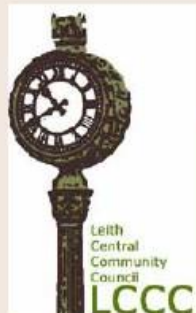
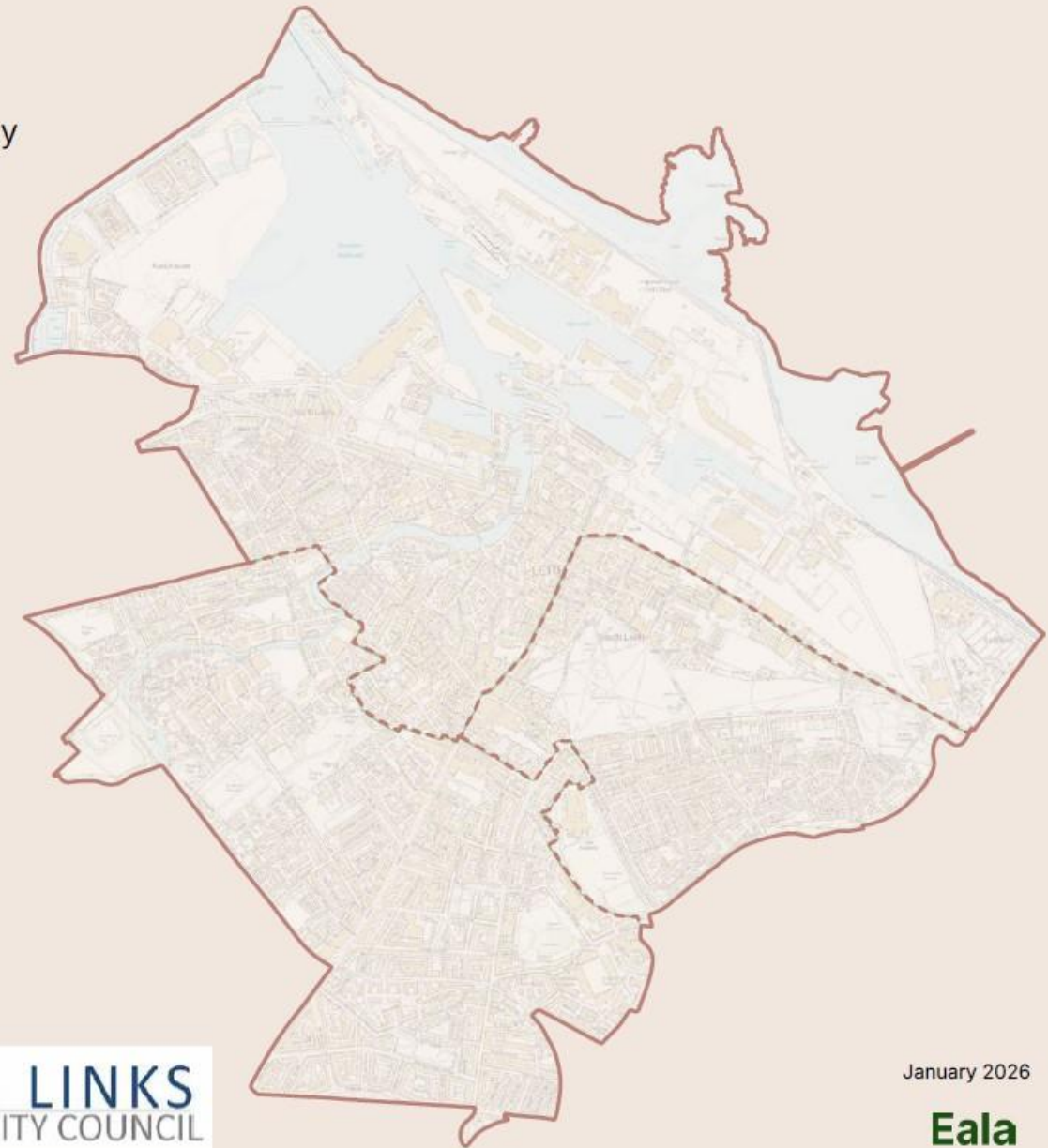


