

# Area Forums Consultation

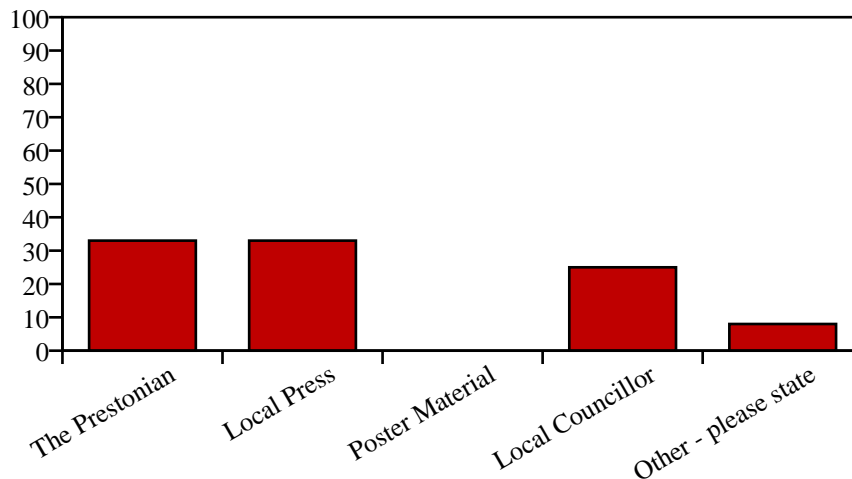
*We would like your views on the Area Forums run by Preston City Council*

## Overview

From **08/08/2007** to **01/10/2007**, Preston City Council ran a consultation entitled '*Area Forums Consultation*'. This report covers the online element of the consultation process, which was run from <http://www.citizenspace.com/local/preston/AreaForum>

## Topic 1: The Area Forums

**Q1:** Where did you find out about Area Forum meetings?



Option	Value	Percentage
The Prestonian	4	33%
Local Press	4	33%
Poster Material	0	0%
Local Councillor	3	25%
Other - please state below	1	8%
Total	12	

**Q2:** Other

*There are 9 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.*

**Q3:** How many Forum meetings have you attended?

No. of forums		
Rating	Value	Percentage
1-2	11	73%
3-5	2	13%
6-10	0	0%
10+	2	13%

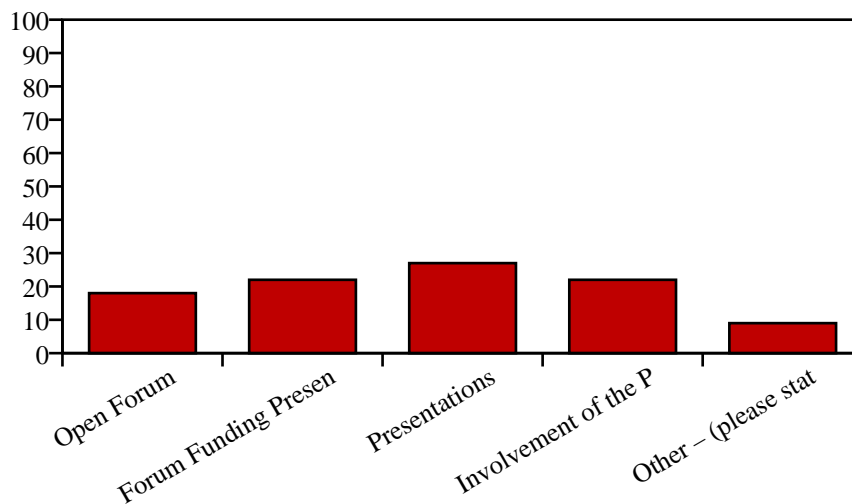
**Q4:** Do you think that you have had the opportunity to have your say?

Yes or No		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Yes	13	86%
No	2	13%

**Q5:** If no, please specify why

*There are 10 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.*

**Q6:** What do you think works well at the Area Forums?



Option	Value	Percentage
Open Forum	4	18%
Forum Funding Presentations	5	22%
Presentations	6	27%
Involvement of the Police	5	22%
Other – (please state below)	2	9%
Total	22	

**Q7:** Other

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**Topic 2: The Area Forums (continued)**

**Q1:** What do you think could be done better?

*There are 8 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.*

**Q2:** Do you find the current meeting time of 7.00pm on Thursdays convenient?

Answer		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Yes	14	100%
No	0	0%

**Q3:** If you have answered no please indicate a preferred day and time

*There are 9 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.*

**Q4:** Do you find the current venues easy to access?

Yes or No		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Yes	13	92%
No	1	7%

**Q5:** Do you feel that action is taken on issues raised at Area Forums?

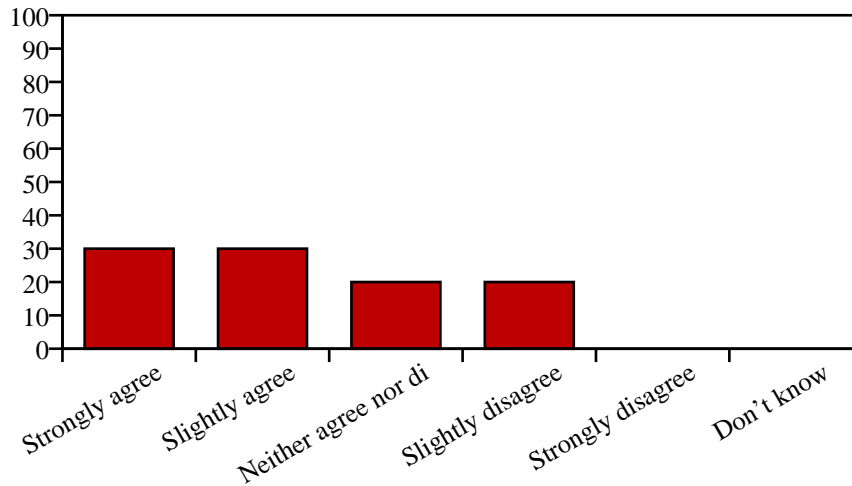
Yes or No		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Yes	12	85%
No	2	14%

