

SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

FINAL RESULTS BASED ON, 5,385 POSTAL SURVEYS ISSUED BETWEEN 29th October 2009 and 12th January 2010

SWINDON AND SHRIVENHAM = 1350 VALID RESPONSES

NRA = 1144 VALID RESPONSES

The health based questions include results from Shrivenham, as this area falls within the Swindon PCT's remit.

YOUR LOCAL AREA

Q1 2009	Overall, how satisfied/dissatisfied are you with your local area as a place to live?		
	Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Very satisfied	27	20
	Fairly satisfied	54	47
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	10	16
	Fairly dissatisfied	7	13
	Very dissatisfied	2	5

Q2 2009	How strongly do you feel you belong to your immediate neighbourhood?		
	Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Very strongly	15	15
	Fairly strongly	46	40
	Not very strongly	28	29
	Not at all strongly	11	16

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Q3	To what extent do you agree or disagree that this local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together?								
	Please tick one box only								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Definitely agree	7	7	6	4	8	7	8	8
	Tend to agree	44	41	44	38	48	44	50	45
	Tend to disagree	8	12	7	11	12	16	10	12
	Definitely disagree	3	7	3	6	4	7	3	6
	Don't know	31	29	31	36	22	24	22	25
Too few people in the local area	4	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	
All same backgrounds	3	1	5	2	3	1	4	2	

Q4	In the last 12 months, have you undertaken any voluntary work in your local area for an organisation such as a charity, church, school, group, club or association?						
	Please tick one box only						
		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	No	77	83	74	82	76	84
	Yes, I have volunteered for an average of at least 2 hours per week over the last 12 months	8	5	12	8	10	7
Yes, I have done voluntary work 3 or more times in the last 12 months	7	3	8	5	8	4	
Yes, I have done voluntary work once or twice in the last 12 months	5	4	6	3	6	3	
I don't know	2	4	*	1	1	2	

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Q5	In the last 12 months, have you undertaken any voluntary work in your local area in sport and active recreation?						
	Please tick one box only						
		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	No	93	94	94	96	93	95
	Yes, I have volunteered in sport and active recreation for at least 2 hours per week over the last year	2	1	3	2	3	2
Yes, I have volunteered in sport and active recreation for at least 1 hour per week over the last year	2	1	2	1	3	1	
I don't know	2	3	1	1	1	1	

Q6	Do you agree or disagree that you can influence decisions affecting your local area?								
	Please tick one box only								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Definitely agree	2	4	3	4	6	7	3	2
	Tend to agree	16	16	18	14	25	22	14	14
	Neither agree nor disagree	31	30	32	31	23	29	32	30
	Disagree	31	30	26	27	32	27	26	23
	Definitely disagree	12	11	12	12	10	9	14	14
Don't have an opinion	8	9	9	12	4	6	11	17	

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YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT YOUR LOCAL AREA

Q7a	In this local area, how much of a problem do you think are.....?								
	Noisy neighbours or loud parties								
	Please tick one box for each row								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Very big problem	3	7	4	9	4	7	4	8
Fairly big problem	8	16	7	12	5	12	6	11	
Not very big problem	35	40	36	38	37	42	33	38	
Not a problem at all	52	37	53	39	54	37	57	44	

Q7b	In this local area, how much of a problem do you think are.....?								
	Teenagers hanging around on the streets								
	Please tick one box for each row								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Very big problem	13	24	18	33	15	35	9	19
Fairly big problem	25	28	28	32	26	28	20	27	
Not very big problem	40	35	41	28	45	30	39	35	
Not a problem at all	22	12	14	6	14	8	32	20	

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Q7c	In this local area, how much of a problem do you think are.....?								
	Rubbish or litter lying around								
	Please tick one box for each row								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Very big problem	19	37	15	25	16	31	12	26
Fairly big problem	29	33	28	37	30	37	23	29	
Not very big problem	37	23	49	34	45	27	40	32	
Not a problem at all	14	7	8	4	9	5	25	14	

Q7d	In this local area, how much of a problem do you think are.....?								
	Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles								
	Please tick one box for each row								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Very big problem	12	19	15	26	14	25		
Fairly big problem	29	34	27	35	26	33			
Not very big problem	40	36	45	32	47	36			
Not a problem at all	19	11	12	6	13	7			

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Q7f	In this local area, how much of a problem do you think are.....?								
	People using or dealing drugs								
	Please tick one box for each row								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Very big problem	12	26	11	26	12	30	9	23
	Fairly big problem	20	31	15	29	18	26	14	25
Not very big problem	31	26	38	28	38	32	29	28	
Not a problem at all	37	17	35	16	32	12	47	24	

