

BECG Planning and Development Councillors Study

Full Tables – 1st October 2020

Methodology: Savanta ComRes interviewed 315 English Councillors from 26th August to 9th September 2020. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of English Councillors. Savanta ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Table 1

Q1. Which of the following methods of holding planning consultations would you say is most effective in engaging the views of your constituents?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%													
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
Face to face consultations	175	135	38	12	16	19	35	93	93	15	45	25	17
	56%	57%	50%	46%	54%	45%	42%	70%	56%	43%	59%	55%	42%
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Both face to face and virtual consultations are equally effective	125	88	37	12	13	21	41	38	65	17	26	18	22
	40%	37%	48%	45%	44%	50%	49%	29%	40%	51%	35%	40%	54%
						e	e						c
Virtual consultations	10	9	2	1	1	2	4	2	3	2	1	1	2
	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	5%	5%	2%	2%	6%	1%	2%	4%
Don't know	5	5	-	1	-	-	4	-	4	-	3	1	-
	2%	2%	-%	5%	-%	-%	4%	-%	2%	-%	5%	3%	-%
							e						

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Q1. Which of the following methods of holding planning consultations would you say is most effective in engaging the views of your constituents?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Length of service					Party					Region				
		Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
Face to face consultations	175 56%	38 42%	28 47%	37 64%	21 65%	51 67%	80 61%	46 48%	25 54%	14 54%	9 59%	54 66%	61 54%	51 52%	60 50%	9 41%
Both face to face and virtual consultations are equally effective	125 40%	49 54%	29 48%	17 30%	10 30%	21 28%	45 35%	43 44%	19 43%	12 46%	6 37%	26 32%	45 40%	43 44%	54 45%	11 47%
Virtual consultations	10 3%	2 3%	2 3%	2 4%	2 6%	2 3%	3 2%	5 6%	2 3%	- -%	1 4%	2 2%	3 3%	3 3%	5 4%	3 12%
Don't know	5 2%	1 1%	1 1%	1 2%	- -%	1 2%	3 2%	2 2%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	4 3%	1 1%	1 1%	- -%

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Q1. Which of the following methods of holding planning consultations would you say is most effective in engaging the views of your constituents?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Significance Level: 95%								
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
Face to face consultations	175	175	-	4	145	17	87	78
	56%	100%	-%	32%	59%	42%	53%	58%
Both face to face and virtual consultations are equally effective	125	-	-	9	88	21	64	56
	40%	-%	-%	64%	36%	52%	39%	41%
Virtual consultations	10	-	10	-	8	1	10	1
	3%	-%	100%	-%	3%	3%	6%	*%
							b	
Don't know	5	-	-	1	3	1	4	1
	2%	-%	-%	5%	1%	4%	3%	*%

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Table 2

Q2. Which of the following statements best fits your view on the digitisation of the planning system? The digitisation of the planning system...

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
Significance Level: 95%		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
Will not allow residents to better understand and engage with developments in their area	135 43%	90 38%	44 58% a	11 42%	9 30%	13 31%	29 35%	73 55% cd	77 47%	16 48%	26 35%	21 46%	16 40%
Will allow residents to better understand and engage with developments in their area	133 42%	107 45%	26 34%	13 48%	11 37%	25 59% e	42 50% e	42 32%	65 39%	14 43%	32 43%	22 47%	18 45%
Don't know	47 15%	40 17%	6 8%	3 10%	10 33%	4 10%	12 15%	18 13%	23 14%	3 9%	17 22% d	3 7%	6 14%

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BASE: All respondents

	Total	Length of service					Party					Region				
		Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
Will not allow residents to better understand and engage with developments in their area	135 43%	27 30%	28 47%	24 42%	21 65%	35 47%	54 41%	41 42%	21 47%	12 48%	7 46%	38 46%	53 47%	37 37%	45 37%	8 35%
Will allow residents to better understand and engage with developments in their area	133 42%	47 52%	24 41%	25 44%	7 22%	30 39%	56 43%	42 43%	16 35%	12 48%	7 45%	31 38%	43 38%	48 49%	59 49%	11 47%
Don't know	47 15%	16 18%	7 12%	8 14%	4 14%	11 14%	22 16%	14 15%	8 18%	1 4%	1 9%	13 16%	17 15%	13 13%	17 14%	4 18%

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Q2. Which of the following statements best fits your view on the digitisation of the planning system? The digitisation of the planning system...

