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Agenda Item 3

## North Area Community Plan

Stannington • East Ecclesfield • West Ecclesfield • Stocksbridge and Upper Don

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# What are Local Area Committees (LACs)

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Local Area Committees (LACs) are a way for people to get involved in making a difference to their local communities. Some budgets have already been devolved to the LACs for them to be used on issues and priorities that residents and communities have told us are important to them.

LACs are a chance for people to influence decision making, share their opinion and contribute to positive changes in their community. They are an opportunity for people to say what they would like to see improved in their area.

Whilst LACs have some initial devolved powers, the devolution of further powers will continue to evolve.

Further details about LACs can be found here - [Local Area Committees \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/local-area-committees)



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# Who are the committee?

The Local Area Committee memberships consists of twelve elected members for the four wards included in the North LAC. This includes a Chair who is elected by members of the LAC and a Vice Chair.

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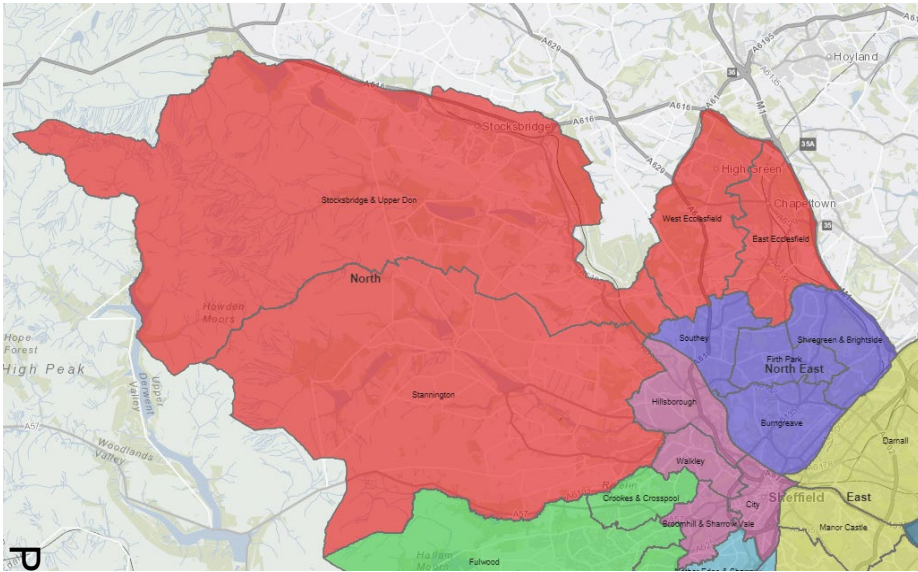
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# About the North Area

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The North is one of seven local areas. The area consists of four wards;

- Stannington
- East Ecclesfield
- West Ecclesfield
- Stocksbridge and Upper Don

# What we know

North has a population of **72,545**

### Age



0-15  
17%

Working Age  
60%

Age 65+  
24%

### Ethnicity



White British 95.9%  
Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority 2.9%  
White (Non - British) 1.2%  
Multi - Ethnic Households 3.7%

**11,424** People are living in deprivation

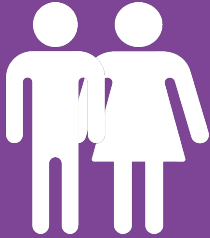


**25%** of people have no qualifications (compared with 22% across England)



**21%** have a limiting long-term illness. (compared with 18% across England)

### Gender

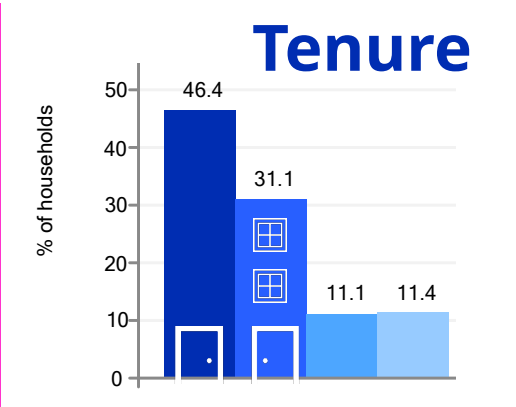


48.9% Male  
51.1% Female

### Main Industry Sectors

1. Health & social care
2. Retail
3. Manufacturing

The average household income is **£41,844**



**75.5%** are Homeowners  
**14.8%** Rent from the council  
**1.5%** Rent from Housing Associations  
**6.5%** are Private Renting

