



EKIN ROAD RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Final report - 14th September



The consultation so far:

63

Survey responses
received

2771

Website views

112

In-person event
attendees

11

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Public consultation event - Wednesday 8th June 2022

QUESTION 1:

ARE YOU A...?

63/63 Answered

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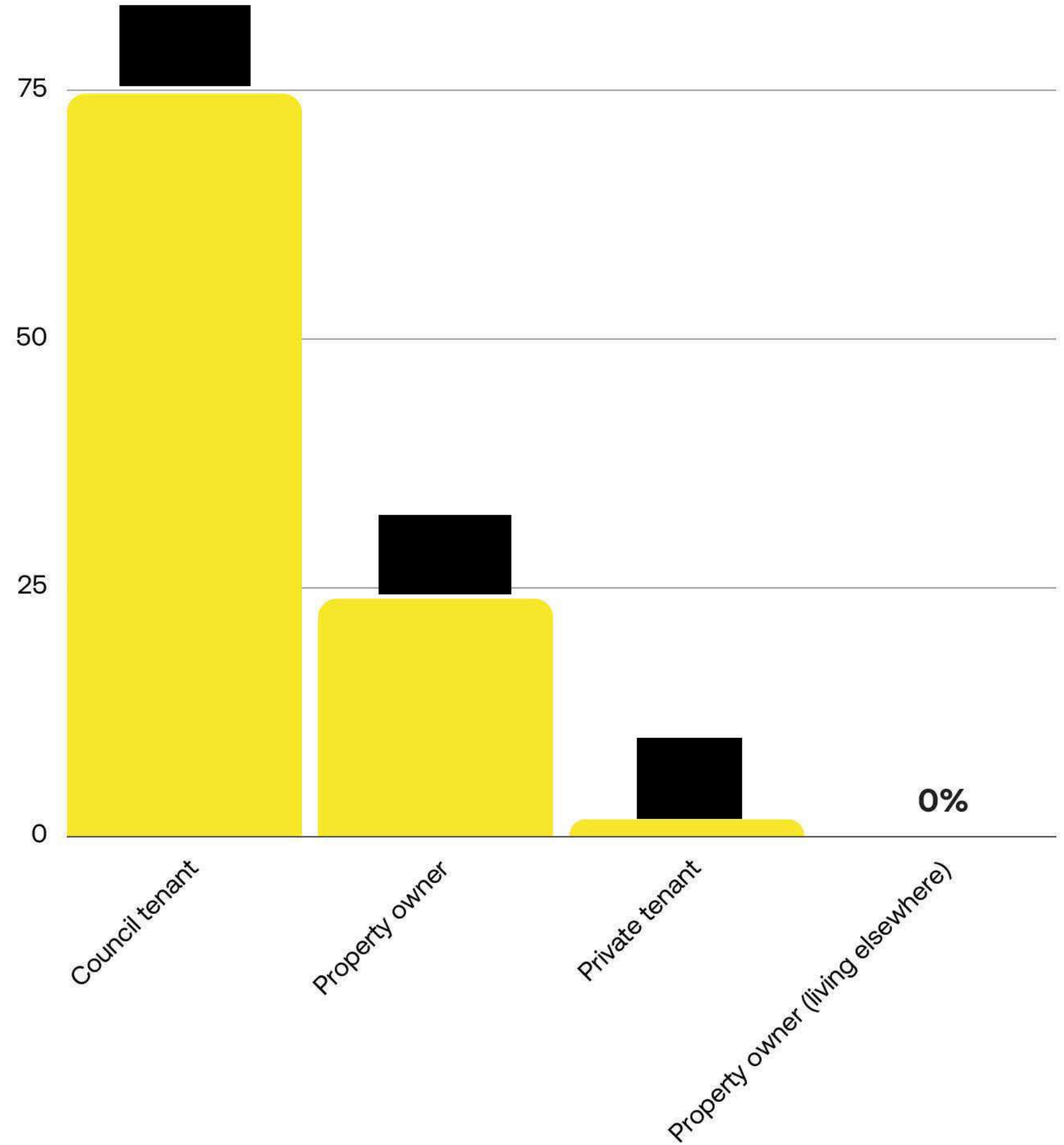
A Council tenant

B Private tenant

C Property owner

D Property owner (living elsewhere)

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QUESTION 2:

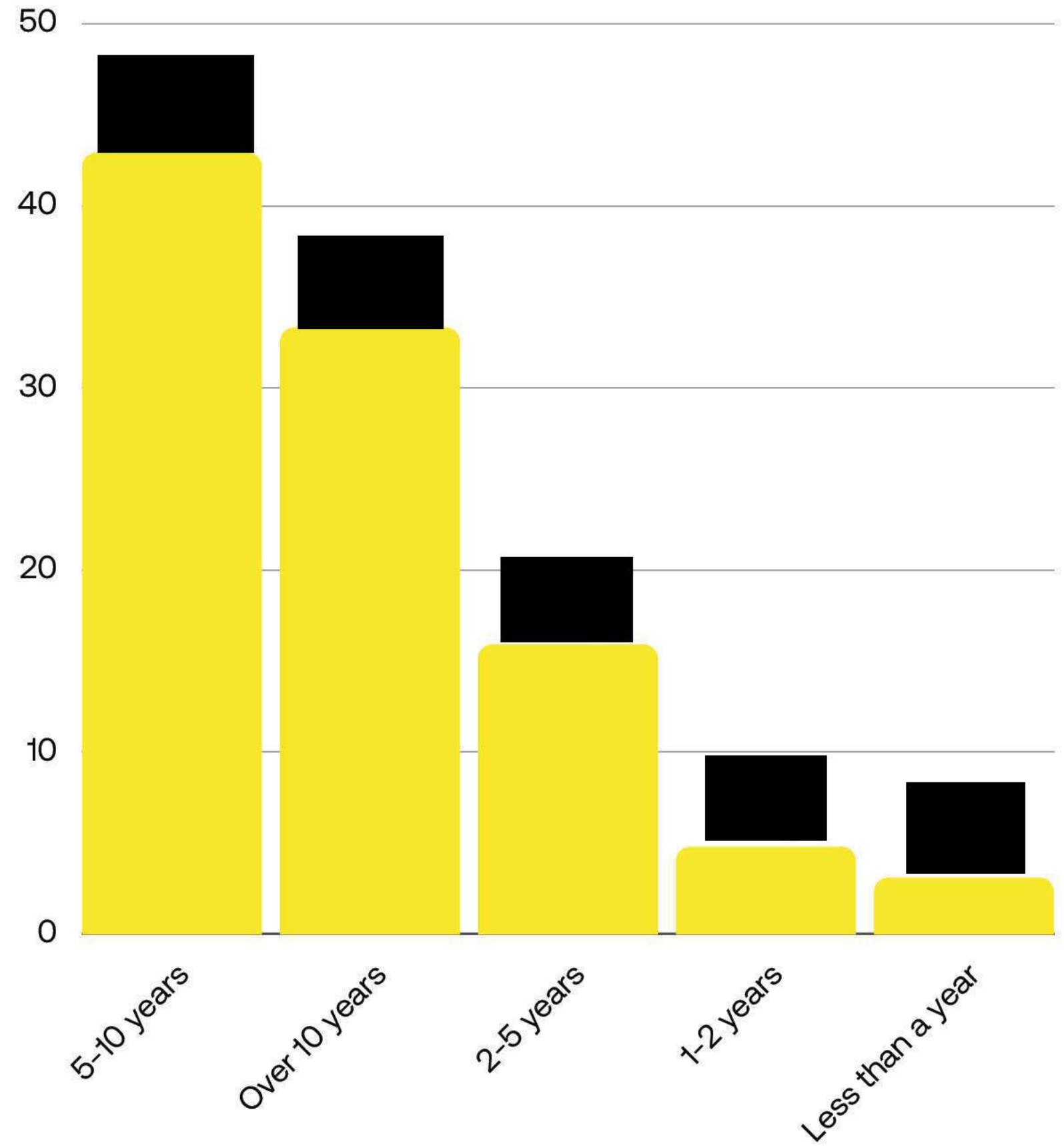
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED AT EKIN ROAD?

63/63 Answered

7 → How long have you lived at Ekin Road?

- A Less than a year
- B 1-2 years
- C 2-5 years
- D 5-10 years
- E Over 10 years

OK ✓



QUESTION 3:

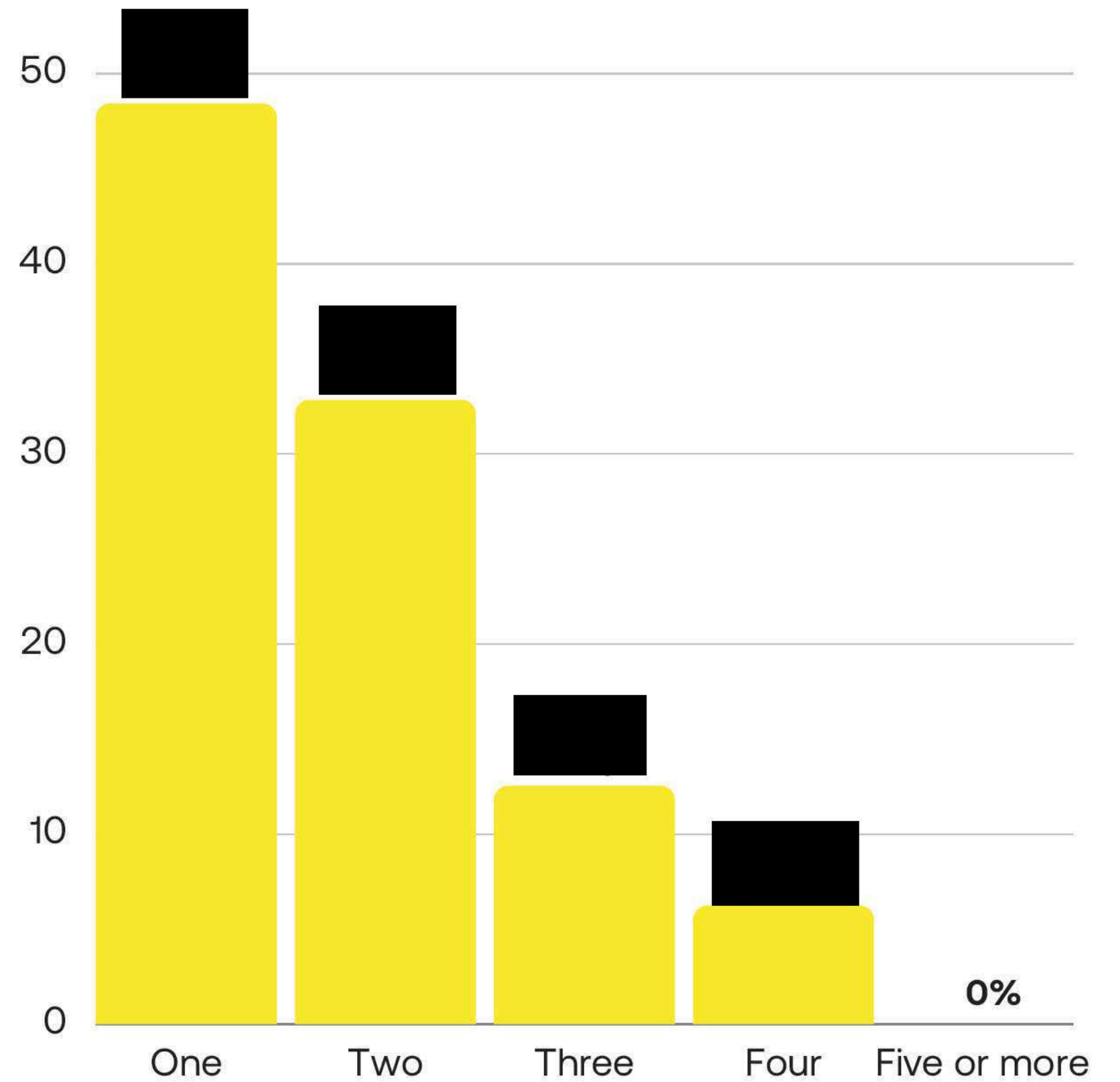
HOW MANY ADULTS ARE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

62/63 Answered

8 → How many adults are permanent members of your household?