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
Significance Level: 95%		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
Will not allow residents to better understand and engage with developments in their area	135 43%	100 57%	1 6%	1 10%	120 49% c	9 22%	64 39%	65 48%
Will allow residents to better understand and engage with developments in their area	133 42%	47 27%	10 94%	11 78%	88 36%	27 67% b	84 51% b	47 35%
Don't know	47 15%	27 16%	- -%	2 12%	37 15%	4 11%	18 11%	23 17%

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Table 3

Q3. Which of the following statements best fits your view on when planning consultation should take place for new developments?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%													
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
The majority of the consultation should take place in each individual planning application	202	153	48	14	21	26	58	82	108	22	48	31	22
	64%	64%	62%	53%	72%	61%	70%	62%	66%	66%	64%	67%	54%
The majority of the consultation should happen at Local Plan development stage	104	78	26	13	8	14	22	48	53	11	26	15	18
	33%	33%	34%	47%	26%	33%	27%	36%	32%	31%	34%	33%	44%
Don't know	9	6	3	-	1	3	3	3	4	1	2	-	1
	3%	3%	4%	-%	2%	6%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	-%	2%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 3 (continuation)

Q3. Which of the following statements best fits your view on when planning consultation should take place for new developments?

BASE: All respondents

	Length of service					Party					Region					
	Total	Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
The majority of the consultation should take place in each individual planning application	202	57	38	37	22	48	74	70	31	16	10	51	69	65	82	16
	64%	63%	63%	64%	68%	63%	57%	73% a	69%	60%	66%	63%	61%	67%	68%	72%
The majority of the consultation should happen at Local Plan development stage	104	27	20	20	10	28	55	22	14	8	5	25	44	31	36	5
	33%	30%	33%	35%	32%	37%	42% b	23%	30%	29%	34%	31%	39%	31%	30%	22%
Don't know	9	6	2	1	-	-	2	4	1	3	-	5	1	2	3	1
	3%	7% e	4%	1%	-%	-%	1%	4%	2%	11%	-%	6% b	1%	2%	3%	6%

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 3 (continuation)

Q3. Which of the following statements best fits your view on when planning consultation should take place for new developments?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face a	Virtual *b	More *a	Less b	No effect c	Should a	Should not b
Significance Level: 95%								
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
The majority of the consultation should take place in each individual planning application	202 64%	117 67%	5 50%	5 40%	168 68% c	19 48%	104 63%	87 64%
The majority of the consultation should happen at Local Plan development stage	104 33%	55 31%	4 40%	8 60%	72 30%	19 48% b	56 34%	46 34%
Don't know	9 3%	3 2%	1 9%	- -%	5 2%	2 4%	6 4%	3 2%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c - a,b

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Table 4

Q4. At the beginning of August the government outlined plans to reform the planning system in England. Do you believe that the Government's proposed reforms will make planning more or less democratic?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
Significance Level: 95%		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
The Government's proposed reforms will make planning less democratic	245 78%	179 76%	64 83%	20 73%	17 57%	35 82%	69 83%	104 79%	138 84%	28 84%	62 82%	37 80%	32 79%
The Government's proposed reforms will have no effect on democracy in the planning process	40 13%	37 15%	4 5%	4 15%	8 28%	4 9%	11 13%	13 10%	15 9%	4 11%	8 11%	6 12%	7 18%
The Government's proposed reforms will make planning more democratic	14 4%	10 4%	3 5%	2 8%	3 11%	1 3%	1 1%	6 5%	4 2%	2 6%	3 4%	1 3%	- -
Don't know	16 5%	10 4%	6 8%	1 4%	1 4%	2 5%	2 3%	9 7%	8 5%	- -	3 3%	2 5%	1 3%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 4 (continuation)

Q4. At the beginning of August the government outlined plans to reform the planning system in England. Do you believe that the Government's proposed reforms will make planning more or less democratic?

