

North Finchley Town Centre Creative Place-making Community Engagement Report



Introduction

This report summarises the community engagement undertaken in March 2022 for the North Finchley Creative Placemaking project. This project has been commissioned by Barnet Council who are managing its delivery. The purpose of the engagement was to gather information from local people to shape the direction of the project as it develops.

Through a combination of on-street pop-up engagement, online surveys and business surveys, 156 responses were received. These breakdown as:

- 71 in-person surveys,
- 62 online surveys
- 23 business surveys

The pop-up on street engagement events were held on Friday 4th March (morning) and Sunday 6th March (afternoon). Prominent locations on the High Road were chosen outside Starbucks and Sainsbury's.

The online survey was hosted on www.northfinchleytowncentre.co.uk and was live from Saturday 26th February until Sunday 27th March. In addition, door-to-door and telephone surveys were conducted with local businesses to ensure a representative cross-section of responses.

We found our methods of outreach allowed us to get responses from participants with a diverse range of backgrounds, largely in line with Barnet's own population make-up, with the exception of young people who were under-represented. More information about this is presented in the latter part of this report.

This report presents the findings of the engagement and identifies themes for exploration in the next stages of the project.



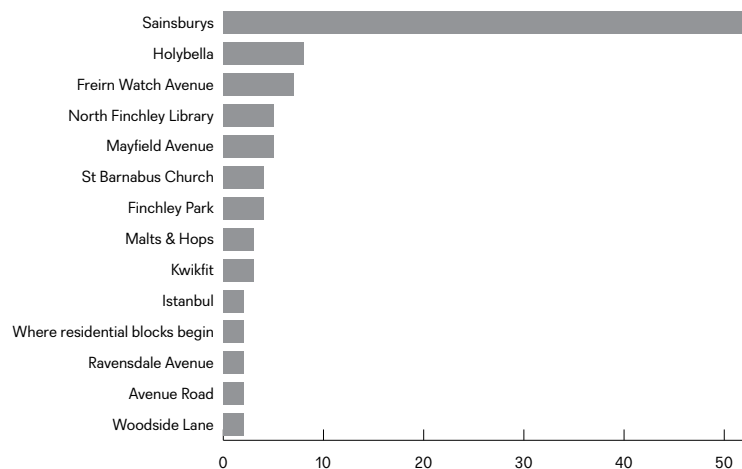
Survey results:

Character and Identity of North Finchley
Town Centre

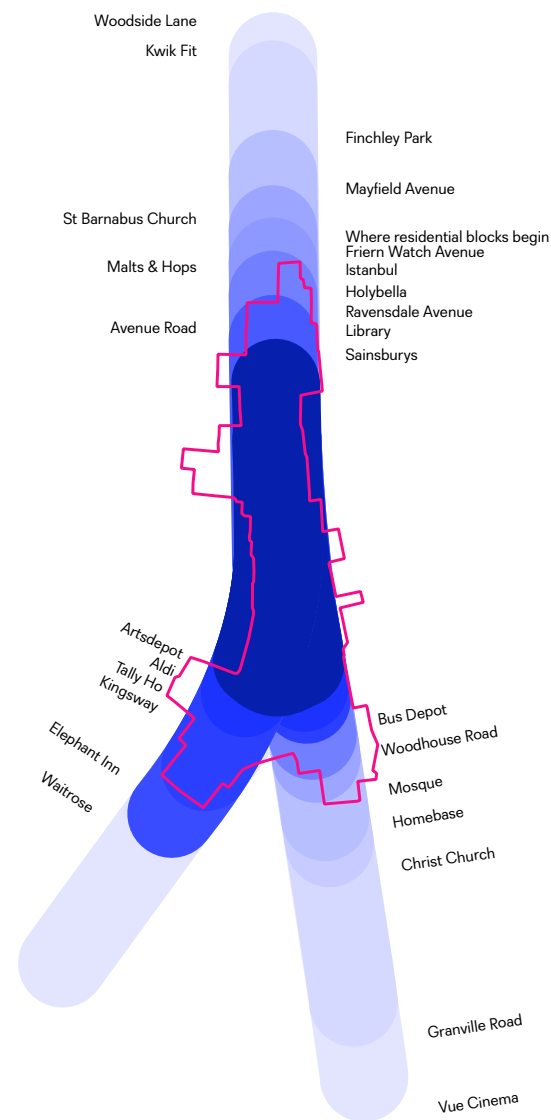
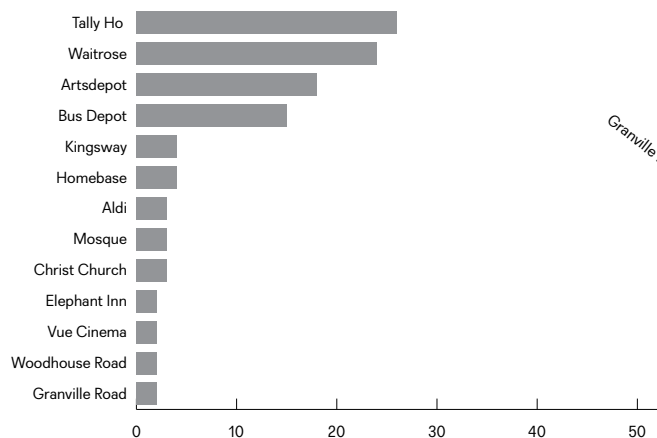
Extent of the town centre

In your opinion where would you say the town centre starts and ends?

Northern extent; all places mentioned in two or more responses:



Southern extent; all places mentioned in two or more responses:



Diagrammatic map illustrating perceived extent of town centre, overlaid with SPD designation

Interestingly only one respondent gave an east-west edge to the town centre, everyone else responded in terms of only the north and south boundaries.

The northern boundary was overwhelmingly described as Sainsbury's, with the majority of the other responses being up to and including Friern Watch Avenue.

To the south there are broadly three trends for where the town centre ends;

1. At Kingsway and the Tally Ho, Artsdepot and Bus Station.
2. At Waitrose.
3. At various points along High Road between North Finchley Mosque and Vue Cinema. This is the least agreed upon edge.

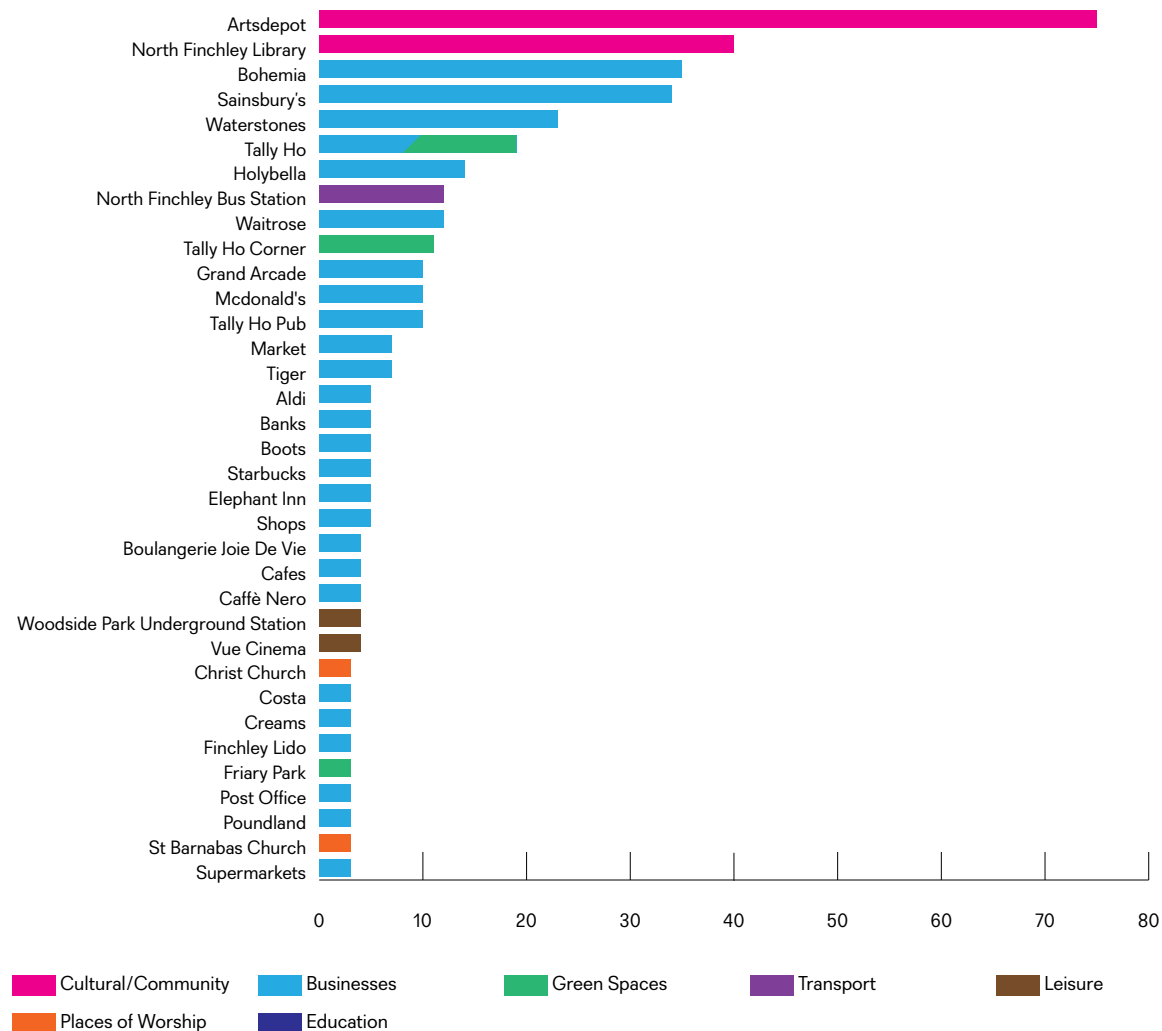
Whilst there is consensus that the town centre covers the area between Sainsburys and Tally Ho zone, it's clear that there is some 'blur' to these edges and we need to ensure that our proposals take this into account.

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Notable Places

Please name up to five notable places in North Finchley Town Centre?

All places mentioned in three or more responses:



Respondents were given five opportunities to name places within North Finchley Town Centre that they considered notable.

In total, 112 individual places were named, the majority of these were shops, restaurants and pubs (71%). artsdepot was mentioned 75 times, which along with the library, the second most mentioned place, indicates the importance of these cultural venues within the community. Whether they currently use them or not, they are clearly seen as being important to North Finchley.

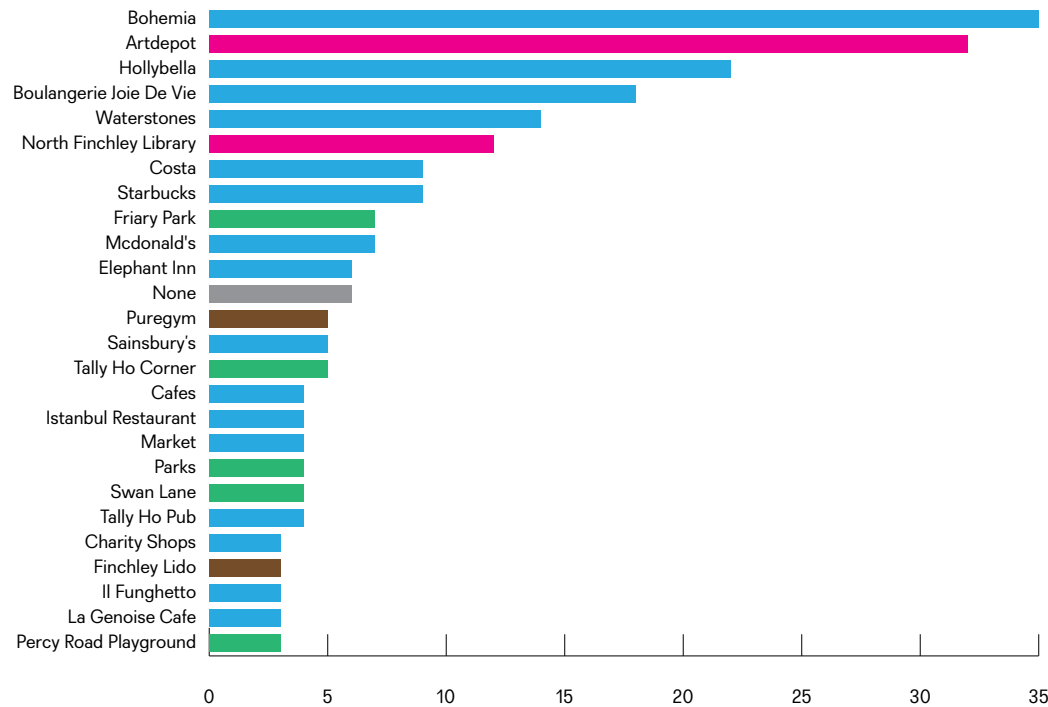
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Favourite Spots

What are your three favourite spots in North Finchley Town Centre?

All places mentioned in three or more responses:



Respondents named 93 different places as being their favourite spots. External public spaces only made up 11% of all the votes cast, with Friary Park the only one to make the top ten. It's clearly an important green space for people, despite being ten minute's walk from the High Road

The top ten spots are; an independent brewpub, an arts centre, two independent cafes, a library, a park, a national bookseller and three chain cafe/restaurants.

