



Higham Ferrers

Neighbourhood Plan

"Preserving our Past and Enhancing our Future"

Questionnaire - 1 per household

Your answers are important. They contribute to an action plan for Higham Ferrers. This will **directly affect you**.

Completing the questionnaire should take no longer than 20 minutes, and your views will directly affect the decision on the future of Higham Ferrers.

We ask for your postcode, not your name or house number. This is to see which areas of Higham Ferrers want different things, what visitors want, and help us to make sure the answers are genuine.

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Please return completed questionnaire by **5th June 2012**

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Development of Higham Ferrers

Q1	What types of homes are needed in Higham Ferrers? <i>(Select all that apply)</i>		
	Bungalows	269 (34.7%)	Terraced Houses 105 (13.5%)
	Flats/Maisonettes	94 (12.1%)	Sheltered accommodation/Retirement homes 233 (30.0%)
	Detached Houses	130 (16.8%)	None of these 236 (30.4%)
	Semi-detached Houses	173 (22.3%)	Other (please specify below) 49 (6.3%)
			117 (100.0%)
Q2	What type of occupancy is needed ?		
	Owner Occupied		229 (33.0%)
	Rented		89 (12.8%)
	Both		400 (57.7%)
	Other (please specify below)		28 (4.0%)
			53 (100.0%)

- Q3** If any development took place the other side of the A6 bypass (i.e towards Chelveston) what do you think it should be? *(Select one only)*
- | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Commercial | 102 (13.0%) | A mix of the above | 175 (22.3%) |
| Community Facilities | 153 (19.5%) | None | 290 (36.9%) |
| Residential | 64 (8.2%) | Don't know | 39 (5.0%) |
| Retail | 94 (12.0%) | | |
- Q4** If development took place near Ferrers Specialist Arts College what should this be? *(Select one only)*
- | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Commercial | 37 (4.8%) | A mix of the above | 113 (14.6%) |
| Community Facilities | 244 (31.6%) | None | 238 (30.8%) |
| Residential | 113 (14.6%) | Don't know | 54 (7.0%) |
| Retail | 47 (6.1%) | | |
- Q5** If anyone in your household is looking for alternative accommodation what type of accommodation is required? *(Select all that apply)*
- | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
| Bungalow | 101 (13.1%) | Terraced house | 33 (4.3%) |
| Flat/Maisonette | 49 (6.3%) | Sheltered accommodation/Retirement Home | 42 (5.4%) |
| Detached House | 44 (5.7%) | Not Applicable | 525 (68.0%) |
| Semi-detached house | 48 (6.2%) | Other <i>(Please specify below)</i> | 14 (1.8%) |
| | | | 15 (100.0%) |
- Q6** If anyone in your household is looking for alternative accommodation what type of occupancy is required? *(Select one only)*
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Owner Occupied | 125 (16.4%) |
| Privately Rented | 40 (5.2%) |
| Local Authority/Housing Association | 66 (8.7%) |
| Shared Ownership | 20 (2.6%) |
| Not Applicable | 533 (69.9%) |
| Other <i>(Please specify below)</i> | 6 (0.8%) |
| | 5 (100.0%) |
- Q7** Are there any areas of Higham Ferrers that you think are particularly under-used?
- | | |
|---|--------------|
| None/Not applicable | 493 (76.9%) |
| Yes <i>(Please explain where/why below)</i> | 148 (23.1%) |
| | 186 (100.0%) |

Highways and Transport

- Q8** What are your views on car parking in Higham Ferrers?
- | | Very Good | Good | Neither Good nor Poor | Poor | Very Poor | Don't know |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Availability of parking spaces in the town centre | 9 (1.1%) | 178 (22.5%) | 172 (21.7%) | 275 (34.7%) | 154 (19.4%) | 4 (0.5%) |
| On street parking around the whole of Higham Ferrers | 10 (1.3%) | 196 (26.0%) | 231 (30.6%) | 191 (25.3%) | 109 (14.4%) | 18 (2.4%) |
| At Henry Chichele Primary School | 4 (0.6%) | 64 (9.1%) | 79 (11.2%) | 72 (10.2%) | 58 (8.2%) | 428 (60.7%) |
| At Higham Ferrers Infants and Juniors School | 0 (0.0%) | 25 (3.4%) | 84 (11.4%) | 196 (26.6%) | 248 (33.7%) | 183 (24.9%) |
| At Ferrers Specialist Arts College | 14 (2.0%) | 89 (12.6%) | 102 (14.5%) | 87 (12.3%) | 86 (12.2%) | 327 (46.4%) |
| Parking on pavements | 5 (0.8%) | 27 (4.2%) | 150 (23.3%) | 136 (21.1%) | 215 (33.4%) | 111 (17.2%) |
| <i>If you selected Poor or Very Poor please tell us why</i> | | | | | | 565 (100.0%) |