BASE: All respondents

	Length of service					Party					Region					
	Total	Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
	a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e	
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
The Government's proposed reforms will make planning less democratic	245 78%	69 76%	46 77%	43 75%	27 85%	60 80%	80 61%	86 90% a	45 98% ab	20 76%	14 90%	62 76%	89 79%	75 76%	94 78%	19 84%
The Government's proposed reforms will have no effect on democracy in the planning process	40 13%	9 10%	7 12%	9 16%	4 13%	11 14%	33 25% bc	3 3%	- -%	3 11%	1 6%	12 15%	18 16%	10 10%	10 9%	1 3%
The Government's proposed reforms will make planning more democratic	14 4%	6 7%	3 4%	2 3%	- -%	3 4%	10 8% bc	1 1%	- -%	2 6%	1 5%	3 4%	3 3%	7 7%	8 6%	1 3%
Don't know	16 5%	6 7%	4 6%	3 6%	1 3%	2 2%	8 6%	5 6%	1 2%	2 6%	- -%	5 6%	3 2%	6 6%	9 7%	2 11%

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 4 (continuation)

Q4. At the beginning of August the government outlined plans to reform the planning system in England. Do you believe that the Government's proposed reforms will make planning more or less democratic?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Significance Level: 95%								
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
The Government's proposed reforms will make planning less democratic	245 78%	145 83%	8 82%	- -%	245 100% c	- -%	123 75%	112 82%
The Government's proposed reforms will have no effect on democracy in the planning process	40 13%	17 10%	1 11%	- -%	- -%	40 100% b	23 14%	13 10%
The Government's proposed reforms will make planning more democratic	14 4%	4 2%	- -%	14 100%	- -%	- -%	10 6%	4 3%
Don't know	16 5%	8 5%	1 6%	- -%	- -%	- -%	9 5%	7 5%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c - a,b

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Table 5

Q5. Do you think there should or should not be a review of the Green Belt?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%													
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
There should be a review of the Green Belt	165	127	38	19	13	25	38	70	84	20	37	29	24
	52%	54%	49%	72%	43%	59%	46%	53%	51%	61%	49%	63%	60%
There should not be a review of the Green Belt	136	100	35	7	15	16	41	58	73	12	34	17	15
	43%	42%	46%	24%	49%	37%	49%	43%	44%	36%	45%	37%	38%
Don't know	14	10	4	1	2	2	4	5	9	1	5	-	1
	4%	4%	5%	4%	7%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	-%	2%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 5 (continuation)

Q5. Do you think there should or should not be a review of the Green Belt?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Length of service					Party					Region				
		Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
There should be a review of the Green Belt	165 52%	44 49%	33 56%	27 47%	13 40%	48 63%	62 47%	62 64%	22 48%	10 36%	10 66%	43 52%	49 43%	62 64%	74 61%	12 52%
There should not be a review of the Green Belt	136 43%	42 47%	25 42%	27 48%	16 50%	25 33%	58 44%	32 33%	24 52%	17 64%	5 34%	36 45%	56 50%	33 34%	43 36%	10 44%
Don't know	14 4%	4 4%	2 3%	3 5%	3 9%	3 4%	11 8%	3 3%	- -%	- -%	- -%	2 3%	8 7%	2 2%	3 3%	1 5%

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 5 (continuation)

Q5. Do you think there should or should not be a review of the Green Belt?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
Significance Level: 95%		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
There should be a review of the Green Belt	165 52%	87 50%	10 94%	10 72%	123 50%	23 57%	165 100%	- -%
There should not be a review of the Green Belt	136 43%	78 45%	1 6%	4 28%	112 46%	13 32%	- -%	136 100%
Don't know	14 4%	9 5%	- -%	- -%	10 4%	4 10%	- -%	- -%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c - a,b

