

Climate Change

Consultations results 2020



Participants

Just under 650 participants attended 15 consultation events.

Officers attended council/councillor meetings to share the survey.

Staff, businesses, voluntary sector and residents were targeted.

2000 business cards were distributed.

787 surveys completed

Social media, tabloids and screensavers were used to encourage participation

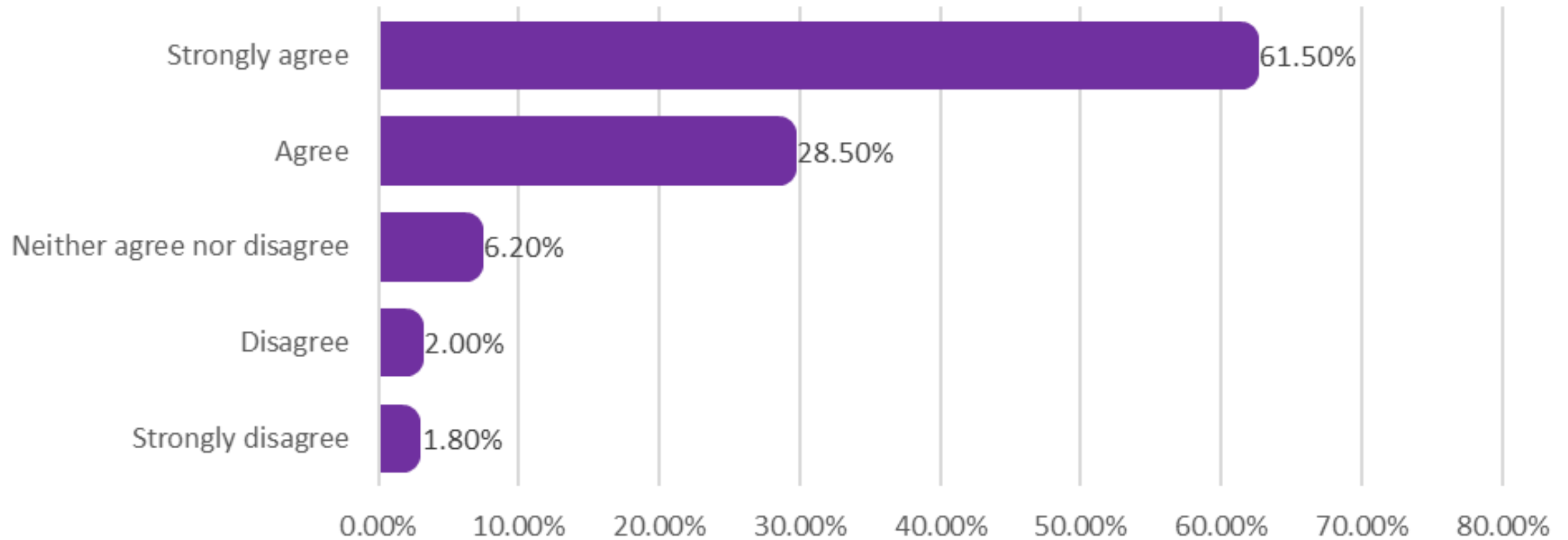


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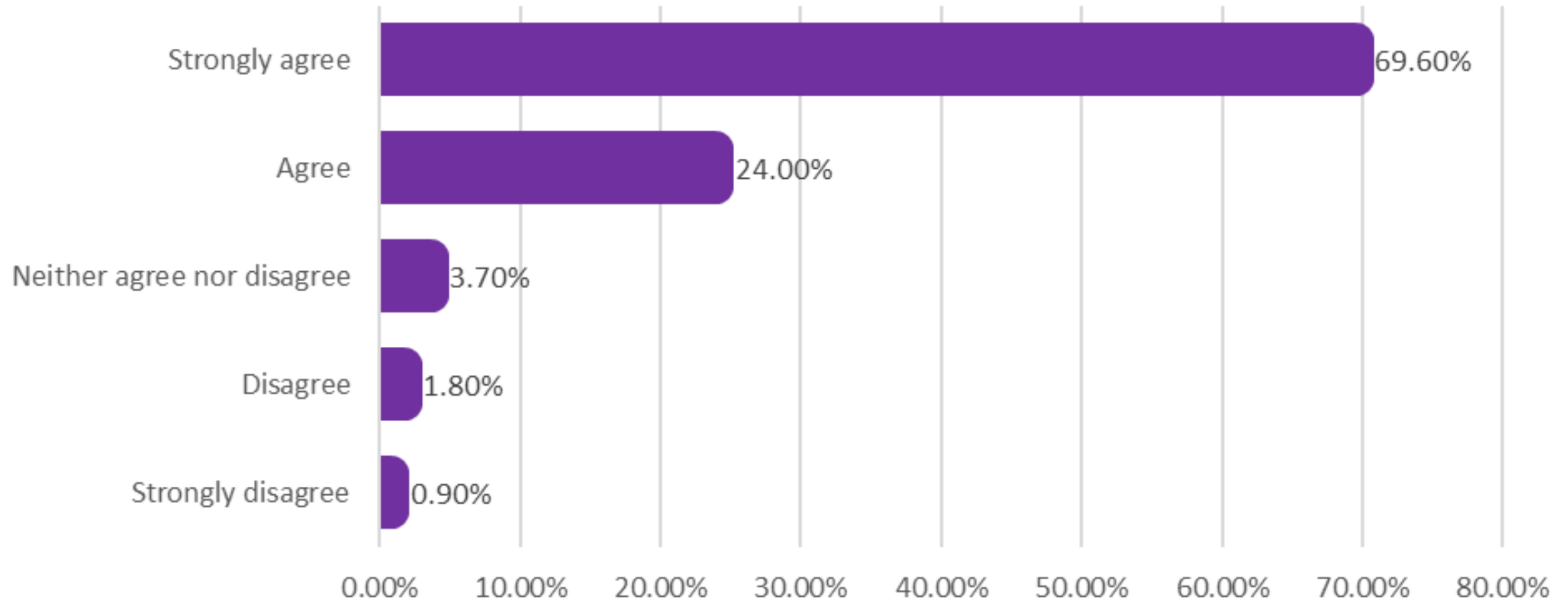
Results



