

Motorcycle parking survey results (July 2016)



Aim

As part of the wider process of improving parking in Leicester city centre, measures to ensure the provision of an adequate number of suitable motorcycle parking spaces are being considered.

It is important for the council to find out whether current provision meets the level of demand for motorcycle parking, as well as to look at the locality and security of existing dedicated parking spaces, both on-street and off-street.

The information gathered from this survey will inform the council's wider parking strategy as well as provide ideas and suggestions about areas for improvement.

The results from the survey and next steps are detailed below.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the respondents for completing the survey.

Survey results

A total of 39 respondents completed the survey.

Question 1: Where do you currently park your motorcycle?

- 59% of all motorcyclists who responded park in Bowling Green Street (23 motorcyclists)
- 40% of all motorcyclists who responded park in Abbey Street (15 motorcyclists)
- 39% of all motorcyclists who responded park in Millstone Lane (15 motorcyclists)
- 30% of all motorcyclists who responded park in Newarke Street Car Park (11 motorcyclists)
- 27% of all motorcyclists who responded park in other locations (10 motorcyclists)

Question 2: Where else would you like motorcycle parking?

Total:

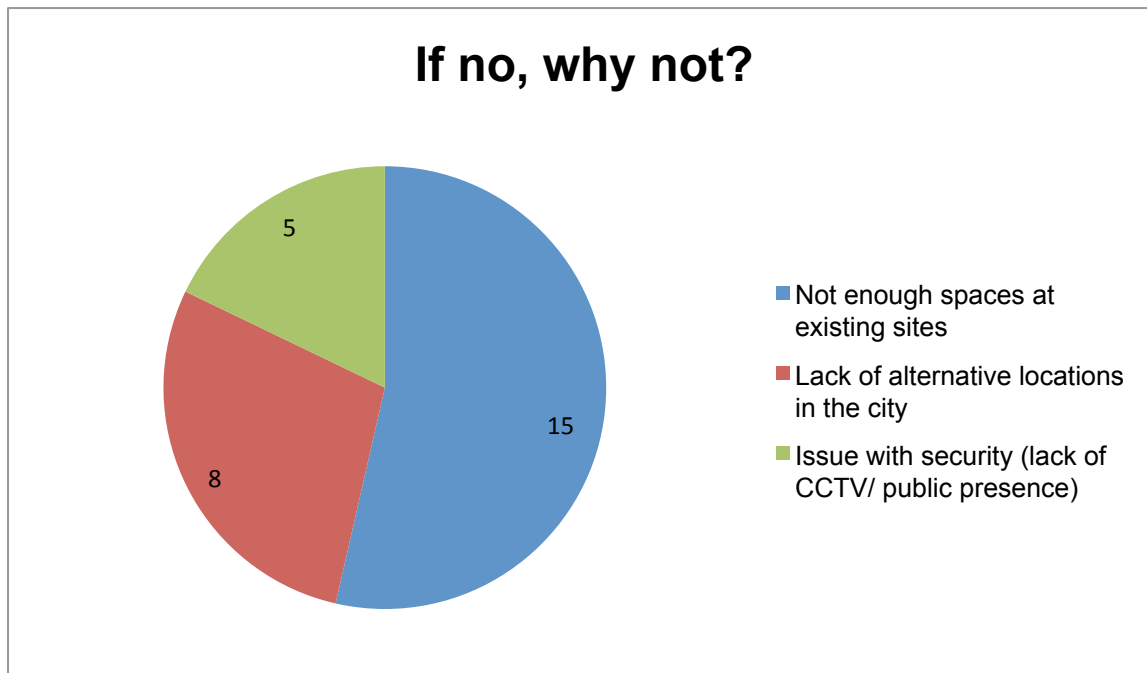
- Highcross / High Street = 7
- Granby Street = 3
- Humberstone Gate = 3
- Church Gate = 2
- East Bond Street = 2
- Charles Street = 2
- Cultural Quarter = 2
- Hospitals/ Train Station = 2
- Peacock Lane/ Applegate/ St. Martins = 2
- Queen Road Shops = 1
- Princess Road West = 1

- Jubilee Square = 1
- London Road = 1
- Market area = 1
- Haymarket Car Park = 1
- Gallowtree Gate = 1

*Please see Appendix 1.

