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**Whitehouse Street
Development**

Community Manifesto

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Section 1: *Whitehouse Street Development Community Manifesto*

The area between the railway, St Luke's Road, the back of York Road and across to Stillhouse Lane, which is currently largely an industrial site, has been identified for mixed-use development in the draft Local Plan. We currently refer to it as the 'Whitehouse Street Development' to give a sense of location, although the final name for the site may change.

The council is starting work with local landowners the Apsley Galliard Partnership and the Hill Group to produce a new Regeneration Framework, which is the first stage of the long-term regeneration of the area. Action Greater Bedminster was asked to work with the partnership's team to lead on community engagement on the early stage of the project. We were funded to create a Community Manifesto to feed into the Regeneration Framework, a document that

integrates urban planning, transport and design thinking in order to guide change in an area. If it is agreed by Bristol City Council's Cabinet, the Framework will be used in the planning process and will help to shape and determine planning applications.

Action Greater Bedminster (AGB) welcome this opportunity to give the community a chance to have their say on what they would like to see in the Whitehouse Street area. We have seen a lot of developments in our neighbourhood recently with more on the way, including Bedminster Green, Ashton Gate Stadium, The Old Brewery and Luckwell Road. We have seen some that have responded to local views and others that have not. We are hoping that the process that we've been involved in here will be adopted elsewhere, so the council and developers really listen to the voice of local people, creating better developments as a result.

We want to thank everyone who has taken part in this process so far. We have been really pleased with the range of people that have responded and feel this has helped create a good, if imperfect, view of what the community has said. This has not been an easy process: it is new, and we have had to learn a lot in a short time. We have also had to contend with a pandemic and local elections, limiting our interactions and impacting the timetable. However, we hope you will see the key priorities as a fair representation of what you think.

1.1 How we have created the Manifesto

AGB partnered up with Windmill Hill City Farm, The Sanctuary, Fun 4 Families and the BCC Community Development team to reach a broad range of local stakeholders. We made a particular effort to include those who do not normally engage with the development process, such as residents in hostels, visually impaired residents and foodbank users. We have also spoken to those who have experience in planning applications such as WHAM, BS3 Planning and TRESA, and anyone else who has wanted to take part in the process. We have been limited by Covid and election period restrictions. However, we have spoken to over 15 groups and held three community meetings with approximately 85 attendees. We have also made a presentation to St Mary Redcliffe Primary School and hope to build on this link as the project progresses.

This Community Manifesto is based on the discussions with those groups and in those meetings, discussions and emails from residents, businesses and local groups and organisations as well as on qualitative and quantitative data from a community survey, comments on an interactive map on the whitehousetreet.com website. As of **10th June, we had 207 responses** to the online survey and **220 comments** on the map from **344 unique participants**. You can see

more information about the survey in the ‘*What has informed the priorities in the Manifesto?*’ section on [page 15](#).

Following the online publication of the draft, we ran a short feedback survey, with **26 responses**, and had two online meetings with about **15 participants** overall.

It is hard to reflect such a wide range of views in a concise document, but we have used the responses to draw out the themes where there was most consensus. This may simplify what has been said and we have attempted to capture this complexity.

There are some particular issues that are about aspects of the area outside this project and will need to be passed onto partners such as local councillors, the Bedminster BID and key stakeholders. Action Greater Bedminster will also look at this and plan some more community conversations to explore these issues further. Some examples are issues around speeding, parking and accessibility; East Street; crime hot spots; improving green spaces and the river; litter and fly-tipping; community facilities and spaces for creatives.

This development is one of many in the area and a key point is that this development must link in with those, particularly work coming forward at Mead Street, Temple Quarter, St Philip’s Marsh and Bedminster Green.

We also ran an online survey for businesses in the area to give their feedback, and the council’s Economic Development team have worked hard to speak to all businesses in the area. Their feedback, while not directly contributing to the Community Manifesto, will also help to shape the Regeneration Framework as it is developed.