# Features of the North

- The North of the Sheffield is a hidden gem with beautiful countryside and a strong sense of community
  - Whilst the community has many strengths it also has many needs and contains pockets of deprivation
- The outlying and rural nature of the area brings challenges in terms of access to services and concerns about overdevelopment and local infrastructure

# Features of the North

- Higher than average elderly population (24% aged 65+ [*England 18%*])
- Below average unemployment (*North 4.7%, England 6.6%*) but higher than average youth unemployment (*North 10.8%, England 9.2%*)
- Lower than average deprivation: 16% live in an area within 20% most deprived (*England 20%*)
- Lower than average crime (*North 77 crimes per 1000, England 100*)

# Features of the North

- Of Sheffield's 28 wards, the North wards are ranked 17<sup>th</sup> (*East Ecclesfield*), 18<sup>th</sup> (*West Ecclesfield*), 20<sup>th</sup> (*Stocksbridge and Upper Don*) & 21<sup>st</sup> (*Stannington*) least deprived
- High Green has 2 super output areas \* in most deprived 10% in England
- Stocksbridge, Chapeltown and Parsons Cross have super output areas in most deprived 20% in England

\* *An area of approx. 1500 homes*

# Features of the North

- Largest category is 'suburbanites' \* (*North 46%, England 21%*)
- 24.5% \*\* 'hard pressed' (*England 17%*)
- Above average community needs score (*North 106, England 68*)
- Need of civic assets above average (*North 35, England 23*)
- Need for connectedness above average (*North 55, England 21*)
- North has double the England average for below average broadband universal service obligation
- Below average grant funding (*grant awards per head, North £16, England £34*)

*\*Located on the outskirts, in areas with high owner occupation, high numbers of detached houses, low unemployment, high qualifications and high car ownership.*

*\*\*Mostly on the fringe of the UK's urban areas, particularly in Wales and the North of England. High levels of people in terraced accommodation, high unemployment, low ethnic diversity, high levels of people employed in manufacturing*

# What you said about your community

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# What we did

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- We engaged 903 people in the North during October and November.
- 646 filled out an on-line survey
- 257 filled out a paper survey either by talking to the staff team or Councillor at a community venue or by talking to one of our voluntary sector partners who carried out consultation for us. These were Stocksbridge Leisure Centre and Rivelin Co



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## Tell us what matters to you

Sheffield Council has set up seven Local Area Committees, to help us better listen and connect with local communities.

We will be talking to local communities over the coming months about how we can work together to respond to local issues. Local Area Committees are led by local councillors. They offer a wide range of opportunities for involvement, recognising that people want to get involved at different levels and in different ways. This includes holding regular public meetings in the community. Right now, we really want to hear from everyone about what matters to you, so please share your views.

### Please tell us a little bit about you...

My neighbourhood is

Please tick where applicable

I consider myself to be a disabled person  Yes  No

I belong to a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic Group  Yes  No

My age group  I am under 20 years old  I am between 21-35   
 I am between 36-50  I am over 50

My gender  I am male  I am female  I am non-binary / other

I am a member of an LGBT+ community  Yes  No

Do you look after a family member / friend as an unpaid carer?  Yes  No





# About the respondents for North

The survey had **903** responses for the *North LAC area*

**646** responses were from online surveys  
**257** were from paper surveys

### Ward where respondents live

|                          |            |                  |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| East Ecclesfield         | <b>16%</b> | Stannington      | <b>20%</b> |
| Stocksbridge & Upper Don | <b>46%</b> | West Ecclesfield | <b>18%</b> |



# Equalities information

## Sexual Orientation

**3%** respondents identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual

## Gender Identity

**1%** identified as transgender

## Religion/belief

**45%** no religion/belief

**51%** Christian

**4%** Other

**Less than 1%** were Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim

## Age

16-18  
**0%**

Working Age (19-64)  
**64%**

Age 65+  
**36%**



## Ethnicity



White **95%**

Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority  
**5%**



**21%** have a disability or long term condition

## Sex



**36%**

Male

**64%**

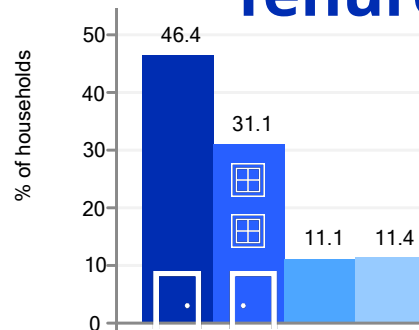
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**0%** Non Binary

