

NB Living: a Community Survey Final Survey Results

A final report that incorporates these results will be published shortly.

Section 1: North Berwick Life

1. How would you rate North Berwick as a place to live?

Very poor	Poor	Ok	Good	Very good
4	0	87	149	460

2. What do you feel are the good things about living in or around North Berwick?

High Street, local shops, cafes and restaurants	448	Friendly people	420
Access to sea, beaches and harbour	588	Parks, playgrounds, floral displays	433
Berwick Law, the Lodge, the Glen, offshore islands (Bass Rock) and surrounding countryside nearby	501	Rail station with regular trains to and from Edinburgh	517
Local schools	421	Local supermarkets	341
Local attractions (Seabird Centre, boat trips, historic sites eg Tantallon Castle etc)	431	Local clubs, societies, churches and groups (Golf, rugby, yacht, rowing, tennis, NB in Bloom etc)	405
Annual events like Highland Games, Fringe by the Sea, Raft Race, Christmas lights switch-on etc.	408	Social support networks eg volunteer drivers scheme	244
Community facilities (library, sports centre, recycling centre, community centres, museum, churches, the Day Centre)	453	Outdoor activities available including golf, walks, dog walking etc.	305
Local health centre and Edington Cottage hospital	451	Visitors coming to the town for seaside holidays, beach walks etc.	305
Relatively safe place to live for all ages – low crime levels	601	Supportive local council (East Lothian Council)	165
Supportive elected representatives (3 councillors for NB Coastal Ward)	169	Supportive Community Council (NB Community Council)	221

Other things: III = number of times recorded.

A good bus service IIIII (to West End of Edinburgh, X5, 124)

Increased rail service to Edinburgh

Bus services to Haddington, Dunbar + villages

Cleanliness IIII

Community spirit and pride III

To be reinstated Museum of Coastal relevance III

Lodge Grounds are a good space III (could be used for more social events, not parking)

Good climate, high sunshine rates III

Fresh air II

A good size II
 Easy access to everything II
 Very good local trades people II
 North Berwick in Bloom
 Good local garage II
 Free car parks
 Free parking and access to beaches for local residents
 More car parking space for visitors using Lodge grounds
 Increased awareness of mobility scooters (as many more are used now in NB training sessions would be appropriate)
 Beautiful views
 Good bird watching
 John Muir Way
 Large open green spaces in town
 More planting of fruit and nut trees esp. in Lodge grounds
 Clean quality beaches all along Forth Coast/John Muir Way
 Summer time entertainment on beach (Punch&Judy, donkey riders, brass band etc.)
 Friendly farmers
 A good mix of people's backgrounds, both local and incomers
 Good balance of local residents/tourists
 Lots of visitors in summer
 Still a working town, not just dormitory town for Edinburgh
 People generous towards charitable causes
 Great volunteering community
 Very helpful staff at library, sports centre, doctors, vet
 Excellent community centre + staff
 More for young people to do
 More for visitors to do
 Yacht pond
 Local gym facilities
 Indoor activities (eg Bridge clubs, bowling club)
 Carers of EL support group and their weekly surgery at Health Centre
 Variety of alternative health care
 Edington hospital
 Police, Fire, 1st aid responders minutes away
 Extra toilet facilities near East and West beaches
 Eco awareness (Earth matters shop, fair-trade products, recycling centre)
 Lots of lovely unusual shops in High St now
 Retreat from Edinburgh where I have to work 5 day a week
 Street parking by laws that can be enforced 7 days per week
 School are on perimeter of town lessening litter on High St
 Councillors more supportive of households

3. What are the things that you think are not so good about North Berwick?

Shops

Lots of High St shops including charity shop are too expensive for local residents
 Too many charity shops in High St IIIII (how can local retailers compete on taxes?)
 Range of shops on High St too narrow III
 Too many gift shops/tourist shops II
 More positive attitude of some shopkeepers II
 Shops closed on Sunday, busiest day

Cafes closed at 4 pm and on Sundays
 Not enough quality restaurants/not enough variety IIII
 Lack of moderate cost hotels
 Out of town Tesco IIII (too big, detrimental to High St, encourages car use; not a nice thing to see first when entering the town)
 Not so easy to get to larger stores quickly
 A pity that Tesco have withdrawn their Tesco Direct Service
 Poor choice of supermarkets IIII (no real opposition e.g. Aldi/Lidl) (need M+S simply food, Waitrose)
 Need Lidl II
 Bigger Tesco
 Bigger full size supermarket needed with wider range of goods
 Lack of greengrocer II
 Need local farmers market II
 Lack of local produce in supermarkets
 No fish shop II
 No bookshop II
 Need more affordable clothes shops
 Gents outfitter
 Empty shops left to deteriorate II (lower rates for empty premises for first couple of years?)
 Chemist too far away (difficult for older people)
 Post office too far away II (put it back to Westgate)
 Only one post box on a very long road

Harbour, beaches etc.