1.2 What happens next?

This part of the development process of a Regeneration Framework is new to everyone involved and has been unusual in that we have agreed a set of principles with the engagement team before we started work. This has meant greater community involvement, transparency, and sharing of knowledge. We have seen some good examples of this so far and this to continue throughout the process.

Stride Treglown, a Bristol-based architecture and urban-design practice leading on developing the Regeneration Framework, the design and the development proposals, have said that several things feed into the Framework:

- **Technical information** – e.g. transport, underground utilities, flooding, ecology etc.
- **Planning Policy and Council priorities** – national and local, adopted and emerging
- **Local community knowledge and aspirations** - including businesses, residents, community groups and surrounding neighbours
- **Viability and deliverability** – proposals must be affordable, deliverable and commercially sound
- **Building resilience** – a desire to create a sustainable and successful place which adds to the lives of those

The Regeneration Framework will be created in four stages:

Stage One

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Stage one is about analysing the site, understanding what is there already in terms of buildings, utilities, ecology and more, plus understanding what the community and business would want to see on the site. The Manifesto process was designed to reflect the community's views at this point.

Stage Two

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Stage two is when Stride Treglown will use all this information to create concepts and options for the framework which will be 'tested' by getting feedback from the public over the summer.

Stage Three

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Stage three is for refining the draft framework and adding details. This stage will run during the autumn and the community will be able to feed into particular areas such as parks, open spaces and art.

Stage Four

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Stage four is about reviewing and amending the document before it is finalised by the end of 2021/beginning of 2022. This will then go to Bristol City Council's Cabinet to be voted on. Stride Treglown's work will finish at this stage and the developers will start drafting planning applications, taking account of the framework's requirements.

Action Greater Bedminster will continue to keep informed of the project and supporting community engagement at every stage.



Section 2: Community Manifesto: *priorities for the Whitehouse Street Development*

2.1 Key points

- We are very concerned about increased pressure on the local infrastructure e.g. GP surgeries and other health services, libraries and schools. We want to see plans address this, either through the development itself or through longer-term investment.
- This development is one of many planned for the area and the impact of these plans must be taken into account. Our neighbourhood will be disrupted by Bedminster Green, Whitehouse Street, Mead Street, Temple Quarter to the west and the Old Brewery, Ashton Stadium and Longmoor Village to the east. We also want to see these sites linked so they are not designed in isolation.
- There is an opportunity here to do something innovative and creative, an exemplar for sustainability, reflecting the character of the area and providing housing and employment for local people. We want to see solutions to creating good quality housing, with density that does not involve height at the expense of quality of life for new or current residents.
- A number of recent developments in the area that have either been granted planning permission or are in the process of applying have been for tower blocks or buildings that are over 10 storeys. This has led to the community being incredibly concerned that new sites, like Whitehouse Street are destined to have more tower blocks built on them. In the light of Grenfell, research showing problems with the quality of life in tower blocks, issues around social and open market residents having access to different facilities and the impact of tower blocks on buildings around them (among other concerns), the community are largely against buildings of several storeys being built on this site. However, it is hard to get a consensus about what is acceptable so we have tried to reflect the reasons behind people's concerns in the hope the design

team can react to those and come up with creative solutions. We realise there is a housing crisis and in some ways this site is an opportunity to build to a certain density, but the design team need to be aware the strength of objection to buildings of height.

2.2 Community building

- There is a shortage of casual and formal, indoor and outdoor spaces that can be hired or used by informal groups in the area. We would like to see these as part of the development or see investment into local spaces that can be improved and opened more widely. Ideally, we would like the area to support healthcare provision, an advice centre and studio spaces.
- We want to see places for people to gather informally as part of the development, good seating, shelters and large and small areas.
- The area should feel safe for people of all ages, both in terms of crime and traffic with good quality lighting and signage, and a 'safe' layout. Another aspect is having residential at ground level so areas are well over-looked.
- The design of routes through the site can be hugely important in creating or preventing community building and integration of different areas within the site. This needs to be factored in.

