

LIMERICK LANEWAYS

Living Georgian city demonstration project

Summary of engagement

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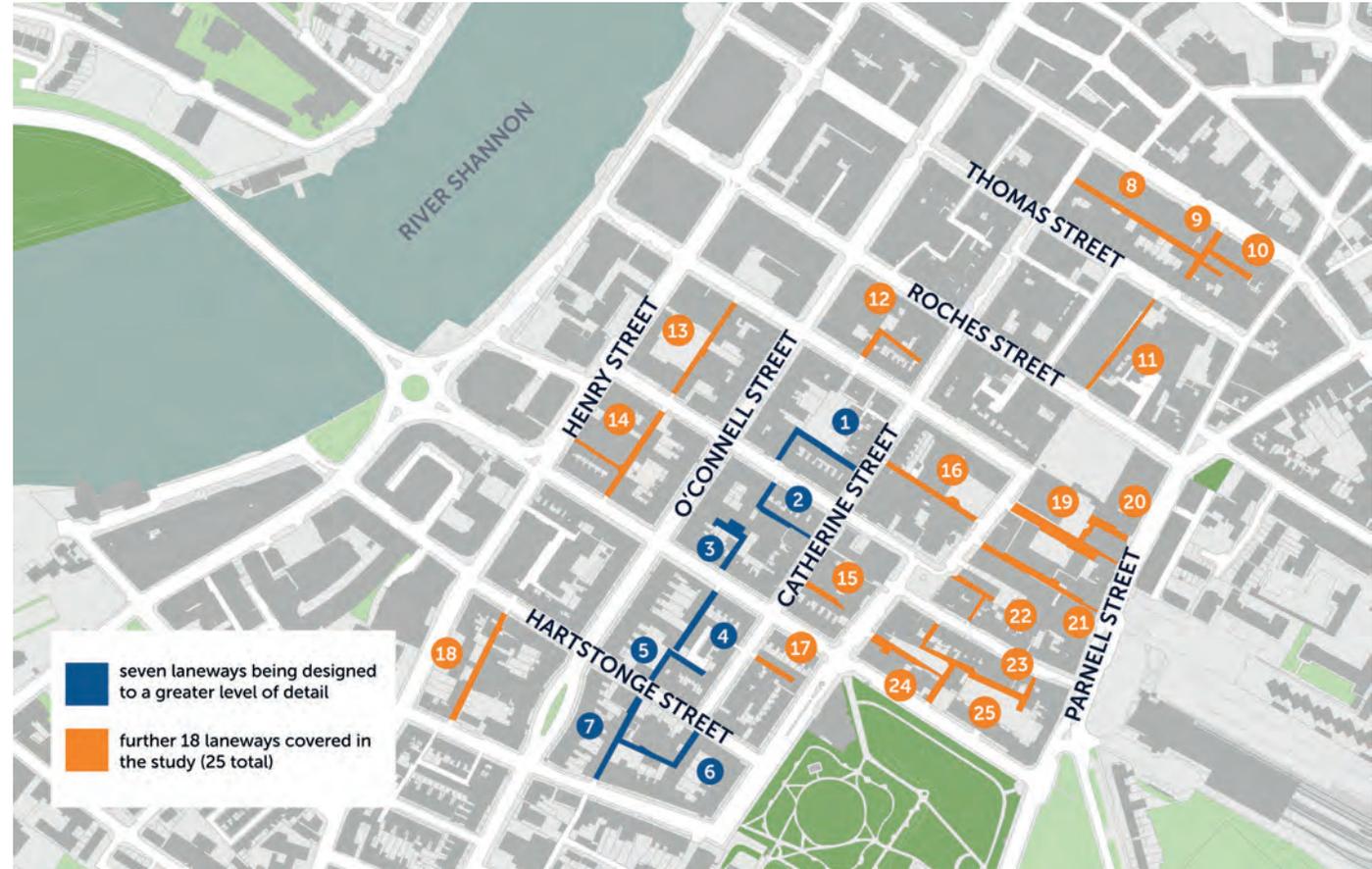
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Limerick Laneways project introduction

- Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) are embarking on a project to rejuvenate and reimagine Limerick's Laneways. The project is part of the wider Living Georgian City Programme which aims revitalise Limerick city centre.
- LCCC has received funding to produce a guidance document which will show how 25 laneways could be improved, looking at issues such as movement, planting, lighting, and refuse. Funding has been secured to develop the design of a smaller number of laneways in further detail.
- The project began in September 2020 with appointment of a team of architects, designers and engineers. This document summaries the first phase of engagement which took place in December 2020.

Next steps

- The feedback from this round of engagement will help shape a vision and strategy for the laneways.
- The next opportunity to get involved in around February 2021, when the team would like your feedback on emerging ideas and proposals.



1	Glentworth Mews	8	Limerick Lane	17	Watts Lane
2	Off Glentworth Street	9	Little William Street	18	Jesuit Lane
3	Off Mallow Street	10	Off Foxes Bowe A&B	19	Lady's Lane
4	Daly's Lane	11	Roches Row	20	Augustinian Lane
5	Hartstonge Mews	12	Off Cecil Street	21	Hunt Lane
6	Pery Square	13	Post Office Lane	22	Little Glentworth Street
7	Off Barrington Street (above seven to be designed to a greater level of detail)	14	Theatre Lane	23	Davis Street
		15	Off Catherine Street	24	Myles Street
		16	Griffith Row	25	James Street

Summary of engagement

- The first round of engagement aimed to raise awareness of the project and understand what local people think are the key issues and opportunities for the laneways
- People could get involved by: visiting the online consultation, calling a member of the team or participating in a workshop
- The engagement was advertised through: a flyer drop to local addresses, the Council's social media, the local newspaper and direct emails to identified stakeholders
- The engagement included:

2000+
flyers delivered to
local addresses



110
survey responses



35
workshop attendees



3
phone responses



7
local organisations
interviewed



3
email responses



An aerial photograph of a city street grid, likely Limerick, Ireland, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The streets form a dense, irregular pattern of blocks and lanes. The text is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image.