Dealing with climate change should be a key priority for Sandwell

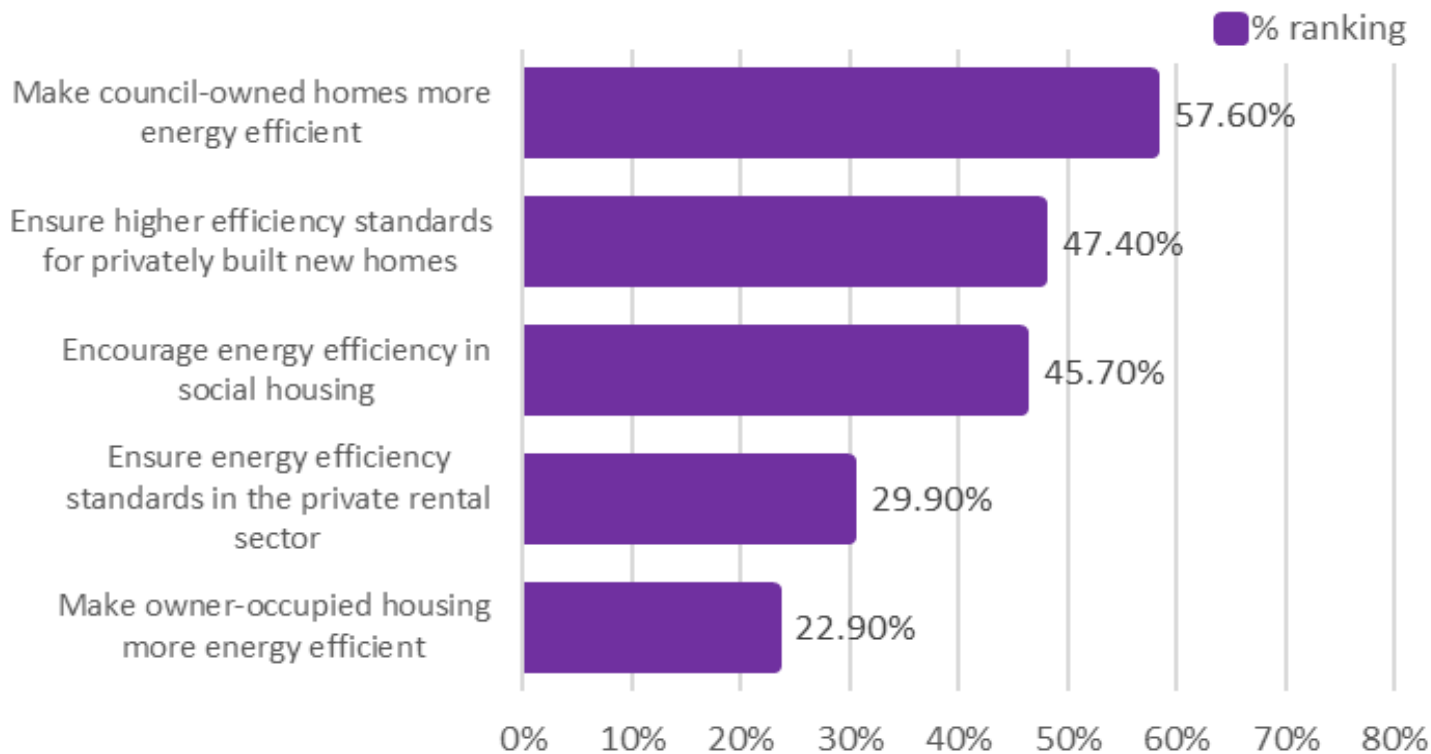


Improving air quality should be a key priority for Sandwell



High Priorities for Housing

High Priority areas for Housing

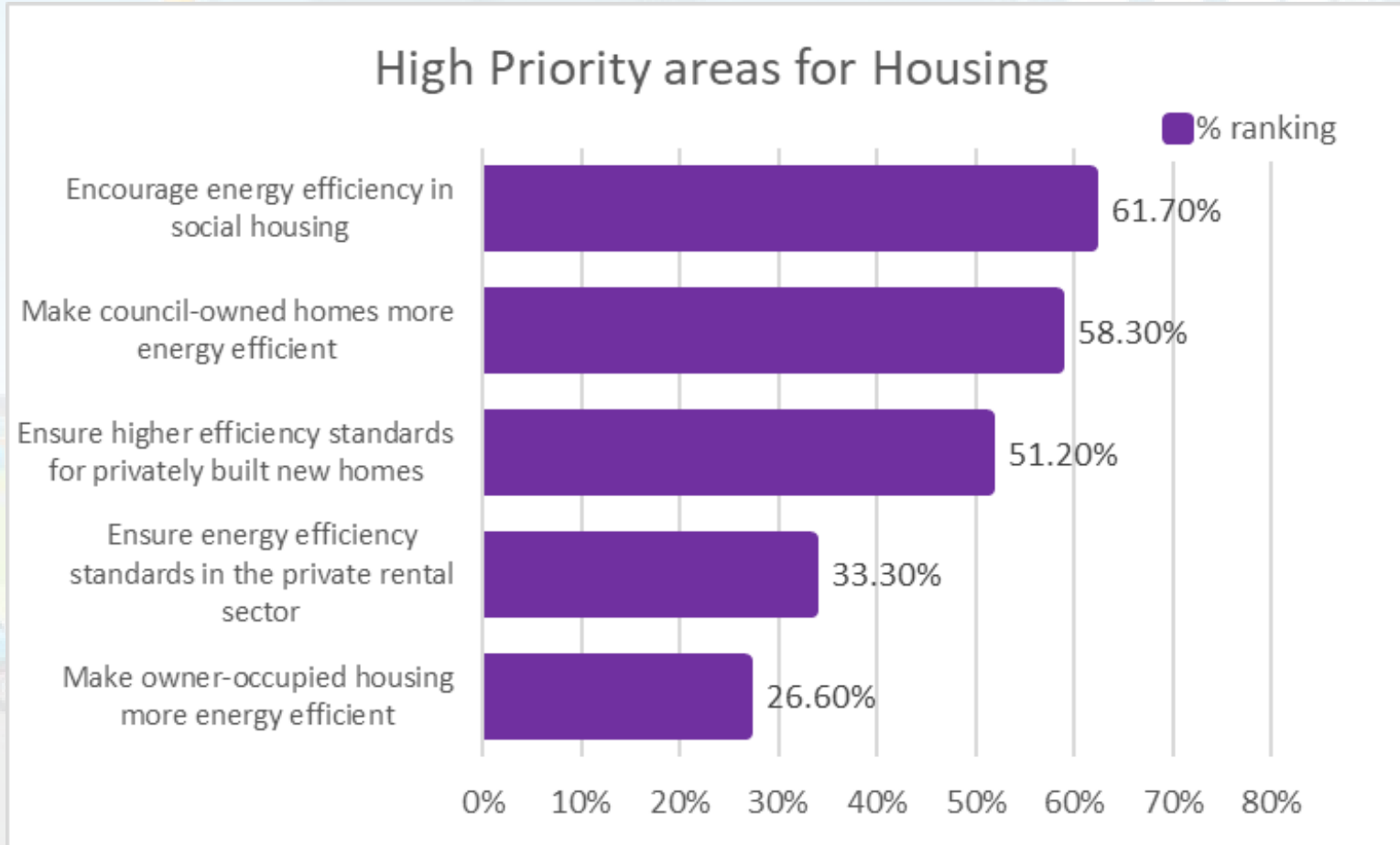


Making Council owned homes more energy efficient ranked highest with 57.60%

followed by ensuring higher efficiency standards for privately built new homes with 47.40%



Mentimeter results for housing

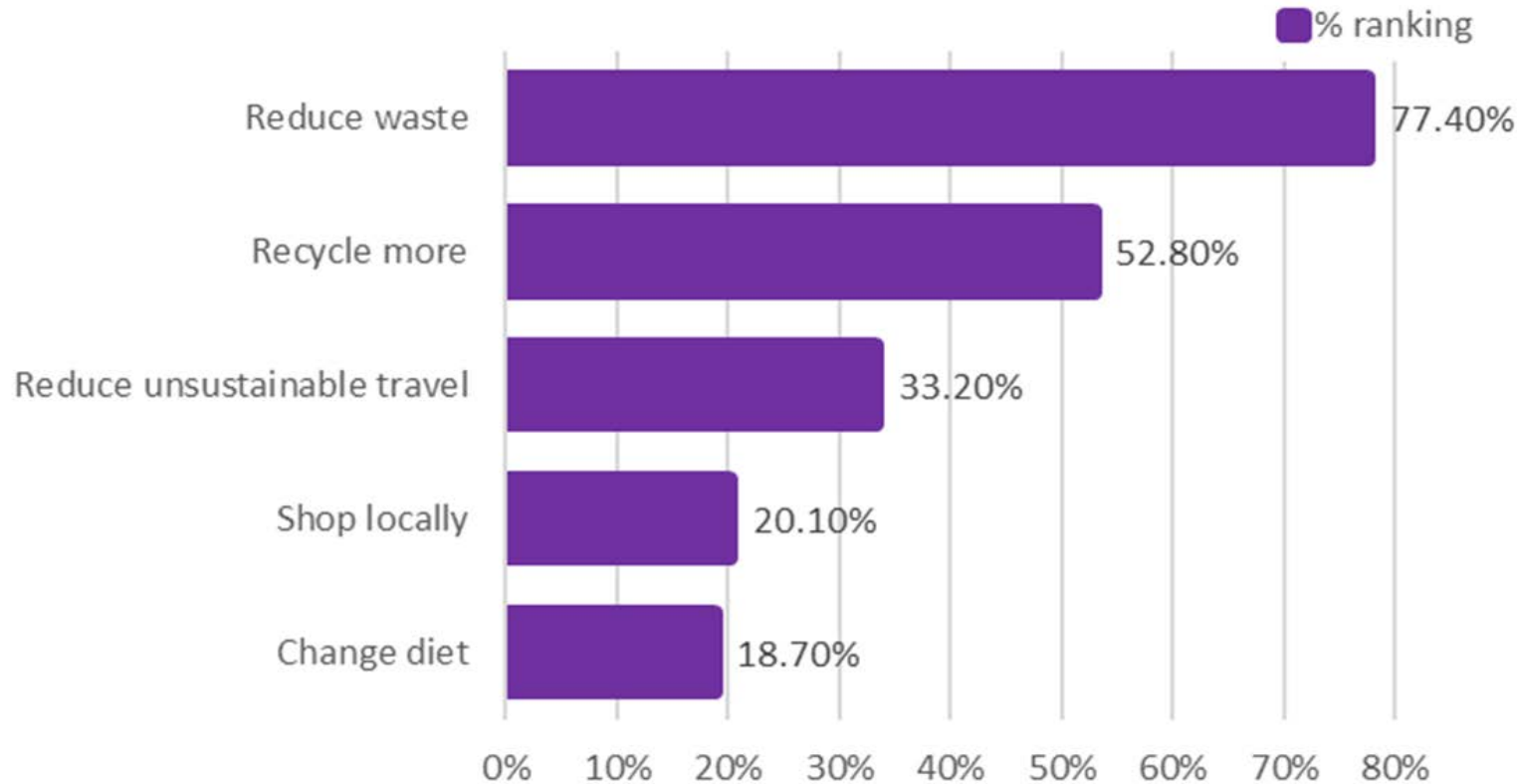


Encourage energy efficiency in social housing ranked highest with 61.70% followed by make council owned homes more energy efficient with 58.30%