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Table 6

Q6. If there were a review of the Green Belt, which of the following, if any, do you think councils should be allowed to do?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%													
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
Add land into the Green Belt	204	156	47	16	19	30	52	87	106	19	50	31	23
	65%	66%	61%	58%	64%	71%	63%	65%	64%	56%	66%	68%	58%
Release land from the Green Belt	123	101	22	16	13	19	32	43	60	13	27	19	17
	39%	43%	29%	59%	44%	45%	38%	32%	36%	37%	36%	42%	43%
Other	32	21	11	1	-	2	12	17	21	6	7	5	6
	10%	9%	14%	5%	-	4%	15%	13%	12%	17%	9%	12%	14%
Don't know	15	10	4	2	1	4	3	5	8	2	3	1	1
	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	10%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	1%	2%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 6 (continuation)

Q6. If there were a review of the Green Belt, which of the following, if any, do you think councils should be allowed to do?

BASE: All respondents

	Length of service					Party					Region					
	Total	Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
	a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e	
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
Add land into the Green Belt	204	64	38	33	20	48	92	54	29	17	12	56	72	61	75	14
	65%	71%	64%	58%	62%	64%	70%	56%	63%	65%	77%	69%	64%	62%	62%	61%
Release land from the Green Belt	123	31	27	20	10	34	50	48	11	6	8	31	40	42	52	10
	39%	35%	45%	36%	31%	45%	38%	50%	25%	23%	50%	38%	35%	43%	43%	44%
Other	32	8	4	7	3	10	8	10	11	2	1	4	11	14	17	2
	10%	9%	7%	12%	9%	14%	6%	10%	24%	6%	9%	5%	10%	15%	14%	9%
Don't know	15	6	2	3	1	3	4	7	2	2	-	5	7	1	3	3
	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	8%	4%	6%	-%	6%	6%	1%	3%	12%
												c	c			cd

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 6 (continuation)

Q6. If there were a review of the Green Belt, which of the following, if any, do you think councils should be allowed to do?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Significance Level: 95%								
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
Add land into the Green Belt	204	123	5	7	164	23	88	113
	65%	70%	49%	52%	67%	57%	53%	83%
								a
Release land from the Green Belt	123	63	6	7	89	23	99	19
	39%	36%	63%	48%	36%	59%	60%	14%
						b	b	
Other	32	17	2	1	27	3	20	11
	10%	10%	15%	8%	11%	6%	12%	8%
Don't know	15	7	1	-	14	-	5	4
	5%	4%	9%	-%	6%	-%	3%	3%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c - a,b

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Table 7

D1. Please select your gender.

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%													
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
Male	237	237	-	25	28	29	54	101	122	26	57	36	28
	75%	100%	-%	93%	93%	70%	65%	76%	74%	77%	75%	78%	71%
		b											
Female	77	-	77	2	2	13	29	31	41	7	19	9	12
	24%	-%	100%	7%	7%	30%	35%	23%	25%	20%	25%	20%	29%
		a											
I identify in other way	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Prefer not to say	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	1	-
	1%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-%	2%	-%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 7 (continuation)

D1. Please select your gender.

BASE: All respondents

	Length of service					Party					Region					
	Total	Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
Male	237	71	42	43	22	58	113	59	34	17	14	57	86	76	94	18
	75%	79%	71%	76%	68%	77%	86%	61%	75%	66%	89%	70%	76%	78%	78%	80%
Female	77	19	17	14	10	16	18	37	11	9	2	24	27	21	26	4
	24%	21%	29%	24%	32%	21%	14%	38%	24%	34%	11%	29%	24%	22%	21%	20%
I identify in other way	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Prefer not to say	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
	1%	-%	-%	-%	-%	2%	-%	1%	2%	-%	-%	1%	-%	1%	1%	-%

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 7 (continuation)

D1. Please select your gender.

