



Community Consultation and Engagement



AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 2025

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Executive Summary

Drawing on responses from 698 participants, this report identifies shared values, concerns, and priorities that will inform the strategic deployment of the £20 million Pride in Place Fund, previously known as the Plan for Neighbourhoods fund.

The quote above from a local resident reflects the views of hundreds of residents and respondents in the surveys and focus groups conducted as part of the Worksop Together Community Consultation and Engagement (WTCCE) between August and September 2025.

The huge response rate and views shared reflected the hard work of community partners and the strength of feeling from the community members involved. Key findings reveal that while many residents maintain a strong emotional connection to Worksop, citing community spirit and green spaces as major positives, there remain deep concerns over the town's economic stagnation, lack of shops, activities for children and young people, and public safety.

In response to the statement "I am proud to live in Worksop", the most popular reasons cited were:

1. 'Because of the green and natural spaces here' 32%,
2. 'There are good transport links' 25%
3. 'Because of the culture, heritage and history of the area' 22%.

Quantitative responses show that 26% of respondents "tend to disagree" or "definitely disagree" whereas 39% Tend to agree or Definitely agree with the statement "I am proud to live in Worksop".

The most frequency mentioned reasons people disagreed with the statement were:

1. Crime, fear, drugs 26%
2. Lack of shops / empty shops 23%
3. Lack of activities / nothing to do 9%

Qualitative responses provide powerful insight into lived experience. These perceptions align with priority rankings: residents overwhelmingly support investments in business and retail development, tackling street safety and fear, activities and services for young people, and revitalising public spaces.

Despite the challenges, Worksop citizens show a clear willingness to engage and hope for improvement. As one respondent urged: "Let's get some traction and actually start to move things forward. Feels like we don't even have a shared vision for the place."

Community voices captured through film, focus groups and surveys have informed the Top 20 recommendations codesigned and developed through this process.

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Drug addicts
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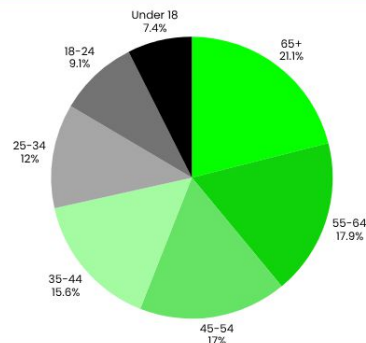
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Recommendations – Top 20

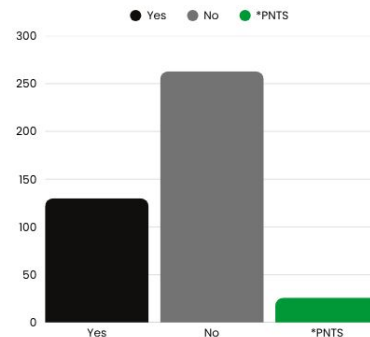
1	Develop a strong, clear, community owned vision for Worksop Together.
2	Resource and deliver some quick wins that visibly and quickly address community concerns whilst longer term projects are developed.
3	Increase and diversify free activities for Children and Young People.
4	Clarify and clearly communicate existing skills and workforce development opportunities to maximise access and fill gaps in provision if needed.
5	Involve the community in selecting the projects and initiatives to be funded.
6	Support development of a full-time permanent town centre community hub.
7	Clean up the streets – remove dirt and grime.
8	Street decoration - green up town centre with plants and flowers.
9	Put local people, residents, workers and business owners at the heart of selection and delivery of improvements.
10	Ensure the vision and scope of Worksop Together can enable the board to attract additional funding.
11	Strengthen neighbourhood voices, include all neighbourhoods and not just the usual suspects.
12	Revisit the people interviewed and see what they think of developments.
13	Young people's voice – respect that many young people do not want to be on camera and listen in other ways.
14	Extended event programme needed – at least one a month in town.
15	Improve safety in town centre – increase visibility of community policing.
16	Identify which buildings are council owned and empty and how to unlock use
17	Provide clear information regarding the ability for the board to utilise Pride in Place Programme funding for additional incentives for new business.
18	Establish shadow panel for youth voice with youth representatives.
19	Relocate services which attract and support people with drug and alcohol problems away from the town centre.
20	Ensure regular independent communications with monthly updates to the community, including regular 'You said we did'. Community communication, engagement and involvement needed at every stage – in consultation, planning, selection, delivery and evaluation of the Pride in Place Programme.



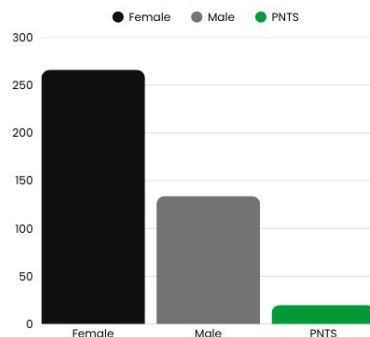
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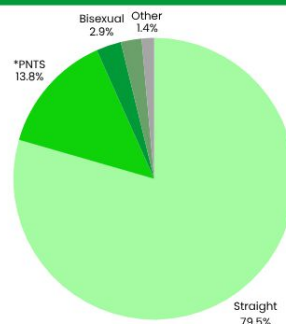
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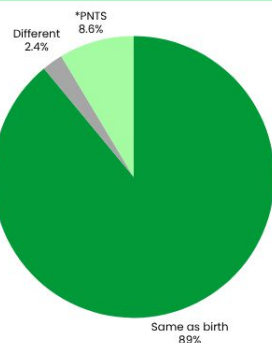
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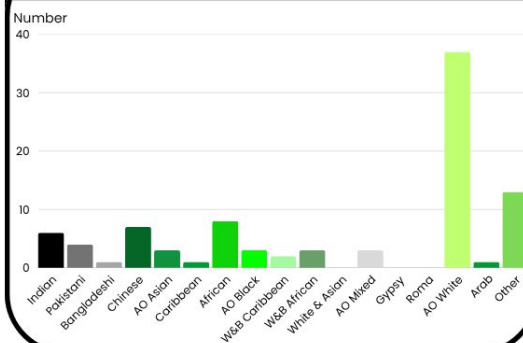
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1. Introduction

The Workso Together Community Consultation and Engagement 2025 aims to add to the extensive work conducted in 2024. It has been designed to address the previous gaps in participation to ensure those least heard have support, space and time to contribute in ways and places that work for them.

Whilst previous investment plans were delayed due to a refocus nationally, this has given time and opportunities for further engagement to ensure local people shape investment of £20 million in Workso Together in the new Pride in Place Programme over the next decade.

As stated by the UK Government:

‘Local people know what changes are needed for their community to thrive. That is why the decision-making on how and where this funding is spent sits with a Neighbourhood Board, led by an independent Chair, that includes residents, local businesses, civil society and community organisations, working in partnership with their respective local authority.

Boards might decide to spend their funding on the regeneration of a town square, local community centre or social club, the development of a new community garden, the rollout of a new programme to tackle homelessness or services to tackle child poverty and provide essential support to families and young people. Similarly, they may choose to use the funding to develop an action plan to address local cohesion issues, or local arts, cultural, heritage and sport initiatives.

Underpinning the funding are three core objectives:

- a. To build stronger communities – All places should have strong relationships and a collective sense of belonging to their community. This helps bring people together to build community cohesion and resilience, helping people to feel proud of their area and safe in their neighbourhood.
- b. To create thriving places – Every part of the UK deserves to have vibrant neighbourhoods and communities with busy high streets, a good range of local amenities and high-quality physical infrastructure.
- c. To empower people to take back control – Everybody should be empowered and in control of their lives and have a say over the future of their community.’ (p14-15)
[Pride in Place Strategy](#)

Thank you to all partners and community members who have participated in the Workso Together Community Engagement and Consultation work summarised in this report.



2. Methodology

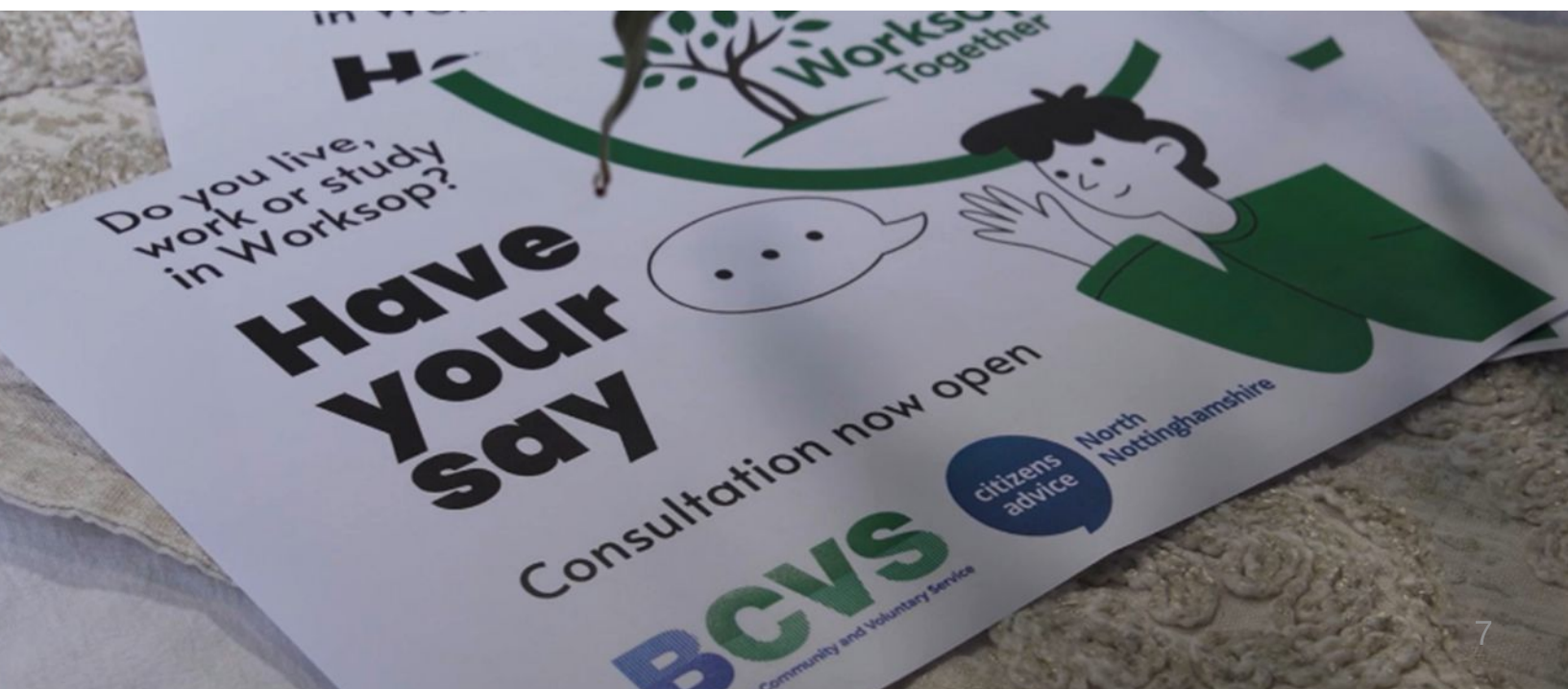
The methodology focused on addressing consultation objectives of hearing and capturing the voices of those who have been underrepresented in previous community consultation and engagement work.

