

The Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum is asking for your input about your neighbourhood.

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3. What does Kirkstall mean to you as a community?

Full Responses:

Friendly, tolerant and knowledgeable people, with a clear sense of right and wrong.

It is likely my home for life.

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Kirkstall is a warm and vibrant community. Amazing community activists who make things happen!

Friendly, a bit quirky

Plenty of social groups to join with a wide range of interests.

Lived here for over 47 years. I feel the community spirit is dwindling due to many reasons such as the high influx of students, building of flats/apartments instead of family homes and the drop in social places to meet.

It is diverse, connected community that embraces change

Not a lot

Its a nice area to live. Always something happening or somewhere to visit.

Diverse population which some strong community cohesion and some wonderful heritage.

A nice place to live, green spaces

It's complicated. I live in Burley and due to the lack of a clear 'village centre', feel that I live in between Kirkstall and Hyde Park. I have a strong sense of connection to my street, and love the parks and the nature reserve, but don't have the same sense of belonging more widely, even though I many friends in the area. Due to cultural centres in Hyde Park such as Left Bank, The Brude and HPPH, I feel a greater sense of belonging there.

Nice trees

Kirkstall has been my home for almost 20 years. I have been involved with many community groups including helping at the farm, festival, being a member of several residents groups and helping out with litter picks. Kirkstall is my favourite part of Leeds and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Kirkstall has an interesting blend between family homes, young professionals and students, and I feel it is an incredibly vibrant and diverse community as a result of it. The abbey markets and Kirkstall festival once a year are wonderful events that offer a real sense of togetherness.

A place to live and enjoy

A place where people can share local amenities and be happy. An inclusive place that is tolerant and open to new people coming in to live and work.

It is a beautiful community with lovely people, a hub, school and green spaces

Somewhere safe and enjoyable to live.

A friendly , creative , grounded and mixed place to live.

A village of kind people who care about the area and try to do the best for it

Partial Responses

14 Friends can all get to gether at events like the Kirkstall Festival

24 People whose needs are met by public services, active citizens and extra support for vulnerable people

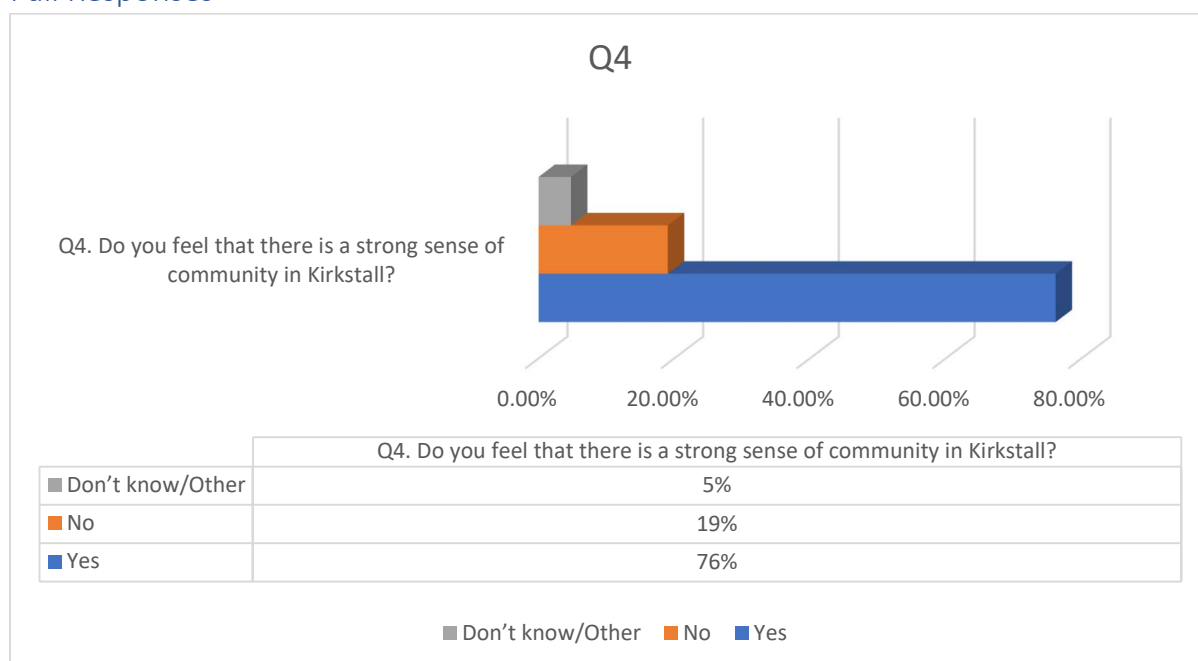
65 This densely populated village comes together to maintain its identity as a community in a number of ways that invite others to celebrate its nature.

66 It's where I live

80 Everything; I live and work here, my children go to school here, and I'm an active community leader.

4. Do you feel that there is a strong sense of community in Kirkstall?

Full Responses



Comments:

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Their are some great community groups in the area.

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Absolutely - a fabulous range of community groups making life better for those who live here

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Lots of people come and live in kirkstall on a short term basis, unlike years gone by, when generations of families lived and worked in the area.

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However I think it could be stronger in terms of knowing people where I live.

See above.

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All the residents groups that I am involved with are generally people wanting to help others.

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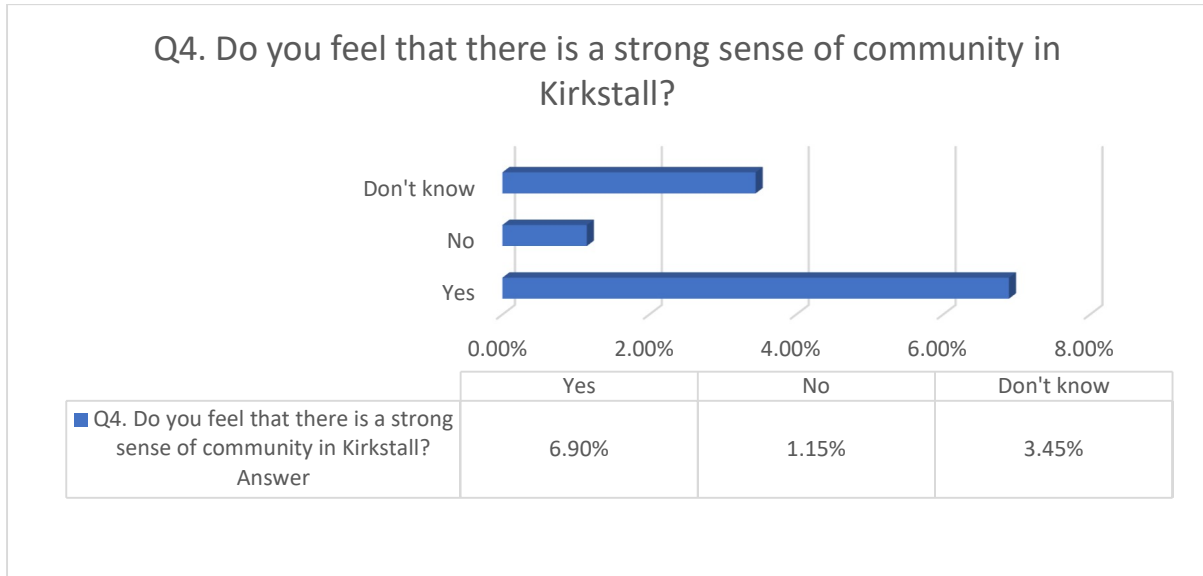
I think there is some sense of community but this is not necessarily very strong. The lack of a central location or high street means that Kirkstall has nowhere to call it's centre.

People really help each other

I do not engage in any community activities as i have no extra time to do this. However, it is reassuring knowing they exist.

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Partial Responses:



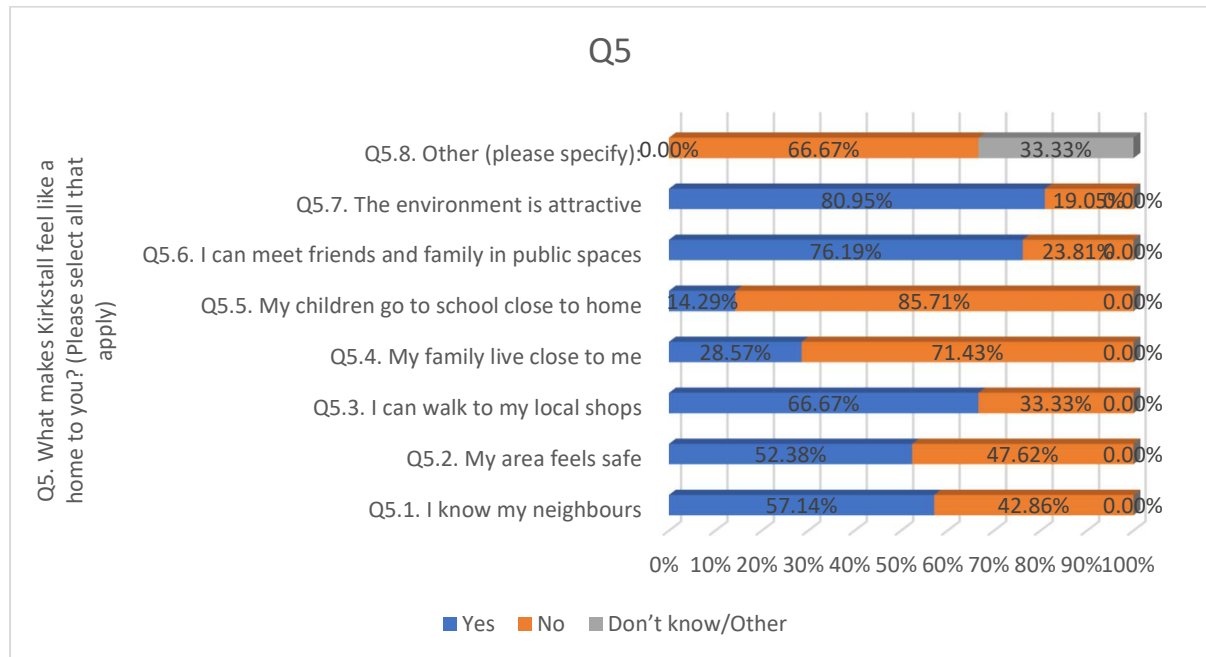
Comments:

The festival is a good example

I think it's only a string community for those born and bred here

5. What makes Kirkstall feel like a home to you? (Please select all that apply)

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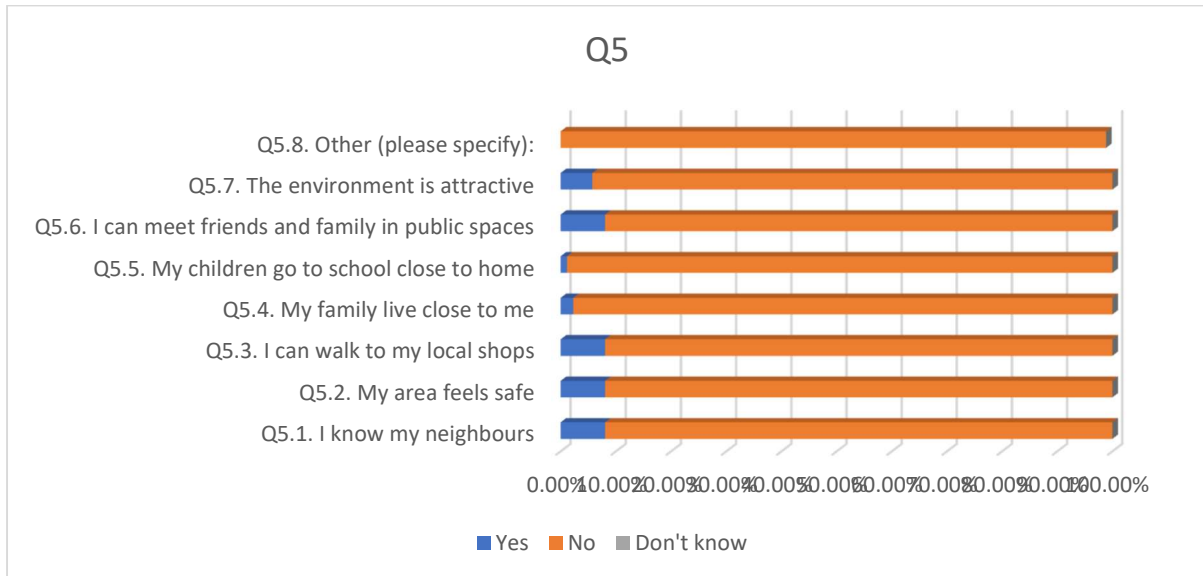


Comments

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	<i>More trees please.</i>
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	<i>Such a friendly and supportive community</i>
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	<i>It's the place I have lived for most of my life.</i>
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	<i>The abbey and good access to transportation</i>
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	<i>Public transport makes it a great place to live in, where I can visit town or other places easily.</i>
	No
	<i>I could walk to my own wedding (Kirkstall Abbey).</i>
	<i>I hope that one day I will represent Kirkstall as a councillor because although Kirkstall is great, there is work to do to make it better.</i>
	No
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Local bars, pubs, cafes and restaurants that provide areas to meet without having to head into Headingley or town.

Partial Responses:



Comments:

It has an excellent network of community activists

6. To what extent do the community facilities in the Kirkstall neighbourhood area meet the needs of you and your family?

The Abbey is excellent, but there are large gaps in provision. The wider riverside could be very much better.

We do not have a community centre whereas other areas do.

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Kirkstall is massively let down by council services - instead it is the community activists who provide what the community need.

Pretty good, although technicality most I use are in headingley

There is post office in central Kirkstall and there is no defined community centre.