2.3 Sustainability

- We want to see good quality green spaces, new trees and preservation of old trees (for example the trees along Whitehouse Lane and Willway Street) and spaces for wildlife to thrive.
- As well as space for nature, we want to see community growing space e.g. allotments, orchard, raised beds for edible plants.
- Any planting etc should have a good, affordable management plan.
- The construction process should be carbon neutral, using sustainable technology and innovation to reduce the impact of the build on our planet. Buildings should be high quality, efficient and make use of every opportunity to positively contribute to the environment through e.g. renewable energy source, green roof, linking to the heat network.

- Buildings should be preserved and converted where possible, as this has a lower carbon footprint.
- We want the development to have excellent waste management, including waste water. This is particularly an issue with the river nearby. There is concern about the site being vulnerable to flooding and we want to see a thorough flood assessment.

2.4 Transport

- We would like the local area outside the development site to see benefits from the development e.g. improvements to the facilities in **Victoria Park**, improved walking and cycling routes on the edges of the site and into town, improvements to **Dame Emily Park**.
- The area is used by several groups of people walking and cycling to and from school, work and the park. We want these people to feel safe and welcome by having dedicated walking and cycling routes (separately), wide pavements and reduced traffic. This means ensuring junctions and other points of interaction are well designed with priority given to walkers/cyclists.



- We accept there will still be some cars, lorries and other traffic using the area in the short-term. We want to see their routes through the site minimised and slowed. In the medium to longer-term we want to see vehicle traffic reduced and alternatives made easier.
- We want to see parking provision for businesses and residents as well as cycle storage that is easy to use for residents and visitors to the area. This should be in a safe, well-lit area.
- **York Road** has particular issues with parking and traffic. We would like this to be looked into further to see what improvements can be made.
- **Specific things we want to be considered:**
 - **Philip Street** which currently has narrow pavements, limited crossings and does not feel safe.
 - **Bedminster roundabout** does not feel safe or easy to use if you are on foot or a cyclist. It either needs improving, or an alternative put in place.
 - **St Luke's Road** needs improving for pedestrians. The tunnel does not feel safe.
 - Ensure plans for this site interact with the plans for **Bedminster Green** and the Clean Air Zone, particularly around access to **Windmill Hill** and to **Bedminster train station** and does not put extra traffic through residential areas.
 - Investment in the **Banana bridge** and **New Cut**.
 - Improve the alleyways from **East Street** into other roads e.g. **Stillhouse Lane**.
 - Improve access to **St Mary Redcliffe School**.
 - Traffic on **Whitehouse Lane** and **Whitehouse Street** were mentioned in responses as feeling unsafe.



2.5 Housing

- This site is going to be mixed use, with businesses and residents living alongside each other. There will be a challenge of how to balance the impact of industry in this mix and we expect the design to be innovative and creative to ensure everyone's needs can be met.
- There is some housing already within the site and on the edges with residents that need to be heavily involved in the discussions around designs and plans.
- We want to see a good mix of housing to create a genuine community, for example housing for young professionals, families and older people. There should be a good proportion of affordable and social housing. We want it to be sympathetic to the area it is in, reflecting its history, and of excellent quality.
- Family housing should include good quality outdoor space where possible.
- We are concerned about the impact of high buildings, both on current residents and the quality of life of new residents. High-rise buildings should be kept to a minimum, and consideration given to innovative and clever design from other areas. Heights should not impede views from Victoria Park across the city or impact on the houses on York Road, including causing shadowing.
- We recognise the importance of accommodation for those in particular need so would want to see the hostel and homeless site on Spring Street ideally kept, and if not moved to a suitable alternative site.

2.6 Employment

- A mixture of businesses and skill-levels is needed to provide good employment opportunities for local people. We want to see current businesses enabled to stay as much as possible, with good re-location support if needed.
- There will inevitably be an impact on businesses immediately outside the regeneration zone. We would want those business to be included in plans and the impacts minimised.
- In order to keep similar levels of employment, we want to see spaces for new businesses to come into the site such as start-ups, social enterprise and innovation.
- We also want to support the creative sector. There are many local artists, creative projects and events and the development should support these as much as possible. We'd like to see studio and exhibition spaces as part of the design.
- There are community assets we would want to see preserved e.g. the gym and yoga studio.