Type or select an option

OK ✓



QUESTION 4:

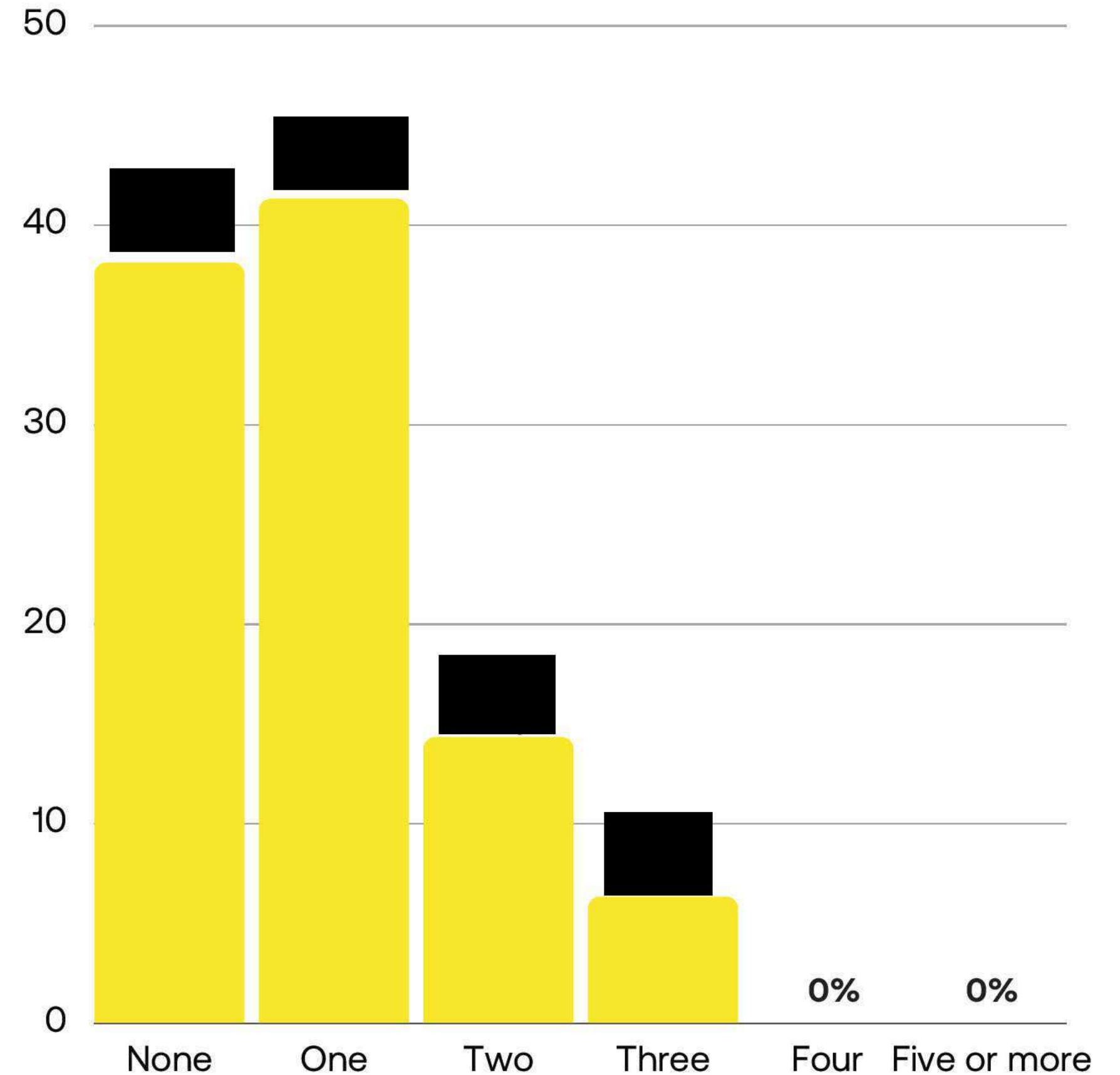
HOW MANY UNDER-18S ARE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

63/63 Answered

9 → How many under-18s are permanent members of your household?

Type or select an option

OK ✓



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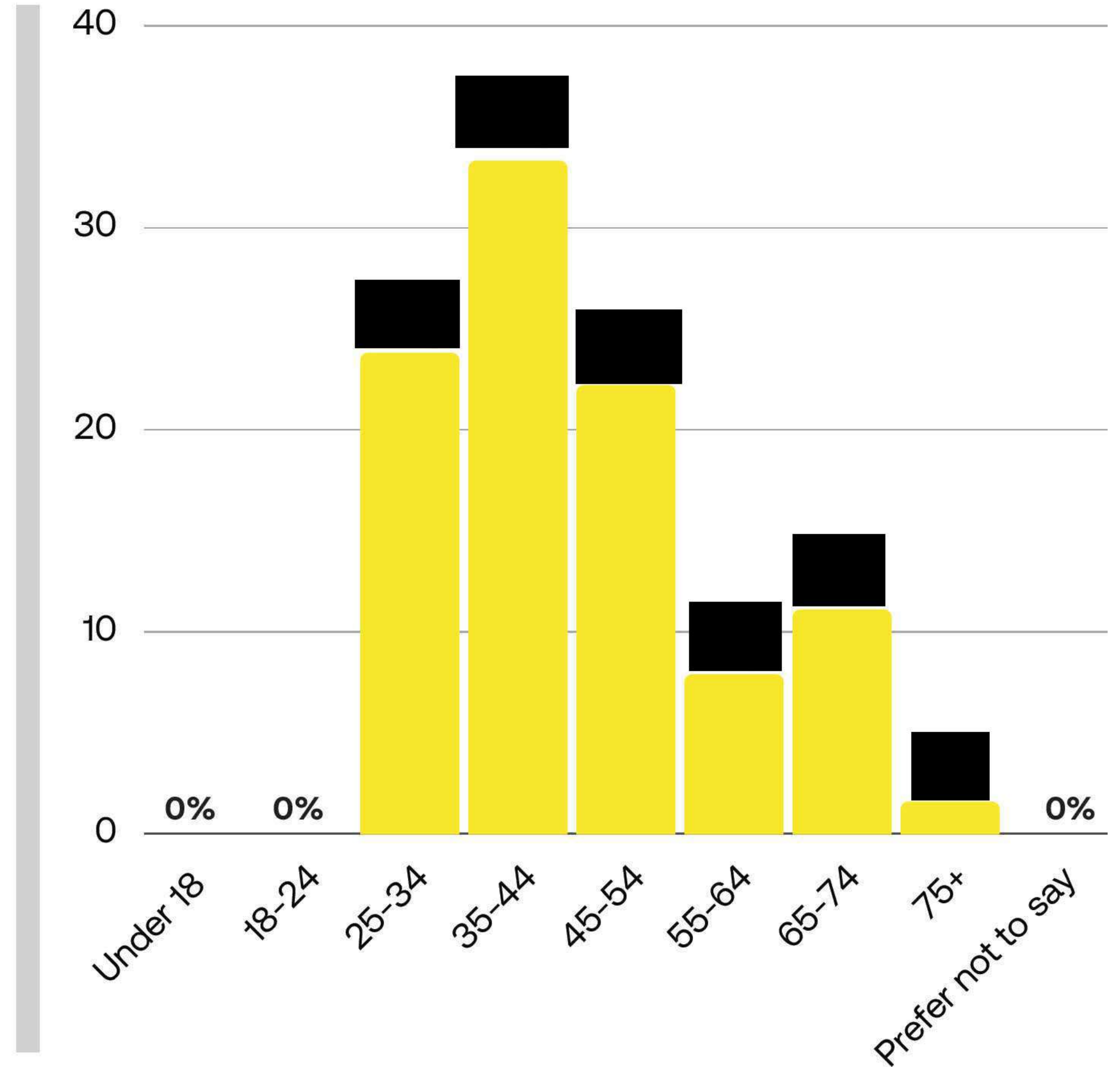
WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

63/63 Answered

10 → What is your age?

Type or select an option

OK ✓



QUESTION 6:

WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

63/63 Answered

11 → What is your gender?

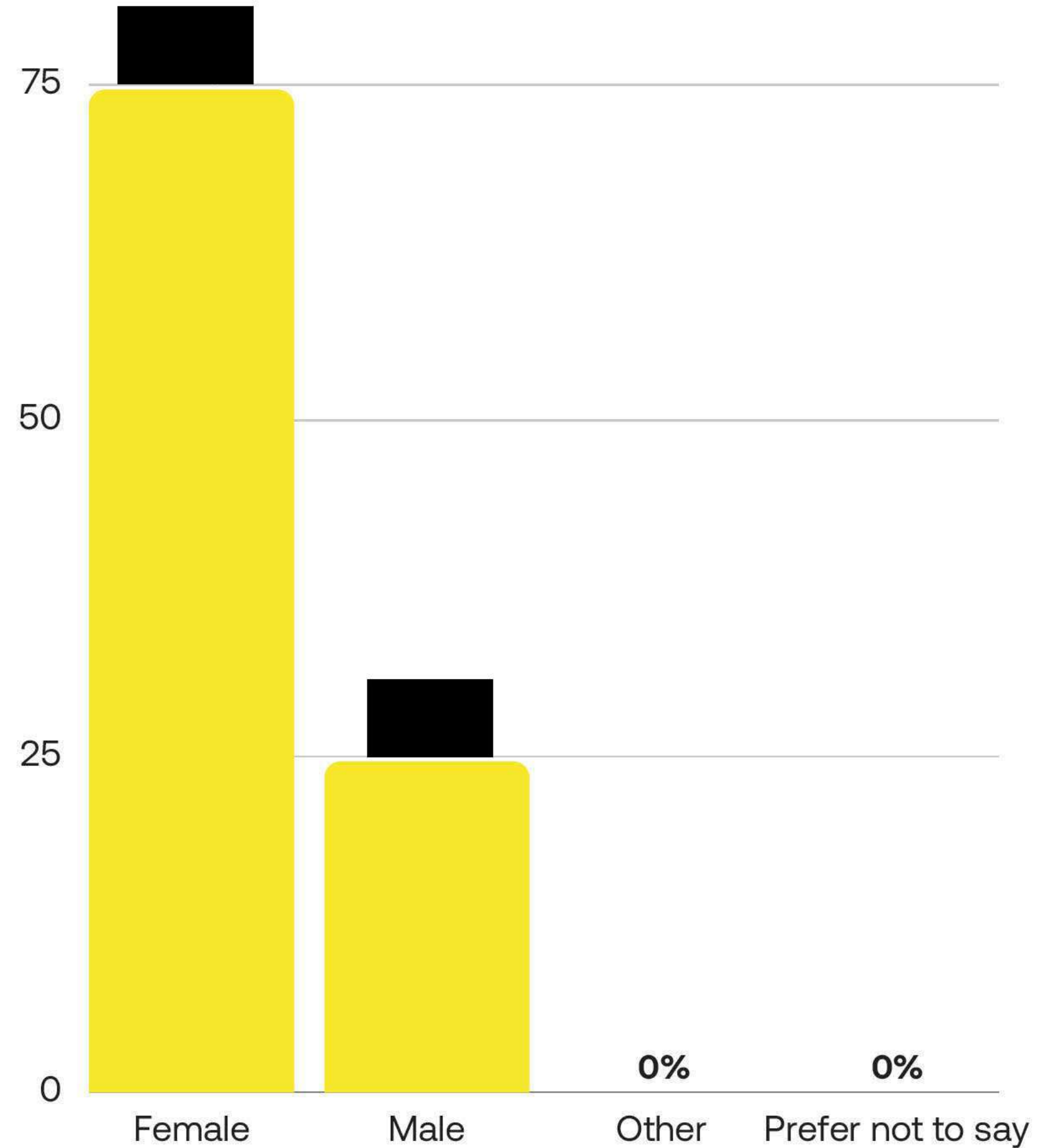
A Male

B Female

C Other

D Prefer not to say

OK ✓



QUESTION 7:

DO YOU OR ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAVE A DISABILITY?

