

Community Consultation on the Church & Churchyard

Help us shape improvements to St Mary-at-Finchley!



St Mary-at-Finchley is inviting all members of the local community to take part in a consultation on plans to carry out much needed repairs to the fabric of the church and enhancements to the churchyard.

We are asking for your help to decide on the **project scope** (what work is included) & **fundraising strategy** (potential sources of funds).

The consultation is open from 28th February to 31st March 2021.



To participate in the consultation please see the **display in the church** & complete a questionnaire. The church is currently open Mon-Thurs & Sat 12.30-2.30pm. or access the information online at

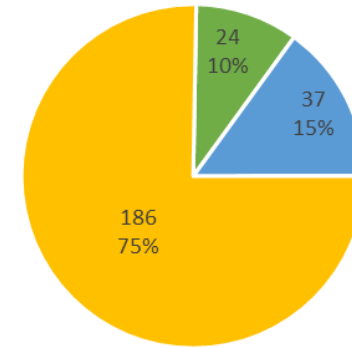
<https://stmaryatfinchley.org.uk/consultation/>

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THE RESULTS !

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire during March 2021, we received 248 responses and lots of enthusiasm and ideas were generated. There was strong support for Option 3 - Church & Environment. Planning is proceeding.

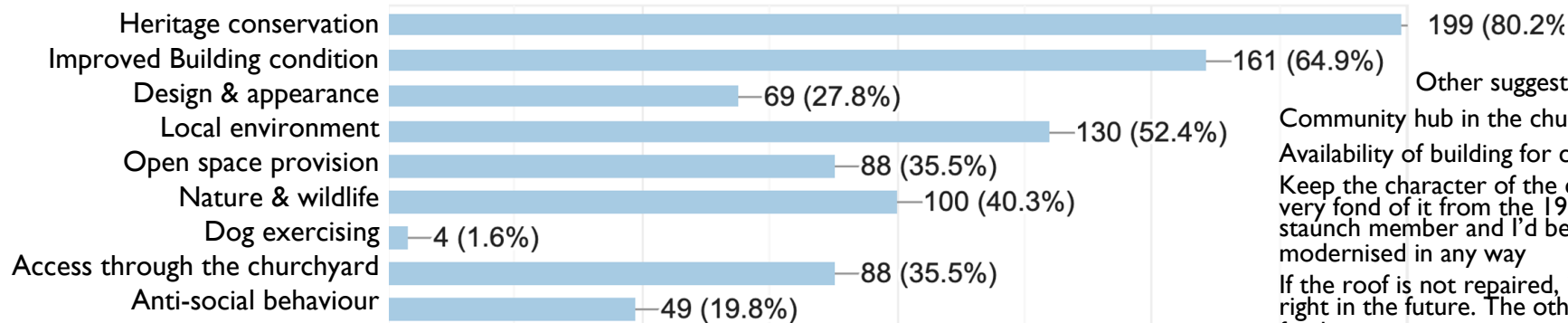
Q1. Which of the three options for the project scope (what work is included) & fundraising strategy (potential sources of funds) do you prefer?



- Option 1 - Roof with local fundraising.
- Option 2 - Church building repair with single phase Lottery application and local fundraising
- Option 3 - Church & Environment with two phase lottery application, other smaller fund applications and local fundraising.



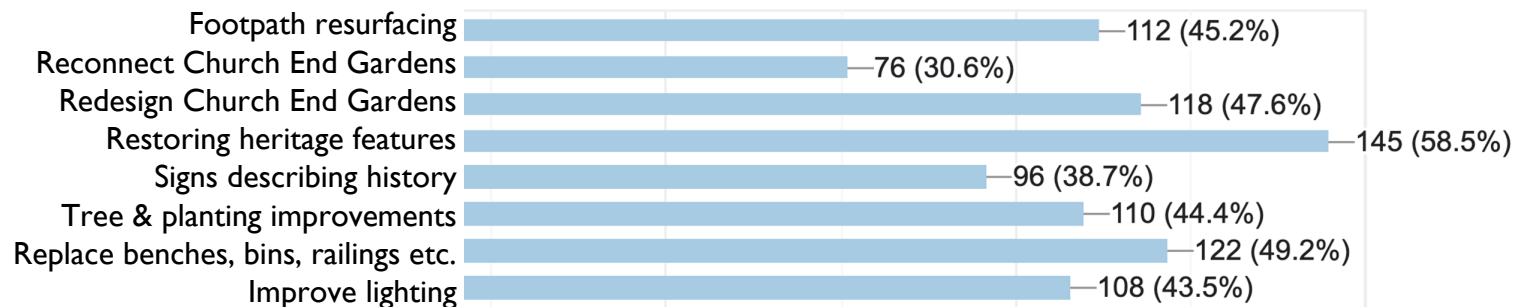
Q2. Which aspects of the proposals interests or concerns you? (Choose up to 4)



Other suggestions for Q2:

Community hub in the church.
 Availability of building for community use for many years.
 Keep the character of the church and surroundings. I'm very fond of it from the 1960s when my great aunt was a staunch member and I'd be very sad to see it sanitised / modernised in any way
 If the roof is not repaired, it will cost a lot more to put right in the future. The other schemes may attract outside funding.

