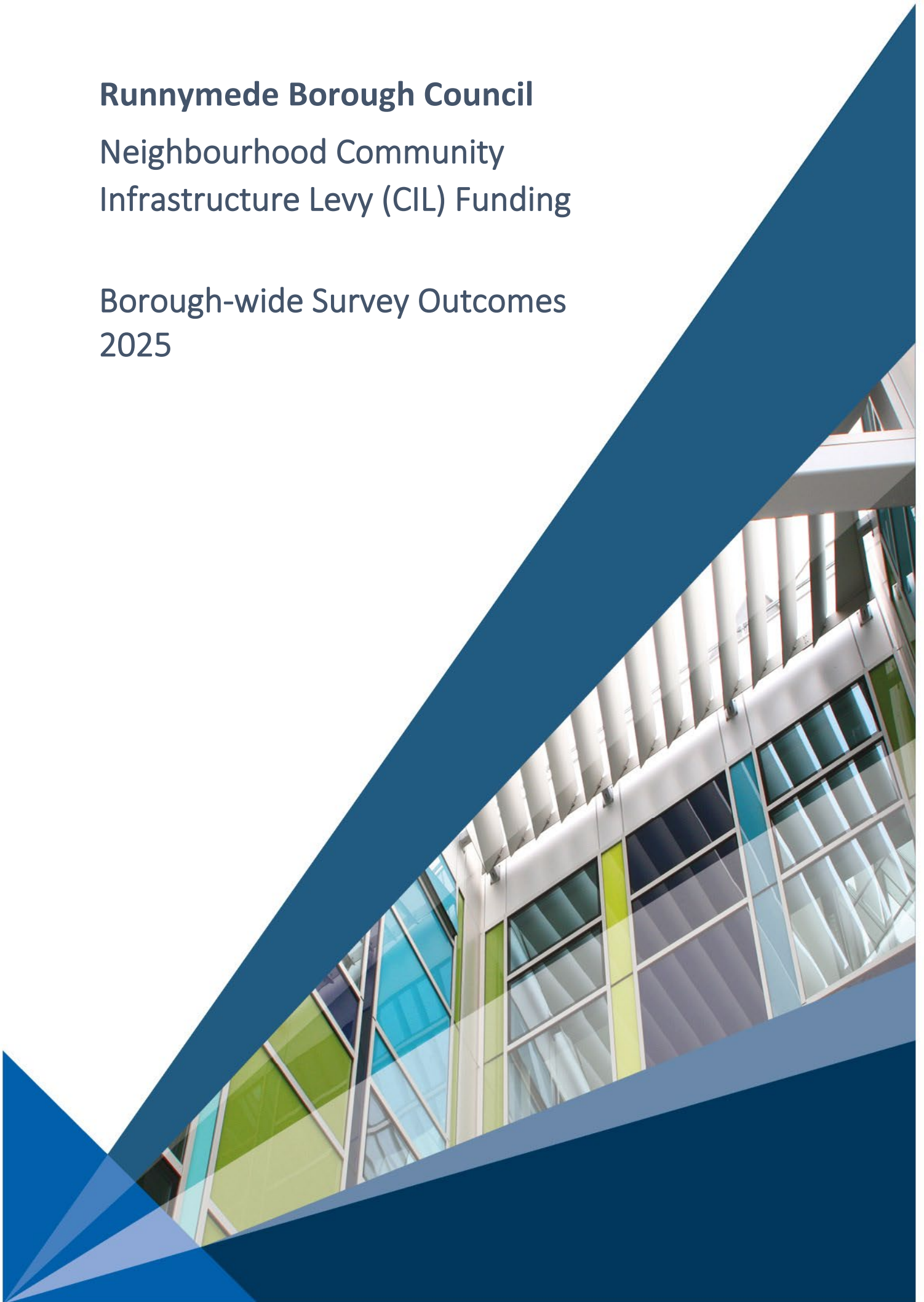


Runnymede Borough Council
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Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding

Borough-wide Survey Outcomes
2025



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Introduction

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge levied on some types of new development to help improve the infrastructure needed to support growth in the borough.

Some of the CIL money collected (15%, or 25% in areas where a Neighbourhood Plan is in place) is directed to a 'Neighbourhood CIL Fund' (NCIL) to be spent on infrastructure which addresses the demands that development places on a local area. The amount of NCIL available can be found on the Council's '[CIL dashboard](#)', with instructions on the 'Home' tab. NCIL is allocated to settlement areas where development has taken place as follows:

CIL Area 1:	Woodham & Rowtown Ward and New Haw Ward
CIL Area 2:	Ottershaw Ward and Neighbourhood Area
CIL Area 3:	Addlestone South Ward and Addlestone North Ward
CIL Area 4:	Chertsey Riverside Ward and Chertsey St Ann's Ward
CIL Area 5:	Longcross, Lyne & Chertsey South Ward
CIL Area 6:	Virginia Water Ward and Neighbourhood Area
CIL Area 7:	Thorpe Ward and Thorpe Neighbourhood Area
CIL Area 8:	Egham Hythe Ward and Egham Town Ward
CIL Area 9:	Englefield Green East and West Wards and Englefield Green Village Neighbourhood Area

The NCIL funds can be spent on a wide range of infrastructure, from improving a nearby community hall or playground equipment, to upgrading walking and cycling routes to local shops and schools, to community safety initiatives and lots more.

As well as being informed by the [Council's priority areas of work](#), the use of each neighbourhood portion should match priorities expressed by local communities - including those set out in adopted Neighbourhood Plans and those identified through community engagement.

To help the Council understand local communities' priorities which NCIL could be spent on, a short survey was launched from 25 March 2025 to 16 May 2025. The questions are reproduced at Appendix 1 of this report. The survey was publicised through social media and local media channels, via Member networks, via the Council's website, through leaflets posted in libraries and noticeboards, through e-newsletters sent to several community networks, and through meetings with local community groups and other local stakeholders.

This report presents the analysis of responses, and provides evidence to inform NCIL funding decisions.

Response Summary and Approach to Analysis

A total of 234 responses were submitted. Of this total, all 234 responses had selected at least one option in their list of priorities, facilitating analysis for the purposes of this report.

The table below provides a breakdown of the number of surveys received from each area within Runnymede.