- Q9** Please indicate which (if any) of the following you agree with (*Select any that apply*)
- | | |
|--|-------------|
| Public use of school car parks at weekends | 437 (68.0%) |
| More parking enforcement | 354 (55.1%) |
| Car parking charges | 28 (4.4%) |
| Residents permits - <i>if yes please specify where below</i> | 96 (14.9%) |
| | 98 (100.0%) |
- Q10** Please add any comments you would like to make about car parking in Higham Ferrers below.
- 444 (100.0%)
- Q11** Please list any roads or area(s) that you consider to be "danger spots" in Higham Ferrers.
- 577 (100.0%)
- Q12** Please list any roads or area(s) that you consider to have a problem with speeding traffic in Higham Ferrers.
- 480 (100.0%)
- Q13** Do you use the Rushden - Higham Link (former Higham - Hopper)?
- | | |
|--|--------------|
| Yes | 186 (23.9%) |
| No (<i>Please tell us why not below</i>) | 594 (76.3%) |
| | 465 (100.0%) |
- Q14** Which (if any) of the following improvements would you like to see to the bus service (*Select any that apply*)
- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Bus Shelters | 236 (48.1%) | Location of bus stops | 101 (20.6%) |
| Cost of travel | 131 (26.7%) | Reliability of service | 143 (29.1%) |
| Disabled access | 72 (14.7%) | Routes | 170 (34.6%) |
| Information at bus stops | 228 (46.4%) | Timetable | 177 (36.0%) |
| <i>Please add your comments here</i> | | | 153 (100.0%) |
- Q15** What are your views on cycle facilities in Higham Ferrers?
- | | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Neither Good nor Bad</i> | <i>Bad</i> | <i>Very bad</i> | <i>Don't know</i> |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Cycleways/paths | 34 (4.4%) | 150 (19.4%) | 208 (26.8%) | 92 (11.9%) | 52 (6.7%) | 239 (30.8%) |
| Cycle Racks | 3 (0.4%) | 30 (4.4%) | 120 (17.4%) | 107 (15.6%) | 88 (12.8%) | 340 (49.4%) |
- Q16** What are your views on the quality and adequacy of signage in the town?
- | | |
|--|-------------|
| Very good | 82 (10.5%) |
| Good | 362 (46.2%) |
| Neither good nor bad | 256 (32.7%) |
| Bad | 34 (4.3%) |
| Very bad | 9 (1.1%) |
| Don't know | 40 (5.1%) |
| <i>If you have selected Bad or Very bad please tell us why</i> | 53 (100.0%) |
- Q17** How far from Higham Ferrers is your main place of work or education? (*Only one response per household*)
- | | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| In Higham Ferrers | 92 (11.4%) |
| Within 5 miles | 117 (14.5%) |
| 5 to 20 miles | 223 (27.6%) |
| 21 to 50 miles | 62 (7.7%) |
| More than 50 miles | 31 (3.8%) |
| Not applicable | 283 (35.0%) |

