

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE 2021 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor John Hayes – Chairman
Councillor Peter Harris – Vice-Chairman
Councillor Lorna Cross
Councillor Linda Hall
Councillor Peter Harman
Councillor Lesley Howes

ALSO PRESENT: Graham Blew – Town Clerk

ABSENT: Councillor Ann Duke
Councillor Maurice Weet

70/21-22. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.

The Chairman explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

71/21-22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were none.

72/21-22. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

73/21-22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

74/21-22. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN -/ MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

75/21-22. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2020.

Recommended: The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2020 were confirmed and signed.

TOWN PLANNING:

76/21-22. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL / EBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND RESPONDED TO BY THE TOWN CLERK, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, DURING THE COVID-19 RESTRICTION PERIOD.**

<p>DA/21/00724/FUL</p>	<p>Erection of 3 buildings up to four storeys in height to provide 47 flats with off-street car parking, communal amenity space, hard and soft landscaping, recycling and refuse storage facilities and new vehicular accesses serving the site from Station Road and Station Approach.</p> <p>Land North of Railway Line, Station Road, Greenhithe, Kent</p>
<p>OBSERVATIONS:</p>	<p>The Town Council note that similar applications for this site have previously been refused or withdrawn (14/01035/OUT, 20/00565/FUL). The Town Council objects to the application as it is an overdevelopment of the site which is not compatible with surrounding developments.</p> <p>This proposal would have adverse effects on nearby existing properties.</p> <p>There are concerns that the parking provisions contained in the proposal do not meet the requirements/standards of the Planning Authority and would be insufficient for all residents and visitors which will result in excess vehicles parking in adjacent roads that already suffer with serious parking issues.</p> <p>The proposed access/egress points are not suitable as these are already busy roads (for the train station) and especially at peak times when drop offs and pickups occur. Further traffic in this area will make it dangerous and more difficult for the users of the roads in this area.</p> <p>The Town Council strongly urge that the applicant must take into account, and include mitigating provisions regarding the environmental impact on, and the needs of, the community for their development and, where possible, include the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points. It is not felt that the benefits of developing this site for high density housing would be outweighed by the disbenefits.</p>

<p>DA/21/00872/OBB</p>	<p>Consultation on outline planning application (with all matters reserved) for residential-led mixed-use development comprising demolition of existing buildings and structures and provision of residential (Class C3), flexible commercial use (Class E), community use (Class F2, E), hard and soft landscaping, public open spaces, car parking, pedestrian and vehicular access and other associated infrastructure works within Gravesham BC.</p> <p>Land Adj to Northfleet Harbour Grove Road Northfleet Gravesend.</p>
<p>OBSERVATIONS:</p>	<p>No observations, please ensure all neighbouring properties are consulted prior to the decision of the application.</p> <p>The Town Council strongly urge that the applicant must take into account, and include mitigating provisions regarding the environmental impact on, and the needs of, the community for their development and, where possible, include the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points.</p>
<p>DA/21/00826/COU</p>	<p>Change of use of ground floor dental surgery (Use Class D1) to self-contained studio flat (Use Class C3). Erection of a single storey rear infill extension to provide bin storage. As well as the erection of a detached building to provide dental surgery, with associated car and cycle parking provision and refuse storage.</p> <p>Cheers Dental Practice, 23 High Street, Swanscombe Kent DA10 0AG.</p>
<p>OBSERVATIONS:</p>	<p>The Town Council would seek assurances from the Planning Authority that this proposal meets the requirements of the Dartford Parking Standards.</p> <p>The Town Council strongly urge that the applicant must take into account, and include mitigating provisions regarding the environmental impact on, and the needs of, the community for their development and, where possible, include the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points.</p>

Recommended:

That the responses submitted be noted and endorsed.

77/21-22. GRANTED DECISION NOTICES SUBMITTED BY DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL / EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

The following granted decision notices were noted.

DA/21/00476/TPO	Application for works to various trees (B&C class trees only) subject to Tree Preservation Orders No.11 1990 and 3 2008. East Side of Ingress Park, Greenhithe.
DA/21/00635/FUL	Conversion of existing internal garage into a habitable room with associated alterations to front elevation. 76 Pentstemon Drive, Swanscombe.

78/21-22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL / EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS.

