

Thank you for helping us to improve our knowledge of the diverse needs, views, opinions and priorities across our whole community by answering the following questions. It is not obligatory to complete the following questions but by collating this information it will help us when setting our priorities for the future.

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council

Consultation - have your say on future services

Q1 Are you.. Male Female Transgender

Q2 Age: 16-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80+

Q3 Do you have a disability that limits your activities in any way? Yes No
If Yes, please select below which applies to you:
 Sensory disability Physical disability Learning disability Mental health Long-term illness

Q4 To which of these groups do you consider you belong to?

White		Black or Black British	
British <input type="checkbox"/>		Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/>	
Irish <input type="checkbox"/>		African <input type="checkbox"/>	
Any other White background <input type="checkbox"/>		Any other Black background <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Please specify:</i> <input type="text"/>		<i>Please specify:</i> <input type="text"/>	
Mixed		Asian or Asian British	
White and Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/>		Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	
White and Black African <input type="checkbox"/>		Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/>	
White and Asian <input type="checkbox"/>		Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/>	
Any other Mixed background <input type="checkbox"/>		Any other Asian background <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Please specify:</i> <input type="text"/>		<i>Please specify:</i> <input type="text"/>	
Chinese and other ethnic groups		Do you consider yourself to be	
Chinese <input type="checkbox"/>		Roma <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other ethnic group <input type="checkbox"/>		Gypsy <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Please specify:</i> <input type="text"/>		Traveller <input type="checkbox"/>	

Q5 What are your religious beliefs?
 Buddhist Christian Hindu Jewish Muslim Sikh No religion
 Other *Please specify:*

Q6 What is your sexual orientation?
 Heterosexual Gay Lesbian Bisexual

Q7 Employment Status
 Employed Unemployed Retired Student
If employed, please indicate: Full-time Part-time Self-employed

Q8 Marital Status
 Single Widowed
 Married Co-habiting
 Separated In a civil partnership
 Divorced

Q9 How many children under 16 live in your household?

Over the last year Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has faced some unprecedented challenges. It has:

- Made the largest budgetary savings since it came into existence in 1974
- Continued to protect and improve its services
- Frozen Council Tax
- Collaborated, innovated and restructured to make itself more efficient
- Successfully dealt with some very difficult and sensitive issues
- Drastically reduced the number of managers and staff in general that it employs

All of this has been achieved at the same time as being judged by you, its residents, at the ballot box. The Council is proud that it has successfully accomplished this whilst delivering its promises to you of:

- Retaining weekly refuse and recycling collections
- No cuts in front line services
- No increase in Council Tax
- Continued free shoppers car parking

At the May 2011 Borough Council elections, the Liberal Democrat controlling group set out its vision for the next 4 year life of the Council which is to:

1. Protect the good quality, consistent, value for money front line services provided to residents, particularly weekly refuse and recycling collections
2. Enhance the green environment of the Borough so that residents are able to take full advantage of it
3. Revitalise the town centres through development and by retaining free shoppers car parking
4. Work with the Police to create a safer Borough where people feel comfortable and at ease
5. Listen to and delegate more issues to the three town forums.
6. Work smarter to deliver the efficiency savings required to meet the continuing budget cuts

Turnout at the Borough Council elections in May 2011 increased by 7% with the controlling group bucking national trends and increasing its overall majority on the Council to now hold 23 of the 26 seats. The Council therefore now believes it has the mandate to fulfil the promises it made to you during the elections.

The Council also promised to consult you on future budget priorities as it is clear that the money the Council has at its disposal will continue to drastically reduce over the coming years.

The following questionnaire therefore asks you a series of questions about the Council's priorities and the importance you place on each of them. This will help the Council, if and when it needs, to make difficult choices in the future.

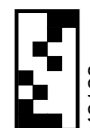
You do not have to answer all of the questions, however even a partial response will be very helpful. All the personal information you give will be kept completely confidential.

Thank You

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For other fields please write clearly and only within the spaces provided e.g.