Generally good. Shopping areas, lots to choose from.

Woods and walks are great

Mostly

They mostly do, we could do with more play areas or soft play for younger children. Also the local ymca could do with extra funds for maybe martial arts, boxing etc Something for teens.

Lack of community centre(s), many have closed over the last 20 years (Eden Mount, Queenswood Drive, PSA Club, Paxton Hall - under threat).

Very well

The open spaces are vital.

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Children's play areas are good. Lots of green space too.

Absolutely fine. Leisure centre is a wonderful asset for the community and plenty of shops & pubs. Could possibly do with more restaurants.

This is ok but local places like Headingley or Horsforth have a better high street and access to local facilities

They mostly meet our needs

To a certain extent.

Well but only because my kids are older now. There's a big gap for teenage kids in Kirkstall - no pump track or skate park

Kirkstall serves most of the needs we have as a household.

Partial Responses:

Some good bus routes

Green spaces

Access to shops on foot

Cultural activities

Local amenities are concentrated in close proximity and are easily accessible.

Not the best for facilities within Kirkstall itself, for most things I am visiting other areas

Well

7. What do you think would make Kirkstall even better?

Improved riverside access and additional footbridges.

A proper sized community centre.

Serious work to reduce the congestion on the A65

More community spaces

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Better bus services to other areas.

Housing is becoming a problem. Need to focus on the derelict buildings that are around. They need to be used purposefully.

Reduction in crime. Increased standard of education and living.

Less dogs.

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Better transport infrastructure.

Knowing more people who are my neighbours.

I have lived in Meanwood and Chapel Allerton, both of which have a strong 'village centre'.

I don't like the busy traffic all around the retail Park. I don't know what can be done but that junction is just awful. More pedestrianised areas would be welcome

- Reliable cheap / council tax paid buses and local trains

- More benches and bins on the canal towpath

- Installation of solar panels on all council-owned homes + incentives for private owners

- Cycle lanes & decent pavements that any parent / guardian would feel happy to allow a child to go to school without the need for a car.

- Air quality live information

More restaurants, a reduction in traffic using Abbey Road and Morris Lane or at least a way for pedestrians to freely cross into the Abbey Park without being placed into conflict from the never-ending streams of traffic.

A larger leisure centre.

A more developed central area. Better roads at slower speeds. More footpaths along the river.

Library
High school
Soft play
More council houses

Stopping of rat runs so children can play out and there is less traffic noise.

as above plus a focal point - an arts centre/ community centre

Further support to encourage and maintain independent businesses around Kirkstall. Its been great to have further places like Melodie 71 and Moggs open. It'd be great to see more done to keep our existing businesses and to encourage more. Further steps to discourage rat runs and speeding in residential areas: eg, on Station Parade; Church Street and Victoria Road; the Norman's. It would be great if the new bike scheme could spread to Kirkstall, to help people visit the area and further reduce the car traffic.

Partial Responses:

More greenspace - less traffic on kirkstall road - less space around the big shops concreted over and dedicated to parking

More bicycle lanes
Beryl bikes serving this area
NHS dentists available

A spacious restraunt/cafe with outdoor and indoor seating which is good to go to with your baby...

Food hall

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Climate change

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Heritage

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Housing

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Employment

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9. How could Kirkstall be more environmentally friendly?

Improved footbridges and pedestrian access to both river banks (except for the river island below St Ann's Mills, which has long been intended to be a no public access nature reserve) plus nature conservation and public environmental education projects along the entire length of the Kirkstall riverside, from Armley Mills to Newlay.

Less traffic and free buses through Kirkstall.

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More trains to different places through Kirkstall Station.

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Many traffic issues with standing congestion on Kirkstall Road and many junctions including: Kirkstall Gyratory, Spen Lane (Junction with Outer Ring Road), more intersections.

Everyone getting recycling collected every other week. Easier to recycle glass; no where in walking distance to do it, places to recycle batteries easily. Less water wasting with hose pipes.

Slowing down cars

Local energy generation

Fewer cars. Water wheel - I don't know why tidal power isn't widely used in Britain

More active travel infrastructure

Less reliance on cars

More trees, more wild areas in the green spaces. It would also be useful to be able to recycle glass kerbside.

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Improved bus services meaning cheaper . Reducing traffic to 20mph. Road closures stopping rat runs for traffic. More waste bins. More pedestrian crossings. No more housing development unless its for reasonably priced housing . Erecting wind turbines and solar panels on more buildings. Grants towards heat pumps for businesses and housing. Public ownership of rail and buses . Cheaper fares for trains. More ticket offices at rail stations.

1. Parks need to have the resources , knowledge and staff to deliver the 10 year Green Space Strategy. Parks staff had no knowledge of this document until I brought it to their attention . There is no plan to actually optimise the park resource. Aside from the Woodland Creation planting all a other initiatives are driven by FKAP. Parks themselves are still see in the park in the same way they were 20 - 30 years ago. This needs to change and fast !! Relaxed mowing is essential not controversial , we need ponds, meadow improvement , cut wood being stored to enhance insect habitat. The sad thing is it sis easy and low cost.

20 mph zones like Vesper Road need to be engineered for purpose not just a gesture of speed bumps . Then monitored and enforced.

Spread the new hire bikes to Kirkstall. In particular, this should connect the train stations to the bike network. Further efforts to allow wild areas in the parks and other green areas (though these also need to be useable particularly during the summer for leisure). The major roads through Kirkstall are difficult to reduce traffic on, but I would welcome further steps to reduce traffic in the residential streets off them and efforts to shut off rat runs to anyone other than residents. A zebra crossing or

something similar between Kirkstall Lights and the Abbey and down towards the Vesper Gate and Kirkstall Forge would encourage further active travel. Similarly on Morris Lane towards the parks.

Partial Responses:

- Insulate housing
- New buildings being carbon neutral
- Traffic calming measures
- People choosing to drive less
- More green space

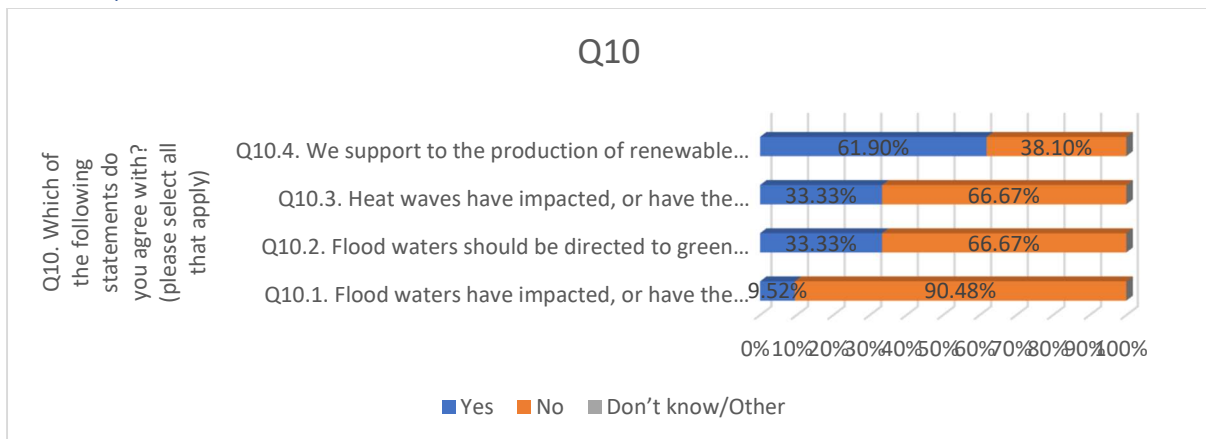
Kirkstall road is a nightmare. Constant traffic and noise.
It's the worse thing about kirkstall.
I've no idea what could be done.

Kirkstall is an important conduit for traffic, witness two major arteries. It would be beneficial to see more greening of these roads, providing a reduction in noise(and other forms of) pollution.

Collect green bins weekly, collect glass recycling

10. Which of the following statements do you agree with? (please select all that apply)

Full Responses:



Comments:

I support hydrothermal but NOT hydroelectric schemes

No

No

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Hard to answer these without knowing the specific context of why these have been asked

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Kirkstall Abbey was built by people who understood this many years ago.

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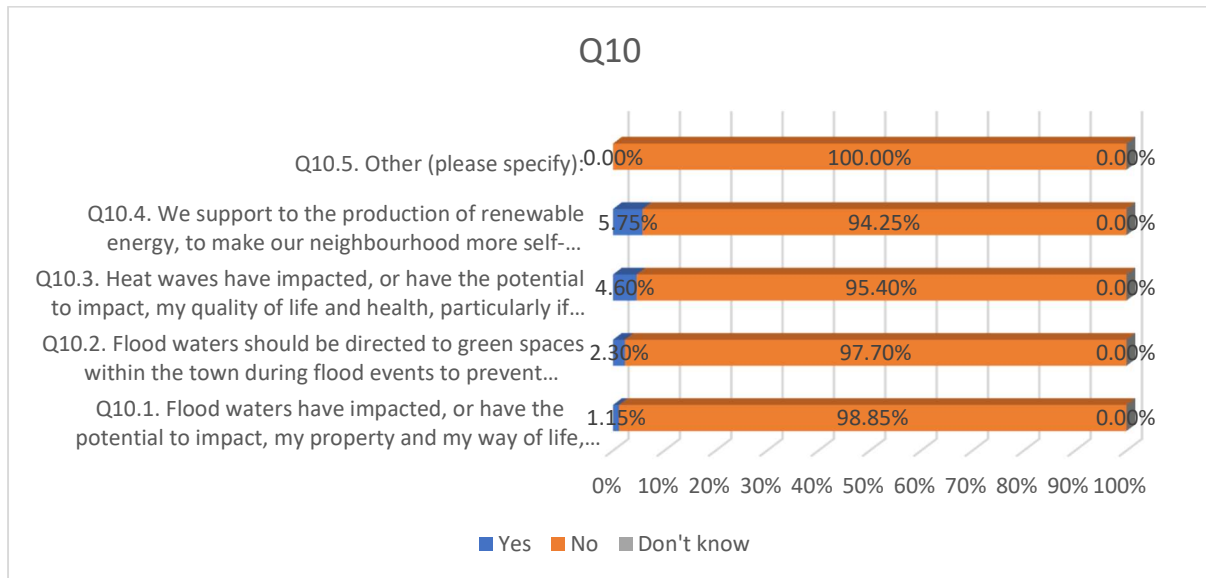
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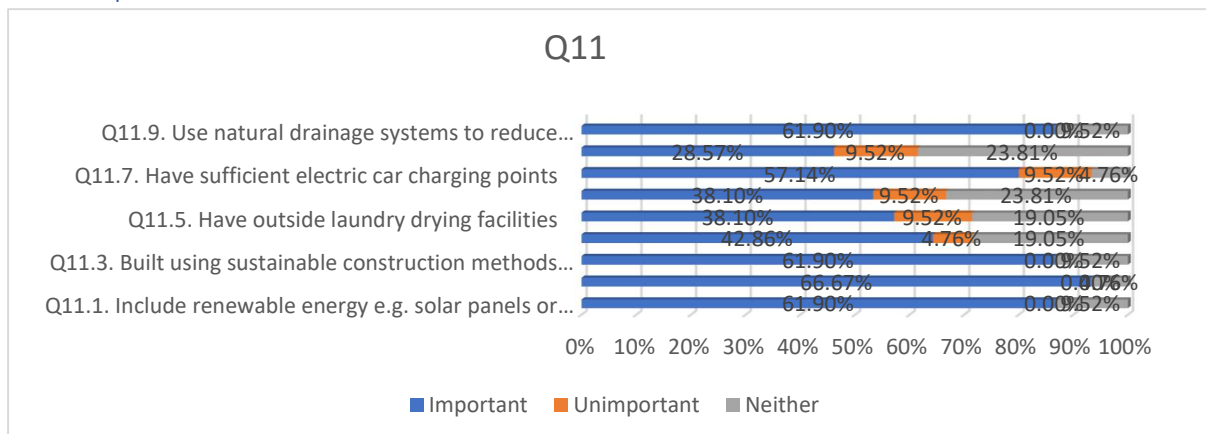
Partial Responses:



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11. If there was to be a policy in the neighbourhood plan to support climate change initiatives, which of the following do you think are the most important/relevant to Kirkstall?

Full Responses:



Comments:

Sheet steel piling looks even worse than we feared.

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My answers reflect the fact that if you do many of these proposals, it will take money away from areas that should be higher priority at this time.

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I think managing climate change is important but have mixed views on how to manage it long term.

I'm pleased to see the flood defense work in place.

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Consideration for renters needs to be taken

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See above. All are important.

