

A vision for the Swanscombe Peninsula- online survey summary report

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A survey coordinated by the Save Swanscombe Peninsula SSSI community group



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Survey background

From February to August 2022, the [Save Swanscombe Peninsula SSSI](#) (SSP) community group ran an online survey titled 'Alternative Vision for Swanscombe Peninsula' through [Survey Heart](#). To predominantly target local people and site users the survey was mainly publicised locally by the SSP group through social media, local community groups and local media. To a limited extent it was also promoted by some of the NGO partners that have been supporting SSP's ongoing campaign work.

This survey is not intended to be a formal consultation, but to be a snapshot of the opinions and perspectives of the people who visit the Swanscombe Peninsula. It is important to acknowledge that together with the environmental focus of the questions, it likely both underestimates the popularity of non-nature activities but may also not be representative of the entire Swanscombe community. A thorough consultation exercise which is representative of the entire community was considered to be beyond the scope of SSP, however, it is thought that this survey accurately demonstrates the support for a new approach to the future of the Swanscombe Peninsula from those who actively use and benefit from the site.

This report summarises the 404 responses received during the survey period. The full unedited survey data can be viewed on the SSP website (<https://www.saveswanscombepeninsula.org.uk/>).

The survey consisted of 12 questions with closed options and ended with an open question to allow respondents to provide unguided feedback for what they would like to see happen on the Peninsula. Each of the closed questions was also followed by an 'other' option which enabled respondents to add further information. Relatively few additional comments were received, however, they are analysed in this report and can be viewed in the unedited survey data for transparency. It is important to note that several questions (Qs 8, 9 and 11) allowed for multiple choices to be made, so the number of responses exceed the number of completed surveys.

This report was prepared by Campaign Strategy Ltd for SSP and NGOs campaign partners. The group which includes Buglife, Kent Wildlife Trust, CPRE, RSPB has challenged proposals for a 'London Resort' to be built on the Swanscombe Peninsula and campaigned for the notification of the Swanscombe Peninsula as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Survey Questions and Options

Note that there was no requirement for all questions to be answered, allowing respondents to move on without answering questions. Coupled with some questions allowing for multiple choice answers, the number of responses varies throughout. The numbers and answer options presented are listed below.

1. How often do you visit Swanscombe Peninsula?

Several times a week/ once a month/ occasionally/ never visited/ other

2. In what way do you currently enjoy your time at the Peninsula?

Walking dogs/ wildlife photography/ observing wildlife/ cycling/ running/ boating/ other

3. How do you currently travel to the Peninsula?

By train/ walking/ by car/ on a bus/ other

4. Do you find this site accessible? Please add further comments in the "other" box in relation to specific improvements for disability access and additional, sensory and neurodivergent need

I can access the site and comfortably move around the Peninsula/ I have some trouble with access and finding my way around/ other

5. What facilities would you like to see on offer? (Any facilities proposed as part of the alternative vision for the Swanscombe Peninsula would not impact upon the Site of Special Scientific Interest and, where possible, would make use of the existing historic buildings)

Toilet facilities/ an information centre/ a cafe/ a wall dedicated to art/ a hide for birdwatching/ family pond dipping boardwalk/ bins for dog waste/ wardens for public safety/ all of the above/ no facilities needed/ other

6. What extra signage or information do you think would be beneficial?

Directional signs at intermittent points/ educational display boards for wildlife/ educational display boards for history/ mobile location app/ all of the above/ other

7. What events have you/would you like to participate in around the Peninsula?

Guided walks/ bird ringing/ restoration projects/ group art projects/ litter picks/ guided wildlife photography/ star gazing/ bat walks/ more involvement with consultation/ all of the above/ other

8. How important is the Peninsula as it is today, for your physical or mental well-being? (please pick one)

Very important/ somewhat important/ neither important nor unimportant/ somewhat unimportant/ not at all important

9. In developing ideas for the future of the Peninsula, how important is it to involve local youth organisations, and opportunities for young people to be involved ? (please pick one)

Very important/ somewhat important/ neither important nor unimportant/ somewhat unimportant/ not at all important

10. Which, if any other local outdoor spaces do you visit regularly? Please add a comment in the "other" box to indicate what facilities and features are important to you when visiting these outdoor spaces.

Swanscombe Heritage Park/ Shorne Country Park/ Trosley Country Park/ Dartford Lakes/ RSPB Rainham Marshes/ Lullingstone Castle/Country Park

11. How much do you know about the proposed London Resort theme park and the threat it poses to the Swanscombe Peninsula? (please pick one)

Very aware/ somewhat aware/ neither aware nor unaware/ somewhat unaware/ completely unaware

12. So as to gather information on the demographic answering these questions, what age bracket do you belong to?

18 – 30/ 30 – 45/ 45 – 60/ 60 plus/ I'd rather not say

13. What else would you like to see happen at Swanscombe Peninsula to make it a better quality nature-rich green space or resource for the local community?

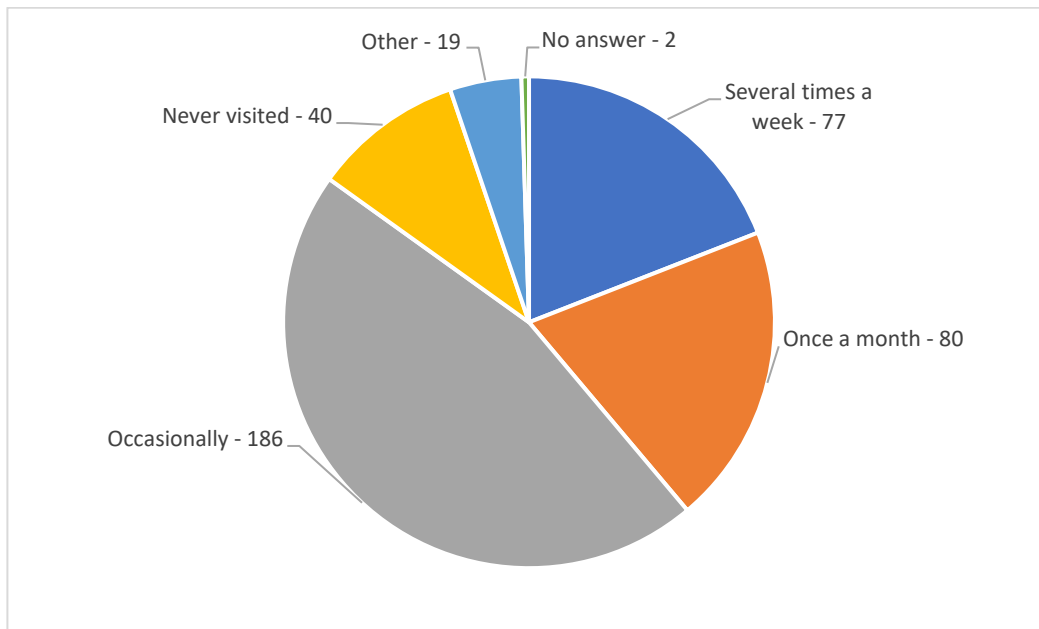
Open question to which respondents could write what they liked, with no closed options

