



# Transformation Unit Street Lighting Consultation Results

September 2023

# Summary Results

## Approval

705 unique responses to the consultation providing 861 reasons

- **40%** of respondents **Strongly Disagree** with the proposals
  - **13%** of respondents **Tend to Disagree** with the proposals
  - **14%** of respondents **Tend to Agree** with the proposals
  - **29%** of respondents **Strongly Agree** with the proposals
  - **4%** of respondents **Neither Agree nor Disagree** with the proposals, or **Don't Know**
- Of respondents who disagree with the proposals a **Fear of Crime** (22%) and **General Vulnerability** (17%) were the main reasons given
  - The main reasons for agreement with the proposals are to **Save Money** (13%) and **Light Pollution** (12%)

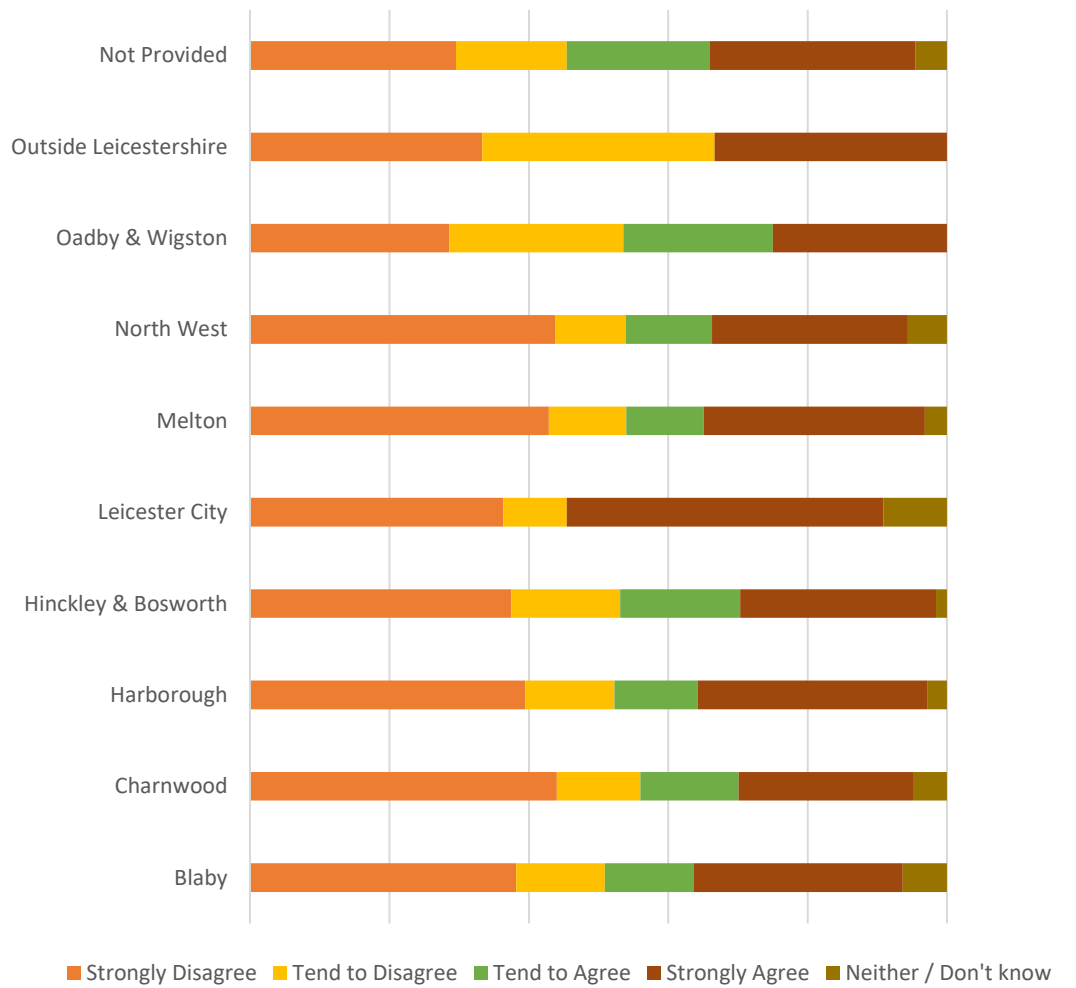
## Impact

702 unique responses providing 767 reasons

- **33%** of respondents felt that they would be impacted by the proposals **A Great Deal**
  - **37%** of respondents felt they would be impacted **To Some Extent**
  - **18%** of respondents felt they would be impacted **Not Very Much**
  - **11%** of respondents felt they would be impacted **Not At All**
  - **1%** of respondents felt they **Did Not Know** how they would be impacted
- The main reasons respondents feel that they will be effected by the proposals is **Concern about Lighting Levels (20%)** and **Concern about Personal Safety (19%)**
