



Budget Consultation 2026-27 Feedback

The budget consultation had 96 respondents via Commonplace.

Some respondents chose to provide no personal details, of those who did, there were 34 female and 44 male participants.

We had respondents from each of the age profiles as follows:

Age Profile	No. of Respondents
13-15	1
25-34	3
35-44	2
45-54	3
55-64	31
65-74	22
75-84	14
85+	2
Prefer Not To Say	1

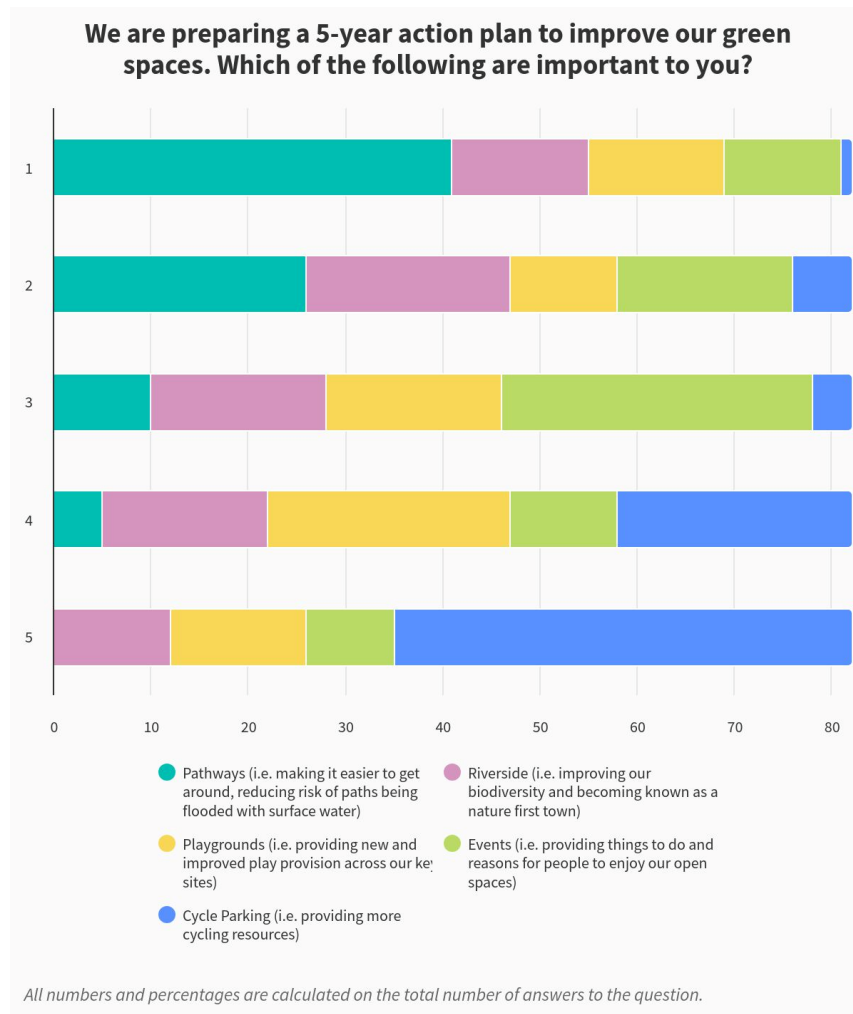
As for the respondent's connection with Cirencester 44 live here, 2 respondents were visitors and shop here and 1 has a business here.

Employment Status	No. of Respondents
Apprenticeship/Student	1
Unemployed	0
Self-Employed	0
Full-Time Employment	15
Part-Time Employment	7
Retired	44
Other	2

Based on electoral ward respondents lived in:

Ward	No. of Respondents
Abbey	14
Beeches	6
Chesterton	5
Four Acres	6
New Mills	2
St Michaels	11
Stratton	6
Watermoor	14
Other	11

The first question we asked was about the 5-year action plan for the delivery of the Green Spaces Strategy and to prioritise what projects are important, with pathways, riverside and playgrounds getting the most endorsement:

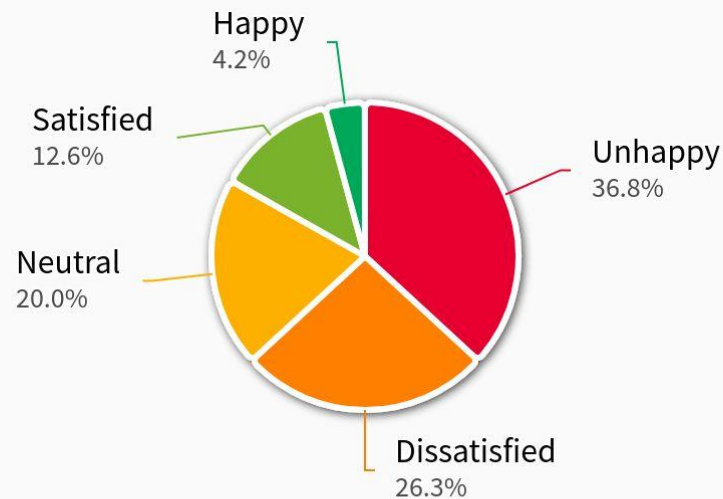


We also explained that we are proposing to increase expenditure to improve and enhance areas of the town; we asked respondents to select the options they support:

Green Spaces	21.3%
Land and Property Improvements	23.7%
Markets and Events	23.3%
Play Areas	12%
Tree Works	19.7%