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Stakeholder meetings and community workshop

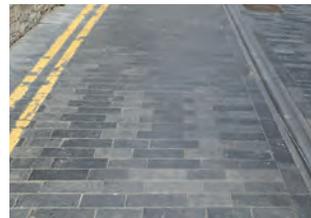
General feedback

- Stakeholder meetings were held with representatives from: Limerick Cycling Campaign, Limerick Cycle Bus, Limerick Pedestrian Network, The Chamber of Commerce, The Georgian Society, Ormston House, and The Belltable and Limetree Theatres
- A workshop was held on 10 December, 7-8.30pm via Zoom and attended by 35 people. The workshop included a 30 minute intro presentation followed by an hour of discussion in break out rooms.
- Feedback from the meetings and workshop was recorded and reviewed by the team. This page summarises some of the key messages from those conversations. The following pages provide a summary of the feedback specific to an area or laneway.



Area 1: Thomas Street/ main shopping area

Limerick Lane, Little William Street,
Off Foxes Bowe A&B, Roches Row



- These laneways are surrounded by shops, pubs, restaurants and cafes.
- People felt that Foxes Bowe and Little Catherine Street were good examples of what could be achieved.
- Some felt that these laneways would be suitable for outdoor seating for eating/drinking, while others would like to see more evening activity that does not involve drinking (such as recreation and events)

Limerick Lane and Off William Street

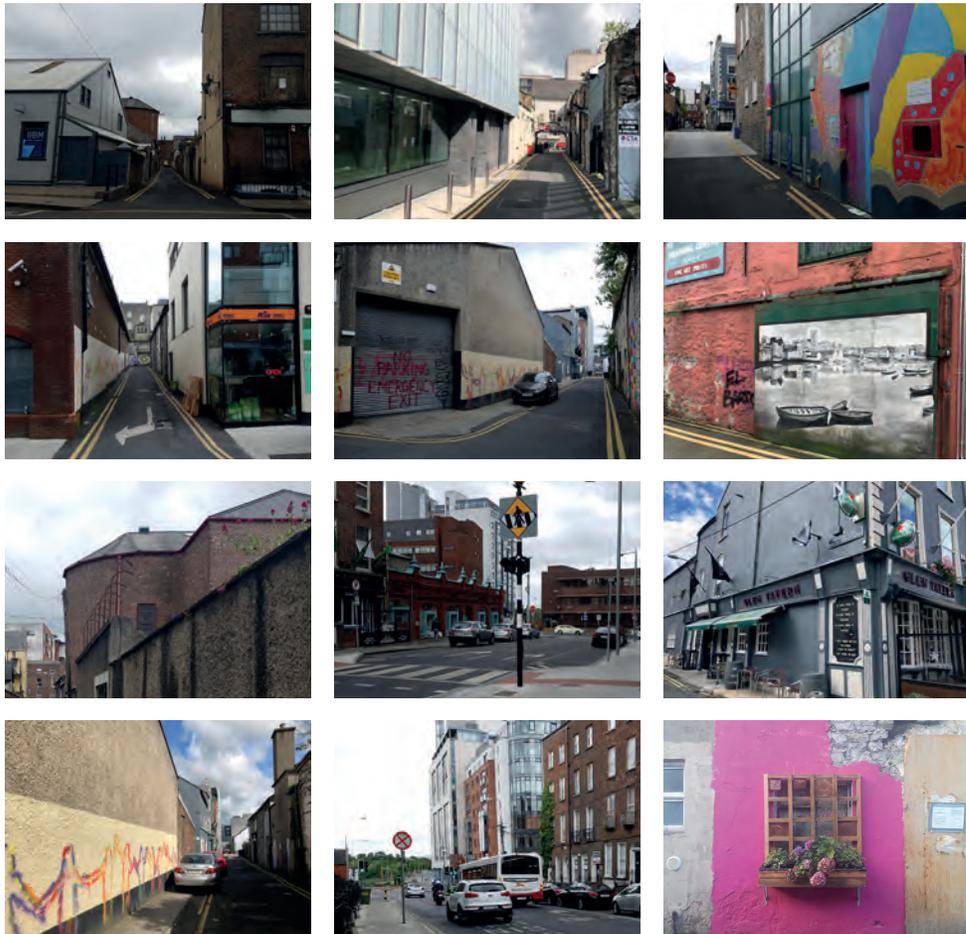
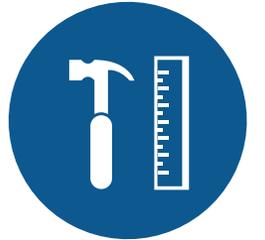
- Potential to connect these and pedestrianise them
- Currently used by businesses for bin storage
- Perceived to be unsafe

Roches Row

- Particularly narrow and adjacent to multi-storey car park
- Some felt that this laneways would be suitable for greenery or workspace

Area B: Henry Street area

Jesuit Lane, Post Office Lane, Theatre Lane



- People were already aware of these laneways and many people used them in some way.
- There are a number of offices backing onto these lanes.
- These laneways, unlike most others, offer a direct/straight through route.