  - 20% of respondents that **Strongly Disagreed** with the proposals listed concerns about **Personal Safety** as the primary impact on them of the proposals.
  - 34% of respondents that **Strongly Agreed** with the proposals felt **Lighting Levels** would be the primary impact for them of the proposals.
  - 11% of respondents that **Disagree** with the proposals indicated they would change their behaviour in some way if the proposals are implemented, only 1% who **Agree** felt this way.

\*It is worth noting, some respondents supported the proposals due to the impression that this would replace the existing policy of turning off lights in certain areas.

# Breakdown of Response by District



The majority of responses were received from people within, or representing, Charnwood (26%).

39% of Charnwood responses agree with the proposals and 56% disagree.

Harborough and Hinckley & Bosworth districts most strongly support the proposals (45% agree) after discounting any districts accounting for less than 5% of overall responses.

The main reasons for supporting the proposals within these districts is inline with the overall response:

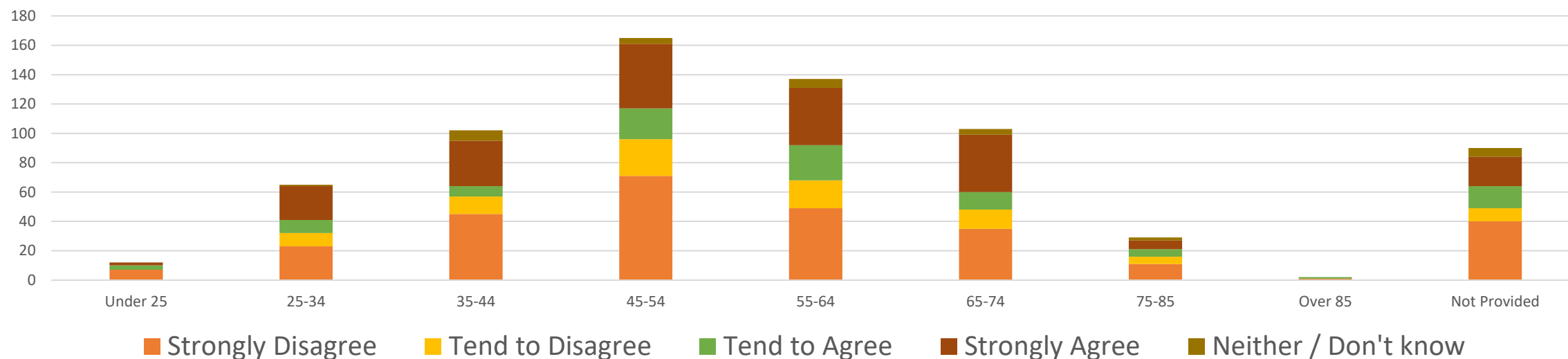
**Light Pollution** and **Saving**.

Similarly, these districts also cited **Fear of Crime** and **General Vulnerability** as the main reasons for disagree.

Of the districts, Melton felt the proposals would have the greatest impact on them. **Lighting Levels** (for those in support) and **Concerns for personal safety** (for those not in support) were cited as the main impacts.



