

HOUSEHOLD SURVEY 2016/17

Appendix 7

Q5 Community Safety

Q5 : How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement “I feel safer in NK compared to 12 months ago”

KEY FINDINGS

• Context

- The results to this question need to be seen both in the context of North Kesteven having the lowest overall crime rate in England for each of the last three years; and in terms of the question itself in terms of agreement or otherwise with the statement “I feel safer in NK compared to 12 months ago”

• Overall

- Some 80% of respondents responded neutrally - neither agree nor disagree – inferring they felt no less safe than 12 months ago. Just under 10% felt safer than 12 months ago with an almost identical amount feeling less safe. The initial analysis however will follow the model used for other questions and address those who actively answered negatively or positively to the question as asked. The analysis has generated a number of somewhat surprising findings

• Demographics

- The age weighted response showed a very small movement (0.2%) towards positive sentiment.
- The Over 75s and 16-24s were the most positive of all age groups (interestingly these were the groups who reported the lowest personal wellbeing in an earlier question). All the 25-64 groups had an overall negative balance.
- In terms of Gender males had a slightly higher positive balance than females. Those reporting a disability also had a positive net result as compared with those who do not. Again an interesting contrast with the wellbeing results.
- Ethnicity provides a somewhat surprising result. The numbers are reflective of the district profile, however remain small and thus have been aggregated to White British; Other White background; and All Other Ethnic Groups. The latter has the most positive response of any group with a new positive balance of 13.5% as compared to the -0.1% overall, and the -0.2% for the White British group; the net figure for the Other White background was evenly split at 0.0%

• Wards

- Again provide some unexpected results. Ward results ranged from a net positive of 17.8% in Billingham, Martin and South Kyme, to a net negative of -9.8% in Skellingthorpe. Sleaford Castle, the most deprived ward in the district in the 2015 index of deprivation, ranked 2nd highest with an 11% net positive. The ward results may be in part explained by the comments made by those who disagreed / strongly disagreed.

• Comments

- 302 residents (all disagreeing / strongly disagreeing) added a comment, although 16 of these were to say that they actually felt as safe or safer than 12 months ago – these 16 remain counted in the disagree / strongly disagree figures in the document. However of the remaining 285; 3 core categories account for 246 (over 85%) of responses
 - 143 respondents, just over 50%, highlighted street lighting being turned out at night
 - 54 respondents, 19.0%, highlighted perceptions / victim of crime and / or ASB
 - 49 respondents, 17.5%, highlighted lack of visible police presence

Q5: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement : “I feel safer in NK compared to 12 months ago?”

Total Respondents : 3296 : Raw Data Summary				
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
65	257	2655	281	38
2.0%	7.8%	80.6%	8.5%	1.2%
9.8%			9.7%	
NET DIFFERENCE -0.1% (Positives minus Negatives)				

Total Respondents : 3296 : Age Weighted Data Summary				
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
2.2%	7.3%	80.8%	8.0%	1.7%
9.5%			9.7%	
NET DIFFERENCE 0.2% (Positives minus Negatives)				

AGE GROUP BREAKDOWN											
Group	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		NET
16-24	1	1.2%	2	2.4%	69	84.1%	5	6.1%	5	6.1%	8.5%
25-34	9	4.8%	13	7.0%	145	77.5%	14	7.5%	6	3.2%	-1.1%
35-44	11	3.0%	34	9.2%	310	84.2%	13	3.5%	0	0.0%	-8.7%
45-54	13	2.0%	53	8.3%	532	83.1%	38	5.9%	4	0.6%	-3.8%
55-64	12	1.7%	74	10.4%	570	79.9%	54	7.6%	3	0.4%	-4.1%
65-74	12	1.4%	54	6.4%	675	79.7%	94	11.1%	12	1.4%	4.7%
Over 75	2	0.6%	17	5.0%	254	74.9%	58	17.1%	8	2.4%	13.9%
	60	1.9%	247	7.8%	2555	80.4%	276	8.7%	38	1.2%	0.2%

Q5: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement : “I feel safer in NK compared to 12 months ago?”