Jesuit Lane

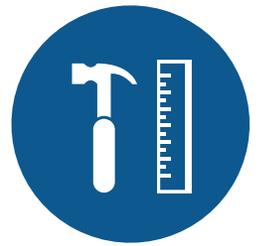
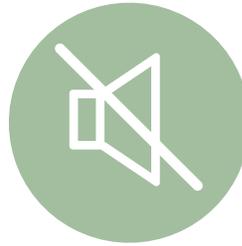
- Jesuit Lane is already well used: tourists walk down it and people socialise before/after church.
- Some felt that Jesuit Lane would be suitable for art or as an open air museum

Post Office Lane and Theatre Lane

- These lanes provide a direct route for pedestrians/cyclists and an alternative to trafficked Henry Street.
- These are the only two lanes which could be strategic cycle routes.
- Vehicles drive down these lanes too quickly. Could traffic be restricted in some way? (filtered or fob access)
- Many of the businesses have parking off of the lanes.
- Post Office Lane previously had a bakery.

Area C: Catherine Street area

Glentworth Mews, Off Glentworth Street, Off Mallow Street, Daly's Lane, Hartstonge Mews, Pery Square, Off Barrington, Watts Lane, Off Catherine, Griffith Row



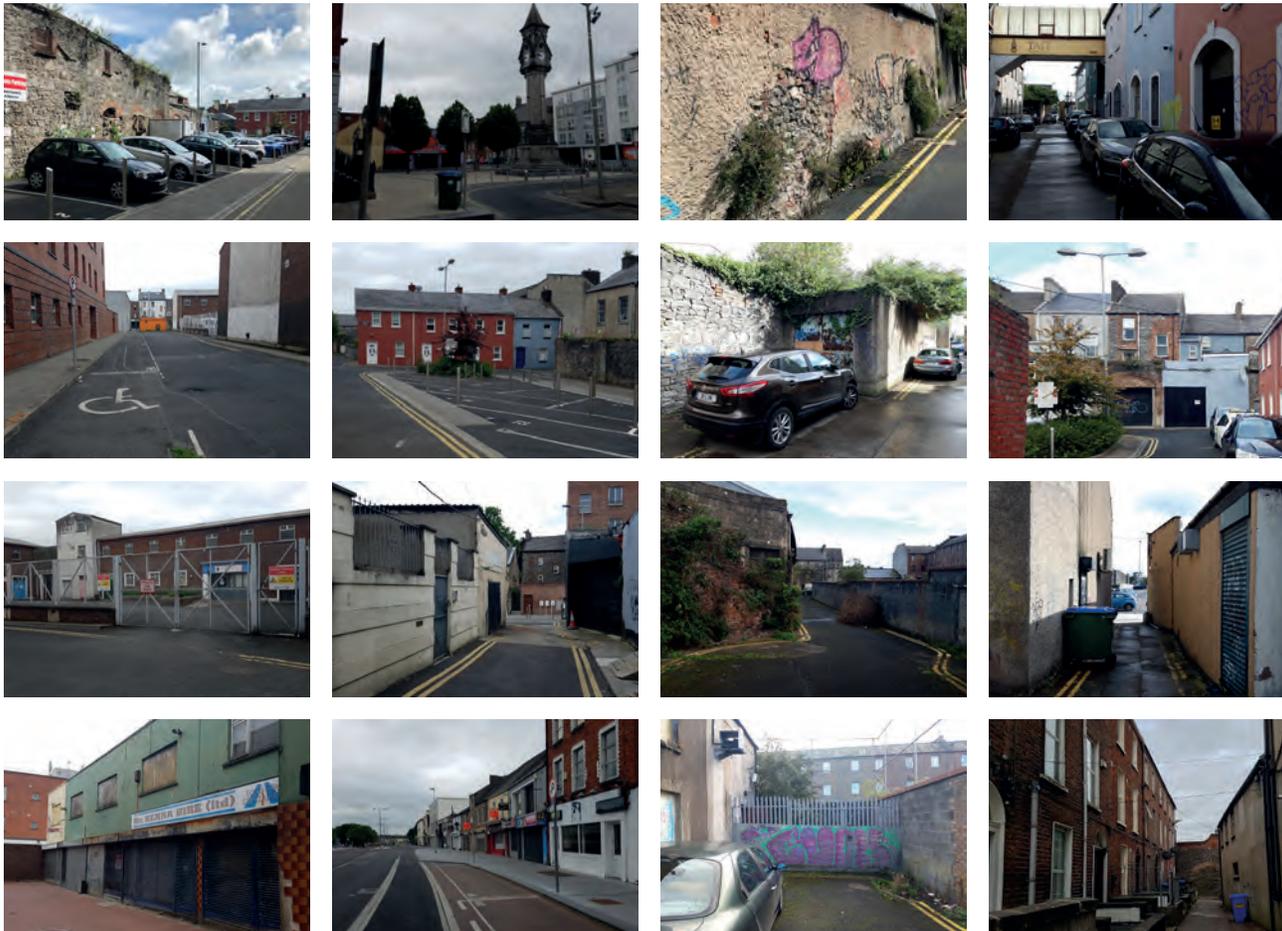
- These laneways have a mix of uses on them: homes, offices, food/drink and community/cultural
- Perceived to be unsafe and to have anti-social behaviour.
- There were discussions about connecting these laneways into a continuous walking route. Some felt this would improve the laneways by adding footfall. Some felt this could cause issues, for example disturbing residents. There was a suggestion that any changes should respect the historic form.
- **Glentworth Mews:** Potential for the pub to use this laneway for outdoor seating. Some felt that this laneways would be suitable for greenery or art.
- **Off Glentworth:** Dead end with lots of bins. Potential for more active use

by the businesses.