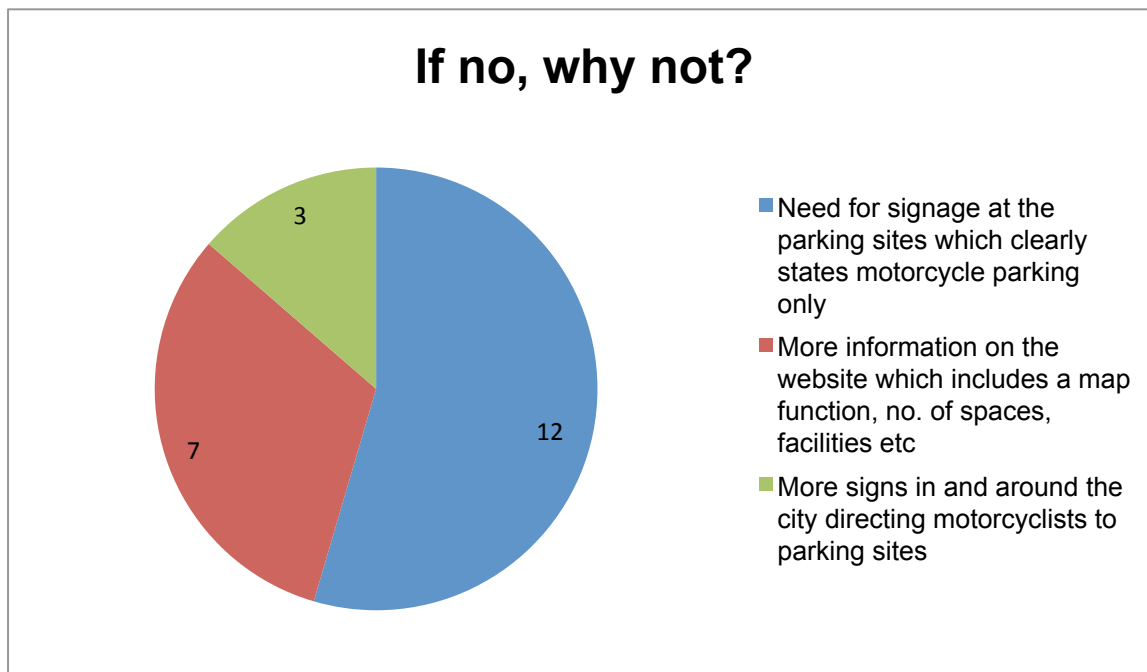
Question 3: Do you think the current level of motorcycle parking in Leicester is adequate?

