

## **Dyke Road Cycle & Pedestrian Improvements Informal Public Consultation results 21 October- 17 November 2013**

### **Background**

A series of improvements have been proposed for the Dyke Road area between BHASVIC and The Upper Drive/ Highcroft Villas to create a welcoming and supportive environment which positively encourages people to walk, cycle and use public transport along this busy section of Dyke Road.

There are a number of schools and colleges in the area and an increasing number of students due to attend sixth forms at BHASVIC and Cardinal Newman in particular. More people travelling to, or through the area puts greater pressure on the transport network making it important to provide a safer street environment fit for the future and one that helps people, particularly young people, to travel independently and sustainably.

From BHASVIC to The Upper Drive there are currently no dedicated cycle facilities. The walking facilities and bus waiting environment could also be improved.

Proposals are to:

- Put in dedicated cycle facilities
- Simplify pedestrian crossing facilities
- Put in a raised crossing at the junction of Port Hall Road
- Re-align the public highway where needed and remove unnecessary street clutter
- Improve bus stop areas
- Extend and remove parking facilities where necessary.

### **Headline Results**

The results of the informal consultation indicate overall support for creating a better balanced street environment which welcomes pedestrians and cycle users in particular.

- 171 (65.0%) support the proposals overall.

Support for different improvement options were as follows<sup>1</sup>:

- 50 (19.45%) say more or other “trip attractors” should be considered (other than those on the plan). These are given in the comments analysis.

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<sup>1</sup> Not all respondents answered every question.

- 99 (38.4%) say other issues and constraints should be considered (other than those shown on the plan). These are also given in the comments analysis.
- 171 (64.3%) support the introduction of cycle lanes/tracks along Dyke Road (BHASVIC to The Upper Drive).
- 174 (65.9%) support the introduction of a raised crossing at the junction of Port Hall Road.
- 143 (55.4%) support the existing crossings to be changed to raised and widened zebra crossings.
- 162 (62.8%) support the introduction of new parking bays at Dyke Road Park.
- 142 (55.0%) support the removal of parking bays opposite BHASVIC.
- 221 (84.7%) support the removal of street clutter.

## **Methodology**

Consultation began on Monday 21 October for a four-week period with a scheduled closing date of Sunday 17 November. Schools in the area were given advance notice by email of the consultation (18 October 2013) with a request for schools to circulate information regarding the consultation and offering a meeting to discuss the proposals. A questionnaire featuring plans to show the type and location of proposed improvements for the Dyke Road area was placed on the City Council's consultation portal. Postcards were sent to 1520 addresses in the vicinity of the proposed improvements for Dyke Road, in order to alert households, businesses and community facilities to the on-line consultation. These postcards referred to the proposals and provided a web address for the on-line consultation. A contact phone number for Transport Planning was also included. A paper version of the questionnaire was available upon request with the offer of translation.

An email outlining the proposals, including contact details for the project manager was sent to a standard consultation list. This list includes the following national and local organisations, representative user groups and community organisations:

- Public transport operators
- Emergency services
- Freight and haulage associations
- Pedestrian and cycle organisations such as CTC, Living Streets and Bricycles, Sustrans
- Guidedogs for the Blind
- The Federations of Disabled People
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership
- Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce
- Brighton & Hove Taxi Forum
- Brighton & Hove Transport Partnership
- Community Voluntary Sector Forum
- Sussex and Brighton Universities

Other groups and community organisations contacted directly included:

- Friends of Dyke Road Park
- Prestonville Community Association
- Friends of the Field (BHASVIC field)
- Brighton Open Air Theatre
- Brighton Islamic Centre
- Friends of the Earth
- Dyke Park tennis club
- Trust for Developing Communities

Businesses and services directly engaged with include:

- Brighton Audi
- Territorial Army
- Dyke Road Pub
- Tesco Express
- John Hoole Estate Agents
- Jiddy's Hair Studio
- Express Wines
- Milo's Boutique and Cutting Room

Dyke Road café were particularly supportive during the public exhibition stage, including storing exhibition boards for the City Council.

Officers conducting the consultation visited businesses in person and offered to talk through the proposals, seeking feedback on issues and ideas.

Officers have held or attended individual meetings with:

- Prestonville Community Association
- Friends of Dyke Road Park
- Brighton Islamic Centre
- Stanford Infants
- Windlesham School
- Booth Museum
- BHASVIC
- Cottesmore

A press release was sent out which included details of public exhibitions and was picked up by The Argus and Brighton & Hove News. Details of the consultation, including exhibition dates were placed on the front page of city council website, and again during the final week of the consultation period.

