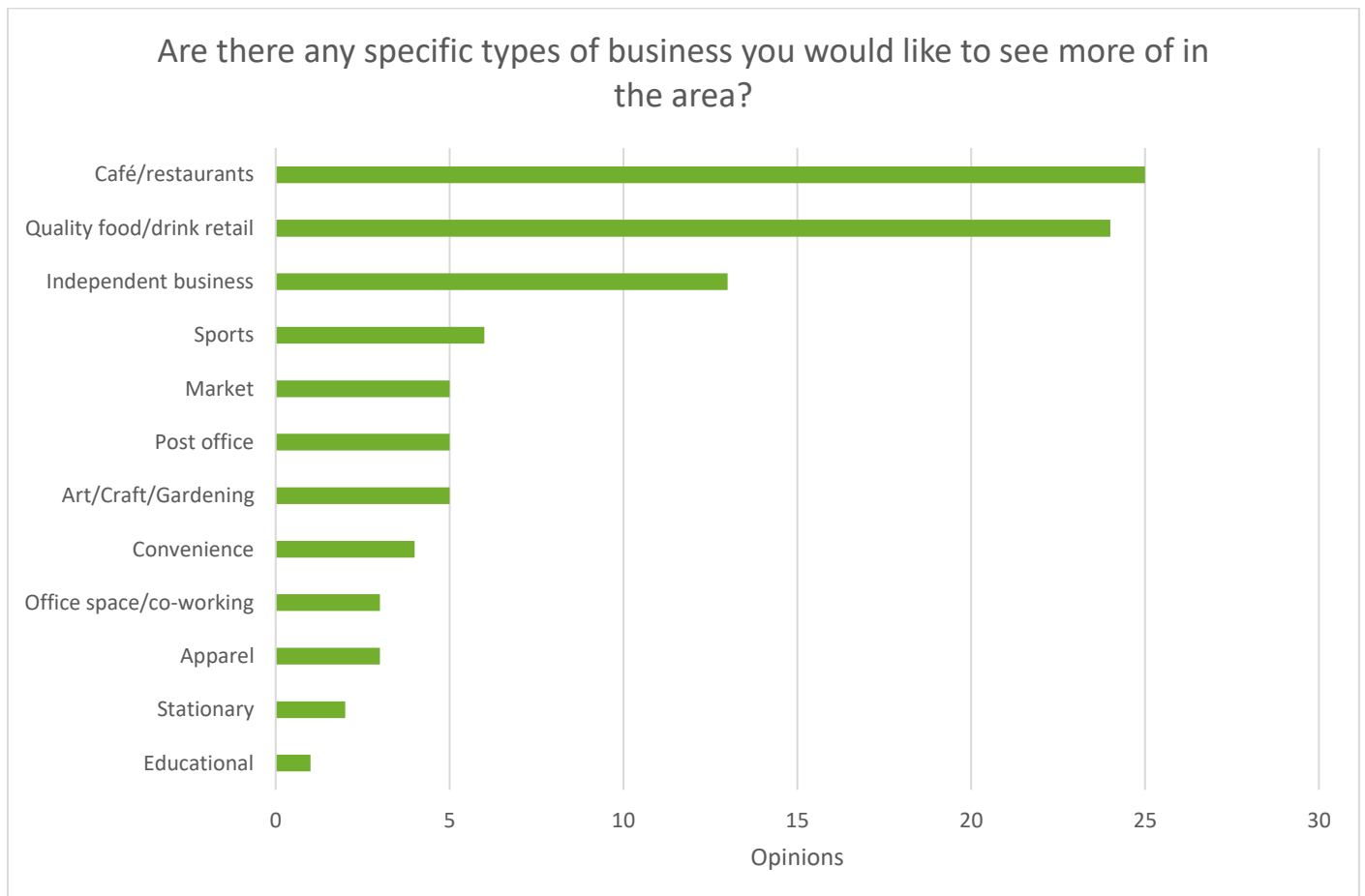


Figure 30. Are there any specific types of business you would like to see more of in the area?

