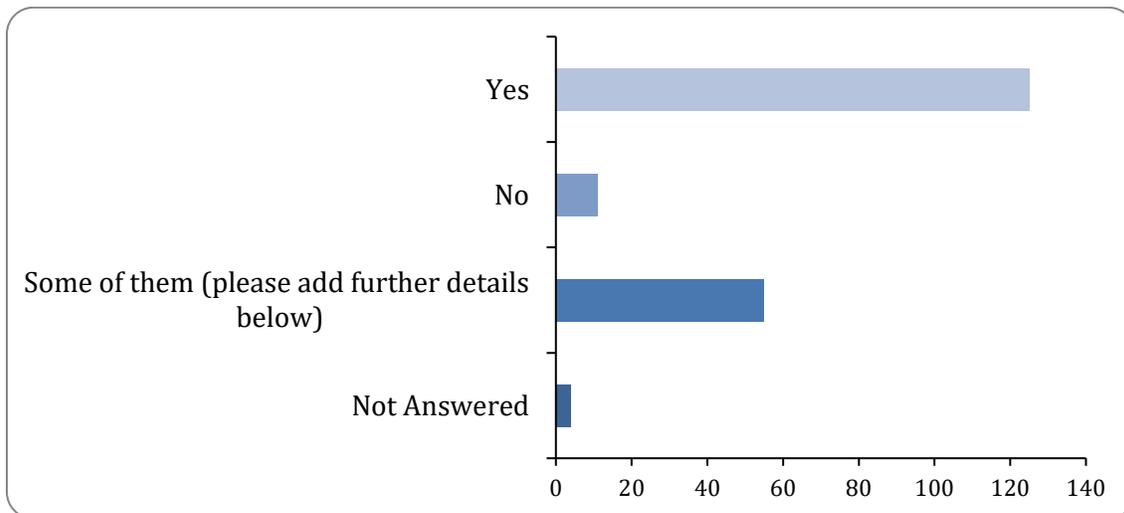


Community Safety and Serious Violence Strategy Consultation

Consultation link: <https://consult.reading.gov.uk/dens/community-safety>

1: The priorities for tackling community safety and serious violence in Reading are outlined in the in the previous section. Do you think these priorities are right?

There were 191 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	125	64.10%
No	11	5.64%
Some of them (please add further details below)	55	28.21%
Not Answered	4	2.05%

Right Priority Comments

There were 97 comments made about this:

- A high number of people felt that road safety should be included as a priority, including dangerous driving (including e-scooters and motorbikes), speeding and flouting of the Highway Code.
- Many people agree that reducing drug activity (including organised crime gangs and 'county line' offending) is correct but some respondents think alcohol should be specifically referenced in the priorities.
- Many people agree that tackling anti-social behaviour is a priority, including aggressive begging and street harassment/scamming
- A number of people refer to the streets needing to be cleaner so that people feel safer and low-level crime is less likely to happen. This links to comments on

tackling the low-level crime and a 'zero-tolerance' approach to anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping and dangerous driving.

2: What do you think is the most important thing that we should be doing to make Reading a safer place?

There were 188 responses to this part of the question:

- A great number of comments were requesting more police having a visible presence and playing an active role in neighbourhoods.
- Many comments referred to the need for better education about crime for young people, better opportunities for young people and more services and support including safe spaces.
- A lot of respondents felt tackling drugs and having a zero tolerance for anti-social behaviour is important.
- A lot of comments referred to improving the streets so they are cleaner, brighter and more welcoming which would encourage more people to feel safe and discourage criminals.

3: What is the most important thing that we should be doing to reduce serious and violent crime?

There were 187 responses to this part of the question. Many were similar to responses to Q2 with respondents focusing on the need for more police resources, better enforcement and education.

4: What actions or measures would you like us to take to address these community safety priorities?

There were 169 responses to this part of the question. The majority of respondents commented on:

- Improving partnership working, increasing police resources and engaging more effectively with the community. 'Visibility' is a word that comes up a lot – being visible and present on the streets. Many people want to see more of an active police presence, on foot and across the borough, who can intervene on low level crime issues.
- A lot of respondents also highlighted the need for youth services and facilities including safe community spaces.
- There was also a high number of comments on improving CCTV and more support to rehabilitate addicts.

