

What makes a good place?

Overview

This questionnaire is asking about where you live in Edinburgh:

How would you score it?

What you like about it?

What would make it better?

It covers the key things that make a good place to live such as housing, local shops and services, healthcare, open space, play, community space, jobs and public transport.

You can answer the questions as an individual or as a group.

You don't have to answer all the questions or provide detailed answers.

It will take 10 minutes to complete



Why do we want to know?

We are starting to think about the plans for how Edinburgh develops and changes in the future.

We know that Edinburgh is not just one place, but it is made up of many different areas. Each area has its good points, bad points and challenges.

We will use the results of this questionnaire to get an understanding of each area and what we need to plan for: what needs to be protected and what might be needed.

As part of other consultations, we have already asked people what they think about their communities and how they would like to see them develop. We will use that feedback, but we also need to fill in the gaps and make sure we have heard from everywhere in the city.

Need a bit more information?

We are preparing our next local development plan which will be City Plan 2040. This plan is a legal requirement for all Councils and includes certain formal steps which we must do. The results of this questionnaire will feed into one of those steps: the Evidence Report. You can find out more about City Plan 2040 on our website [here](https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/local-development-plan-guidance-1/city-plan-2040) <<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/local-development-plan-guidance-1/city-plan-2040>> .

For the Evidence Report, we are putting together Place Profiles for different areas of Edinburgh. These will tell the story of what it is like to live in that area. The results of this questionnaire will feed into these Place Profiles.

The Evidence Report including the Place Profiles will be used to prepare the proposed City Plan 2040 which will include how we plan the different areas of Edinburgh.

Some of the questions focus on outdoor play and these will inform our [Play Sufficiency Assessment](https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-government-planning-guidance-play-sufficiency-assessment/pages/3/) <<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-government-planning-guidance-play-sufficiency-assessment/pages/3/>> which will tell us about the quality, quantity and accessibility of play opportunities in Edinburgh.

Need a different language or format?



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Why your views matter

There's a chance to win a £50 shopping voucher if you provide your e-mail address at the end of the questionnaire.

You are also helping to shape the future of your area for you, your community and the next generation.

About You

1 What is your gender?

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to say

2 What is your age?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Under 16
- ☐ 16 - 24
- ☐ 25 - 34
- ☐ 35 - 44
- ☐ 45 - 54
- ☐ 55 - 64
- ☐ 65 - 74
- ☐ 75 and over
- ☐ Prefer not to say

3 What is your ethnic group?

Choose **one** section from A to F, then tick **one** box which **best describes** your ethnic group or background

A. White

Please select only one item

- ☐ 1. Scottish
- ☐ 2. Other British
- ☐ 3. Irish
- ☐ 4. Polish
- ☐ 5. Gypsy / Traveller
- ☐ 6. Roma
- ☐ 7. Showman / Showwoman
- ☐ 8. Other white ethnic group, please write in

B. Mixed or multiple ethnic groups

Please select only one item

- ☐ 9. Any mixed or multiple ethnic groups, please write in

C. Asian, Scottish Asian or British Asian

Please select only one item

- ☐ 10. Pakistani, Scottish Pakistani or British Pakistani
- ☐ 11. Indian, Scottish Indian or British Indian
- ☐ 12. Bangladeshi, Scottish Bangladeshi or British Bangladeshi
- ☐ 13. Chinese, Scottish Chinese or British Chinese
- ☐ 14. Other, please write in

D. African, Scottish African or British African

Please select only one item

- ☐ 15. Please write in (for example, Nigerian, Somali)

E. Caribbean or Black

Please select only one item

- ☐ 16. Please write in (for example, Scottish Caribbean, Black Scottish)

F. Other ethnic group

Please select only one item

- ☐ 17. Arab, Scottish Arab or British Arab
- ☐ 18. Other, please write in (for example, Sikh, Jewish)

G.

