

# River Thames Scheme



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# Feedback Form

**River Thames Scheme Consultation**  
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## Overview

The River Thames Scheme is designed to unlock the economic, health and environmental benefits of the river between Egham and Teddington.

It will respond to the challenges of flooding; provide access to green open spaces and sustainable travel routes; encourage inclusive economic growth and increase biodiversity.

Each element of the River Thames Scheme will work together to deliver benefits for communities to help them live more sustainably.

This consultation is a critical step in the River Thames Scheme. All of your consultation feedback is important to us and will help to shape our proposals going forward.

### **Accessibility**

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[<https://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk/privacy>](https://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk/privacy)

## About your feedback

The questions in this section help us to understand who is responding to this consultation. Knowing this means we can tailor the scheme to the wants and needs of the different communities along our route.

1. Are you responding to this consultation as: *Please select only one item*

- An individual
- On behalf of an organisation
- On behalf of a group/community

2. If you are responding as an individual, please tell us your home postcode:

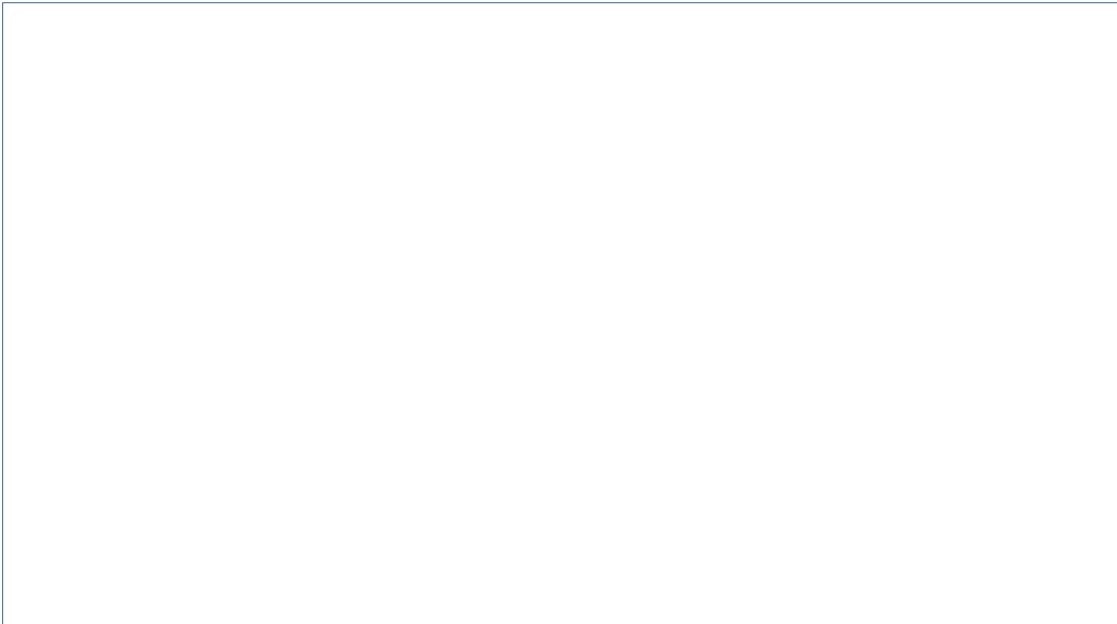
Postcode:

3. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or a group, please tell us:

The name of your organisation / group:

Your role in the organisation/group:

How the views of the people you represent were collected:

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## Scheme design

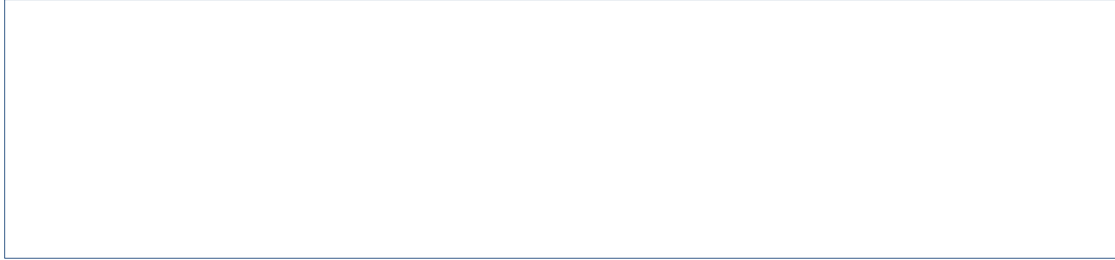
The following questions ask for your opinions about the River Thames Scheme and how the design has evolved since the 2016 consultation.