Sewage pipe IIII I
 Beach erosion not dealt with, esp. West Bay IIII
 Beaches need more maintenance, esp. after storms II
 Beaches not always clean (seaweed, dog fouling etc.)
 Not enough seats on East Prom and existing are poor
 Placement of John Muir way signs (esp. road around Marine hotel)

Cleanliness

Not enough litter bins II (esp. on the seafront)
 Litter on streets IIII III
 Litter dropped by schoolchildren during lunch time III
 Litter in front of takeaways II (takeaways should clean up pavement in front of their premises)
 Fish and chip box waste – paper should be used at least for chips
 Broken bottles (esp Lodge, High St, North High St)
 Smelly wheelie bins
 Bins allow seagulls to remove litter
 Wheelie bins making passing difficult on collection days
 Dog foul on pavements IIII IIII (dog wardens are needed III)
 Dog foul on beach II (health hazard for playing children)
 Need dogs free zone on beach
 Uncontrolled dogs II (should have to be on lead)
 Lack of public toilets at West End II, on High St, on beach III, rail station II, Lodge grounds

Traffic, parking

Lack of parking IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII I (esp. in summer)
 Lack of parking for visitors in summer and on Sundays IIII IIII I
 No residents parking
 Lodge /SSC car park should be for all to use

More parking near Town centre do reduce parking on High St II
 Community centre car park opened for visitors on Sundays?
 Parking behind Tantallon side of Golf club in summer time?
 Traffic congestion on High St IIII IIII
 Congested pavements/narrow pavements on High St IIII (one side only parking)
 High Street cluttered by cars, should be pedestrianised IIII
 Vindictive policing when there are simply not enough legal parking spaces available in high season on Sundays
 IIII III (no wardens on Sundays)
 Complicated parking restrictions II
 The location and lack of parking at Health Centre cause problems for many people II
 Congestion on Station Hill at Wilkies
 Poor layout of Dacrymple car park, dangerous exit into Quality St
 Badly laid out car parks
 Not enough (disabled) car parking at library – occupied by beach users
 Parking for seabird centre has ruined area and taken trade away from local cafes. Seabird Centre should have been built at harbour
 Ask police to stop parking on corners and double yellow lines
 Increase in traffic over past 5 years
 Increased parking on cars on pavements esp Dirleton Av
 Kirk Ports to St Andrews unsuitable for HFV to bypass High St
 Forth St too narrow at 'Auld Hoose Pub'
 Speed bumps needed from Station Hill to Victoria Rd, vehicles fail to keep to 30mph limit
 Traffic light removed at top of Station Hill and St Baldreds/Clifford Rd.. Queues they cause at Station Hill put visitors off visiting again
 State of Pavements/Roads IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII III
 Water boxes have been involved by conditions of the High St pavements (Scottish Water need to liaise with ELC)
 Lack of grit in main car park behind church when icy
 Lack of grit bins esp. around Lockbridge Rd.

Public transport

Poor public transport
 Train service unreliable III
 More frequent trains IIII
 Lack of late night trains back from Edinburgh IIII I (esp. during Edinb. Festival + Hogmanay)
 Trains running on Sundays at earlier times
 Bus service unreliable
 Not enough regular buses to and from Haddington
 Poor bus service within the county II (why not have small buses?) e.g. East Linton Service curtailed
 Express bus to Edinburgh
 Lack of night buses back from Edinburgh II
 Poor bus service at weekends II (also affects visitors and thus revenue to town shops)
 Infrequent bus service to Dunbar/Haddington II
 No effective Park+Ride/ hop on + off minibus town service
 No cycle tracks II

Housing

Lack of affordable housing IIII I (esp. for younger generation)
 Lack of houses/apartments II
 Lack of council houses
 Uncontrolled planning consent
 Growth of 'gated communities'
 Too many 2nd and 3rd home owners who add nothing to the local economy

Too many 'nouveaux riches' who don't buy local and treat locals like second class citizens
 Overdevelopment of existing houses in conservation areas II
 Too many new non-affordable houses III
 N.B. is growing too much IIIII (loss of green/farm land, over population, pressure on schools, town character)
 Too many incomers II
 Local people should be given priority in the allocation of council houses IIII
 Drug users rehoused within town from outside area
 Too much development of gardens for homes

