

Q1 Please provide details of the organisation you are responding on behalf of

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Organisation	100.00%	3
Contact Name	100.00%	3
Contact Email	100.00%	3

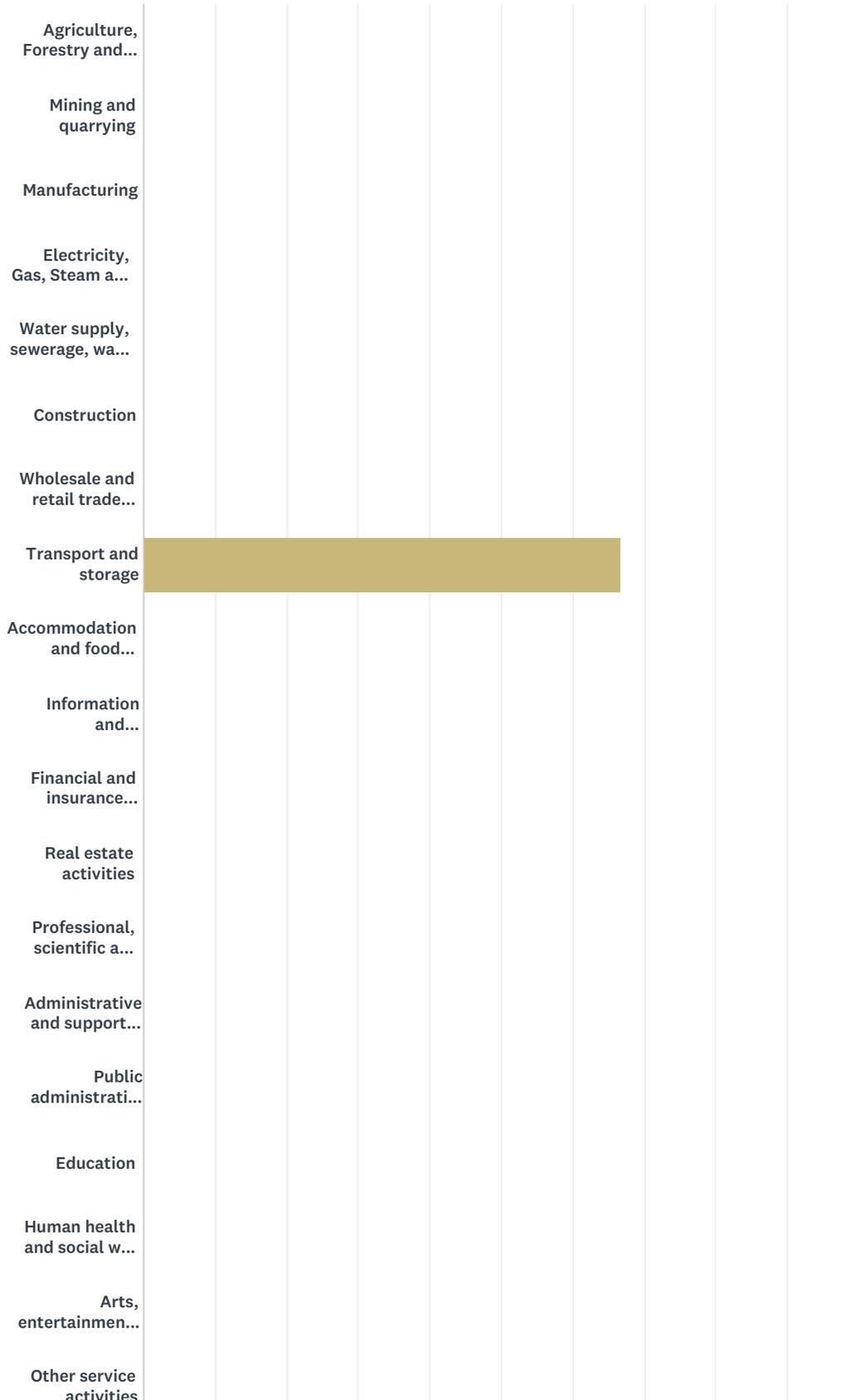
#	ORGANISATION	DATE
1	Maidstone Green Party	8/23/2017 8:01 AM
2	Highways England	7/17/2017 2:37 PM
3	Arriva	7/14/2017 1:01 PM