The public exhibition was held on 5 separate dates, at different times of day and also on a weekend day as follows: Dyke Road Park (in front of Dyke Road Park Café) on:

- Tuesday 22 October from 7am – 10am.
- Saturday 2 November from 10am – 1pm
- Thursday 7 November from 2pm – 5pm.

Dyke Road / Old Shoreham Road Junction (near BHASVIC) on:

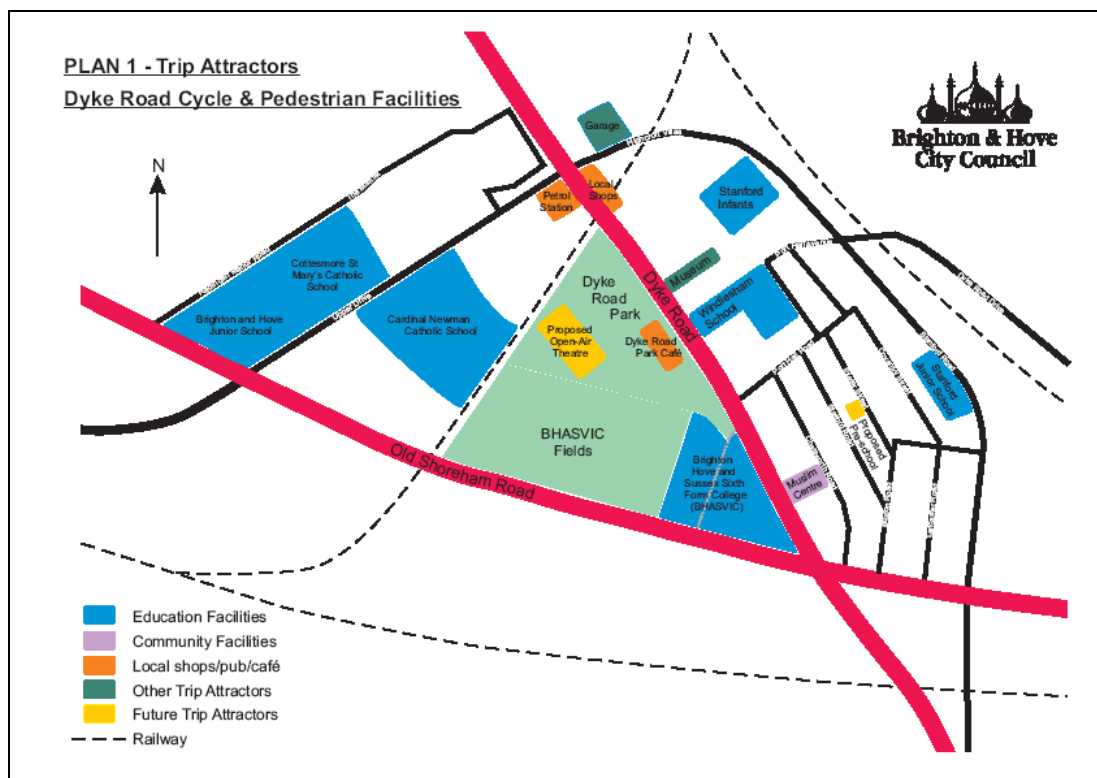
- Tuesday 5 November from 7am – 10am
- Wednesday 6 November from 3pm – 7pm

Two officers were available at all public exhibitions and were pro-actively approaching members of the public walking along the section of Dyke Road for which proposals are being made. A small business card was handed out to those who accepted it (2500 cards were printed and circulated in total), inviting people to respond to the consultation

Requests for 8 paper questionnaires were made.

