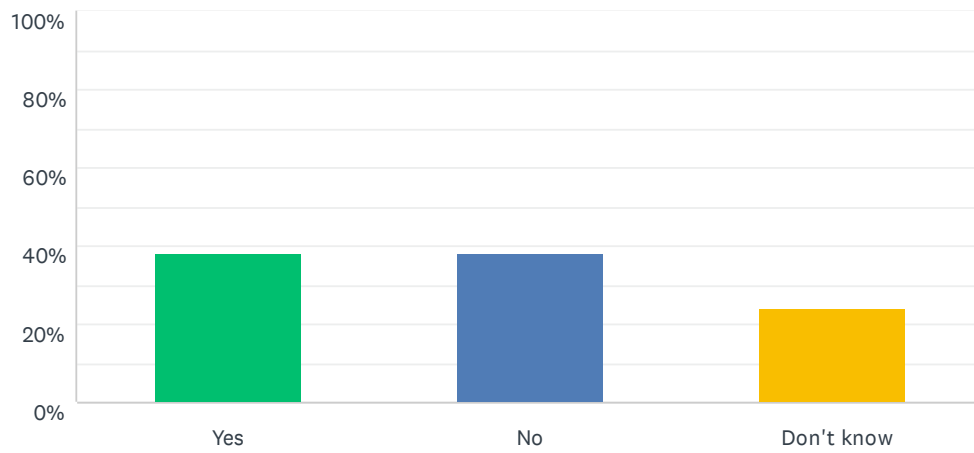


# APPENDIX 2

## Q1 Do you agree with the draft Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2021-23?

Answered: 145 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.93%	55
No	37.93%	55
Don't know	24.14%	35
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>145</b>

**Q2 Please give details as to why you chose the option you did to the question about the draft strategy in the box below.**

Answered: 125 Skipped: 20

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	<p>There are issues that require further thought and consideration. Q2 General. Darlington Borough Council adopted the first Tree Strategy for Darlington in 2000. Twenty years have passed, The Climate Change Act 2008 has become law, requiring Co2 emissions to reduce to zero by 2050 to prevent catastrophic changes to the stability of our planet. In 2019 the Council declared a Climate Emergency. Planting trees is an effective and essential part of the strategy to cut carbon pollution. Trees are highly valued in our communities, public awareness of the benefits provided by trees has increased dramatically due to the known benefits in personal wellbeing and the well documented contribution trees and hedgerows make to sound mental health. In the 'Introduction to the Trees and Woodland Strategy' Darlington Borough Council, DBC, states it is " essential that a framework is created through which the trees of Darlington can be both protected and enhanced for future generations." We suggest that this should include the ambition to increase tree cover and to include hedgerow habitat ( defined as being 3 metres wide to include the hedgerows and the land adjacent to it). Protection is needed to protect vital wildlife corridors which are an important and vital part of navigation for many wildlife including the protected bat species which navigate using hedgerows. The importance of hedgerows was mentioned by the CCC, The Climate Change Committee in its May 2019 report 'Net Zero'. We suggest that it is "essential that a framework is created through which the trees and hedgerows of Darlington be significantly increased, protected and enhanced for future generations." You mention the desire to create a 'frame work' which suggests a structured approach. Does this include maps and descriptions of all existing Green Spaces, Nature Reserves and Site of Special Interest. It would also ideally include new, mature, and veteran trees as well as trees with TPO protection. Individual and rare trees such as the locations of the rare Black Poplars could be celebrated. It is known that York City Council have a computerised trees management system, recording the species, history and maintenance of individual trees. We would like to see a similar programme adopted that could be viewed on the DBC website. I note that a recent tree survey of Council-owned tree stock has shown that the mature tree coverage within Darlington is under threat and wonder what that threat is from? Also the introduction mentions that " in several areas the tree stock has now become significantly depleted." This statement and the strategy in general lacks details, detailed plans, lists, and maps. Ambitious initiatives and significant investment is required with a significant investment in tree planting and mapping of the current tree stock. A yearly updating of the % of tree cover in the Borough is essential to understand how the tree stocks are changing over time . The aim of this strategy is vague and wooly. This strategy does not mention the number of trees to be plant per year or at 5 year intervals or the % of tree cover required to cut Carbon emissions within the Borough and to mitigate for the effects of climate change. Assessed audited carbon accounts will be required to analyse the Boroughs CO2 emissions in line with The Climate Act 2008. Data needs to be available. What does 'proactively manage' actually mean? please can you define? We welcome a list of special trees and groups of trees that have strong community links and those of historical heritage and we want a public commitment of protection for these trees. The aim of the strategy promises 'to provide a valued environmental amenity for future generations.' The importance of biodiversity is an essential part of this environmental experience. A rich and thriving natural world is essential for wellbeing and for life itself to thrive. Uk biodiversity is plummeting, directly affected by loss of habitat. The National Planning Framework guidance section 15, Conserving and enhancing the natural environment, no170 a/b/d/e/f and 174a/b/ should be included in this strategies aims. Pruning Work The protection offered to nesting birds is not good enough to 'avoid the bird nesting season is not clear . Only essential work should be carried out during the bird nesting period as defined in the Countryside and Wildlife act 1981. What Residents Have Told Us. In the last few years many more people are aware of the value of trees within the Borough and it is noted that only a small % of people have a reason to complain. If a survey were to be undertaken, a more interesting dialogue would emerge as to the value place on trees within our communities and their unique contribution to mitigating the effects of climate change. The Open Space Strategy need more tangible targets with dates. The vision for a cleaner, greener, safer environment is shared but what is the next 'one step' ? Again more clarification is necessary 'working in partnerships we are committed to providing, protecting and enhancing a variety of high quality, accessible open and green spaces throughout the Borough to meet the needs of residents.' Who , where, what, how, and when? National and Regional Context how is it possible to 'development of the Tees Valley in terms of protecting its environment whilst promoting economic growth', all future development especially those upon green fields and countryside will need to be carbon audited for the loss of hedges and trees must be taken into account for carbon auditing. The original wording "We will impose planning conditions to protect trees... ' should stand as it is stronger and clearer.</p>	10/19/2020 12:02 AM

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This document is weaker than the one it is replacing. There is no mention of hedgerows in the strategy, for which there should be protection, especially ancient and traditionally laid hedges: these are very important to provide habitat for birds, mammals and invertebrates, visual appeal, but also to reduce problems caused by wind: erosion of farmland and urban canyon effects between homes, especially in exposed locations. There is no mention of increasing species or habitat diversity. Maintaining diversity is ok, but there should be an emphasis on filling gaps in native tree species, and also identify and address the probable effects that climate change will have on the types of species we should be planting and where, so as to survive an increasingly more disrupted climate with more extreme weather. Droughts, excess and intense rain, extreme cold and heat, and more storms will all affect trees and how they interact with humans who need to live near them. As some examples: There should be a policy to plant more fruit trees in parks and public open/green spaces, especially in the more deprived areas of the town, to provide some free food to assist those who need it. A mixture of types of fruit tree should be provided to give a long season of free fruit throughout the summer and autumn. Types of trees planted should also aim to improve the stock of those native British trees whose numbers are low or in decline. Woodland and trees planted in parks should be mixed rather than monoculture for both visual appeal and to reduce risk of disease transmission, and obviously always suitable for the soil type present. However, when introducing street trees in streets which have not previously had them, it may be decided that uniformity may weigh out to bring the street together visually. There is no mention of ancient / veteran trees: there should be adequate policy to manage such trees to retain their contribution to the community. Trees with TPOs should not be considered for felling unless there is an issue with the health of the tree which cannot be rectified by pruning or other management. In addition, there should be a policy – as in other local authorities – where trees which are determined to be of landscape value A and B (in tree reports as part of planning applications) should be built-around as a matter of course in new developments, only being felled as a matter of exception, where an adequate case must be made that a certain piece of infrastructure cannot be placed elsewhere for logistical reasons. In such exceptional cases where these trees must be removed, they should be replaced elsewhere in the development with a “heavy standard” tree as soon as possible. Work on trees and hedgerows during the nesting season is mentioned, stating that this should be avoided, however there should be a presumption that work should not be undertaken during the nesting season - so as to avoid potential for unintended disturbance - unless specific reasons are provided as to why this must occur during the nesting season. All applications for tree work should state that this is the case, detailing clearly the time period during which the works can be carried out, and explain the law around wildlife crime as it applies to nesting birds, to ensure residents are aware of it and very strongly guided to comply. This policy weakens protections for existing trees as regards planning applications: the previous policy stated that DBC WILL impose planning conditions to protect trees, whereas the new policy states that DBC MAY impose conditions to protect trees. Where trees are to remain in a development - and as stated in the paragraph about veteran trees above I know that many feel there is currently inadequate protection for existing trees - then they MUST ALWAYS be protected by planning conditions re. development design and root protection areas to ensure that those trees are not damaged accidentally or by intent. The policy must strengthen protection not reduce it. Record keeping about Darlington Borough's trees is not accessible to the public, hence is not transparent or accountable (as per the loss of 200+ trees, many with TPOs) at Blackwell. This policy should require the creation of a computer and map-based (GIS) tree management system which records position, species, maintenance and inspection history which is accessible to the public. Trees to combat climate change and its impacts: Trees' services to provide cooling (reducing the “urban heat island effect”) by shading on tarmac, paving and house roofs which would otherwise absorb the heat of the sun must be built in. Trees should be expected to be planted on the south side of buildings in to provide shade from excess sun, to reduce the risk of overheating in new developments, and also look to add these in existing developments which suffer a lack of urban trees and especially developments which are being retrofitted to be highly insulated so that summer overheating may become more of a problem. Trees to combat extreme rainfall & flooding: the council must also look at the wider area, and learn from Pickering in North Yorkshire – to contribute both physically and financially to planting trees (as well as other flood-reduction measures such as creating wetland, slowing and damming small streams and rivers) high in the catchment of both the Skerne and Tees - as well as within the borough - to help delay and reduce their in-flood flow and where flooding does occur to direct it into safe areas which will not endanger life, and hence reduce the risk of flooding to those residents who are currently at high and/or increasing risk of it in the Borough. This could perhaps work as local carbon-offsetting with a selfish end of also improving the safety of Darlington residents from flood (Note that I do not think that providing funding to plant trees within the Borough

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should count as offsetting, only funding the planting trees elsewhere, where Darlington residents are not likely to benefit from their presence directly. Also note that offsetting is an extremely contentious issue – whether it should occur at all as it is better to prevent the emissions that are intended to be offset completely, and if it does occur, what the deemed survival rate and carbon value of each tree planted should be – so it would be recommended to run any scheme via a well-reputed provider.) Trees for visual appeal: There needs to be a policy to add street trees to as many of the main motor vehicle thoroughfares into and around the town centre as possible, for example the centre margin of St Cuthbert's Way, North Road / Northgate, Coniscliffe Rd, and I know trees are already to be planted along Tornado Way. This may need the roadways of these roads to be narrowed and the making of designated parking bays between the trees, but this would create a more pleasant, greener approach to the town, more sheltered for pedestrians, and cooler for everyone. Carbon and nature accounting: Whilst planting new trees helps mitigate any essential existing tree loss, the emphasis should ALWAYS be to reduce the loss of existing trees as much as possible. In terms of biodiversity, carbon emissions and their other benefits, one existing tree has been shown to be worth the equivalent of 3 newly planted trees, and only with a significant amount of time delay - so any trees which are removed must be replaced by triple the number of new trees, and these should be as large as possible (standards or heavy standards for trees, with smaller saplings or whips only used for new hedging) so as to reduce the delay time to regain what was lost. In terms of counting / accounting for numbers of trees, the above equivalence should be accounted for, so each mature tree lost should count as "minus 3" i.e. 3 new trees must be planted to regain a zero net loss - the 10,000 new trees planned for must be over and above this otherwise the target for the increase is meaningless. It would therefore be more worthwhile to measure tree-covered area, since this naturally accounts for the smaller size and nature benefits of saplings vs. the vast canopy of a mature tree. Trees for safety: This policy must ensure that street tree locations for planting should be designed in a way which protects vulnerable road users i.e. narrowing streets at crossing points and junctions to provide natural traffic calming, denoting ends of parking bays, and providing a protective dividing line (and pollution filtering) between road and cycle lane and pavement beyond. This may involve trees or hedging plants. Finally, it should be ensured that the street tree policy does not continue to contribute to worsening allergies by planting large numbers of male trees, which produce vast amounts of pollen. There should be a policy to increase the proportion of female trees (for those where separate sexes exist) and reduce the proportion of male trees to reduce this problem.

3	Agree generally - would like some minor changes and improvements.	10/18/2020 9:13 PM
4	I disagree with the overall principles laid out in the strategy. They do not marry the climate emergency agreed by Darlington Borough Council and they are not aspirational in any form, in fact they water down the previous tree strategy. Trees and Woodland have been identified as key to combatting Climate Change as well as improving air quality and improving mental well being. The strategy does not factor this in at all, does not recognise the importance of trees and has set a very low bar. The strategy does not comply to British Standards, omitting key elements of BS5837. It is a lacklustre attempt at the development of our Keen Infrastructure throughout Darlington	10/18/2020 6:48 PM
5	The Forward should mention the positive impact that nature has on mental health. In the Introduction, I would like to see all green spaces listed here. I would like to see detail of what tree cover in Darlington is now and how this compares to other boroughs. Hedgerows are a glaring omission from this strategy. Hedgerows can be just as important as trees and woodland and provide homes and food for biodiversity. The consideration of wildlife corridors is also sadly missing from this strategy and needs to be included. Under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997, it is against the law to remove most countryside hedges without first getting the permission of your local council, so this fact should be included in this strategy with detail of how this will be enforced. Wirral Borough Council's (WBC) strategy states, "The Climate Change Committee (CCC) advocates increasing hedgerows alongside other methods of carbon capture in its May 2019 report, Net Zero: The UK's contribution to stopping global warming," therefore including hedgerows in Darlington Borough Council's strategy would link with our Council's Climate Change Declaration. There are several instances in Darlington's Green Infrastructure Guide (2013-2026) where planting of additional hedgerows is promoted - Red Hall Wetland Local Nature Reserve, Skerningham Countryside Park, South Park-Hurworth being a few examples. The overall aim is very vague. Without specific objectives it's very easy not to achieve this aim, eg increase the tree cover by x amount with a timescale. We would like to see yearly published percentages of tree cover in the Darlington Borough. A good software to use would be i-canopy which is well known and respected tool to calculate tree cover. Also, the UK is failing on its long-term biodiversity targets and seeing "relentless" declines in wildlife,	10/18/2020 6:06 PM

according to government data that shows public sector investment in conservation falling in real terms by 33% in five years. Out of 24 biodiversity indicators, 14 showed long-term decline, including continued deterioration of UK habitats and species of European importance, as well as a decline in priority species, according to the 2020 UK biodiversity indicators. I cannot see that this strategy will reverse this decline. I would like to see some real specific and measurable aims put into place to improve the biodiversity across Darlington in line with the Biodiversity Duty for Public Authorities enshrined in the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act. In the section 'What Residents Have Told Us', this only focuses on the complaints from residents. However, recently, more and more people are becoming aware of the climate emergency and the growing awareness of the benefits of planting trees and I feel this should be recognised. In the Climate Declaration section, it is quoted that a young woodland can store 400+ tonnes of carbon per hectare. A timescale should be included here. Also, it would also be good to identify how much this example woodland would store of the Council's carbon emissions to give some perspective. In the Council Trees section, When the council is selecting new species they should not automatically look to plant the same. Climate is changing and getting warmer. There may be a need to consider species more suitable to extremes of weather. Another factor should be which species are most suited to help with climate change and with wildlife in mind. Aftercare of new trees should also include mulching/weeding. I would also like to see 'actionable nuisance' defined. Veteran trees are also not included in this strategy. Stroud Council's tree strategy states that veteran trees will be managed in a way that preserves their unique characteristics. I'd like a similar protection commitment added with regards to the veteran trees of Darlington. Nesting birds are protected by the Countryside and Wildlife Act. This strategy says that precautions are to be taken to avoid disturbance of nesting birds (between March to September). I don't think this is strong enough. Stroud Council's tree strategy states that only essential tree works will be carried out during the bird nesting season, and I think that Darlington's strategy should say the same. The draft strategy states that 'We may impose planning conditions to protect trees...'. This has been watered down from the previous strategy which stated 'We will impose planning conditions to protect trees...'. I think the original wording should stand. York Council maintain a computer based tree management and mapping system that records position, species, and maintenance and inspection history. The current system is provided by Ezytree. York's public tree survey is an ongoing process as new trees are planted and others removed. Information such as location, species and service department of public trees will be made available via the Council's website. I'd like to see Darlington put plans to have a similar system in place and when this would be achieved by.

6	It does not go far enough to plant more trees to help alleviate climate change.	10/18/2020 2:50 PM
7	Don't know enough about it	10/18/2020 1:11 PM
8	It does not offer ambition. The aim should be to explain benefits of trees more, protect trees better, ensure that hedgerows are given greater importance and increase tree planting. There is no mention of increasing species diversity. maintaining diversity is important but the policy should address gaps in the native tree species and the effect that Climate change will have on the types of species we should be planting now to survive the climatic chaos around in 30 years. There should be mention of ancient and veteran trees and the policy must ensure the management of these trees and trees approaching this status are managed and retained, thus maintaining their unique contribution to the community. The policy weakens protection for existing trees when considering planning applications and should keep the statement from the previous version 'Darlington Council will impose planning conditions to protect trees...' The record keeping of trees is not readily accessible to the public. The policy should require the creation of a computer based tree management system, including an internet accessible map visible by the public. the system would allow any one to find the species, maintenance and inspection history of trees with TPOs.	10/18/2020 12:40 PM
9	Darlington Borough Council have failed to include hedgerows in their Draft Tree and Woodland Strategy. Hedgerows are a vital resource for the growth and survival of many of our wildlife species especially birds, providing food and shelter throughout the year. Hedgerows also help with carbon capture so are vital in the fight against climate breakdown. I would also like to see a pledge to "only carry out essential work during bird nesting season" rather than Darlington Borough Council's pledge to "Take care to avoid nesting birds" Darlington Borough Council Draft Tree and Woodland Strategy is too weak on the wording with regards to planning conditions and only state that they "May" impose planning conditions to protect trees. This is ambiguous and subject to manipulation should the situation arise and, therefore does not fully protect the trees.	10/18/2020 11:30 AM

10	<p>Feel it really needs tightening up - some parts are far too 'casual/ 'one size fits all'. It must be much BOLDER. It says DBC will work with local communities, yet that has diminished to virtual non existence. Tree Team are renowned for making themselves unavailable by phone, email, meetings and Information requests remain unaddressed. Understandably their tree work comes first, but not ever being available risks alienating the residents. Residents get to know when highways are being worked on, planning notices are put up re applications, so can notices be put up when trees must be felled, or after the event? Or could Inspection results with disease/action/no action be put online? 2 for 1 Replacement with half standard/semi mature trees is the minimum requirement since we are already behind with replacements as well as trees diminishing in some areas. Decline in numbers has not been prevented - what is in place to stop this and reverse it ? 1 for 1 replacement has not been carried out for some time, so it's unbelievable that it will be achieved in the coming years. Re climate change strategy - 10,000 trees that MAY be planted have already been grown from seed - so the replanting in Darlington does not increase overall tree cover of england. Also these small saplings will not all mature, many will die. In 20 years they will not achieve what you claim/expect. In contrast, past plantings, eg West Park, have been planted too closely, they then have to be dug out and moved elsewhere [if there is a suitable place &amp; if staff is available] and if not they crowd each other unhealthily&gt;a great waste! Developers need their bad behaviour clamping down on regarding tree and hedge losses/damage -can a by-law be made to stop them 'misbehaving'? Hedges need to be brought into the strategy. Hedge Trees are often lost due to flailing without due attention. Sites for planting should be approved by communities prior to planning to plant if the site has community use presently. XX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p>	10/17/2020 11:51 PM
11	<p>- The Strategy commits to valuing, protecting and enhancing Darlington's trees for historic, climate change, environment and amenity value. It is pleasing to see the commitment to plant 10,000 trees in the next few years and especially to work with Friends Groups to review tree cover in Parks. And also pleasing to see a commitment to promotion of increased public awareness of the wide value of trees and how they are managed. I am also pleased to note the acknowledgement of the precariousness of our over mature trees and the need for underplanting.</p>	10/17/2020 7:11 PM
12	<p>I have not read it all yet.</p>	10/17/2020 6:31 PM
13	<p>Some of the policy points, I do not agree with at all, particularly cutting down mature woodland to make room for a golf course.</p>	10/17/2020 5:53 PM
14	<p>I don't think it goes far enough or is ambitious enough.</p>	10/17/2020 2:44 PM
15	<p>Hedgerows are not included in this. they should be, as they are just as important, particularly for nesting birds, providing autumn fruit and shelter for all wildlife .They are also an important source of carbon capture and help to prevent topsoil erosion by breaking up the wind action. There should be a pledge included to increase species diversity. Extremely old trees should be managed to retain their uniqueness. Only absolute essential works should take place during bird nesting season, not just 'taking care to avoid nesting birds', this is too vague and too weak a directive. The previous strategy, imposing planning conditions to protect trees should be kept ; not the newly worded 'we MAY impose planning conditions to protect trees'. I would like to see a computer system for mapping and management of trees, recording position and species and inspection history. This should be available to the public.</p>	10/17/2020 7:39 AM
16	<p>Darlington's Tree and Woodland Strategy makes no mention of hedgerows. Hedgerows should be included! There are several instances in Darlington's Green Infrastructure Guide (2013-2026) where planting of additional hedgerows is being promoted, for example Red Hall Wetland Local Nature Reserve, Skerningham Countryside Park, South Park-Hurworth. This strategy should sit alongside any green-infrastructure policies. The Wirral's Tree, Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy 2020-2030 has been warmly welcomed by environmental and conservation groups from all over the country. It recognises the importance of hedgerows for biodiversity (they offer refuge, food and shelter for wildlife) and for the range of benefits they provide to people (filtering out of pollutants, lessening noise). Wirral Borough Council's strategy states, "The Climate Change Committee (CCC) advocates increasing hedgerows alongside other methods of carbon capture in its May 2019 report, Net Zero: The UK's contribution to stopping global warming," therefore including hedgerows in Darlington Borough Council's strategy would link with our Council's Climate Change Declaration. In areas where the planting of large trees isn't suitable, a hedgerow could be a good alternative. "Hedges can be valuable where height or width is restricted so larger trees are inappropriate." This strategy only looks to take</p>	10/17/2020 6:48 AM

precautions to “avoid disturbance of nesting birds (between March to September)”. Why not champion the town’s feathered residents and let work on any trees wait until nesting season is over? The exception being if a tree is unsafe. The strategy fails to mention the existence of the UK’s most endangered native timber tree - the black poplar! Hundreds of saplings were planted near South Burdon and in Skerningham Community Woodland. Darlington was meant to become a focal point “for the resurgence of these magnificent trees”. The location of these trees should be mapped and the health of them monitored to make sure they aren’t suffering from black-poplar scab which can lead to the loss of these rare and prized trees. Several black poplars are at risk of falling into the River Skerne in Skerningham Community Woodland because of bank erosion. The seven black poplars around the natural graves in Skerningham Community Woodland do not have TPOs on them. In Worcester, for example, “some of the most important sites where black poplars occur, such as Castlemoreton Common, are designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)”. Skerningham Community Woodland should be considered for this status. The strategy should include an Action Plan for the black poplars to cover such points and to ensure these trees receive the attention and care they deserve.