#	CONTACT NAME	DATE
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2	Sarah Naylor	7/17/2017 2:37 PM
3	Emma Taylor	7/14/2017 1:01 PM

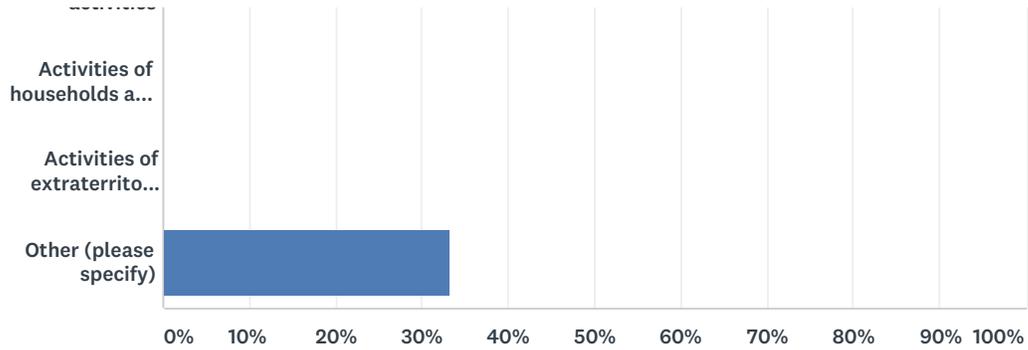
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Q2 Which of the following sectors does your organisation belong to?

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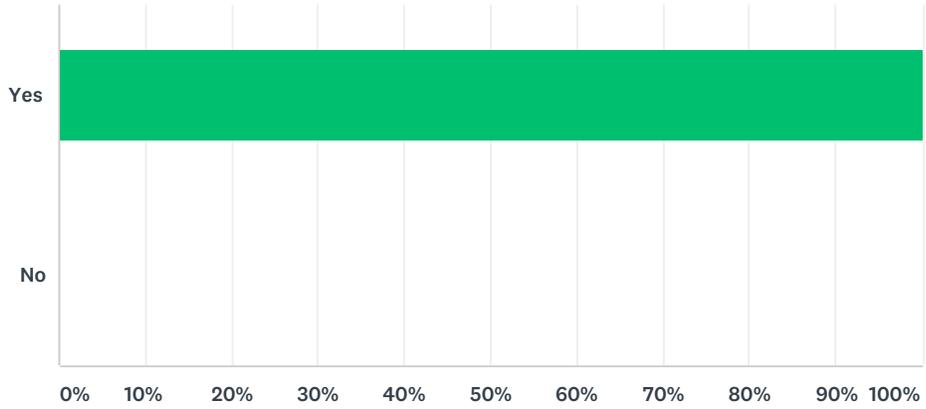


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.00%	0
Mining and quarrying	0.00%	0
Manufacturing	0.00%	0
Electricity, Gas, Steam and air conditioning	0.00%	0
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.00%	0
Construction	0.00%	0
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.00%	0
Transport and storage	66.67%	2
Accommodation and food service activities	0.00%	0
Information and communication	0.00%	0
Financial and insurance activities	0.00%	0
Real estate activities	0.00%	0
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.00%	0
Administrative and support service activities	0.00%	0
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.00%	0
Education	0.00%	0
Human health and social work activities	0.00%	0
Arts, entertainment and recreation	0.00%	0
Other service activities	0.00%	0
Activities of households as employers, undifferentiated goods and service producing activities of households for own use	0.00%	0
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	33.33%	1
TOTAL		3

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Political Party	8/23/2017 8:01 AM

Q3 Have you read the draft strategy documents?