Settlement Area	Count
Egham Area	72
Addlestone Area	46
Chertsey Area	38
Ottershaw Area	21
Woodham, Rowtown & New Haw Area	18
Englefield Green Area	17
Thorpe Area	9
Longcross, Lyne, Chertsey South Area	7
Virginia Water Area	4
None selected	2
Grand Total	234

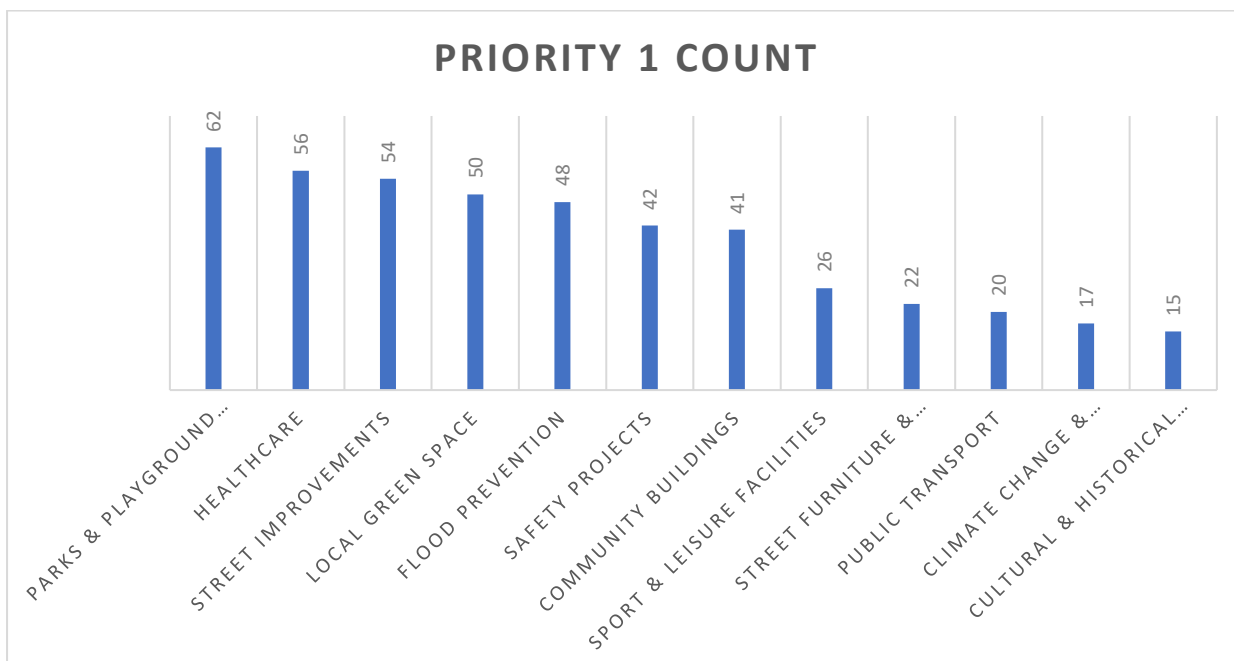
To enable analysis of responses and to present the findings below, a scoring system was used based on the 1-5 ranking system. Each respondent's 1st priority was scored 5, their 2nd priority scored 4, 3rd priority scored 3 and so on. This ranking system enabled the Council to identify which priorities attracted the highest score, therefore being considered the most pressing infrastructure theme for the local community.

Priorities by Infrastructure Category

A breakdown of each priority area has been provided below.

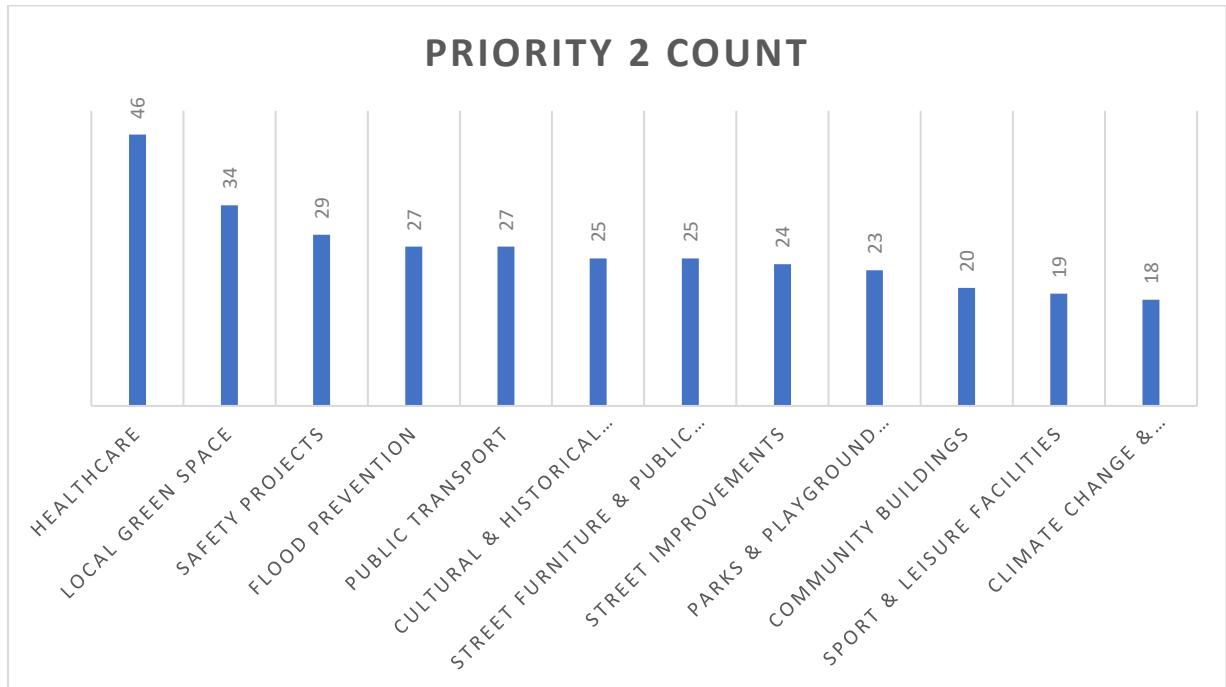
First priority

- **Parks and playground improvements** ranked the highest priority (62 counts) followed by **healthcare infrastructure** and then **local street improvement infrastructure**.



