

Welcome to Event 4 !

Since 2021 the project team have been working on options for the estate, taking on board the feedback provided by the Resident Working Group and other Southwick Estate residents.

This event provides more detail on the narrowed down options to help residents make their choice, as well as more information on how these

options will be scored and what happens next.

We want your feedback and thoughts on how well you think they meet the needs of residents. The Council's project team and New Mill Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisors are all here to answer any questions.

Event 3 Feedback

Over summer 2022, we held three pop-up events at the estate, one open meeting and five door-knocking sessions.

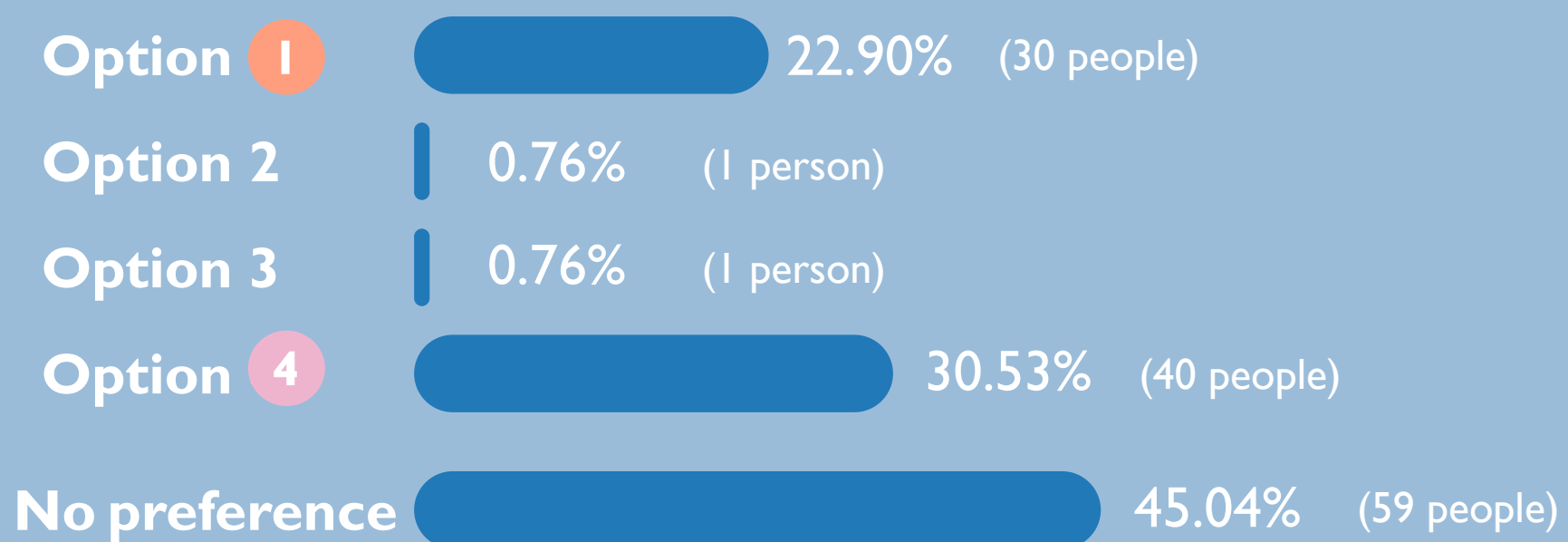
The aim of these events was to understand what the residents of the estate believe is the best option out of the four presented to them.

We spoke to 131 residents: 52 council tenants, 28 leaseholders, 2 private tenants and 49 who didn't say.



Attendees' overall preferred option

Votes:



Conclusion:

As a result of speaking to the residents, the team learned that they are most interested in options 1 and 4. The main takeaway is that they felt they needed a lot more information on each option before making a decision. Taking this on board, the team have focused on these two options in more detail. However, we will continue to assess all options as part of the options appraisal process.



RESIDENTS' FEEDBACK

1 Option 1 Repairs and refurbishment

What residents said they liked:

- » Will fix a lot of the long-standing problems such as the dampness
- » Able to keep decorative changes made by the residents themselves
- » Least disruption to residents' lives and homes
- » Flats will have a much-needed update
- » Keeps sense of community

Residents' concerns:

- » Parking needs improving
- » A lot of the flats have deteriorated beyond refurbishment and need knocking down
- » Will not address enough of what needs to be done
- » May mean more refurbishment is needed in the future as buildings are so old, will only be a temporary fix
- » Building looks old from the outside and a lot of residents would like that changed
- » Some residents want the layouts of their flats changed

4 Option 4 Full Redevelopment

What residents said they liked:

- » Major improvement for the quality of life of Southwick residents
- » The most cost-effective option in the long-term
- » Revitalises the entire estate
- » Benefits the wider community by making the area more modern
- » Everyone would get a new flat
- » Due to the number of problems with the current estate, this option would solve the most issues
- » Would greatly improve the sustainability of the estate
- » Newer flats would meet residents' needs
- » Lower household energy bills
- » A more community-driven estate

Residents' concerns:

- » Could destroy the community by splitting up neighbours
- » The process may take too long
- » Too drastic, too disruptive for residents
- » The height of the buildings
- » Temporarily being moved away from family and friends