17	I would like to know why the council are including the numbers of trees they are planning to plant in the next 3 years has taken into account the numbers which will be planted by community groups, and, after all 10,000 trees in 3 years is not a huge number.	10/16/2020 10:59 PM
18	Not as good as the tree strategy its due to replace because of climate change one would of thought it stricter and more robust to protect healthy trees in and around Darlington.	10/16/2020 8:19 PM
19	Its a watered down version compared to the current one this tree strategy its due to replace in fact reading it would seem to favour land developers & new home builders rather than the Residents of Darlington. No mention of established hedgerows that are protected under the Hedgerow Regulations Act 1997 and under section 97 of the Environmental Act 1995 Established Hedgerows are virtually important to the local biodiversity of Darlington. Trees & Hedgerows help address climate change so as a town we cannot afford to allow land developers and new home builders to continue just ripping them out. Work on Trees and Hedgerows should not be allowed during bird nesting season no mention of this in your new draft tree strategy this would indication that DBC are happy with trees and hedgerows being worked on or removed during bird nesting season. The current DBC strategy states DBC Will impose planning conditions to protect Trees whereas this new (developer/Builder Friendly ) watered down version states “ We May” at total disgrace and an insult to the residents of Darlington.	10/16/2020 7:07 PM
20	It is weaker than the document it is replacing. There is no mention at all of hedgerows in the strategy. Hedgerows are very important for nesting birds, mammals and invertebrates and also carbon capture. There is no mention of increasing species diversity. Maintaining diversity is good but the policy should address gaps in native tree species and specifically address the effect that Climate Change will have on the types of species we should be planting now to survive a more chaotic climate in the next 50 years. There is no mention of ancient of veteran trees. This policy would demonstrate an intention to manage and retain their unique contribution to the community. Work on trees and hedgerows during nesting season (between March to September). This policy only states that disturbance should be avoided. The policy should be strengthened to make it a presumption that works are not carried out during nesting season unless there are compelling reasons to do so. This policy weakens protection for existing tress when considering planning applications. The previous policy stated; 'Darlington Council will impose planning conditions to protect trees...'. The draft policy proposes; 'We MAY impose planning conditions to protect trees...'. The policy should reverse this change, to retain the stronger protection. The record keeping of trees is not transparent, accessible or accountable. This policy should require the creation of a computer based tree management and mapping system that records position, species, and maintenance and inspection history which available to the public.	10/16/2020 5:20 PM
21	I've not had a full copy to read yet	10/16/2020 3:56 PM
22	More trees more green spaces less concrete better air less pollution more wildlife better biodiversity better health wellbeing no brainer just ask david attenborough...	10/16/2020 3:48 PM
23	The strategy fails to mention the existence of the UK’s most endangered native timber tree - the black poplar! Hundreds of saplings were planted near South Burdon and in Skerningham Community Woodland. Darlington was meant to become a focal point “for the resurgence of these magnificent trees”. The location of these trees should be mapped and the health of them monitored to make sure they aren’t suffering from black-poplar scab which can lead to the loss	10/16/2020 2:34 PM



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24	Darlington Council is to be congratulated for developing a tree and woodland strategy, which the Woodland Trust encourages all councils to do as part of a local Emergency Tree Plan. We do, however, think that this strategy is insufficiently ambitious.	10/16/2020 10:41 AM
25	The draft strategy has omitted very important points from old strategy which should be put back in	10/15/2020 8:49 PM
26	Trees are good for storing carbon, producing oxygen, cooling the planet, preventing soil erosion, sheltering wildlife, providing food and improving human well-being. So planting more has got to be a good thing.	10/14/2020 8:35 PM
27	generally agree that Trees are an important part of the environment, providing they are maintained!	10/14/2020 1:49 PM
28	Old tress should never be cut down -destroyed. Every 1 tree taken off the planet 2 should be planted including oak trees.Black poplar tress should be protected. Hedge rows must be protected and woodland space shoukd be managed so wild garlic can be halted preventing the demise of bluebells.	10/13/2020 11:51 PM
29	Perhaps the survey should be started more with questions around peoples feelings around trees, nature and climate change rather than asking people to go back and fully read a document and then ask them if they agree or more importantly understand the document.	10/13/2020 3:17 PM
30	We have a huge oak tree at the front and it is getting bigger it has never been trimmed and it blocks the sun and at the moment it drops acorns all over which are dangerous underfoot,we have a huge sycamore out the back which blocks all the sun and the roots are lifting the the paving stones causing yet another hazard for the residents not to mention the LEAVES	10/13/2020 9:36 AM
31	It does not go far enough to protect what we already have in the Borough and to increase the variety of species and habitat of the in the future.	10/12/2020 9:17 PM
32	Inadequate in terms of care of trees along bridleways & public footpaths. Council did not replace the nursery off Salutation Road which is now private housing. The facilty should be replaced to grow the new trees needed to fulfill the replacement strategy, probably at a lower cost while generating local jobs and /or apprenticeships even linked to post16 educational institutions like Teesside Uni or Houghall college.	10/12/2020 9:47 AM
33	Thes Policy covers all aspects of the management of trees in the borough, however do the council operate within the policy. DBC has history of removing perfetly healthy trees to allow housing development to take place and are planning to do the same again should DBC gain approval of the 'Loal Plan'	10/11/2020 7:34 PM
34	I don't know enough about it.	10/11/2020 10:44 AM
35	Need to plant more tree and not cut down any trees	10/10/2020 8:13 PM
36	Not aware there is one	10/10/2020 10:51 AM
37	Ruining the countryside	10/10/2020 10:19 AM
38	I would like to see the word 'may' replaced with 'will'.	10/10/2020 10:01 AM
39	Too many trees will be felled round the northern area of Darlington to make way for unnecessary housing	10/10/2020 9:47 AM
40	animal habitat	10/9/2020 8:49 PM
41	The new strategy showed much of the previous administration's commitment to protect Darlington Trees, woodlands, green spaces and wildlife dependent areas has been omitted and in my view is criminal Page 3-: item omitted - Introduction A recent tree survey of Council-owned tree stock has shown that the mature tree coverage within Darlington has become under	10/9/2020 8:48 PM

threat and in several areas the tree stock has now become significantly depleted. This situation is about to determinate further through management works made unavoidable by the age, condition and history of the trees. The acknowledgment that Darlington's trees are significantly depleted has been removed. This strategy paves the way for development of which Darlington residents DO NOT WANT OR NEED.

42	It's important for the climate	10/9/2020 8:36 PM
43	Don't know enough about it	10/9/2020 8:09 PM
44	There has been too much omitted from the draft strategy which removes the previous comment to protect our trees and woodlands from development	10/9/2020 8:07 PM
45	Unsure	10/9/2020 7:39 PM
46	The oxygen we breath is exhaled by trees, and the carbon dioxide we exhale is breathed by the trees, and a great balance of the world we live in.	10/9/2020 7:35 PM
47	Just because it makes sense	10/9/2020 7:23 PM
48	It doesn't go far enough	10/9/2020 7:16 PM
49	Appears to align with the Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent Parish Neighbourhood Plan's Woodland and Nature Reserve Proposal	10/9/2020 12:16 PM
50	After letting mature trees on Carmel Road be chopped down for new bill houses I don't trust the council anymore	10/8/2020 5:18 PM
51	The DBC Tree and Woodland Strategy does touch a little on the value of trees for our wellbeing, in particular the Climate Crisis the world is experiencing. Due to the social times in which we are living because of the pandemic, it may be useful to include some addition information to the strategy regarding our trees and green spaces: "Trees go hand-in-hand with our 'Green Spaces': parks, woodland and other spaces, and their benefits are hard to separate and usually compliment eachother. There has never been a better time to appreciate the value of our Parks and Green Spaces. To put into practice what we know about the benefits of the natural environment in terms of our mental, physical health, and emotional wellbeing. The Land Trust ( <a href="http://www.thelandtrust.org.uk">www.thelandtrust.org.uk</a> ) has this to say in its recent studies and reports on the value of our Green Spaces. "People using green spaces have higher levels of satisfaction and wellbeing and lower levels of anxiety compared to the national averages." "Well-managed Green Spaces encourage community cohesion and reduce social isolation. They contribute significantly to maintaining a resilient economy, society and environment. They alleviate costs to businesses and the public purse, and in turn, generate significant benefits, keeping people healthy, happy and productive." "The value of green spaces, is not just as an amenity for recreation, but the many services delivered by soil, grass, flowers, trees and water, providing society and our economy with significant benefits."	10/8/2020 12:00 PM
52	There is no protection of trees when erasing a whole woodland to create a garden village, with housing plans which are so many more than the government instructions	10/6/2020 4:26 PM
53	Cutting too many trees down for housing	10/5/2020 10:18 PM
54	Looks a comprehensive document	10/5/2020 8:30 PM
55	Increasing the number of trees is critically important as is properly caring for what we have	10/5/2020 6:58 PM
56	EPICH is concerned with the promotion of biodiversity and encouraging the greatest range of wildlife in the Hurworth area. In terms of the management approach described we are particularly supportive, therefore, of the needs of birds and bats being taken into account in timing the pruning of hedgerows and trees, and that the approach to replacement planting takes into account the whole treescape, using native species with local provenance.	10/5/2020 4:53 PM
57	There are a number of pockets of trees dotted throughout Mowden and Hummersknott that nobody seems to be responsible for, a good number of which have a TPO on them. My view is that if the Council have the right to put a TPO on them then they should assume full responsibility for their continued upkeep. If the Council are so keen that a TPO will protect a tree and ensure it is properly maintained then it is their full responsibility to follow that through and also be responsible for any damage caused by those trees. Whilst I also appreciate the concept of a TPO the fairly recent totally unnecessary felling on a large scale of numerous trees to make way for the development of the Willows totally contradicts the Councils strategy of	10/5/2020 4:38 PM

	protecting these trees! It is a case of we will protect them while it suits us! Who will be responsible for those whose owner cannot be traced?	
58	Because you continue to let developers destroy healthy mature trees and shrubs	10/5/2020 4:09 PM
59	Not sure how clear it is on specifics	10/5/2020 3:46 PM
60	Saplings planted near me have all been destroyed by teenagers , needs more mature trees and shrubs that can't be ripped out	10/5/2020 2:05 PM
61	Council does not have the resources to monitor the whole borough adequately and private owners should not be free to maintain their property freely where no TPOs are in place.	10/5/2020 1:28 PM
62	They don't maintain the trees that already there	10/5/2020 1:24 PM
63	I am not sure what it entails	10/5/2020 12:53 PM
64	Trees are an integral part of our lives in Darlington, I think they give our town beauty as well as bring excellent for the environment	10/5/2020 9:10 AM
65	Sensible nuanced approach. However in absence of clear integration with approach to climate environmental and economic strategies it's impossible to give meaningful comment. For example a tree and woodland strategy for air quality purposes is mere tinkering without addressing other factors.	10/4/2020 7:28 PM
66	I would like to see trees that Have to be removed, replaced by trees of similar species - thus does not appear to have been the case in Carmel Road	10/4/2020 6:03 PM
67	As long as it is carried out as stated .A number of trees have recently been removed between Waylands Terrace and Bellburn Lane on the old Honey Pot Lane path. None looked diseased or about to fall over so how come they were cut down. Also how do you know about people who just get trees cut down and do not bother asking permission to do it. There appears to be a lot more garden/tree businesses now cutting down and shredding residential trees on the spot. Have they all applied for permission ?	10/4/2020 3:06 PM
68	I do not have any confidence that DBC has sufficient knowledge or understanding amongst its work-force to deliver what is set out in the draft policy document.	10/4/2020 2:29 PM
69	The draft strategy broadly reflects my views.	10/3/2020 4:24 PM
70	It's a basic policy but could be enhanced	10/3/2020 1:39 PM
71	Over all it seems to be a sensible strategy, providing, of course, it happens.	10/3/2020 1:13 PM
72	There are elements of the strategy that we agree with in particular creating and maintaining a pleasant green, healthy environment for Darlington. However, we disagree on the basis that there is a lack of maintenance plans to address the inappropriate species selection from the past. The strategy merely mentions that the problems could prove difficult or impossible which seems both short sighted and inflexible.	10/3/2020 9:47 AM
73	On paper the strategy looks good, particularly the commitment to plant 10,000 trees in the next five years. I also like the commitment to try to retain existing trees wherever possible and also the preference for large native trees over small short-lived ornamental species (which the council have planted in the past). I am concerned however, about the conflict between this strategy and the apparent eagerness of this council to aggressively pursue house-building schemes on farmland across the borough, which I consider totally unnecessary and driven primarily by greedy developers. The U.K. has one of the lowest percentages of tree cover in Europe and we need to actively work to increase tree planting as much as possible to avert the coming environmental crisis.	10/2/2020 5:24 PM
74	We have been in our house for over 10 years and the tree out the front has never been maintained once. So you do not maintain the highway trees. The tree in question is so large you would struggle to bring it back to a reasonable state, it causes huge mess from sap and leaves and is also starting to affect people's drains.	10/2/2020 2:00 PM
75	The document seems far too timid in it's tone, given the stark differences in appearance between Darlington and some other towns in the UK where tree cover is far greater. For example, consider the new Town Centre ring road re-modelling which is a perfect example of a soulless concrete jungle - how it could have been softened by trees on the block paved central	9/25/2020 2:23 PM

reservation in a similar manner to those planted alongside Bonomi Way in the town. Why were no trees planted to soften the appearance of the central reservation?

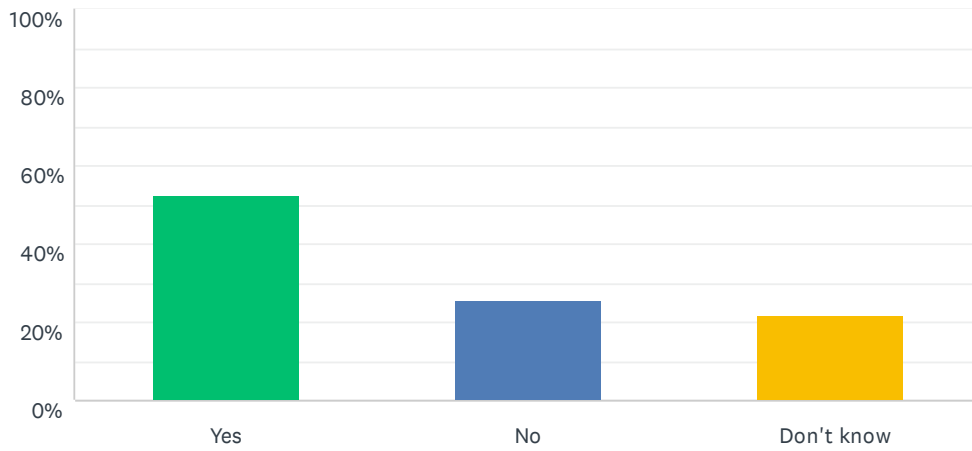
76	I am very confused as this strategy talks about maintains wood land, yet at this moment there are proposals to destroy Skerningham woods with new housing and a by pass. Trees and wooded areas need to protected and maintained not built on. This town has destroyed to much green and wood areas building houses	9/23/2020 2:45 PM
77	I believe the strategy hides the councils true intentions of a programme of mature tree removal along roadsides and verges in order to cut costs of tree management. Mature trees are more costly to maintain and, although the council promise to replace these trees with similar plants, these trees will take decades to mature and provide the same environment, looks, cover and benefit to the town, therefore the programme of mature tree removal will be of significant detriment to the town for the following decades. It will in fact make a negative carbon impact.	9/23/2020 1:49 PM
78	They want to destroy woodland at Skerningham a natural beauty spot take down hundreds of trees destroy our local nature . There are plenty of open fields to build on , save our Woodlands.	9/23/2020 10:33 AM
79	I dont trust anything the council says. Too many trees have been destroyed for unaffordable housing	9/23/2020 7:49 AM
80	Followed this link to read and be informed about it, bit silly asking this question at the start.	9/22/2020 6:41 PM
81	I believe trees are of vital importance to our eco systems.	9/22/2020 8:24 AM
82	I agree with the aim of the strategy and the introduction page to the strategy about the benefits of trees. Particularly about how we need to ensure sustainability for future generations. I believe however that the strategy is completely misplaced. Why spend time and public finances on planting new trees when we can save thousands from being felled at the North of town with the Skerningham Village? This is a forest an old beautiful nature reserve with mature trees, woodland and nature that do exactly the wonderful things that your 'tree strategy' aims for. The timing of this strategy only emphasises the need to save this area from destruction. As a resident of Darlington this needs to be consideration as this is an insult to those fighting to save precious woodland.	9/21/2020 8:43 PM
83	The strategy deals well with existing trees but more needs to be said about new planting and the context with the Darlington Green Infrastructure Strategy	9/21/2020 4:19 PM
84	I agree providing the council stick to their agreement to provide additional trees in accordance with their acceptance to the Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent local plan in which there is a commitment to the Coniscliffe & Merrybent Forrest and Nature Reserve proposal highlighted & accepted by DBC in the Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent Neighbourhood Plan.	9/21/2020 3:37 PM
85	It all seems appropriate.	9/21/2020 10:24 AM
86	Trees are an important ecosystem which needs to be maintained.	9/21/2020 3:50 AM
87	It sounds a positive approach to maintaining our green spaces/trees. Encouraging where trees are taken down, other trees will be planted within 5 years??	9/20/2020 11:13 PM
88	I agree that something has to be documented but I'm not sure if this is striking enough on protection.	9/20/2020 11:07 PM
89	It is a very one-dimensional strategy, worded to favour the Council and not its residents. It seems as if the Council is determined to retain trees wherever they are located, disregarding property owners' views and wishes. Which residents' views have been canvassed in order to support the Council's views about "unsubstantiated" claims. The Council has already formed its views and anything us residents say will be dismissed.	9/20/2020 10:20 PM
90	Need to protect the trees	9/20/2020 4:26 PM
91	all talk alot of residents in my street of waverley terrace have complained for years about the trees needing cutting back no one has done it been here 10 years now	9/20/2020 3:58 PM
92	The council strategy is to preserve and maintain trees in the long run and I agree with that. I only hope the strategy will turn into action when it comes to the maintenance of trees	9/20/2020 10:47 AM
93	The importance of trees is acknowledged in the strategy	9/20/2020 9:10 AM

94	I agree with this: To proactively manage and enlarge the tree population of the Borough of Darlington in order to protect our historical heritage of trees and provide a valued environmental amenity for future generations.	9/20/2020 8:58 AM
95	I have no information upon which to base any judgement. Where is the former one? Where is the draft of the forthcoming one?	9/18/2020 7:20 PM
96	It does not adequately address the loss of tree acreage from the proposed housebuilding drive in Darlington	9/17/2020 6:49 PM
97	1. The proposed initiatives are good for the environment, and the Council has our support and we would like to help with the proposed initiatives whenever time permits. It is fair to say that we need more than the proposed tree strategy to lessen the damages to the environment. 2. We would like proposal focus to be extended or additional environmental proposals to address the following: - raising awareness of what individuals could do to further reduce damages to the environment. - reviewing how the built-up areas in Darlington could be revitalised to reduce the expansions into the green spaces around Darlington. As this is not only decreasing the these spaces for the residents, and increasing carbon emission, it also destroys habitats for the wildlife. Best regards, Ms Chow - Environmental activities can be time consuming and costly. The Council could call on volunteers to implement any of the sound environmental related initiatives to control costs involved. We care about the environment, and many residents will be more than willing to assist where appropriate!	9/17/2020 6:18 PM
98	It sounds good I principal but I'm concerned about proposed removal of trees at Middleton One Row, which goes beyond necessary woodland management.	9/17/2020 4:56 PM
99	Overall I agree with the strategy	9/17/2020 8:46 AM
100	Trees are life and Darlington does have some beautiful trees in private and public areas. Like many I was shocked when the council allowed the felling of old well established trees in Blackwell. If it is ESSENTIAL to tell trees new trees must be replanted to replace them. This way Darlington will remain a beautiful town that is admired and enjoyed by many!	9/17/2020 8:39 AM
101	good for darlington	9/16/2020 7:32 PM
102	Difficult to understand the application for some locations. In addition previous development has not aided my trust in the councils tree conservation strategies	9/16/2020 2:25 PM
103	Mainly because its important to manage and protect trees for future generations.	9/15/2020 10:46 AM
104	Action to preserve and add to trees in Darlington is to be applauded.	9/14/2020 9:26 PM
105	I am in the difficult position of having trees next to my property which are overhanging and threatening the structure of my roof and building. This is gradually becoming worse to the point where I am majorly concerned.	9/13/2020 8:35 PM
106	Please check tree at end of Sutton Close. Shows autumn changes from late August, and is probable diseased.	9/13/2020 10:59 AM
107	Not enough consideration is given to the residents opinion when applying for works to be performed on neighbouring trees On private land which are under TPOs. If a neighbours tree canopy covers 50% of a residents window and a request is made for permission to cut back it should not be down to someone sitting at a desk to say no. They should get off their desks and come see and speak to the residents. Not look at dated footage from google street maps as this does not show full size of overbearing trees. Also living on Staindrop Road surrounded by Lime trees that have never been subject to proper care and are not regularly maintained because housing company has to apply for permission even to remove epicormic growth which is a waste of time and resources. Auto approve of care on these trees with rules such as no maintenance between mar-sep would reduce the fight between the neighbouring residents and the housing company and reduce costs.	9/12/2020 11:00 AM
108	I support the policy of increasing the tree cover, mostly with native species, but with some latitude for ornamental, scented, or special purpose trees from elsewhere.	9/10/2020 9:31 PM
109	i dont know enough about the strategy as yet	9/9/2020 4:46 PM
110	Especially when strategy needs to be spelled correctly on number 1. However, trees are needed to feed the air with oxygen.	9/9/2020 1:10 PM
111	I think there needs to be greater consideration given to the effects that very large trees located	9/9/2020 12:20 PM

	in e.g. a person's garden close to the house have on the property.	
112	A bit short on specifics, but otherwise a good start.	9/9/2020 10:06 AM
113	I'm not sure that it address the areas of land where no owner has been identified	9/8/2020 12:32 PM
114	seems pretty comprehensive	9/8/2020 11:29 AM
115	Not seen it yet how do i get access?	9/8/2020 10:43 AM
116	Agree with general thrust in open spaces, but disagree with lack of weight to residents affected by trees that were inappropriately planted or had houses built too close to them.	9/8/2020 10:24 AM
117	Agreed trees need to be looked after for the environment. Green land is better than housing.	9/8/2020 10:21 AM
118	The footpath trees/hedges between Parkland Drive and Edgcombe Drive in Mowden not Council owned require maintenance.	9/8/2020 10:03 AM
119	Some council trees, or trees growing on land that does not appear to belong to anyone, grow too big and cause misery for the people living next to them who have fruit, sap, branches and other debris falling on their property. It is a constant battle for them to maintain their own land and prevent trip/slip hazards or flooding from blocked drains and gutters. The policy should allow for the council to take proper ownership and stop the trees from encroaching on private property.	9/8/2020 8:41 AM
120	The strategy is 2021-31. There is no strategy for 21-23 only Action Plans	9/4/2020 10:07 AM
121	It is a laudable document and one that will be quoted as the basis of an objection to the Local Plan in relation to the Skerningham development	9/3/2020 9:48 PM
122	Looks reasonably comprehensive.	9/3/2020 9:08 AM
123	It misses out important areas.	9/3/2020 1:44 AM
124	Comprehensive approach, with realism concerning arboreal management.	9/2/2020 6:16 PM
125	..	9/2/2020 3:06 PM

### Q3 Do you agree with the draft Council policy included in the strategy on trees on streets?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.73%	58
No	25.45%	28
Don't know	21.82%	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>110</b>

**Q4 Please give details as to why you chose the option you did to the question about the draft policy on trees on streets in the box below.**

Answered: 79 Skipped: 66



#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Especially like the commitment to plant more street trees, all verges please and especially in the Town Centre. planting new avenues of trees would enhance local streets and provide traffic calming measures. Declaring the pruning of and felling of significant tree trees on the councils web site would be appreciated prior to the work being carried out.	10/19/2020 12:23 AM
2	This policy does not mention street trees in new developments - this is part of the new Planning White Paper so is clearly central government expectation that it should be demanded of developers. The many benefits of street trees are highlighted in the policy document be it housing, industrial, commercial retail, or commercial entertainment/hospitality. I would suggest the following standard design measures: 3 trees per residential dwelling; 2 trees per 100m2 of commercial floor space (retail / entertainment / hospitality); 1.25 trees per 100m2 floor space for industrial land use. Also, point 7 of the policy is too weak: proactive work must be undertaken to ensure that drivers do not damage verges and street trees, prosecuting those who commit criminal damage i.e. forcing perpetrators to pay the time and financial costs to make good that damage.	10/19/2020 12:00 AM
3	Generally agree	10/18/2020 10:43 PM
4	As most of our street trees are over-mature, really like the idea of new trees being introduced between the mature trees.	10/18/2020 6:07 PM
5	Street trees need to be actively protected with work to prevent drivers damaging verges and prosecution of those who commit criminal damage. There is no mention of street trees in new developments. Street trees must be included in all new developments, including housing, industrial, commercial, retail developments. Trees planted should exceed the following planting density:- 3 trees per residential dwelling 2 trees per 100sqm of retail floor space 1 tree per 100sqm of industrial floor space.	10/18/2020 12:47 PM
6	DBC pledge to preserve street trees	10/18/2020 12:00 PM
7	see previous	10/17/2020 11:51 PM
8	I agree with the policy especially the presumption of non removal of healthy trees, replacement when necessary with trees of the same species. Darlington is known for its tree cover and we should maintain this as part of the character of the town.	10/17/2020 7:16 PM
9	The value of street trees is recognized in the strategy but there needs to be a requirement that these are incorporated in any new development, housing or commercial, wherever possible.	10/17/2020 2:46 PM
10	13,p9. This is too vague and implies the mandatory removal and replacement of mature specimens to make way for cars.	10/17/2020 7:58 AM
11	I would like to see more details on this	10/16/2020 11:01 PM
12	More street trees some be planted they help with polluting car fumes and it reduces the temperature in towns	10/16/2020 8:21 PM
13	Street Trees should be awarded the same protection and Trees growing in the Green fields and Countryside its been proven that towns and cities that have more street trees are cooler in the hot summer months this is vital with climate change they also help to absorb carbon dioxide from traffic pollution and store that carbon and breath out oxygen.	10/16/2020 7:11 PM
14	Point 7 is too weak. There needs to be proactive work to prevent drivers from damaging verges and prosecute those who commit criminal damage - defined as an action that will require time and/or money to restore to its original state. This part of the policy is completely silent on the issue of street trees in new developments. The many benefits of street trees are highlighted in the policy document. There must be a presumption that street trees will be included in any new development, be that housing, industrial, commercial retail or commercial entertainment/hospitality. I propose the following design measures for new developments; 3 trees per dwelling (residential) 2 trees per 100m2 of floor space (retail / entertainment / hospitality) 1.25 trees per 100m2 of floor space (industrial)	10/16/2020 5:21 PM
15	Dont know what policy is...hopefully not like Sheffield council cutting down trees as they are lifting up pavements...ie stanhope rd?...	10/16/2020 3:50 PM
16	The priorities set out in this section are the right ones, but it would be good to have more specific and measurable commitments. On the replacement of felled trees, we recommend a	10/16/2020 10:49 AM

commitment to at least 3 for 1 replacement to account for the risks to young trees and the loss of ecosystems services delivered by felled mature trees. We also think a specific canopy cover target should be set out to clearly state what the destination is that this strategy is aiming towards. This could be informed by an assessment of current tree canopy cover via the likes of iTree or CAVAT that also quantify the benefits Darlington's trees provide.

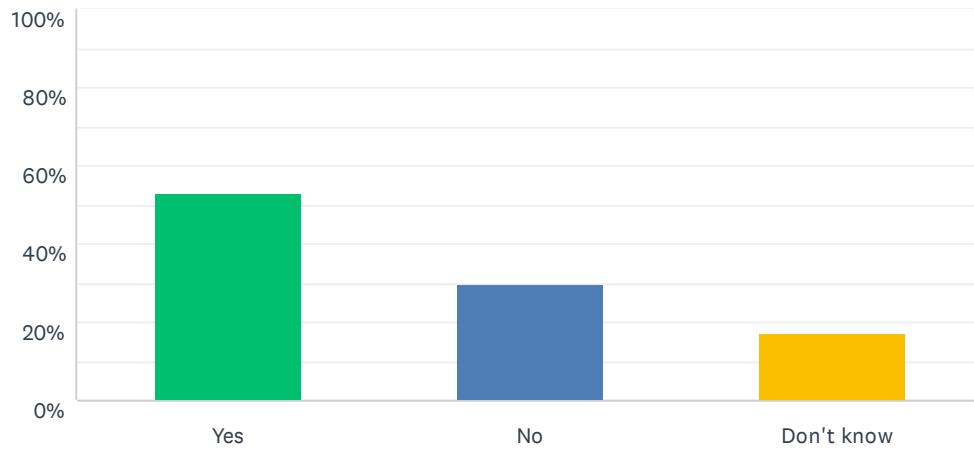
17	Concentrates on flow of traffic and not making clear considered management proposals	10/15/2020 8:50 PM
18	Xx	10/13/2020 11:52 PM
19	Again this would be best if this survey outlined the actual strategy so we wouldn't have to keep referring back to the document	10/13/2020 3:17 PM
20	This only suggests that it may reduce the flow of traffic and only concentrate on traffic. no mention of the management of these trees to prevent leaf fall during autumn months which can be quite dangerous for pedestrians.. can obstruct the line of site when crossing roads etc..I please rethink this policy	10/12/2020 9:59 PM
21	Not enough emphasis on native species to be used with emphasis on replacing those under threat e.g. ash die back, Dutch elm & other diseases.	10/12/2020 9:49 AM
22	Makes complete sense	10/11/2020 7:37 PM
23	Need more trees planting	10/11/2020 5:33 PM
24	The Council are trying to squeeze in as many trees as possible in the wrong places to appease the public. Trees planted outside houses and roadside cause problems when they are mature, and when they are at their full potential. Roots cause uneven pavements and potholes in roads, also go under house foundations.	10/10/2020 10:06 AM
25	It has detailed information regarding slowing traffic to possibly provide safety measures for pedestrians yet, in other points disregards the health and well being of those very pedestrians and their right to keep Darlington's current woodlands and walkways in place of development Page 4-: item omitted – Policy Framework – context Our Open Space Strategy takes our vision for cleaner, greener, safer environment one step further. Again, working in partnership with the community, we are committed to providing, protecting and enhancing a variety of high quality, accessible open and green spaces throughout the Borough to meet the needs of residents. National and Regional Context The Tree Strategy will build on this work and will also ensure that we are delivering against national priorities, including Local Agenda 21 and the UK Sustainable Development Strategy “A Better Quality of Life”, which recognise trees and woodlands as key features that need to be protected. The aims of this key national strategy include: • Sustainable management of forests and woodlands • Protection of ancient and semi-natural woodlands • Woodland expansion • Sustainable timber production • Benefits for urban and rural development – direct employment in forestry activities, linked employment (e.g. recreation and tourism) and • Promotion of planting on degraded and contaminated land on the fringes of towns In development the Tree Strategy we have also taken into account the Tees Valley Structure Plan, which sets out the future of land use development of Tees Valley in terms of protecting its environment whilst promoting economic growth and social cohesion. The Tees Valley Structure Plan is aligned o the Governments Regional Planning Guidance for the North East and provides a strategic framework for the Local Plans prepared by the five unitary authorities, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-On-Tees. We have also considered the benefits offered to us by the Town and Country Planning (Tree) Regulations 1999, which sets out the Governments Policy on the Tree Preservation Orders system.	10/9/2020 8:16 PM
26	As above	10/9/2020 8:09 PM
27	Trees on roads will cost the council to be managed can create hazard to drivers cyclists and pedestrians.	10/9/2020 7:37 PM
28	All improvements welcome to our day to day environment	10/9/2020 7:10 PM
29	Although the roadside environment is a delicate space for tree management, I believe it essential to maintain a valued green environment for the population	10/9/2020 12:20 PM
30	Appears to be in line with the Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent Parish Neighbourhood Plan's Forest and Nature Reserve Proposal	10/9/2020 12:00 PM
31	The people who are drafting the policy have very little experience of carrying out a proper tree	10/8/2020 5:21 PM

	surveys.	
32	Very positive approach to the replacement of any trees lost and the replanting of the appropriate specimens	10/8/2020 12:08 PM
33	.	10/6/2020 4:26 PM
34	Think that's common sense	10/5/2020 10:19 PM
35	Just because a tree is an inconvenience to someone, that shouldn't override the benefits to everyone of that tree.	10/5/2020 6:59 PM
36	When these older trees were planted there was considerably less traffic on the roads. As the policy states it is difficult to maintain healthy trees because of pipework, pollutants, drought etc, it would appear to be counter productive to replace these older trees as new ones would be subject to alot more stress than the original ones	10/5/2020 4:49 PM
37	We should have more trees in streets	10/5/2020 4:09 PM
38	Agree to certain extent but some trees on streets are too tall, larger than houses and need to be pruned and kept to manageable sizes	10/5/2020 3:52 PM
39	...	10/5/2020 1:28 PM
40	what is the draft policy	10/5/2020 12:54 PM
41	Trees are feature of many of our established streets. They need to be a feature of more streets n the town!	10/4/2020 7:29 PM
42	Seems to make sense	10/4/2020 3:07 PM
43	There is still insufficient awareness of local environmental constraints in some areas - particularly along some sections of Coniscliffe Road. Grade II Historic assets are being challenged by expanding tree roots and deprivation of day-light into habitable rooms. Pavements and driveways are also being damaged. Dripping trees that overhang weaken historic stonework to private properties.	10/4/2020 2:39 PM
44	Further pruning schedule is needed as trees grow too high and roots affect gardens and path nets causing issues for householders and pedestrians and particularly those on mobility scooters	10/3/2020 1:40 PM
45	Again it seems to be a sensible strategy, although I don't believe it always happens. We had a sorbus tree replaced with what look like a small leafed lime tree due to honey fungus. Another cherry tree on our street was felled and replaced with a Roman tree. So neither were like for like. The cherry trees in particular are spectacular but never seem to be replaced with another cherry so are disappearing.	10/3/2020 1:16 PM
46	We disagree with point 4 : Same Species	10/3/2020 9:51 AM
47	See previous answer.	10/2/2020 5:25 PM
48	As stated in previously we have been in our house for over 10 years and the tree out the front has never been maintained once.	10/2/2020 2:01 PM
49	Xx	10/2/2020 1:09 PM
50	"We will seek to plant new street trees in appropriate sites with priority given to sites where street trees are currently or have in the past been located." This is a long awaited commitment to repair the neglected avenues of street trees in Darlington, particularly those along major routes like the A167 which has been shockingly neglected over many years.	9/25/2020 2:23 PM
51	I agree there needs to be a policy to protect trees and wooded areas	9/23/2020 2:45 PM
52	"We will place a priority on the replacement of aging street tree populations, particularly where these adjoin major traffic routes, planting large-growing trees where appropriate." I believe this clause will leave Darlington with a lack of mature roadside trees for decades to come and will result in a significant change to the looks, environment and carbon footprint of the town for decades to come.	9/23/2020 1:51 PM
53	I like to see the trees in streets as they often enhance an area and as long as they are properly maintained I don't see any issues with them.	9/21/2020 10:26 AM

54	I agree with most aspects but I would like to see more cutting of lower growth from the base of trees as this can be dangerous especially when it goes onto roads Also I don't think there is that much need for taking out trees for root growth by houses?	9/20/2020 11:09 PM
55	We need parking spaces on our streets not trees or grass verges. Invariably the trees have outgrown their position and cause problems for us residents. We don't all have drives or off-street parking and would like the option of parking safely outside of our property.	9/20/2020 10:23 PM
56	Makes sense	9/20/2020 4:26 PM
57	not sure about the desires of street trees due to traffic considerations, if the council thinks that we will do away with vehicle transport in the future then street trees will be okay.	9/20/2020 10:50 AM
58	Yes, all 12 steps.	9/20/2020 9:00 AM
59	I don't know what the draft policy is.	9/18/2020 7:21 PM
60	Seems straight forward enough, however I would say one tree removed to be replaced by two new trees	9/17/2020 8:48 AM
61	good for darlington	9/16/2020 7:33 PM
62	Appears to agree that I damaged trees are not to be touched without good reason	9/16/2020 2:26 PM
63	The Policy provides the right balance between management of trees, ensuring them future generations and combatting climate change.	9/15/2020 10:47 AM
64	Trees on streets add to the attraction of the area	9/14/2020 9:30 PM
65	The trees on streets serve a valid purpose in our town and enhance its appearance.	9/13/2020 8:36 PM
66	Many street trees need management	9/13/2020 11:00 AM
67	I do believe it slows traffic however careful species selection based on width of street should be considered	9/12/2020 11:01 AM
68	My neighborhood (Parkside) already has the verges hardened to facilitate parking; I want to see a special policy to encourage planting in front gardens (as in Skerne Park)	9/10/2020 9:33 PM
69	i think there should be more trees on the streets	9/9/2020 4:49 PM
70	It meets all requirements	9/8/2020 12:32 PM
71	It is clear that some trees do cause problems to public footpaths and road users. With good transparent management and sufficient employees of the council this could happen. Good footways also contribute to the overall architectural effect of tree lined streets without the use of black Tarmac. Tree lined streets can be beautiful and contribute to any area which can be seen when travelling abroad.	9/8/2020 11:19 AM
72	I live on a road to a school entrance. Conyers Avenue. The trees are severely overgrown, some even dead, these cover school road signs and overhanging branches have caused damage to passing cars. If a branch falls on a child it could kill them.	9/8/2020 10:23 AM
73	The trees and hedges can obstruct the public footpaths if not maintained.	9/8/2020 10:05 AM
74	Some council trees, or trees growing on land that does not appear to belong to anyone, grow too big and cause misery for the people living next to them who have fruit, sap, branches and other debris falling on their property. It is a constant battle for them to maintain their own land and prevent trip/slip hazards or flooding from blocked drains and gutters. The policy should allow for the council to take proper ownership and stop the trees from encroaching on private property.	9/8/2020 8:41 AM
75	In principle the overall strategy is in the right direction. However, Residents want trees and an increase in bio-diversity.	9/4/2020 10:10 AM
76	It is important to plant new street trees in advance of the older trees dying off	9/3/2020 9:49 PM
77	It's a sensible policy, but you don't work to it.	9/3/2020 1:54 AM
78	Street tree preservation and planting improves air quality and civic appearance	9/2/2020 6:17 PM
79	.	9/2/2020 3:08 PM

### Q5 Do you agree with the draft Council policy included in the strategy on trees in woodlands?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.00%	53
No	30.00%	30
Don't know	17.00%	17
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>

**Q6 Please give details as to why you chose the option you did to the question about the draft policy on trees in woodland in the box below.**

Answered: 67 Skipped: 78

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	All woodland should be managed with nature conservation in mind. The felling of trees to ground level should be discouraged and to encourage leaving trees as tall as possible. Dead trees support more wildlife than live ones. We would like to leave trees standing so they can become a habitat for birds and species diversity. We encourage, rewilding of land including degraded and species poor land. Nature, given its own time will start to repair itself and heal.	10/19/2020 12:30 AM
2	There seems to be no intention to measure the area of woodland canopy nor to increase it during the lifetime of the policy. I question how it is possible to meet Darlington's Climate Emergency declaration without undertaking this measure. The policy should set out to measure our area of woodland canopy, compare it to our statistical neighbours and other towns of a similar size to Darlington across Europe, and aim to match those, or at a minimum double tree cover by the end of the policy period.	10/19/2020 12:03 AM
3	The species of trees have been listed, but it would be good to list the areas of woodland - a map would be helpful. Why are only 'most of the woodland' managed with nature conservation objectives as a priority? What about the others? Policy should be changed to 'support natural regeneration and increase species diversity' (point 3).	10/18/2020 6:10 PM
4	The policy should include the intention to measure the amount of tree cover in borough and ensure that the amount of tree cover significantly increases during the next ten years.	10/18/2020 12:49 PM
5	I am pleased to see the commitment to providing management plans which focus on sustainability, nature and public education, especially supporting natural regeneration where possible. Also leaving the wood of dead trees to enable and support other species.	10/17/2020 7:21 PM
6	Too vague. The emphasis is on maintenance, which is essential for healthy and sustainable woodland, but regeneration is not a central plank of this policy.	10/17/2020 2:51 PM
7	This is all too vague and flies in the face of the councils Local Plan, which is set to destroy Skerningham community woodland (and other green spaces) in favour of the senseless moving of the golf course for more unnecessary development	10/17/2020 8:09 AM
8	The strategy should list all of our woodlands, their size and types of trees growing in them. The new strategy no longer mentions the community woodlands in this section which are "within easy reach of the majority of Darlington's residents", community woodlands which have created "new and improved green infrastructure to Darlington". Has this paragraph been conveniently dropped because Skerningham Community Woodland will now NOT be "managed as a long-term sustainable resource for the public, for education and for nature conservation", as stated in point 2?	10/17/2020 7:07 AM
9	I would like to know why the council has deleted the initiative to plant fruit trees in our town. Also why only plant one tree for every one that is cut down? We should be planting 2 or 3 at least to replace lost trees.	10/16/2020 11:06 PM
10	Read recently about a Woodland in North Darlington to be cut down to be replaced with a golf course, how can Darlington Borough Council even allow this to be considered.	10/16/2020 8:22 PM
11	DBC need to offer more protection for the towns Woodlands. Skerningham Community Woodland is a prime example DBC are supporting the developers plans to fell thousands of Trees in this community Woodland to replace them with a Golf Course DBC have recently become a business partner of Darlington Garden Village Ltd alongside two other directors who are the land owners of Skerningham Community woodland, which has over 12,000 trees funded and planted with tax payers money from Government and EU grants, there are also a large number of rare black poplar trees which according to the Forestry Commission are the most endangered native UK tree, these Skerningham Black poplars were helped to be planted and grown by local school children for the benefit of future generations. so once again a total disgrace that DBC are allowing this to be considered and not helping to protect Skerningham Community Woodland for the benefit of Darlington residents.	10/16/2020 7:19 PM
12	There is no intention to measure the area of woodland canopy nor increase that area within the lifetime of this draft policy (up to 2031). The UK has one of the lowest woodland canopy indices in Europe (measured as proportion of land covered in woodland). The policy should set out to; measure the area of woodland tree canopy compare that against European statistical neighbours aim to double tree canopy within the lifetime of this document.	10/16/2020 5:21 PM
13	According to the Woodland Trust document 'Space for People' (2017 - Available in pdf format	10/16/2020 10:54 AM

on our website), only 5.5 per cent of Darlington residents live within a short walk (500m) of a small wood (<20ha). A commitment to improving woodland access would be good to see here; as the recent lockdown showed, connecting with nature through woodland access is important to people's health and wellbeing as well as physical exercise. The Woodland Trust can help with woodland creation through our MOREWoods scheme for large landowners, public and private alike.