- **Daly's Lane:** Used by the creche, Belltable Theatre and recording studio. Some felt that this laneway would be suitable for play (for the creche), a place for workers to have a break or an outdoor performance space (with The Belltable). Access would need to be maintained to the stage door.
- **Hartstonge Mews:** This laneway is residential. Some felt that this laneways would be suitable for greenery or quiet space.
- **Pery Square/Off Barrington Street:** There is an opportunity to make this lane more accessible - it has stairs at one end. Some felt that this laneways would be suitable for greenery, family play/recreation or walking.

Area D: Parnell Street/station area

Lady's Lane, Augustinian Lane, Hunt Lane, Little Glentworth Street, Davis Street, Myles Street, James Street



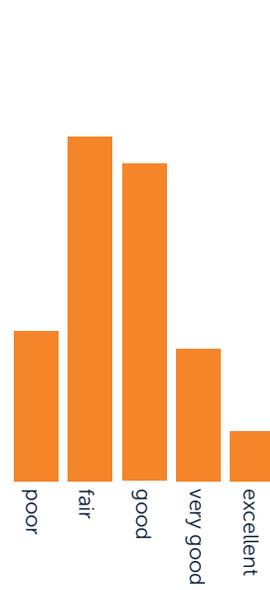
- Perceived to be unsafe and to have anti-social behaviour
- Many people did not know or use these laneways
- This is an opportunity to provide a connection between the Station and the city centre
- Some felt that these laneways would be appropriate for art, greenery or new housing development

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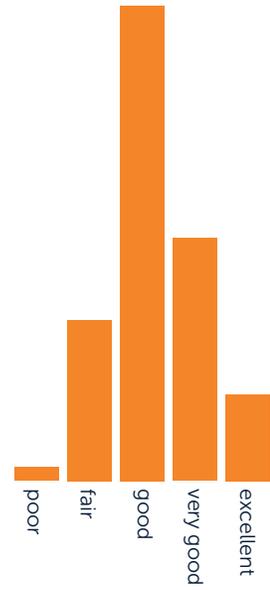
MyPoint online consultation

How would you rate Georgian Limerick...

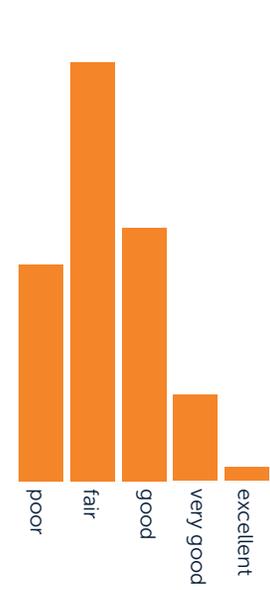
- These were multiple choice questions
- 106-108 people answered these questions



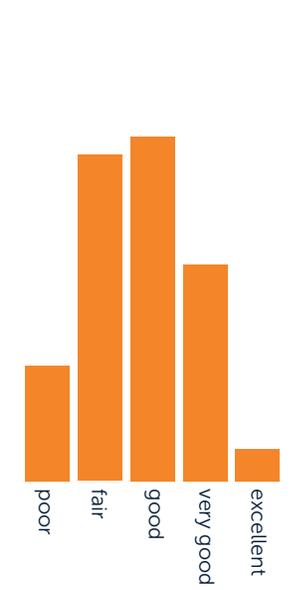
as a place to live?



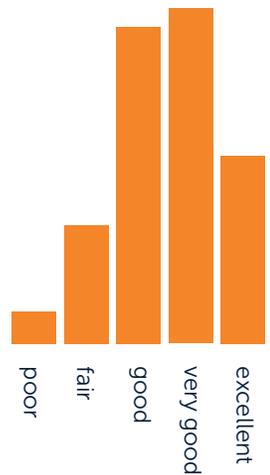
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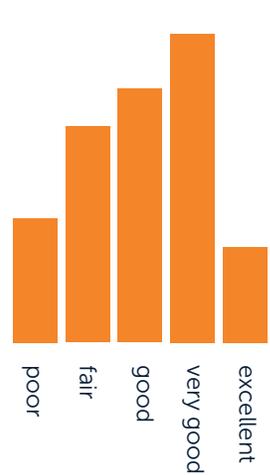
as a place to shop?



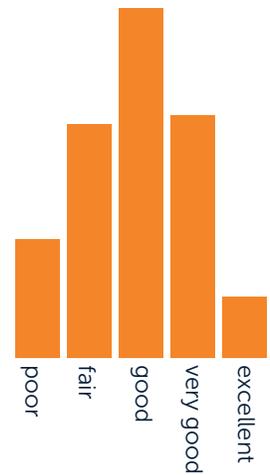
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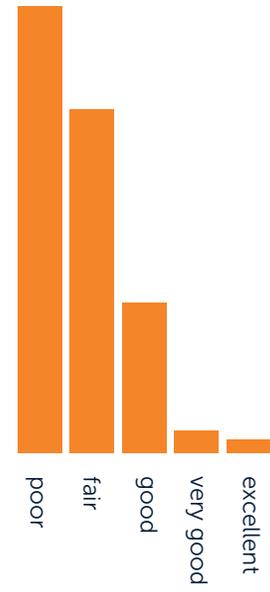
character and townscape?