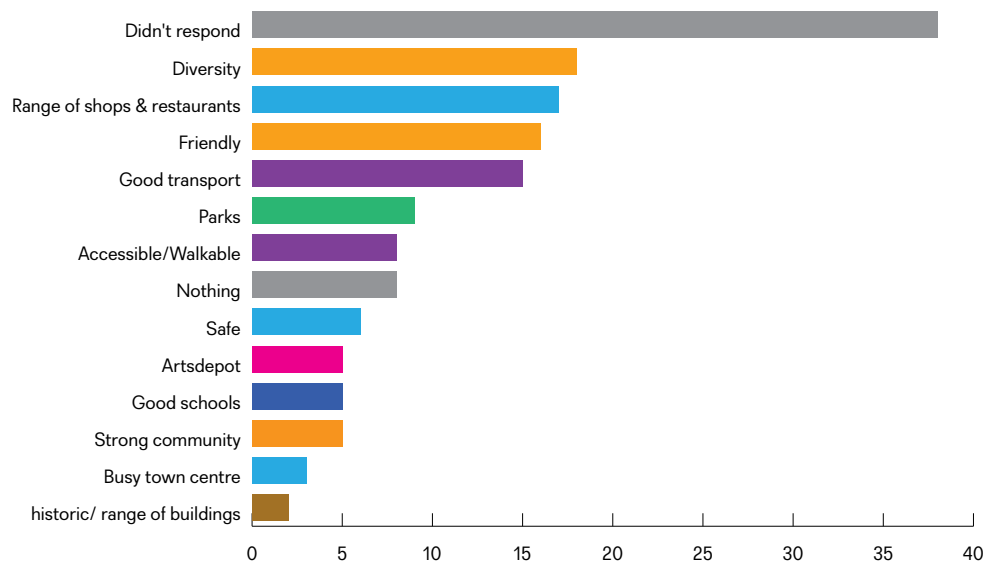
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Local Pride

What makes you happy or proud to live be based in North Finchley?

All sources of pride mentioned in two or more responses:



The majority of respondents did not give an answer to this question, showing us there's opportunity to generate more public pride in North Finchley.

Of answers given, diversity was mentioned in more responses than any other source of local pride. When looking at the graph and it's key (showing the responses categorised into broad themes) pride in the community is once again the top answer given.

By contrast, local history was the least mentioned source of pride. Rather than looking back to find reasons to be happy, respondents took more pride in the here-and-now and the people who make North Finchley what it is.

A selection of direct quotes:

"The variety of delicious food shops and artsy, eclectic buzz. However, this is subdued by the atrocious traffic, general air of shabbiness and poverty."

"Multicultural community, easy access to supermarkets and public transport"

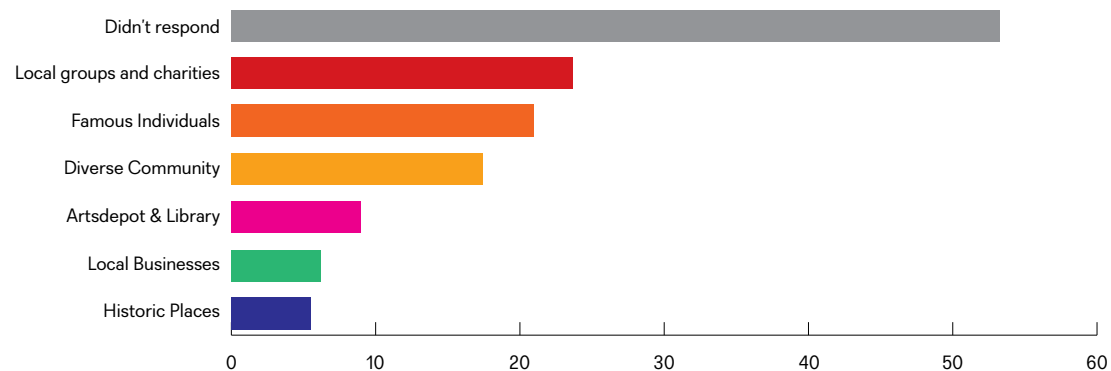
"Friendly, very mixed communities. Some greenery. Range of shops & restaurants. Theatre, bookshop & library on my doorstep."

"Nothing particularly right now...we do have many parks around however."

Who to celebrate

Are there any individuals, community groups or organisations connected to North Finchley, from the past or present, who should be celebrated?

All responses, categorised into broad themes:



The majority of respondents not giving an answer could indicate that these groups and organisations need to be better publicised to the community.

Interestingly those who did answer generally focused on contemporary groups and organisations to celebrate rather than historical examples. Spike Milligan was the most named historic figure, however with one exception, he was only named by respondents over the age of 50.

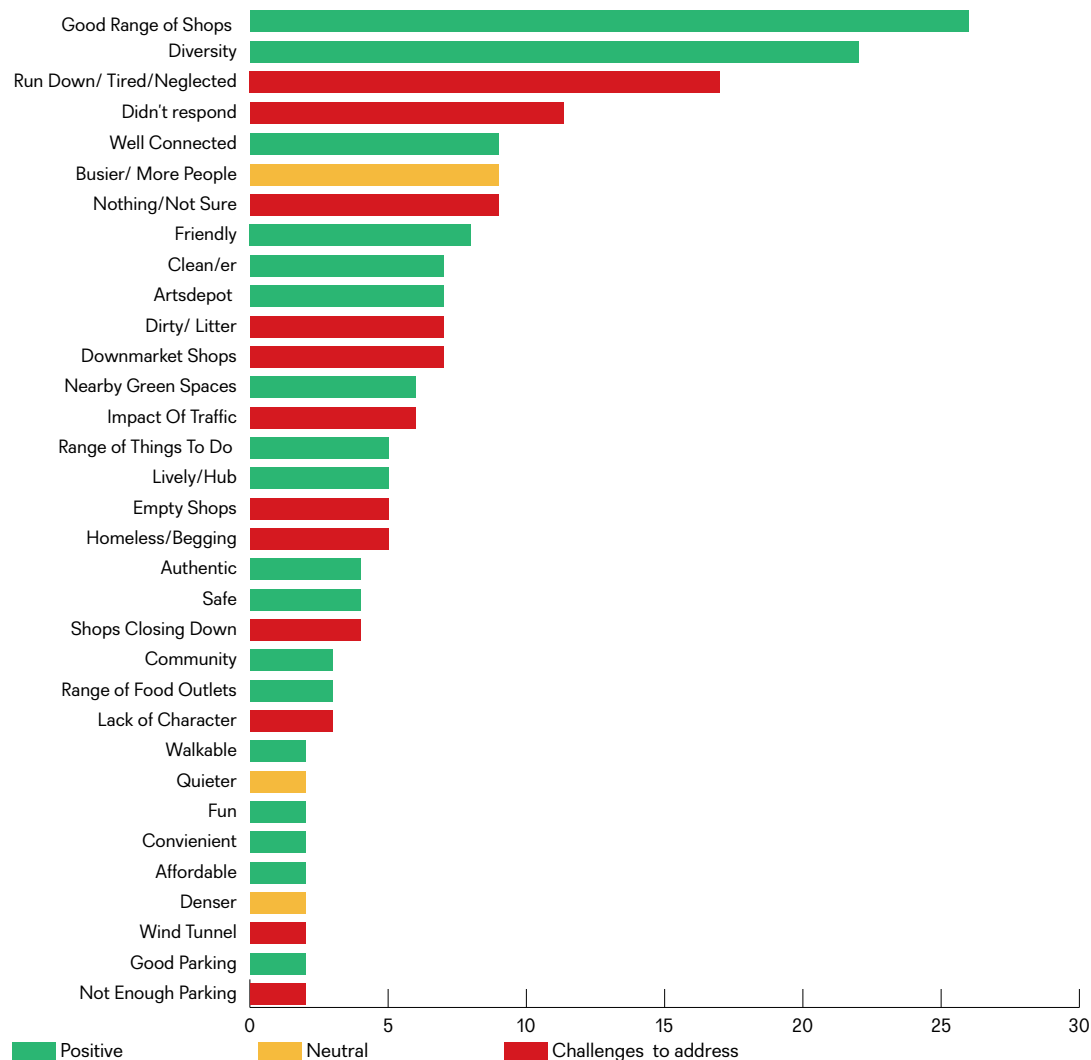
LOCAL GROUPS AND CHARITIES	FAMOUS INDIVIDUALS	DIVERSE COMMUNITY	ARTSDEPOT & LIBRARY	LOCAL BUSINESSES	HISTORIC PLACES
Finchley Society	Spike Milligan	Iranian Communities	Artsdepot	Barnados	Tally Ho
Finchley Symphony Orchestra	John Parr	Indian Community	Library	Bohemia	The Torrington Arms
Housing Action In Barnet	David Jason	Jewish Communities		Charity Shops	Gaumont
Barnet Cyclists	Eric Morecombe	Turkish Community		Holybella	
Better Streets For Barnet	Margaret Thatcher	Religious Groups Generally		Vas Barbers	
Barnet Young Carers and Siblings (BYCAS)	Monthly Python Films (Hells Grannies)	East European Community		Waterstones	
Innovation, Ballroom and Dance Schools	Charles Dickens	Afghan Community		Rogers Removal (Dennis Roger)	
Finchley And Wingate Fc	Henry Stephens	Japanese Communities			
Finchley Chamber Choir	Harry Beck	Persian Community			
Finchley Italians (Club)	Fergal Sharkey	Greek Community			
Food Bank	Leo Marks	People From Different Ethnic Groups			
Old Finchlians Football Club	Horace	Lgbt Members Of Community			
Veteran Club	Anthony Joshua				
Litter Pickers	First WWI Soldier Killed In The War				
Legion Club					
St Barnabas Church					
St Barnabus' Foodbank.					
Onwards And Upwards					
Art Against Knives					

All responses arranged by category, all wording used in the graphs is directly quoted from the surveys verbatim.

Distinctiveness

In your opinion what makes North Finchley distinct to other areas in Finchley and Barnet?

All responses with two or more mentions, organised into themes



When looked at broadly, 60% of the 204 differences put forward by respondents were positive qualities. Conversely 34% were challenges facing the town centre, and 6% could be seen as neutral. Please see Appendix A for all single mentions.

The results indicate that the town centre is seen as having a good range of shops, but is believed to have seen better days. However this is at odds with responses to other questions which called for a more diverse and mixed retail offer to serve the wider needs of local people. Verbally people told us about the lack of some essential shops such as menswear and shoes. The community is widely celebrated, and much like we saw in sources of local pride, the diversity of the area is championed. Interestingly, responses relating to transport and cleanliness have conflicting responses. The presence of artsdepot is also considered a differentiator from other local town centres.

A selection of direct quotes:

“It is authentic and has a large community of residents whose have been here for generations but also a new, diverse community.”

“It’s vibrant, busy, easygoing centre and population”

“Tally ho corner well known focal point. Feels more London than Barnet. Currently the number of closed down shops/restaurants is an unwelcome distinctive feature.”

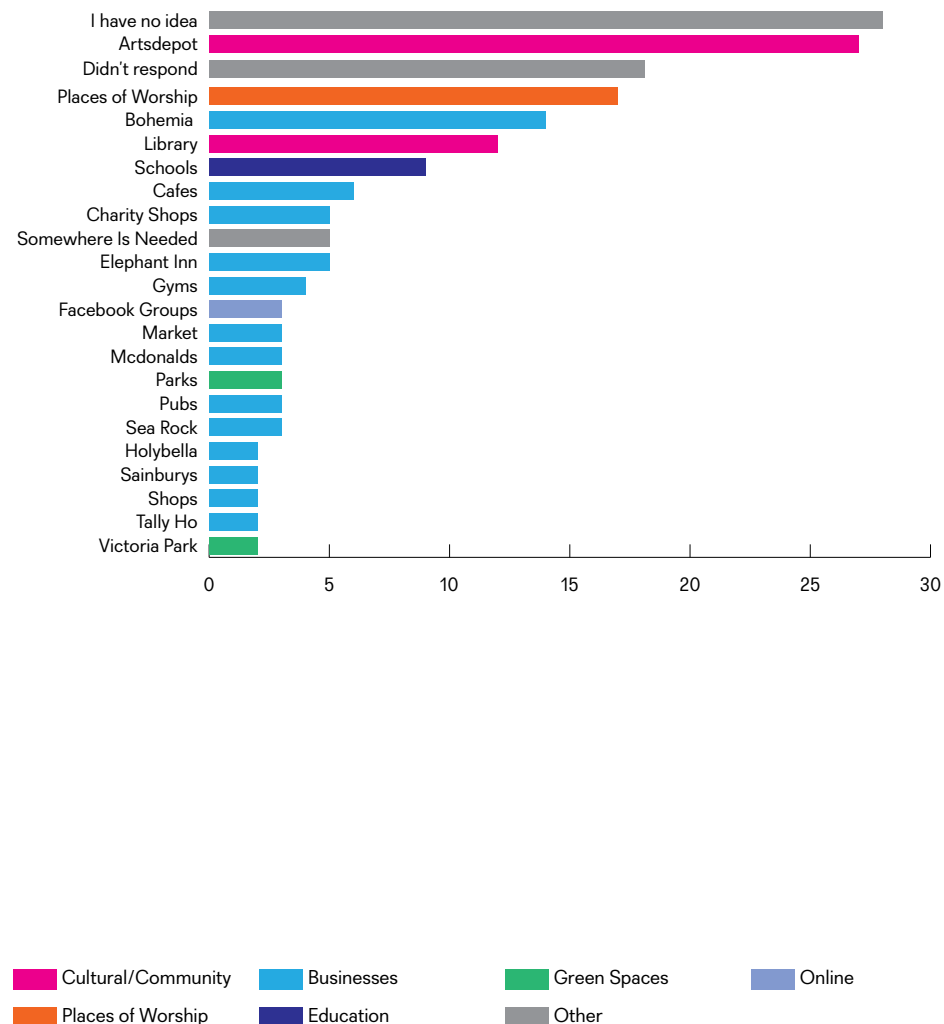
“It is a distinct area but very little to attract people.”