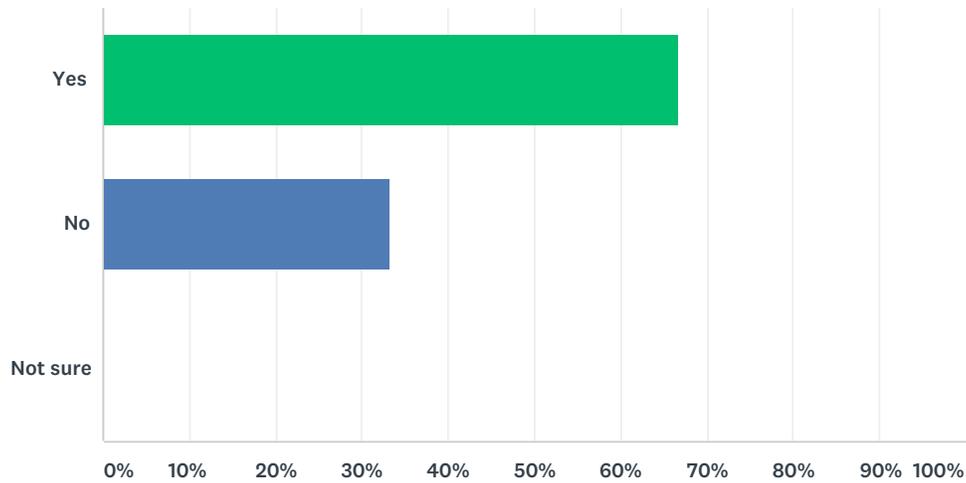
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	3
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		3

Q4 Do you think that the aims of the strategy are relevant and appropriate to reducing emissions in the borough?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	66.67% 2
No	33.33% 1
Not sure	0.00% 0
TOTAL	3

#	IF NO, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?	DATE
1	This strategy will not reduce the emissions in the borough, it needs to be radical and strong to make a difference. Key points are listed in answer 5.	8/23/2017 8:01 AM

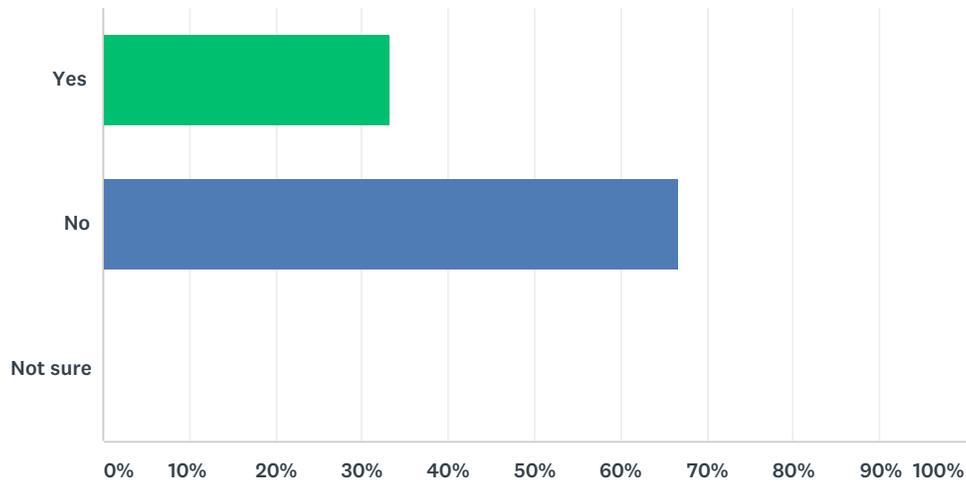
Q5 Is there anything missing from the strategy aims that you feel should be included?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	<p>The first and possibly biggest problem with the strategy is that there is nothing about monitoring the pollution levels. There is currently no live monitoring in the centre of Maidstone since the removal of the monitoring station by the bridge. There is no mention of the number of deaths due to air pollution despite this being a government figure. This is really quite negligent! Comments about getting developers to put in mitigations are pointless given that most of the development areas are currently being built on. The LES mentions that MBC wants to maintain electric vehicle charging points despite the only working public point in Maidstone being in the KCC car park and only accessible at weekends. You claim that there are points at Maidstone House, Moat Park and KCC Allington depot but these are not on Zap-Map which is where EV users find points to charge from. Maidstone House is hardly accessible to the public and Allington is out of town so we are not sure why you would stop there to charge. The Mote Park one has been out of order for a very long time. Actions such as "Investigate Low Emission Standard for Buses" are meaningless and unlikely to deliver any reduction in pollution. You seem to think that £65k cost of producing a Local Plan Development Plan Document is expensive yet this is tiny compared to the cost of EU fines or the deaths and illness from NOx. We were shocked to learn that MBC has a diesel pool car. Perhaps MBC should have exchanged this once the facts about diesel became known. What you are missing is: road closures at peak pollution times serious investment in alternatives to cars partly funded through a congestion charge and higher parking charges 20mph speed limits a significant increase in tree planting in the town centre lobbying government for a diesel scrapage scheme an end to out of town developments and a focus on affordable housing, in town and close to public transport links</p>	8/23/2017 8:01 AM
2	<p>Yes. There is nothing mentioned here about prioritising public transport to provide more direct, reliable services that would encourage modal shift and mitigate the impacts of growth on the town.</p>	7/14/2017 1:01 PM