Residents

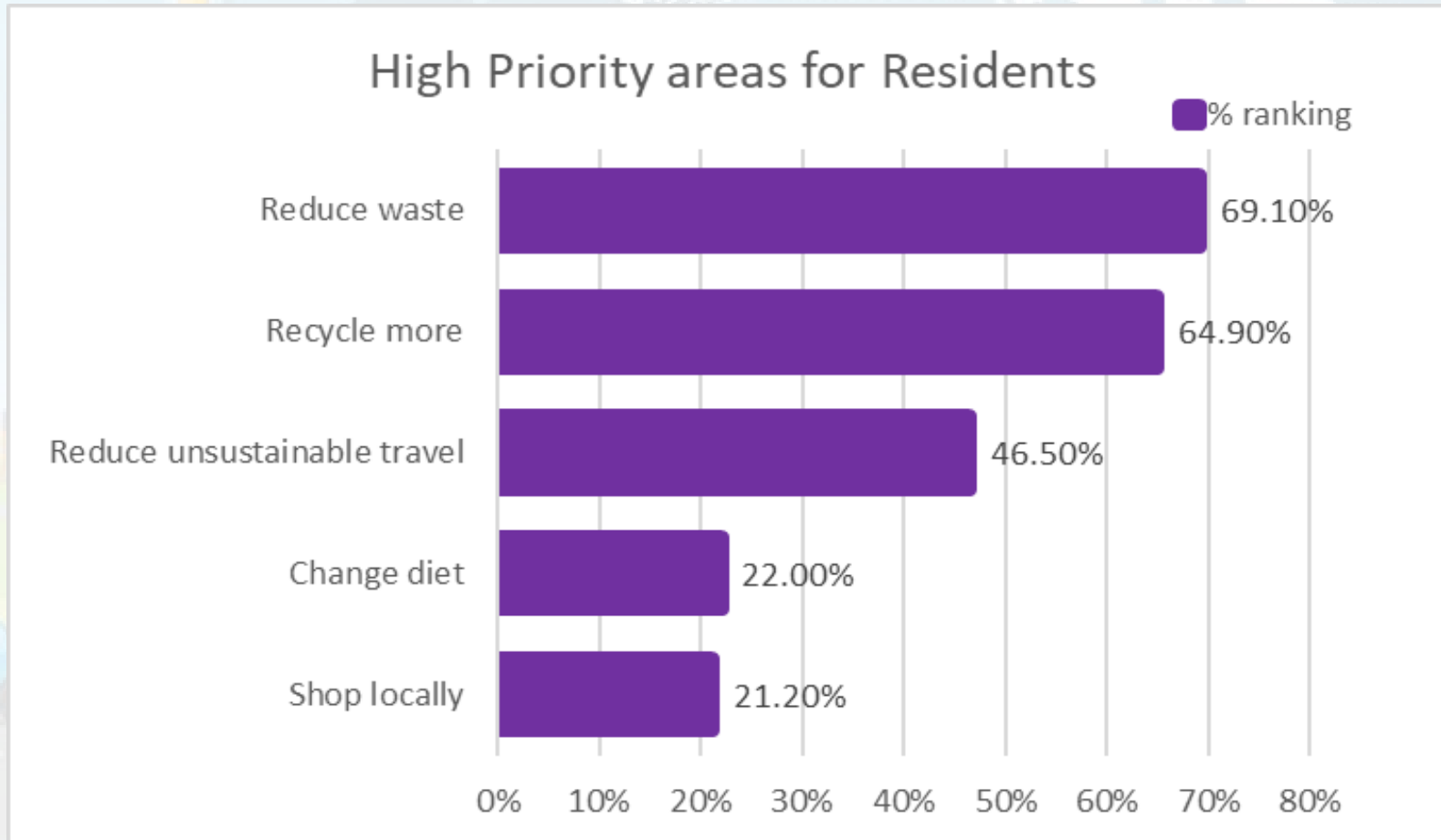
High Priority areas for Residents



Reducing waste ranked highest with 77.40% followed by recycle more with 52.80%



Mentimeter results for residents



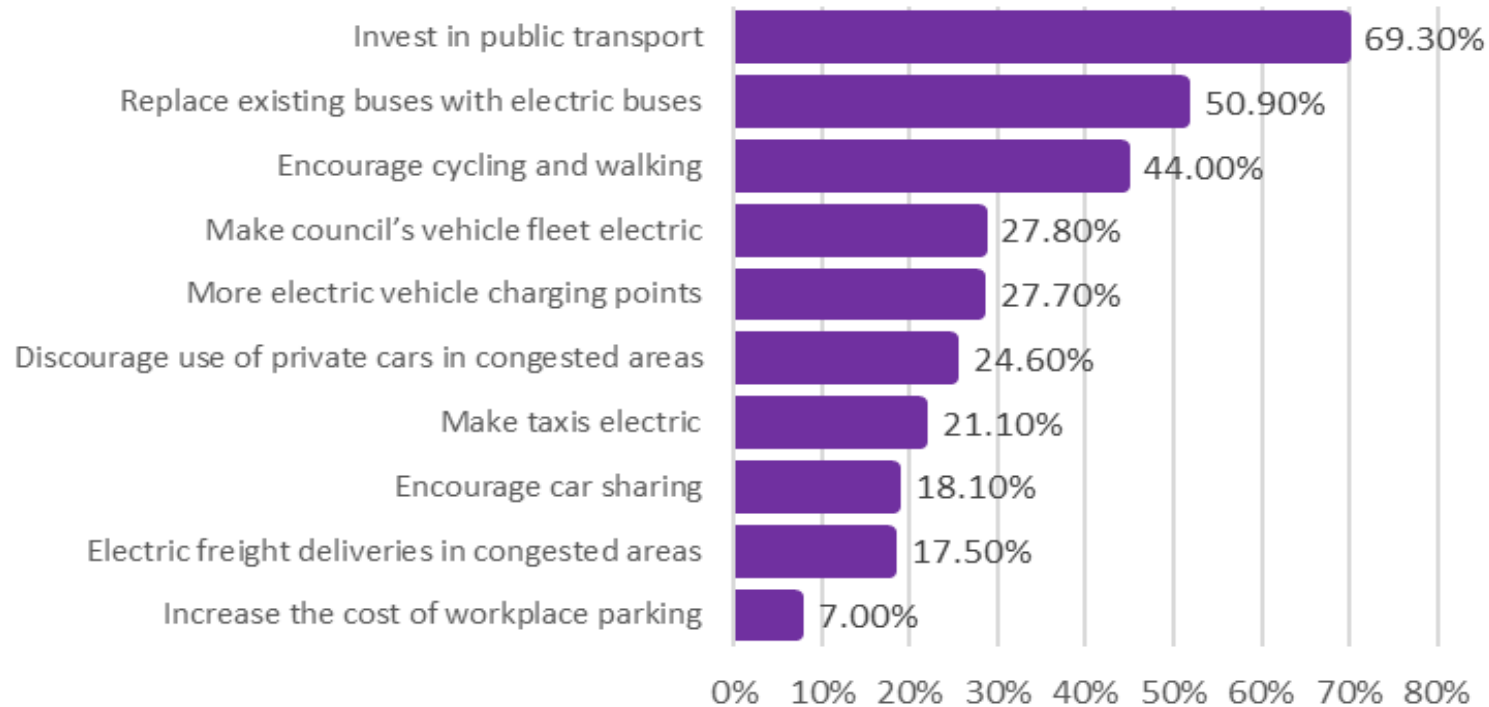
Reduce waste ranked highest with 69.10% followed by recycle more with 64.90%