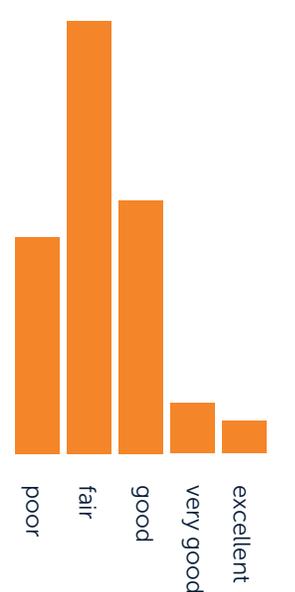
parks, green space and access to nature?



walking environment?



cycling environment?



leisure recreation and activities?

If you were in charge, what one thing would you change about Georgian Limerick/Newtown Pery?

- This was an open response question. Responses were grouped into themes.
- 103 people answered this question



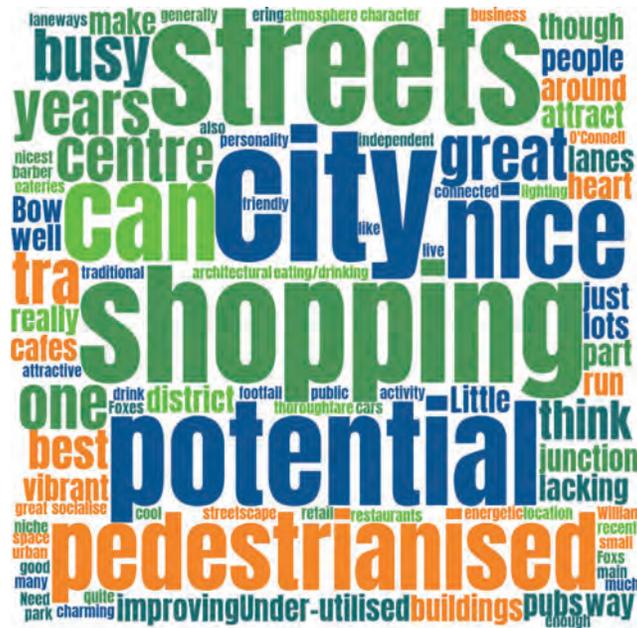
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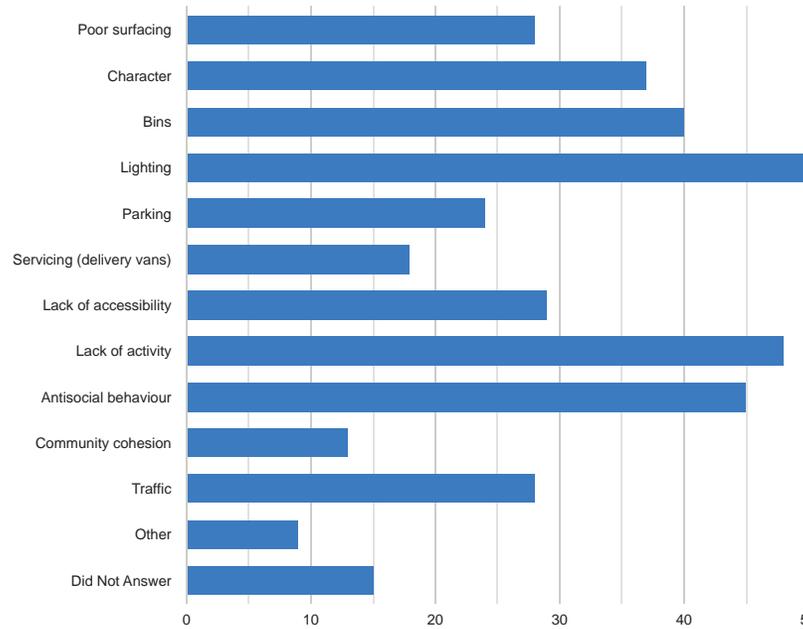


Key messages

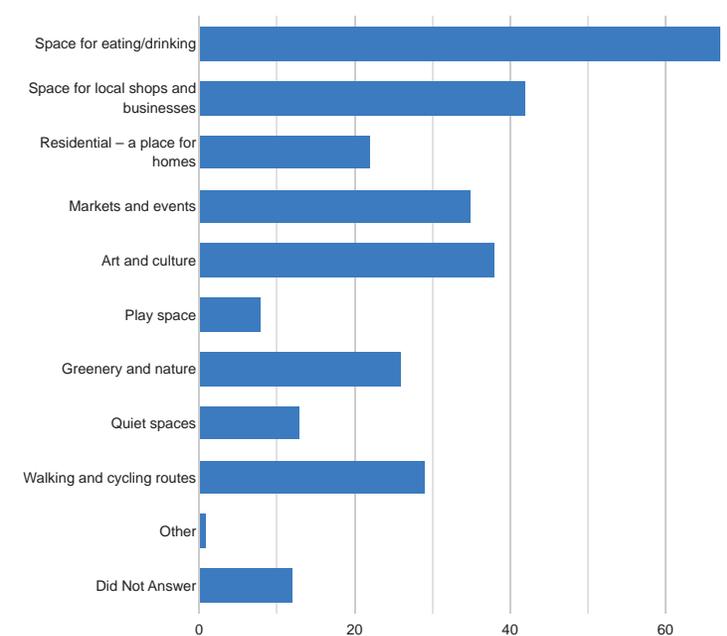
- People felt that this area had improved recently and has potential with investment to become a vibrant area with characterful pedestrianised streets.
- For the laneways, lessons could be learned from the success of Foxes Bowe and Little Catherine Street.
- The challenges for these laneways include poor lighting, a lack of activity and antisocial behaviour.
- These laneways would be suitable for eating/drinking, for local businesses and for arts and culture.