“It used to be a much more vibrant area, but in recent times has lost many larger stores, become run down, and looks as if it’s becoming left behind by other areas”

Community heart

Where would you go to find a strong sense of community in North Finchley?

All places mentioned in two or more responses:



21% of respondents wrote that they couldn't think of anywhere in North Finchley that you could find a strong sense of community. A further 13% didn't answer the question, and five respondents specifically noted that a space was needed to serve this function.

As seen in other questions, the artsdepot, the Bohemia and the library, as well as the various places of worship, were singled out as playing an important role in community life in North Finchley.

We have found that a number of respondents gave answers on where they perceived to have a sense of community, rather than from experience. For all single mentions please see Appendix A.

A selection of direct quotes:

"The local churches, especially St Barnabas Church. I wouldn't know where else to send anyone"

"Sorry but really not aware of any way to participate in the community"

"Join a synagogue or church?"

"Probably go to the library"

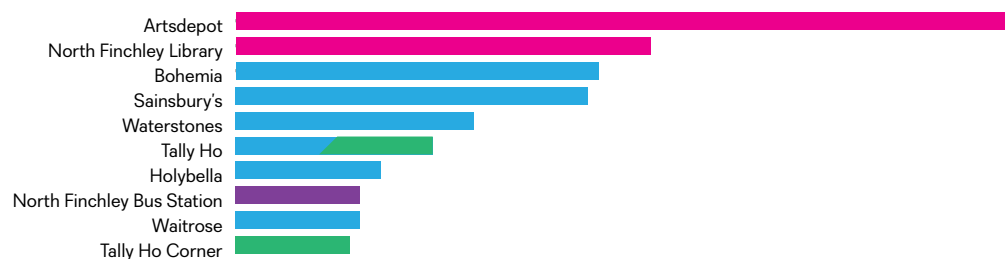
"There is no genuine community space in North Finchley, for example, to allow groups to come together for activities, creative and support for adults and families, inter-generational events, or any other aspects of community life."

"The high road does nothing to instil a sense of community, it's dirty, noisy, intimidating and offers a very poor shopping experience."

Analysis: 'Notable' places compared to 'Favourite' places.

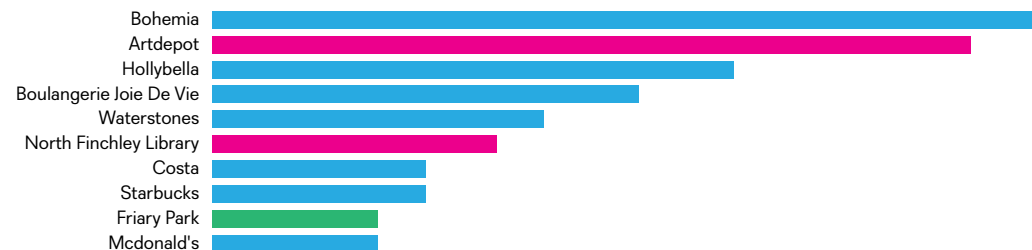
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Top ten responses:



What are your three favourite spots in North Finchley Town Centre?

Top ten responses:



It is interesting to note that Tally Ho and Tally Ho Corner are considered the 6th and 10th most notable places, however don't make the top ten favourite places. This indicates whilst Tally Ho is viewed as an important part of North Finchley, it isn't a space that is widely enjoyed, showing a potential area for opportunity.

Similarly, the Library is the 2nd most notable, but only 7th favourite. This shows that whilst it is considered a valued space, it may not be serving the community as successfully as it could be.

The Boulangerie Joie De Vie is outside the top twenty most notable places, but ranked 4th in favourite. In addition to the Boulangerie, the appearance of Holybella and The Bohemia in the top five favourite places indicates that the respondents value independent businesses over their chain competitors.

Despite its size, Friary Park isn't in the top twenty most notable places, perhaps due to its location, however it is the 9th most mentioned favourite spot. This suggests that perhaps people have a more flexible notion of the extent of the town centre.

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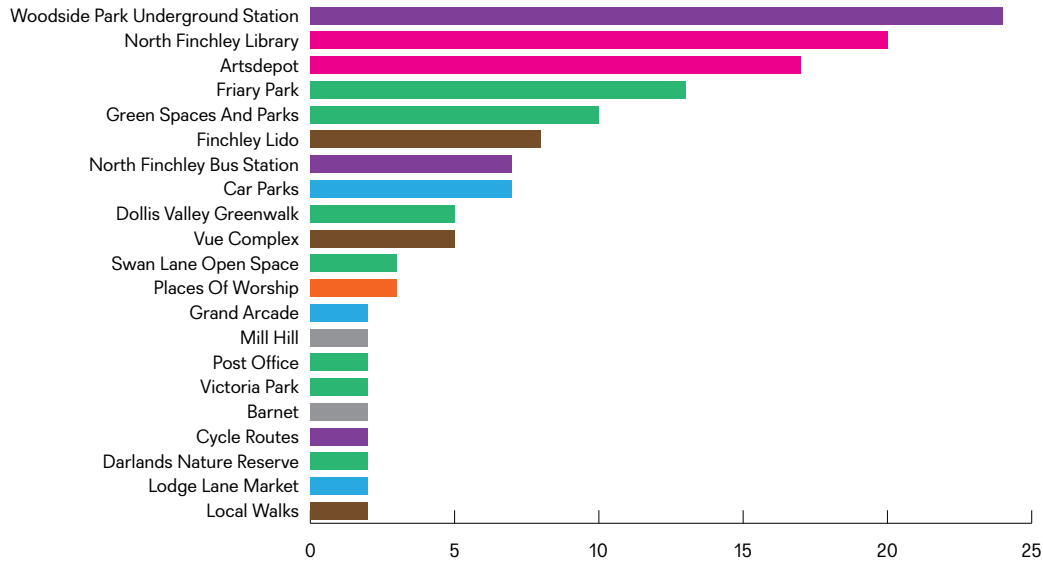
Survey results:

Wayfinding to and from North Finchley
Town Centre

Places to wayfind to

Please name up to five places in North Finchley that would benefit from being more clearly signposted to from the town centre

All places mentioned in two or more responses:



Respondents identified 59 different locations that would benefit from signage from the town centre. Of the 21 locations identified by two or more people, seven were within the town centre,

- North Finchley Library
- Artsdepot
- North Finchley Bus Station
- Car Parks
- Grand Arcade
- Post Office
- Lodge Lane Market

14 locations were identified outside the town centre, which can be summarised as:

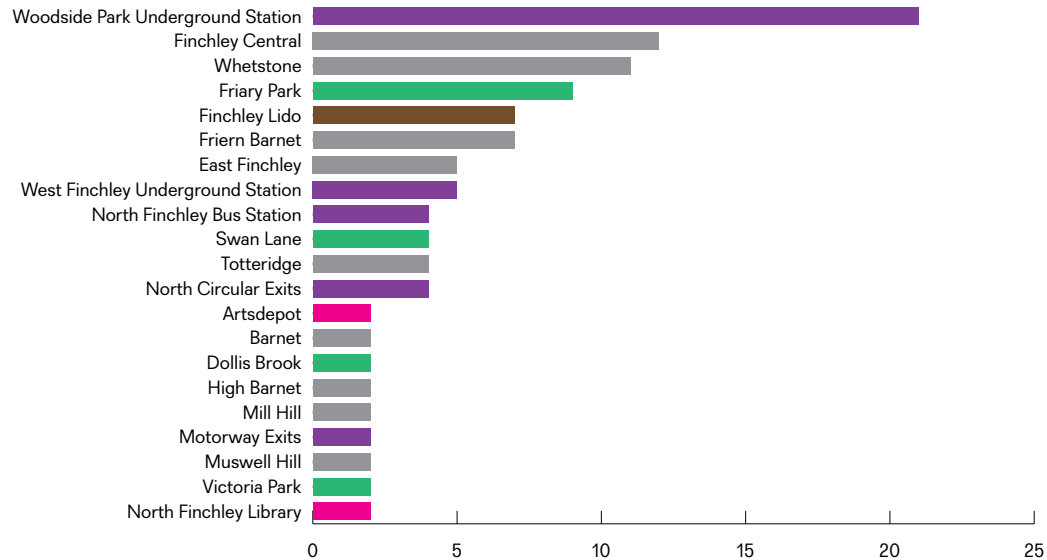
- Woodside Park Underground Station
- Green Spaces And Parks
 - Friary Park
 - Dollis Valley Greenwalk
 - Swan Lane Open Space
 - Darlands Nature Reserve
 - Victoria Park
- Finchley Lido & Vue Complex
- Places Of Worship
- Cycle Routes
- Local Walks
- Other town Centres
 - Mill Hill
 - Barnet

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Places to wayfind from

Outside of the town centre, please name up to five places that should have better signposting to North Finchley Town Centre

All places mentioned in two or more responses:



Of the 21 locations identified by two or more people, 18 were outside the town centre, and can be grouped as below:

- Transport hubs:
 - Woodside Park Underground Station
 - West Finchley Underground Station
 - North Circular Exits
 - Motorway Exits
- Other town centres:
 - Finchley Central (1.2miles)
 - Whetstone (1.2miles)
 - Friern Barnet (1.2miles)
 - East Finchley (1.6miles)
 - Totteridge (1.7miles)
 - Muswell Hill (2.6)
 - Barnet (3.5miles)
 - High Barnet (3.5miles)
 - Mill Hill (3.8 miles)
- Green spaces:
 - Friary Park
 - Victoria Park
 - Dollis Brook
 - Swan Lane
- Finchley Lido

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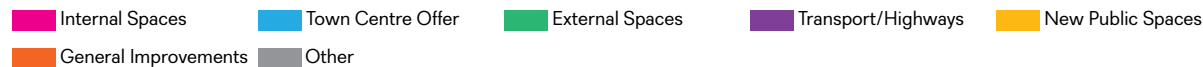
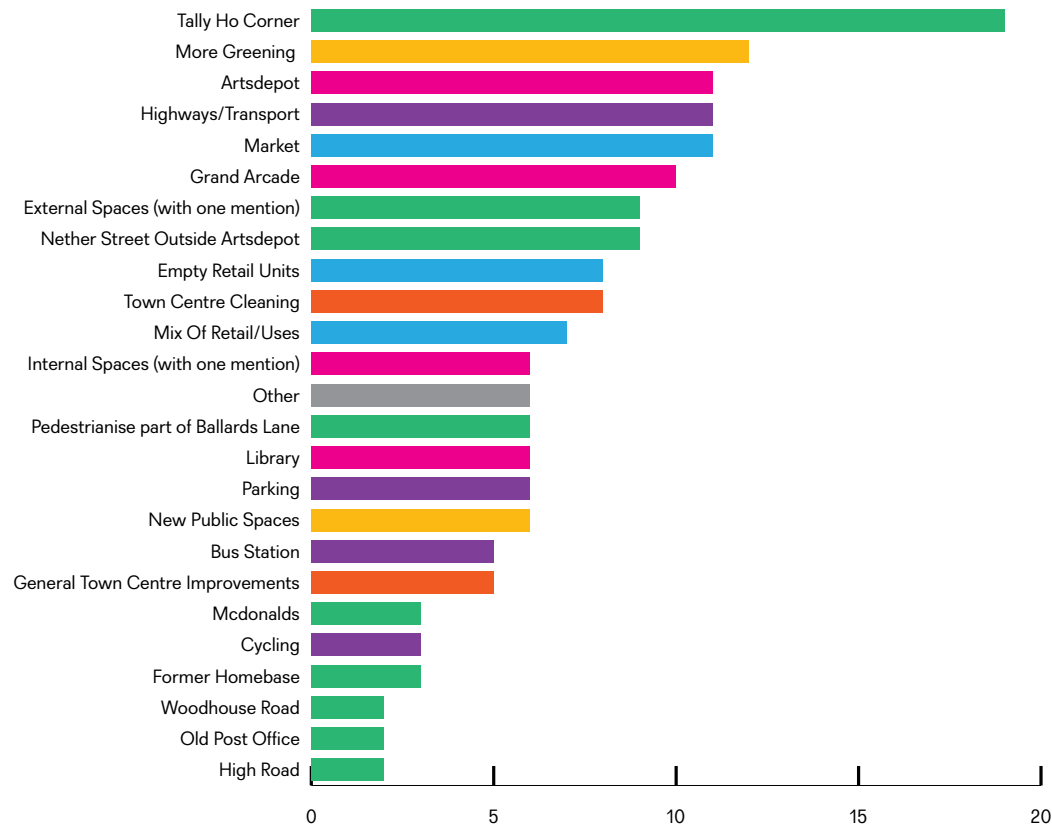


Survey results:
North Finchley Town Centre Opportunities

Focus areas

Can you suggest up to two locations where by making small changes we could create a big difference to how people use and enjoy the town centre?

