

Levenmouth Area Surveys' Analysis 2022

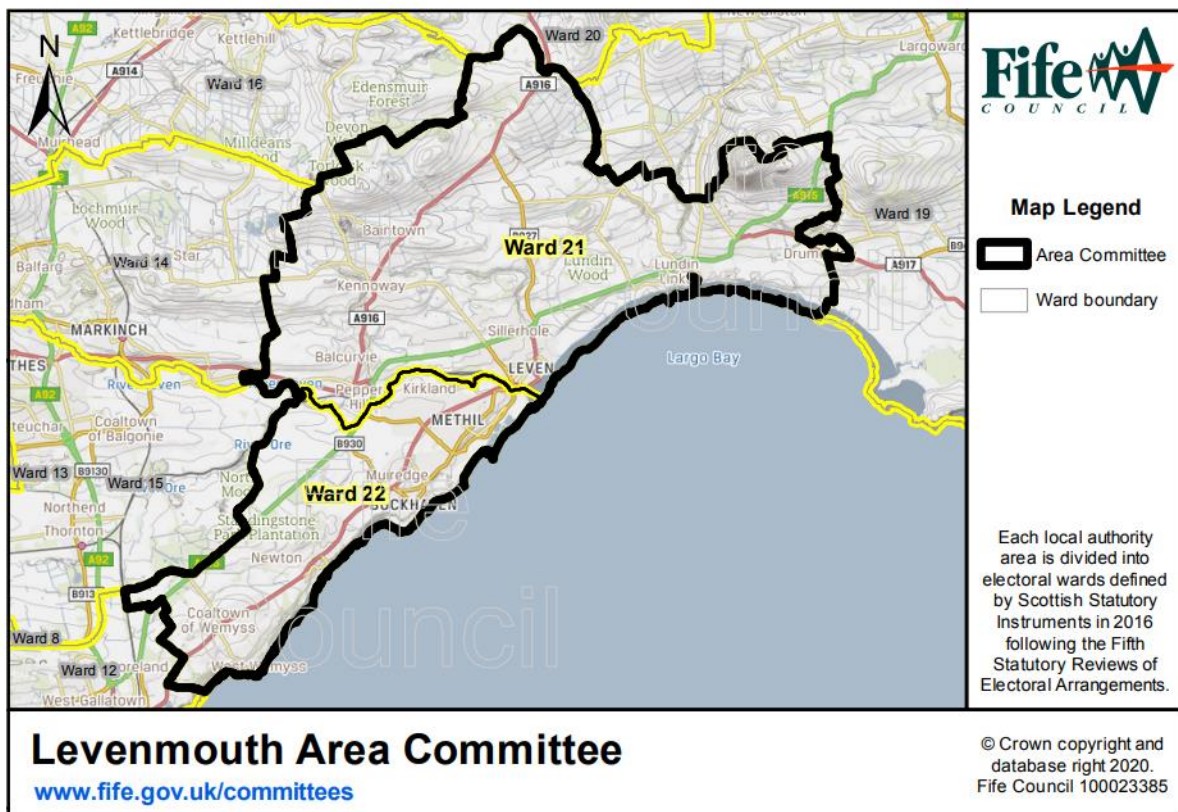
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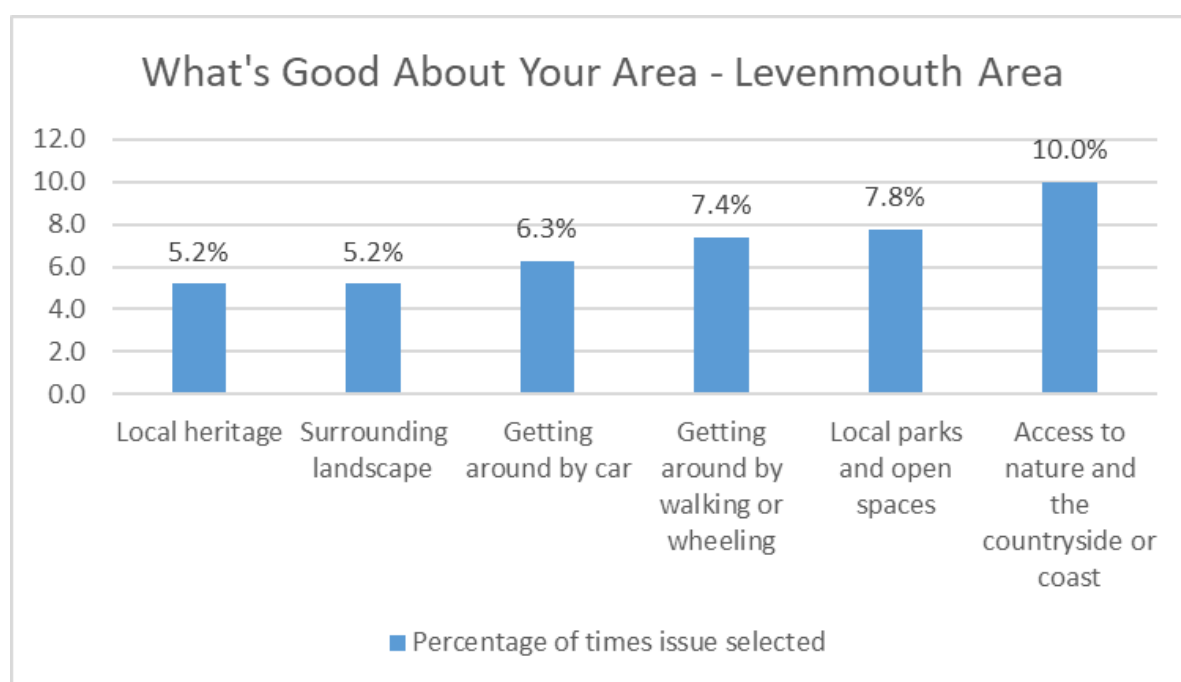


