



The cover features a central graphic of overlapping circles. A large light blue circle contains the title 'Central Lancashire Local Plan'. A smaller white circle overlapping it contains the subtitle 'Your Local Plan for Central Lancashire'. Below the blue circle is a grey circle with the text 'What You Told Us'. To the right of the grey circle is a large purple circle with the text 'YOUTH SURVEY' in a stylized font. The background consists of a light grey grid with a large, faint circle. Two vertical bars, one purple on the left and one blue on the right, frame the content. Three circular inset photos are visible: a park with trees and flowers, a modern building with a glass facade, and a pedestrian street with people and buildings.

**Your Local  
Plan for**  
Central  
Lancashire

# Central Lancashire Local Plan

What You  
Told Us

*YOUTH  
SURVEY*

# The Survey

i Look for pink info bubbles like this that explain the main insights from our data and responses.

**Speech bubbles** like this are ideas you gave us said in your own words

Chorley, Preston and south Ribble councils need to prepare a **Local Plan** for our area (Preston, Chorley and South Ribble Councils are 'Central Lancashire').

The **Local Plan** is a document says what needs to be built over the next 15 years and where it can go. It also sets targets for the area to aim for.

We asked 11 to 21-year old's who live or study in Central Lancashire what matters most to you to help us shape how the plan will look, and we want to say thank you to the 593 of you did.

There were **19 questions in this survey** across **5 sections** - we asked you to answer as many of the questions as you wanted:

## SURVEY SECTIONS:

1. Your Details
2. Your Area
3. After Education
4. Work and Travel
5. Health and Climate Change

# Your Details

Q1.

How did you hear about the Survey?

Friends & Family

Parents/  
Guardians  
/Carers

Local  
Library

Local  
Community

Facebook

Lancashire  
Evening Post  
or Blog Preston

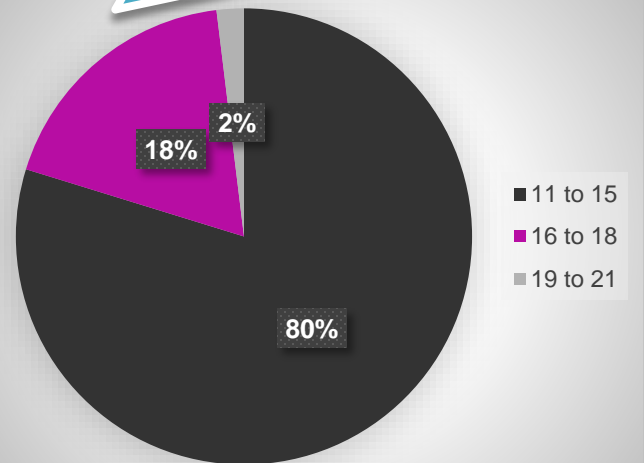
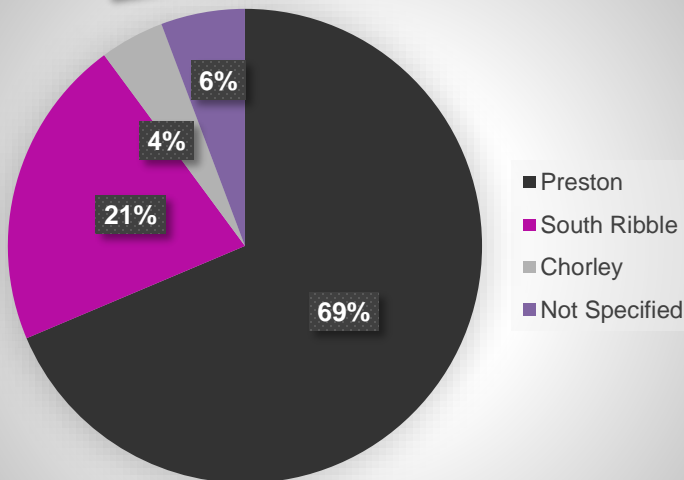
Q2.

Where do you live?



Q3.

