

2016 SafeMK Survey

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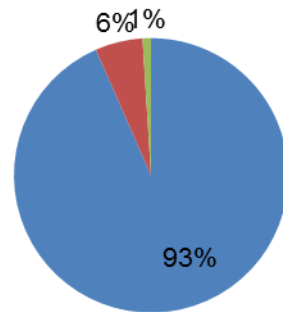
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Background

- 3 Month consultation period
- 864 individuals responded
- 93% of respondents were residents

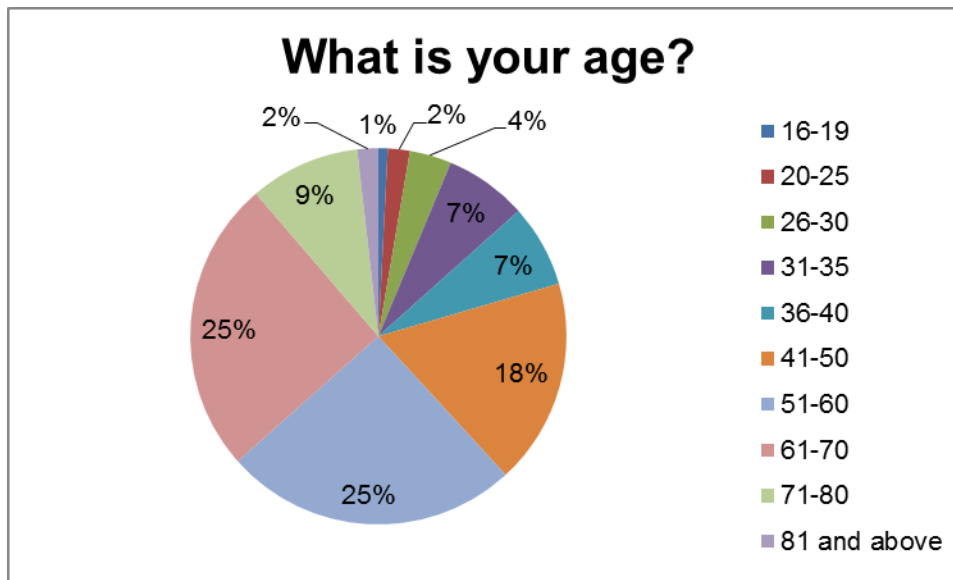
What is your primary relationship with Milton Keynes?

■ Resident ■ Business ■ Visitor



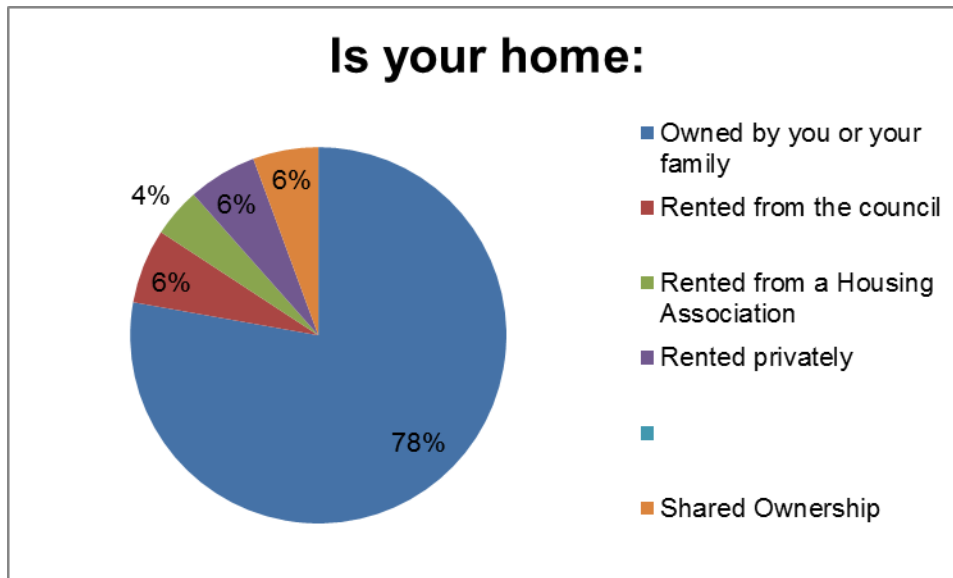
Demographics

- Female/ Male – 55%/45%
- Younger respondents under-represented (70% of respondents aged 40+)
- 5.4% of respondents identified as LGB (6% nationally)



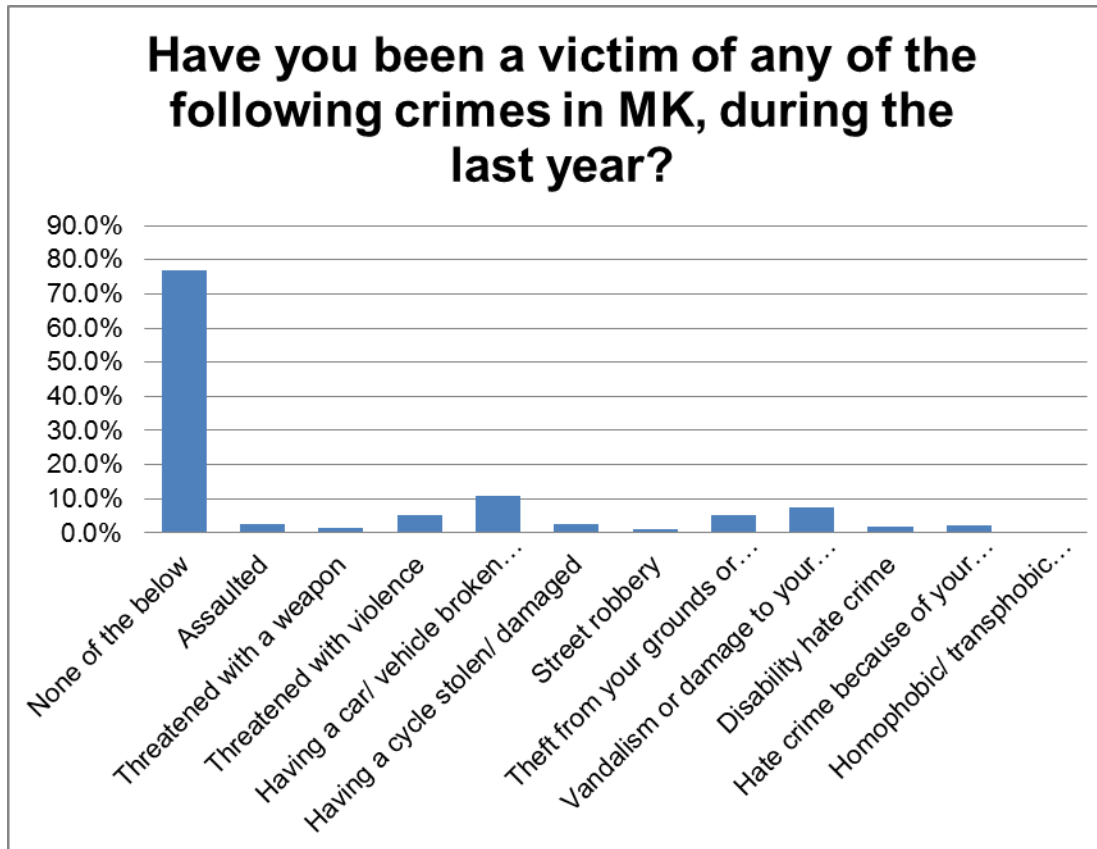
Estates

- 120 settlements in MK (+30 uninhabited) 101 estates represented
- Larger estates particularly prominent (Newport Pagnell, West Bletchley and Wolverton)
- 74% of MK Homes are owner occupied (78% in survey)



Perceptions & Experience of Crime

- Respondents asked if they were the victim of crime in previous 12 months
- 76.7% Selected 'None of the Below'

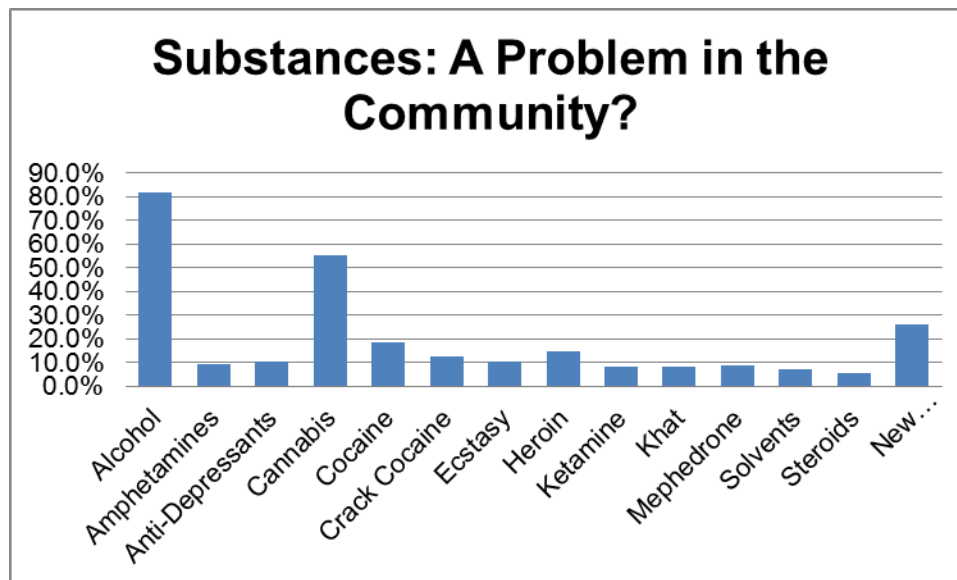


Domestic Abuse

- Respondents provided with government definition of DA
- Ask if they felt they had ever experienced DA
- 17.1% Answered 'Yes' – broadly in line with national estimates
- High levels of reporting rather than incidence?

Substance Misuse

- A list of 14 most common substances provided
- Respondents asked which (if any) they saw as a problem in their community
- Alcohol - 82.1%; Cannabis – 55.1%



Fire Safety

- Fire evacuation plan in place? - 60%
- Working Fire Alarm on each floor? - 89%
- Carbon Monoxide Detector? - 76%

Free text responses

- Question: “So that SaferMK can prioritise our work, please tell us: What (if any), are the issues in your neighbourhood or the area where you work that cause you concern?”.

Young People Violence Neighbours Loud Music
Crime Attacks Traffic Speeding Vehicles Anti
Social Behaviour Drug Dealing
Police Garden Road Kids Parking
Young Adults Burglary Litter Major
Concerns Issues City Centre Red Ways Pub
Underpasses House Break Street Lights

Free text responses

- Issue of perceptions around Redways slightly distorted ('Redway', 'Cycle Path', 'Underpass')
- 98 responses mentioning this concern

"The redways are dark, badly signed and isolated so I don't use them in the dark. Since I cycle rather than drive that means I don't go out in winter (as it is too dangerous to cycle on the grid roads)".

"...something done to make the redways safer at night or in the winter when it is darker. They are a great way to get around, but they are very secluded. You feel like you could easily be attacked, would have nowhere to go for safety and no one would see you".

"I do not feel safe at all waking by myself in MK, especially in the redways".

"...there needs to be real push to make redways appear safer - they are often intimidating because of overgrown and unnecessary foliage, lack of light, poor maintenance and sharp angles and corners. Many people HAVE to use redways (especially if they are approaching the city centre) and whilst I agree that the stats suggest the redways are safer than often perceived, it is not a pleasant experience using them at certain times of the day, and the year and we need to recognise that and spend some resources on them, or provide more pavements next to roads".

Any Questions?