Do you live in: Oadby Wigston South Wigston **What is your postcode:**



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Once you have completed your questionnaire, please return by Monday 19 December. USING THE PRE-PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED

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This form will be electronically scanned. For choices, mark your selection with a cross like this For other fields please write clearly and only within the spaces provided e.g. or

Priority 1 - Protecting Front Line Council Services

By law the Council has to provide certain specific services such as collecting the rubbish, cleaning the streets, planning, environmental health, paying benefits and housing. The Council also chooses to provide a number of other services which it otherwise would not have to. We have been very successful in protecting all of these services and will continue to do all we can to do this by being as efficient and innovative as we can. If, in the future, it becomes necessary to find even more financial savings we will need to understand which of the following discretionary services are most important to you. Please rate each of the following on its level of importance to you:

	Low	Medium	High
Council run community centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parklands Leisure Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street furniture (bus shelters / bins / notice boards)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brocks Hill Country Park and Environment Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with young people and children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with older and vulnerable people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting voluntary and community groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting the diverse needs and the cohesion of the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Priority 2 - Revitalising the Three Town Centres

The Council has already agreed long term plans for the development and regeneration of the town centres which will take some years to come to completion. The Council wants to do more in the immediate future in the town centres, in addition to providing free shoppers car parking and it wants to know which of the following you think is the most important. Please rank the following from 1-11 in order of importance (Score 1 being very important to 11 least important)

Bringing in new events e.g specialist markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encouraging a wider variety of businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing business start-up advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving street scene and street furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving access and providing more user friendly facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being more reflective of local communities and the diverse interests of residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving the night time environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giving the town centres a greener environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing publicity for the town centres in a variety of formats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Priority 3 - Creating a Safer Borough

The table below sets out some of the Borough's crime statistics.

Work Stream	2010	2011
Anti Social Behaviour	620 reported incidents	383 reported incidents
Burglary	71 reported incidents	51 reported incidents
Substance Misuse	0 persons referred	7 persons referred
Domestic Violence	337 reported incidents	336 reported incidents
Hate Crime	72 reported incidents	76 reported incidents

Priority 3 - continued..

The Council works very closely with the Police and would like your opinion on what areas you feel we should concentrate on in the future.

Please rank the following from 1-6 in order of importance (Score 1 being very important to 6 least important)

Supporting the victims of domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing burglaries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing misuse and illegal supply of alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preventing future re offending	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting vulnerable victims of crime	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Priority 4 - Enhancing the Green Environment

The Council has set a priority, over the next four years, to improve the green environment of the Borough so that residents are able to take more advantage of it. The Council will also be working towards becoming carbon neutral.

Please rank the following from 1-9 in order of importance (Score 1 being very important to 9 least important)

Planning policies do all they practically can to make the borough greener	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating 20 specific areas of outstanding greenery around the borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planting 400 more trees throughout the borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving street scenes with more trees, plant boxes and hanging baskets	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving the parks and the equipment in them so more people use them	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing more allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing education and leisure programmes at the Environment Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving access and providing more user friendly facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doing more to address the effects of climate change	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Priority 5 - Improving the Three Town Forums

The Town Forums are held every 3 months in Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston in the evenings. They are chaired by a local Councillor; and the Borough Council, the County Council and the Police all attend to update and consult residents on a wide variety of issues. Each Forum has its own budget to spend. Your answers to these questions will help us to hopefully improve them and get more residents to attend.

Do you currently attend any of the Borough's residents' forums? Yes No

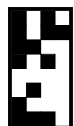
If 'no' what would encourage you to attend? (Please select all that apply)

Better publicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Different venues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Different times	<input type="checkbox"/>
A more varied agenda	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve accessibility (hearing loops/interpreters/access etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Please state) <input type="text"/>			

What agenda items would you like to see? (Please select all that apply)

Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spending the budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community cohesion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
Big planning issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please state below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Please Turn Over.....



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