## Caring status

**21%** said they were unpaid carers

## Tenure



**87%** are Homeowners  
**6%** Rent from the council

**Less than 1%** Rent from other social landlord  
**5%** are Private Renting  
**1%** living with family

# What respondents said

## Likes

*'Rural and country location'*



*'Local shops and Fox Valley'*

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*'Village feel and community spirit'*

*'Feels safe'*

*'Tram and bus connections'*

## Improvements

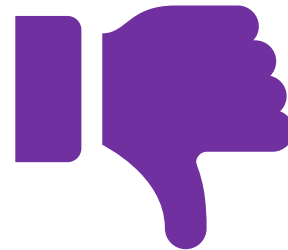
*'Improve the high street and choice of local shops'*

*'Transport links'*

*'Increased crime and ASB'*

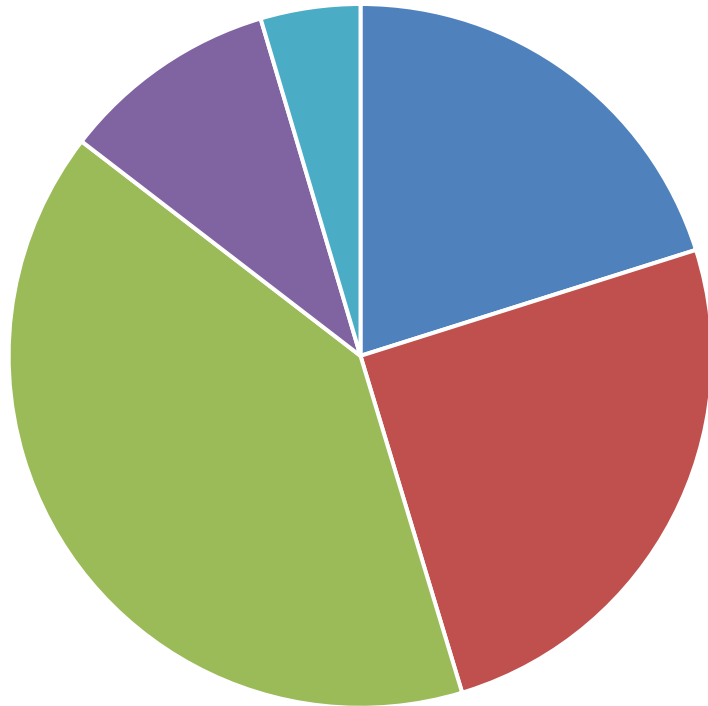
*'No more building on green space'*

*'More local community events'*



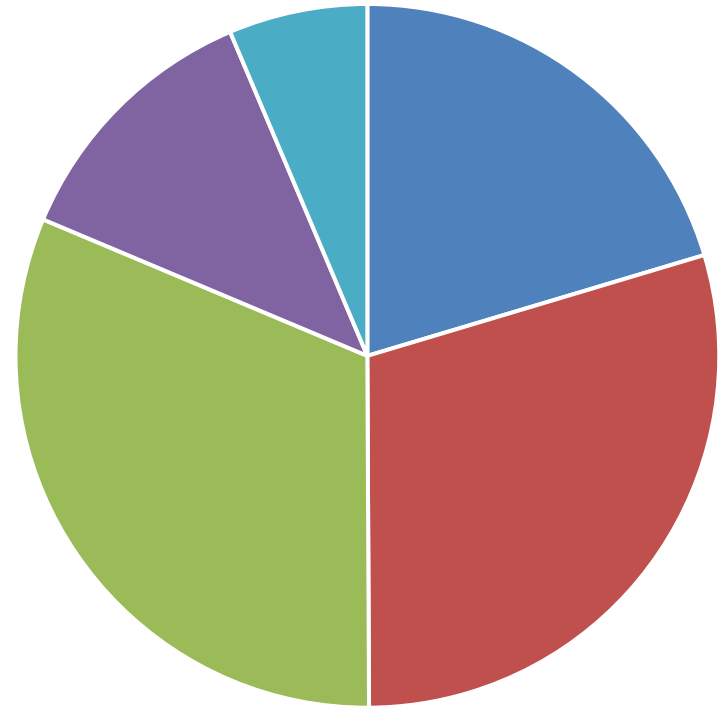
# What respondents said

How involved do you feel in your local area?



■ 1 Not involved at all ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 Very involved

Do you feel local people can influence decision making in their local area?



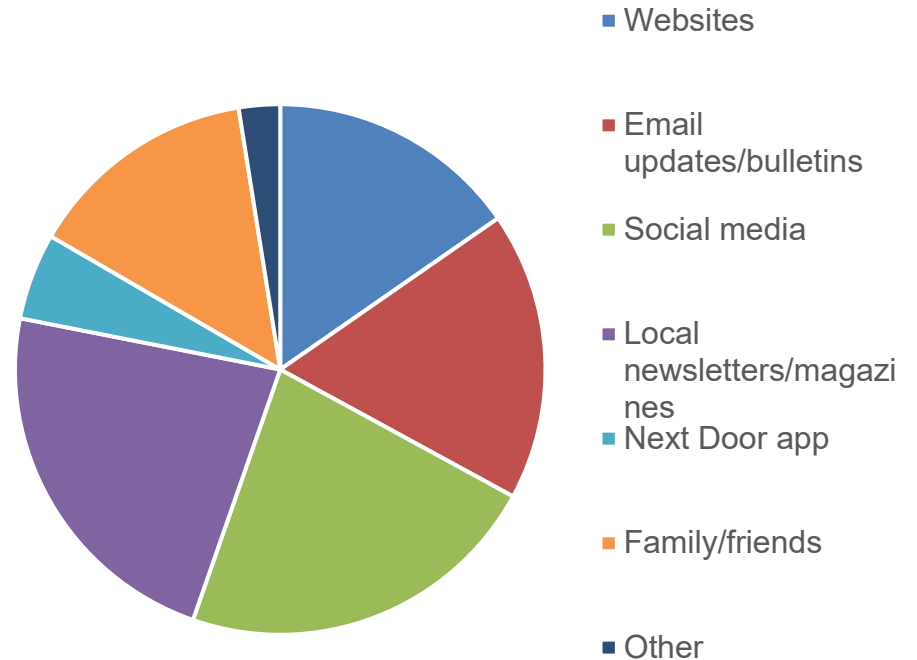
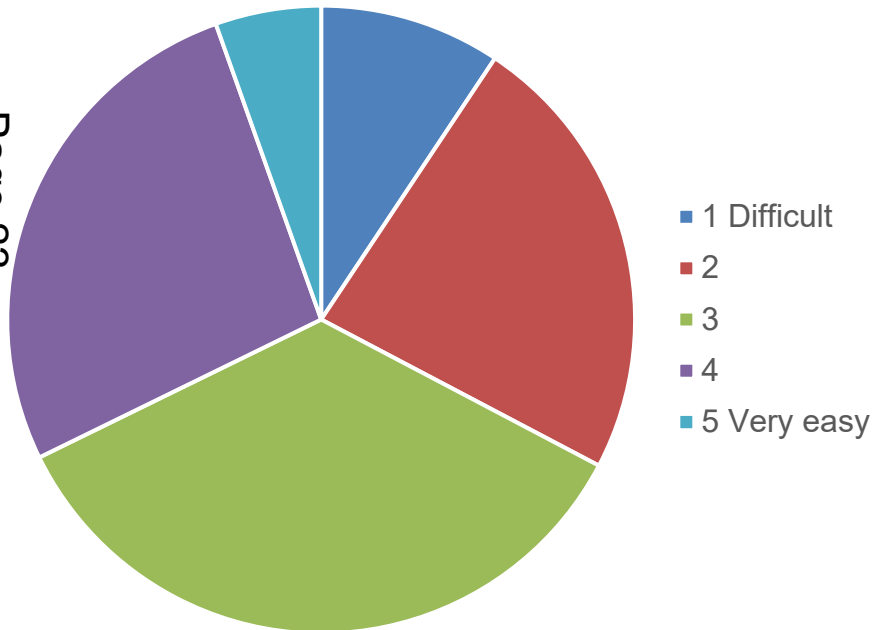
■ 1 Not at all ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 A lot

# What respondents said continued

How easy is it to find out about news in your local area?

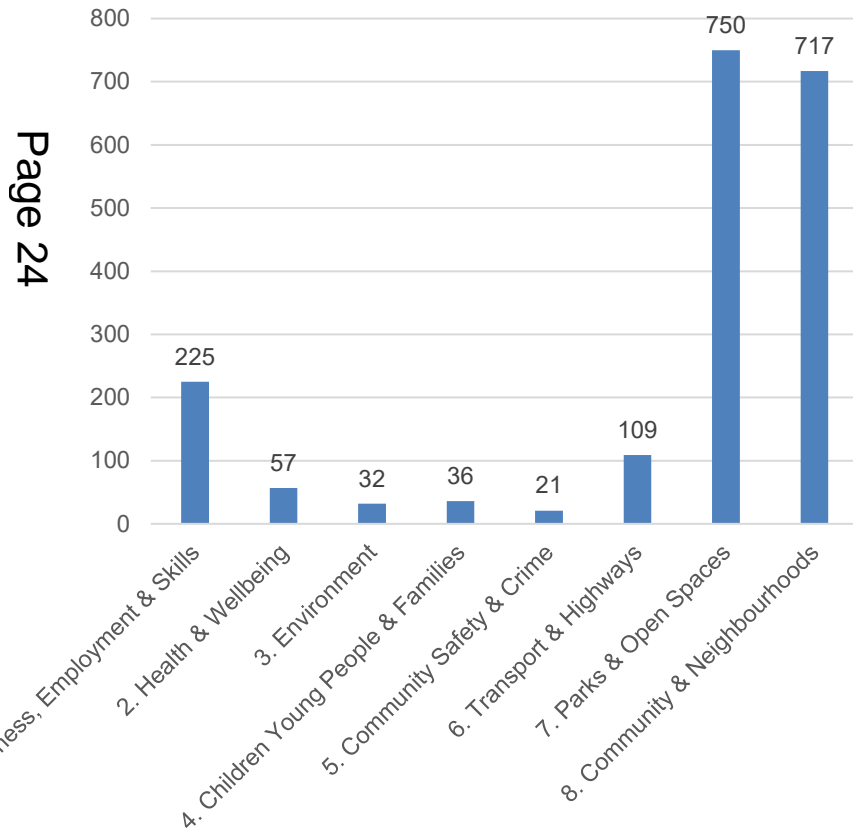
How do you like to find out about news in your local area?

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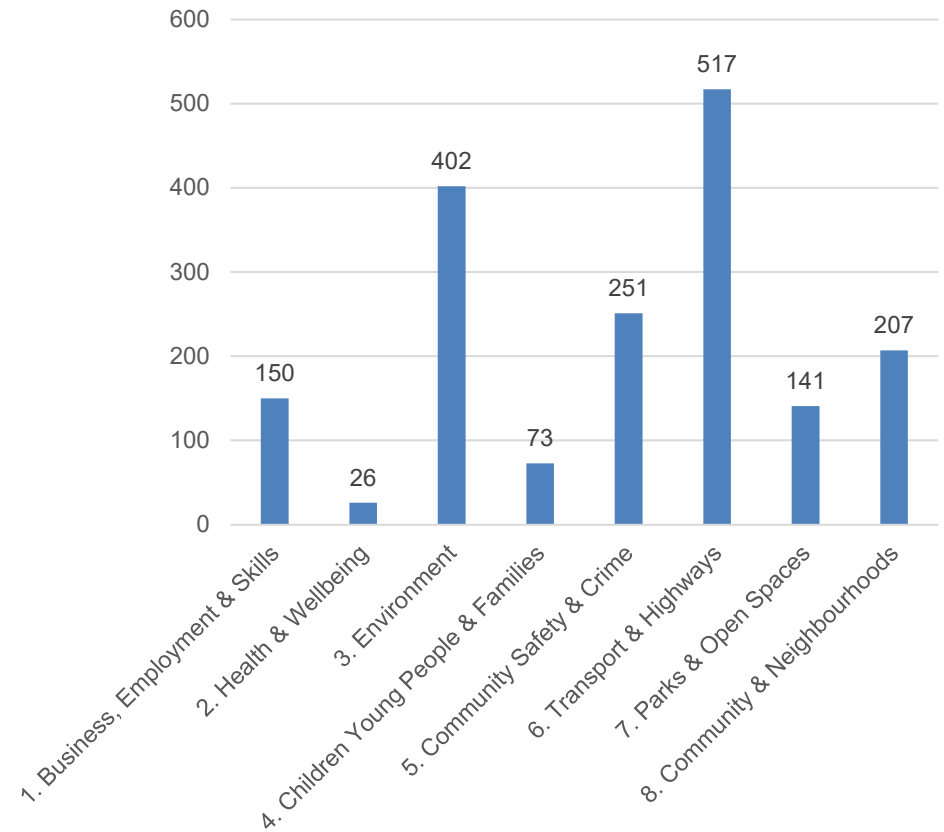


# Key themes

## Likes

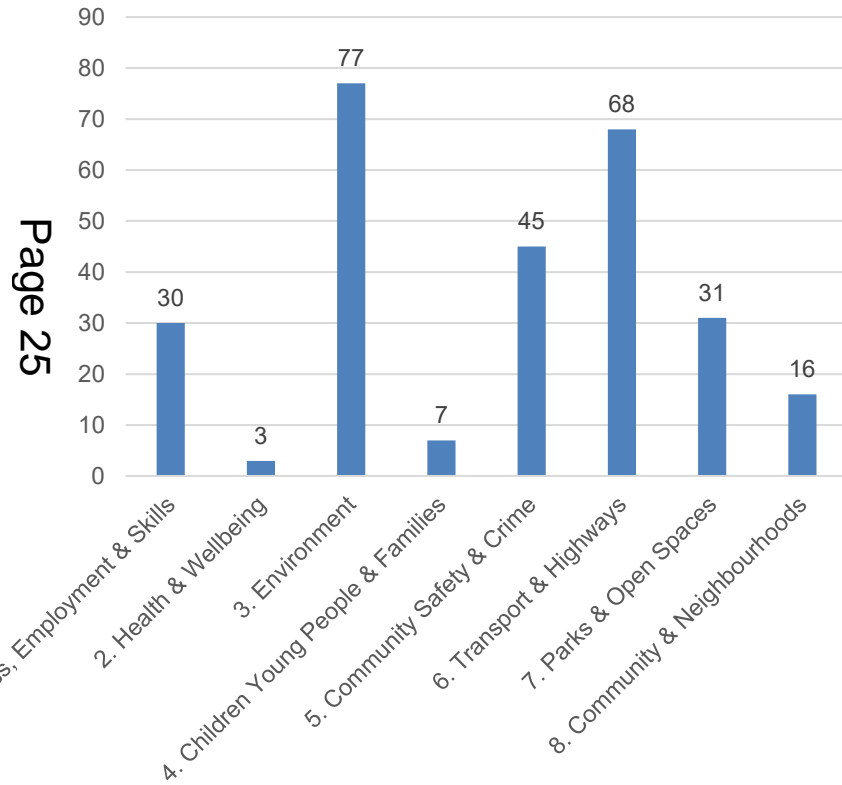


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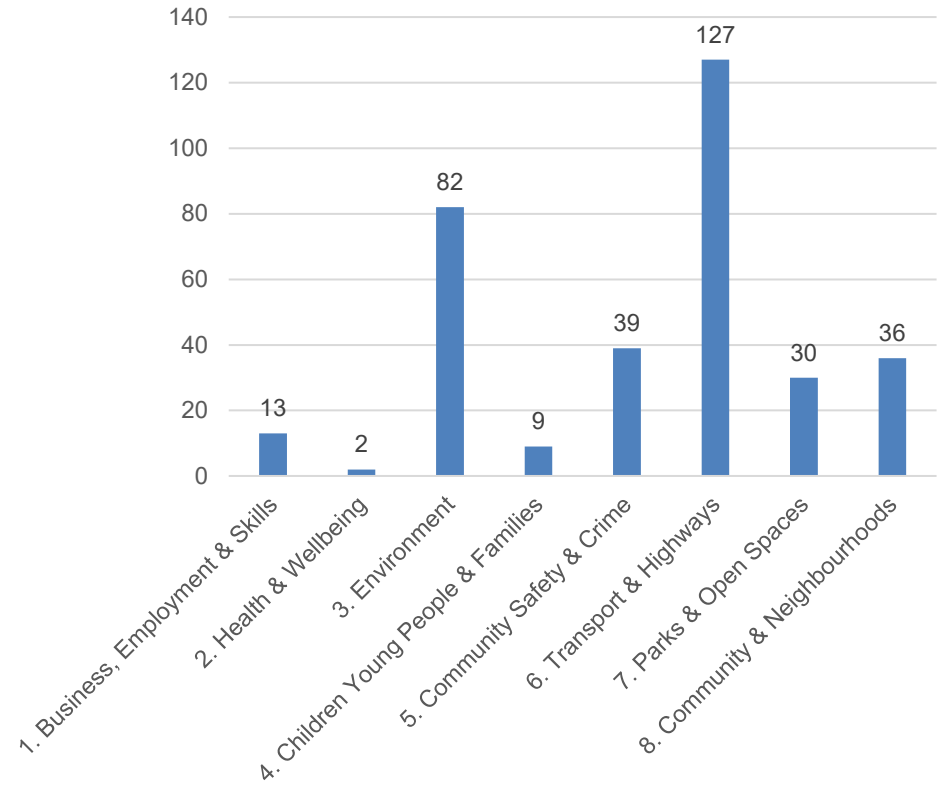


# Improvements

## East Ecclesfield



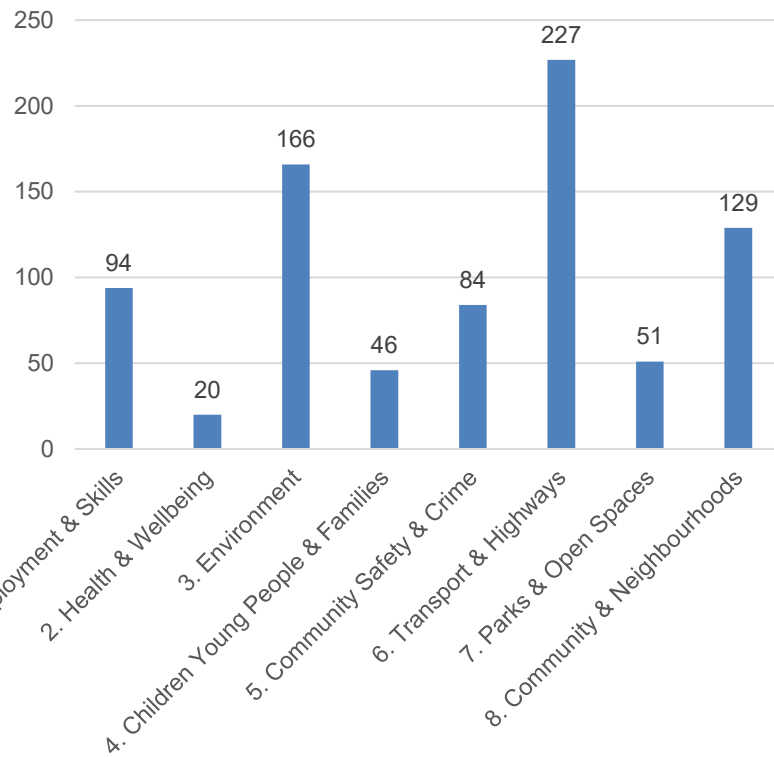
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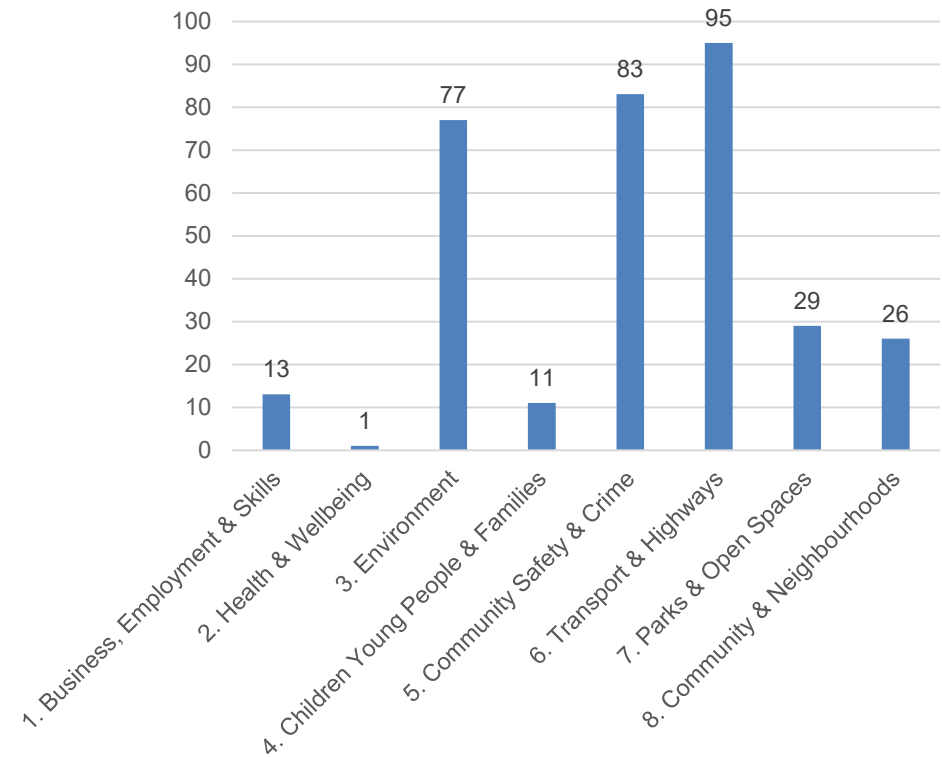
# Improvements