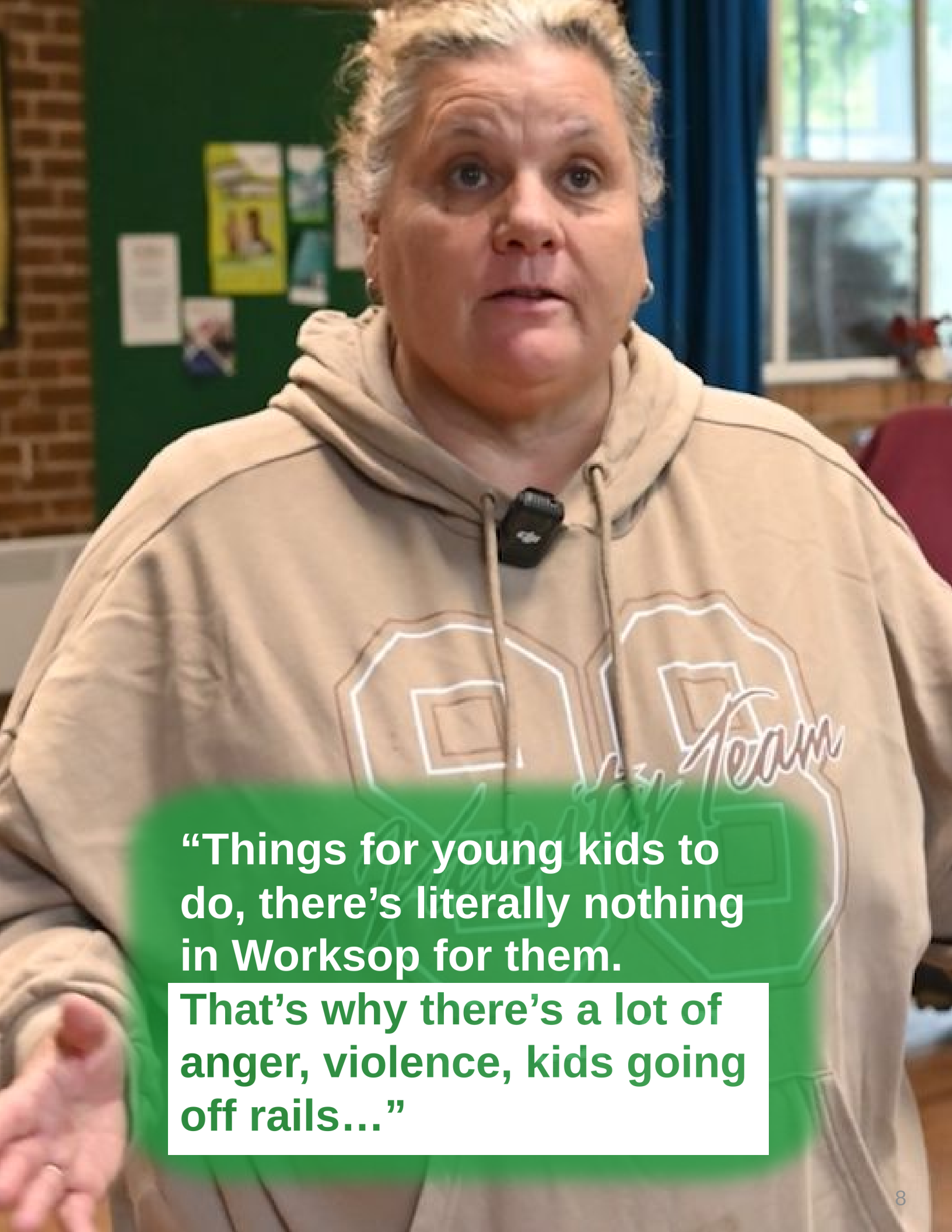
Methods used during this phase of consultation and engagement focused on:

- I. Secondary research and review of all relevant documentation and previous consultation work conducted in 2024.
- II. Primary research
 - a. Survey design and distribution via social media and hard copies where required via outreach work where community partners used tablets to support community members to complete the survey in a range of locations, community venues and community events across Worksop.
 - b. Focus Groups – delivered by six community partners:
 - i. Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
 - ii. Bassetlaw Multicultural Association
 - iii. Centre Place
 - iv. From the Heart Charity
 - v. Oasis Community Centre
 - vi. Willow Community Garden

BCVS worked with CANNs, Worksop Together Board members and Bassetlaw District Council to design the survey and focus group questions during July and coordinate activity across partner organisations in order to deliver:

- a. Survey creation as online survey with paper-based option where required
- b. Focus group question and guidance development (Annex A)
- c. Engagement campaign materials including development of a logo for the WTCCE to give the work a strong identity and to make it clear this is not a local authority exercise
- d. Translated or interpreted materials where needed
- e. Nine focus Groups targeting those groups previously under represented
- f. Weekly community engagement events throughout the consultation period
- g. Completion of at least 550 surveys by underrepresented target community members with support from project staff where needed
- h. Coding and analysis of survey and focus group data
 - i. Interviews and filming of community member responses to create a short film highlighting key themes identified
- j. A final report in the required format summarising data gathered and key themes identified





“Things for young kids to do, there’s literally nothing in Workshop for them.

That’s why there’s a lot of anger, violence, kids going off rails...”

Focus Groups and Social Value

Focus Groups Held

Young People (15–25) x 3

BCVS worked closely with our member organisations that specialise in youth engagement, including local youth services, grassroots sports clubs and groups that support young people with their mental health. These trusted partners are embedded in the everyday lives of young people and are skilled at creating accessible, inclusive spaces for participation. Engagement methods included two youth-led focus groups, creative consultation activities, and digital surveys promoted via social media and youth channels. Our approach ensured that young voices were heard in ways that reflect their experiences, aspirations, and preferred modes of communication.

Disabled People x 2

BCVS partnered with local groups that offer meaningful engagement with disabled residents. Long-standing BCVS members already deliver tailored services for people with physical, sensory, and learning disabilities. Consultation and engagement were designed with accessibility at its core—using face-to-face focus groups held in venues in which residents already engage. We also conducted direct consultation through our social prescribing team and group development officers to ensure broad reach. These two methods will ensure that disabled residents were supported to contribute in ways that were comfortable, safe, and equitable.

Ethnic Minority Communities x 2

Our engagement with ethnic minority residents was led through established relationships with cultural community groups, and faith-based organisations such as Polonia Worktop, Bassetlaw Multicultural Association and 'Asians in Bassetlaw' via trusted relationships as BCVS members.

Through lived and living experience these partners understand cultural sensitivities and language needs, enabling us to deliver inclusive consultation in appropriate formats. Activities included interpreter-supported focus groups, and presence at community events and places of worship.

Older People (65+) x 2

BCVS has strong ties to groups supporting older adults, including lunch clubs, community cafés, befriending services, and social prescribing networks. These partners are already engaging older people in community life and were instrumental in reaching this demographic. We facilitated consultation through informal conversations at drop-ins, tailored focus groups, and printed surveys for those less digitally connected.

Social Value Contributions as included in BCVS Proposal

Local VCSE partnership: We will resource local member organisations embedded in the target demographic communities to co-deliver the consultation. This keeps investment within Worktop and strengthens the capacity of grassroots organisations. A framework of 35 VCSE organisations which have already been through due diligence checks is in place to enable swift mobilisation of key partners should this quotation be accepted.

Volunteer Involvement: We will involve community volunteers in event delivery, outreach, and data collection where appropriate, providing additionality by building local skills and confidence while ensuring engagement remains peer-led and accessible.

Employment & Skills: We will offer short-term development opportunities for staff to engage in research, community development, or social impact, supporting CV-building and transferable skills.

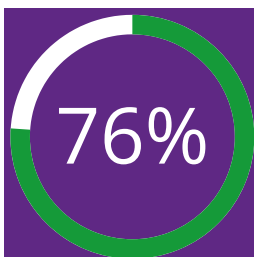
Environmental Responsibility: In line with our SIDE principles, we will minimise environmental impact through digital-first delivery, use of recycled materials, a local supply chain and a no single-use plastic policy at events. See our Quality and Environmental Responsibility sections for further detail.

Community Legacy: The project will leave behind stronger partnerships between the Worktop Together Board, BCVS, and member organisations. We will share consultation methods and resources with partners, improving their own capacity to capture and act on community voice in the future.

Equality & Inclusion: By engaging underrepresented voices and ensuring their feedback shapes the Worktop Together Investment Plan, this consultation contributes to a fairer, more inclusive future for Worktop.

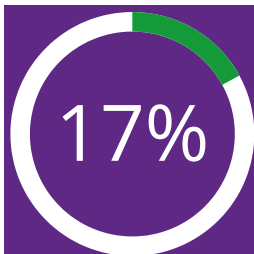
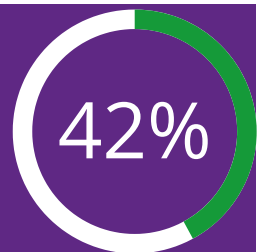
3. Participant Profile

698 Responses



**of respondents live in
Worksop (Q10)**

**42% have paid work in
Worksop (Q8)**



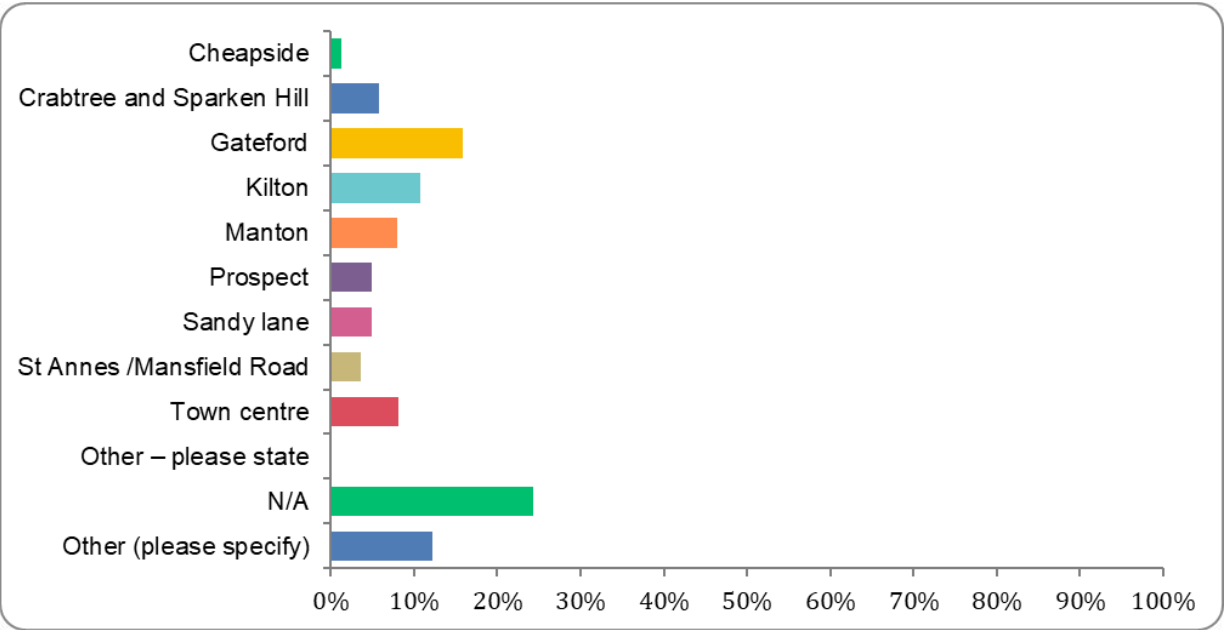
Volunteer in Worksop (Q8)

Study in Worksop (Q9)



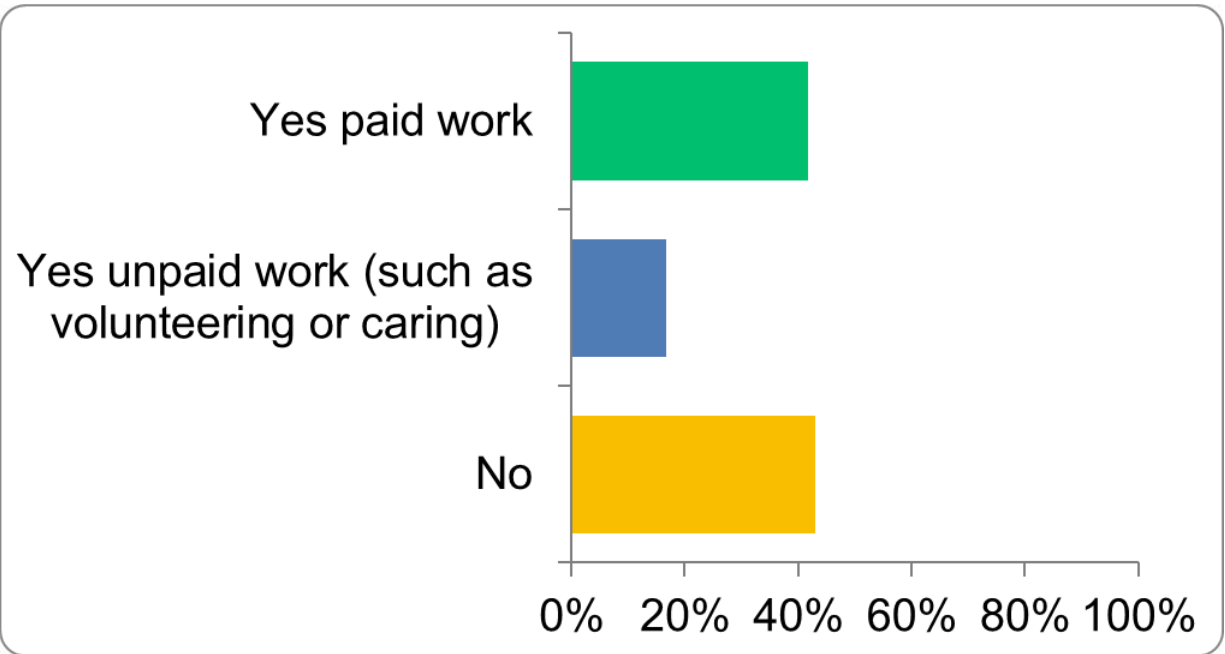
Total is greater than 100% as more than one answer can be selected.

