

HAVE YOUR SAY!

ENVIRONMENT SURVEY!



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Key Findings and Action Plan



Introduction

I believe passionately in protecting our natural environment. Along with tackling climate change, this is one of the most important issues of our generation.

As a parent, I want to do all that I can to ensure that the world which we pass on to the next generation is greener and more sustainable. With the UK hosting the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) later this year, I am clear that 2021 must be the year of environmental ambition.

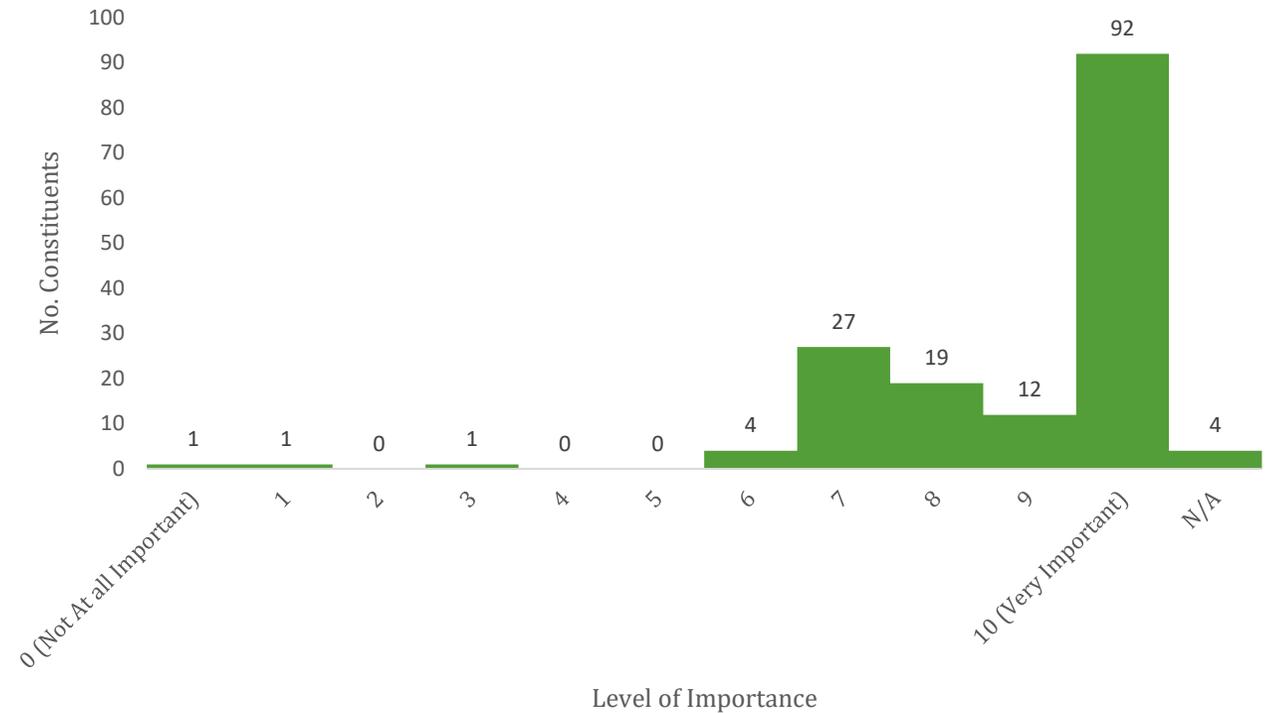
Our effort must be a collaborative one which involves governments, businesses, and communities.

In Parliament, I am an active member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment. We engage regularly with Ministers from the Department for Food, Energy and Rural Affairs.

Back at home in Wolverhampton, I organise regular street cleans. These bring the whole community together to make our area much tidier.



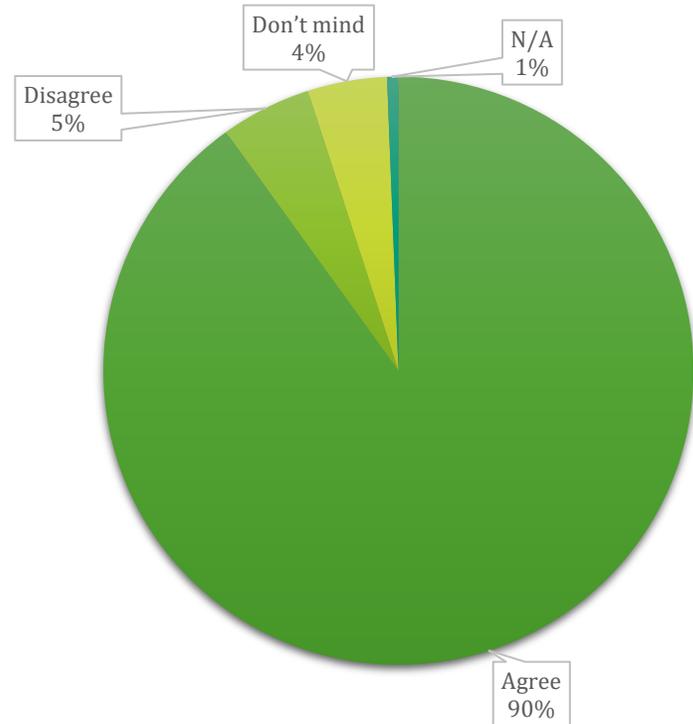
Q1. How important would you say it is to protect our environment?



Environmental Priority

- I wanted to find out the level of importance that constituents attach to protecting our environment. This was on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 was not at all important and 10 was extremely important. Only 7 respondents placed a value of less than 7 on protecting our environment. 57% of respondents (n. 92) placed a value of 10 on protecting our environment. More than half of respondents in each ward – apart from St Peter's (33%) and Tettenhall Regis (47%) – associated a value of 10 out of 10 to the environment.

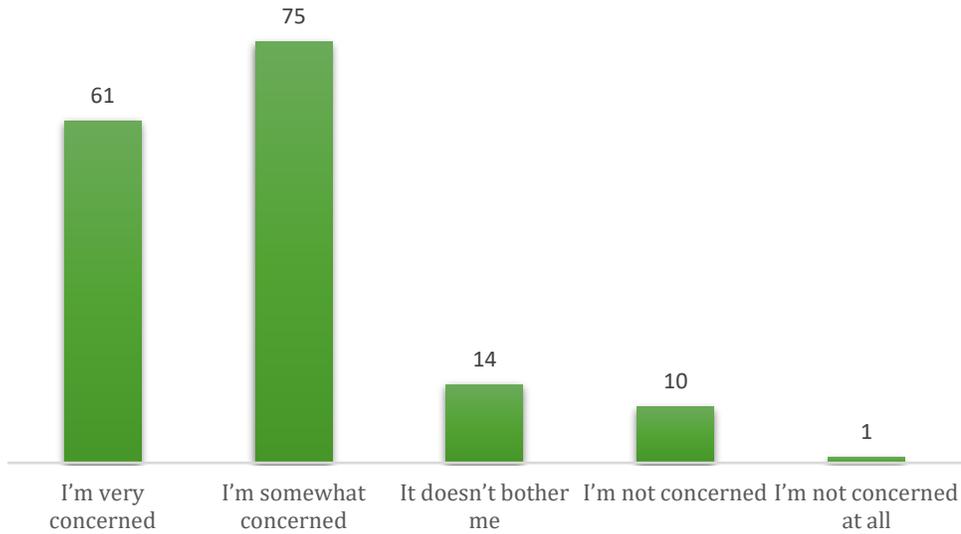
Q2. Brownfield sites must always be considered first when it comes to building new homes. Do you agree?



'Brownfield First'

- For a constituency in which almost ninety per cent of land is built upon, there are many campaigns to protect the pockets of green space that we have.
- My survey found that 90% of respondents (n. 145) agreed that brownfield sites must always be considered first when it comes to building new homes. Every respondent from Graiseley and Tettenhall Wightwick agreed.
- Only 8 respondents disagreed and 7 respondents said that they don't mind.

Q3. Are you concerned about the quality of air in our area?

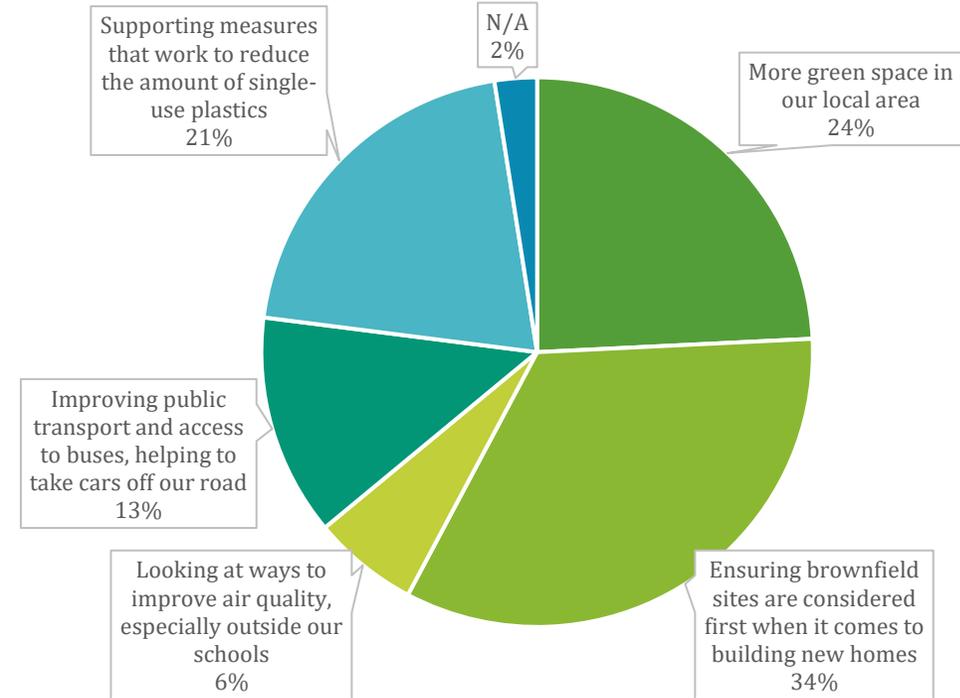


Air Quality

- On the topic of air quality, 85% of respondents said that they were either 'very' (n. 61) or 'somewhat' (n. 75) concerned. 16% (n. 25) of respondents told me that they were not concerned or bothered about air quality. Almost a quarter of respondents from St Peter's said that they were not concerned about air quality. 53% of respondents in Tettenhall Regis told me that they were very concerned.



Q4. What ONE measure do you most support to protect our environment?



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- I was keen to better understand what action my constituents would like to see taken on this subject. I compiled a list of measures and asked constituents to tell me what measure they would most prefer to see. A third of respondents (n. 54) would like to see safeguards to ensure that brownfield sites are considered first when it comes to building new homes. Almost a quarter of respondents (n. 39) would like more green space in their area. 21% of respondents (n. 33) would like to see more done to reduce the amount of single-use plastics. Other measures that constituents support are improving public transport access to buses to take cars off our roads (n. 21) and looking at ways to improve air quality, especially outside schools (n. 10).

Q5. What more could be done to protect our environment?