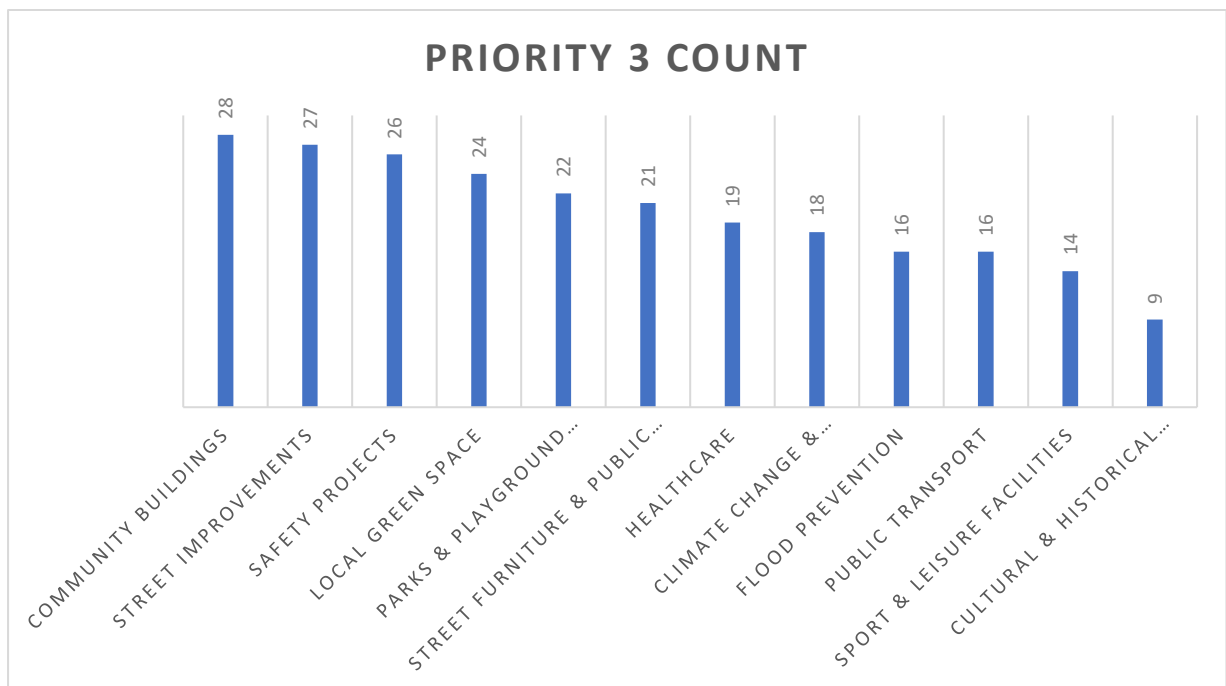
Second priority

- **Healthcare infrastructure** ranked the highest 'second priority' achieving 46 counts, followed by **local green space and wildlife improvements**, and then **community safety projects**.



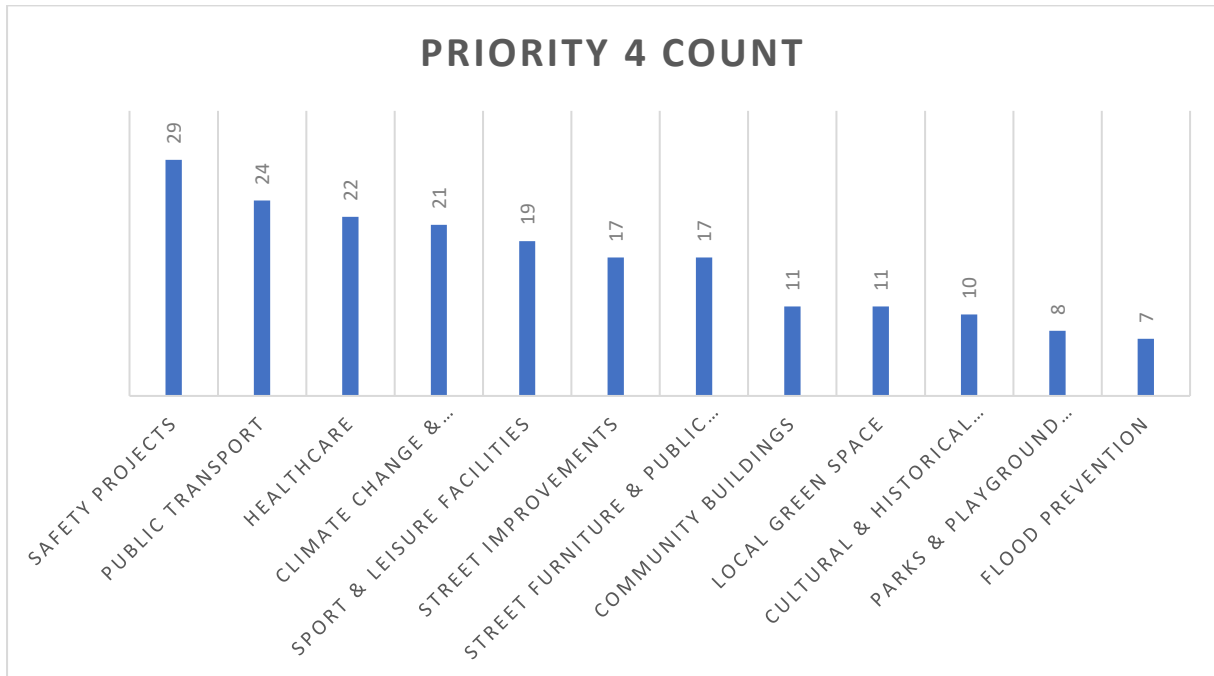
Third priority

- **Community building improvements** ranked the highest 'third priority' achieving 28 counts, followed closely by **local street improvements** and then **community safety projects**.