All places mentioned in two or more responses:



A wide variety of responses were received for this question, ranging from specific areas to overarching themes. The responses have been organised over the next few pages to help identify key areas and themes.

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Focus areas

The following pages collate together comments regarding the most mentioned focus areas. These have been broadly summarised, capturing shared opinions and individual comments to give a full picture. Selected comments are verbatim. Please see Appendix C for direct responses.

External Spaces

Tally Ho Corner, summarised comments:

- Add planting/greening
- Remove the pigeons
- Clean up
- Add seats
- Could have stalls
- Address wind tunnel

Pedestrianise Tally Ho corner, summarised comments:

- Remove the triangle of traffic around Tally Ho so that one side becomes pedestrianised.
- Close off one side of Tally Ho and make it a piazza, like Trafalgar Square.

Nether Street outside Artsdepot, summarised comments:

- Could be the 'Town Square'
- Add seating
- Add planting
- "Artsdepot could be expanded into surrounding area to create a sense of a public arts orientated space"
- Address wind tunnel issue

Outside McDonalds, summarised comments:

- Find a place for delivery couriers that doesn't

infringe on the pavement

Former Homebase site, summarised comments:

- Would highly recommend for a new shopping centre to be built where Homebase currently
- Make it an open space, no more flats

Other specific external spaces, selected comments:

- Woodhouse Road as it meets the High Road and the corners by this. (two mentions)
- The old post office as it is set back, (two mentions)
- Lodge Lane Car Park (two mentions)
- High Road (two mentions)

Internal Spaces

Artsdepot, summarised comments:

- Could offer spaces for all of the community
- Could be more accessible
- Could offer more cultural activities
- Could create cultural quarter around Artsdepot
- Could be more welcoming, especially the entrance

Grand Arcade, summarised comments:

- Could be better
- Could turn it into a community resource
- Revisit the presence of Ten Grand Arcade

North Finchley Library, summarised comments:

- Library could be better/ refurbished
- Lengthen Library open hours, not just self-serve

Other places, selected comments:

- Changes to the lido (cleaner/community safety)
- The Malt and Hops pub
- Police station
- Churches

- The Bohemia
- International Food Court

Town Centre Offer

Market, summarised comments:

- Could be a bigger event
- Could have a more visible or central location
- Have a farmers market
- Could include food
- Could be better organised

Empty Retail Units, selected comments:

- Fill empty shop units
- "4 empty shops (between barclays and Sainsbury's) need to be taken over by the council, become community centre"
- Could be pop ups

Mix of retail/uses, selected comments:

- More independent shops
- Better shops
- More clothes shops, e.g. next, h&M
- Allow fewer convenience shops
- Remove betting shops
- A few more business venues off the main road e.g. Nether Street
- Add more restaurants

New Public Spaces

New Public Spaces, selected comments:

- Create a central park/garden
- Create a seating area that is maintained & well lit
- Create seating outside of cafes/restaurants

More greening, selected comments:

- Add greenery everywhere
- “Make the area between lodge lane car park and Sainsbury’s more green so that people can sit at cafes outside”
- Encourage residents to keep hedges/ front gardens with council tax discount, even if only £50
- “More green planters along roadside which could include loops to lock bike”
- “More green space where there are car parks - with places for young & old people to sit”
- “Lodge Lane Carpark reduced to create green space, community square with coffee shops, children play areas”

Transport & Highways

Highways, selected comments:

- Remove street parking
- Widen the pavements
- Remove one way traffic system
- Add more pedestrian crossings
- Make area less traffic heavy
- Improve bus connections

Bus Station, summarised comments:

- Clean the windows at Bus Station
- Relocate bus garage

Cycling, selected comments:

- Improve cycle lanes

Parking, selected comments:

- Make it easier for older people to pay
- Free Saturday parking
- “Put barriers in to stop people parking in double

yellow spots immediately off the high road (e.g. Percy Road)... If you put in cameras, that would solve the problem immediately and would generate some money.”

- “Lodge Lane car park really needs redesigned for better access and more space”

General Improvements

Town Centre Cleaning, summarised comments:

- Clean the pavements
- Address litter
- Clean shop facades
- Area around percy road needs enforcement

Other Town Centre improvements, summarised comments:

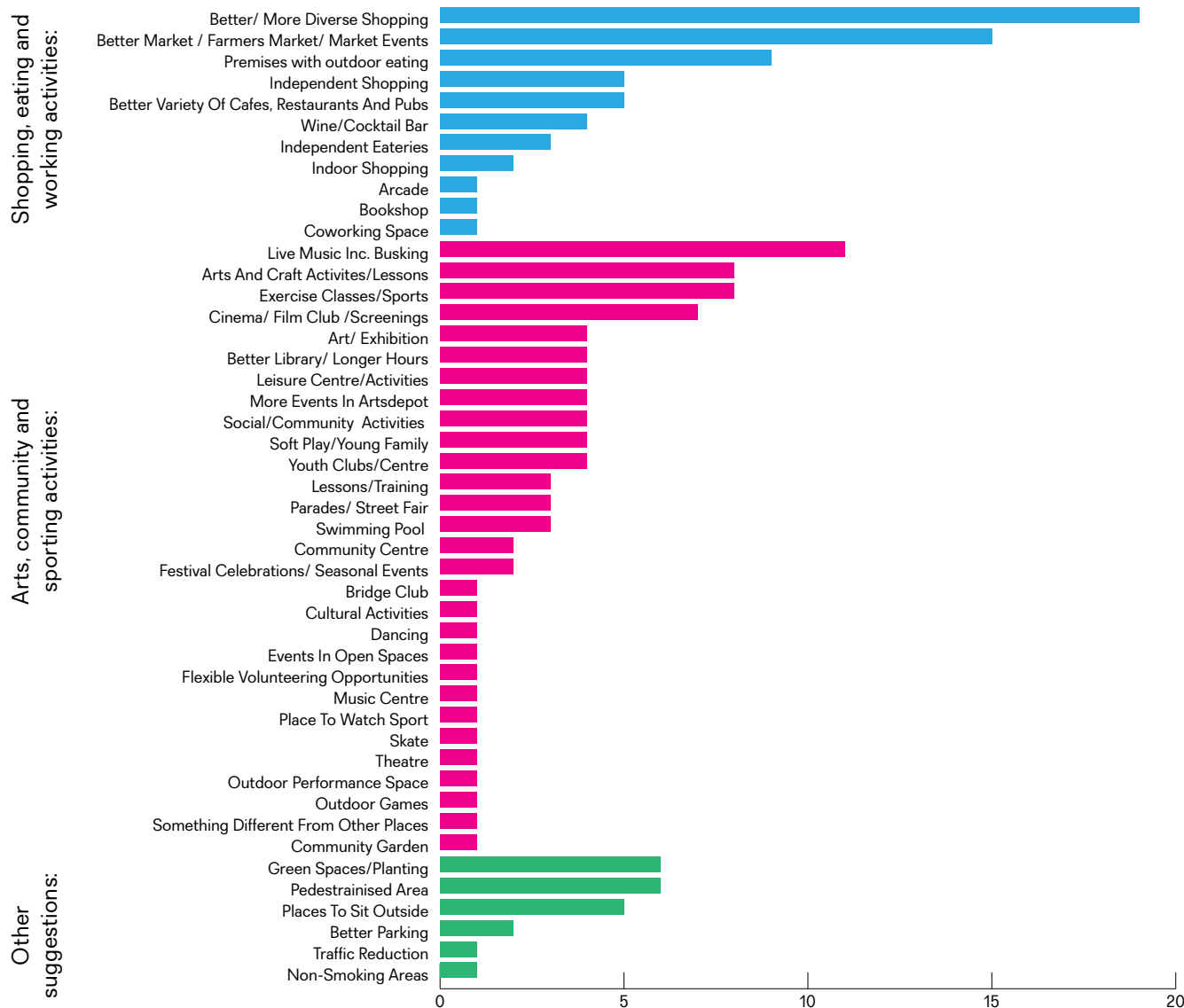
- More pavement seating
- Colour scheme from beginning to end and decoration/ lighting
- Restricting Traders taking up pavement space to allow adequate pedestrian access along High Road

Other

- Better air quality (like hampstead)
- Facilities for single people
- Community centre for young kids and adults
- Bring in another GP surgery.
- “More police patrolling along the Dollis Valley walk and Regent Close (drug activity)
- “People need to love the town centre more”

Encouraging visits

What activities would you like to be able to do in the Town Centre that would encourage you to visit more often or for longer?



We received 174 suggestions of things that might encourage respondents to spend longer in the town centre. We've broadly categorised these into three areas. 51% of these can be classified as Arts, community or sporting activities, whilst 37% could be classified as ways of diversifying the town centre offer.

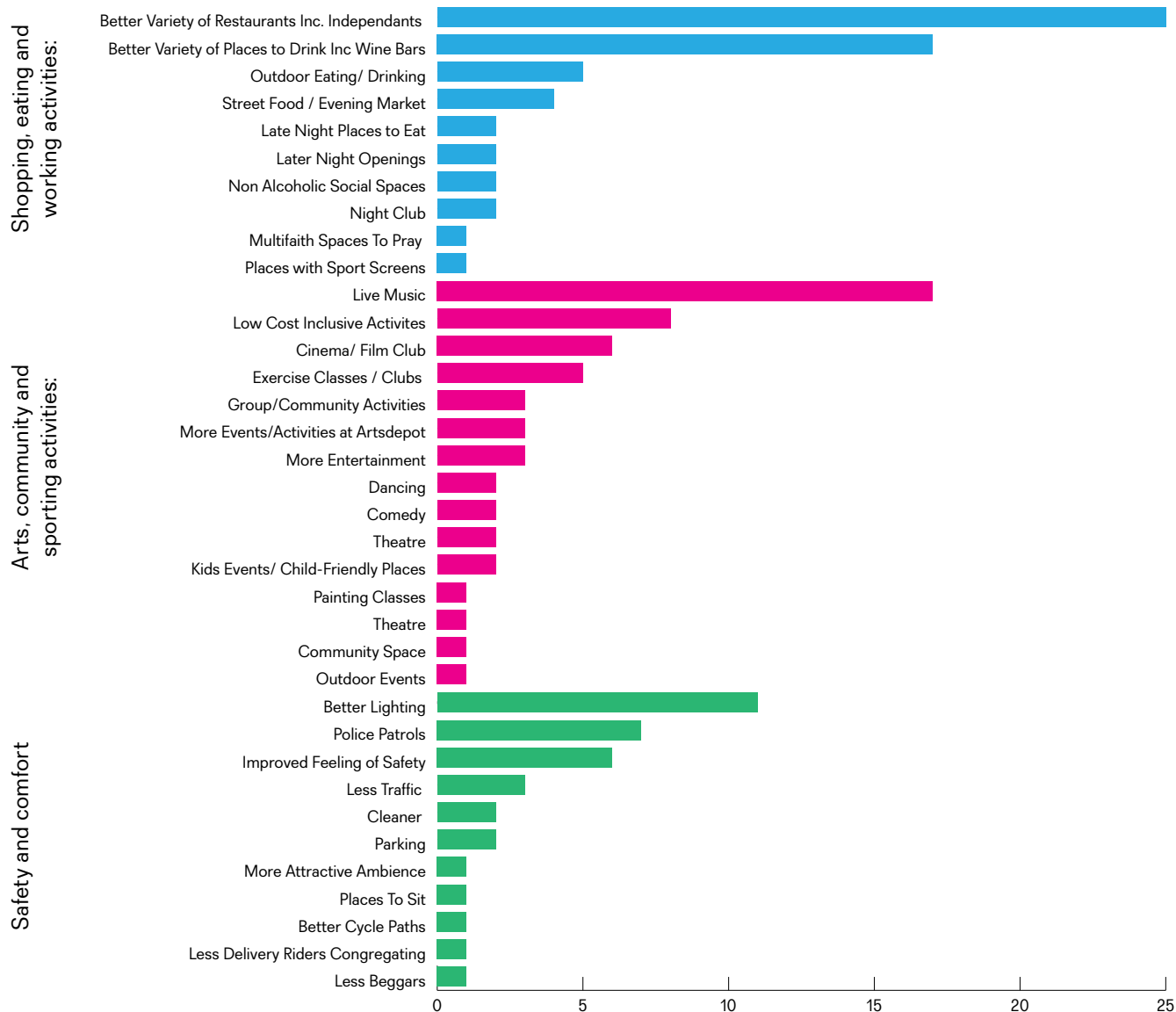
Improvements to the market could also play a role in increasing arts and community activities in the town centre.

The top five are as follows:

1. Better/More Diverse Shopping
2. Better Market/ Farmers Market/ Market Events
3. Live Music inc Busking
4. Premises with Outdoor Seating
- =5. Arts and Craft Activities/Lessons
- =5. Exercise Classes

Encouraging evening visits

Thinking specifically about evenings, what would encourage you to spend more time in the town centre?



