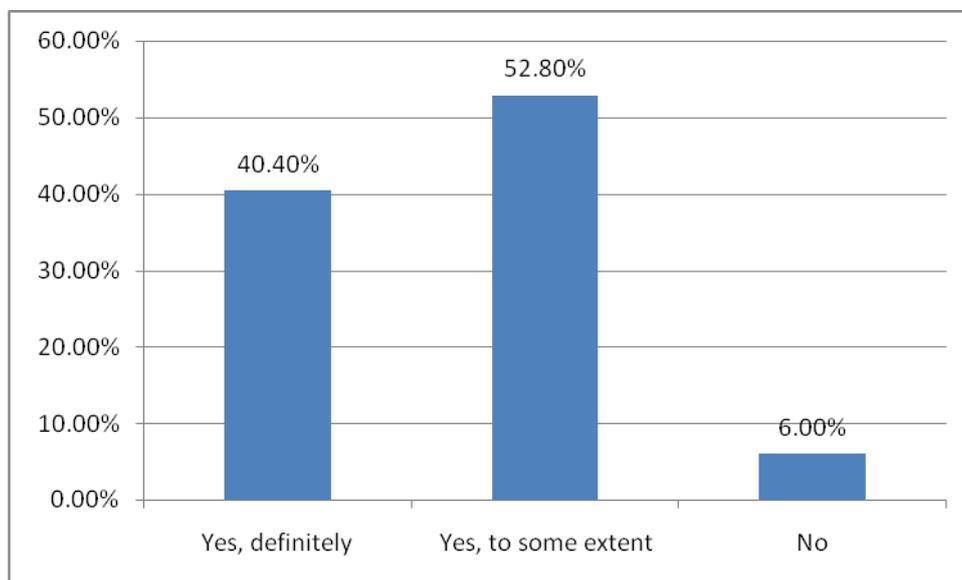


COMMUNITY AUDIT QUESTIONNAIRE

An understanding of community cohesion issues in Dacorum have been developed through focus groups (Communities Together Report 2010). The results from the focus groups have been analysed and incorporated into questions for the community audit. The community audit was distributed electronically within the borough through mailing lists held within the council and by the voluntary sector organisations in the area. In addition the questionnaire was advertised in the local news paper and could be accessed via the consultation page on Dacorum Borough Councils Website 251 residents responded.

1. Do you enjoy living in Dacorum

The majority of residents answered 'yes to some extent' (53%). 65% of respondents wrote a literal response to explain why they answered in the way they did.



The residents that answered 'No' to the question '*Do you enjoy living in Dacorum*' lived in the following areas;

Gadebridge - 15.4% of residents from this area answered No, 84.6% indicated 'Yes to some extent'

Adeyfield - 21.4% of residents from this area answered No, 57.1% answered 'yes to come extent', 21.4% indicated 'Yes, Definitely'

Highfield – 8.3% of residents from this area answered No, 75% answered 'yes to some extent', 16.7% answered 'Yes Definitely'.

The disparities in perceptions are demonstrated through some of the literal answers.

“I live in Boxmoor I don’t think there could be a better location”

“Lovely countryside, good transport links, lots going on in Hemel, Berkhamsted and King Langley – WEA classes, languages, concerts, church life”

“There are green fields, beautiful views, good (road, rail, air canal) transport links, good access to shopping areas, lower than average crime and moderately good council services”

“The litter in the street, the jobs, the cost of living here, the less than highly rated local authority, the crime where I live (Grovehill) and the selfish attitudes of lots of people around here”

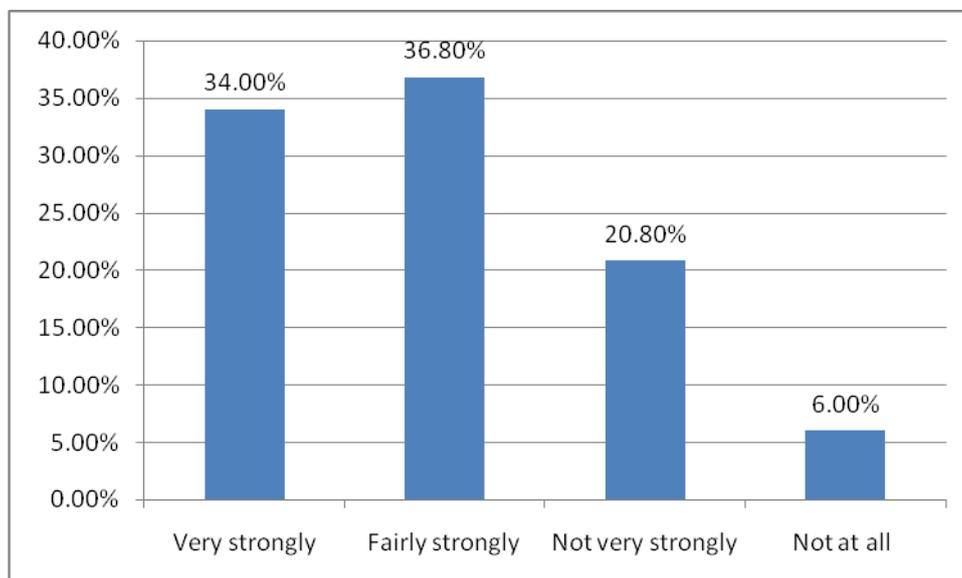
“The people, the level of leisure activities in the way of music theatre dance etc are appalling for a town of this size. The whole area has descended into a state of disrepair. Dirty, compared with neighbouring towns Hemel is an eyesore”

“I don’t appreciate some of the people with no morals or ambition, disruptive teenagers and noise from people coming from the leisure centre”

“Transport, infrastructure, noise pollution and a rubbish county council”

2. How strongly do you feel you belong to your immediate area?

The majority of respondents answered “fairly strongly”(37%), followed by ‘very strongly’ (34%), not very strongly (21%) and ‘not at all’ (6%).



