



## FRIENDS OF THE EARTH – PLANNING SURVEY 2008

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## Planning Survey

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Table 1

**Q.1 How important do you think it is for the views of local communities to be taken into account in planning decisions affecting their area?**

**Base: All respondents**

|                    | Gender |      |        | Age   |       |       |       |       |      | Social Class |      |      |      | Region     |           |                |                    |           |      |
|--------------------|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------------|------|------|------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|------|
|                    | Total  | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+  | AB           | C1   | C2   | DE   | South East | Mid-lands | North Eng-land | Wales & South West | Scot-land |      |
| Unweighted base    | 1002   | 441  | 561    | 79    | 112   | 175   | 191   | 229   | 216  | 304          | 241  | 175  | 282  | 258        | 262       | 251            | 143                | 88        |      |
| Weighted base      | 1002   | 481  | 521    | 119   | 159   | 198   | 169   | 149   | 209  | 261          | 291  | 210  | 241  | 263        | 263       | 247            | 141                | 88        |      |
| NET: Important     | 948    | 450  | 498    | 111   | 152   | 189   | 158   | 140   | 198  | 251          | 278  | 198  | 221  | 250        | 246       | 231            | 136                | 84        |      |
|                    | 95%    | 93%  | 96%    | 93%   | 96%   | 96%   | 93%   | 94%   | 95%  | 96%          | 96%  | 94%  | 92%  | 95%        | 94%       | 93%            | 96%                | 95%       |      |
| Very important     | (4)    | 707  | 341    | 366   | 58    | 111   | 146   | 114   | 108  | 171          | 204  | 209  | 137  | 157        | 177       | 186            | 172                | 108       | 64   |
|                    |        | 71%  | 71%    | 70%   | 49%   | 70%   | 73%   | 68%   | 72%  | 82%          | 78%  | 72%  | 65%  | 65%        | 67%       | 71%            | 69%                | 77%       | 72%  |
| Fairly important   | (3)    | 241  | 109    | 132   | 53    | 41    | 44    | 43    | 33   | 28           | 47   | 69   | 61   | 64         | 73        | 61             | 59                 | 27        | 20   |
|                    |        | 24%  | 23%    | 25%   | 44%   | 26%   | 22%   | 26%   | 22%  | 13%          | 18%  | 24%  | 29%  | 27%        | 28%       | 23%            | 24%                | 19%       | 23%  |
| Fairly unimportant | (2)    | 28   | 18     | 10    | 3     | 3     | 7     | 6     | 5    | 4            | 7    | 4    | 7    | 10         | 4         | 10             | 9                  | 4         | 1    |
|                    |        | 3%   | 4%     | 2%    | 3%    | 2%    | 4%    | 4%    | 4%   | 2%           | 3%   | 1%   | 4%   | 4%         | 1%        | 4%             | 4%                 | 3%        | 2%   |
| Very unimportant   | (1)    | 20   | 12     | 8     | 4     | 4     | 1     | 4     | 2    | 5            | 3    | 6    | 3    | 8          | 7         | 3              | 6                  | 2         | 3    |
|                    |        | 2%   | 2%     | 2%    | 3%    | 2%    | *     | 3%    | 1%   | 2%           | 1%   | 2%   | 1%   | 3%         | 3%        | 1%             | 2%                 | 1%        | 3%   |
| NET: Unimportant   |        | 49   | 30     | 18    | 7     | 7     | 8     | 10    | 7    | 9            | 10   | 10   | 18   | 11         | 13        | 15             | 6                  | 4         |      |
|                    |        | 5%   | 6%     | 4%    | 6%    | 4%    | 4%    | 6%    | 5%   | 4%           | 4%   | 3%   | 5%   | 8%         | 4%        | 5%             | 6%                 | 4%        | 5%   |
| Don't know         |        | 6    | 1      | 5     | 2     | -     | 1     | 1     | 1    | 1            | -    | 2    | 2    | 1          | 2         | 3              | 1                  | -         | -    |
|                    |        | 1%   | *      | 1%    | 1%    | -     | 1%    | *     | 1%   | 1%           | -    | 1%   | 1%   | 1%         | 1%        | 1%             | *                  | -         | -    |
| Mean               |        | 3.64 | 3.62   | 3.66  | 3.40  | 3.63  | 3.69  | 3.59  | 3.67 | 3.75         | 3.73 | 3.67 | 3.59 | 3.55       | 3.61      | 3.66           | 3.61               | 3.71      | 3.65 |
| Standard deviation |        | 0.64 | 0.68   | 0.60  | 0.71  | 0.64  | 0.56  | 0.69  | 0.62 | 0.61         | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.73       | 0.65      | 0.61           | 0.68               | 0.58      | 0.66 |
| Standard error     |        | 0.02 | 0.03   | 0.03  | 0.08  | 0.06  | 0.04  | 0.05  | 0.04 | 0.04         | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.04       | 0.04      | 0.04           | 0.04               | 0.05      | 0.07 |

