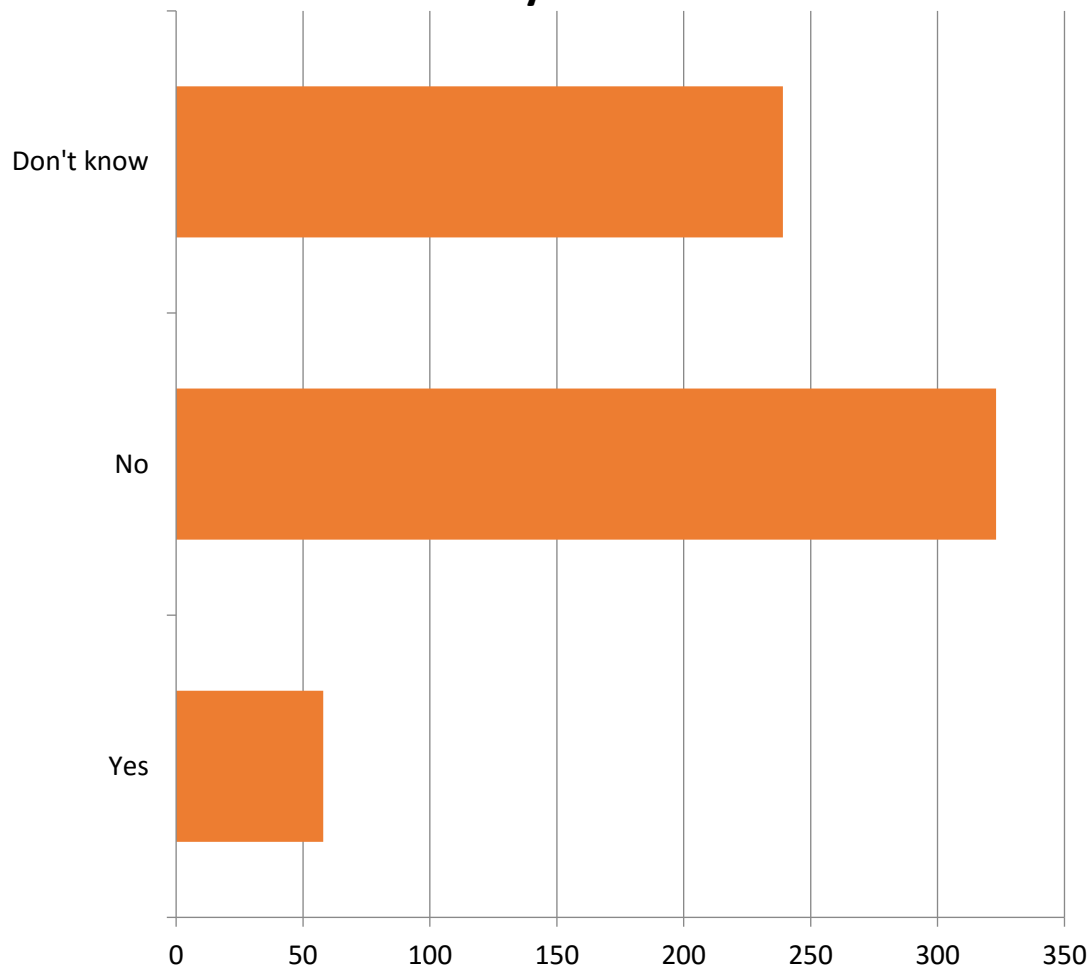


Secondary School Online Consultation Results

1. Do you see yourself living in the borough in 20 years time?

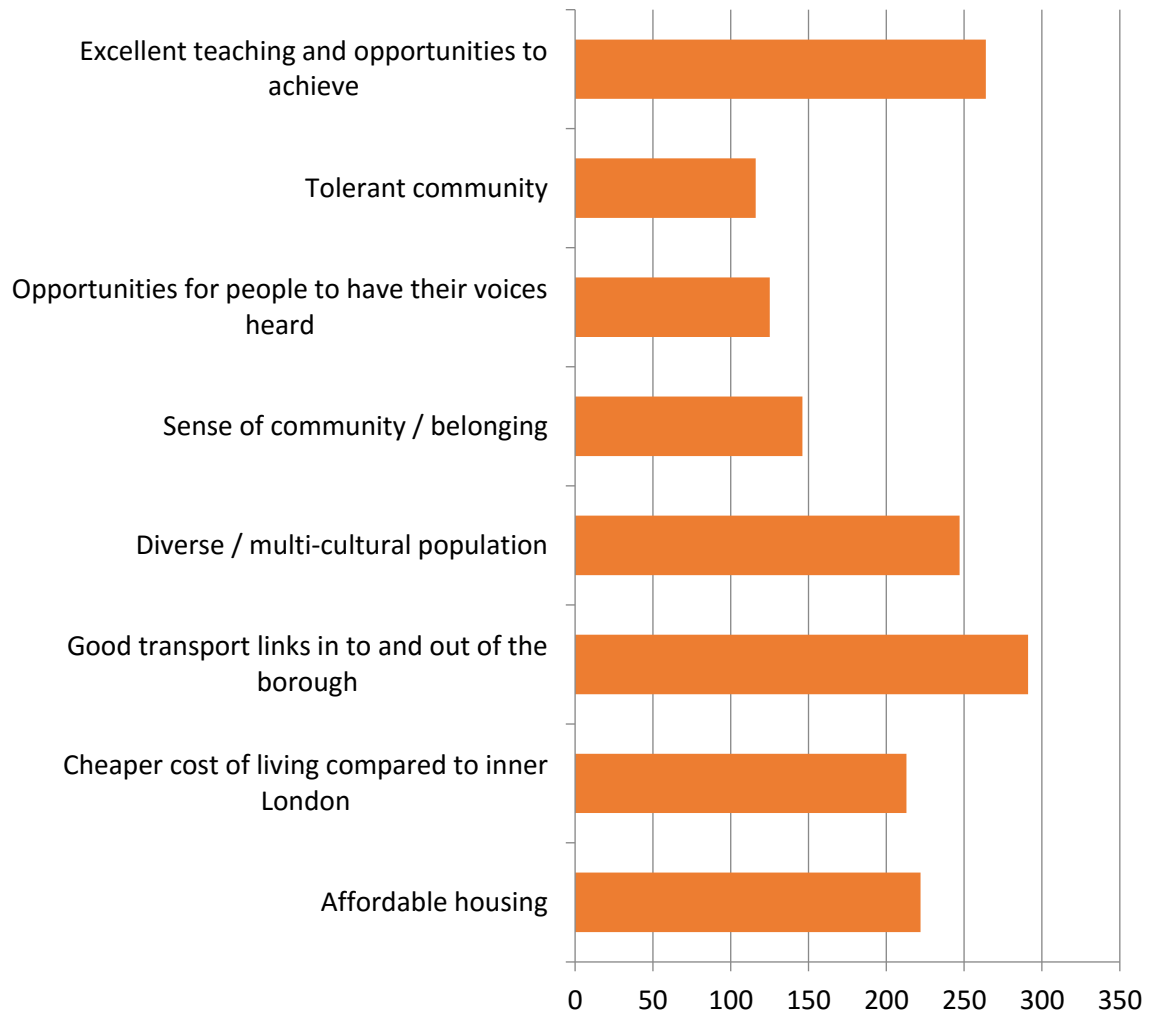


Answer	% Total*	Count
Yes	9%	58
No	52%	323
Don't know	38%	239
[No Response]	1%	4
Total	100%	624

Comments

While 52% of respondents stated an intention to leave the Borough in the next 20 years, and only 9% stated an intention to stay, 38% claimed to be unsure as to whether they would stay or leave the Borough. This implies a significant flexibility in the future of Barking and Dagenham's young people.

2. Please tell us what it is that you like about the borough that would encourage you to stay?



Answer	% Total*	% Frequency**	Count
Affordable housing	13%	36%	222
Cheaper cost of living compared to inner London	13%	34%	213
Good transport links in to and out of the borough	17%	47%	291
Diverse / multi-cultural population	15%	40%	247
Sense of community / belonging	9%	23%	146
Opportunities for people to have their voices heard	8%	20%	125
Tolerant community	7%	19%	116
Excellent teaching and opportunities to achieve	16%	42%	264
[No Response]	3%	7%	42
Total	100%	-	1,666

Comments

The options listed above were identified by the BAD Youth Forum, and the relative level of support for each answer indicates a coherence in opinion among the Borough's young people.