DA/21/00974/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a part two/part single storey rear extension and detached outbuilding. 4 Lewis Road, Swanscombe.
OBSERVATIONS:	No observations, please ensure all neighbouring properties are consulted prior to the decision of this application. The Town Council strongly urge that the applicant must take into account, and include mitigating provisions regarding the environmental impact on, and the needs of, the community for their development and; where possible, include the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points.

79/21-22. INFORMAL MEETING WITH DEVELOPERS – SITE OF FORMER WHEATSHEAF PH.

Members were invited to attend an informal meeting with the developer on Friday 2 July 2021 at 11.00am via Zoom.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

80/21-22. DELEGATION TO CONDUCT NORMAL BUSINESS DURING RECESS PERIOD.

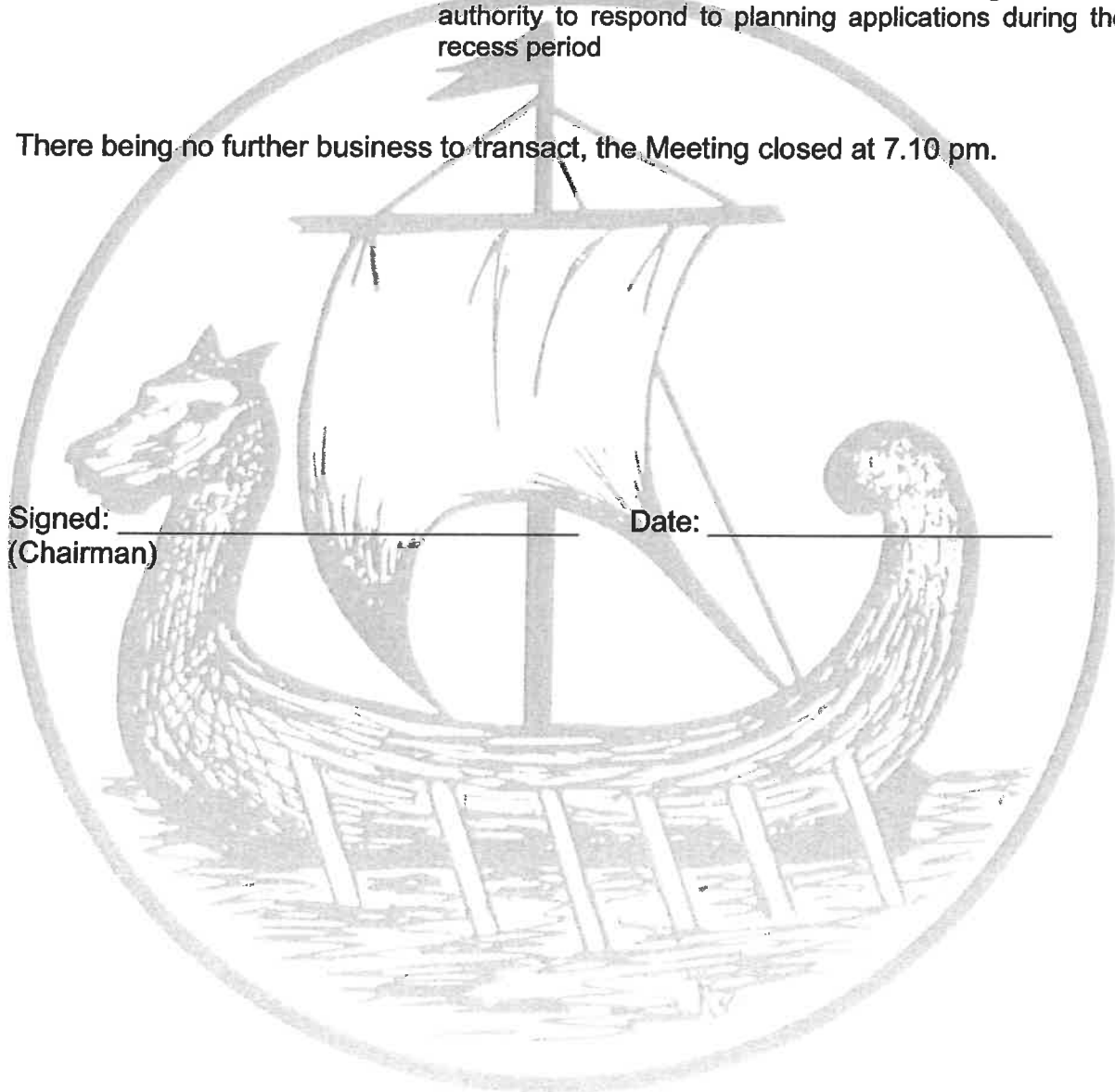
Members were requested to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in accordance with section 101 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972, to conduct the normal business of the Council during the recess period. The Town Clerk will consult with the Chairman and Town Mayor, if appropriate, before any business is transacted. If any emergencies do occur during this time the Executive & Emergency Committee would be convened.