Q6 Do you think that the actions related to transport are relevant and appropriate to reducing emissions in the borough?

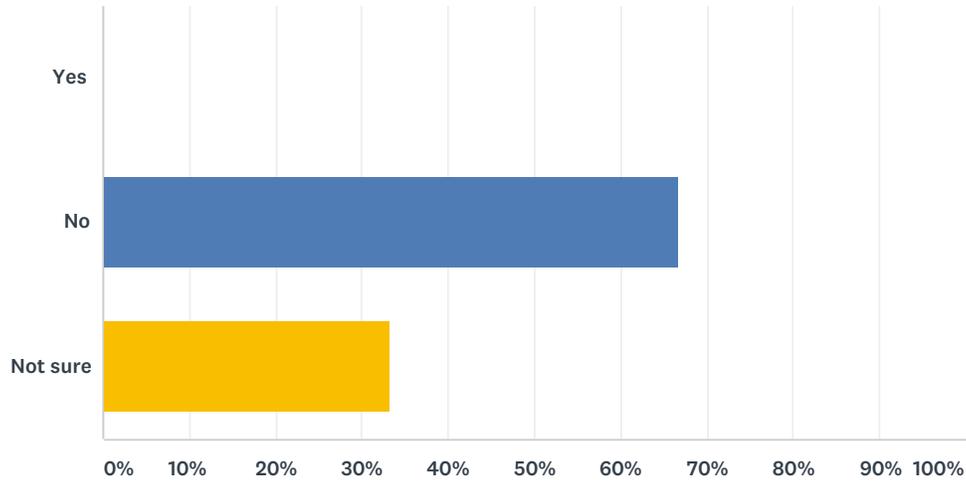
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	1
No	66.67%	2
Not sure	0.00%	0
TOTAL		3

Q7 Do you think the actions in this section are capable of achieving the desired impact?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	66.67%	2
Not sure	33.33%	1
TOTAL		3

Q8 If you answered no to the two previous questions , why not?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	See 5	8/23/2017 8:02 AM
2	I believe the emphasis on buses is disproportionate. Recent changes made by Arriva have significantly altered the number of vehicle movements in the High Street, and there has been a large investment in newer vehicles in the town. This document does not reference any impact on air quality that has resulted from this. If the air quality problem does stem from buses, then there should already be a big improvement in the town centre this year and this does not seem to be referenced anywhere.	7/14/2017 1:01 PM

Q9 Which action in this section do you think will have the greatest impact on emissions?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	n/a	8/23/2017 8:02 AM
2	Low emission standard for buses	7/17/2017 3:27 PM
3	Working with schools to manage traffic to and from their sites.	7/14/2017 1:01 PM

Q10 Which action in this section do you think will have the least impact on emissions?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	n/a	8/23/2017 8:02 AM
2	Bus driver training	7/17/2017 3:27 PM
3	Engine idling (our drivers already trained to switch off).	7/14/2017 1:01 PM