Survey responses summary

1. How often do you visit Swanscombe Peninsula?

46% of respondents indicated that they visit the Swanscombe Peninsula only occasionally, however, 39% of respondents either visit the site once a month or more frequently, which suggests a large core of regular visitors among the respondents.

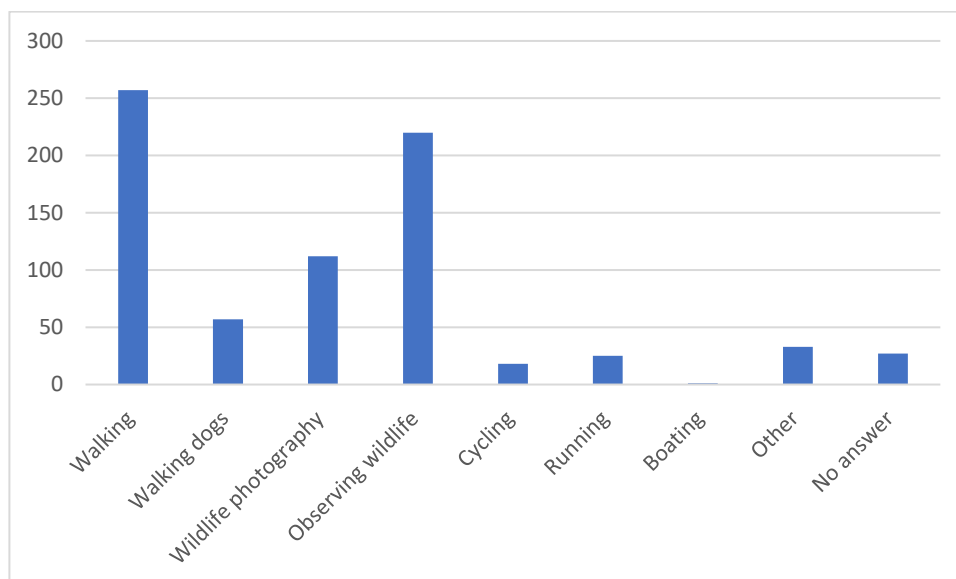
How often do you visit Swanscombe Peninsula?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Several times a week	77	19%
Once a month	80	20%
Occasionally	186	46%
Never visited	40	10%
Other	19	5%
No answer	2	0%



2. In what way do you currently enjoy your time at the Peninsula?

This multiple-choice question showed walking to be the most popular reason for visiting the Peninsula (64%), followed by observing wildlife (54%) and photographing wildlife (28%). These results are perhaps unsurprising given that the Peninsula has an astounding variety of bird, invertebrate and plant life, and the presence of the England Coast Path to allow access. Many respondents gave several answers to how they enjoy their time at the Peninsula.

In what way do you currently enjoy your time at the Peninsula?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Walking	257	64%
Walking dogs	57	14%
Wildlife photography	112	28%
Observing wildlife	220	54%
Cycling	18	4%
Running	25	6%
Boating	1	0%
Other	33	8%
No answer	27	7%

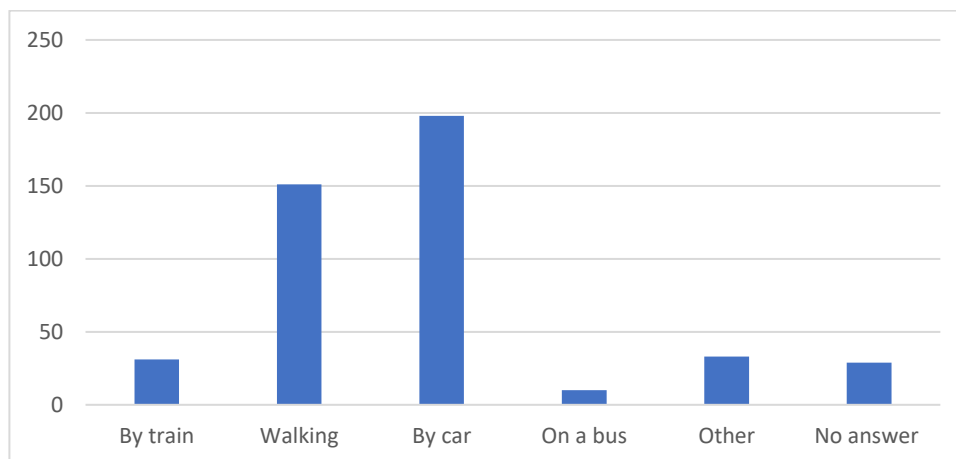


3. How do you currently travel to the Peninsula?

49% of responses indicate that visits to the Swanscombe Peninsula are currently by car, followed by 37% by walking. The multiple-choice nature of the question was to allow people to indicate if they travel by different methods perhaps for different purposes, length of visit or time of year. However, the significant proportion of visitors walking to the site indicates that many of the respondents and quite probably the users of the Peninsula are local.

It might be helpful to consider these responses alongside other questions which address access and awareness of the site.

