

Welcome to the 51st City Voice Questionnaire



The theme of this questionnaire is **Place**. Some of these questions have been asked in previous questionnaires but are included here to let us know how things have, or have not, changed in the intervening period. There are also some new questions.

Section1: Climate change

Our planet's climate system is changing and while some change can present opportunities for society, they also present very significant risks. Scientists project that climate change will increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, such as heat waves, droughts, and floods. This is likely to: increase losses and damage to property and crops; change wildlife patterns, including diseases; cause impacts for human and animal health and overall lead to costly disruptions to our society.

The following questions ask what things you and your family are doing now to reduce the severity of climate change and what you would be prepared to do in the future.

1. **Your Food:** Reduce the impact of your food choices by: (Please tick one box in each row.)

Actions	Currently do	Prepared to do	Not prepared to do	Not applicable
Buy more locally grown and produced food	☐	☐	☐	☐
Grow your own fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers	☐	☐	☐	☐
Eat less meat and / or dairy products	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions:				

2. **Your home:** Reduce the **energy demand** of your home by: (Please tick one box in each row.)

Actions	Currently do	Prepared to do	Not prepared to do	Not applicable
Install energy saving light bulbs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Install / upgrade to more energy efficient appliances, e.g. fridge, boiler, etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Upgrade wall, floor and / or roof insulation levels	☐	☐	☐	☐
Install draught proofing for doors and / or windows	☐	☐	☐	☐
Install renewable energy technologies, e.g. solar panels	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions:				

3. **Your home:** Reduce your **use of energy** in your home by: (Please tick one box in each row.)

Actions	Currently do	Prepared to do	Not prepared to do	Not applicable
Installing a smart meter	☐	☐	☐	☐
Turning down thermostats	☐	☐	☐	☐
Washing clothes on a lower setting	☐	☐	☐	☐
Not overfilling pans and kettles	☐	☐	☐	☐
Turning off / unplugging electrical items not in use	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions:				

4. **Your home:** Reduce the **use of water** in your home by: (Please tick one box in each row.)

Actions	Currently do	Prepared to do	Not prepared to do	Not applicable
Installing water efficient devices in your home, e.g. dual flush toilet, oxygenating taps, etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Taking shorter showers	☐	☐	☐	☐
Turning the tap off when brushing your teeth	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fix leaks quickly	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use less water in the garden, e.g. run your sprinkler less, install a rainwater butt	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions:				

5. **Your waste:** Reduce waste, re-use products and materials and recycle by: (Please tick one box in each row.)

Actions	Currently do	Prepared to do	Not prepared to do	Not applicable
Buy fewer things	☐	☐	☐	☐
Buy products with less packaging	☐	☐	☐	☐
Choose re-usable products, e.g. bags / water bottles	☐	☐	☐	☐
Repair, rather than dispose of damaged items	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sell / donate unwanted items for re-use	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recycle all remaining materials, where possible	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions:				

6. Your travel: Make more sustainable travel choices by: (Please tick one box in each row.)

Actions	Currently do	Prepared to do	Not prepared to do	Not applicable
Walk more	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cycle more	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use public transport, e.g. bus, train	☐	☐	☐	☐
Join / use the city's car club	☐	☐	☐	☐
Opt to car / journey share	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use park & choose instead of driving all the way in	☐	☐	☐	☐
Buy / use electric / hybrid vehicles	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fly less often or less far	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions:				

Extreme Weather

1. Extreme weather can have a devastating effect on our homes, businesses and institutions. Please rate how much you agree or disagree about you and your community's readiness in the event of a major weather event. (Please tick one box in each row.)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I am worried about my home and my community being vulnerable to severe weather events	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I can be relied upon by my neighbours and community in general, to provide support if anything were to happen	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My community would support me if anything were to happen	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I know where to find information and resources to help prepare for severe weather events	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have taken steps to protect my home against severe weather (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Steps I have taken:						

4. **Streets and Spaces:** Do buildings, streets and spaces create an attractive place that is easy to get around?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

Don't
know

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5. **Green Space:** Can you regularly experience good quality natural space? This includes a wide variety of environments from parks and woodlands to green space alongside paths and streets.

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

Don't
know

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6. **Play and Leisure:** Do you have access to a range of space and opportunities for play and leisure activities?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

Don't
know

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7. **Services and Amenities:** Do services and amenities (for example, healthcare, schools, libraries, shops and restaurants) meet your needs?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

Don't
know

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8. **Work and Local Economy:** Is there an active local economy and the opportunity to access good quality jobs?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

Don't
know

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9. **Housing and Community:** Does housing support the needs of the community and contribute to a positive environment?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

Don't
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Section 3: Green Space

These questions ask about your satisfaction with “green spaces” in the City. Green space includes a wide variety of different environments from parks, playing fields, play areas, allotments and community gardens, woodland and more natural areas, canal paths and riversides.

1. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of your **local** green / open space in Aberdeen City? (Please tick one box)

- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Fairly satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Fairly dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied

2. Generally how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the **overall** quality of green / open spaces in Aberdeen? (Please tick one box)

- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Fairly satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Fairly dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied

3. Would you like to see more green spaces managed for the benefit of wildlife and nature? Tell us if you agree or disagree. (Please tick one box)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

4. What do you feel are the 3 most important benefits of good quality green spaces? (Please tick 3 boxes)

- ☐ Making space for nature
- ☐ Opportunities for exercise
- ☐ Improving mental health
- ☐ Space for children to play
- ☐ Spaces for young people
- ☐ Space to exercise dogs
- ☐ Growing fruit, vegetables and other edibles
- ☐ Helping the environment and climate
- ☐ Community events and activities
- ☐ Other (please specify in the box below)

Other (please specify):

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Section 4: Nature

This part of the questionnaire provides an opportunity for you to share your experiences and thoughts on how nature influences your life and your neighbourhood.

Please rate your agreement with the following statement:

1. Please rate your agreement with the following statement: It is important for people to have access to nature in their neighbourhoods. *(Please tick one box)*

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

2. Please rate your agreement with the following statement: Spending time in nature is important for my own personal wellbeing. *(Please tick one box)*

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

3. What benefits, if any, do you feel you receive from spending time in nature? *(Please tick all that apply)*

- ☐ Stress reduction
- ☐ Improved mood
- ☐ Physical activity
- ☐ Improved mental health
- ☐ Improved sleep
- ☐ Increased creativity
- ☐ Connection to nature
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other (please specify in box below)

Other: Please describe any additional benefits you experience.

4. Are there any barriers that prevent you from accessing nature? *(Please tick all that apply)*

- ☐ Lack of time
- ☐ Safety concerns
- ☐ Lack of accessible green spaces
- ☐ Physical limitations
- ☐ Cost of accessing nature
- ☐ Other (please specify in box below)

Other: Please describe any additional barriers you experience.

5. Do you feel able to make improvements for nature in your neighbourhood? *(Please tick one box)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know/not sure
- ☐ Not applicable

6. Would you like to be able to make improvements for nature in your neighbourhood? *(Please tick one box)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know/not sure
- ☐ Not applicable

7. What, if any, suggestions do you have for improving access to nature in your neighbourhood? *(Please comment in the box below)*

8. What, if any, suggestions do you have for promoting the benefits of nature in your neighbourhood? *(Please comment in the box below)*

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. A full copy of the results will be made available in online at [City Voice - Community Planning Aberdeen](#) . We intend to publish the results in September 2024.

If you have any questions or comments about this questionnaire, please email cityvoice@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Please return your completed questionnaire in the prepaid envelope provided. If you have not received an envelope, please return it to the Freepost address below:

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