# Breakdown of Response by Age



Respondents aged between 45-54 accounted for the highest response rate - 23% of all responses. This age group also had the highest rate of disagreement with the proposals. Fear of Crime and General Vulnerability were the main factors given for this.

Discounting any group accounting for less than 5% of responses, 65-74 year olds had the highest percentage of positive responses (50%). 65-74 year olds cited Light Pollution and Saving Money as their reasons for support.

Over 85s were the least represented group accounting for <0% of responses.

For the 45-54 year old group **Personal Safety** and **Lighting Levels** were cited as the greatest impact of the proposals although only a small percentage (4%) indicated this would lead to behaviour change.

# Breakdown of Response by Gender

There were more responses from individuals identifying as female than the other groups combined.

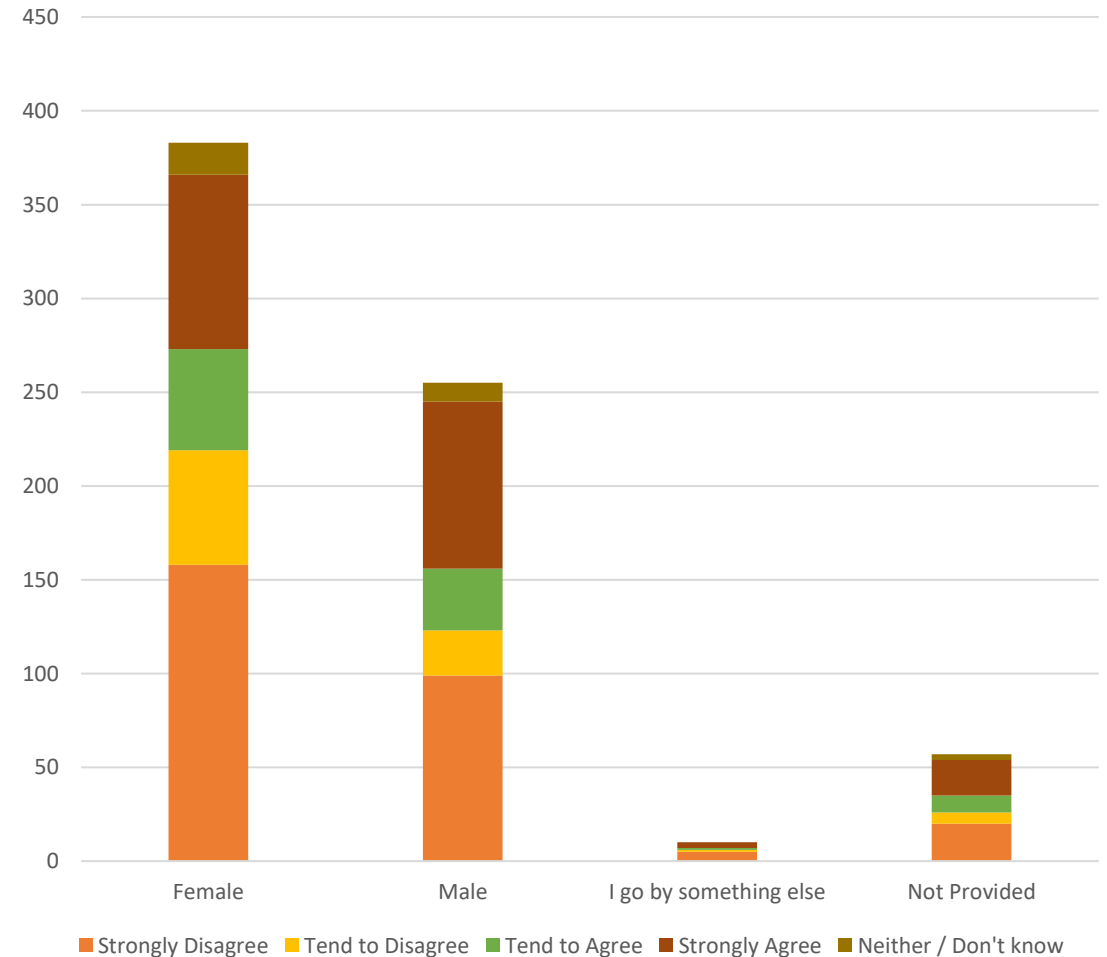
38% of female responses were in support of the proposals, compared to 48% of male responses.