Transport

High Priority areas for Transport

% ranking



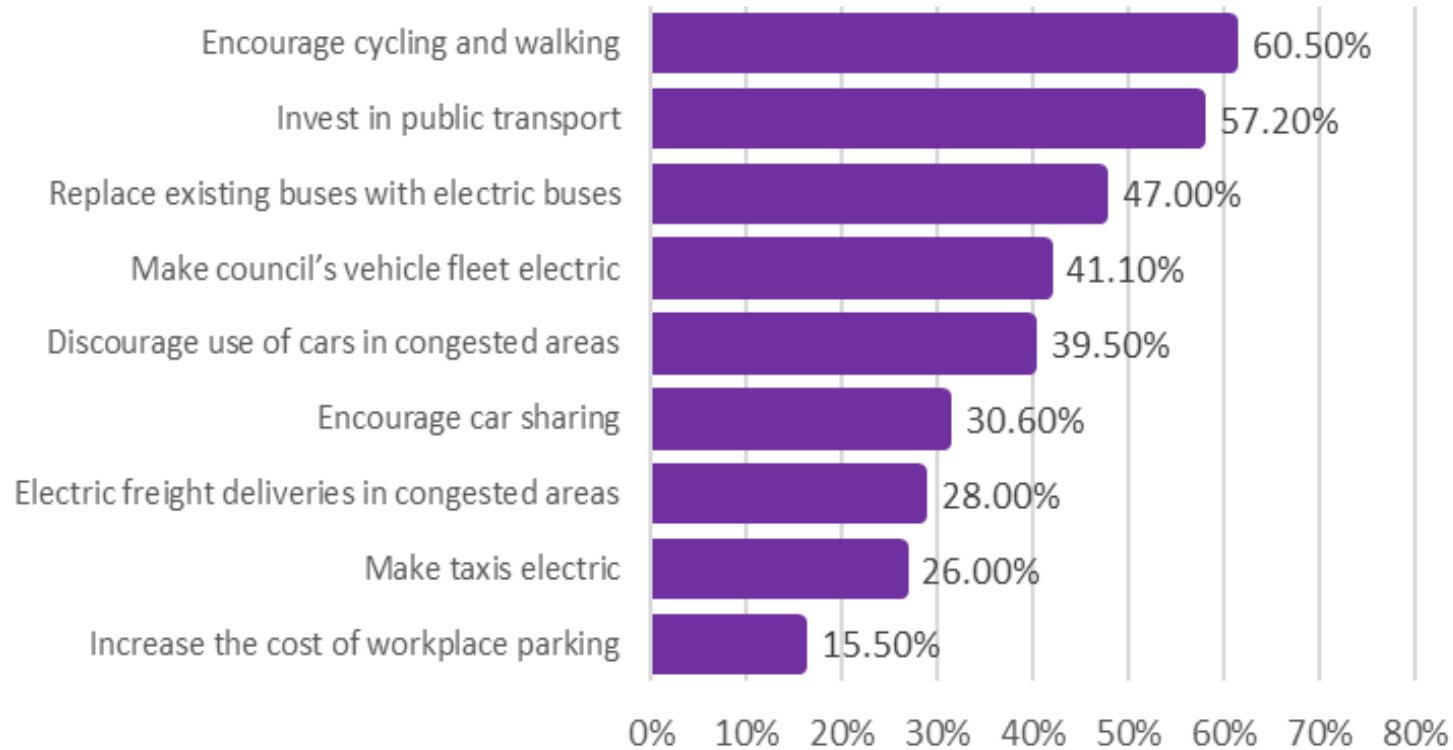
Invest in Public transport ranked highest at 69.30% followed by Replace existing buses with electric buses with 50.90%



Mentimeter results for transport

High Priority areas for Transport

% ranking



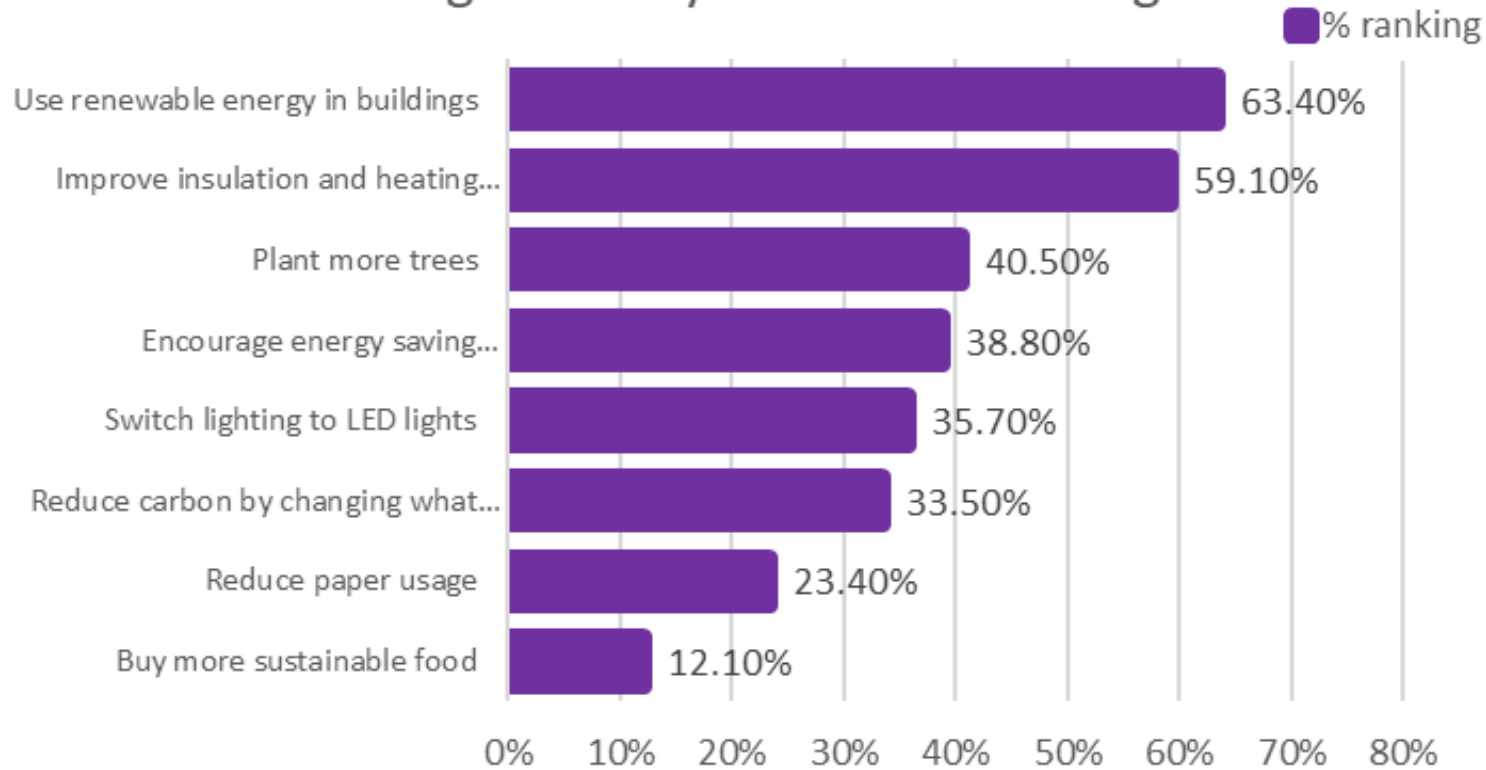
Encourage more cycling and walking ranked first with 60.60%

