Late Night Levy Review Consultation – Survey Results

The activity ran from 01/12/2025 to 11/01/2026

Responses to this survey: **41**

1: Who are you responding on behalf of?

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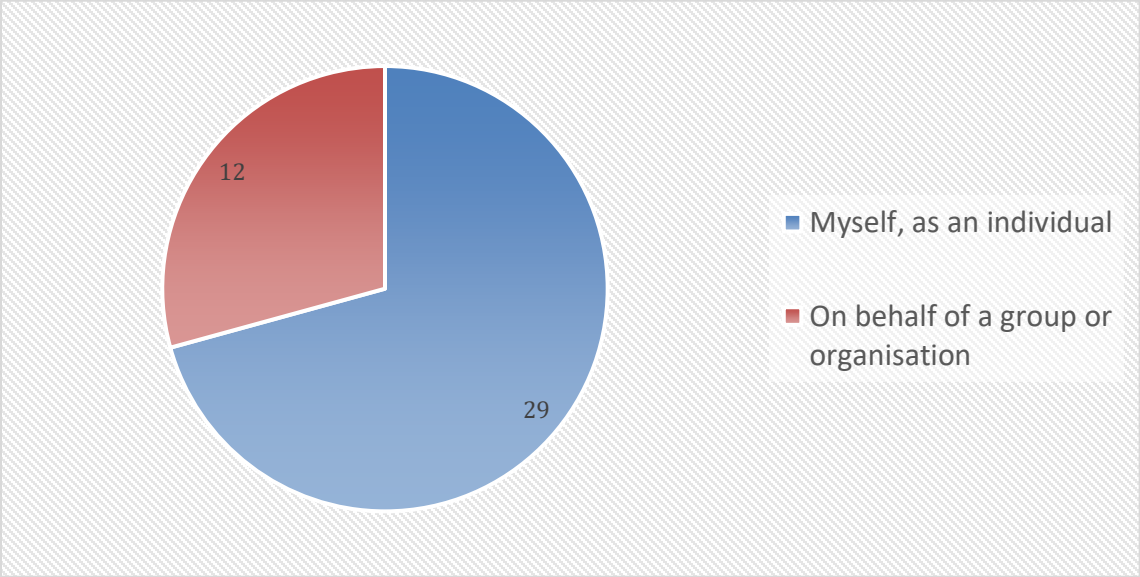

Option	Total	Percent
Myself, as an individual	29	70.73%
On behalf of a group or organisation	12	29.27%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

2: Connection to the area
What is the main way you are responding to this consultation?

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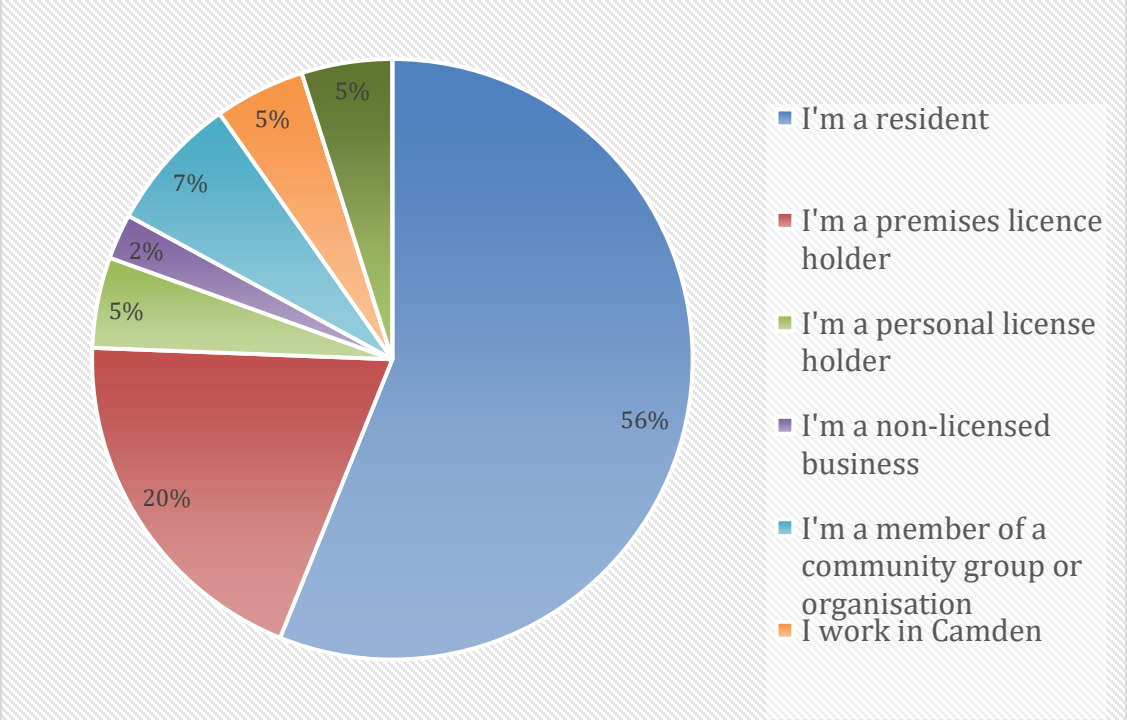

Option	Total	Percent
I'm a resident	23	56.10%
I'm a premises licence holder	8	19.51%
I'm a personal license holder	2	4.88%
I'm a non-licensed business	1	2.44%
I'm a member of a community group or organisation	3	7.32%
I work in Camden	2	4.88%
I visit Camden regularly for shopping and recreation	0	0.00%
I'm an elected member	0	0.00%
Other	2	4.88%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

3: Overall impact:
To what extent do you agree the Late Night Levy (LNL) has helped reduce crime, antisocial behaviour, or public nuisance in Camden's night-time economy?