If you live in Worksop, which neighbourhood do you live in? (Q10)

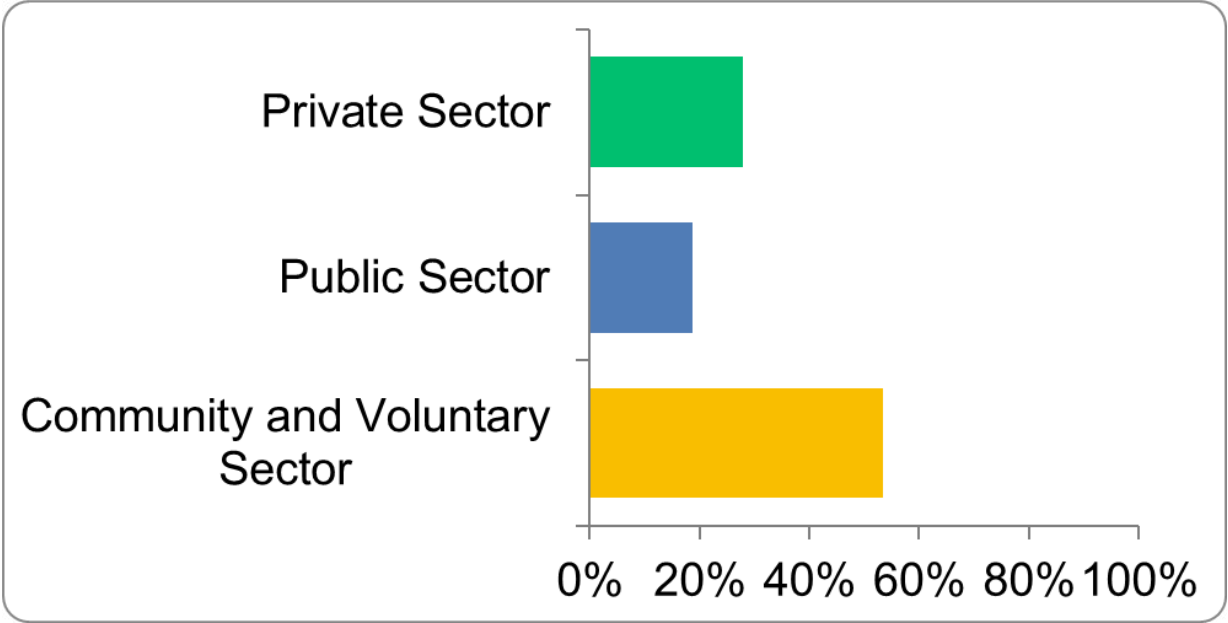


Residents from across the different neighbourhoods in Worksop took part in the engagement and consultation as seen above.

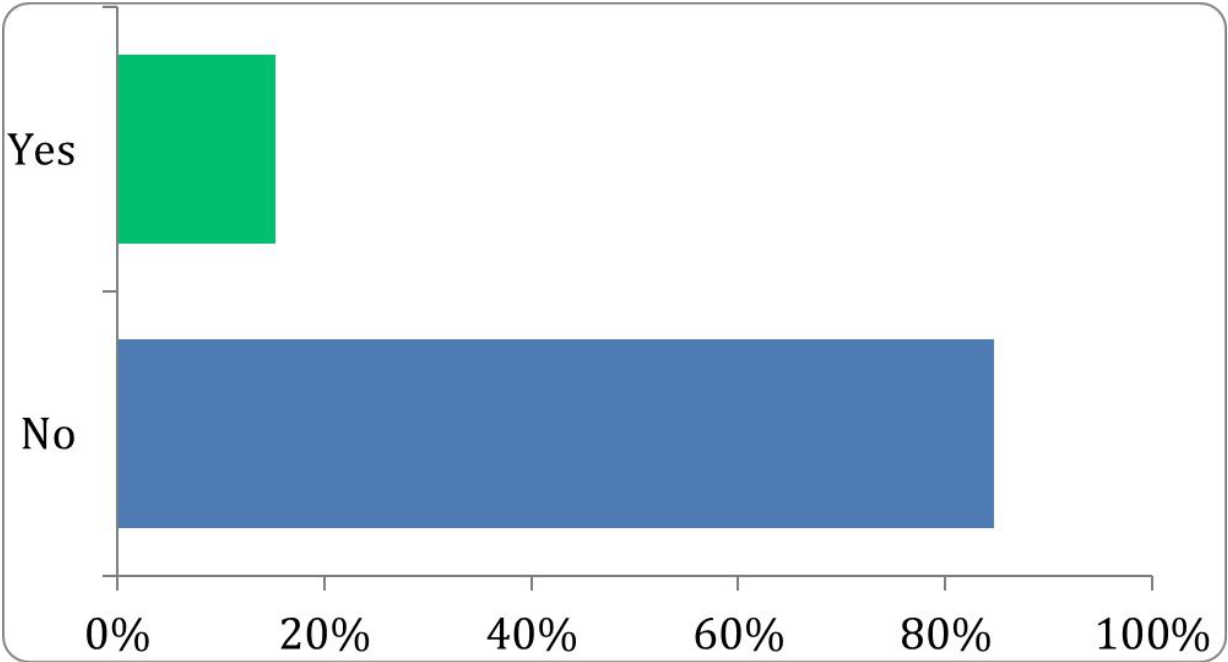
Do you work in Worksop? (Q8)



If you have paid work in Worksop, which sector is this in? (Q12)

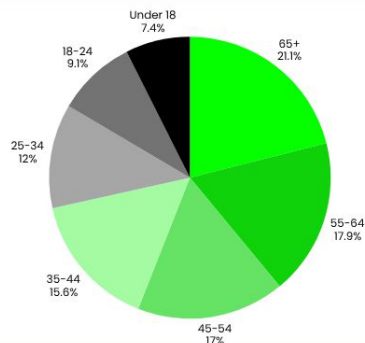


Do you study in Worksop? (Q9)

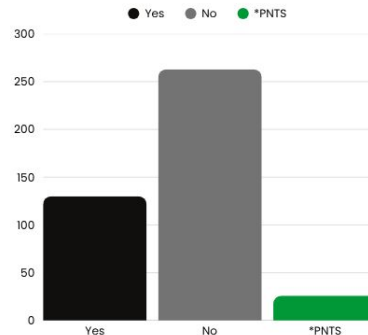




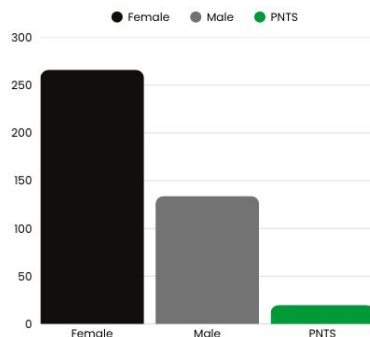
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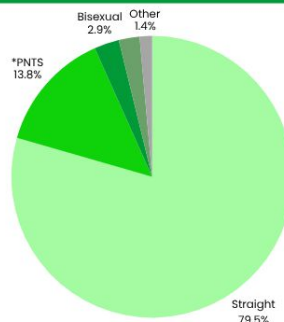
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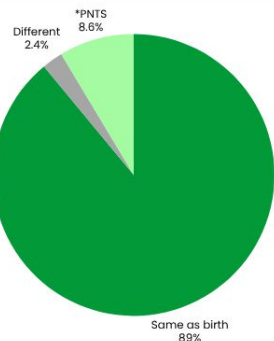
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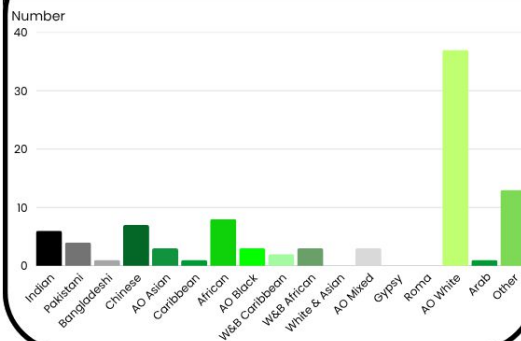
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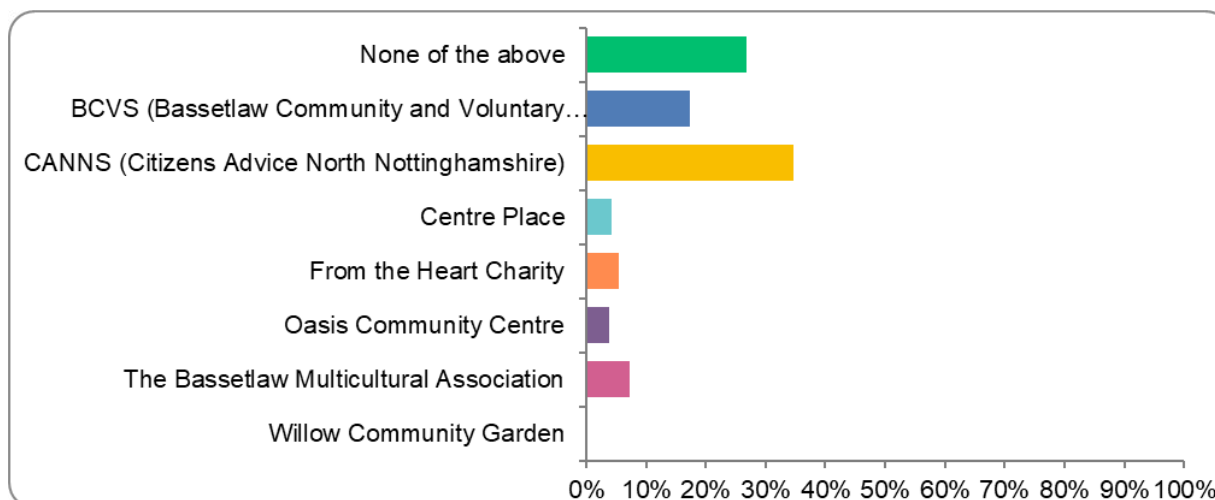
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4. Results

If you are completing this survey with or at a community organisation please confirm which organisation – tick one box only (Q1).



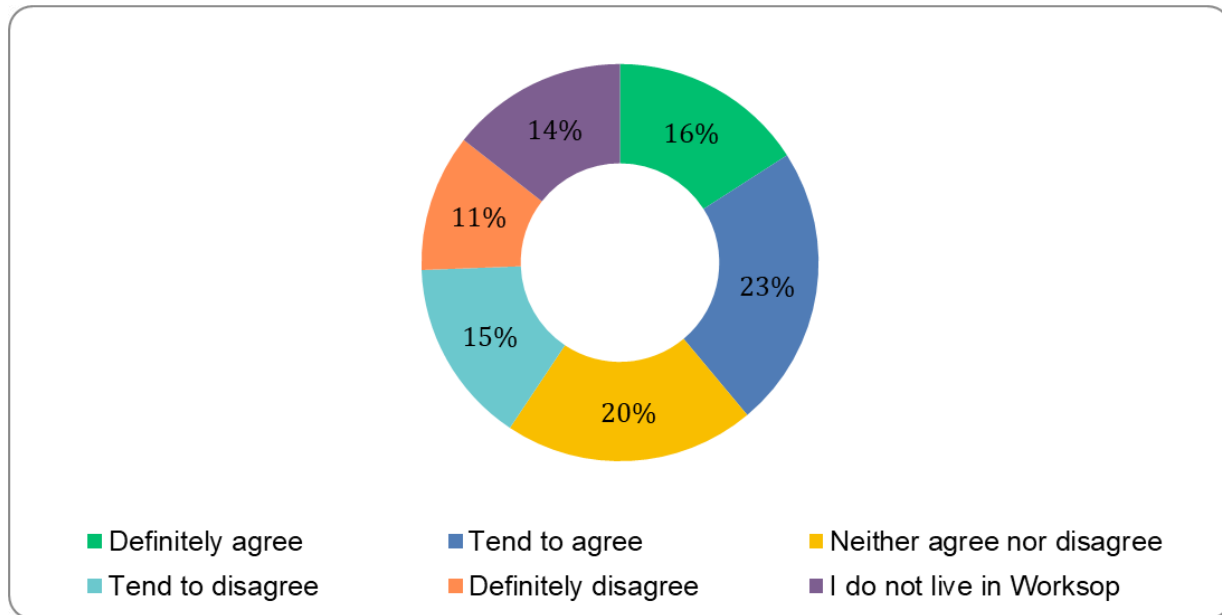
Answer Choices	Responses
None of the above	26.82% (188)
BCVS (Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service)	17.40% (122)
CANNS (Citizens Advice North Nottinghamshire)	34.66% (243)
Centre Place	4.28% (30)
From the Heart Charity	5.42% (38)
Oasis Community Centre	3.85% (27)
The Bassetlaw Multicultural Association	7.28% (51)
Willow Community Garden	0.29% (2)

Total Respondents: 701 (including 3 test surveys under none of the above)

'None of the above 188', reflects surveys completed as a result of social media and poster campaigns which all partners above supported.