Table 20. Illustrative answers: Are there any specific types of business you would like to see more of in the area?

<i>Dinner places, doesn't have to be very formal- like the Fish shop on Benburb street. Food market / farmer market (the nearest is Glasnevin) and/ or smaller food shops like Liliput stores/ delicatessens / a fresh vegetable shop.(Camelot tries) but we're swamped instead with convenience stores with rubbish, unhealthy food and little in the way of good vegetables.</i>
<i>More cafes, more restaurants, better selection and quality of retail - in particular, groceries. Would love to see a high quality gym or leisure centre in the area.</i>
<i>More local restaurants and cafes. More Small local businesses like noms, bakeries, green grocers, and even a butchers! Less charity shops and barbers. The only proper retail offering is tescos and chain convenience stores and it's an absolute disgrace.</i>
<i>more local restaurants of good quality. independent businesses local bakeries/groceries etc</i>

Question: Are there any specific types of business you would like to see fewer of in the area?

51 total responses, 39 valid responses.

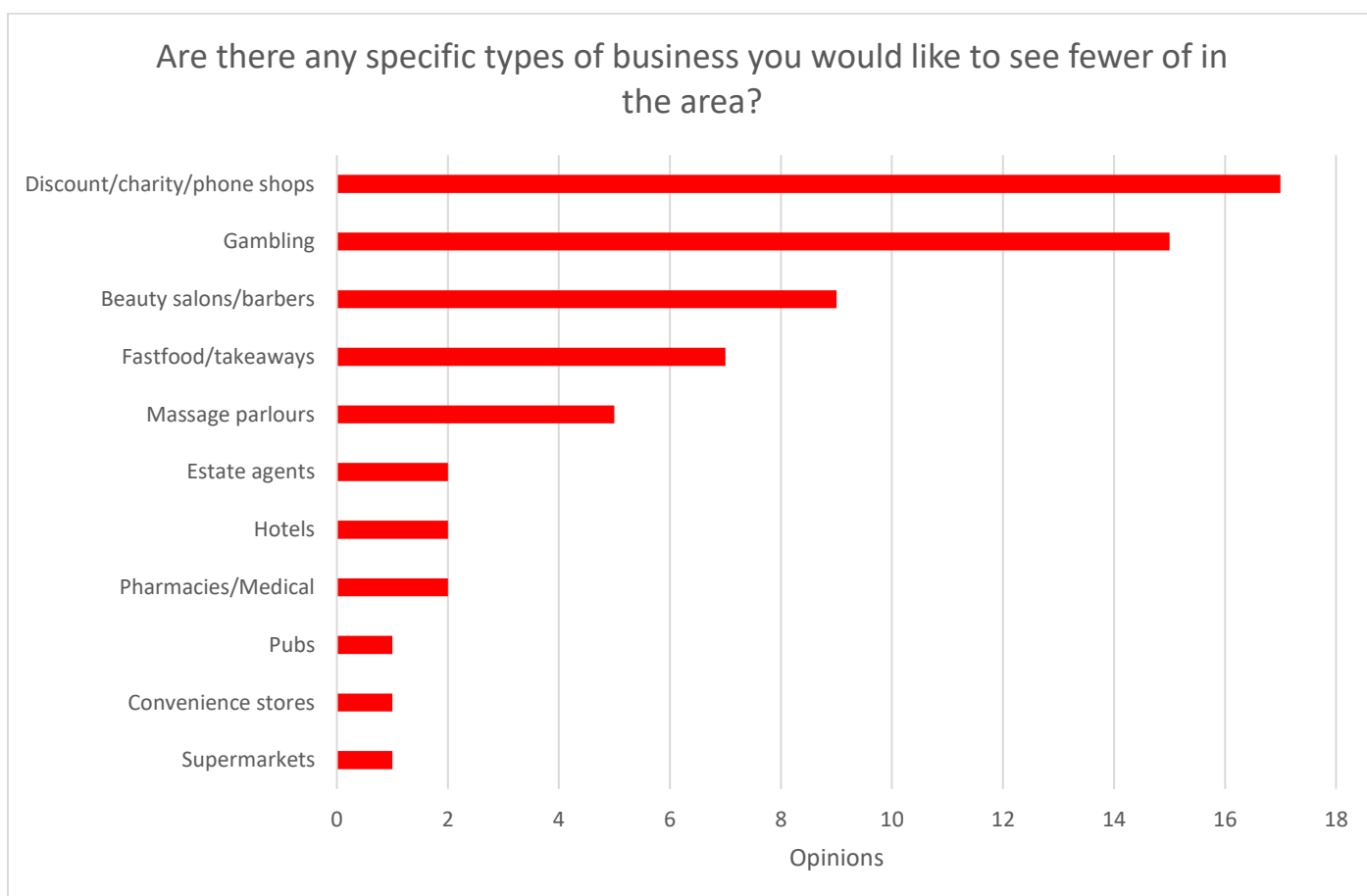


Figure 31. Are there any specific types of business you would like to see fewer of in the area?

Table 21. Illustrative answers: Are there any specific types of business you would like to see fewer of in the area?

<i>Betting shops, casinos, pound stores and beauticians</i>
<i>Less fast food chains, less cheap phone shops, less cheap shops, less second hand cheap shops</i>
<i>The pound shops, bookies, casinos, all you can eat buffets, nail salons. One of these sort of shops is enough especially when there aren't the basic shops provided.</i>
<i>Nail bars and massage parlours.</i>

Question: What would you change in our area or specific streets to make it more attractive for commercial activity that helps the community?