followed by invest in public transport with 57.29%



Buildings

High Priority areas for Buildings

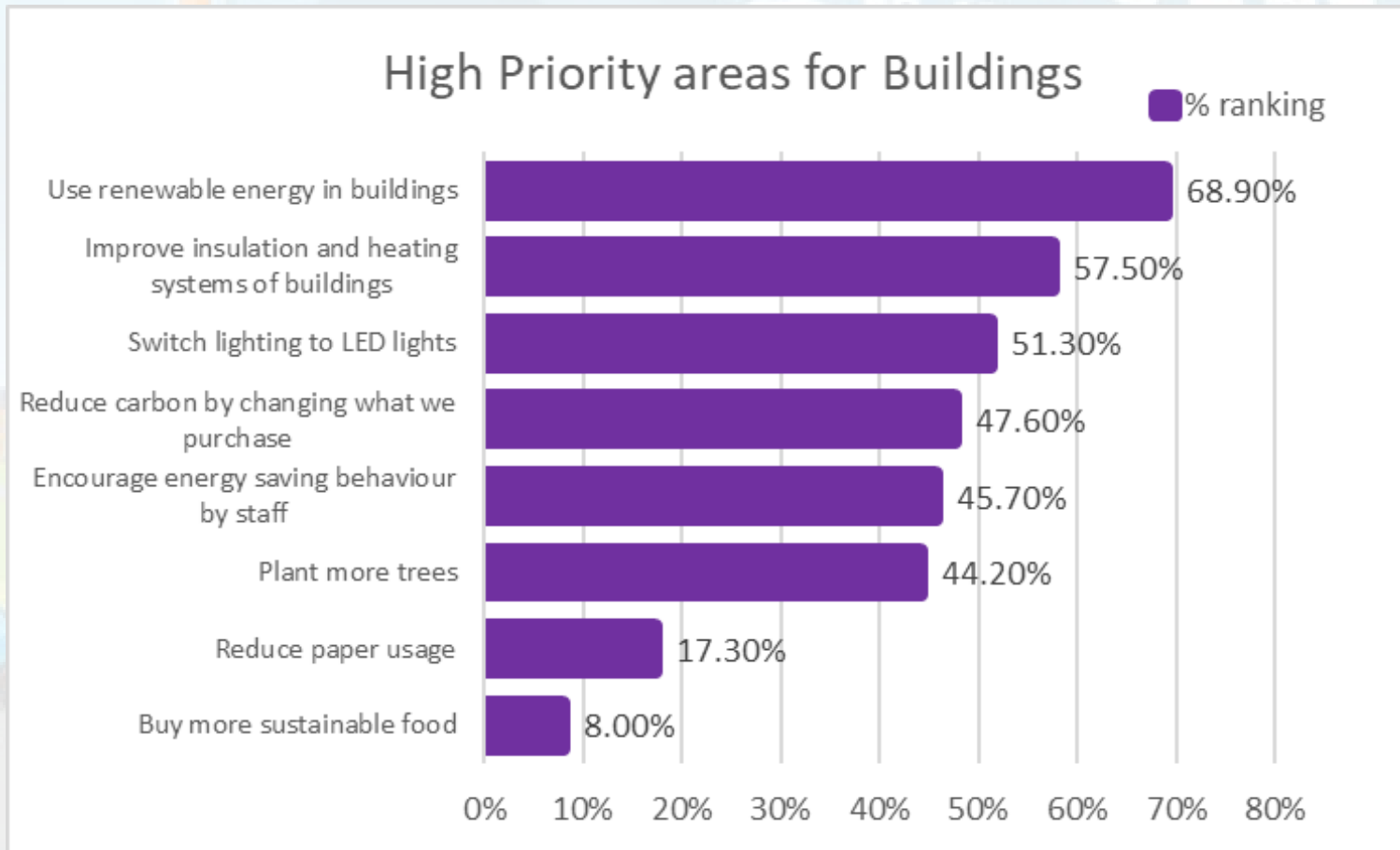


Use renewable energy in buildings ranked highest with 63.40%

followed by Improve insulation and heating systems with 59.10%



Mentimeter results for buildings



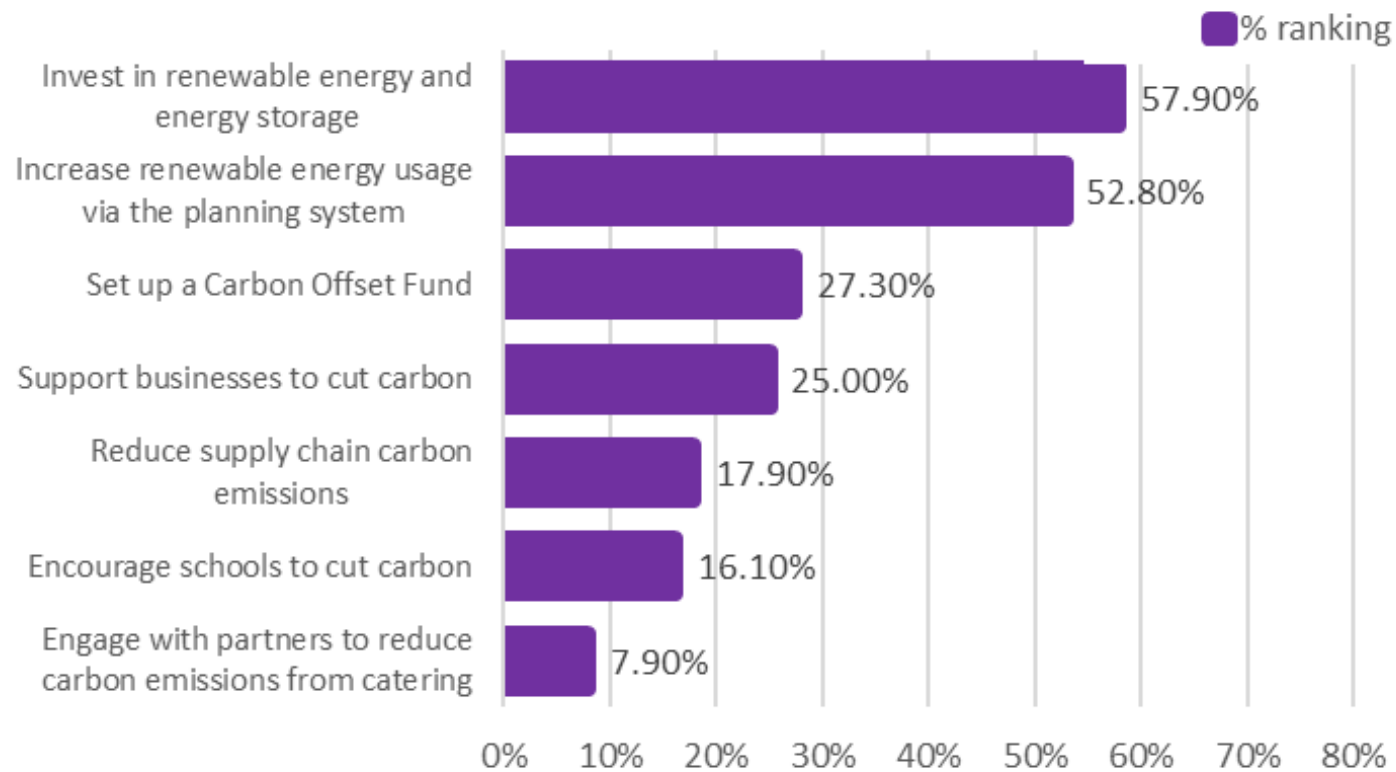
Use renewable energy in buildings ranked highest with 68.9%

