



East Cambridgeshire  
District Council

# **Have Your Say East Cambs**

Interim survey results analysis

6 March 2025

### Summary

East Cambridgeshire District Council issued a [residents' survey](#) following the government announcement that district and county councils are to be merged into unitary authorities.

The survey was drafted to serve the following purposes:

- raise awareness of these changes among residents
- help identify which current services offered by the district council residents value the most
- give residents the opportunity to share their views on Local Government Reorganisation
- provide valuable data which can be used to help inform and support future LGR proposals

The survey was promoted via social media (Facebook and X) and an accompanying [press release](#).

Information has also been added to the [council's website](#).

The survey was launched on 14 February. To date (6 March), 890 people have completed the survey. The survey was completed mainly by women (63%) and by people over the age of 45 (75%). There is a good selection of responses from across all East Cambs postcodes.

### Key findings

There is overwhelmingly strong support for the district council and the services it provides. This is reflected in the responses and the comments.

78% do not support the idea of councils merging (8% do and 14% are not sure).

93% felt it was very important to have access to a local councillor.

92% would like to be engaged more on the issue.

The areas which people felt most strongly about were:

- having local councillors who understands and knows the local area (93% said it was very important)

- giving local communities a say in how much housing development takes place and where it goes (93% answered “yes” to a yes / no question)
- maintaining financial stability (89% said it was very important)
- helping to create safer environments (85% said it was very important)
- having a councillor who is elected from a broad range of ordinary people (82% said it was very important)

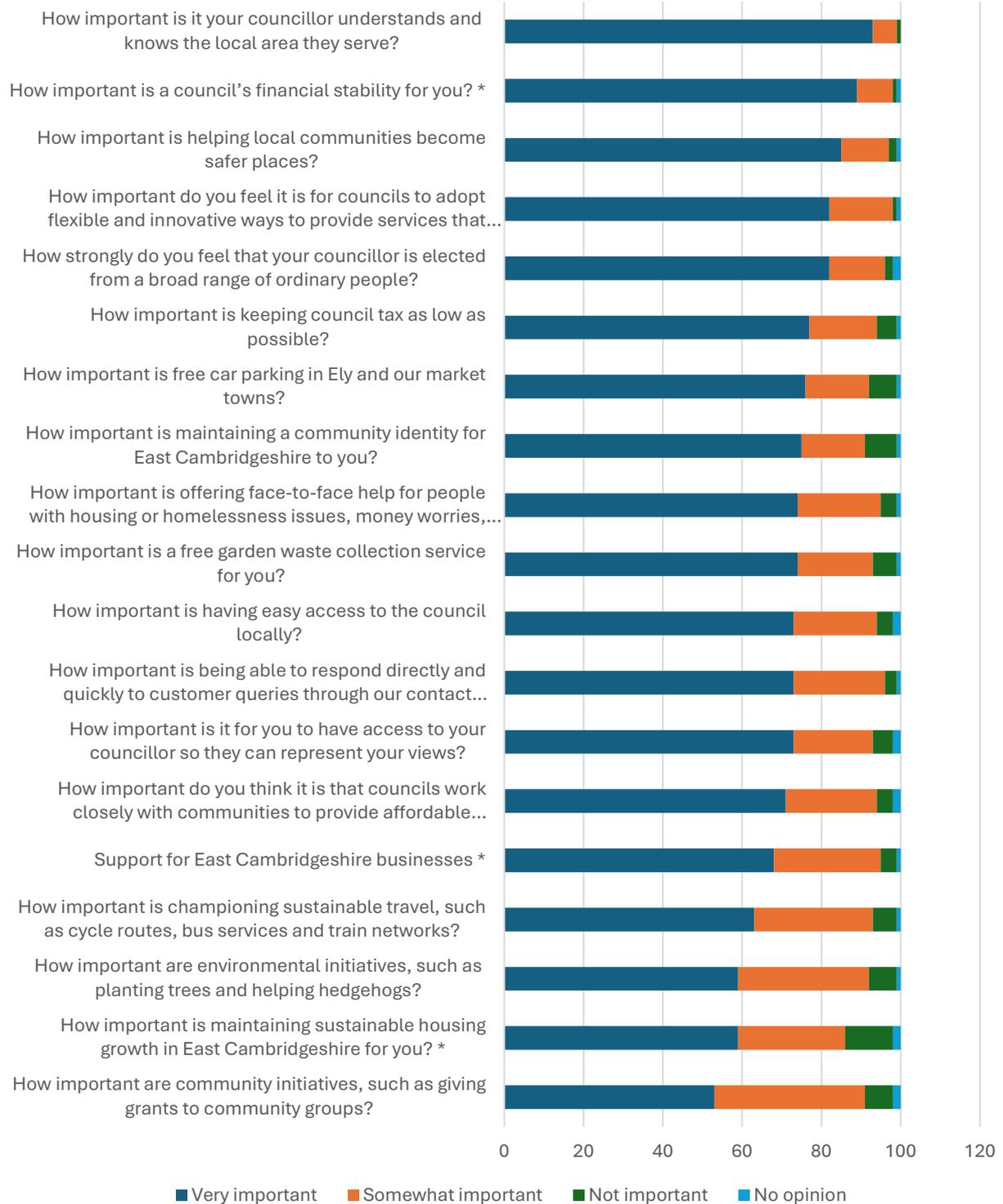
The areas which people felt least strongly about – but still felt strongly - were:

- supporting community initiatives (53% said it was very important)
- maintaining sustainable housing growth (59% said it was very important)
- supporting environmental initiatives, such as planting trees and helping hedgehogs (59% said it was very important)
- championing sustainable travel (63% said it was very important)

### Location

People were split between whether they looked towards Cambridge (53%) or kept their focus within the district (44%) when it came to work, socialising, or shopping. Only 1% said they looked towards Peterborough and 2% referenced Cambridge and Peterborough

### Question summary



## Comments

304 people choose to make an additional comment

An analysis of the sentiment of these comments show:

- 75% are against LGR
- 18% of comments were neutral/ did not directly relate to LGR
- 7% were in support of LGR
- Four comments claimed the survey was too leading

Of those who were against, the following themes emerged:

