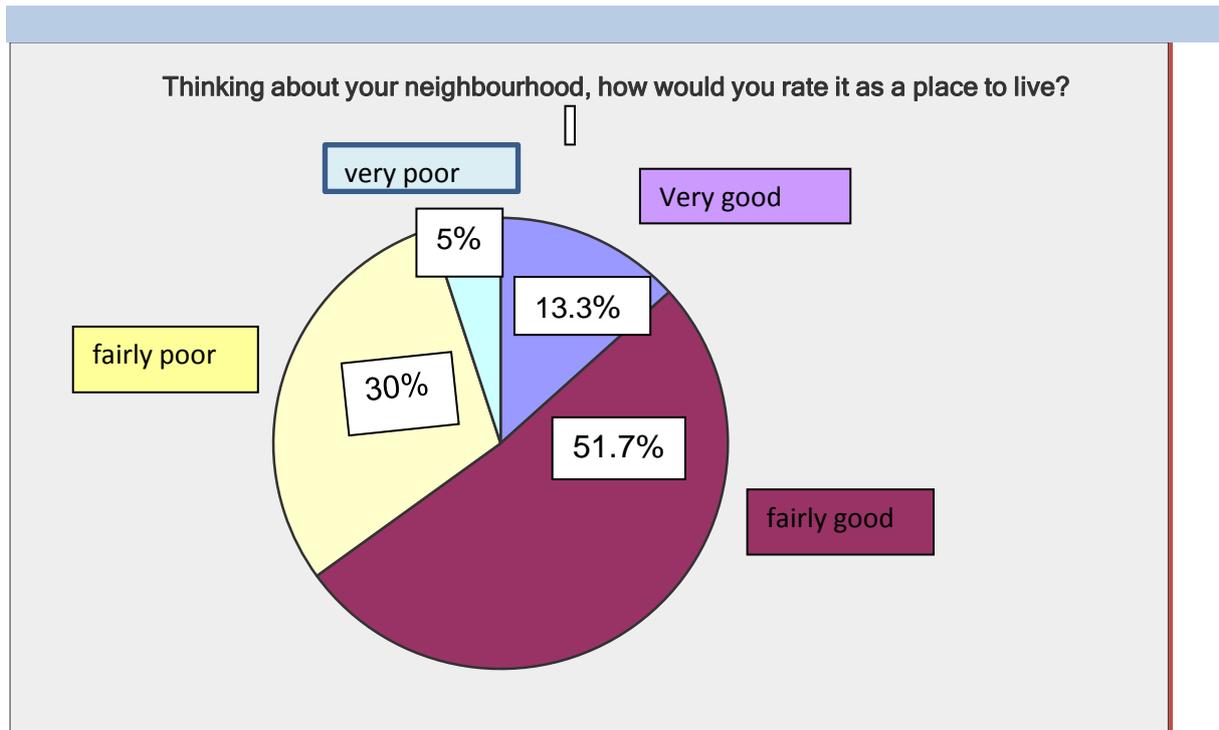


Summary Your Dumbarton West Survey – Jan 2016

Key Points

63 people from the Dumbarton West area completed the survey, offering a sample survey of responses from 6 geographical areas in Dumbarton West.

Castlehill (38.18%), Brucehill (25.45%), Westcliff (16.36%), Dalreoch (9.09%), Dennystoun (7.27%), Kirktonhill (3.64%)



55 people answered this question and 8 skipped

Perceptions of the area are on the whole positive with almost 65% of respondents rating their neighbourhood as very good or fairly good. However, 35% of respondents responded as fairly poor or very poor.

Key Points

The physical environment

The overall picture is positive. There are high levels of satisfaction with the waste service (81%), accessibility to amenities and services (72%), the cleanliness of the area (68%), the lighting (67%), open spaces and parks (60%). Dog fouling is a significant problem (75%) and there are significant concerns about fly tipping (39%), local footpaths and roads (56%) and a lower level of concern about graffiti (38%).

The majority of comments were about aspects of public footpaths, overhanging trees & roads with an equally high number of comments about dog mess & lack of bin provision. There were also issues raised about inadequate street lighting and the need for better shops.

Feeling Safe

The majority of respondents (64%) feel safe where they live. However, 49% of respondents experience crime in the area, with a higher percentage (57%) experiencing anti-social behaviour. 39% indicate young people gather in their area, while 60% think drugs and alcohol are a problem.

The first priorities identified are problems with anti-social behaviour from neighbours and the need for improved street lighting. The next priorities are for improved police presence & disturbances caused by young people using drugs and alcohol.

Housing

The majority of residents feel housing is in good condition (73%) while 22% find noisy neighbours are a problem.

The majority of comments are concerns & frustrations related to repairs, dampness and the quality of housing. Other comments refer to need for general upgrading of housing in terms of heating & improved insulation, need for new windows & improved fencing.

Leisure/Community

84% of respondents feel there are not enough activities for young people, while only 16% feel there are. 31% rate community and leisure facilities as either good or very good however a significant number (69%) do not. 73% agree there are good places for outdoor activities.

The majority of comments are about the lack of activities for children and young people. This is followed by an equal number of concerns related to the lack of community centre provision in Castlehill, and the need for better maintained playing fields and children's play parks.

There were very few of the respondents (80%) who took part in activities within their area & for those who indicated they did take part in activities (20%) -the activities took place outwith the actual area of Dumbarton West : ie either the Concord Centre or in the Clydebank area.

Town Centre/Shopping

69% of respondents felt local shopping does not offer variety and choice. A significant majority of 76% do not rate the town centre as attractive. 58% do not feel the town centre is safe. Ease of getting around is rated very highly 87% as is parking provision (67%). Parking, roads and pavement and general access issues also feature.

The overwhelming majority of comments are about the need for more shops and a better variety of affordable shops. -Traffic management & parking is the next highest concern (although it should be noted that free parking is a good thing). Followed by other issues about safety:- too many pubs, people under the influence of drugs & alcohol, and lack of security staffing presence.

Health Services

The majority of respondents (84%) rate local health services as good.

The majority of comments, evenly balanced, are about two main issues - locating more hospital services at the Vale of Leven Hospital and the need for re-instating Accident and Emergency services there. The next priority relates to issues around GP appointments and advice.

One Small Priority

Priorities in descending order are need for **outdoor & indoor play parks, sports facilities, community building / centre**, roads/pavements/lighting, communication & consultation with residents, dog fouling, housing, waste services, improve police presence & health services.

One Large Priority

The overwhelming priority is **improving or providing outdoor & indoor community facilities (playparks, football facilities & Community Centre)**. The next priority is town centre and shopping and regenerating the area. Closely followed by issues re drugs & homeless unit accommodation. Next priorities are employment, roads & lighting, housing, dog fouling, & improved public transport.

Vision for Your Dumbarton West

The main Vision statements focus on the need to improve relationships between neighbours & improving community spirit. Almost equal to this are people's visions in relation to regeneration of the Town Centre.

This is then followed by concerns re safety & cleanliness of the area; the need for improved activities / facilities for children and young people; drugs / violence & employment.