14	Important points to protect current rare native woodlands have been neglected and to the general public this would not be aware of the implications of this	10/15/2020 8:51 PM
15	All trees greater than 75 years must be protected including from the damage of deer who strip the bark and old trees must be prevented from strangulation by tree ivy	10/13/2020 11:53 PM
16	I absolutely object to this policy as it paves the way for development and not the long term future of our green belt land and woodlands ...within the borough, which is a haven for wildlife and home to many rare red listed species and most importantly the Native Rare Black Poplar tree of which its DNA and scientific relevance is under threat... Skerningham woodlands is a perfect example of the planting of hundreds of saplings back in 2002 How can this administration destroy the residence of Darlington's heritage for development that can not replace the woodlands with this rare native species of trees ... this policy must not be accepted	10/12/2020 10:04 PM
17	No mention of preventive planting in areas prone to flooding. Given the new plans for building garden villages where there are already trees in decline such as Skerningham or along Baydale & Cocker becks.	10/12/2020 9:53 AM
18	I agree with the Policy, however, I'm concerned the DBC will not comply with its own policy, the 'Local Plan' allows the destruction of Woodland, including ancient woodland, how can DBC have a policy then ignore it?	10/11/2020 7:45 PM
19	Unsure	10/11/2020 5:33 PM
20	Stopping cutting down healthy trees	10/10/2020 8:15 PM
21	Woodlands grow with nature not being manipulated to suit our own purposes.	10/10/2020 10:07 AM
22	Animal and bird habitats	10/9/2020 8:50 PM
23	More trees please	10/9/2020 7:37 PM
24	A sensible place for easy expansion	10/9/2020 7:10 PM
25	To continue to adapt to the priority on the environment and the benefits provided by trees	10/9/2020 12:22 PM
26	Again	10/9/2020 12:00 PM
27	The council have a very poor track record when dealing with policy on trees.	10/8/2020 5:24 PM
28	In the Tree and Woodland Strategy 2011-2020 there was mention of the planting of Monument/Memorial Trees for loved ones who have passed on. It was noted that West Cemetery would have an areas allocated to this practice which was popular in Victorian times. Could this planting of monument trees under the direction of DBC Arbocultural Officer be extended to the managed woodland area and green spaces of the Borough?	10/8/2020 12:22 PM
29	Cutting too many down	10/5/2020 10:19 PM
30	Woodlands need to be maintained for nature and the climate	10/5/2020 3:52 PM
31	Woodland near property should not be treated as woodland that is not near property. The risk to life from falling trees is far greater from woodland which is not maintained to the same degree as non-woodland areas.	10/5/2020 1:30 PM
32	the trees at the back of me are too tall	10/5/2020 12:55 PM
33	Communal benefits obtainable	10/4/2020 2:47 PM
34	The tres grow too high and need more regular pruning	10/3/2020 1:41 PM
35	There are many trees in the mowden woodland area the new bell way estate which have trees falling and that isn't taken care of.	10/2/2020 9:03 PM
36	See previous comments.	10/2/2020 5:25 PM

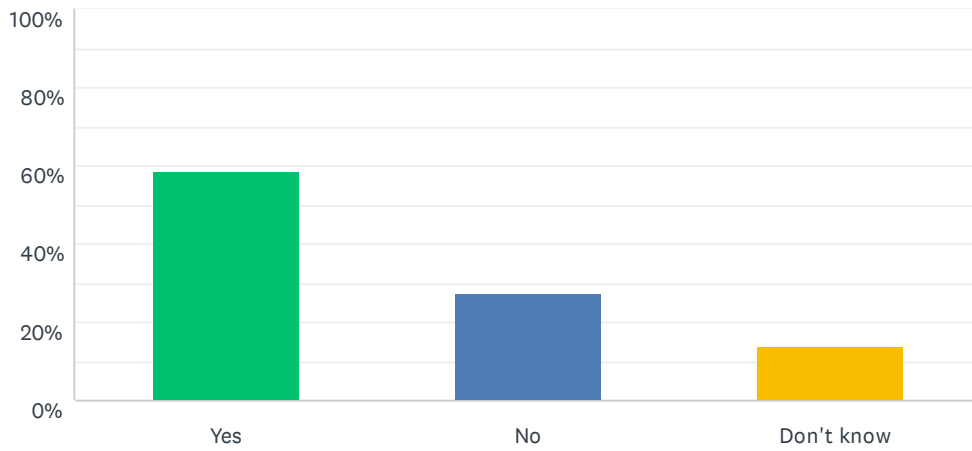


37	Not interested in the woodlands, they do not affect where I live.	10/2/2020 2:03 PM
38	Once again the policy seems to timid, I refer you to the following document: "Town Tree Cover in the City and County of Swansea. Understanding canopy cover to better plan and manage our urban trees" Potential for tree cover 'Green land' sites (soil, grass and shrub areas) were assessed for potential planting, piloting one major town in each local authority, e.g. Swansea itself. If all 'green land' sites identified were planted, with the right trees in the right places, cover in Swansea could potentially increase by 38%. Knowing where trees might be planted enables planners to set realistic canopy cover targets. Many North American and Australian cities have comprehensive tree strategies with tree canopy cover goals. Portland in Oregon, with a similar climate to Wales, intends to increase its cover by 7% from its current level of 26%. Bristol City Council has set an aspirational goal of increasing canopy cover from 14% to 30%. If Welsh towns with lower cover aimed for 20% (the UK Forest Standard woodland definition) in the medium term – we could have a nation of woodland towns! Comment : I'm not sure how Darlington's 3% Woodland in the Borough compares to the lofty ambitions of the towns mentioned in the referenced document, but to the untrained eye the ambition here would appear to be an order of magnitude lower.	9/25/2020 2:23 PM
39	N/a	9/23/2020 1:51 PM
40	I cant remember the specific sections. Regarding woodland see the answer to my detailed answer to question 1	9/21/2020 8:44 PM
41	Depends on whether the council are willing to uphold their commitment to the neighbourhood plans on maintaining and expanding green corridors.	9/21/2020 3:40 PM
42	*	9/21/2020 10:26 AM
43	Don't see enough on planting new trees	9/20/2020 11:10 PM
44	I would need to see more information as to how this would work in practice.	9/20/2020 10:25 PM
45	Makes sense	9/20/2020 4:26 PM
46	As per your strategy	9/20/2020 10:51 AM
47	Darlington has amazing woodland which no one realises is there - I did in lockdown and more will have so important to maintain and grow new	9/20/2020 9:11 AM
48	I agree. . . and I would like to see a more trees planted and a guarantee that existing woodland will not be sold off.	9/20/2020 9:01 AM
49	I have no information about the draft policy.	9/18/2020 7:21 PM
50	It is not ambitious enough, theres are lots of brownfield sites around Darlington, especially over Haughton, Great Burden, Hurworth and Skertingham that are used for housing.	9/17/2020 6:50 PM
51	I am concerned about proposed removal of trees at Middleton One Row, which goes beyond necessary woodland management.	9/17/2020 4:57 PM
52	seems straight forward enough	9/17/2020 8:49 AM
53	good for me to walk the dog	9/16/2020 7:33 PM
54	Appears to preserve these as much as possible	9/16/2020 2:27 PM
55	Woodlands need protection for future generations not to mention the need to secure bio diversity	9/14/2020 9:32 PM
56	As above - enhances our town.	9/13/2020 8:36 PM
57	Woodlands need light touch	9/13/2020 11:01 AM
58	Woodland areas no not impact residents and we are blessed with lots of green space are wooded areas in Darlington	9/12/2020 11:02 AM
59	Chair of Friends of Snipe Pond; this agrees with the strategy we had previously agreed with Tim Crawshaw, Phil Roxby, Rob George, et al	9/10/2020 9:35 PM
60	we need more native trees and if any are cut down they need to be replaced	9/9/2020 4:53 PM

61	it's okay	9/9/2020 10:07 AM
62	This may be enough to get trees maintained correctly	9/8/2020 12:33 PM
63	There needs to be the same level of commitment to sustaining hedgerows, Miles of uk hedgerows have been sacrificed to development which is not acceptable.	9/8/2020 11:22 AM
64	The policy should address the problem of neglect and manage the woodland to the benefit of the trees, wildlife and people.	9/8/2020 8:44 AM
65	Overall in the right direction	9/4/2020 10:11 AM
66	No comment needed.	9/3/2020 1:58 AM
67	The diversity factors are comprehensive and appropriate	9/2/2020 6:18 PM

### Q7 Do you agree with the draft Council policy included in the strategy on trees in parks and open spaces?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 51



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.51%	55
No	27.66%	26
Don't know	13.83%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>94</b>

**Q8 Please give details as to why you chose the option you did to the question about the draft policy on trees in parks and open spaces in the box below.**

Answered: 66 Skipped: 79

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A commitment to plant similar value trees is essential to maintaining the visual integrity of different areas. We would like the Darlington Orchard initiative to be included in this section. The inclusion of nut trees as well as fruit trees.	10/19/2020 12:32 AM
2	The Darlington Orchard Initiative - to plant fruit trees in the town does not appear in this draft policy - it should be reinstated. There should be a policy to plant more fruit trees in parks and public open/green spaces, especially in the more deprived areas of the town, to provide some free food to assist those who need it. A mixture of types of fruit tree should be provided to give a long season of free fruit throughout the summer and autumn. Types of trees planted should also aim to improve the stock of those native British trees whose numbers are low or in decline. Woodland and trees planted in parks should be mixed rather than monoculture for both visual appeal and to reduce risk of disease transmission, and obviously always suitable for the soil type present.	10/19/2020 12:04 AM
3	<p>Re Management Plans - Better intention and wording is given to 'Disused Cemeteries and Cemeteries' than to 'Parks &amp; Open Spaces'. Can this be changed ? The two Policies should be at least equal, and ideally a Management Plan should be created for Each Park and Each Open Space as they are all so very different. Can this be applied ? One management plan just would not be appropriate as each area has different content of differing ages with very different needs, with Parks being much more frequented by the public. [Some years ago many of the Friends groups worked with the Rangers and the Manager to write Management plans for the parks and open spaces - Probably due to varied reasons including financial cuts, they have not been completed or applied. So it is hoped that the Tree Management plans will be followed.] 8. says "We will develop long term management plans for trees in disused churchyards and cemeteries to identify areas of risk and to prevent decline". The 2010-15 Strategy for PARKS etc fell short of that paragraph, as does this new draft proposal. It should be changed to read the same as 'preventing decline' applies to P&amp;OS too. 'Maximising Safety' has been removed from this strategy - can it be included ?</p> <p>..... Replacement of trees - For some years the replacement of trees felled has been far less than optimum- it is not addressed in this parks policy. Avenues of trees are diminishing. For 10-15 years the expected replacements/underplanting has not materialised. This needs to be caught up on urgently and is not mentioned in Parks Policy. Veteran trees cannot be replaced by another veteran and so there is constant decline in numbers and quality. This is not included in the policy. Whilst there is an aim to plant 10,000 trees, as we know these are very small and most used in open spaces as they are most often unsuitable for parks - The number is arbitrary &amp; is target driven rather than coming from need of an area. Yes, It might stimulate new projects but they will take up precious department &amp; ranger time if run correctly so as not to waste many trees or plant in unsuitable places which takes up much time.Target chasing rather than achieving management plans and helping the climate. After-Care should be improved - it needs to be written into this policy. There is little offered in this policy for Parks, and the draft says that 'the use of inappropriate trees has potential to devalue this resource forever' - That has been happening at a pace for years - what is being offered now to stop this ? Short lived trees of ornamental species don't maintain the scale of long living trees for avenues in parks, nor provide a canopy for walkers .It is not enough - The quality of life of local people is affected by this - trees are the lungs of the area. the policy aim must be improved upon - what can be done ? Inspections 5 year inspection is far too long for parks - it should be a maximum of 3 years. High winds have done much damage in local park to concern of residents. There is a general perception that there is only 'reaction' to a fall, rather than inspections as they see no checks done.</p>	10/18/2020 10:46 PM
4	I would like to see the Parks and Opens spaces defined, similar to the Cemeteries section. I would also like to see a commitment of planting similar value replacement trees for each mature tree cut down specifically mentioned in this section. The Darlington Orchard initiative has been deleted in the new strategy. Would like to see this included again. We should be increasing our ambitions with tree planting, not reducing them.	10/18/2020 6:24 PM
5	The Darlington Orchard Initiative ( to plant fruit trees in our town) which was in the previous strategy document must be reinstated.	10/18/2020 12:50 PM
6	No mention of DBC previously pledged "Orchard Initiative" to plant fruit trees	10/18/2020 12:08 PM
7	I am very pleased to see the acknowledgement that there has been little or no underplanting and that many of our trees may be over mature and subject to disease. It is not clear whether	10/17/2020 7:29 PM

there is a commitment to favour new planting with large native long lived trees over the shorter lived ornamental species. This does need clarifying, accepting of course that species will also need to survive whatever effect of climate change may be, which may not necessarily favour our native traditional trees.

8	Again, too vague and lacking detail. Lack of underplanting is mentioned but no commitment to address this it seems. A sensory arboretum is an excellent idea but there a commitment to create one or more?	10/17/2020 2:57 PM
9	Why has Darlington orchard initiative been deleted in this new strategy? I would like to see it reinstated. It shouldn't just be left to the goodwill and hard work of local voluntary groups	10/17/2020 8:24 AM
10	The Darlington Orchard initiative has been omitted from this strategy. Orchards encourage healthy eating, bring communities together and new orchards provide the next generation of traditional orchards. This initiative should be put back in.	10/17/2020 7:12 AM
11	Where is the plan to protect the trees we have in our parks & open spaces?	10/16/2020 11:08 PM
12	Not enough Trees in open spaces and parks we need more compared to other countries in Europe we have a lot less tree cover.	10/16/2020 8:24 PM
13	Skerningham Community Woodland is in a Country park DBC even described it as the Town's Jewel in the Crown for accessible open space provision they were looking to protect it, enhance it , plant more trees there , then now they are running out of money here they are looking to support the felling of thousands of healthy trees.	10/16/2020 7:24 PM
14	The Darlington Orchard initiative (to plant fruit trees in our town) has not been carried forward into the draft strategy. The Darlington Orchard initiative should be reinstated.	10/16/2020 5:22 PM
15	We especially welcome the commitment to, where appropriate, plant native tree species of local provenance. Some councils, e.g. Leeds, are looking to guarantee this into the future by creating (or in Leeds's case, significantly upscaling) a local municipal tree nursery to ensure the council can meet its tree planting commitments now and into the future. Again, the Woodland Trust has contacts in the tree nursery industry who can advise on this.	10/16/2020 10:56 AM
16	We need more effort to create and add to exciting woodlands, parks and open spaces given the climate emergency pledge	10/15/2020 8:52 PM
17	My property is next to Mowden Park, 7 Conyers Avenue. Trees overhand my property. I have had damage on yearly basis to the property roof and grounds from falling debris, pine needles making drains inoperative - damage to roof tiles and had to remove substantial branches fallen on my property.	10/14/2020 1:51 PM
18	See previous answers	10/13/2020 11:53 PM
19	I do not agree with this strategy as most of the commitments that the previous strategy had, has now been omitted which paves the way for development of which the residence of Darlington do not need.	10/12/2020 10:05 PM
20	See previous comments on Woodburn nursery replacement	10/12/2020 9:54 AM
21	Makes sense.	10/11/2020 7:48 PM
22	Unsure	10/11/2020 5:34 PM
23	More planted and leave alone existing trees	10/10/2020 8:15 PM
24	We have lots of parks in Darlington for a reason - we live on marshy ground therefore some of the land is left on purpose to soak up excessive water. This is sometimes ignored and houses are built on boggy land anyway hoping that they can beat nature by creating reserves and ponds to take the excess.	10/10/2020 10:12 AM
25	As previous	10/9/2020 8:50 PM
26	Please put in a hedge grow around the Southpark bowling green.	10/9/2020 7:37 PM
27	Obvious places of beauty. Hedgerows would also be good where appropriate- Bowls green at South Park needs protection and this would be aesthetically pleasing	10/9/2020 7:12 PM
28	The historic legacy is more apparent within parks and a long term management plan is essential	10/9/2020 12:24 PM

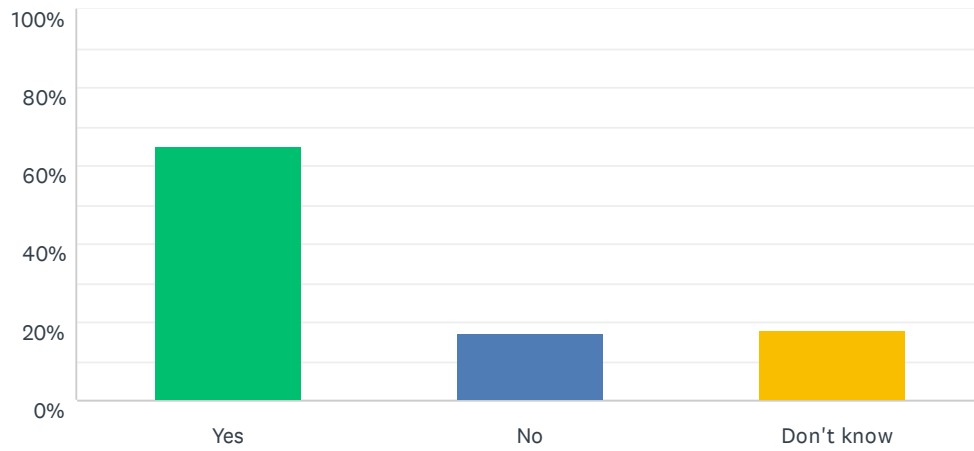
29	Again	10/9/2020 12:00 PM
30	Recognition of a need to review this area of the Strategy as little or no planing has taken place. Also the recognition that the correct species be chosen in any replanting scheme.	10/8/2020 12:26 PM
31	Cutting too many down	10/5/2020 10:19 PM
32	Parks and open spaces always need trees for diversity, interest and nature	10/5/2020 3:53 PM
33	The department responsible for the maintenance of existing trees are useless , countless people in Darlington have problems with council owned trees and get no response or help with them	10/5/2020 1:34 PM
34	...	10/5/2020 1:30 PM
35	trees in open spaces are fine	10/5/2020 12:56 PM
36	There is no robust evidence in the public domain to show that DBC understands or can protect or cherish historical environments and their special significance.	10/4/2020 2:54 PM
37	The trees need more regular maintenance as issues are caused when branches or the whole tree fall into peoples gardens	10/3/2020 1:42 PM
38	Just hope the pruning is carried out by qualified tree surgeons, some of the trees that have fallen recently in Stanhope Park seemed to be lopsided which may have contributed to them coming down. We have also had branched lopped off the trees in our street by council workers who were not tree surgeons and it shows.	10/3/2020 1:19 PM
39	See previous answer	10/2/2020 5:25 PM
40	Not interested in the parks and open spaces, they do not affect where I live.	10/2/2020 2:03 PM
41	The vast majority of parks and open spaces in the town result from the town's Victorian benefactors and there has been little addition to these public open spaces since. When I was growing up in the town there was a large playing field between Pendelton Road and Thompson St East that was lost to house building and not replaced, that's in addition to the playing fields on Thompson St East in front of Robert Stephenson's. Remembering also that the population in the town was a lot less in the 60's and 70's. There is no proposal to add open space on a similar scale to the existing spaces or to repace areas lost over the years. However, I also congratulate the Council on the green space alongside the River Skerne between the Five Arch Bridge and Houghton Rd which is a remarkable natural landscape.	9/25/2020 2:23 PM
42	N/a	9/23/2020 1:51 PM
43	As before	9/21/2020 3:41 PM
44	*	9/21/2020 10:26 AM
45	Mostly sensible	9/20/2020 11:10 PM
46	Again, I would need to see more information as to how this would work in practice.	9/20/2020 10:26 PM
47	Makes sense	9/20/2020 4:26 PM
48	as per your strategy	9/20/2020 10:51 AM
49	Also the small parks are important I live near Eastbourne Park and in lockdown it was used so much maybe these parks could have a little More spent I know South Park is lovely but this small area park is equally important and great for exercise and family time	9/20/2020 9:12 AM
50	I agree with all 4 points.	9/20/2020 9:02 AM
51	I don't know what the draft policy is!	9/18/2020 7:22 PM
52	Totally agree, however I believe planting of some unusual exotic species should be adopted to provide a wide range as what happened in the Victorian era. I also believe that the South Park could have more trees planted in a strip following the path from Victoria embankment southbound between the path and the very large open space area.	9/17/2020 8:54 AM
53	good for me	9/16/2020 7:33 PM
54	Unsure if it will be adhered to where finances become involved	9/16/2020 2:27 PM