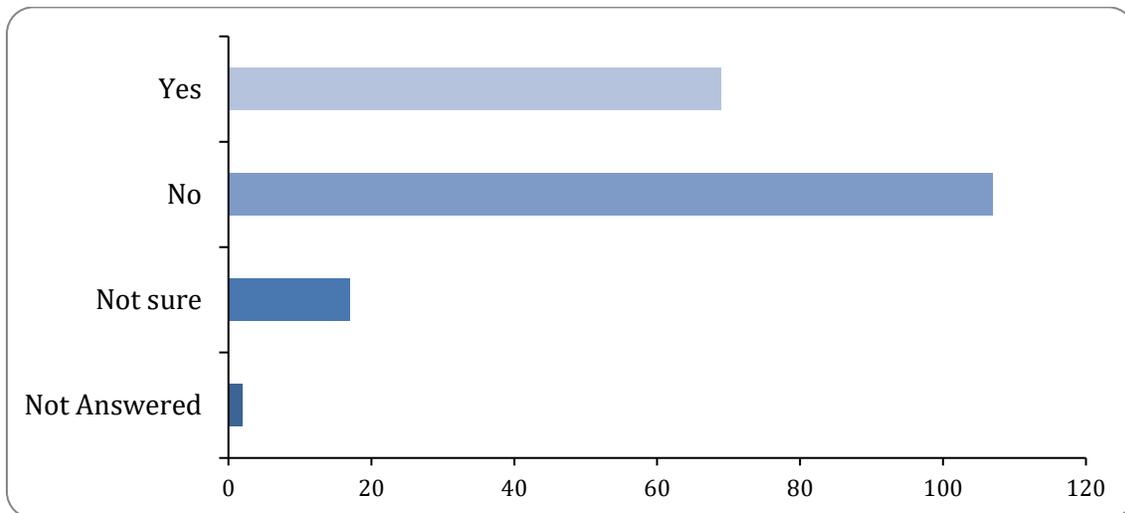
5: Do you think there is anything missing from these priorities?

There were 124 responses to this part of the question. All the comments were grouped together under topics and the most popular responses to the question were:

- **Road safety** – a large number of people who responded to this question felt that that dangerous driving (speeding, driving under the influence, anti-social use of e-scooters and motorbikes) and bike theft should be included as a priority. The Community Safety Survey held in 2021 also found road safety, particularly motorbike and vehicle nuisance to be a key concern – it was ranked number 3 out of the top 5 issues across the borough.
- **Environmental issues** – after road safety the majority of comments focused on a need to improve local environments to make them more welcoming and reduce petty crime, through reducing fly-tipping, littering, repairing disused buildings, improving lighting and covering over offensive graffiti/tagging. People commented on wanting to feel a sense of pride in Reading's public spaces which would improve the perception of safety.
- Many of the comments focused on a need for more neighborhood police resources and more police presence on the streets.
- Other comments included tackling unauthorised encampments and homelessness; reducing begging/harassment; including alcohol within the drugs priority; providing support for women who commit crimes and better education (both in terms of services and supporting parents/community leaders) as a means of prevention.

6: Have you heard of the Community Safety Partnership?

There were 193 responses to this part of the question.

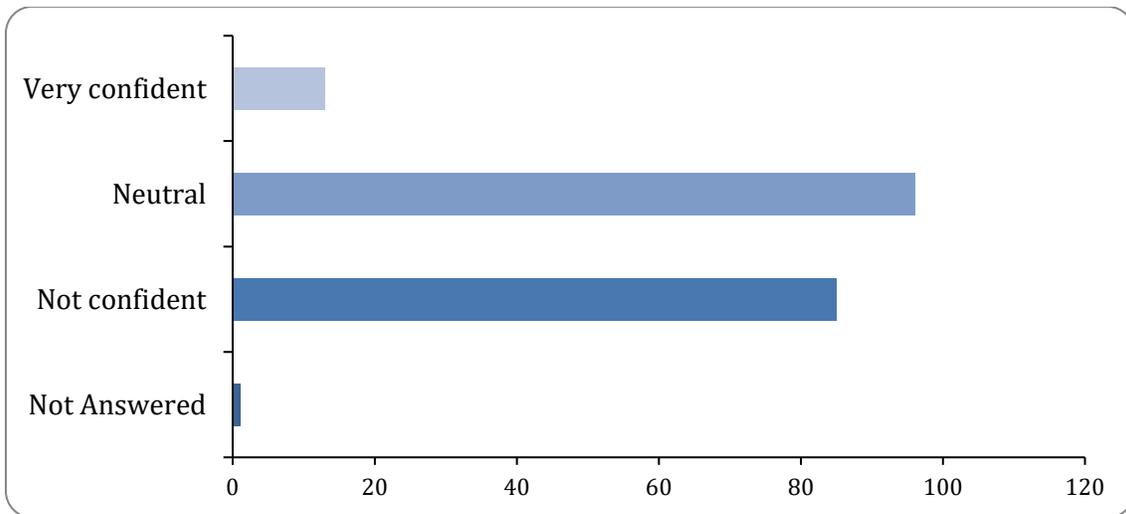


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	69	35.38%

No	107	54.87%
Not sure	17	8.72%
Not Answered	2	1.03%

7: How confident are you that the relevant partner agencies work together to prevent and tackle crime and disorder in Reading?

There were 194 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Very confident	13	6.67%
Neutral	96	49.23%
Not confident	85	43.59%
Not Answered	1	0.51%