There is a lot of information in the consultation materials about the changes which we have made. Please read the consultation materials before answering these questions.

4. Just downstream from Desborough Cut we are proposing lowering the riverbed. How much to you agree or disagree with this approach? *Please select only one item.*

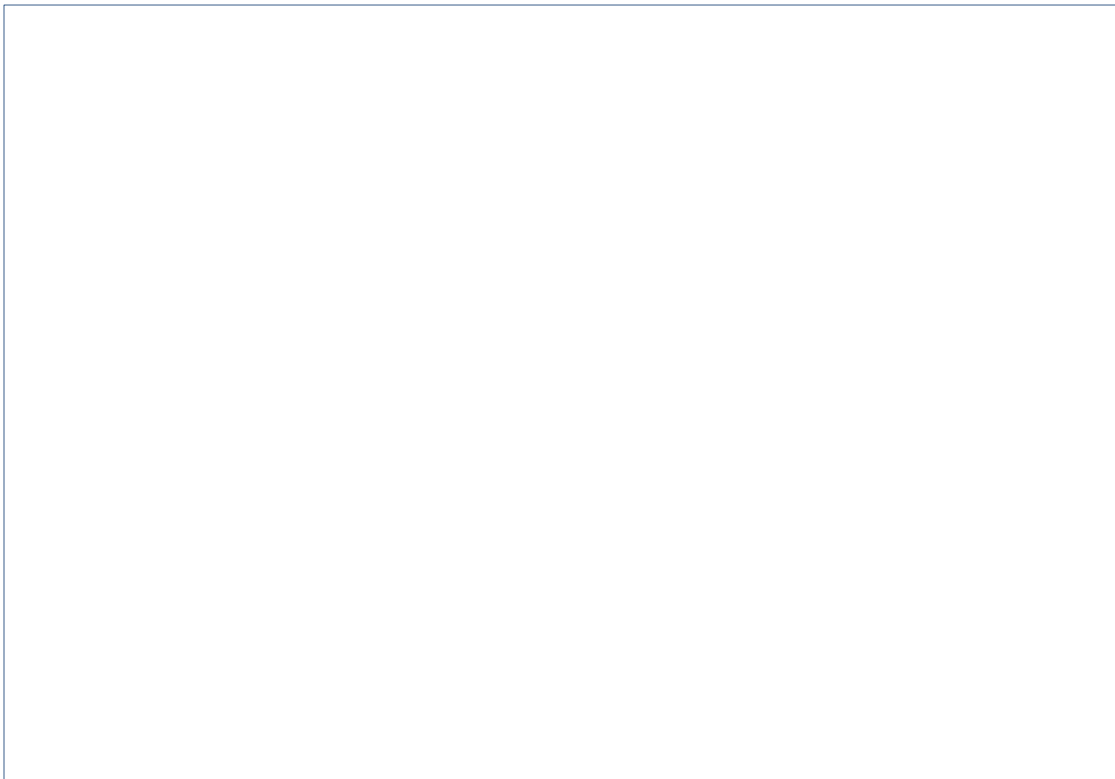
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don't know

It will help us to consider any necessary changes in the scheme if we understand why people agree or disagree with this proposal. For example, there may be information which you feel we have missed out. Please tell us why you agreed or disagreed with the question above?