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Table 2

**Q.2 Which one of the following groups of people do you think should make the final decision on where to build new major projects, such as roads, airports and power stations?**

**Base: All respondents**

|  | Gender     |            |            | Age       |           |            |           |           |            | Social Class |            |            |            | Region     |            |                |                    |           |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|
|  | Total      | Male       | Female     | 18-24     | 25-34     | 35-44      | 45-54     | 55-64     | 65+        | AB           | C1         | C2         | DE         | South East | Mid-lands  | North Eng-land | Wales & South West | Scot-land |
| Unweighted base                            | 1002       | 441        | 561        | 79        | 112       | 175        | 191       | 229       | 216        | 304          | 241        | 175        | 282        | 258        | 262        | 251            | 143                | 88        |
| Weighted base                              | 1002       | 481        | 521        | 119       | 159       | 198        | 169       | 149       | 209        | 261          | 291        | 210        | 241        | 263        | 263        | 247            | 141                | 88        |
| The local council                          | 567<br>57% | 253<br>53% | 315<br>60% | 57<br>48% | 81<br>51% | 115<br>58% | 94<br>56% | 92<br>62% | 128<br>61% | 147<br>56%   | 160<br>55% | 121<br>57% | 139<br>58% | 140<br>53% | 157<br>60% | 137<br>55%     | 90<br>63%          | 44<br>50% |
| The Government                             | 138<br>14% | 73<br>15%  | 66<br>13%  | 24<br>20% | 23<br>14% | 24<br>12%  | 24<br>14% | 22<br>15% | 22<br>11%  | 29<br>11%    | 44<br>15%  | 28<br>13%  | 37<br>15%  | 37<br>14%  | 29<br>11%  | 37<br>15%      | 19<br>13%          | 15<br>18% |
| An unelected body of experts               | 120<br>12% | 67<br>14%  | 54<br>10%  | 11<br>9%  | 24<br>15% | 23<br>12%  | 21<br>13% | 15<br>10% | 27<br>13%  | 42<br>16%    | 39<br>13%  | 15<br>7%   | 25<br>10%  | 37<br>14%  | 27<br>10%  | 28<br>11%      | 20<br>14%          | 9<br>10%  |
| General public/ local people/ community    | 91<br>9%   | 41<br>8%   | 51<br>10%  | 7<br>6%   | 15<br>9%  | 22<br>11%  | 21<br>12% | 11<br>8%  | 15<br>7%   | 15<br>6%     | 25<br>9%   | 27<br>13%  | 23<br>10%  | 22<br>9%   | 29<br>11%  | 21<br>8%       | 8<br>6%            | 12<br>13% |
| MPs  | 35<br>4%   | 22<br>5%   | 14<br>3%   | 10<br>8%  | 6<br>4%   | 7<br>4%    | 3<br>2%   | 2<br>1%   | 8<br>4%    | 17<br>7%     | 8<br>3%    | 4<br>2%    | 6<br>2%    | 12<br>4%   | 7<br>3%    | 11<br>4%       | 2<br>2%            | 4<br>4%   |
| All of them                                | 7<br>1%    | 4<br>1%    | 3<br>1%    | -<br>-    | 2<br>1%   | 2<br>1%    | 1<br>*    | -<br>-    | 2<br>1%    | 2<br>1%      | 4<br>1%    | 1<br>*     | 1<br>*     | 2<br>1%    | 2<br>1%    | 1<br>1%        | 1<br>*             | 1<br>1%   |
| A represented group of people/ association | 6<br>1%    | 4<br>1%    | 2<br>*     | -<br>-    | 2<br>1%   | 1<br>*     | 1<br>*    | 3<br>2%   | -<br>-     | 1<br>*       | 4<br>1%    | 1<br>*     | 1<br>*     | 1<br>1%    | 1<br>*     | 2<br>1%        | -<br>-             | 1<br>1%   |
| Other                                      | 9<br>1%    | 7<br>1%    | 2<br>*     | 3<br>2%   | 1<br>1%   | 2<br>1%    | 2<br>1%   | 1<br>1%   | 1<br>*     | 3<br>1%      | 3<br>1%    | 2<br>1%    | 1<br>1%    | 5<br>2%    | 1<br>1%    | 2<br>1%        | 1<br>1%            | -<br>-    |
| Don't know                                 | 30<br>3%   | 11<br>2%   | 18<br>4%   | 7<br>6%   | 5<br>3%   | 5<br>2%    | 3<br>2%   | 4<br>2%   | 6<br>3%    | 6<br>2%      | 4<br>1%    | 12<br>6%   | 7<br>3%    | 7<br>3%    | 10<br>4%   | 8<br>3%        | 1<br>1%            | 3<br>4%   |