## Full Results

270 people responded to this questionnaire. All of these were online via the council's consultation portal, this gives a response rate of approximately 11%. **Trip attractors**



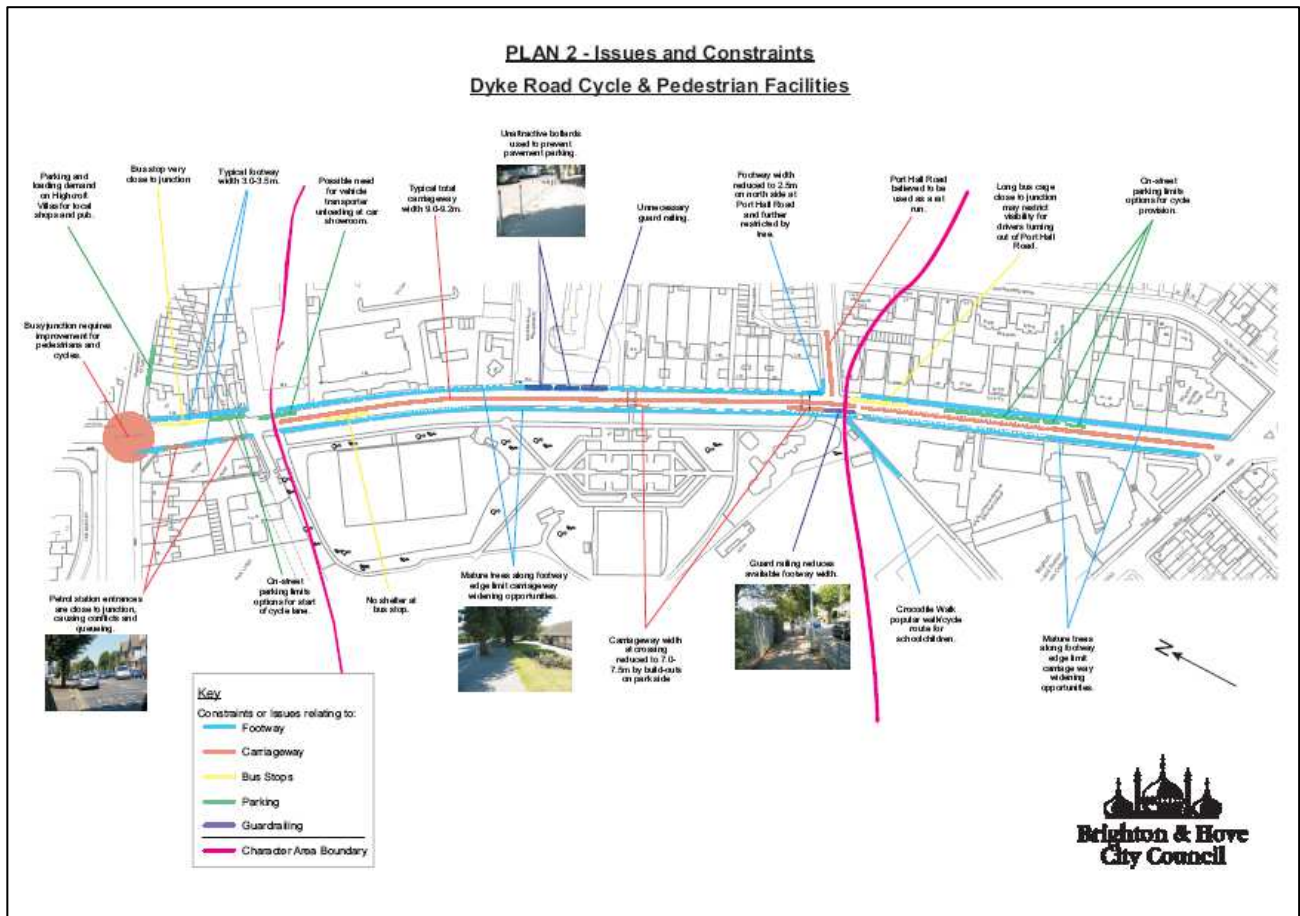
Respondents were asked to consider the above map showing “trip attractors” in the area. They were then asked whether they thought that other “trip attractors” (existing or planned) needed to be included or considered? The answers are as follows:

	No.	%
Yes	50	19.4
No	208	80.6
Total	258	100

They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of number of times mentioned as follows:

- It's a through route to Hove/ Town Centre/ Offices on Dyke road/ Queens Road/ Seven Dials/ Devils Dyke 15
- TA Centre 7
- Audi Showroom 6
- Exeter Street Shops/ pubs 5
- Upper Hamilton Road shops 4
- Dyke Road Tavern/ local pubs 1
- Shortcut Dyke Road Park to OSR 1
- People live here 1
- Port Hall Mews garage 1

## Issues and Constraints



Respondents were asked to consider the above plan showing issues and constraints in the area. They were asked whether they thought that any other issues (other than those already highlighted) should be considered? They answered as follows:

	No.	%
Yes	99	38.4
No	159	61.6
Total	258	100

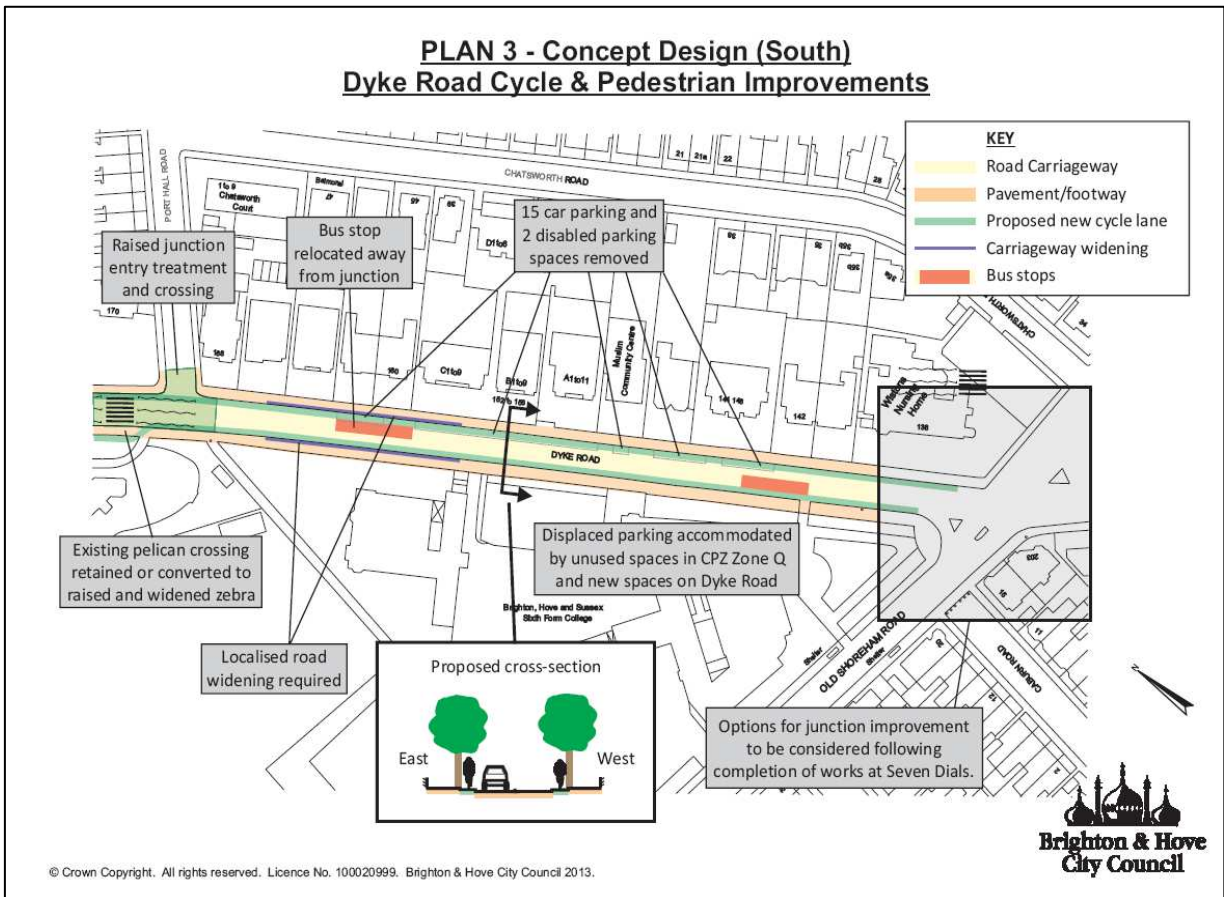
They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of number of times mentioned as follows:

- Need to encourage more to walk to school/ drop-offs cause chaos/ more chaos if less parking 11
- OSR/ Dyke Road (Bhasvic) traffic lights wait too long/ dangerous 9
- Don't allow cars to park in the cycle lane 5
- Guardrails outside Windlesham School are necessary 5
- No need for a cycle lane 4