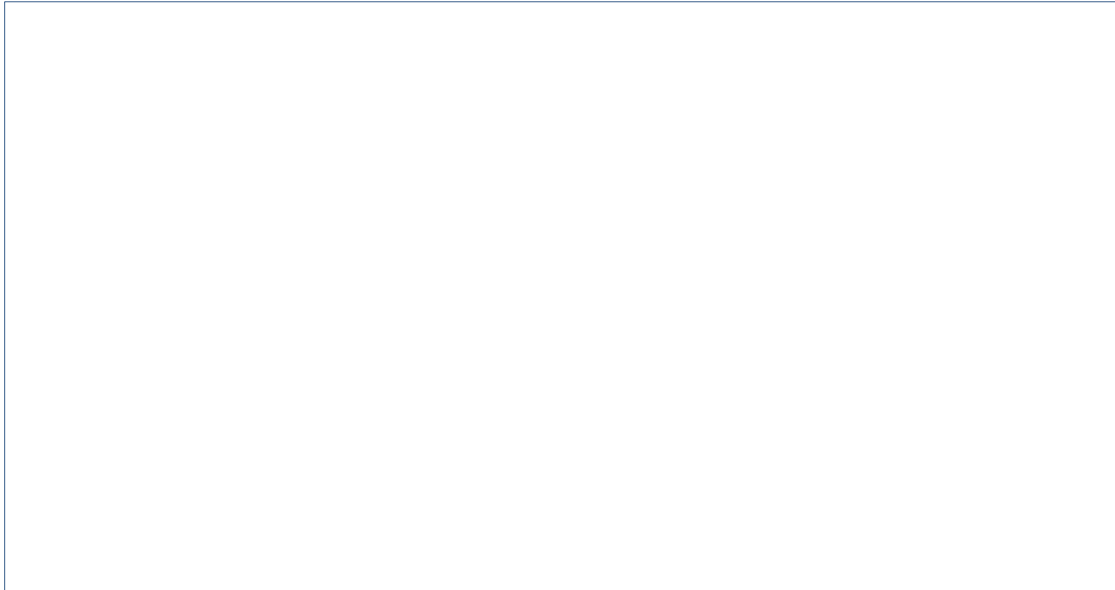


The River Thames Scheme will provide better access to new green open spaces, connect people with wildlife and deliver a more sustainable travel network.

5. How do you think we could allow users of the new green open spaces to connect with wildlife? For example, do we plant trees or wild areas to encourage wildlife, do you want notices to point out what wildlife is around, do you want board walks that allow you to get into wetlands, should we provide bird hides to allow you to observe wildlife and so on?



6. How do you think we could create a more sustainable travel network in Surrey? For example, providing cycle/walking paths connecting places of work, schools, railway stations, and linking to other existing footpaths and trails, and so on?



7. We will need to balance these factors in the design we develop. We would like to know which of these you value most. Please rank the factors, with the numbers 1 to 3, with 1 being the most important to you and 3 the least important.

Access to new green open spaces: .....

Connection with wildlife: .....

More sustainable travel network: .....



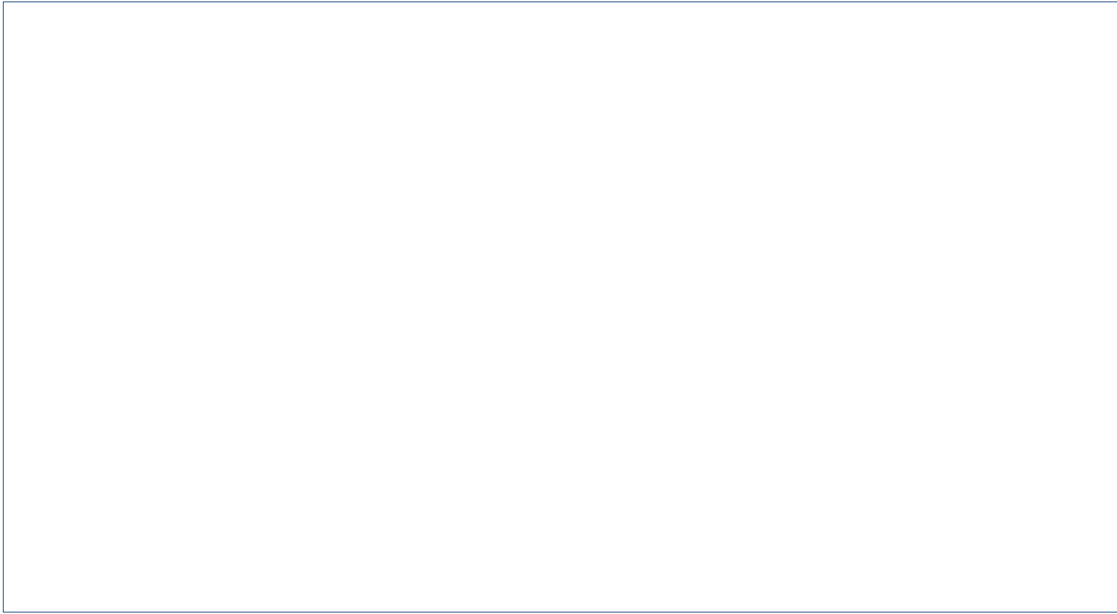
Why do you say that?