4a. Pride in Place

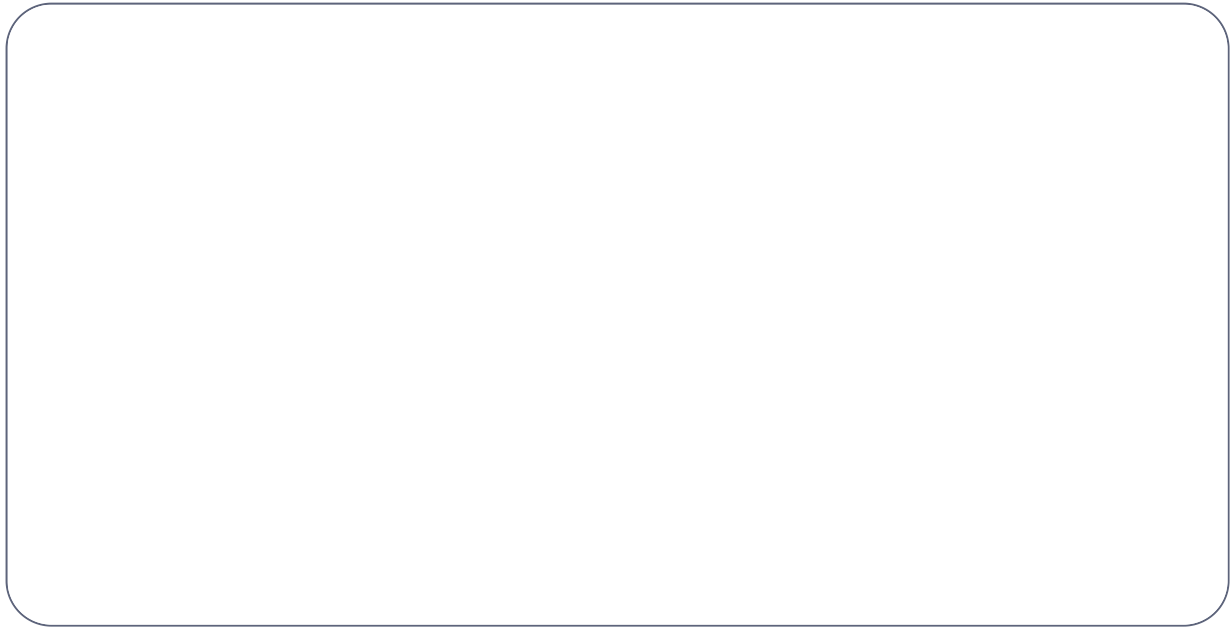
Do you agree with the statement 'I am proud to live in Worksop' (Q2)



Data shows that 26% Tend to disagree or Definitely disagree with the statement and 39% Tend to agree or Definitely agree.

This compares favourably to the Zencity national base line data which was collected from the 9th of April to the 26th of May, 2025. Where 119 respondents from Worksop were digitally recruited (e.g., over social media, mobile apps, and survey panels) and which stated:

**What are the main reasons you would agree with the statement:
'I am proud to live in Worksop'. (Q3)**



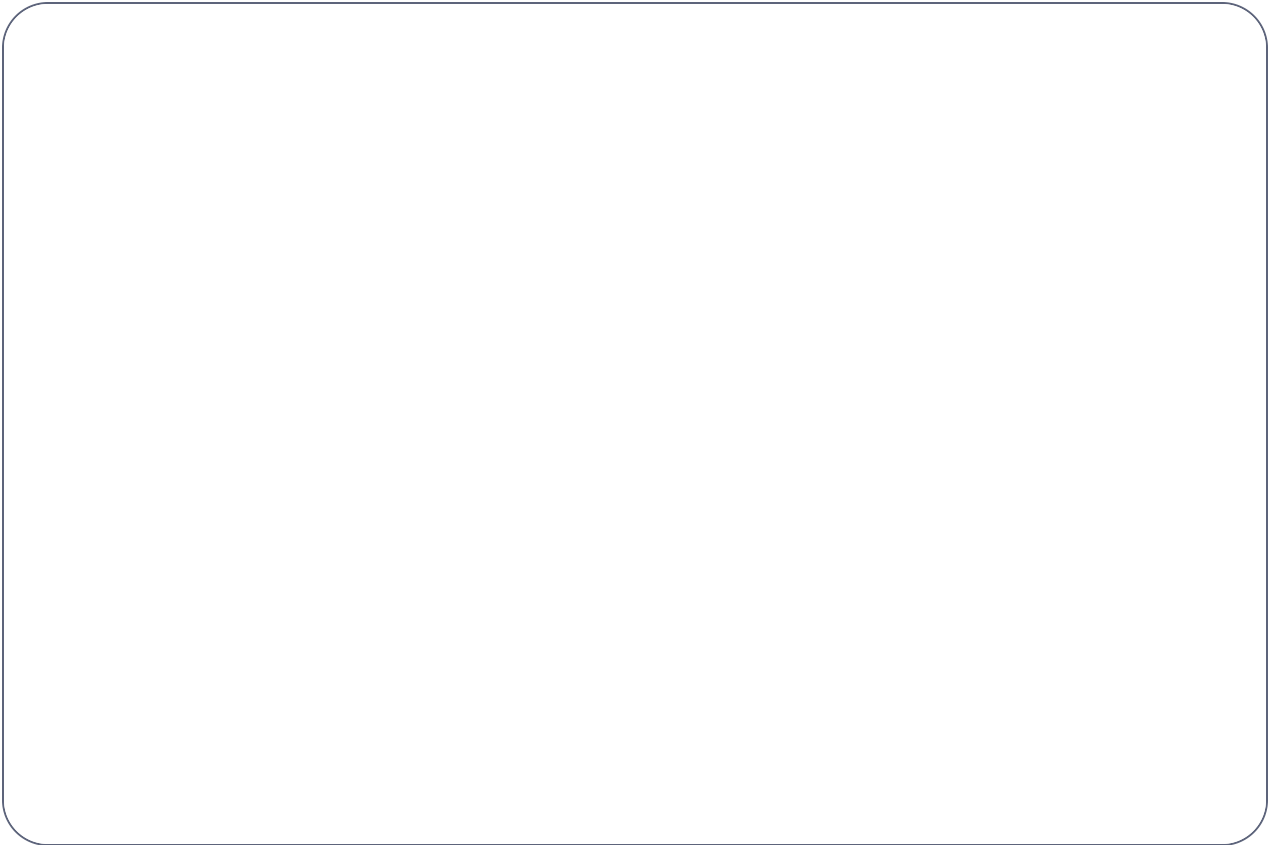
The three most popular reasons cited were:

1. 'Because of the green and natural spaces here' 32%,
2. 'There are good transport links' 25%
3. 'Because of the culture, heritage and history of the area' 22%.

Under 'Other' the top 3 reasons cited were College, Cinema and Community.

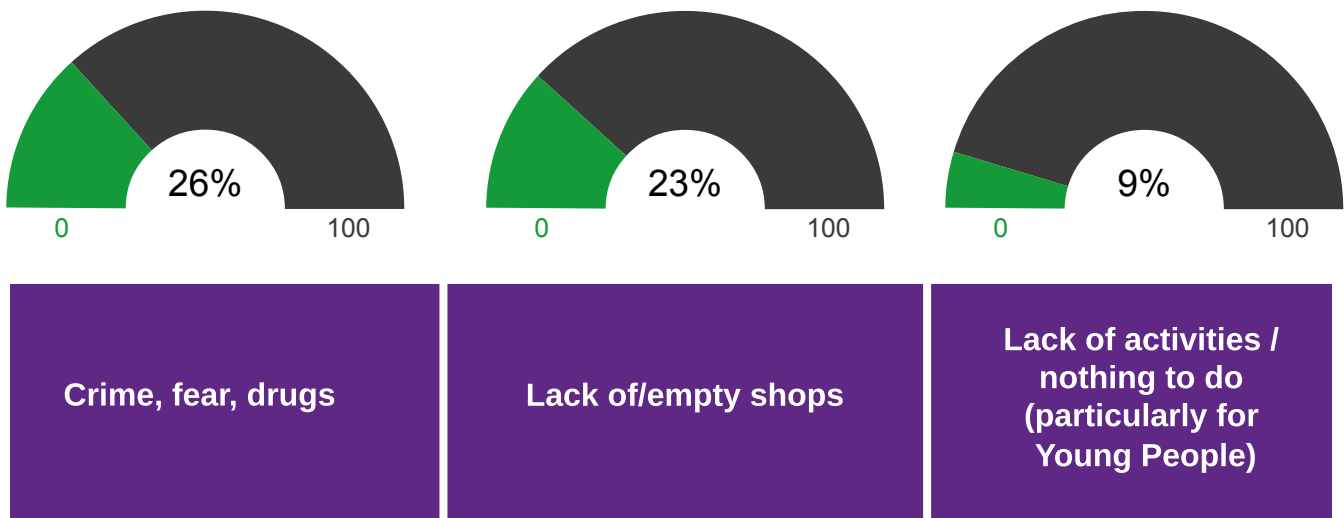
The UK government commissioned national research into all the towns selected for the Pride in Place Programme which was shared with each town board in August 2025. Zencity was commissioned to conduct the research to provide baseline data.

The Zencity data contains significantly different results to this question, however should be noted that Zencity has a small sample size of 33 respondents to this question:



What are the main reasons you would disagree with the statement that ‘I am proud to live in Worksop?’ (50-word limit. If you agree with the statement please write N/A in the box below). (Q4)

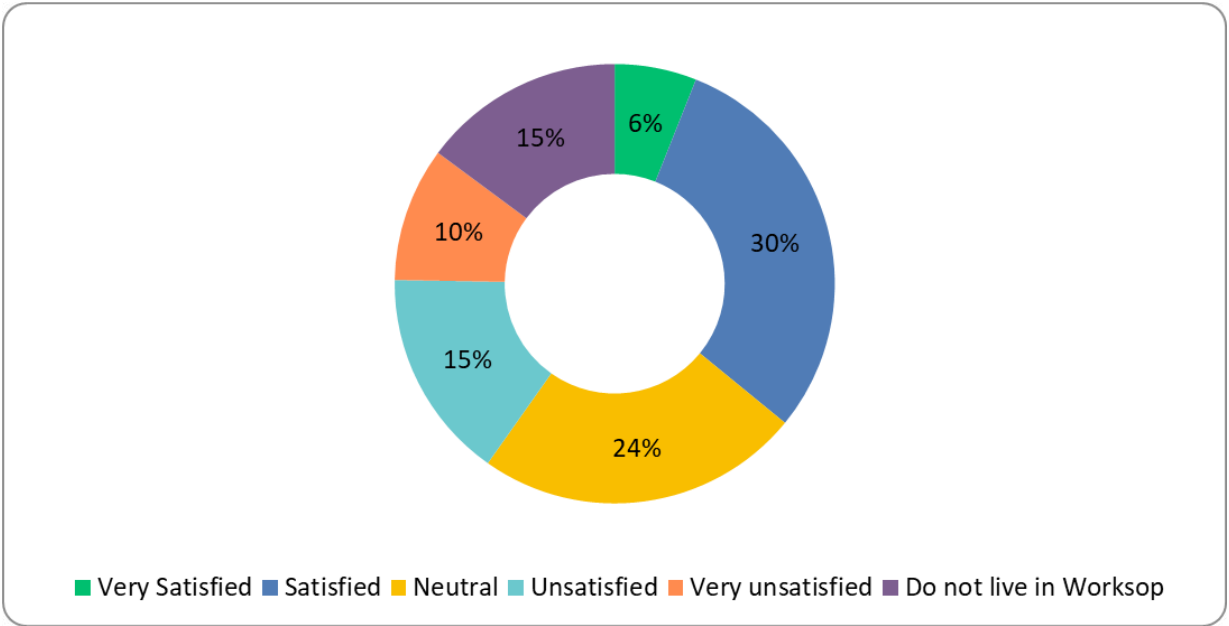
The most frequency mentioned reasons people disagreed with the statement were:



30% of respondents said N/A

The number and scale of the response overall (70% of respondents who indicated that they disagreed with the statement 'I am proud to live in Worksop'), illustrates the strength of opinion and recurring themes throughout surveys and focus group data.