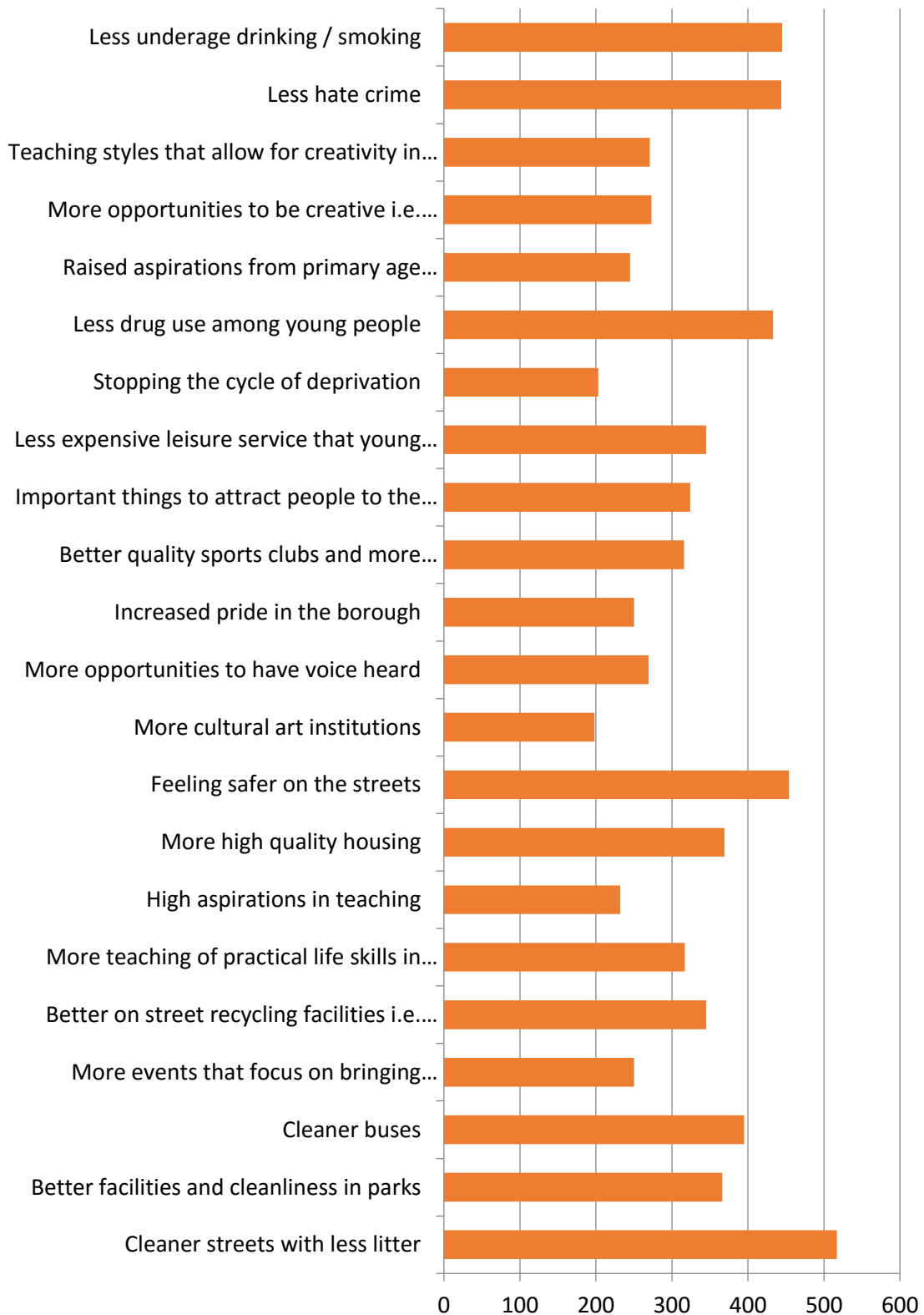
There was, however, a preference for the 'excellent teaching and opportunities to achieve' afforded to young people, the diverse and multicultural population and the transport links into and out of the Borough. On the other hand, fewer responders concurred with the view that opportunities for young people to 'get their voices heard' were sufficient, or that the community is sufficiently tolerant, to encourage them to remain in the Borough.