Have your say on the future of Fife's places survey analysis – Levenmouth Area 2022

In 2022 we asked you what you thought was good and bad about where you live and the challenges these places face due to things such as the climate emergency and food resilience. The online survey provided an opportunity for people to have their say in helping shape where they live by highlighting the issues that they think need to be tackled by the next Local Development Plan for Fife.

1.0 What's good about your area

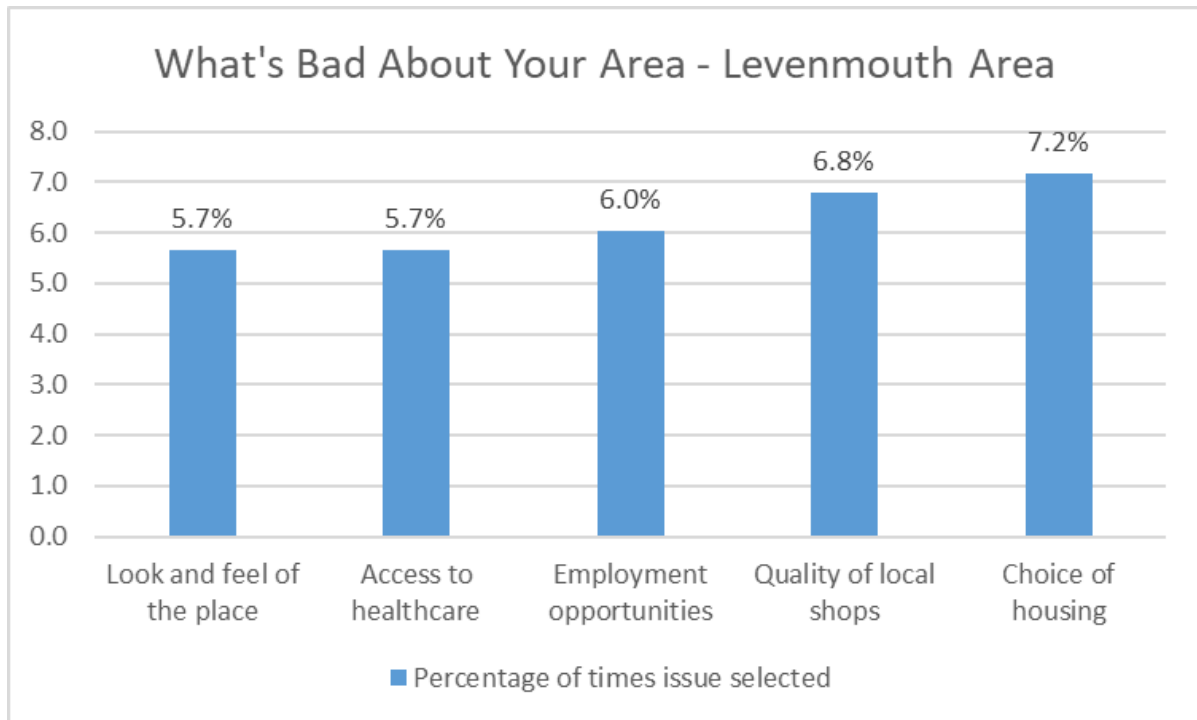
Figure 1 – What's good about your area?