63/63 Answered

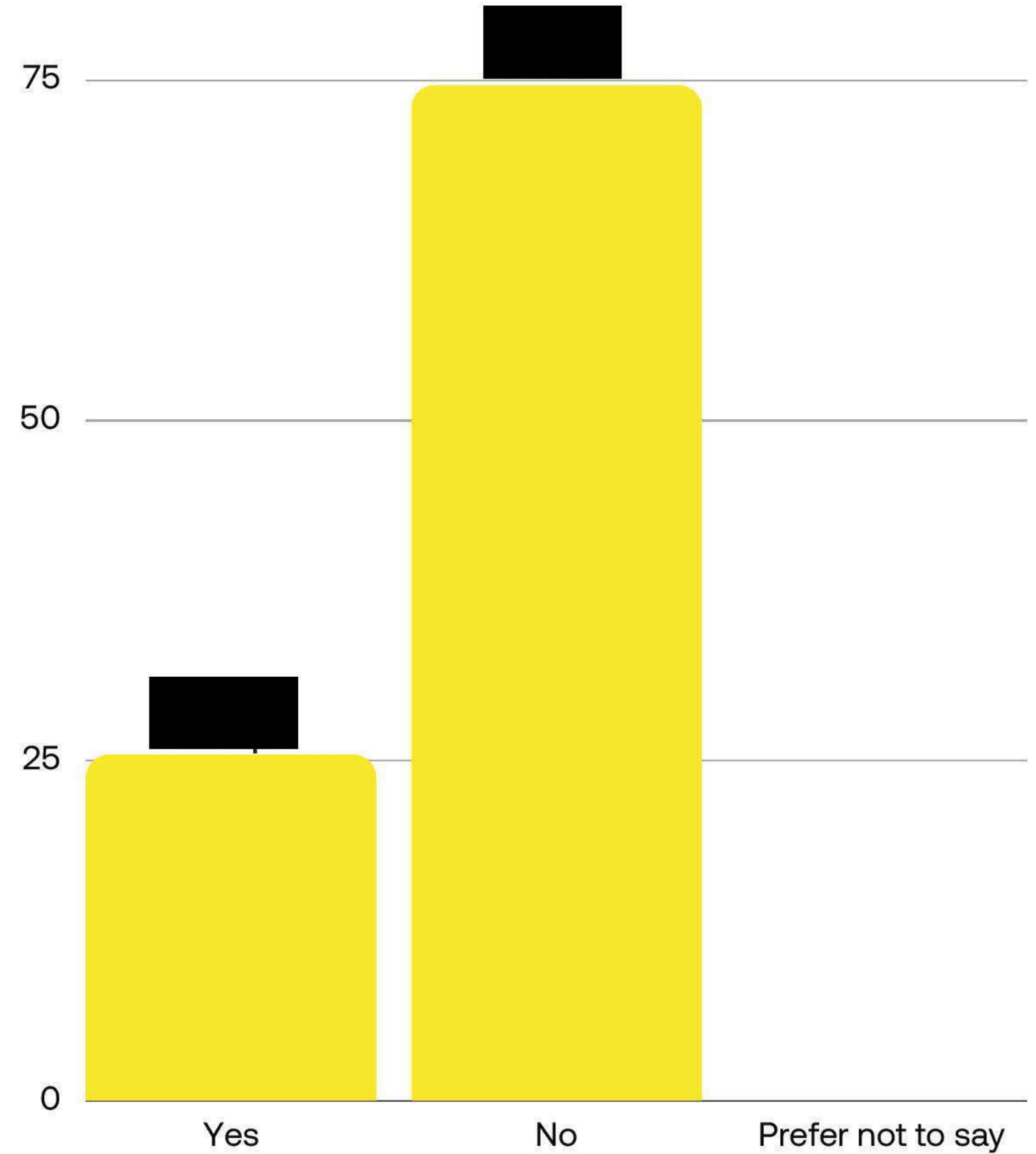
12 → Do you or any members of your household have a disability?

A Yes

B No

C Prefer not to say

OK ✓



QUESTION 8:

IF YOU ANSWERED YES DOES YOUR CURRENT HOME MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS?

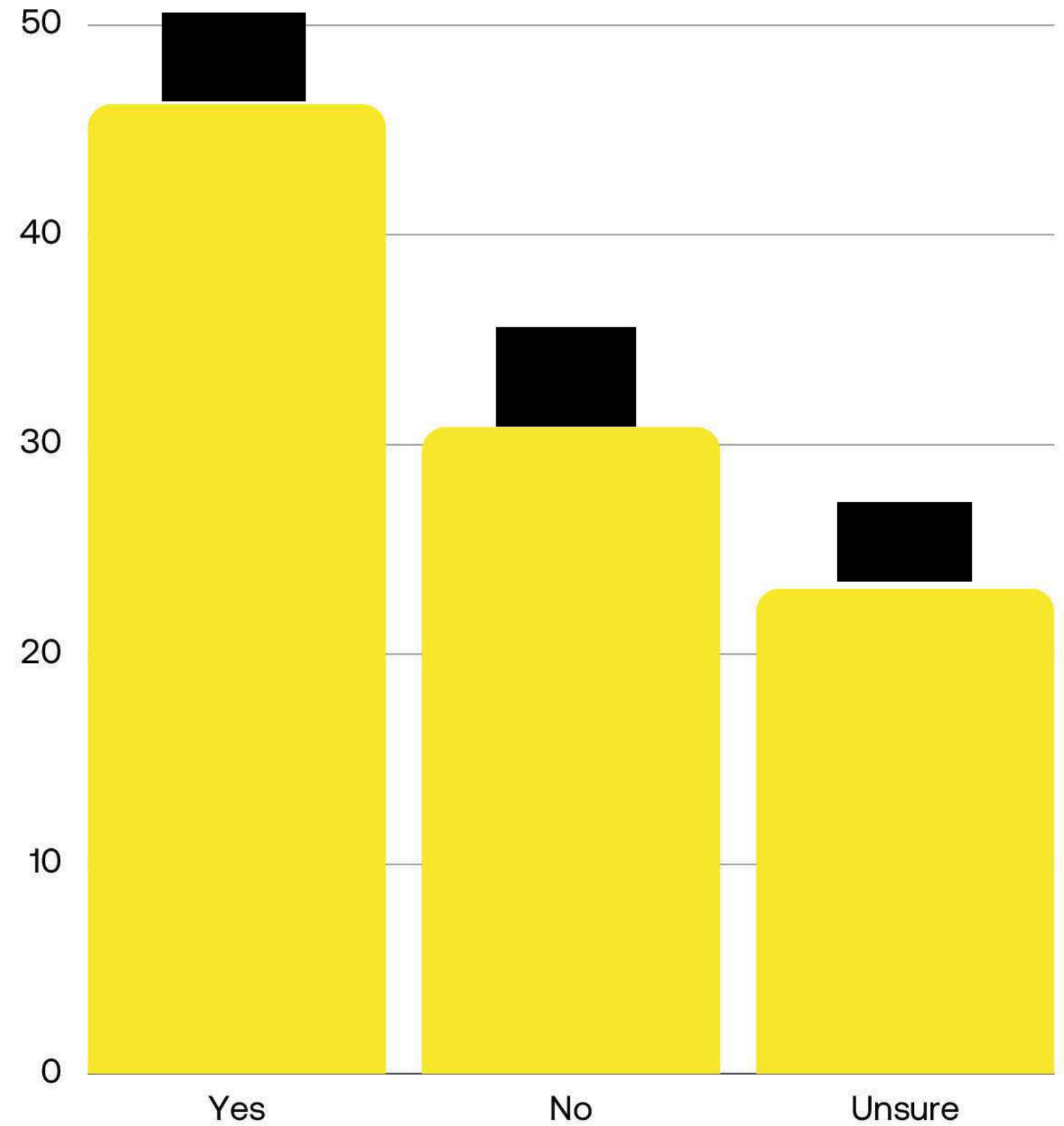
26/63 Answered

13 → If you answered 'Yes', does your current home meet your requirements?

A Yes

B No

C Unsure



QUESTION 9:

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?



The following responses are a sample of answers. For a full list of answers, please see Appendix A at the end of this report.

- Fantastic GP surgery and easy access to the most important facilities.
- The flat is spacious and solid construction. Easy access to the city and A14
- Closeness of river walks, bus stops, and [REDACTED] is just right for me. Nearness to town, everything on my doorstep
- I like the area, it is quiet and close to school. Good links to town and station
- My garden, my house and space on it, the neighbourhood are lovely.
- Good location. Easy access to A14. Easy access to local shops and main stores
- Close to a good Health Centre, shops, buses and library
- There is no traffic through, so it's a quiet area even if it's next to Newmarket Road. It's easy to bike everywhere, and there is easy access to shops both on Barnwell Road and Ditton Lane. We have a nice garden which is not overlooked and that provides a nice area to relax
- It is a quiet cul-de-sac, with no through traffic and is an island of calm in a very busy part of Cambridge. It is well communicated by foot and bike, with easy access to local parks and shops. I have a garden which is not overlooked and is not noisy, because it is not part of a rat run as so many roads are in the area

QUESTION 10:

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?



The following responses are a sample of answers. For a full list of answers, please see Appendix B attached with this report.

- Security of house and parking on Cambridge united home games
- I'm now ready for a move without having to climb [REDACTED] stairs.
- Larger kitchen Walk in shower Narrower path on front Disconnected garden
- Green spaces, coffee shop, safer neighbourhood, better and cheaper transport
- The layout and accessibility
- Safer places where kids can play
- Better quality building, nicer kept gardens, better neighbours
- The flat is energy inefficient and prone to damp/mould. The flat is always cold and because of that [REDACTED] are often ill.
- So far i didn't want to change anything, apart the fact that i need separate rooms [REDACTED]
- Nothing
- Parking
- Everything
- To be safer
- Better parking and access. Green spaces and community activities

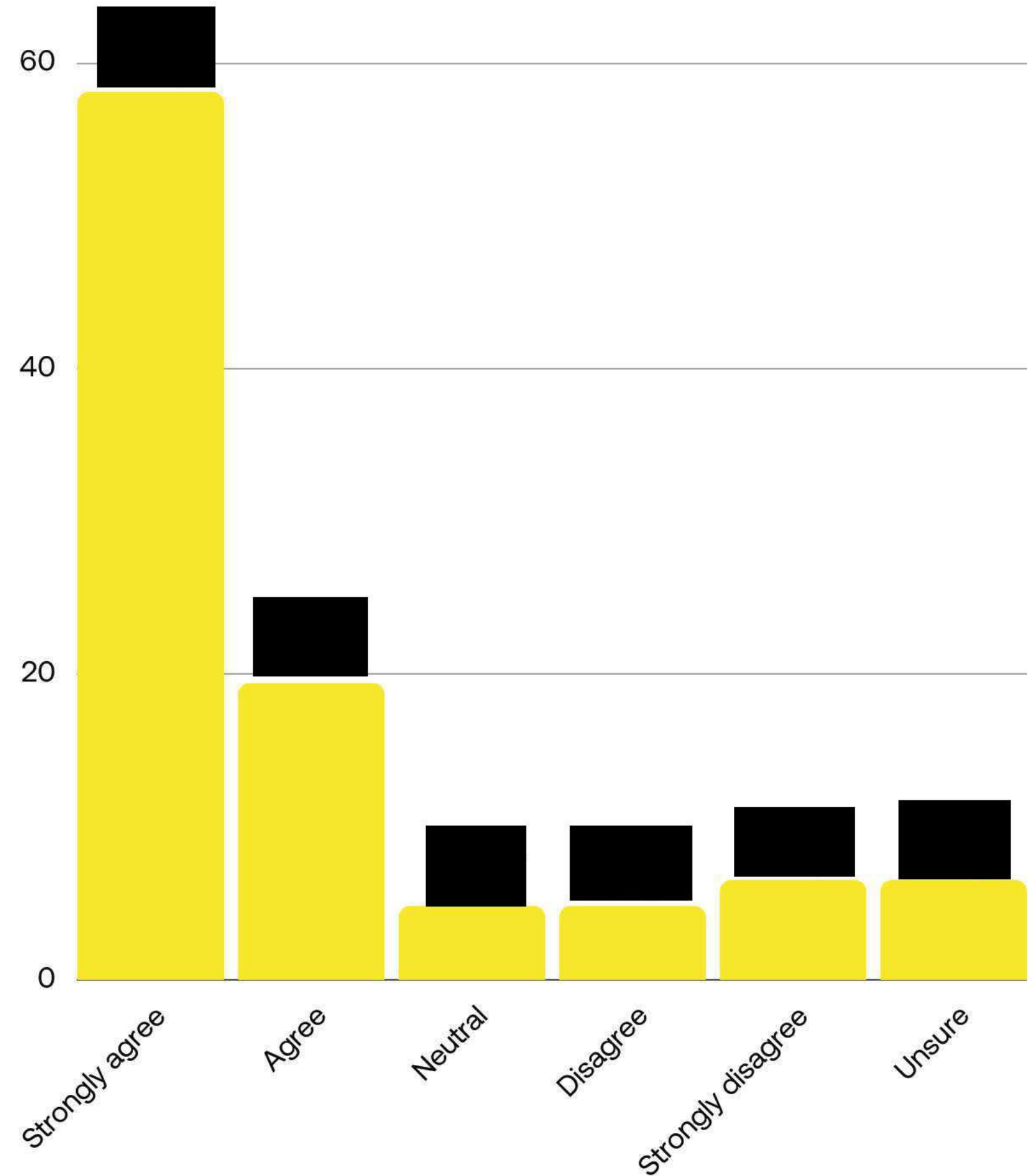
QUESTION 11:

DO YOU AGREE THAT EKIN ROAD IS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT?