Yes = 8 No = 31

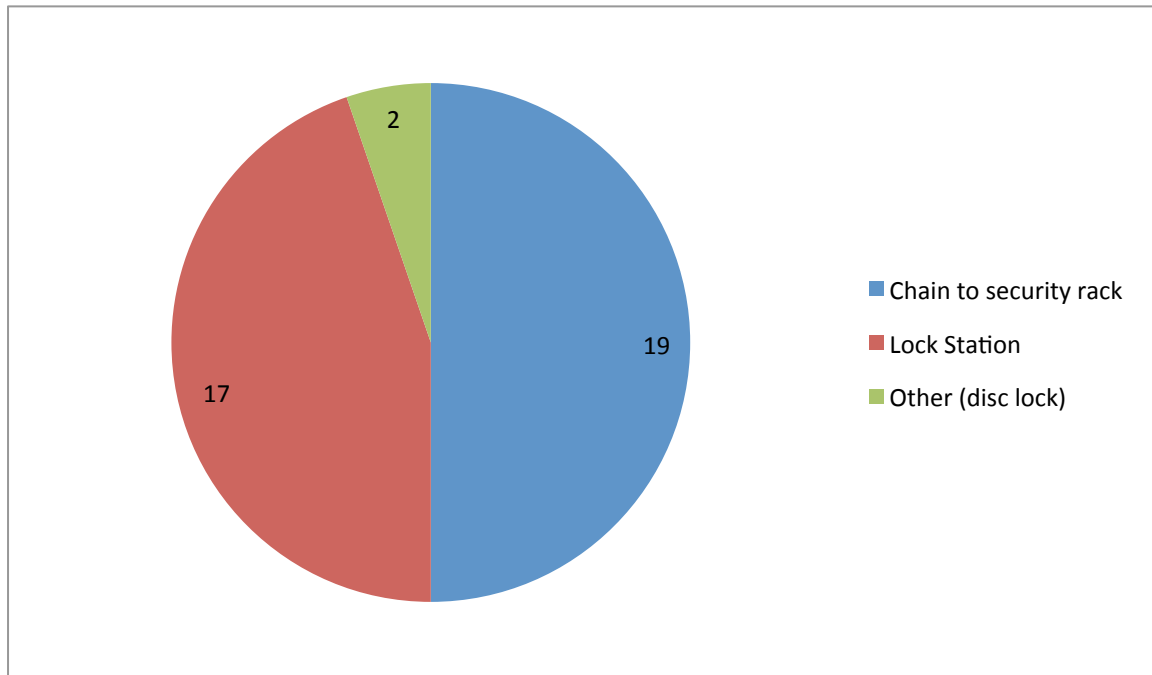


Question 4: Do you feel that there is sufficient information available regarding the location and facilities of motorcycle parking in Leicester city centre?

Yes = 2 No = 31

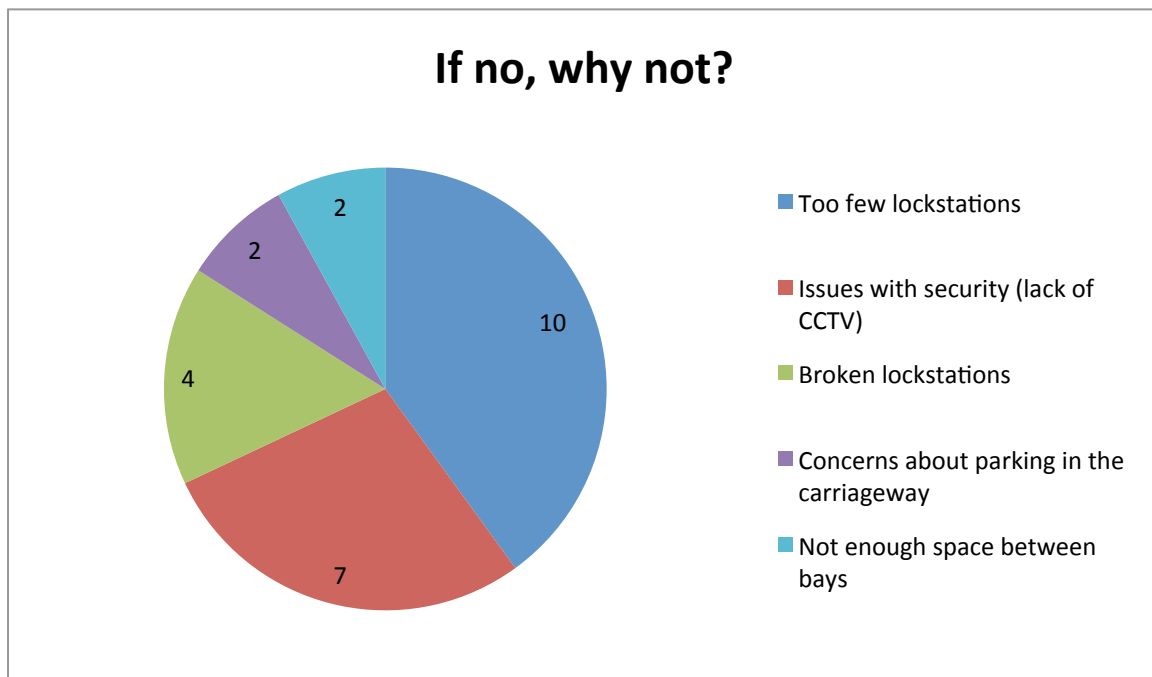


Question 5: How would you like to secure your motorcycle?



Question 6: Is the current secure motorcycle parking adequate?