Access to nature and the countryside or coast is seen as the best aspect of the Levenmouth area with 10% of respondents picking the option. Movement around the Levenmouth Area was also seen as good as 'with Getting Around by Walking or Wheeling' (7.4%) and 'Getting Around by Car' (6.3%) being popular choices. Respondents said they have access to amenities and are within minutes of the town centre.

2.0 What's bad about your area

Figure 2 – What's bad about your area?



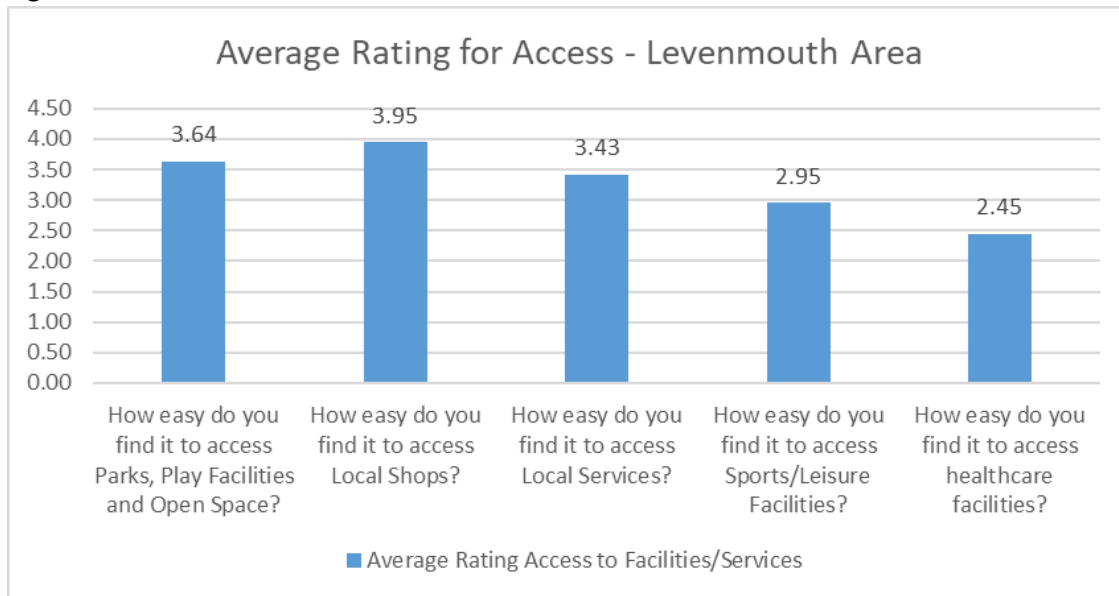
Choice of housing is seen as the biggest issue in the Levenmouth Area with 7.2%. Look and feel of the place was also seen as an issue with 5.7% of respondents identifying it as an issue. Feedback highlighted that Housing in Levenmouth is an issue in terms of both access and affordability.

The quality of shops is seen as very poor and residents will often go elsewhere for more variety.

3.0 Access

We asked you how easy it is for you to access local services and facilities in your area based on how easy it is to travel to the facility or service taking into account things like opening times, ease of getting appointments etc.

