



the  
**Big City**  
**Conversation**

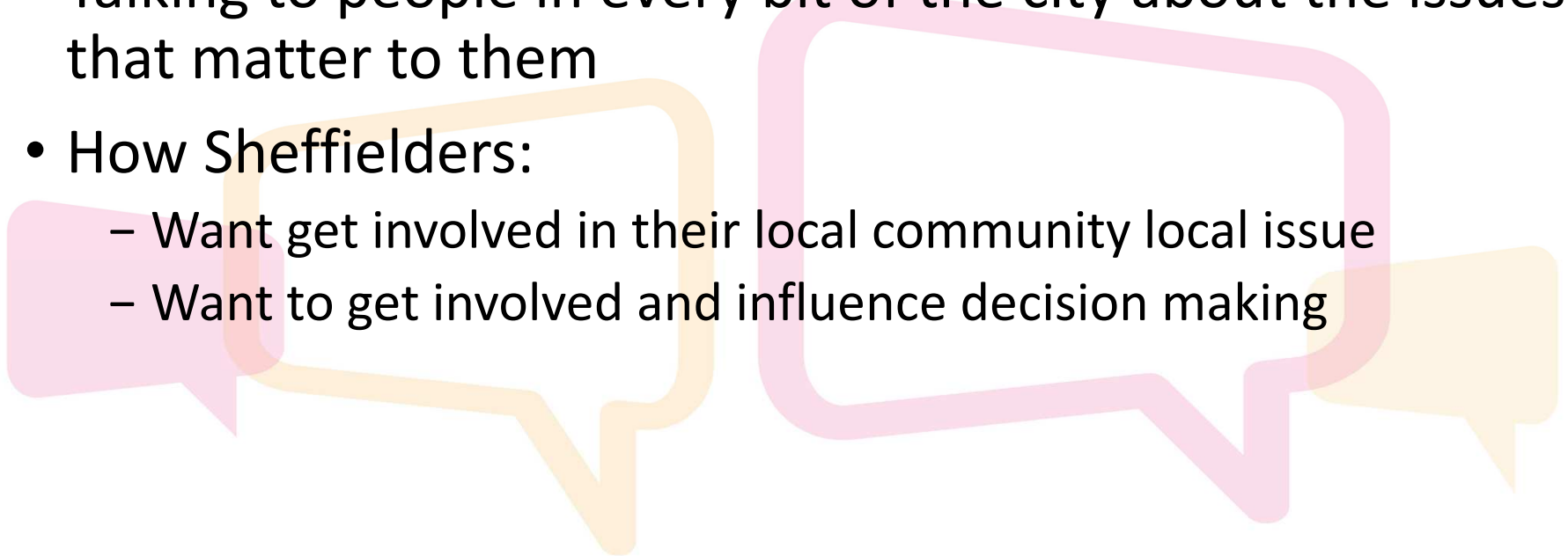
**Key messages to date**



# Big City Conversation

## What is it?

- Talking to people in every bit of the city about the issues that matter to them
- How Sheffielders:
  - Want get involved in their local community local issue
  - Want to get involved and influence decision making



# Big City Conversation: approach



# Big City Conversation – Moor Market

433

Sheffielders  
over 4 days  
(10am-2pm)

## Key issues

- Transport - buses
- The increase in homelessness / rough sleeping / begging in the City Centre
- Anti-Social behaviour / Community Issues
- Housing - repairs
- Positive about City Centre regeneration

# Big City Conversation – governance event

Independently-led  
public event with  
key voices in the  
debate

## Key points

- Focus on the principles of what we want, not the structures
- Innovate – its not a binary choice
- Focus on how people in *every part* of the city can influence decision making
- Importance of developing culture of decision making
- Accountability, sustainability and certainty in decision making

# Big City Conversation – online survey



## Big City Conversation

### Overview

This is the online component of the Big City Conversation in Sheffield.

Sheffield City Council are having a Big City Conversation with citizens, partners, community groups and other stakeholders across the city over the coming months.

We want to hear from Sheffields from every part of the city about the issues that matter to them, their communities and neighbourhoods, and how the Council serves the city.