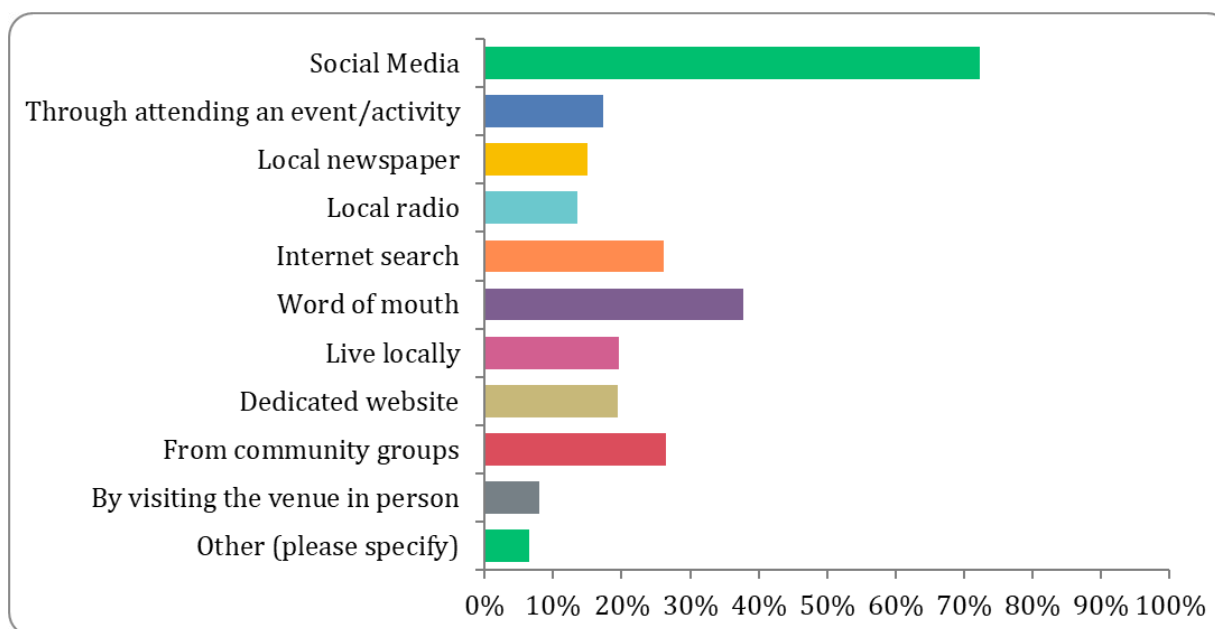
How satisfied are you overall with Worksop as a place to live? (Q7)



36% of respondents are either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with Worksop as a place to live, compared to 25% who are either 'unsatisfied' or very 'unsatisfied'.

4b. Communication

How do you prefer to hear about events in Worksop? (Q14)

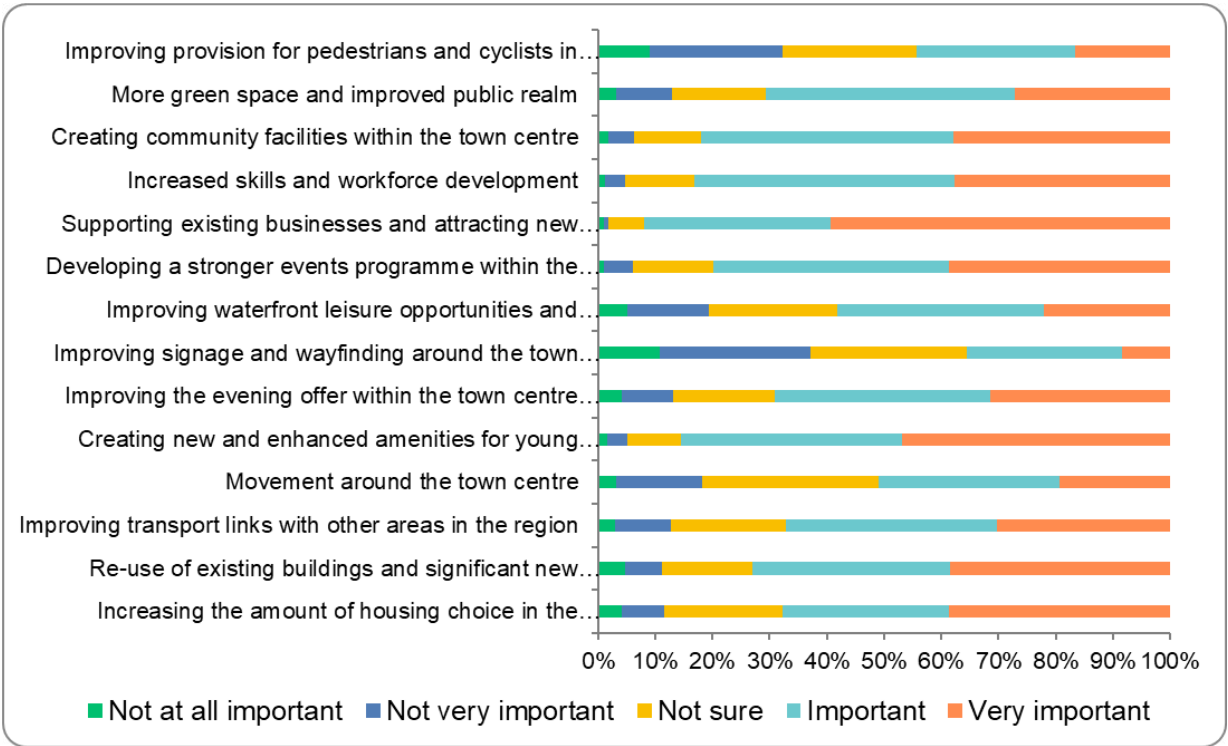


Zencity baseline data shows that 'most respondents in Worksop report that they have not been consulted about local services or issues in their local area. Whilst there are many documented opportunities, it is clear that improved communications will be essential if communities are to feel more informed and involved moving forwards:

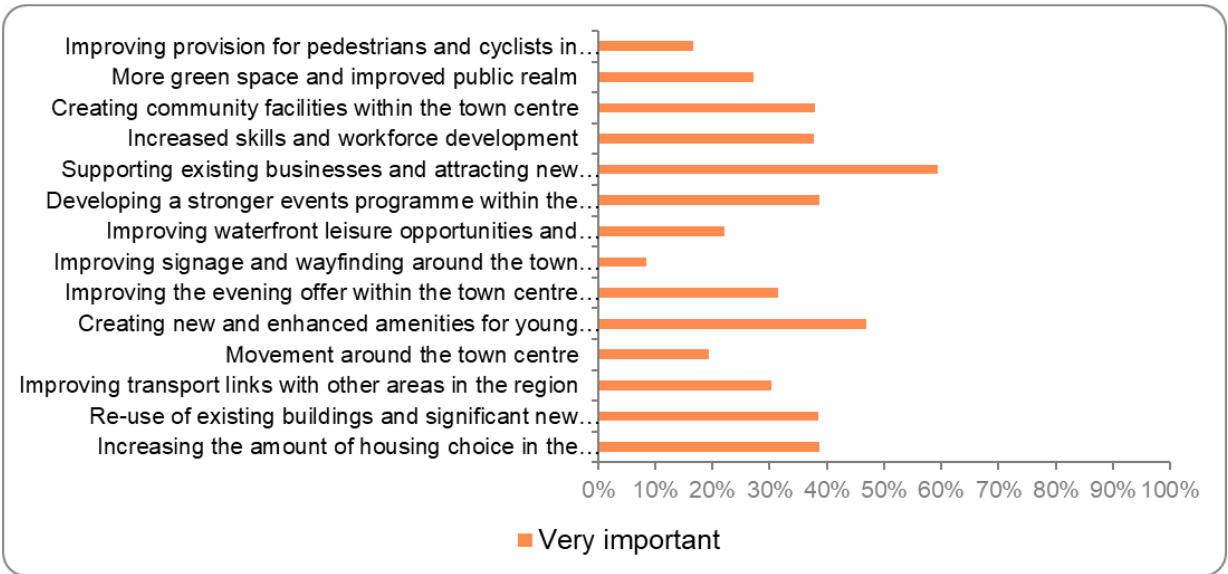
4c. Priorities for Use of Funding

What would your number one priority be for use of the £20 million of funding through the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme in Worksop? (50-word limit) (Q5)

These are priorities for Workstop that were identified through previous research – please state how important these are to you. (Q6)



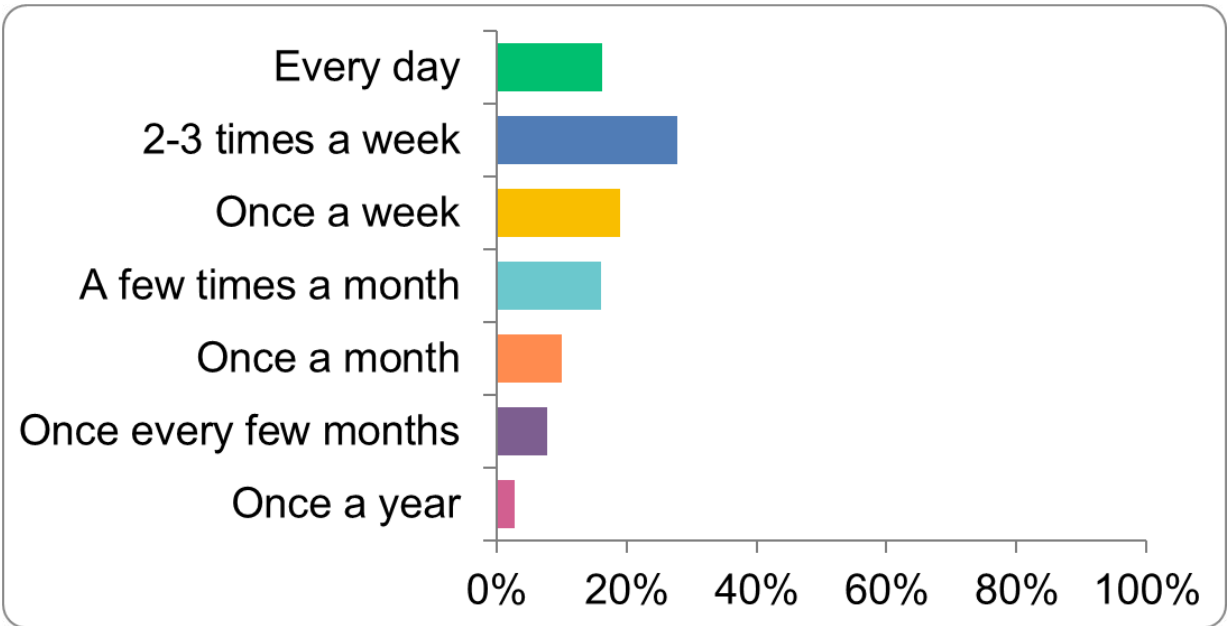
'Very Important' only:



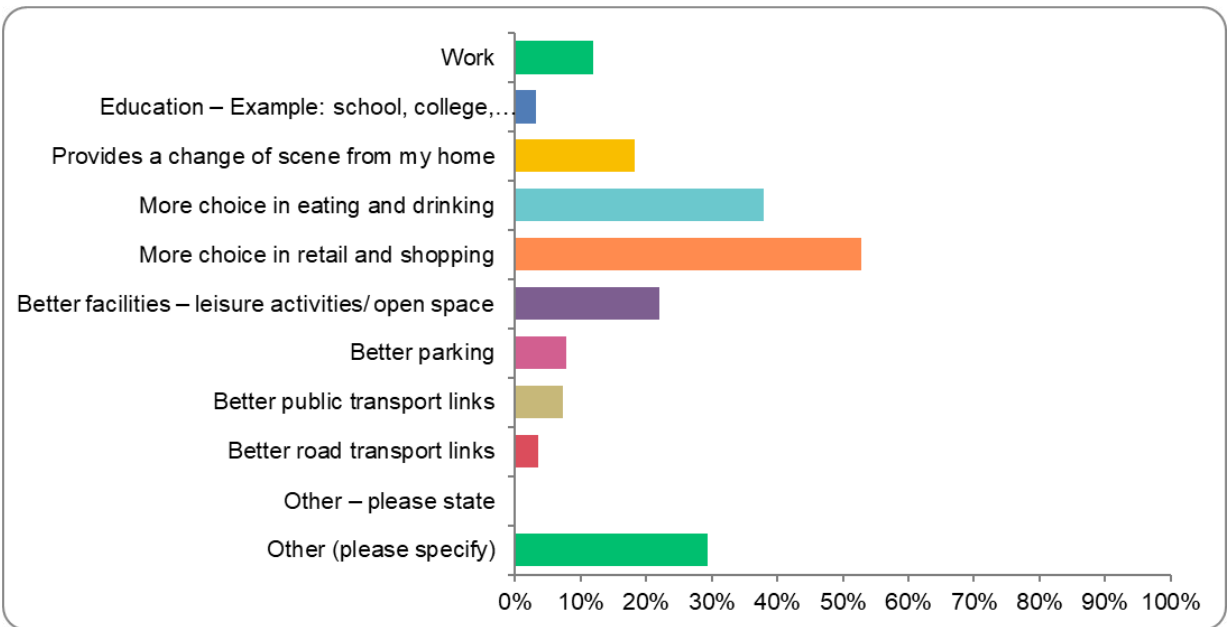
Ranked by combined total of Important and Very Important with top 5 highlighted:

	Q6. These are priorities for Workstop that were identified through previous research please state how important these are to you.	Important	Very Important	Total
1	Supporting existing businesses and attracting new businesses into the town	32.69%	59.35%	92.04%
2	Creating new and enhanced amenities for young people	38.71%	46.88%	85.59%
3	Increased skills and workforce development	45.59%	37.63%	83.22%
4	Creating community facilities within the town centre	44.09%	37.85%	81.94%
5	Developing a stronger events programme within the town centre (markets, events, performances, cultural activities etc)	41.08%	38.71%	79.79%
6	Re-use of existing buildings and significant new housing in the town centre	34.62%	38.49%	73.11%
7	More green space and improved public realm	43.66%	27.10%	70.76%
8	Improving the evening offer within the town centre (restaurants, bars, events and activities etc)	37.63%	31.40%	69.03%
9	Increasing the amount of housing choice in the area, including affordable housing	29.03%	38.71%	67.74%
10	Improving transport links with other areas in the region	36.77%	30.32%	67.09%
11	Improving waterfront leisure opportunities and access to the waterside	36.13%	22.15%	58.28%
12	Movement around the town centre	31.61%	19.35%	50.96%
13	Improving provision for pedestrians and cyclists in the town centre	27.74%	16.56%	44.30%
14	Improving signage and wayfinding around the town centre	27.10%	8.39%	35.49%

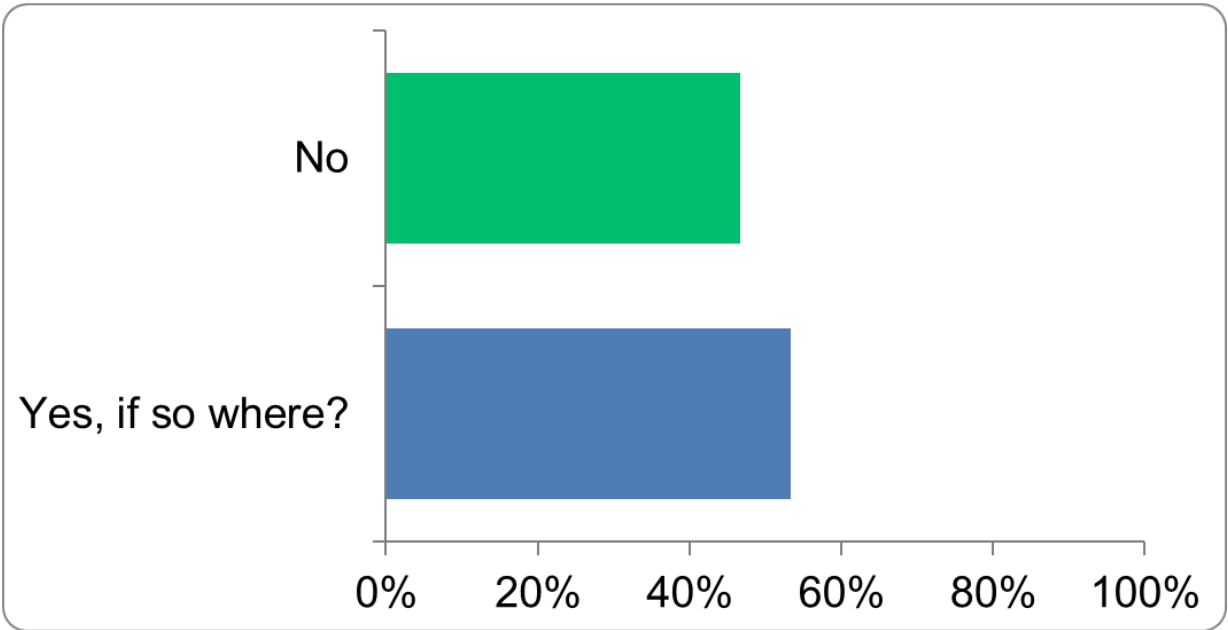
How often do you visit Worksop Town Centre? (Q16)



What are your reasons for visiting Worksop Town Centre? (Q17)



Do you regularly visit other towns? (regularly meaning at least once a fortnight) (Q18)



Where? With top 3 highlighted:

Ranked	Town	%
1	Retford	44%
2	Sheffield	22%
3	Doncaster	18%
4	Mansfield	11%
5	Lincoln	5%
6	Nottingham	4%
7	Leeds	4%
8	Meadowhall	4%
9	Rotherham	3%
10	Chesterfield	3%

The main reason I regularly visit other towns is(regularly meaning at least once a fortnight): please tick all that apply (Q19)

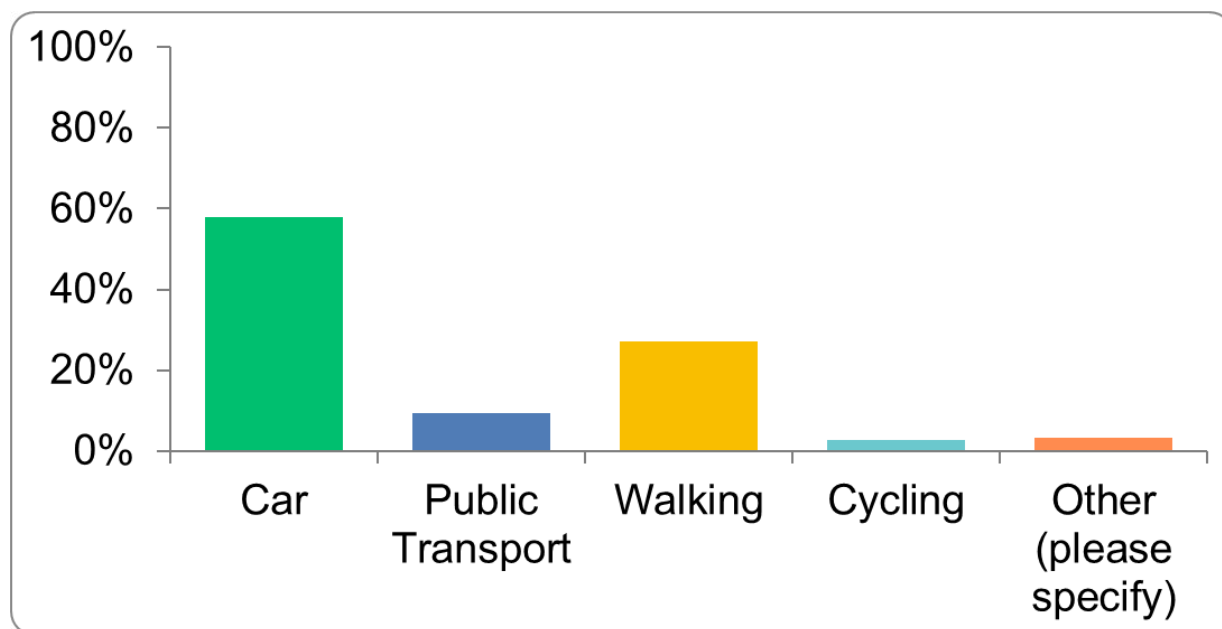


Ranked by most frequently identified reasons with top 5 highlighted:

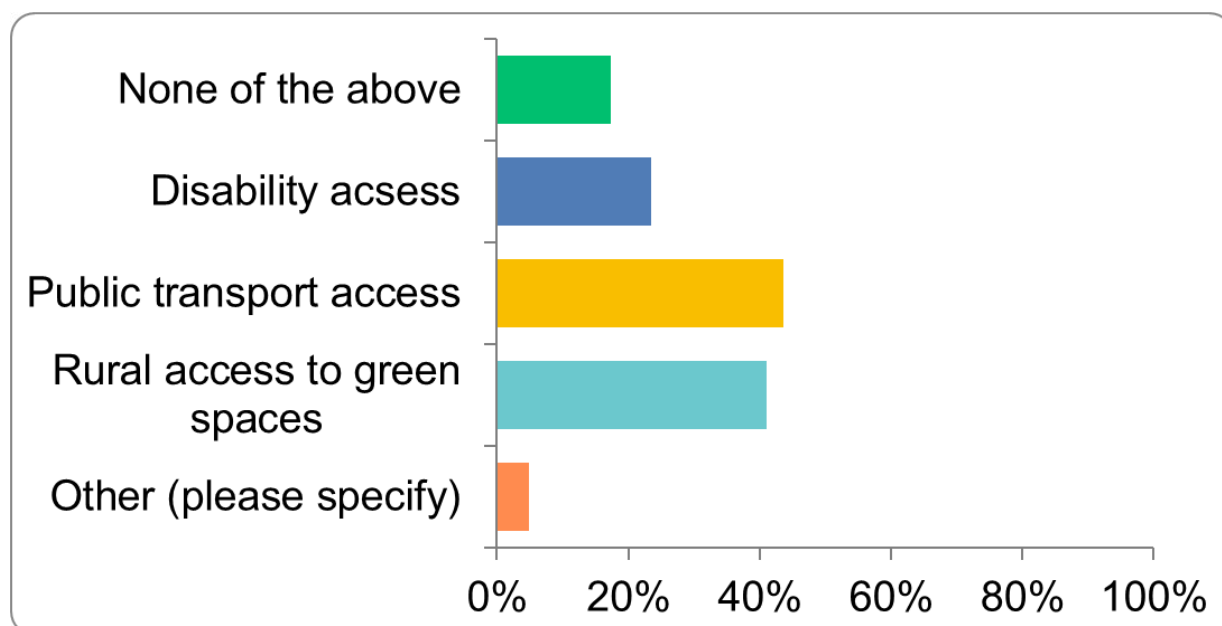
Answer Choices	Responses
More choice in retail and shopping	52.87%
More choice in eating and drinking	37.93%
Other (please specify)	29.43%
Better facilities - leisure activities/open space	22.07%
Provides a change of scene from home	18.16%
Work	11.95%
Better parking	7.82%
Better public transport links	7.36%
Better road transport links	3.45%
Education - eg. school, college, apprenticeships	3.22%

4d. Transport and Accessibility

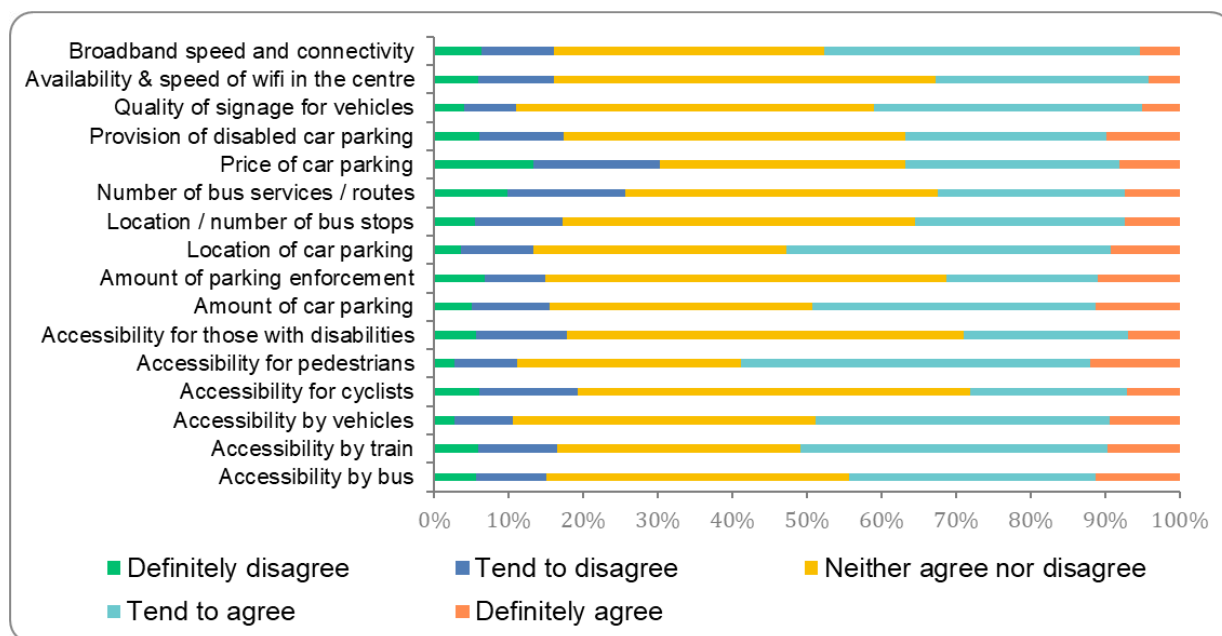
What is your most used method of transport around Worksop? (Q20)



What type of accessibility is important to you? Tick all that apply (Q21)



Do you agree with the following statements? Worksoy has good: (Q15)