Entertainment and facilities

No cinema IIIII III
 No museum IIIII I left empty (could have been opened these past 8 years if ELC had spent 10 K on a iron galvanised staircase an an outside window)
 Lack of musical events
 Lack of activities for teenagers IIIII IIII (esp in winter time)
 Lack of soft play are + other facilities for children II
 99 % of our school children are amazing, help out of school for the 1 %
 School children confined to school grounds at lunch time
 Lack of activities for visitors when it rains II
 All days and similar places available for (charity) events
 Lack of activities for older people II (entertainment, clubs for over 50's)
 Not much nightlife apart from Pubs
 Provision made for ballroom dancing, Salsa etc. III
 Lack of fitness classes and facilities
 No 10 pin bowling
 Facilities/help for older people not advertised well enough
 Difficult to find out about events/local clubs due to lack of advertising II
 Closure of open air pool
 Larger library needed to compare with Port Seton/Preston pans
 Lack of wet weather facilities (e.g. bus stance)
 No disabled access into Community Centre Art room
 Not as many creative classes as in other Community centres

Community

Rowdiness at night on High St /Quality St near Pubs II
 Underage drinking
 Small mindedness of people II (judgemental+reactionary)
 unfriendly people I
 small minded community council/ELC
 Compliancy by the majority of the population
 Ostensibly open-to-all community events are often in fact dominated by cliques such as rotary club/round table members – makes it difficult for new members of the community to get involved
 More locals being involved to keep N.B. A friendly and attractive place to live + work
 Petty crime
 Under occupied youths congregating in groups
 teenage vandalism II and drug use

Others

Lack of employment (esp for young people)
 Lack of industry – nearly all service industry
 High living costs
 Edington hospital closing

Intrusive CCTV cameras
 Not enough police existence III (esp summer months) (walking Bobbies)
 Too many tourists
 Wasted space between old swimming pool and seabird centre
 There should be no more free plastic bags in shops
 Deterioration in obtaining GP appointments (2-3 weeks) II
 Repair gravestones
 Less Christmas lights this year II
 Town loses out to some of the other towns in EL as we are seen as more affluent and get less money from the council (cf. state of roads)
 Over gentrification of natural areas e.g. The Glen – too many notices + information boards + neat fences
 Too many 'unnatural' floral displays in plastic tubs and needing to be regularly changed – waste of resources and man power
 Smoking outside public houses

4. What improvements would you like to see over the next 5-10 years?

Wider range of shopping on the High Street – what sort of shops?	289
A significant increase in the number of houses	28
Minimal or no increase in the number of houses	322
More housing that is affordable	235
A strategy for less traffic on town centre roads and improved pedestrian use of the High Street	288
More community events like the Highland Games and Fringe by the Sea to bring people together	258
New entertainment facilities like a dedicated cinema	384
More facilities for younger people in the town to give them something to do	352
More facilities for young children like playgrounds – where?	107
A solution to the sewage pipe along the beach	252
Encourage ScotRail to run more late-night trains to and from Edinburgh	383
A new monthly local market in the town to attract people into the centre to shop	358
A new office facility in the town to allow 'hot desking' for office workers so they can work away from home but stay local and avoid commuting	153
A new office park/industrial estate to encourage businesses and employment	146
Improvements to local schools or a new school	177
More woodland around the town	177
Improved recycling facilities eg. food waste	218

Comments

Shops

Fish shop IIII IIII IIII IIII I (fresh local seafood)
 Greengrocer IIII IIII III IIII IIII
 Organic shop IIII
 Extra butcher's II
 High quality baker IIII

Local produce shop III
 Farmers market IIII I (with craft stalls)
 Indoor market (in old Coop)
 Create allotments/community gardens II
 Delicatessen IIII
 Shop to cater for retired peoples needs
 Electrical goods/TV shop IIII
 Music shop II
 Book shop IIII IIII IIII II
 (Proper quality) haberdashery IIII
 Gents outfitter IIII IIII
 Clothes shop IIII I
 Children's clothes
 Family wear
 Winter/outdoor clothing shop
 (Affordable) shoe shop II
 Soft furnishing
 Linen shop II
 Toy shop
 Wool shop II
 Nail bar
 Launderette
 Fewer charity shops IIII IIII I
 Fewer women's hairdresser
 Fewer „knickknack“/gift shops III
 Fewer estate agents
 Individual High St shops – stop N.B. looking like every other High St
 No duplication of shops
 Bigger choice of supermarkets (M+S simply food IIII, Sainsbury II , Morrisons, Waitrose II, Aldi III, Lidl I, FarmFoods)
 Small supermarket by High St
 More/different restaurants III (better quality, Pizza Hut, KFC)
 More early evening restaurant/cafe openings for families
 Wine bar
 Fewer cafes III
 Cafe/bar down near beach
 Better catering for incoming 'tourist golfers'
 Better quality cafes
 More Sunday openings II
 Encourage more bed+breakfasts
 Make use of derelict shops IIII (for exhibitions or make other use of it, community food shop, eye sore for the town)
 Play area shops
 More free cash points
 More affordable shops in High St II

Harbour, beaches etc

Make N.B. bays a marine reserve
 West bay reclaimed as marina II (+parking+leisure) (A dredged harbour with marina facilities would bring touring yachts in the area and generate income. AN improved breakwater would make the bay safer to use + safeguard the beach erosion+property damage)
 Better west beach erosion control IIII (is a priority; build up gap behind pipe and bring in more sand)

Litter etc.