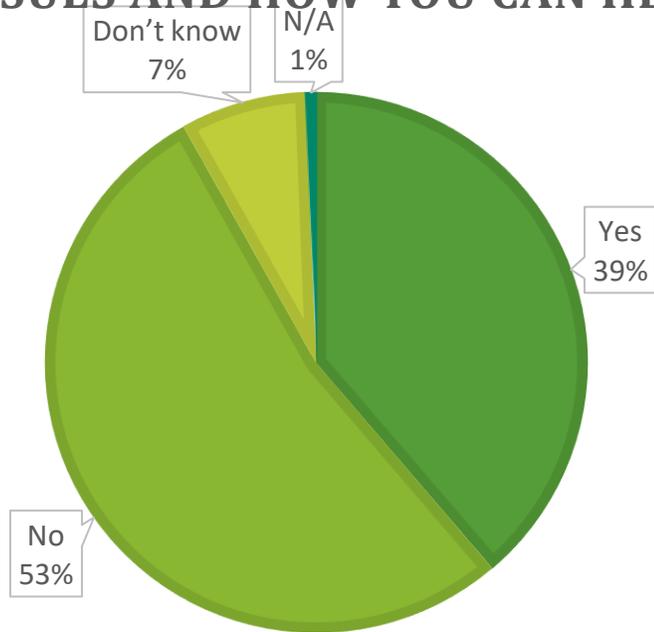
Greenbelt (protecting Seven Cornfields, WEC & Lower Penn; brownfield first, etc.)	42	26%
No answer	28	17%
Rubbish/recycling (tackling waste and single-use plastics; litter picks, etc.)	27	17%
Trees (rewilding initiatives; more green spaces; protecting natural habitats, etc.)	21	13%
Strategy (wider approach; working together; tax incentives; international action, etc.)	18	11%
Traffic/Transport Issues (tackling pollution; improving public transport, etc.)	13	8%
Technological solutions (clean growth; wind, solar, and biomass; etc.)	12	7%



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- I left a question which welcomed open-ended feedback from constituents. I then performed a word-analysis to identify common trends and patterns. Over a quarter of respondents wanted to see the greenbelt protected. Many mentioned local campaigns. Others wanted to see more done to tackle litter and fly-tipping, to restore biodiversity, and tackle roadside pollution. Other respondents mentioned the need to work together and invest in green technologies.

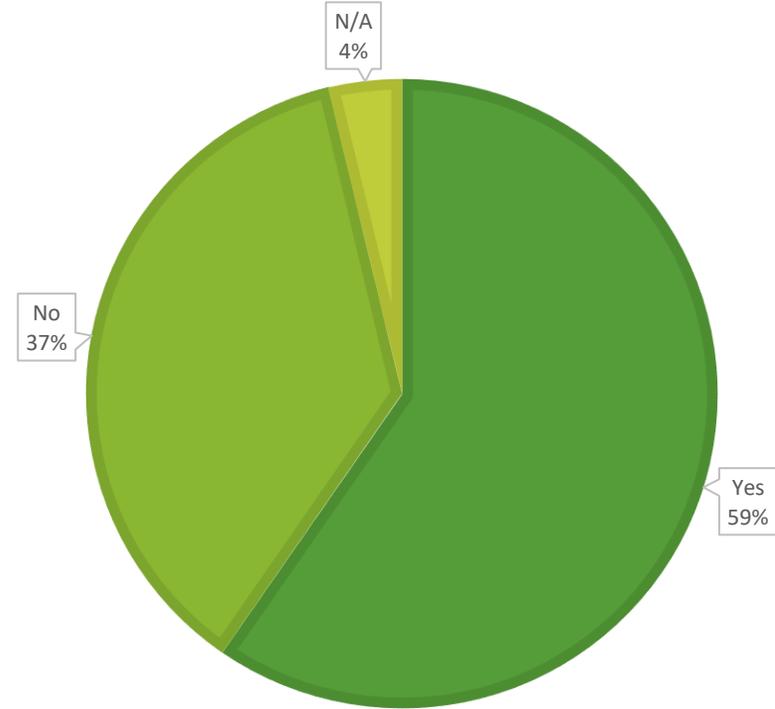
Q6. DO YOU GET ENOUGH INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND HOW YOU CAN HELP?



Available Information

- As a penultimate question, I asked constituents whether they get enough information on environmental issues and how they can help.
- 53% (n. 85) of respondents told me that they did not. This increased to 69% in Graiseley, 67% in St Peter's, and 63% in Tettenhall Regis.
- 39% (n. 62) of respondents told me that they did get enough information. This rose to 55% of respondents from Park.

Q7. WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT MORE WE CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT?



Further Information

- Finally, I wanted to ask constituents whether they would like to receive more information on what they can do to protect our environment. 56% (n. 96) of respondents told me that they would. 37% (n. 59) said that they would not.
- I want to thank everyone for taking the time to respond to my survey. For those that want more information, I will write to them to ensure that they have my contact details. I will also keep my website updated with the latest information.