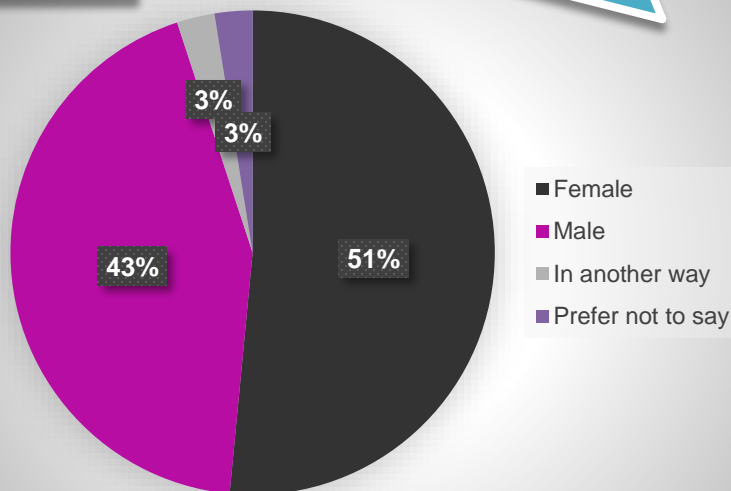
How old are you?



i Most of you lived in Preston and were attending High School.

Which of the following best describes you?

Q4.



i Slightly more girls filled in the survey than boys...

i ...spread across 20 High Schools, colleges and universities.

If you attend a School, College or University, please tell us which one

Q5.



All Hallows  
Catholic High School  
*'Growing Together in the Spirit of Christ's Love'*



Hutton  
Myerscough  
College



Therefore, choose



# Your Area

What's the **best** thing about living here?

Q6.

**activities** on offer and **facilities** to do them in

**closeness** to motorways, big cities and the countryside

The **quality of care facilities**

The **green spaces** and **wildlife**

Its **peacefulness, cleanliness, safety** and **beauty**

ease of **getting around** and accessibility

Good **places to learn** or **job opportunities**

The **community**

The **city centre shopping** and **venues**

**Big events** (Preston lights switch on)

The **bus and train services**

Our **car-free town centres**

The **speed of broadband**

What would you change and why?

Q7.

## MORE

Opportunity · Sports and Activities · Positivity · Homes · Hospitals · Prettier buildings · Attractive parks · Cleaner urban areas · Friendlier streets · Active travel routes · Faster Internet

## LESS

Crime · Anti-social behaviour · Pollution · Litter · Expensive transport · Cars · Congestion · Dangerous crossings

Q8.

What do you think Central Lancashire should look like in 2036?

**More green spaces**, restore habitats, make greener walkways, parks, buildings/roofs



**Hi-tech economy** with the latest products, businesses and jobs, AI/robots replacing people



**Zero-carbon economy** (no fossil fuel pollution) less cars on roads, all cars are electric, and all car parks are charging points, with solar panels on every building and bus roof



**Better public transport**, free, frequent, reliable, safe, and a tram network in Preston



**A metropolitan City of Preston** with taller, larger buildings and more branded retail/food

**More vibrant and clean town centres** with road and rail links and mixed-uses for retail, food, living and leisure with empty buildings repurposed



**Cleaner and healthier**, no smoking, alcohol, litter, dog poo or gum on the streets



**Mixed housing**, cheaper houses of varying shapes and sizes with more people owning them



**Colourful spaces**, painted buildings, colourful plants, bike lanes, colourful signage

**Active lifestyles**, less screen time, safe and car-free public spaces, lots of space for creativity and play, extra sports and activity facilities



**Positivity and community** in local news and local people, no more homelessness, racism, sexism and segregation, areas that are multi-lingual and multi-cultural



**A warmer climate**, drier spring/summers and wetter autumn/winters



**Safer**, more police and security cameras, less knife, violent or drug related crime



**More school and healthcare** services, plenty of places for pupils and patients



**A new airport** in Central Lancashire

**More locally grown produce** from local farms on sale in shops owned by locals



'skyscrapers  
and cool  
buildings'



'lots of robots to help  
us in our daily lives!!!'