Community Facilities

- Q18** Which of the following clubs/activities do members of your household attend in Higham Ferrers? *(Tick all that apply)*
- | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bowls Club | 41 (5.3%) | Performing Arts | 25 (3.3%) |
| Chichele Society | 31 (4.0%) | Scouts/Guides | 30 (3.9%) |
| Church | 111 (14.5%) | Senior Citizen Group | 43 (5.6%) |
| Cricket Club | 16 (2.1%) | Tennis Club | 6 (0.8%) |
| Fitness Classes | 73 (9.5%) | Youth Group | 13 (1.7%) |
| Football Club | 40 (5.2%) | None | 392 (51.1%) |
| Martial Arts | 6 (0.8%) | Other <i>(Please specify below)</i> | 100 (13.0%) |
| Music Activities | 64 (8.3%) | | |
| | | | 146 (100.0%) |
- Q19** Please tell us about any new clubs or activities you would attend in Higham Ferrers if they were provided :-
- 218 (100.0%)
- Q20** Which of the following community buildings do you use or attend *(Select all that apply)*
- | | | | |
|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| Adult School, Westfield Terrace | 71 (8.9%) | School Hall, Lancaster Suite, Ferrers Art College, Queensway | 40 (5.0%) |
| Band Club, Wharf Road | 79 (9.9%) | Sports Pavilion | 17 (2.1%) |
| Bede House, St Marys' Church | 271 (34.0%) | Working Mens Club, Westfield Terrace | 145 (18.2%) |
| Duchy Suite at Higham Ferrers Junior School, Wharf Road | 39 (4.9%) | None | 208 (26.1%) |
| Hensman Hall, Chichele Street | 51 (6.4%) | Other <i>(Please specify)</i> | 25 (3.1%) |
| Higham Ferrers Library, Midland Road | 433 (54.3%) | | |
| | | | 48 (100.0%) |
- Q21** Please give your views on the facilities provided at the locations below
- | | <i>Good</i> | <i>Neither Good nor Poor</i> | <i>Poor</i> | <i>Don't know</i> |
|--|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Castle Fields | 180 (24.5%) | 238 (32.4%) | 149 (20.3%) | 169 (23.0%) |
| Fitzwilliam Leys Play Area | 95 (14.8%) | 68 (10.6%) | 13 (2.0%) | 466 (72.6%) |
| Saffron Road Recreation Ground | 405 (54.4%) | 145 (19.5%) | 50 (6.7%) | 147 (19.7%) |
| Villa Rise Play Area | 49 (8.0%) | 42 (6.8%) | 17 (2.8%) | 507 (82.6%) |
| <i>If you selected Poor please tell us why</i> | | | | 154 (100.0%) |
- Q22** Would you like an allotment if one were available?
- | | |
|-----|-------------|
| Yes | 231 (29.0%) |
| No | 567 (71.2%) |
- Q23** The cemetery is running short of space. Do you think Higham Ferrers Town council should provide a new cemetery?
- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| Yes | 503 (62.4%) |
| No | 130 (16.1%) |
| Don't know | 173 (21.5%) |
- Q24** If you answered yes to Q22 or Q23 above - where do think a new cemetery/allotments should be located?
- 370 (100.0%)
- Q25** Have you ever had difficulty finding a room to hire in Higham Ferrers?

No	568 (88.6%)
Yes (Please give details below)	74 (11.5%) 91 (100.0%)

Q26 Which of the following would you like to see in Higham Ferrers? (Select all that apply)

Arts Centre	94 (11.9%)	More play equipment for over 10's	281 (35.7%)
Community Cinema (films shown in a community meeting place)	328 (41.7%)	Museum/Heritage Centre	261 (33.2%)
Community Hall/Meeting Place	216 (27.4%)	Outdoor gym equipment	178 (22.6%)
Floodlights around Multi-use games area on Saffron Road recreation ground	228 (29.0%)	Don't know	78 (9.9%)
More flowers and shrubs	367 (46.6%)	Other (Please specify below)	28 (3.6%) 80 (100.0%)

Q27 If there was a new community hall/meetingplace in Higham Ferrers where do you think it should be located? (Please select only one)

Adjacent to Ferrers Arts College	70 (9.1%)	Saffron Road Recreation Ground	110 (14.2%)
Castle Fields	60 (7.8%)	Don't know	140 (18.1%)
Lancaster Gate (Colts Football Ground)	19 (2.5%)	Other (Please specify below)	16 (2.1%)
Methodist Chapel Site	416 (53.8%)		56 (100.0%)

Q28 If there was a new community centre what do you think it should offer? (Please tick all that apply)

Club House	312 (39.5%)	Sports Hall	352 (44.6%)
External/Outdoor Space	250 (31.6%)	Wi-Fi Cafe	289 (36.6%)
Health and Wellbeing classes	410 (51.9%)	Youth Facilities	536 (67.8%)
Information Point	389 (49.2%)	Don't know	49 (6.2%)
Meeting Rooms	473 (59.9%)	Other (Please specify below)	23 (2.9%)
Organised Classes	478 (60.5%)		48 (100.0%)

Q29 What are your views on local facilities for the following age groups?