followed by improve insulation and heating systems of buildings with 57.5%



Business

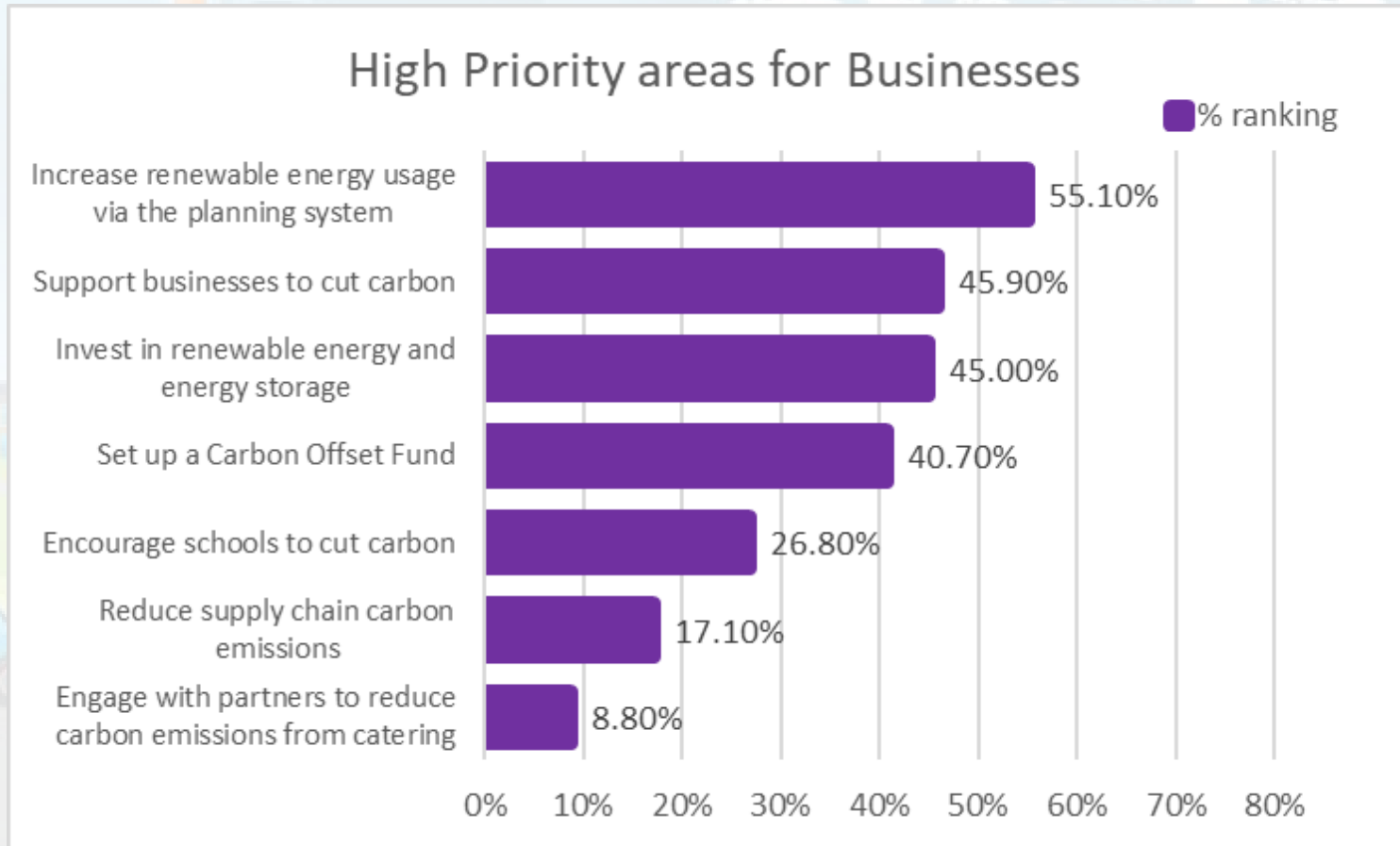
High Priority areas for Businesses



Invest in renewable energy and energy storage ranked highest with 57.90% followed by Increase renewable energy usage via the planning system with 52.80%



Mentimeter results for business



Increase renewable energy usage via the planning system ranked highest with 55.10%

followed by support businesses to cut carbon with 45.90%

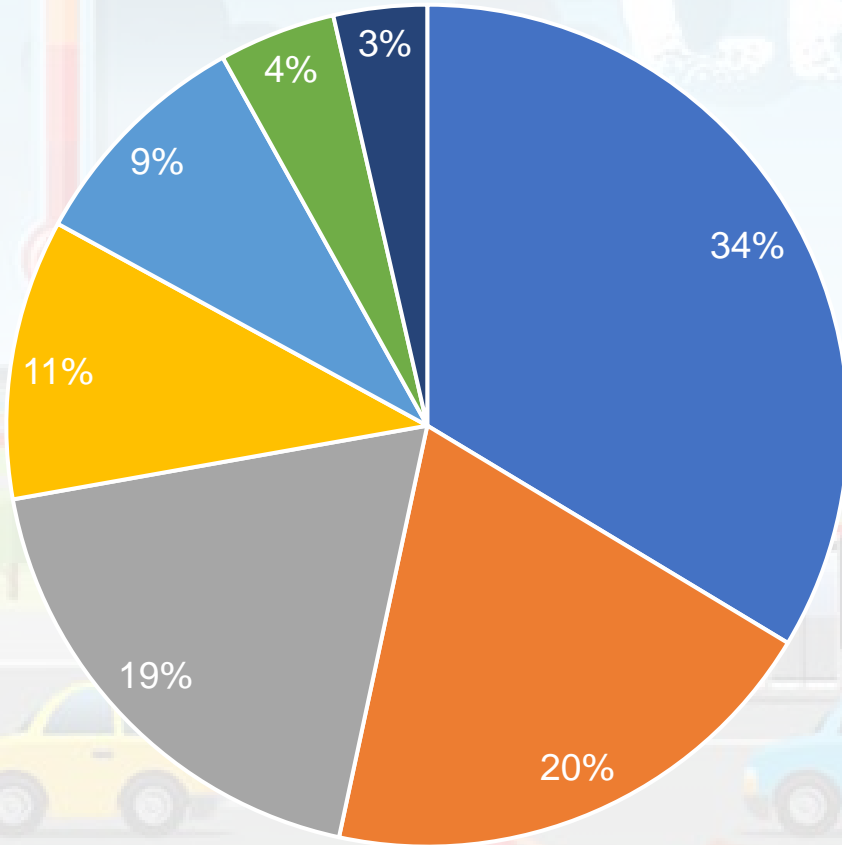


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Open questions



What are your views on climate change/air quality in Sandwell? (Mentimeter)



- Air quality is poor/needs improvement
- Need traffic reduction/sustainable transport
- Need to do more for Climate Change
- Consult/educate/engage more
- Invest in green tech/ recycling
- More green space/tree planting
- Concerns about health impacts



Comments of interest

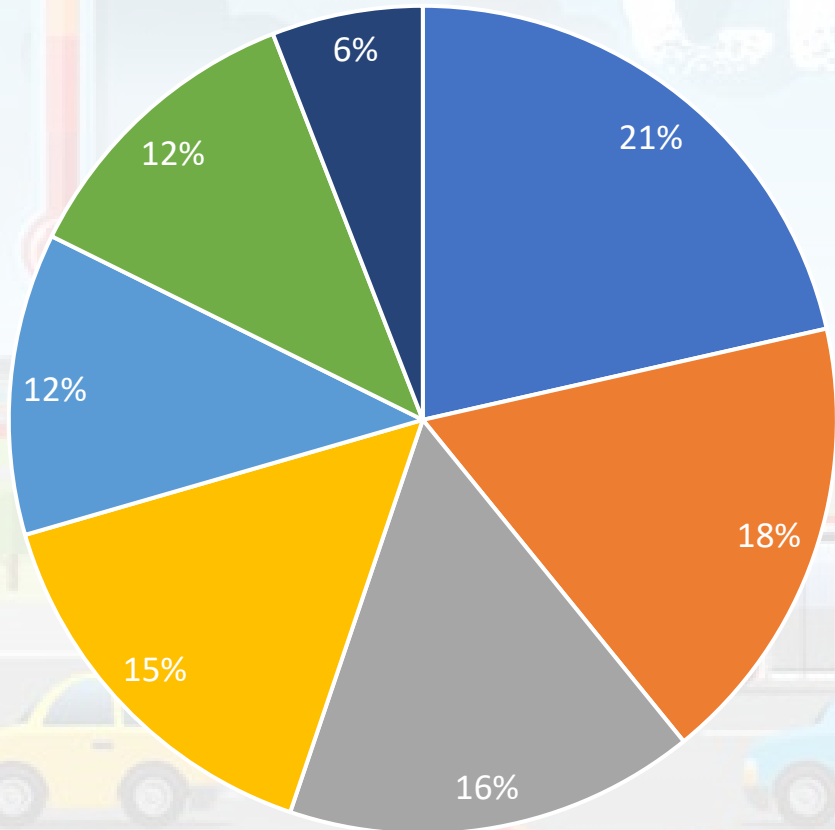
“It's great we are looking at this seriously now, a lot of work needs to be done. We need to improve air quantity particularly around schools and areas with dense populations.”

“Too much reliance on cars in the borough and in the Council. We need better transport infrastructure and more cycle lanes and green spaces.”

“Concerned about impact of air quality on health especially for children. All departments need to work together to prioritise climate.”



Are there any actions you would like to add to the 35 in the previous five sections?