2 weekly rubbish collection with penalties for people who do not recycle
 Fortnightly green bin emptying
 More drop off space for recycling
 Improved recycling facilities including plastics III
 Fat+oil waste recycling
 No food waste recycling III (needs another bin in one's house and a weekly collection, smell of rotting food attracts rats)
 Limit food wasted by supermarkets (e.g. distribute it to the homeless)
 High School pupils should take control of lunchtime litter
 Stop dog foul on streets, beaches, parks III (more dog wardens)
 Dog free beach
 Public toilets for bus passengers and beach II
 Cafe+toilet facilities at the Lodge

Traffic

Additional parking IIII IIII I (e.g. East beach, on fringe of town centre, where 'Putting Green' is which can be transferred to Lodge grounds, converting St. Andrew St car park to 2-storey)
 More parking for visitors in summer II
 A residents parking permit system should be introduced for the summer months
 Free parking on Sundays (to encourage visitors)
 More parking for disabled/elderly people II (esp. opposite Day Centre and church)
 High St pavements need to be widened IIII (pedestrian safety, buggies, electric wheelchairs etc.)
 Pedestrianisation of town centre IIII II (even for certain hours each day) (between Quality St + Church St) (at least East end)
 One way system at High Street III (using Clifford Rd and Forth St)
 No pedestrianisation of the High St II (harms town centre trade) (would exacerbate the parking problem and it's easier for the many older residents to park near local shops)
 No parking on High St
 One side parking on High St only
 Tidier set-up of old swimming pool parking area
 Park+Ride facility on edge of town?
 One way Church St creates extra traffic on lower High St and along Anchor Green – should be two way again
 Double yellow lines in Clifford Rd
 A strategy for less traffic generally is needed. Lindisfarne and St Iver may offer ideas on how to manage tourism traffic better. Otherwise, traffic on High St adds to the pleasant bustle of the town.
 Decrease in traffic down Law Rd from schools
 Stop the 5 minute drive to town centre for shopping
 Improve state of pavements and roads IIII III (e.g. Strathearn Rd.)
 Steps + pathway down to the beach i.e. Jacob's ladder + path and steps through Glen Golf course need to be maintained
 More gritters for cold weather conditions
 Remove traffic lights

Public transport

Late trains to+from Edinburgh IIII II (esp during Festival)
 More frequent trains to Edinburgh III (esp. during commuting times)
 More daytime ScotRail services esp. on Saturday
 Night buses to Edinburgh
 Bus service to East Fortune Market
 Increased bus service to Tynninghame East Linton etc.

Public transport from N.B. to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary
 A user friendly local bus similar to Handicabs
 Free run-around bus round town
 Bus dropping off point at Golf club
 Park&Ride
 Railway station restored to original
 Create facilities at station to restore 'human buzz'
 Cycle paths III
 Interlinking a circular way/marked walking trails with map

Health

Easier access to GP appointments
 Enlarge Roodlands Hospital into District General Hospital + 24h accident and emergency hospital
 Encourage more 1st responders

Housing

No more new houses, infrastructure can't cope III (health centres+schools, car parking situation) Keep green belt+farming land as it is – it's designated as such for a very good reason
 A modest increase in housing – primary affordable units
 Controlled housing development
 No more houses in garden areas
 Fewer big houses
 More smaller houses/bungalows for sale for elderly people to downsize and vacate larger houses for families
 Affordable housing III
 More council housing III (don't offer them for sale)
 Local people should be given priority in the allocation of council houses
 Remove extensive conservation area status from West end of town (or make all of N.B. conservation area)
 Accommodate locals first

Entertainment and facilities

Reopening of Museum IIII III
 Vacant buildings (e.g. Museum) used for community purposes in interim to help keep them in decent state of repair
 Cinema IIII (and theatre in town hall, cinema in Museum II, old Alldays store turned into cinema) (old cinema was good but nobody used it so it closed)
 We have a cinema club – very few interested 15-30
 Advertise cinema better
 More facilities for local artists, crafts, photographers II
 Town needs a multi-use theatre/arts centre (like Playhouse at Alnwick)
 Ceilidhs, fancy dress parties in local halls
 Community choir
 New operator for 'Aula'
 Youth centre outdoor+indoor facilities IIII I (cafe, sport, socialising)
 Support Uprising East Lothian
 Improve the dry bar facility to accommodate more youngsters
 Lots of sports available for youngster but not all are into these activities II
 More summer activities for school children II (full use of school grounds for holiday recreation)
 Trampolines in Lodge
 Children's playground at West Bowling Green situated on beach fronts and town centre
 Nursery in town II
 More 'green activities' perhaps ranger led
 Good elderly care services II (run on social enterprise model, i.e. non profit)
 Tesco should pay for another playground