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Significance Level: 95%								
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
Male	237 75%	135 77%	9 85%	10 75%	179 73%	37 91%	127 77%	100 74%
Female	77 24%	38 22%	2 15%	3 25%	64 26%	4 9%	38 23%	35 26%
I identify in other way	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%
Prefer not to say	2 1%	2 1%	- -%	- -%	2 1%	- -%	1 1%	1 1%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c - a,b

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Table 8

D2. Please enter your age in years.

BASE: All respondents

Significance Level: 95%

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
18-34	27 9%	25 11% b	2 2%	27 100%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	9 6%	3 10%	6 8%	5 11%	1 3%
35-44	30 9%	28 12% b	2 3%	- -%	30 100%	- -%	- -%	- -%	8 5%	1 2%	6 8%	2 5%	3 8%
45-54	42 13%	29 12%	13 17%	- -%	- -%	42 100% de	- -%	- -%	24 15%	7 21%	11 14%	8 17%	6 15%
55-64	83 26%	54 23%	29 38% a	- -%	- -%	- -%	83 100% ce	- -%	39 24%	10 31%	28 36% a	15 34%	16 41% a
65+	133 42%	101 43%	31 41%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	133 100% cd	85 51% cde	12 36%	26 34%	16 34%	13 32%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

BECG Councillors Conference Research Tables

Table 8 (continuation)

D2. Please enter your age in years.

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Length of service					Party					Region				
		Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
18-34	27	15	10	1	1	-	12	12	3	-	-	6	6	11	15	4
	9%	16%	18%	1%	4%	-%	9%	12%	7%	-%	-%	8%	5%	12%	12%	16%
		ce	ce												b	b
35-44	30	15	2	6	6	1	15	7	4	3	-	9	9	7	11	4
	9%	17%	3%	10%	20%	1%	12%	8%	9%	12%	-%	11%	8%	8%	9%	17%
		be		e	be											
45-54	42	13	9	8	2	10	16	15	2	3	5	16	12	12	14	2
	13%	14%	15%	14%	7%	13%	12%	16%	5%	12%	33%	19%	11%	13%	12%	9%
55-64	83	22	20	20	4	18	28	28	14	8	5	19	33	24	30	6
	26%	24%	34%	35%	12%	24%	22%	29%	31%	29%	33%	24%	30%	25%	25%	27%
			d	d												
65+	133	26	18	23	19	47	60	34	22	12	5	31	53	42	50	7
	42%	29%	31%	40%	58%	62%	45%	35%	48%	47%	33%	38%	47%	43%	41%	31%
					ab	abc										

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 8 (continuation)

D2. Please enter your age in years.

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Significance Level: 95%								
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
18-34	27 9%	12 7%	1 11%	2 15%	20 8%	4 10%	19 12% b	7 5%
35-44	30 9%	16 9%	1 7%	3 23%	17 7%	8 21% b	13 8%	15 11%
45-54	42 13%	19 11%	2 22%	1 8%	35 14%	4 10%	25 15%	16 12%
55-64	83 26%	35 20%	4 39%	1 8%	69 28%	11 26%	38 23%	41 30%
65+	133 42%	93 53%	2 20%	6 45%	104 43%	13 33%	70 42%	58 43%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c - a,b