8. We set out in the consultation information how we will provide high quality habitats, which could include wetlands, grasslands, woodlands, rivers, ponds and hedgerows.

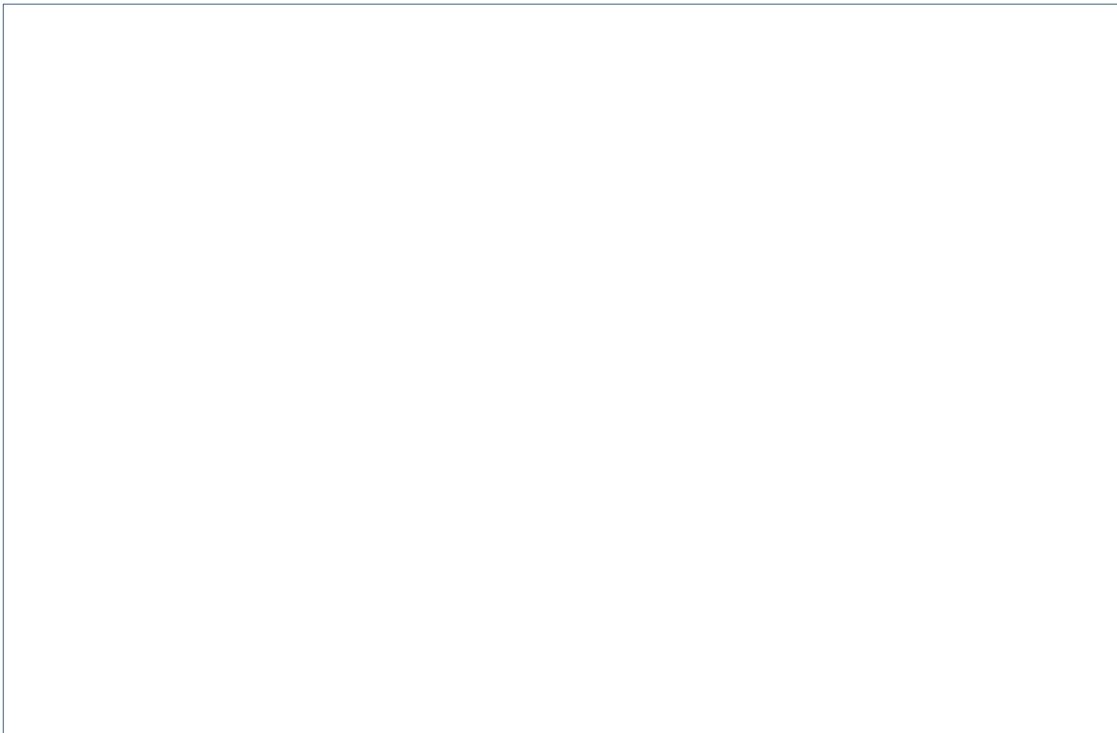
While we are committed to providing green open spaces, creating habitats and increasing biodiversity, there may be areas where we need to balance these. We would like to know which of these you value most. *Please tick one.*

- I would prefer more new green open spaces
- I would prefer more high quality habitats and increased biodiversity
- I think both are equally important
- I don't know

Why do you say that?