More facilities for under 5s esp. in winter
 More activities for visitors in rainy weather
 A Christmas torchlight procession – school down to harbour followed by fireworks/mulled wine/slow foods/whisky
 Reinstate Christmas tree lights brightly
 Improve street lights
 Dance Hall II (for 16 +, ballroom dancing class for singles)
 Fitness circuit in Lodge grounds
 Lighting all round the main path in Lodge grounds for winter walks
 Bowling (in Lodge)
 Bingo Hall
 More info boards round town or marked trails to encourage young people to see more of town

Others

Get rid of big brother CCTV from streets
 Don't need more business parks, just improve existing one
 Office workers can work from home
 Business development for job creation
 Ferry to Fife
 Better use of Bensayer's factory II
 Town Credit Union
 More dynamic for young people
 More consultation with young people about what they want, not what Community Council think they should want.
 A town 'Forum' to draw together all organisations to work together
 Small scale local enterprise development support
 A barter/swap scheme
 A new entrance door for hope rooms
 High speed broadband
 More trees could be planted along either side of main road from West of N.B., possibly from Ferrygate Farm to 30mph sign on entering N.B.
 Tree stockades on shoulder of N.B. Law in need of new trees those in there look in need of attention please.
 Better policing
 Street lighting

5. What sort of place would you like North Berwick to be in 10-20 years?

Shops

Fewer charity shops III
 Fish shop II and baker (on the council estate)
 More High St specialist shops II i.e. selling a specific range of goods (fish, books, underwear, household goods, haberdashery, fabrics etc.)
 High Street shopping could make town more sustainable (e.g. clothes and shoe shops across range of prices)
 Outlets for local produce
 Local community offering healthy food
 Shops not left empty on the High St II (e.g. old supermarket has been an eyesore for many years, encourage innovative business into High St)
 Tesco/Metro on High St
 Restaurant with family friendly meals
 More modern attractive casual dining
 Street cafes in pedestrianised High St III (and outside restaurant tables)
 Cafe close to the beach
 Small cafe at station
 More good B&Bs

More cash points
 Keep High St rates down
 Shops not to remain scruffy+empty for years
 Individual High St
 High St shops need to develop a coordinated plan to share with local people

Harbour, beaches etc

Solution to sewage pipe IIII IIII (should have been tested in a tide and wave tank before)
 Improved coastal defences IIII IIII
 Beaches will need more careful management/conservation esp. if weather patterns become more extreme
 Cleaner beaches IIII IIII
 No building encroachment on shore. Golf courses a good buffer zone.
 Don't "develop" beaches and harbour IIII IIII (no signs, bins etc, no commercial activities on the beaches, not even donkey rider)
 Improved facilities at beach IIII (pedaloos on 'safe' area with picnic benches+beach cafe, canoe hire, deck chair hire, some bathing huts to change into swimming gear – maximise attraction to tourist)
 Toilet facilities at beach
 Be prepared to control excessive motor boat/jetski activity, encourage sailing, canoeing and surfing.
 Provide a decent modern paddling pool alongside Bird Centre
 Preserve the sea front appearance with no more infill buildings
 More toilet facilities for beach users II (esp from Yellowcraig to Tantallon)
 Board walk along seafront II (Tantallon Terrace)
 Promenade along the beach
 A 'beach' walkway along the back of Forth St houses to 'cover over' sewage pipe II
 Make N.B. a marine nature reserve II (there are very few)
 Protect the natural environment and maintain beauty of N.B.
 An emergency plan for an oil spill disaster
 Better yacht landing facilities

Cleanliness

No dogs area on High St except dogs for the blind
 Dog wardens II (sign on streets about penalties)
 Streets and pavements and bus shelters washed twice a week
 Local people taking more responsibility for keeping beaches clean (and areas in the town). Facilities belong to us all and that implies shared responsibility. Maybe public awareness needs to be heightened
 Better bins where gulls can't get into
 Refuse bins should not be left on the pavements every day
 Better recycling
 Another block of toilets at West end
 Public toilets near station

Traffic and High St

Better parking IIIII (2-storey car park in St Andrews St, The Glen Golf club, West Tantallon Rd, Railway station, West Ports graveyard?)
 Free parking to boost tourism
 Some parking reserved for residents
 Reduce traffic in general in N.B. II
 Pedestrianised High St IIIII I
 Partially pedestrianised High St IIII (between Market Place and Church Rd., roof over area from Quality St-Market Place – allows for street cafe seating, market etc.)
 Wider pavements and pedestrian walkways on High St. IIII (consider pedestrians, invalid scooters, disabled with canes)