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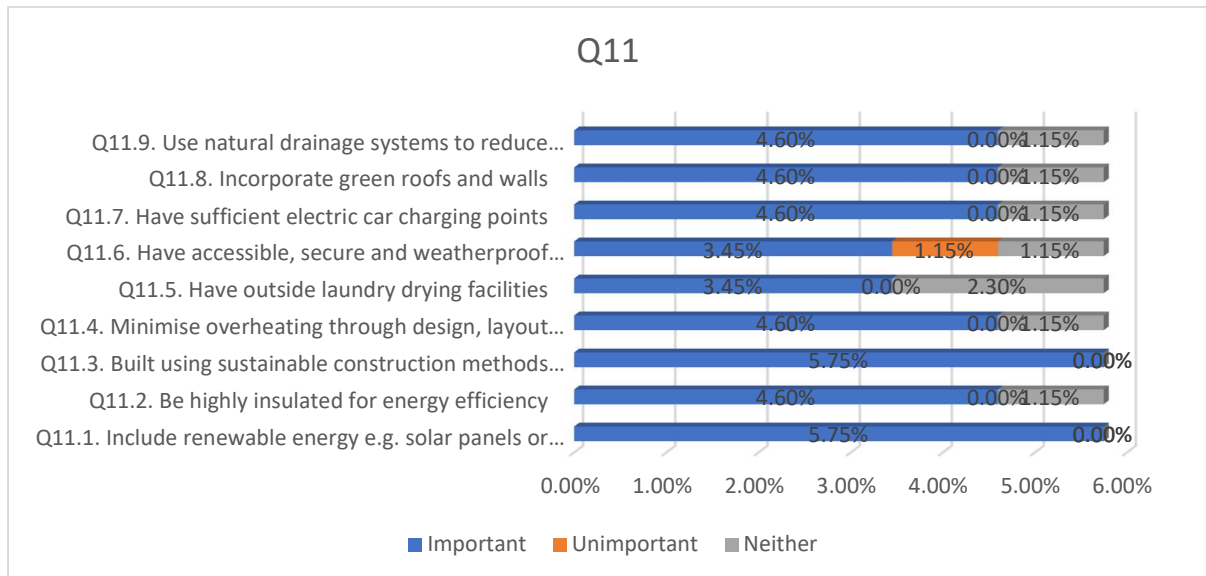
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Greater support for installing insulation would be a major step, particularly given the age and style of the housing stock in the neighbourhood.

Partial Responses:



Comments:

I don't know the best measures for the environment personally, happy to go with whatever is recommended for most impact

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13. What do you think are the main housing issues in Kirkstall?

There is insufficient greenspace, social and recreational provision to balance the existing housing.

Too many HMOs in Kirkstall.

Rents unsustainable.

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Lack of affordable family property

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Not enough family homes.

Properties that the council own are not being vetted and the state of some houses and gardens is poor.

Too much emphasis on student accommodation and not on families who live here permanently.

Shortages, derelict properties need to dealt with.

Over crowding and low level of income. Plus lots of student rentals.

House prices are not affordable. New builds are too small.

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Condition of some rental properties. Balance between HMO, and family housing.

Expensive to rent and hard to buy. Very competitive rent market. New builds aren't affordable.

Lack of social housing. Hard to get social housing.

High number of short term renters
Small amounts of green space per home

Not enough snickets, cuts and through footpaths in residential areas, particularly the vespers- all the houses are far too tightly packed with no pedestrian ways

Actually. Lack of public transport. There are plenty of homes but roads are gridlocked. I think the first housing focus should be started from a transport perspective.

**By the way, the next question (s) should be 'More', 'About the same', or 'Fewer'.
I have said 'less' but mean 'fewer'.**

Lack of affordable starter homes that aren't immediately snapped up by career landlords as rental properties.

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Not enough affordable homes

Rents too high.

Not Sure- but I imagine old fashioned houses difficult to insulate. Lack of community heating projects. Building new houses that are not carbon neutral - infuriates me!

Houses being bought to let, reducing the availability of affordable housing. No real affordable housing in the new developments (especially the new builds between Kirkstall Lane and Beecroft Street). I worry the very high prices of these compared to their size will push up the costs of housing generally in the neighbourhood. As a household trying to get on the ladder and wanting to stay in the neighbourhood, it's been good to see prices returning to more reasonable levels but unless genuine supply can keep up with demand I worry we'll be priced out of the area.

Partial Responses:

Old housing stock, a lot in need of renovation. Same issues as the country over, they can be damp and badly insulated

Unregulated landlords who do not take care of their properties

Overcrowding in rental housing

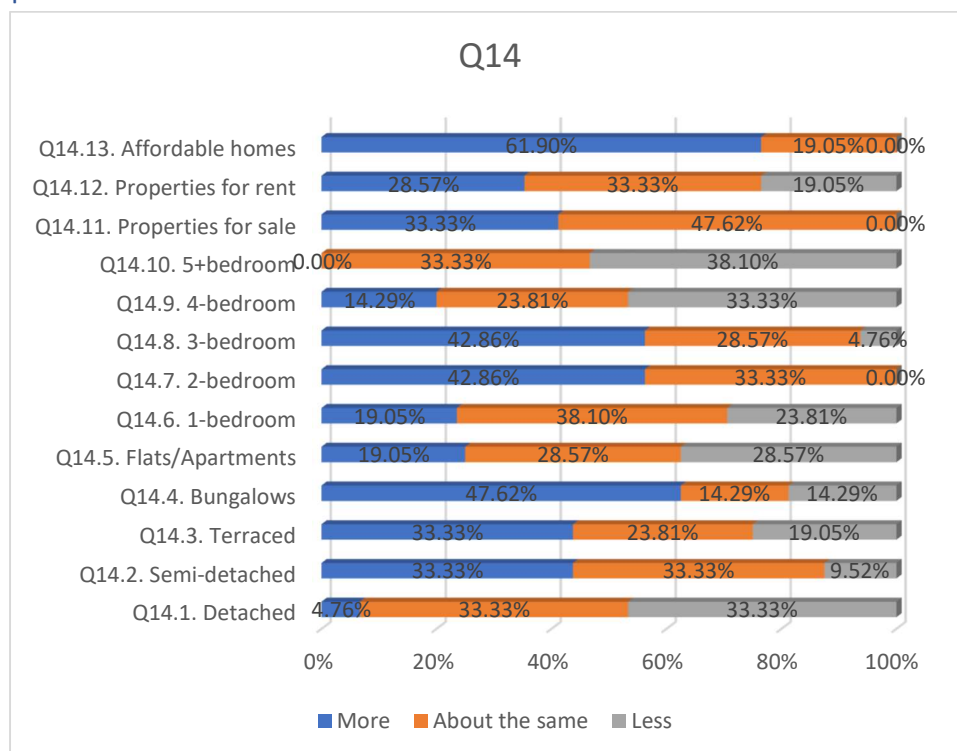
Not a good balance of rental and home ownership

Lack of families due to lack of secondary schools in the area

Kirkstall is very densely populated with housing. This should be carefully considered when any additional housing is suggested.

Cost particularly of rentals

14. When new housing is developed in Kirkstall, what do you think the priorities should be?



Comments:

A greater proportion of family accommodation and fewer absentee landlords would help.

People need secure long term tenancies.

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Again, I see so many families living in small flats, when they need space and gardens for their children.

There are a lot of family homes in the area, but a lot of old people in the area. These people need to down size to give opportunities to families to live in bigger properties. Older people do not want to move out of area and want nice homes to downsize to this. This needs to be created to free up the bigger houses for families.

I would like to move to another area in my location but there is nothing suitable for me ie a modern 3 bedroom, on a safer street, with a garden at an affordable price.

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Some streets with concentration of HMOs in Burley have a turnover of residents of 40% over 4-5 years which makes it difficult to build communities. Housing is becoming affordable for a lot of current residents and new build prices are out of residents reach.

Rental market is killing people as wages haven't increased. Social housing is hard to get but the only affordable and reasonable option.

It seems unlikely that social engineering can change the makeup of the area drastically, but since about 40% of properties and over 50% of residents in our street are short term tenants, I feel any greater multiple occupation would destroy the sense of community.

Seems fine

A mixture of 1-3 bedroom properties of any type for rent or to buy. Surprisingly, our run down semi-detached neighbouring home didn't make it to market this week. It was Let immediately for £1K/mth within a day!

We need smaller starter homes for young families and bungalows for older residents. This will free up the existing housing stock for established homeowners .

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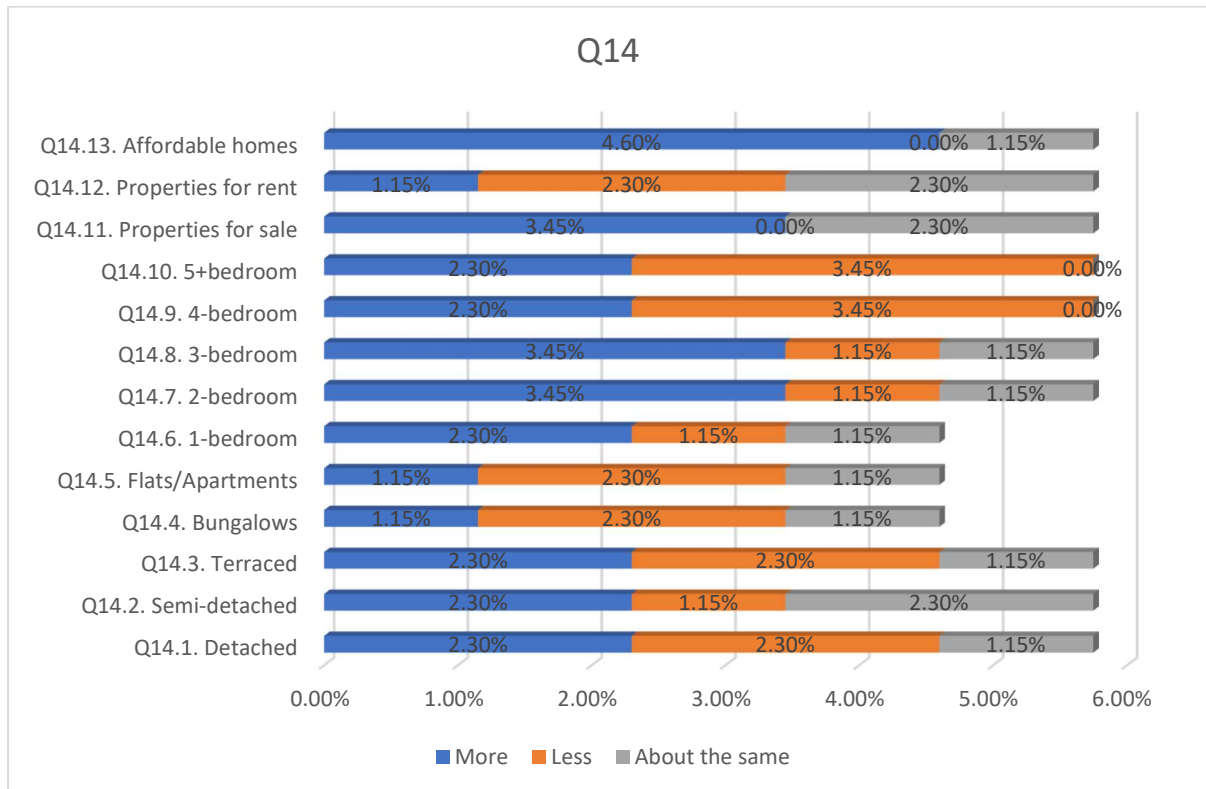
People are struggling to pay high rent. My adult son is currently living in a tiny apartment and paying extortionate rent for example

A mix of housing representing the demographic of the area.

Its not about the type of house its about if its carbon neutral and if its affordable. Also if it is manageable in terms of infrastructure

I think social housing (for rent) should be a priority. Less property needs to be sold to private landlords. This ramps up general rents and reduces the opportunities for first time buyers. I think that developments should respect the character of the area, and density of development (if done well) is a better way to build on limited land than to focus on detached properties. It's important to keep a pipeline from small homes to larger homes available so that families can stay in the area. I think a large number of flats would alter the character of the area, particularly if they were done as poorly as many of the city centre developments. To protect the neighbourhoods's character development needs to be low rise and mixed-use: providing space for small shops, offices and cafes/bars/restaurants.

Partial Responses:



Comments:

Affordable homes are a must

Detached housing does not offer the population density that supports local services and houses enough people, especially this close to a major city centre

Families and households need multiple bedrooms

Less private landlords and more social landlords.

See above.

15. The neighbourhood plan could allocate a site for housing, if the plan was to allocate a site, where do you think it should be?

(This could be a small site of 2-3 homes, or a much larger site.)

The best site is Beecroft Street, which is currently under construction. Overall housing density is excessive around the North end of Argie Avenue.

The Mills could be converted to housing.

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I don't know

Disused brown sites. Modernised current plots.

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None that are currently vacant, already permission for over a thousand at Kirkstall Forge and the old District Centre.

Too big of a question without seeing maps or knowing more about how it works.

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Kirkstall Forge

The brownfield site at the crossroads of Cardigan & Burley Rd looks good. I'd need to look at where more brownfield sites are. Maybe improving existing housing stock is a good and cheap start? Insulation?

Kirkstall forge needs to be completed asap. Aside from this, potentially the land behind Kirkstall retail park? This would be subject to flood works I should imagine.

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Near shops and school

Im not sure.

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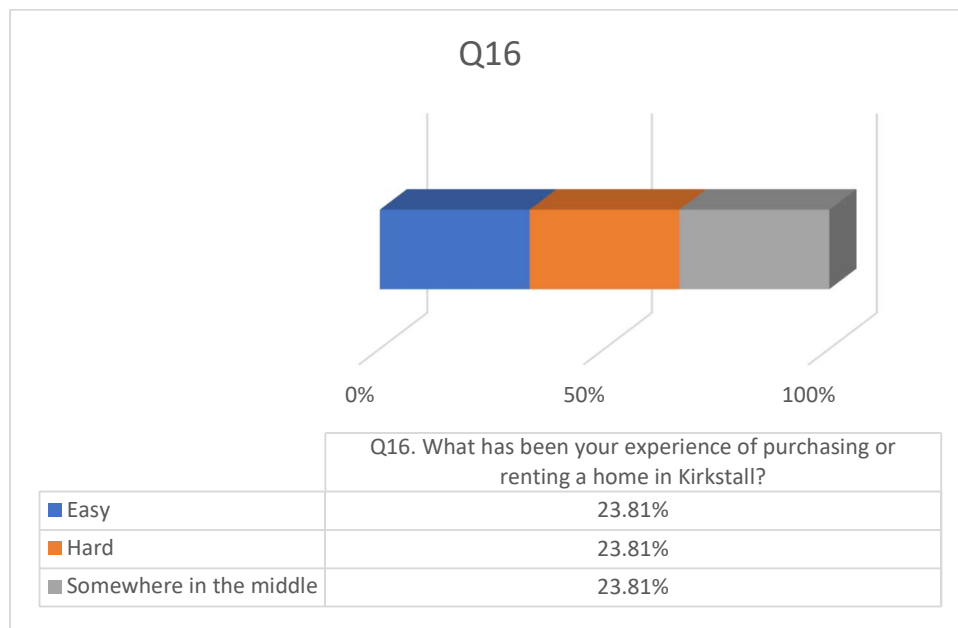
I think it is important to avoid reducing the green spaces in Kirkstall. Avoiding development in the flood plains is also important. Areas like the buildings between the cornershop on Morris Lane and Kirkstall Health Centre could be carefully infilled with mix-use developments.