# After Education

Do you think there are enough homes?

Q9.

No, because...

- There is still homelessness
- Many new houses rely on having a car
- There is not enough mix of types for families, older people or the homeless
- More people need them than we are building
- More people live or are moving here



Yes, but...

- Do not build any more
- Too many homeless people
- Better spread is needed
- They are in a bad condition
- They are too expensive
- There is not a good mix of types
- We should use old or empty buildings
- There are too many cars/people/homes
- We are losing too many green fields to new buildings

Yes, because...

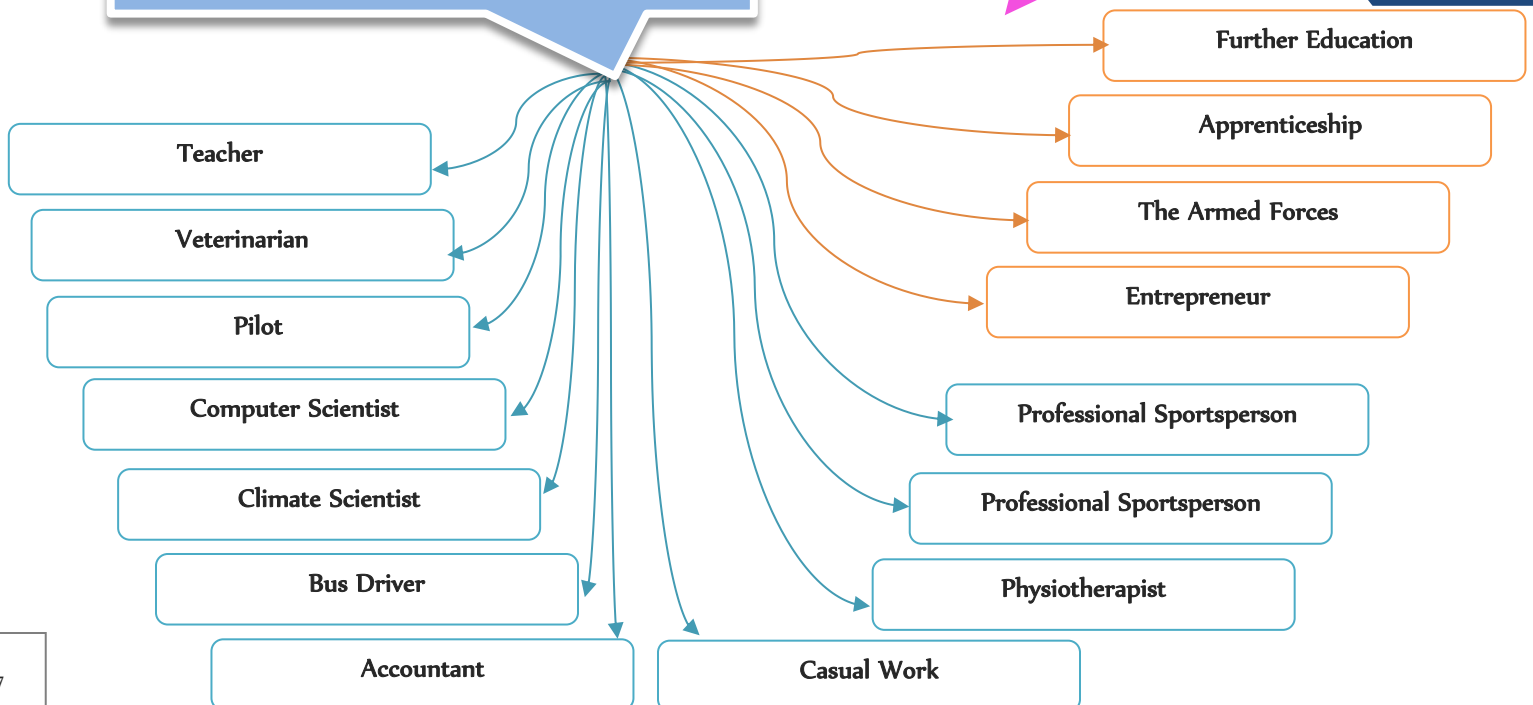
- There is lots of new development all over

What do you want to do after you finish study?...