No pedestrianisation
 One side only parking on High St
 Increase parking facilities outside High St
 Move pedestrian crossing from car park exit
 Construct a all weather moving covered walkway from opposite station car park to Westgate
 As visitors enter N.B. a reramped 'promenade' area between the Starten Box and Forth St
 Better road surfaces III
 More grit available in winter, people don't mind spreading it

Public Transport

Bus services to Dunbar/Haddington/East Linton/Tynninghame improved II
 More frequent trains
 Comfortable buses
 Shorter bus journeys
 Late night trains from Edinburgh
 Single fares available on Scotrail
 Park + Ride schemes
 A bus to take people to swimming pool
 Mini electric train in town
 Designated cycle paths II

Health

Retain Edington Hospital IIIII
 Increase public awareness of medical facilities in town i.e. Edington Hospital. Could these facilities be increased to offer greater out patient treatment?

Housing

Cease/restrict further housing builds III (in particular in back gardens of large houses)
 Cut down on second/holiday housing owners to free up more units
 New housing schemes without garages, that exclude individual cars but promote car sharing schemes
 Affordable for local people

Entertainment and facilities

More cultural events (e.g. visiting artists, Authors)
 More creative community events (book festival, arts trial during Fringe?)
 Arts centre II (with band rehearsal facilities)
 Cinema III
 Museum II
 Rebuild community centre with modern facilities
 Improve and expand sports centre II
 Watersports+golf II for tourists
 Better facilities and activities for young people II (indoor premises for youngsters to socialise, with free activities to get them off the streets)
 Small amusement arcade (for kids+visitors)
 Improved care for elderly and infirm II
 Indoor swimming pool at the beach at old site (present pool not seen by visitors) II
 Less expensive boat trips available for families
 Affordable events/attractions for residents
 Chair lift to the Law, establish a dry ski/snowboarding centre, small restaurant

Community

A more efficient Council providing info to all (more details about where+when they meet, matters

discussed+reports of success+failures)
 More involvement by locals in running the community+their views being listened to seriously+action taken by the council
 Community Council needs to stop controlling virtually everything that goes on – why don't they have a youth sub-committee
 We all need to be working together to improve on the look and community spirit of the town II (but not in separate groups. Encourage youngsters to feel proud of where they live and to have input to how their town will be as well. Work with the existing groups to make our already beautiful town a fantastic place to live.)
 Maintain the current balance between a town where people live, and a town which others visit.
 Remain a place which is generally tolerant and helpful, where people respect and support others of all ages and backgrounds.
 Coordination of people's talents to help one another, e.g. 1 hour DIY = 1 hour grass cutting etc.
 More dynamic
 Help available to all

Others

Not too different from now IIIII IIIII III (maintain it's natural beauty + charm of a small town, friendly+polite)
 As little change as possible apart from High St
 Well maintained but 'traditional'
 I would like to see N.B. return to a quiet seaside haven of peace, ideally retirement haven (seabird centre not appropriate for size of N.B.)
 A more affordable place for people to live II
 Good age balance
 Vibrant High Street II (support local business+producers)
 More self supporting/sustainable (food, energy, support for all ages of residents)
 Would like to see N.B. as a great place to visit and live III – we have a lovely beach (keep it clean) harbour and coastline, Lodge grounds are beautiful, let's make the most of all this and more!
 Promote N.B. through Visiteastlothian.org website
 Get all public houses up to a good standard (toilet facilities etc.)
 Plastic bag free II
 Encourage minimum packaging
 Encourage good livestock practice from food producers
 Regained Fair-trade status II
 Glen could be maintained with possible man made waterfall
 Places like the Glen+parks should remain as natural as possible, free of signage etc.
 Route taken by John Muir Way should be reconsidered – very disappointing
 Flower baskets hanging at shops
 Keeping up the 'local town in bloom'
 Generally greener
 In the future N.B. will appear even closer to Edinburgh and work places will follow accordingly
 Encourage new business
 Street lighting should be more innovative with consideration to the recent Health+Safety, restrictions on the Christmas street lights
 Not too protective (cameras, speed bumps, traffic lights, bans on music in bars)