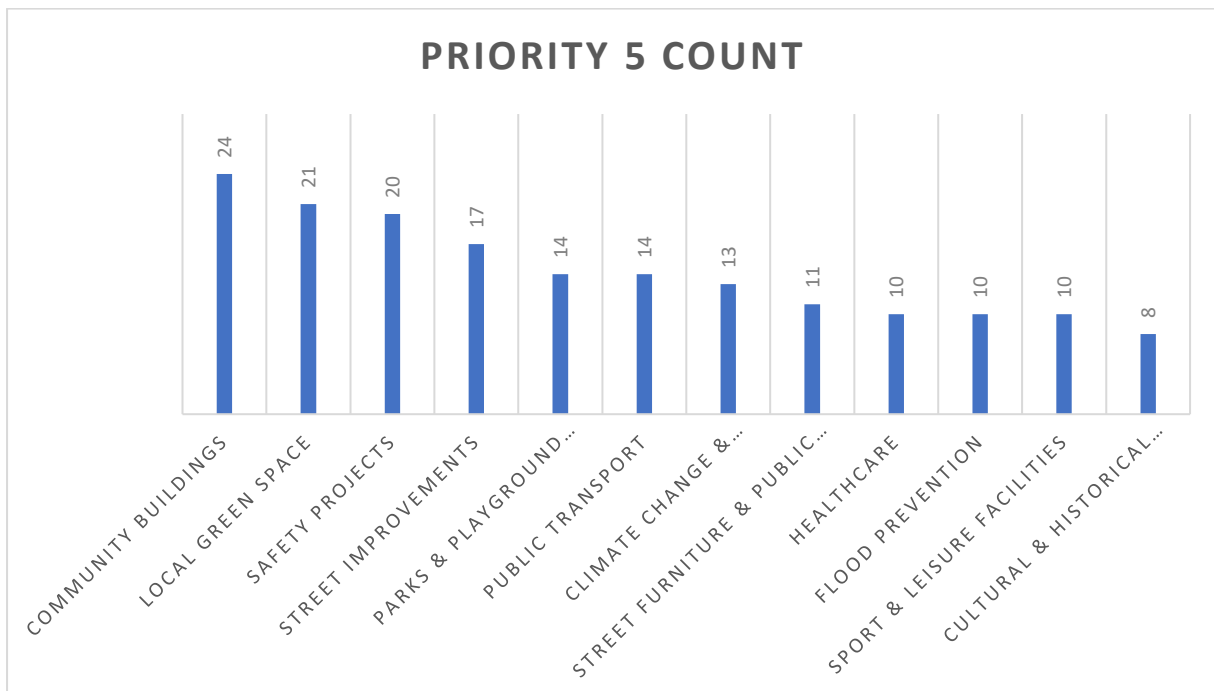
Fourth priority

- **Community safety projects** ranked the highest 'fourth priority' achieving 29 counts, followed by **public and community transport infrastructure** and then **healthcare infrastructure**.



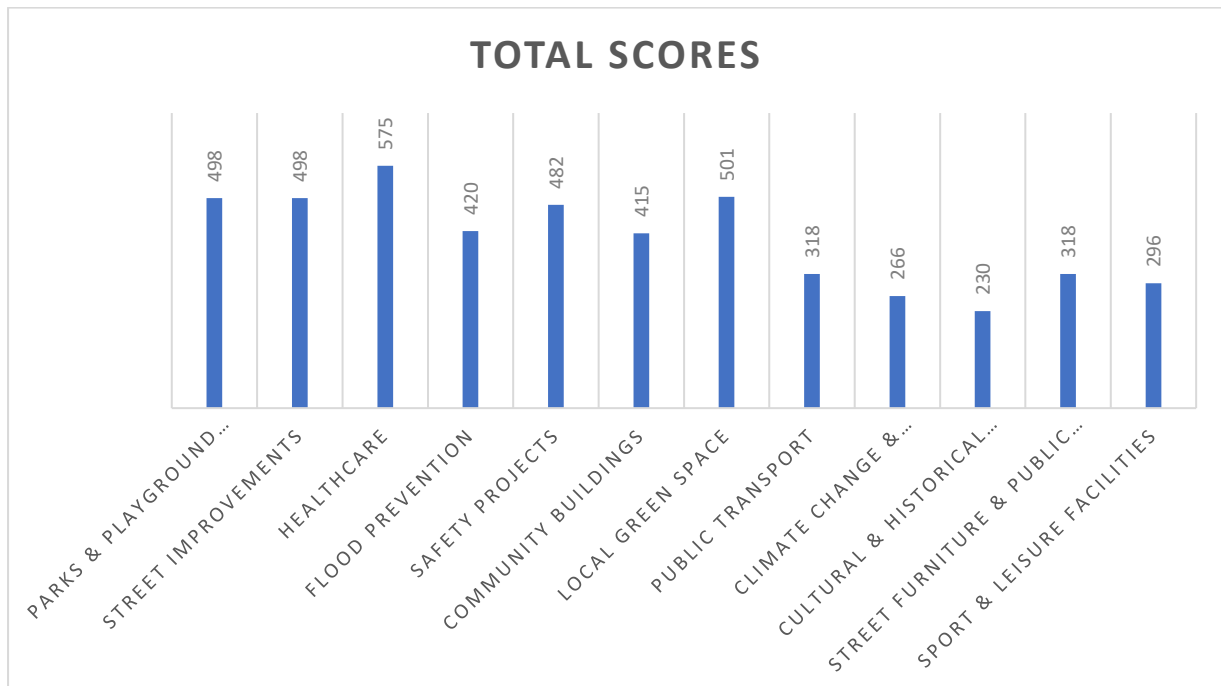
Fifth priority

- **Community buildings** ranked the highest 'fifth priority' achieving 24 counts, followed by **local green space infrastructure** and then **community safety projects**.



Total Scores

The chart below illustrates the total scores for each of the twelve infrastructure themes.



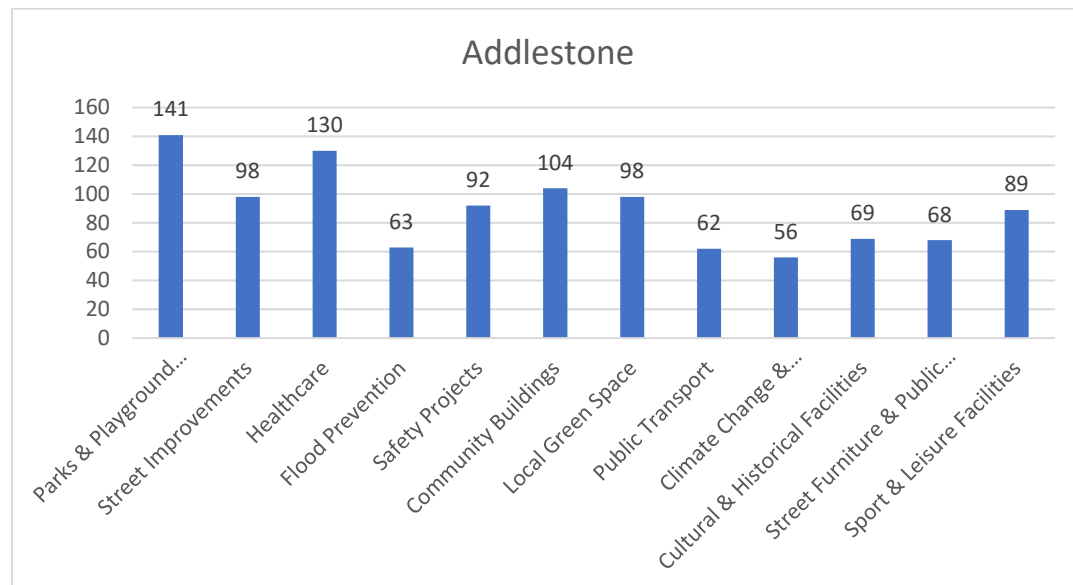
Based on the scoring system, **healthcare infrastructure** achieved the highest number of votes at a total of 575 points. This is 74 points higher (13%) than the second highest priority (**local green space infrastructure**). **Parks and playground** and **local street improvement infrastructure** also attracted a fairly high score of 498 points, followed by **community safety projects**.