62/63 Answered

16 → Do you believe that Ekin Road is in need of redevelopment?

- A Strongly agree
- B Agree
- C Neutral
- D Disagree
- E Strongly disagree
- F Unsure




QUESTION 12:


IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN TO REDEVELOP EKIN ROAD WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

59/63 Answered


17 → If the decision is taken to redevelop Ekin Road what is most important to you?




A New public space for the community



B Improved connectivity through the site

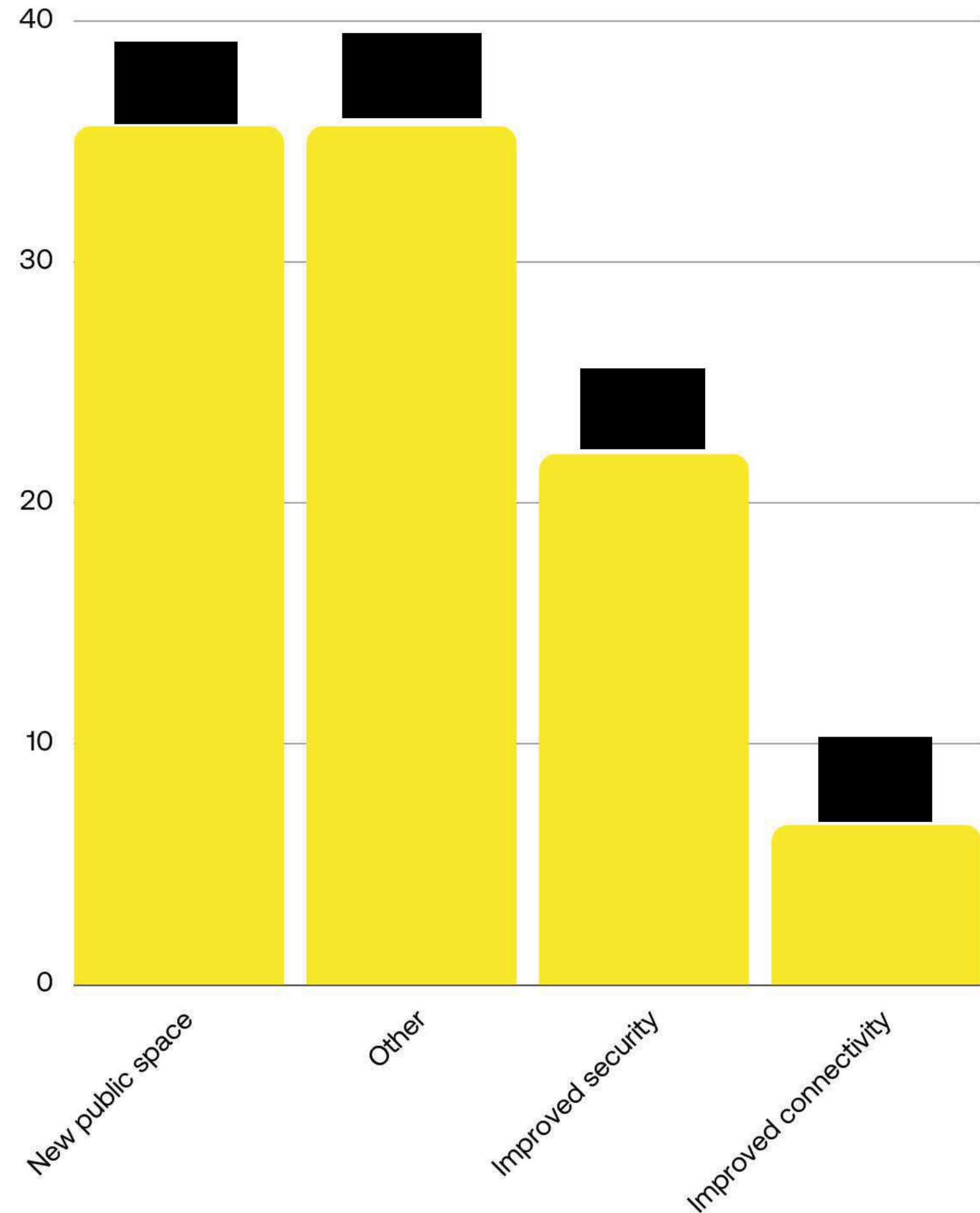


C Improved security



D Other

OK ✓



QUESTION 13:

IF YOU ANSWERED 'OTHER' PLEASE GIVE DETAIL...








The following responses are a sample of answers. For a full list of answers, please see Appendix C at the end of this report.

- Better insulation and sound proofing, improved accessibility, larger kitchens, better bin storage for easy collection
- Tackling anti social behaviour so residents feel safe where they live
- Reduce traffic on the main on the main areas of communication (Newmarket Road and Barnwell Road)
Improve bus service encourage cycling (Convenient and healthy) consider abolishing street parking.
- Keep it affordable
- Public transport, mix of normal tenants with council tenants
- Modern sustainable housing
- My property has mould, poorly fitted windows, cracks in ceilings and walls
- A home that meets today's standards
- There is no need for added space for the community as there are multiple parks and open areas within walking distances. The area is already well connected with multiple cycle lanes and paths. The recent resurface of the paths and road has made a huge difference.

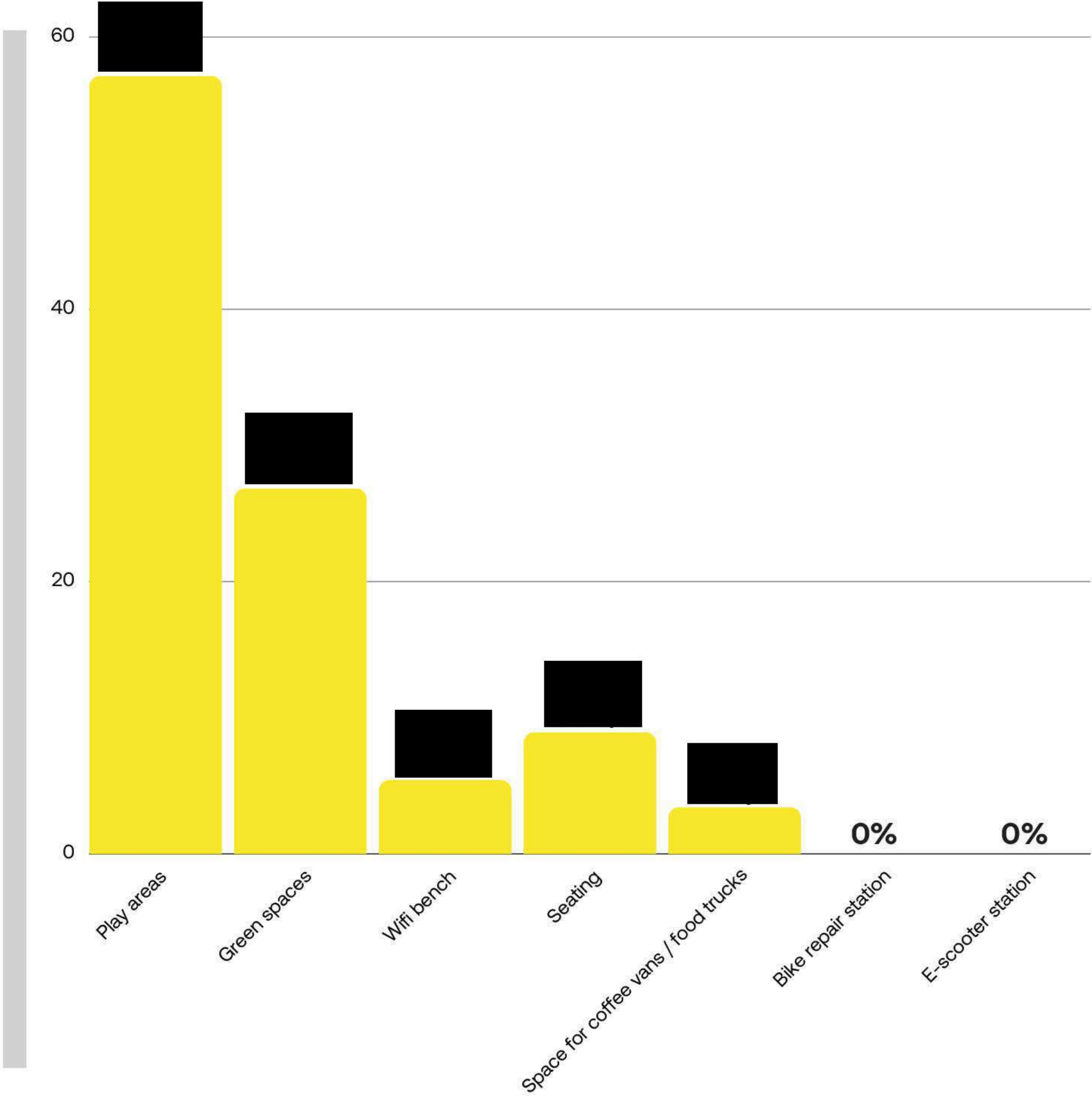
QUESTION 14:

IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN TO REDEVELOP EKIN ROAD WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FROM THE NEW PUBLIC SPACES WE ARE PROPOSING? 56/63 Answered

19 → If the decision is taken to redevelop Ekin Road what would you like to see from the new public spaces we are proposing?

 A Play areas	 B Seating	 C Space for coffee vans / food trucks	 D Bike repair station
 E Green spaces	 F E-scooter station	 G Wifi bench	

OK ✓



QUESTION 15:

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE FROM THE PUBLIC SPACES ?

The following responses are a sample of answers. For a full list of answers, please see Appendix D at the end of this report.

- I am absolutely ok on how it looks now, we don't need another bit of the city gentrified.
- Reduce traffic on the main on the main areas of communication (Newmarket Road and Barnwell Road) Improve bus service encourage cycling (Convenient and healthy) consider abolishing street parking.
- better library, social spaces, community centre
- bike repair station, E-scooter station
- Improved routes through the site, improved security, I trust what will come because you have a good team with development to the the good job
- Seating, space for coffee vans/food trucks, bike repair station, green spaces
- Community centre
- Parking
- Wild flowers and trees
- Community activities
- Seating and opportunity to meet with other people
- Better accessibility so family can visit

QUESTION 16:

WHICH WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTES THROUGH THE SITE DO YOU USE AND HOW DO YOU THINK WE COULD IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY?

The following responses are a sample of answers. For a full list of answers, please see Appendix E at the end of this report.

- Wadloes road and main driving road into the street
- I use the router through to Wadloes Road so it would be good to have an entrance road from Wadloes Road into Ekin Road.
- Need to stop the motorbikes cutting through from wadloes Road on the paths
- I usually travel between cb5 and cb1. There is no bus connection at the moment and even though there's cycling route, it needs improvement.
- I use all the paths. Better lighting is needed
- Perfect as it is.
- Wadloes Road to Stourbridge common, Chesterton widened path to river New connection to the cycle lane
- I use all the walking sites as I walk everywhere. But the pavements are in a bad way improving those would help. Also better parking.
- Don't feel like we need anymore routes through the area as it's used as a rat run through keynes road as it is

QUESTION 17:

IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN TO REDEVELOP EGIN ROAD WOULD YOU WANT TO LEAVE AND RETURN?