Recommended: That, in accordance with section 101 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Town Clerk be delegated authority to respond to planning applications during the recess period

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Signed: _____
(Chairman)

Date: _____



Consultation Questionnaire

Section 1: About You

Q1. How did you hear about this consultation? Select all that apply.

- Kent.gov.uk website
- Received an email from KCC
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- At a Household Waste Recycling Centre
- At a Library
- Poster or postcard
- Press article
- Word of mouth
- Other, please specify:

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Q2. Are you responding as...?

Please select the option from the list below that most closely represents how you will be responding to this consultation.

Select **one** option.

- A Kent resident
- A resident from somewhere else, including Medway
- On behalf of someone else, e.g., friend, carer or relative – please answer all questions using their details and not your own
- A County / District / Borough / Parish / Town Councillor
- On behalf of a District / Borough / Parish / Town Council in an official capacity
- A business owner or representative
- A Charity, Voluntary or Community Sector organisation (VCS)
- A KCC employee (Kent resident)
- A KCC employee (non-Kent resident)
- Other, please specify:

Q2a. If you are responding on behalf of a council, business, VCS or any other organisation, please tell us the name of your organisation here:

If you are responding on behalf an organisation, please go straight to Q9.

Q3. Which Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) do you normally visit?

Please select all that apply.

Ashford

Canterbury

Dartford

Deal

Dover

Faversham

Folkestone

Herne Bay

Maidstone

Margate

New Romney

Pepperhill

Richborough

Sevenoaks

Sheerness

Sittingbourne

Swanley

Tunbridge Wells

Don't know

I don't visit an HWRC

Other, please specify:

Q4. How frequently do you visit the HWRC(s)?

Select one option.

Weekly

Once every 6 months

2-3 times a month

Every 6-12 months

Once a month

Less often than 12 months

Once every 3 months

Don't know

Q5. What is the main reason for your use of the HWRC(s)?

Select **one** option.

- To dispose of waste following a sort/clear out
- It is part of my regular routine/I enjoy visiting
- To dispose of waste/recycling on behalf of a friend/relative/neighbour
- Undertaking home improvements
- I prefer to dispose of my waste more frequently than my kerbside collection allows
- Don't know
- Other, please specify:

Q6. Have you used the HWRC booking system since it was introduced in May 2020? (During the Covid-19 pandemic) Select one option.

- Yes, booked online
- Yes, booked by telephone (via KCC's contact centre)
- Yes, booked online and by telephone
- No, go to Q8
- Don't know

Section 2: Your Feedback on the Booking System

Q7. If you answered 'yes' to question 6, thinking about the last time you made a booking, how did you find making the booking? Select one option.

Extremely easy

Quite easy

Neither easy nor difficult

Quite difficult

Extremely difficult

Don't know

Q7a. If you answered that you found it 'extremely' or 'quite difficult' to make a booking, can you tell us why?

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Q8. If you answered 'no' to question 6, what prevented you from making a booking? Select one option.

I haven't needed to visit an HWRC

I have used an alternative means of disposal e.g., skip hire, district council bulky waste collection, private contractor, reuse

I have stored my waste to dispose of in the future

I didn't/do not want to visit an HWRC during the Covid-19 pandemic

I didn't/do not want to have to make a booking

I could not find an appointment at a date/time to suit my requirements

I don't know

Other, please specify:

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Q9. How positive or negative would you feel about using a booking system to access the HWRCs in the future? Select one option.

Extremely positive

Quite positive

Neither positive nor negative

Quite negative

Extremely negative

Don't know

Q9a. If you answered that you felt 'extremely' or 'quite negative' about using a booking system to access the HWRCs, what is your main reason for this?

Select **one** option.

It is an inconvenience to have to book

I want to go on the day

The requirement to book does not fit with my work/life patterns

I do not find the booking system easy to use

Other, please specify in the box below:

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Q10. If you could make one improvement to the booking system, what would it be? Select one option.

Allow 'on the day' bookings

Longer or different opening hours (please provide details below)

Increase number of slots available

I wouldn't make any improvements

Another improvement (please provide details below)

If 'longer or different opening hours' please provide details:

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If 'another improvement', please specify:

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Q11. If you have any further comments you wish to make on the future use of a booking system, please provide them here:

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Section 3: Further considerations

Q12. Do you think that residents from outside of Kent should be able to dispose of their waste at KCC HWRCs? Select one option.

Yes, for a charge

Yes, free of charge

No

Don't know

Q13. If the opening hours of the HWRCs were to be extended for one day per week, which day(s) of the week would you be most likely to visit during the extended hours? Select all that apply.

None, I am happy with current opening hours

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Don't know

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We would like to get your thoughts and ideas on the shortlist of three options so we can take your views into account in deciding which options to take to the next stage of detailed assessment later this year. Please take a moment to answer the following questions.

The Coronavirus pandemic has seriously disrupted public transport systems and the way they are being used. We recognise that many people are not currently travelling in the same way that they did before the pandemic and may choose to travel differently in the future, even when all restrictions have eased. For the purposes of this questionnaire, please think back to your experience before March 2020.

The privacy and security of the Personal Data collected from you is a priority to the C2E Partnership and their consultants (SNC-Lavalin (Atkins) & Jacobs). It is also important to us that you understand how we handle this data.

Participatr Limited is providing this online survey service to the C2E Partnership and their consultants in order to facilitate a public consultation regarding the Abbey Wood to Ebbsfleet Connectivity Study. The C2E Partnership and their consultants (SNC-Lavalin (Atkins) & Jacobs) are the 'Controller' of this data and Participatr Limited is the 'Processor'.

The data we collect and that are provided to us is necessary to provide us with insight from the public regarding the Abbey Wood to Ebbsfleet Connectivity Study.

This data is stored securely on a private server owned and operated solely by Participatr Limited, located in the UK. Participant and feedback data will be available to the project team using the appropriate levels of encryption - all personal data will be redacted to reduce the risk of data breaches as far as possible.

If you have any questions about how this data is processed or about your rights please contact hello@abbeywood2ebbsfleet.com.

Section A - Personal details

How are you responding to this consultation?

Are you responding to this consultation as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation, group or club?

Please tick one only

As an individual (Please go to section B)

On behalf of an organisation, group or club

Other

Organisation details: If you are representing an organisation, group or club, please provide the following details:

Organisation name

Postcode

Web address

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Please describe how the views of members were gathered:

Section B - Transport Challenges

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the strategic objectives identified for improving transport connectivity in the study Corridor?

For reference the strategic objectives are:

- Support ambitious and sustainable housing growth
- Support employment growth, intensification, and productivity
- Deliver an uplift in the quality and capacity of public transport
- Support climate change and zero carbon goals targets and environmentally sustainable growth
- Improve connectivity from the Corridor to key strategic international gateways
- Affordability

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Of the strategic objectives presented, which are most important

Please select up to three options

Support ambitious and sustainable housing growth

Support employment growth, intensification, and productivity

Deliver an uplift in the quality and capacity of public transport

Support climate change and zero carbon goals targets and environmentally sustainable growth

Improve connectivity from the Corridor to key strategic international gateways

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What do you think are the main transport challenges for you and other people living and working in the study area?

Please select all that apply

- The trains are too slow/take too long to where I want to get to
- I have to change buses/trains too many times to get to where I need to be
- There are no bus stops/train stations within walking distance from my house
- Trains are too crowded at peak times
- Buses are too crowded at peak times
- Train tickets are too expensive
- Buses are too unreliable
- Trains are too unreliable
- There are too many engineering works/faults causing delays
- Public transport does not really fit the journeys I need to make
- I cannot get a ticket that covers all stages of my journey (e.g covering both rail and bus)
- I don't think there are any problems with the transport network
- Other (please state)

If 'other', please state:

What do you think are the most important factors we should be considering when deciding on the best solutions?