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Table 3  
**Q.3 How important do you think it is for climate change to be taken into account when considering the impact of new developments in planning decisions?**  
**Base: All respondents**

|                    | Gender  |      |        | Age   |       |       |       |       |      | Social Class |      |      |      | Region     |           |                |                    |           |
|--------------------|---------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------------|------|------|------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                    | Total   | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+  | AB           | C1   | C2   | DE   | South East | Mid-lands | North Eng-land | Wales & South West | Scot-land |
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| Weighted base      | 1002    | 481  | 521    | 119   | 159   | 198   | 169   | 149   | 209  | 261          | 291  | 210  | 241  | 263        | 263       | 247            | 141                | 88        |
| NET: Important     | 940     | 437  | 503    | 114   | 155   | 183   | 153   | 138   | 197  | 242          | 275  | 197  | 226  | 249        | 247       | 234            | 132                | 78        |
|                    | 94%     | 91%  | 97%    | 95%   | 98%   | 92%   | 91%   | 93%   | 94%  | 93%          | 95%  | 94%  | 94%  | 95%        | 94%       | 95%            | 93%                | 89%       |
| Very important     | (4) 688 | 304  | 383    | 80    | 116   | 125   | 106   | 106   | 155  | 169          | 210  | 144  | 165  | 187        | 187       | 166            | 94                 | 53        |
|                    | 69%     | 63%  | 74%    | 67%   | 73%   | 63%   | 63%   | 71%   | 74%  | 65%          | 72%  | 68%  | 68%  | 71%        | 71%       | 67%            | 67%                | 60%       |
| Fairly important   | (3) 253 | 133  | 120    | 33    | 39    | 58    | 48    | 32    | 42   | 73           | 65   | 53   | 62   | 62         | 59        | 68             | 37                 | 26        |
|                    | 25%     | 28%  | 23%    | 28%   | 25%   | 29%   | 28%   | 22%   | 20%  | 28%          | 22%  | 25%  | 26%  | 24%        | 23%       | 28%            | 26%                | 29%       |
| Fairly unimportant | (2) 30  | 24   | 6      | 2     | 2     | 9     | 9     | 4     | 4    | 10           | 10   | 6    | 5    | 9          | 8         | 6              | 4                  | 5         |
|                    | 3%      | 5%   | 1%     | 1%    | 2%    | 5%    | 5%    | 3%    | 2%   | 4%           | 3%   | 3%   | 2%   | 3%         | 3%        | 2%             | 3%                 | 6%        |
| Very unimportant   | (1) 29  | 19   | 10     | 4     | 1     | 6     | 6     | 5     | 7    | 7            | 5    | 8    | 9    | 4          | 8         | 7              | 5                  | 5         |
|                    | 3%      | 4%   | 2%     | 3%    | 1%    | 3%    | 4%    | 4%    | 3%   | 3%           | 2%   | 4%   | 4%   | 2%         | 3%        | 3%             | 4%                 | 5%        |
| NET: Unimportant   | 60      | 44   | 16     | 5     | 3     | 15    | 15    | 10    | 12   | 17           | 15   | 14   | 14   | 13         | 16        | 12             | 9                  | 10        |
|                    | 6%      | 9%   | 3%     | 5%    | 2%    | 8%    | 9%    | 6%    | 6%   | 7%           | 5%   | 6%   | 6%   | 5%         | 6%        | 5%             | 6%                 | 11%       |
| Don't know         | 2       | -    | 2      | -     | -     | -     | 1     | 1     | -    | 1            | 1    | -    | -    | *          | -         | 1              | 1                  | -         |
|                    | *       | -    | *      | -     | -     | -     | *     | 1%    | -    | *            | *    | -    | -    | *          | -         | *              | *                  | -         |
| Mean               | 3.60    | 3.50 | 3.69   | 3.60  | 3.71  | 3.52  | 3.51  | 3.62  | 3.65 | 3.56         | 3.65 | 3.58 | 3.59 | 3.65       | 3.62      | 3.60           | 3.57               | 3.43      |
| Standard deviation | 0.69    | 0.77 | 0.59   | 0.68  | 0.52  | 0.73  | 0.76  | 0.72  | 0.69 | 0.70         | 0.64 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.63       | 0.69      | 0.67           | 0.73               | 0.83      |
| Standard error     | 0.02    | 0.04 | 0.03   | 0.08  | 0.05  | 0.05  | 0.05  | 0.05  | 0.05 | 0.04         | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.04       | 0.04      | 0.04           | 0.06               | 0.09      |