Ward		Graiseley	Merry Hill	Park	Penn	St Peter's	Tettenhall Regis	Tettenhall Wightwick	N/A	Constituency
Respondents		13	27	31	30	12	19	24	5	161
How important would you say it is to protect our natural environment? (0 is not important; 10 is extremely important)	N/A	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (8%)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (2%)
	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.62%)
	1	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.62%)
	2	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	3	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.62%)
	4	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	5	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	6	1 (8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (8%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	4 (2%)
	7	2 (15%)	2 (7%)	7 (23%)	5 (17%)	4 (33%)	3 (16%)	4 (17%)	0 (0%)	27 (17%)
	8	1 (8%)	4 (15%)	6 (19%)	4 (13%)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	3 (13%)	0 (0%)	19 (12%)
9	1 (8%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (10)	1 (8%)	5 (26%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	12 (7%)	
10	8 (61%)	19 (70%)	16 (52%)	16 (53%)	4 (33%)	9 (47%)	15 (63%)	5 (100%)	92 (57%)	
Brownfield sites must always be considered first when it comes to building new houses. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?	N/A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.62%)
	Agree	13 (100%)	26 (96%)	26 (84%)	26 (87%)	10 (83%)	16 (84%)	24 (100%)	4 (80%)	145 (90%)
	Disagree	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	1 (8%)	3 (16%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	8 (5%)
	Don't mind	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	5 (16%)	0 (0%)	1 (8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (4%)
Are you concerned about the quality of air in our area?	Very Concerned	5 (38%)	10 (37%)	13 (42%)	6 (20%)	4 (33%)	10 (53%)	10 (42%)	3 (60%)	61 (38%)
	Somewhat Concerned	5 (38%)	15 (56%)	13 (42%)	18 (60%)	5 (42%)	5 (26%)	13 (54%)	1 (20%)	75 (47%)
	Not bothered	3 (23%)	1 (4%)	2 (6%)	3 (10%)	3 (25%)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	14 (9%)
	Not Concerned	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	3 (10%)	0 (0%)	2 (10%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	10 (6%)
	Not Concerned At All	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.62%)

Which ONE measure do you most support to protect our environment?	N/A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (8%)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	4 (2%)
	More Green Space	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	11 (35%)	5 (17%)	5 (42%)	6 (32%)	5 (21%)	1 (20%)	39 (24%)
	Brownfield Sites First	4 (31%)	12 (44%)	5 (16%)	14 (47%)	1 (8%)	6 (32%)	11 (46%)	1 (20%)	54 (36%)
	Improving Air Quality	1 (8%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (25%)	2 (11%)	2 (8%)	1 (20%)	10 (6%)
	Improving Public Transport	3 (23%)	3 (11%)	5 (16%)	2 (7%)	2 (17%)	2 (11%)	4 (17%)	0 (0%)	21 (13%)
	Reduce Single-use Plastics	5 (38%)	5 (19%)	9 (29%)	9 (30%)	N/A	2 (11%)	2 (8%)	1 (20%)	33 (21%)
Do you get enough information on environmental issues and how you can help?	N/A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	2 (1%)
	Yes	4 (31%)	11 (41%)	17 (55%)	10 (33%)	1 (8%)	7 (37%)	10 (42%)	2 (40%)	62 (39%)
	No	9 (69%)	15 (51%)	10 (32%)	15 (50%)	8 (67%)	12 (63%)	14 (58%)	2 (40%)	85 (53%)
	Don't know	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	4 (13%)	4 (13%)	3 (25%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	12- (7%)
Would you like more information on what more we can do to protect our natural environment?	N/A	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	2 (6%)	3 (10%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (4%)
	Yes	7 (54%)	20 (74%)	18 (58%)	12 (40%)	6 (50%)	13 (68%)	17 (71%)	3 (60%)	96 (60%)
	No	6 (46%)	6 (22%)	11 (35%)	15 (50%)	6 (50%)	6 (32%)	7 (29%)	2 (40%)	59 (37%)
		Graiseley	Merry Hill	Park	Penn	St Peter's	Tettenhall Regis	Tettenhall Wightwick	N/A	Constituency

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