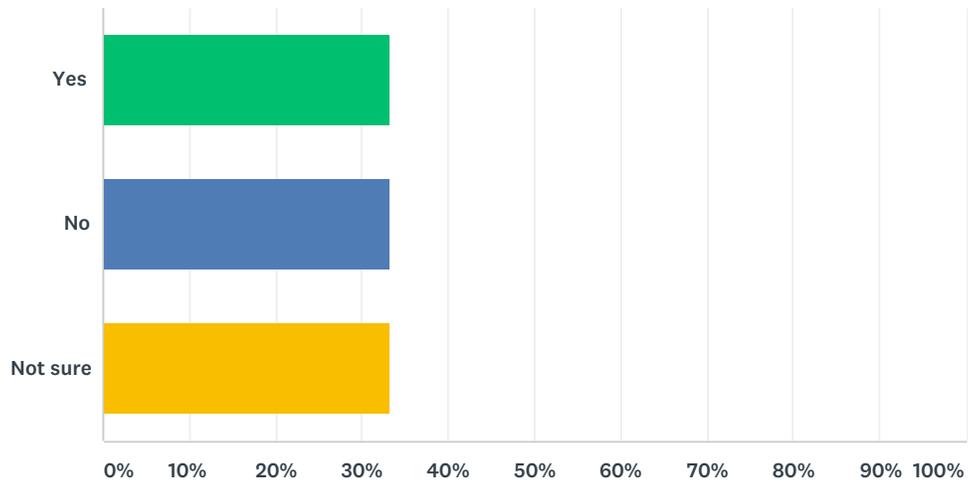
Q11 Are there any additional actions that you think the council should be undertaking in this area?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	See 5	8/23/2017 8:02 AM
2	Whilst I don't necessarily think that these are feasible options for the council I am including them here for future consideration: Car share initiatives Low emission car club schemes Low emission zone Encouragement of working from home Eco-driving for all drivers	7/17/2017 3:27 PM
3	Using the price and availability of parking in the town centre to drive modal shift and reduce overall congestion in the town. Improving bus station facilities to encourage modal shift.	7/14/2017 1:01 PM

Q12 Do you think that the actions related to planning and property are relevant and appropriate to reducing emissions in the borough?

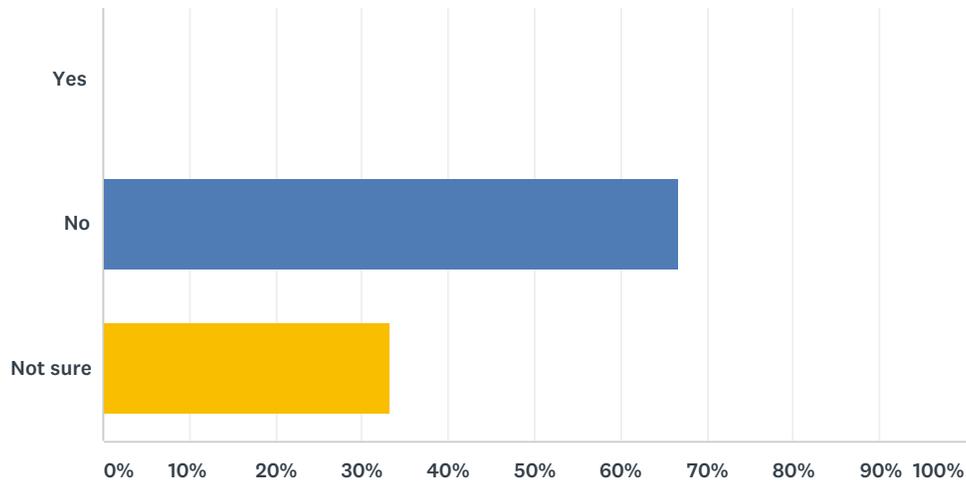
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	33.33% 1
No	33.33% 1
Not sure	33.33% 1
TOTAL	3