Q7g	In this local area, how much of a problem do you think are.....?								
	People being drunk or rowdy in public places								
	Please tick one box for each row								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Very big problem	10	20	9	19	10	22	9	18
	Fairly big problem	18	26	16	27	19	29	13	20
Not very big problem	42	36	46	40	46	36	37	37	
Not a problem at all	29	17	28	13	26	13	42	26	

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Q7h	In this local area, how much of a problem do you think are.....?								
	Abandoned or burnt out cars								
	Please tick one box for each row								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Very big problem	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	4
Fairly big problem	3	8	4	6	2	6	2	4	
Not very big problem	29	40	24	37	27	33	21	29	
Not a problem at all	66	49	71	55	69	59	75	63	

Q8 2009	To what extent would you agree or disagree that the police and other local public services seek people's view about these issues in you local area?		
	Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Strongly agree	10	13
	Tend to agree	20	21
	Neither agree or disagree	24	22
	Tend to disagree	21	19
	Strongly disagree	11	11
	Don't know	14	14

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Q9 2009	And how much would you agree or disagree that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with these issues in you local area? Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Strongly agree	3	6
	Tend to agree	22	24
	Neither agree or disagree	33	27
	Tend to disagree	17	19
	Strongly disagree	6	10
	Don't know	19	15

HEALTH

Q10 2009	How is your health in general? Would you say that it is..... Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Very good	28	19
	Good	43	33
	Fair	22	34
	Bad	6	11
	Very bad	1	3

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Q11 2009	Do you have any long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits your daily activities or work that you can do? Please include problems that are due to old age.		
	Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Yes	28	44
	No	72	56

Q12 2009	In your opinion, are older people in your local area able to get the services and support they need to continue to live at home for as long as they want to? (This could include help or support from public, private or voluntary services or from family, friends and the wider community).		
	Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Yes	31	35
	No	8	12
	Don't know	61	54

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SMOKING

Q13	Which of the following statements best describes you at present?							
	Please tick one box only							
		2006		2007		2008		2009
	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
I have never smoked tobacco	35	26	42	31	40	31	37	33
I have only tried smoking once or twice	12	7	13	7	13	8	14	8
I have given up smoking	33	32	28	30	30	32	33	31
I smoke some days	4	6	3	4	4	3	4	4
I smoke every day	15	29	15	28	13	25	12	24

Q14	Which of the following statements best describes you?							
	Please tick one box only							
		2006		2007		2008		2009
	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
I do not want to stop smoking	24	27	23	26	24	27	19	25
I would like to stop smoking but I have never tried to give up	7	5	9	8	5	7	7	6
I would like to stop smoking and I have tried to give up once or twice	31	26	21	26	20	24	30	26
I would like to stop smoking and I have tried to give up several times	29	28	26	25	30	27	26	24
Not sure	9	13	11	15	21	14	19	19

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THE FOOD YOU EAT

Q15	Approximately, how many portions of fruit (fresh, dried, tinned, or juice) do you eat on a typical day?						
	Please tick one box only						
		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	None	4	8	5	6	6	9
	1	19	24	17	22	20	23
	2	26	27	26	27	29	27
	3	26	23	25	26	24	22
	4	10	8	12	8	9	8
5 or more	14	11	15	11	11	10	

Q16	Approximately, how many portions of vegetables (fresh, tinned or frozen) do you eat on a typical day?						
	Please write in						
		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	None	2	4	2	3	2	4
	1	15	19	14	17	13	19
	2	32	31	32	33	33	32
	3	32	29	35	31	33	28
	4	9	9	10	9	11	9
5 or more	10	8	8	8	8	8	

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DRINKING

Q17	How often, if ever, do you have an alcoholic drink?								
	Please tick one box only								
		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	Never	18	25	17	25	16	25	16	26
	Occasionally (once a month or less)	23	28	21	26	23	31	26	32
	2 to 4 times a month	21	20	23	19	22	19	23	20
	2 to 3 times a week	23	15	25	19	25	16	22	16
4 or more times a week	13	11	14	9	13	9	13	7	

Q18	In the last week, how many units of alcohol (if any) did you drink <u>on the day that you drank the most?</u>						
	Please tick one box only						
		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	None	21	32	24	35	33	46
	1	16	16	18	16	12	12
	2	18	16	16	16	16	12
	3	14	11	12	8	10	8
	4	11	7	11	8	9	8
	5 or 6	10	8	9	9	9	8
7 or more	10	10	9	7	10	6	