Priorities by Settlement Area

A breakdown of priorities by settlement area is provided in the charts and commentary below.

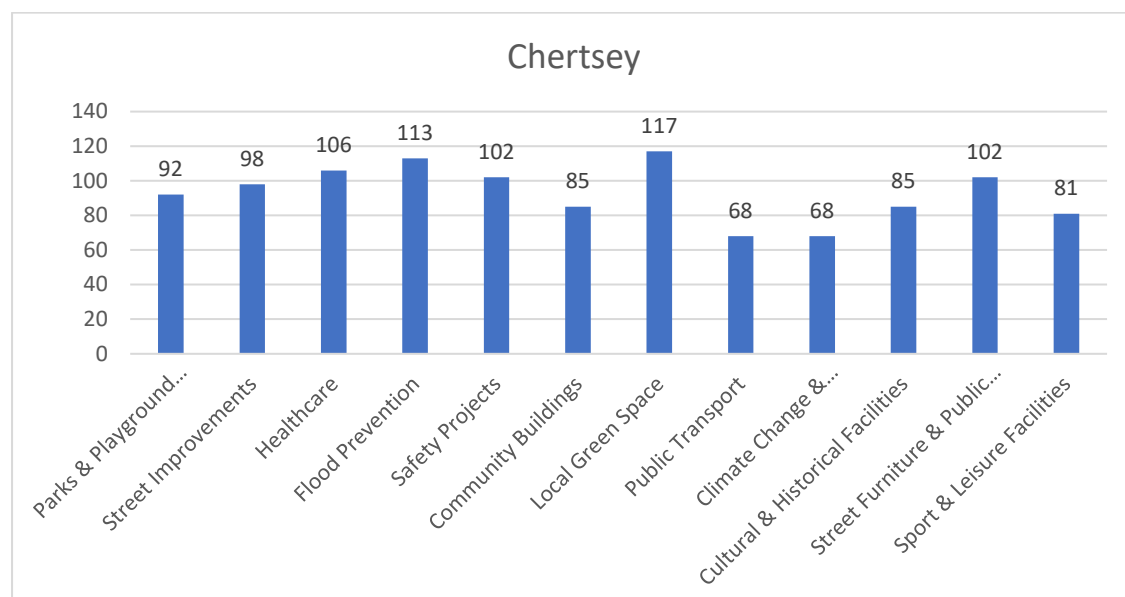
Addlestone Area

- People living or working in Addlestone selected **parks and playgrounds** as their highest priority, followed by **healthcare infrastructure** and then **community building improvements**. Local street improvements and local green space improvements also achieved high scores.



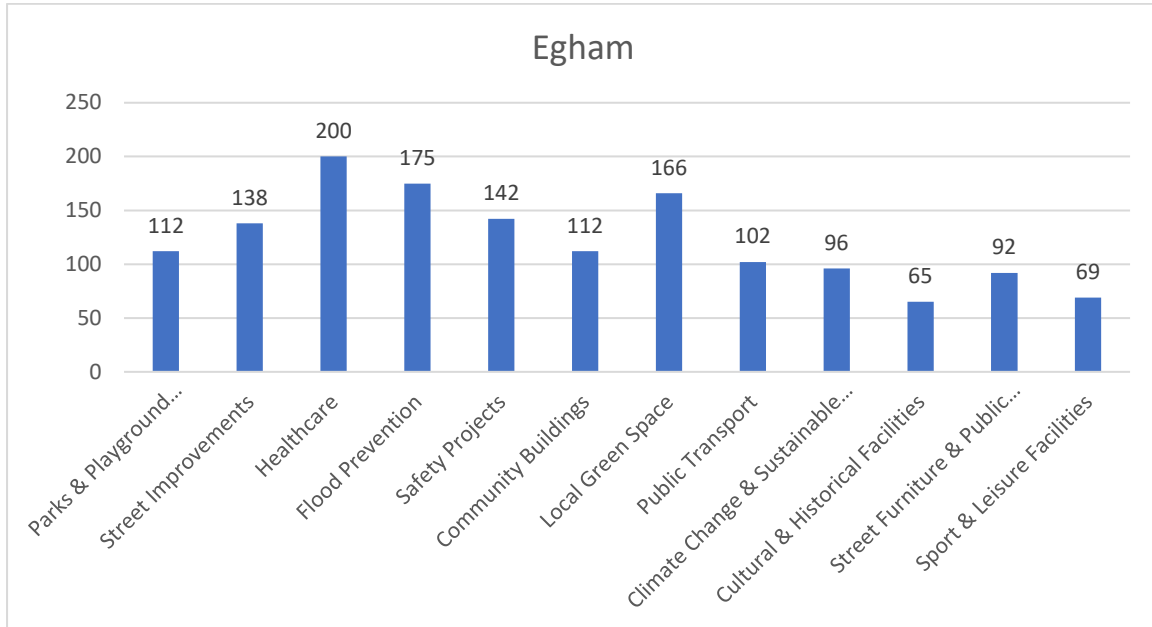
Chertsey Area

- People living or working in Chertsey selected **local green space improvements** as their highest priority, followed by **flood prevention infrastructure** and then **healthcare infrastructure**. Local street improvements and parks and playground improvements also achieved high scores.