Please select only one item

- ☐ 19. Prefer not to say

4 Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If answer 'Yes' (do you have a physical or mental health condition or illness lasting or expected to last 12 months or more):

Do any of these conditions or illnesses affect you in any of the following areas?

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Vision (for example blindness or partial sight)
- ☐ Hearing (for example deafness or partial hearing)
- ☐ Mobility (for example walking short distances or climbing stairs)
- ☐ Dexterity (for example lifting or carrying objects, using a keyboard)
- ☐ Learning or understanding or concentrating
- ☐ Memory
- ☐ Mental health
- ☐ Stamina or breathing or fatigue
- ☐ Socially or behaviourally (for example associated with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) which includes Asperger's, or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD))
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

5 What is the first part of your postcode (for example – 'EH23')

6 Are you a parent or carer for children?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What age are the children?

7 What age are the children?

	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-18	18+
First Child <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Second Child <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Third Child <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fourth Child <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fifth Child <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sixth Child <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

☐ Prefer not to say

Home

Where we live and call home affects our health and wellbeing. Edinburgh is in a housing emergency and we know that finding a suitable and affordable home can be difficult.

8 How happy are you with your home?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

9 If you could change one thing; what would it be?

Please select only one item

- ☐ A home to call my own
- ☐ A bigger place
- ☐ A bedroom for everyone
- ☐ Being in a house, not a flat/maisonette
- ☐ Warmer, less damp/cold
- ☐ My own garden
- ☐ Better neighbours
- ☐ Being in a different location
- ☐ Quieter
- ☐ Adapted to meet my needs
- ☐ Somewhere that's more manageable
- ☐ Change nothing

Something else (please enter)

If you would like, please explain your answer:

Homes for Other People

Good places have a mix of housing for different people and families. This could mean a range of house types and sizes, more affordable homes, adapted/ accessible homes or supported accommodation that serves a wide range of people.

10 How good are the homes in your area in meeting the needs of the people living there?



very good



good



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Terrible

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Bad

11 What is good about the housing now?

12 What would make housing better to meet everyone’s needs?

Shops and Services

When different shops and services such as schools, post offices, libraries, cafes, leisure centres, salons are easy to access locally, this can help people to live independent and easier lives. It can be difficult for people when services aren't available in a local area or when they don't meet people's needs.

13 What is your area like for the shops and services you need?



very good



good



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Terrible

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Bad

14 What is good about the shops and services now?

15 What could make shops and services better in the future?

16 Thinking of your local shops and services, do you think there is too much of anything?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

If yes, what is there too much of?

Healthcare Facilities

Having access to healthcare facilities such as doctors, dentists and pharmacies is important for overall health and better health outcomes. However, we know registering with a doctor or dentist can be difficult in some areas.

17 What is your area like for the healthcare facilities you need?



very good



good



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Terrible

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Bad

What is good about the healthcare facilities now?

What could make healthcare facilities better in the future?

Moving Around

Walking, Cycling and Wheeling

Pleasant and safe routes can encourage people to move around by walking, wheeling and cycling without relying on cars or public transport – this is good for health, the environment and air quality.

18 How easy is it to walk, cycle or wheel to places you need and want to go to?



very easy



easy



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Very difficult

What is good about walking, wheeling and cycling now?

What could make walking, wheeling and cycling better in the future?

Public Transport: Buses, Trams and Trains

Good public transport is affordable, reliable and connects people where they want to go. It can reduce the use of cars and encourage people to travel in ways that are better for the environment.

19 How easy is it to get to where you need or want to go by public transport?



very easy



easy



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Very difficult

What is good about public transport now?

How could make public transport better in the future?

Traffic and Parking

Traffic and parking affect how people use the streets. How traffic and parking is managed can make it safer, easier and nicer to walk, cycle or wheel around.

20 How do you feel about the traffic and parking in your area?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

What is good about traffic and parking now?

How could make traffic and parking better in the future?

Economy

A strong local economy with a mix of businesses can help to make places feel active and attractive. Access to good quality jobs, volunteering and training can help us to stay active, provide social connections, a sense of identity and satisfaction, and an income where paid.