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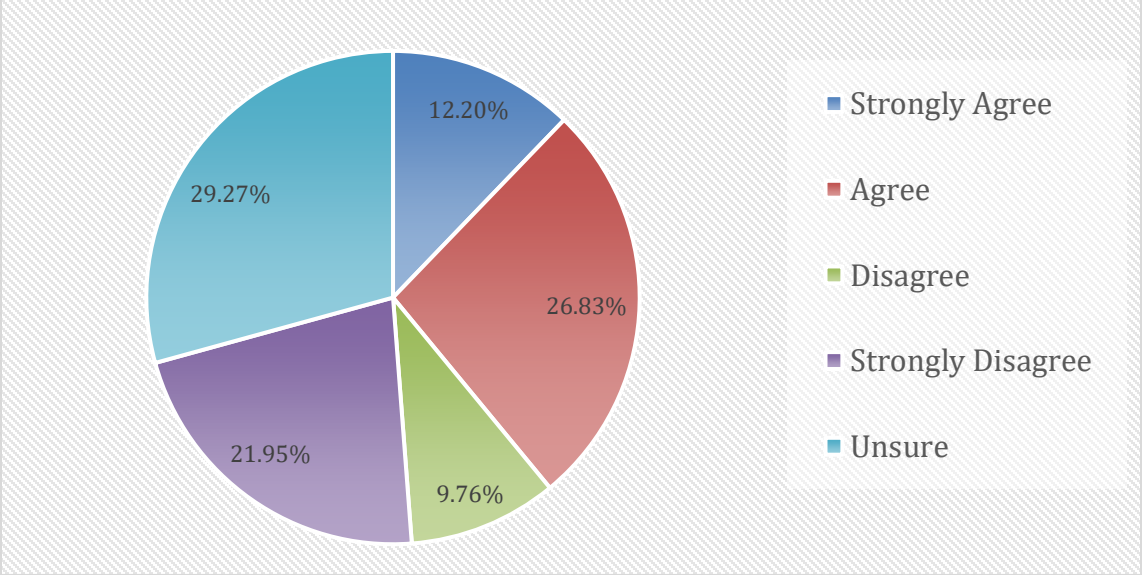

Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	5	12.20%
Agree	11	26.83%
Disagree	4	9.76%
Strongly Disagree	9	21.95%
Unsure	12	29.27%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Tell us why
There were 25 responses to this part of the question

Key themes: Perceived impact is mixed; a strong emphasis on the need for clearer evidence of outcomes and more visible, borough-wide benefit.

- **Individuals (residents):**
  - Report continued issues (noise, ASB, littering/fouling, drug activity) and limited perceived improvement locally.
  - Concern that benefits are not evenly felt across the borough; calls for broader coverage beyond headline hotspots.

- Some respondents noted limited ability to judge due to being new to the borough or not having a baseline comparison.

- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
  - Stronger focus on the need for published metrics/KPIs and "before-and-after" evidence to demonstrate impact and value for money.
  - Some challenge the robustness/representativeness of existing evidence and request clearer attribution of outcomes to levy-funded activity.
  - Some view that visible policing can support safer operations and responsible venue management.

4: Visibility and Effectiveness of Policing: How effective do you think the Levy-funded additional police presence (approximately 72 hours of patrols per week) is in improving safety in your area?

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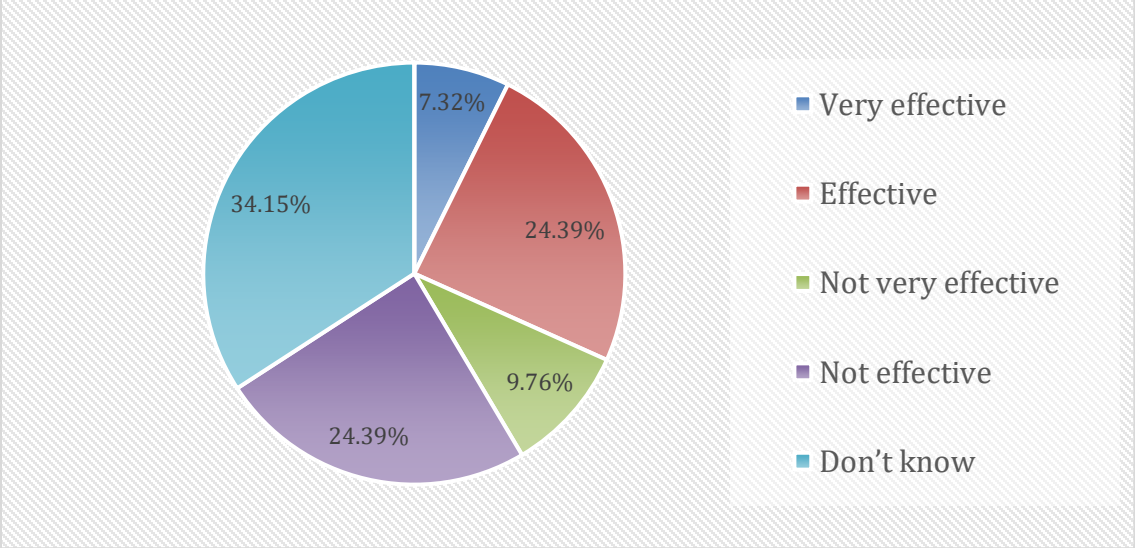

Option	Total	Percent
Very effective	3	7.32%
Effective	10	24.39%
Not very effective	4	9.76%
Not effective	10	24.39%
Don't know	14	34.15%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Tell us why
There were 26 responses to this part of the question.

Key themes: Visibility and consistency of patrols; perceived uneven geographic coverage; expectations of policing as a core public service.

- **Individuals (residents):**
  - Many report rarely seeing patrols or feel policing is insufficient to address ongoing night-time issues.
  - Some express general scepticism about policing effectiveness; others note that when visible, policing can be reassuring.
  - Requests for more consistent presence at known peak times (e.g. dispersal/kick-out).
- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
  - Mixed operational views: some report limited visible benefit despite levy payments; others support targeted, visible patrol patterns.
  - Concerns about coverage concentrating in particular areas, with other corridors perceived as overlooked.
  - References to businesses funding private security alongside levy payments and wanting clearer alignment between levy spend and outcomes.