GENDER BREAKDOWN											
Gender	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		NET
Female	29	2.0%	102	7.0%	1187	81.9%	116	8.0%	16	1.1%	0.1%
Male	31	1.8%	142	8.3%	1356	79.3%	158	9.2%	22	1.3%	0.4%
Total	60	1.9%	244	7.7%	2543	80.5%	274	8.7%	38	1.2%	0.3%

DO YOU HAVE ANY LONGSTANDING ILLNESS, DISABILITY OR INFIRMITY											
	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		NET
No	46	1.9%	180	7.5%	1977	81.9%	184	7.6%	28	1.2%	-0.6%
Yes	19	2.2%	74	8.7%	655	77.1%	92	10.8%	10	1.2%	1.1%
Total	65	2.0%	254	7.8%	2632	80.6%	276	8.5%	38	1.2%	-0.2%

RESIDENCY in NK (Years)											
Yrs	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		NET
0 to 5	13	2.6%	37	7.3%	327	64.2%	38	7.5%	6	1.2%	-1.2%
6 to 10	9	2.1%	40	9.5%	330	78.4%	44	10.5%	9	2.1%	1.0%
11 to 20	18	2.3%	71	9.1%	625	79.9%	59	7.5%	8	1.0%	-2.8%
21 to 30	10	2.1%	50	10.6%	379	80.3%	30	6.4%	3	0.6%	-5.7%
31 to 40	5	1.7%	26	8.8%	237	80.6%	22	7.5%	4	1.4%	-1.7%
> 40	8	1.9%	23	5.3%	390	90.3%	47	10.9%	7	1.6%	5.3%
ALL	63	2.2%	247	8.6%	2288	79.6%	240	8.3%	37	1.3%	-1.1%

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The table below shows the results to this question by ethnicity. Although the overall response to the question was representative of the district ethnicity profile the numbers in the non-white ethnic groups are extremely low. As such they have been aggregated into any other white background (42 respondents) and all other ethnic groups (37 respondents)

	Strongly disagree		Disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Agree		Strongly agree		-ve	+ve	Net
White: English/Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British	63	2.0%	245	7.8%	2528	80.6%	266	8.5%	35	1.1%	9.8%	9.6%	-0.2%
Any other White background	0	0.0%	4	9.5%	34	81.0%	1	2.4%	3	7.1%	9.5%	9.5%	0.0%
All other ethnic groups	0	0.0%	1	2.7%	30	81.1%	6	16.2%	0	0.0%	2.7%	16.2%	13.5%
Ethnicity not stated	2	2.5%	7	8.8%	63	78.8%	8	10.0%	0	0.0%	11.3%	10.0%	-1.3%
TOTAL	65	2.0%	257	7.8%	2655	80.6%	281	8.5%	38	1.2%	9.8%	9.7%	-0.1%