21 How are the opportunities for work, volunteering and training in your area?



very good



good



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Terrible

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Bad

What is good about work, volunteering and training now?

How could make work, volunteering and training better in the future?

Community

Meeting and Talking with People

Good places have a mix of spaces and opportunities to meet and talk with friends and other people. For example, this could be in a community cafe, outdoor seating area, play park or garden. Feeling isolated can be damaging to our health and wellbeing.

22 How good are the spaces and opportunities where you can meet up with friends and other people?



very good



good



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Very bad

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Bad

What is good the about the spaces and opportunities to meet up now?

What could make meeting with people better in the future?

Community Space

Community spaces, such as community centres and local halls, allow group-based activities for all ages to happen and provide space for often vital services to support the local community.

23 How is the community space in your area?



very good



good



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Terrible

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Bad

What is good about the community space now?

What could make the community space better?

Green and Natural Spaces

Green and natural spaces include parks, woodlands, fields, hills, burns, canals and rivers, the coast and beaches and the trees, planting and green space alongside paths, roads and streets.

Good quality green and natural spaces provide many benefits – supporting wildlife, encouraging physical exercise, reducing flooding, and improving air quality. Connecting with nature and wildlife improves our wellbeing.

24 How happy are you with the number of green and natural spaces in your area?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

25 How happy are you with the quality of green and natural spaces in your area?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

What is good about the green and natural spaces now?

What could make green and natural spaces better in the future?

Growing Spaces

Growing spaces such as allotments and community gardens have many benefits: access to fresh food, connecting with other people and improving physical and mental health through exercise and connection with nature.

26 How happy are you with access to growing spaces in your area?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

What is good about growing spaces now?

What would make growing spaces better in the future?

Climate Change

We know that climate change is going to impact on our lives in many ways through increased temperatures, rising sea levels and changing rainfall patterns. We know that flooding and surface water flooding are already a challenge in parts of Edinburgh.

27 Thinking about your area, do you have any concerns about the impact of climate change? What could be done to address your concerns?

Sports

Playing sport can be good for everyone – it improves physical and mental health and is good for social connections

28 How happy are you with the number of outdoor spaces in your local area to play ball games such as football, cricket, rugby, golf, basketball, tennis, bowls etc.?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

What is good about the outdoor spaces to play ball games now?

How could make the outdoor spaces to play ball games better in the future?

Play

Places to Play and Hang-out

Having outdoor spaces where children and young people can play and hang out is important for their health and wellbeing. They encourage physical activity but also foster social skills and connections.

29 How happy are you with the number of outdoor spaces for children and young people to play and hang-out around in your area?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

What is good about the outdoor play spaces now?

How could make the outdoor play spaces better in the future?

Places to Play

This section is aimed at parent and carers of children and young people.

The questions cover what you think about outdoor spaces and playgrounds where you might play or spend time with children and young people.

30 Would you like to skip this section?

Please select only one item

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Places to Play

Play and recreation can improve the quality of our lives and our health and wellbeing. Good opportunities for play are essential for children's development. Places with a range of formal and informal outdoor spaces and events encourage children, teenagers and adults to play and to enjoy leisure, culture and sporting activities.

This section is divided into outdoor spaces and playgrounds.

31 Which type of outdoor spaces do you usually visit with children and young people? (Please tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Formal sports areas (football pitches, basketball, tennis courts etc.)
- ☐ Skatepark/pump tracks
- ☐ Parks
- ☐ Playgrounds
- ☐ Green spaces near my home
- ☐ Natural areas/woodlands
- ☐ Beaches
- ☐ School grounds after hours/holidays
- ☐ Streets and benches near my home

Other (please enter)

32 How often do you take children/young people to visit an outdoor space to play or spend time?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Everyday
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Less than once a month
- ☐ Never