How would you describe this area of Limerick in one sentence?



What do you feel are the key issues for these laneways?



What role should the laneways in Thomas Street/main shopping area play in the future? (Three selections maximum)

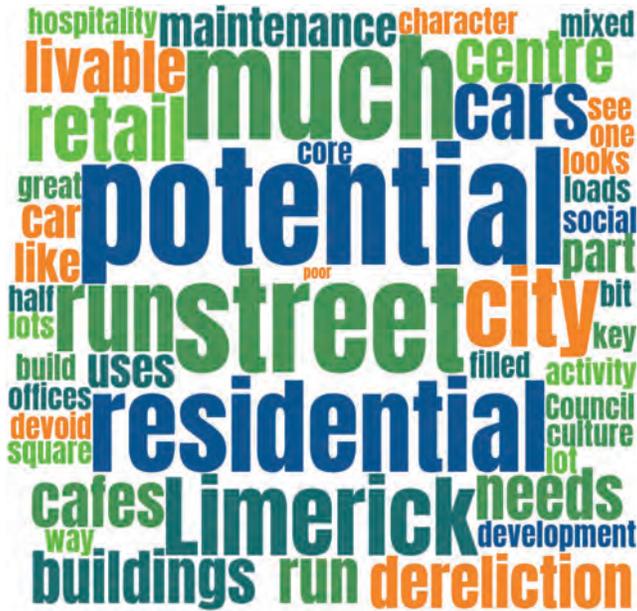
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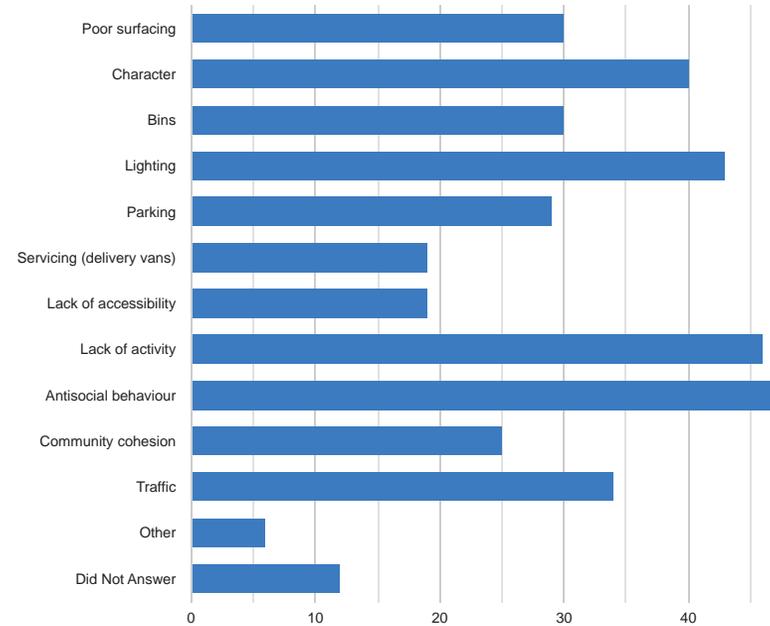


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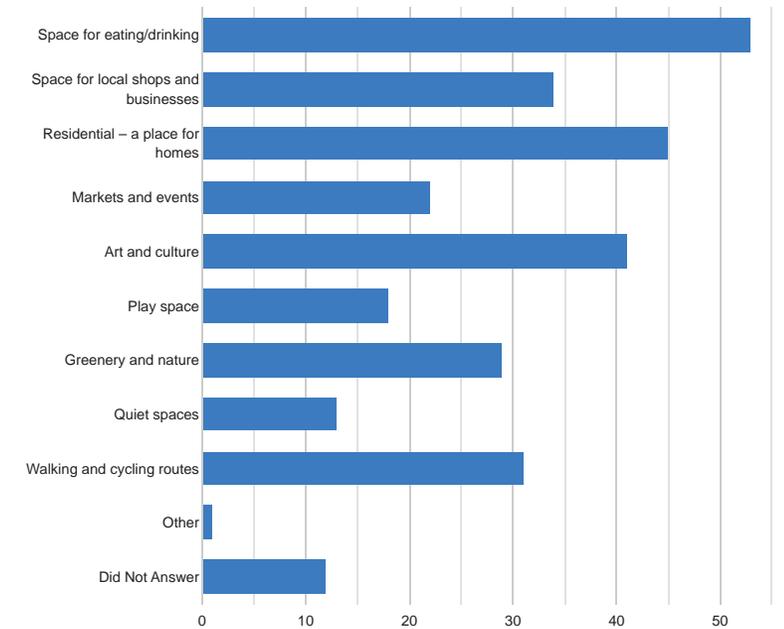
- People described this area as having a lot of potential, with historic buildings, a small community of city-centre residents and independent shops, cafes and cultural organisations. However, the area faces high levels of vacancy and dilapidation and is in need of investment.
- The challenges for these laneways include anti-social behaviour, lack of activity and lighting.
- These laneways would be suitable for space for eating/drinking, residential and arts and culture.