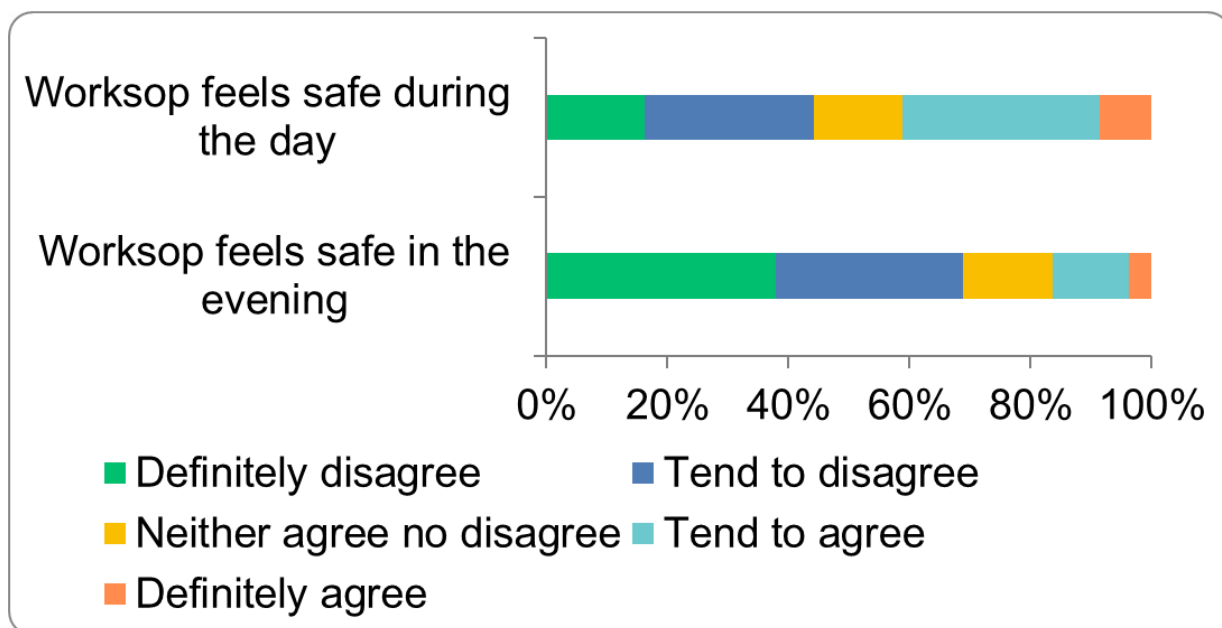


Ranked by combined total of Definitely disagree and Tend to disagree with top 5 highlighted:

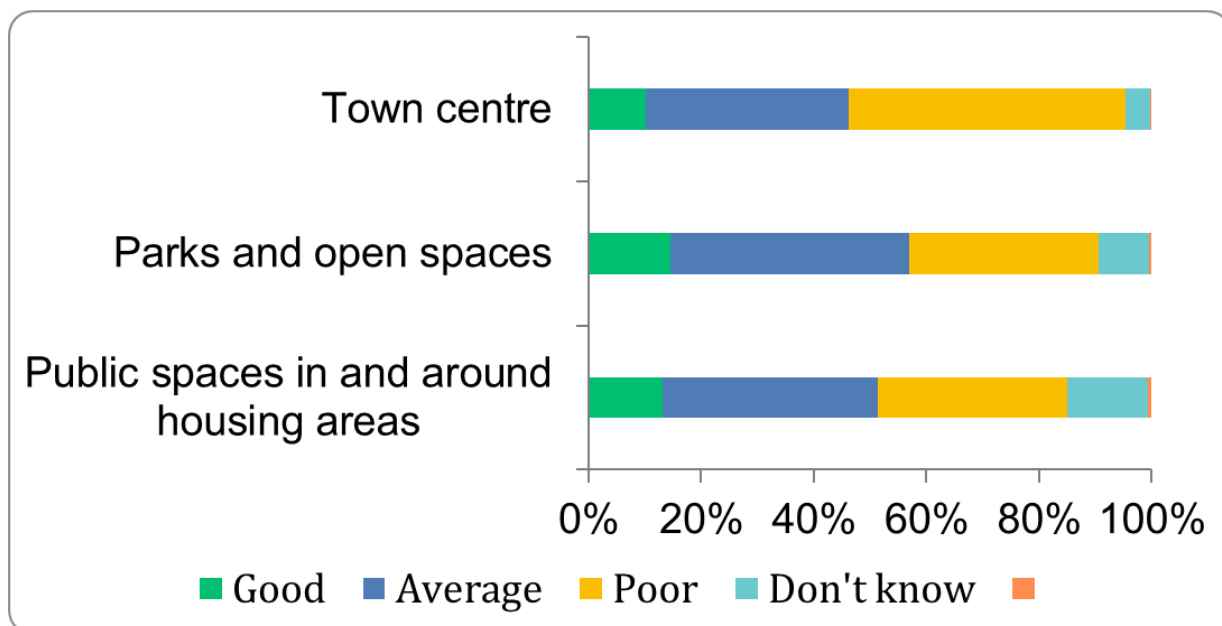
Q15. Do you agree with the following statements? Worksoy has good:	Definitely disagree	Tend to disagree	Total
Price of car parking	13.33%	17.01%	30.34%
Number of bus services/routes	9.89%	15.86%	25.75%
Accessibility for cyclists	6.21%	13.10%	19.31%
Accessibility for those with disabilities	5.75%	12.18%	17.93%
Provision of disabled car parking	6.21%	11.26%	17.47%
Location/number of bus stops	5.52%	11.72%	17.24%
Accessibility by train	5.98%	10.57%	16.55%
Broadband speed and connectivity	6.44%	9.66%	16.10%
Availability & speed of Wi-Fi in the centre	5.98%	10.11%	16.09%
Amount of car parking	5.06%	10.57%	15.63%
Accessibility by bus	5.75%	9.43%	15.18%
Amount of parking enforcement	6.90%	8.05%	14.95%
Location of car parking	3.68%	9.66%	13.34%
Accessibility for pedestrians	2.76%	8.51%	11.27%
Quality of signage for vehicles	4.14%	6.90%	11.04%
Accessibility by vehicles	2.76%	7.82%	10.58%

4e. Safety

Safety in Worksop. Please state whether you agree (Q24)



Please rate aspects of Worksop in relation to safety and security (Q25)



4f. Worksop Together CCE Film



4g. Worksop in 2035

Focus Group Discussions

What are your hopes for the Worksop of 2035 and what would this look like to you?

NB – Whilst themes identified in the focus groups broadly reflect survey findings, the focus group responses to this question and discussion points are noted in full to ensure voices are shared fully and that participants have the opportunity to be heard by the board.

1

Disabled People x 2 focus groups

- a. Worksop would be a better, safer place to live with a vibrant Town centre with shops, entertainment areas, lots of creativity, joy and laughter.
- b. A place where all ages can enjoy each other's company and where there is something happening for everyone.
- c. A place where equality is at the heart of everything
- d. A place where everyone is treated with kindness, compassion and where there are no homeless people, addicts and a place where everyone's mental health is good because there is no stress, good relationships and lots of positive things making life better for everyone.
- e. More boutiques and small businesses not big chains.
- f. Better future for my grandkids.
- g. A safer environment. More community policing.
- h. Prettier. Well maintained,
- i. No more drug opportunities.
- j. Places like Marks and Spencer

2

Young People (15–25) x 3 focus groups

- a. I hope that there will be less litter and cleaner streets.
- b. That there are no druggies selling or doing drugs.
- c. No Child snatchers.
- d. I want Worksop to be safer for young people.
- e. That it is more Child friendly.
- f. That there are more safer places to cross roads like zebra crossings.
- g. The buildings in town to be full of shops and actually be shops again.
- h. I want it to have no drug dealers anymore.
- i. No more violence and angry people on the roads.
- j. I hope it will be safer to go out without worrying about being hurt by someone.
- k. Bus stations to be open 24/7 and on weekends.
- l. That there will be more places for young people to have fun.
- m. Better town centre more accessible areas.
- n. Participants described a vision of Worksop in 2035 as a safer, more attractive, and more vibrant town where people would be proud to live, work, and spend time.
- o. Safety and security: A major hope was for Worksop to feel peaceful and safe. Participants wanted better policing, safer streets, reliable lighting, and effective crime management. For many, a town where people, particularly young people feel secure walking around was central to their vision of the future.
- p. Community spirit and events: Young people hoped to see more community events and activities that bring people together. They imagined Worksop hosting inclusive festivals, gaming or cultural events, and activities that not only strengthen local pride but also attract visitors from outside the area.
- q. Shops, restaurants, and social spaces: By 2035, participants hoped Worksop would offer a stronger retail and hospitality offer, with high-quality shops, chain restaurants, and spaces for young people to socialise.
- r. Town centre regeneration: Participants wanted the long-promised regeneration to be delivered, with a revitalised town centre that feels modern and welcoming.

3

Ethnic Minority Communities x 2 focus groups

- a. I would like worksop to be a place people coming from surrounding towns and cities spend their days like the place they think. Oh, OK, it's nice.
- b. Traditional Christmas fair that goes through the town at some point before Christmas, isn't it? That has some different foods.
- c. The market, yeah, this kind of festivals will be very good. You know, the cheese festival like, you know, facilitate to bring some more animal fair, something like that.
- d. The people when what that even allowable they can feel safe. The children can walk and jumping and also the National Trust. CLUMBER is the perfect place, but it's very expensive.
- e. They have to give some discount or something. I don't know. You know, some facility I can easily to take children to go visit them to meet to the people. The other things. [Address] The pestilence.
- f. Need to for young people investment in. There are teenagers, but they are communities features.
- g. More CCTVS in the city centre, not out in the nice parts like Gateford. And within the city centre ... it needs more CCTV to keep the place safe. SOS phones that you just press the button in a matter of 3-4 seconds someone answers.
- h. If we can have a community centre then we have different people from all the world as a worker. So we can think of different cultures.

Older People (65+) x 2 focus groups

- a. Hopes for Worksop in 10 years-time centred around a thriving town centre with a variety of shopping available.
- b. More job prospects for younger generations and also better standards of behaviour and etiquette from the younger generations.
- c. Generally better pride in place and developing community cohesion. The group were also passionate about the possible closure of their community group due to.
- d. Members spoke about the huge impact the shed had had on their lives and how sorely more support groups like theirs are needed.
- e. They felt that future investment in groups like theirs would help to support the community of Worksop in to the future.
- f. I hope that there will be a cleaner and safer environment for everyone to enjoy,
- g. No one would be homeless or hungry in our Town.
- h. Worksop would be a thriving town with a beautiful town centre.
- i. Worksop would be a heritage destination and we would have more visitors and pride in our Town.
- j. A thriving town with no pit holes or speed bumps.
- k. A place where everyone is welcomed, cared for and happy. Real equality.
- l. A big medical centre in the centre of town so people can get proper help without travelling miles and miles to Mexborough and Doncaster.
- m. Good doctors and dental care for everyone treated the same. There is no fairness in our world today so maybe we could work on that for tomorrow.
- n. Worksop would be a centre for tourism and would be thriving and a wonderful place to live.
- o. All the big companies would have supported a town clean up and Worksop and Bassetlaw would be a place to be proud of.
- p. Someone with great vision and passion for people and places would have had the job of driving this initiative and had joined the community together and together the place would be a thriving place with a heritage to celebrate and a future to enjoy.
- q. Worksop would be a beautiful town with places to go, to sit, to eat, to enjoy activities and to live which was greened up, with beautiful flowers, trees, art and sculpture and creativity everywhere.
- r. A place where everyone's story was important and everyone was really cared for.
- s. People are at the heart of the new Worksop... the new Town plan is all about people being cared for, encouraged and supported. Children's play areas restored, family parks made beautiful places, community hubs where everyone can find what support they need, where people are genuinely loved and cared for whoever they are and everyone is at peace.
- t. Worksop would have a beating Heart again that makes people want to come and stay and makes people proud of living here and investing in the place.

The Group also said:

"If you give this Focus Group all the money 2 million pounds we will make Worksop great. We would choose the right people who aren't just jobsworths who have no real interest in the Town and give the jobs to people who are truly proud of their heritage and story and see what they will do."

Focus Group Vision

What are your hopes for the Worksop of 2035 and what would this look like to you?

Disabled People

"By 2035, Worksop is a kind, compassionate town where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. People of all ages enjoy being together in safe, accessible spaces filled with creativity, laughter and activity. The town centre is vibrant, with independent shops and local businesses that give it character. There is no homelessness or addiction on the streets and everyone's mental health is supported by positive relationships, purpose and community belonging."