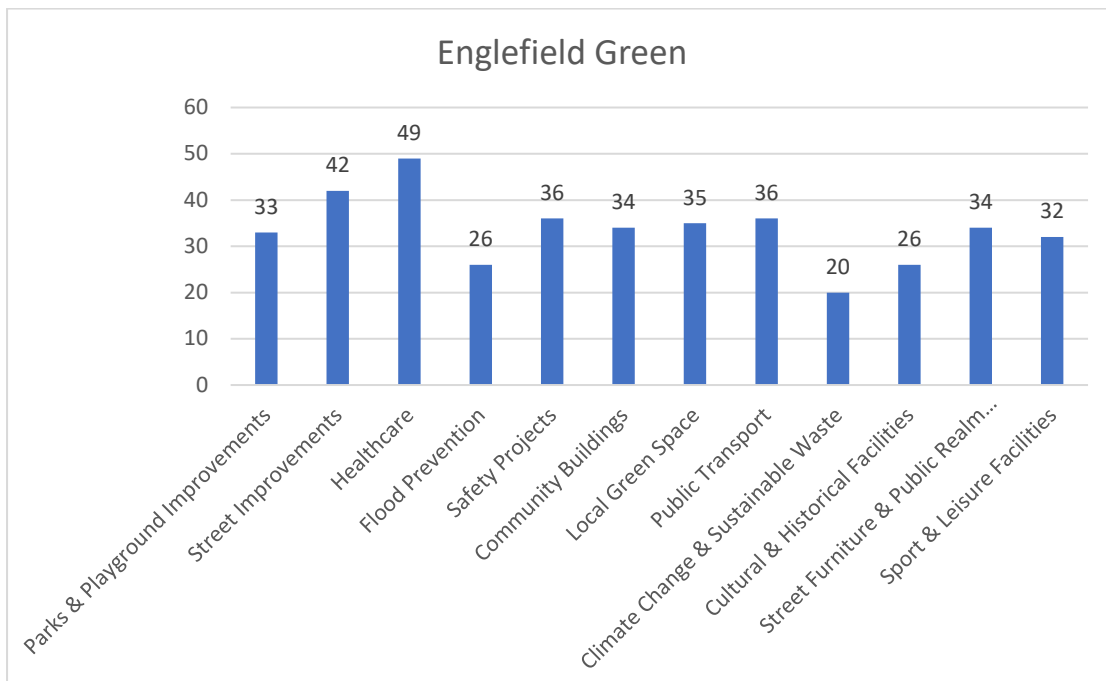
Egham Area

- People living or working in Egham selected **healthcare infrastructure** as their highest priority, followed by **flood prevention infrastructure** and then **local green space infrastructure**. Community safety projects and local street improvements also achieved high scores.



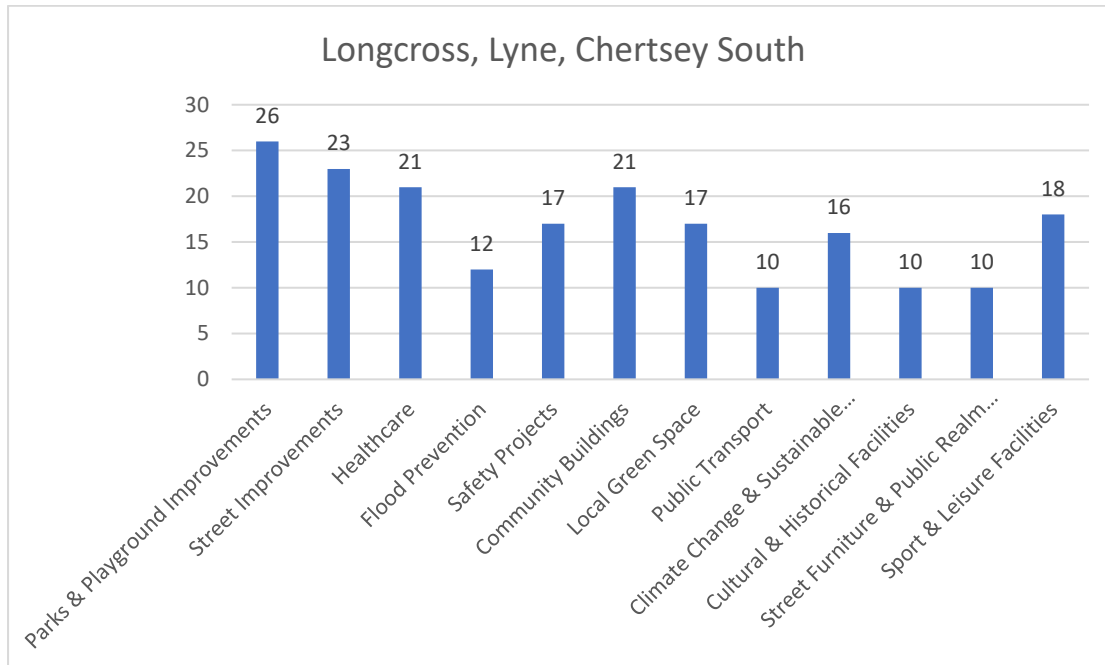
Englefield Green Area

- People living or working in Englefield Green selected **healthcare infrastructure** as their highest priority, followed by **local street improvements** and then both **community safety projects** and **public and community transport infrastructure**, closely followed by **local green space improvements**.