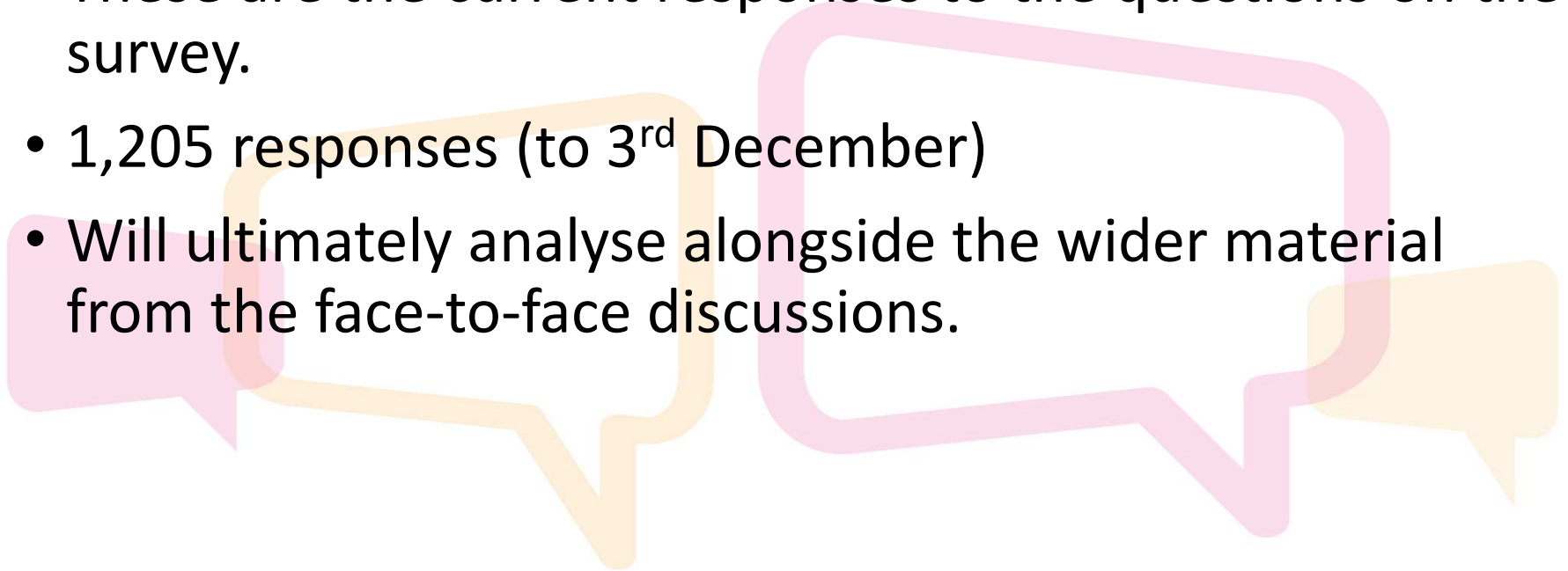
### Key questions

- Issues in local areas and priorities for improvement
- Involvement in community issues and how people would like to get involved
- Influence on decision making and how people want to get involved
- Ideas for how to get involved in decisions and how to hold public services to account