Q10.

i Most of you have a career in mind or want to continue studying.

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...Do you think you will stay here to do that?

Q11.

Yes, because...

- I can be near my family and friends and/or to start my own family
- I can attend a local college or University
- It is great here; I feel safe and I like it
- Of the green spaces and countryside
- I want to take-on the family business

No, because...

- There is nothing good here
- There is little for young people or by way of job/career prospects, especially in very skilled roles or not for my chosen career
- I want to live in a nicer climate
- I am leaving for a better University
- I want to move to a larger city or the capital (Manchester or London)
- I want to live somewhere else in England or move abroad

i The countryside, the good schools, family and the city were your favourite things about Central Lancashire.

Q12.

If you work now, where do you work and is it based here?



I am not working

I am still in education

I do voluntary/unpaid work

Hairdressers' Assistant

Electrician

Papergirl/Paperboy

Hairdressers' Assistant

Takeaway Worker

Gymnastics coach

Waitress/Waiter

Barista

Admin Assistant

Lifeguard

Plumber



# Work & Travel

Q13.

Have you heard about apprenticeships?

YES

92%

NO

8%

Q14.

...Would you consider one?

Yes, because...

- I can continue working and begin earning money
- The teamwork, mentoring and clear pathway to a career

No, because...

- I want to stay in full time education (College or University)
- They are not available in my chosen career
- I want to start my own business
- I do not know what they involve
- Of a social stigma/bad reputation



Is it easy to travel in your area?

Q15.

YES

55%

NO

29%

No, because...

- Traffic slows down journeys and makes crossing hard
- Selfish drivers often speed or use their mobile
- There are no cycle lanes
- Buses do not run in my area/are too unreliable, infrequent/expensive/slow/dirty
- Bus stops are too few, exposed and unsafe
- I feel scared in my area because of crime/poor lighting
- I feel confused getting around (lack of signs)
- Curb parking makes pavements dangerous
- Trains are unreliable, infrequent or inconsistent
- Pavements are not looked after

Yes, because...

- The roads near me are quiet

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**i** Most of you gave us lots of reasons why it was difficult to travel in your area.

# Health & Climate Change

Q16.

Do you think your area is designed to help people be active every day?

60%

YES

NO

40%

...If not, what would you change?



**More free facilities**, leisure centres, outdoor gym equipment in parks and more/larger skate parks

**More free water fountains**



**Better green/open spaces** and sports pitches which are clean and kept well, with more lighting

**More car-free pathways**, Public Rights of Ways, walking and running paths, cycle lanes, trails and tracks and have a bicycle or eScooter hire scheme

**Less fast food**/takeaways and **more healthy alternatives**



**More hospitals** nearby to housing



**Reduce traffic** on the roads, stop street parking and make more neighbourhoods, local shopping and eating areas car-free

**More community** clubs or groups, better awareness of exercise for young people in schools



More **cycle lanes** and more **running lanes**

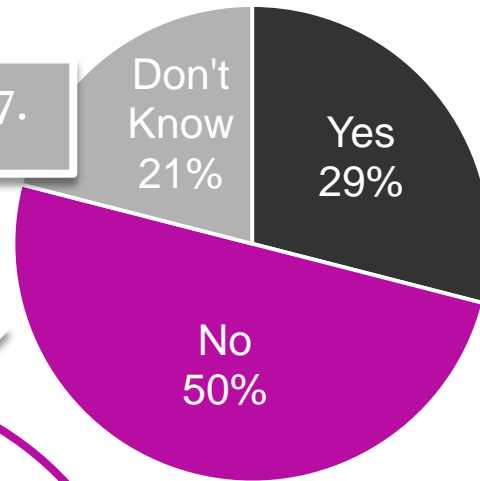


Add more and better **parks** and **skateparks**



Does having fast food outlets near where you live or study mean you eat it more often?