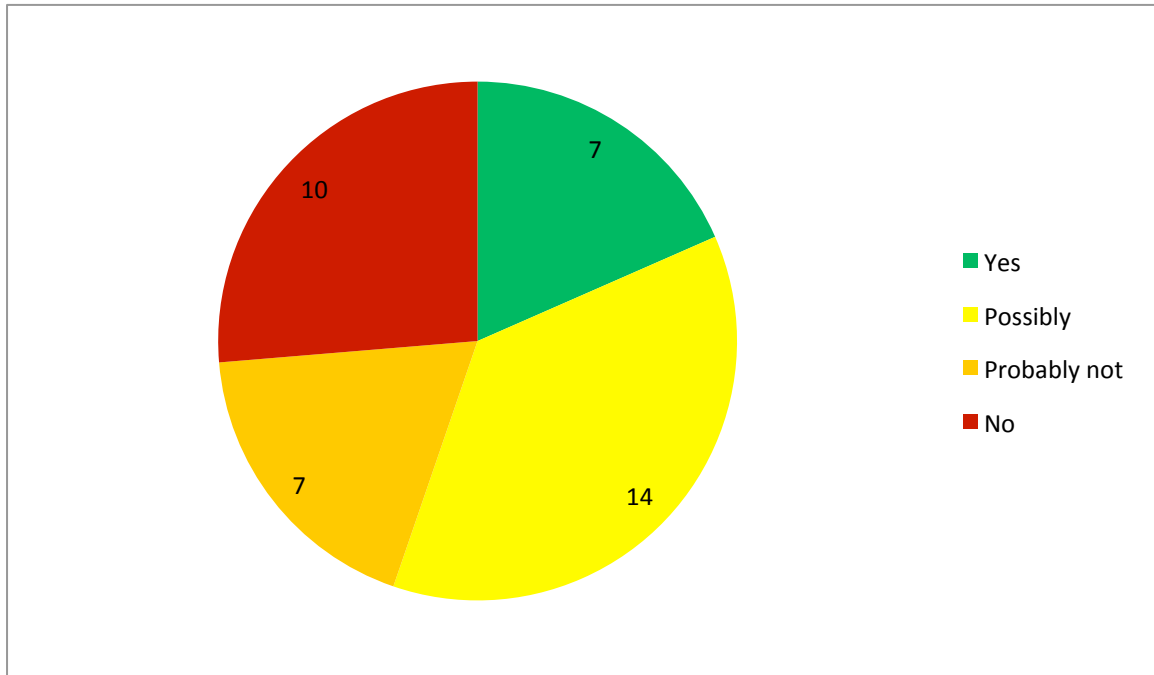
Yes = 9 No = 27



Question 7: Would you use a locker facility (if available)?

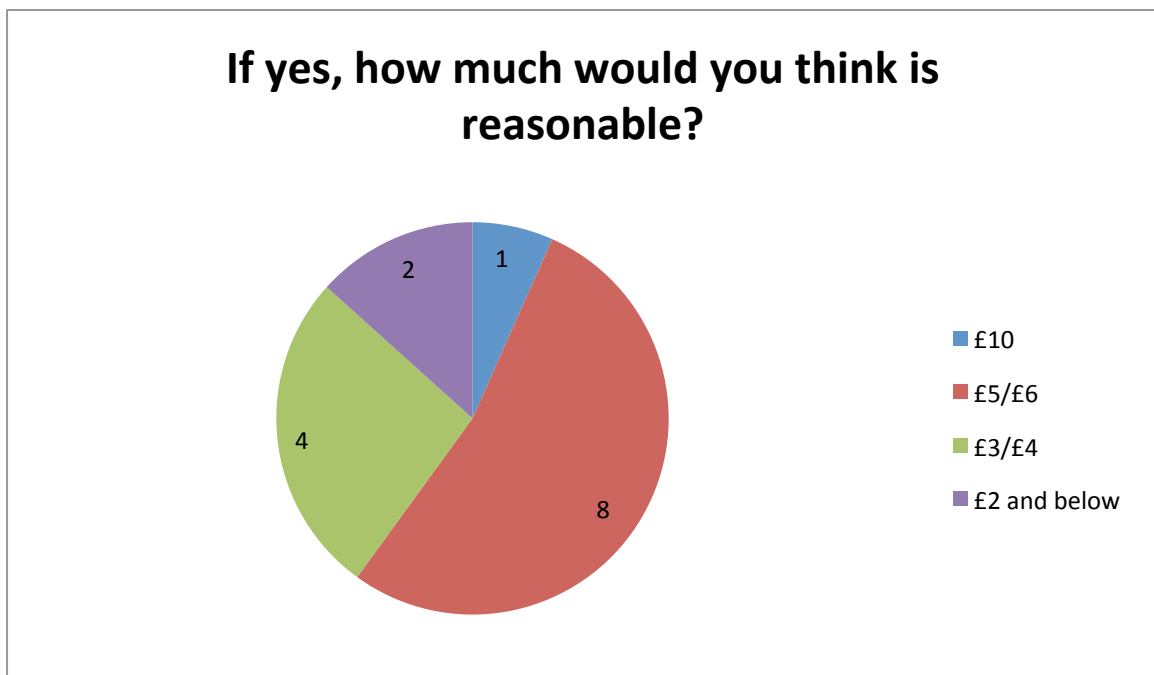
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Question 8: Would you use overnight motorcycle parking?