5: Transparency of Levy Spending:
Do you feel you have enough information about how Levy funds are allocated and what results they achieve?

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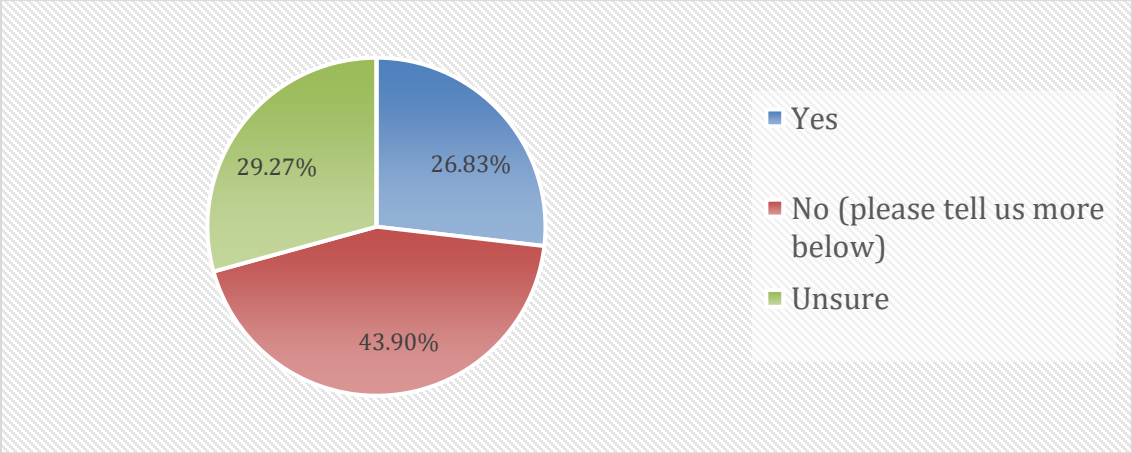

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	11	26.83%
No (please tell us more below)	18	43.90%
Unsure	12	29.27%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

If No, what additional information or reporting would you find useful?
There were 17 responses to this part of the question.

Key themes: Desire for clearer reporting, accessible summaries, and outcome-based performance information.

- **Individuals (residents):**
  - Low awareness of the levy and how funds are used; requests for plain-language summaries and regular updates.
  - Preference for clear explanations of where money is spent, what has changed, and what residents should expect to see.
- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
  - Requests for detailed financial breakdowns, allocations by theme/area, and measurable outcomes.
  - Emphasis on value-for-money assurance and reporting that supports accountability to levy payers.

6: Fairness of Who Pays the Levy:
Do you think the current Levy is fair in how it applies only to businesses licensed to sell alcohol between midnight and 6am?

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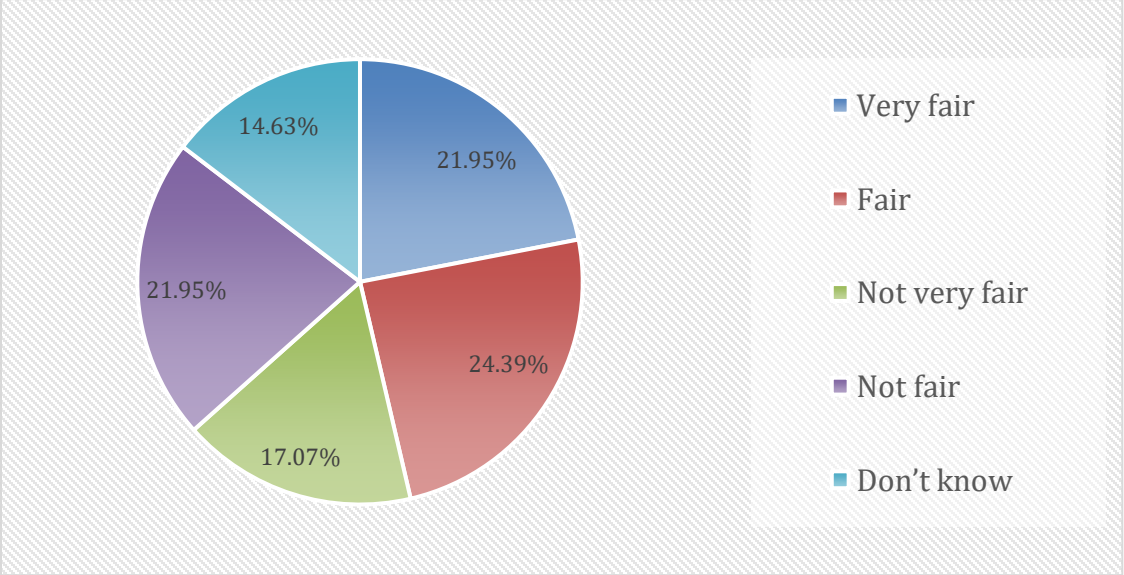

Option	Total	Percent
Very fair	9	21.95%
Fair	10	24.39%
Not very fair	7	17.07%
Not fair	9	21.95%
Don't know	6	14.63%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Tell us why
There were 24 responses to this part of the question

Key themes: Fairness and proportionality; whether the payer base should reflect contributors to late-night impacts.

- **Individuals (residents):**
  - Some argue fairness requires that all businesses generating late-night impacts contribute (including non-alcohol venues open late).
  - Others are concerned additional costs could be passed to customers or harm small local businesses.

- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
  - Concerns about proportionality and being asked to fund what is seen as a core public safety responsibility.
  - Suggestions to broaden or rebalance the payer base to include other late-night operators who benefit from levy-funded activity.

7: Inclusion of Late-Night Refreshment Premises:
Do you support expanding the Levy to include late-night refreshment premises (such as hot food takeaways operating after 11pm), as now permitted by national legislation?