55	More investment is needed for parks and open spaces to enhance what we have	9/14/2020 9:33 PM
56	Good strategy promoting our historic parks and open spaces.	9/13/2020 8:37 PM
57	I do not have parks adjacent to my home	9/13/2020 11:01 AM
58	we s a race need places to be where there are green leafy areas	9/9/2020 4:55 PM
59	It's ok	9/9/2020 10:07 AM
60	Not enough detail	9/8/2020 12:33 PM
61	more attention could be payed to trees over hanging property.	9/8/2020 11:31 AM
62	It is vastly important to the publics mental health particularly in parks, cemeteries and churches were people sit to reflect. These areas have a lot of wild life which must be retained and maintained to the highest levels.	9/8/2020 11:27 AM
63	Depends on the definition of open spaces - if those open spaces are close to residential property then "No" - see answers 12 and 14	9/8/2020 10:33 AM
64	it is appropriate	9/8/2020 8:45 AM
65	The premise appears to be that the Victorians made the correct decisions on planting and this will be maintained. Yes, it is important to retain the heritage, though planting decisions must be made to reflect current thinking and to increase bio-diversity	9/4/2020 10:13 AM
66	You've altered the strategy from what it was before. This new draft says "We will develop a long-term management plan for trees in parks and open spaces to identify the areas of risk." The strategy for up to 2020 says "We will develop long term management plans for trees in parks and open spaces to identify areas of risk, maximise safety and to prevent decline." The wording shouldn't be changed in the new one, it should just repeat the old one. There's no good reason to remove the words "maximise safety and to prevent decline." They should be included. You should work to the strategy, but you haven't been doing it. Austerity is one reason you haven't, but it's not the only reason - sometimes it's used as an excuse.	9/3/2020 2:04 AM



### Q9 Do you agree with the draft Council policy included in the strategy on trees in disused churchyards and cemeteries?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 51



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.89%	61
No	17.02%	16
Don't know	18.09%	17
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>94</b>

**Q10 Please give details as to why you chose the option you did to the question about the draft policy on trees in churchyards and cemeteries in the box below.**

Answered: 55 Skipped: 90

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	These areas often have a variety of trees from the victorian period, such as the West Cemetery exotic trees are included with English standard trees . Please can this be maintained so that the quality of the space is maintained as an arboretum.	10/19/2020 12:36 AM
2	N/A	10/18/2020 12:10 PM
3	see previous all comments apply to alldetail boxes	10/17/2020 11:53 PM
4	I am pleased to see this commitment to maintain and prevent decline as well to new plantings.	10/17/2020 7:31 PM
5	As long as these guidelines are followed, and the purchase and voluntary planting of trees by the public are not included in the council's '10,000 trees ' tally.	10/17/2020 8:31 AM
6	Same as in Question 9	10/16/2020 11:08 PM
7	Trees in churchyards and cemeteries should be cherished the song of birds singing is a lovely comfort to those grieving for loves ones.	10/16/2020 8:25 PM
8	We would only add here that given the tradition of churchyard yews, it would be good to recognise the special place of yew trees in churchyards in terms of planting commitments.	10/16/2020 10:56 AM
9	The promotion of the option to dedicate a tree for loved ones who've passed should be promoted and not in a basic (if they choose to) at the end of a sentence	10/15/2020 8:54 PM
10	Xx See above	10/13/2020 11:54 PM
11	This policy must re-include and state the option for people to dedicate a tree to there loved ones .. the draft strategy has omitted and replaced it with ( if people choose to) how would they know if it's not written in the strategy that they can dedicate a tree?	10/12/2020 10:07 PM
12	Worth involving church councils too	10/12/2020 9:54 AM
13	Makes sense.	10/11/2020 7:49 PM
14	Need more	10/11/2020 5:35 PM
15	Not sure about this, but they are still needed I think	10/10/2020 8:16 PM
16	I have always had the fear that I would live long enough to see our cemeteries and church yards dug up. As long as the trees remain healthy they should be left alone.	10/10/2020 10:14 AM
17	as previous	10/9/2020 8:51 PM
18	Again, sensible	10/9/2020 7:12 PM
19	Feel it is again essential to maintain such areas of historic and future tree planting, to provide a naturalistic environment for the loved ones laid to rest.	10/9/2020 12:28 PM
20	A	10/9/2020 12:01 PM
21	A clear recognition of the sanctity of disused churchyards and the maintenance of the trees in these spaces. A continued option in West Cemetery for the planting of monument trees to loved ones.	10/8/2020 12:32 PM
22	Should be maintained	10/5/2020 10:20 PM
23	There are a number of trees in cemeteries in Darlington that are growing over the top of gravestones and in some instances the gravestone has been completely obliterated by a tree - more responsible action needs to be taken by the Council to ensure that gravestones of loved ones are not consumed by trees whether planted by the Council or individuals in particular as no-one seems to look after them or prevent this from happening. Certainly individuals planting trees is not a good idea for this reason!	10/5/2020 4:59 PM
24	Some trees I see eg north road cemetery appear huge and I wonder how safe they are	10/5/2020 3:54 PM
25	...	10/5/2020 1:30 PM
26	maybe its half with church	10/5/2020 12:59 PM
27	Both the original section of the West Cemtery and the whole of the North Cemetery have special national historical/environmental significance that should be understood - relating to the	10/4/2020 3:30 PM

principles set out by architect/environmentalist John Claudius Loudon. Landscaping in the West Cemetery was laid out by Joseph Bowker of Scarborough to a plan of paths and buildings by the cemetery architect J. P. Pritchett & Sons. Where is the evidence to suggest that future tree planting on graves is historically acceptable? (The practice should be discouraged.) The overall landscape has almost lost its original coherent vision and there are too many trees of poor quality already - many self-seeded. Significant specimen trees have been sadly neglected and poorly managed for years. Some could be expected to last several hundred years. There should first be a full tree audit by a qualified and suitably experienced arborist with a knowledge of conservation landscaping and a new landscaping plan devised to protect and enhance the historic buildings and their settings as a priority. Inappropriate views of later developments/re-developments should be screened off using appropriate planting - hedges/trees not fences along boundaries.

28	More can be done to clear dropped branches	10/3/2020 1:42 PM
29	Point 2 There should be short term plans as we believe the cemeteries are not well maintained	10/3/2020 9:55 AM
30	See previous answer	10/2/2020 5:26 PM
31	Not interested in the churchyards and cemeteries, they do not affect where I live.	10/2/2020 2:03 PM
32	The policy seems to be based on the status quo.	9/25/2020 2:35 PM
33	N/a	9/23/2020 1:51 PM
34	*	9/21/2020 10:26 AM
35	Mostly sensible	9/20/2020 11:10 PM
36	No more Council taxpayer's money should be spent on maintaining trees in disused churchyards and cemeteries. West Cemetery and crematorium should be closed and a new, purpose-built crematorium and cemetery built on the outskirts of the town. Planting of appropriate trees could be included in this plan.	9/20/2020 10:29 PM
37	Not sure	9/20/2020 4:27 PM
38	as per you strategy	9/20/2020 10:52 AM
39	I agree with all 3 points.	9/20/2020 9:02 AM
40	What is the draft policy?	9/18/2020 7:23 PM
41	It appears to maintain existing trees	9/17/2020 6:51 PM
42	totally agree	9/17/2020 8:55 AM
43	it will look for me	9/16/2020 7:34 PM
44	Unsure how this will pan out in the future	9/16/2020 2:28 PM
45	Again to maintain and enhance facilities	9/14/2020 9:34 PM
46	As last question	9/13/2020 8:37 PM
47	Not applicable in my area	9/13/2020 11:02 AM
48	I enjoy the arboretum quality to the Cemetery, and would like to see this continue	9/10/2020 9:37 PM
49	these are places where we can have really big trees without disturbing people	9/9/2020 4:59 PM
50	Adequate	9/8/2020 12:33 PM
51	These areas are where families loved ones are buried and trees forms part of the overall tranquil area for grieving relatives. However, grave stones need to be restored and not just left to fall to the ground. Cemeteries once had on site maintainers, together with the trees these are special places of significance.	9/8/2020 11:35 AM
52	the policy is appropriate	9/8/2020 8:45 AM
53	Again, to be reviewed to improve the environment, not just retain the old	9/4/2020 10:14 AM
54	Needs to keep these words from last strategy "The choice of species and location of the trees will be determined by us to ensure a variety of species and correct locations with regard to the	9/3/2020 2:12 AM

species types." No good reason to remove those words. Will cause problems and arguments if those words are removed. Needs to keep these words "We will continue to develop management plans for disused churchyards and cemeteries." No good reason to remove them. Every good reason to keep them, and work to the strategy not ignore it as if it's a paper exercise.

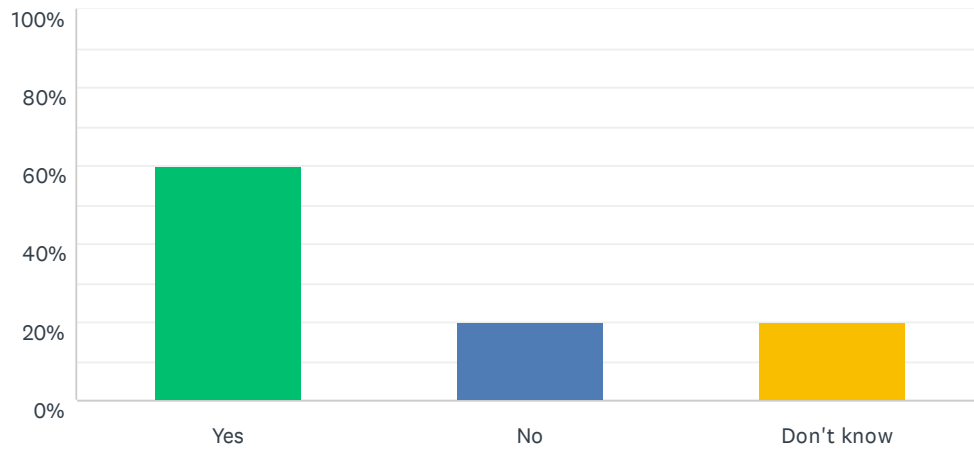
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55	These locations comprise a genetic bank for the future.	9/2/2020 6:18 PM
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## Q11 Do you agree with the draft Council policy included in the strategy on trees in Council housing areas?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 55



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	54
No	20.00%	18
Don't know	20.00%	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>90</b>

**Q12 Please give details as to why you chose the option you did to the question about the draft policy on trees in Council housing areas in the box below.**

Answered: 52 Skipped: 93

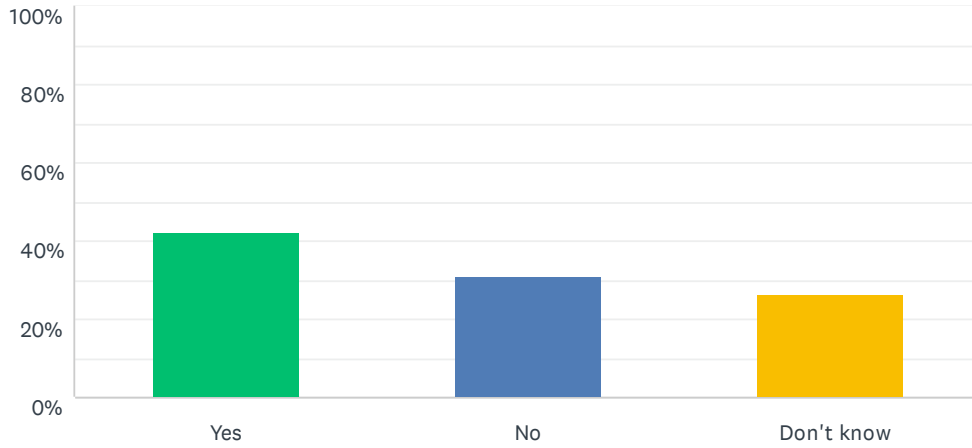
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Hedging in council house gardens are a vital habitat for the endangered red list house sparrow. Hedges in council gardens should be maintained and encouraged. Too many gardens have lost their garden greenery to paving and their hedged to fencing. If a tree has been planted inappropriately if removed a new appropriate tree should replace it.	10/19/2020 12:41 AM
2	There should be a policy to plant more fruit trees in public open/green spaces, especially in the more deprived areas of the town which tend to be close to council housing areas, to provide some free food to assist those who need it. A mixture of types of fruit tree should be provided to give a long season of free fruit throughout the summer and autumn. However all types of tree also provide mental health benefits, so even where fruit trees are not possible for some reason, tree cover should still be sought to be increased for health reasons. As before, types of trees planted should also aim to improve the stock of those native British trees whose numbers are low or in decline, and should perhaps include those likely to increase nature value to birds and small mammals as a way of also bringing nature into council estates.	10/19/2020 12:07 AM
3	N/A	10/18/2020 12:11 PM
4	see previous	10/17/2020 11:54 PM
5	It would be good to see the renewal of hedgerow trees when it becomes necessary as each species has its own specific ecology of interdependent species.	10/17/2020 7:33 PM
6	If evergreen hedges are removed, they should be immediately replaced by native species ( singular or mixed varieties) and managed appropriately.	10/17/2020 8:41 AM
7	Same as in previous questions	10/16/2020 11:09 PM
8	As many trees as possible in all council housing areas.	10/16/2020 8:26 PM
9	It would be exemplary here for the council to commit to assessing its council housing estates and identify spaces for more trees. The right tree in the right place can clean air, absorb rainwater, improve mood, beautify, etc. These benefits are often not extended to more deprived communities which studies show are usually less "leafy". A commitment in Darlington to address this, as suggested, would be welcome.	10/16/2020 10:58 AM
10	Social housing residence should be encouraged to plant trees and wildlife friendly areas	10/15/2020 8:55 PM
11	Xx	10/13/2020 11:54 PM
12	This strategy must be scrapped and build on the previous strategy which has been named a good example of a tree and woodland strategy	10/12/2020 10:12 PM
13	Developers often fail to replace young vandalised trees once the estates are completr	10/12/2020 9:56 AM
14	Makes sense	10/11/2020 7:51 PM
15	Need more	10/11/2020 5:35 PM
16	They are amazing as long as they are far enough away from the houses. I live on a Council estate and have 3 Silver Birches and 2 Ash trees in view. Lovely to have them to encourage the birds and relax by watching the branches.	10/10/2020 10:23 AM
17	Yes, would avoid the months of haggling with private residents	10/9/2020 7:12 PM
18	Essential these areas are managed on a proactive basis, to enhance the benefits provided by trees	10/9/2020 12:31 PM
19	It may be useful as part of the Strategy to include community groups here in the maintenance and planting of trees etc	10/8/2020 12:38 PM
20	Think that's fair	10/5/2020 10:20 PM
21	Diversity and interest but cannot be allowed to grow too big	10/5/2020 3:55 PM
22	...	10/5/2020 1:30 PM
23	as where i live they are left to it and get too big	10/5/2020 1:01 PM
24	For communal public benefits	10/4/2020 3:32 PM



25	Ok with me	10/3/2020 1:42 PM
26	See previous answer	10/2/2020 5:26 PM
27	Not interested in the council house areas, they do not affect where I live.	10/2/2020 2:04 PM
28	The policy appears to be little more than the council saying "Well what else can we do? We're basically just trying to hold the line - it's too difficult" The impression created is that due to years of inattention by the council that the council have created a management problem that they are now struggling with. Perhaps there needs to be more engagement with tenants and local schools, highlighting the beneficial aspects of trees to the environment and local children's futures in terms of the climate emergency ?	9/25/2020 2:35 PM
29	N/a	9/23/2020 1:51 PM
30	Not in a position to comment	9/21/2020 3:41 PM
31	*	9/21/2020 10:26 AM
32	Mostly ok but do people really plant their own hedgerows if they are in council housing? If so then shouldn't they also look after them themselves?	9/20/2020 11:12 PM
33	Council housing areas should be greener spaces to improve the environment and wellbeing of the residents.	9/20/2020 10:30 PM
34	Those areas need more trees/hedges- where my sister lives there are hardly any, so no wildlife	9/20/2020 4:33 PM
35	as per your strategy	9/20/2020 10:52 AM
36	Again important for social housing areas have access to green space especially lockdown told us this so up keep and new growth important	9/20/2020 9:13 AM
37	I agree with both points.	9/20/2020 9:03 AM
38	It could be more ambitious, and focus on wider ecology, such as natural meadowland.	9/17/2020 6:51 PM
39	totally agree	9/17/2020 8:55 AM
40	good for the areas	9/16/2020 7:34 PM
41	Seems sensible	9/16/2020 2:28 PM
42	Trees improve peoples lives by improving the environment	9/14/2020 9:40 PM
43	Not sure how residents feel or are affected.	9/13/2020 8:37 PM
44	I would like to see a preference for replanting large-scale, long-lived trees, of non-native origin if the native oak, ash, elm, etc are under attack from outside environmental issues, Sudden Oak Death, Ash Dieback, etc.	9/10/2020 9:43 PM
45	we need more trees on the streets of housing estates	9/9/2020 5:01 PM
46	More need to be done to maintain these trees correctly	9/8/2020 12:33 PM
47	Council areas are just as important as any other developed areas and have the same needs and require good maintenance and care.	9/8/2020 11:38 AM
48	They do not take fair balance between residents' genuine concerns and the well being of the trees.	9/8/2020 10:33 AM
49	Some council trees, or trees growing on land that does not appear to belong to anyone, grow too big and cause misery for the people living next to them who have fruit, sap, branches and other debris falling on their property. It is a constant battle for them to maintain their own land and prevent trip/slip hazards or flooding from blocked drains and gutters. The policy should allow for the council to take stop the trees from encroaching on adjacent council property.	9/8/2020 8:47 AM
50	In the right direction	9/4/2020 10:14 AM
51	No comments needed.	9/3/2020 2:14 AM
52	Historically, council housing areas have been under-supplied with trees, rendering them less attractive as residential areas	9/2/2020 6:19 PM

### Q13 Do you agree with the draft Council policy included in the strategy for trees on privately owned land?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 55



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.22%	38
No	31.11%	28
Don't know	26.67%	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>90</b>

**Q14 Please give details as to why you chose the option you did to the question about the draft policy on trees on privately owned land in the box below.**

Answered: 60 Skipped: 85

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The use of TPOs should be increased to include significant mature trees, ancient and veteran trees. Especially those that border roads and public spaces that contribute to the historical heritage of the area. Developers should plant trees straight away within a year of the development being complete not the 5 years 5 period currently being proposed.	10/19/2020 12:59 AM
2	As part of planning applications, whilst planting new trees helps, the emphasis should always be to reduce the loss of existing trees as much as possible. In terms of biodiversity, carbon emissions and their other benefits, one existing tree has been shown to be worth the equivalent of 3 newly planted trees, and only with a significant amount of time delay, so any trees which are removed must be replaced by triple the number of new trees, and these should be as large as possible (standards or heavy standards for trees, with smaller saplings or whips only used for new hedging) so as to reduce the delay time to regain what was lost. There should be a policy – as in other local authorities – where trees which are determined to be of landscape value A and B (in tree reports as part of planning applications) should be built-around as a matter of course in new developments, only being felled as a matter of exception, where an adequate case must be made that a certain piece of infrastructure cannot be placed elsewhere for logistical reasons. Where these trees must be removed, they should be replaced elsewhere in the development with a “heavy standard” tree as soon as possible. TPO / veteran trees on private land should be retained and worked around except only in circumstances where the tree is in poor health and this cannot be rectified by any other tree management, pruning etc.	10/19/2020 12:12 AM
3	I would like to see TPO's issued not just for trees at threat, but trees of beauty in good locations.	10/18/2020 6:26 PM
4	I consider that the Council should be more vigilant re developments and expect developers to retain as many mature trees as possible. Also to landscape in an increase in the number of trees on the site in excess of what was there before. The council should prioritise development for Brown field sites not Green filed sites.	10/18/2020 2:54 PM
5	There should be more to encourage landowners to protect there trees and plant more trees.	10/18/2020 12:52 PM
6	N/A	10/18/2020 12:13 PM
7	see previous	10/17/2020 11:54 PM
8	I agree with the presumption of non removal of trees unless there is a good reason, rather than simply some nuisance as trees are habitats for many species. There does need to be stronger protection of trees from devlopers. Better education and awareness is essential to protect staff.	10/17/2020 7:38 PM
9	All trees should be defended from removal, development etc. We have precious little tree cover in our locality, and especially mature specimens cannot be replaced by relocated new tree plantings. We desperately need every mature tree if we are to contribute to the porevention of climate catastrophe.	10/17/2020 9:04 AM
10	If you have a statutory duty to take steps to protect trees that you believe “make an important contribution to the amenity of the areas”, which was a sentence also included in the old strategy, will you actually deliver on this? The Council has so far failed to do so with Skerningham Community Woodland which is privately owned. Including statements like this in any strategy and then to not follow them reflects badly on the Council and makes any strategy look like a mere tick-box exercise! Also, please ensure all staff know that TPOs can be made on trees on private land because residents have been told in the past in email exchanges when making enquiries that this is not possible.	10/17/2020 7:46 AM
11	I haven't seen the draft.	10/16/2020 11:10 PM
12	The Woodland in North Darlington that is due to be cut down and replaced by a golf course is on privately owned land is it not, therefore if DBC allow this to happen then our current tree strategy is not very good and comparing it with this new draft version which seems not as good then it would seem the council has some work to do to strengthen the protection for Trees on private land.	10/16/2020 8:30 PM
13	DBC need offer more protection for trees on privately owned land, Skerningham Community Woodland is yet another example by supporting the developers plans and becoming a business partner of their new limited company Darlington Garden Village limited they are	10/16/2020 7:29 PM

advertising to other private land owners that its ok to fell trees in the Borough of Darlington to make way for Houses and new roads, forget the Environmental damage, forget biodiversity or climate change emergency if they are in the way of your plans get the felled a total slap in the face to current and future generations of Darlington.