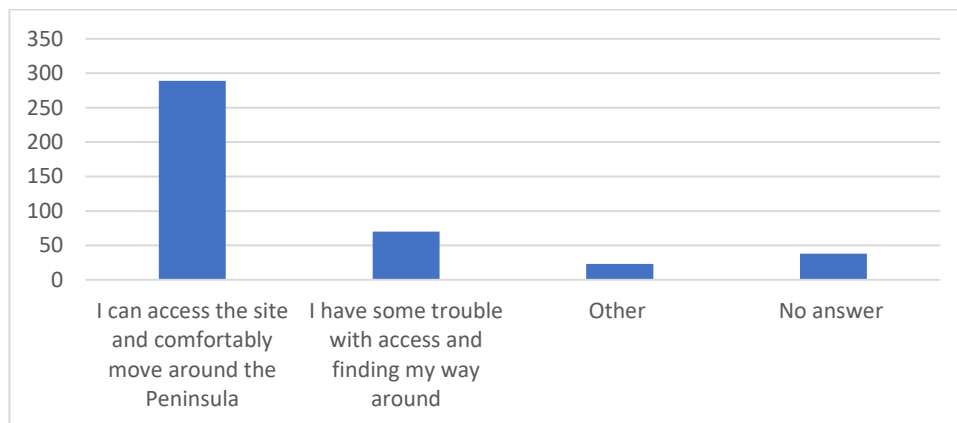
How do you currently travel to the Peninsula?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
By train	31	8%
Walking	151	37%
By car	198	49%
On a bus	10	2%
Other	33	8%
No answer	29	7%



4. Do you find this site accessible? Please add further comments in the "other" box in relation to specific improvements for disability access and additional, sensory and neurodivergent need

Although 72% of respondents indicated that they have no problems with accessing and moving around the site, 17% identified as having 'some trouble with access and finding my way around'. Some of the responses given to 'other' relate to uncertainty over movement around the site, the informal nature of the site and the path network, as addressed in other questions about improving facilities and information. Further solutions to access are offered in the final, open question.

Do you find this site accessible?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
I can access the site and comfortably move around the Peninsula	289	72%
I have some trouble with access and finding my way around	70	17%
Other	23	6%
No answer	38	9%

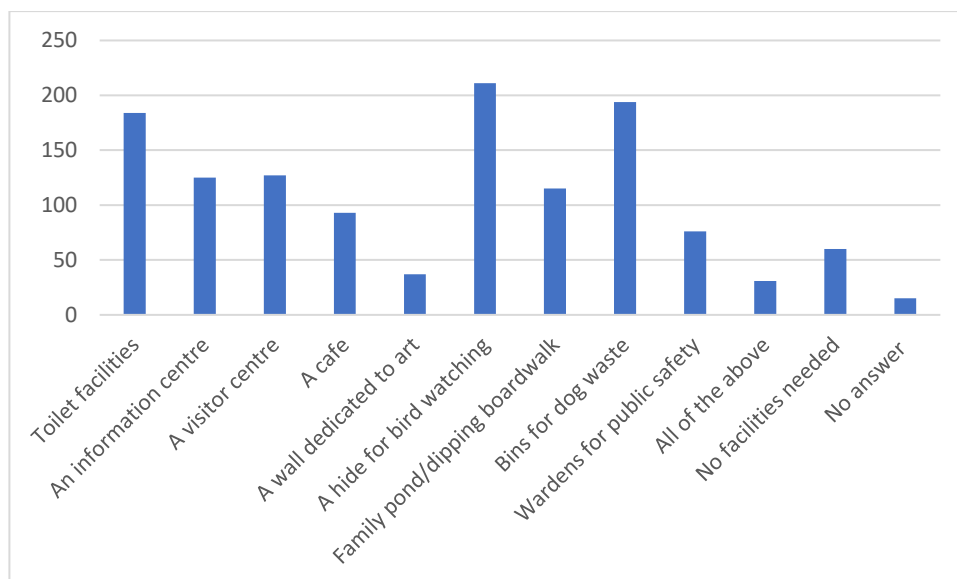


5. What facilities would you like to see on offer? (Any facilities proposed as part of the alternative vision for the Swanscombe Peninsula would not impact upon the Site of Special Scientific Interest and, where possible, would make use of the existing historic buildings)

This multiple-choice question showed a hide for birdwatching to be the most popular option (52%) for additional facilities on the Swanscombe Peninsula, followed by dog waste bins (48%) and toilets (46%). There is clear interest in a 'destination' on-site, such as a visitor centre (31%), information centre (31%) or café (23%). There was also interest in formalising the site presence with a warden (19%) and for a family pond dipping or boardwalk area (28%).

It is notable that only 15% of responses suggested that no further facilities were needed, suggesting that there is a significant desire for there to be on-site improvements to support enjoyment of the site.

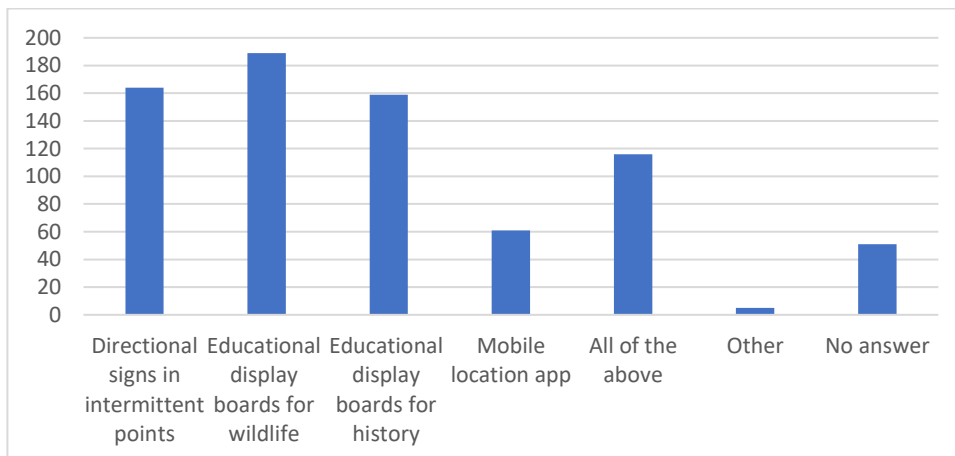
What facilities would you like to see on offer?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Toilet facilities	184	46%
An information centre	125	31%
A visitor centre	127	31%
A cafe	93	23%
A wall dedicated to art	37	9%
A hide for bird watching	211	52%
Family pond/dipping boardwalk	115	28%
Bins for dog waste	194	48%
Wardens for public safety	76	19%
All of the above	31	8%
No facilities needed	60	15%
No answer	15	4%



6. What extra signage or information do you think would be beneficial?

The most popular option for additional signage or information was for educational display boards for wildlife (47%), followed by directional signs (41%) and educational display boards for history (39%). 29% wanted all of the above.

