

**UPLANDS PARTY  
RESIDENTS' SURVEY 2021**



**FEEDBACK REPORT**

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## Thank you for taking part in our survey!



Dear Resident

Thank you for taking time to fill in and return our recent survey. In total there were 937 returns. We have now finished collating the results and put into place some actions which have been based on your valuable input.

Thanks goes to our 2022 candidate team of Sandra Joy, Allan Jeffery and Stuart Rice for helping to complete this large task of analysis.

In our report we will include the main findings from each of the questions and what we intend to do to respond to them.

With Best Wishes from your Uplands Party Councillors

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## **QUESTION 1: We asked you to select three from ten options about what you liked most about living in the Uplands Ward.**

Here are the results:

- Parks and open spaces **753**
- Convenient location **721**
- Local shops and markets **424**
- Good neighbours and community spirit **289**
- Access to public transport **264**
- Close to family and friends **142**
- Feel safe **141**
- Close to work **104**
- Good schools **74**
- Clean **41**

### **Summary of results and additional comments made:**

It was clear that the main drivers for people living in the Uplands ward are based on location and local facilities that it has to offer. Additional invited comments reflected this and also focussed on the need to preserve the facilities.

### **What we are doing:**

- We are utilising the council's Play Fund, to update equipment specifically in Brynmill Park and monitoring the condition in our other parks.
- Following on from our use local traders linen bags initiative, we are liaising with local traders on grant applications to improve their frontages.
- We continue to foster community cohesion and pride with events such as the Front Garden Competition to show appreciation for positive contributions to the streetscene. We work in partnership with our 5 Local Area Coordinators who assist the isolated and vulnerable.

## **QUESTION 2: We asked you to select three from ten options about what you felt needed attention in the Uplands Ward.**

The results were:

- Litter **653**
- Lack of parking **482**
- Speeding traffic **395**
- Crime or antisocial behaviour **370**
- Dog fouling **219**
- Activities for children / teenagers **139**
- Air quality or pollution **135**
- Public transport **97**
- Lack of shops **93**
- It's expensive **50**

### **Summary of results and additional comments made:**

The top four priorities are well documented with specific examples in the comments. Observations were also made about increasing the frequency of emptying certain dog bin which we have noted.

Comments were also specific that the prevalent lack of activities were for teenagers rather than younger children.

### **What we are doing:**

- Enquired about the employment of a dedicated cleaning operative for the Uplands ward, using community budget funds.
- Engaged with cleansing management and have negotiated a new kerbside sweeping working practice for the Uplands ward.
- Conducted speed surveys on Glanmor Road, Glanmor Crescent, Sketty Road, Bernard Street, Ernald Place and Pantygwydr Road.
- Started a programme of back lane clearance and camera installation to deter flytipping and crime/antisocial behaviour. Making the lanes safer may also encourage people to park the cars at the rear of their properties to alleviate on street pressure.
- Considering reducing the length of double yellow lines on some junctions where safe to do so to facilitate parking.
- Continue to explore options for a MUGA for teenagers and improved skate facilities for Victoria Park.

### **QUESTION 3: We asked your opinion on the the council's proposal to make a cycle lane along Sketty Road, Uplands Crescent and Walter Road.**

We provided a tick box indicating preference for FOR or AGAINST the proposal. Underneath was space for additional comments.

We also asked that if the council were to proceed with a cycle lane whether it should be stand alone or a shared path.

**587** were for the cycle lane.

**256** were against the cycle lane.

**94** did not commit to a preference.

There was a clear preference arising from comments that any lane should be stand alone.

#### **Survey comments FOR the proposal were mainly:**

- Would take cyclists off the pavement
- It would reduce the number of cars
- Good to encourage an alternative to motor vehicles
- If stand alone would reduce accidents with pedestrians
- Would feel safer as a cyclist, than currently on the route.

#### **Survey comments AGAINST the proposal were mainly:**

- No room for a cycle lane.
- It would reduce parking
- Council should prioritise spending on essential services first.
- Route is too busy as it is and too narrow in some places
- Would cause more congestion on a key route.

**The general comments on the proposal were mainly:**

- Potential to link up with other routes.
- Concern over electric scooters and accident risk.
- Ideally a lane each side in line with the flow of traffic.

**What we will do:**

- We have already attended a meeting with engineers expressing the view of the survey.
- The process is going to take a while and the council will launch their own consultation in September 2021 where your engagement is encouraged too.
- There are likely to be many meetings on this and on each one we will put your views across to make sure that the council heed your observations in the design should the scheme proceed.
- We will also keep you informed promptly of any developments in the plan for you to have input into them.