- Dyke Road is a through route 4
- Reduction in parking at BHASVIC will cause problems/ not enough parking 4
- Don't remove trees 4
- Don't want an OSR style cycle lane 3
- Keep the light controlled crossings they area safer for vulnerable groups 3
- This will cause congestion 3
- Bus routes poor to this area 3
- Parking for Mosque users? 3
- Dyke Road/ highcroft Villas junction needs right turn filters to avoid tailbacks 2
- OSR junctions are difficult to manoeuvre round in a car, don't do that here 2
- Traffic turning into Port Hall Road causes tailbacks (make it a no right turn) 2
- Want lighting to Crocodile Walk/ Dyke Road Park 2
- Waste of money/ not needed 2
- Porthall Road/ Reigate Road are rat runs 2
- Current pedestrian crossing is too close to Port Hall Road/ Dyke Road junction 1
- Consider the entrance to the TA centre if youput a cycle lane across it 1
- Need cycle parking by the shops 1
- More emphasis on access for disabled needed 1
- Please keep residents informed of changes 1
- Prioritise pedestrian improvements over cycling 1
- Don't reduce pavement width 1
- Cycle lane inconsistent / too narrow 1
- Miller's Lane Turning is dangerous 1
- Mark out cycle lane on pavement 1
- High-sided vehicles parking illegally/ on corners 1
- More crossings are needed due to high volumes of students 1
- More parking for mopeds please 1
- Want a diagonal crossing 1
- Rephase the Tesco traffic lights 1







Respondents were asked to consider the above plans (north and south) showing a concept design for the area and then asked to consider whether they would support a number of options as follows:

**Levels of support for cycle lanes**

Respondents were asked to consider whether they supported the introduction of cycle lanes along this stretch of Dyke Road (BHASVIC to The Upper Drive). Answers were as follows:

	No.	%
Yes	171	64.3
No	95	35.7
Total	266	100

They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of number of times mentioned as follows:

- Support cycle lane/ road currently too narrow to cycle safely 97
- No need for cycle lane/ don't support a cycle lane 35
- Road narrowing will cause congestion/ pollution/ is dangerous 26
- Don't want an OSR style cycle lane 9
- Don't allow cars to park in the cycle lane 8

- Waste of money/ don't want money spent on this 7
- Don't want to lose parking 6
- Dyke Road is a a major route 5
- This will make it more dangerous for cyclists 4
- Want more secure cycle parking (at the station, at schools) 2
- Road markings are adequate for cycle lanes 2
- Concerns about cyclists crossing the pavements 2
- Don't want shared cycle lane/ pavement 2
- Want Boris Bikes 1
- How will northbound cycle lane work (behind existing pavement) 1
- Parents parking for school is dangerous 1
- Don't remove loading bays 1
- This is anti-car 1

**Levels of support for the introduction of a raised crossing at Port Hall Road junction**

	No.	%
Yes	174	65.9
No	90	34.1
Total	264	100

They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of the number of times mentioned as follows:

- Support making it safer/ more visible/ less speed 87
- It will cost too much/ it's a waste of money/ spend money elsewhere/ no need 27
- Don't want a raised crossing/ don't see the point of it 14
- Controlled crossing works fine 9
- It's okay as it is 8
- Concerned it will cause congestion (at junction) 7
- Want a light-controlled crossing (its safer) 5
- It will be an eyesore 1
- Make Port Hall Road one way 1
- Close Port Hall road to motor vehicles 1

**Levels of support for existing crossings to be changed to raised and widened zebra crossings**

	No.	%
Yes	143	55.4
No	115	44.6
Total	258	100

They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of number of times mentioned as follows:

- Will make crossings safer/ calm the traffic 58
- Want a light-controlled crossing 30
- Wider crossing it is not necessary/ it's okay as it is/ waste of money 29
- Will cause congestion 14
- Don't raise the crossing 7
- Crossing needs to be well lit 1

**Levels of support for the introduction of new parking bays at Dyke Road Park**

	No.	%
Yes	162	62.8
No	96	37.2
Total	258	100

They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of number of times mentioned as follows:

- Yes because more parking spaces are needed 58
- Don't waste space on parking/ parking causes congestion 21
- Parking is needed for the school drop-offs 15
- It's okay as it is 11
- More disabled bays are needed 1
- Want cycle parking 1

**Levels of support for the removal of parking bays opposite BHASVIC**

	No.	%
Yes	142	55.0
No	116	45.0
Total	258	100

They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of number of times mentioned as follows:

- Where will the cars park/ not enough parking spaces/ don't want cars parking on side roads 58
- Will be less congested/ more room/ safer 34
- Safer for cyclists 11
- Parking needed for Muslim centre 7
- It's okay as it is 4
- Loss of disabled spaces are an issue 4

**Levels of support for the removal of street clutter (includes bollards, unnecessary signage, unnecessary railings etc)**