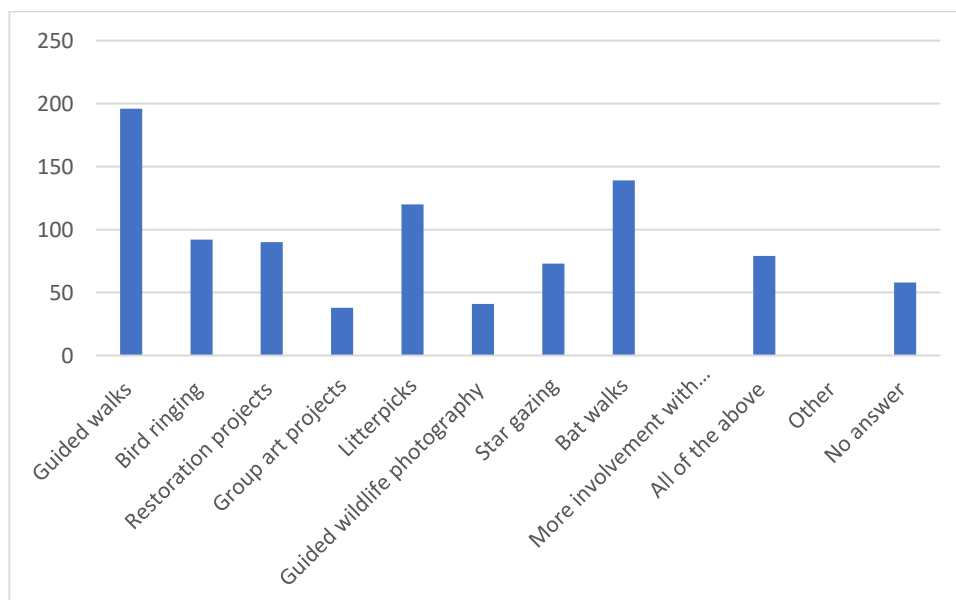
What extra signage or information do you think would be beneficial?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Directional signs in intermittent points	164	41%
Educational display boards for wildlife	189	47%
Educational display boards for history	159	39%
Mobile location app	61	15%
All of the above	116	29%
Other	5	1%
No answer	51	13%



7. What events have you/would you like to participate in around the Peninsula?

Previous community events such as wildlife walks and litter picks have proven popular, but respondents expressed an interest in a wider range of activities in this multiple choice question. Educational and learning experiences were popular, with guided walks were the most popular event option overall (49%), alongside bat specific walks (34%) and guided wildlife photography (10%). However, more active and interactive events were also supported with litter picking (30%), bird ringing (23%), and habitat restoration projects (22%) all positively received. There appears to be an appetite for a diverse range of activities such as star gazing (18%) and group art (9%) which would allow the site to be enjoyed by a broad section of the local community.

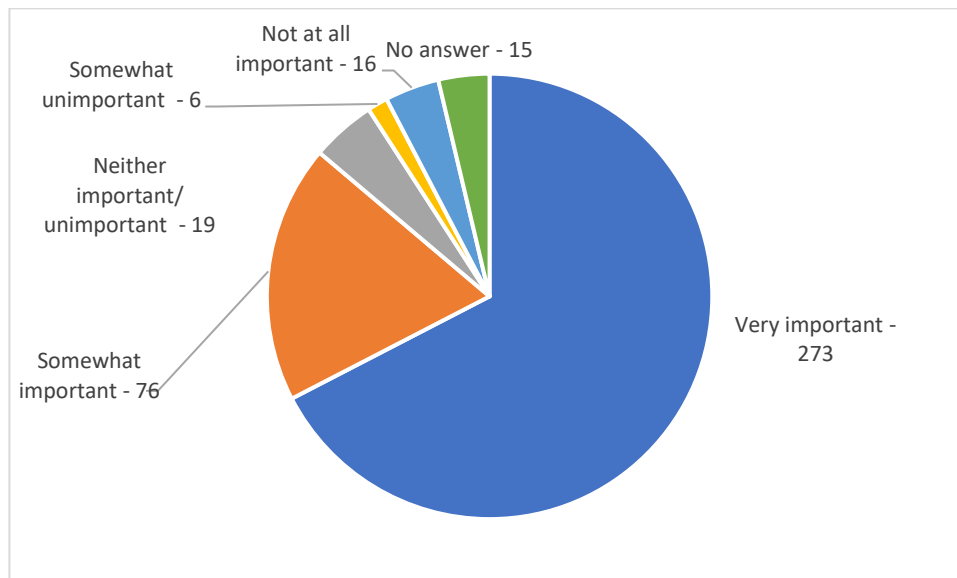
What events have you/would you like to participate in around the Peninsula?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Guided walks	196	49%
Bird ringing	92	23%
Restoration projects	90	22%
Group art projects	38	9%
Litterpicks	120	30%
Guided wildlife photography	41	10%
Star gazing	73	18%
Bat walks	139	34%
More involvement with consultation	51	13%
All of the above	79	20%
Other	0	0%
No answer	58	14%



8. How important is the Peninsula as it is today, for your physical or mental wellbeing? (please pick one)

86% of people taking the survey said Swanscombe Peninsula was very or somewhat important for their physical or mental wellbeing. This indicates a crucial role for the Swanscombe Peninsula in supporting the health of the local community. A wide range of research shows that being in or close to green space and nature, particularly near water, improves well-being¹².