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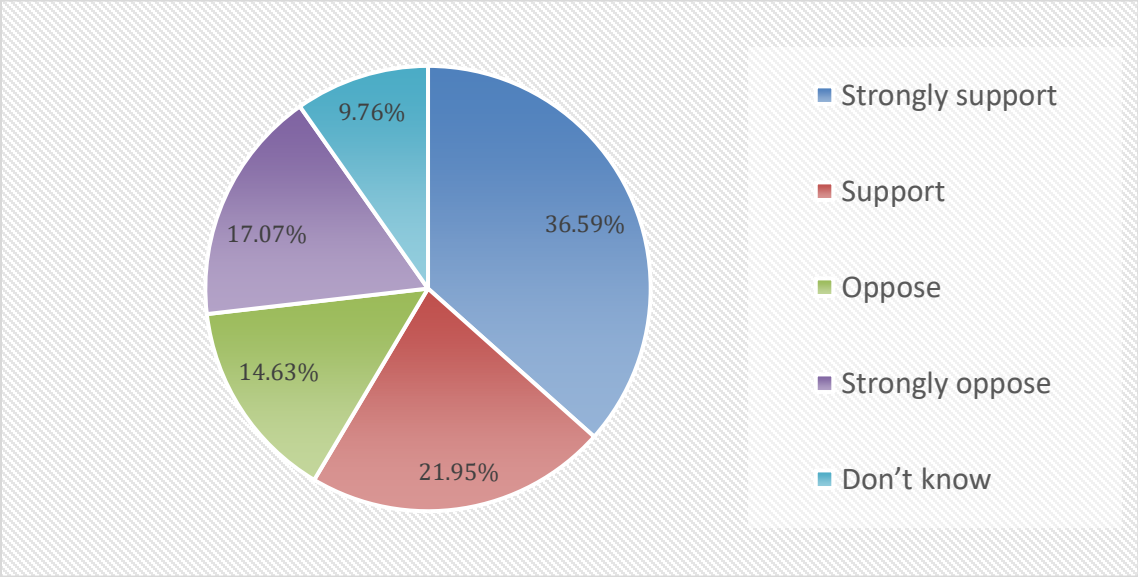

Option	Total	Percent
Strongly support	15	36.59%
Support	9	21.95%
Oppose	6	14.63%
Strongly oppose	7	17.07%
Don't know	4	9.76%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Tell us why
There were 25 responses to this part of the question.

Key themes: Closing perceived loopholes versus potential impacts on business viability and the night-time offer.

- **Individuals (residents):**
  - Some support inclusion on fairness grounds, citing impacts from late-night food outlets (noise, waste, congregation).
  - Others caution against discouraging late-night services and emphasise enforcement of existing responsibilities (waste/noise).
- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
  - Many see inclusion as a way to broaden contributions where impacts arise beyond alcohol-led premises.
  - Some warn of additional burden on small operators and the need for proportional application.

8: Borough-Wide vs Area-Based Application: Should the Levy continue to apply across the whole of Camden, or be targeted only to areas with the highest late-night impacts (e.g., Camden Town, Bloomsbury, King's Cross)?

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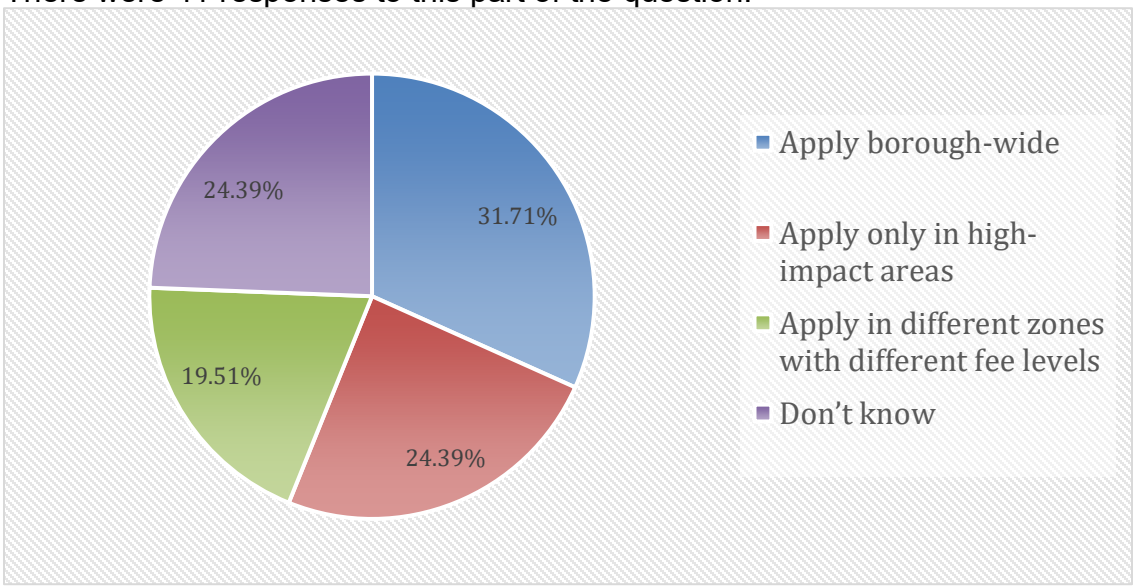

Option	Total	Percent
Apply borough-wide	13	31.71%
Apply only in high-impact areas	10	24.39%
Apply in different zones with different fee levels	8	19.51%
Don't know	10	24.39%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Tell us why
There were 23 responses to this part of the question.

Key themes: Equity across communities; administrative practicality; avoiding displacement of issues.

- **Individuals (residents):**
    - Support for targeted or zoned approaches where impacts are concentrated; some propose variable fees by zone.
    - Others argue impacts are borough-wide and a universal scheme is simpler and fairer.
- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
    - Mixed: borough-wide application seen as consistent, but with targeted deployment of resources.
    - Concerns that some areas may pay without feeling benefit; others caution about defining zones fairly and avoiding boundary issues.

9: Priorities for Spending Levy Revenue: Which types of activity should be the highest priority for Levy spending?