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WARD	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	-ve	+ve	Net
Billingham, Martin and North Kyme	2.0%	4.0%	70.3%	21.8%	2.0%	5.9%	23.8%	17.8%
Sleaford Castle	3.2%	6.3%	69.8%	14.3%	6.3%	9.5%	20.6%	11.1%
Branston	0.8%	5.1%	81.4%	8.5%	4.2%	5.9%	12.7%	6.8%
Leasingham and Rauceby	1.2%	7.1%	77.6%	12.9%	1.2%	8.2%	14.1%	5.9%
Ashby de la Launde and Cranwell	1.6%	2.5%	86.1%	9.8%	0.0%	4.1%	9.8%	5.7%
North Hykeham Witham	3.8%	10.1%	67.1%	19.0%	0.0%	13.9%	19.0%	5.1%
Bracebridge Heath and Waddington East	0.5%	5.2%	84.0%	9.4%	0.9%	5.7%	10.4%	4.7%
Cliff Villages	0.6%	3.5%	87.1%	6.5%	2.4%	4.1%	8.8%	4.7%
Heckington Rural	0.6%	8.6%	77.8%	13.0%	0.0%	9.3%	13.0%	3.7%
North Hykeham Memorial	3.3%	3.3%	83.3%	8.3%	1.7%	6.7%	10.0%	3.3%
Metheringham	1.4%	5.4%	84.4%	7.5%	1.4%	6.8%	8.8%	2.0%
Eagle, Swinderby and Witham St Hughs	1.6%	5.6%	84.9%	7.1%	0.8%	7.1%	7.9%	0.8%
Ruskington	1.8%	8.4%	79.0%	9.0%	1.8%	10.2%	10.8%	0.6%
North Hykeham Moor	3.4%	6.9%	79.3%	8.6%	1.7%	10.3%	10.3%	0.0%
Sleaford Navigation	2.3%	11.4%	72.7%	11.4%	2.3%	13.6%	13.6%	0.0%
Bassingham and Brant Broughton	1.5%	5.9%	85.9%	6.7%	0.0%	7.4%	6.7%	-0.7%
Sleaford Holdingham	6.3%	9.5%	69.8%	12.7%	1.6%	15.9%	14.3%	-1.6%
Heighington and Washingborough	1.4%	7.3%	84.4%	6.4%	0.5%	8.7%	6.9%	-1.8%
Osournby	1.9%	7.5%	83.0%	7.5%	0.0%	9.4%	7.5%	-1.9%
Kirkby la Thorpe and South Kyme	3.1%	9.2%	80.0%	7.7%	0.0%	12.3%	7.7%	-4.6%
Sleaford Quarrington and Mareham	2.3%	15.0%	71.0%	9.8%	1.9%	17.3%	11.7%	-5.6%
North Hykeham Mill	1.6%	13.1%	76.2%	6.6%	2.5%	14.8%	9.0%	-5.7%
Sleaford Westholme	2.2%	13.0%	78.3%	6.5%	0.0%	15.2%	6.5%	-8.7%
Waddington West	5.1%	7.7%	83.3%	3.8%	0.0%	12.8%	3.8%	-9.0%
North Hykeham Forum	4.9%	11.0%	78.0%	6.1%	0.0%	15.9%	6.1%	-9.8%
Skellingthorpe	6.5%	6.5%	83.7%	3.3%	0.0%	13.0%	3.3%	-9.8%
Ward TOTAL	2.1%	7.5%	80.0%	9.2%	1.2%	9.6%	10.4%	0.8%

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302 of those who disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement added a comment. 16 of these comments stated that the respondent felt as safe or safer than 12 months ago. As such in reality there are 286 negative comments. These are summarised below. The full set of comments by category are then set out in the remainder of this document.

- **Street lighting**
 - **Just over 50% of all comments referenced streetlights being turned off at night.**
 - **This issue was highlighted by 143 of the 285 who commented**
 - **Further demographic analysis may be found on the next page**
- **Perception / victim of crime / ASB**
 - **Highlighted by 54 respondents (19.0%)**
- **Lack of Visible Policing**
 - **49 respondents, 17.3% of comments made, highlighted this as an issue**

The above three groups reflect 246, or over 85%, of the comments made.

The remaining 40 responses covered a variety of areas including

- **Traffic & Parking issues**
- **Immigration**
- **New Housing**
- **Insufficient CCTV**
- **Treatment / attitudes toward the disabled and vulnerable**
- **NHS pressures and service reductions**

Streetlighting Comments

Geography

- 40% of the comments came from residents in the NG34 postcode area (this accounted for around 1/3 of responses to the survey in total)
- 18% of comments (all not just NG34) came from one ward – Sleaford Quarrington & Mareham – and represented 64% of comments from that Ward on the Community Safety question. 7.5% of the total survey responses came from the ward, and the ward itself has 6.4% of the districts age16+ population. To put the ward in further context, it has 3 Lower Super Output Areas, in the 2015 IMD these ranked
 - In the top 15% least deprived LSOAs in the Country overall, with 2 of the 3 in the top 10% least deprived
 - In the , at worst, top 5% least deprived LSOAs nationally for the crime sub domain deprivation indicator; one of the three LSOA ranked in the top 0.5% for this sub indicator

Demographics

- The table below shows the % split by age group for street lighting comments. Concern significantly higher amongst the older demographics; over 45-74s account for 2/3 of comments, and over 55-74s for almost 40%. However only 2.8% of comments from the over 75s. (note table below does not show the 6.3% balance from those who did not state their age group).

16-24	0.7%		
25-34	9.8%		
35-44	13.3%		
45-54	27.3%	67.1%	
55-64	25.2%		39.9%
65-74	14.7%		
Over 75	2.8%		