14	Again, this section could be more ambitious. Whilst the council has limited power over trees on private land, it can provide an example and encouragement to landowners. The iTree Eco survey (mentioned earlier - also see: <a href="https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/research/i-tree-eco/i-tree-eco-projects-completed/">https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/research/i-tree-eco/i-tree-eco-projects-completed/</a> ) quantifies the benefits that specific trees provide, which is helpful in terms of getting local people and landowners to better appreciate their trees and woods, and perhaps even incentivise them to plant more. As also mentioned, the Woodland Trust can help private landowners as well as schools and community groups with woodland creation and tree planting, and it would be good for the council to distribute this information through its local channels.	10/16/2020 11:03 AM
15	Either you will protect trees or you won't ...	10/15/2020 8:55 PM
16	Xx	10/13/2020 11:54 PM
17	Any rare species of tree, plant life, wildlife and biodiverse areas whether it is public or private must be protected and encouraged ... not sold and forgotten and developed	10/12/2020 10:13 PM
18	Should be at owners liability	10/12/2020 9:57 AM
19	Makes sense, however, should DBC implement their proposed 'Local Plan' the 'Tree an Woodland Policy' will be totally ignored, yet again	10/11/2020 7:59 PM
20	Need more	10/11/2020 5:35 PM
21	Surely that is up to the owner within reason, depending on the size size of their garden or land and circumstances. Very old trees, may be listed or some could have outgrown their surroundings, a good reason not to build too close.	10/10/2020 10:41 AM
22	Choice on private land should be with the owner.	10/9/2020 7:38 PM
23	Would be more difficult to achieve apart from new builds	10/9/2020 7:13 PM
24	It is essential to promote good standards of tree care and woodland management. Strict control on new housing development is a priority to ensure as much retention of trees and hedgerow are retained	10/9/2020 12:36 PM
25	The Strategy here is very detailed, sound and in keeping with the Environment Bill currently being debated in Parliament. The difficulties come when this has to be put into practice on land for housing development. An example of this kind of calamity, during which over 200 trees were felled and which shook the town, occurred in February 2018 on the Meadows at Carmel Road South. New proposals in the relaxation of planning laws may prove a great challenge for our Arboricultural Officer and Team and this policy.	10/8/2020 12:46 PM
26	A number of pockets of trees exist on Mowden and Hummersknott estates that do not appear to be owned by anyone . As the majority of them have had TPO's placed on them by the Council, they should take full responsibility for their maintenance and ongoing upkeep. It is also interesting that a number of these pockets of land have paved public paths, street lighting and grass, all of which is maintained by the Council so why not the trees? If one of trees should blow over onto a member of the public ( a lot of these routes are used by school children) who would be responsible for that? If the Council insist on not taking responsibility for these trees then they should have a statutory obligation to find and name the legal owner and agree a published plan for maintenance of these trees so we as residents know who to contact	10/5/2020 5:11 PM
27	See previous comments.	10/5/2020 1:31 PM
28	if the council planted them they should maintain	10/5/2020 1:03 PM
29	There is no clear evidence that statements made in this draft can be effectively managed. My evidence against it is the poor quality landscaping to the setting of a Grade II property Woodburn Cottage, 298 Coniscliffe Road. The Esh housing developers hedging is not being maintained and tree planting in front of the cottage windows is not appropriate - either environmentally or historically. The poor ground behind the cottage has already killed off one tree which was recently replaced by a new specimen that does not relate to the ethos of the original place being an agricultural site with several fruit trees - cut down by DBC as Phil	10/4/2020 3:51 PM

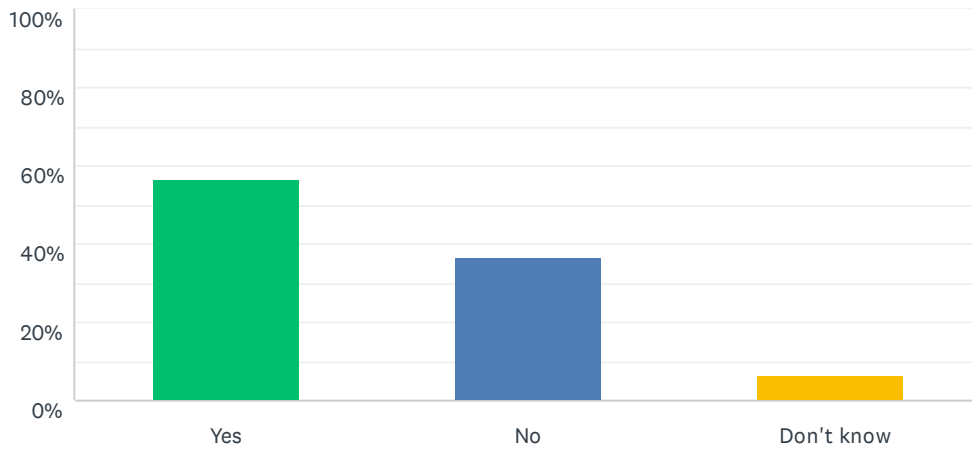
Haynes himself knows. The new trees are incapable of screening off the wide-angle views over an incongruous back-land housing estate and its over-bearing infrastructure. No cherishing (understanding) or legal protection of heritage assets here - despite 'fine words' in the draft local plan that cannot be delivered.

30	Provided the safe guards are enforceable to ensure proper permission is obtained. Its no good after a tree has been cut down. Substantial fines should be introduced to deter illegal cutting down of trees ie £10000 per tree.	10/4/2020 3:10 PM
31	There is too much nuisance getting anything done by the council and access should be easier for pruning when branches overgrow or fall	10/3/2020 1:43 PM
32	There is no reference to council ensuring the trees are managed appropriately	10/3/2020 9:58 AM
33	See previous answer	10/2/2020 5:27 PM
34	"We will usually expect a new site development to contribute to the overall tree population either through on-site planting through planning conditions or through the donation of funds via 'Section 106 Agreement' dedicated to the planting of trees by the Council in the locality" - Should this not read "always expect" rather than usually? After all this is 2021-2031, not 1961-1971.	9/25/2020 2:35 PM
35	I believe all trees on private land ought to be actively protected by the council.	9/23/2020 1:52 PM
36	Some of the land in the Coniscliffe & Merrybent Forrest & Nature Reserve is in private hands, but lottery grants & Forrest monies are available - please see proposal in LC&M neighbourhood plan or contact isobell.jackson@gmail.com for copy	9/21/2020 3:44 PM
37	*	9/21/2020 10:26 AM
38	Think the council should do more to prevent trees from being removed	9/20/2020 11:12 PM
39	The Council is taking away the rights of the landowners and this isn't fair or just and discriminated against private landowners.	9/20/2020 10:32 PM
40	Makes sense	9/20/2020 4:33 PM
41	This area is more difficult, because although I agree with the strategy but my experience says that controlling it seems difficult. The council seems to have a reluctance to enforce maintenance on trees or an inability through resources to keep track of original planning agreements on what to do with trees on private land particularly following housing developments, even when PTO's are present or trees are dead or when self seeded trees grow. Land owners NEED TO BE MORE AWARE of their responsibilities and not treat trees as a short term problem, we all know trees last several of our lifetimes and are therefore a long term commitment to look after.	9/20/2020 11:08 AM
42	I agree with all three points.	9/20/2020 9:04 AM
43	Difficult to have a rule for all.	9/17/2020 4:58 PM
44	Not sure about this one as private land owners have a tendency in my belief (whether true or not) that they will do what they want to suit their own purposes. I believe tree preservation orders should be widely used if appropriate	9/17/2020 8:58 AM
45	it should be up for privately owned land	9/16/2020 7:36 PM
46	Difficult implementing plans for private land although too many trees are being destroyed for housing	9/16/2020 2:29 PM
47	The policy identifies liability but are the public at large aware of the individual liability	9/14/2020 9:44 PM
48	As last question	9/13/2020 8:38 PM
49	In my opinion trees on private owned land should be subjected to the exact same rules inspections Etc as council owned trees with the same schedule of works required to be performed by the owner as per council.	9/12/2020 11:20 AM
50	I oppose the tendency of developers to clear-cut land before appropriate surveys and TPO's can be carried out; Broadly, the Council's proposals seem to be well-considered	9/10/2020 9:48 PM
51	anything to make sure there is more trees	9/9/2020 5:02 PM

52	Needs some specific measures or examples to show what DBC would do.	9/9/2020 10:08 AM
53	Not sure about this one	9/8/2020 12:34 PM
54	Private land owners have a duty to look after their trees and ensure people who use public footpaths are not impeded or neighbours disadvantaged by too much overgrowth.	9/8/2020 11:40 AM
55	Residents are generally unable to prune trees and keep them to an acceptable height. Over the years this laissez faire attitude has led to areas that were once lit by sunlight being in more and more shade, leaf drop has been harder to control and gutters and gulleys are needing clearing more often than would otherwise be necessary.	9/8/2020 10:33 AM
56	Home owners should have more security around who plants what on or in close proximity to their land.	9/8/2020 10:26 AM
57	with the proviso that trees on private land should not be allowed to encroach on neighbouring properties that are also privately owned.	9/8/2020 8:52 AM
58	There is no mention of actions to discourage people / developers from removing trees, for example prior to planning applications. Surely there must be something in the Strategy which talks about prosecution and other measures to put the decision making in the right place, and not the arbitrary whims of private owners	9/4/2020 10:17 AM
59	Several points:- A) This presumably means 'their' not 'your'?? "Land owners have a Common Law right to remove (abate) the nuisance associated with tree encroaching onto your property. They can only consider removing those parts of the tree from the point where they cross the boundary of your property. Land owners have no legal right to cut or remove any part of a tree that does not overhang your property;" B) Chunks have been deleted from last strategy, but should be kept in the new one: "Arboriculture is an established technical discipline where qualifications at various levels are available. There are many people willing to offer tree advice; however, the quality of this advice does vary. Tree owners should be aware that research has updated and substantially changed tree management in the last 20 years. Consequently, any person offering advice should keep themselves up-to-date, usually through membership of an appropriate professional body such as the Arboricultural Association and/or by subscription to the Tree Advisory Trust's research notes and reading list. Also, the quality of tree surgery work undertaken by businesses can vary. We strongly advise using companies that work to recognised standards such as "British Standard 3998, 2010, Recommendations for Tree Work". The Arboricultural Association produces a list of contractors and consultants who have been examined and found to reach recognised standards. We can also provide members of the public with a list of contractors that meet recognised standards." C) Policy 3 has five subsections - i) ii) iii) iv) v) - but it needs to have 'AND' or put between each one otherwise it's not clear if only one or all of these criteria have to be fulfilled. D) Paragraphs about leaves, sap etc, causing problems in gutters etc when council owns the trees overhanging residents' land - this policy is heavily biased in favour of the council and heavily biased against residents. You are there to provide a service, not to provide a nuisance or thumb your nose at residents simply because you have failed to work to the previous strategy by neglecting your duty to manage, maintain, and prune council trees during the austerity years. This policy needs to be re-written in partnership with residents to ensure you do not adopt a self-serving attitude which shuts out residents' complaints by default. This is meant to be a tree strategy, not a 'let's reject all complaints by writing it into our tree strategy' strategy. You have written quite a nasty policy to protect yourselves from your duty to serve residents. Not all residents' complaints are correct, but not all council opinions are correct either. Your attitude in this policy is offensive, wrong, and needs to be re-written with partnership in mind, not 'go forth and multiply', which is clearly what you had in mind when you wrote this. COUNCIL FAILURE TO MANAGE COUNCIL'S TREES IS COUNCIL'S FAULT, NOT RESIDENTS'.	9/3/2020 2:35 AM
60	Tree preservation involves careful and appropriate management, including removal, re-planting, pruning and pollarding, all of which are captured in the draft policy.	9/2/2020 6:21 PM

### Q15 Do you agree with the Council commitment included in the strategy to plant 10,000 trees in the next 3 years?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 55



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.67%	51
No	36.67%	33
Don't know	6.67%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>90</b>



**Q16 Please give details as to why you chose the option you did to the question about the commitment on planting trees in the box below.**

Answered: 72 Skipped: 73

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	<p>10,000 trees is not ambitious enough and should not include trees planted by community groups. The number of trees planted should also measure how many trees have been lost due to development or other and the equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> capturing saplings planted in replacement. It is not possible to replace one old tree however many new trees are planted. The felling and removal of mature trees for development of any kind should be refused. The cutting down of a mature tree is a significant loss to the historic landscape and to communities and wildlife. "The number of trees planted should be decided depending on the original measurements of the original tree felled. We believe that there are some trees that should never be felled whatever the circumstances such as the rare black poplar trees and any veteran tree or any significant hedgerow habitat. Natural England says that "Hedgerows make an important contribution to local distinctiveness- giving a real sense of place and continuity with generations past and present" and should be protected for our future.</p>	10/19/2020 12:59 AM
2	<p>DBC has committed to planting 10,000 trees from 2021-24 (which was also a manifesto commitment of the minority Conservative group administration). I agree with the aim of this policy BUT the method of counting these trees must be clarified: 1. This policy waters down the above commitment as it also includes trees planted by other groups e.g. community groups. The 10,000 trees must count only those planted by the council themselves, so that any community group planting is *in addition to* those which the council has promised to plant. 2. - This should be 10,000 NEW trees, in addition to any required to mitigate for those which have been cut down. On this matter, the draft strategy commits to planting just one tree for any tree felled - there appears to be no scientific validation for this stance. Whilst planting new trees helps, the emphasis should always be to reduce the loss of existing - especially large &amp; mature - trees as much as possible. In terms of biodiversity, carbon emissions and their other benefits, one existing tree has been shown to be worth the equivalent of 3 newly planted trees, and only with a significant amount of time delay, so any trees which are removed must be replaced by at least triple the number of new trees, and these should be as large as possible (standards or heavy standards for trees, with smaller saplings or whips only used for new hedging) so as to reduce the delay time to regain what was lost. Enormous old trees would be the equivalent of significantly more new trees, suggested is 1/10th of the trunk diameter in cm - e.g. a trunk diameter of 80cm should be deemed to be "worth" planting 8 new trees. In terms of counting / accounting for numbers of trees, the above equivalence should be accounted for, so each mature tree lost should count as "minus 3" (or more, as above) i.e. 3 new trees must be planted to regain a zero net loss - the 10,000 new trees planned for must be over and above this otherwise the target for the increase is meaningless. It would therefore be more worthwhile to measure tree-covered area, since this naturally accounts for the smaller size and nature benefits of saplings vs. the vast canopy of a mature tree. The time limit for replanting replacement trees is too long - as it will already take a significant amount of time for the nature and carbon benefits of a small new tree to be seen, this must be replanted within at most 2 years (potential for a 1 year extension in exceptional circumstances), not the 5 years suggested in this policy.</p>	10/19/2020 12:29 AM
3	<p>3333 per year - is probably close to what has been planted over past years across the Borough. That number of larger trees might help climate change much better ! Goal Setting is a slippery slope. Virtue Signalling and photoshoots ? !</p>	10/18/2020 10:50 PM
4	<p>Tree-planting rates have fallen behind government goals, but if the UK is to meet its long-term aim of net zero emissions by 2050, about 1.5bn new trees will be needed, according to the Committee on Climate Change, the government's statutory advisers. Only 13% of the UK's land area is made up of woodland, far below the European average of about 38%. Darlington's tree cover is only 10%. So if the political stance across the UK is the level up the North, then this should also apply to tree planting. Darlington should at least be aiming to be level with the rest of the UK which is to increase tree cover from 10% to 13%. The Council's commitment to plant 10,000 trees between 2021-2024 is extremely welcome and very good to see. However, it is noted that this number will include any trees planted by community groups on Council land with the majority of the effort done by volunteers. There is appetite across Darlington to plant trees and the Council should not be taking advantage of this. The Council should commit to planting 10,000 trees not including any planted by community groups. There should also be some commitment to planting trees between 2025-2031. I disagree with the fact that developers have 5 years to replace lost trees and feel this should be shortened. Also developers should be asked to dig up any small tree seedlings to the Council to be replanted. It is welcome that the strategy is committed to planting one tree for every tree that is removed. However, this will not increase tree cover in Darlington. Wirral Council's policy states that when</p>	10/18/2020 6:48 PM

they feel a tree on public land, they plant at least two trees or more as soon as possible and in an appropriate place. "The number of replacement trees planted will be determined in relation to the size of the original tree felled in order that the climate benefits will be the same within a reasonable time frame. Wherever possible, replanting will be in the same area as the felled tree, but if this is not possible, appropriate trees will be planted elsewhere on Wirral. This ensures an overall increase in the number of trees." I would like to see a similar commitment in Darlington. Rare trees should be given special protection. We are lucky to have some of the rarest trees in the UK growing in Darlington, namely Black Poplars. In Worcester "some of the most important sites where black poplars occur, such as Castlemoreton Common, are designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)". Hundreds of saplings were planted in Skerningham Community Woodland and near South Burdon. The black poplar is the UK's most endangered native timber tree. Darlington was meant to become a focal point "for the resurgence of these magnificent trees". Why are these trees not mentioned in the strategy? There should be an up-to-date action plan for the black poplar.