2.7 People

- There are schools bordering onto the site and alternative education provider and automotive academy on the site, as well as plans for university facilities nearby. We would like to see this range of education facilities linked and supported by the development to encourage and engage local residents in education and benefit the community.
- The area is in need of more childcare facilities, nursery spaces and school places. A new development will potentially put pressure on those but could also contribute towards improvements.
- We would like to see spaces for people to engage in exercise, play and just coming together. These spaces should be open to everyone and be able to be used in a variety of ways with e.g. play integrated into the design rather than in a dedicated space, seating and covered spaces throughout the site and public art and other cultural opportunities built into the site. Young people are particularly in need of recreation facilities.

- We want to see an improved nightlife in the area, making it an attractive place to come for entertainment and also safer in the evening. Fiddlers should stay.
 - Accessibility should be a core element of the design with consideration given to the different users of any space, housing and business.
 - The development should contribute to the improvement of air quality through tree planting, greenery and other wildlife. It should also support local facilities such as the community gym and local health services.
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2.8 Context

- The development should acknowledge the history of the area and link into the surrounding spaces e.g. Victoria Park, East Street/Bedminster Parade and Redcliffe through both physical design of road layouts and also through public art.
 - We want the developers to recognise the impact this site will have on the area, both during construction and once completed. This will mean focusing on safety, on limiting noise and pollution and phasing the build. This development will be disruptive for the community over a long period of time. As this is an area that people travel through to school and work, safety should be paramount. There are also areas within the development site that are currently neglected, and this may increase with empty buildings etc. We ask that the developers are mindful of this and consider 'meanwhile' use or other ways of ensuring they are not allowed to worsen during the development phase.
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2.9 Overall vision

We want Bedminster to thrive and grow, supporting diversity, sustainability and accessibility. Whitehouse Street can be a key part of this, complementing what is already in the area and creating new opportunities. It is a potential connector between Temple Quarter, Redcliffe flats, Bedminster and Windmill Hill.

Our priorities for the area are for it to be safe, inclusive and sustainable. We want it to support wildlife, to benefit the health and well-being of those who live and work in the area and to appeal to a range of ages and backgrounds. The development should create a true community for current and new residents and businesses as well as being an asset to our neighbourhood.

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We tried to reach local residents through a number of channels. Via both on and offline surveys, a website which had the online survey and an interactive map which users leave comments on a particular area. The website was co-created by AGB and the Engagement Team to help shape the future of Bedminster (whitehousestreet.com) and meetings with local organisations and residents.

We promoted the project using local print media, a mailing list and social media. We have tried to reach residents beyond AGB's usual area of **Bedminster** and **Southville** and contact **Redcliffe**, **Totterdown** and **Windmill Hill** residents, because we know this regeneration project will impact residents and businesses outside of the immediate Whitehouse Street area.

We letter-dropped 'near neighbours' in an area around the development site and held meetings with those near neighbours and the wider community. There were three meetings overall and **we have met with over 85 people**.

From all of the initial data gathered, we created a draft manifesto, published it and ran a short survey to gather your thoughts. Which has informed the current version of the manifesto.

3.1 Online Survey

The survey had questions about what people thought about Bedminster now and what their priorities would be for a new development in the area. It was designed to be easy to understand and respond to. We created printable versions of the survey too to be given to people that did not have online access or were more comfortable with a hard copy.

3.2 Interactive map



The interactive map allows users to drop a virtual pin on an area of Greater Bedminster area. Once the pin has been placed, the user can then select whether this pin is for something they like, something that is important to them, something they want to change, an idea they have or to add a comment or highlight. The user can then leave a comment or a suggestion to accompany the pin, when an existing pin is clicked, the comment can then be read.