Figure 3 – Access

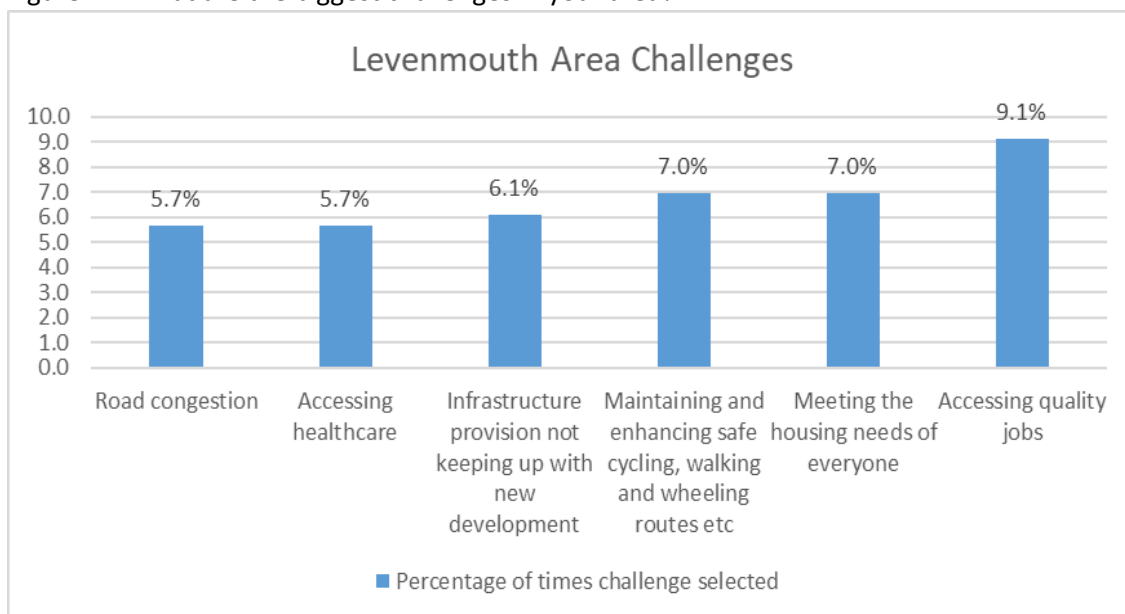


Access to Local Shops was seen as relatively good with an average rating of 3.95. Parks, play facilities and open space were also seen as fairly easily accessible with an average rating of 3.64. Access to healthcare facilities was not seen as accessible with an average rating of 2.45.

Respondents said that most of the local shops are within walking distance to where they live. However, for some extra services like clothes shopping. One respondent noted they had to go out of Fife for this service. Respondents also said that they often have to go elsewhere for sports/leisure facilities, and if they have to go to Leven for them the quality of them isn't great.

4.0 Challenges

Figure 4 – What are the biggest challenges in your area?



Respondents said that accessing quality jobs in the Levenmouth Area is the biggest challenge with 9.1% selecting the option. Maintaining and enhancing safe cycling, walking and wheeling.

Fife Local Development Plan - Disabled Persons and Place Online Survey (2022) Analysis – Levenmouth Area

The survey was carried out late 2022 and aimed at finding out about the issues facing disabled persons in relation to where they live and the places they visit. We wanted to know how people find access to things like local shops, sports/leisure facilities, parks etc and what they think can be done to make these places more accessible for everyone. We also wanted to hear about the challenges facing where people live which could be things like the climate emergency or future access to public transport.

1.0 Where you live

Q1 Where do you enjoy going when out and about?

As with the other areas in Fife people enjoy going to the coastal and countryside areas. As well as shops, restaurants and using the core path network. A few respondents

Q2 Are there places you would like to go but haven't been able to due to access issues?

Some respondents find Leven Pool is difficult to access due to the external stairs and length of walk.

While some stated that they found access to countryside, coast and nature there were almost as many people who have difficulty accessing some of these places.

The condition of paths throughout the area were criticised for being poorly maintained.

Queen Mary's walk from Standing Stane Road up to Doubledykes Road then onto Coaltown of Balgonie and Milton of Balgonie and Glenrothes. Difficulties crossing Standing Stane Road and pavement and path out of West Wemyss is seen as dangerous.

Street furniture such bins and can be an obstacle to disabled persons getting around.

Q3 How easy do you find it to get around where you live by walking and/or wheeling?

The majority of respondents found it relatively difficult to get about by walking and/or wheeling. There are not enough dropped kerbs and too many cars park on the paths deterring active travel for some.

Q4 What improvements could be made to improve walking and/or wheeling routes in your area?

More dropped kerbs throughout the area would improve access.

Better shared paths and improvements on the path out of West Wemyss would be a major improvement on what it's like just now.

Improved path network maintenance and enhancement throughout the area. Active travel connections from Fife coastal path to Glenrothes.