- Sustainable transport
- Air quality/ emissions
- Green space and tree planting
- Recycling and waste
- Energy efficiency/generation
- Education/ behaviour change
- Strategy/ planning/ licensing



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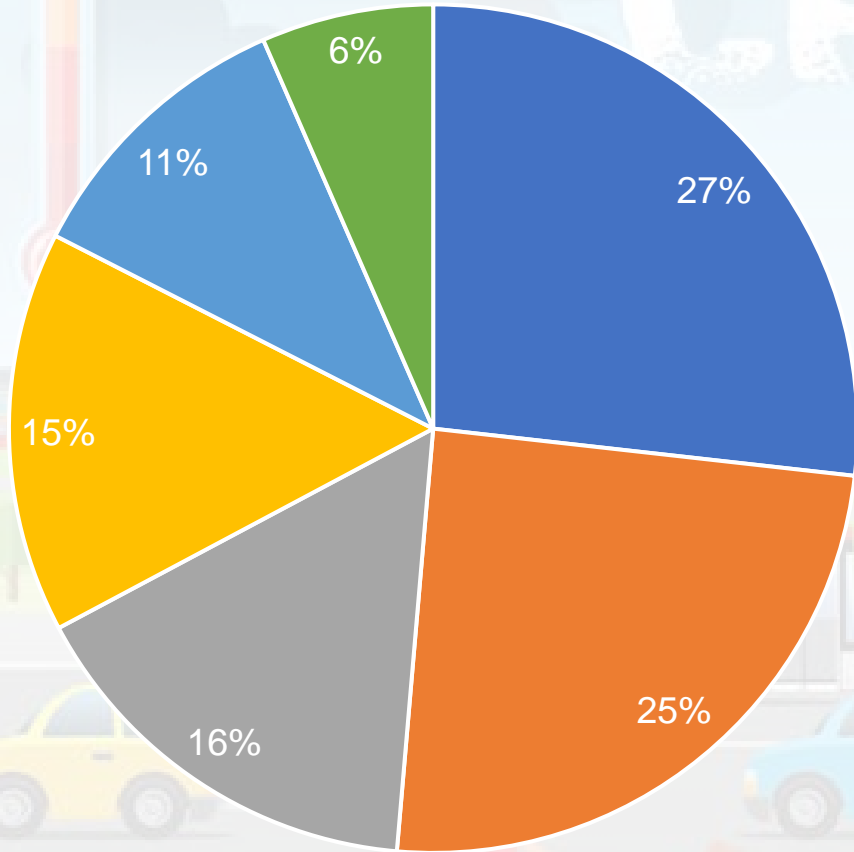
“Put solar panels to generate renewable energy in school buildings/ other community owned or controlled buildings.”

“Use regular daily canal boat buses fitted with hybrid engines to ferry people and goods around Sandwell and to and from Birmingham and Wolverhampton. This could mean less traffic on the roads and the trips could help with stress relief and wellbeing. I'm sure it would also bring some character to the area, and will attract visitors from the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in part of Sandwell.”

“Solar panels need to be mandatory for new-builds, and funding allocated towards adding it to existing publicly-owned buildings.”



Are there any additional actions you would like to see? (Mentimeter)



- Sustainable transport/traffic reduction
- Educate/encourage behaviour change
- Tree planting/green space
- Green technology/energy efficiency
- Incentives for carbon/emissions reduction
- Waste reduction/recycling



Comments of interest

“Put this on the agenda of team briefs - make more people aware, and make it mandatory as it’s so important and people are not realising.”

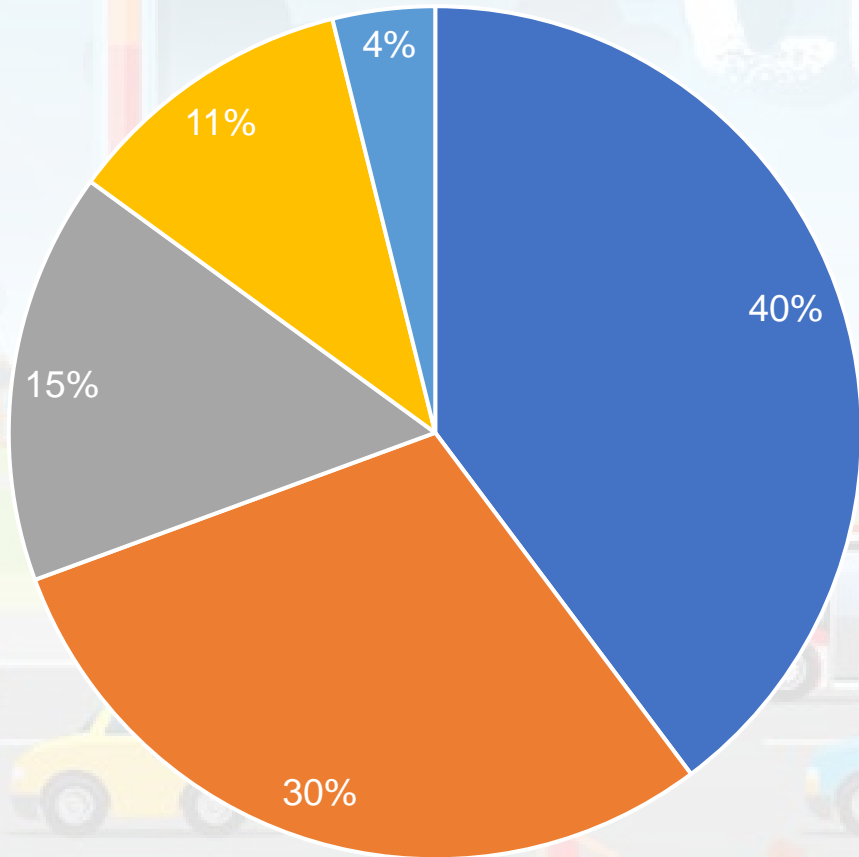
“Climate awards for organisations that contribute the most to climate agenda- this will help them to recruit young people...”

“The Council needs to lead by example. So, we may encourage our contractors to employ local labour, but are we doing it ourselves?”

"Encourage zero waste shops in area Make more green open spaces. Electric charging points, cycle lanes"



What are you doing to become more sustainable?



- Recycling/reducing waste
- Sustainable or reducing unnecessary travel
- Energy efficiency/renewable energy
- Changes to diet
- Encouraging biodiversity



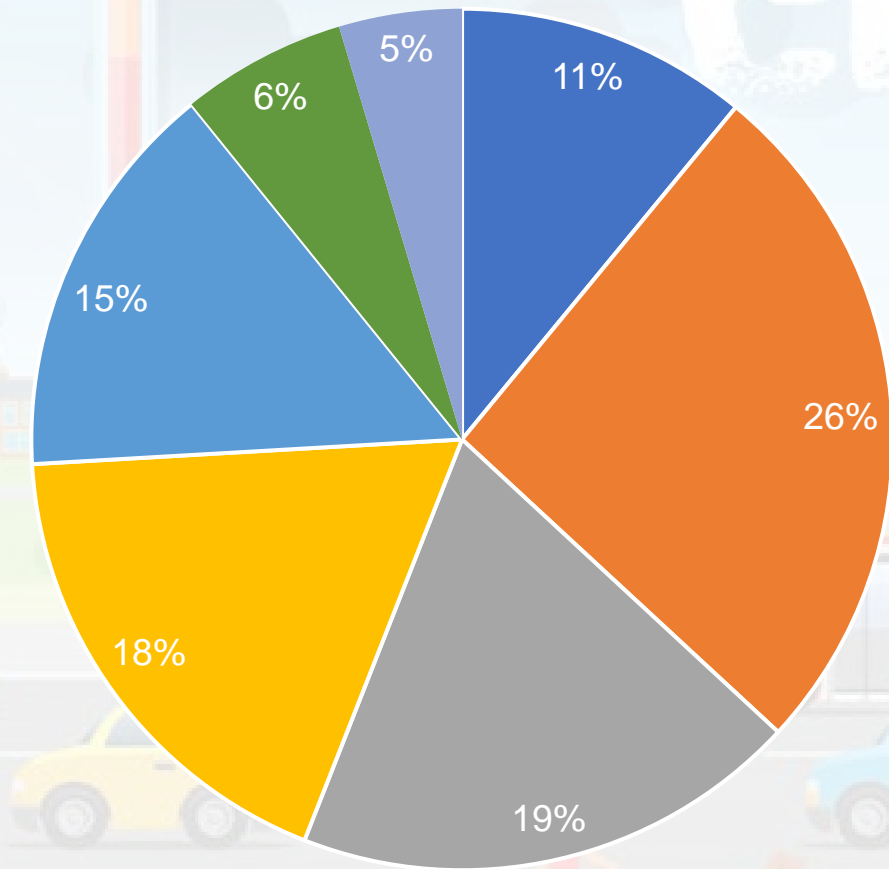
Comments of interest

“I have a PHEV car which I plan to change next year, but my decision to either stay with a PHEV or go fully electric depends on if there is a significant improvement in the public charging network. Electric vehicle owners are desperate for on street charging, charging points on every council owned car park.”