**Q6:** Which Area Forum have you attended?

Please select		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Central	6	42%
Eastern	0	0%
Northern	3	21%
Rural	1	7%
Western	4	28%

### Topic 3: Your Local Community

**Q1:** I feel that I can influence the decisions affecting my local area

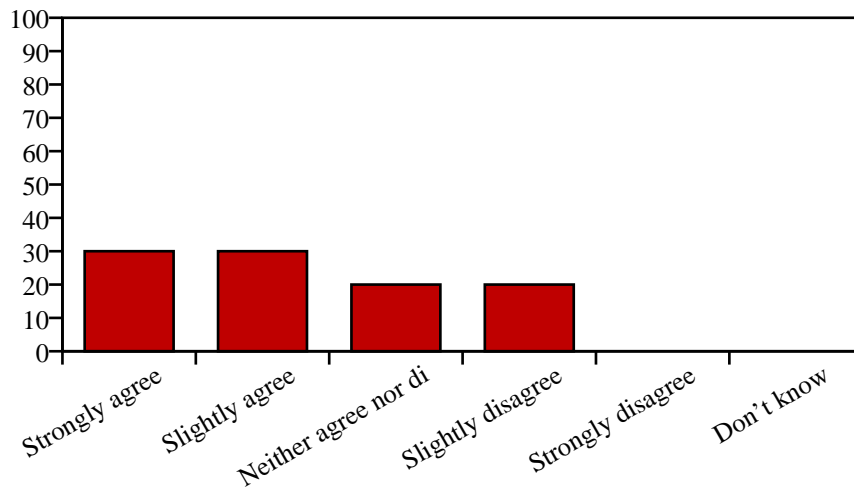


Option	Value	Percentage
Strongly agree	3	30%
Slightly agree	3	30%
Neither agree nor disagree	2	20%
Slightly disagree	2	20%
Strongly disagree	0	0%
Don't know	0	0%
Total	10	

**Q2:** Please include any comments that you may have

*There are 8 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.*

**Q3:** I feel that my local area is a place where people from different backgrounds and communities can live together harmoniously

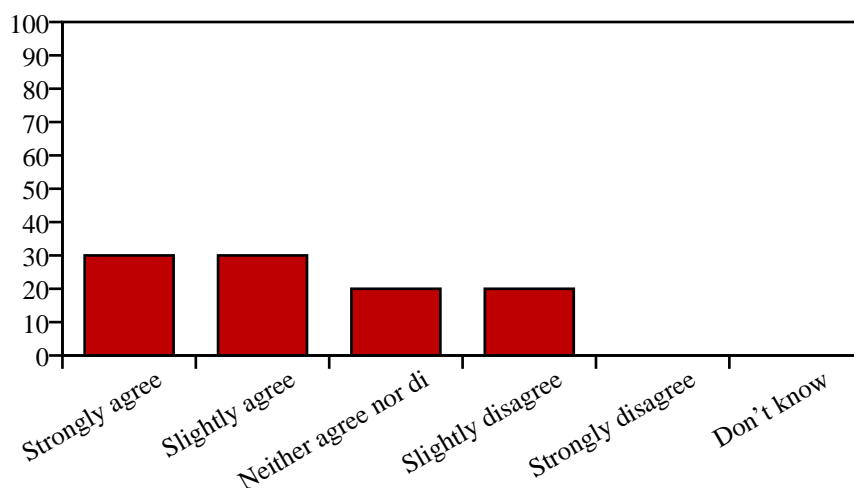


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Strongly disagree	0	0%
Don't know	0	0%
Total	10	

**Q4:** Please include any comments that you may have

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**Q5:** The Council listens to and is interested in what people have to say



Option	Value	Percentage
Strongly agree	3	30%
Slightly agree	3	30%
Neither agree nor disagree	2	20%
Slightly disagree	2	20%
Strongly disagree	0	0%
Don't know	0	0%
Total	10	

**Q6:** Please include any comments that you may have

*There are 8 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.*

## **Appendix A**

### ***Other***

#### ***If no, please specify why***

1. Chairing is sometimes deliberately to make sure Council talks at people rather than listens to them

### ***Other***

1. Does not work well, undermines parish council, and is a waste of money!

#### ***What do you think could be done better?***

1. More positive things that the councillors and the council have been involved in and how this information can be spread out to the wider community
2. The forums should be for a much smaller area.. no bigger than a single ward and take place there 2 or 3 times each year.
3. I will be able to judge when I've attende more meetings
4. better controle by the chair at meetings, some members just go for a laugh.and should not be encouraged.more councillors should be accountable and should attend.parish councillors should have a bigger say in the meetings as we represent the electorate of lea and cottam.

#### ***If you have answered no please indicate a preferred day and time***

#### ***Please include any comments that you may have***

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