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2040-2050

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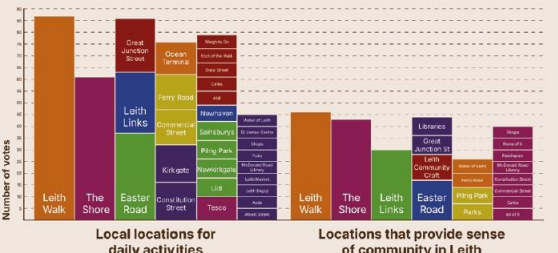
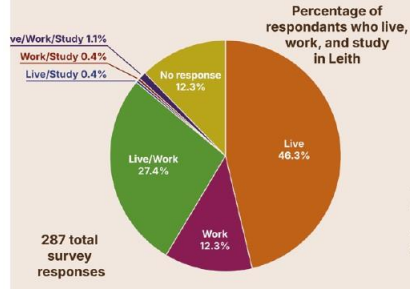


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### Survey 1 results

Respondents words that describe Leith



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Once we closed the survey we worked on analysing the results both numerically and thematically. This diagram on this page shows the average score for each of the fourteen areas of the Place Standard Tool. As can be seen few are in the bottom half, and none in the bottom third.

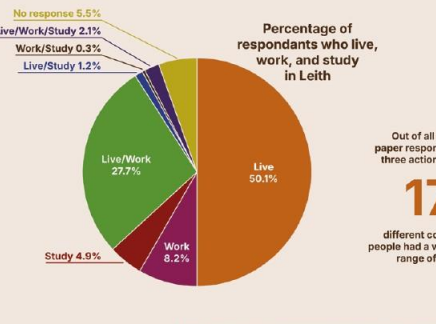
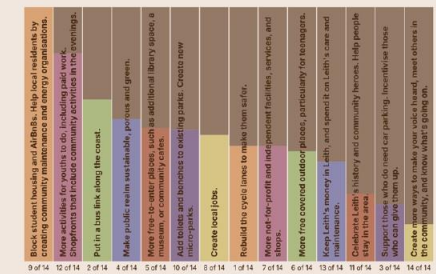


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### Survey 2 analysis

Respondents top three actions



329 total survey responses

Out of all online and paper responses of the top three actions there were **171** different combinations, people had a wide and unique range of priorities

The top 4 combinations with only 6 or 7 people voting the same combination were:

- 7 of 14: More free-to-enter places, such as additional library space, a museum, or community centre.
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All 4 had action 12 of 14 included and 3 out of 4 included 9 of 14. This pattern continued as 11 combinations, split over 46 votes, included both of the top 2 actions.