How important is the Peninsula as it is today, for your physical or mental well being?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Very important	273	68%
Somewhat important	76	19%
Neither important/unimportant	19	5%
Somewhat unimportant	6	1%
Not at all important	16	4%
No answer	15	4%



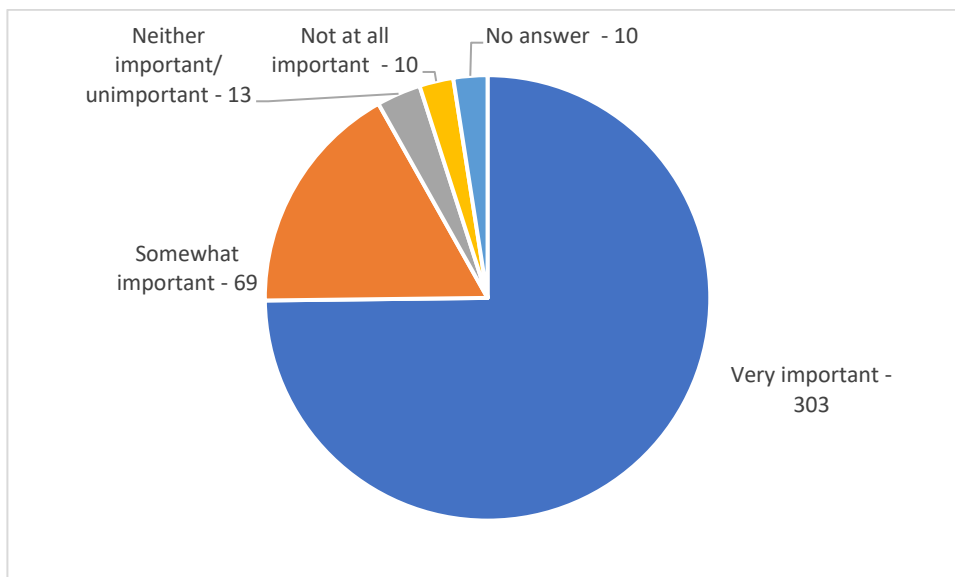
¹ <https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/policy-insight/health/>

² <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/nature-health-and-wild-wellbeing#evidence>

9. In developing ideas for the future of the Peninsula, how important is it to involve local youth organisations, and opportunities for young people to be involved ? (please pick one)

The vast majority of people taking the survey (92%) said it was very or somewhat important to involve local youth organisations and opportunities in developing the future of the Peninsula. This survey did not itself take steps to specifically consult youth organisations and groups but this result demonstrates the local strength of feeling that youth consultation is vital and that future plans should not simply be imposed.

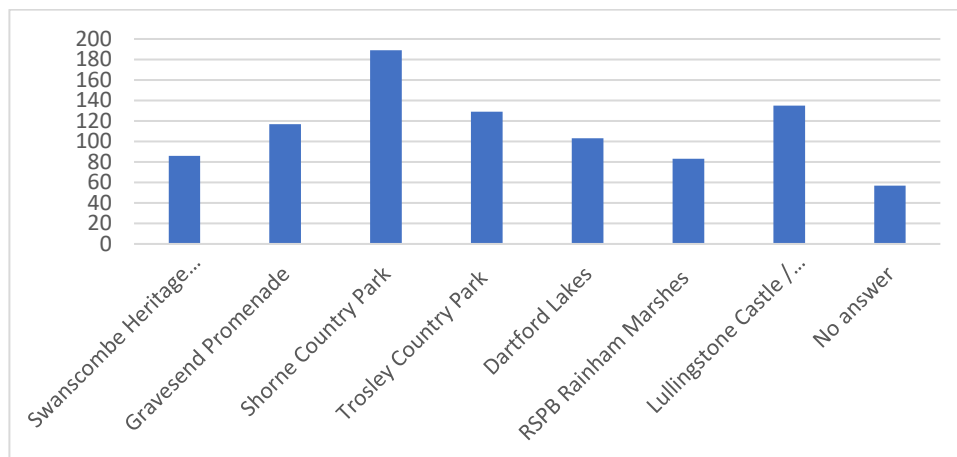
In developing ideas for the future of the Peninsula, how important is it to involve local youth organisations, and opportunities for young people to be involved?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Very important	302	75%
Somewhat important	69	17%
Neither important/unimportant	13	3%
Not at all important	10	2%
No answer	10	2%



10. Which, if any other local outdoor spaces do you visit regularly? Please add a comment in the "other" box to indicate what facilities and features are important to you when visiting these outdoor spaces.

The most popular other location visited regularly was Shorne Country Park (47%) followed by Lullington Castle (33%) and Trosley Country Park (32%). Gravesend Promenade (29%) and Dartford Lakes (25%) were also popular.

Which, if any other local outdoors space do you visit regularly?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Swanscombe Heritage Park	86	21%
Gravesend Promenade	117	29%
Shorne Country Park	189	47%
Trosley Country Park	129	32%
Dartford Lakes	103	25%
RSPB Rainham Marshes	83	21%
Lullington Castle / Country Park	135	33%
No answer	57	14%

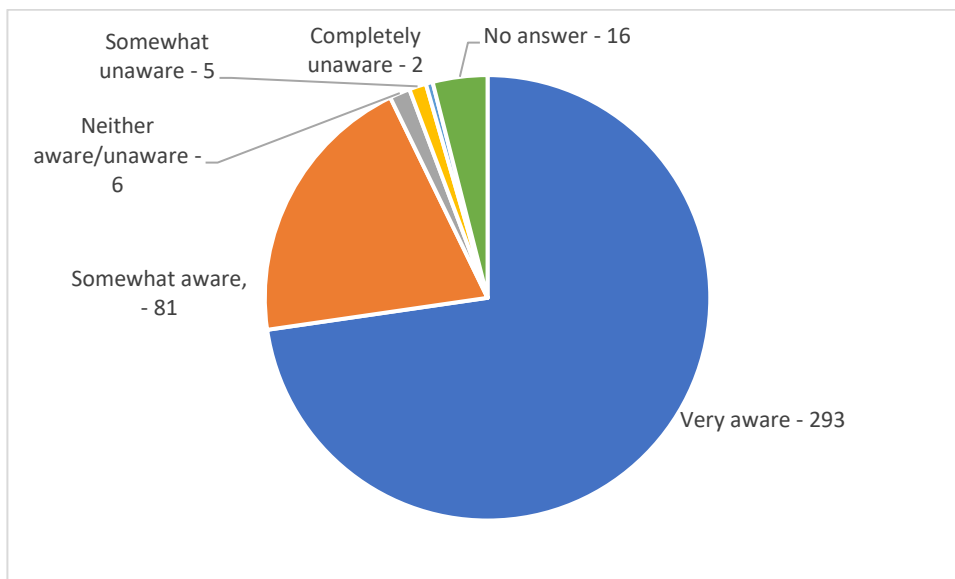


11. How much do you know about the proposed London Resort theme park and the threat it poses to the Swanscombe Peninsula? (please pick one)