Ranking of 'Priorities for Spending Levy Revenue'
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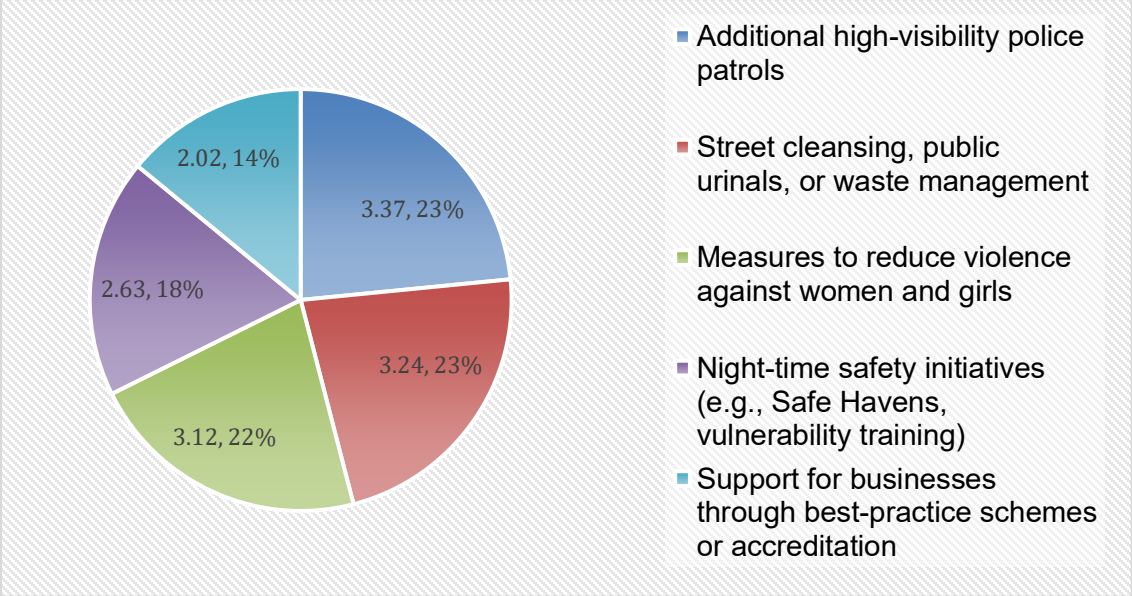
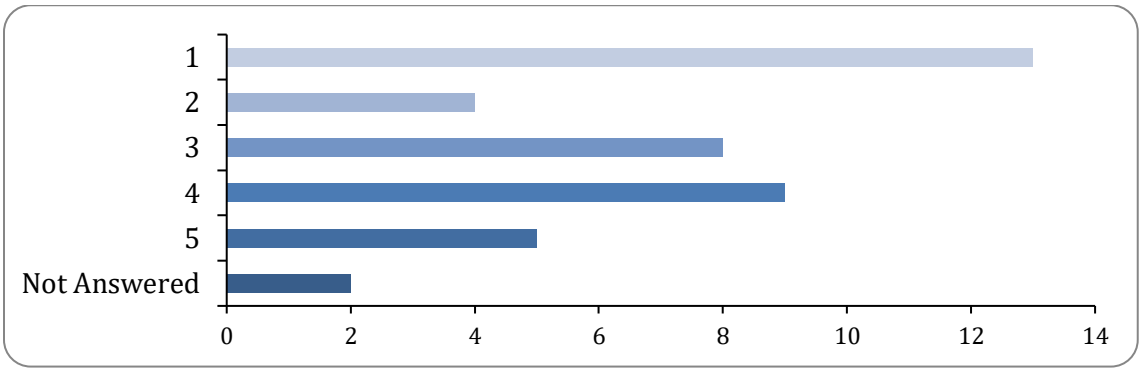


Item	Ranking
Additional high-visibility police patrols	3.37
Street cleansing, public urinals, or waste management	3.24
Measures to reduce violence against women and girls	3.12
Night-time safety initiatives (e.g., Safe Havens, vulnerability training)	2.63
Support for businesses through best-practice schemes or accreditation	2.02

Priorities for Spending Levy Revenue - Measures to reduce violence against women and girls



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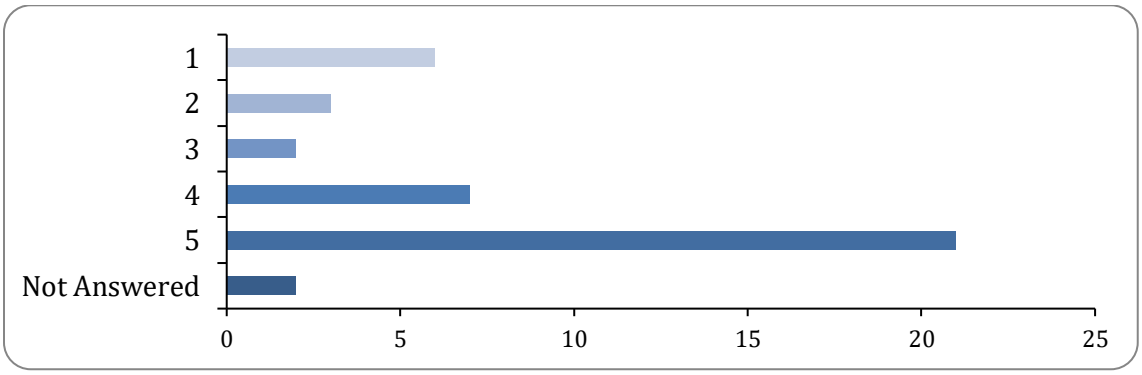
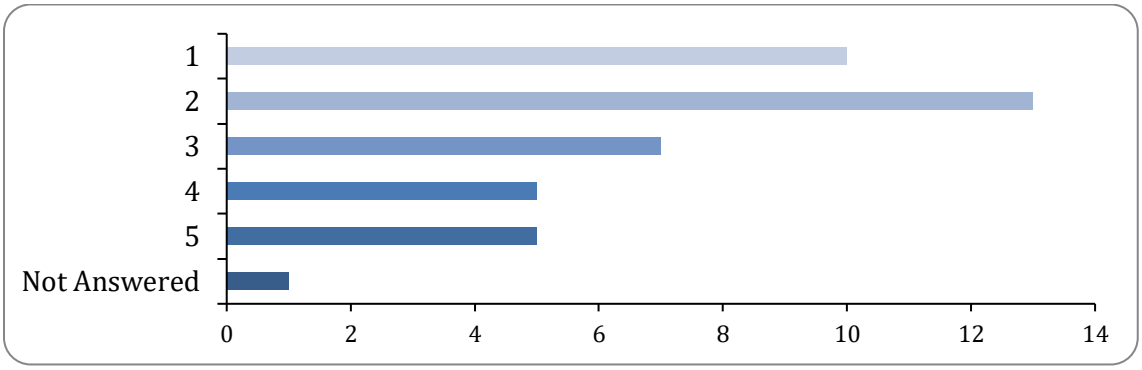
1	13	31.71%
2	4	9.76%
3	8	19.51%
4	9	21.95%
5	5	12.20%
Not Answered	2	4.88%