Women between 45 and 54 made up the highest percentage of responses (making up 16% of all responses) followed by women aged 55-64 (11%). 59% of 45-54 group and 54% of the 55-64 were in opposition to the proposals.

Both Men and Women in general cited **Fear of Crime** and **General Vulnerability** as main concerns with the proposals, and **Saving Money** and **Light Pollution** as the main reasons for supporting the proposals. Women tended to be more concerned with General Vulnerability than men.

77% of Women, 70% of respondents that preferred not to say or identify differently, and 62% of men felt the proposals would impact them. 19% of Women that would be impacted felt Personal Safety concerns would be the greatest impact and 9% indicated they would change their behaviour due to the proposals. Mal respondents indicated both Fear of Crime (non-personal) and Personal Safety would be the greatest impact.

Responses based on Gender



# Breakdown of Response by Ethnicity and Religion

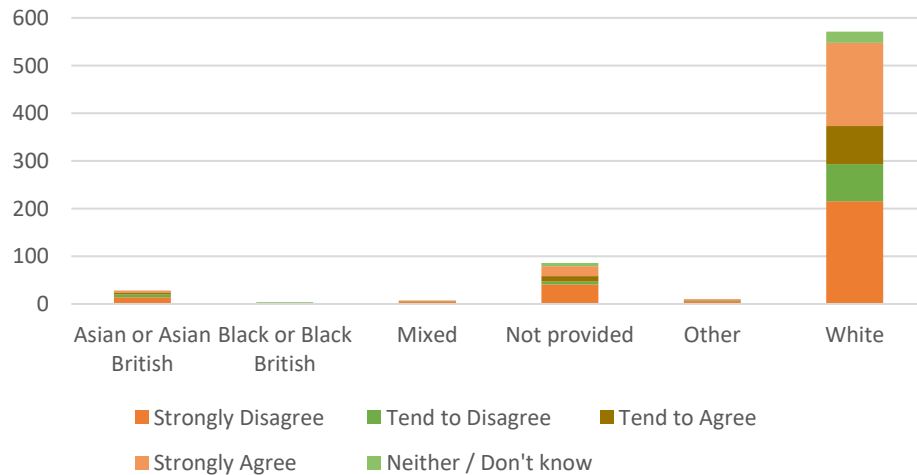
The majority of respondents were White (81%)