62/63 Answered

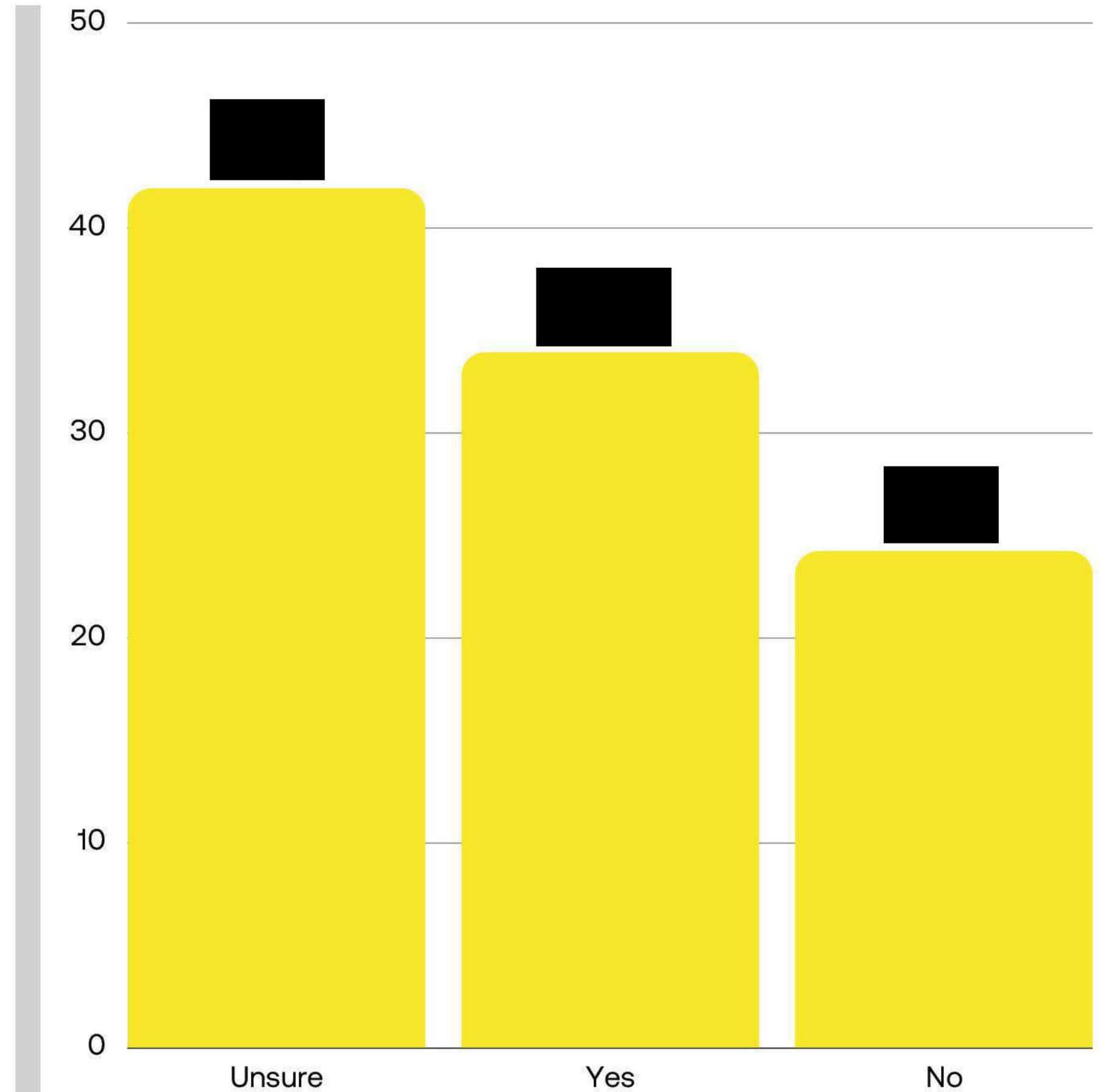
22 → If the decision is taken to redevelop Ekin Road would you want to leave and return?

A Yes

B No

C Unsure

OK ✓



QUESTION 18:

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A REGENERATION STEERING GROUP?

62/63 Answered

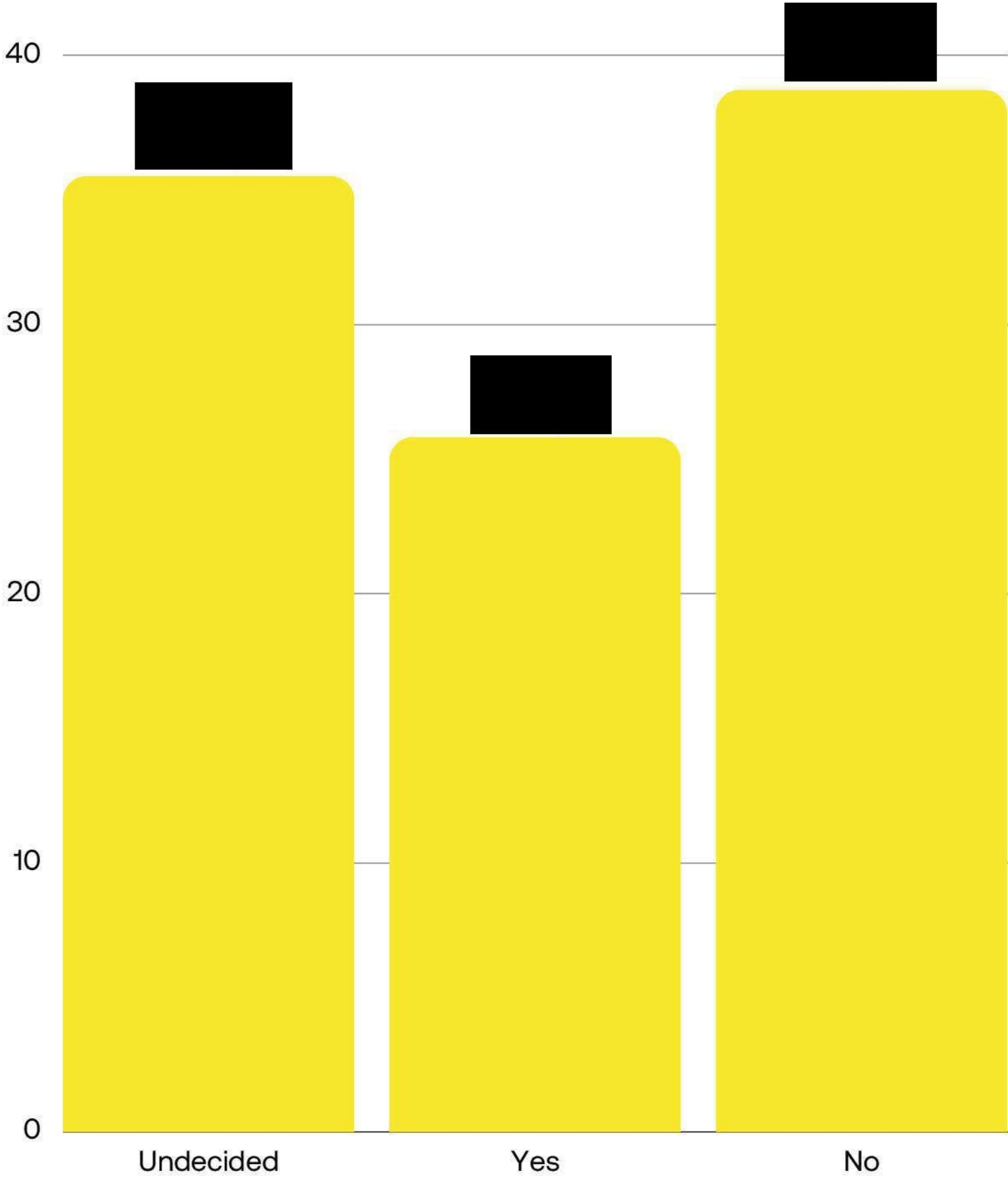
23 → Would you be interested in being part of a Regeneration Steering Group?

A Yes

B No

C Undecided

OK ✓




QUESTION 19:


HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM US?

59/63 Answered


24 → How would you like to receive updates from us?



A Email

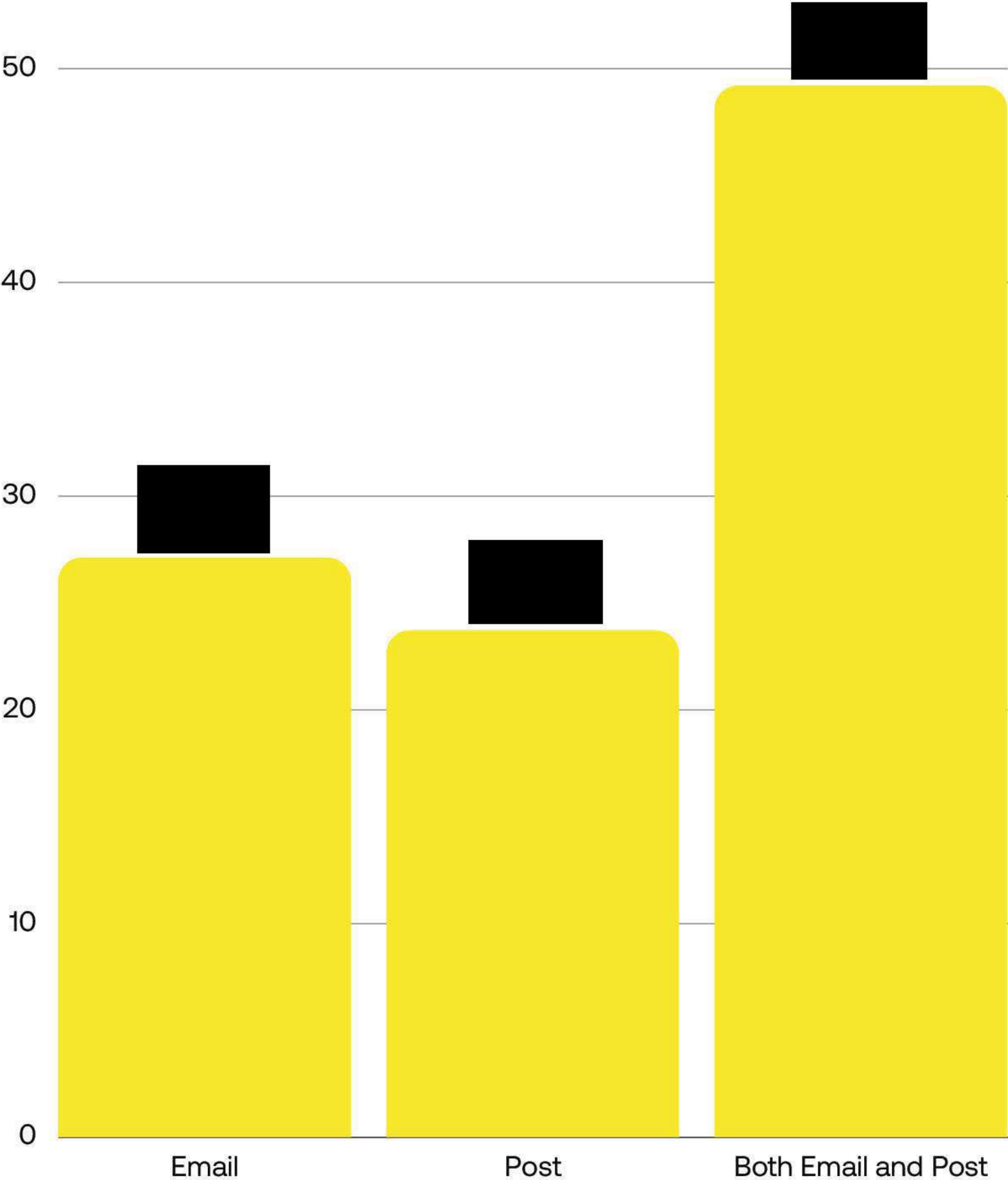


B Post



C Both email and post

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QUESTION 20:

DO YOU WANT WRITTEN INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FORMATS?

15/63 Answered

25 → Do you want written information available in any of the following formats?