	Very Good	Good	Neither Good nor Poor	Poor	Very Poor	Don't know
Under 5's	59 (8.6%)	206 (30.0%)	95 (13.8%)	29 (4.2%)	12 (1.7%)	285 (41.5%)
5 - 10	25 (3.7%)	169 (25.1%)	109 (16.2%)	51 (7.6%)	17 (2.5%)	303 (45.0%)
11 - 16	9 (1.3%)	29 (4.3%)	128 (18.8%)	145 (21.3%)	88 (12.9%)	282 (41.4%)
17 - 25	8 (1.2%)	37 (5.6%)	150 (22.6%)	120 (18.0%)	77 (11.6%)	273 (41.1%)
26 -60	14 (2.1%)	118 (17.9%)	247 (37.4%)	65 (9.8%)	28 (4.2%)	188 (28.5%)
60+	21 (2.9%)	143 (20.1%)	205 (28.8%)	47 (6.6%)	31 (4.4%)	265 (37.2%)
If you selected Poor or Very Poor please tell us why					243 (100.0%)	

Q30 What should the large island directly outside Henry Chichele Primary School be used for?

Seating area with planters etc	303 (39.6%)
Street art	68 (8.9%)
Don't know	347 (45.3%)
Other (Please specify)	104 (13.6%) 155 (100.0%)

Q31 What is your opinion of the following events?

	<i>Good</i>	<i>Neither Good nor Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Did not attend</i>
Christmas Sparkle and Lights Ceremony	651 (81.2%)	66 (8.2%)	26 (3.2%)	59 (7.4%)
Continental Market	453 (59.4%)	130 (17.1%)	49 (6.4%)	130 (17.1%)
Farmers Market	663 (84.1%)	70 (8.9%)	19 (2.4%)	36 (4.6%)
Heritage Weekend	377 (50.8%)	112 (15.1%)	9 (1.2%)	244 (32.9%)
Rhythm and Arts	325 (45.6%)	111 (15.6%)	10 (1.4%)	266 (37.4%)
<i>If you selected poor above please tell us why</i>				87 (100.0%)

Q32 If you think that we need more events and incentives to bring Higham Ferrers residents and visitors into the town centre more often please tell us what sort of events and incentives we should hold.

252 (100.0%)

Q33 Please state below any amenities (including shops) that you feel that Higham Ferrers is lacking?

431 (100.0%)

Q34 Do you use the following

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Higham Ferrers Library	503 (63.4%)	290 (36.6%)
Mobile library at two stops in Higham Ferrers	12 (2.0%)	600 (98.0%)

Q35 Are you aware that Higham Ferrers library now provides a range of additional services and facilities, such as the provision of bus passes, blue badges and access to computers?

Yes	436 (57.1%)
No	327 (42.9%)

Q36 How would you rate the following information and publicity for Higham Ferrers?

	<i>Good</i>	<i>Neither Good nor Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know/Don't use</i>
Church Magazine	157 (22.1%)	97 (13.7%)	15 (2.1%)	441 (62.1%)
Free paper	377 (50.9%)	185 (25.0%)	54 (7.3%)	124 (16.8%)
Hecham Chronicle	172 (24.7%)	99 (14.2%)	28 (4.0%)	397 (57.0%)
Leaflets through door	196 (29.1%)	245 (36.4%)	94 (14.0%)	138 (20.5%)
Local Paper	306 (44.1%)	180 (25.9%)	47 (6.8%)	161 (23.2%)
Nene Valley News	523 (69.0%)	146 (19.3%)	41 (5.4%)	48 (6.3%)
Noticeboard/Signs	233 (33.7%)	245 (35.5%)	75 (10.9%)	138 (20.0%)
Post Office	336 (46.6%)	214 (29.7%)	54 (7.5%)	117 (16.2%)
Town Council Website	111 (16.3%)	116 (17.1%)	27 (4.0%)	426 (62.6%)

Q37 Which of the following do you think there is a need for in Higham Ferrers? *(Please select all that apply)*

Town Newsletter	349 (49.0%)
Town Diary listing "Whats On"	461 (64.7%)
Town Website	262 (36.8%)
More Noticeboards <i>(Please indicate where below)</i>	104 (14.6%)
	81 (100.0%)