48 total responses, 43 valid responses

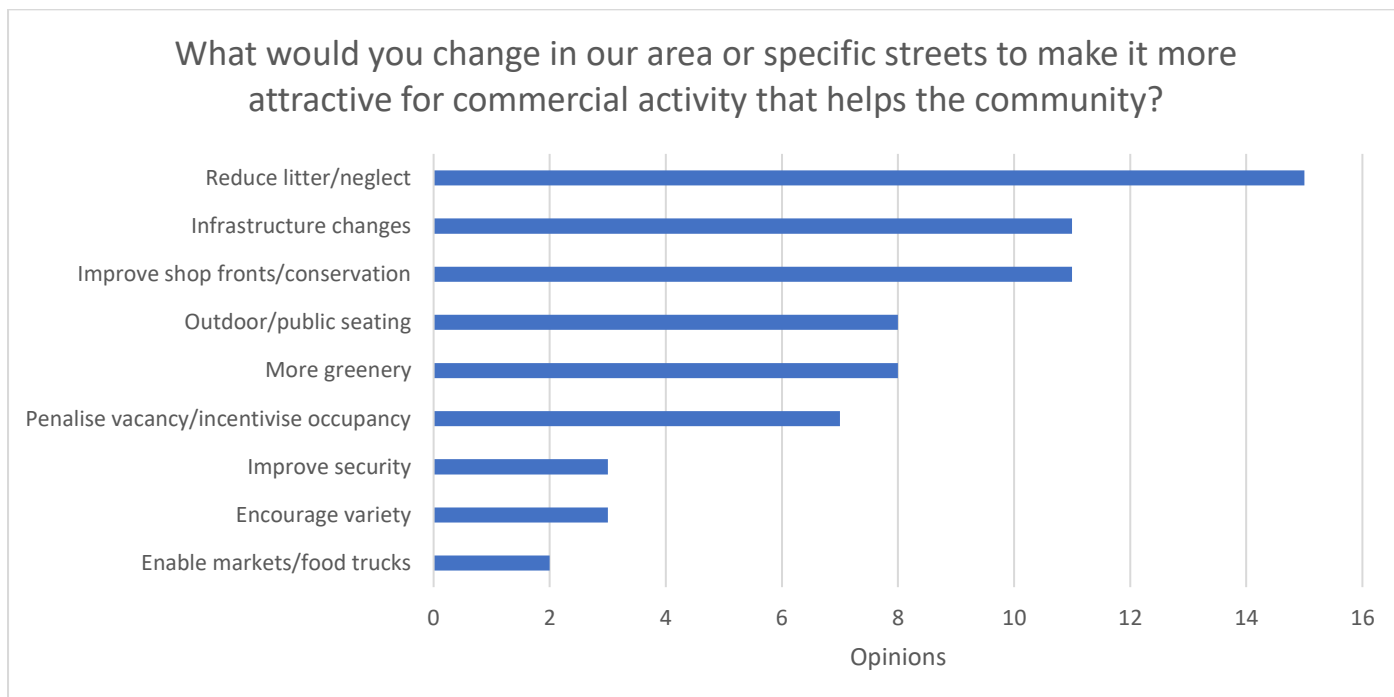


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<p><i>Clean thr streets!.... our area is city centre and a through fair for everyone visiting our city and bringing activity, business and income to main commercial areas. Why are our streets not clean with the same regularity as O'Connell St or Parnell Sq?. Change the public realm. Upgrade it to clean, neat footpaths. Less concrete paths and more paved ones. Remove obsolete or unnecessary street furniture and reposition the required one to provide clear unobstructed paths.</i></p>
<p><i>The walkability and aesthetics of the area - I'd prefer to shop in Broadstone, Phibsborough or Stoneybatter than go into town. I'm much happier when I can support local businesses. If there is more planting and greening of area, upkeep of buildings and streets, street cleaning and street art, it would make it a much more inviting place to hang out. Similarly, more cafes, restaurants and bars would mean you could do shopping and then meet friends locally for a bite to eat or a drink.</i></p>
<p><i>Berkeley Road and Mountjoy Street: Remove street clutter, widen footpaths, better security, greater garda presence, Less litter, No graffiti. More trees, less car parking, increased seating for outdoor cafes (such as opening park to outdoor cafes)</i></p>
<p><i>Blessington Street has huge potential, but building owners need to be financially punished for not maintaining there properties or employing proper waste management services</i></p>

Section: Culture and community space

Question: How do you think cultural experiences in for the community could be increased?