Priorities for Spending Levy Revenue - Support for businesses through best-practice schemes or accreditation



Option	Total	Percent
1	6	14.63%
2	3	7.32%
3	2	4.88%
4	7	17.07%
5	21	51.22%
Not Answered	2	4.88%

Priorities for Spending Levy Revenue - Additional high-visibility police patrols



Option	Total	Percent
1	10	24.39%
2	13	31.71%
3	7	17.07%
4	5	12.20%
5	5	12.20%
Not Answered	1	2.44%

Priorities for Spending Levy Revenue - Street cleansing, public urinals, or waste management

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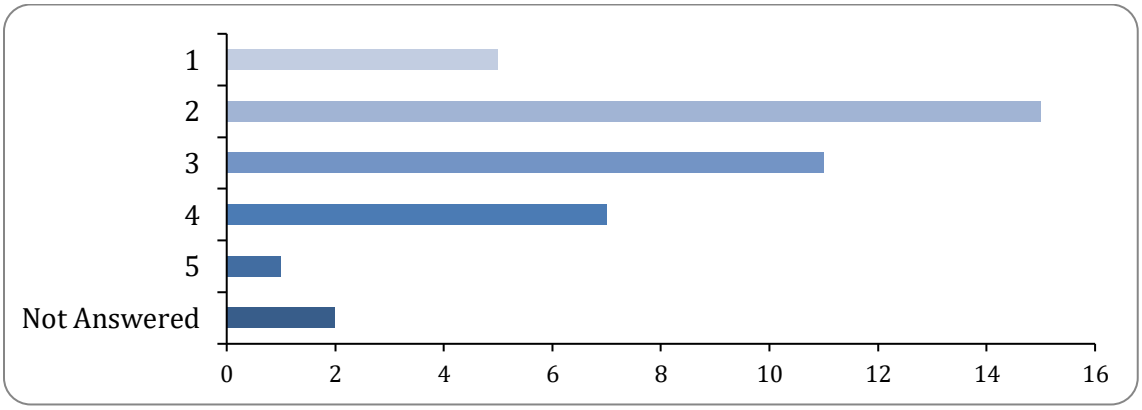

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3	11	26.83%
4	7	17.07%
5	1	2.44%
Not Answered	2	4.88%

Priorities for Spending Levy Revenue - Night-time safety initiatives (e.g., Safe Havens, vulnerability training)

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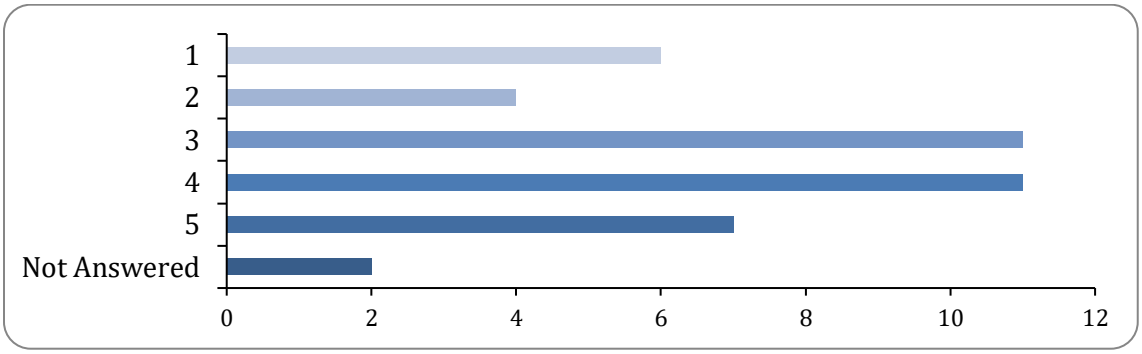

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1	6	14.63%
2	4	9.76%
3	11	26.83%
4	11	26.83%
5	7	17.07%
Not Answered	2	4.88%