33 How long does it take you to walk, cycle or wheel to your nearest outdoor space?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Less than 5 minutes
- ☐ 5-10 minutes
- ☐ 11-20 minutes
- ☐ 21-30 minutes
- ☐ More than 30 minutes
- ☐ I cannot walk, cycle or wheel there

34 Is it easy (good paths, ramps, pedestrian crossings, safe etc.) to walk, wheel or cycle to the outdoor spaces in your local area?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Neither difficult nor easy
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Very difficult

35 How safe are the outdoor spaces in your local community for children and young people to play and/or hang-out?



very safe



safe



neutral



unsafe



very unsafe

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very safe
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unsafe
- ☐ Very unsafe

36 How happy are you with the quality of the outdoor spaces in your local area for your children and/or young people play and hang out?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

37 How happy are you with the outdoor spaces in your local area for children and young people to play ball games such as football, rugby, golf, basketball, tennis etc.?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

38 How do you rate the quality of the outdoor spaces in your local area for playing with natural elements such as sand, rock, water, trees and logs?



very good



good



neutral

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Terrible

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Bad

Playgrounds

We now would like you to think specifically about the formal play in your local area, such as the playgrounds.

39 How happy are you with the number of playgrounds in your area?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

40 How often do you take children/young people to visit a playground in your area?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Everyday
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Less than once a month
- ☐ Never

41 Which playground do you visit most often?

42 Thinking about that playground - how long does it take you to walk, cycle or wheel there?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Less than 5 minutes
- ☐ 5-10 minutes
- ☐ 11-20 minutes
- ☐ 21-30 minutes
- ☐ More than 30 minutes
- ☐ I cannot walk, cycle or wheel to the playground

43 How easy (good paths, ramps, pedestrian crossings, safe etc.) is it for you/your child(ren) to walk, cycle or wheel to the playground?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Very difficult

44 What are the best aspects of that playground? (Please tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Play equipment
- ☐ Surfaces
- ☐ Things to do for children of different ages
- ☐ Access to the play park
- ☐ Inclusive equipment for children of all abilities
- ☐ Landscaping
- ☐ Overall setting/natural environment
- ☐ Views
- ☐ Cleanliness
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Seating/picnic tables
- ☐ Meeting with other local parents/carers
- ☐ Meeting place for children
- ☐ Do not know

Other (please enter)

45 What improvements would make it better? (Please tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- ☐ New equipment
- ☐ More variety of play equipment for different age groups
- ☐ Different surfaces/pavements
- ☐ More seating
- ☐ More picnic tables
- ☐ Shelters/shade
- ☐ Better access to the playground
- ☐ Quiet/enclosed spaces to address sensory sensitivity
- ☐ More inclusive equipment for children of all abilities
- ☐ Increasing opportunities for social, sensory, creative, and natural play
- ☐ Improvements to the overall setting
- ☐ Natural environment
- ☐ Toilets/changing places
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Cleaner
- ☐ Higher fences
- ☐ Lighting

Other (please enter)

46 Do you think playgrounds in Edinburgh provide inclusive play opportunities for children of all abilities and needs?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Do not know

47 Is there anything else you'd like to say about places to play in your area?

Overall

48 How happy are you with your overall area?



very happy



happy



neutral



unhappy



very unhappy

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very happy
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unhappy
- ☐ Very unhappy

49 How important is it to you to have the following services within walking distance in your local area?

	Essential	Desirable	Not Important
Bus/tram stop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pub, restaurant or café	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hot food takeaway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salon/Hairdressers/Barbers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post box/postal locker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cash point	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bank or building society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GP Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dentist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secondary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park/open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Growing Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure Centre/Gym/Swimming Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural venue (art gallery/museum/theatre etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Essential	Desirable	Not Important
Recycling point	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

50 If you could change one thing in your area, what would it be?

51 Is there anything you like to say about your area that we haven't asked you about?

Prize Draw

52 Add your email here and you will be entered into the competition to win a £50 voucher (if you don't want to leave it blank).

Winners will be picked at random.