Q17.



No, because...

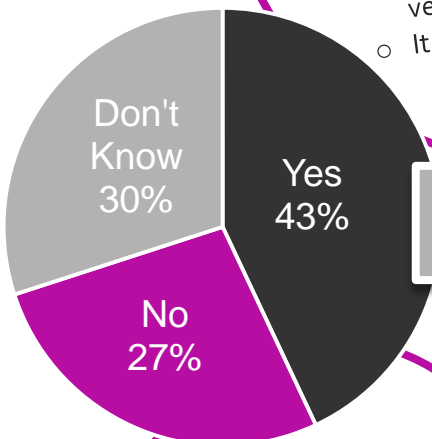
- My parents cook healthy food
- I only ever eat takeaway once a week or on a specific occasion
- I do not like them
- They are expensive
- There is a lack of choice for vegetarians/vegans/pescatarians
- It causes obesity or cancer

Yes, because...

- It is more tempting
- It is convenient for busy working families
- The food is tasty or addictive
- I do not know how to cook

Do you think climate change is a serious issue facing your area?

Q18.



No, because...

- We have installed solar panels
- Not now, but in the future
- We are in the north of the planet and it affects the south more
- We have plenty of rainfall and no drought
- I believe it is not real/made-up

Yes, because...

- Autumn is much warmer than before
- Oceans are polluted and so is our food
- it affects all areas of the world equally
- Drains are full and roads are flooding, and the sea is rising on the coast
- Adults do not seem to do enough, and we do not recycle enough
- I support Extinction Rebellion
- It is affecting local trees and wildlife, less bees and birds than before
- We have forest or moor fires nearby
- Congestion and air pollution are worsening
- Intensive farming is destroying the local farmland
- There are not enough electric cars
- It does not snow here anymore

## What changes do you think are needed to protect and improve the environment?

Q19.

**Tackle litter**, with more litter bins (in parks, on public transport), stop fly tipping, have mandatory recycling in homes and schools and better education on the impact of litter on the environment, encourage more community litter picking



Use **less plastic packaging**/have more alternatives to plastic in homes and industry, promote reusable fabrics or recyclable materials

More **public transport** use with better links to countryside, bring back disused railway lines and stations and create a tram system in Preston

Install more **renewable energy** and installations, stop fracking



More **car-free streets** so people can do more active travel safely and confidently

More **hybrids/electric cars** and lorries, more charging points and ban diesel and petrol cars



Aim to be **carbon neutral** across Central Lancashire

Move people away from **floodplains** and let them flood

**Fix drainage** in rural areas along fields and improve river and coastal flood defences



Protect and grow **spaces for nature** (trees, ponds, lakes, meadows), especially birds and bees with more animal preserves/safari parks and zoos

**Stop intensive farming** practices, promote organic ones

**Stop urban pollution**, smoking, waste burning and fireworks in places where people live



Create more **green links**/cycle ways/footpaths/Public Rights of Way

**Stop overdevelopment** and stop building on green areas

'More **trees** and **plants near roads**.'



'Factories should be made to use **less harmful fuels**'

# What Happens Next

After your many responses to our Youth Survey in the winter of 2019/20 we have compiled this 'What You Told Us' report to set out the key ideas, opinions and messages you gave us.

We will take all of your responses and use them to help come up with ways to make your areas better and shape our Local Plan.

LOCAL PLAN  
POLICIES



LOCAL PLAN  
SITES



## We will...

1. Look at how to make areas safer for you to travel independently
2. Provide more areas for people to bring forward new sports and leisure sites
3. Work with education providers to give you more opportunities close to home when you finish school
4. We will look to provide more areas for you such as skate parks and youth clubs

Once we have a new plan worked up, we will speak to you again to ask if you think we are providing the right things in the right places, and if the Local Plan is providing opportunities which would make you want to live here when you are older.

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