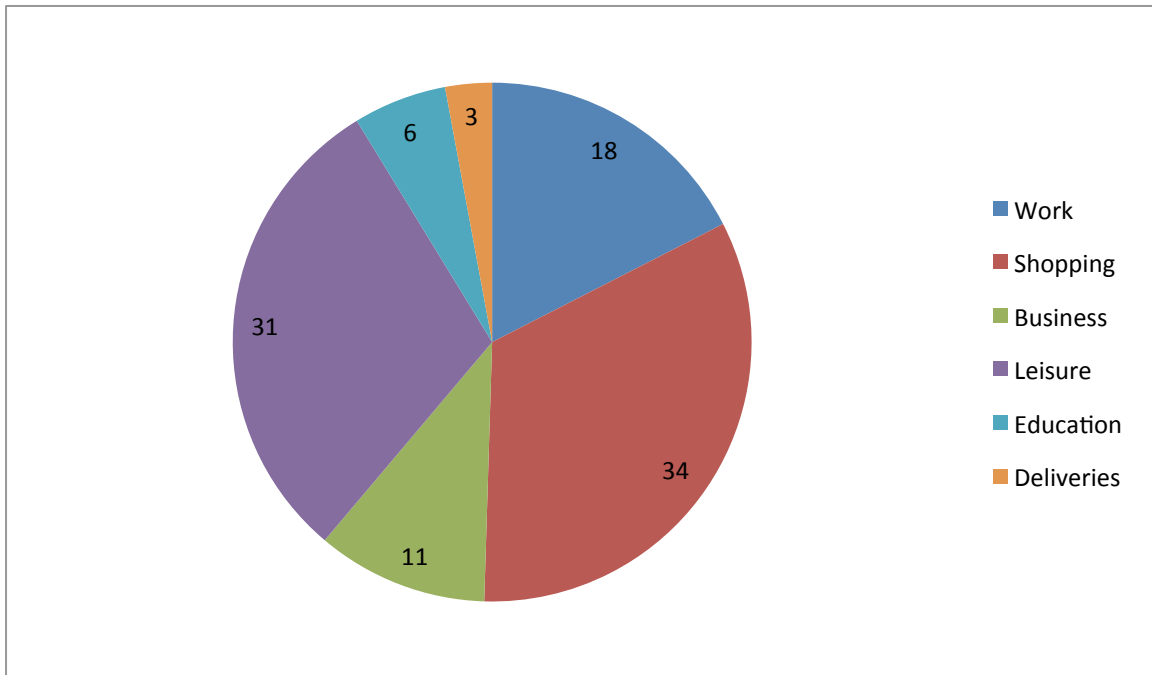


Question 9: Would you be willing to pay for secure overnight motorcycling parking if available?