Please select up to three options

- Frequency of service
- Having more choices in the way I travel
- Having more access to different areas in the study area
- Being able to travel into other parts of London

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- Trying to keep the operating costs as low as possible (leading to lower ticket costs)
- Improving transport to cater for new housing and developments
- Improving air quality in the study area
- Reducing noise pollution in the study area
- Other things we should consider (please state)

If 'other things we should consider', please state:

Empty text input field for additional considerations.

Section C - About the presented options

Bearing in mind that the Elizabeth line will be in place, which of the presented options do you think best meets each of the objectives for the scheme as described in the consultation materials?

- Supports ambitious and sustainable housing growth and regeneration (Please choose from the list) ▼
- Supports employment growth, intensification and productivity (Please choose from the list) ▼
- Delivers an uplift in the quality and capacity of public transport (Please choose from the list) ▼
- Supports climate change and zero carbon goals and targets and environmentally sustainable growth (Please choose from the list) ▼
- Improves connectivity from the Corridor to key strategic and international gateways (Please choose from the list) ▼

Having considered the benefits and delivery and impact profiles of each of the options presented, please indicate your level of support for each of the options?

- Option 1 (Please choose from the list) ▼
- Option 2 (Please choose from the list) ▼
- Option 3 (Please choose from the list) ▼

Please provide any additional information or views on the options that have been presented to you?

Empty text input field for additional information or views.

Did you send a response to the previous AW2E consultation (held in March 2021)?

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Section D - Travel habits

Currently, what is your preferred mode of transport?

- Train
- Car
- Taxi/private hire vehicle
- Bus
- Cycling
- Walking
- Other (please state)

If 'other', please state:

What are the main purposes of the journey(s) you make by public transport?

Please select all that apply

- Work/business
- Study
- Shopping
- Visiting friends/relatives
- Leisure/recreation
- Personal business
- Other (please state)

If 'other', please state:

When using public transport, where is your primary destination (most often)?

- Central London
- Canary Wharf
- Other parts of London

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Other (please specify)

If 'Kent' or 'other', please specify:

How might your travel habits change with the expected introduction of the Elizabeth Line service to Abbey Wood (i.e. from 2022)?

My travel habits will remain the same

I'm probably going to be mostly working from home for the long term so will be travelling less

I'm going to be travelling by train less

I'm going to be travelling by train more

I'm going to be travelling by bus less

I'm going to be travelling by bus more

I'm going to use my car less

I'm going to use my car more

I'm going to walk or cycle less

I'm going to walk or cycle more

My mode of travel will change in another way (please specify)

If your mode of travel will change in another way, please specify:

e.g. from bus to train

How will your travel habits subsequently change with the introduction of your preferred option?

My travel habits will remain the same

I'm probably going to be mostly working from home for the long term so will be travelling less

I'm going to be travelling by train less/more

I'm going to be travelling by bus less/more

I'm going to use my car less/more

I'm going to walk or cycle less/more

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Section E - Equality

C2E Partnership is committed to the principle that all our customers have the right to equality and fairness in the way they are treated and in the services that they receive. We would like to ask you some questions to help us understand who is responding. Responses will not be attributed to individuals, and all questions are optional.

NB THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY APPLY IF YOU ARE RESPONDING AS AN INDIVIDUAL

What is your age?

- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-49
- 50-64
- 65-79
- 80+
- Age unknown
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term health condition?

Please select one option

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If yes, please tick one or more of the following boxes

- Hearing
- Speech
- Visual
- Physical or mobility
- Mental health condition
- Work related stress

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- Dyslexia
- Learning disability
- Long-term condition for example diabetes, multiple sclerosis, heart conditions, epilepsy, or chronic pain
- None: No disabilities or long-term conditions
- Prefer not to say

Please specify your ethnicity

Please select one option

- Asian/Asian British
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
- Mixed/multiple ethnic groups
- Other ethnic group (please state)
- White
- Ethnicity unknown
- Prefer not to say

If 'other ethnic group', please state:

Please specify your religion

- Christian
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Other religion
- No religion
- Religion unknown
- Prefer not to say

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- Casual worker
- Volunteer
- Parent/ Carer
- Unemployed
- Student
- Retired
- I currently do not work

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