“I shop at Essington and so my food is local, we cycle and have an electric bike. We only cover 6000 miles a year our vehicles combined. The children have always walked to school, we recycle, we don't buy unnecessary items, don't eat anything with palm oil in, all of our personal products are packaging free. Our business is solely to get more people outdoors. Our heating is never set above 19.5°C our bulbs are all LED, all of our appliances are A+ and above and we repair not replace. We buy second hand clothes, because fast fashion is one of the biggest problems, things that aren't second hand are organic.”



What can the council do to help you become more sustainable?



- Invest in electrical vehicle infrastructure
- Improve sustainable transport infrastructure
- Improve waste/recycling
- More information/ education/ enforcement
- Green energy/energy efficiency incentives
- Preserve/improve green space
- Invest in local services/ high street



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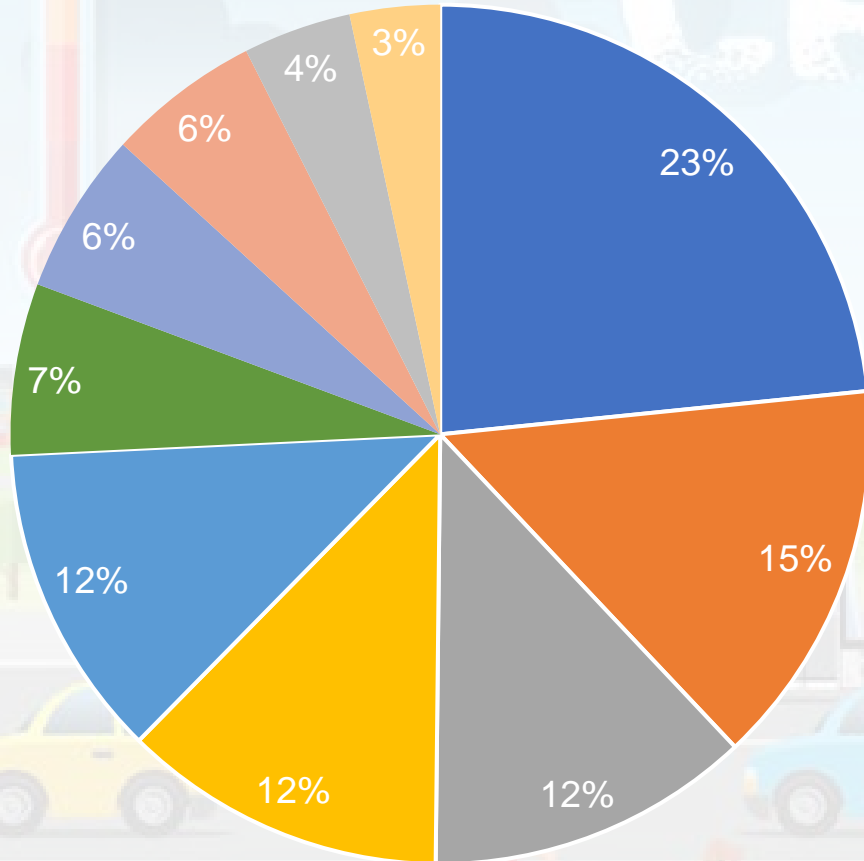
“Follow Dundee council on EV usage and charging network. All council vehicles to be EV. Don't charge parking for staff or public with a EV car.”

“Add more plastic types to what can be recycled. Improve public transport and make it cheaper. Give low interest loans to improve privately owned houses insulation and install energy efficient boilers.”

“Cycling proficiency course for the kids, but only bikes in good working order are allowed. Some families are poor and cannot afford to repair bikes as it can be pricey. Could Sandwell offer a free mobile cycle repair shop to kids? The workshop could turn up to the schools a week or two before cycling training begins and repair bikes in bad condition. And if affordable offer free or cheap cycle helmets as they are also required. I think once the kids get riding it will encourage their parents, friends and family too.”



Further comments on the proposed approach to Climate Change in Sandwell



- Act sooner/do more
- Educate/consult/network more
- Invest in sustainable transport
- Positive comment
- Need to protect green space
- Need to incentivise and engage more
- Enforce waste/recycling policy
- Concerns from motorists
- Invest in renewables/energy efficiency
- Improve EV infrastructure



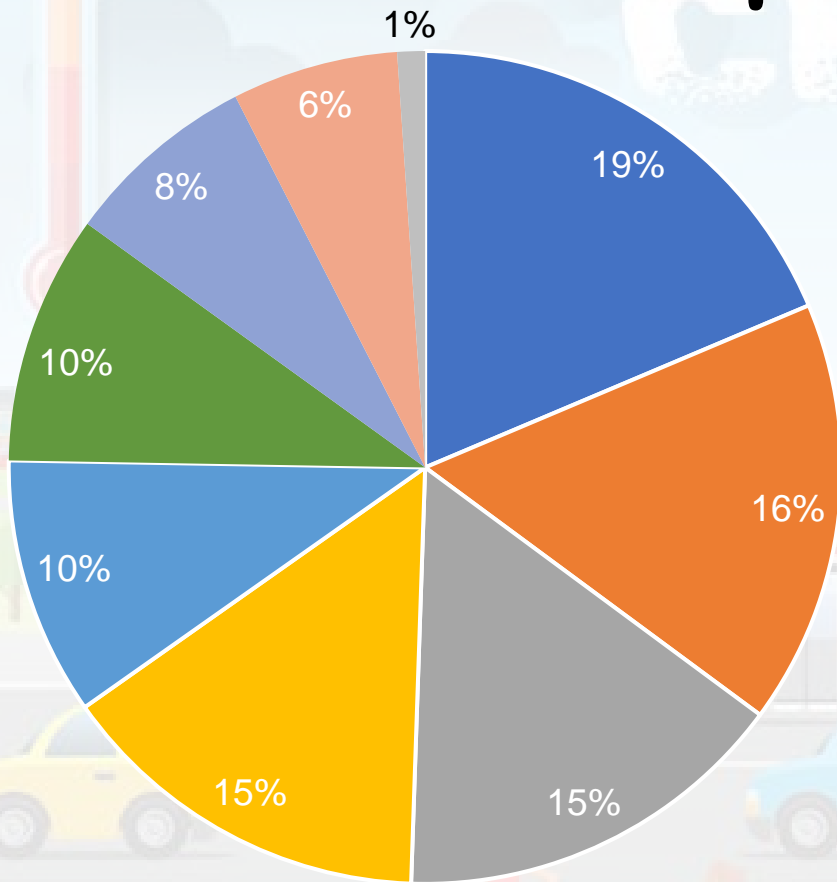
Comments of interest

“Residents need to feel involved in the process (I am aware this is difficult) and that they have a vested interest in affecting change”

“I am always keen to play my part in improving the service and, where possible, ensure it is operating efficiently. I recently researched other local authorities' Meals on Wheels Services and discovered that Torfaen Council in South Wales operate a similar service to ours in Sandwell- in that each van travels 30-40 miles per day. They converted from fuel driven vehicles to electric 3 years ago and now claim to be making savings of up to £8000 per van per year.”



Further comments on the proposed approach to air quality in Sandwell



- "Do more"/provide incentives
- Clean air zones/emmission control
- Green space/tree planting
- Sustainable transport
- EV infrastructure
- General positive comment
- Educate/share data
- Concerns from motorists
- Renewable energy



Comments of interest

“As above really, the less I use my car unnecessarily, the better it is for air quality. A polite sign at railway barriers, telling drivers to switch off their engines could be useful. Air pollution LED signs with visible co2 readouts, placed strategically in public areas and also industrial areas could make people more aware of how much co2 is present, this could make them think about changing lifestyles for the better. We know its in the air, but we cant see how much.”

“It needs appropriate monitoring. Presently the data collected is insufficient to allow a detailed study (for instance the closest monitoring point to the construction work on Londonderry Lane is on Marlin Street, some 3/4 miles away). Areas of high congestion should be limited to public transport and deliveries only.”