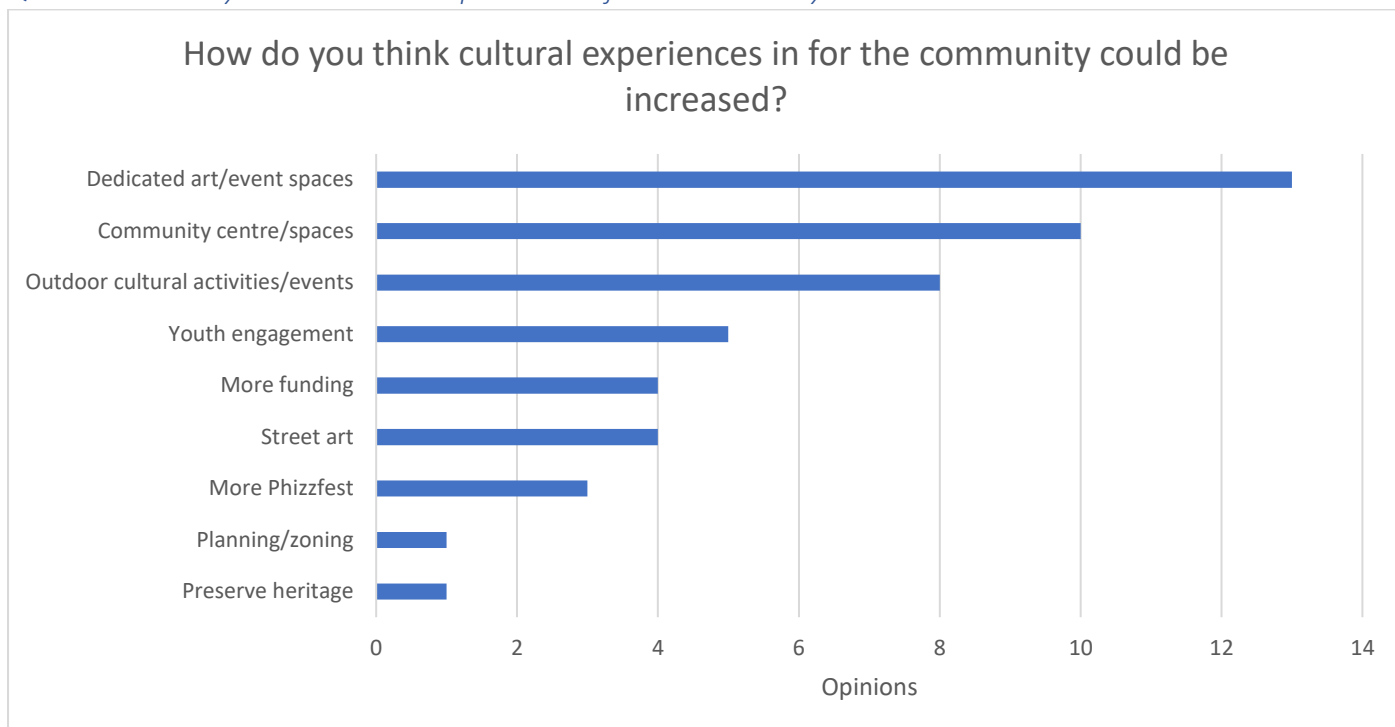


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<p>Commission local artists to produce street art focused on local themes and with assistance from local children, teenagers and other groups.</p> <p>Develop a local art studio, to encourage local artists (of which there are many) to work, engage with and respond to the local community. The studio could also facilitate theatre and music events - we have no spaces for this either!</p> <p>An annual arts/music/cultural festival for the area.</p>
<p>Opening an art gallery, theatre/event space or artist studios. We need an indoor space for cultural experiences.</p> <p>Developing an art programme in the basin - outdoor art classes for children etc. Street art on derelict buildings in the area.</p>
<p>Greater funding for all types of artists and spaces for their work to be seen.</p>

Question: Do you think there are sufficient spaces for culture and art in the area?

78 total responses.