Only 4% of respondents were Asian or Asian British

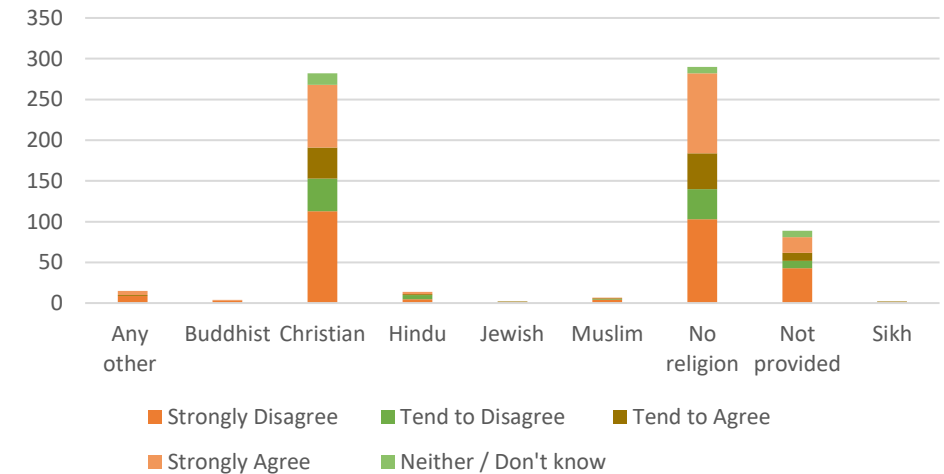
1% were Mixed or other ethnic groups

Black or Black British individuals accounted for less than 1% of responses

Responses based on Ethnicity



Response based on Religion

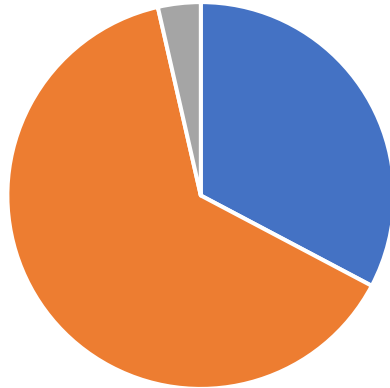


Response rates and reasons for religion mirrored other groups, with Fear of Crime and General Vulnerability being the primary reason why respondents agreed or disagreed.

Regarding the impact, Lighting Levels and Personal Safety were cited as the having the largest impact on the respondents.

# Breakdown based on Disability

Has a long-term illness or disability



■ General Agreement ■ General Disagreement ■ Neither / Don't know

Looking at Age and Disability, The group with the highest approval rate is under 25s with 50% in agreement, but with only 4 responses, this isn't a significant group to look at.

54-65 year olds – 41% percent agree of this group agree with the proposals. The reasons given are Environmental – specifically light & light pollution levels.

Over all, respondents identifying as disabled, cited Environmental factors (light pollution, carbon agenda, save energy) as the reason behind their agreement.

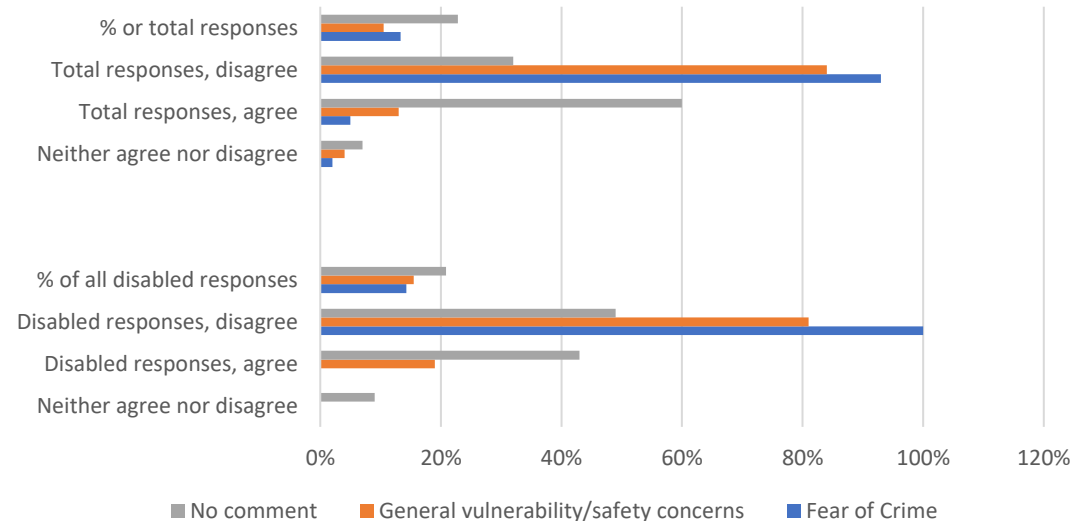
24% of respondents consider themselves to have a long-term illness or disability. Of these responses, 64% disagree with the proposal.

The reasons given for responses did not vary drastically from those provided across the sample as a whole.

15% of respondents considering themselves disabled sited General Vulnerability as the reason, 10% of all respondents sited this.

Fear of crime was similar – 14% of disabled respondents and 13% of all respondents identified this as the reason for their response.

Reasons given for responses



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