Each pin on the map is colour coded according to the type of comment it is. This means we can see at a glance the types of comments which have been added and in turn the general level of opinion from participants. **Below are the results of the data drawn from the interactive map thus far:**

| Is this something you like, something you dislike or an idea? | |
|---|----------------|
| Something I like | 14% (30 posts) |
| Something that is important to me | 29% (63 posts) |
| Something I would change | 24% (51 posts) |
| An idea | 24% (51 posts) |
| Another comment or highlight | 10% (21 posts) |

We have received some excellent qualitative data from this map which has fed into this manifesto. It has provided useful insight for the project team and has enabled us to capture the views of the community as a whole as well as some of the ideas, thoughts and issues raised by individuals.

3.3 Local groups and organisations

We have had meetings with a number of groups including:

- **Redcliffe Residents Action Group** – [Who We Are – Redcliffe Forum](#)
- **BS3 Planning** – [The Bs3 Planning Group | Facebook](#)
- **TRESA** (Totterdown Residents Environment and Social Action group) – [TRESA – Totterdown Residents Environmental & Social Action](#)
- **Friends of Parson Street Station** – [Friends of Parson Street Railway Station \(FoPSRS\) | Facebook](#)
- **WHAM** (Windmill Hill and Malago Planning group) – [Windmill Hill and Malago Community Planning Group \(WHaM\) \(whambristol.org.uk\)](#)
- **York Road residents**
- **Somewhere Housing Co-op**
- **WECIL** [Home –WECIL](#)
- **Fun4Families clients** – [Fun 4 Families UK CIC | Bristol Social Services](#)
- **Redcliffe Women’s Voice group**
- **Sight Support West group** – [Sight Support West of England | Home](#)

We have also spoken to foodbank users at **Refresh Café**, residents at **St Mungo’s** and **Spring Street** supported housing and young people via **The Sanctuary**.

As well as hearing from individuals and groups, there are a number of documents that have informed the priorities:

- **Statement from LPW** (Learning Partnership West who run Bedminster Learning Centre within the development area) – [Learning Partnership WestHome - Learning Partnership West \(lpw.org.uk\)](#)
- **Windmill Hill City Farm statement:** ‘Local Area Vision 2017’
- **York Road residents statement**
- **Malago Green Community Planning Brief** written by Windmill Hill & Malago Community Planning Group – [CommunityPlanningBrief-Dec2016.pdf \(whambristol.org.uk\)](#)

3.4 Community Survey results

The online survey provided a huge amount of data. The next section shows the responses we got both as direct responses to questions plus responses where 'other' was an option.

The first set of questions were designed to work out what people liked about the area and what they would change.

| What are your three favourite things about Bedminster? | |
|---|-----------------|
| Its parks and green areas | 65% (122 posts) |
| Its sense of community | 55% (102 posts) |
| Its choice of shops and local businesses | 29% (55 posts) |
| Its closeness to the city centre | 61% (114 posts) |
| It feels safe and welcoming | 5% (9 posts) |
| Its easy to use buses and trains to get around | 4% (8 posts) |
| The walking and cycling routes are good | 11% (20 posts) |
| Its local facilities (e.g. libraries, gyms, community centres) | 13% (24 posts) |
| East Street | 8% (15 posts) |
| My friends and family live locally | 7% (14 posts) |
| There are plenty of places to meet people (e.g. Cafés, Pubs) | 15% (28 posts) |
| Its a good place to go out in the evening | 3% (5 posts) |
| There are lots of ways to enjoy or take part in culture (e.g. Theatre, Art, Film) | 8% (15 posts) |
| Other (Please describe in box below) | 4% (7 posts) |

Some additional comments were:

- **Location close to city centre**
 - Easy to get into centre by car, to get to parks and to get out of the city.
 - Good cycling routes
- **Sense of community**
 - Diversity
 - Covid has seen some great local support
 - East Street is friendly, relaxed and appealing
- **Shops and businesses**
 - Industrial areas for jobs for working class people.
 - Range of businesses across the three shopping streets
 - Lots of small, local businesses
- **Parks and green spaces**
 - City Farm
 - Dean Lane Skate park/Dame Emily Park
 - Victoria Park

Participant quotes:

“My local garage, city farm, East St fruit market, Wilco, veg and flower stall, the fabric shop ... You can get everything you need within Bedminster.”