Partial Responses:

They're already too much traffic in the area. I think there is enough housing.

I don't think Kirkstall needs more housing.

16. What has been your experience of purchasing or renting a home in Kirkstall?



Please could you explain your answer in more detail?

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I purchased in 1996 when prices were lower.

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Again, the bidding system does not seem to be working for many families I know.

Rents are far to high in area. Demand for property is high so it is like a lottery.

Same with buying prices are not affordable and when you do find one more affordable demand is higher and it is like a lottery as to who will get it.

I found it easy to buy in 2017 but now the market is unstable if I want to mortgage, plus very little is suitable for me.

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I can afford the prices, many can't

Rent is over 35% of wage, hardly anything available. No where allows pets.

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No issues so far in 3 years

I'm lucky. I bought a flat 18 years ago on Vesper Rd. My current home is just up the hill a bit and we have a manageable mortgage

Easy enough to rent, very hard to buy.

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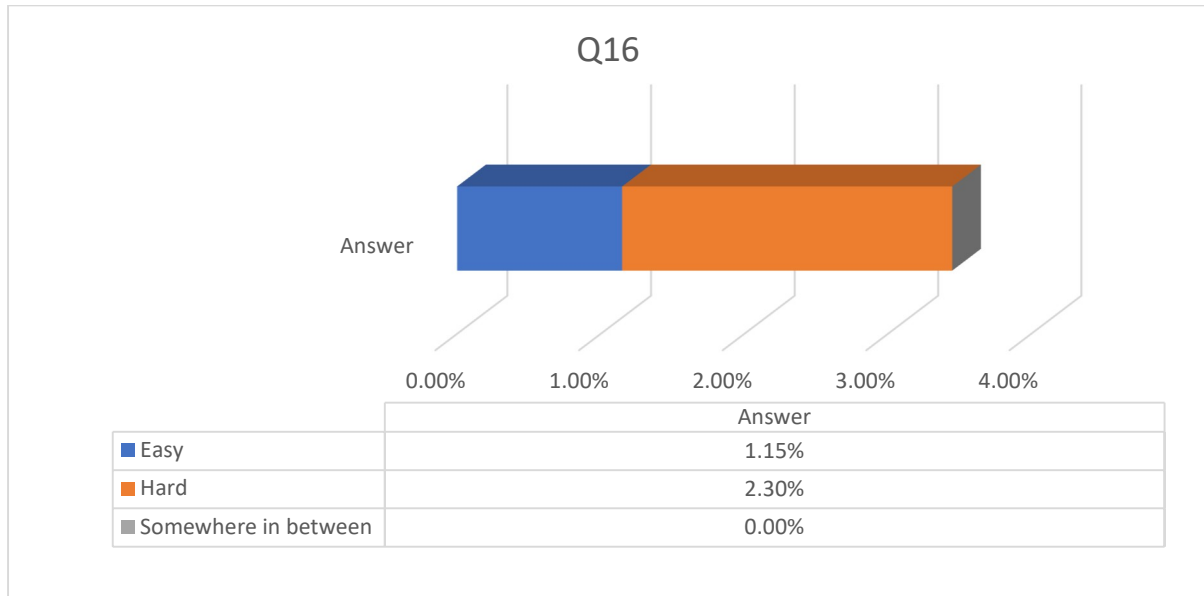
I had to really wait a long time to get a bigger council house in Kirkstall. I'm very grateful as not everyone is as fortunate as me

I have lived here for over a decade and houses were a lot cheaper when i bought my house. I would struggle to buy it now .

I bought 20 years ago so not so relevant

Our rental experience has been fortunately good, and we are largely happy with our property and landlord. If we had to move, I think we would struggle to stay in the area as rents seem to have increased significantly. We are looking to buy our first home and would like to day in the area. The price increases during the pandemic were worrying for that being possible. If prices are pumped up by further buy to lets or the new developments, we worry we'll be priced out.

Partial Responses:



Comments:

Finding a bedroom in a young professional let was very easy.

Soaring costs

We own our own home. On one side our neighbours are council hous tenants, on the other private rental/tenancy. This variety is also true of the rest of the accommodation in close proximity.

Rents have increased astronomically

17. What are your main priorities for new housing developments?

New housing should mostly go in the green belt. The inner city already has its fair share.

More affordable housing.

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Make sure you realise the impact of where you are building, as in, how clogged the roads are going to become if each house has a minimum of 1 car.

maintaining green spaces which is important, also ensuring parks and woods are not touched.

Spacious and environmental

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Affordability with a mixture of rental and for sale. Some tighter restriction on HMOs especially where there is a cumulative impact on the community.

Affordable and not flats.

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Ensuring public access to shortcuts through semi wooded areas

Access to green space

Access to public transport

Access to healthcare

Access to schools without needing a private vehicle

Access to a library & post office

Access to local shops

Ability to walk & cycle safely to all of the above

You've asked this previously. Bungalows and affordable starter homes.

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Affordable homes

for it not to cause any more traffic

carbon neutral

I think the council should prioritise improving social housing stock much of which is quite dated. I would like to see developments by housing associations or cooperatives where affordable housing is actually affordable delivered as a priority. I would be interested in trying to push forward the development of a housing cooperative if that were possible. Existing private developments seem to be artificially pumping up the price for starter homes and the "affordable" properties they offer are ridiculously expensive compared to comparable existing houses.

Partial Responses:

Good access to green space and public transport

Designed to be sustainable / energy efficient

Reducing traffic.

That there should be little or none.

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19. What is your favourite green space in Kirkstall and why is it special to you?

St Ann's Mills to Redcote Lane. It has huge potential.

The abbey park and the Farm

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The park opposite the abbey

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Kirkstall Abbey. Always been a lovely place to go for a walk, have a picnic or just to photograph at different times of the year.

Hawkswood woods and kirkstall Abbey

The abbey due to the history, community events, and nature.

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Kirkstall Abbey, peaceful, well kept, community activities

Abbey, historical, free.

I love the wildness of the nature reserve, and (apart from in the summer) its relative peace and quiet.

Not sure

My back garden. So many birds that visit from the woods. There's lots of space too grow vegetables too.

Kirkstall abbey park. It's very calming.

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Kirkstall Valley Farm

Great place for kids and an opportunity to grow organic food

the abbey , it is a relaxing place to go and very beautiful . Well maintained and well used .

I am the chair of Friends of Kirkstall Abbey Park and live next to it so that's my favorite

The park areas accessible from Morris Lane. They're our garden during the spring and summer.

Partial Responses:

Kirkstall abbey grounds, it's a large area with a variety of sections

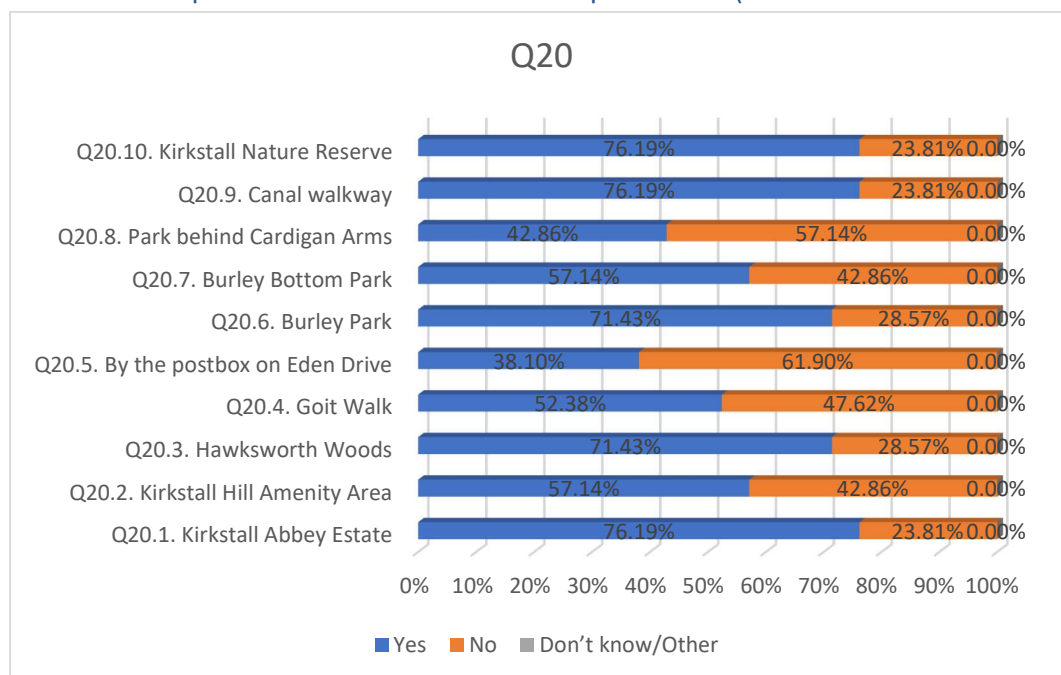
Kirkstall Abbey - the history of the area

Burley park

Much of the area around the Abbey, along the river and canal. It provides a green corridor for wildlife and is greatly enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

Going down to the canal, lovely place to walk

20. The following sites have been identified as special green spaces in Kirkstall, do you agree that these are special and should receive additional protection from development? (Please select all that apply)



Q20.11. Please use this text box to tell us about any other greenspaces which are special to you

Comments

Queenswood Drive, Spen Lane, Kirkstall Valley Farm, Gilberts & Sandford Road

Elida Gibbs site.

No

No

No

No

No

No

My garden, front and back

No

No

Wild area on kirkstall lane

No

No

Hawksworth Wood

No

No

Kirkstall Valley Farm

St Stephens church yard. The green space near the abbey museum on Morris Lane

The Abbey area is of unique historical importance and needs protecting from direct development, but also from developments that would encroach on its special calmness and beauty. That means protecting the green spaces around it, those that provide access to it, and the flood plain opposite it. The other parks and green spaces provide important opportunities for recreation and engaging with nature that are vital for wellbeing and health. There is often heavy traffic through the main roads in the area, and the green spaces provide a buffer between the noise and emissions from these and residential spaces.

Please use this text box to tell us why you think the abovementioned greenspaces are special and should receive additional protection from development. It may be helpful to think about the following: is it visually attractive? does it have any historical significance? is it used for recreation? does it provide a space for calm and quiet reflection? is it rich in wildlife?

Kirkstall has been the victim of "town cramming" in the past, and there are insufficient walking routes.

Elida gibbs field should be kept for sport for all.

Abbey Park should not be developed under any circumstances.

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They provide great walks which promote peoples mental health. They are calm serene spaces with lots of wildlife which further promotes peoples mental health.

All of the above.

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Canal is a site of SSI. Kirkstall Abbey is a scheduled monument and much used by the community. Burley park / Burly Park bottom is a green corridor between Burley Bottom and Cardigan Lane/Road also much used by the community and surrounding housing is predominantly terrace and back to back with little personal green space. Goit walk is an oasis of tranquility running parallel to the noise and bustle of Kirkstall Road.

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In truth, some green spaces are are just 'there', and are rarely used for anything. However, they are also the lungs of the city and have value even if they are just used for walking across.

Nice to get away from all the cars. I am worried about air pollution from the constant vehicles so its nice to have plenty of trees to minimise health impact

Woodpeckers, self- seeded oaks, birches and a lovely quiet pathway. A hidden gem.

Space for calm and exercise, rich in wildlife.