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Table 9

D3. Do you currently serve on any of the following committees in your role as a Local Government Councillor?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%													
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
Planning	165 52%	122 52%	41 53%	9 34%	8 26%	24 57%	39 47%	85 64%	165 100%	21 61%	45 59%	28 61%	27 67%
Finance / Budgets	79 25%	65 27%	14 18%	5 20%	7 25%	13 30%	20 23%	34 26%	39 23%	10 29%	22 29%	22 48%	9 22%
Environment	76 24%	57 24%	19 25%	6 22%	6 20%	11 25%	28 33%	26 19%	45 27%	16 47%	76 100%	20 45%	15 38%
Community Safety	52 16%	37 16%	15 20%	3 10%	4 14%	6 15%	17 21%	21 16%	23 14%	9 26%	23 31%	8 18%	18 44%
Regeneration	46 15%	36 15%	9 12%	5 19%	2 7%	8 18%	15 19%	16 12%	28 17%	12 35%	20 27%	46 100%	9 22%
Housing	40 13%	28 12%	12 15%	1 5%	3 11%	6 15%	16 20%	13 10%	27 16%	9 27%	15 20%	9 19%	40 100%
Health	38 12%	25 11%	12 16%	4 15%	2 7%	4 10%	8 9%	20 15%	12 8%	1 3%	5 7%	3 7%	8 21%
Corporate Resources	34 11%	29 12%	5 6%	3 9%	3 11%	5 13%	13 16%	10 7%	20 12%	5 14%	12 15%	9 19%	4 10%
Transport	34 11%	26 11%	7 9%	3 12%	1 2%	7 16%	10 13%	12 9%	21 12%	34 100%	16 21%	12 26%	9 23%
Leisure and Culture	29 9%	24 10%	4 6%	3 13%	4 14%	3 7%	13 15%	6 4%	15 9%	7 20%	18 23%	9 19%	8 21%
Adult Services	20 6%	12 5%	8 10%	2 7%	1 2%	4 9%	8 10%	5 4%	7 4%	1 3%	4 6%	1 2%	3 8%
Children's Services	19 6%	11 5%	8 10%	- -%	2 5%	4 8%	6 8%	8 6%	8 5%	1 2%	4 6%	2 5%	3 8%
Education	13 4%	7 3%	6 7%	1 4%	- -%	1 2%	3 4%	8 6%	3 2%	2 5%	3 3%	3 8%	2 4%
Other	97 31%	73 31%	24 31%	3 11%	8 28%	10 25%	25 30%	50 38%	43 26%	6 19%	15 20%	11 23%	5 12%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 9 (continuation)

D3. Do you currently serve on any of the following committees in your role as a Local Government Councillor?

BASE: All respondents

Significance Level: 95%

	Gender		Age					Committees served					
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
None of these	21	18	3	6	4	3	5	3	-	-	-	-	-
	7%	8%	4%	22%	14%	8%	6%	2%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 9 (continuation)

D3. Do you currently serve on any of the following committees in your role as a Local Government Councillor?

BASE: All respondents

	Length of service					Party					Region					
	Total	Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
Planning	165 52%	45 50%	36 60%	23 40%	14 42%	47 62%	73 55%	44 46%	31 68%	11 43%	6 39%	32 39%	64 57%	57 58%	69 57%	13 54%
Finance / Budgets	79 25%	17 19%	24 41%	11 20%	8 24%	19 25%	39 30%	22 22%	11 25%	5 21%	1 9%	21 26%	26 23%	28 29%	32 27%	4 16%
Environment	76 24%	19 21%	12 20%	20 35%	9 27%	16 21%	34 26%	17 18%	14 30%	8 31%	3 22%	19 24%	28 25%	22 23%	28 23%	5 24%
Community Safety	52 16%	8 9%	9 15%	18 32%	9 28%	7 10%	21 16%	17 18%	6 12%	4 16%	4 26%	21 26%	13 11%	16 16%	18 15%	2 9%
Regeneration	46 15%	11 12%	13 21%	7 13%	6 17%	9 12%	18 14%	14 14%	8 17%	3 12%	3 22%	12 14%	18 16%	14 15%	17 14%	2 9%
Housing	40 13%	9 10%	7 12%	7 12%	8 24%	9 12%	18 14%	12 12%	7 16%	2 6%	1 9%	11 14%	9 8%	17 17%	20 16%	3 12%
Health	38 12%	8 8%	9 15%	10 17%	7 23%	5 7%	13 10%	14 15%	6 14%	3 10%	2 10%	16 19%	11 9%	9 9%	12 10%	3 15%
Corporate Resources	34 11%	7 7%	8 14%	10 18%	3 9%	6 8%	13 10%	13 14%	5 11%	1 4%	2 12%	12 14%	8 7%	12 12%	14 12%	2 11%
Transport	34 11%	7 8%	6 11%	9 16%	4 11%	7 9%	12 9%	10 10%	5 12%	3 11%	4 23%	8 10%	5 5%	16 16%	20 17%	4 17%
Leisure and Culture	29 9%	8 9%	7 12%	9 15%	2 7%	3 3%	11 8%	8 8%	7 16%	1 4%	2 12%	9 11%	9 8%	7 7%	11 9%	4 15%
Adult Services	20 6%	7 7%	5 8%	3 6%	3 10%	2 2%	4 3%	10 10%	2 5%	3 11%	1 5%	13 16%	4 3%	3 3%	3 3%	1 3%
Children's Services	19 6%	6 7%	2 4%	4 8%	4 12%	2 2%	5 4%	7 8%	2 3%	2 6%	3 21%	11 14%	2 2%	4 4%	6 5%	1 6%
Education	13 4%	1 2%	2 3%	4 8%	3 10%	2 3%	5 4%	7 7%	2 3%	- -%	- -%	9 11%	3 3%	1 1%	1 1%	1 3%