Although this survey was not specifically related to the threat of the London Resort theme park, but what an alternative future would look like, it was considered important to acknowledge the high-profile nature of the proposals as it is likely to impact on the reported views.

The vast majority of people taking the survey (93%) said that they were either very or somewhat aware of the threat posed to Swanscombe Peninsula by the London Resort.

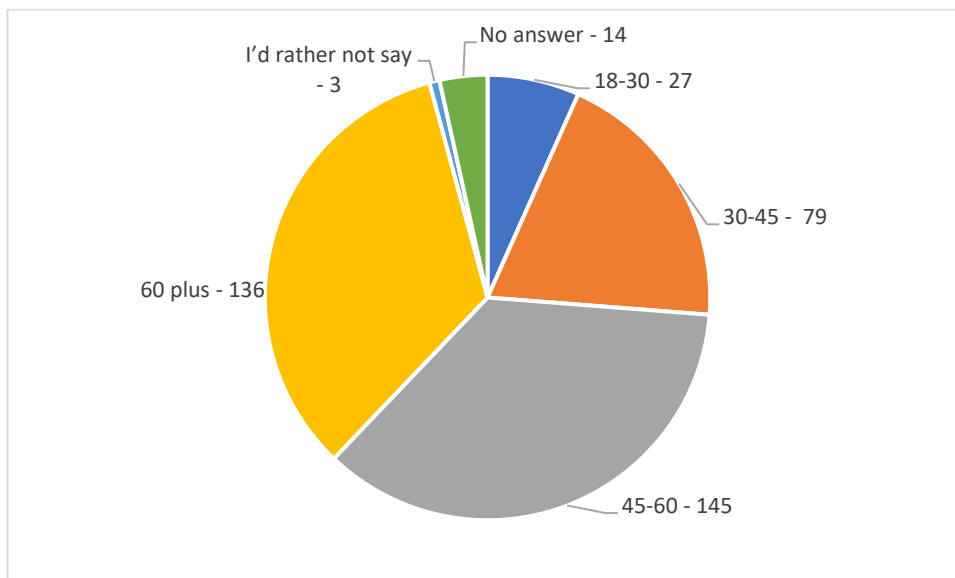
How much do you know about the proposed London Resort theme park and the threat it poses to the Swanscombe Peninsula?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
Very aware	293	73%
Somewhat aware	82	20%
Neither aware/unaware	6	1%
Somewhat unaware	5	1%
Completely unaware	2	0%
No answer	16	4%



12. So as to gather information on the demographic answering these questions, what age bracket do you belong to?

70% of respondents gave their age as over 45, with 26% giving their age as under 45. This is an important given the response of question 9, where 92% of people taking the survey said that it was very or somewhat important to involve local youth organisations and opportunities in developing the future of the Peninsula. The demographics of survey respondents indicates a clear gap between the survey respondents and this aspiration.

So as to gather information on the demographic answering these question what age bracket do you belong to?	No. of responses	% of total respondents
18-30	27	7%
30-45	79	20%
45-60	145	36%
60 plus	136	34%
I'd rather not say	3	1%
No answer	14	3%



13. What else would you like to see happen at Swanscombe Peninsula to make it a better quality nature-rich green space or resource for the local community?

This was an open question to which respondents could create their own replies. As such it enabled people to reinforce or qualify previous responses or raise new points or ideas. The responses are reproduced below in full without editing or interpretation. They have been broadly grouped into related topics or sentiments but can also be viewed in the raw data tables.

No attempt has been made here to interpret these statements within this document to avoid misreading statements. Further analysis would require more in-depth and moderated research, which were not possible within the available resources. However, these responses provide useful insight for future analysis and have been provided for transparency.

A total of 235 unedited responses have been grouped under headings, however, some are difficult to group or could conceivably fall under multiple headings but have only been assigned to one to avoid repetition.

a. Improved access and facilities

- *Easier access and toilets and warden.*
- *Primary education centre and activities for primary age children.*
- *1 main visitor centre with all of the usual facilities inland, then an additional cafe by the Thames.*
- *Bird hides and toilets, so that I could spend the whole day there!*
- *More signs for walkers.*
- *Bike hiring.*
- *RSPB style visitor centre, and plenty of oops for community involvement and ownership.*
- *Cycle trails.*
- *Make the paths more accessible for disabled people. Provide seating and picnic areas.*
- *Visitor parking and sign posting to Northfleet beach.*
- *A visitor centre/cafe which can act as a community/volunteer hub and attraction for families.*
- *A small car park, put it on the map as a point of interest. Clear signage and footpaths.*
- *Hides looking out on the Thames, Extension of the Botany Marshes (created by Kent Wildlife Trust).*
- *A place for families to come for walks and picnics to enjoy time outdoors. Jeskyns is good for this.*
- *The beach would be make a great picnic place for families.*
- *Some help for the disabled.*
- *Accessibility to all areas of the peninsula via marked paths.*
- *Better habitat management for wildlife and better paths for people.*
- *Could improve the footpaths - they are too muddy. But otherwise peninsula is fine as is.*
- *More flat footpaths and maybe distance measures so people know how many miles they have walked.*
- *Better understanding of where you can and can't walk there are keep out signs that weren't always there*
- *Board walks to follow with seating stops on Way.*
- *A strong emphasis on access for all including wheel chair users prams, non standard cycles etc.*
- *As at question 5 with the addition of walkways for disabled people in wheelchairs.*
- *Disability access. Quiet areas.*
- *Some parking to allow disabled better access.*
- *Safer parking areas.*