When it came to evening use, we received 154 suggestions of things that might encourage respondents to spend longer in the town centre. We've broadly categorised these into three areas. 40% could be classified as ways of diversifying the town centre offer, whilst 37% can be classified as Arts, Community or Sporting activities. Significantly 23% of comments were regarding safety in the town centre in the evening.

The top 5 are as follows:

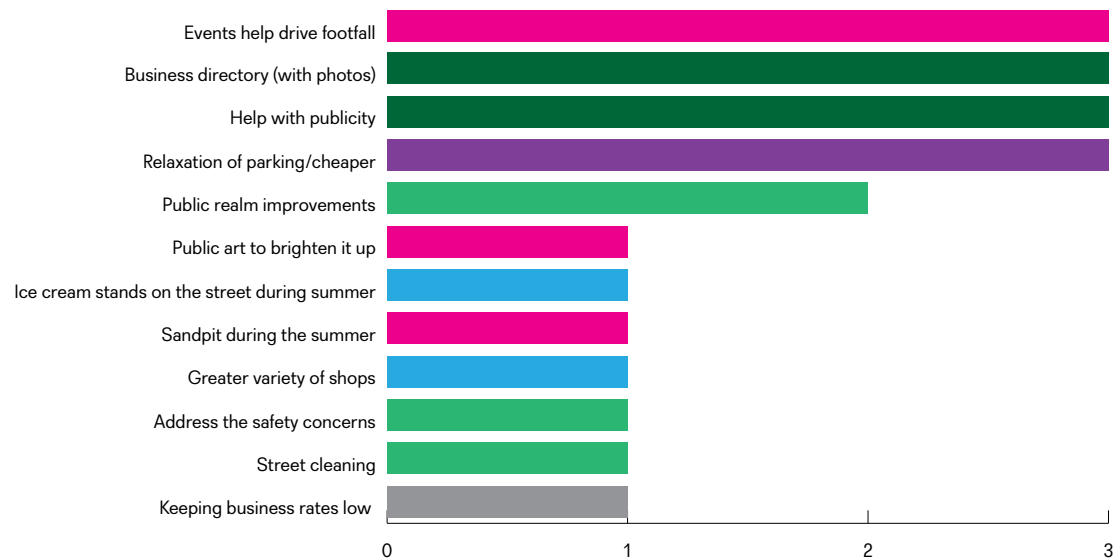
1. Better Variety of Restaurants inc Independants
2. Live Music
3. Better Variety of Places to Drink inc Wine Bars
4. Better Lighting
5. Low Cost Inclusive Activities

Both the day and night responses point out a desire for more variety in eating/drinking/shopping, live music and social activities.

Increasing footfall

What would you like to see added in the area that could help drive footfall to your business?

(Business survey question)



■ Activities
 ■ Town Centre Offer
 ■ Environmental
 ■ Transport
 ■ Publicity

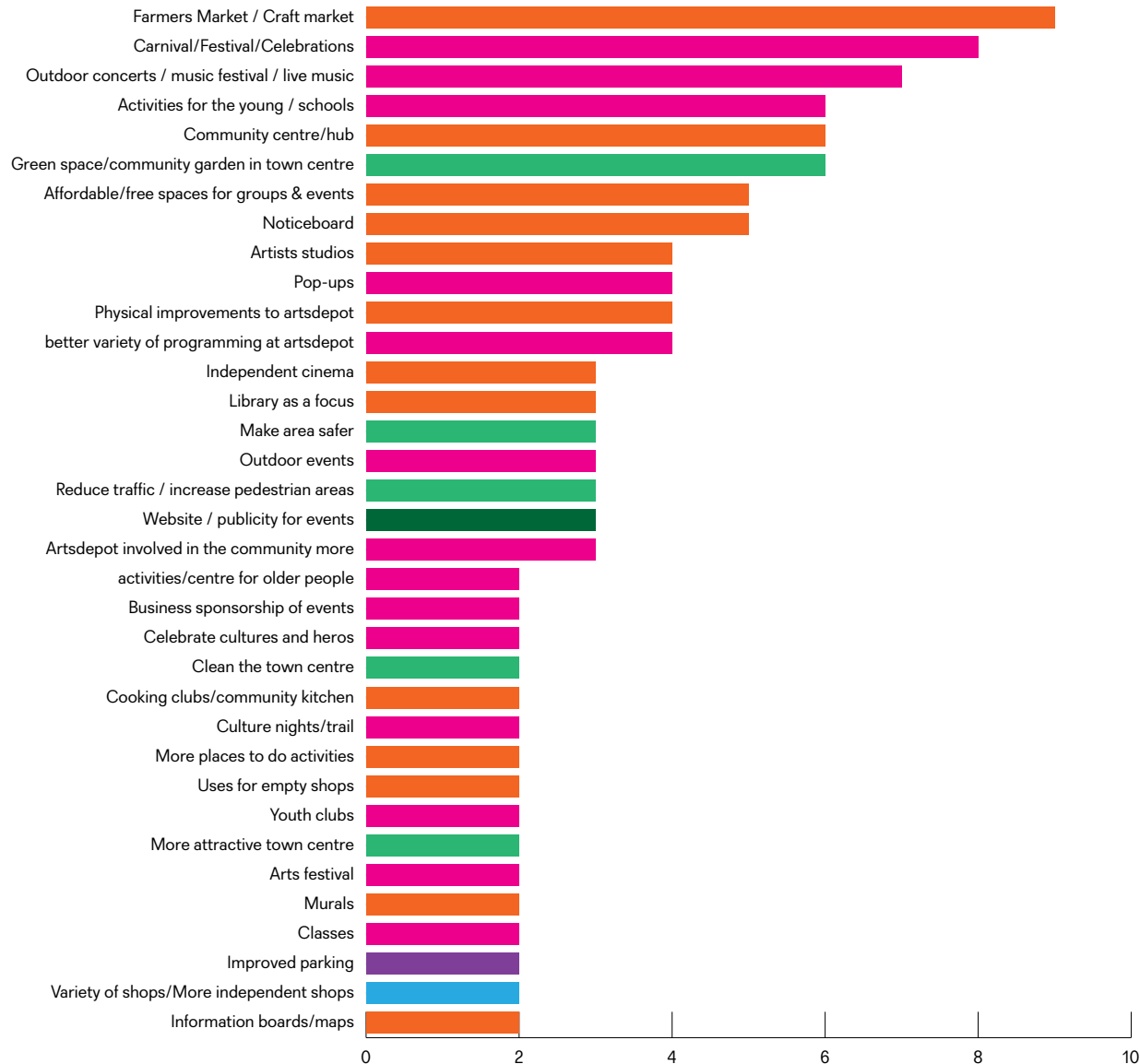
This question was only asked to businesses, however the responses resonate with much of the feedback gathered from other questions in the survey. Once again events are suggested as a way to increase visits to the town centre, along with environmental improvements.

Publicity emerges as a key theme, both on an individual business basis and across the town centre as a whole.

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Creative & community life

Do you have any ideas of how to increase the creative, cultural or community life of the town centre? All suggestions mentioned in two or more responses:



137 suggestions were made, which broadly fall within the following categories:

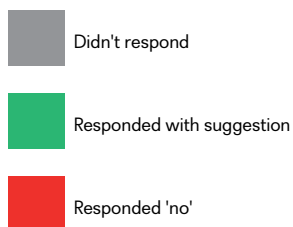
- Physical interventions: including farmers market, craft market, community centre, affordable events space, and noticeboards.
- Activities; including carnivals, festivals, live music, activities for children and pop-ups.
- Environmental improvements; including greening, community garden and steps to making the area safer and more pedestrian friendly.
- Website & better publicity
- A wider variety of shops, and particularly independent shops.
- Improved Parking

For all single mentions please see Appendix C.



Creative & community life

Are you part of, or do you know any local artists, cultural organisations or community groups that could be interested in participating and activating the town centre in different ways?



Some suggestions:

"I am really interested in participating and activating this town centre"

"I have good ideas always, art is a hobby"

"I teach music and happy to be involved if something appropriate"

"I work at Barnet and Southgate College and would be interested helping in projects or even getting students involved"

"I would like to help rejuvenate empty shop units"

"I would welcome an opportunity to host a bi-monthly craft fair"

"I'm part of Breeze Barnet that promotes women's cycling in the area"

"My background is in theatre / immersive / interactive family sessions and I would be able to discuss this"

"My husband, (with lots of experience) could be approached to run a fun choir"

"The Catering Club on Facebook has links to food trucks / restaurants etc"

"Woodhouse College has some brilliant musicians"

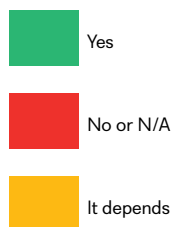
The majority of respondents gave no answer, this could indicate that they either don't know any local artists, cultural organisations or community groups, or that they don't know any that they think would be interested in activating the town centre.

The responses we did receive were a mixture of personal approaches and suggestions of groups to contact. In the next stage of the project we will contact these groups and individuals, if appropriate, to feed into the emerging work.

Business support for events

If there were events or initiatives set up by the Council, would your business be interested in taking part? i.e., hosting activities, or pieces of art etc?

All responses:



A selection of direct quotes:

“Yes - hosting, promoting, creating, that’s what we do”

“Yes, we have participated in the past like in the Finchley Music Festival. We will be doing something with Lodge Lane residents as part of the Jubilee celebration”

“Yes absolutely, however we are obviously a business and there needs to be a promotional element that we would benefit from by doing this”

“Yes, I have an amazing studio with a lot to offer to the local community and would be happy to host activities as this will also promote what I do. I am also happy to host things like afternoon networking events because it will help promote my business as well.”

“Absolutely - my pub is always open for everyone, I would love to also collaborate with the book club (or set up a book club?)”

“I don’t know, will have to assess depending on the activity and my schedule”

“For now no because we don’t have enough staff”

“Possible as an option”

Please see Appendix C for a full list of responses

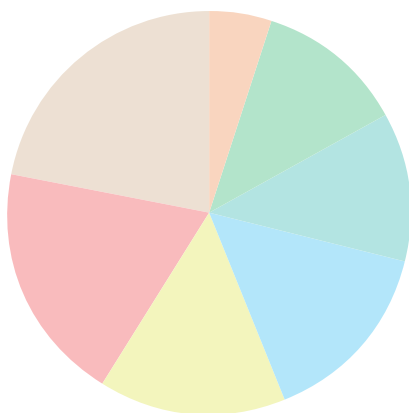
The majority of businesses want to be able to play their part in supporting local events and initiatives.

When asked directly if they could sponsor events with financial assistance 56% said ‘no’, 22% answered ‘maybe’ and 22% said ‘yes’.

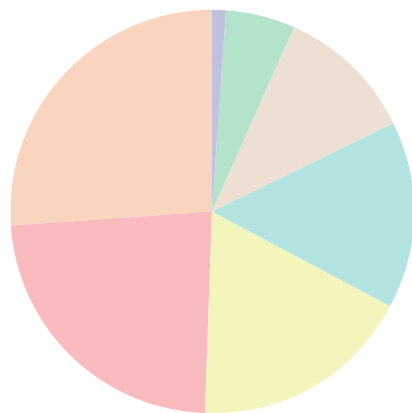
Website

What functions would you find useful for a North Finchley Town Centre website to have?

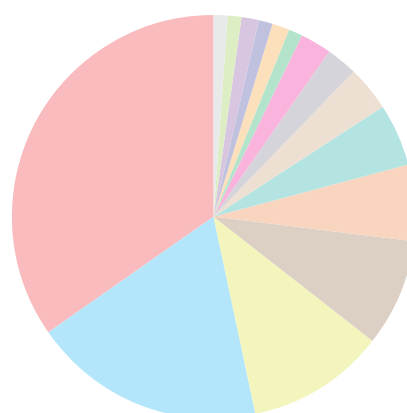
Results from in-person on-street engagement, multiple choice



Results from business survey, multiple choice



Results from online survey, no options given



The top five functions for each of the surveys was:

In-person on-street engagement:

1. Resources
2. What's on
3. Community directory
4. Local information
5. Spotlight

Business survey:

1. Business directory
2. What's on
3. Community directory
4. Spotlight
5. Resources

Online survey:

1. What's on
2. Local information
3. Community directory
4. Amenities & facilities
5. Business directory



Overall the most popular features were:

1. What's on
2. Community directory
3. Local information
4. Business directory
5. Resources
6. Spotlight
7. Amenities & facilities

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How the responses will be used

The insight gained from the community engagement will be invaluable in setting the direction of the different outputs of this project. Over the following pages we have set out the four aspects of this project and the other projects locally that will benefit from this local intelligence.

Wayfinding Strategy

The survey results reinforced the need for a strategy to better articulate the presence and extent of the town centre and actively signpost and promote the amenities and riches of the town centre.

Whilst the north and south entry points to the town centre are currently marked with signs, these points do not necessarily correspond with local people's understanding of the extent of the town centre. Whilst for most people the town centre consists of the area between Sainsbury's and Artsdepot/ Tally Ho/Kingsway, for many it extends beyond, so it is important that the businesses immediately to the north of Sainsbury's and immediately south of Kingsway are included in this and other town centre projects.

We believe the town centre could benefit from greater demarcation, in particular the responses indicate an uncertain southern boundary. Some respondents see the town centre as extending a kilometre further south than others, so a clear position needs to be agreed.