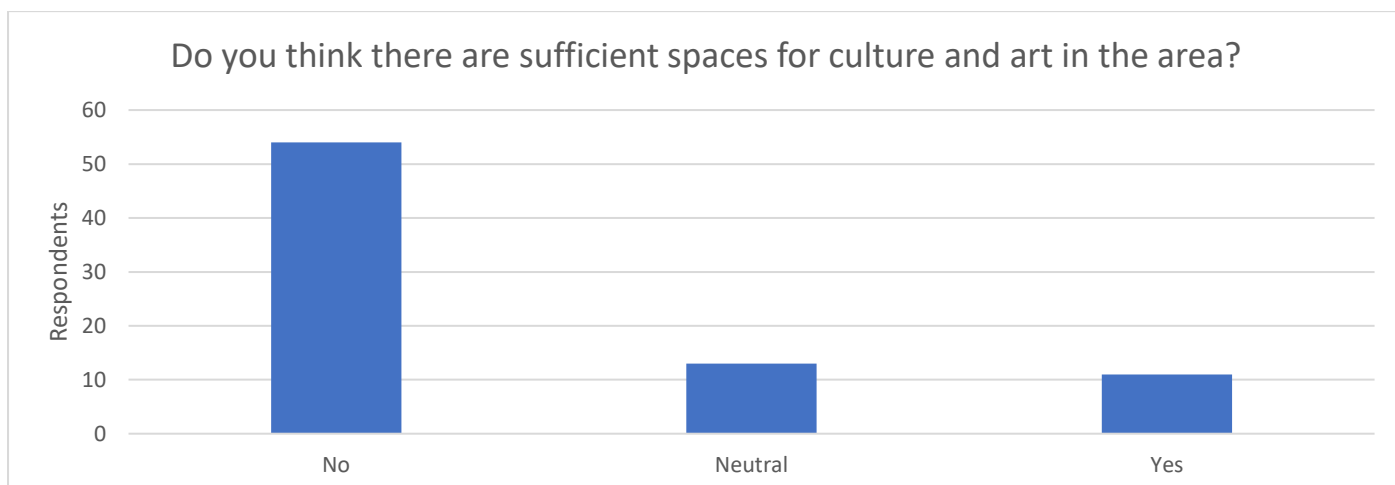


Figure 34. Do you think there are sufficient spaces for culture and art in the area?

Question: Do you think there are enough facilities for community activities in the area?

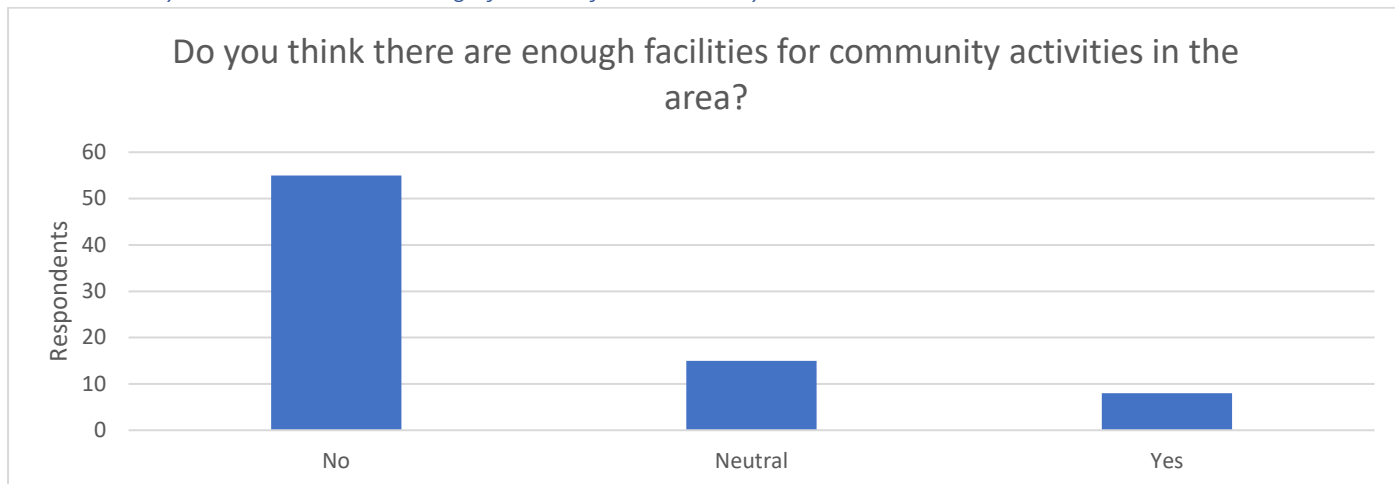


Figure 35. Do you think there are enough facilities for community activities in the area?

Question: What community and/or cultural events would you like to see in the neighbourhood?

47 total responses, 29 valid responses.