- *Dry pathways in boggy areas(winter).*
- *Access must be improved and be DDA compliant.*
- *I would like to see more of the peninsula opened up and more marked trails. Also duck pond.*
- *To have the path resurfaced and toilet facilities.*
- *There needs to be improved access and parking. Disabled family member unable to access due to gates.*
- *Shorne seems to have a good balance of managing a similar space in terms of visitors: facilities.*
- *Safe access and warden control.*

b. Requests for the site to be kept as it is and without intervention

- *Not too much: it is the haven for wildlife that it is because it's relatively undisturbed.*
- *Let it grow.*
- *For it to be left alone as an open space for all to enjoy ;)*
- *Sadly, the open spaces are disappear .*
- *Preservation of existing habitats in all its entirety at all cost. Once it's gone, it's gone forever.*
- *It is lovely as it is unspoilt and natural - a godsend to me over lockdown. I love it there.*
- *Let nature do as much of the work as it can with as little human intervention as possible.*
- *Leave it as natural as possible!*
- *Minimise human interaction. Public routes and activities should cover a very small footprint.*
- *Very little.*
- *Dedicated areas allowed to simply grow.*
- *Leave it alone. Don't develop it!*
- *Nothing unnatural built.*
- *Please don't make it yet another manicured country park with car parks/playgrounds. Beautiful as is.*
- *Mostly just let it regenerate naturally.*
- *It's difficult because the estuary has an outlands, edgy vibe - keep wild appeal but unsettling.*
- *To be kept as natural as possible.*
- *"Do nothing for nature" - leave it alone!*
- *Literally nothing.*
- *Nothing.*
- *Left as naturally as possible with minimal land management.*
- *Nature seems to be a very good job on her own. We don't need another expensive country park!*
- *Rewilding - let Mother Nature show us the way..*
- *Leave it alone. Leave it as it is*
- *Leave it as it is, it doesn't need developing.*
- *Keep simple, keep wild.*
- *It is fine as it is i think just perfect.*
- *Minimal human intervention so that nature can genuinely thrive and there is something worth visiting.*
- *Keep it as close to 'natural' as possible.*
- *It's perfect as it is for a bike ride. We just need to protect Swanscombe Peninsula from development.*
- *Swanscombe Peninsula is rather nice as it is.*
- *Keep it wild.*
- *Not much needs to happen other than routine maintenance, the special wildlife is there for a reason.*

- *Would be nice just to see it left to Nature rather than managed for humans.*
- *Nothing, wild left to nature, natural area. No need to publicise, like northward hill RSPB.*

c. Additional management issues

- *Nature reserve and natural park with lido.*
- *Rewilding and legal protection.*
- *I think everything has been covered in the questionnaire but it needs to be properly managed.*
- *Needs active management.*
- *Conservation and protection.*
- *A managed nature reserve and bird sanctuary NO HOUSING.*
- *Proper management to ensure the nature side of things comes first.*
- *Really think growing fruit would help the wildlife ie; passion fruit, a variety of apples, pears.*
- *Some more love and attention in general. Sign posts to know where things are.*
- *A mix of rewilding and habitat creation to further increase biodiversity.*
- *Full ecological survey and management plan implemented for whole site.*
- *Developing the area for more wildlife and easier access.*
- *A place where nature is safe and encouraged.*
- *Preserved as it is or improved carefully for wildlife.*
- *Well thought out space for nature.*
- *Lagoons dug.*
- *Prevent strimming protected species. Encourage seasonal upkeep not in peak times.*
- *Don't encourage too many people, with people comes mess and destruction.*
- *Things that allow it to continue as nature-rich and a valuable nature resource for locals.*
- *Some shaded areas along the very long open paths (if not too disturbing for wildlife).*
- *Appropriate rewilding, and management and protection from litter & protecting wildlife already there.*
- *Beaver reintroduction .*
- *Reintroduce plants and animals that once lived here.*
- *Turn the seawall into a butterfly bank with information boards where visitors could learn and record.*

d. Site status and managing agents

- *For the area to be developed as a nature reserve akin to RSPB reserves.*
- *I would like to see the RSPB take it over and make it like their Rainham site in Essex.*
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- *Have protected status to represent and preserve the wildlife importance of the area.*
- *For the habitat to be managed by a conservation charity for the wildlife.*
- *Management by a major wildlife charity.*
- *That it becomes part of a Nature Recovery Network contributing towards Kent's nature recovery.*
- *I think it should become an educational nature reserve.*
- *I would like it to be an RSPB reserve or Kent Wildlife Trust. It deserves it.*
- *Whole area to be designated an NNR.*
- *It would be great to see it as a RSPB site or a nature reserve.*
- *Turn it into a proper country park area.*
- *Would be a great RSPB site.*
- *Resources for managing as a top nature reserve with interpretation for visitors.*

- *It should primarily be a nature reserve. Habitat management should override visitor attractions.*
- *Enrichment of current habitat. More wildlife surveys especially for invertebrates.*
- *Would make a lovely country park/nature.*
- *For it to be officially recognised as a wildlife sanctuary.*
- *It would be great if wildlife charities could buy it so it's protected.*
- *I'd like it legally protected from development.*
- *Protection of the wildlife and restoration for wildlife. We are destroying the UK.*
- *Keep it safe.*
- *For it to be managed by wildlife charities to be kept for future generations.*
- *Continued consultations with other wildlife organisations to design a proper inclusive strategy.*
- *Designate as nature reserve.*
- *Designation as nature reserve.*
- *I would like to see Swanscombe Peninsula protected for future generations.*
- *Sanctuary areas.*
- *Content to leave its environmental protection and enhancement to those with expertise.*