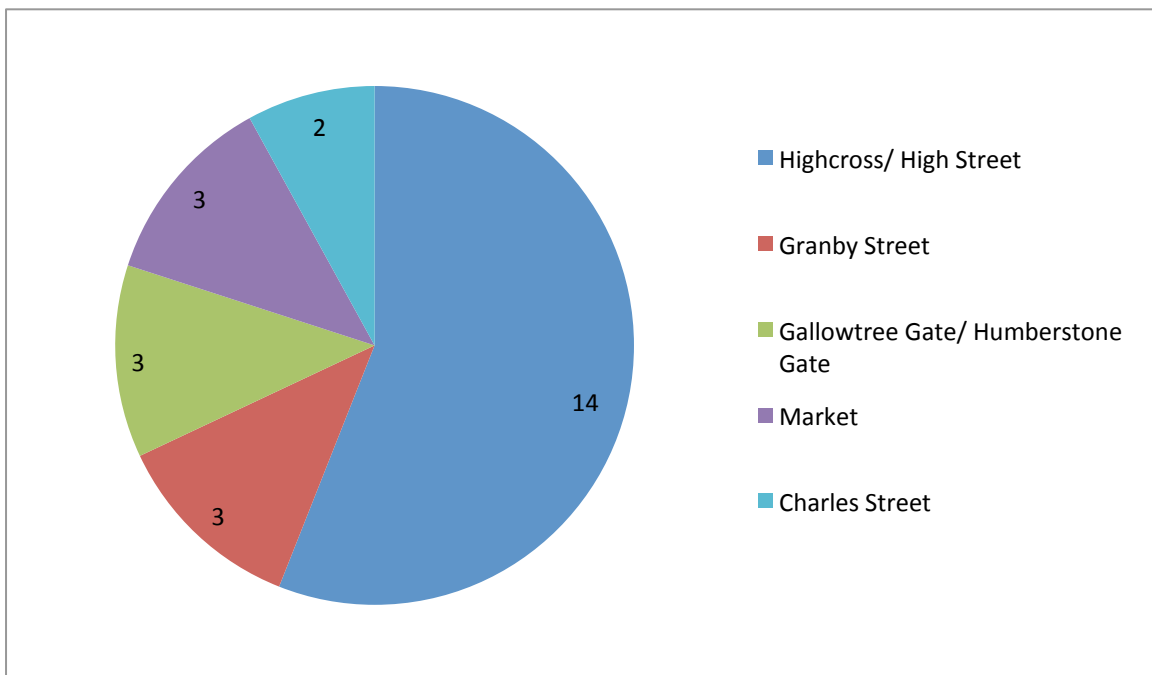
Yes = 20 No = 11



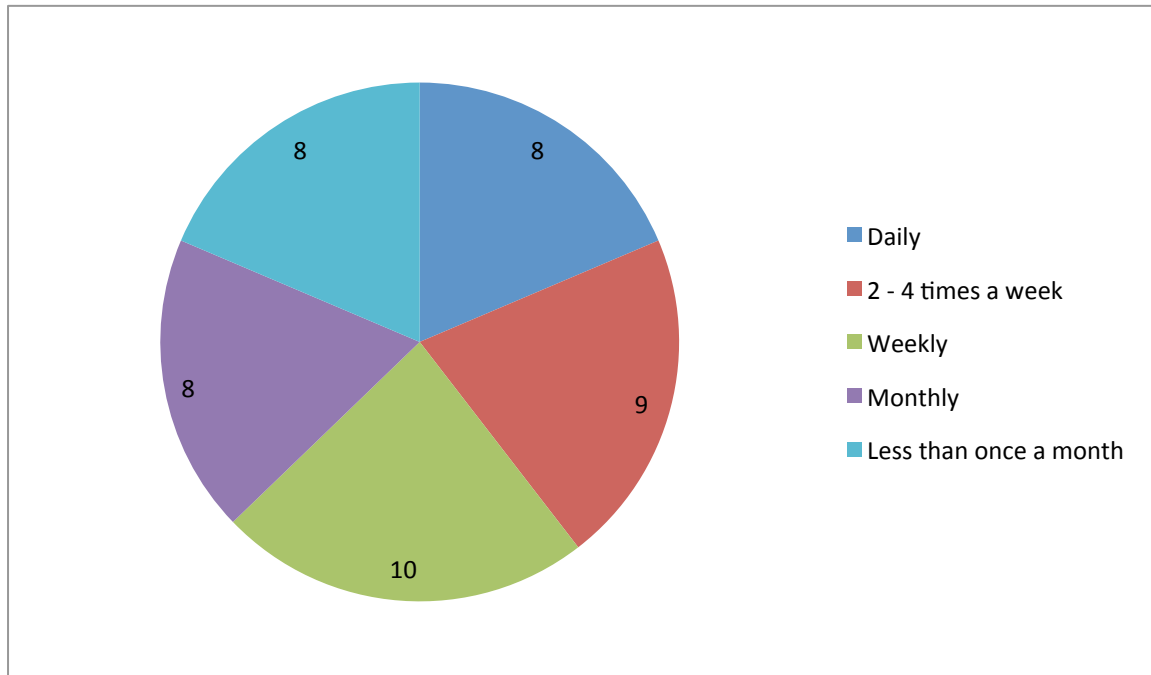
Question 10: Generally speaking why do you visit Leicester city centre?