Ethnic Minority Communities

"By 2035, Worksop is a place where people from all backgrounds feel proud, safe and welcome. The town centre is lively and attractive, full of shops, markets and cultural festivals that celebrate diversity and bring people together. Visitors from surrounding towns come to enjoy Worksop's warm atmosphere, its international foods and family-friendly events. A new community centre provides a shared space for everyone to connect, learn and celebrate different cultures side by side."

Older People

"In 2035, Worksop is known for its pride, fairness and sense of togetherness. The town centre is clean, safe and vibrant, with thriving local businesses and restored community spaces. Generations support one another, with more opportunities for younger people and better health and social care for all. Parks, art and heritage bring colour and life to every corner. Led by people who truly care about the town's future, Worksop has rediscovered its spirit, a community that works together and looks after one another."

Younger People

"In 2035, Worksop is alive with energy and activity. There are more places for young people to meet, play and relax, from festivals and gaming events to youth cafes and sports areas. The town centre is full of shops and restaurants again, with a modern look that feels exciting and welcoming. It's a space where people want to stay, proud to live, work and spend time together in a community that values them."

5. Top 20 Recommendations

1	Develop a strong, clear, community owned vision for Worksop Together.
2	Resource and deliver some quick wins that visibly and quickly address community concerns whilst longer term projects are developed.
3	Increase and diversify free activities for Children and Young People.
4	Clarify and clearly communicate existing skills and workforce development opportunities to maximise access and fill gaps in provision if needed.
5	Involve the community in selecting the projects and initiatives to be funded.
6	Support development of a full-time permanent town centre community hub.
7	Clean up the streets – remove dirt and grime.
8	Street decoration - green up town centre with plants and flowers.
9	Put local people, residents, workers and business owners at the heart of selection and delivery of improvements.
10	Ensure the vision and scope of Worksop Together can enable the board to attract additional funding.
11	Strengthen neighbourhood voices, include all neighbourhoods and not just the usual suspects.
12	Revisit the people interviewed and see what they think of developments.
13	Young people's voice – respect that many young people do not want to be on camera and listen in other ways.
14	Extended event programme needed – at least one a month in town.
15	Improve safety in town centre – increase visibility of community policing.
16	Identify which buildings are council owned and empty and how to unlock use
17	Provide clear information regarding the ability for the board to utilise Pride in Place Programme funding for additional incentives for new business.
18	Establish shadow panel for youth voice with youth representatives.
19	Relocate services which attract and support people with drug and alcohol problems away from the town centre.
20	Ensure regular independent communications with monthly updates to the community, including regular 'You said we did'. Community communication, engagement and involvement needed at every stage – in consultation, planning, selection, delivery and evaluation of the Pride in Place Programme.

Thank you
to all partners and
people
who have taken part in
the Workso Together
Community
Consultation and
Engagement
2025

Annexes

Annex A

Workshop Together Community Consultation and Engagement Focus Group Guidance

All Focus groups and write up of feedback must be complete and submitted to BCVS by 1st October 2025 for inclusion in final report to Workshop Together Board. Please use the template in annex B to complete the Partner report.

Funded partners will receive:

- £1500 to resource up to 5 days of staff time at £250 per day plus £250 towards engagement activities and participant support. We suggest that participants receive a £20 voucher to thank them for participation. However, it is up to funded partners to decide what expenditure will best support the outputs required including any possible incentives or expenses.

We suggest you will need at least two facilitators to run the focus group, one to ask questions and listen and one to make notes.

Facilitators should ask questions only and not input their own views.

There are useful resources online if you haven't run a focus group before including this NHS guidance:

[A bite size guide to running focus groups for patient and public engagement](#)

Workshop Together Funded partners have been asked to deliver:

- One themed focus group with 8 to 10 members excluding the facilitators (this could be split over two smaller focus groups if appropriate)
- Completion of 35 surveys by 35 people from the theme groups below (including 8 to 10 completed by focus group members)
- Completion of a short report writing up focus group findings and using a template in Annex B to include photos to be submitted to BCVS by 1st October.

Each focus group to include participants from one or more of the following target communities:

- Theme one: Disabled people
- Theme two: Older People
- Theme three: People from Minority Ethnic communities
- Theme four: Young People

NB Focus Group participants must also Live &/or Work &/or Study in Workshop to be eligible focus group participants.

Partners should also please:

- **Confirm the dates, times and venue for your focus group with BCVS at least 48 hours before the focus group and by 5th September at the latest.**
- Allocate a reference number to each participant for use on the focus group participant forms and keep a list of names and reference numbers securely and separately.
- Use MS teams or equivalent on a phone to record the focus group switching on the transcription function at the start of the recording to produce a full written transcript of the focus group. If you need support or further information on how to do this please let BCVS know.
- **Print out the separate Focus Group Introduction and Participant form (pages 3 to 7 in this document and also supplied separately) and give a copy to each focus group participant for completion.**
- **Take photos which do not identify participants – if they do identify participants please ensure that you have written photo consent on file before including the photos in the report.**

Please note:

- Each partner organisation is responsible for conducting its own health and safety risk assessment of the venue to be used and for ensuring compliance with relevant legislation including that which covers Health and Safety, Data Protection, The Equality Act and Safeguarding.
- If support with translating materials is required please let BCVS know at least 5 working days before the translated materials are needed.
- All focus groups and survey completion should take place within Worksop as required by the funder – see Annex C for Worksop boundary.

Annex B

Focus Groups



Section 1: Focus Group Introduction

Thank you for your time and sharing your views with us today.

Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service, in partnership with Citizens Advice North Nottinghamshire and wider community partners are working with Worksop Together in this stage of development to ensure that your views are heard.

This will shape how £20 million of Plans for Neighbourhood Funding is invested in Worksop over the next 10 years.

The focus group aims to capture richer details on what matters to you.

Each focus group member will receive a £20 voucher as a thank you on receipt of the completed form.

Each focus group member will also be asked to complete a survey which should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. All survey respondents that will be given the chance to enter a prize draw for one of the six £50 of vouchers to spend in a local shop or business of your choice.

Your answers will be stored and used in line with the [BCVS Privacy statement](#), to ensure confidentiality. Answers will be combined with the previous responses and will shape the priorities and development of the Plan for Neighbourhoods, Investment Plan and Regeneration Plan.

Many thanks again for your time and participation.

Focus Group Questions - for information only

Please note, these will be discussed in the group and staff members will write up the notes from the discussion. You may also choose to produce pictures or other creative ways to express your views in addition to discussing these questions.

Focus group organisers will also be recording the focus group in order to transcribe notes after the meeting. The recording will be deleted as soon as the transcription (typed notes) have been saved.

1. **How proud are you to live in Worksop** and what are the reasons for your answer?
2. **What matters to you:** What are the issues that matter most to you and your family?
3. What would your **number one priority be for use of the £20 million of funding** through the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme in Worksop?
4. **What are your hopes for the Worksop of 2035 and what would this look like to you?** (This is a good question to answer using creative arts if appropriate however verbal answers are fine too if more appropriate to group needs.)

Worksop Together Focus Group Participant form

To be completed by partner organisation:

Date:

Venue:

Name of organisation that is running focus group:

Focus group theme:

Participant number: _____

(To be added by organisation running focus group to maintain confidentiality)

To be completed by each focus group participant:

2g. Do you live in Worksop* Yes/No

2h. Do you work in Worksop* Yes/No

2i. Do you do unpaid work in Worksop* (e.g. Volunteering or caring) Yes/No

2i. Do you study in Worksop* Yes/No

**3. If you live in Worksop, which neighbourhood do you live in* – please tick
(if you don't live in Worksop please skip to Q4)**

Cheapside

Crabtree and Sparken Hill

Gateford

Kilton

Manton

Prospect

Sandy lane

St Annes /Mansfield Road

Town centre

Other – please state

N/A

4. If you have paid or unpaid work in Worksop, which neighbourhood is this in?* (If you don't work in Worksop please skip to Q5)

Cheapside
Crabtree and Sparken Hill
Gateford
Kilton
Manton
Prospect
Sandy lane
St Annes / Mansfield Road
Town centre
Other – please state

5. If you study/learn in Worksop, which neighbourhood is this in?* (If you don't study in Worksop please skip to Q6)

Cheapside
Crabtree and Sparken Hill
Gateford
Kilton
Manton
Prospect
Sandy lane
St Annes / Mansfield Road
Town centre
Other – please state

6.What is your age range? Please tick

Up to 11
12 - 17
18-24
25-34
35-44
45-54
55-60
61 to 64
65 plus

7 Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

Yes/ No

7b. Do you identify as being from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background?

Yes/No if no please skip to Q7c - If yes please tick below

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background

White

- English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Roma
- Any other White background

Other ethnic group

- Arab
- Any other ethnic group

7c. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

- straight or heterosexual
- gay or lesbian
- bisexual
- other sexual orientation

7d. What is your sex?

- Female
- Male

7e. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

Yes / No

Partner organisation report template

Please return this report plus the full written transcription of focus group plus any photos or pictures produced electronically to BCVS by 5pm 1st October 2025 to Darren.huart@bcvs.org.uk

a. Name and role of person completing this report:

b. Date and time of focus group/s:

c. Venue for focus group including postcode:

d. Name of organisation running focus group:

e. Number of Focus Group Participants:

Summary of key issues identified by focus group participants in response to the following questions – please summarise responses in up to 250 words for each question

1. How proud are you to live in Worksop and what are the reasons for your answer?

2. What matters to you: What are the issues that matter most to you and your family?

3. What would your number one priority be for use of the £20 million of funding through the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme in Worksop?

4. What are your hopes for the Worksop of 2035/What would this look like to you? If creative arts or images have been produced as part of any discussions or answers please include photographs of these with the report.

Annex C

Extracts from Pride in Place Programme FAQs Published 25th September 2025 [Pride in Place Programme: FAQ - GOV.UK](#)

‘2.2 Funding profile

How much funding will neighbourhoods receive?

The Government has confirmed neighbourhoods will receive up to £20 million of funding and support over the next decade. This will be endowment-style funding, including circa 37% revenue to support managing and delivering investment projects.

Further information and funding profiles will be set out in due course.

Can funding from the programme be used in conjunction with other funds?

Yes, should Neighbourhood Boards consider it appropriate, they may wish to utilise funding from the Pride in Place Programme alongside other government funding.

We also encourage Boards to consider how the interventions they are seeking to pursue through their Regeneration Plans complement other government funding in the locality. Central government will work across departments to ensure this funding is a catalyst for these communities to have a say in the services delivered locally and we will work with external partners – including philanthropy, social investors and socially-minded businesses – to crowd-in extra funding and activity.

What kind of interventions can the funding be used for?

The Pride in Place Programme represents a break from the competitive bidding process and micromanaging of previous regeneration funds. The model will build on the approach taken in existing Pride in Place areas, giving areas a list of pre-approved interventions and the autonomy such that, if that activity can be evidenced as a clear priority of the community, it can be pursued without the need to provide a lengthy business case.

The list will not be exhaustive, and we encourage Neighbourhood Boards to think innovatively and creatively about how to deliver the strategic objectives of the programme. Where activities fall outside the scope of the pre-approved interventions but the board, based on their community engagement, believes they are better placed to meet local needs, the board should seek to pursue these. This would require a business case to be agreed with MHCLG.

We want to give boards and communities the tools and information they need to make informed decisions, empowering local people to have ownership over the future of their neighbourhood and local area. This is not about micromanaging, this is real devolution – the transfer of power and investment to where it belongs.’

‘3. Neighbourhood Boards

Neighbourhood Boards should put local people at the centre of defining their town's future, with responsibility for developing their Regeneration Plan – in partnership with the local authority - to deliver the strategic objectives of the programme. They should bring together residents, local businesses, grassroots campaigners, workplace representatives, faith, the local MP and community leaders and those with a deep connection to their area. Involving their community, the board should generate a vision for the future of their area and set out a pathway to deliver that over the course of the 10-year programme (and beyond), considering opportunities to attract and combine new and existing private, public, and philanthropic funding streams.

Each Neighbourhood Board will be led by an independent chair, appointed by the local authority following consultation with the local MP. The chair should act as a champion for the place and provide leadership for the board, ensuring it is community-led and embedded within the local area.

Neighbourhood Boards must include the relevant local MP and at least one ward councillor.’

‘4.1 Crossover with the existing Plan for Neighbourhoods

What does this mean for the 75 existing Plan for Neighbourhood areas?

On 4 March 2025, the UK Government announced the Plan for Neighbourhoods, a £1.5 billion programme to deliver up to £20 million of funding and support over the next decade into 75 communities across the UK. These 75 areas will now be incorporated into the Pride in Place Programme, representing the first phase of the programme.’

‘Local authorities, and Boards already established under the Plan for Neighbourhoods should continue to work on their regeneration plans, as well as any work on engagement and preparation for delivery of the programme, as set out in [Plan for Neighbourhoods: Regeneration Plan Guidance](#) on 9 June 2025.’