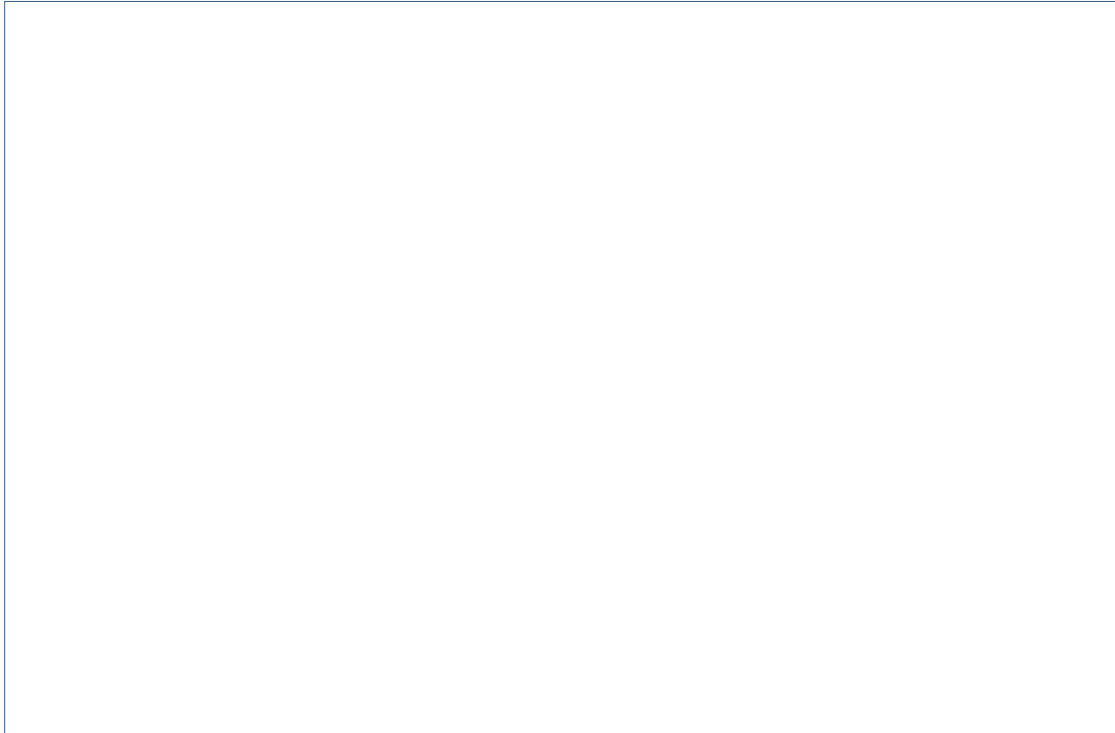
9. Is there anything we should take into account in our scheme design?



## Approach to construction

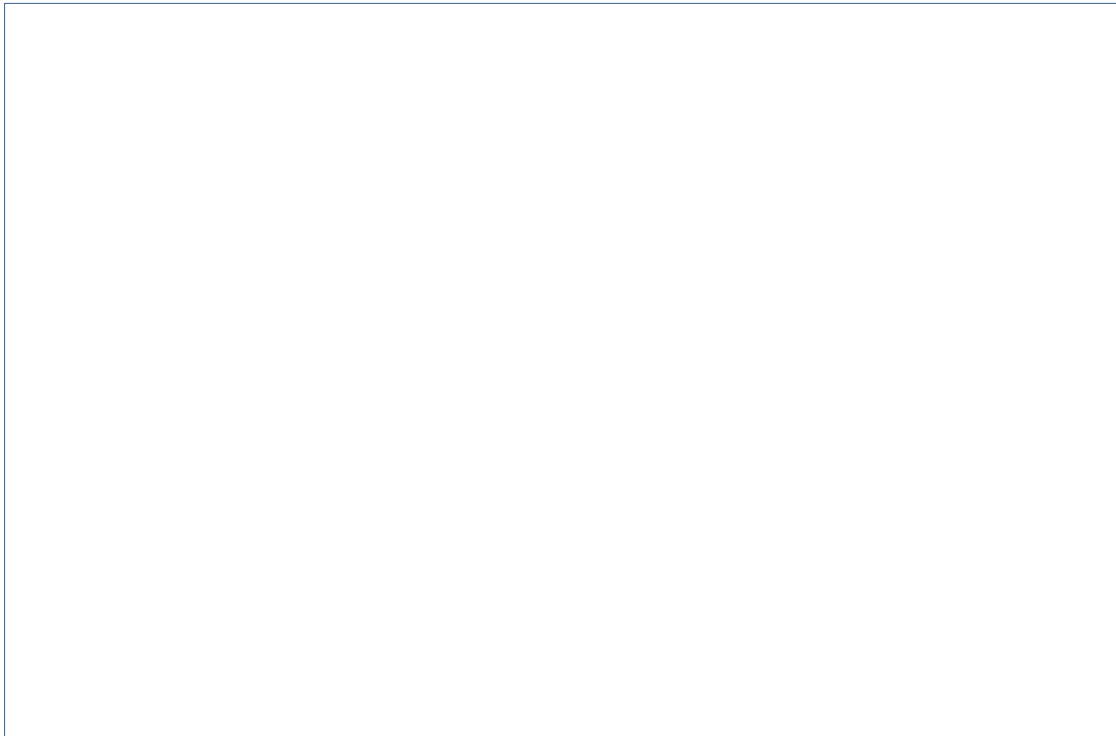
The River Thames Scheme is committed to responsible and sustainable construction.

