

**Consultation on
Lambeth's Pollinator Action Plan**

**Consultation Report
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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Lambeth Council is committed to helping to conserve the UK's pollinators by ensuring the council will consider the needs of pollinators in the delivery of its duties and work. Lambeth will seek to protect and enhance the amount and quality of pollinator habitat and manage our green spaces to provide greater benefits for pollinators. We will ensure residents are provided with opportunities to make Lambeth more pollinator friendly and we will actively support the national B-lines project.

Lambeth declared a climate and ecological emergency in 2019 and this Pollinator Action Plan forms one aspect of Lambeth's response to addressing the current global ecological crisis.

The Pollinator Action Plan is a commitment from Lambeth Council. This has been produced to help implement the Government's Pollinator Strategy within the borough and to demonstrate the Council's commitment to helping wild pollinators such as bees, moths and butterflies.

1.2 Our proposals

Our proposals were to:

- Develop plans, policy, and guidance to include the needs of pollinators
- Protect, increase, and enhance the amount of pollinator habitat in Lambeth
- Improve our knowledge and understanding of pollinators in our local area
- Increase awareness of pollinators and their habitat needs among residents, businesses, and other landowners

2. The consultation

2.1 Consultation objectives

2.2 Who we consulted

We consulted with:

- Local residents
- Ward councillors
- Friends of parks groups

2.3 When we consulted

We consulted between 1 March and 11 April 2021

2.4 How we consulted

2.4.1 Press activity

There was no press activity to support this consultation.

2.4.2 Digital activity

People wishing to give their views were invited to do so by completing an online questionnaire based on the draft action plan. This was promoted via email distribution lists as well via the Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

2.4.3 Print activity

There was no print activity to support this consultation.

2.4.4 Event activity

There was no event activity to support this consultation.

3. Responses from members of the public

105 people responded to the survey.

3.1 Summary of results

Q1 Please tell us what you think about our aim to develop plans, policy, and guidance to include the needs of pollinators

74 people provided specific answers to this question. Of these, the majority (72) were in favour:

'very pleased to know you are taking this seriously'

'absolutely fully support, long overdue, London isn't just for humans'

'it's wonderful but also essential, our whole ecosystem depends on the survival of the pollinators'

Some people felt that it could go further

'It's great but could go further. It should incorporate the vast wealth of residential streets we have which unfortunately are home to a great deal of impermeable surface, a lot of which is given over to car-parking.'

'All sounds good. But not enough policy based stuff. Nothing about imposing on new developments necessity to provide nectar rich planting. More emphasis on native, UK grown peat free grown plants please. Good reference to B Lines but more detail needed about linkages eg will this be via raingardens, vertical gardens as well as parks, private gardens etc.'

Q2 Please tell us what you think about our aim to protect, increase, and enhance the amount of pollinator habitat in Lambeth

96 people provided specific answers to this question. Of these, the majority (87) were in favour:

'I appreciated the aims felt they were achievable and consistent.'

'Also wonderful. We'll all benefit not just because of the improvements to pollination but also because our environment will look and feel so much better.'

'pollinators are under threat, so anything to protect those are very welcome.'

There were some specific suggestions:

'Good - needs to be backed up with specific plans for each green space and joining them up with things like tree and shrub planting between them'

'Again very good, but you must teach the landscape workers that not all plants are not weeds or when they mow the grass they don't mow everything in sight.'

Q3 Please tell us what you think about our aim to improve our knowledge and understanding of pollinators in our local area.

94 people provided specific answers to this question. Of these, the majority (87) were in favour:

'I feel this is very important and glad to hear this is included. More people need a greater understanding of how pesticides affect the nature around them.'

'This knowledge and understanding is essential to improving pollinators habitat as well as to educating the public. You have to know what you're dealing with.'

'Really good and I think it would be helpful to share this knowledge and understanding with residents so that we can all work together to help make Lambeth a pollinator friendly environment.'

Some people felt it did not go far enough:

'The plan is supported, however, I would like to see more concrete action on how the improvement of knowledge can be shared with communities (e.g. school curriculum/ website/ campaigns/ social media?)'

Q4 Please tell us what you think our aim to increase awareness of pollinators and their habitat needs among residents, businesses, and other landowners.

97 people provided specific answers to this question. Of these, the majority (88) were in favour:

'Yes, great aim. Leading by example, and with interpretation would be really helpful.'

'Brilliant and essential. Too many people still see 'bugs' as something to fear and destroy.'

'Residents, businesses etc need to understand that they too can benefit from this'

Other suggestions included:

'Open days/talks at the local parks to promote pollinators and also encouraging households to have pollinator friendly habitats in their gardens.'

'I think you need to hone in on businesses first to get them to promote the protection of pollinators through their products.'

Q5 Please tell us what you think our aim to increase the contribution to pollinator conservation of land managed by Lambeth.

93 people provided specific answers to this question. Of these, the majority (80) were in favour:

'Very important and seeing more of this take place will encourage other land managers to make these changes.'

'good idea. There is lots of unused space which could be used to not only improve pollinator habitat but also make it look nicer! Rooftops, railway, pavements, parks, spaces between buildings could all be used.'