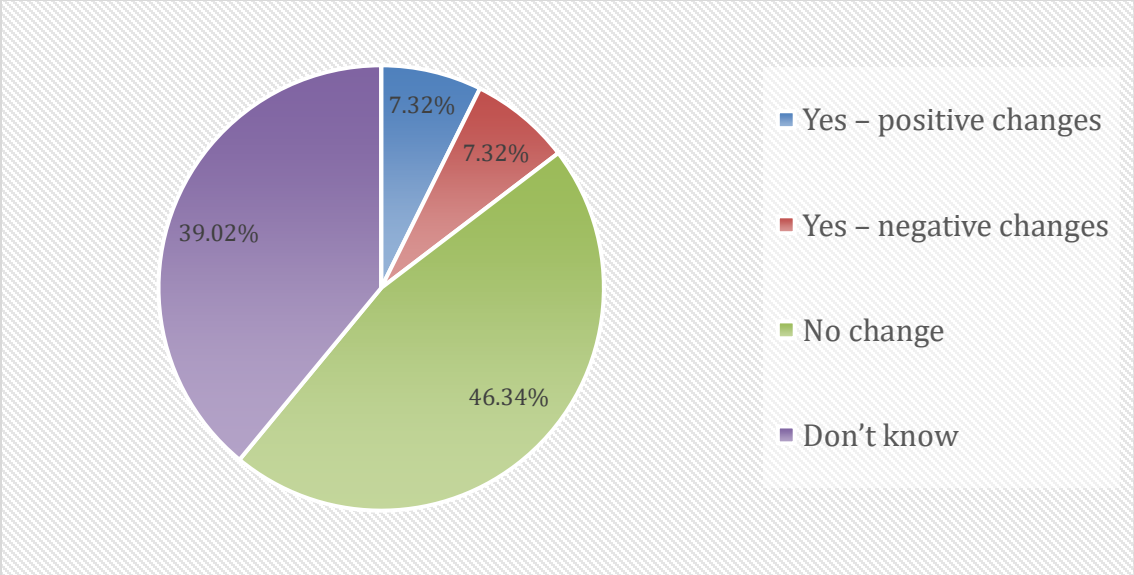
Comments

Key themes: Emphasis on visible policing, environmental measures, and actions to reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG).

- **Individuals (residents):**
  - Strong interest in practical interventions that address lived impacts: visible patrols, cleansing, public toilets, CCTV, and weekend/event pressures.
  - Frequent references to nuisance issues (noise, littering/fouling, queues) and safety concerns.
- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
  - Support for visible policing/enforcement and measures that improve confidence and footfall.
  - Interest in business-facing safety initiatives where they reduce risks and support responsible trading.

10: Experiences of Local Impact:
Have you personally experienced or observed changes in safety, noise, crime, public nuisance, or street cleanliness during night-time hours since the Levy was introduced?

There were 41 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes – positive changes	3	7.32%
Yes – negative changes	3	7.32%
No change	19	46.34%
Don't know	16	39.02%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

If Yes, please describe
There were 16 responses to this part of the question.

Key themes (overall): Mixed experiences; improvements are not consistently perceived and many respondents find it difficult to attribute change to the Levy.

- **Individuals (residents):**
  - Several described ongoing issues (noise, littering/fouling, rough sleeping, drug activity, intimidation and event-related disruption).
  - Some said they were unable to judge due to being new to Camden or not spending as much time in night-time areas as previously.

- A small number suggested crime/ASB feels less severe than in the past or that visible policing helps when it is present

- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
  - Comments were generally more operational: some stated they have not experienced levy-funded patrols in their locality (and perceive activity concentrated in major hubs), while others noted that visible enforcement/presence can support safer trading and improved management of patrons.
  - Some emphasised that changes in the night-time economy over time make attribution difficult, and asked for stronger performance reporting to evidence impact locally

11: Oversight and Engagement:
How important is it to you that Levy-payers and local community groups sit on an expanded oversight group and receive regular updates on Levy spending and outcomes?

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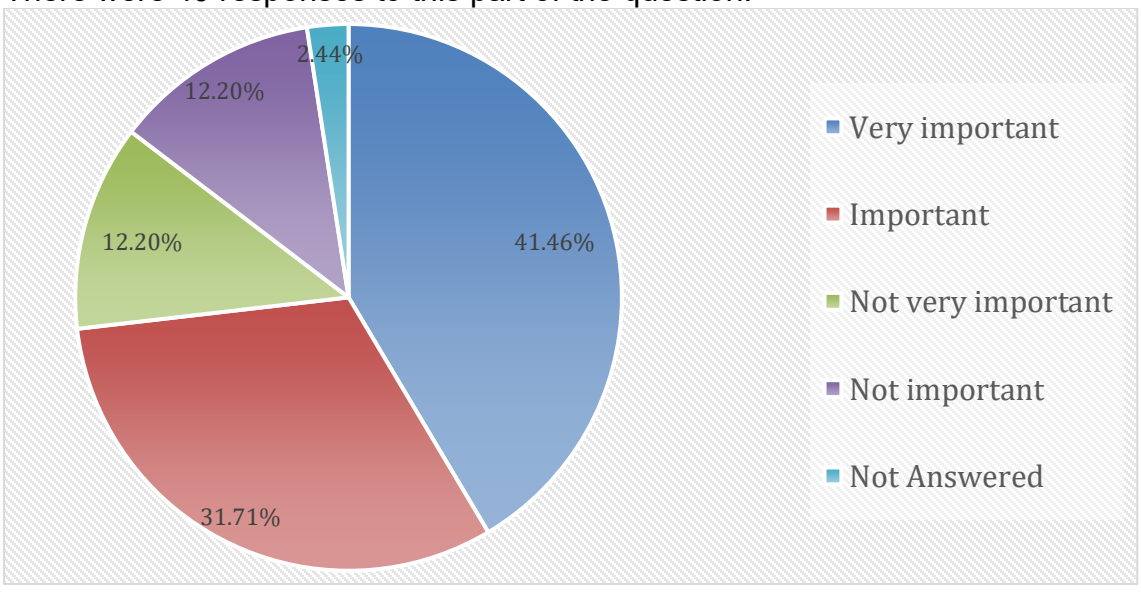

Option	Total	Percent
Very important	17	41.46%

Important	13	31.71%
Not very important	5	12.20%
Not important	5	12.20%
Not Answered	1	2.44%

Tell us why
There were 23 responses to this part of the question.

Key themes (overall): High expectation of transparency and meaningful stakeholder involvement, balanced against avoiding excessive bureaucracy.

- **Individuals (residents):**
    - Strong support for resident voice and accountability, given direct exposure to night-time impacts.
    - Some caution against creating additional layers of process without visible outcomes.
- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
    - Broad support for governance reforms, regular reporting, and clearer decision-making about spend.
    - Preference for a focused, workable oversight structure (clear remit, manageable membership, action-oriented outputs).