5	However this is not enough! It should be new trees. It should not include in this figure (target), replacement trees, and those trees planted by third parties. These should be a bonus to the 100,000 planted by the council.	10/18/2020 2:58 PM
6	The 10,000 trees to be planted should only include trees directly planted by the council and exclude all planting by community and other voluntary groups. The draft strategy commits to planting just one tree for every tree felled. This does nothing to compensate for the huge benefits of mature trees bring. The following replacement planting depending on the girth of tree felled should be adopted. Trunk diameter (cm) - number of trees to be planted d<20 =1 tree 20	10/18/2020 1:02 PM
7	DBC have confirmed that the proposed 10,000 trees will not be over and above trees planted by voluntary organisations such as Darlington Forest Project and I think they should be	10/18/2020 12:17 PM
8	see previous all applies. This is not game playing -it needs thought and planning. Too casually plucking numbers from thin air is not being responsible.! Right tree right numbers right spaces right soil type right light right maintenance	10/17/2020 11:57 PM
9	YES! Fantastic. And I was especially pleased to see the commitment to work with Park Friends groups. There is a very great need for education and awareness of the value of trees and the environment to humans, and especially that we very much depend on the environment for our quality of life in so many ways. It is also ESSENTIAL that trees are properly watered and properly staked to try and resist vandals who carelessly snap young trees. I do think the investment in the trees must be accompanied by commitment from the community to watch over and health of especially new trees, and be encouraged to water them. I do hope priority can be given to much better stakes and protection for young trees as I have seen far too many carelessly destroyed by snapping off young trunks.	10/17/2020 7:44 PM
10	Although I welcome the commitment, I was disappointed by the news that the council intends to include in this total any trees planted by community groups such as The Darlington Forest Project on council land. This is a shameful negation of responsibility, as the DFP intends to plant this many trees in the next winter alone! This must be amended, and the Council must, alone, be responsible for this commitment, and any extra planting must be over and above this, and seen as an excellent contribution and not part of the council's tally.	10/17/2020 9:21 AM
11	Aiming to plant 10,000 trees between 2021-2024 is good but using any trees planted by Darlington Forest Project and other groups to help you reach this target shows a lack of ambition. You should be aiming to plant 10,000 trees off your own bat, any additional trees put in by the various groups should be viewed as a welcome bonus! Their success should not be milked to help you succeed. Planting one tree for every tree that has been removed isn't good enough. Be bold! The number of replacement trees planted should be determined in relation to the size of the original tree felled in order that the climate benefits will be the same within a reasonable time frame.	10/17/2020 8:07 AM
12	10,000 trees is not enough, and the number quoted is to include trees planted by community groups.	10/16/2020 11:12 PM
13	It would seem the council is trying to hide off the back of the thousands of trees a community project Darlington Forest group are going to plant I recently read in a Northern Echo article that they have secured a grant and plan to plant 7,000 trees soon these should not be included in DBC commitment to plant 10,000 so to be clear DBC plant their pledged 10,000 new trees and Darlington Forest Project plants tens of thousands of new trees the more the better	10/16/2020 8:35 PM

14	DBC commitment to plant 10,000 trees was pledge well before Darlington forest project was set up by Roz Henderson and her friends so the Council pledge to plant 10,000 trees should be separate from any Trees DFP Plant what is so wrong with planting as many trees as possible the trees Darlington Forest Project plant should NOT be including in DBC commitment to their residents that they would plant 10,000 trees DFP will help with volunteers to help DBC plant their 10,000 trees but DBC SHOULD NOT be dictating to DFP that any trees they source the funding for, buy and plant MUST be including in their 10,000 promised new Trees to be planted. DBC are supporting the developers of Skerningham Garden Community to fell 12,000 trees in Skerningham Community Woodland so they should be now looking to plant 22,000 new trees!	10/16/2020 7:35 PM
15	Darlington Borough Council has committed to planting 10,000 trees from 2021 to 2024 (a manifesto commitment of the minority Conservative group). However, this document wasters down that commitment as it will include any trees planted by community groups. This should be reversed so that community group planting is in addition to the 10,000 trees that the Council has promised residents it will plant. The draft strategy commits to planting just one tree for every tree felled. This does nothing to compensate for the many benefits mature and large trees bring. The replanting strategy should be upgraded to take this into account. I suggest that the replanting number be a function of the felled tree's girth. Trunk diameter (cm) -> number of trees to be planted $d < 20 = 1$ tree $20 < d < 30 = 2$ trees $30 < d < 40 = 3$ trees $40 < d < 50 = 4$ trees $50 < d < 60 = 5$ trees $60 < d < 70 = 6$ trees $70 < d < 80 = 7$ trees $d > 80 = 8$ trees The time limit on replanting for all areas of Darlington is up to 5 years. This is too long. I recommend that the time limit for replanting be reduced to 2 years with an extension granted for an extra year (total 3 years) in exceptional circumstances. Rare trees should receive special protection above and beyond all other trees. We are fortunate to have a number of rare Black Poplars growing in the Borough. These trees deserve extra protection. I recommend that the area where Black Poplars are growing is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest.	10/16/2020 5:22 PM
16	Whilst Darlington is to be congratulated for making a commitment to plant more trees, we believe a better way of doing this would be to make a commitment to increase tree canopy cover ambitiously, informed by data such as that from an iTree Eco survey. A commitment to planting trees doesn't account for trees lost and it is by increasing tree canopy cover that residents and nature alike in Darlington will benefit from trees.	10/16/2020 11:06 AM
17	This should be solely the councils target and not include volunteer groups planting efforts	10/15/2020 8:56 PM
18	Providing the old classics are included	10/13/2020 11:55 PM
19	Finally a question that can be easily answered without having to refer back to policies. I think trees are hugely important and play a role in how we all can help combat climate change, increase biodiversity and help the town look attractive too	10/13/2020 3:19 PM
20	Most of these trees will be planted by volunteer groups and not by DBC themselves .. you are including these volunteer groups planting of trees within you're target.. which is both unfair and immoral. And a huge disregard of the climate promise ... DBC should plant a tree for every resident within the borough if Darlington and County Durham as a start! All volunteer groups planting should not be included in this strategy it should support and guide them instead ... and not used as an excuse to do you're job for you ... absolutely shocking !	10/12/2020 10:17 PM
21	Insufficient	10/12/2020 9:57 AM
22	DBC history of compliance to its own policy is pathetic, it prepares a commendable policy then fails to fulfill its obligations under its own policy. It is proposing to plant 10,000 saplings, to replace many thousands of mature trees. Is there any sense in that?	10/11/2020 8:12 PM
23	Good	10/11/2020 5:35 PM
24	No, if these means 12,000 trees are going to be cut down for new developments. Going to be a long time before we get any benefit from them	10/10/2020 8:18 PM
25	That's a good thing for future generations, but not an excuse to continue to fell our existing mature trees. We need to use up CO2 now not in 50 year's time. We need to bring back the varieties, not just the quicker growing trees. J	10/10/2020 10:46 AM
26	can only be good for environment	10/9/2020 8:52 PM
27	I would say as many as realistic	10/9/2020 7:13 PM
28	There is a need to proactively manage, protect and enlarge the tree population of the Borough	10/9/2020 12:38 PM

29	Clear intent for co-operation with community groups. Due care to the Equality Act and appropriate staff training. Good Health and Safety rolling plan, removal and replanting.	10/8/2020 12:52 PM
30	Net loss	10/5/2020 10:20 PM
31	in principal this strategy is fine as long as the Council has the ability to look after additional trees as it appears to struggle to maintain the ones they already have! It will be interesting to see if 'the Willow's' developers replace the numerous trees that were needlessly felled within 5 years as outlined in this policy as this decision by the Council made a total mockery of this document on protecting our trees for the future!	10/5/2020 5:20 PM
32	Depends where	10/5/2020 3:56 PM
33	...	10/5/2020 1:31 PM
34	its a great thing to do	10/5/2020 1:09 PM
35	Not enough!	10/4/2020 7:29 PM
36	It is not simply a matter of meeting a numerical target. Trees should generally be treated with respect as they are mostly long-lived. Their size, type, position and expected long-evity should be very carefully considered to avoid adverse consequences - on local people/local environment. Trees that may cause ground subsidence, self-seeding should not be close to buildings. Deciduous trees create slippery pavements in wet weather. Uneven or slippery pavements are a menace to the well-being of frail-members of society who may be a little unsteady on their feet but who are still able to walk to local shops and seek to keep their independence for as long as possible. There is no prospect in the present economic climate that effective monitoring of the policies proposed will take place. It is merely a 'vision' that has too little substance. Growth of the town disproportionately to the trained work-force will simply make these proposals unworkable/economically unviable even in the short term - as of now.	10/4/2020 4:07 PM
37	To make up for the ones already lost and likely to be cut down.	10/4/2020 3:11 PM
38	We need to increase the number of trees in order to help in becoming carbon neutral.	10/3/2020 4:29 PM
39	Good plan for the environment	10/3/2020 1:43 PM
40	Providing the follow up maintenance is adhered to. The replacement trees on our toad were planted with a watering tube but never saw them watered and the tree strap broke on the tow an and has never been replaced.	10/3/2020 1:21 PM
41	This is to be applauded. How will the council be held to account on this?	10/2/2020 5:28 PM
42	We do need more trees, but they need to be maintained and kept under control..	10/2/2020 2:05 PM
43	There are many places in the world where they are proposing to plant 10000 trees from Middlesbrough to Bratislava and into North America and indeed across the World. It must be the right thing to do given the climate emergency. In Bratislava they are saying: "The 10,000 trees initiative is a structured plan for the systematic restoration of Bratislava's woodwork. Over the course of 2019, the local government planted over a thousand trees – more than the 4 previous years combined. The new initiative, however, will see the planting of 10,000 trees by 2022, while simultaneously creating new city alleys. "In summer, trees protect our city from overheating, improve air quality, mitigate the effects of torrential rains and provide a refuge for animals and important insects. The streets with trees are more beautiful and we simply feel more comfortable in them. Greenery is, therefore, one of our priorities," said the mayor of Bratislava Matúš Vallo. The main planting season part of the initiative will begin at the start of October before the first snows fall. A 2nd round is also being made ready for November. According to officials, those will be the perfect periods for trees to be planted as the conditions will allow the saplings to quickly take root. Furthermore, together with the city's districts, Bratislava is gearing up for a "passportization" of greenery (e.g. the creation of a unified registration system for greenery), which will provide an overview of the city's woods. Not only that, but the municipality is also working alongside the Metropolitan Institute of Bratislava on the creation of a green care manual - an open document that will bring professional solutions and procedures focused on the sustainable planting of trees and their care in urban areas."	9/25/2020 2:35 PM
44	I believe that the council intend to remove. A significant amount of mature trees in key areas, particularly road sides. The commitment to plant 10,000 new trees will not counter the negative effects of the loss of significant numbers of mature trees.	9/23/2020 1:53 PM

45	Do not demolish mature healthy prosperous trees in the North of Darlington that are already doing what they are supposed to do, then you will not need to plant as many! Trees are our life source and to cut most down to provide a private golf course that only people with a certain income can afford to be honest is not at all within the aims of the strategy it makes a mockery of it	9/21/2020 8:48 PM
46	A great proportion of this target could be met if DBC committed to the enlargement of Merrybent Wood, which was originally planted as a part of the Tees Valley Forrest and supported by Tees Valley Green Infrastructure- The Tees Forest, is one of twelve Community Forests established throughout England. It covers an area of over 350 sq. kilometres, representing a major element of the Tees Valley green infrastructure resource. The Tees Forest is accessible to around one million potential users. The aims of the Tees Forests are to retain the best landscapes, restore those that are in decline, create new landscapes and to achieve major environmental improvements around the conurbation and towns of the Tees Valley sub-region. One of the principal objectives of the Tees Forest is to develop, in conjunction with the Countryside Agency, the concept of 'connected countryside' - securing good inter-connections between built up areas and the countryside by means of Gateways, which provide access points to the Tees Forest for the local community and Greenways, which are off road routes radiating from the Gateways	9/21/2020 3:48 PM
47	We need to plan to replace trees that are at the end of life and to ensure that we maintain green spaces for wildlife	9/21/2020 10:27 AM
48	Agree with new planting but still think council should do more to preserve existing trees - especially those in danger of being removed for development or such as golf courses. Especially if old and historic	9/20/2020 11:14 PM
49	The Council needs to manage its current stock of trees before planting any more. I see that the Lead Officer is someone called Phil Haynes. Well Mr Haynes is going to have his work cut out looking after all these trees - good luck to him.	9/20/2020 10:34 PM
50	Should aim much higher, and put TPO on all that are planted to prevent them being removed for houses	9/20/2020 4:34 PM
51	It is necessary for the trapping of greenhouse gasses and improving the life of the planet in the long term. It will help wildlife and stop extinctions. IT will improve air quality to the benefit of all.	9/20/2020 11:14 AM
52	Great - just important to look At where - again don't forget the small parks like Eastbourne which could easily take more trees in its green space	9/20/2020 9:14 AM
53	I think it is vital to plant more trees.	9/20/2020 9:05 AM
54	Not ambitious enough because any planting strategy is mitigated by the mass drive for housebuilding.	9/17/2020 6:52 PM
55	It should be much higher	9/17/2020 8:59 AM
56	good for darlington	9/16/2020 7:36 PM
57	Totally agree though they won't catch up to the ones lost in my lifetime	9/16/2020 2:29 PM
58	The more the better for the battle against climate change	9/14/2020 9:45 PM
59	Brilliant way to support climate change.	9/13/2020 8:38 PM
60	Essential part of actuion to curtail global warming	9/13/2020 11:04 AM
61	Depends where they are planting them and if residents have any say.	9/12/2020 11:21 AM
62	I commend the effort, but please, make sure they're the right trees in the right settings, not just guided by number-crunching.	9/10/2020 9:49 PM
63	we ned more trees	9/9/2020 5:03 PM
64	Not particularly ambitious, & Covid has already delayed scheduled planting of trees in some parks.	9/9/2020 10:09 AM
65	Great strategy	9/8/2020 12:34 PM
66	Both yes and No- Ongoing tree planting is essential and 10,000 is just the start. As stated	9/8/2020 11:43 AM

there must be more protection and planting up of hedgerows that have suffered badly due to development. Hedgerows and trees are the lungs of any area.

67	If in the right places and the right species that will not incur future problems. Housing planning should also be dove tailed to suit.	9/8/2020 10:34 AM
68	As a minimum	9/8/2020 8:52 AM
69	The objective needs to have more clarity in terms of place and species. The current wording could mean planting 10000 conifers and claiming success.	9/4/2020 10:19 AM
70	Does not identify the need for 10,000 trees. Where has this number come from? Having a target quantity has always led to bad decisions being forced through. Any statement of quantity needs to be justified in this document. It should be given as a RANGE hoped for, not a specific number. We have lots of self-seeded trees which need to be REMOVED before they grow any bigger. We have trees planted by well-meaning people which are wrong species, wrong location, or both. You need to fix those problems not just commit to planting more and more trees. The 10,000 figure needs to be justified otherwise it is plucked out of nowhere.	9/3/2020 2:49 AM
71	It is a reasonable and attainable objective, but should be reviewed upwards in the light of climate change developments.	9/2/2020 6:23 PM
72	This is not as it sounds. This number of trees will not be planted and survive. They are one or two foot tall and loads dont live. The town needs grown trees to an older stronger type, not little whips given by woodland trust - they can be planted but dont count them as trees because they don't all promise to ever be a tree, especially in the places my family have seen them planted. A FEW THOUSANDS of these have been planted in Darlington to date - it's an extremely small effect that these seedling trees can/do have. To be making a difference to the town and also replaceing the lost trees, the statement/policy should be 10, 000 + mature trees within the next three years.	9/2/2020 3:19 PM

Q17 Please add any further comments you have in the box below.

Answered: 56 Skipped: 89



#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It is vital that older trees and hedgerows are protected without exception. New trees will never replace the older ones, neither in storing carbon or in supporting wildlife . We have to find a way where nature does not come last .	10/19/2020 12:59 AM
2	Rare and declining tree species should receive protection above and beyond other trees. We have a number of Black Poplar trees in the Borough which are the rarest British timber tree. These should be sought to be propagated and planted in other locations where the situation is suitable, but where these grow should be designated a site of special scientific interest, and protected from any felling or development which may damage this incredibly rare tree. Those tree species which have suffered from tree diseases in the past such as elm and ash should also be retained where they are thriving, as healthy specimens may be resistant to the diseases which have affected others so would be valuable to repopulate the British landscape with healthy stock.	10/19/2020 12:34 AM
3	The previous tree strategy was excellent and it was ground breaking at the time (2010) and upheld for best practice. Sadly, this is no longer the case as other tree strategies across the UK have bounded ahead in their ambitions for protecting trees. If anything, this draft strategy is weaker than the previous version, not stronger. I hope this consultation process will help the council to look at the draft strategy again with the aim of improving the ambitions in it to increase the tree cover across Darlington.	10/18/2020 6:52 PM
4	Darlington Borough Council Draft Strategy states that it will plant one tree for every tree they have to fell. One new tree is not enough, taking into account the benefit of mature trees to the the environment. I think a mature tree should be replaced by at least two immature trees. I would also more stringent protection measures to rare trees such as Darlington's rare black poplars	10/18/2020 12:25 PM
5	MUCH Rethinking throughout needed. I Haven't covered everything.....	10/17/2020 11:59 PM
6	It does seem to me that this is a massive task and I wonder whether more staffing is needed. There is a need for residents to be more involved in caring and monitoring the trees. There is also a need for better education and awareness. I would also like to see a commitment to improving tree cover in the areas like Northgate which have so few trees and no gardens. Perhaps more street trees? One benefit of trees which was not included was how they cool the air when the temperature increases. Again, in Northgate where the whole area is mostly brick and tarmac, this retains the heat, which is only predicted to increase with climate change, which seems to me to make an important case for increasing tree cover in areas like this.	10/17/2020 7:51 PM
7	The council strategy, if a tree is cut down, is to replace it with one new tree. this figure should be increased to at least two, or ,better still, more than two. The protection of rare black poplars is not mentioned. This should also be a major part of this policy.	10/17/2020 9:26 AM
8	Darlington is a lovely green town, with many parks and green spaces, and an abundance of trees and hedging, some of which are sadly disappearing because of the increasing encroachment on available land to build more and more housing, Blackwell Meadows being just one of the areas sacrificed to this rash of building, another instance is a beautiful field in Middleton Lane, Middleton St. George, and there are many, many more. This has a major impact on wildlife in our area, which is increasingly under threat from the loss of habitat. I would like to know that we are leaving a legacy of a brighter future for the future residents of our town and area, and for the flora and fauna within.	10/16/2020 11:24 PM
9	Get your act together DBC the residents will not be fobbed off with a terrible watered down version of the towns current Tree strategy no we want a better one that protects our healthy trees and plants thousands more.	10/16/2020 8:37 PM
10	This draft tree strategy needs looking at by DBC and concerns from residents reflected in the amendments they should make to it, its far inferior to the Tree Strategy its due to replace and residents of Darlington are thinking we Climate change emergency it should be DBC priority to protect all the towns healthy trees, plant as many new ones as possible and stop helling the land developers and new home builders fell these healthy trees and rip of the established Hedgerows are protected under Hedgerow Regulation 1997 and section 97 of the Environment act 1995 protecting our already fragile environment is important to existing residents and future generations of Darlington please never forget this.	10/16/2020 7:41 PM
11	Many local authorities are doing, or have done, many of the suggestions made in this response. The Woodland Trust can also provide advice, guidance and support. It's great to see	10/16/2020 11:07 AM

Darlington invest in a tree and woodland strategy for the next decade, but we think that more can be done and we stand ready to help. If this would be of interest then please contact our regional external affairs officer, Richard O'Callaghan (richard.o'callaghan@woodlandtrust.org.uk) in the first instance.

12	The old strategy must be retained and added too	10/15/2020 8:56 PM
13	I would like see to maintenance of Trees that seem to have no ownership. As mentioned my property is damaged every year and despite requests, the trees have not been maintained. There is also risk to life from falling debris on the path next to the property which is also a public right of way and main route to schools.	10/14/2020 1:53 PM
14	Trees destroyed by developers with tpo on them should be fined so heavily that no profit can be gained from the building site.	10/13/2020 11:56 PM
15	I just feel more people would get involved and have their say on council and public issues/matters if everything was made clearer and easier for them to comment.	10/13/2020 3:20 PM
16	Yes This strategy must not be accepted This strategy is not a commitment to protect the borough of Darlington'S green belt land of which is home to many rare species of wildlife and the rare Native Rare Black Poplar Trees Of which it's plight was recognised back in 2002 Is also subject to scientific research... this strategy has disregarded the climate emergency to protect all trees and woodlands within the borough of Darlington This strategy does not promote the commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050 This strategy disregards the health and well-being of the residents of Darlington and it's desire to keep the remaining woodlands it has left.	10/12/2020 10:21 PM
17	The 'Tree and Woodland Policy' to me seems an excellent policy, however, a policy is of no real use without the will to comply with it. DBC need to be aware of its commitment when a policy is implemented..	10/11/2020 8:23 PM
18	Stop cutting so many trees and hedges down in the first instance. Something that happens a great deal in Datlington.	10/10/2020 8:19 PM
19	Hedgerows are very important to encourage nesting birds, but I've noticed in recent years that the majority of these have been removed from my estate.	10/10/2020 10:49 AM
20	The hedge grow at the Darlington south park bowling club would give shelter from elements, and shade from sun and aid the playing surface.	10/9/2020 7:40 PM
21	Hedgerows would also be good where appropriate- Bowls green at South Park needs protection and this would be aesthetically pleasing and give the protection the bowlers are struggling to afford. Resolves 2 problems. The plan of the bowls was a small hedge and was locally approved already, just needs cash and action	10/9/2020 7:15 PM
22	The Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent Parish Neighbourhood Plan submitted a Proposal for a LC&M Forest & Nature Reserve - an extension of the existing Community Woodland of 16 hectares of deciduous planting should be encouraged to provide a valued environment amenity for future local generations	10/9/2020 12:46 PM
23	These further comments are specific to the Historic Blackwell Parkland, which this year sees the 200th Anniversary of this Georgian Pleasure Park. Grid Reference: NZ 28050 13244. It is an area of land which has historic connections to the South Park being part of this green wedge. South Park before its layout as a park, was once part of the Havelock-Allan estate as arable land. The Blackwell Parkland being the more formal part of the estate in the 17th Century onwards. The Blackwell Parkland has many fine ancient specimen trees, a total of 672 trees of 48 different varieties. This is recorded in the 2019 Treezilla Survey carried out for the Parkland Heritage Network (Bramfitt R. "Ecosystem Services provided by Blackwell Grange Parkland and the Impact of Possible Development" 2019). The Heritage Network , on behalf of the wider community has made submission to the Local Authority for Green Space Status for the Parkland. The Tree and Woodland Strategy 2021-2031 is opening up many opportunities for a sound partnership between the various interest groups in the Network and the Local Authority with regards to the value, protection and enhancement of this much loved green space and Parkland.	10/8/2020 1:19 PM
24	We endorse the approach to statutory protection in the context of planning applications, particularly the retention of existing hedgerows. While we would have liked to have seen a very definite statement to the effect that as a principle no trees are allowed to be removed from a	10/5/2020 4:55 PM

potential development site, including any removal prior to planning submission, we are generally supportive of the approach set out, which seems realistic. Finally we are glad to see the importance given to advice, the continued availability of free advice from yourselves, and encouraging people to take professional advice. We find the draft to be clearly written, logically set out, and generally accessible.