How would you describe this area of Limerick in one sentence?



What do you feel are the key issues for these laneways?



What role should the laneways in Catherine Street area play in the future?
(Three selections maximum)

Area D: Parnell Street/ station area

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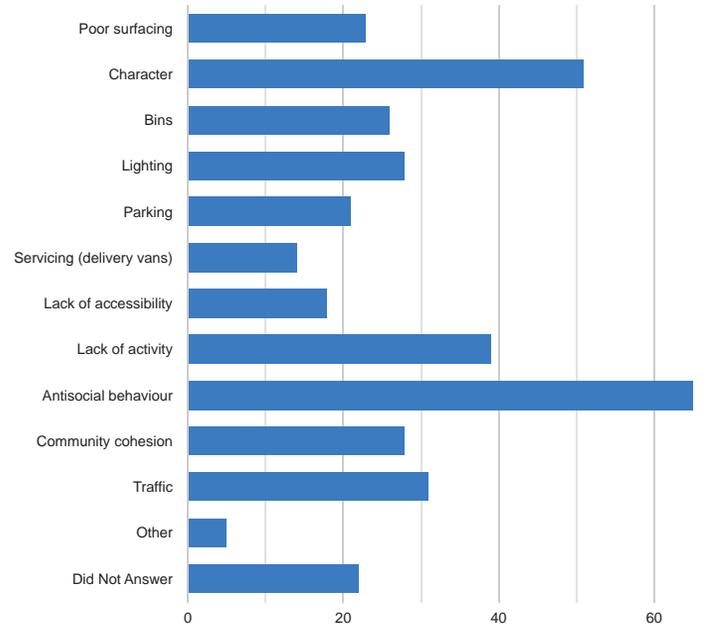


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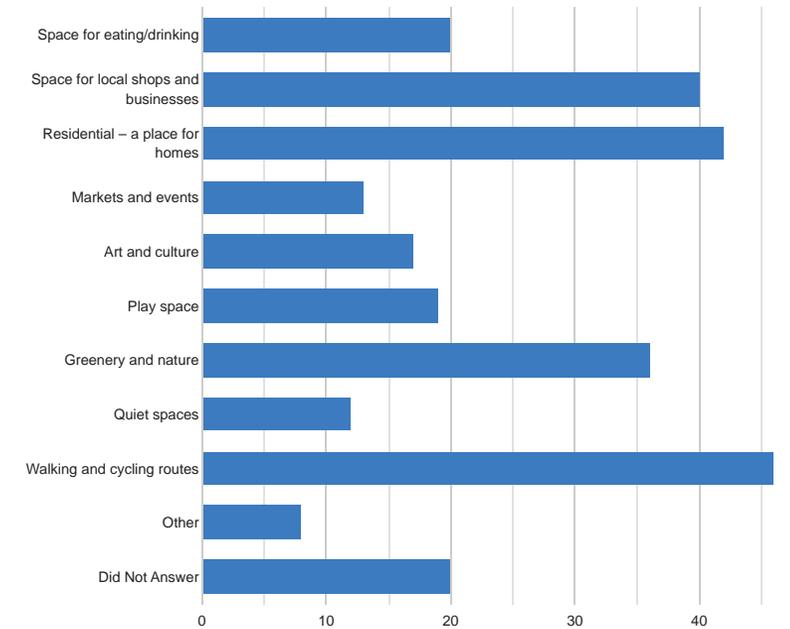
- People described this area as underutilised, run down and unpleasant. It has the potential to provide a connection between the station and the city centre, but is currently a poor arrival point/gateway.
- The challenges for these laneways include anti-social behaviour, character and lack of activity.
- These laneways would be suitable for walking/cycling routes, residential and space for local shops and businesses.