'I think this is good as Lambeth should be setting an example and raising the profile. All part of a plan to have a greener Lambeth and London.'

Lambeth's role as a co-ordinator was stressed by some:

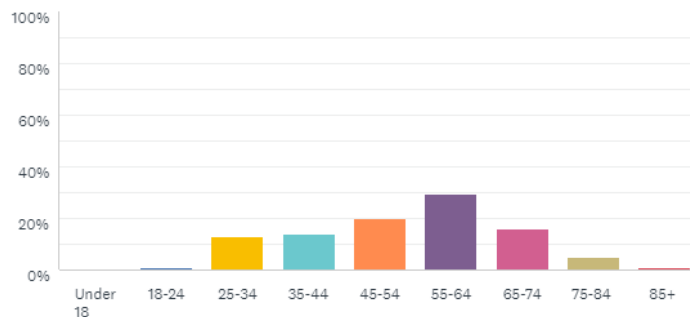
'Good to see you thinking about it but need to coordinate with other departments to ensure habitats that already exist are enhanced and not destroyed'.

3.2 Summary of demographics

Age

Which age group applies to you?

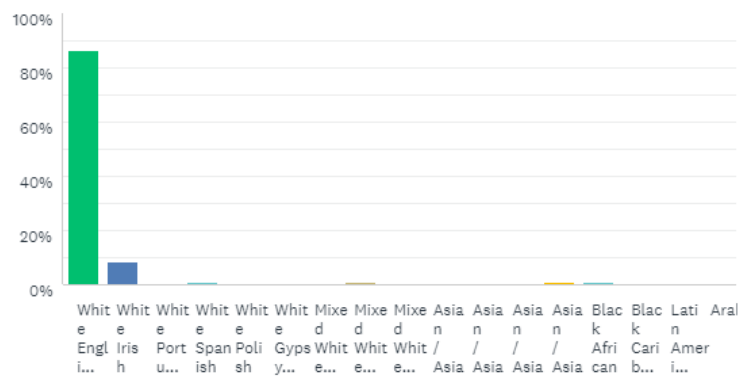
Answered: 99 Skipped: 6



Ethnicity

What is your ethnic group?

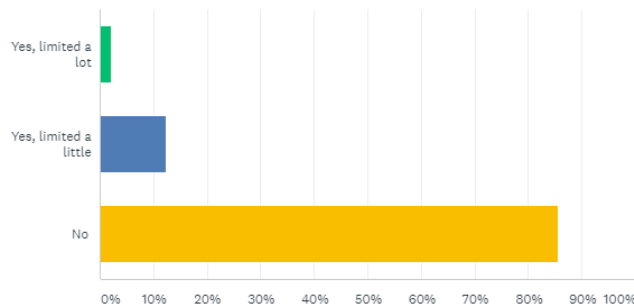
Answered: 83 Skipped: 22



Disability

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? Please include problems related to old age

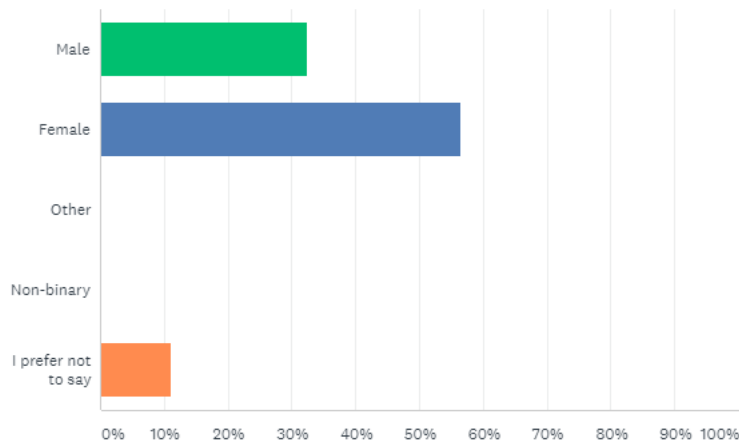
Answered: 97 Skipped: 8



Gender identity

What is your sex or gender identity?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 6



3.3 Additional comments

83 people provided comments.

A number of respondents stressed the need for wide community involvement:

‘Engage extensively with local groups so we can get as many people involved as possible!’

‘A public education plan on the importance of pollinators would be a good start. It’s essential to get people on board. Working with schools could help.’

‘I think you need to engage with teenagers. I believe future jobs will be more involved with conservation, protecting and developing outdoor spaces.’

Others expressed concern about the use of pesticides:

‘Can we please ensure NO use of pesticides in the borough and BAN sale of high risk pesticides from all shops.’

4. Responses from statutory bodies and other stakeholders

None from statutory bodies. Responses from stakeholders formed part of the pre-consultation engagement and public consultation and have been largely incorporated into the final version.

5. Next steps

We will update the Pollinator Action plan to take account of comments received during the consultation and will publish a final version online by August 2021. Parks and Leisure services will lead on implementing the Action Plan and will review it annually, engaging with other Lambeth teams and external partners to develop the Plan and hopefully widen its scope and impact further.