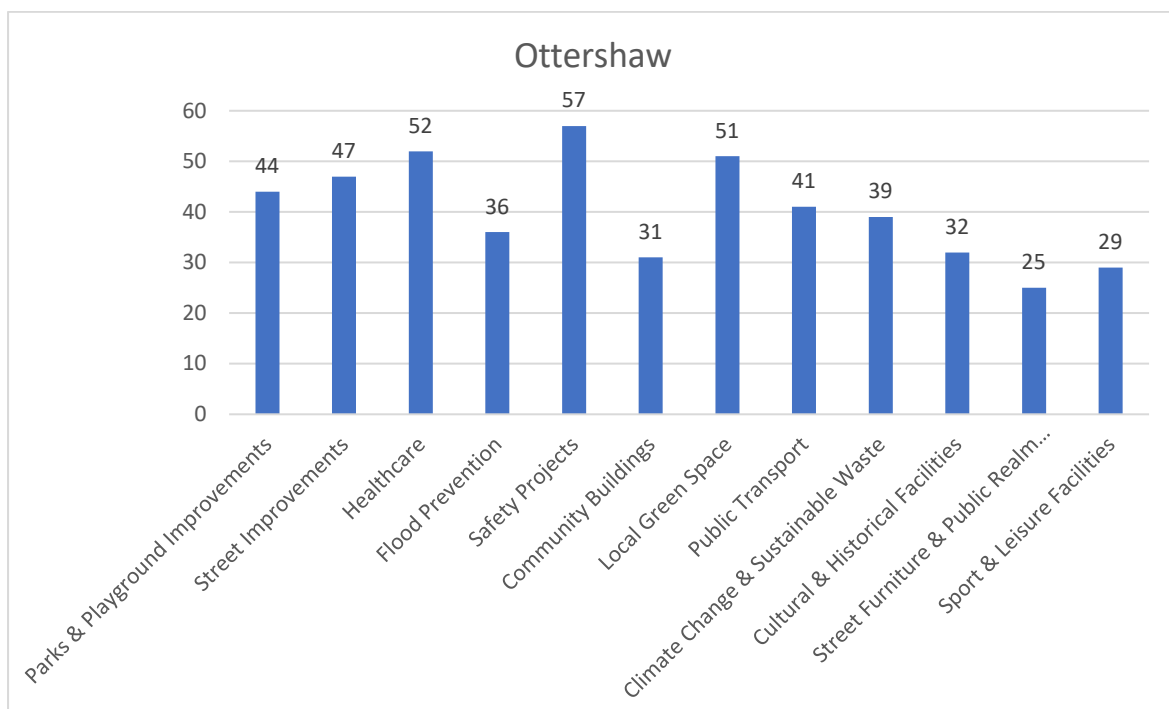
Longcross, Lyne and Chertsey South

- People living or working in the Longcross, Lyne and Chertsey South area selected **parks and playground infrastructure** as their highest priority, followed by **local street improvements** and then both **healthcare infrastructure** and **community building improvements**.



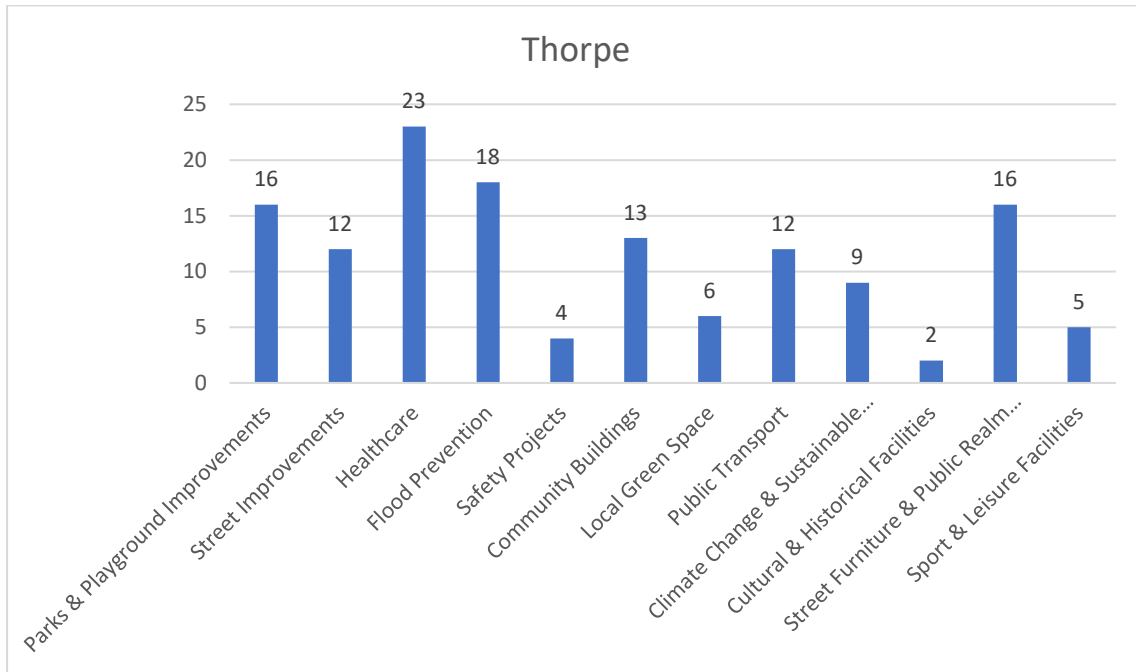
Ottershaw Area

- People living or working in Ottershaw selected **community safety projects** as their highest priority, followed by **healthcare infrastructure** and then **local green space improvements**.



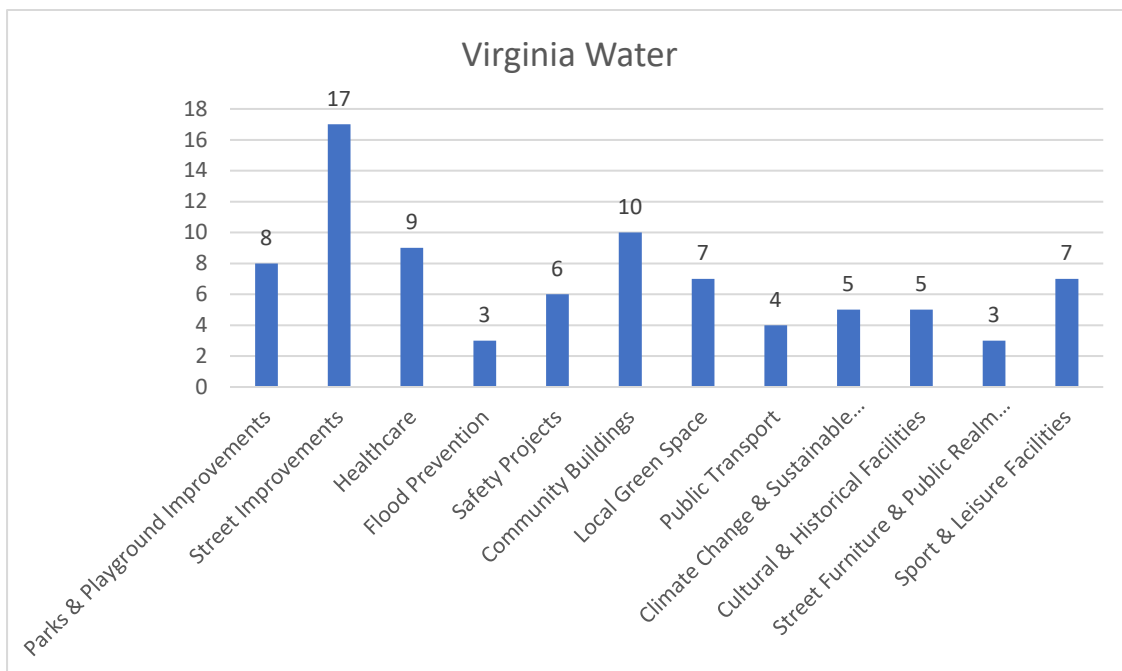
Thorpe Area

- People living or working in Thorpe selected **healthcare infrastructure** as their highest priority, followed by **flood prevention infrastructure** and then **parks and playgrounds**.