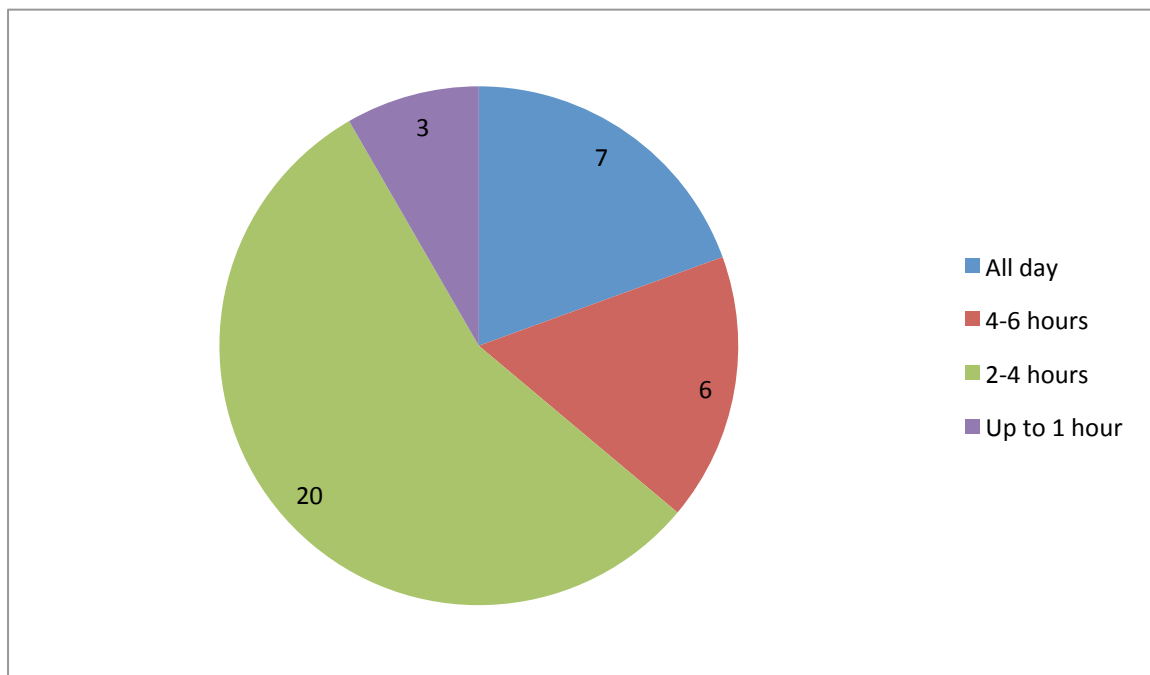
Question 11: Where is your most common destination?



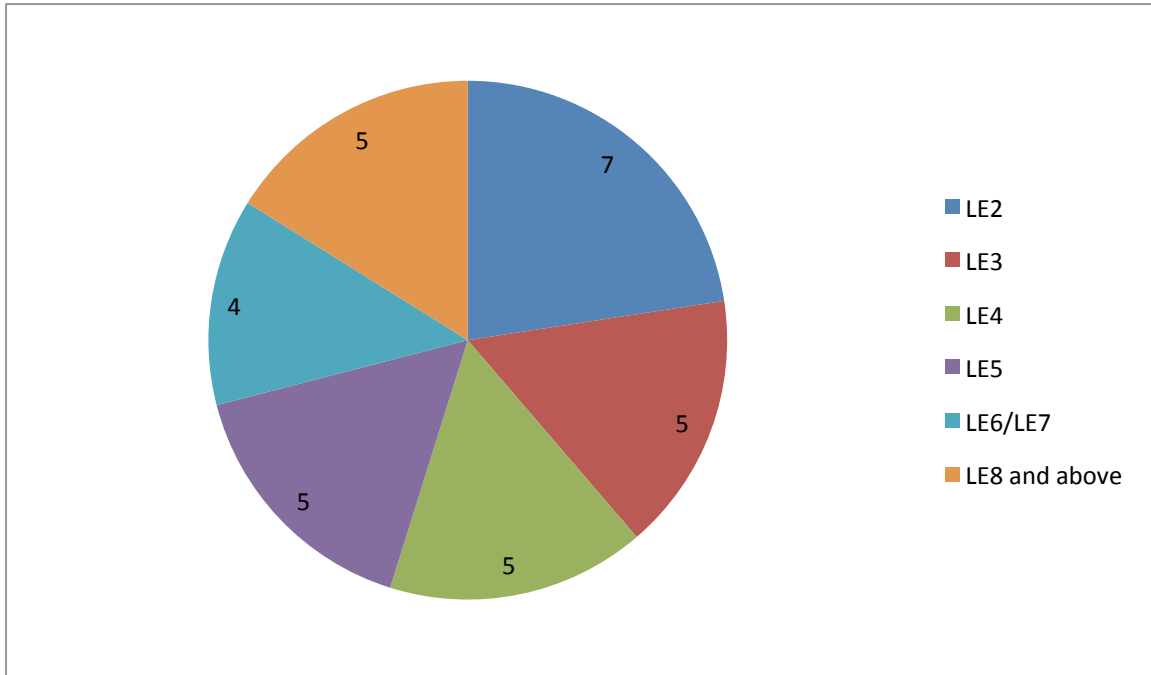
Question 12: How often do you visit Leicester city centre?