“It is a place where people work, live and spend leisure time”

What three things would you change about Bedminster if you could?

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Better quality green areas and parks | 37% (70 posts) |
| Stronger community spirit/more ways to get involved in community projects | 12% (22 posts) |
| More shops and other businesses | 19% (36 posts) |
| More places to meet people and socialise | 12% (22 posts) |
| A better East Street | 52% (98 posts) |
| Better or more places to go in the evening | 16% (31 posts) |
| More ways to take part in cultural activities | 18% (33 posts) |
| Make it feel safer (e.g better lighting) | 25% (47 posts) |
| Better public transport (e.g. buses/trains) | 12% (22 posts) |
| Better walking and cycling routes (e.g. to city centre or local green spaces) | 31% (59 posts) |
| A better range of housing options which meet my needs or are affordable | 20% (37 posts) |
| Improved local facilities (e.g. libraries, gyms, community centres) | 23% (43 posts) |
| Other (Please describe in box below) | 10% (19 posts) |

Some common comments were:

- Expand/invest in the city farm, create more spaces for people to grow food and enjoy nature.
- Have residents parking.
- Reduce air pollution, litter and fly-tipping and crime.
- Address issues around drug use, begging and homelessness.
- Create a safer area, especially East Street. This might include increased night-life, better lighting and policing.
- There was a wide range of views, with some seeing the area as being diverse and welcoming, while others found it unsafe and not a place to spend time.

We asked what three words you would use to describe Bedminster:

The top answers in order of frequency include; friendly, community, green, safe, diverse, dirty, polluted, vibrant, central, family, independent, local, home, convenient, inequality, urban, lively, quiet, accessible, parks, cultural, good, unsafe and divided. A creative collection of the answers are displayed in the word cloud below.



| What would your top three priorities be for new development in Bedminster? | |
|--|----------------|
| Providing new opportunities for training and skills development | 10% (19 posts) |
| More places to meet people in the evening | 13% (24 posts) |
| Ensuring its good for wildlife and greenery | 47% (89 posts) |
| Spaces for the community to meet (e.g. youth centre, event space) | 16% (31 posts) |
| Buildings for businesses, jobs and training (e.g. small business units, shops and offices) | 16% (30 posts) |
| Making it safe and accessible for all (e.g. seating, clear road layout, lighting) | 26% (46 posts) |
| Growing spaces (e.g. raised flower beds, plots for fruit and vegetables) | 15% (29 posts) |
| Sustainability (e.g. eco-friendly housing, using renewable energy, cycling and walking routes) | 49% (93 posts) |
| Housing for a mixture of people to live together | 15% (29 posts) |
| Housing for specific groups (e.g. families, older people, those with physical disabilities) | 5% (10 posts) |
| Social housing (e.g. housing association owned housing, shared ownership housing) | 16% (30 posts) |
| Outdoor area for street market and festivals | 24% (45 posts) |
| Space for play and exercise | 12% (22 posts) |
| Other (Please describe in box below) | 7% (14 posts) |

There are a range of views, with top priorities being:

1. Sustainability
2. Ensuring good for wildlife and greenery
3. Spaces for the community to meet
4. Outdoor area for markets and festivals
5. Buildings for businesses etc
6. Mixture of housing
7. Social Housing
8. Growing spaces

Other:

As well as the online survey, we got responses to hard copies of the survey and through the work done by Fun 4 Families, The Sanctuary, Windmill Hill City Farm and the Community Development team. This included:

- **Year 6 pupils** – 16 responses
 - **Adults from Redcliffe Flats** – 9 responses
 - **Surveys completed by customers of the WHCF café** – 18 responses
 - **Supported volunteers at Windmill Hill City Farm** – 26 responses
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3.5 What you thought about the draft Community Manifesto

Having drafted the Community Manifesto based on all the data we collected, we published it on the website and ran a short online survey to gather your feedback. We had **26 responses**.