Other specified reasons, or potential reasons, to stay in the Borough tended to focus on safety, anti-social behaviour, cleanliness, education and the available culture including shops and establishments. Connections to the Borough through family, friends or history were also cited as motivations for staying. In many cases, however, respondents were indicating that these aspects must improve for them to wish to stay.

* The percentage of all responses which chose this answer.

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3. Please tell us what you think needs to change or could be improved



Answer	% Total	% Frequency	Count
Cleaner streets with less litter	7%	83%	517
Better facilities and cleanliness in parks	5%	59%	366
Cleaner buses	5%	63%	395
More events that focus on bringing different cultures together	3%	40%	250
Better on street recycling facilities i.e. split bins	5%	55%	345
More teaching of practical life skills in schools i.e. mortgages, lending, debt	4%	51%	317
High aspirations in teaching	3%	37%	232
More high quality housing	5%	59%	369
Feeling safer on the streets	6%	73%	454
More cultural art institutions	3%	32%	198
More opportunities to have voice heard	4%	43%	269
Increased pride in the borough	3%	40%	250
Better quality sports clubs and more sports clubs in the borough	4%	51%	316
Important things to attract people to the borough - i.e. university	4%	52%	324
Less expensive leisure service that young people can afford	5%	55%	345
Stopping the cycle of deprivation	3%	33%	203
Less drug use among young people	6%	69%	433
Raised aspirations from primary age upwards	3%	39%	245
More opportunities to be creative i.e. music, creative arts	4%	44%	273
Teaching styles that allow for creativity in learning	4%	43%	271
Less hate crime	6%	71%	444
Less underage drinking / smoking	6%	71%	445
[No Response]	0%	1%	9
Total	100%	-	7,270

Comments

The options listed above were identified by the BAD Youth Forum, and the relative level of support for each answer indicates a coherence in opinion among the Borough's young people.

However, several issues do emerge as priorities. These include the cleanliness of streets and litter, safety, hate crime, and drug use, alcohol consumption and smoking among young people.

Other written responses closely follow the issues listed above, mostly relating to either safety – including crime, violence and anti-social behaviour – housing, the variety of shops available, racism and sexism, the standard of education, the environment and local parks, or facilities for young people.

4. What will the Borough be like in 2035?

This was an open-ended question, inviting students to share their vision for the Borough's future. Of the 624 students who answered the consultation, 505 – 81% – answered this question. 564 – 90% - live in the Borough.

While a small minority of respondents believe the Borough will be worse – 'bad, terrible, worse, dirty etc.' – the vast majority offered hopeful or positive visions of the Borough's future. In general, respondents believed the Borough would be a safe, tolerant, affordable, modern, diverse, clean and healthy place to live.

It is hoped or believed that housing will become more available, affordable and of higher quality. Several respondents expressed a desire for a university in the Borough, and some wished for better shops, facilities and establishments. Some suggested the Borough would become more 'modern', 'high-tech' or 'automatic'.

Crime, safety and anti-social behaviour were other important issues, with a sizeable proportion of responses expressing the expectation or hope that the Borough would become less violent, that fewer residents would smoke and use drugs, that litter would become rarer, that other anti-social behaviour and crime would decrease, and the Borough would become more peaceful. Responses also expressed various expectations that the Borough would become cleaner, more attractive, and that the environment would generally improve.

Tolerance and cohesion were frequently discussed issues, with respondents predicting or hoping that the Borough will become more tolerant, understanding, respectful and less discriminatory in a variety of ways. Racism, sexism and homophobia were singled out as issues that will, or should, have been addressed by 2035, with one respondent predicting that Barking and Dagenham will become 'a place that welcomes people from around the world'.