

Granton Waterfront Community Benefits Public Engagement Final Report

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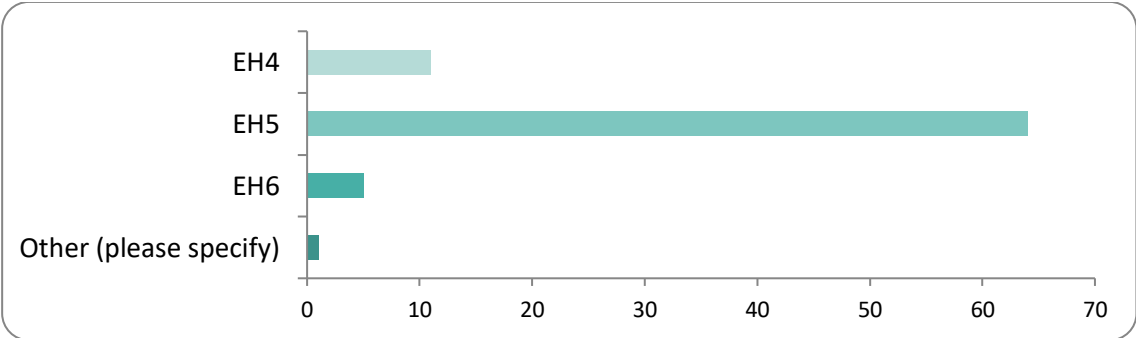
1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Granton Waterfront Project Team are currently reviewing guidance in relation to the handling of community benefits delivered through the Granton Waterfront regeneration and development programme.
- 1.2 In January-March 2022, the Council undertook a public engagement exercise to share the draft community benefits framework and gather views on what is most important to the community in relation to social, environmental and economic benefits. This will help us to ensure that benefits delivered are shaped by local context and the needs of the local community.
- 1.3 The public engagement exercise was hosted on the [City of Edinburgh Council's Consultation Hub](#) website for 7 weeks from the 24 January – 16 March 2022.
- 1.4 Respondents were asked to rank which of the following community benefits were most important to the local community:
 - Employability & Skills
 - Community Engagement & Improvement
 - Education and outreach
 - Supply chain and business collaboration
- 1.5 The consultation was advertised via the City of Edinburgh Council's social media channels and on the Granton Waterfront newsletter which goes to over 500 people.
- 1.6 Overall there were 81 respondents to the online survey.

2. Responses

1: What is the beginning of your postcode?

There were 81 responses to this part of the question.



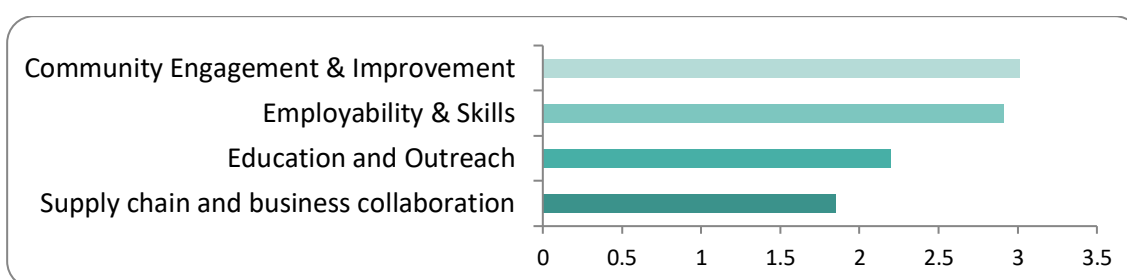
Option	Total	Percent
EH4	11	13.58%
EH5	64	79.01%
EH6	5	6.17%
Other (please specify)	1	1.23%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

“Other” responses:

- EH15

2: Ranking of 'Benefits ranking'

There were 81 responses to this question.



Item	Ranking
Community Engagement & Improvement	3.01
Employability & Skills	2.91
Education and Outreach	2.20
Supply chain and business collaboration	1.85

“Other” Responses:

- Improved paving throughout the EH5 area. Wheelchair access from Royston Mains to Morrisons and Lidl is almost impossible with the threat of injury or death. There's 2 major Sheltered units on Royston Mains Crescent and a Nursing Home nearby and no dropped kerbs, it's a scandal
- Green spaces
- 0 mention of environmental protections and safe guarding of wild spaces for wildlife and green spaces people's mental and physical wellbeing.
- No mention of decontamination nor improvement of sea water or local water quality, which is a concern when current levels of man made sewage and waste are already an issue. This issue will only worsen with an increase in local population.
- Since the pandemic there has been a recognition that people's mental health is more fragile than ever. Whether that is people too afraid to come out or people increasingly isolated through working from home or having to self isolate in a flat with no access to

garden space. Likewise retail has been increasingly difficult as footfall has decreased and businesses have struggled. That can be anything from the owner watching their dream turning into a nightmare or not being able to find enough employees. Right now there are a whole range of issues that are making society more fragile.