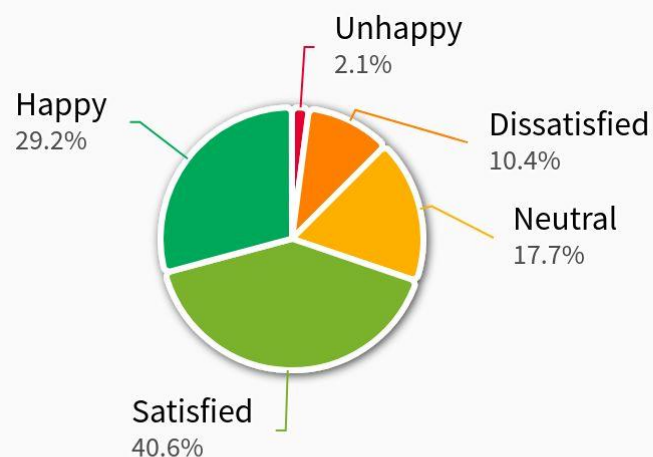
We then asked a series of questions on the council tax:

To minimise the increase in council tax in 2026-27 how do you feel about the Town Council reducing expenditure, even if that means there is a reduction in service provision?



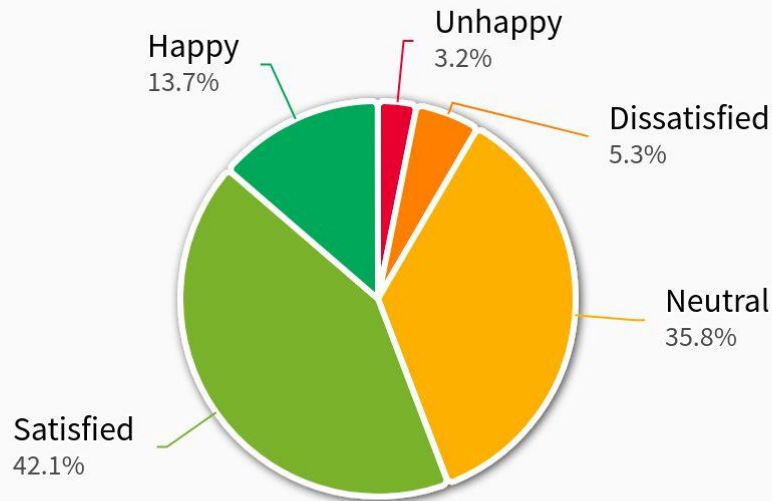
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An increase of around 67 pence a week would allow us to commence a number of projects and build up a fund for subsequent years and allow much lower increases in the future. How do you feel about this?



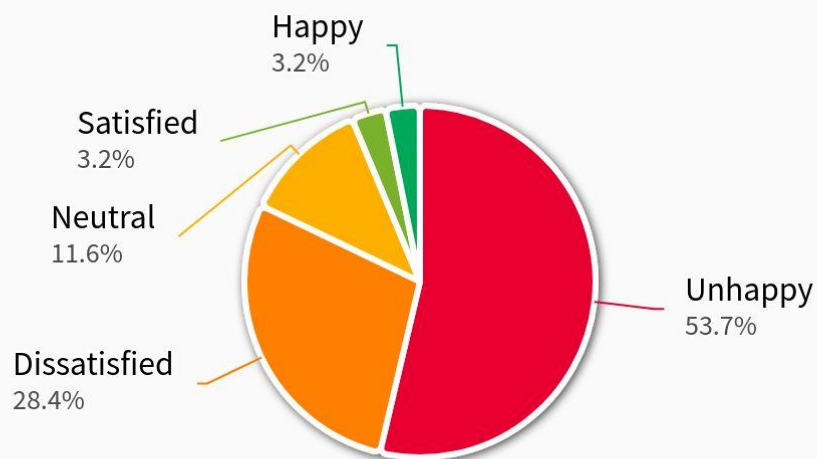
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An increase of around 34 pence a week would allow us to commence some projects but would require similar increases in future years. How do you feel about this?



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No increase in council tax would mean not being able to deliver the Green Spaces Strategy and to make improvements, and may require a reduction in the level of services provided. How do you feel about this?



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We have created a word cloud from what services that the Town Council provides, do respondents value most:



The Town Council's most valued service according to residents is the maintenance of green spaces and community events. Comments highlight the importance of tidy parks, such as the Abbey Grounds, and local activities that foster community spirit.

Many appreciate events like markets that attract visitors and bolster the local economy.

While most express pride in the town's vibrancy, some worry about infrastructure issues that undermine safety and accessibility. Concerns persist about the upkeep of pavements and street safety.

Overall, residents show a strong appreciation for community services that enhance the livability of Cirencester.

We also created a word cloud from suggestions and comments about the budget and ideas for income generation:



Comments on the 2026-27 budget highlight a mix of suggestions, concerns, and calls for improved facilities in Cirencester.

Key themes include the need for cycle-friendly paths, increased council tax to boost amenities, enhanced public toilets, and the importance of maintaining Cricklade Street.

Some advocate for better income generation through markets and events, while others warn against excessive parking fees that deter visitors, although this is currently outside CTC's direct control.

There is also a significant push for infrastructure improvements and a request for the town to better utilise its growing population for income generation.

Overall, the feedback reflects a strong desire for balanced investment in community services and infrastructure.