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<p><b>Moving Around</b> (walking, wheeling, cycling, etc.)</p> <p>83% agree with the draft</p> <p>"Leith Walk is key for pedestrians and cyclists. Primarily crossing roads and accessing bus stops to seem so difficult and dangerous. More and better cycle paths are wanted with higher rates for those on bikes."</p> <p>"The main challenge is that the new cycle lanes can be dangerous and accidents are poorly reported. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"There needs to be a 'Leith Walk' for cyclists. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The trees were removed, Leith walk should be a boardwalk with trees."</p> <p>"Whilst the cycle lanes are poorly thought through, including them seems low priority."</p> <p>"A heavy key priority for Leith is to have a pedestrian friendly 'Leith Walk' for cyclists. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"Many of the road surfaces are in need of upgrading to make cycling, walking, pushing a pram and using a wheelchair safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p>	<p><b>Public Transport</b> (buses, trains, boats, etc.)</p> <p>61% agree with the draft</p> <p>"The changes to car use and parking by the Council are very positive. People agree that there is too much traffic and that people will park anywhere, which is a hazard."</p> <p>"The main challenge is everyone agrees that traffic and parking is a problem. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"Generally I think public transport in Leith is excellent."</p> <p>"I would be much more in favour of increasing the number of buses and the frequency of the services. This would be beneficial for all people of Leith."</p> <p>"LEAS should be a bus service that goes to the West of Leith."</p> <p>"More than one train should be kept overnight at Leith."</p> <p>"Generally I think public transport in Leith is excellent."</p>	<p><b>Traffic and Parking</b> (traffic lights, parking, etc.)</p> <p>71% agree with the draft</p> <p>"Streets are seen as busy and not well maintained. People would like to see more pedestrian friendly that is better off, more accessible, less cars, more greenery, more trees, a lack of public spaces in Leith. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The main challenge is the public realm is hard and grey. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"I would be much more in favour of increasing the number of buses and the frequency of the services. This would be beneficial for all people of Leith."</p> <p>"Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"In other words, you are pushing parking into residential streets like more so I can't park outside my house! It's a disgrace."</p> <p>"Synchronise traffic lights between Leith Walk better."</p> <p>"More cycle parking to Leith."</p>	<p><b>Streets and Spaces</b> (streets, squares, and buildings)</p> <p>60% agree with the draft</p> <p>"We are overall very happy with the natural spaces with many parks and the Water of Leith. But we still want more greenery, trees, and other plants for footpaths to make a lack of public spaces in Leith. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The main challenge is Leith should have more greenery. Parks and other plants should be better looked after and protected. Trees should be looked after and protected. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"A significant issue of Leith is the lack of public spaces. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"More trees and plants. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"I would always love to see more trees. YES to the flapping!"</p> <p>"I would also add CC to work with CC and other organisations to plan and smaller green spaces - involving local people in the planning process to create a sense of ownership, and reduce the maintenance burden on the council."</p>
<p><b>Natural Space</b> (trees, parks, hills, woods, beaches, etc.)</p> <p>61% agree with the draft</p> <p>"There is a need for more low and low-maintenance, especially indoors. People like the good day parks for kids and are looking forward to more parks, and more spaces for teenagers and older kids."</p> <p>"The main challenge is that there isn't enough space to meet other things that are also needed. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"We'd really welcome seeing more green spaces in Leith. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"Friends of parks groups are a good idea."</p> <p>"The view of Leith from the water is a good idea. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p>	<p><b>Play and Recreation</b> (clubs, games, and hobbies)</p> <p>61% agree with the draft</p> <p>"There is a need for more low and low-maintenance, especially indoors. People like the good day parks for kids and are looking forward to more parks, and more spaces for teenagers and older kids."</p> <p>"The main challenge is that there isn't enough space to meet other things that are also needed. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"We'd really welcome seeing more green spaces in Leith. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"Friends of parks groups are a good idea."</p> <p>"The view of Leith from the water is a good idea. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p>	<p><b>Facilities, Services and Healthcare</b> (shops, libraries, shops, etc.)</p> <p>61% agree with the draft</p> <p>"Leithers love their libraries and want more funding and investment. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The main challenge is that there isn't enough space to meet other things that are also needed. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"We'd really welcome seeing more green spaces in Leith. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"Friends of parks groups are a good idea."</p> <p>"The view of Leith from the water is a good idea. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p>	<p><b>Work and Local Economy</b> (shops, services, etc.)</p> <p>61% agree with the draft</p> <p>"There are many opportunities for volunteering and lots of new cafes, for example. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The main challenge is that there isn't enough space to meet other things that are also needed. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"We'd really welcome seeing more green spaces in Leith. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"Friends of parks groups are a good idea."</p> <p>"The view of Leith from the water is a good idea. Leith's top response is to have the council fund additional cycle lanes to make them safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p> <p>"The council should be looking at making the Leith Walk safer."</p>

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## Timeline of Events

- Over 3000 flyers handed out
- Approx 200 posters handed out
- Over 400 emails sent out
- 24 events attended
- Over 2000 conversations



Leith Business Network (Chamber of Commerce) networking event

22 May 2025



The Shore Stakeholder meeting

30 May 2025



Leith Gala

14 June 2025



Leith Place Based Network (Harbour)

17 June 2025



Email out Survey 1

27 June 2025



Survey 1 flyers and posters put in local businesses

June 2025



Hibs lunch club event

2 July 2025



Hearth of Newhaven Community

7 July 2025



Leith Police Box event

12 July 2025



Pilmenny Womens Group

21 July 2025



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Pilmenny Mens Group

23 July 2025



McDonald Road Library event

28 July 2025



Leith Public Library event

29 July 2025



Ad in the Leither

August 2025



Analysis of Survey 1, writing up proposals for Survey 2

August 2025



Leith Business Network (Chamber of Commerce) networking event

28 August 2025



Survey 2 flyers and posters put in local businesses

September 2025



Leith Place Based Network (Harbour)

3 September 2025



Survey 2 emails sent out

5 September 2025



Meeting with Forth Ports

10 September 2025



Kirkgate event

20 September 2025



Leith Public Library event

23 September 2025



Police Box event

28 September 2025



TV interview

29 September 2025



McDonald Road Library event

1 October 2025



YMCA event

7 October 2025



Pilmenny Womens Group

13 October 2025



Pilmenny Mens Group event

15 October 2025



Analyse Survey 2 responses

October 2025

## Engagement images

Leith Gala Day stall



Hibs Stadium lunch



Leith Walk Polis Box



Flyers and questionnaire boxes



Website



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## Engagement images

The Leithier advert



The Kirkgate Sticker Voting



The Heart of Newhaven Pop-up



Library Pop-up



Bunting feedback