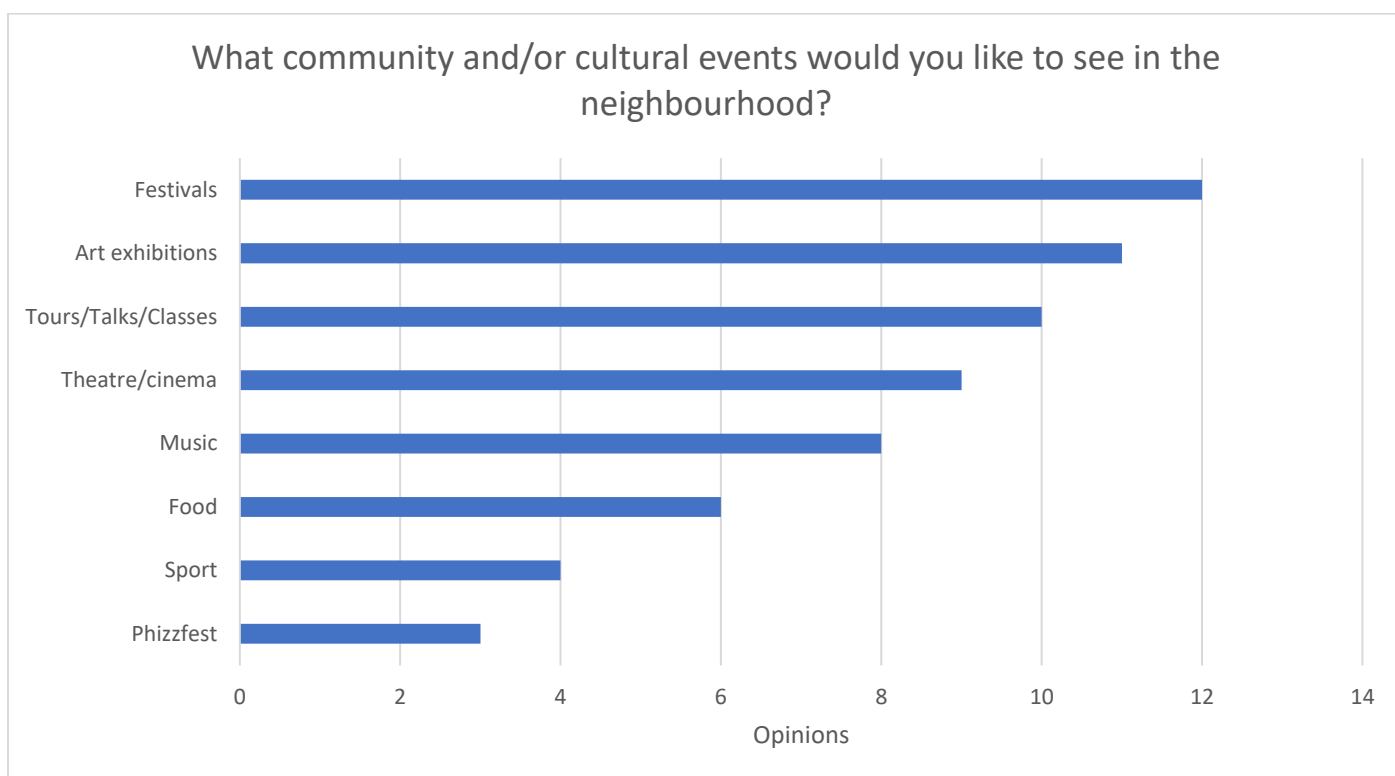


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Table 24. Illustrative answers: What community and/or cultural events would you like to see in the neighbourhood?

<i>An arts festival. More promotion of Street Feast to encourage other streets to do it. A Broadstone Arts and Cultural Space would provide a hub for the local community to have exhibitions performances, meetings, classes, information events and local markets.</i>
<i>anythingbingo for the elderly , theatre in the library park / park , bands , small concerts in the park , a community festival like they have abroad (barcelona)</i>
<i>Outdoor theatre, street art, history tours, architecture tours, public talks, fitness/yoga classes, food markets/food trucks.</i>

Question: How could the history and culture of the area be better highlighted?