- Q38** How much do you agree that support for our shops and business is vital to strengthening Higham Ferrers and our sense of community?
- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Strongly agree | 542 (69.1%) |
| Agree | 195 (24.9%) |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 31 (4.0%) |
| Disagree | 5 (0.6%) |
| Strongly disagree | 2 (0.3%) |
| Don't know | 12 (1.5%) |
- Q39** Which of the following shops/services do you use on a regular basis in Higham Ferrers?
- | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Accountants | 30 (3.7%) | Flower Shops | 120 (14.8%) |
| Architects | 45 (5.6%) | Hairdressers | 374 (46.2%) |
| Bakers | 570 (70.4%) | Pet Shop | 250 (30.9%) |
| Beauty Shops | 188 (23.2%) | Post Office | 643 (79.4%) |
| Butchers | 372 (45.9%) | Public Houses | 417 (51.5%) |
| Carpet Shops | 99 (12.2%) | Restaurants | 307 (37.9%) |
| Clothes Shop | 71 (8.8%) | Security Shop | 77 (9.5%) |
| Coffee Shops/Cafes | 396 (48.9%) | Solicitors | 120 (14.8%) |
| Co-Op | 692 (85.4%) | Stationers | 412 (50.9%) |
| Craft Shop | 237 (29.3%) | Take Aways | 394 (48.6%) |
| Delicatessen | 190 (23.5%) | Video Shop | 105 (13.0%) |
| Farmers Market | 544 (67.2%) | Other (please specify) | 56 (6.9%) |
| | | | 93 (100.0%) |
- Q40** Please list any kinds of shops/services you would like to see more of in Higham Ferrers
312 (100.0%)
- Q41** If you shop in Higham Ferrers what are the main reasons?
- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
| The local shops are good value | 137 (17.5%) | It saves transport cost | 347 (44.3%) |
| You like to support local shops | 599 (76.4%) | You dont have transport to go elsewhere | 62 (7.9%) |
| You like the social contact | 224 (28.6%) | You need last minute things | 469 (59.8%) |
| It saves time | 327 (41.7%) | Other (<i>please specify</i>) | 20 (2.6%) |
| | | | 40 (100.0%) |
- Q42** If you **don't** shop in Higham Ferrers please tell us why not
180 (100.0%)
- Q43** Do you think there is a need for a corner shop on the new housing estates?
- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| Yes | 387 (51.4%) |
| No | 122 (16.2%) |
| Don't Know | 244 (32.4%) |
- Q44** Do you have any suggestions that might enhance or improve the Farmers Market or shops in the Town?
241 (100.0%)
- Q45** What do you think would attract more visitors to Higham Ferrers?
- | | | | |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Better marketing and tourist information | 272 (36.1%) | Improved shops | 336 (44.6%) |
| Better signage | 82 (10.9%) | More historical tours | 210 (27.9%) |
| Events | 364 (48.3%) | Other (<i>Please specify</i>) | 28 (3.7%) |
| Improved parking | 476 (63.1%) | | |
| | | | 49 (100.0%) |

Q46 Would you use a wi-fi network with high speed internet access across the town if one were provided?

Yes	359 (46.0%)
No	282 (36.2%)
Don't know	139 (17.8%)

Education

Q47 How many children in your household attend each of the following

	0	1	2	3	4 or more
Henry Chichele Primary School	305 (91.6%)	19 (5.7%)	7 (2.1%)	2 (0.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School	300 (86.2%)	39 (11.2%)	9 (2.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Higham Ferrers Junior School	299 (88.2%)	29 (8.6%)	10 (2.9%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Ferrers Specialist Arts College	289 (77.9%)	57 (15.4%)	23 (6.2%)	2 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)
Moulton College	302 (96.5%)	9 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)
Other Primary School	299 (97.1%)	7 (2.3%)	2 (0.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Other School	299 (93.4%)	16 (5.0%)	4 (1.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)
Other College	293 (93.3%)	18 (5.7%)	3 (1.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)

Q48 If you have children who do not attend the schools in Higham Ferrers please indicate why not?