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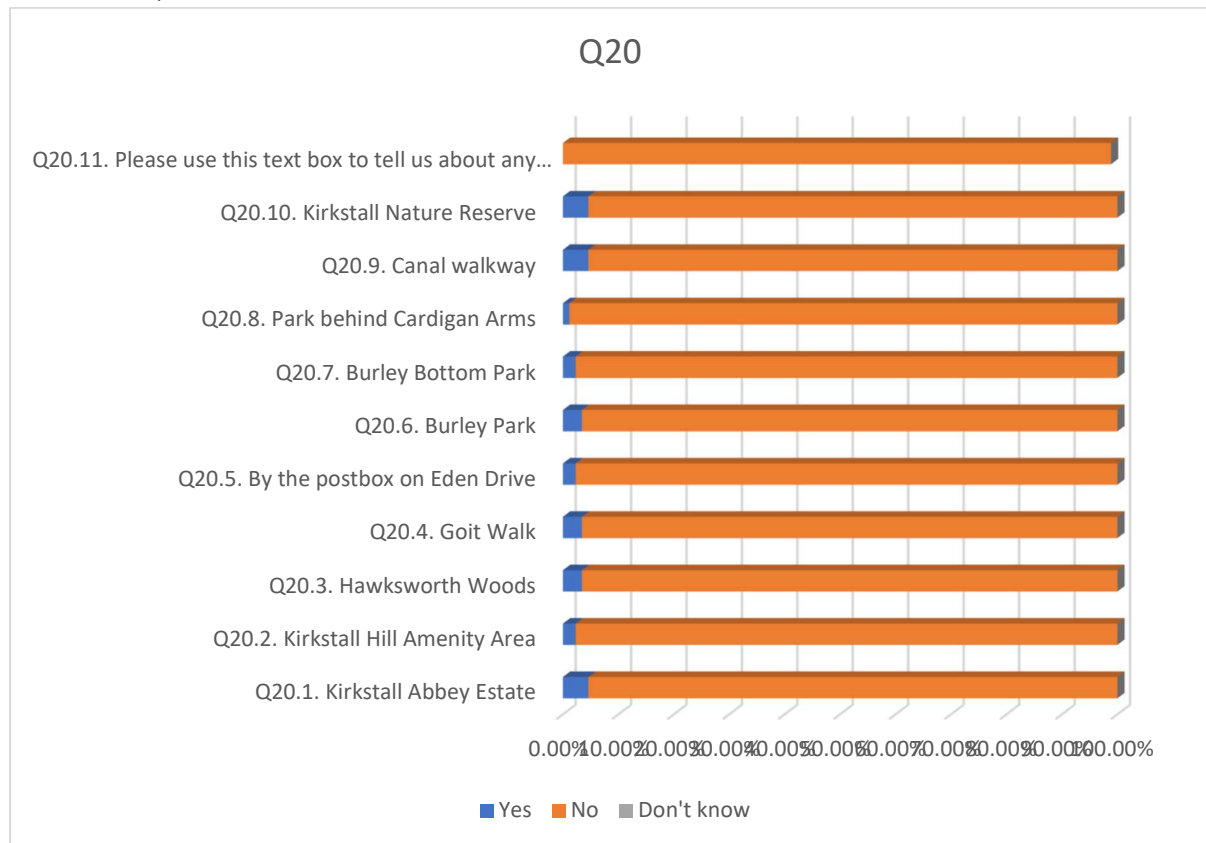
A chance to be in nature

Great for children

Wildlife protection and open space for residents.

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Partial Responses:



Comments

Q20.11:

Green space on Queenswood Drive

Q20.12:

All of the above - access to green space is fundamental to mental and physical health, with data to back up this fact. It would be to Kirkstall's detriment to lose any of them to development.

See previous answer.

21. Would you like to skip ahead to another section of this survey, or to the end of the survey? If you would like to continue as normal, then please ignore this question.

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Local character and design

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22. What is unique or special about the design or character of buildings in your area?

Full Responses

Building design isn't the problem, but there must be sufficient greenspace to absorb the footfall. The total green area must be defended, otherwise most of the green plants get trampled down and worn flat.

Some beautiful stone houses in the area. Terraces still remain attractive in the Normans.

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Victorian terrace, cobble Street, Yorkshire stone paving

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Nice mix of stone built and brick built houses.

Most properties have remained the same for many decades, giving a sense of history too.

There are some diverse buildings which creates a uniqueness. It is not just traditional and boring.

Gardens, the size and the green curb sides.

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Solid family housing with good personal green space. Used to live in a back to back off Kirkstall Road with a very small garden. The housing throughout Kirkstall is just so diverse.

Red brick, stone, terrace housing, cobble streets,

I live in the Burley Village Conservation Area, where nearly every house is interesting.

Nice gardens

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Older, terraced buildings.

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Traditional

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High density buildings which are visually attractive and well-proportioned.

Partial Responses:

Cobbled street, Victorian back to back terraces

Well, there is of course the Abbey (which will be nice when it's finished). But seriously: Much of the housing harks back to development during the industrial revolution. Kirkstall housed workers employed at the forge, the rank of workers is somewhat reflected in the late Victorian housing stock. It is historically important and provides great variety.

Back to backs- great for younger people

23. If you were to describe the distinctiveness or character of your street, or wider area that you live in, how would you describe it?

Full Responses:

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Surrounded by trees! We need more trees.

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As above

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Those that do take pride in their homes, make it a lovely place to live.

Diverse

Dodgy

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Yorkshire paving, green spaces

The last remnant of the old village, most of which was knocked down in the middle of the 20th century.

Quite green

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Terraced.

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Typical terrace properties.

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Quiet, welcoming and architecturally attractive.

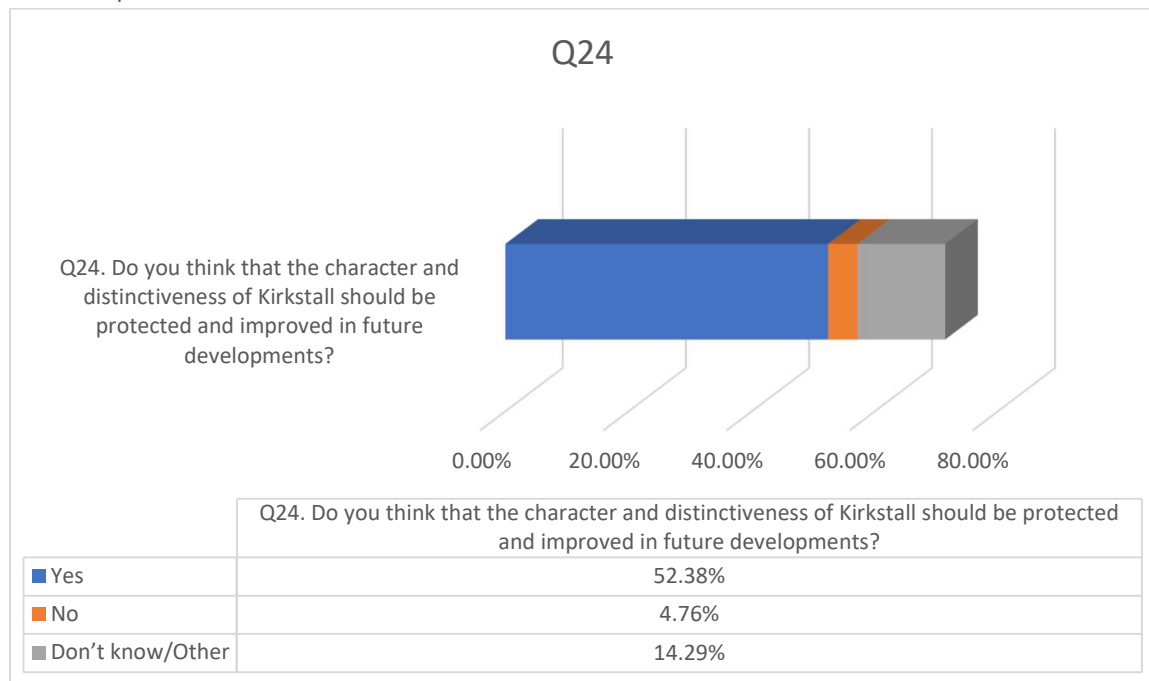
Partial Responses:

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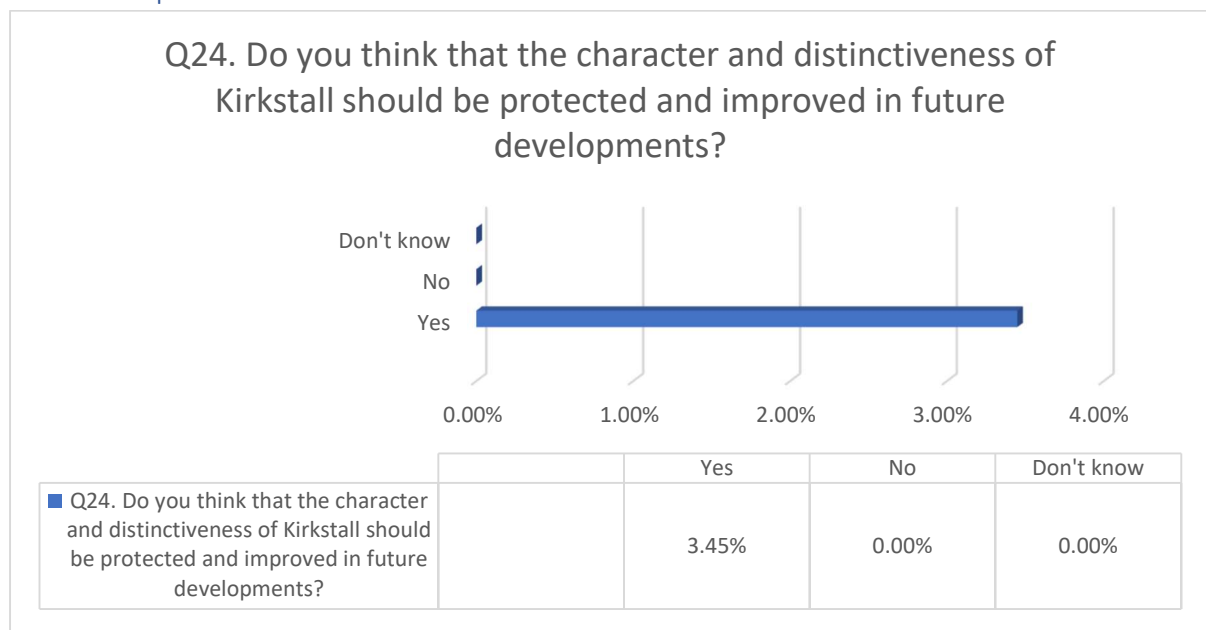
Super friendly great sense of community

24. Do you think that the character and distinctiveness of Kirkstall should be protected and improved in future developments?

Full Responses:

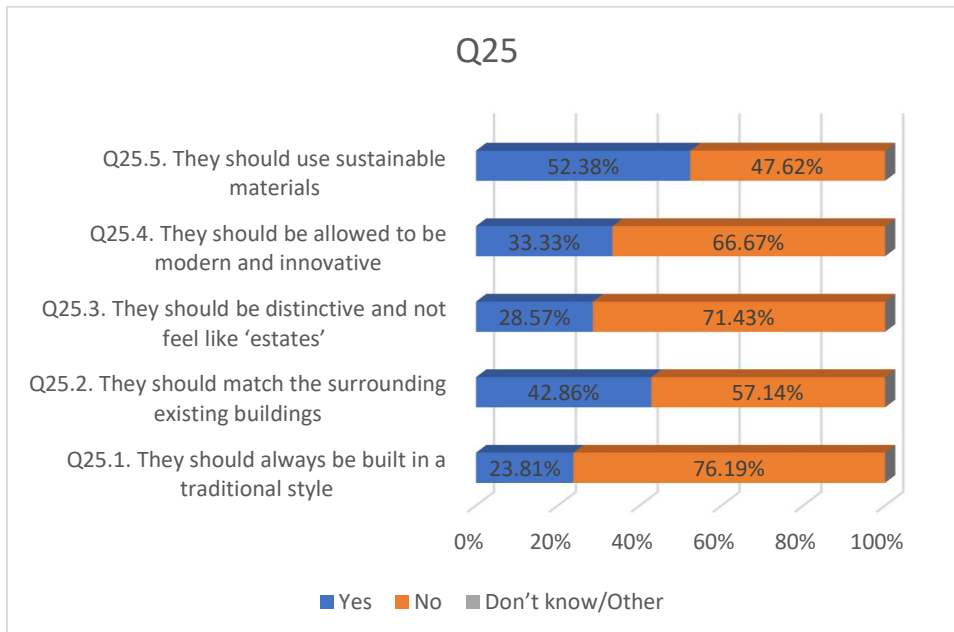


Partial Responses:



25. How do you think new buildings and extensions should be designed? (Please select all that apply)

Full Responses:



Comments:

No

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No

They should have adequate space between houses to allow pedestrian through access and not block access to certain wooded areas

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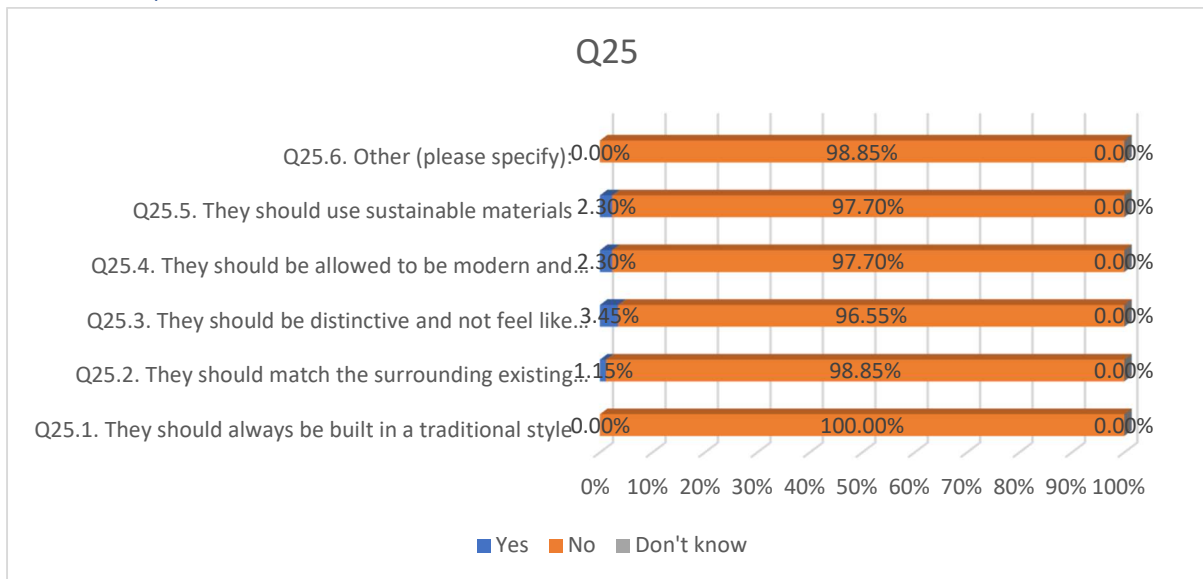
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It just depends on the context