49 total responses, 38 valid responses.

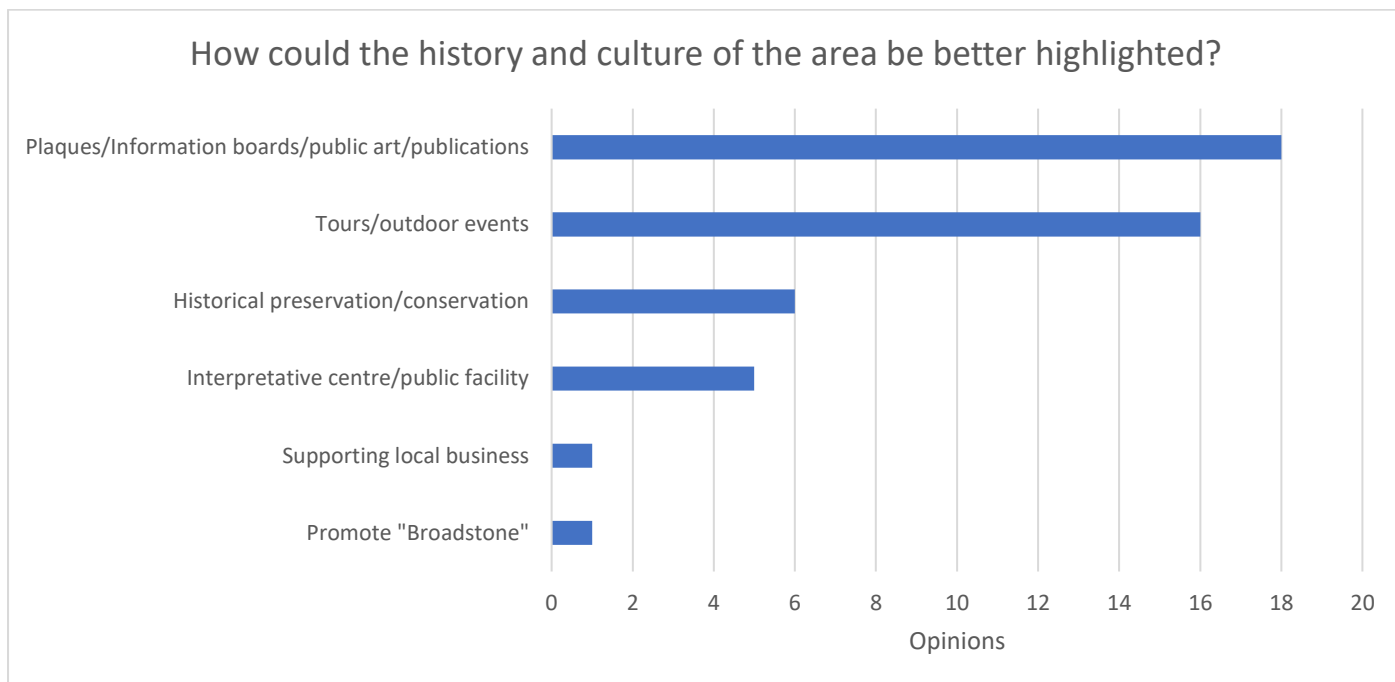


Figure 37. How could the history and culture of the area be better highlighted?

Table 25. Illustrative answers: How could the history and culture of the area be better highlighted?

<p><i>Community centre could provide installations on local history. There could be plaques palced around the area highlighting sites of interest.</i></p>
<p><i>The plaques around to inform of notable people are nice, and there's scope to add more to relevant houses. Events, walking tours etc.</i></p> <p><i>Engagement with Open House, Dublin History Festival, literary festivals, etc.</i></p>
<p><i>Most of the history of the area is on its building and urban fabric. Look after the public spaces, ensure owners comply with obligations of ACA, ensure Fire safety is enforced so that mean lanlords don't let buildings decay.</i></p>