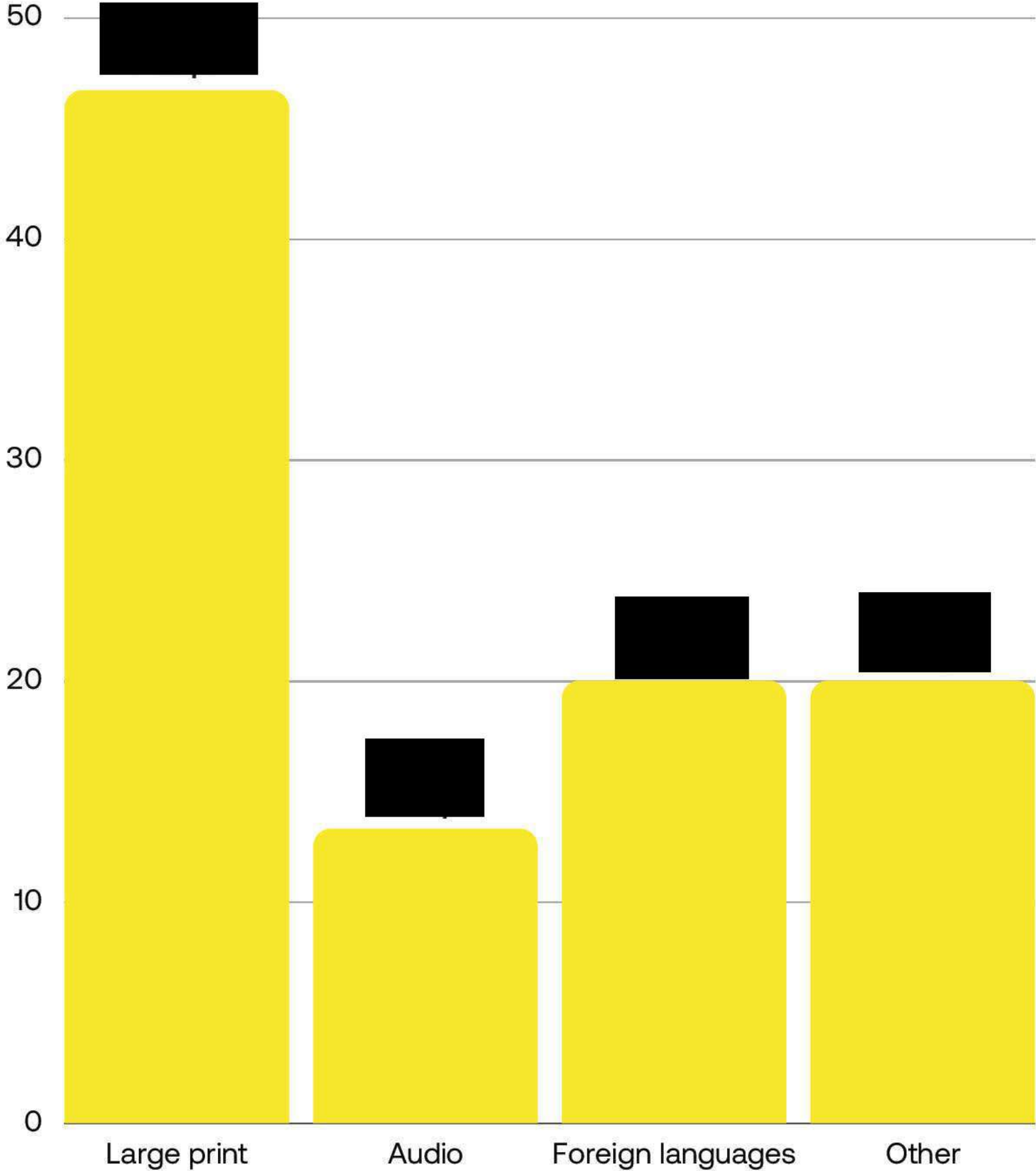
- A Foreign languages
- B Large print
- C Audio
- D Other

Languages requested:

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Other:

Maybe phone conversations / meetings



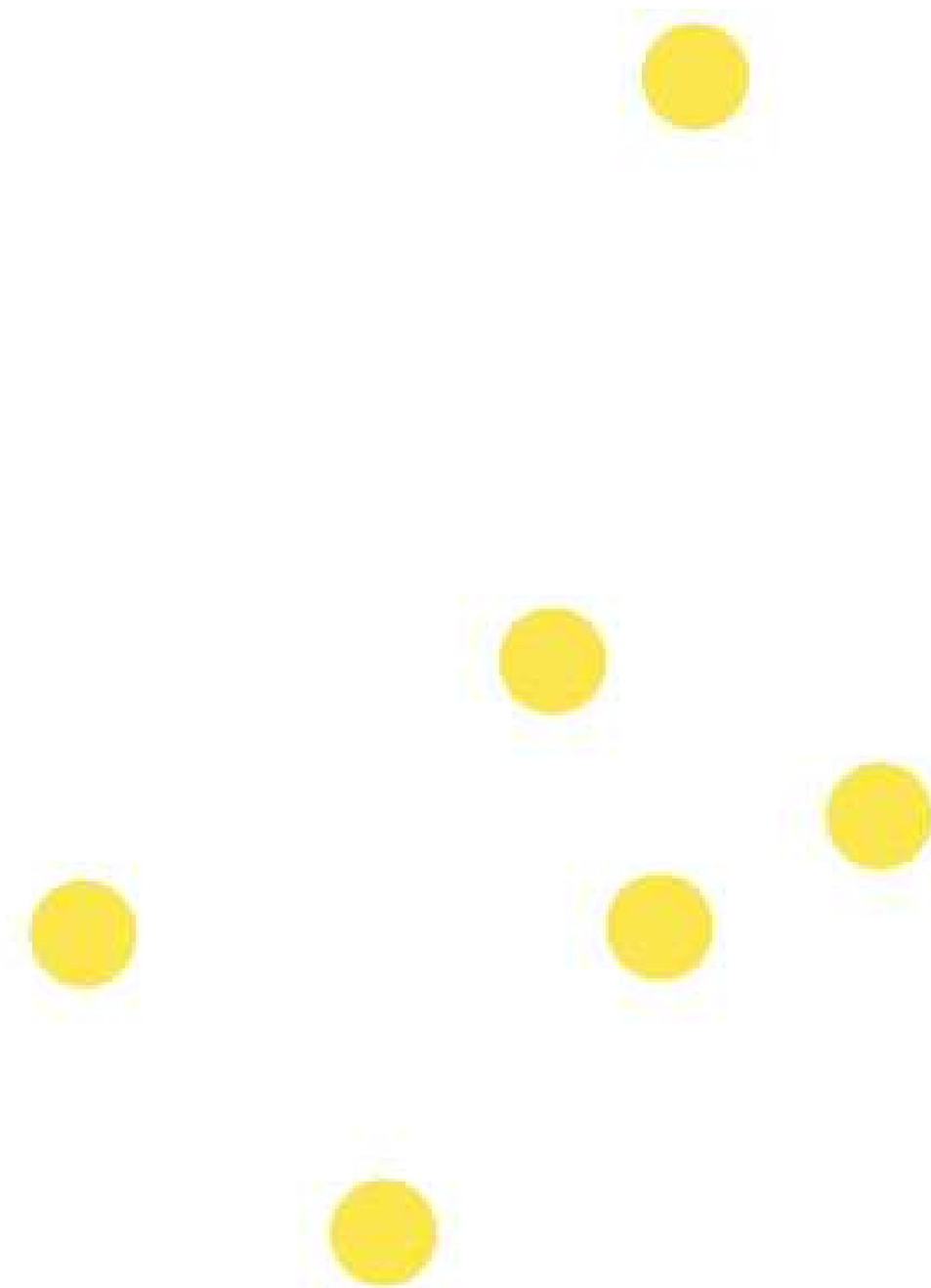
QUESTION 21:

DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?

The following responses are a sample of answers. For a full list of answers, please see the Appendix F at the end of this report.

- There has been no money spent on maintaining the estate- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If the houses remain they Need to be secure and energy efficient at minimum.
- [REDACTED] i feel very anxious about this uncertainty. My main fear is that we leave for another council flat it will happen the same once you will be wanting to redevelop another area, while if i decide to come back the rent will be so high that i wont be able to afford it anymore.
- Expand the surgery - the one we have is barely adequate
- to leave i would be looking for a [REDACTED] house and £20,000 before I would think about moving as [REDACTED] and mould and other repair issue.
- If this is a serious possibility it would be amazing for the area and the people
- I thoroughly approve a development as we need more social housing. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The need is one of security because my doctors surgery/pharmacy being near I would like very much to live locally. Furthermore I would wish to be considered for an opportunity to return to the new development [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- I have always found it difficult to get any basic repairs done in the communal area and after 5 years we are still waiting for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

APPENDICES



APPENDIX A: WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

- The flat is spacious and solid construction. Easy access to the city and A14
- Privacy
- Its close to everything I need as i can't afford a car. The flat is also very nice full of light and big windows. I love also that through the different trails i can reach anywhere without using roads with cars.
- Closeness of river walks, bus stops, [REDACTED] is just right for me. Nearness to town, everything on my doorstep
- Access to Stourbridge Common Used to be quiet
- Its home, rather quiet, within my means when i bought it - not far from centre of Cambridge
- Close to city centre
- Close to City Centre
- garden
- Nice people, peaceful
- Close to city Centre
- The people that live around us
- I like the area, it is quiet and close to school. Good links to town and station
- I would still like to live in the area
- location, my garden
- green space
- [REDACTED] meets my needs
- The sense of community, it's very local to my work and children school , my neighbours, my family and friends Close to my child's school, support network, job, wonderful community
- It's an affordable, leafy, convenient location for working in Cambridge and not having to commute. I have a good sized garden, a decent relationship with my neighbours, and I enjoy living in this space with the river and commons so near. Neighbours tend to be small, young families who treat it like their home as there is low turnover of tenants. There is a community feeling of being able to speak with and enjoy the spaces together, with low traffic levels as it's not a through-road to anywhere.
- Im close to family and friends so my children can go play with them and be in close sight

APPENDIX A: WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

- My neighbours and community togetherness
- Good location
- I like our flat is spacey, our communal garden is big and very green. Area is very peaceful. It's an ideal distance for our family to get to work and schools. Commuting is very easy.
- location
- location
- My garden, my house and space on it, the neighbourhood are lovely.
- nothing
- Communal Gardens
- Peaceful, sense of security
- Grew up in the area! Friends, Close to work and school
- The area, the people
- Good location. Easy access to A14. Easy access to local shops and main stores
- Close to a good Health Centre, shops, buses and library
- Is nice and quiet neighbourhood
- Nothing.
- Close to shops and river
- It's close to my family
- Community
- Nice communal garden and nice neighbours
- The localisation it's close to shops, river, gp
- Close to my work
- Nothing
- There is no traffic through, so it's a quiet area even if it's next to Newmarket Road. It's easy to bike everywhere, and there is easy access to shops both on Barnwell Road and Ditton Lane. We have a nice garden which is not overlooked and that provides a nice area to relax
- It is a quiet cul-de-sac, with no through traffic and is an island of calm in a very busy part of Cambridge. It is well communicated by foot and bike, with easy access to local parks and shops. I have a garden which is not overlooked and is not noisy, because it is not part of a rat run as so many roads are in the area.
- Convenient but quiet location.