Preference	20 (4.3%)
No places available	8 (1.7%)
Not applicable	398 (85.8%)
Other (<i>Please specify</i>)	40 (8.6%)
	43 (100.0%)

Q49 Which of the following do you think Higham Ferrers needs? (*Please select all that apply*)

More registered child minders	45 (6.6%)	Holiday Play Scheme	191 (28.1%)
Pre-School	50 (7.4%)	Improvements to the buildings at Ferrers Arts College	67 (9.9%)
Nursery School	43 (6.3%)	Adult Education Evenings	189 (27.8%)
Reorganisation of the primary schools so that Juniors is on one site and Infants another	26 (3.8%)	Don't Know	286 (42.1%)
Another Primary School	56 (8.2%)	Other (<i>Please specify</i>)	17 (2.5%)
After School Clubs	152 (22.4%)		
			22 (100.0%)

Health

Q50 Which Doctors surgery are you registered at?

Higham Ferrers	426 (52.4%)
Irthlingborough	29 (3.6%)
Raunds	13 (1.6%)
Rushden	336 (41.3%)
Other (<i>Please specify</i>)	24 (3.0%)
	23 (100.0%)

Q51 Which Dentists surgery are you registered at?

Higham Ferrers	406 (52.7%)
Irthlingborough	16 (2.1%)
Raunds	16 (2.1%)

Rushden	197 (25.6%)
Other (<i>Please specify</i>)	151 (19.6%)
	147 (100.0%)

Q52 If you are not registered in Higham Ferrers for Doctors or Dentists please indicate why not

Difficulty getting appointments	56 (11.8%)
Location	8 (1.7%)
Preference	131 (27.5%)
Stayed with current practice when moved	230 (48.3%)
Unable to register locally with NHS	89 (18.7%)
Other (<i>Please specify</i>)	47 (9.9%)
	77 (100.0%)

Community Safety

Q53 How safe do you feel when outside in your neighbourhood?

	<i>Daytime</i>	<i>Night-time</i>
Very safe	521 (99.4%)	142 (27.1%)
Fairly safe	234 (45.6%)	368 (71.7%)
Neither safe nor unsafe	34 (24.1%)	120 (85.1%)
Fairly unsafe	9 (8.4%)	100 (93.5%)
Very unsafe	4 (7.7%)	52 (100.0%)

Q54 To what extent do you agree that your local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together?

Strongly agree	92 (11.5%)
Agree	320 (40.1%)
Neither agree nor disagree	327 (41.0%)
Disagree	46 (5.8%)
Strongly disagree	15 (1.9%)

Q55 How strongly do you feel you belong to your community?

Very strongly	132 (16.5%)
Failry strongly	346 (43.3%)
No feelings either way	219 (27.4%)
Not very strongly	71 (8.9%)
Not at all strongly	31 (3.9%)

Environment

Q56 Do you consider that there is a problem with dog fouling in Higham Ferrers?

Don't know	173 (21.8%)
No	206 (26.0%)
Yes (<i>Please tell us where</i>)	414 (52.3%)
	382 (100.0%)

Q57 Do you own a dog?

Yes	190 (25.0%)
No	570 (75.0%)

Q58 What are your views on the following in Higham Ferrers?

<i>Very good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Neither good nor bad</i>	<i>Bad</i>	<i>Very bad</i>
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Green space amongst houses	62 (8.3%)	345 (45.9%)	279 (37.2%)	56 (7.5%)	12 (1.6%)
Maintenance of Public Open Space	89 (11.7%)	438 (57.5%)	201 (26.4%)	30 (3.9%)	7 (0.9%)
Condition of pavements and roads	16 (2.0%)	213 (27.1%)	298 (37.9%)	206 (26.2%)	58 (7.4%)
Condition and cleanliness of public toilets in the town	57 (9.4%)	243 (40.0%)	287 (47.2%)	15 (2.5%)	8 (1.3%)
Condition of rights of way	21 (3.2%)	215 (32.6%)	356 (54.0%)	48 (7.3%)	19 (2.9%)
<i>If you have selected Bad or Very bad above please tell us why here</i>					241 (100.0%)

Q59 How strongly do you agree that we should improve access to the countryside around the town?