Section 2: Local Transport

6. Do you make journeys on foot of 5 or more minutes?

Daily	A few times a week	A few times a month	Rarely	Never
329	164	28	13	9

7. Is there anything that would encourage you to walk more often in North Berwick?

Less traffic III
 Safe/improved/wider pavements IIIII I (without hazards such as dust bins, overgrown hedges) (keep mobility scooters off the pavements)
 Tarmac pavement in Abbotsford Rd.
 Less dog mess III
 Better climate II
 No need, facilities good II
 Too old/slightly disabled III
 Better access to the beach in winter months
 Upgrade footpath from Castleton Farm – Bass Rock view
 A boardwalk at the seafront
 The proposed walkway
 A 'funicular' up NB law
 Railing along Dinebon Av. not just at crossing point
 More local transport to the Heugh
 Live too far to carry shopping home
 Lack of parking necessitates walking
 Keep rural areas

8. Do you own a bicycle?

Yes	No
328	213

9. How often do you use a bicycle?

Daily	A few times a week	A few times a month	Rarely	Never
20	39	113	142	204

10. Is there anything that would encourage you to cycle more often in North Berwick?

More cycle paths IIIII IIIII IIIII IIIII IIIII (off road, safe from cars)
 Less traffic IIIII IIIII IIIII I (including lorries)
 Bike racks IIIII IIIII II (or hooks to chain a bike outside shops)
 Fewer hills IIIII I
 Too old/not capable IIIII
 Fewer inconsiderate drivers IIIII
 Better road conditions III (less pot holes etc.)
 Prefer to walk etc. III
 Too far from where I live II
 Safer cycling in town
 Pedestrianised High St
 Better trained bike riders to make it safer for people who drive
 Young children
 Help with maintenance
 NB is easy to cycle around
 Kids dumping their bikes across pavements is a menace

11. How often do you use public transport to make journeys around, or to and from, North Berwick?

Daily	A few times a week	A few times a month	Rarely	Never
50	86	231	135	40

12. If you use public transport, where do you go?

Train to Edinburgh	405	Bus to Edinburgh	92
Train to more local destinations	24	Bus to local destinations	109

Other:

Train to further destinations IIIII (London (4 times a week), Manchester, York, Durham, Glasgow, Stranraer, Aberdeen)

Taxi II (to Dunbar)

Volunteer car scheme

Bus from Gullane

Local buses should be discontinued – so few people use them

13. Is there anything that would encourage you to use public transport more often?

Cost IIIII IIIII IIIII

More late night trains to Edinburgh IIIII IIIII II

More frequent trains IIIII III

Trains more reliable III

More train stops in Dunbar

Clean trains

More modern trains

More comfortable and modern buses IIIII II (buses of First group are uncomfortable, get CRT to come down)

Better bus services to Haddington+Dunbar IIIII II (how about minibus more frequent?)

Buses more reliable IIIII

Shorter bus journeys IIIII (esp. Express bus to Edinburgh II)

Night buses (eg. 120)

Increase in frequency of public transport II

Better bus service to places other than Edinb.II (eg. Roodlands Hospital, countryside)

Direct bus route to Musselburgh

Bus service via West Fenton II

No local bus near Balgone

Bus link to Kinnaird Park+The Gyle

Small bus to Tantallon castle?

An official bus stop at Esso garage at Dirleton Rd

Bus stops closer together

Guaranteed seating

If buses took suitable mobility scooters

Less rude people/drunken people

Timetables + numbered routes of buses clearly displayed III

Bus route timetable sent to all local households

Not whilst I am able to drive – then I would III

Lack of summer parking

NB had good public transport. The 101 tourist bus was good idea but needed to be advertised more.

If I was able to get a job in East Lothian as I currently have to commute outwith each day

Section 3: Local Food

14. Would you like to buy more food that has been grown locally?

Yes	No	Don't know
459	101	43

15. How easy do you think it is to get locally grown food?

Very easy	Easy	Neither easy or difficult	Difficult	Very difficult
25	137	229	114	13

16. Where do you buy most of your food from?

A High Street shop	258	A local town market	20
A local farm shop or farm outlet	132	A local supermarket	498

Others

Fish van IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII

Fish monger IIII IIII IIII

Butcher IIII IIII I

Milkman IIII III

Yester Farm Dairies II

Veg box II

Fruit+veg van II

Who does veg boxes?

Lockett's Whisky+Wine Shop

Delicatessen

Dixon's

Bunney's

Grocer

Baker

Supermarket van

Edinburgh

Grow some own

17. Are there any improvements in relation to local food and its availability that you would like to see?

Local market/farmer's market IIII IIII IIII IIII III

Fruit&veg shop IIII IIII III (also selling misshapen fruit+veg grown locally)

Fish shop IIII IIII III (fresh seafood; we have more or less lost our harbour to fishing)