## Stocksbridge & Upper Don

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## West Ecclesfield





# Themes – further detail

## 1. Transport & Highways

- Improve public transport (buses)
- Improve road surfaces
- High traffic volumes (link with new developments)
- Concerns about traffic around schools
- Need for better walking & cycling routes

# Themes – further detail

## 2. Environment

- Concerns about cleanliness (dog fouling, litter)
- Need to improve appearance of high streets
- Concerns about overdevelopment
- Parks issues – improve facilities, cleanliness

# Themes – further detail

## 3. Community

### a) Crime

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- Need for increased Police presence
- Concerns about speeding
- Concerns about anti-social behaviour (including off road bikes)
- Concerns about theft/ burglary (cars)
- Concerns about drugs (links to social housing lettings)

# Themes – further detail

## 3. Community

- b) General

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- Need for improved amenities (young people) / activities/ information

- Need for better broadband

- Concerns about development

- Concerns about High street offer including balance of shops

# The community priorities



# Proposed priorities

- Safe roads and effective transport links
- Clean and attractive environment
- Vibrant community life

# Ways of working

1. Founded upon partnership – *we will continue to work with local Parish & Town councils, service providers and community groups to have the maximum impact through our shared efforts*

2. A creative approach – *we will bring people together to look practically and positively at how we can address local concerns*

3. Goals for the North – *we will set goals around key areas that will need a long term approach*

4. Development of specific projects & actions – *we will explore areas to identify tangible measures we can take.*

# Goals for the area

1. The North is a connected place where people can access what they need to play an active part in their community

We will explore:

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- Activities for young people by developing a group to look at current provision & engaging young people to hear their needs
  - Digital infrastructure & digital exclusion
  - Routes to share community/ service information
  - Work focussed on supporting those in greatest need



# Goals for the area

## 2. The North is a safe place to live in and travel around

We will explore:

- People's experience of local transport routes and other options such as community transport
- Options for road safety around schools including 20mph zones
- Installation of a Vehicle Activated Signs in each ward to flag excess speed
- How to promote the integration of young people who have been housed in Council accommodation

# Goals for the area

3. The North is an attractive place with good facilities

We will explore:

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- How we can support local high streets
- Improving play facilities, parks and open spaces
- Work to tackle graffiti, litter & fly tipping hotspots

# Next steps

- Discussion of draft priorities, goals and approach – LAC meet Jan 27<sup>th</sup>
- Sign off of LAC plan – LAC meet March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Development of options for projects and use of LAC budget – March – June

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