Strongly agree	374 (47.3%)
Agree	255 (32.3%)
Neither agree nor disagree	137 (17.3%)
Disagree	20 (2.5%)
Strongly disagree	6 (0.8%)

Q60 What do you like best about Higham Ferrers? *(Please select all that apply)*

Accessibility by car and other transport	249 (31.7%)	Physical appearance/Atmosphere	538 (68.5%)
Choice of restaurants	109 (13.9%)	Proximity of the countryside	513 (65.4%)
Convenient	298 (38.0%)	Range of shops	208 (26.5%)
Ease of walking around the Town Centre	493 (62.8%)	Schools	175 (22.3%)
Feeling Safe	398 (50.7%)	The Community	265 (33.8%)
Historic Buildings	502 (63.9%)	Other <i>(Please specify)</i>	17 (2.2%)
			31 (100.0%)

Q61 Please tell us about anything else not covered in this survey that you would like to be changed in the town.

	300 (100.0%)
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Personal

Q62 What is your postcode?

	770 (100.0%)
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Q63 What type of property do you live in?

Detached House	274 (35.2%)	Specially adapted housing	2 (0.3%)
Semi-detached house	234 (30.0%)	Sheltered house with warden	6 (0.8%)
Terraced House	161 (20.7%)	Purpose built for elderly or disabled with alarm but no resident warden	6 (0.8%)
Bungalow	87 (11.2%)	Mobile home/caravan	10 (1.3%)
Flat/Maisonette	15 (1.9%)	Other <i>(Please specify)</i>	2 (0.3%)
			1 (100.0%)

Q64 How long have you lived in Higham Ferrers?

0 - 5 years	137 (17.7%)
6 - 10 years	145 (18.7%)
11 - 20 years	154 (19.9%)
21+	337 (43.5%)
Visitor	3 (0.4%)

Q65 How many people in your household are in each of the following age groups?

	0	1	2	3	4+
Under 5	60 (39.7%)	69 (45.7%)	19 (12.6%)	1 (0.7%)	2 (1.3%)

5 - 15	52 (26.4%)	76 (38.6%)	60 (30.5%)	6 (3.0%)	3 (1.5%)
16 - 24	46 (27.9%)	70 (42.4%)	44 (26.7%)	5 (3.0%)	0 (0.0%)
25 - 44	34 (11.7%)	121 (41.7%)	135 (46.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
45 - 59	30 (9.7%)	149 (48.1%)	130 (41.9%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)
60 - 74	46 (13.5%)	148 (43.3%)	145 (42.4%)	3 (0.9%)	0 (0.0%)
75+	56 (31.8%)	84 (47.7%)	34 (19.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (1.1%)

'Have your say'

This questionnaire has been compiled by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Membership of the group includes representatives from the Friends of Henry Chichele Primary School, Kings Meadow Lane Residents' Association, Town Council, Higham Ferrers Tourism, Methodist Church, St Mary's Church, and the Friends of Higham Ferrers Library.

Request more information and volunteering

If you would like further information or to volunteer please tick the relevant boxes and fill in your name and address details

- Q66** Please send me information about the following *(Tick all that apply)*
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| Library membership | 2 (10.5%) |
| Joining friends of Higham Ferrers library | 2 (10.5%) |
| Attending a "Welcome to your community event" at the library | 3 (15.8%) |
| Voluntary Transport Scheme | 1 (5.3%) |
| Car Share Scheme | 0 (0.0%) |
| Allotments | 18 (94.7%) |
| Any other information you would like <i>(please specify)</i> | 1 (5.3%) |
| | 2 (100.0%) |
- Q67** I would like to volunteer to be involved with:- *(Tick all that apply)*
- | | |
|---|------------|
| Voluntary Transport Scheme | 2 (10.0%) |
| Car Share Scheme | 0 (0.0%) |
| Town Events | 7 (35.0%) |
| The Neighbourhood Plan including Focus Groups | 10 (50.0%) |
| Planting Flowers around the Town | 6 (30.0%) |
| Newsletter Editing | 2 (5.0%) |
| Town Website | 6 (25.0%) |
- Q68** Do you have any particular skills which you feel may be of use with the Neighbourhood Plan please give us the details below
- 12 (100.0%)
- Q69** Your Name
- 47 (100.0%)
- Q70** Address
- 46 (100.0%)
- Q71** Telephone Number

37 (100.0%)

Q72 Email Address

50 (100.0%)

Prize Draw**Q73** If you would like to be entered into the prize draw to win £100 please enter your name and address details below

62 (100.0%)