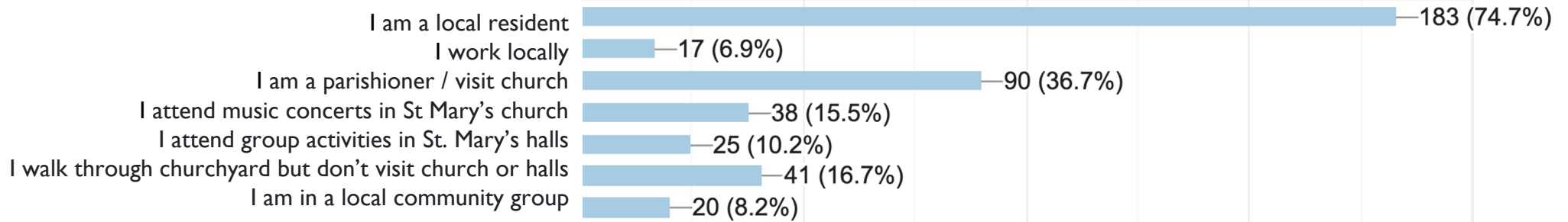
Q3. If the churchyard was to be improved, which items are important to you? (Choose up to 4)



Other suggestions for Q3:

Removal of some of the trees. It is too dark and some trees are causing damage and need to be replaced.
 Creation of a pond / private garden for meditation.
 Cafe/kiosk (run as social enterprise) with outside seating area. Children's activities (wildlife trail, play area).
 Security hidden cameras and other devices.
 Keep it free of antisocial behaviour- drug addicts and alcoholics and keep it clean.

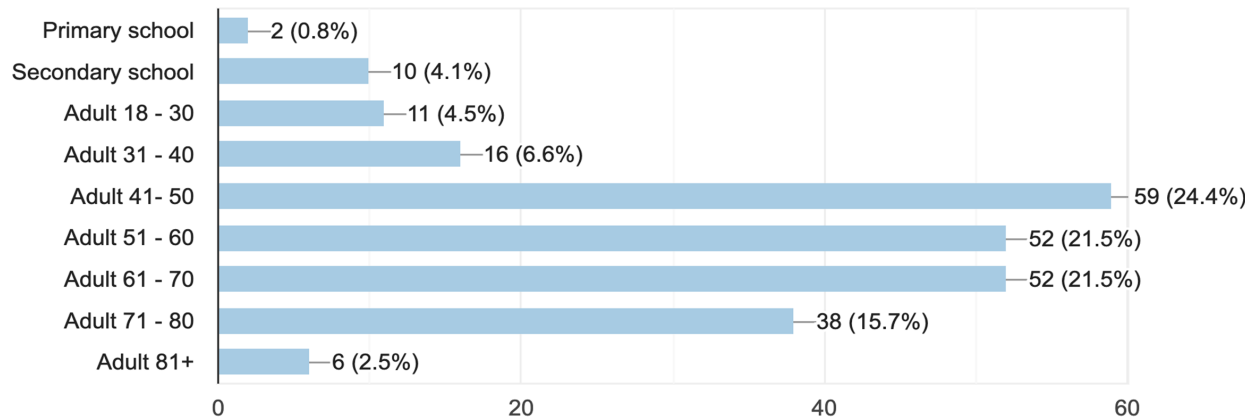
Q4. Which of the following best describes your interest in the proposals?



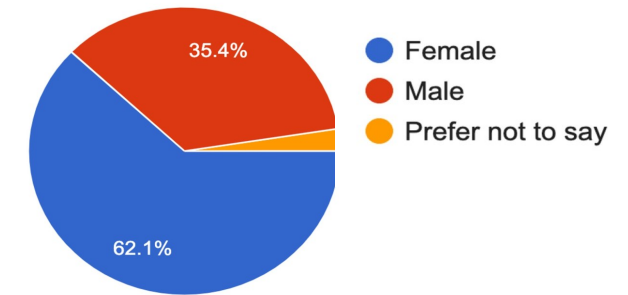
Other responses for Q4:

Local councillor, I am a former parishioner and have sometimes had the opportunity to return to sing in an expanded choir at special services, strong family connection, teacher in halls, photographer of churchyard & church, I sometimes visit the church to sit quietly and reflect, I love visiting old churches and other historic buildings, member of Federation of Resident's Assoc. of Barnet, I love being in churches and I appreciate their architecture and the fact that they were built to last forever.

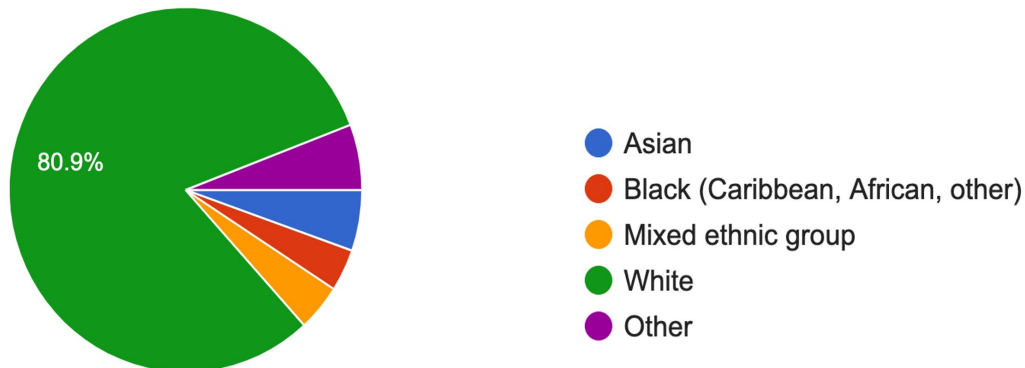
Q5. What age group are you in?



Q6. What is your gender?



Q7. What ethnic group are you in?



Q8. What faith group (or none) do you identify with?

