



Agenda

- Meeting:** Thirsk and Malton Area Committee
- To:** Councillors Nigel Knapton (Chair), Caroline Goodrick (Vice-Chair), Joy Andrews, Alyson Baker, Lindsay Burr MBE, Sam Cross, Dan Sladden, Gareth Dadd, Keane Duncan, Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff, George Jabbour, Steve Mason, Janet Sanderson, Malcolm Taylor, Greg White and Annabel Wilkinson.
- Date:** Friday, 29 November 2024
- Time:** 2.00 pm
- Venue:** Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton, YO17 7HH

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Business

- 1. Welcome by the Chair - introductions and updates**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2024** (Pages 3 - 12)
- 3. Apologies and declarations of interest**
- 4. Public questions or statements**

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- 5. Rural connectivity** (Pages 13 - 16)
An update the progress of digital connectivity across North Yorkshire.
- 6. Parish sector liaison** (Pages 17 - 36)
An introduction to the Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team and the Local Area Support Team.
- 7. Community safety and CCTV update** (Pages 37 - 42)
An update on Community Safety and CCTV across North Yorkshire.
- 8. Work programme** (Pages 43 - 74)
To consider, develop and adopt a Work Programme for 2024/25 for the Area Committee.
- 9. Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.**

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Assistant Chief Executive
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County Hall
Northallerton

21 November 2024

North Yorkshire Council

Thirsk and Malton Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 27 September, 2024 commencing at 10.00 am.

Councillor Caroline Goodrick in the Chair and Councillors Caroline Goodrick, Alyson Baker, Lindsay Burr MBE, Sam Cross, Dan Sladden, Gareth Dadd, Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff, George Jabbour, Steve Mason, Janet Sanderson, Malcolm Taylor and Greg White.

In attendance: Councillor Carl Les

Officers present: Hannah Baker, Jayne Charlton, Meirion Jones, Nicki Lishman and Howard Wallis

Other Attendees: Yorkshire Water – Emma Brown and Tim Myatt
Environment Agency – Ian Cooke and Joe Allan

Apologies: Councillors Nigel Knapton, Joy Andrews and Annabel Wilkinson

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

1 Welcome by the Chair - introductions and updates

In the absence of Councillor Nigel Knapton Councillor, Caroline Goodrick (Vice Chair) took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed there were no updates to provide.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2024

Resolved

That the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee held on 14 June 2024, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Voting record

11 For
2 Abstentions

3 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Joy Andrews, Nigel Knapton and Annabel Wilkinson.

Councillor Alyson Baker declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 as a volunteer at the Tourist Information Centre and in Item 8 as a family member worked for Yorkshire Water.

Councillor Lindsay Burr declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 as she has business interests in Thirsk.

Councillor Sam Cross declared a personal non-pecuniary interest as the owner of Filey's

“Little Bus”.

Councillor Gareth Dadd declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 as he provided consultancy services to business in Thirsk.

4 Public questions or statements

Question from Ms Jo Shaw

Context

The following bullet points are to illustrate the current risk that users of Station Road users face:

- The 40 mph relates to around 350 m of highway only on Station Road.
- The whole of Station Road is in an extremely poor state of repair.
- Increased housing (112 new homes at Furlong Park) and the new Europark has increased usage of the road. We are aware that planning permission is being sought for a further 30 houses on Station Road. This will increase the number of vehicles turning into drives and onto the new roads leading off Station Road.
- We have ongoing issues with vehicles using excessive speed on the road – this includes HGVs and other vehicles. There are also slow-moving agricultural vehicles and carts and horses using this road.
- There is a new children’s playpark in Furlong Park around 10m from Station Road 40mpm section.
- Increased pedestrian footfall from the Station and on Race Days. Increased cycle users having to make use of a cycle path in extremely poor condition.

The Ask

This question comes in two parts and is supported by those residents* who live on Station Road, Thirsk.

The residents of Station Road request:

- A commitment and plan to remove the 40 MPH section of Station Road, thereby making the entirety of this road subject to a 30 MPH limit.
- A commitment and plan from the Council to re-surface both the road and cycle path

Through actively committing to these requests today the Council Members will meet the resident’s concerns around the safety of this road, support their wellbeing by reducing the noise, reduce air pollution and enable a better user experience for all those motorists, cyclists and pedestrians that use this route in and out of Thirsk.

Note - *I have a signed petition to support this request from those impacted on the 40MPH part of Station Road. Currently this stands at 44 residents and is increasing daily. The residents are now displaying posters asking for a 30mph limit.

Response from the Area Manager, Highways and Transportation

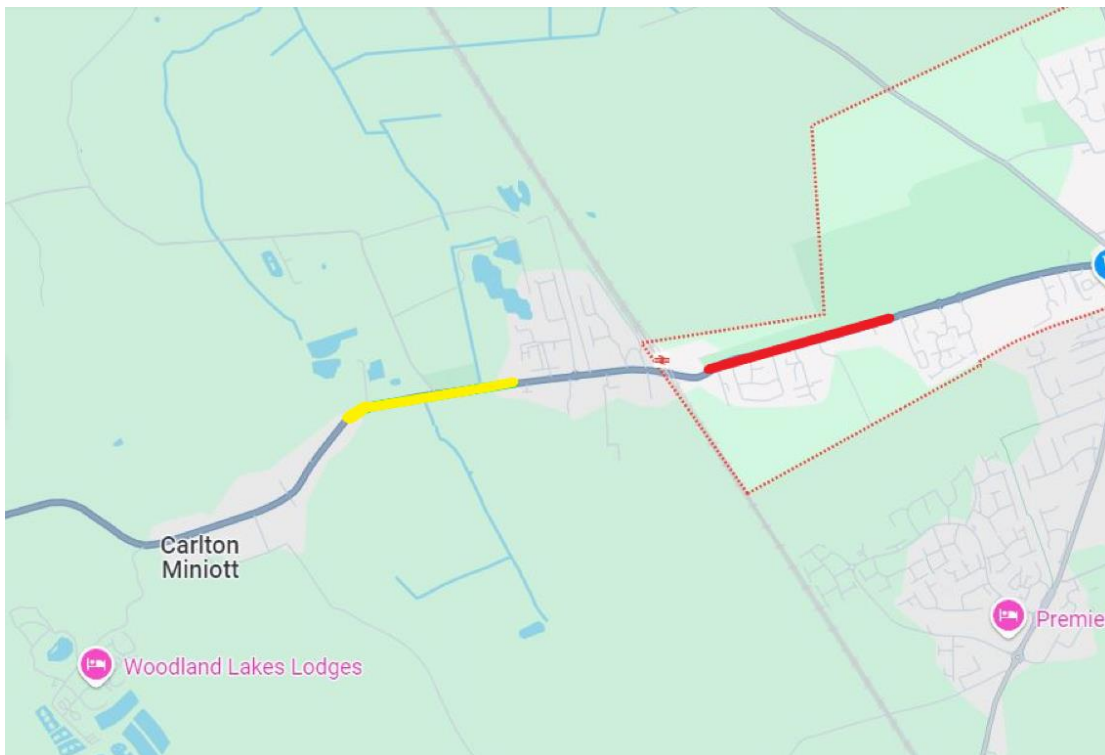
The residents of Station Road request:

- A commitment and plan to remove the 40mph section of Station Road, thereby

making the entirety of this road subject to a 30mph speed limit.

NYC response: This matter has been raised previously, but North Yorkshire Police were not supportive of the proposed change in speed limit at that time. However, given that there has been further development along this route – as has been pointed out, NYC highways officers now intend to re-visit this matter.

Whilst there is no objection in principle to this proposal from NYC, a formal consultation is required prior to making the necessary amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order, as well as alterations to the infrastructure on the ground (i.e. signage and road markings). The plan is to combine this consultation with an additional proposal seeking to change the existing 40mph speed limit on another section of the A61 to the west of the railway line, thereby making a continuous 30mph speed limit, starting at the western end of Carlton Miniott and extending into Thirsk. The two sections of existing 40mph speed limit which are proposed to be reduced to 30mph are shown in yellow and red lines in the diagram below, the red section being Station Road and the yellow section being Carlton Road. A specific date for the consultation has not been set at the time of writing, it is likely that this will commence within the next few months.



- A commitment and plan from the Council to re-surface both the road and cycle path.

A carriageway resurfacing scheme for the A61 – Station Road, Thirsk, is currently within the draft capital program for financial year 2025/26. The proposal involves the resurfacing the full width of the A61 carriageway between the approach to town end roundabout to the eastern side of the railway overbridge at Thirsk Station. However, at the current time our funding settlements from central government/the Department for Transport (DfT) for 2025/26 have not been confirmed, therefore we cannot commit to the delivery of this scheme at the time of writing. Confirmation of the highway maintenance funding settlement for financial year 2025/26 and onwards is unlikely to be received from DFT until early 2025 following the Government's autumn statement.

Ms Shaw then asked the following supplementary question.

On average, how long does the consultation take for the reduction in the speed limits?

The Area Manager replied:

We need to get the statutory consultees on board, so the police need to be on board and the initial indications are that they are.

It comes down to other staff, consultants and if we've got objections there is a process to go through. So, I wouldn't like you to put a time scale on it to be quite honest with I would like to see if it would be done within 12 months. We can keep you updated.

Question from Ms Kate Nash

Filey Community Transport (Filey little bus)

I note with concern that the former Filey little bus ceased to operate some time ago, and that very little progress appears to have been made towards putting in place a replacement service, and in addition there has been little or no communication with the people of Filey regarding the position.

This is despite bus services apparently being a priority issue for both North Yorkshire Council and national Government.

The lack of the little bus service has had a huge impact on the lives of the people of Filey with clear detrimental impact on the health, both mental and physical, of vulnerable residents. This in an environment where local health services are under immense pressure.

There have been surveys done and reports written, some of which date back some time, but they have not been acted on and no actual progress has been made. The people of Filey are not being fairly treated. In response to one of the surveys a number of people expressed their willingness to volunteer but their offer has neither been recognised nor acknowledged. Given the length of time since these responses were received it is likely that people's goodwill and willingness to volunteer is unlikely to continue.

Given this background please provide a full and detailed update in relation to the position regarding the Filey Little Bus to include details of grants applied for and to be applied for, the date the bus service is planned to be reinstated, the person or persons, or organisations, who will be taking this forward and the reasons for the delays and lack of communication to date.

Response from Councillor Keane Duncan, Executive Member for Highways and Transportation via Teams

There is a written response which has been circulated to Councillors from the Passenger Transport team (below), but I did want to speak directly on this topic. Firstly, just to thank Miss Nash, Miss Cowan and local people for raising the issue of the bus provision in and around Filey. I recognise your commitment and passion to improve services. I thank you for that.

I also wanted to thank our Member of Parliament, Kevin Hollinrake, for also bringing forward this issue. I've had several conversations with him and with our Passenger Transport team in a bid to try and find a way forward.

I also wanted to recognise the work of the Council and the Passenger Transport team. We have really sought every potential avenue that we can in an attempt to provide a revived town bus service. We know previously it was popular and it's unfortunate that the service did cease. We have been trying to find a way forward.

In terms of the situation right now and as things stand today, there's summary really, is quite simple.

The bus that previously operated - the condition of that has been assessed by the Council. We've inspected that and it's really in a dire state. It's unroadworthy. We think - our teams feel - that it's likely it will never be roadworthy again. So, as things stand today, there is no bus. There is also no operator for the bus. We have sought interest. None has come forward. There is no business plan that we have received at the Council either. We have suggested that the community get together to try and devise a viable proposal. We haven't had a business plan.

As a result of that there is no funding available either for the service. We need the business plan for that funding to be identified and released. We are prepared to support the development of a business plan. We're prepared to release some grant funding as well but no grant funding's been applied, for no grant funding has been released. So as things stand right now, I think it's just important to make clear that there isn't a plan. We're not aware of any plan that would see the revival of the town bus in the way that it operated before.

However, there is a positive which is the car scheme, the voluntary car scheme, which some Members will be aware of and members of the public will be too, is moving forward. North Yorkshire Council has issued a grant of £2,500 to help Age UK set up the car scheme. We hope and we think this can be a success. We want to support that. We want to get that up and running. We want local people to be using it, making sure that they can access the services that they need. That is a positive to take away from this.

But we just want to address really any potential misunderstanding or miscommunication that there might be in and around Filey, that the bus is going to be revived and working in the way that it was before. That is not the model that we have at the moment and that's as a result of the number of issues which have identified there been no real viable way forward for this service. So, I imagine that's some disappointment. Again, we would be willing to receive any business plan, any proposals, but as things stand today, there is no way forward which we're aware of.

Ms Nash asked the following supplementary question.

It is no surprise to me that the actual physical bus that was stashed in the in the open for heaven knows how long is not going to run. Anybody with half an eye could have guessed that but I don't think it's acceptable for people to wash their hands of this. This is an important issue and money needs to be put in and I think they should be new minibuses. A car scheme, whilst I'm sure it's very useful, it's just not acceptable as a replacement for the former bus service. A bus service is sorely needed in the Filey.

The Chair replied:

Thank you. We've got the message and we'll work on it with you.

Written response from Integrated Passenger Transport

Olympic Coaches stopped operating their Filey Town Bus in May 2023 when the company owner decided to retire. Although the route had originally been operated on a commercial basis, NYCC (now NYC), contacted other bus operators but none were interested in running a replacement service. On retirement, the owner of Olympic Coaches donated the bus to the local community.

Since then, there have been a number of meetings led by different groups discussing this issue, including Filey Town Council and the local MP.

With no bus company willing to take on the operation of a local bus service, the Integrated Passenger Transport and Stronger Communities teams at NYC spoke to Community Transport operators in the area asking them to look at options for a voluntary car or minibus

scheme in Filey. Earlier this year Age UK agreed to undertake a car scheme in Filey and they applied to NYC for a grant of £2,500 to help set this up. The grant was approved and paid last month and we are waiting to hear from Age UK as to when the project will start.

As we understand it, the new scheme will be a pilot at this point and its success will depend on finding sufficient volunteers and also that passengers make use of the service.

Question from Dinah Keal

Norton on Derwent has a long history of flooding and has suffered from repeated incidents of sewer flooding for over 20 years since the Malton, Norton & Old Malton Flood Alleviation Scheme was completed. Due to climate change and a rise in the water table, flood incidents have increased in frequency and are particularly difficult in Norton as flood water contains raw sewage as the sewers do not have sufficient capacity to cope with surface water flooding when river levels are high in the River Derwent.

These repeated incidents not only put homes and businesses at risk, but also cause increased road traffic congestion due to road closures.

Members of the committee may be aware that there are plans to build 645 new homes in Norton, which will undoubtedly have an impact on the towns over stretched sewer system.

Should planning permission be approved for this site, the developer will be installing drainage measures as recommended and agreed with Yorkshire Water as part of the planning process, which will manage flow into the main system, but ultimately waste water from the development will flow into the main sewers in Norton.

So, my question is: "Will North Yorkshire Council as lead planning authority ensure that Yorkshire Water fulfils its statutory duty, as prescribed by the Water Industry Act 1991, to improve its existing sewer systems in the town itself on the back of this development?"

Response from Development Management read by the Chair

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the overall approach to protecting people and property from flooding, which all local planning authorities are expected to follow, with a number of tests required at both the plan making and application decision making stages. Engagement with key stakeholders - including the environment agency, water utility providers such as Yorkshire Water, the Lead local flood authority - forms an important part of the local plan making process to ensure that appropriate site selection takes place and local policies reflect national guidance, and that where development is proposed to take place there is appropriate infrastructure in place, or that there is a realistic prospect of additional capacity being provided alongside new development.

Such bodies are also key consultees on planning applications in ensuring that the proposed on and off-site infrastructure is suitably robust and future proof in light of the implications of climate change. If there are specific questions and concerns with regard to particular sites/applications, we can raise those with the relevant body.

Ms Keal then asked the following supplementary question.

Just yesterday when everyone saw the torrential rain houses in Norton were yet again surrounded by water and the sewers discharged into and around people's properties. So just yesterday the River Derwent was not high, it was the level of torrential rain.

So that to me proves that the capacity in the sewer system in Norton is not sufficient to deal with the level of rain and the level of extra discharge which will come from this development.

So, I hope the Members of this committee would agree that having more sewage in our

streets in 2024 is actually totally unacceptable. Will Members therefore agree to continue to lobby Yorkshire Water to commit to putting all measures possible in place to alleviate sewer flooding in Norton, including increasing the capacity of the sewers and agree to contribute a percentage of the CIL receipts from the Beverley Road development, should it be approved, towards a Yorkshire Water project to provide a permanent, and I stress the word permanent, pumping station for Norton.

The Chair responded that the debate later in the meeting may address this questions.

5 MP - question time

The Rt Hon Kevin Hollinrake MP attended the meeting and highlighted the following issues that were of concern in the area.

- The potential local impacts of the changes to the Winter Fuel Allowance.
- The increased numbers of bank closures in the area and the impact on residents' access to cash and issues for businesses who needed to bank significant amounts of cash, the limits of the service provided at Post Offices and the provision of banking hubs.
- A64 – the continued campaign to dual the A64 to Barton Hill.
- The provision of a town bus service in Filey and the work with partners to identify a solution.
- Issues with the planning process, particularly with reference to retrospective applications.
- Concerns regarding some locally provided medical procedures and dentistry.
- Housing targets for the area.
- Solar farms on agricultural land and the balance between energy and food security.
- Proposed changes in workplace regulations and their impacts on business.

Councillors discussed the subjects raised, the main points of which were:

- The planning process, with particular reference to sites used by the gypsy and traveller community where planning permission may be sought retrospectively.
- Work with partners including the mayor's office, Filey Town Council, Age UK and others to identify funding and a practical solution to the provision of a replacement service for Filey town bus. This may include support from the Council's Stronger Communities team to develop a business plan and identify sources of funding.
- A local application for the development of a solar farm.

Members requested that the MP for Wetherby and Easingwold be invited to future meetings of the Committee.

The Chair thanked the Rt Hon Kevin Hollinrake for attending the meeting.

The meeting paused from 11.13am to 11.19am.

6 Proposals for the allocation of the Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Transport

Project Development Fund

Considered – report of the Corporate Director (Community Development).

Members were requested to consider project proposals under the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund; to approve the process for endorsement of proposals and endorse proposals that could meet the objectives of the fund and be completed within the required timescales.

Presenting the report, the Principal Regeneration Officer explained the proposed process for endorsing the suggested projects, given the tight timescales to deliver outcomes within the current financial year.

Rather than seeking Committee approval for a list of projects for which Scoping Reports are subsequently completed and reported to the next Committee in three months' time, Officers were seeking endorsement of project proposals by the Committee based on the outline scoping reports (see appendices 1 – 7 of the report).

Each of the projects endorsed by the Committee would then be subject to the following process:

- Finalise scoping report
- Complete Climate Change and Equalities Impact Assessments
- Evaluation of proposal
- Discuss with Executive Member for Open to Business
- Final approval and sign-off by the Director of Community Development

Following initial discussion of the proposals, Councillor Dadd proposed and Councillor Baker seconded that the proposal to conduct traffic and parking surveys in Easingwold (see appendix 5 of the report) be removed due to the risks associated with the project.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Members considered the best method of prioritising the remaining proposals and it was proposed by Councillor Sladden and seconded by Councillor Cross that officers take forward the remaining projects and progress those that are deliverable up to the remaining value of the Fund.

Councillor Jabbour suggested that Division Members may wish to consider contributing additional funds from their Locality Budgets if appropriate.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That officers take forward the remaining projects and, following the revised process above, progress those that are deliverable up to the remaining value of the Fund.

Voting record

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1 Abstention

Considered – report of the Corporate Director – Environment

The Area Manager Area 1 and Area 2, Highways and Transportation, presented a report to appraise Members of the current position regarding the condition of the pavements around Thirsk Market Place, what was being done to mitigate the state and advise Members of future plans.

Councillors were appraised of the available budget for the works and the plan for phased completion of works around the market place. The plan had been devised looking at evidence of footfall, ongoing maintenance costs and insurance claims.

Councillors discussed the report and asked for:

- Clarification of the proposed materials to be used to complement the heritage of the market place. Councillors were reassured that suitable materials would be used.
- The timing of the works to minimise the impact on businesses on the market place. The officer advised that works were planned to take place in the evening.

Councillors requested that an update report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

Resolved

That the report be noted and that an update report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

Councillor Dan Sladden left the meeting at 12:15pm.

8 Malton, Norton and Old Malton flooding update

The Senior Engineer, Flood Risk Management introduced an update on flooding in Malton, Norton and Old Malton.

Officers from the Council, Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency guided the Committee through the roles and responsibilities of their respective agencies.

The presentation guided Members through the various schemes that had been implemented, the detail of the most recent year's weather conditions, the geology and hydrology of the area and the latest data for 2023/24 on river and groundwater levels and the revenue and capital investments that had taken place.

During the discussion Councillors considered and questioned the officers on:

- The local sewerage system and its capacity
- Storage and management of groundwater drainage
- The local pumping plan
- Flood diversion and water storage methods including the use of agricultural land for storage
- Engagement with the local community
- The applicable legislation

The Chair thanked the officers and representatives from partner organisations for the presentation.

9 Work programme

Members considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) which contained the Committee's current work programme for the remainder of the municipal year (2024/25).

A representative from NYNET was due to attend the next meeting to update on broadband and mobile phone coverage. Councillor Sanderson suggested that, as NYNET were undertaking a project on vaping in schools, it would be helpful if this was included in the update and the Committee agreed.

The Democratic Services Officer advised the Committee:

- That it was hoped that the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and/or his representatives would be attending the meeting of the Committee in March 2025 and
- That the second and third point in the recommendation had been included in error.

Resolved

That the work programme for the remainder of 2024/25 be noted.

10 Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting concluded at 1.15 pm.

North Yorkshire Council

Thirsk and Malton Area Committee

29 November 2024

Rural Connectivity

Report of the NYC Transformation Lead Cath Ritchie and NYnet CEO Alastair Taylor

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report sets out to update the progress of digital connectivity across North Yorkshire

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 North Yorkshire Council and its predecessors have been working with the UK Government to address the lack of digital connectivity across rural areas. BDUK (Building Digital UK) the delivery arm for the Department of Science, Innovation, and Technology has the overall mandate for the delivery of national targets.

3.0 Connectivity Update

- 3.1 NYnet the North Yorkshire owned telecoms company has delivered four phases of Superfast North Yorkshire contracts in conjunction with BDUK. In 2009 superfast coverage across North Yorkshire was at approx. 41%, Phase 1 was awarded in 2011/12 to BT with a contract value of £26.5m, further contracts were let to BT in 2015 and 2017 totalling circa £28m which saw coverage climb to 94% by 2020. To tackle the final 6% a wireless contract was awarded to Quickline in 2020 resulting in coverage of approximately 97%.
- 3.2 North Yorkshire Council offers a free WIFI service in 21 market towns across the geography, the service which started in 2021 with support from a Government grant to combat the impact of COVID. The former Ryedale District Council network in Malton has now been replaced with the North Yorkshire Council service. Work is ongoing in Helmsley however this is taking longer than planned due to issues with listed buildings.
- 3.3 Whilst the Superfast Programme was delegated to Local Bodies with overall supervision by BDUK, the new Project Gigabit is run directly by BDUK. The UK has been split into multiple lots for Project Gigabit. The majority of North Yorkshire's premises are in Lots 8 and 31. Lot 8 is primarily West Yorkshire however it includes Selby District and Skipton. This was designed as they are both better built from West Yorkshire and will likely lead to a better outcome for these two areas.
- 3.4 Both Lots 8 and 31 were awarded to Quickline. Build has commenced in both areas. would like information on their own premises, they can contact DSIT at enquiries@dsit.gov.uk

4.0 Project Gigabit Update

- 4.1 The Shared Rural Network (SRN) is a project developed by the UK's four mobile network operators (MNOs) with support from the government. The programme aims to make 4G mobile broadband available to 95% of the UK, improving 4G coverage in the areas that

need it most and addressing the digital divide. The SRN is a deal with EE, O2, Three and Vodafone investing in a network of new and existing phone masts, overseen by a jointly owned company called Digital Mobile Spectrum Limited. The project is in two phases, the MNOs are to improve coverage in areas called partial not spots (PNS) whilst the government will use the new mast built for the Emergency Services Network (ESN) to provide mobile coverage from all the operators.

- 4.2 What this has meant for North Yorkshire is that EE has improved 4G connectivity in parts of rural North Yorkshire, in places like Chapel-le-Dale, Rievaulx, Blubberhouses, Danby Wiske and Terrington as well as along transport routes including the A59, A167, and B1257 over recent years. The other three operators (O2, Vodafone and Three) have improved coverage in Garesdale, Bainbridge and Sherburn in Elmet currently with a further seven sites planned.
- 4.3 Within England the ESN are building 56 new masts 24 of which are in North Yorkshire mainly in the North Yorkshire Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks. There are currently twenty of these sites built with 9 partially active with just EE services operating.
- 4.4 2025/2026 will see most of the sites become fully active with all the operators which will increase the 4G coverage in North Yorkshire to around 92% from at least one MNO. The difficult part comes in taking the coverage up to 100% and tackling the small areas where there is currently no or poor signal.
- 4.5 In addition to this, MNOs are introducing 5G as they upgrade their current infrastructure. This is mainly in the urban areas where the benefits can be seen as they use 5G to increase the capacity.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 N/A

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 N/A

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 N/A

8.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 N/A

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 N/A

10.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Information paper to update members as to the progress of digital connectivity

11.0 RECOMMENDATION

- i) Councillors to note progress

Cath Ritchie
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Report Author - Alastair Taylor CEO NYnet
Presenter of Report – Cath Ritchie, NYC Transformation Lead & Alastair Taylor CEO NYnet

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

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Thirsk and Malton Area Committee

Parish Sector Liaison:

**Principal Democratic Services Officer
Christine Philipson**

**Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager
Mark Codman**

29 November 2024

Presentation format

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- Parish Sector Overview
- Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team
- Local Area Support Team
- Questions

North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (1)

Published by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)

Page 19 ***There are 211 councils with Parish Councils within their boundary:***

- 51% have less than 30 (108)
- 97.5% of councils have less than 200 (205)
- There are only 6 councils with over 200 Parish Councils
- Only 2 councils have over 300 Parish Councils
- ***NYC has 664*** (the next nearest council has 327 – Somerset Council)

North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (2)

NYC Parish Sector by type:

- City Council – 0.2% (1)
- Town/Parish Council – 74% (492)
- Parish Meeting – 24% (156)
- Groups – 1.8% (11)

North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (3)

Parish Precept

- Page 21
- In England 86.7% of Parishes in Council areas charge a precept - in NYC area this is 74.1%
- In NYC area the average precept charge is 75% less than the national average (£20,212)
- 46.6% of Parish Councils have total annual precept income less than £5k
- Only 5.6% (28) Parish Councils have total annual precept income more than £100k
- Only 4 (0.8%) Parish Councils have total annual precept income more than £300k

Thirsk and Malton Area Parish Sector

- There are 194 Parish Meetings/Parish/Town Councils (29.2%) made up of:
 - 150 (77.2%) Town/Parish Councils (3% more than NYC overall)
 - 44 (22.8%) Parish Meetings (2% less than NYC overall)
- 41 (21.1%) Parish Meetings/Town Councils do not charge a precept (5% less than NYC average)
- The average precept income is £15,682 (£4.5k below NYC average)

Parish Liaison:

There are two teams with Parish Liaison responsibilities:

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Localities

- Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team

Democratic Services

- Local Area Support Team

Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team

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Localities

Who we are:

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Mark Codman

Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager

Claire Wilson

Devolution and Community Rights Officer

Peter Cole

Parish Liaison, Partnerships and Participation Officer

What we do:

- Parish Charter – Development, support, oversight
- Local Devolution
- Parish Liaison:
 - Consultation
 - Communication/Engagement
 - Support
- Parish Portal
- Community Rights

Current Work:

- Parish Charter review
- Parish Liaison Meetings (Thirsk and Malton Area 4 March 2025 for drop-in session and 27 March 2025 for liaison meeting)
- Double Devolution and devolution generally
- Parish Sector Engagement Panel
- Parish Portal
- Parish Sector consultation engagement review
- Review of Community Rights Process
- Training
- Single point of contact parishliaison@northyorks.gov.uk

Local Area Support Team

Democratic Services

Who we are;

Christine Phillipson

Principal Democratic Services Officer

Harriet Clarke

Charlie Casey

Senior Democratic Services Officers

Who we are - cont.

Democratic Services East DemocraticServices.East@northyorks.gov.uk
Covering Thirsk & Malton and Scarborough & Whitby Area Committee locations

Democratic Services Central DemocraticServices.Central@northyorks.gov.uk
Covering Harrogate & Knaresborough and Selby & Ainsty Area Committee locations
Lead officer in each Area Team

Democratic Services West DemocraticServices.West@northyorks.gov.uk
Covering Richmond and Skipton & Ripon Area Committee locations

The Officers in these teams support and service all other Committee meetings.



What we do; Parish and Town Council Support

- Maintain Parish and Town Council database information
- Maintain website accuracy
- Support on frequently asked questions and queries from clerks/councillors
- Ensure Register of Interests are recorded
- Manage temporary appointments
- Record sensitive interests
- Work closely with Elections
- Work closely with Localities
- Support to Standards and Governance Committee

Governance

- North Yorkshire Council is the Principal Authority for Parish and Town Councils in North Yorkshire for the purposes of the standards provisions in the Localism Act 2011
- It is responsible for receiving and handling complaints that a Parish/Town Councillor may have breached **that** authority's code of conduct for Members
- That is the extent of North Yorkshire Council's jurisdiction in respect Of Parish/Town Council governance
- Parish/Town Councils are separate legal entities and North Yorkshire Council has no jurisdiction to consider other complaints, for example about the way in which the Parish/Town Council has or has not done something, or about particular decisions or employees.

Complaints

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Since Vesting Day on 1 April 2023 to 28 August 2024, a total of 257 standards complaints that Members may have breached the relevant authority's code of conduct for Members have been received.

Training - Understanding the Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests

East Area 5th September 2024

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Training is available to view retrospectively.

Useful Contacts

[National Association of Local Councils \(nalc.gov.uk\)](http://nalc.gov.uk)

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[Yorkshire Local Councils Associations \(yorkshirelca.gov.uk\)](http://yorkshirelca.gov.uk)

[Parish and Town Council Information](#)

[Parish Charter | North Yorkshire Council \(currently being updated\)](#)

Parish Liaison parishliaison@northyorks.gov.uk

Questions ?

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North Yorkshire Council

Thirsk & Malton Area Committee

29 November 2024

Community Safety and CCTV Update

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on Community Safety and CCTV across North Yorkshire including a focus on Community Safety Hubs, CCTV and the wider strategic Community Safety Partnership work.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Update on Community Safety structure and direction of Community Safety Hubs and CCTV Services.
- 2.2 Update on the Community Safety Partnership arrangements and thematic work taking place.

3.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CCTV SERVICE

- 3.1 The Community Safety and CCTV Services fall under the Local Engagement Directorate within NYC. The new structures were adopted in May 2024 however work continues to develop the services and roles across North Yorkshire.
- 3.2 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 underpins the community safety activity at a strategic and operational level with the focus on problem solving and multi-agency approaches.
- 3.3 The CCTV Control Rooms within North Yorkshire are owned and managed by NYC. Transformation of the CCTV Service is a priority.

4.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY HUBS

- 4.1 Community Safety Hubs have been in place for several years across North Yorkshire. These Hubs are currently subject to review principally around their geography and the need for a consistent working model. They continue to focus on cases that are complex and require a multi-agency approach, community engagement and reassurance.
- 4.2 NYC has introduced three Senior Community Safety Officers within their new structure to coordinate the local delivery. Evie Griffiths (Harrogate, Skipton, Selby), Helenor Gwatkin (Hambleton, Richmondshire), Rhian Buglass (Scarborough, Ryedale).

These posts are supported by Community Safety Officers and collocated police officers who work alongside Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

- 4.3 Moving forward the Community Safety Hubs will provide a local overview of activity and performance. Common themes in all localities include dealing with antisocial behaviour, early interventions, enforcement, the use of powers and tools, mental health, trauma, drugs and alcohol.

4.4 Knife bins are being installed across North Yorkshire. These are secure metal disposal units that allow people to deposit knives that they no longer need. Local media campaigns and engagement will be taking place in the coming weeks. The bins will be located within Wentworth Street Car Park, Malton and Vivis Lane Car Park, Pickering. For reference and context, a bin placed currently in Harrogate at Asda, has had over 1630 deposited.

5.0 NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

5.1 Included within the presentation to the Area Committee's across North Yorkshire is an introduction to the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership strategic priorities for 2024-2028 along with an overview of the partnership team and its arrangements inclusive of their statutory responsibilities and the connectivity to the Community Safety Hubs.

6.0 CCTV SERVICE

6.1 There are currently CCTV Control Rooms in Harrogate, Scarborough and Northallerton with the provision in Selby being provided by a third party. Harrogate and Scarborough provide a 24 hour / 365-day service.

6.2 Ryedale's provision of CCTV is via Ryedale Cameras in Action, a charity run by a committee who rely on funding in part from Malton, Norton and Pickering Town Councils. The CCTV Control Room in Scarborough provides 24 hour/365 day service chargeable to Ryedale Cameras in Action.

6.2 The future of CCTV across North Yorkshire is subject to further review and transformation. The aim is to review our existing infrastructure, identify opportunities, maximising technology and working alongside our key partners.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- i) This a highlight introductory report being presented to all Area Committees in North Yorkshire, to discuss with the Area Committee regarding future report needs and the need for a consistent approach including partner contributions i.e. local police input.
- ii) To agree frequency of attendance

Report author – Bridget Skaife – North Yorkshire Partnership Manager, Community Safety

Partnership Team Overview

- Following the restructure in May 2024 Community Safety & CCTV has formed an additional arm 'Partnerships'
- Within the team are 4 officers plus the Partnership Manager which includes two Senior Development Officers, a Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance Officer (DAHA) and a Community Safety Officer – Domestic Abuse (DA)
- The two Senior Development Officers are specialists in Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime, Community Cohesion covering Prevent, Protect & Prepare
- The DAHA officer is working with the Community Safety Team and Housing to gain accreditation to enable the authority to benchmark how housing providers should respond to DA in the UK.
- The Community Safety Officer for Domestic Abuse is working closely with the Community Safety Hubs along with the Senior Development Officer for Domestic Abuse

Scene Setting – Partnerships

- Connectivity across the service between Partnerships and Community Safety Hubs and other directorates across the whole Authority
- Clear understanding of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP) strategic plans, priorities and how they align with Community Safety Hubs – Further information on separate slide
- Prevent, Protect & Prepare – East, West and Central a consistent approach, whilst acknowledging the local issues and those Community Safety Officers (Senior and Operational) attending and supporting the groups, with the Senior Development Officer being the central point of contact. Hubs to be actively involved in the Protect & Prepare development of the local maturity matrix
- Prevent, Protect & Prepare training for all officers to give a consistent level of understanding to include Martyns Law
- Channel Panel – Function – to protect the most vulnerable in our society and prevent them from being drawn into terrorism, a consistently busy area of work

North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2024 -2028

our vision

Working together to make North Yorkshire feel safe and protected from harm. Working in partnership to delivery local, regional, and national priorities.

Strategic Priorities

Community Safety Hubs

Serious Violence

Domestic Abuse

Hate Crime

Key Themes

Reducing ASB, creating safer communities through problem solving plans. To reduce serious violence and identify violence within or communities

Working in partnership to build on NY & City of York Domestic Abuse Strategy to strive to raise awareness of domestic abuse to prevent, support and protect all those impacted

To develop and improve awareness across North Yorkshire to tackle hate crime, radicalisation and extremism whilst working with specialist leads with partner agencies

Our Approach

Early intervention and prevention

Partnerships and collaboration

Working with communities



Introduction to Partnerships

- Familiarisation of the North Yorkshire & City of York Domestic Abuse Strategy; Community Safety Officers to have a working knowledge of the strategy to continue to prioritise the tackling of domestic abuse, working with lead Officers within the Partnership
 - Acknowledgement and understand for training around DA and DAHA across the Community Safety Hubs to ensure that understanding of DA is recognised as part of the role of Community Safety Hub teams and give a greater understanding of how essential working together is to understand the impact on peoples' lives; recognising that your cases are highly likely to have an element of DA, be this victims or perpetrators
- Domestic Homicide Reviews – A number of the team work actively within this area of our statutory duty. A recent report has been completed around one individual and will be submitted to the Home Office with another review in the very early stages.
- Continued work within the Channel Panel space working closely with the Counter Terrorism Police teams across the geography.
 - Embedded within the Partnership teams is an understanding of working with the strategic and operational officers delivering a common goal of early intervention and prevention from the Community Safety Hubs

North Yorkshire Council

Thirsk and Malton Area Committee

29 November 2024

Work Programme Report

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To ask Members to consider the Committee's work programme and amend as required.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The intention is for the Committee to develop a work programme that:
- a) is owned by the Committee,
 - b) has items on it that are important locally but relevant at a strategic level,
 - c) evolves over time and is not static.
- 2.2 The Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Democratic Services Officer will keep the work programme updated. They will also determine which items need to be considered at a committee meeting and if any could be dealt with by an informal working group.
- 2.3 The Work Programme Report is considered at every meeting. It is an opportunity for Members to request additions to the programme of work.

3.0 FUTURE ITEMS OF WORK

- 3.1 The Democratic Services Officer maintains a live version of the work programme and a current version is always included in the papers for each committee meeting as part of the Work Programme Report.
- 3.2 The items scheduled for consideration at future meetings are at appendix A.
- 3.3 Based on recent NYC news items, suggestions for matters that the committee may wish to consider are also included in appendix A.

4.0 INFORMAL BRIEFINGS

- 4.1 An informal briefing took place on 9 October 2024 to provide high-level feedback on the results of the Let's Talk Rubbish consultation (presentation included as appendix B).
- 4.2 Budget proposals briefing via Teams - 10am on Wednesday 15 January 2025
Let's Talk Active results – 4pm on Wednesday 26 February 2025

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Members are asked to:

- a) consider the Committee's work programme and amend as required.

Scheduled meeting dates

Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 10am – Budget proposals briefing via Teams

Friday 28 March 2025 at 10am

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

Report author – Nicki Lishman, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Thirsk and Malton Area Committee Work Programme 2024/25

10am 27 September 2024	
Subject	Description
Attendance of local MP	Opportunity for the local MP to share their views on issues affecting the constituency area
Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund	Principal Regeneration Officer Malton and Thirsk Area
Maintenance and repair of Thirsk Market Place	Area Manager, Area 2 - Thirsk
Malton, Norton and Old Malton flooding update	Latest information
Work programme	Review of future topics relevant to the constituency area.
4pm 9 October 2024 – informal briefing via Teams	
Let's Talk Rubbish	Outcomes of recent consultation
4 pm 28 November 2024 - informal briefing via Teams	
Economic development and regeneration	Principal Regeneration Officer. Briefing on local economic and regeneration data, needs, issues and emerging projects in preparation for the Mayor's visit.
2pm 29 November 2024	
Update on broadband/mobile phone/coverage/vaping in schools project	Director of Transformation and Alastair Taylor, NYNET
Parish sector liaison	Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager and Principal Democratic Services Officer
Community Safety update	Community safety and CCTV service update – Head of Community Safety and CCTV (public space)
Work programme	Review of future topics relevant to the constituency area.
10am 15 January 2025 – informal briefing via Teams	
Budget proposals 2025/26	Overview of budget proposals for 2025/26 – Director of Strategic Resources
4pm 26 February 2024 - informal briefing via Teams	
Outcomes of Let's Talk Active consultation	Head of Sport and Active Wellbeing
10am 28 March 2025	
Members of the Y&NY MCA	Update on the work of the MCA (1 hr session)
North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) progress report	Senior Policy Officer
Delivery of the Climate Change Strategy across the committee area	Climate Change Strategy Manager
Schools, educational achievement and finance report	Information only

Areas of work identified but not scheduled:

1. Update from Yorkshire Water re the Brawby project described at the meeting held on 27 Sept 2024
2. Youth Councils

Local impact of initiatives reported in NYC news items

[Destination management plan](#) and [Visit North Yorkshire](#)
[Health and social care involvement charter](#)
[Cultural strategy](#)

Dates and times of meetings 2024/25:

Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 10am – Budget proposals meeting
Friday 28 March 2025 at 10am



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Let's Talk Rubbish Thirsk & Malton AC feedback session

9 October 2024

Let's Talk- campaign background

- Let's Talk North Yorkshire is our **biggest ever countywide conversation**
- It started back in September 2022 before vesting day with a programme of ongoing citizen engagement and consultation
- We are committed to listening to and engaging with our residents to hear their views on key strategic decisions and empowering them to have a say
- Surveys are hosted on Commonplace, a safe and easy-to-use online tool used by over 250 organisations including neighbouring councils
- **Paper surveys** and other accessible formats are available in **libraries, main offices and leisure centres**, at **events** and **on request**.

Let's Talk- campaign background

From Sept 2022 to now, we have asked residents for their views on wide range of topics, including:

- Their local area
- Devolution for York and North Yorkshire
- The council plan and budget for 2023 to 2024
- Our climate change strategy
- Their experiences of transport in North Yorkshire
- The council plan and budget for 2024 to 2025
- Their experiences of accessing healthy food and food waste

Over 32,000 surveys have been completed so far.

Reports on the above consultation and engagement conversations can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/letstalkny

Let's Talk- campaign background

- Let's Talk North Yorkshire has helped us to **reach into groups and communities** that we don't usually hear from, giving us a broader understanding of how residents feel about their local areas and their future priorities
- While we are the **largest council by geography** in England, we aspire to build 'local' into how services are designed and delivered
- The information provided via our Let's Talk engagement programme will be used to **inform** the council's **decisions, policies** and **services** moving forward.

Let's Talk Rubbish – The Proposal

The 'Selby model'

Two wheelie bins. One for glass, cans and plastic, and one for paper and card, with alternate fortnightly collections

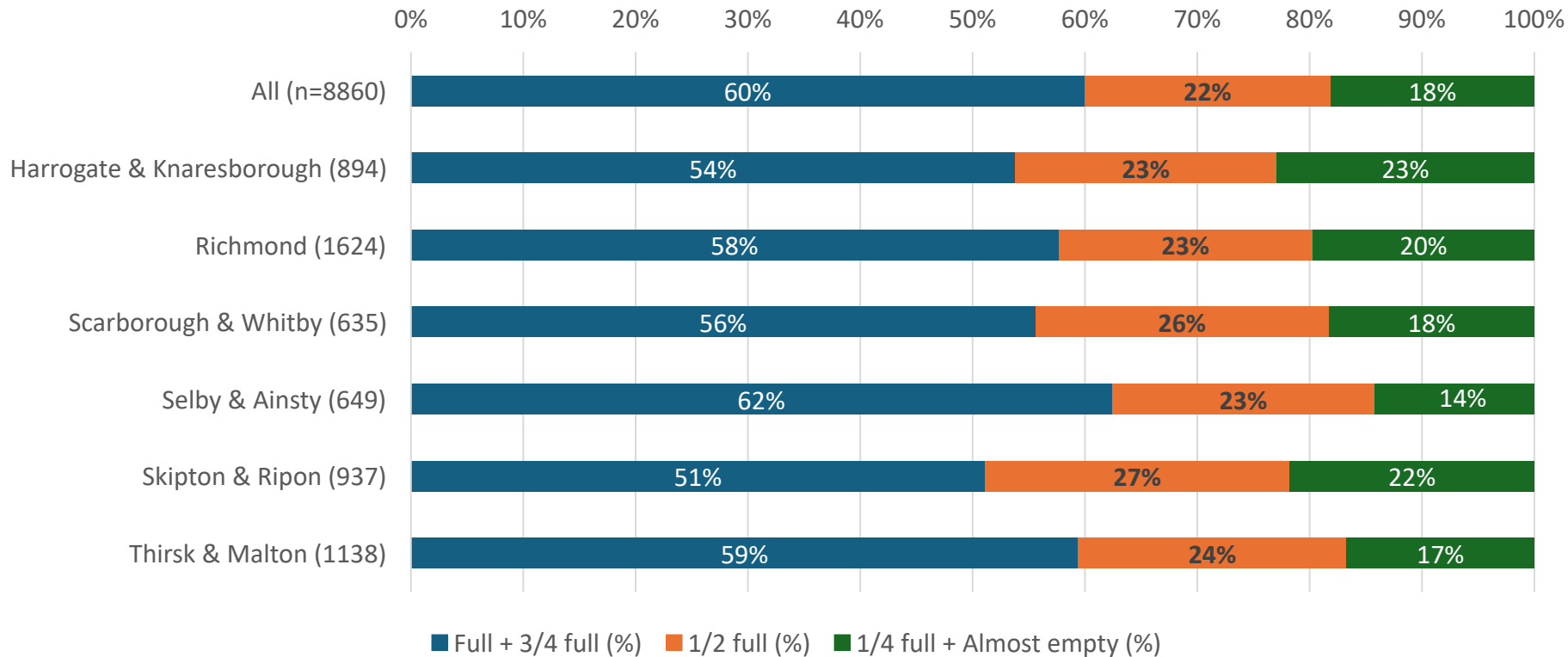


Key findings – Let's Talk Rubbish

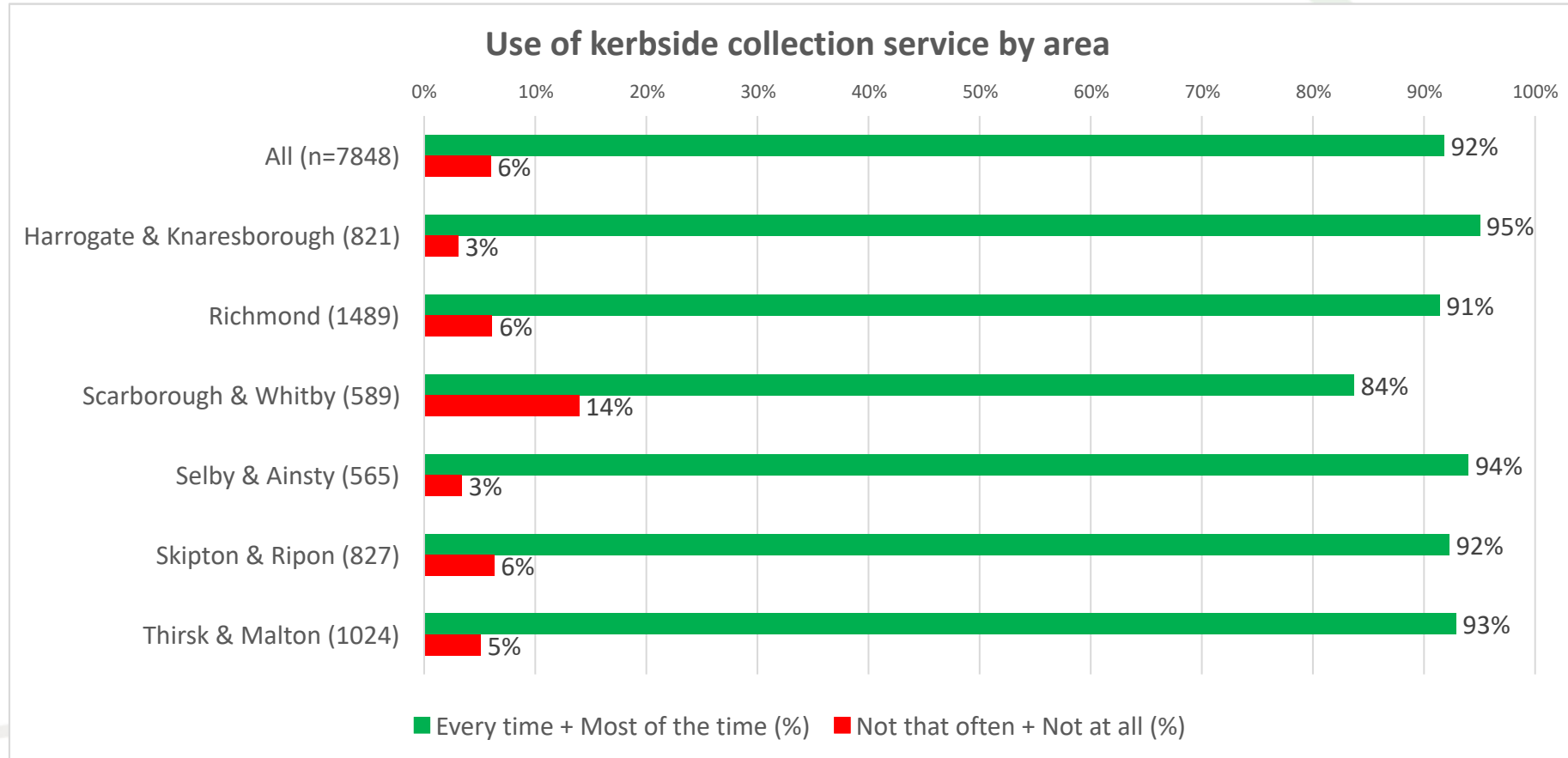
- Strong support overall for a move to a wheeled bin collection instead of boxes / bags
 - Strong support from residents in the Selby locality where the proposal is already in place
- Concerns centre around the practicality of additional bins, the frequency of collection and the potential for confusion amongst residents.

Residual Waste / Rubbish Collection

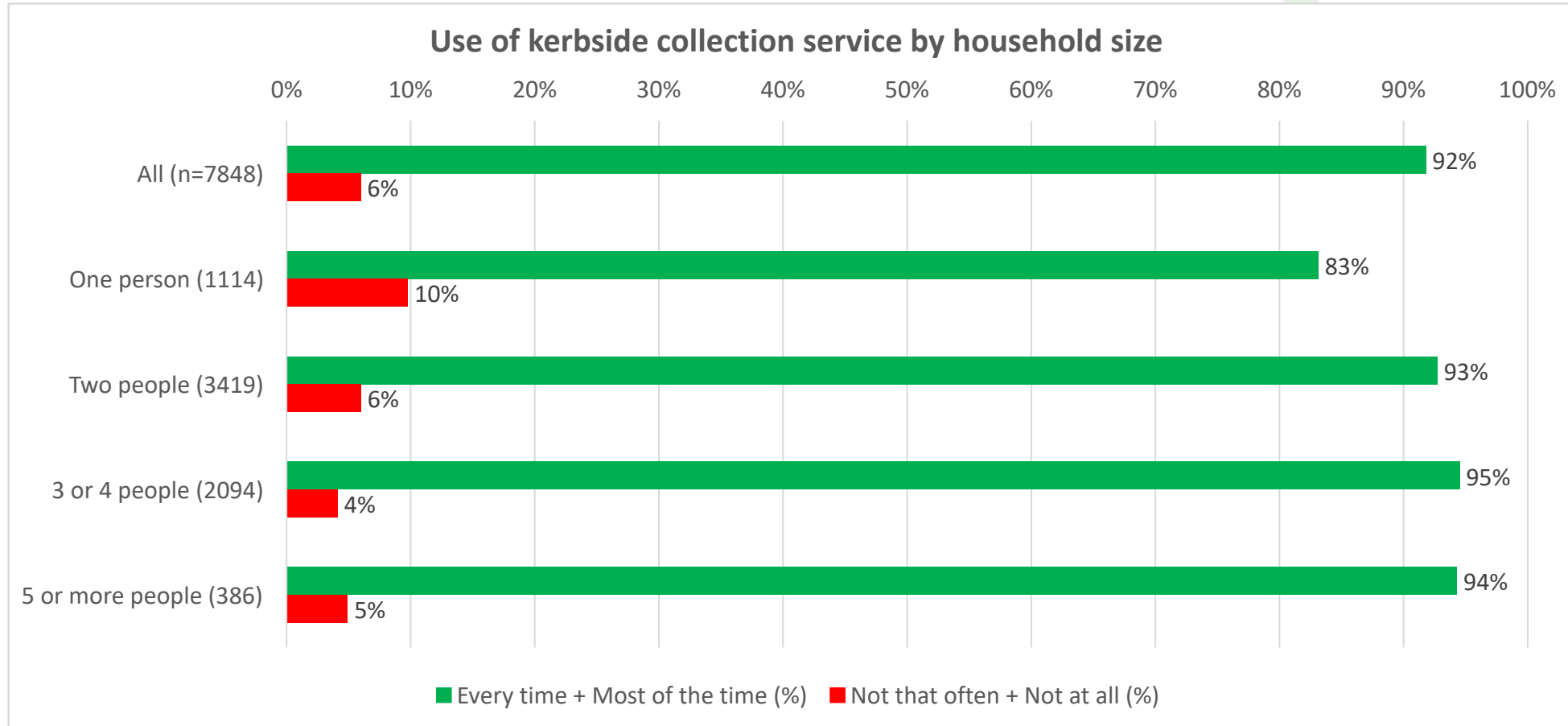
How full is your rubbish bin on a normal collection day?
Results by area



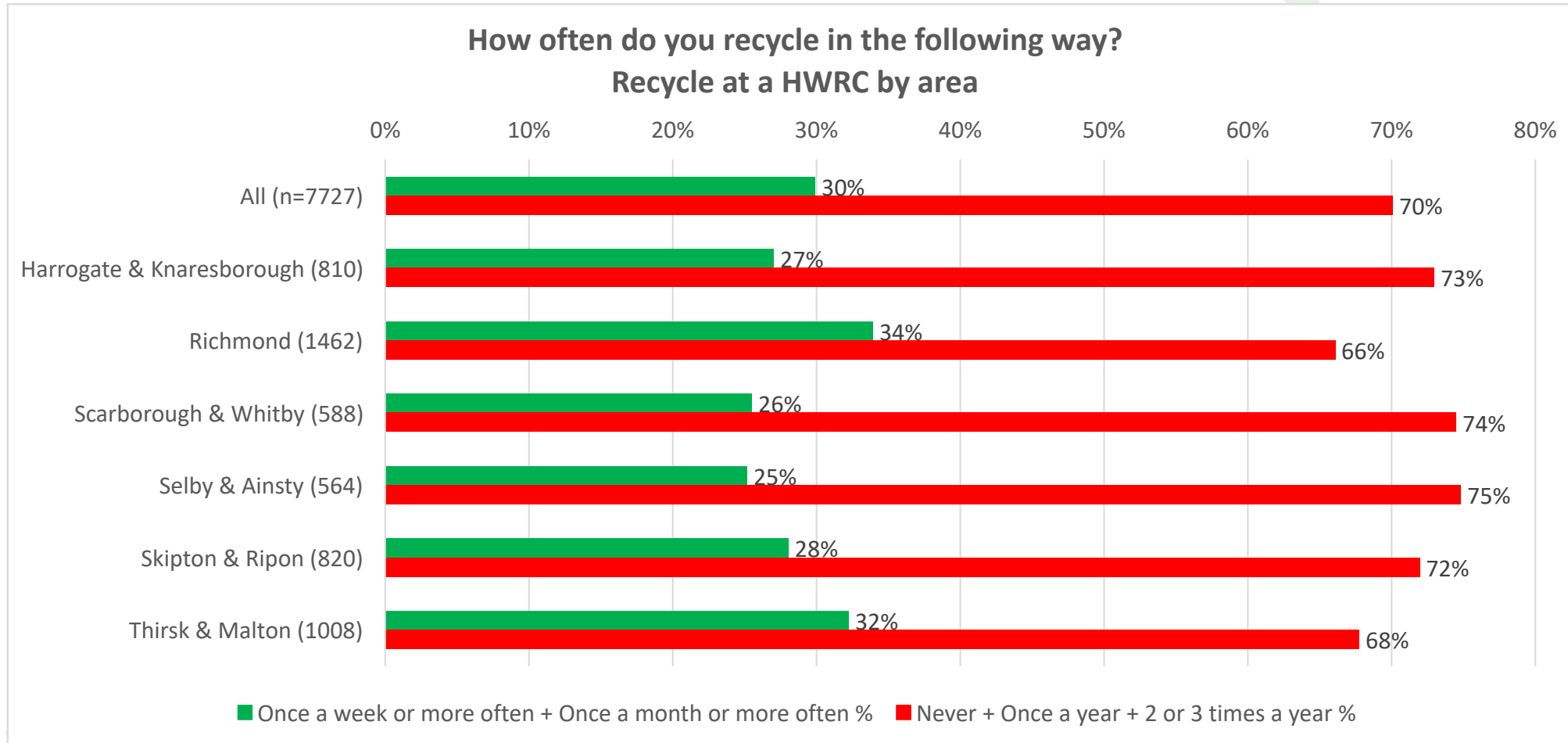
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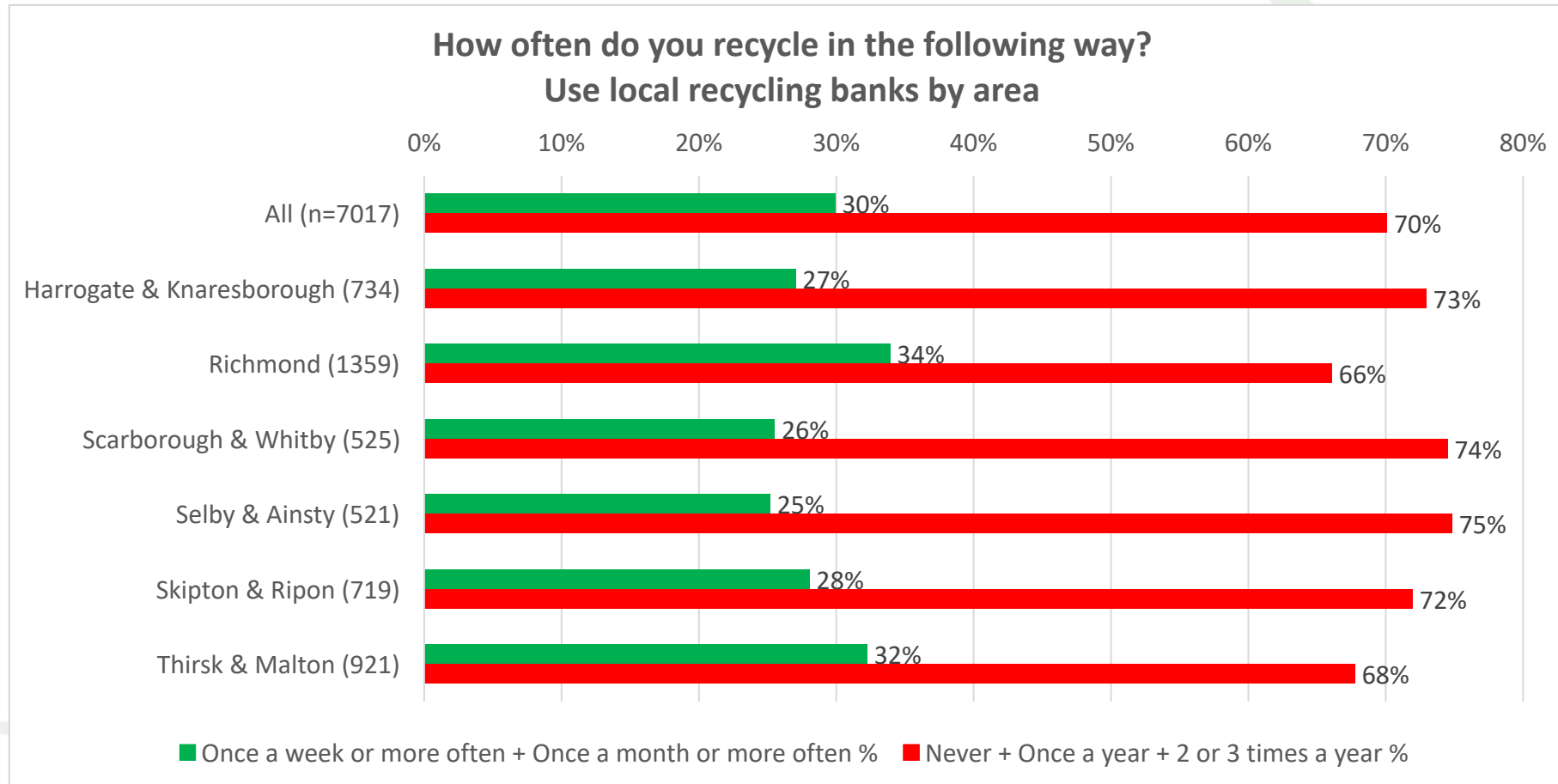
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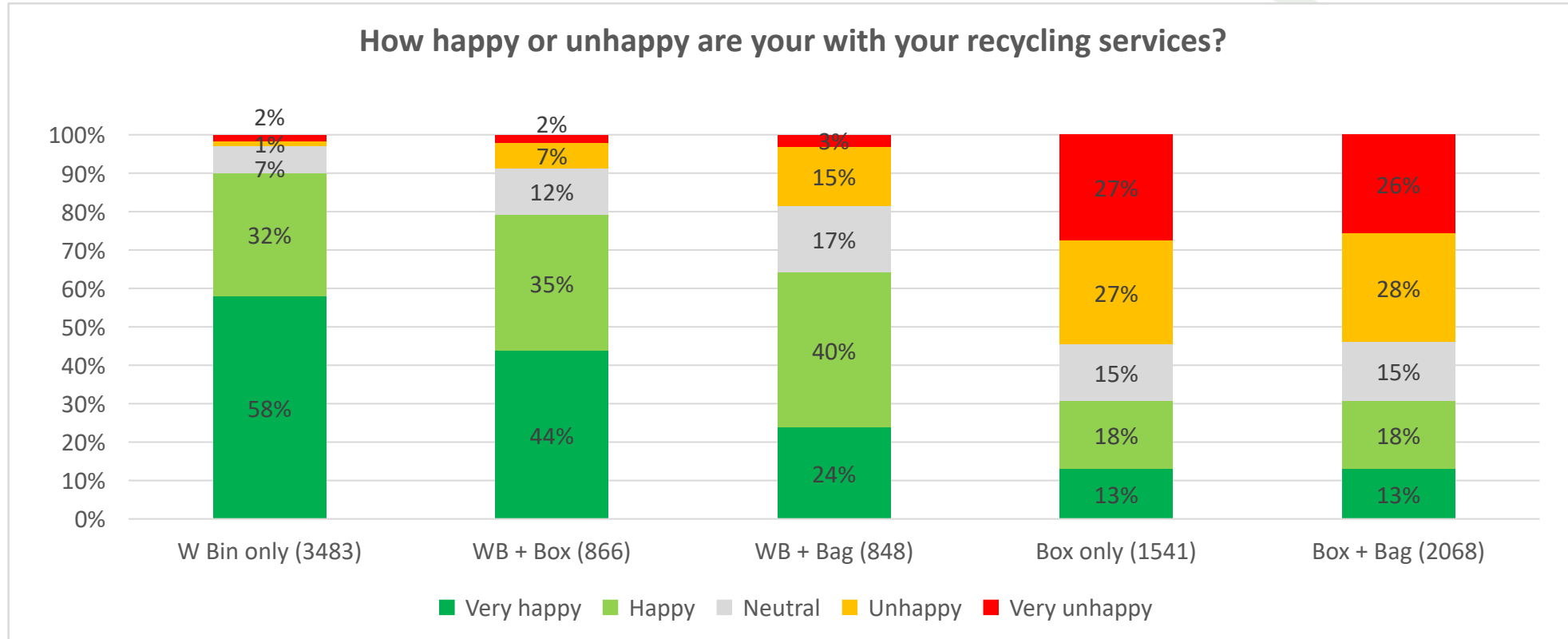
Household Waste Recycling Centres



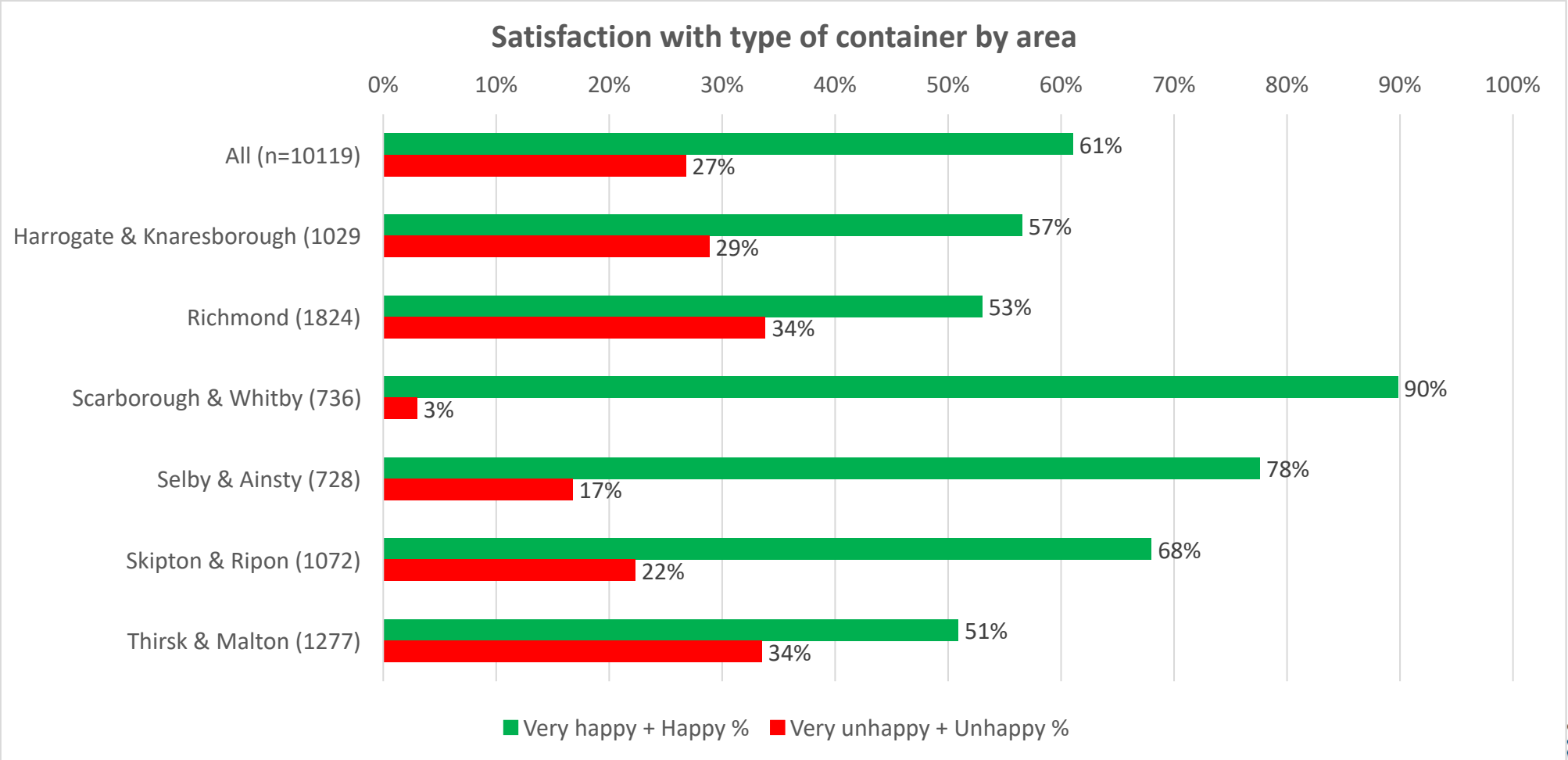
Local Recycling Banks



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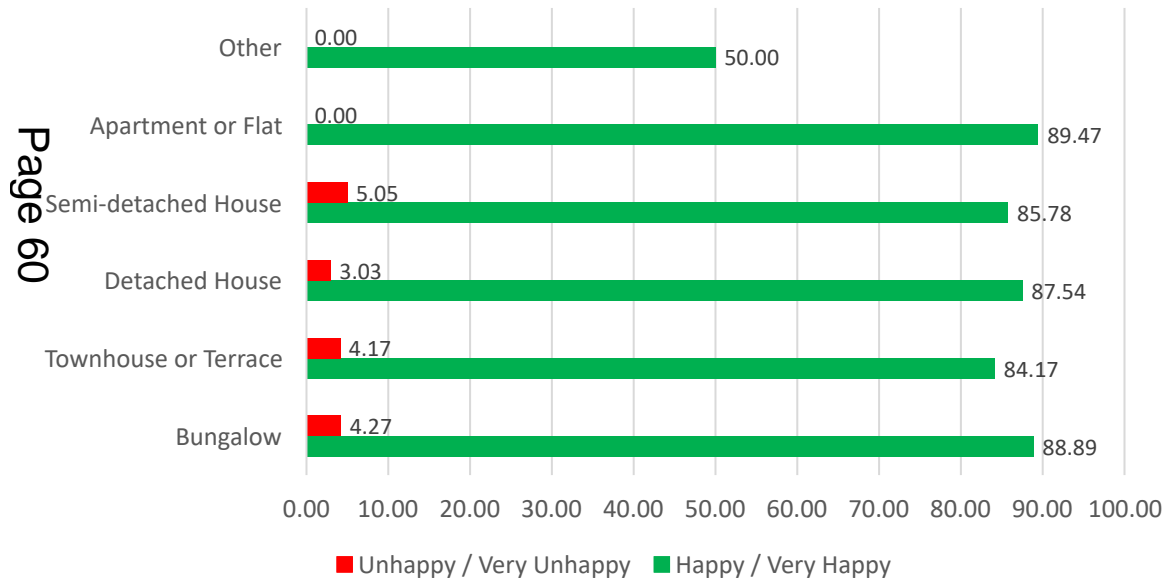


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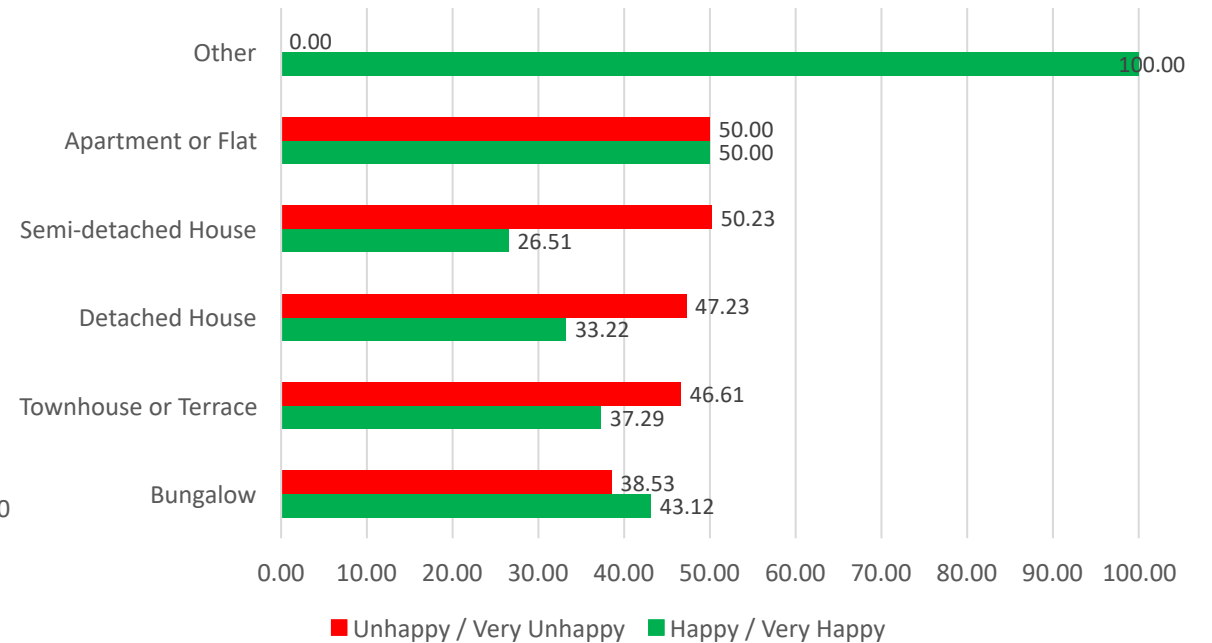


Satisfaction with Container Type by Property Type

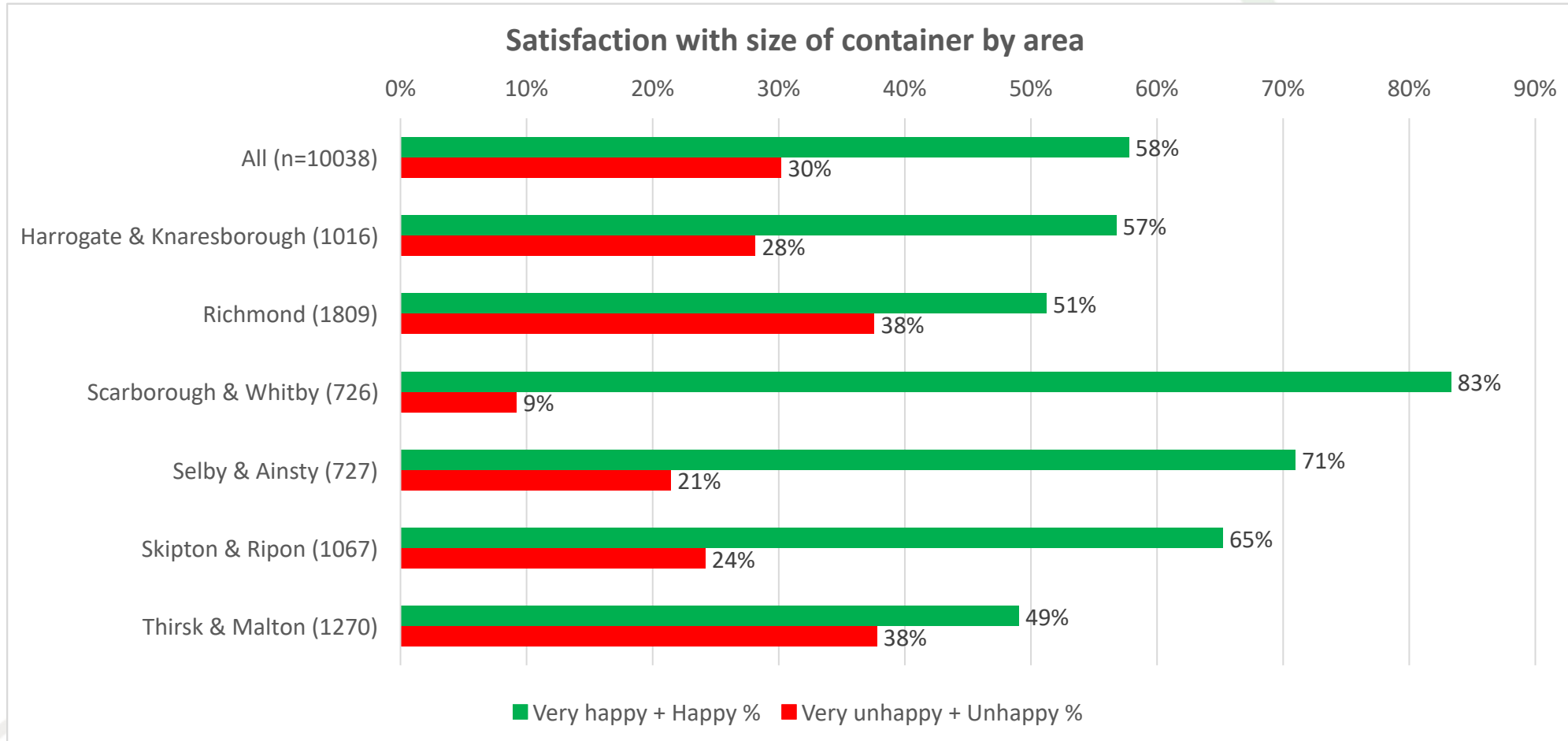
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Satisfaction with container type by property type - Malton locality

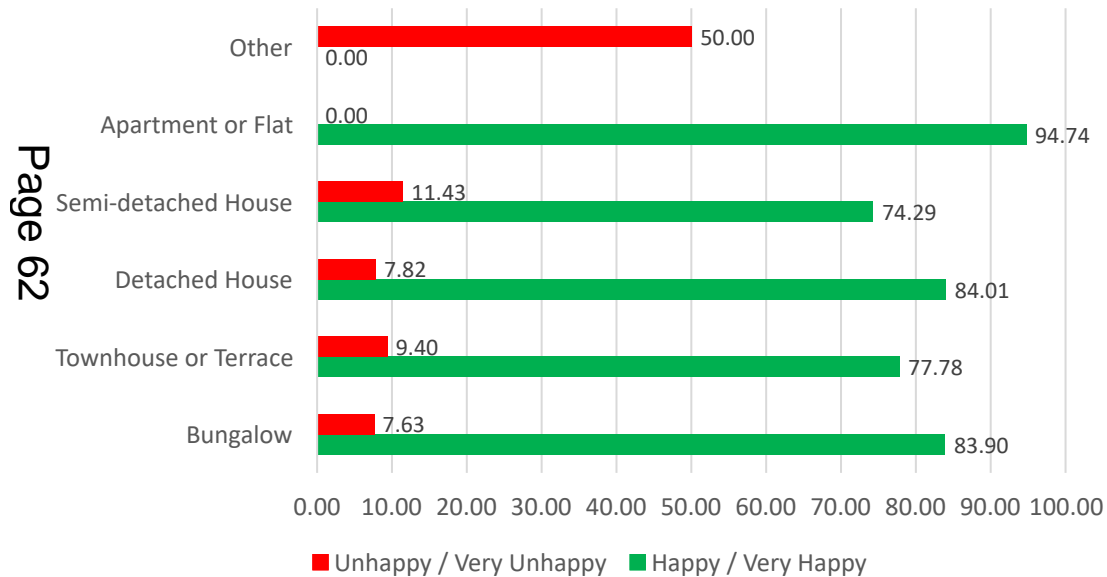


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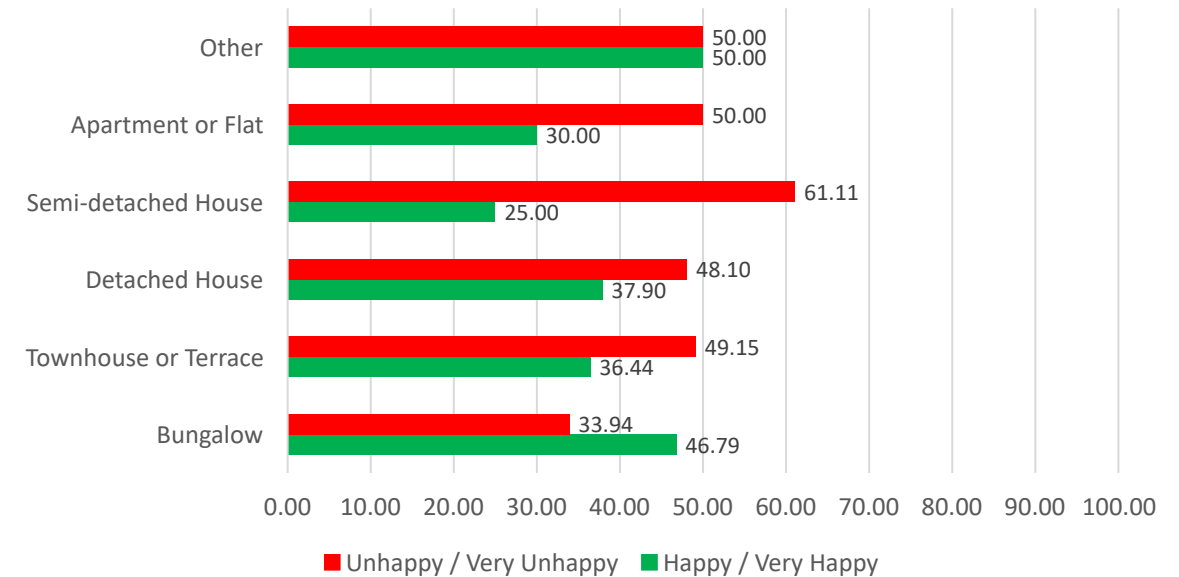


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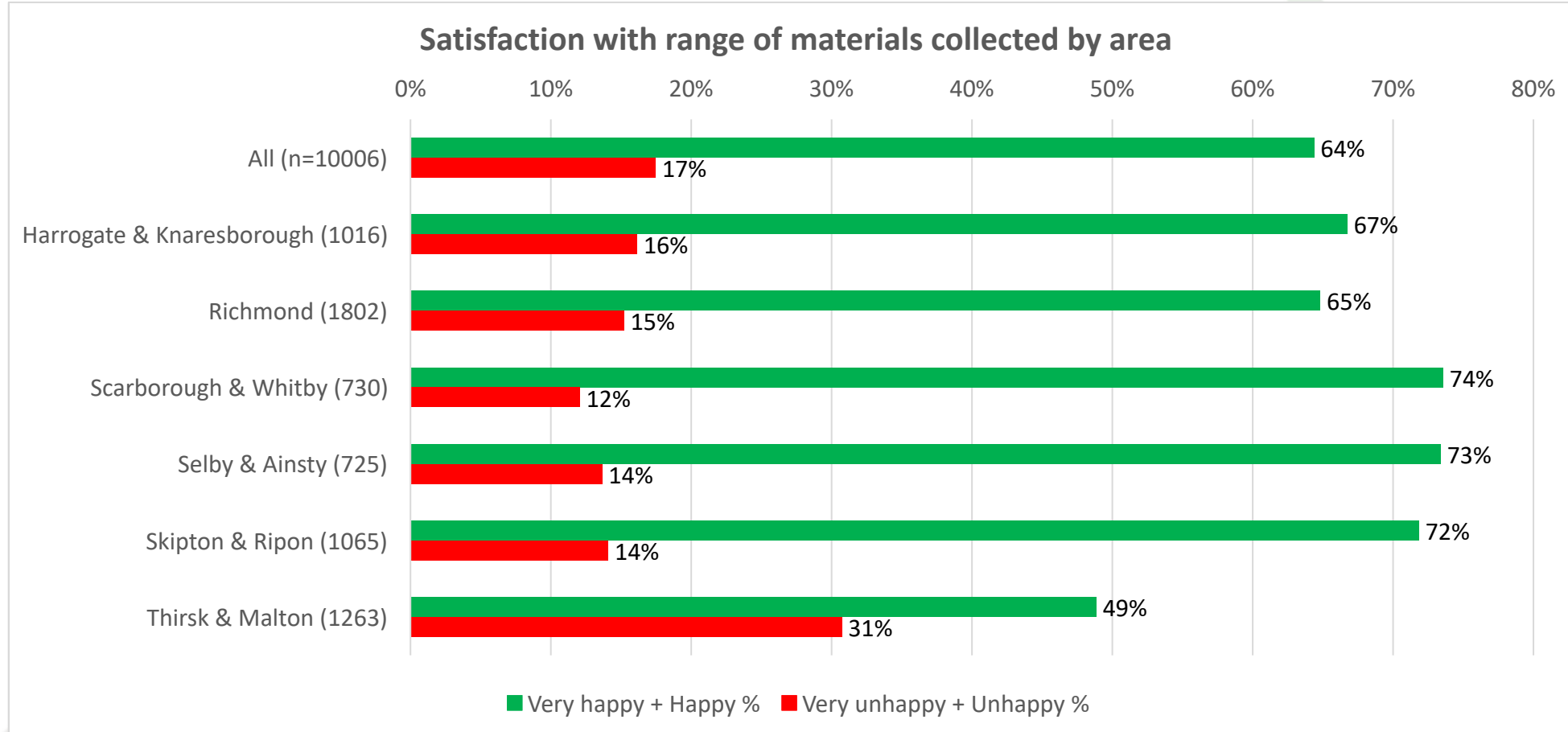
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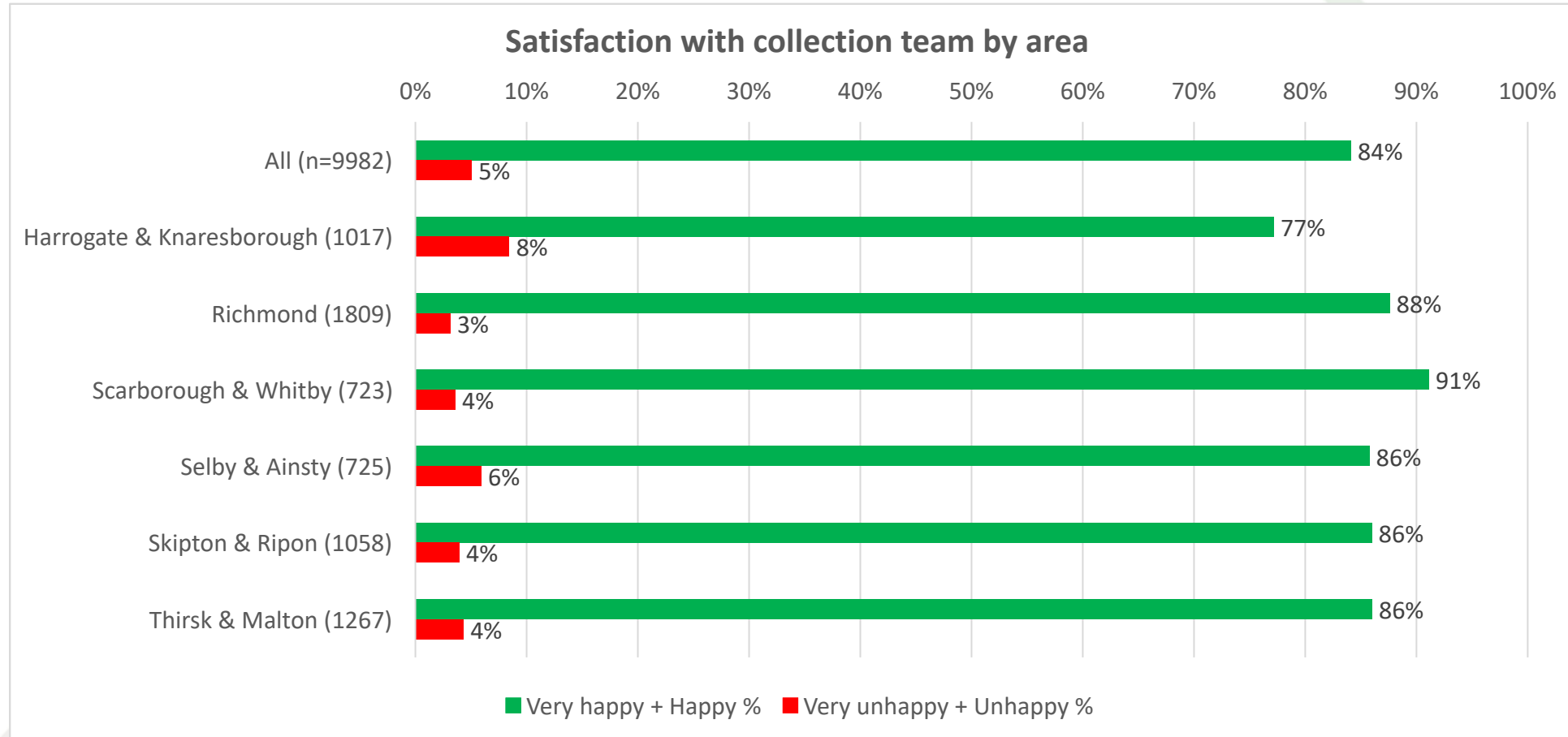
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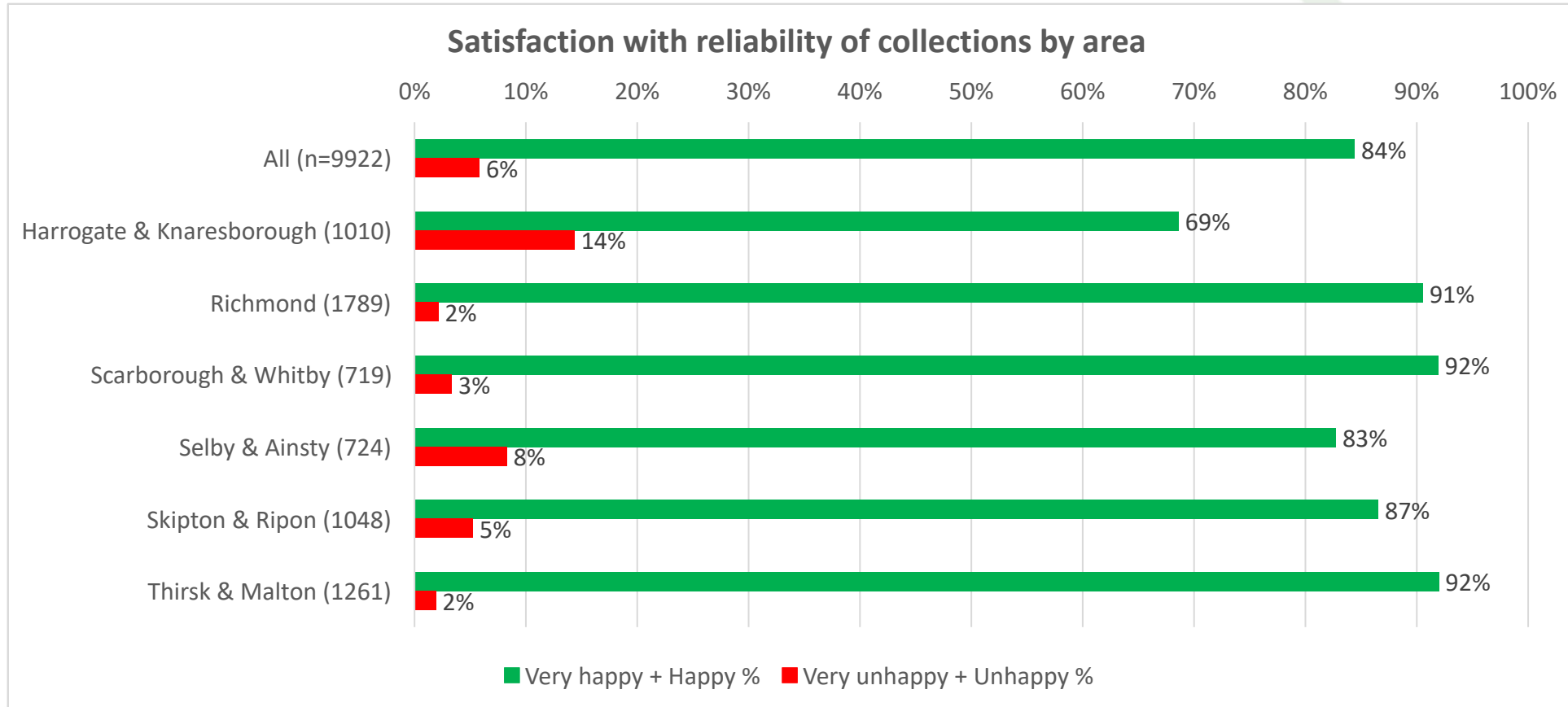
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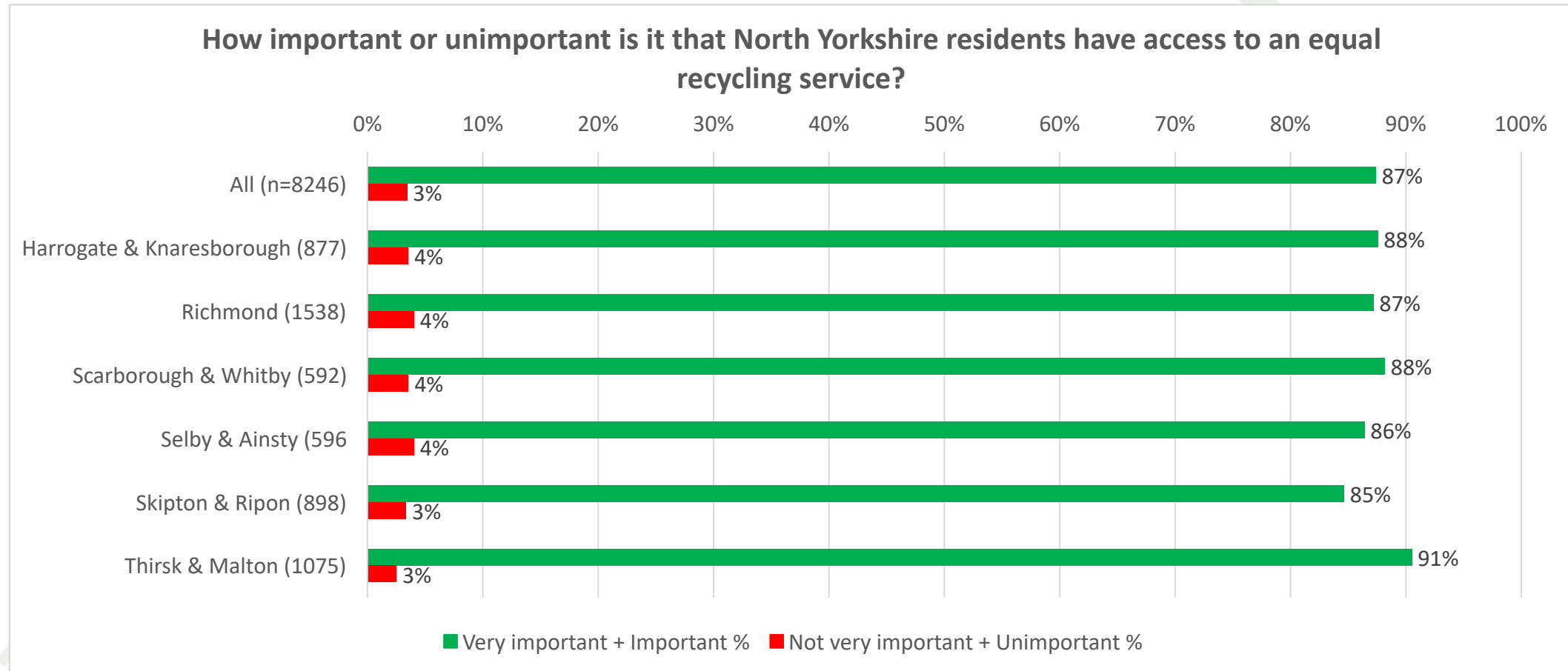
Collection Teams



Reliability of Collections



Equal Access to Recycling Services



How can we improve recycling services...

- Expand the range of materials collected (incl. more types of plastic)
- Increase capacity
- More frequent collections
- Better communication and education campaigns
- Reduce reliance on plastic bags
- Simplify collection systems
- Collect food waste

What do you think of the proposal...

As part of the consultation, we asked people, “*What do you think about our idea to improve recycling services in North Yorkshire?*” The feedback provided a broad range of insights, which were categorised into positive, neutral, and negative sentiments based on the tone and content of the responses.

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In total, **6,513 free text responses** were analysed, and the breakdown of the sentiments shown in the comments is as follows:

- **Positive sentiment:** 3,297 comments (51%)
- **Neutral sentiment:** 1,142 comments (17%)
- **Negative sentiment:** 2,074 comments (32%)

Sentiment Themes - Positive

- Support for modernisation – *‘a great step forward to make recycling easier and to reduce waste’*
- Improved Streetscene – *‘I fully support the idea. It will help cut down on litter and improve the recycling rate in our community’*
- Support for the wheeled bins – *‘I’ve been waiting for a wheelie bin for ages! The current boxes are useless in bad weather’*

Sentiment Themes - Neutral

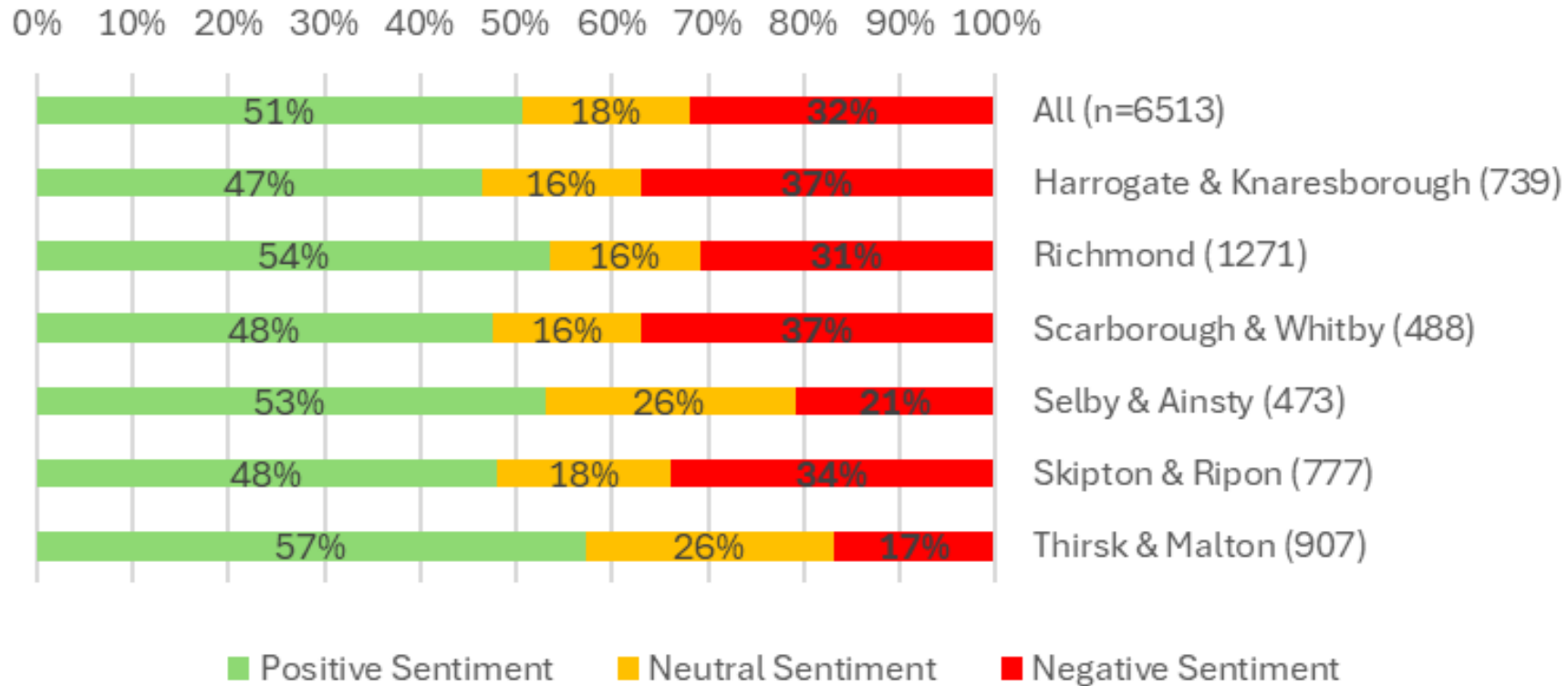
- Need for clear communication - *'it could work but only if it's done properly and people know what to expect'*
- Balanced perspectives – *'The change sounds good but I think people will need clear instructions to avoid confusion'*
- Managing change – *'It's a good idea in principle, but I hope they think through the logistics carefully'*

Sentiment Themes - Negative

- Space constraints – *‘I don’t have enough room for another wheelie bin, and this will just complicate recycling further’*
- Increased complexity – *‘This is just going to confuse people, especially the elderly or those who struggle with current collection systems’*
- Managing change – *‘I’m worried that the changeover will cause chaos. We’ve had enough disruption lately’*

What do you think of the proposal...

Comments on proposal to improve recycling services by sentiment and area



Key Insights

Out of **907 responses**, sentiment in Thirsk and Malton was:

Positive: 57% (519 comments)

Neutral: 17% (153 comments)

Negative: 26% (235 comments)

Thirsk & Malton had the highest proportion of positive sentiment, with over half of responses supporting the proposal. Many were particularly enthusiastic about the introduction of wheelie bins, given that the current system uses small containers that are often unpopular.

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Key insights:

- **Strong support for wheelie bins:** People expressed high levels of support for replacing the existing containers with wheelie bins, seeing it as a practical improvement.
- **Concerns about implementation:** Some concerns were raised about the rollout process, including whether all households would be able to accommodate the new bins.

Quotes:

Positive: "I've been waiting for wheelie bins for ages! The current boxes are useless in bad weather."

Neutral: "The new bins sound good, but we need more information on how this will work for everyone."

Negative: "I'm not convinced everyone has room for a wheelie bin – this could be a problem for smaller homes."

Let's Talk Rubbish - next steps

- Sharing survey data with all area committees
- Once complete, a public report will be published on the NYC website
- Internal and public facing campaign about the engagement results
- Aiming to go live end before the end of 2024

Service Harmonisation

- TEEEOOSC – 17 October
- Executive – 5 November
- Full Council – 13 November