Baker IIII

More outlets for locally produced food in High St IIII

Cut shop rates

Local supermarkets should buy more local food IIII I (and display it clearly)
 Clear labelling of (local) food IIII I
 Another butcher
 Fruit&veg delivery van II
 Food delivery vans III (esp. in countryside and better advertised)
 More organic produce
 Bigger supermarket
 A supermarket on south west side of NB
 High quality supermarket II (eg. M+S simply food, Waitrose)
 People who use Tesco should be made more aware of where food comes from+impact on environment
 Tesco should pay suppliers fairly
 Local Council needs to stop allowing more large retailers to locate on the edges of town
 Support for local shops is needed
 Better selection of vegetables in supermarkets
 More vegetarian options in local supermarkets
 Distance is an issue II (would use Knowes Farm shop a lot more otherwise)
 Cost is an issue
 Creation of our own outlet for a farm shop, cafe and education/multi-purpose room to supply the North Berwick area and to allow the general public to interact with local farmers

Section 4: Local Energy Issues

18. Are you interested in making your household more energy efficient?

Yes	No	Don't know
418	71	25

19. Do you know where to get advice on home energy efficiency?

Yes	No	Don't know
385	71	54

20. Are there things that make it difficult for your household to be more energy efficient?

Up-front financial investment	175	I don't know who I would go to for advice	51
Unclear on likely reduction to my energy bills	96	I live in an old property and there is not much I can do	105
I'm not really interested in long-term savings, my focus is short term	31	I am not able to do this sort of work to where I live	52

Others:

Have done all we can do IIII IIII
 Listed building/conservation area II
 Rented property II
 Shared roof

Block with several flats III (live in modern block of flats, would have been great if developer had been forced to fit solar panels) (Live in tenement where most flats are holiday lets – not much interest in improvements)
Sometimes a barrier that we are a youngish couple, well paid so not on benefits – don't tick the boxes that are required

Timber frame construction house – cannot have cavity wall insulation

Basics (insulation of walls, windows) have been done, will install solar heat panels in the next few years

Attic bedrooms/flat roof/old stone walls

Council property – not sure of their reaction to further improvements

As older people we find energy bulbs unsuitable for reading

Not cost justifiable to do more insulation

We were refused grant towards loft insulation as house designated as chalet/bungalow style. What do we do next?

Recycling bins get filled up very quickly, could be changed more often

21. Are there any improvements in the area of energy saving or energy generation around North Berwick that you would like to see?

(Community owned) wind turbines IIIII IIIII III (and micro windmills)

Use tidal flow energy/wave power IIIII IIIII (more efficient than wind turbines)

Please no more wind farms IIIII II (not cost effective)

The town should purchase the largest possible wind turbine to supply electricity for town and erect it on Craighleith Island. Paint it gold to reflect sunsets.

Solar energy IIIII (south facing roofs – NB gets so much sun)

Solar panels on public buildings IIIII (schools, community centre, library)

Making planning process easier for homes to install wind turbines+solar panels II

Community owned buildings brought to high standard of energy efficiency II

All new buildings to be 'carbon neutral' as far as possible II (eg grey water recycling, PV, solar thermal, high insulation, ground source heat pumps)

Opportunity for the community to buy into larger scale green energy production

Biomass plant

As much use of renewables as possible but retaining natural beauty of our town

C/H boilers subsidised for pensioners

Replace panel heaters in houses with storage heaters

Grants to be made available for installation of energy saving measures II (eg loft insulation, solar panels)

Local secondary glazing for old windows

Planning department would not allow double glazed timber sash+case windows to be installed in Church Rd

Street lighting from solar power/wind turbines

Reduce street lights on at night II

Light switched off at night in business, sports+council premises, tourist buildings, schools, shops II

Review lighting and heating in supermarkets

Reduce number of council offices and employees

Energy efficiency need to be tackled on a community basis rather than individually

We certainly need to be thinking about energy

Extended life of Torness Power Station and second nuclear power station at Torness

There is no incentive to reduce water usage – fit metres for free?

Strategies to reduce car usage II (through walking+cycling)

Strategies to change transport and reduce car emissions

Anaerobic digestion plant for local food waste (FRM Recycling may be able to help?)

Section 5: Global Issues

22. In your opinion do you believe that Climate Change is likely to have a major impact on North

Berwick over the next 25 years?

Yes	No	Don't know
272	110	156

23. In your opinion do you believe there could be problems affecting North Berwick as a result of the gradual decline in supply of oil and the potential price rises this could cause over the next 25 years?

Yes	No	Don't know
264	95	159

24. In your opinion do you think issues of this nature should be tackled by ...?

National government	Local councils	Businesses	Voluntary groups	Individuals
464	364	248	197	256

Section 6: Your Details

25. Age and gender:

	15 yrs and under	16-24 yrs	25-44 yrs	45-59 yrs	60 yrs and over
Male	17	8	76	107	99
Female	25	8	115	123	129

26. Household type

1 adult, no children	81
2 adults, no children	137
1 adult with children	37
2 adults with children	269
Multiple occupancy residence	2
Other	5