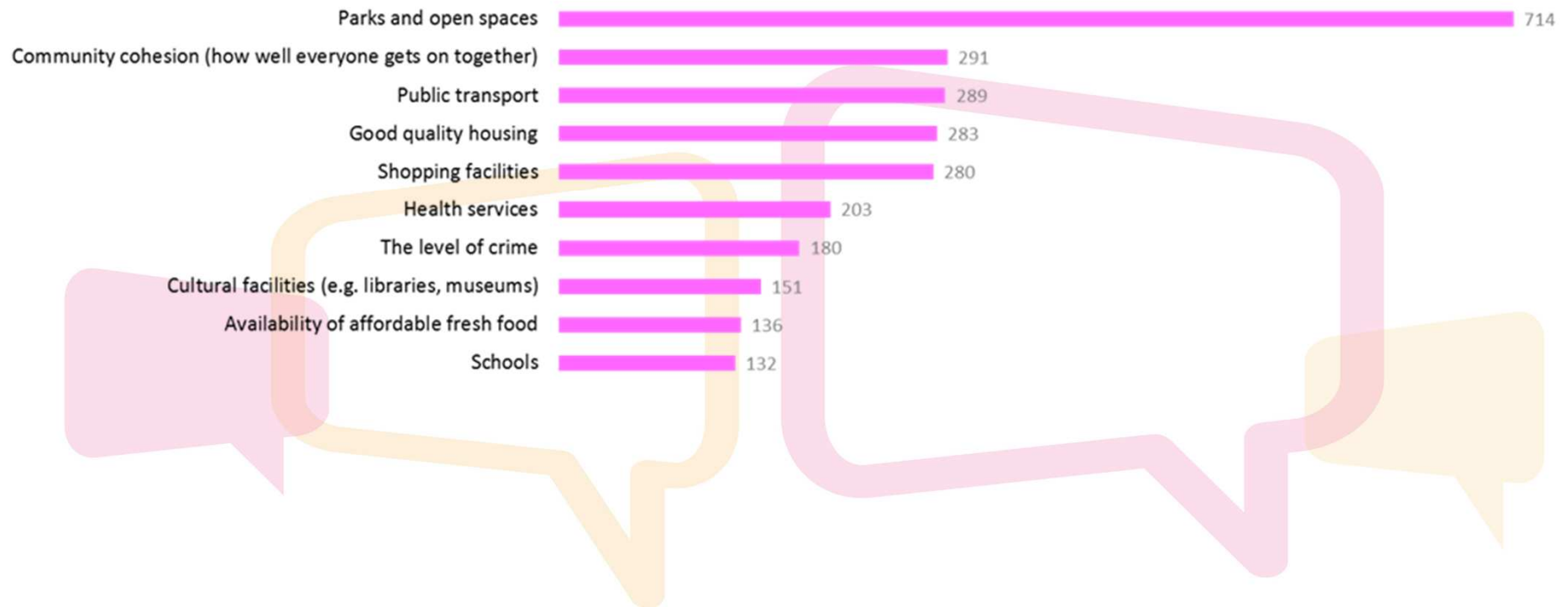


# Big City Conversation: current responses

- Survey is live until mid-January
- These are the current responses to the questions on the survey.
- 1,205 responses (to 3<sup>rd</sup> December)
- Will ultimately analyse alongside the wider material from the face-to-face discussions.