Q13 Do you think the actions in this section are capable of achieving the desired impact?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	0.00% 0
No	66.67% 2
Not sure	33.33% 1
TOTAL	3

Q14 If you answered no to the two previous questions , why not?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Per answer 5. Building on the edge of town will ensure the continued increase in vehicles. New homes need to be close to public transport and jobs. The mitigations proposed will make no difference.	8/23/2017 8:04 AM
2	The actions seem vague and it is hard to assess what value they will add from the documentation provided.	7/14/2017 1:02 PM

Q15 Which action in this section do you think will have the greatest impact on emissions?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	n/a	8/23/2017 8:04 AM
2	Unknown	7/17/2017 3:47 PM
3	Buffer zones.	7/14/2017 1:02 PM

Q16 Which action in this section do you think will have the least impact on emissions?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	n/a	8/23/2017 8:04 AM
2	Unknown	7/17/2017 3:47 PM
3	Boilers	7/14/2017 1:02 PM

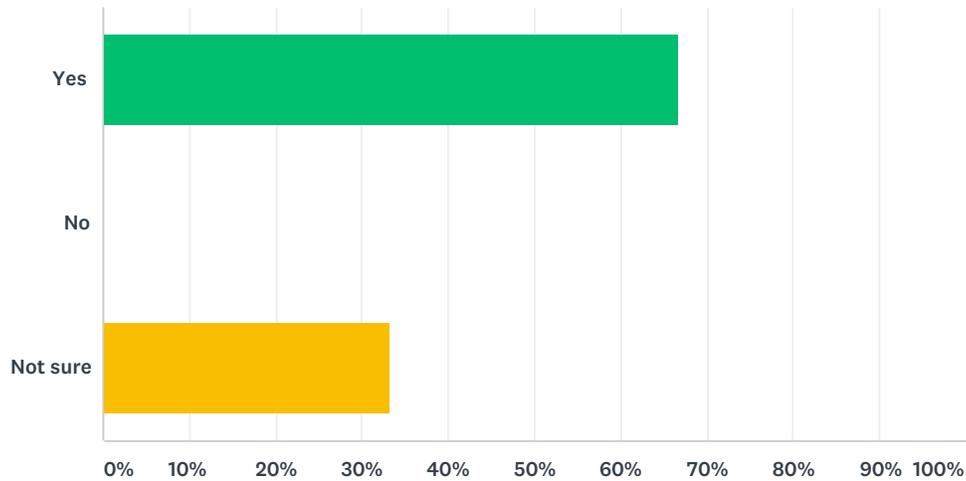
Q17 Are there any additional actions that you think the council should be undertaking in this area?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	As above	8/23/2017 8:04 AM
2	Not knowing the various guidance documents included within the action plan I cannot make comment on the likelihood of their impact on emissions. I would recommend that any new developments should incorporate low emission charging infrastructure and have convenient and safe links to public transport. Where large-scale developments are proposed, these should create mixed-use developments providing opportunities for working and living in this same area to minimise the need for travelling. Additionally, consideration should be given to ensuring a maximum NOx output for new energy plant.	7/17/2017 3:47 PM
3	Better priority for buses to / from large developments. Strategy to control the availability and price of town centre parking.	7/14/2017 1:02 PM

Q18 Do you think that the actions related to procurement and carbon management are relevant and appropriate to reducing emissions in the borough?