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND OTHER HEALTH QUESTIONS

Q19	Over the last 4 weeks, how often have you participated in at least 30 minutes of <u>moderate</u> intensity sport which raises your breathing rate noticeably or makes you sweat (examples of sport are football, netball, badminton, swimming, keep fit classes. Walking and cycling as part of a group also count)						
	Please tick one box only						
		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	On no occasions	39	47	43	48	46	56
	On 1 day a week	18	15	14	14	15	13
	On 2 days a week	13	11	15	10	13	8
	On 3 days a week	11	10	11	9	11	7
On 4 days a week	7	6	6	5	5	2	
On 5 or more days a week	11	12	12	13	10	14	

Q20	Over the last 4 weeks, how often have you participated in at least 30 minutes of <u>moderate</u> intensity exercise which raises your breathing rate noticeably or makes you sweat? (You can include here exercise not covered in question 14 on sport, such as gardening, housework, DIY, casual walking, and cycling, walking and cycling to work and so on)						
	Please tick one box only						
		2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	On no occasions	16	21	17	22	24	33
	On 1 day a week	15	14	15	13	17	15
	On 2 days a week	16	14	16	13	16	12
	On 3 days a week	14	12	15	15	13	10
On 4 days a week	11	10	10	8	8	4	
On 5 or more days a week	28	29	27	29	22	25	

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Q21 2009	Which of the following statements best describes you?		
	Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	I am very happy with my weight at the moment	27	28
	I am fairly happy with my weight at the moment	34	31
	I am neither happy or unhappy with my weight at the moment	17	20
	I am very unhappy with my weight at the moment	5	8

Q22 & Q23 2009	What is your weight and height? (Calculated in BMI)		
	Please tick one box only for each statement		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Underweight = <18.5	2	3
	Normal weight = 18.5-24.9	41	34
	Overweight = 25-29.9	34	31
Obesity = 30+	17	22	
No reply	7	10	

Q24 2009	In the past 12 months have you ever suffered from uncomfortable stress at home or at work?		
	a) At home		
	Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Never	45	39
A few times	37	37	
Several times	14	18	
All the time	4	7	

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Q24 2009	In the past 12 months have you ever suffered from uncomfortable stress at home or at work?		
	b) At work		
	Please tick one box only		
		Swindon %	NRA %
	Never	38	40
A few times	37	36	
Several times	20	18	
All the time	5	6	

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WORK AND SKILLS

Q25	What is the highest level of educational qualifications you've obtained? Please tick one box only							
	2006		2007		2008		2009	
	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %	Swindon %	NRA %
	17	26	17	29	15	27	20	37
None	6	10	6	9	7	12	7	11
School leaving certificate	13	11	17	17	15	17	18	16
GCSE or 'O'-Level pass, or equivalent	6	4	6	3	6	4	5	3
'A' Level, AS Level or equivalent	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1
GNVQ / NVQ Level 1 or equivalent	3	4	2	4	3	4	4	5
GNVQ / NVQ Level 2 or equivalent	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	3
GNVQ / NVQ Level 3 or equivalent	5	5	5	5	6	5	6	5
Apprenticeship / trade qualification	5	3	7	4	8	4	9	4
HNC, HND, GNVQ/NVQ Level 4 or 5, RSA Higher Diploma or equivalent	8	5	8	3	8	3	7	5
First Degree (e.g. BA, BSc)	2	*	4	2	6	2	6	2
Higher Degree (e.g. MA, PhD, PGC, post graduate certificate, diplomas)	7	5	8	4	10	5	9	4
Professional qualifications	24	23	15	16	12	11	6	4
No reply								

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Q26	Which of these activities best describes what you are doing at present? Please tick one box only	2007		2008		2009	
		Swindon	NRA	Swindon	NRA	Swindon	NRA
		%	%	%	%	%	%
	Employee in full time job (30 hours plus per week)	43	38	40	34	39	29
	Employee in part time job (under 30 hours per week)	12	9	13	9	12	9
	Self employed full or part time	6	4	7	5	6	4
	On a government supported training programme (e.g. modern apprenticeship/training for work)	1	*	*	*	*	*
	Full time education at school, college or university	2	*	1	1	*	*
	Unemployed – seeking work to start a job	3	3	3	3	3	6
	Permanently sick/disabled	3	8	5	9	5	11
	Wholly retired from work	21	24	25	27	28	31
	Looking after the home/family	6	8	5	8	5	7
	Other	2	5	2	4	2	3

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