# What do people like best about where they live?



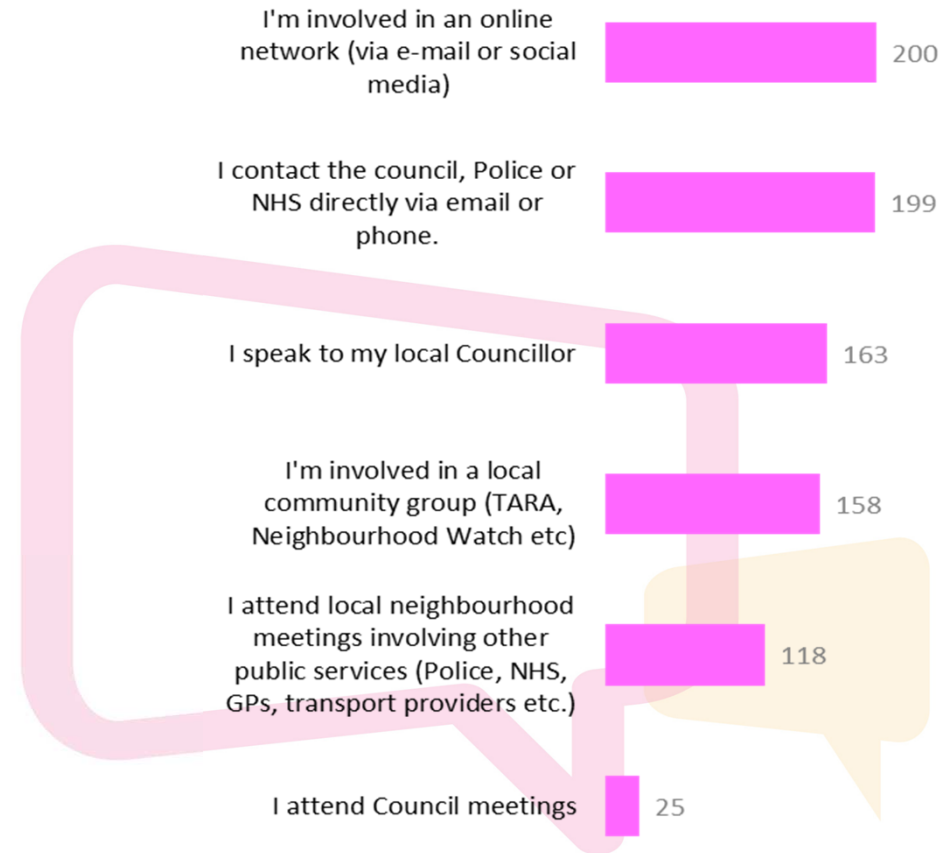


# ...and what most needs improving



# Getting involved in local issues...

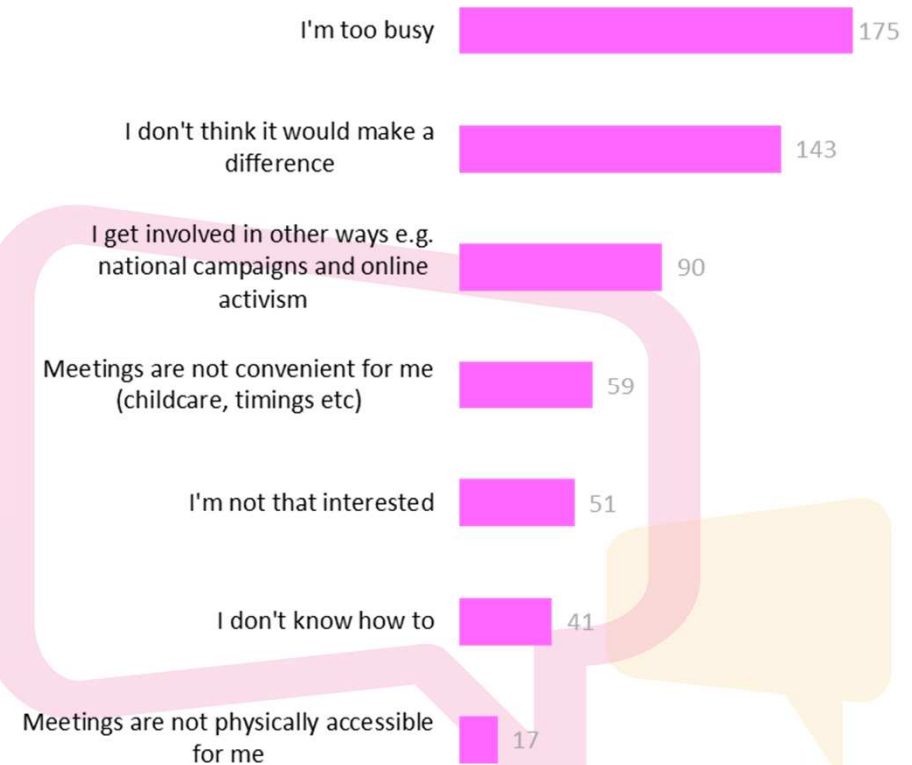
- **36%** of respondents say that they get involved in local issues in their communities (63% don't).
- Fairly even mix of ways that people choose to get involved – but very few attend council meetings.
- Those that do get involved are sceptical that it makes a difference (29%).



# Getting involved in local issues...

- Of those that don't get involved in local issues, the main reasons are that they:

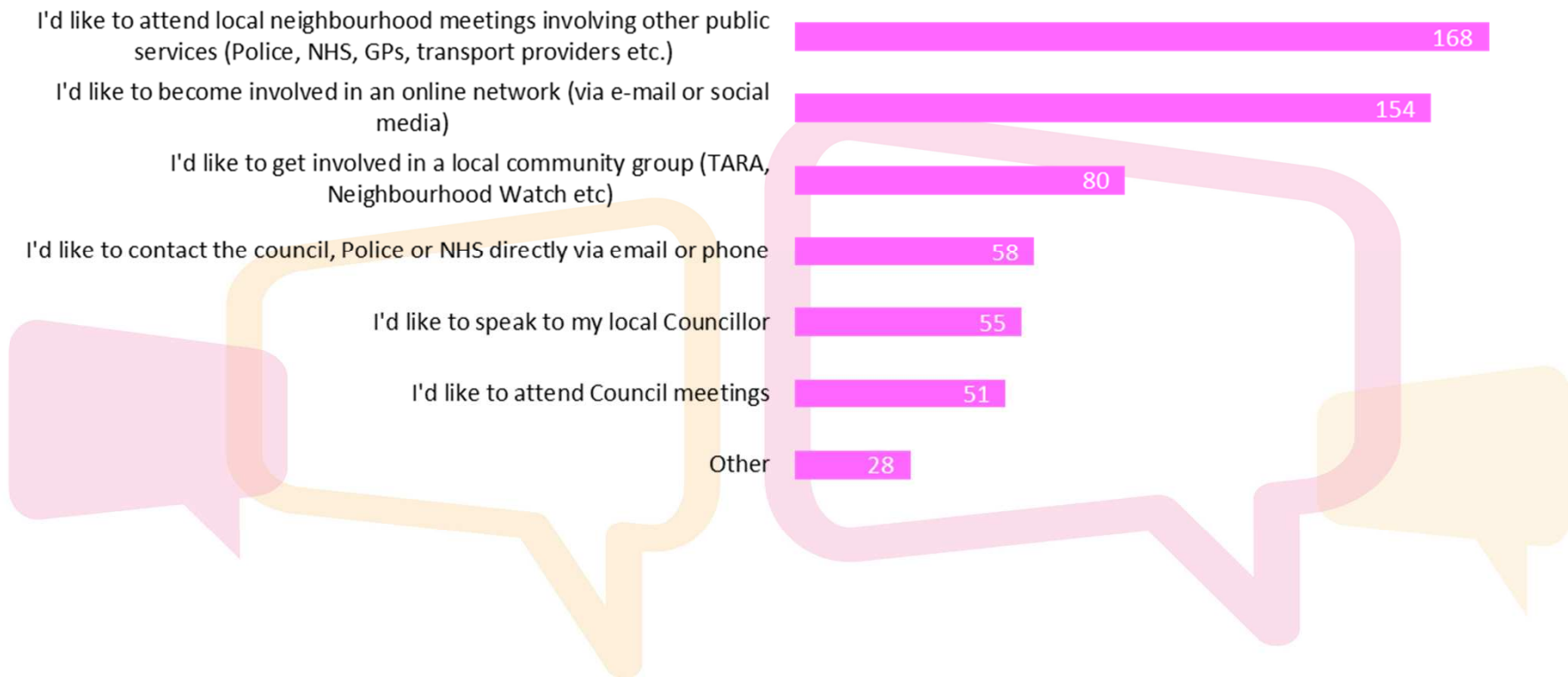
- are too busy
- Don't think it would make a difference
- Get involved in other ways (eg. national campaigns)



# How well informed people feel

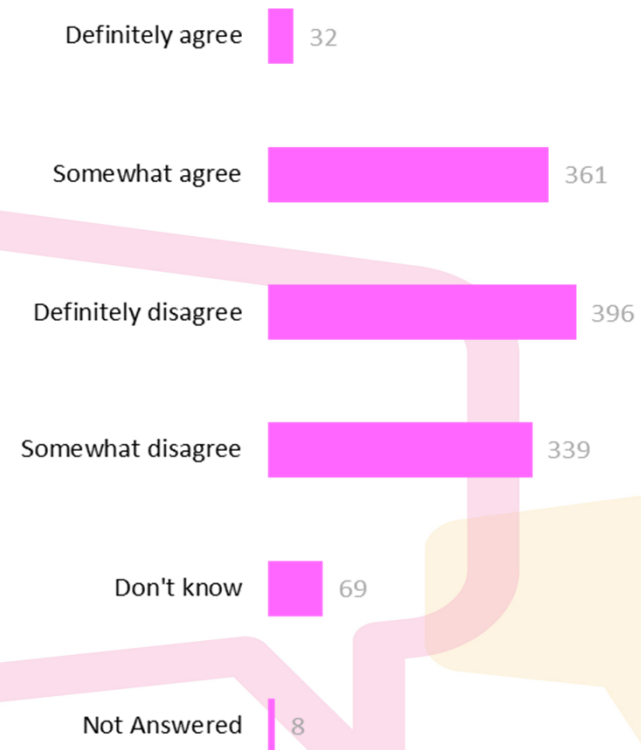
	Informed	Not well informed	Don't know
How decisions are made about local area	25%	75%	2%
Standard of service you should expect from local public services	38%	62%	3%
How well public services are performing	23%	77%	4%
How to complain about local public services	40%	60%	3%
About local public services overall	27%	73%	1%

# Finding out more about local services/decisions



# Influencing decision making

- Around 60% of respondents disagree that they can influence decisions affecting their local area.
- 37% would generally like to be more involved in local decision making but most specify that it depends on the issue (58%).



# Big City Conversation – what's the plan?

- Some restrictions due to the General Election
  - Citizen Space survey now live and will run throughout PERP (until 17<sup>th</sup> January)
  - Work of OSMC will continue as planned
  - Schedule activity in every part of the city *after* 12<sup>th</sup> December
  - Packs for all Members to carry out own local conversations
- 