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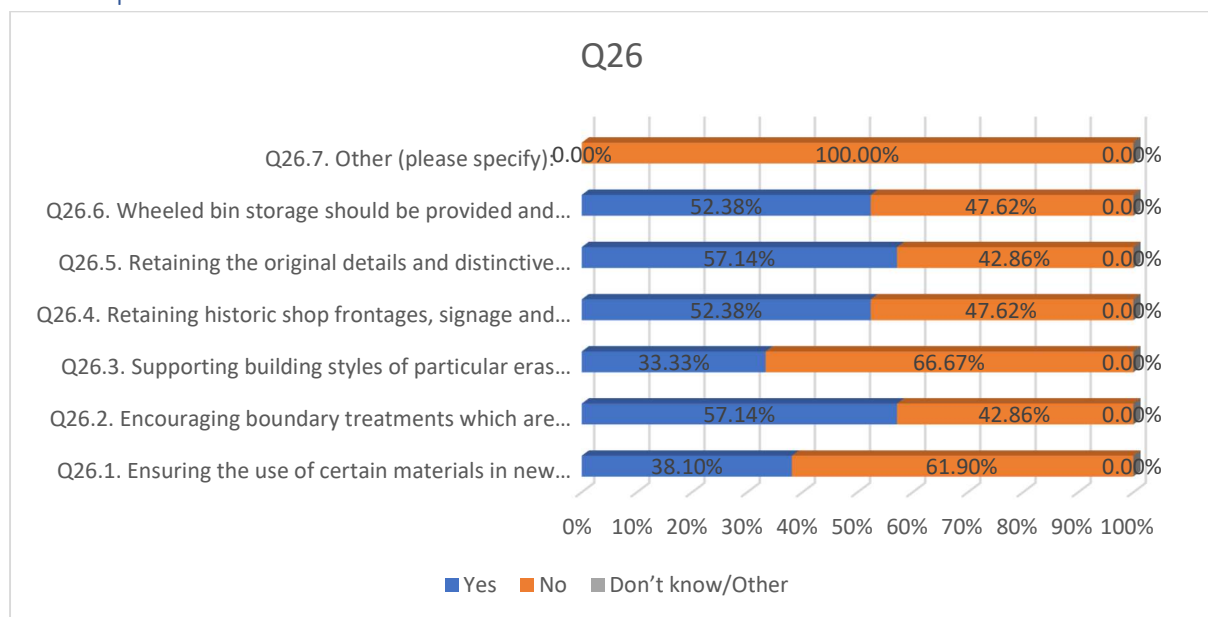
Comments:

Modern and innovative housing is preferable to me than trying and failing to recreate a housing style from 150 years ago - I think it is possible to find a new style that is companionable to the existing context of its area whilst being good design on its own merits.

Extensions should ideally visually integrate with the original building.

26. Our neighbourhood plan can include a policy which will influence the design of new developments, including extensions and new housing. Other neighbourhood plans in Leeds have included the following design features as locally important. Which do you think are relevant to Kirkstall? Please select all that apply.

Full Responses:



Why did you select the options above?

Preserving local character.

Because I believe we need to influence what development happens in our own area.

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You only have to look at the property on Burley Road, that demolished an old favourite house of the locals, to replace it with a modern monstrosity that looked like a toilet block, and then had to pull it down due to lack of planning permissions. We should be protecting our history/encouraging people to build in the style of what was previously there. We have lost so much of our kirkstall history already

These are important to me

I think some modern architecture that tries to recreate the original building style can look cheap and tacky.

Progress is moving forward and being innovative and creative.

Redbrick housing is hardly a classic style worth repeating.

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Our heritage needs to be preserved.

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I feel it would be difficult to make a policy for the whole neighbourhood when some of the housing stock feels as though it has already lasted longer than intended. Some housing probably shouldn't be preserved - this isn't about architectural style but rather build quality.

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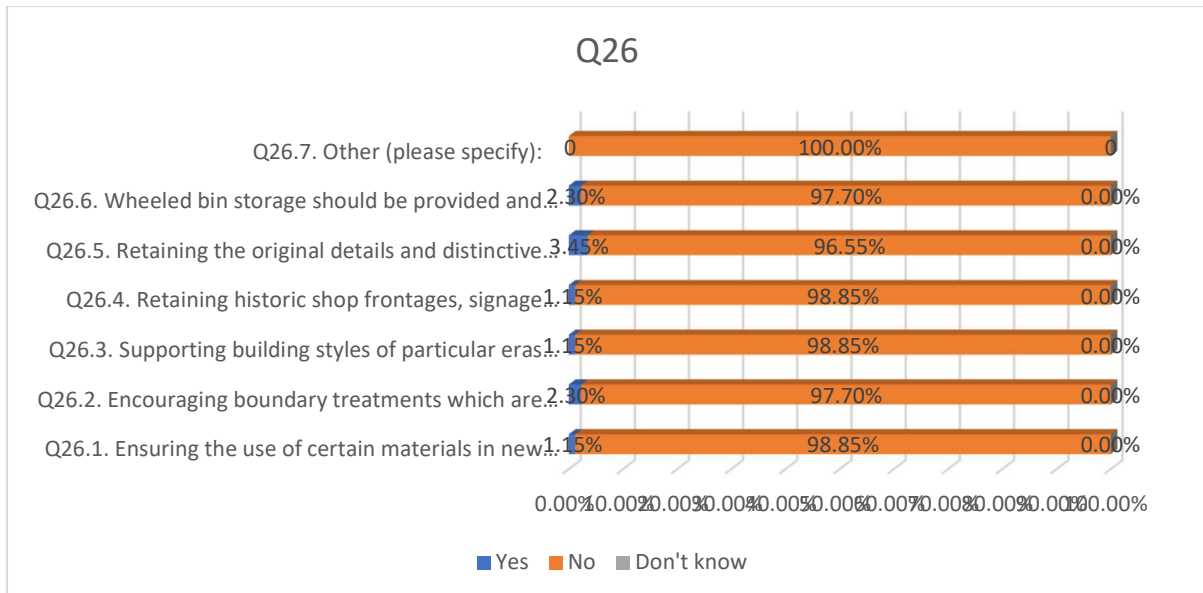
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It is important the area is attractive and looked after.

I hate the horrible black wire fence around the new development opposite the swimming pool. This should never have got planning permission

They are important to maintaining Kirkstall's unique character overall and in its different areas. The maintenance of historic shop fronts is important, but not as important as them staying preferably independent shops (or other businesses) instead of being converted into houses.

Partial Responses:

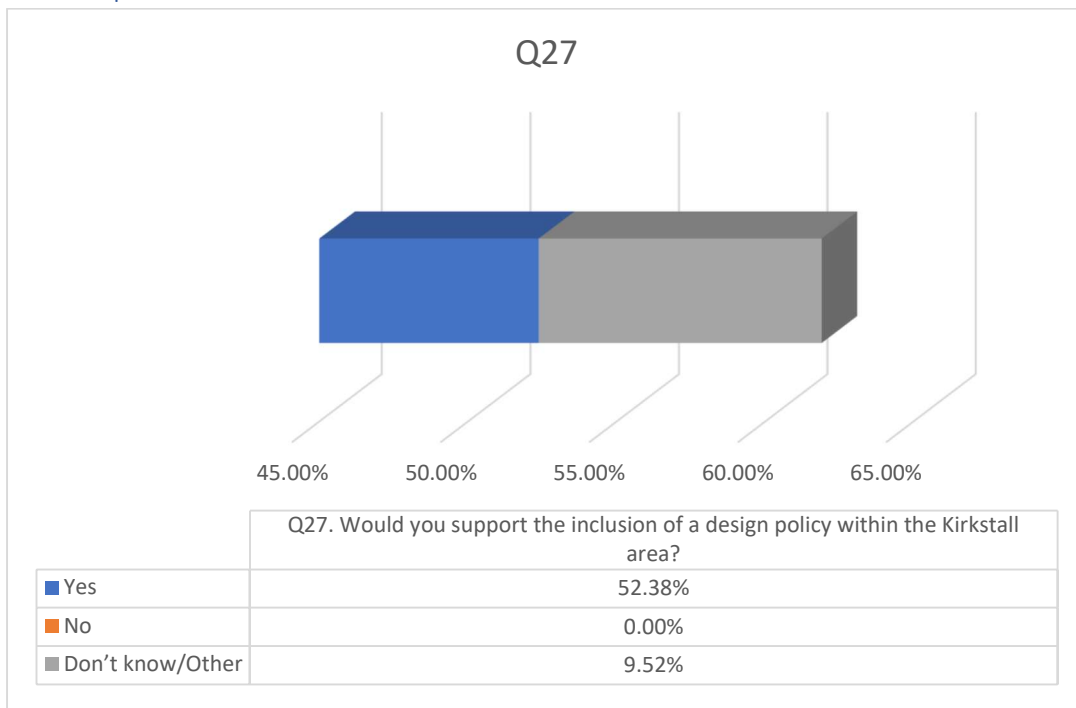


Retaining pre-existing features and historic designs helps add character to the area, especially for shop fronts, so it would be a shame for those to be lost.

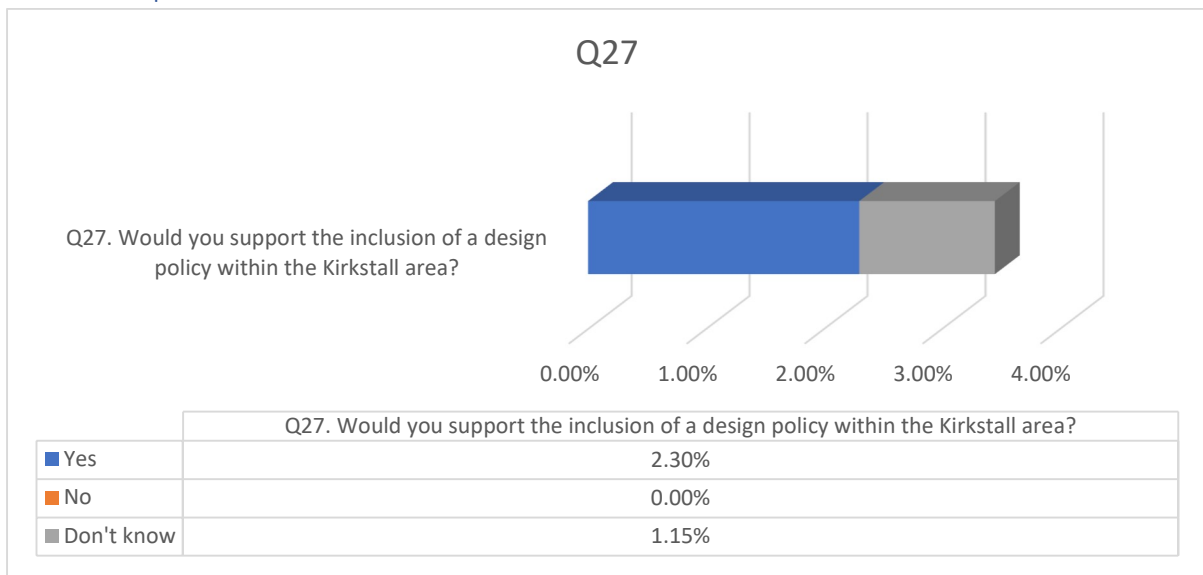
If employed these factors would provide a degree of conservation and progress.

27. Would you support the inclusion of a design policy within the Kirkstall area?

Full Responses:



Partial Responses:



28. Would you like to skip ahead to another section of this survey, or to the end of the survey? If you would like to continue as normal, then please ignore this question.

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Education

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29. If you use education and training facilities in Kirkstall, or elsewhere in Leeds, please tell us what facilities you use and where are they located.

Full Responses:

Kids are grown up.

Not applicable as there is no adult education facilities in Kirkstall.

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My daughter works at a school in the Kirkstall area.

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Chair of Governors of a local Primary School

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At Stephens primary school

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I used Beecroft but and Lawnswood but both children now use city centre colleges

University of Leeds, Main Campus

Partial Responses:

Our three children were first educated in local schools that were well invested in the local community. Travel to further and higher education facilities is well provided, and provided employment for myself.

30. How do you travel to the above educational or training facilities e.g. car, public transport, walk, cycle? Do you consider the route to be safe, easy and accessible?

Full Responses:

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Not applicable.

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Car/walk

Generally safe but the speed of some people exceeds the 20mph zone.

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Walk / Drive

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Walk

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bike/ bus

Walk, cycle, bus. All feel largely safe. Poor and inconsiderate driving, particularly speeding by cars and motorbikes and the extent of on street clutter (eg, bins, parked cars) can make both walking and cycling difficult and sometimes dangerous.

Partial Responses:

Public transport and by car. Very large volumes of road traffic pass through Kirkstall, anything that might create better flow and provide for greener alternatives would be very welcome. The return of a city wide tramway would be a good start.

31. Would you like to skip ahead to another section of this survey, or to the end of the survey? If you would like to continue as normal, then please ignore this question.

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Employment

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Employment

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32. If you are currently in employment, do you work locally, or do you have to travel outside of Kirkstall for work?