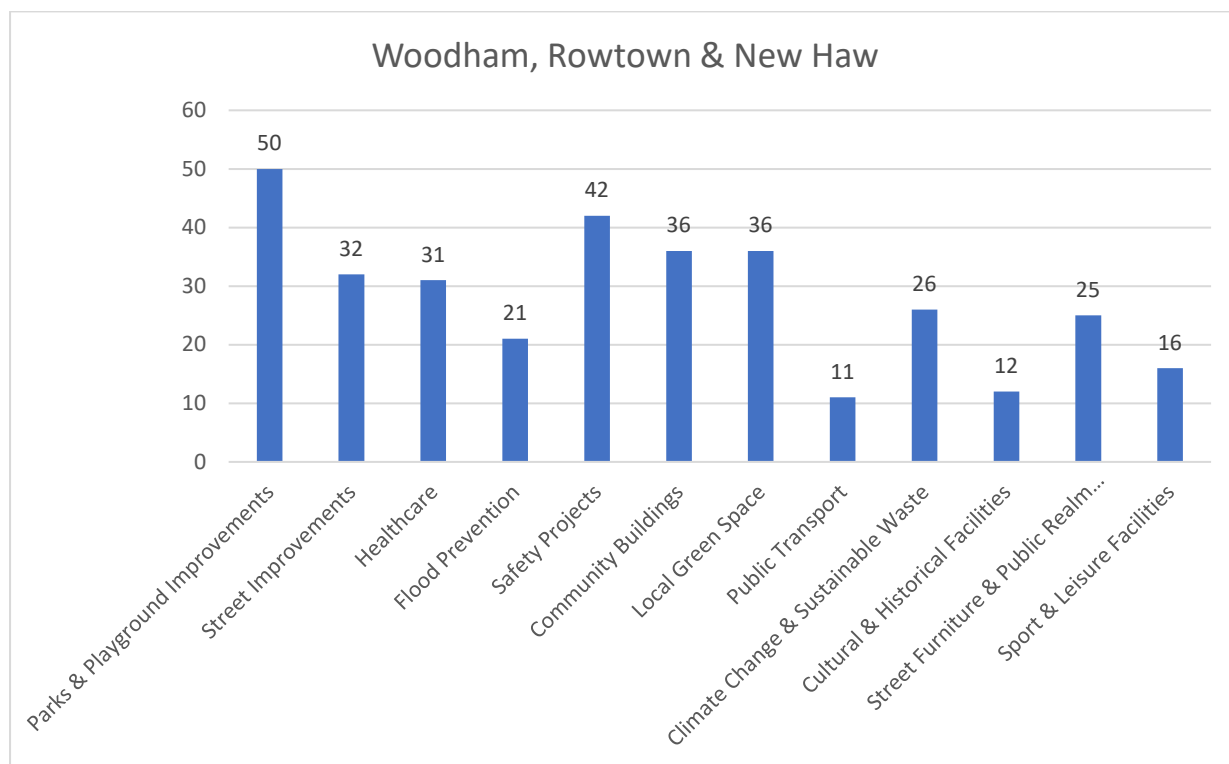
Virginia Water Area

- People living or working in Virginia Water selected **local street improvements** as their highest priority, followed by **community building improvements** and then **healthcare infrastructure**.



Woodham, Rowtown & New Haw Area

- People living or working in this area selected **parks and playground infrastructure** as their highest priority, followed by **community safety projects** and then both **community buildings** and **local green space improvements**.



Other Priorities

A number of other priority areas were identified by respondents. 30 additional suggestions were made out of the 234 responses. These included:

- Bridge near the 'Runnymede on Thames Hotel' along the Thames path needs improving.
- Access to hydrotherapy pool for rehabilitation after surgery.
- Chertsey primary schools need expanding to improve capacity.
- Abbey Rangers need more space for another 3G pitch and more car parking – then they could fulfil all the requests from children to play football.
- Edgell Close park needs updating. Although the slide was recently replaced, the other remaining equipment is in a sorry shape.
- Floral House needs a vast amount of improvement to the garden's waste, and dead plant weeds removed.
- Make the Egham–Staines Walkway a valuable asset for the whole community.
- Please consider investing in Chertsey, particularly Chertsey High Street.
- Sayes Court playground needs updating.
- Additional play areas and more parking at Surrey Towers.
- The local sports centre – Egham Orbit - is in desperate need of improvement.
- Trees and other plants on roadsides for shade and aesthetic value (but not interfering with visibility or access).

- Street cleaning and more bins.
- Pavement restoration Westerham Close KT15 2DB.
- Street improvements, specifically pavements in Egham High Street - they are uneven and dangerous.
- Overhanging branches and narrow pavement at motorway bridge in Woodham.
- Better maintenance of Chertsey High Street.
- New bell-tower ropes for ringing the church bells at Ottershaw Church.
- Fit for purpose food bins.
- Improved internet for residents around the light cinema.

Appendix 1: Survey Questions

1. To understand what the priorities are for the various neighbourhood areas of Runnymede, please tell us which ward you live/work in:

Drop-down list of all wards

2. Please choose your top five infrastructure priorities for infrastructure improvements in your area from the following list (1 being the most important, 2 the second most important etc). If your priority is not listed or you have additional priorities to share, please select 'Other' and move onto question 3.

1. **Community buildings** e.g. improvements to libraries, youth clubs, indoor sports or community centres/halls, local school improvements
2. **Community safety projects** e.g. local investment in policing resources / CCTV
3. **Public and community transport** e.g. passenger information and bus shelters
4. **Local street improvements (which can also help address air quality)** e.g. walking/cycling route improvements, traffic calming measures, tactile paving, dropped kerbs
5. **Parks and playground improvements** e.g. improving access to provision, improving quality of playgrounds, skateparks, outdoor gym equipment
6. **Sport and leisure facility improvements** e.g. improving access to sports provision, improving quality of pitches and equipment
7. **Healthcare facility expansion or improvements**
8. **Local green space and wildlife improvements** e.g. allotments and food growing spaces, trees and planting in public areas, wildlife projects
9. **Cultural and historical facilities** e.g. community arts or performing arts projects, heritage assets
10. **Climate change and sustainable waste projects** e.g. community recycling schemes, community-led renewable energy projects
11. **Flood prevention or reduction measures** e.g. road drainage, sustainable drainage of open spaces
12. **Street furniture and public realm improvements** e.g. benches, signs, street lighting, accessibility for all
13. **Other** (please state what the priority is in Question 3)

3. If you have selected 'Other' in Question 2, please state your other priority(ies) below.

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