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 9 (continuation)

D3. Do you currently serve on any of the following committees in your role as a Local Government Councillor?

BASE: All respondents

	Length of service					Party					Region					
	Total	Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
Other	97	31	11	21	10	23	40	28	17	5	6	24	40	26	32	7
	31%	35%	19%	37%	31%	30%	31%	29%	38%	20%	38%	30%	36%	26%	27%	29%
		b		b												
None of these	21	5	5	-	5	6	11	5	1	4	-	4	12	4	5	1
	7%	5%	8%	-%	17%	8%	9%	5%	3%	16%	-%	4%	11%	4%	4%	6%
		c		c		c										

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 9 (continuation)

D3. Do you currently serve on any of the following committees in your role as a Local Government Councillor?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Significance Level: 95%								
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
Planning	165 52%	93 53%	3 32%	4 26%	138 56%	15 37%	84 51%	73 54%
Finance / Budgets	79 25%	44 25%	1 13%	6 44%	57 23%	11 27%	45 27%	34 25%
Environment	76 24%	45 26%	1 9%	3 20%	62 25%	8 20%	37 22%	34 25%
Community Safety	52 16%	29 17%	1 9%	2 14%	42 17%	5 11%	26 16%	23 17%
Regeneration	46 15%	25 14%	1 9%	1 10%	37 15%	6 14%	29 18%	17 12%
Housing	40 13%	17 10%	2 16%	- -%	32 13%	7 18%	24 15%	15 11%
Health	38 12%	21 12%	4 40%	1 10%	31 13%	3 9%	22 14%	16 12%
Corporate Resources	34 11%	18 10%	1 7%	- -%	28 11%	5 12%	19 12%	15 11%
Transport	34 11%	15 8%	2 19%	2 14%	28 11%	4 9%	20 12%	12 9%
Leisure and Culture	29 9%	13 7%	2 16%	- -%	24 10%	4 11%	14 9%	13 10%
Adult Services	20 6%	8 5%	- -%	- -%	16 7%	1 3%	14 8%	6 4%
Children's Services	19 6%	8 5%	1 13%	3 20%	11 4%	1 3%	10 6%	9 7%
Education	13 4%	6 4%	1 6%	- -%	9 4%	3 6%	8 5%	5 4%
Other	97 31%	55 32%	3 29%	3 22%	75 31%	14 34%	48 29%	46 34%
None of these	21 7%	10 6%	2 24%	3 22%	13 5%	5 13%	13 8%	8 6%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c - a,b