Q5 How easy do you find it to access local shops and services? For example, grocers, hairdressers, council offices, libraries, restaurants etc.

There was a range of responses to this question with some people struggling to access local shops and services and some finding it relatively easy.

Bus provision towards the Levenmouth area is considered poor by some.

There is a lack of disability services e.g. scooter hire in some town centres.

Q6 What improvements could be made to improve access to local shops and services?

The provision of more disabled parking at shops, more dropped kerbs and smoother pavements throughout the area were suggested as improvements.

Better bus connections between settlements within the area and services such as scooter and chair hire.

A shop in West Wemyss as there isn't one currently.

Q7 How easy do you find it to access parks, green space and countryside?

The majority of respondents stated that they had some degree difficulty accessing parks, green space and the countryside. Reasons for this ranged from poor inappropriate path materials.

Connectivity between places is poor in terms of physical access. Sometimes a path will end and there is no way for someone with disabilities to progress on the route.

Q8 What improvements could be made to improve access to parks, green space and countryside?

Improve path network condition, connectivity, enhancement and disabled access generally.

More dropped kerbs throughout the area.

Provision of outdoor gym equipment at Leven beach or Letham Glen.

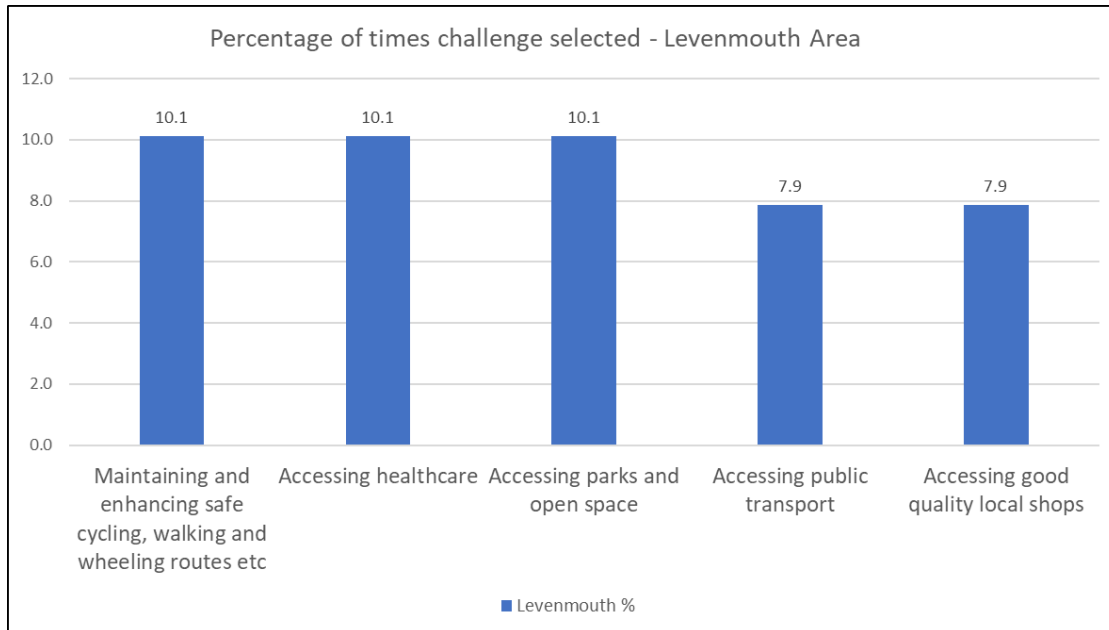
Provide a safe crossing point at Doubledykes south of Coaltown of Balgonie as this would allow people to access safe off-road cycling routes all the way to Glenrothes and beyond

Better bus services to Kirkcaldy, Leven and Glenrothes from Windyates.

2.0 Challenges

What do you consider to be the biggest challenges facing where you live?

Figure 1 - Challenges



Please comment further on what you consider to be the biggest challenges facing where you live

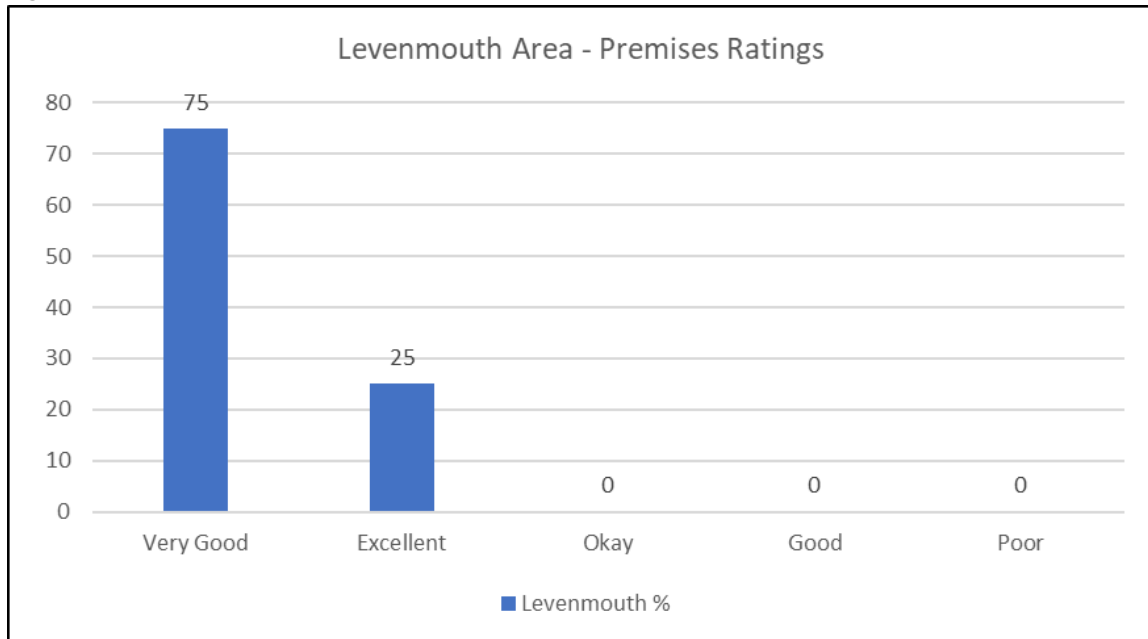
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Fife Local Development Plan - Businesses and Organisations Survey Analysis – Levenmouth Area 2022

This consultation was carried out late 2022 and gathered views on important issues like the local economy, modern business properties, availability of employment land to develop and renewable energy. We also asked for views on key future challenges for Fife.

1.0 How would you rate your premises?

Figure 1 - Premises



All respondents either rated their premises very good or excellent.

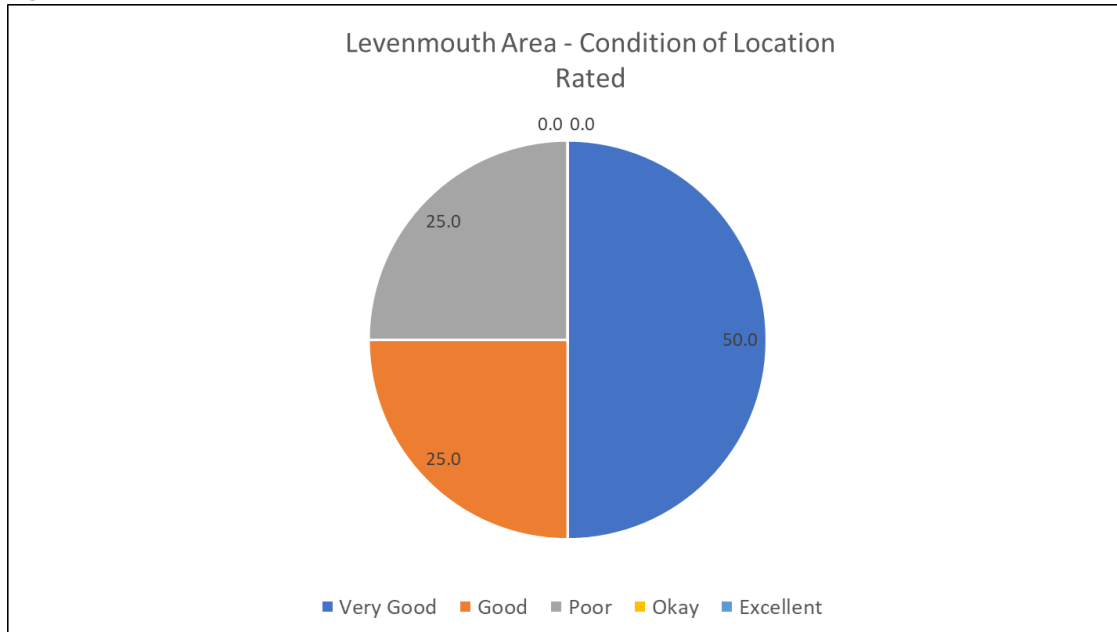
2.0 Please tell us what is good and/or bad about your premises.

Generally speaking, premises are rated as being in good condition across the area.

Some premises at Methil Docks Business Park are modern and considered to be well insulated, warm and spacious.

3.0 How would you describe the condition of the Industrial Estate/Business Park/town centre/other location your business/organisation is based?

Figure 2 – Condition of location



None of the areas around the premises were rated as being excellent, however 75% chose good and very good with a significant proportion (25%) choosing poor.

4.0 Please tell us what is good and/or bad about the Industrial Estate/Business Park/town centre/other location your business/organisation is based.

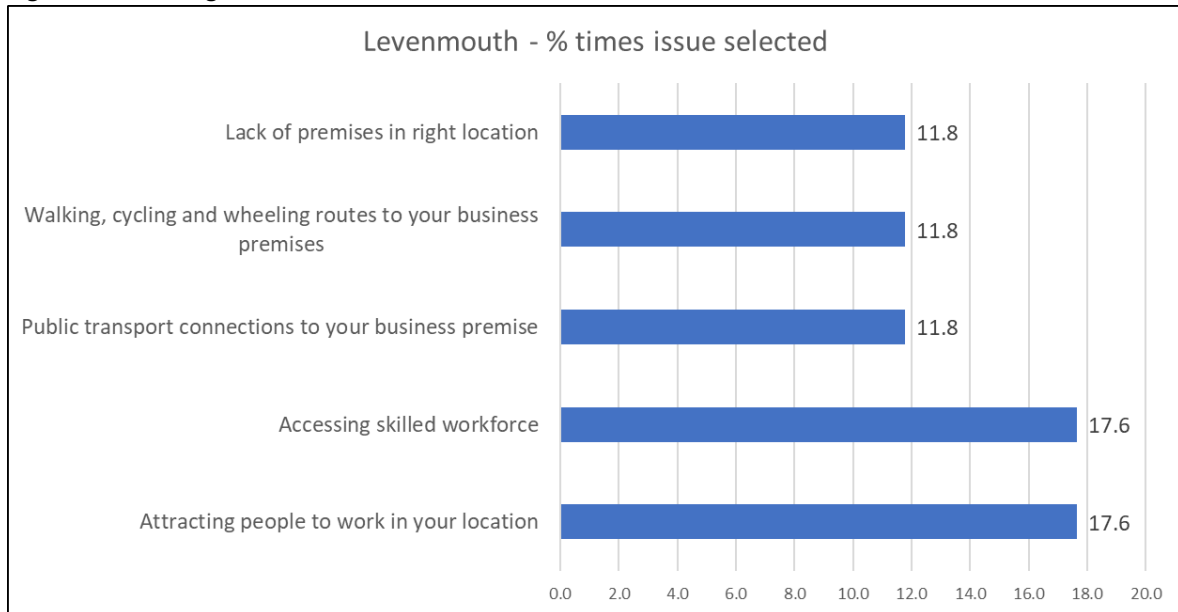
Easy parking at Methil Docks is seen as good.

It was highlighted that the preparation works for the welcome new rail link is causing problems with people getting to the Meth Dockyard area. Roads in the area are in a terrible condition. It was suggested there is a lack of accountability, and a lack of communication regarding accurate dates is not happening

Tourism sector respondents in rural areas with Levenmouth state that the beauty of the East Neuk Villages is a positive for the area.

5.0 What issues do you want the next Local Development Plan to look at?

Figure 3 - Challenges



Attracting people to work in the area, accessing a skilled workforce, improving public transport links to employment areas, maintaining and improving walking, cycling and wheeling routes to employment areas and addressing the lack of premises in the right location are seen as issues the next local development plan should look at.

6.0 Please tell us about any other issues not listed above that you want the next Local Development Plan to look at.

One issue raised is connecting the Standing Stane Road to the A92 as it would unchoke access to the town's in Levenmouth.