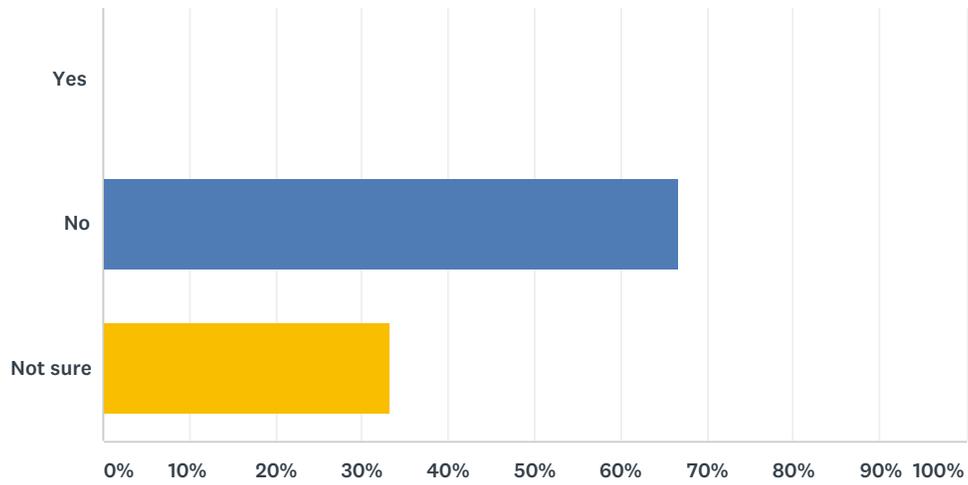
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	2
No	0.00%	0
Not sure	33.33%	1
TOTAL		3

Q19 Do you think the actions in this section are capable of achieving the desired impact?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	66.67%	2
Not sure	33.33%	1
TOTAL		3

Q20 If you answered no to the two previous questions , why not?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	While procurement is important, the council acting alone will make little difference other than demonstrating leadership. This leadership should have started years ago.	8/23/2017 8:05 AM
2	The impact of these actions would appear to be fairly low.	7/14/2017 1:03 PM

Q21 Which action in this section do you think will have the greatest impact on emissions?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Increase electric vehicle infrastructure	7/17/2017 4:01 PM
2	A better park & ride service for the town.	7/14/2017 1:03 PM

Q22 Which action in this section do you think will have the least impact on emissions?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Replacement of MBC pool cars with hybrid or electric (due to the number of pool cars available being 2)	7/17/2017 4:01 PM
2	Staff/refuse vehicles.	7/14/2017 1:03 PM

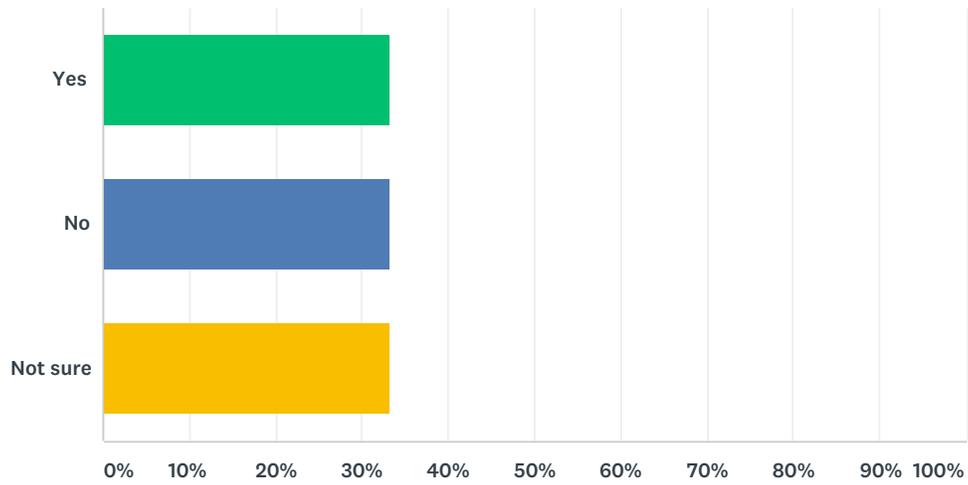
Q23 Are there any additional actions that you think the council should be undertaking in this area?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	As answer 5	8/23/2017 8:05 AM

Q24 Do you think that the actions related to public health are relevant and appropriate to reducing emissions in the borough?