Here is a summary of the questions and the responses:

- **Do you agree with these priorities?** – 76% said yes, 4% said no and 20% said not sure.
- **Should we ask that walking and cycling is prioritised over parking and car use?** 73% said yes, 8% said no and 19% said not sure.
- **Do you think housing should be prioritised or there should be a mixture of housing and business?** 85% said a mixture of housing and business and 15% said housing only.
- **Are there particular community services or facilities that exist on the Whitehouse Street development site that we should ask to be kept in some form?** Responses highlighted businesses and organisations including LPW, Sweatbox Gym, yoga studio, CT garages, The Auto Academy and Fiddlers night club.
- **Have you got any comments to make on any of the priorities?** The key concerns in the comment were about the potential height of buildings and the pressure on local facilities.
- **Do you agree with our overall vision?** 71% said yes and 29% said not sure.

We also held two online meetings with about 15 people attending. Following these meetings and the survey data, we made some minor changes to the draft Community Manifesto.

3.6 Who took part in the online survey?

Relationship to the area

504 people responded to this question:

- 89% (357 posts) are **local residents**
- 11% (44 posts) **work in the local area**
- 10% (42 posts) are **regular visitors** to the local area
- 8% (32 posts) represent a **local interest group**
- 3% (11 posts) are **local business owners**
- 2% (10 posts) **visited the area from time to time**
- 2% answered as **other**

Age of participants

205 people responded:

- 4% (9 posts) aged **18-24**
- 26% (54 posts) aged **25-34**
- 31% (64 posts) aged **35-44**
- 18% (37 posts) aged **45-54**
- 10% (21 posts) aged **55-64**
- 8% (17 posts) aged **65-74**
- 1% (3 posts) **preferred not to say**

Sex of participants

201 people responded:

- 58% (116 posts) are **Female**
- 37% (75 posts) are **Male**
- 4% (8 posts) **preferred not to say**
- 1% (2 posts) selected **Other**

Gender reassignment?

195 people responded:

- 1% (1 post) said **Yes**
- 93% (182 posts) said **No**
- 6% (12 posts) **preferred not to say**

Disabled

202 people responded:

- 5% (11 posts) **consider themselves disabled**
- 91% (184 posts) **do not consider themselves disabled**
- 3% (7 posts) **preferred not to say**

Ethnicity

197 people responded:

- 80% (158 posts) are **White British**
- 1% (1 post) are **Black/African/Caribbean/Black British**
- 2% (4 posts) are **White Irish**
- 8% (16 posts) are **White Other**
- 4% (7 posts) are **Mixed/Multi Ethnic group**
- 1% (1 post) selected **Any other ethnic background**
- 5% (10 posts) **preferred not to say**

Sexual orientation

195 people responded:

- 74% (145 posts) are **Heterosexual/Straight**
- 5% (10 posts) are **Bisexual**
- 4% (8 posts) are **Gay Men**
- 1% (1 post) are **Gay Woman/Lesbian**
- 2% (4 posts) selected **Other**
- 14% (27 posts) **preferred not to say**

Religion / Faith

196 people responded:

- 69% (135 posts) are of **No religion**
- 15% (29 posts) are **Christian**
- 1% (1 post) are **Buddhist**
- 1% (2 posts) are **Muslim**
- 1% (1 post) are **Pagan**
- 6% (12 posts) selected **Other**
- 8% (16 posts) **preferred not to say**

Refugee or Asylum Seeker

198 people responded:

- 1% (2 posts) said **Yes**
- 95% (188 posts) said **No**
- 4% (8 posts) **preferred not to say**

Pregnant or given birth in the last 26 weeks

197 people responded:

- 3% (5 posts) said **Yes**
- 94% (186 posts) said **No**
- 3% (6 posts) **preferred not to say**