- I have worked in the community since 2005. Over that time the importance of people having someone they know is there to care for them and who will give them time/space has proven invaluable. We in the church would like to propose a waterfront chaplain whose role will be to support residents and businesses alike. They would act as a point of contact and be able to help folks with well-being, spirituality, self-care amongst other things. We would like to start a conversation with you over how something like this can be delivered.
- just make the area look more cared for
- I am surprised that this consultative exercise doesn't give us any space for giving comments, advice or feedback.
- Waterfront means living on the water. Living by the water means wind. This can be a harsh place to live- made much worse from high rise flats that block out the sun and just leave you with harsh wind tunnels. I myself have had my pram blown out of my hands with strong winds from the sea. Yet the council continues to build high sky scrapers. I have lived in Newhaven before here - in a 4 storey development. I now live in a 6 storey development in Granton. The difference is staggering. Much less community feel. Much less views of the sea, less views of the sun but simply left with wind tunnels. Money is of course a factor, but please consider the longer term with the developments in Granton. Please restrict heights to 4 storeys. It makes such a lot of difference to living here in terms of access to the sun/sky and protection from the wind... and to a feeling of community here.
- Green issues are of course important, so I was pleased to see electric car points and (allegedly) the tram 1b. I live in a flat in a six storey building and couldn't buy electric as there are no charging points nearby. However, there are lots of people who live here who cannot afford to live more centrally and who need a car space for work. Not all of us can work flexi at Waverley Court and not need a car - many here are tradespersons who travel between jobs, many are taxi drivers, many are community nurses or alternate between the Western and Royal Infirmary - they may finish a shift and not have the option of a bus in the way that Council Planners do when they finish their 9-5pm office based job. Please don't assume that everyone can manage without a car. Please don't punish us in Granton who earn less than Council Planners in Waverley Court for needing a car for our work. Giving us somewhere safe to park, does not mean that we will not choose public transport where it is possible and safe to do so.
- Space for an independent church that would provide spiritual care for families and singles.
- What about the construction contractors' direct relationship with the environment and the land on which they're building - are they being held to high standards regarding materials, pollutants, tidying up after themselves, leaving the environment in an ecologically better state than they found it not just an aesthetic one?

- "The waterfront area need cafes, restaurant and bakeries to promote a family and residential environment yo attract buyers and investors.
- The tram line getting here would also help."
- We need another primary school!!!
- Inside community room available for local groups
- Affordable housing. Public transport. Waterfront leisure facilities such as public toilets.
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- The cleanliness of the water. It would be good to have things in place to highlight the pollution going in to the water from the city and also the boats. This could be a great place to revive seagrass meadows and boost the nature in and around the water.
- More council housing, properly maintained and looked after; more truly affordable housing (lots of 'affordable' housing isn't really); excellent bus transport and walking routes; restrictions on buy to let and prioritising opportunities for local people to buy first homes.
- Erect all the 5G 15-20 metre high masts here, it will save the surrounding areas from having these erected in front of their homes causing an intrusion & eyesore on residents in Crewe Road North etc.
- A focus on more green spaces but also would be nice if in the new development the rest of Granton wasn't forgotten.
- Is there more social housing being built for council tenants ???
- more spaces for children, e.g. a skatepark
- Community meeting places that can be used by charities including churches etc
- Keeping more green space . At the moment because of the new building near pur house the beautiful forest and green space was destroyed completely. Which is absolutely disgusting.
- Local shops and post boxes, + need off street car parking, roads narrowed by cars.
- Free electric charging points
- improve the biodiversity and ecological benefits of the granton waterfront. Create urban wildlife habitats and open spaces that benefit residents through recreation and ecological services.
- Not low pay low skilled jobs there is no incentive for anyone. Must be a range of high skilled high pay from different sectors in particulate jobs of the future energy, environment, technology and must be a sector related being on the Forth with the sea.

- Coffee shops and cafes
- if drivers are expected to have roadworthy vehicles do your bit and make the roads worthy to be driven on and forget your crazy ideas.



3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The highest-ranking community benefit is “Community Engagement and Improvement”, closely followed by “Employability and Skills”.
- 3.2 It is evident that environmental concerns, greenspace, sustainability and biodiversity are of key importance to respondents; as well as provision of local services such as improved public transport and affordable housing and local facilities such as electric charging points, public toilets and cafes.
- 3.3 It is recommended that these ideas and responses are shared with contractors and incorporated into the community benefits framework for the Granton Waterfront.

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