When it came to places that need to be better signposted, the most mentioned places were transport hubs, the Library, carparks and Artsdepot. Promoting the presence of these will help to enhance the perception of what the town centre offers to those who are less familiar with the area. Responses also highlighted that green spaces and parks outside the town centre, as well as Finchley Lido and cinema complex, are a valued part of the town centre and could benefit from signage as there's otherwise no indication that these spaces are nearby.

Local people felt that the town centre should be signed from attractions such as parks, green spaces and the

Lido to help promote the town centre to those who might not otherwise consider visiting. Similarly it was suggested that signage from Finchley Central and Whetstone be included as these are a walkable distance to/from North Finchley and this could be worth promoting.

Before the Wayfinding Strategy is finalised there will be an opportunity for local people to review and feed their comments into the draft document. In July 2022 the draft strategy will be posted on the engagement website to allow people to review and add their comments on the ideas and proposals.

Cultural Strategy

A cultural strategy for North Finchley should support and promote new grassroots creative activity whilst also working with existing arts venues and community assets to develop a joined-up approach to ensuring the town centre is a destination for creating and consuming culture.

The responses to questions surrounding activities and community highlighted that whilst there is some activity underway in the town centre (which it isn't easy to find out about), there was a deficit in terms of the variety of creative activities people wanted to participate in. There is a clear demand for a range of cultural activities from dance to film, exhibitions to live music, and the Cultural Strategy should look to ways to support these and bring wider benefits to the town centre by encouraging more frequent and longer visits.

In terms of activities and events within the town centre, there isn't somewhere obvious to find out about these (for instance respondents requested more noticeboards)

Next Steps

nor a central place where they're undertaken, with the exception of the artsdepot. However many respondents remarked that they didn't feel that the current arts and cultural venues offered something for them.

Businesses in particular see the potential benefits of using events to drive footfall to the town centre. In the responses to the survey it's encouraging to see that business owners have suggested that their spaces could be used for cultural and community activity, something that we will explore further in the cultural strategy.

Existing cultural organisations and spaces could also be better promoted, but there is also the opportunity to facilitate activities within other spaces such as empty shop units to help drive footfall to other parts of the town centre. Similarly a lot of responses called for festivals or other pop-up events, which could also temporarily activate parts of the town centre.

The Library was identified as an important local asset, albeit one that could benefit from long-term improvements and perhaps a different approach to the provision of this service as seen at other local libraries.

The Cultural Strategy could play a role in augmenting the existing Market offer with creative activity such as live music or an arts and crafts market to help rejuvenate the market.

Respondents suggested a range of existing arts groups that operate in and near the town centre, for instance; Arts Against Knives, Artsdepot, The Bohemia, Finchley Choir, Finchley Symphony Orchestra, Innovation Dance, N12 Community Choir and The Elephant Inn. We will engage them and the wider community in the development of the Cultural Strategy as it progresses. The full list of groups can be found in Appendix C, and we are working on contacting these groups.

Visual Identity

From the responses there is a need to better promote and market the town centre and articulate sources of pride. We believe that these are the key drivers for creating a bespoke graphic identity for the town centre.

We've learnt from multiple questions that there is a strong sense of pride surrounding the community and diversity of North Finchley. However the data suggests that for many there is a feeling of a lack of an identity for the town centre, and the quantity of no responses also suggests this. Only a few respondents suggested historical references when prompted about the areas identity, suggesting the visual identity will need to take inspiration from current sources of pride and provide the area something new that expresses and differentiates North Finchley Town Centre.

The visual identity will be developed with local people in the form of community co-design workshops. As the designs start to take shape there will be consultation with residents and businesses prior to the designs being finalised. In May we will reveal the initial designs to the public at a pop-up event on the High Road and to local organisations through the Town Centre Partnership Board.



Website

Promoting what the town centre has to offer, in terms of businesses, community groups and amenities, is the central aim of the website. The need for revealing all the good things that the town centre has to offer came through strongly in the survey responses.

The existing favourite places for local people are three independent eateries, Artsdepot and Waterstones. Promoting these through a website would help to change perceptions of the town centre. Several local businesses highlighted that they are organising events and activities, but are struggling to promote these widely. The website was seen by these respondents as having the potential to boost the marketing of these activities for the benefit of the community and town centre.

There was a lot of agreement over the functions that a useful town centre website would incorporate. Both the community and business directory could help showcase the existing strengths of North Finchley; its independents, Artdepot and community groups. The website could also act as a place for groups to promote events and for businesses to facilitate events/opportunities that the community comes forward with. These, along with a What's On could help to foster more personal connections within the town centre.

The other most popular features were for Local Information, Resources and Amenities & facilities, all of which we will aim to include within the Website.

Before the website is programmed the designs will be revealed to local people at a pop-up event on the High Road in May to allow feedback on how it looks and how movement around the website functions.

Challenges:

The engagement work thus far has identified some challenges that should be considered when planning future engagement. The 20-34 age range were under represented in the survey, which isn't necessarily surprising, but which needs to be addressed in future outreach. We plan on doing this by pro-actively engaging with groups with young memberships and by using social media to reach younger audiences.

Other projects: Public Realm Design Framework

There is a new project just underway understanding the current and future needs and demands on the public realm and transport network. This project is being undertaken by different consultants and we will pass on all engagement comments to them to inform their work and approach to working with the community.

On the whole there was a lot of demand for the greening of the Town Centre, outdoor seating and better lighting to ensure everyone feels safe. The Tally Ho, Nether Street outside the artsdepot and the stretch of Ballards Lane between the two were identified as opportunity areas. Respondents also mentioned the opportunity raised within the SPD regarding the pedestrianisation of key areas combined with a concentration of cultural activity.

Other projects: Business Support

The businesses surveyed reported that weekdays, particularly earlier in the week are quiet. Ways to encourage more visits during these times were suggested, including special offers and events.

The Council has established a business support programme that will be launching in June 2022. The survey identified a need for help with marketing, which the website will be able to partly address, but we will pass all information to the appointed consultants to ensure that the feedback from local people informs the support given to local businesses.

The questions surrounding activities showed us that there is a general demand for more variety in eating, drinking and shopping. There is the opportunity and audience for a greater range of independently ran food and drink establishments within the area and support is required to attract and help establish these in the town centre.

Other projects: Town Centre Management

Points raised about the cleanliness and appearance of the town centre will be passed to the relevant teams in the Council for their review.

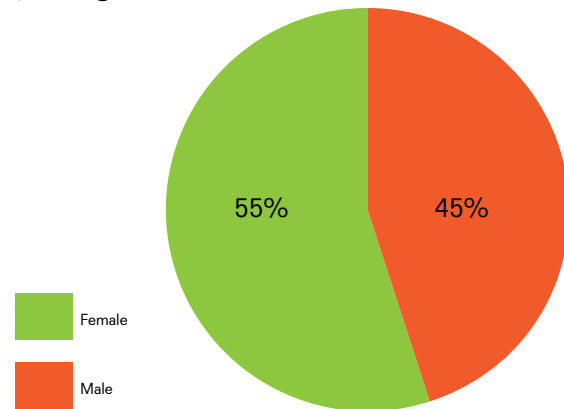
Background

Make-up of respondents

The make-up of the 156 respondents who filled in surveys is summarised on the following pages.

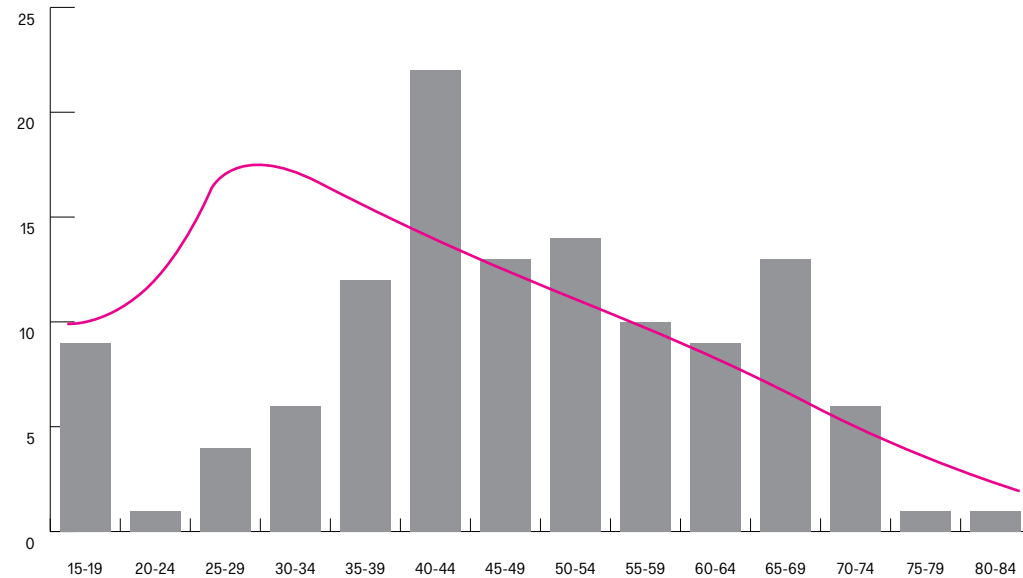
It was decided that rather than presenting multiple choice formats for the answers, that respondents could use their own descriptions. The results paint a more accurate picture of how people would like to describe themselves rather than fitting into narrow definitions. As a result the terminology used is verbatim from the submissions. Wherever possible similar answers have been grouped together.

How would you describe your gender?



By comparison 51.5% of Barnet's population is female (Source: 2011 Census)

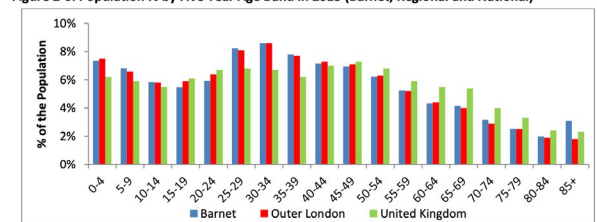
What age are you?



The pink line overlaid on the graph above is taken from the age trends illustrated in Barnet's Population % by Five Year Age Band in 2015 (opposite) Source: GLA.

The overlaid curved identifies that 40-44 age group is over-represented and the age range 20-34 is particularly under-represented in the surveys undertaken. How to reach these groups in future engagement should be considered.

Figure 2-6: Population % by Five Year Age Band in 2015 (Barnet, Regional and National)



Source: GLA 2013 Projections (Preferred Option Projections) (Barnet and Outer London) and ONS Mid-year Projections 2012 (UK)

Do you have a religion or belief, if so what is it?

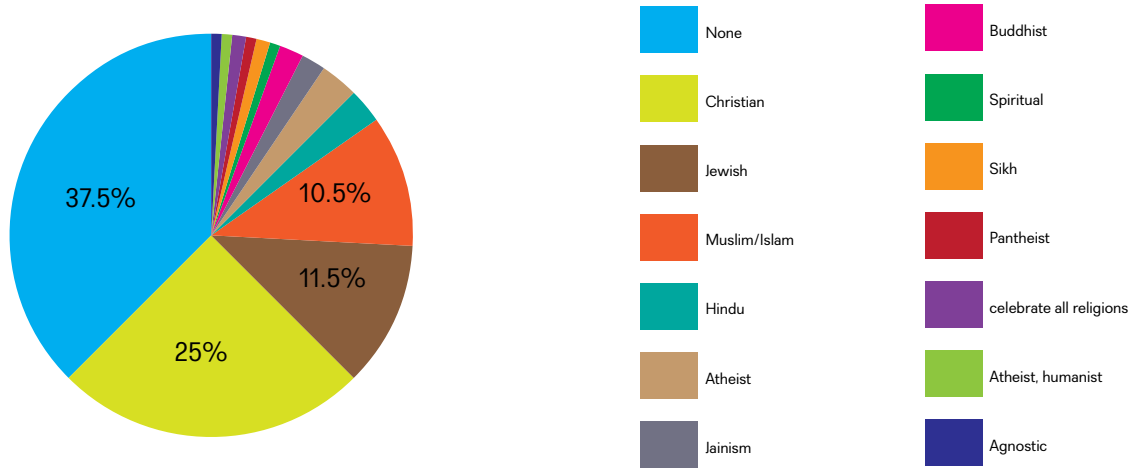
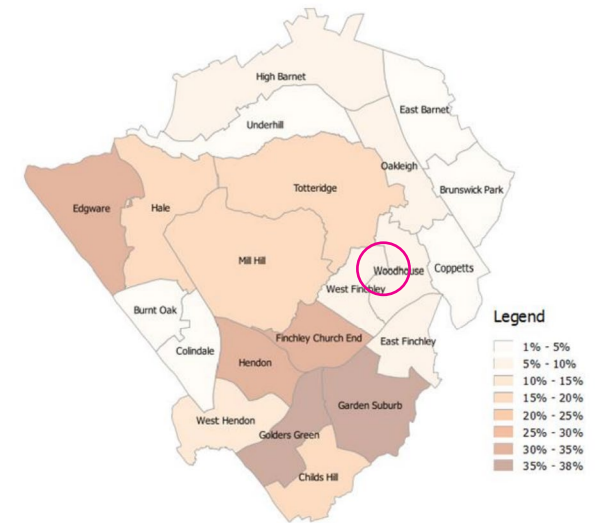
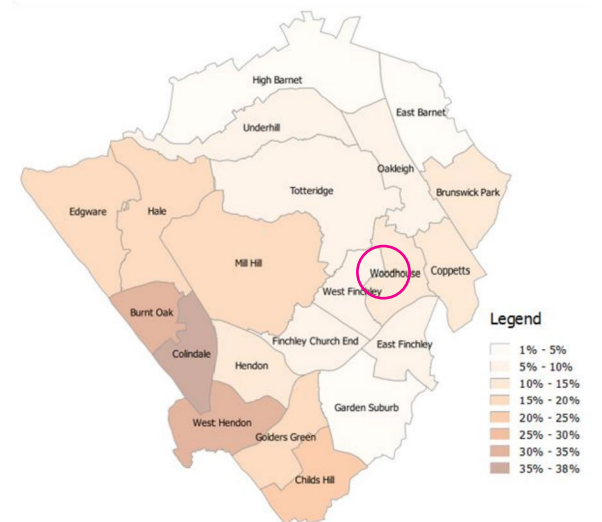


Figure 2-12: Barnet Jewish Population by Ward



Source: 2011 Census

Figure 2-13: Barnet Muslim Population by Ward



The percentage of respondents who identified as Christian is markedly less than in the last Census, shown opposite. It is worth noting that this census data is over 10 years out of date, therefore may not be the most accurate representation at present. Therefore, this discrepancy could be explained by the increase in those answering ‘None’ as when both totals when combined are broadly similar across both datasets (63% and 66%).