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Table 10
D4. Which of the following best describes your length of service as a local councillor?
 BASE: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Committees served				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Planning	Transport	Environment	Regeneration	Housing
		a	b	*a	*b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%													
Unweighted Total	315	231	82	29	28	42	86	130	166	36	72	46	42
Total	315	237	77	27	30	42	83	133	165	34	76	46	40
I am serving my first term	90 29%	71 30%	19 25%	15 55%	15 50%	13 30%	22 26%	26 19%	45 27%	7 21%	19 25%	11 24%	9 23%
I am serving my second term	60 19%	42 18%	17 23%	10 39%	2 7%	9 21%	20 24%	18 14%	36 22%	6 19%	12 16%	13 28%	7 18%
I am serving my third term	57 18%	43 18%	14 18%	1 2%	6 19%	8 19%	20 24%	23 17%	23 14%	9 28%	20 27%	7 16%	7 17%
I am serving my fourth term	32 10%	22 9%	10 14%	1 4%	6 21%	2 6%	4 5%	19 14%	14 8%	4 11%	9 12%	6 12%	8 19%
I am serving at least my fifth term	76 24%	58 25%	16 21%	- -%	1 2%	10 24%	18 21%	47 36%	47 29%	7 21%	16 21%	9 20%	9 23%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 10 (continuation)

D4. Which of the following best describes your length of service as a local councillor?

BASE: All respondents

	Length of service					Party					Region					
	Total	Newly elected	Service second term	Service third term	Service fourth term	Service at least fifth term	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Other	Northern	Midlands	Southern excluding London	Southern including London	London
		a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	*d	*e	a	b	c	d	e
Significance Level: 95%																
Unweighted Total	315	92	63	53	30	77	99	122	56	19	19	77	97	110	141	31
Total	315	90	60	57	32	76	131	96	46	26	16	81	113	98	121	23
I am serving my first term	90 29%	90 100%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	29 22%	23 24%	19 41%	13 50%	6 38%	21 26%	28 25%	34 35%	40 33%	6 26%
		bcde							ab							
I am serving my second term	60 19%	- -%	60 100%	- -%	- -%	- -%	23 17%	23 24%	9 19%	3 10%	3 19%	15 19%	20 18%	20 20%	24 20%	5 21%
			acde													
I am serving my third term	57 18%	- -%	- -%	57 100%	- -%	- -%	28 21%	16 16%	3 8%	7 27%	3 20%	19 23%	19 17%	15 15%	19 16%	5 20%
				abde			c									
I am serving my fourth term	32 10%	- -%	- -%	- -%	32 100%	- -%	17 13%	11 12%	3 6%	2 6%	- -%	12 15%	13 11%	6 6%	7 6%	1 6%
					abce							cd				
I am serving at least my fifth term	76 24%	- -%	- -%	- -%	- -%	76 100%	35 27%	23 24%	12 27%	2 6%	4 24%	14 17%	32 29%	23 24%	30 24%	6 27%
					abcd											

Columns Tested: a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e - a,b,c,d,e

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Table 10 (continuation)

D4. Which of the following best describes your length of service as a local councillor?

BASE: All respondents

	Total	Most effective method		Government reforms make planning more / less democratic			Should there be a review of the Green Belt	
		Face to face	Virtual	More	Less	No effect	Should	Should not
		a	*b	*a	b	c	a	b
Unweighted Total	315	169	12	12	256	31	174	129
Total	315	175	10	14	245	40	165	136
I am serving my first term	90 29%	38 22%	2 23%	6 46%	69 28%	9 22%	44 27%	42 31%
I am serving my second term	60 19%	28 16%	2 16%	3 19%	46 19%	7 19%	33 20%	25 18%
I am serving my third term	57 18%	37 21%	2 20%	2 14%	43 17%	9 23%	27 16%	27 20%
I am serving my fourth term	32 10%	21 12%	2 18%	- -%	27 11%	4 10%	13 8%	16 12%
I am serving at least my fifth term	76 24%	51 29%	2 23%	3 22%	60 25%	11 27%	48 29%	25 18%

Columns Tested: a,b - a,b,c - a,b