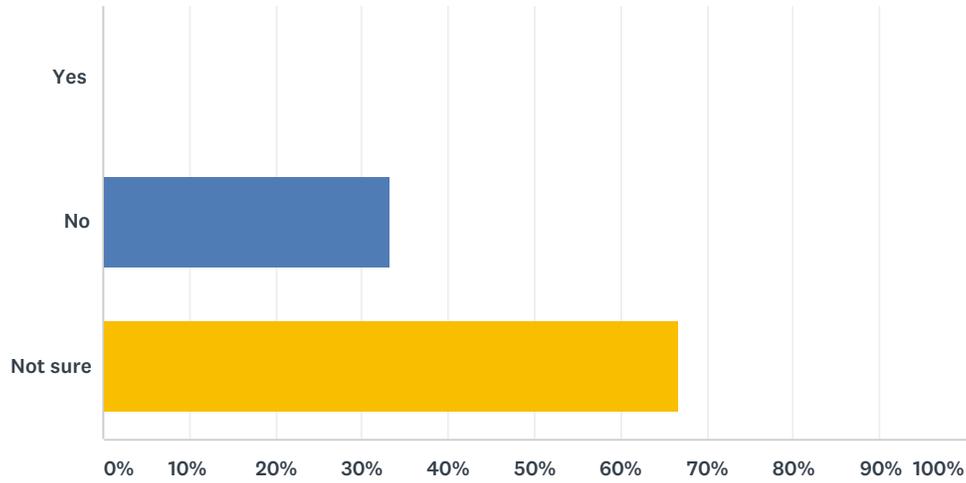
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	33.33% 1
No	33.33% 1
Not sure	33.33% 1
TOTAL	3

Q25 Do you think the actions in this section are capable of achieving the desired impact?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	33.33%	1
Not sure	66.67%	2
TOTAL		3

Q26 If you answered no to the two previous questions , why not?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The strategy fails to mention the number of deaths resulting from air pollution and it fails to ensure live monitoring of pollution. These are fundamental to understanding and action to improve health.	8/23/2017 8:06 AM
2	There is very little here to understand how this would work.	7/14/2017 1:06 PM

Q27 Which action in this section do you think will have the greatest impact on emissions?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Raise public awareness of AQ issues and promotion of good practices by important stakeholders	7/17/2017 4:10 PM
2	Working with schools.	7/14/2017 1:06 PM

Q28 Which action in this section do you think will have the least impact on emissions?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ensure that the protection and improvement of public health is a core principle of AQ work	7/17/2017 4:10 PM
2	Awards for bus operators unless this is linked to a quality score impact on tendered services rather than lowest price irrespective of vehicle emission levels.	7/14/2017 1:06 PM

Q29 Are there any additional actions that you think the council should be undertaking in this area?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	As per 5	8/23/2017 8:06 AM
2	I have rated the actions, however as there are only two and one is more strategic than the other it is unfair to rate them against each other. Raising awareness of air quality issues shouldn't just be confined to a recognition scheme but a wider scheme of informing the public of air quality in their area with the aim to allow the public to make informed decisions relating to air quality concentrations, whether that would be to reduce their car use to make a personal contribution to reducing air quality levels, or whether they should stay indoors due to the potential for health effects if air quality is poor. Maybe consider an air alert type scheme like in Sussex.	7/17/2017 4:10 PM

Q30 What do you think the main challenges Maidstone faces in relation to air quality and emission levels?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	1. 100+ people dying each year in the Borough is quite a challenge yet MBC does not acknowledge this. 2. Continuing to design the town based on the use of cars, i.e. building houses on the periphery 3. Continuing to increase the flow of traffic rather than putting in measures to reduce the volume of traffic 4. Shifting thinking away from car centric planning towards a community, ecological and health centric approach	8/23/2017 8:10 AM
2	Trying to reduce the reliance of personal car travel is a huge challenge facing not only Maidstone but entire country. The action plan has highlighted measures which impact on commercial vehicles, including buses, taxis and delivery vehicles. However, personal car use is one of the largest factors in poor air quality and further consideration to this issue may be required. Aside from this issue, funding for these measures could prove a challenge and the likely improvements on air quality may need to be quantified before funding is available.	7/17/2017 4:17 PM
3	Congestion resulting in longer, slow speed journeys.	7/14/2017 1:06 PM