Judaism was the second most-mentioned religion, which is reflective of the borough as a whole. Woodhouse ward has a relatively low Jewish population compared to other parts of the borough, which chimes with our results. Similarly the representation of Muslim respondents is very similar to what we would hope to expect based on the statistical evidence for the borough and ward.

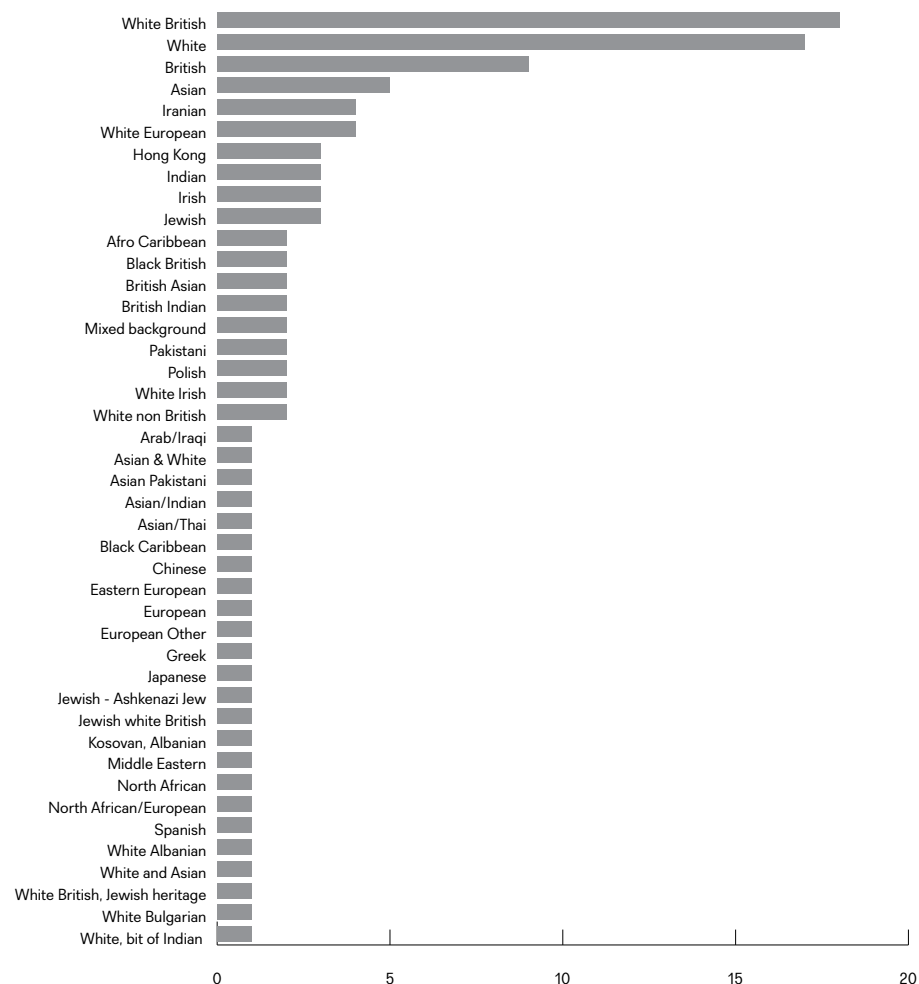
Table 2-10: Population by Religion, 2001 & 2011(Barnet,

Religion	Barnet				
	2001	%	2011	%	% Change
Christian	148,844	47.3%	146,866	41.2%	-6.1%
Buddhist	3,422	1.1%	4,521	1.3%	0.2%
Hindu	21,011	6.7%	21,924	6.2%	-0.5%
Jewish	46,686	14.8%	54,084	15.2%	0.3%
Muslim	19,373	6.2%	36,744	10.3%	4.2%
Sikh	1,113	0.4%	1,269	0.4%	0.0%
Any other religion	3,215	1.0%	3,764	1.1%	0.0%
No religion	40,320	12.8%	57,297	16.1%	3.3%
Religion not stated	30,580	9.7%	29,917	8.4%	-1.3%

Source: 2001 and 2011 Census

What is your ethnicity?

Ethnic origin is not about nationality, place of birth or citizenship. It is about the group to which you perceive you belong



Rather than presenting multiple choice formats for the answers, respondents were able to use their own descriptions for this answer. The results paint a more detailed picture of how people would like to describe themselves rather than fitting into narrow definitions. Therefore a direct comparison with other datasets isn't possible.

Purely for statistical comparison, of the 111 responses to this question, in the region of 40% of responses could be classified as 'Black, Asian and minority ethnic' category below. However this is an over-simplification and is likely to also be an under-estimate.

Note the terminology used is verbatim from the submissions. Wherever possible similar answers have been grouped together.

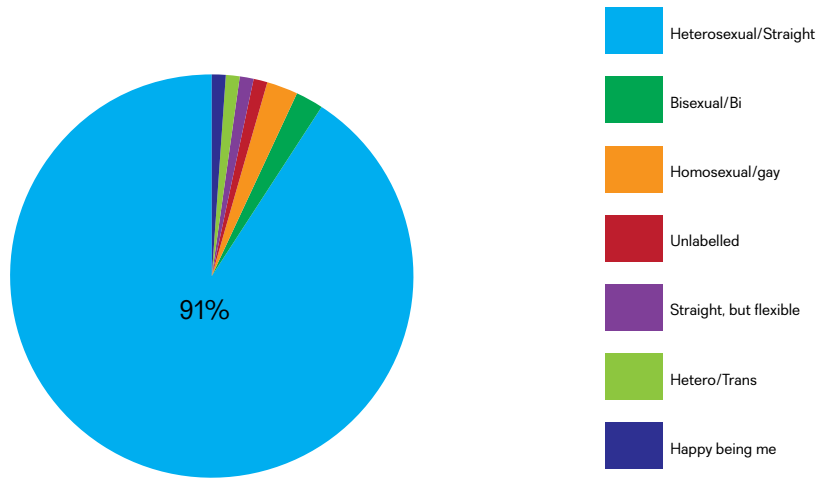
Table 2-8: Population by Ethnicity, 2015 (Barnet and Regional)

Ethnicity	Barnet		Outer London	
	No. of People	% of Population	No. of People	% of Population
All Ethnicities	367,264	100.0%	5,236,869	100.0%
White	225,192	61.3%	3,028,406	57.8%
Black, Asian and Minority	142,076	38.7%	2,208,463	42.2%
Other Asian	34,296	9.3%	420,406	8.0%
Indian	27,530	7.5%	466,540	8.9%
Other	25,916	7.1%	249,337	4.8%
Black African	21,174	5.8%	353,533	6.8%
Black Other	11,588	3.2%	217,968	4.2%
Chinese	8,804	2.4%	65,236	1.2%
Pakistani	5,699	1.6%	187,598	3.6%
Black Caribbean	4,615	1.3%	178,809	3.4%
Bangladeshi	2,454	0.7%	69,036	1.3%

Source: GLA Projections 2013 (Preferred Option Projections)

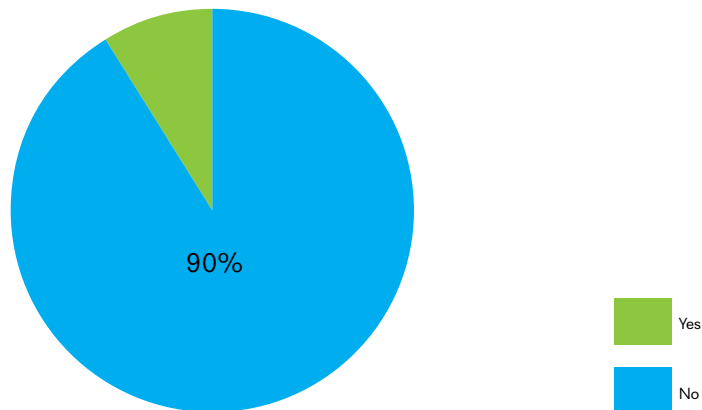
In comparison to Barnet's statistical and geographical neighbours, Barnet has a relatively low Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic population (39%); whereas 66% of Brent's population are Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic.

How would describe your sexual orientation?



There is no comparable data for Barnet. Looking nationally, the proportion of the UK population aged 16 years and over identifying as heterosexual or straight decreased from 95.3% in 2014 to 94.6% in 2018. (source: Office for National Statistics). Our result is characteristic of this downward trend.

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



There is no comparable data for Barnet, however the 2011 Census did report on statistics related to those 'Whose Activity is 'Limited a lot or a little''. Across all age ranges the percentage of the population for whom this applied was 12.6% (male) 15.4% (female). Given the different questions, our responses appear similar to what would be expected.

Appendices

Appendix A- Character

Notable Places

Please name up to five notable places in North Finchley Town Centre?

Two Mentions:

Ai Sushi
Ari Food Centre
Bank
Car Park
Charity Shops
Finchley Catholic
Greggs
Istanbul Restaurant
Nandos
Natwest
Pubs

Pita Time
River Island
Sadly I Cannot Name One
Sams Chicken
Savers
St Albans Rc Church
Stitch In Time
Sushi Mania
Robert Dyas
The High Road
The Library Monument
The Sea Rock
The Tilted Glass
The Torrington Arms
Toolans
Torrington Hospital
Trinity Church
Victoria Park
War Memorial Lodge Lane
War Memorial Near Waitrose
Warehouse
West Finchley Station
Wh Smith
Woodhouse
Woolworths
Wren Academy
Yoganrayan News

Single mentions:

Apollo Bakery
Argos
Awesome Thai
Bella Mia
Bhf Furniture Shop
Catholic
Cex
Charles Sampson Pharmacy
Church Way
Dalartista
Deelight
Enjoy Cafe
Ethni Food Shops
Finchley Liberal Synagogue
Finchley Park
Finchley Reform Synagogue
Fish Shop
Friern Park
Genoise Cafe
Gym At Tally Ho
High Road
Hollywood Bowl
Jaki
Japanese Super Market
Joie De Vivre
Kidz Escape
Leisure & Entertainment
Lodge Lane Carpark
Lodge Lane Post Depot
Mangos Indian Restaurant
Mk'S Deli
Mosshall School
Nail Art
Nikki Ditrolio Pilates
Nippon
Non Essential Shops
Old Homebase Site
Finishing Touches
Swan Park

Favourite Spots

What are your three favourite spots in North Finchley Town Centre

Single mentions:

Arts Depot Cafe
Banks
Baroque Salon
Boots
Brazilian Shop On Woodhouse Road
Cuphall Center
Dalatista
Darland'S Lake Nature Reserve
Delight Café
East Side Of High Road From Friern Park
To Sainsbury'S
Enjoy Cafe
Finchley Golfclub
Finchley Reform Synagogue
Finishing Touches
Fish Monger
Friern Park
Gene Pose Coffee Shop
Greek Bakery
Holland And Barret
I Don'T Have Any
Independent Cafes
Independent Restaurants
Local Shops
Lodge Lane Carpark, To Play!
Lodge Lane Market
M'S Place
Mosque (Finchley Masjid)
Nandos
Nippon Izakaya Restaurant
North Finchley Bus Station
Not Sure
Outside The Bohemia, (but only because it's the only place you can truly sit outside)
Pandaberry Caribbean Restaurant And
Jerk Centre.
Park Bythe Stream
Pita Time
Pubs & Restaurants
Robert Dyas
Small Italian Coffee Shop Next To Argos
St Albans Church
The Searock
Trinity Church Centre
Vas Barbers
Vero In Woodside Park
Vue Cinema
Wagamama
Wok Chinese Restaurant
Woodside Park Area
Xian

Community heart

Where would you go to find a strong sense of community in North Finchley?