25	Trees should not be bigger than houses they block light and the bad winds we get cause branches to fall and could be dangerous	10/5/2020 3:57 PM
26	The existing trees here aren't properly maintained so planting new ones is a stupid idea , it's just going to cause more residents hassle that never gets resolved !!!!!	10/5/2020 1:37 PM
27	Phil Haynes is a rude objectionable individual. He is not a good person to have in a people facing role.	10/5/2020 1:32 PM
28	please let me know when you can do something about the trees at the back of me	10/5/2020 1:11 PM
29	This is not a viable strategy. It is already undermined by recent housing development plans. Places of less value can never re-place anything that had greater social/cultural, environmental and potentially unexplored economic value.	10/4/2020 4:12 PM
30	I would like the tree monitoring reports to be published on the council's website and for some notification of when trees local to residents' areas have been assessed and reported (this could, for example, be in ward newsletters or in the council magazine.	10/3/2020 4:32 PM
31	Take out as much buerocracy as you can	10/3/2020 1:43 PM
32	There is no mention in the policy as to how the council is going to manage and measure success in the adoption of this policy and the action taken should the policy not be adhered to.	10/3/2020 10:05 AM
33	How do we get a tree looked at? Because they council do not do what they state in the policy...!	10/2/2020 2:06 PM
34	I am fully supportive of a greener future for the town.	9/25/2020 2:36 PM
35	Save our Woodlands now they will be lost for our next generations to enjoy and a loss of wildlife .	9/23/2020 10:35 AM
36	See separate submission re FSDR	9/21/2020 4:24 PM
37	If DBC are truly committed to improving the number of trees then the proposal for the Coniscliffe & Merrybent Forest and Nature Reserve should be included within the strategy. (I have tried to attach a copy of the proposal to this page, but have been unable to do so - It was given to DBC as a part of the Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent Neighbourhood Plan, but if you cannot find it please contact me directly.	9/21/2020 3:56 PM
38	I am told that the council are planning on giving woodland up to a golf course. This is ludicrous There are already more yhan two courses in the town. Why do we need more and surely woodland should be protected from something which would benefit so fed people	9/20/2020 11:16 PM
39	I live in the Eastbourne area and we have major problems with street trees. I wouldn't like to live on a new estate with all the tree planting that is proposed. The Council need to look at this strategy again and the problems it could cause in the long term.	9/20/2020 10:38 PM
40	.	9/20/2020 4:34 PM
41	Regular annual inspections should be done on the health of trees and actions taken accordingly especially on trees with preservation orders on them, this should include pruning.For safety reasons dead trees should be removed immediately no Covid19 excuses allowed.	9/20/2020 11:22 AM
42	It's great to see this strategy. Is there a emailing list I can join to receive opportunities to be consulted on other issues?	9/20/2020 9:05 AM
43	Trust issues with this due to previous track record with trees. Too many developers have destroyed trees when they could have planned them into the development enhancing it for everyone & helping the planet	9/16/2020 2:31 PM
44	The person tasked with implementing the strategy seems to have an onerous responsibility hopefully the Council will recognise this and suitably recompense him	9/14/2020 9:48 PM

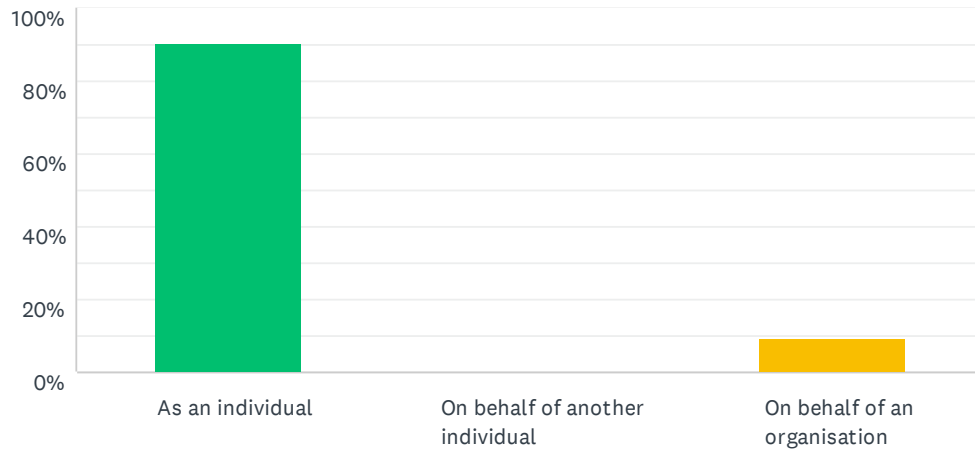
45	Please can my individual case be seriously considered ASAP. My house may receive structural damage caused by trees very soon if pruning does not take place	9/13/2020 8:39 PM
46	Trees can be cut down behind my property to make way for housing on the Mowden hall estate however permission to raise the canopy or reduce the canopy on the trees neighbouring my property was refused. It seems the council will allow trees to be cut if a developer pays them however if a resident voiced an issue with trees that are bigger than their 3 storey property affecting their house, outdated laws about no right to light are quoted by the council. It seems like only once an overgrown tree causes property damage would the council consider works. A very outdated view in my opinion.	9/12/2020 11:33 AM
47	There are points that might be argued, but in general, a good policy.	9/10/2020 9:50 PM
48	anything that makes it possible to have more trees is a good thing as long as its the right tree in the right place	9/9/2020 5:05 PM
49	Needs a map of areas of interest /concern/ action/ mass planting	9/9/2020 10:10 AM
50	Listen to the house owners	9/8/2020 12:34 PM
51	When we go abroad it can be seen the arid effect upon the absence of green surroundings, England is unique! Trees and hedgerows should always be at the top of the Council agenda and known as "a green and pleasant land". The Council should publish more information of the proposed 'Independent' party and members of local communities must be encouraged to be members. Managers and Maintainers of our valuable community resources must always be employees of the Council and not responsible to private individuals who come and go. We once had environment employees including street and lane cleaners who were proud to represent their communities and work for the council. Trees and hedgerows alone do not make the environment look nice, it is the wider picture that is painted.	9/8/2020 11:59 AM
52	Many years ago my wife and I would sit out to enjoy the morning sunshine, similarly in early evening. The time this has been available has diminished over the years as the trees around us have been left to grow to intolerable heights and spread. If they are pruned at all the effort to do so is not worthwhile. There are spurious claims made about health or balance of the trees to justify lack of action - more thought and consideration should be given to the health and well being of residents. It is noteworthy that when new developments take place the council can then allow the removal of trees with or without a TPO - Blackwell development and Mowden Hall site are examples - double standards that are despicable.	9/8/2020 10:42 AM
53	Overall, the intention of the Strategy is going in the right direction. It just needs a little more clarity in certain areas, being more positive for Residents, increasing diversity and habitats for the future, as well as declaring legal measures to discourage violation by offenders, be these developers or vandals	9/4/2020 10:22 AM
54	Main concern is the identification of, effectively, only one lead officer to do the work. The overall strategy will not work unless you have more officers than Phil Haynes. Without additional support your plans are pie in the sky.	9/3/2020 9:12 AM
55	The strategy doesn't address removing trees that have self-seeded leading to overcrowding (failure to manage trees owned by council, failure to work to strategy). The strategy doesn't address tree roots making pavements and cycle paths difficult to use by pushchairs, wheelchairs, and bikes. Money is limited, but the strategy needs to be there, even within limited budget. The strategy is monitored almost exclusively by one person. It needs to be regularly assessed by a Scrutiny committee, and that person needs to attend Scrutiny and Cabinet at least once annually for strategy accountability. The strategy is silent on land where ownership is unclear. Council has a duty to manage the borough and if land ownership is unclear, the council cannot wash its hands of responsibility. The council has a duty to ensure no disputes arise, and if they have already arisen, the council has a duty to try to resolve them to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. The council has a duty to ensure all residents act within the law, including where land ownership is unclear or unable to be established. The council must manage the borough's trees even if it means stepping in where there is a genuine need that will otherwise go unmet leading to trees or tree mismanagement causing problems, or where unnecessary/inappropriate pruning/removal of trees may cause, or has caused, problems to the trees and/or to local amenity. This can, should, and must be written into the strategy in a balanced way, otherwise the council is complicit in tree-related problems.	9/3/2020 3:08 AM
56	Not enough has changed and improved from the last T&WS imo. Considering the Tree team were diminished and now getting back more realistic staff levels, they should be given a bigger	9/2/2020 3:31 PM

budget to keep Darlington's tree population healthy and its park and open spaces with a variety of species they deserve, just as the Victorians did, but a better and more modern version. So many have been lost and not replaced - especially since the financial crash when officers were reduced in numbers across parks, countryside and green teams. The arboricultural office has a reputation of not communicating with public, groups or councillors - that can be something simple or controversial, there is no distinction - can that improve please. People are entitled to know what the council do. Climate change needs to have real attention from the council. The reasons for that aren't obvious but something needs to change.

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### Q18 Are you responding to this consultation .....

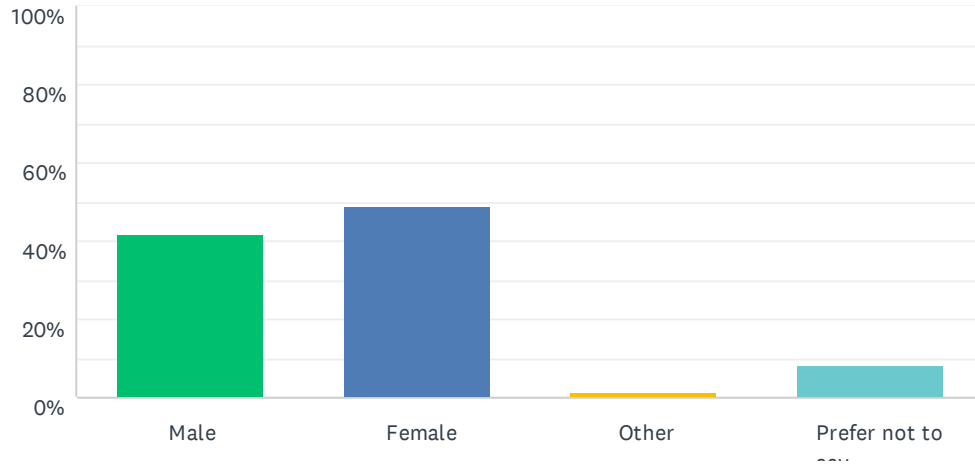
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
As an individual	90.59%	77
On behalf of another individual	0.00%	0
On behalf of an organisation	9.41%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>85</b>

### Q19 What is your sex?

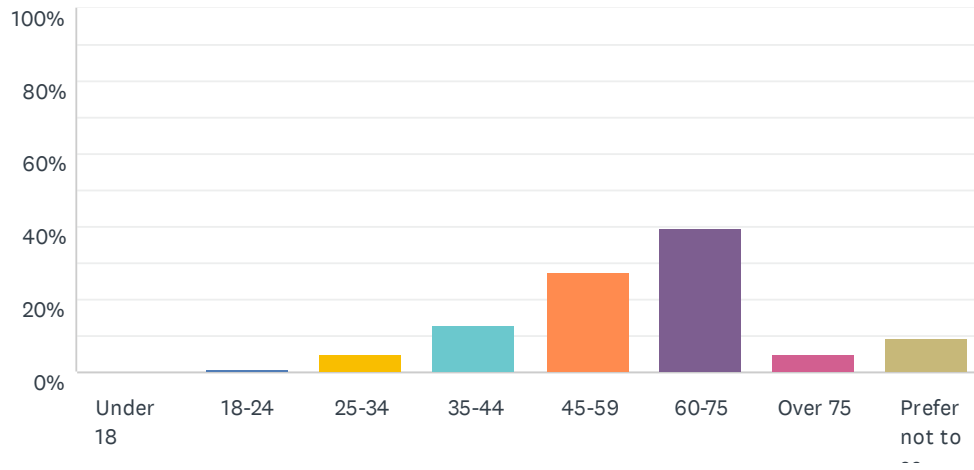
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	41.67%	35
Female	48.81%	41
Other	1.19%	1
Prefer not to say	8.33%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>84</b>

## Q20 What was your age on your last birthday?

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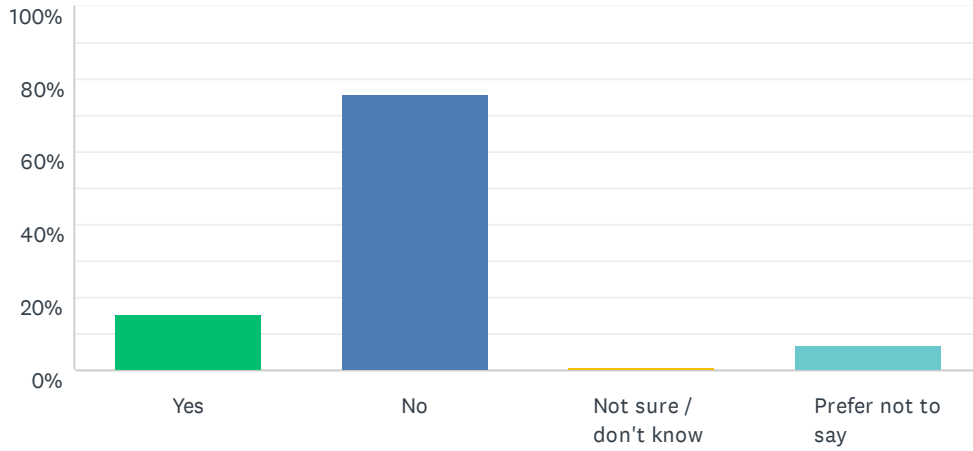


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	1.19%	1
25-34	4.76%	4
35-44	13.10%	11
45-59	27.38%	23
60-75	39.29%	33
Over 75	4.76%	4
Prefer not to say	9.52%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>84</b>



## Q21 Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

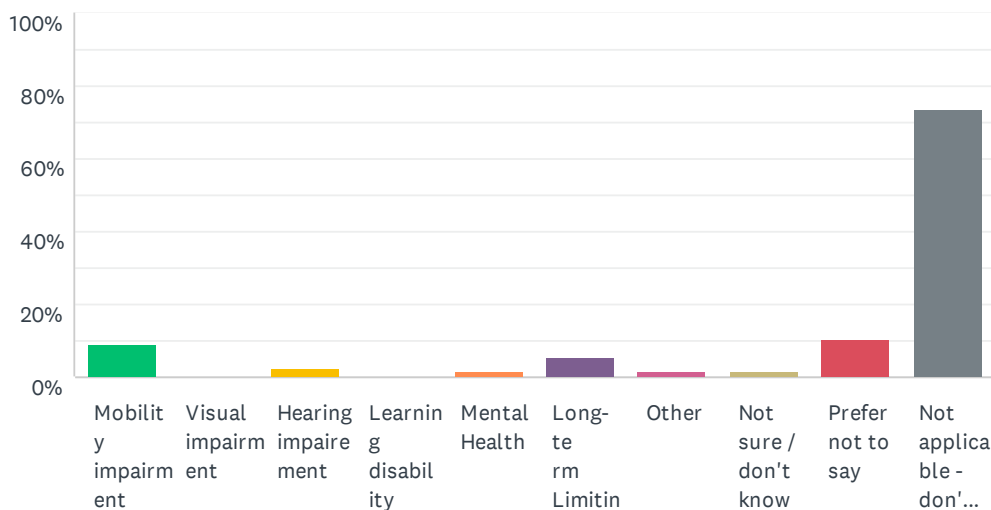
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.66%	13
No	75.90%	63
Not sure / don't know	1.20%	1
Prefer not to say	7.23%	6
TOTAL		83

## Q22 If you, or the person on whose behalf you are responding, consider yourself to have a disability, please tick any/all of the following which apply to you...

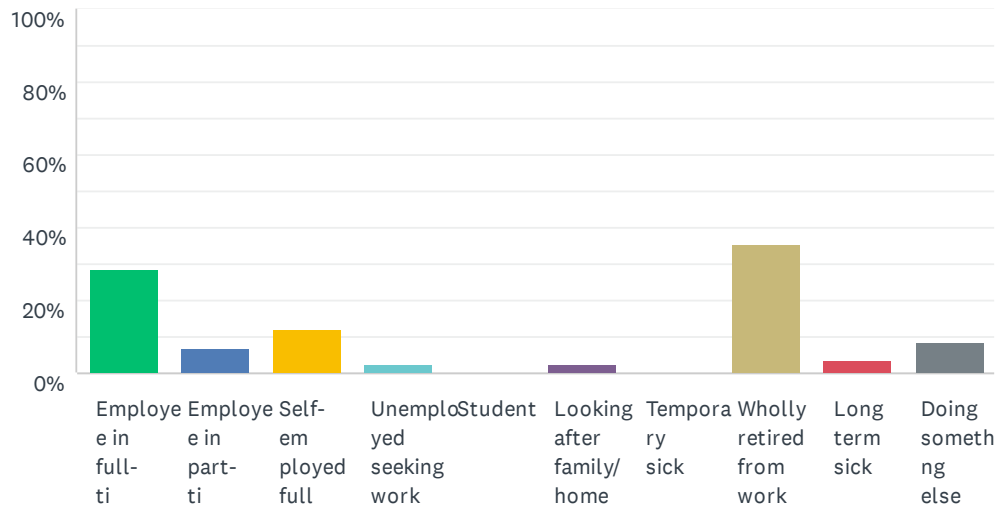
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Mobility impairment	9.21% 7
Visual impairment	0.00% 0
Hearing impairment	2.63% 2
Learning disability	0.00% 0
Mental Health	1.32% 1
Long-term Limiting illness	5.26% 4
Other	1.32% 1
Not sure / don't know	1.32% 1
Prefer not to say	10.53% 8
Not applicable - don't have a disability	73.68% 56
Total Respondents: 76	

## Q23 Which of these activities best describes what you are doing at present?

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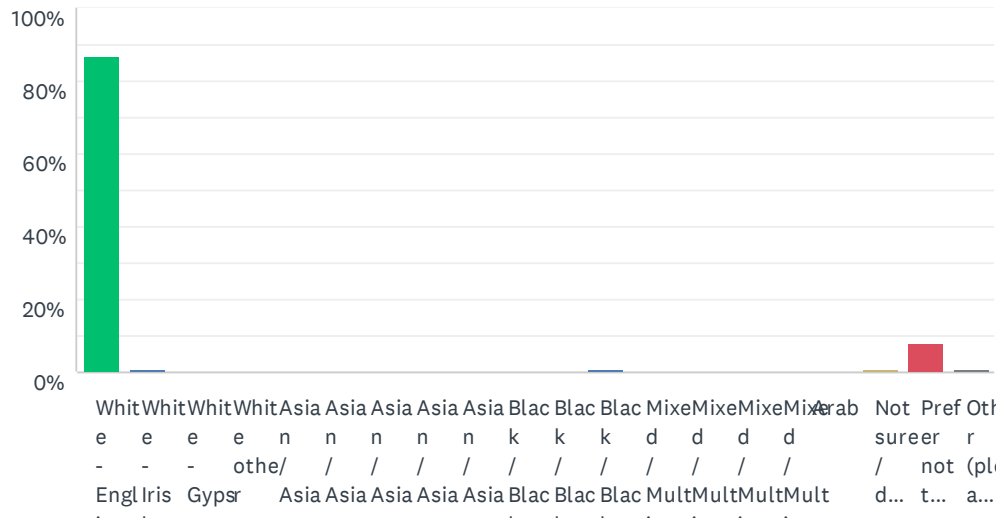


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employee in full-time job (30 hours plus per week)	28.57%	24
Employee in part-time job (under 30 hours per week)	7.14%	6
Self-employed full or part-time	11.90%	10
Unemployed seeking work	2.38%	2
Student	0.00%	0
Looking after family/home	2.38%	2
Temporary sick	0.00%	0
Wholly retired from work	35.71%	30
Long term sick	3.57%	3
Doing something else (please specify)	8.33%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>84</b>

#	DOING SOMETHING ELSE (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Various professions	10/19/2020 1:01 AM
2	Retired form work but carry out voluntary work for several days a week.	10/18/2020 3:00 PM
3	Couch potatoing	10/12/2020 11:21 AM
4	I am retired, but volunteer as much as possible. I love walking with the Council's healthy walking group and the Sedgefield Milers prior to Covid 19, I also ride my bike wherever I feel safe to do so.	10/10/2020 10:54 AM
5	retired	10/5/2020 1:13 PM
6	Part time voluntary work for government	9/21/2020 3:58 PM
7	*	9/21/2020 10:28 AM

## Q24 Which ethnic group do you belong to?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	87.06%	74
White - Irish	1.18%	1
White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.00%	0
White other	0.00%	0
Asian / Asian British - Pakistani	0.00%	0
Asian / Asian British - Indian	0.00%	0
Asian / Asian British - Bangladeshi	0.00%	0
Asian / Asian British - Chinese	0.00%	0
Asian / Asian British - Other	0.00%	0
Black / Black British - African	0.00%	0
Black / Black British - Caribbean	0.00%	0
Black / Black British - Other	1.18%	1
Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Black African	0.00%	0
Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Black Caribbean	0.00%	0
Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Asian	0.00%	0
Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups - Other	0.00%	0
Arab	0.00%	0
Not sure / don't know	1.18%	1
Prefer not to say	8.24%	7
Other (please specify)	1.18%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>85</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Various ethnic groups	10/19/2020 1:01 AM