APPENDIX A: WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

- It is close to the city centre and local facilities. Also children's school is not too far. There is lots of green space around the area and river is very close by
- Some nice neighbours
- close to shops and city centre, quiet area
- Some of the people
- Fantastic GP surgery and easy access to the most important facilities.
- Quiet, safe, green, bus route. Solid houses + sheds, my social help
- location
- Everything. It's quiet, it's in a very good location. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is family orientated. I have a well established garden and it helps my mental health. I would be lost without it.
- Quiet community, good links to Cambridge and London
- Shops
- Free parking and a lot of green space
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- The flat is very spacious and [REDACTED] ideally placed for using public transport. Which means I don't have to use/own a car
- Ekin Road is a peaceful and friendly community. Many of the residents are very familiar with each other, and several have lived here for decades. Moreover, it is a low traffic street, and close to several bus routes, parkland, and shops. These are all positive aspects of the street, which make me very fond of it. A full demolition and redevelopment will completely destroy this community, and it is highly unlikely to reform after the development is complete. I would not want to live in the soulless monstrosity you propose to build in place of the current Ekin Road estate.
- Close to the city center, well served by buses, possibility to bike to work
- My flat

APPENDIX A: WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

- Great, community, amenities, transport links, property position and location.
- It was initially the location that drew us to live in Abbey Ward, and Ekin Road in particular, as it enabled us to continue our lifestyle as non-car owners. Our house is perfectly located for work [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without the need to take on a car. This not only suits us financially, but is a decision driven by an awareness of the need to be environmentally friendly. Once we moved to Ekin Road, we could see that it was a close community. We were quickly welcomed by our neighbours, tenants of the council, and made aware of Abbey People and the work they do in the community. We feel safe here, the road is quiet, and we have got to know a number of other residents over the time we have lived here. We are also well situated for exploring the meadows and visiting the many open spaces and playgrounds nearby. Finally, we have built a support network in this area. Not just friends, but people we can call upon for childcare, which is crucial [REDACTED]

APPENDIX B: WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

- I'm now ready for a move without having to climb [REDACTED] stairs.
- Security of house and parking on Cambridge united home games
- I am ok with everything.
- nothing
- Larger kitchen Walk in shower Narrower path on front Disconnected garden
- a good bus service cars not dumped on the road (should be parked in designated areas) Discourage the use of cars by encouraging cycling and providing a good bus service Forget about front and back private gardens Build higher blocks to deal with housing shortage and provide communal green spaces.
- Green areas, coffee shop, safer neighbourhood, better transport
- Green spaces, coffee shop, safer neighbourhood, better and cheaper transport
- parking
- nothing
- Better quality building, nicer kept gardens, better neighbours
- everything
- nothing
- The flat is energy inefficient and prone to damp/mould. The flat is always cold and because of that [REDACTED] are often ill.
- The whole block of flats
- make it more children friendly
- more parking spaces
- everything
- To be safer
- So far i didn't want to change anything, apart the fact that i need separate rooms [REDACTED]
- Accommodations because since living in my flat i have so much trouble with the mould [REDACTED]
- Accommodation
- pipes
- The safety, more green spaces for kids, like splashing place, game space like basketball/football etc
- The flat [REDACTED]
- Nothing, add more to environment with more oxygenating plant - more wild flowers etc

APPENDIX B: WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

- nothing
- The property
- safer places where kids can play
- Better parking and access. Green spaces and community activities
- Nothing
- Houses, flats, shops
- Renew buildings and gardens.more parking spaces
- Need a bigger property.
- To have a lift within the flats and an easier way to be able to take rubbish out especially from first floor and second floor flats
- House Condition they very old moulded
- The layout and accessibility
- Be moved to a completely different place the area is run down
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- I would close the drive-through McDonalds on Wadloes Road, and that causes traffic problems both in the roundabout and in Wadloes Road. I think having more rubbish disposal facilities in the flats for big items could be helpful for the people that cannot go to the Milton dump to dispose of big rubbish.
- The fact that the footpaths have been resurfaced made a great difference, doing the same to the road would also help. Closing the McDonald's drive thru (the only one in a residential area in the country) would improve the area (not just Ekin Road) massively.
- [REDACTED] Get rid of the drug dealers.
- [REDACTED] the windows More community area - local play area
- The flats there falling apart walls are cracking and just look a mess on the outside
- Green spaces , a local park , less of a rat run and local asbo behaviour
- Old condition [REDACTED] & noisy teenagers riding motorcycles

APPENDIX B: WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

- The flats are very outdated, not very insulated with damp felt around the flat. Window seals are always damp throughout the year as insulation is not very good. There is antisocial behavior [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Council is very much informed but never taken any serious action.
- The parking situation [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] but at the same time I wouldn't want to lose any of the green spaces or reduce the number of trees. Better maintained road. I'd increase the number of trees if possible. The design of the houses on Ekin Road make them ideal for retrofitting heat pumps which we have done. Paint the flatblocks to be more colourful.
- [REDACTED] don't have respect to others and communal area
- Everything
- Antisocial behaviour and people who don't care about anything.
- Update of houses, new doors, new kitchens
- drug usage
- The parking since Ekin Close was developed. There are too many cars as most of those houses are two car households.
- Maybe build some new flats in place of the old ones but the houses are fine, there is nothing wrong with them
- It is run down, alleyways (antisocial behaviour)
- At present quite Happy [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Some emphasis on social connection and tackling loneliness as part of every councils mandate for housing / communities
- The area it's self is very outdated and needs to be regenerated for the future. Seems some people are only worried about now and not for the future generations
- The housing is inadequate to live in. There is mold and we do not have enough bedrooms. There is a lot of moisture and windows are not in a good condition
- Overpopulating, safety, not enough green spaces, not enough cycle path or cycle route, no parking (everyone parks on the street), cleanings (we find everyday rubbish left on the footpath like sofas, household appliances...)

APPENDIX B: WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

- Fundamentally: nothing. However, Ekin Road has been severely under maintained and underfunded by the Cambridge City Council for years, if not decades. The extent to which this community has been repeatedly ignored over the years is astounding. For example, it took until last month for the decade-old, canyon-like cracks in the pavement to be repaired and resurfaced, and even that was yet another quick-fix that will rapidly crack and degrade again soon, rather than proper footpath paving. Indeed, much of the footpath is at an angle, making it difficult to walk on [REDACTED]. The various alleys into the estate are constantly overgrown with vines and other foliage, the road peppered with potholes, and there is not a single bench to sit on in any of the green spaces within or adjacent to the estate. Personally, there is nothing I would fundamentally change about this estate. All that is required is some basic maintenance and adjustment.
 - Windows, roof
 - Nothing
- There are no fundamental changes that immediately spring to mind. Now that the council re-barked the Dudley Road Rec and replaced the broken seesaw, we are very happy with the easy access to those facilities we see as most important to our family life. I was pleased to see that the potholes were recently filled, and that the pavements of Ekin Road (and the neighbouring streets) were resurfaced, though the pavements were not particularly well done. There are already a number of cracks and the excessive camber of the pavement [REDACTED].
[REDACTED]

APPENDIX C: WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN TO REDEVELOP EKIN ROAD?

- Keep it affordable
- Better insulation and sound proofing, improved accessibility, larger kitchens, better bin storage for easy collection
- Reduce traffic on the main on the main areas of communication (Newmarket Road and Barnwell Road) Improve bus service encourage cycling (Convenient and healthy) consider abolishing street parking.
- Public transport, mix of normal tenants with council tenants
- wont be living here
- size of garden and room
- better properties
- more homes
- modern sustainable housing
- improved homes
- new build
- Parking
- Drugs and rubbish
- There is no need for added space for the community as there are multiple parks and open areas within walking distances. The area is already well connected with multiple cycle lanes and paths. The recent resurface of the paths and road has made a huge difference.
- Tackling anti social behavior so residents feel safe where they live
- The options to this question are not well thought through. For point 1 - There are a selection of parks a short walk away. The river area at Ditton Meadows is also easily accessible. For point 2 - With regard to accessibility, that it is not a through road means that it is a quiet area. There is easy foot and bike access from three points onto the Ekin Road area. I am not sure any more access is strictly necessary. Perhaps some more lighting down the alley way to Ditton Lane might be of benefit. As for security, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have seen only one incident of antisocial behaviour, have suffered no damage to property and have enjoyed having nice neighbours. So I am not sure what you think needs improving.

APPENDIX C: WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN TO REDEVELOP EKIN ROAD?

- The most important thing to me, from any improvement work on Ekin Road, is that as much as possible of the existing estate, and existing community, is preserved. If it becomes *essential* to perform some sort of redevelopment on Ekin Road, it should be done at an absolute minimum. If the flats require work, then the first priority should be in-situ refurbishment and upgrading. If that is not possible, and demolition is deemed *essential* for structural or health reasons (NOT funding/financial reasons - do not demolish an estate just to balance your books), then that should be done in a completely staggered way, to minimise disruption to those in the flats and to preserve the overall community structure. For example, any such residents should be temporarily rehoused in small numbers as locally as possible - within a few hundred meters at most - and returned to their residences as quickly as possible. Demolition for environmental concerns and energy savings is a non-starter.

The carbon footprint of demolition and rebuilding of those flats would be astronomical; far more than the CO2 savings from any potential improvements in energy efficiency, even over the long term. And the cost of rebuilding would dwarf any potential savings in energy bills. The surrounding semi-detached houses in Ekin Road, and possibly the bungalows, should not under any circumstances be redeveloped, save for any insulation/efficiency upgrading the council may wish to perform on those which are council owned. These homes form the heart and soul of Ekin Road, and the residents in them are extremely happy. They are homes, not houses, and there is no need to disturb them in any way.

APPENDIX C: WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN TO REDEVELOP EKIN ROAD?

- A home that meets today's standards
- Improved security
- My property has mould, poorly fitted windows, cracks in ceilings and walls
- Houses flats commons
- Only the flats redeveloped. There are routes through the site. A neighbourhood watch would be good.
- it is a beautiful location that deserves a rebuild to make it safer and make more usage of the space available. However [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I didn't plan to move or relocate. I want to know what my options are as I love my location.
- That the houses remain and the flats are redeveloped
- Need to vet people before given new houses, as you don't want a nice new area with problem families
- Improved connection to other parts of the town. More community space
- I am yet to see a compelling argument for a total redevelopment of Ekin Road, so I find this question particularly difficult to answer. As mentioned in previous responses, we feel safe here in Ekin Road and are very happy with the choice of open spaces and playgrounds [REDACTED]
- I think the most important thing is well kept green areas for the children as well as safer stairs and noise proofing so that residents can have a quality of life
- More external lighting.

APPENDIX D: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FROM THE PUBLIC SPACES WE ARE PROPOSING?

- Parking
- Community centre
- I am absolutely ok on how it looks now, we don't need another bit of the city gentrified.
- Wild flowers and trees
- better library, social spaces, community centre
- bike repair station, E-scooter station
- better parking
- green spaces
- Community activities
- Cameras and better parking
- Close to school
- Close to local shops
- football area
- Improved routes through the site, improved security, I trust what will come because you have a good team with development to the the good job
- Seating, space for coffee vans/food trucks, bike repair station, green spaces
- Green spaces
- seating, green spaces
- Security for families with children
- seating, residential social club would be a good idea.
- Seating and opportunity to meet with other people
- Cheaper shop
- Better accessibility so family can visit
- No 5g tower's!!!
- There is no point on having food trucks around this area, considering that the majority of the residents will either be at work, or if they are on benefits, they won't have the cash to spend. Additional seating areas are more likely to encourage antisocial behaviour, as it is well known to happen in other areas of the city.
- Green spaces
- More gathering and meeting green spaces
- Sheds for all tenants for storage

APPENDIX D: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FROM THE PUBLIC SPACES WE ARE PROPOSING?

- We need security we struggle with anti social behaviour
- More green spaces and benches.
- More trees + flowers - wildflowers.
- residential parking
- Many of the proposed ideas for new public spaces (Wifi bench, water fountain, coffee van, bike repair station) are at best "laughably out of touch" with the needs of the residents of Ekin Road, and probably closer to "insulting and offensive". You need only look at uptake of the local food hub to see that coffee vans and water fountains are probably not a high priority in this area. The useful additions to public spaces on Ekin Road are already perfectly feasible to implement now, such as a bench/seats for residents to sit on. Nowhere on the estate, or immediate neighbouring green space (Wadloes Road) is there a single place to sit. A redevelopment of the estate is hardly necessary to install a bench.
- Every other suggestion for public spaces on a redeveloped Ekin Road can be found within a 5 minute walk; the Dudley Road rec is a huge green space, Ditton meadows absolutely massive (and nearby), there is already an e-scooter station on Wadloes Road, there are several food vans and takeaway restaurants within a few minutes walk, and there is a professional bike repair team on Ditton Walk (less than a 10min walk away). Perhaps it would be worth collecting more data on how the existing provisions listed above are used, and indeed whether they are used at all (Dudley Road rec is often near-empty, even on weekends) before creating more of the same, only to fall into disrepair which is the main issue facing Ekin Road.