Single mentions:

Arts Against Knives
Bella Mia
Church Hall Classes
Clubs
Enjoy Cafe
Fishmonger
Friary Park
Homeless Centre
Il Funghetto
Istanbul
North Finchley Bus Station
North London Hospice
Restaurants
Singing Groups
Stitching Bitches
Swan Lane
Vas Barbers
Waitrose
Woodberry Grove, Way And Gardens
Woodhouse Allotments

Distinctiveness

In your opinion what makes North Finchley distinct to other areas in Finchley and Barnet?

No Pedestrianised Area
Historic Buildings
Good Schools
More Residential In Feel
Big Supermarkets

Appendix B - Wayfinding

Places to wayfind to

Please name up to five places in North Finchley that would benefit from being more clearly signposted to from the town centre

Single mentions:

ATM Machine
Barnet Open Space Walk
Boots
Brook Side Walk N12
Central London
Church End
Council Support Location
Darlands Walk
Dollis Brook Walk
East Barnet,
East Finchley
Finchley Football Club
Fitness/ Wellbeing Centres
Food Bank
Friern Park
Glebelands Green Space
Green Belt Walks In Woodside Park
Hospitals, Including Finchley Memorial
Job Centre
John Parr Memorial
Lidl Entrance
Muswell Hill
North Circular Road
Petrol
Public Loo
Tommy Statue
Trinity Church
Bookstore
Coppets Wood
David Lloyd's
M&S
North Middlesex Golf Club
Powerleague By The Recycling Centre
The Memorial Hospital
Wingate And Finchley Football Club
Wren Academy
Whetstone
Woodhouse College

Places to wayfind from

Outside of the town centre, please name up to five places that should have better signposting to North Finchley Town Centre

Single mentions:

Airport
Along Friern Barnet Road
Arnos Grove
Dollis Brook Walk (Whetstone - Finchley Central Section)
Edgware
Finchley Catholic (Whetstone Housing Area)
Finchley Road
Friern Park
Golders Green
Hospital
Parks
Schools
Vue Complex
Waitrose
Brent Cross
Dollis Hill
Finchley Memorial Hospital
Islington & St Pancras Cemetery
New Southgate Station
Oakleigh Park School Of Swimming
Percy Road Play Area
Riverside Park
Summers Lane Refuse Centre
Totteridge And Whetstone Tube Station

Appendix C - Opportunities

Focus areas

Can you suggest up to two locations where by making small changes we could create a big difference to how people use and enjoy the town centre?

All responses, verbatim, categorised.

Tally Ho Corner

- Area in the middle by tally Ho pub.
- area outside Tally Ho. More planting/ greenspaces
- Clean up tally ho corner
- clean up tally ho triangle
- outside pub
- remove pigeons, signs to not feed them
- replace the xmas tree by tally ho
- seats by tally ho
- tally ho corner
- tally ho corner
- Tally Ho Corner
- tally ho corner, pigeons, needs cleaning
- The alleyway at the triangle, and in that area
- The area between Tally ho corner and the arts depot
- The area near Tally ho pub where the road splits
- The area outside the wetherspoons pub. Some benches and loads of pigeons, could be a nice area with stalls or trees or something
- the benches outside tally ho
- The one way around tally ho doesn't feel good to walk around
- The triangle near Tally Ho.

Pedestrianise Tally Ho corner

- Pedestrianise Tally Ho corner
- Pedestrianise Tally Ho corner
- Pedestrianised town centre around Tally Ho

- Remove the triangle (effectively a roundabout) of traffic around Tally Ho so that one side becomes pedestrianised..
- tally ho corner (pedestrianisation)
- Close off one side of Tally Ho and make it a piazza, like Trafalga Square. However, the West side of Tally Ho is a wind tunnel so that might be hard. Plus the shops there are low end and so not likely to attract spending power.

Artsdepot

- artdepot, needs improving
- Arts depot
- Arts Depot expanded & made better use of by all community
- Arts Depot open as a community space
- artsdepot
- artsdepot
- artsdepot
- Creating a cultural quarter around artsdepot
- make arts centre more accessible with more cultural activities, cinema dancing etc.
- Not a small change but make the Arts Depot much better and more welcoming.
- Redesign Artsdepot foyer cafe with outside dining (windbreaks needed!) to tempt people in.

Nether Street outside artsdepot

- 'Town Square' with benches etc outside Arts Depot
- Area around arts depot
- Area around the arts depot .. places to sit , more green
- Artsdepot could be expanded into surrounding area to create a sense of a public, arts orientated space
- create a pleasant pedestrian area near artsdepot
- Somehow solve the wind tunnel issue around and updat the grand arcade / tally ho corner
- The area between Tally ho corner and the arts

depot

- The place next to Aldi
- walkway from ballards lane to the high rd is dangerous and windy. Pedestrianisation

Empty Retail Units

- 4 empty shops, between barclays and Sainsbury's need to be taken over by the council, become community centre
- disused shops
- Empty shops - pop up spaces
- Encourage Pop Up shops in empty premises
- former romanian charity shops (2) are an eyesore
- Get empty retail units filled...
- shops near Sainsbury's
- solve problems with empty shops,

Mix of Retail/Uses

- More independent shops
- Better shops
- more clothes shops, e.g. next, h&M
- allow fewer convenience shops
- Remove betting shops
- A few more business venues off the main road e.g. Nether Street
- add more restaurants

Specific External Spaces

- Area around Woodside Park Station
- area between market to town centre,
- Area outside Sainsbury's
- opposite poundland
- outside starbucks
- The playground by Northside primary school
- The place next to Tuck in cafe
- friary park
- The place next to Tuck in café

Woodhouse Road

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- Woodhouse road
- Woodhouse Road as it meets the High Road and the corners by this.

Old Post Office

- the old post office as it is set back,
- old post office

Grand Arcade

- grand arcade could be better
- Grand Arcade
- Grand Arcade
- Grand arcade - beautiful indoor parade
- Refurb Grand Parade and turn it into a community resource
- Revisit the presence of Ten Grand Arcade - It is under-used and looks dark and uninviting in places.
- the arcade
- The arcade
- the arcade
- The old arcade could be so much nicer

Library

- north finchley library
- library could be better
- bring back the library
- lengthen library open hours not just self serve
- North Finchley Library
- library could be refurbished

Bus Station

- Clean the windows at Bus Station
- bus garage
- bus garage
- bus terminal
- relocate bus garage

McDonalds

- outside mcdonalds, ban men wearing motorcycle helmets,
- give mcdonalds scooters a space
- move scooters from mcdonalods to less intrusive point. It's intimidating

Highways/Transport

- taking away the street parking
- The traffic is so heavy. Widen the pavement. Allow more restaurants. Cafe
- better bus connections
- Get rid of all the terrible traffic
- Get rid of the one way traffic system
- High road
- The high road
- Make more pedestrian crossings
- Make the area between lodge lane car park and Sainsbury's less traffic heavy
- Pedestrian crossings and in good locations but cares frequently don't stop when it is red outside Sainsbury's
- reduce 2 lanes to 1 from mayfield ave

Parking

- easier parking for older people, make it easier to pay
- free Sat parking
- Put barriers in to stop people parking in double yellow spots immediately off the high road (e.g. Percy Road). They are a nuisance to drivers and a danger to pedestrians. If you put in cameras, that would solve the problem immediately and would generate some money.
- Lodge lane car park
- Lodge Lane car park
- The car park behind Starbucks really needs redesigned for better access and more spaces

Cycling

- cycle lanes
- better bike lanes
- far better cycling / pedestrian

Public space

- somewhere people can sit outside, there's no central park, garden, seating area
- generate a seating area that is maintained and well lit
- increase pavement size to allow more cafes/restaurants to seat people outdoors
- anything to allow more outdoor spaces
- More pavement seating
- A piazza / eating area but where!

General Town Centre Improvements

- Reduce shop pavement clutter
- More pavement seating
- colour scheme from beginning to end and decoration/ lighting
- Restricting Traders taking up pavement space to allow adequate pedestrian access along the High Road.
- The street environment generally.
- market
- market could be made a bigger event
- a better place for the market which is visible
- central market space (not lodge lane carpark)
- farmers market
- Have a proper farmers market on Lodge Lane car park. Something akin to Borough Market.

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- improve the market, maybe extend it to a Sunday farmers market
- make market more attractive, tidier stalls etc.
- market needs to be more organised and seller
- Market revitalised
- The market area could be expanded to include food.
- upgraded market

Greening

- Make the area between lodge lane car park and Sainsbury's more green so that people can sit at cafes outside
- more green spaces, plants, trees
- greener areas
- more trees on pavements, residents encouraged to keep hedges/ front gardens with council tax discount, even if only £50
- More green planters along roadside which could include loops to lock bikes.
- more greenery, anywhere
- more greenery and planters,
- More plants, trees, parks & open spaces
- More green space where there are car parks - with places for young & old people to sit
- More green planters along roadside which could include loops to lock bikes.
- More green space
- lodge lane carpark reduced to create green space, community square with coffee shops, children play areas,

Town Centre Cleaning

- Jet washing the pavements
- "clean up end of and area round Percy road needs some enforcement"

- clean up litter
- cleaner pavements
- generally clean up, fix pavements,
- area needs cleaning
- cleaner streets - there is litter everywhere
- Cleaning the shop facias

Former Homebase

- The old Homebase site
- Would highly recommend for a new shopping centre to be built where Homebase currently is closed down in north Finchley
- home base, make it an open space, no more flats

Lodge Lane Car Park

- Lodge Lane car park
- Lodge lane car park

Internal Places

- changes to the lido (cleaner/community safety)
- The Malt and Hops pub
- police station
- churches
- the bohemia
- international food court

Other

better air quality (like hampstead)

- facilities for single people
- community centre for young kids and adults
- It would make a huge change to bring in another GP surgery.
- more police patrolling along the Dollis Valley walk (yobs) and Regent Close (drug activity)
- people need to love the town centre more

Appendix C - Opportunities

Creative & community life

Do you have any ideas of how to increase the creative, cultural or community life of the town centre?

Single mentions:

activities for different age groups
Affordable spaces for start-ups
Bike hub
Celebrate football and rugby clubs
Comedy
Dance festival
Food festival
Karaoke
literature festival
Longer restaurant opening hours
More cultural shops/areas
Nicer cafes
Pottery place
Reduced business rates
Skate park
Swimming pool

Creative & community life

Are you part of, or do you know any local artists, cultural organisations or community groups that could be interested in participating and activating the town centre in different ways?

All suggestions:

- A line Art
- Arts depot
- Barnet and Southgate College
- Barnet Mencap
- Barnet Wind Band
- Better Streets for Barnet
- Breeze Barnet
- choral society
- community barnet charity
- dwight school
- Fairplay barnet
- Finchley Art Society
- Finchley Chamber Choir
- Finchley chamber music
- Finchley Choral Society
- finchley community magazine is a good resource
- Finchley Symphony Orchestra
- goodgym barnet
- Grahame Park Colindale hosts Shared Enterprise.
- hope north london church
- I am a musician, so me!
- I am really interested in participating and activating this town centre.
- I have good ideas always, art is a hobby
- I teach music and happy to be involved if something appropriate
- I work at Barnet and Southgate College and would be interested helping in projects or even getting students involved
- I would like to help rejuvenate empty shop units
- I would welcome an opportunity to host a bi-monthly craft fair
- I'm part of Breeze Barnet that promotes women's cycling in the area
- local synagogues
- Lodge lane N12 Residents Association
- mosque
- mosshall school,
- My background is in theatre / immersive / interactive family sessions and I would be able to discuss this
- My husband, (with lots of experience) could be approached to run a fun choir
- N12 Artists
- NF fest,
- Ravensdale Residents Association
- resources for austim
- Rock Choir
- St Barnabas Church
- St Michael's School
- the big choir - a local fundraising choir
- The Catering Club on Facebook has links to food trucks / restaurants etc
- Woodgrange Community Group N12
- Woodhouse Allotments,
- Woodhouse College has some brilliant musicians

Appendix C - Opportunities

Business support for events

If there were events or initiatives set up by the Council, would your business be interested in taking part? i.e., hosting activities, or pieces of art etc?

All responses:

- Yes
- Yes - hosting, promoting, creating, that's what we do :)
- Yes, we have participated in the past like in the Finchley Music Festival. We will be doing something with Lodge Lane residents as part of the Jubilee celebration"
- Yes absolutely, however we are obviously a business and there needs to be a promotional element that we would benefit from by doing this
- I am happy to develop English and Math exercises/ quizzes for the website for kids to do. I can also encourage our local kids to write about the high street, what is happening in the town centre from from a child's perspective. I have contacts with all the primary schools in the area and can facilitate this.
- I don't know, will have to assess depending on the activity and my schedule
- Yes, happy to take part in activities
- No
- I have to see first, it depends
- Yes, I have an amazing studio with a lot to offer to the local community and would be happy to host activities as this will also promote what I do. I am also happy to host things like afternoon networking events because it will help promote my business as well.
- Absolutely - my pub is always open for everyone, I would love to also collaborate with the book club (or set up a book club?)
- Yes, we are open to this idea
- For now no because we don't have enough staff
- Of course, why not
- Possible as an option
- N/A
- Yes of course
- Not possible for me, for example issues around electrical generator or there are hygiene reasons around food
- Maybe, but it depends on the owner of the business
- N/A
- I am not sure, depends on what it is and timings
- I would like to but I don't have the time
- N/A

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