Full Responses:

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I work within the Leeds area

I work within the Leeds area

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I work within the Leeds area

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Not applicable

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WFH

I work locally in Kirkstall

Retired, used to work within the Leeds Area

I work within the Leeds area

Not applicable

I work within the Leeds area

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I work outside of the Leeds area

I work locally in Kirkstall

I work locally in Kirkstall

I work within the Leeds area

i work both locally and outside the area, remote and face to face across region

Partial Responses:

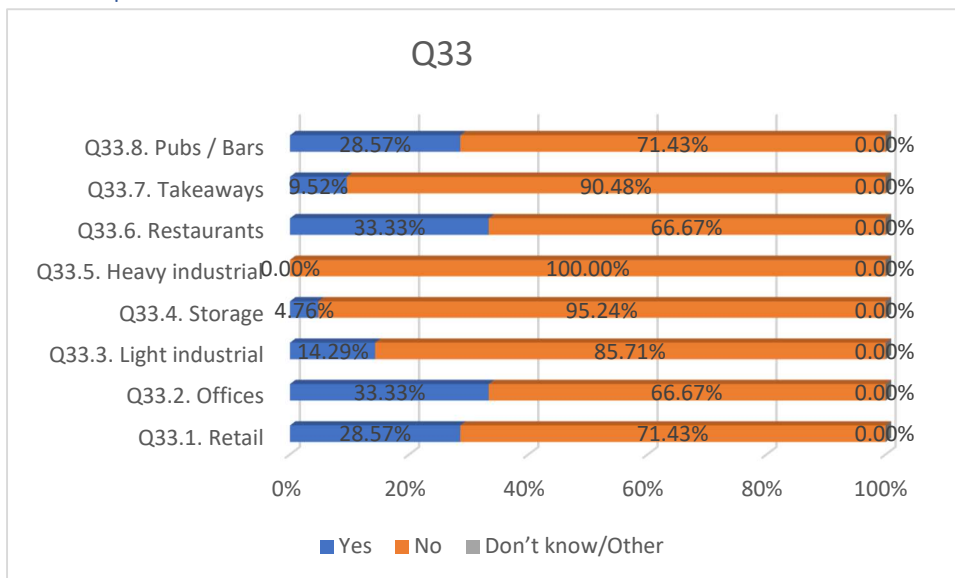
I work within the Leeds area

My wife, children and I have been well provided with employment in the wider Leeds area.

I work within the Leeds area

33. What types of businesses do you think are needed in Kirkstall?
(Please tick all that apply)

Full Responses:



Comments:

No

No

No

No

No

No

Factories for employment.

No

No

No

Leisure

Art gallery, cafes,

No

No

No

No

Teaching

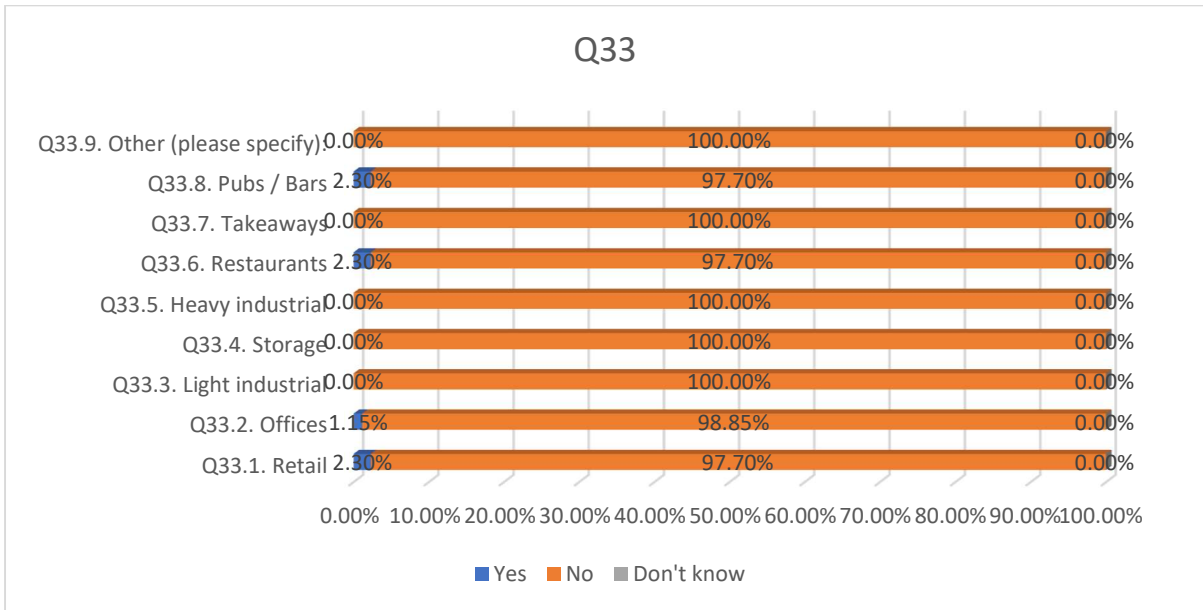
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arts centre

Education

Partial Responses:



(No Comments)

34. Would you like to skip ahead to another section of this survey, or to the end of the survey? If you would like to continue as normal, then please ignore this question.

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Heritage

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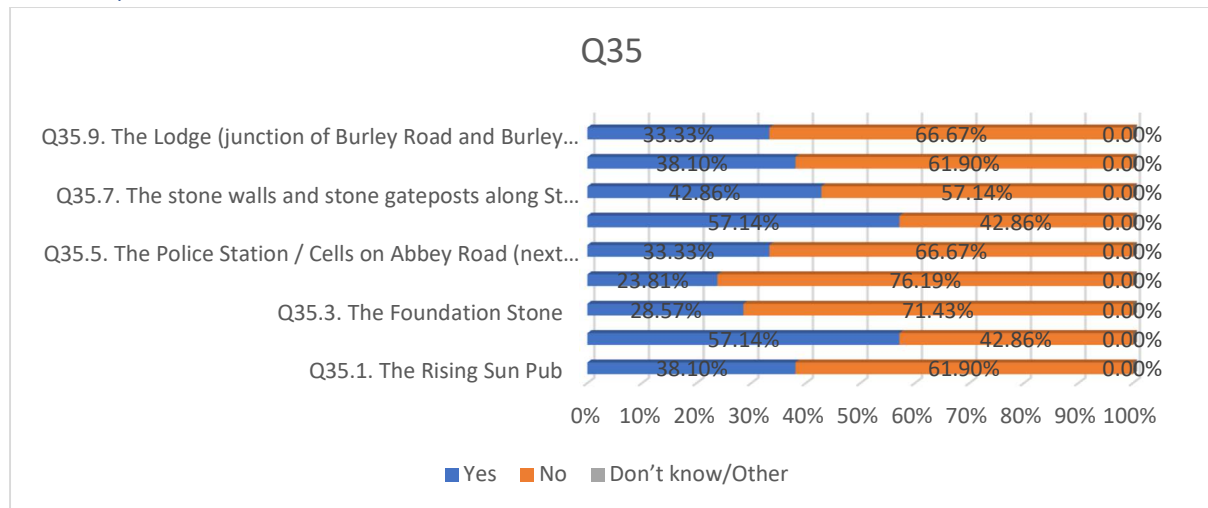
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35. The following heritage assets have been highlighted as locally important/special to Kirkstall, which of the following do you agree should be protected from development? Please select all that apply. (A heritage asset could be anything from a historic sign to a building or a monument etc.)

Full Responses:



Comments

No

The Abbey, The Derelict Mills

No

No

No

No

Any cobbled streets that still exist. We seem to have lost the majority of these over the years.

No

The abbey

No

Building within conservation areas. Abbey and Burley Mills

St annes mills and abbey mills

Burley House and the former convent (232) on Burley Road

No

No

The abbey inn

No

No

No

No

The old train station; the distinctive Northern Railway cottages near the station; West End House; Station and Church Lane Allotments

Please use this text box to explain why you think the above heritage asset(s) are important/special to Kirkstall

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We need to protect heritage as we have destroyed so much in the past.

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Kirkstall Abbey

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It's the abbey

Its our local history & should be looked after.

I wrote the report!

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We don't have a huge number of heritage buildings, so we need to look after the ones we've got.

Actually the old police station is annoying how it is boarded up. There is a nice bit of woodland there with no access- why? there could be a nice footpath so pedestrians don't have to use that horrible junction that is always rammed with traffic

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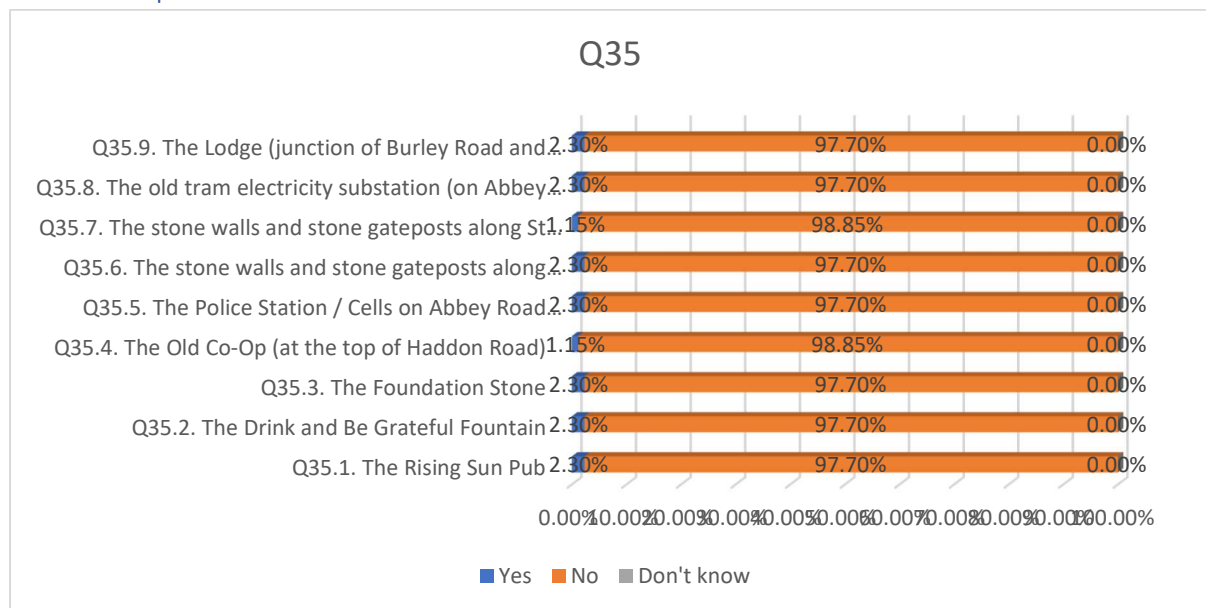
History should be protected

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A distinctive feature of Kirkstall is its heritage. The different characters that the area has had since Kirkstall Abbey was founded are important to preserve and show the distinctive heritage the area has.

Partial Responses:



Comments:

35.10

Cardigan arms

35.11

They emphasise the unique nature of the village.

36. How should we deal with heritage buildings in the neighbourhood area that are not already protected?

Full Responses:

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Seek to have them listed

Allow them to be demolished or modified at will

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Retain them where possible

Retain them where possible

Seek to have them listed

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Retain them where possible

Seek to have them listed

Mixture of listing and retaining.

Can't tick both but would seek to have them listed and retain them

Seek to have them listed

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Seek to have them listed

Retain them where possible

Retain them where possible

Seek to have them listed

I think we have to be realistic- itsnot getting rid of the Rsing Sun thatsthe problem . It could be great . Its just it needs to be replaced with decent architecture. Listing buildings an be a hindrance to the are

Listed where possible, but it's important to ensure existing community assets (the pubs, green spaces) are recognised as such and retained wherever possible.

Partial Responses:

Retain them where possible

Retain them where possible

Retain them where possible

37. Here you can upload documents alongside comments you may have made above.

38. Are you submitting comments as an individual or on behalf of a group, or an agent representing a client? *

Group / Organisation

Individual

Individual

Individual

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39. Your details: *

40. How would you describe your gender identity?

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Man

Man

Woman

NB

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41. How old are you?

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42. What is your ethnicity?

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Irish

Leeds

White

White

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British -white

White

British

White

White

White british

White

White British

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White British

White English

British white

white

white

White British

43. What is your nationality?

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Irish/British

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British

British

English

British

South African / British

British

English

British

British

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British

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English

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44. How many years have you lived in:

the UK

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57

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All my life

72

22

44

Always

Whole life

30

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Nearly 60 years

44

Since birth

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Kirkstall

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30 years

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17

18

21 years

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11 years

20

3

45. What is your employment status?

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Part-time employed (less than 30 hours per week)

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Retired

Retired

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Retired

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Long-term sick

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Not currently employed

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Part-time employed (less than 30 hours per week)

Part-time employed (less than 30 hours per week)

Part-time employed (less than 30 hours per week)

Full-time employed (30 hours or more per week)

Student

Select the one that describes how you spend most of your time. Use "Other" to tell us if you do more than one thing e.g. part time work and studying.