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- With regard to the above suggestions: A play area would be a good idea, but there are parks at Dudley Road, Thorpe Way and Ditton Fields, all within a short walk. Some of the flats have (old) play equipment behind them, perhaps some investment here could help. Seating sounds in principle a good idea, but provides an opportunity for people to gather and make noise. We have enough disruption from McDonalds users, so the idea of a coffee truck and any attendant litter resulting from that is not high on my list of alternatives. There are E-scooters available outside the Spar on Barnwell Rd, I imagine if that is too far to go to get one, you probably ought not to use one. And as for the Wifi bench, well, if that is a highlight of your redevelopment plan I worry. Has anyone actually said that out loud? I struggle to imagine anyone saying "I need to check my email, I won't do it on my phone (using the 4G mast on Newmarket Rd), I'm going to go out in the rain to use the Wifi bench"
- We feel very fortunate to live in the proximity that we do to so many open green spaces and children's playgrounds. Our main complaint over the past few years has been that these have not always been maintained to an acceptable standard.
- Splash pad and play aera
- No

APPENDIX E: WHICH WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTES THROUGH THE SITE DO YOU USE AND HOW DO YOU THINK WE COULD IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY?

- I use all the paths. Better lighting is needed
- Perfect as it is.
- Walking, Chisham Trail, River Cam, Baits Bite Lock
- Wadloes Road to Stourbridge common, Chesterton widened path to river New connection to the cycle lane
- More often and cheaper bus services. To go by bus to the city centre its £4.50 with return
- more often and cheaper bus services. £4.50 is too expensive for everyday travels.
- all of them, better light kept tidy and bushes trimmed back
- Use the walking path from Ekin Road to Wadloes Road
- Better cycle routes to town maintaining good links with North Cambridge
- I use all of them. But so far i have felt they are connected in a good way.
- none as area is cool
- I am walking through the passage of Ekin Walk [REDACTED] [REDACTED] its dark and no light in the alley.
- Ekin Road cut through to Wadloes Road
- Satisfactory from my point of view
- [REDACTED] I walk via Wadloes Road or go Ekin Road, Ditton Lane, Doctors and Pharmacy
- None
- More street lights
- None
- Bike
- I use all the walking sites as I walk everywhere. But the pavements are in a bad way improving those would help. Also better parking.
- Cut down the bushes
- Very bad corners and lights
- I use all the cycling lanes - to Wadloes Road, to Keynes Road and to Ditton Lane. Their connectivity is great. The only thing I would improve is to re-do the surface of the lane towards Ditton Lane which tends to be filled with rubbish and has some big holes.

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- [REDACTED] use all three access routes onto Ekin Road on a regular basis to get to work, school and shops. Having easy access from three points makes it very easy to get to and from wherever you need to go. Nothing fundamental is missing from a connectivity point of view. That fact that two of these are bike/walking only means that there is very little traffic on Ekin Road making it safer with small children around. This is unusual in the surrounding area full of busy roads. Ekin Road is an oasis of calm, especially in football match days
- I walk straight down Newmarket road so not much chance of improving that commute any time soon
- Wadloes area - we use the main road
- I use the cycle/pedestrian path from Ekin Road to Ditton Lane, and I use the pedestrian path to Wadloes Road, and I use the road to Keynes Road to get down to Ditton Fields and the river.
- Both main road (Newmarket Road) and River passage are greatly connected with the area
- Wadloes road and main driving road into the street
- I use the router through to Wadloes Road so it would be good to have an entrance road from Wadloes Road into Ekin Road.
- none
- Need to stop the motorbikes cutting through from wadloes Road on the paths
- I usually travel between cb5 and cb1. There is no bus connection at the moment and even though there's cycling route, it needs improvement.
- All of them. Better roads, better clean up management
- not sure however there's lots of ways to improve this due to the location.
- I use the path that connects to Wadloes Road and the passageway through to Ditton Lane.
- I use all of them and think they are fine
- Wadloes Road which the flat fronts onto
- I regularly walk and cycle through Ekin Walk, the main entrance of Ekin Road, and the alley connecting to Ditton Lane. I have absolutely no issue with the connectivity, provided such paths are properly maintained and kept in good working order, which unfortunately is not always the case.

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- I use many of them
- Given that we do not own a car, all of our movement in and out of home is either by bicycle or on foot. We walk or cycle at least 6 days a week, and have never found a problem with the connectivity of the estate. Again, one thing that we would like to see is quicker repair work as and when a problem arises (potholes, cracks in the pavement). There are also some overhanging branches that can be problematic in the alley between Ekin Road and Ditton Lane.
- By the river
- I used the cycle route to the Cam river but it will be quicker if I could use the cycle path on Newmarket road (it's too dangerous and with a lot of traffic so I don't feel myself safe)
- I haven't had any issues walking around the area but they are tight roads to drive down and sometimes I can't find parking

APPENDIX F: DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?

- There has been no money spent on maintaining the estate- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If the houses remain they Need to be secure and energy efficient at minimum.
- [REDACTED] i feel very anxious about this uncertainty. My main fear is that we leave for another council flat it will happen the same once you will be wanting to redevelop another area, while if i decide to come back the rent will be so high that i wont be able to afford it anymore.
- I have always found it difficult to get any basic repairs done in the communal area [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Expand the surgery - the one we have is barely adequate
- to leave i would be looking for a [REDACTED] house and £20,000 before I would think about moving [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and mould and other repair issue.
- [REDACTED]
- If this is a serious possibility it would be amazing for the area and the people
- I don't know but area needs redevelopment
- Fingers Crossed for a complete well needed redevelopment
- I thoroughly approve a development as we need more social housing. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The need is one of security because my doctors surgery/pharmacy being near I would like very much to live locally. Furthermore I would wish to be considered for an opportunity to return to the new development [REDACTED]
- Would like to be kept well informed
- I`m unsure about returning but would like to stay in the catchment are of the Health Centre [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I would like somewher that meets my needs better than my present home, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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- Redeveloping Ekin road is the best news I've heard since living here. There is mould, walls falling apart plaster coming from the walls bathrooms are in the worse state I've seen! [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Knocking these down is the best option for any one council and tenants. I can't and don't know how any one doesn't want them to be demolished.
- Please move me out of Cambridge
- More information for homeowners would be appreciated. It has been said that much less likely to be able to return after development. This means we will have to relocate to a different and cheaper city as Cambridge is too expensive to buy. This then means we have to lose our jobs and the anxiety this is all causing is not great. Please can we have more clarification of what will happen to us. Thank you
- Save our homes!
- I think the re-development of Ekin Road is unnecessary considering there are multiple development areas around (such as the Marleigh site and the planned area on the Marshall's airport). While I understand the council flats are old and probably not very sustainable, bringing down all the houses is not going to be very sustainable either. It will be difficult for many tenants in the council flats to find suitable accommodation in the city. There are many families with young children who will find difficult to find a place in new schools, and it will be very disruptive for the children's mental health to have to either change school, or to have to travel longer distances to go to school.
- Also believe 'improved routes through the site' to be important if the decision is taken to redevelop Ekin Road. Although I love where we are, I would like to move with my neighbours. I love the sense of community, so being close to people I live near would be nice.
- The properties are very old & all need improvements. I agree to redevelop & have better economical housing

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- If forced to move for this redevelopment I don't know where I, or any of my neighbours, could live in Cambridge. Living in Cambridge is a choice I made to reduce transport effects and loss of time in commuting. I made that choice knowing I'd have to pay more for my house, but I now feel priced out of living anywhere else in the city and having the standard of living I currently have here.
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- We need to feel like we cared about rather than a dumping site
- There are many uncertainties and my family and I would want to find out more about our future.
- There are so many amenities already close to Ekin Road, the important thing with this redevelopment would only be the flats and parking.
- [REDACTED] we have been looking at moving, how and who do we contact at council to offer it first to Council [REDACTED] In 2020/2021 Council has been doing the works on the blocks of flats and we have received extortionate bill for the very poor work that has been carried out. I would like to know how this would be resolved if we will be selling the property to the council?
- I like the sense of community and wish to move to the Cromwell road area if the plan goes ahead as this would not affect my jobs or my children school life - and I would still be able to have my support network close by
- Some of our residents have been here for over 30 years. Some have more complex needs. These are our homes and lives.
- [REDACTED] I would like to find out my options as soon as possible as I wanted to renovate my property for a long time now. did not plan to relocate or anything but all the options available are a bit vague and unpromising when I tried researching into it. thank you

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- Demolishing the whole of Ekin Road and Ekin Walk should be avoided. There must be a less drastic way to provide or improve housing and facilities in this area. I trust that this matter will not drag on, as effectively it means, until a final decision has been made. [REDACTED] property owners have unsaleable property. [REDACTED] I would prefer to remain in my current flat as long as possible
- In case it is not abundantly clear from my previous comments, I am completely opposed to the current proposal by Cambridge City Council for the demolition and redevelopment of the entire of Ekin Road estate. This proposal does not in any way act in the best interests of the current residents of Ekin Road. Indeed, this proposal will inflict great harm and suffering on a vast majority of the current residents, in that: 1. The existing functioning and supportive community within Ekin Road will be completely and irrevocably destroyed. 2. Several council tenants will be forcibly moved, all at the same time, most probably rather far from their current residence, and almost certainly nowhere near each other.
- 3. The residents have built a reliable support network on which they depend in their day-to-day life (for assistance with childcare, with various disabilities, etc). This cannot simply be "re-invented" at a random new location; it takes years to build such networks and the trust involved in them. 4. Homeowners and flat owners on the street will be put at a huge disadvantage, as it is nearly impossible to find "like for like" housing (similar size, features, and amenities) in the area without substantial additional cost. They will be forced to find a home that is substantially smaller, or of substantially lesser quality, or substantially more expensive, or substantially further away from the places and community they are used to frequenting and working in. 5. Many of the residents have been in the same dwelling (flat, bungalow, or house) for several decades, and these are their homes. The psychological damage inflicted by forcibly displacing people from their longstanding homes will be severe and significant; I already know of residents experiencing anxiety issues as a result of this redevelopment proposal. If the council wishes to deal with issues pertaining to the flats on Ekin Road, then this idea of full demolition is not the way to do it. What you propose might make for some slightly nicer housing, but that benefit will not go to the current residents of Ekin Road.

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They will be the ones paying a very heavy and long-term personal price, all so that future residents can have slightly decreased energy bills and a coffee van. This is an absolutely terrible proposal which I object to, both in whole and in all its parts. No aspect of this proposal shows any understanding of, or insight into, the needs or desires of the current residents of Ekin Road. Stop this madness now, and do not implement a proposal that destroys the lives of the 200+ people living on Ekin Road.

- The area does need regeneration, people need to see that as its all outdated
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- No

- Gentrification under the guise of development is very damaging to communities. In reality, the area in Ekin Road is filled with various groups of people - some of whom are from disadvantaged backgrounds. History shows that removing people from their community removes the connection they feel and creates significant issues for them - particularly in the mental health space. Has any thought been put into this? How will removing people from their community and dumping them into a new one cause them to react? Yohann Hari in his book Lost Connections - a current well-regarded book in the social connection space explicitly discusses this.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would strongly suggest that you also include more closely the residents you are aiming to move into decision-making capacity in relation to this project. Too often in these 'consultations' the people with the least power are the ones with the most significant interest - which is exactly the case here.

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- The news that the council is currently considering a total redevelopment of Ekin Road, including the home that we've worked hard to [REDACTED] is gut-wrenching. I do not understand why a proposal is on the table to demolish (and rebuild) perfectly good houses [REDACTED]. So the justification for putting forward such a proposal is currently unclear to me. The only possible explanation, as mentioned on the billboards, in discussions with employees of the council, in discussions with local councillors, and raised at the residents' consultation webinar is that this proposal is driven by financial reasons. All problems on Ekin Road, as highlighted by the council, lie with the somewhat run down and unloved flats and not the houses. Given this, the suggestion of solving this problem by bulldozing the houses is absurd, and shows no consideration whatsoever of the feelings of existing residents. The suggestion that this will be a fairly quick turnaround, and that council tenants...

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...will have the 'right to return' seems disingenuous given most residents of similar redevelopment schemes of the part do not return. It is my genuine belief (based on a number of conversations) that a large proportion of council tenants in the flats trust that they will be relocated nearby, for a short space of time, and then move straight back to the community as it was before they left. They believe that the compensation offered is worth the short term disruption and that the end result will be their existing life, but in a brand new flat. I do not believe that this will be the outcome for many of these residents. Moving onto homeowners such as us, there will also be no realistic 'right to return'. We've seen the prices of the new flats at Marleigh, and many other new developments across the city, and none of them would offer us the space that we currently have within our budget. I'm sure the council will care very little for the devastating impact that this will have on a small percentage of homeowners on Ekin Road, but this is our home, our community, our future, and we want to make sure that our objections to the proposal to redevelop Ekin Road are heard.