12: Future of the Late Night Levy:
Which option do you think Camden Council should adopt regarding the future of the Levy?

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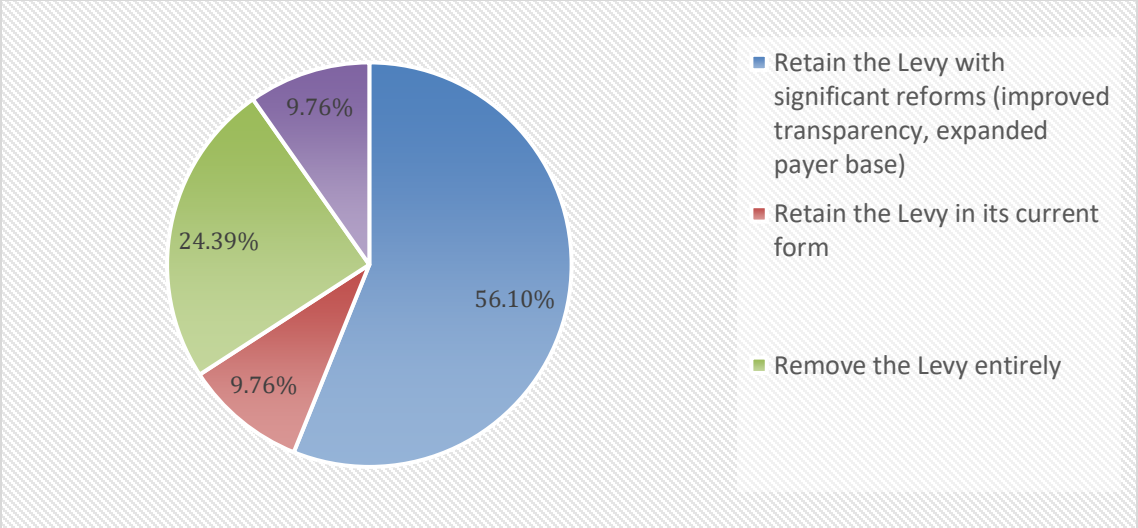

Option	Total	Percent
Retain the Levy with significant reforms (improved transparency, expanded payer base)	23	56.10%
Retain the Levy in its current form	4	9.76%
Remove the Levy entirely	10	24.39%
Not sure	4	9.76%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Tell us why
There were 27 responses to this part of the question.

Key themes (overall): Conditional support for retention if reforms improve fairness, transparency and demonstrable impact.

- **Individuals (residents):**
  - Support for retention with reforms where it strengthens protections for residents and delivers visible outcomes.
  - Others oppose the levy in principle and view public safety as core-funded; some express distrust without stronger evidence.
- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
  - Split between those opposing additional costs and those supporting retention only with significant reforms.
  - Repeated emphasis on clear outcomes, fair contribution, and maintaining a viable night-time economy.

13: Do you think the proposals may have an impact on you (or others) with reference to any one or more of the following protected characteristics?
(Protected characteristics are: Gender and gender reassignment, Age, Ethnicity, Religion or belief, Disability, Sexual orientation, Marriage and Civil partnerships, Pregnancy and maternity.)

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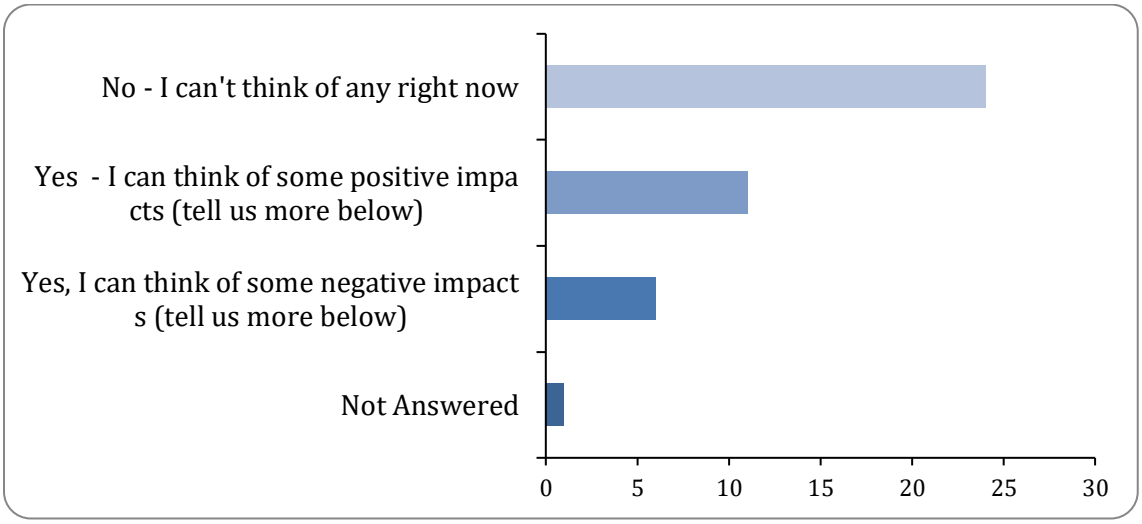

Option	Total	Percent
No - I can't think of any right now	24	58.54%
Yes - I can think of some positive impacts (tell us more below)	11	26.83%
Yes, I can think of some negative impacts (tell us more below)	6	14.63%
Not Answered	1	2.44%

Positive impacts
There were 12 responses to this part of the question.

Negative impacts
There were 7 responses to this part of the question

Key themes: Strong focus on safety and inclusion (including VAWG), alongside concerns about cost impacts on venues and communities.

- **Individuals (residents):**
    - Support for interventions improving safety for women and vulnerable groups.
    - Concerns about nuisance affecting wellbeing and quality of life; desire for stronger enforcement and environmental measures.
- **Organisations (businesses/stakeholders):**
    - Concerns that additional costs could disproportionately affect certain venues (including community/cultural spaces).
    - Desire for reforms that support safe, sustainable night-time trading while addressing community safety outcomes.