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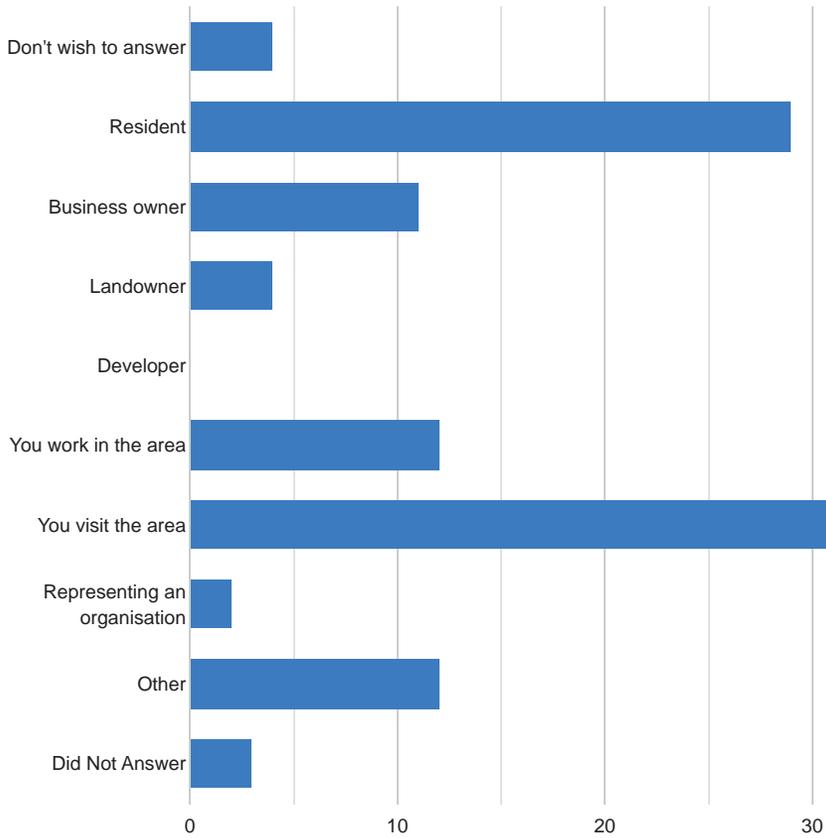
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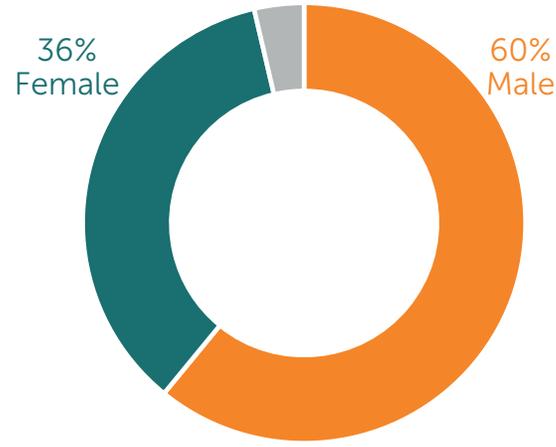
What role should the laneways in Parnell Street/station area play in the future?
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MyPoint Limerick Laneways demographics

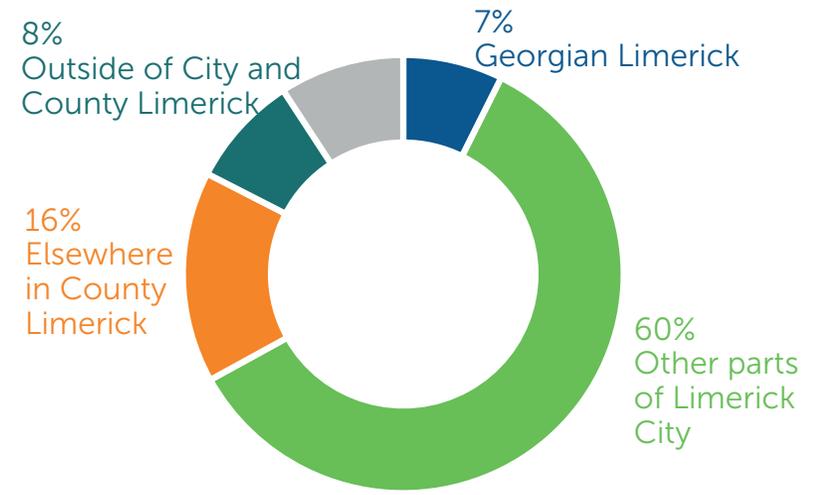
We want to ensure all parts of the community are involved. In the next round of engagement, efforts should be made to include more women, older people and people of different ethnicities.



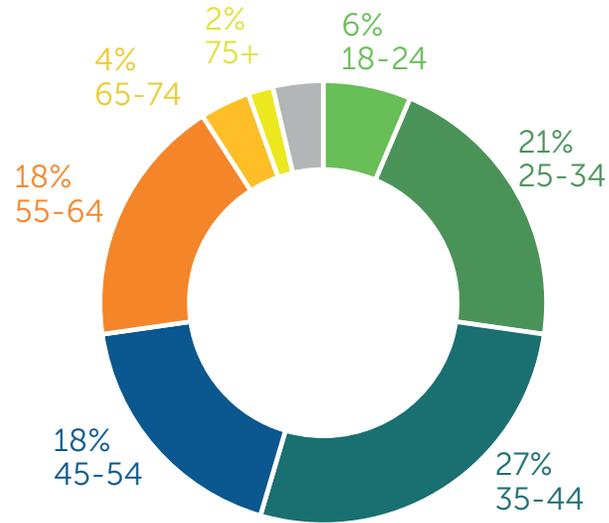
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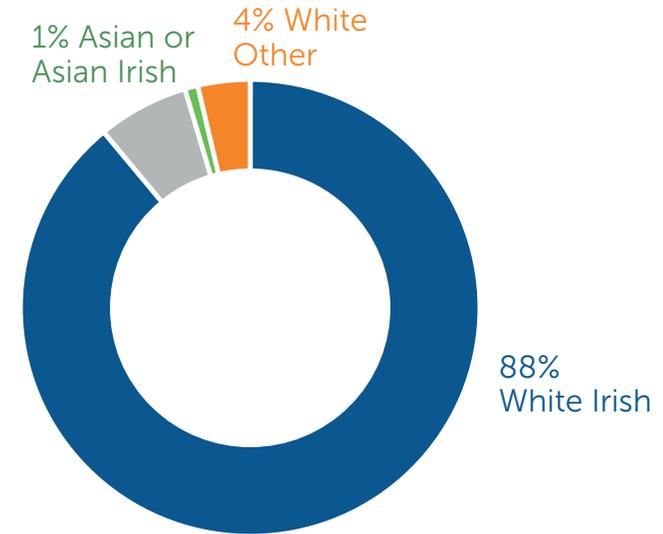
Gender



What neighbourhood do you live in?



Age



Ethnicity