10. Is there anything we should take into account in our approach to construction?



## Final Thoughts

11. Finally, is there anything else you think we should consider as we develop our proposals for the River Thames Scheme further?



## Getting involved with the scheme

12. Would you like to be involved in our future work to develop ideas for the scheme?

*Yes or No; please state answer*

If yes, please fill in your contact details at the end of the form.

## How you use the area covered by the River Thames Scheme

It will help us to understand the responses we receive to this consultation if you would provide some information about you and how you use this area. The information will be used for analysis purposes only. We will produce a report setting out what responses we have received, the information in the report will be anonymised and will not allow individuals to be identified.

13. Which of the following apply to you? *Tick all that apply to you*

- I live in the area
- I work in the area
- I am studying in the area
- I visit the area regularly but don't live here
- None of these

14. How frequently do you visit the area? *Tick all that apply to you*

- Nearly every day – I live, work and/or study here
- Several times a week
- Several times a month
- Several times a year
- Once a year or less
- I don't visit the area

15. How do you get around in the area? *Tick all that apply to you*

- By car, van or motorcycle
- By public transport (bus, train, taxi)
- By bicycle or scooter
- On foot
- On the water (boat, canoe, kayak)
- I don't visit the area
- None of the above
- Other – please tell us more below

16. How do you get around in the area?

Male

Female

17. Including yourself, how many people live in your household? *Tick all that apply to you*

1 – I live alone

2

3

4

5+

I prefer not to say

18. Does your household include any of the following? *Tick all that apply to you*

Children aged 10 and under

Children aged 11-17

Adults aged 18-66

Adults aged 67+

I prefer not to say

19. Do you have a long-standing illness or disability (physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' Negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities)? Children aged 10 and under.

*Yes or No; please state answer*

## About you

In answering the below demographic questions you are consenting to the River Thames Scheme collection specific personal data for the purposes of monitoring how well we are reaching all the communities in the area. We will use the information in analysing the feedback received during the consultation.

This data will be held in accordance with GDPR, more information can be found in our privacy statement at <http://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk/privacy>

20. Do you consent to your data being collected.  
*Yes or No; please state answer*

21. How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85+
- I prefer not to say



22. What is your ethnic group?

- White – British, English, Northern Irish, Scottish or Welsh
- White – Irish
- White – Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background
- Asian or Asian British – Indian
- Asian or Asian British – Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British – Chinese
- Any other Asian background
- Black or Black British – Caribbean
- Black or Black British – African
- Any other black British, Caribbean or African background
- Arab
- Other – please specify in the box below
- I prefer not to say

23. What is your religion?

- No religion
- Christian
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Another religion or belief
- I prefer not to say

24. How do you self-identify your sexual orientation?

- Bisexual
- Gay man
- Gay woman / Lesbian
- Heterosexual / straight
- Other
- I prefer not to say

25. Are you currently looking after a family member, partner, or friend in need of help because they are ill, frail or have a disability?  
*Yes or No; please state answer*

## How you want to be involved with the scheme

26. How would you like to be involved in our future work to develop ideas for the scheme?

- Receive email updates / newsletters
- Attend workshops and meetings to contribute your thoughts on the Scheme
- I don't want to get involved

If you are happy for us to contact you, please fill in your email address here: