



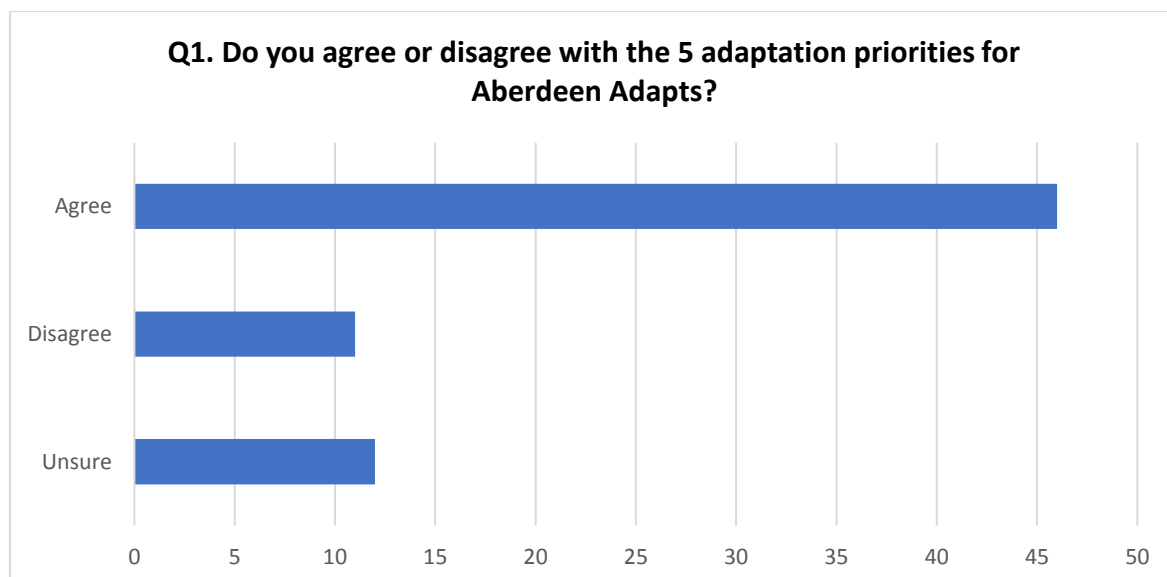
Appendix 1 - Consultation summary

Aberdeen Adapts: Climate Adaptation Framework

This Consultation Report has been compiled from responses to an 8 week public consultation (June-July 2019) on the draft Aberdeen Adapts: Climate Adaptation Framework for the city.

The consultation achieved 70 responses (69 through the Consultation Hub and 1 sent through directly). This report summarises the responses received.

Adaptation priorities



Number responded – 69

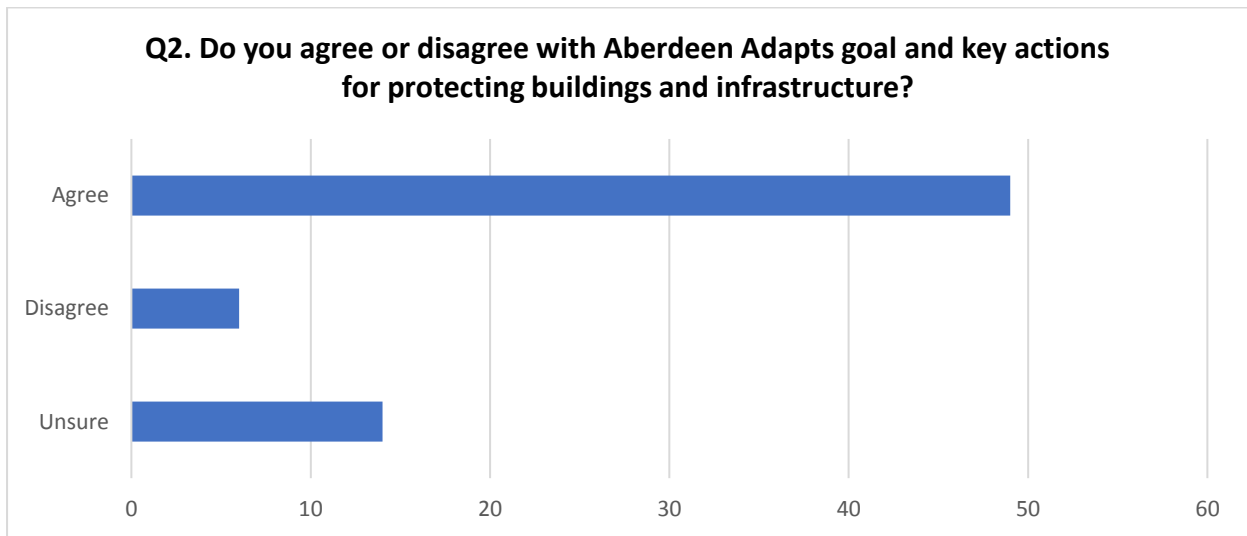
46 respondents (67%) agreed with the priorities for adaptation, with 12 (17%) unsure.

- 8 respondents queried the order of the priorities. As these were not intended to be in priority order, this will be adjusted in the Framework to ensure text reflects equal weighting on priorities.
- 6 respondents commented on the need for emission reduction actions and better links with emission policies, further comments relating to this were made under other sections of the consultation. The focus of Aberdeen Adapts is on adapting to climate change and the city has already approved a Sustainable Energy Action Plan, Powering Aberdeen which aims to reduce city wide emissions. Links and synergies between adaptation and emission reduction work will be reflected in Aberdeen Adapts Framework and governance structure.
- Comments on the priority, protecting buildings and infrastructure, were taken on board in the final document including: that buildings and infrastructure can be designed or adapted

to help reduce climate change. That future development proposals are resistant to climate impacts and that transport is fully covered.

- 2 respondents highlighted the need to build understanding; potential of help from the public if they knew where to go for information. This has been reflected in the Climate Aware and Prepared Communities section.
- 1 comment indicated the Framework had been thoroughly thought out and discussed.
- 2 responded asked how these would be implemented and another expressed interest in seeing goals in shorter timeframes. These will both be covered in an Implementation Programme for Aberdeen Adapt and the Framework has been updated to clarify this.

Goals and key actions



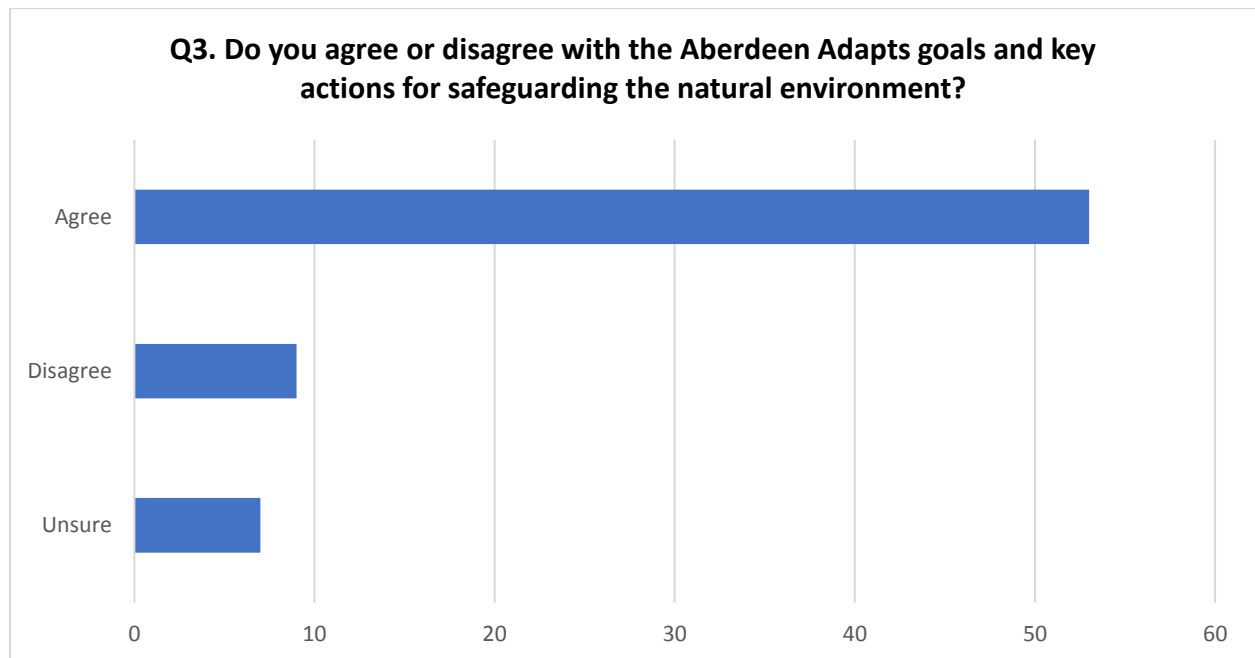
Number responding – 69

49 respondents (71%) agreed with the priorities for adaptation, with 14 (20%) unsure. 31 respondents made comments.

Themes in these comments included agreement with the goals and actions, reflection on preserving heritage; protecting buildings and infrastructure; and on planning and development. Comments have been taken into account in updates for this section including:

- 7 respondents made comments on the need for protecting and retrofitting existing buildings, reflecting on assessing impacts for buildings and the need to monitor and gather data.
- 2 respondents made specific mention supporting the role of green infrastructure, reflecting on the need to integrate this in policy and development.
- 4 respondents made comments in relation to transport infrastructure and policy; and encouraging sustainable travel. Another highlighted that food supply infrastructure was not mentioned.
- 2 respondents made reference to water, with one supporting engagement of others to maintain access to clean water and another suggesting water efficiency.
- 1 respondent mentioned the need for learning from adaptation actions in other cities and another called for public engagement and education.

- 6 comments were on the theme of energy efficiency, energy infrastructure, energy storage and waste, highlighting the need for buildings to be energy efficient as well as resilient, others made comments around the theme of energy security.
- Among respondents that disagreed, comments suggested that mitigation actions should be covered.



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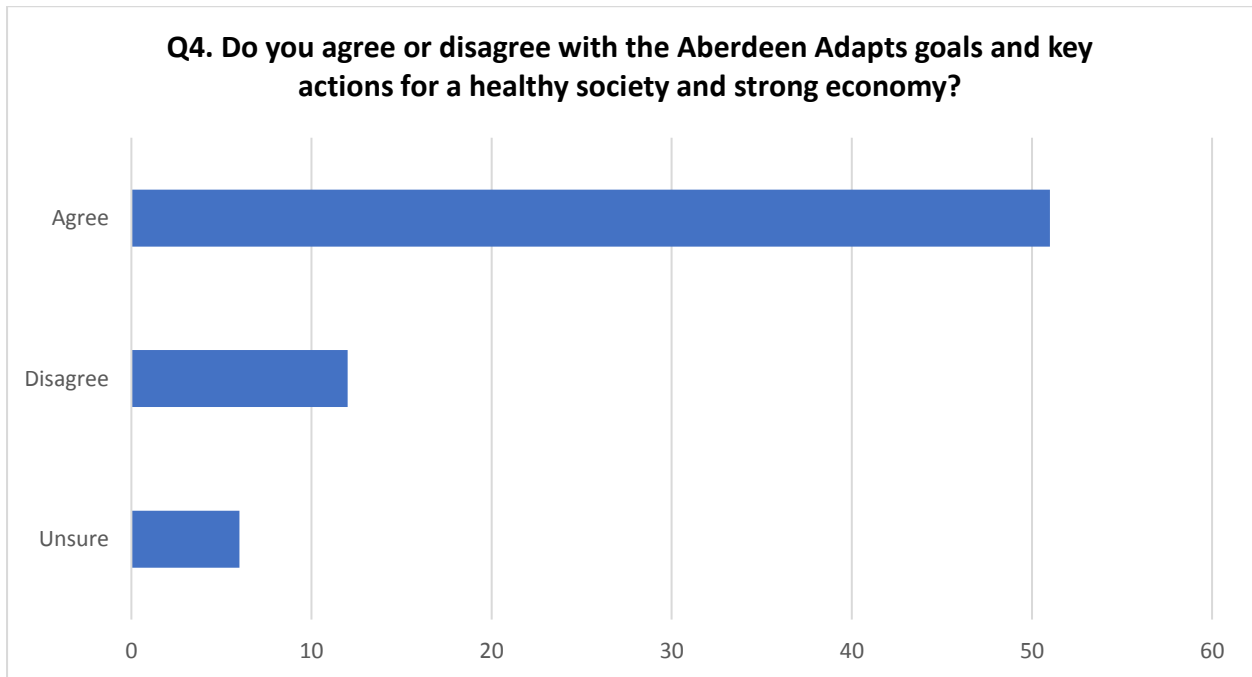
53 respondents (77%) agreed with the priorities for adaptation, with 7 (10%) unsure. 34 comments were made.

Reflections in this section included on the protection of greenspace and the greenspace network.

Comments have been taken into account in updates for this section including:

- 1 respondent highlighted the need for cooperation with other cities doing something similar.
- 3 respondents expressed agreement with goals for trees and woodlands, with 1 highlighting the need to capture data on numbers and health of trees. Another commented on the need for care in selection of city trees to avoid damage to paving. 1 expressed support for goals protecting watercourses and coastline, recommending inclusion of a Shoreline Management Plan.
- 1 respondent encouraged openness and transparency with information on what was being done already and examples of existing adaptation action have been added to the final document.
- 2 comments were on the lack of baseline information for the natural environment in the north east of Scotland.
- 2 respondents mentioned loss of permeable surfaces through paving.
- Another respondent mentioned the role of peri urban areas around Aberdeen, as well as rural areas around Aberdeenshire in helping Aberdeen to adapt. 2 respondents mentioned the impact on agriculture.

- 2 respondents highlighted support for action on soils with 1 respondent commenting on the scope of this goal and whether it covered agricultural practices and soils. While Aberdeen Adapts did not include any stakeholders from this sector, the impact is understood and actions expanded to cover guidance on soil protection that could be made available to a range of sectors.



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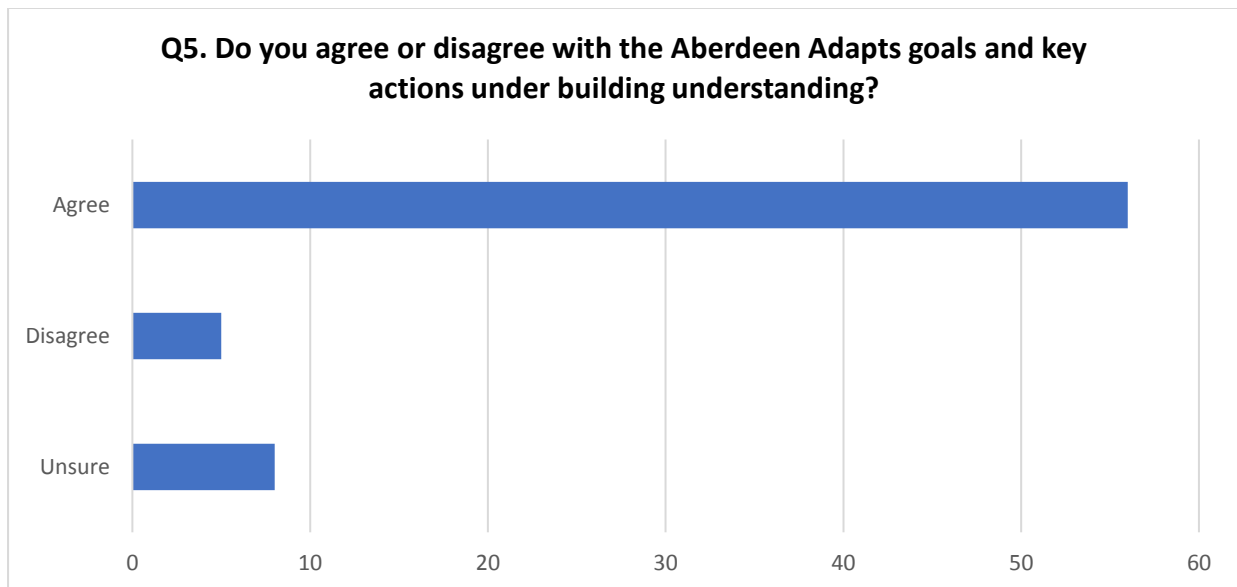
51 respondents (74%) agreed with the priorities for adaptation, with 6 (9%) unsure. 35 comments were made.

- A number of comments made suggestions to strengthen the goals and actions. Themes included raising awareness among groups or sectors perceived to be not engaged in climate solutions, around messaging on what people can do to make a difference, around engaging and raising awareness among people, promotion of work taking place to a wider audience. These are incorporated into the Climate Aware section.
- Comments included reflections on being open to wider climate research, highlighting adaptation research taking place at local education bodies and establishing baseline information across all sectors.
- A number of respondents reflected on the co-benefits of green infrastructure for health and for the economy. Others on food production and healthy eating.
- Again, a number of comments in this section mentioned reducing emissions.
- 3 respondents mentioned the need for urgency in action.

Comments have been taken into account in updates for this section including:

- 2 respondents highlighted the need for collaborative working – naming universities, health boards and charities.
- 2 highlighted the need for co-operation with other cities. This was also mentioned by another respondent under buildings and infrastructure.

- Encompassing new technologies for resilience was also mentioned and information relating to this has been included under goal 4.

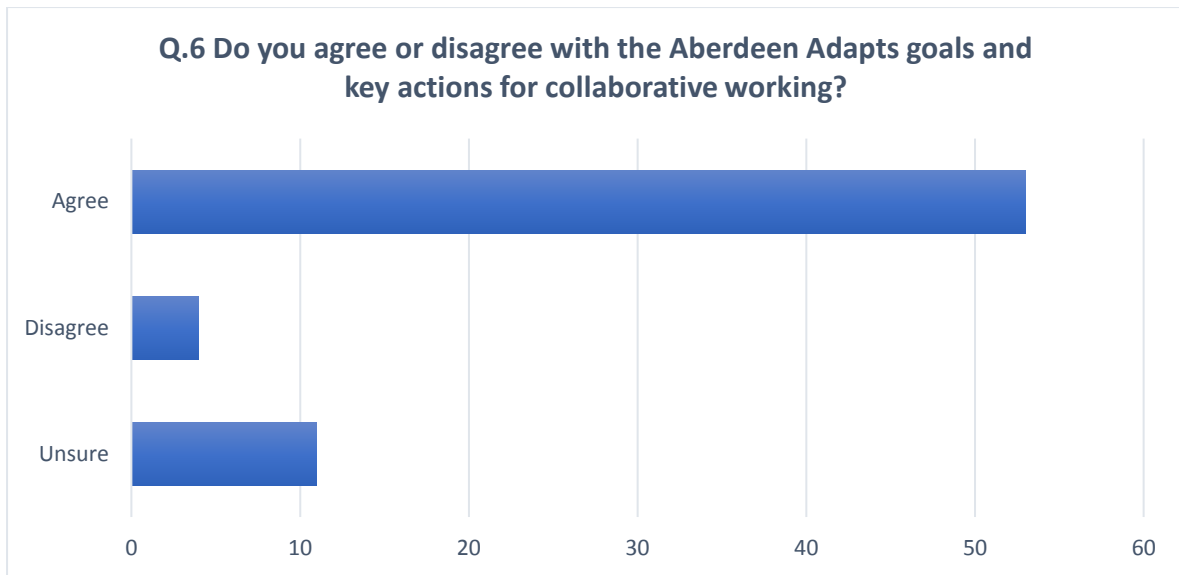


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56 respondents (81%) agreed with the priorities for adaptation, with 8 (12%) unsure. Around 21 respondents made comments.

Comments included:

- Engaging citizens and raising awareness as key, mentioning the benefits of raising awareness of adaptation in the local context as well as the need to build understanding of adaptation actions already in place.
- A number of the respondents again highlighted the need for links to emission reduction plans and stronger emission reduction actions.
- A number of respondents suggested ways to strengthen links with further education and research. Highlighting the strength of research on adaptation in local education and research institutes
- Where respondents had stated they were unsure about the goals and actions, comments related to the need for more information about adaptation, the need for urgency in adaptation; as well as in reducing emissions. Other comments referred to environmental actions that are outwith the scope of Aberdeen Adapts.



Number responding - 69

53 respondents (77%) agreed with the priorities for adaptation, with 11 (16%) unsure. 26 made comments.

Reflections included:

- The need for a collaborative approach, with co-operation between teams and organisations was highlighted as essential by 7 respondents. Some mentioning individual organisations that could be involved.
- Learning from others and the need to share information was mentioned by a few respondents. 1 respondent suggested this can be difficult to achieve.
- 2 respondents highlighted individual actions as vital, as well as the need to include active involvement from citizens.
- Again, a number of respondents stated the need to link adaptation with mitigation plans and actions.
- 1 respondent mentioned the need to strengthen, rather than inform policy. Another mentioned the need for action.
- 2 respondents highlighted addressing and assessing severe weather conditions on the city as vital.

Q.7 If you have any additional comments about the Aberdeen Adapts Framework please add these in the text box below.

There were **29** responses to this part of the question.

Reflections included:

- Support for the Framework and for indicating links to the UN SD Goals.
- 1 comment called for the Framework to avoid the use of acronyms and jargon. The Framework has tried to avoid the use of terminology and where this has had to be included information is listed in the glossary section.
- Again a number of respondents reiterated the need for urgency in action in this section, calling for bold action. A few suggested the need for behaviour change.
- 1 comment suggested the need for the plan to have strong support.

Environmental report – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

The final 2 questions asked for views on the Environmental Report.

Q8. What are your views on the predicted environmental effects, set out in the Environmental Report for Aberdeen Adapts?

There were 31 responses to this part of the question.

- Comments ranged for a call for greater urgency of action to feedback from a few who were worried for the future, mentioning the magnitude of change required at a global level.
- There was positive feedback on the information included.
- A number mentioned a short summarised non-technical version of the report would be useful. Another
- A number of responses mentioned the severity of the climate crisis, potential for social chaos and migration at a global scale and that this could have an impact on the city. Respondents also mentioned uncertainty in level of change, depending on emissions and the need for flexibility. Aberdeen Adapts will remain flexible to adjust to change, as more information becomes available.
- A few respondents encouraged the use of information from the Environmental Report to inform the update of Aberdeen Adapts. Information from throughout the SEA process including the development and update of the Environmental Report have been taken on board in Aberdeen Adapts.

Q9. What are your views on the proposals for mitigation and monitoring in the Environmental Report for Aberdeen Adapts?

There were 28 responses to this part of the question.

- 3 respondents called for more detail on the mitigation measures listed in the Environmental Report, these comments were included in the response from the statutory consultees and have been taken on board.
- A few reflected on the need for ongoing review and monitoring and being flexible to adjust to change. 2 respondents stated the need for action.
- A number reflected on implementation and costs. A short term Implementation Plan will be produced to prioritise actions. Sources of funding that can support adaptation have been identified.
- 1 respondent mentioned inclusion of information on how the SEA informed the Framework.