	No.	%
Yes	221	84.7
No	40	15.3
Total	261	100

They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of number of times mentioned as follows:

- Less is good/ clutter is distracting/ ugly 59
- Keep railings outside schools. Crocodile Walk 32
- Remove unnecessary signage 11
- Don't cut down trees 5
- Clutter makes it difficult for pedestrians 4
- Remove communal bins 2
- 7-Dials is great 1

**Suggestions to improve the area for passengers waiting for a bus**

Respondents were asked for their opinions as to how we can improve the area for passengers waiting for a bus. The responses have been grouped and listed in order of number of times mentioned as follows:

- Want shelter - especially against the wind 33
- Want RTI sign 33
- Want seating 15
- Want lighting 10
- Want timetable 5
- Routes to Bhasvic are unreliable/ poor 3
- It's okay as it is 2
- Not Lewes road style bus stops 1
- Want to be able to buy a ticket at bus stop 1
- Want a bin 1
- Want info for visually impaired 1
- Want named bus stops 1

## Overall Support

Respondents were asked whether they are in support of the proposals overall?

	No.	%
Yes	171	65.0
No	92	35.0
Total	263	100

They were then asked for reasons why. The responses have been grouped and themed as follows:

- Support cycle lane 20
- Not needed/ waste of money/ spend money elsewhere 16
- Will cause congestion 11
- This will be better for pedestrians 9
- No need for cycle lanes 9
- These proposals are anti-car 5
- Keep the light-controlled crossing at Port Hall Road 2
- Tesco site causes congestion 2
- Not enough parking for residents 1
- Need to keep the traffic moving 1
- Scheme has to address school drop offs (Windlesham) 1

## Demographic Information

Respondents were asked to answer the following questions for Equalities monitoring purposes:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
U18	36	16.6
18-24	14	6.5
25-34	22	10.1
35-44	48	22.1
45-54	52	24.0
55-64	34	15.7
65-74	10	4.6
75+	1	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Male	127	57.2
Female	91	41.0
Other	4	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Do you identify as the gender you were assigned at birth?</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	188	95.4
No	9	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Ethnicity</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
White	White English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British	189	87.5
	White Irish	2	0.9
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	6	2.8
	Any other white background	7	3.2
Asian or Asian British	Bangladeshi	2	0.9
	Indian	1	0.5
	Pakistani	2	0.9
	Chinese	0	0
	Any other Asian background	1	0.5
Black or Black British	African	0	0
	Caribbean	0	0
	Any other Black background	0	0
Mixed	Asian & White	2	0.9
	Black African & White	1	0.5
	Black Caribbean & White	0	0
	Any other mixed background	2	0.9
Any other ethnic group	Arab	1	0.5
	Any other ethnic group	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>216</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Sexual orientation</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Heterosexual/ straight	172	87.8
Lesbian/ Gay woman	6	3.1
Gay Man	11	5.6
Bisexual	4	2.0
Other	3	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>What is your religion or belief?</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
I have no particular religion	97	47.1
Buddhist	4	1.9
Christian	35	17.0
Hindu	2	1.0
Jain	3	1.5
Jewish	1	0.5
Muslim	3	1.5
Pagan	2	1.0
Sikh	1	0.5
Agnostic	7	3.4
Atheist	40	19.4
Other	6	2.9
Other Philosophical belief	5	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>100</b>



<b>Are your day to day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes, a little	15	7.0
Yes, a lot	5	2.3
No	195	90.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Please state the type of impairment which applies to you.</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%<sup>2</sup></b>
Physical impairment	10	50
Sensory impairment	3	15
Learning disability/ difficulty	0	0
Long-standing illness	6	30
Mental health condition	4	20
Development condition	0	0
Other	2	10

<b>Are you a carer?</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	10	4.7
No	203	95.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>If yes do you care for?</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%<sup>3</sup></b>
Parent	4	40
Child with special needs	0	0
Other family member	0	0
Partner/ spouse	2	20
Friend	2	20
Other	1	10

<b>Armed Forces Service</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Are you currently serving in the UK Armed Forces (this includes reservists or part-time service eg Territorial Army)	3	1.3	224	98.7
Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces?	5	2.3	217	97.7
Are you a member of a current or former serviceman or woman's immediate family/ household?	5	2.2	218	97.8

<sup>2</sup> % of those who answered yes to the disability question above

<sup>3</sup> % of those who answered yes to Are you a carer