e. Opposition to development proposals

- *Keep it safe.*
- *Protect it from Disney!*
- *Stop the development.*
- *Withdraw the Resort application.*
- *I think the fact that it's a SSSI says it all nature and industry live side by side no room for more.*
- *Dont build a theme park on it! Let nature be.*
- *Dont build a theme park on it leave nature alone and some green space for people to enjoy.*
- *NO NEW MAJOR CONSTRUCTION.*
- *To be left as it is. No to noise and light pollution which the resort will bring.*
- *Further engagement to encourage local, national and international support for it's protection.*
- *I'm not local to the area but the biodiversity should be protected for the sake of everyone.*
- *Total protection from mass developers, no applications allowed ever again.*
- *All of the above. We need to save the precious piece of land for good, and let nature evolve further.*
- *Just for it to be there for future generations.*
- *Far too much of swanscombe heritage has disappeared.*
- *I would like Swanscombe Peninsula to be preserved as a heaven for nature.*
- *No building or development. It's one of the only undeveloped Thames estuary sites. Can we keep it.*
- *The proposal for the theme park is quite ridiculous as access roads are already very congested.*
- *To be full protected until the end of time and the grounds to be varied as nature comes in.*
- *Long-term safeguarding of the area against future development.*
- *Protected from any development.*
- *Lets see it saved from any development.*
- *Future proofing against pointless development.*
- *This is a loaded question further/any development would ruin the marshes it is not a resource.*

f. Supportive of or open to development proposals

- *A world leading theme park offering unprecedented investment in the local area, would be good.*
- *The area should see a redeployment [redevelopment?] creating a point of destination so that it can be enjoyed by all.*
- *Take it to public enquiry.*
- *This survey is very biased and does not allow for local who are in favour of the resort to comment.*
- *Build the theme park! They can maintain the area which at the moment is just wasted.*
- *Wildlife observation facilities integrated with the London Resort. London Resort is best option.*
- *I'd like to see decisive action to stop the limbo over this space.*
- *Get the theme park built and work with the developers to preserve some wildlife aspects.*
- *A theme park that employs thousands of people.*
- *Build the London Resort.*

g. Limiting access to reduce the impacts of disturbance to wildlife

- *I'd like to see it protected, not too many people disturbing the wildlife.*
- *Make some more routes to access and see some more of the wildlife without disturbing it.*
- *Clearly delineated paths that respects the sanctuary of the wildlife spaces* .
- *Dog free areas to safeguard skylarks and other ground nesting and feeding birds.*

h. School and education related

- *Make it more organised could do school trips ect.*
- *Get local schools involved so that the kids are aware of its importance for the future.*
- *Local School educational visits would focus awareness to more families of this gem.*
- *Facilities to enable schoolchildren, and disadvantaged youngsters to experience nature close up.*
- *Involve schools and youth groups so that they continue to look after it in the future.*
- *More engagement with schools and colleges.*
- *Try to involve the schools with wildlife projects.*

i. Public transport and connectivity to the surrounding area

- *It would be good if a bus route stopped nearby to improve accessibility for all.*
- *Build more habitats to encourage more wildlife, make the area more accessible from the main road.*
- *More accessible, offer public transport. Maintain and improve current eco structure.*
- *Added to the bus route from ebbsfleet. I volunteer for BBCT and would like to use SP for BeeWalk*

j. Other community benefits and involvement

- *Greater protection from development. Greater funding to enhance the area.*
- *Keep it as a nature reserve. Support the local businesses who are already established in the area.*

- *More involvement from local people.*
- *I can't think of anything else specifically, other than inclusive community involvement.*

k. River/boating

- *A pier or jetty, maybe a marina?*
- *Recapture the nautical/boating history/culture of the area which has been lost.*
- *Restoration of the pier. Access to the beaches.*

l. Events and activities

- *Organised group/school walks.*
- *Nature trails, education events.*
- *Nature walks.*
- *More cycling.*
- *Access to more of it. Community fire pit. Outdoor events. Big rave.*

m. Rubbish

- *Keep it clean and better access.*
- *Needs looking after more, clearing rubbish that people have thrown away.*
- *Ensure the fenced off areas become accessible again and clear all the rubbish washed up at high tide.*
- *Regular Rubbish removal.*

n. Dog walking

- *Dogs to be kept on leads on the main footpaths*
- *Sensitive restrictions on dog-walking ie. must be on a lead and excluded from sensitive areas.*
- *Safe walkways for wheelchairs. Dogs kept on leads at all times. Paid dog walkers to be banned*
- *More information on why brownfield can be exceptional for wildlife. Maybe some no dogs areas too.*
- *Enforced dogs on leads!*

o. Antisocial behaviour concerns

- *Reduction of antisocial behaviour, better access to more undisturbed areas.*
- *Often saw scooters being ridden along the river bank - cater for this n create bare areas too?*

p. Promotion and communications

- *Promoted more in our local Area - Gravesham villages not a lot of people in villages are aware.*
- *More publicity about peninsula. More involving of Kent wildlife trust.*
- *Preservation, more awareness that the theme park will be a threat to the whole north Kent area.*
- *Get Springwatch here to show the beauty.*
- *Education is key - make visitors aware of its importance and value to wildlife who live there.*
- *Guidelines at Entrances.*

- *Involvement of KWT - events etc, and other organizations so they and their members are aware.*
- *I am grateful for what there is - better information for finding the access to this place.*
- *Make locals more aware of the importance to wildlife & their part in protecting.*
- *KWT comms about how they are counteracting this threat to wildlife - thanks :).*
- *bear in mind that the theme park also threatens local industry. talk to it.*
- *Tamed.*

q. Miscellaneous

- *Turn Ebbsfleet Football Club stadium into a car park for visitors.*
- *Completely improvement needed.*
- *Work out its natural capital value, i.e. the Â£ value of its ecosystem services.*
- *I didn't know what it was until a few years ago but now find it an area of outstanding beauty.*
- *Concentrate on the natural beauty of the place.*
- *It needs to be used for it's true purpose.*
- *A better suited counsel member. A conservative is only going to further reduce environmental laws.*
- *Less houses built in the vicinity and less industrial.*
- *Please get rid of those "no passage" signs.*
- *Avoid the temptation to commercialise, less is more along the lines of Cliffe Pool.*
- *Stock the lake with fish, maybe even creating fishing areas to create revenue for the sssi.*