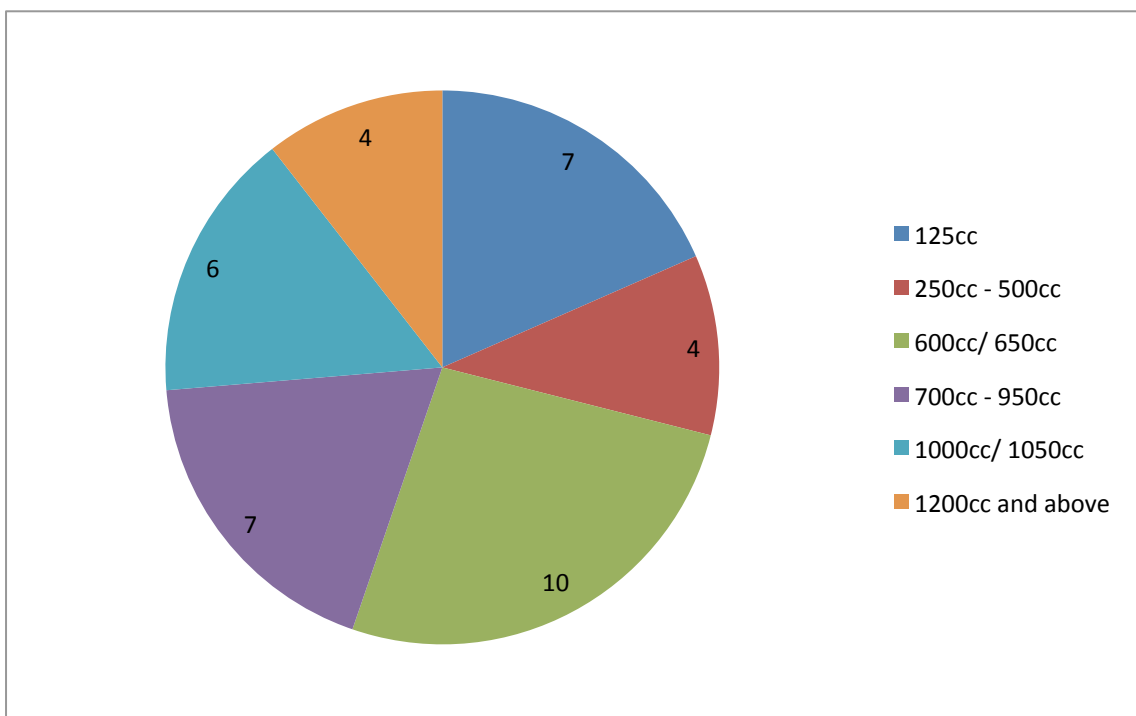
Question 13: How long do you typically stay for?



Question 14: Please provide the postcode for the most common starting place for your journeys.



Question 15: What size is your motorcycle?



Summary of results

Firstly this survey highlights that the majority of motorcyclists who responded believe that the current provision of motorcycle parking is inadequate. The key reasons cited are the lack of spaces and not enough locations. Security concerns i.e. lack of CCTV, were also referenced.

Responses regarding the locking of motorcycles were mixed, with 19 and 17 preferring to use a chain and security rack rather than a lock station. However the most cited reason for motorcyclists believing that the current secure parking facilities were inadequate was due to too few lock stations.

21 respondents stated that they would use overnight motorcycle parking and the majority would be willing to pay for this facility.

These results also highlight that motorcyclists travel into the city from an evenly spread range of areas mainly for shopping/ leisure and stay for 2 to 4 hours.

The most common destination is Highcross/ High Street which was also the most requested location for additional motorcycle parking.

Similarly this survey also highlights that the majority of motorcyclists believe that the current provision and content of information, regarding locations and facilities, is insufficient. In particular, the lack of signage and the need for more information on the website.

Next steps

From the results of this survey the next steps are:

- Review current facilities including lining, signs, spacing, lighting and security facilities (including the provision/ maintenance of lock stations).
- Review motorcycle parking information provided on the Leicester city council website.
- Consider alternative sites for motorcycle parking sites in locations requested.
- Consider the issue of additional and overnight secure motorcycle parking in relation to the car park improvement strategy.
- Consider whether additional signing is appropriate as part of Legible Leicester.