46. Email address: *

47. Address:

Contact details - Group / Organisation

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KNF SWOT Survey Sept 2019 – Jan 2020 (Summary of responses)

What do you like best about your neighbourhood? STRENGTHS

- The parks / green spaces
- The Abbey

- The river / canal
- Lots of local walks
- Rocks to climb on
- The woods
- Peaceful area
- Fields for children to play
- Lots of nature in the area
- Friendly neighbours
- Local restaurants
- Local shops / amenities
- Local entertainment e.g. Vue cinema, bowling, Laserzone, Jump Arena, gyms, museum etc.
- Good schools
- Good community spirit, diverse people
- Transport links – buses, trains etc.
- Good location in terms of access to Leeds City Centre, M1, M62, Leeds Bradford Airport, the countryside etc.
- Good pubs
- Kirkstall Festival and other events
- The history / heritage
- Kirkstall Road is straight and flat which makes cycling easy
- Diverse area, blending residential, commercial, industrial and green corridor
- Decent house prices
- Low crime

What concerns you most about your neighbourhood? WEAKNESSES

- Busy roads / congestion
- Poor air quality due to traffic dominance
- Cars driving too fast and/or badly through residential areas / near schools
- Littering, particularly near schools
- Fly-tipping
- Some of the flats in the area don't have gardens / private amenity space
- Not enough play areas for children
- Potholes
- Littering / barbequing in Abbey Park in summer
- Lack of litter bins in the area generally
- Graffiti
- Drug abuse
- Anti-social behaviour
- Lack of facilities for teenagers
- Over-development of housing / inappropriate development
- New buildings which fail to respond to local architectural character
- Prospect of more traffic along A65 when Kirkstall Forge completes
- Too many cycle lanes / bus lanes which slow down traffic and increase pollution
- Roadside parking, obstructing driveways and pavements

- Illegal parking on corners during Rhinos games
- The amount of multi-occupancy housing
- Houses being let to students not families
- People who rent are less inclined to take care of the property and surroundings
- Students
- Lack of policing
- Too many events which clog traffic / closes roads (e.g. road races)
- Flood prevention / prospect of a cheap, brutalist flood alleviation scheme, destroying wildlife in the valley
- A lack of development means some areas are unutilised
- Badly implemented cycle lanes e.g. bus stop in middle of cycle lane
- Lack of community infrastructure
- More investment in local shopping parades needed, too many “chain” shops
- Rundown streets (such as Beecroft Street) and vacant / derelict land that creates an eyesore

What local improvements would you like to see? OPPORTUNITIES

- Get everyone to pick up their litter
- Keep areas clean, especially near hot food takeaways
- More outdoor amenity space for people living in flats
- Make people follow the speed limit, particularly around schools
- More local shops and independent shops
- Modernise the area
- More greenery away from roads and cars
- More pedestrian crossings
- More play equipment in the parks
- Tackle the traffic, congestion and pollution – congestion charges, charges for car ownership / use, enforcement of double yellow lines, good cycle facilities etc.
- A bypass through / over Kirkstall for commuting traffic
- Encourage people to travel by foot more, rather than in cars
- More Council housing
- More affordable housing rather than student housing
- Ensure new housing is good quality and sustainable / efficient
- Co-housing and other housing opportunities, not just big developers
- Environmental developments e.g. renewable energy
- Provide a real district centre with a community orientation.
- More housing for OAP's
- A local railway station behind Morrisons / near Amen corner, on the Bradford line at Bridge Road and/ or at Cardigan Fields
- An additional bridge over the river to ease congestion
- Remove cycle land through Burley to speed up traffic flow
- Limit number of houses in multiple occupation (HMO's)
- More yellow lines opposite schools to prevent dangerous parking
- Permit parking around all streets from Kirkstall junction, Kirkstall Abbey etc.
- Remove grass verges to provide safer parking areas

- St. Ann's Lane should be one-way (too narrow for 2 lane traffic)
- Change speed humps to strips (humps don't slow cars down enough)
- Better traffic light system on Kirkstall Road
- Public transport from Moor Grange to Kirkstall shopping centre for people without a car
- Develop empty buildings which are left open to vandalism
- Stop events that cause too much disruption e.g. Abbey dash, Tour de Yorkshire, Kirkstall Festival, Leeds half marathon etc.
- Local ownership of Abbey Mills
- Community building for ALL to use and improve physical and mental wellbeing
- Amenities for teenagers
- More neighbourhood policing
- Protect the existing greenery
- More local street art (such as the painted BT boxes)
- Better access to the river / canal, more walking routes
- Protect historical and heritage features, such as lodge houses in Burley, church building, cobbled streets etc.
- Optimise valley floor for health and wellbeing, and local food growing and selling. This can also provide employment and work experience for people who need to build confidence and skills
- More benches for senior citizens
- Gates on alleyways so only residents can use them – reduce antisocial behaviour / theft
- Park & ride so less car pollution
- Wildlife management plan
- More allotments
- Hold letting agents / landlords to account for the state of their properties
- Re-open Beckett Park Primary School as there isn't a local school for that estate
- New children's playground in the fields behind the Queenswood social club
- Low-level fencing or barriers at green spaces / parks to prevent vehicular anti-social behaviour / caravans
- ATM at Kirkstall Bridge shopping centre

What local changes do you hope to prevent? THREATS

- Highrise buildings
- Unrestricted development / over-development
- Loneliness and isolation
- Gentrification
- Where improvements have been made to roads, footpaths and communal areas they need to be monitored and repaired where necessary
- Too many small houses – need more flats, not just for first-time buyers, but also for OAPS (with lifts!)
- Housing development on Kirkstall Hill and redevelopment of St. Anne's Mill could be a threat
- Area needs to stay suitable for families with green open space, activities for children /families etc.
- Parking restrictions along Queenswood Road

KNF Buildings Survey (April/May 2022)

Location	Reason for protection	KNF Response / Action
The Rising Sun The George Pub	These pubs should be re-opened to make the area nice for local communities.	
The Drink & Be Grateful Fountain	I help out with Kirkstall in Bloom and would not want anything to happen to the fountain. The sign at the fountain has been removed and that's a shame because the history of it being an old police station is really interesting and this needs to be preserved. I'm not sure what buildings are at risk but we should be protecting old and quirky buildings from being torn down for development.	
Foundation stone of the old Co-op, Haddon Road (currently a laundrette)	Stone has the inscription "THIS WAS LAID BY WILLIAM THOMAS BURLEY, A DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIETY, AUGUST 1898". It has historical importance.	
Police Station/cells on Abbey Road next to the Drink & Be Grateful garden.	This is a historic building. The hoardings also need to be removed which are out of character with the garden, police station and proximity to Scheduled Monument.	
Stone walls and gateposts along the narrow section of St Ann's Lane.	Defines the original character of the area.	
Old tram electricity substation on Abbey Road (opposite the Forge, between vesper Road and Hawksworth Road)	Historical feature.	
Stone walls and gateposts along Morris Lane, including the walls railings and stone posts on the corner of Morris Lane and Kirkstall Lane.	Forms part of the character of the area, which has a number of Listed buildings and borders on the Kirkstall Abbey estate.	

Any old building in the region.	I'm concerned about undetected sites being lost due to re-roofing, re-pointing and renovation.	
Old Police Station at Kirkstall lights.	It's just derelict and could be made into something. It's been like that for years.	
Rising Sun Pub Former George 4 th Pub Old Police Station	Both former pubs are listed and have brilliant historical features but are generally being left to rot so they can be demolished for flats. The former police station brings history to the core of Kirkstall and would be ideal for a drop-in centre if renovated sympathetically.	
The Lodge at the junction of Burley Road and Burley Wood Drive	This is a unique and much-loved old building in Kirkstall. There was huge outcry from the public when a similar building was demolished at 378 Burley Road and many people asked why it wasn't listed. We need to try to protect this last lodge in the area from developers.	
Both Mills in Kirkstall	Both mills need full protection and should be released to a developer who will develop with the community in mind. The buildings have been left to rot by the Council to almost derelict status and will soon reach the point of no return.	
The Edinburgh to London signpost in Kirkstall	It is of historic interest and a part of our heritage.	

KNF Green Spaces Survey (April/May 2022)

Location	Reason for protection	KNF Response / Action
Pocket-park behind Kirkstall cenotaph where the model railway used to be.	It has been a site used by the public for many years, both before and after they took the Abbey railway away. Possible wildlife meadow area?	

Overgrown area of uncultivated grass land, trees, shrubs and footpaths bordered by Kirkstall Lane, Kirkstall Hill and Eden Crescent.	The area provides a recreational area for local residents. It has off-road pedestrian paths between two extremely busy roads, and the paths are regularly used. The area is a haven for wildlife, including foxes, squirrels and many species of birds and butterflies. However, one well-used path has recently been blocked by a residential development, and the perimeter of the land is gradually being encroached upon by residents extending their gardens onto it.	
Triangular hilly area bordering Kirkstall Hill, Kirkstall Lane and rear of Cricketers Flats and Eden Crescent gardens.	Various signs of wildlife. Path leads to railway station, although can be muddy as hardcore path worn away. Has been used as a dumping ground recently.	
Hawksworth Wood, Hawksworth estate.	Used by many in the local community for walks, providing easy access to nature on the doorstep. Provides a natural habitat for insects and birds.	
Playing fields on Vesper Lane, Kirkstall.	They keep opening the fields to car parking.	
Kirkstall Nature Reserve, Redcote Lane	It is full of bird and insect life.	
The green space between Kirkstall Road and the goit	It is at risk of development. It provides a habitat for many species. It is a green corridor through the Kirkstall valley which is important for pedestrians and wildlife, and which helps mitigate pollution / climate change.	
Goit side path and meadow	It is a lovely green corridor that is falling into disrepair. Needs work to keep paths open and useable. It would be great if the path went all the way from behind Morrisons to Kirkstall Valley farm.	
Green alleyway behind the even numbers of Hawksworth Grove and Vesper Way – leading down from Vesper Road to an entrance for Hawksworth Wood.	It is a public right of way/unadopted alley that used to be very neglected, filled with fly-tipped rubbish, rats etc. Following action by local residents and Cllrs in 2020-21 the alley was cleared and tidied and has been used since for access to the houses on Hawksworth Grove, a through-way for pedestrians, a play area for local children and local residents have been able to plant seeds, bulbs, plants and vegetables. Without protection and regular maintenance this area could become overgrown again and all the benefits lost.	
Hawksworth Wood Park and play area, Cragside Walk (opposite Hawksworth Wood Primary School)	It is a local exercise spot and now has a community of bees next to it in the woods.	

Green spaces along the River Aire – Kirkstall valley Nature Reserve, adjacent land and green areas on the opposite side of the river (north side of river between Kirkstall Abbey and Cardigan fields)	Lots of breeding birds in that area are getting disturbed since local lockdowns have increased human usage.	
Square of grass by the postbox on Eden Drive (crossroads with Kirkstall Lane and Queenswood Drive)	This space has potential to be a community space, but it gets used to site temporary huts by utility companies etc. when doing maintenance work for a few months each year. I have a plan to plant wildflower meadow triangles with a crisscross path through and a bench near the postbox on the square of grass. The experience of walking through wildflowers would be a multi-sensory experience and could encourage people to walk more.	
Burley Park Burley Bottom Park Park behind Cardigan Arms Canal walkway Kirkstall nature reserve	Nice greenery	

KNF Development Sites Survey (April/May 2022)

Where is the site you feel could be developed?	Reason	KNF Response / Action
No sites.	Until the 24 hours a day, 7 days a week traffic congestion in the Kirkstall area has been resolved. Logistical improvements should be implemented to resolve the congestion problem which will inevitably increase through attracting further inhabitants to the area. Should increase footfall without adding to the motorised vehicles problem.	
The old antiques shop at the junction of Morris Lane/Kirkstall Lane/Kirkstall Hill is derelict and in disrepair.	This could be renovated and developed into a community hub for Kirkstall. It is central to Kirkstall and would make use of a space that is currently not being used. It could be the permanent home of KVDT if developed into community space.	

Any new development in the neighbourhood area.	I co-run Leeds Swifts and teach birdwatching in Leeds. I'd like the opportunity to liaise with developers to incorporate swift and bat nest boxes etc. In any new development.	
There is LCC-owned land off Argie Avenue at the corner of Eden Way at the entrance to Beecroft and Sacred Heart Primary Schools (currently just fenced off grass space).	There are currently no natural green spaces east of Beecroft and Sacred Heart Primary Schools until Burley Bottom Park. It is a heavily urbanised environment and many children pass this way on route to and from their schools. The area of fenced off grass could easily be turned into a natural green space with some tree and hedge planting. It could include grass for children to play, provide a nature asset before and after school, remove pollution from cars during pick up and drop off. Tree planting could also contribute to National tree planting targets, remove CO2 from the atmosphere and reduce climate change.	
Land at the back of the Rising Sun Pub, Kirkstall Road	The playground is old, outdated and never used, as well as the huge student complex on the opposite side of the viaduct next to it.	

KNF Footpaths Survey (April/May 2022)

Path(s) that you think need protection	Reason	KNF Response / Action
Batcliffe Wood Burley Park Kirkstall Hill Meadow Wood Armley Park Gotts Park Canal	These paths are on the list as being ones that haven't been registered and as such could end up not being protected from development in the future.	
Goit paths Burley Mills/St Ann's Mills paths	Lots of tree felling and scrub clearance/habitat destruction in the area and human disturbance after lockdown.	
The Goitside path (running from the weir at Kirkstall, and parallel to Kirkstall Road)	It is a popular walk towards the town centre which avoids the heavy traffic on the main road. Provides a habitat for many species of wildlife. It's at risk of being blocked by development.	
Whole of the northern bank of the river Aire needs to be	At present the majority is accessible and it only needs a couple of stretches to be improved to	

consolidated into an accessible path between Kirkstall Forge and Burley Mills allotments.	make it a fantastic local resource. It would allow people to walk in a beautiful setting, using most of the valley up to Kirkstall Forge, and give access to more footpaths along the canal.	
Ginnel from Queenswood Drive/Kirkstall Lane junction to Headingley railway station.	Would provide improved pedestrian access to the Station. I would personally use it to avoid running down Kirkstall Lane where cars parked on pavements often force you into the busy road.	
Various paths in and around Morris Wood	This is a beautiful wood away from traffic containing a number of paths around the wood which should be protected.	