The areas in Dacorum where residents feel a greater sense of belonging to their immediate area are Tring/ Aldbury (84.6%), King Langley (80%) Markyate/ Flamstead (71.4%) and Tring West (66.7%).

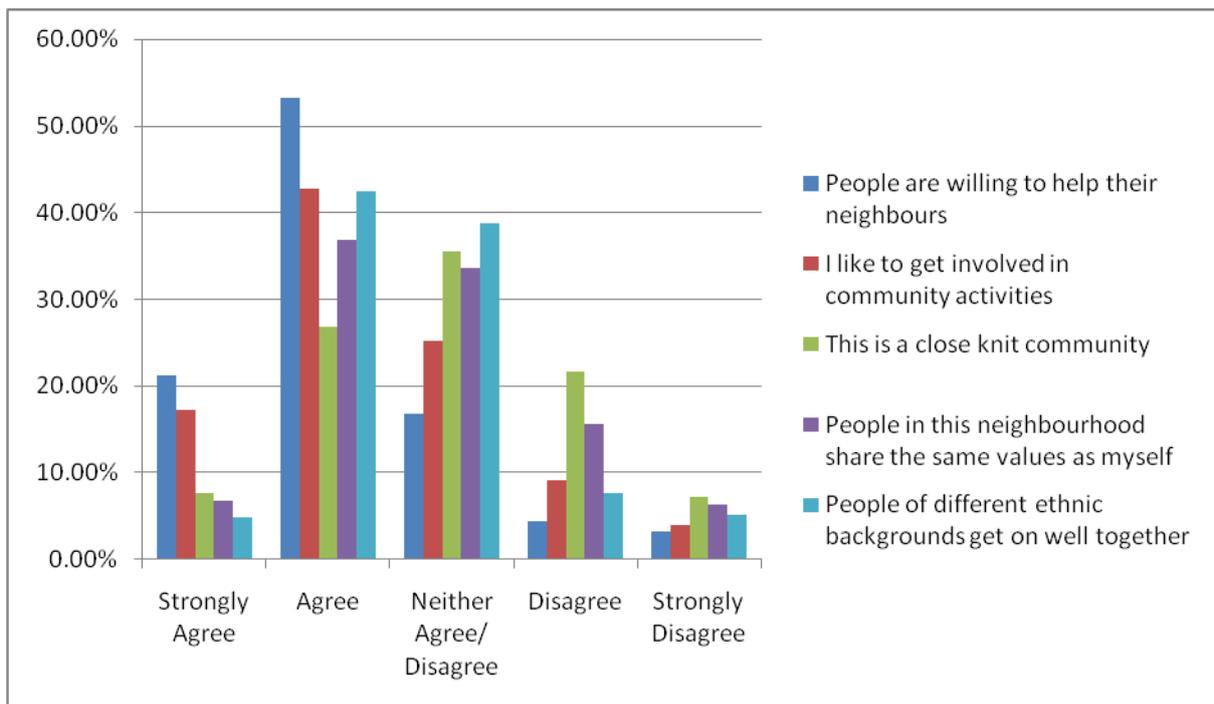
The areas in Dacorum where residents indicated that they feel no sense of belonging to their immediate area are the Town Centre (14.3%), Chaulden/ Warners End/ Bourne (18.2%), Gadebridge (7.7%) and Adeyfield/ Leverstock Green (28.6%). In addition the majority of respondents from the Grovehill area answered 'not very strongly' (83.3%).

There are slight disparities when looking at ethnic breakdown of residents and how they rate their sense of belonging to the local area. 89.2% of people that answered this question are white, 1.2% Black/ Black British, 1.6% mixed and 4.4% were Asian/ Asian British.

Of this 4.5% of white respondents answered 'not at all' to the question. This figure was 66.7% for Black/ Black British, 50% for mixed race and 9.10% for Asian/ Asian British. Yet attention must be drawn to the fact that only 5 of the respondents were Black, 6 Mixed and 11 were Asian while the remainder of respondents were white.

91.8% of white respondents and 4.7% of Asian/ Asian British said they felt 'very strongly' to their immediate area yet no Black/ Black British or Mixed British felt 'very strongly' about their sense of belonging to their local area.

3. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements?



People are willing to help their neighbours

The majority of individuals agreed with this statement 21% 'strongly agree', 53% 'agree', only 4% of respondents 'disagree', 3% 'strongly disagree'.

I like to get involved in community activities

The majority of respondents agreed with this statement, 17% 'strongly agree', 43% 'agree' however 9% 'disagree' and 4% 'strongly disagree'.

This is a close knit community

27% of respondents agree with this statement yet 22% disagree, 7.2% strongly disagree.

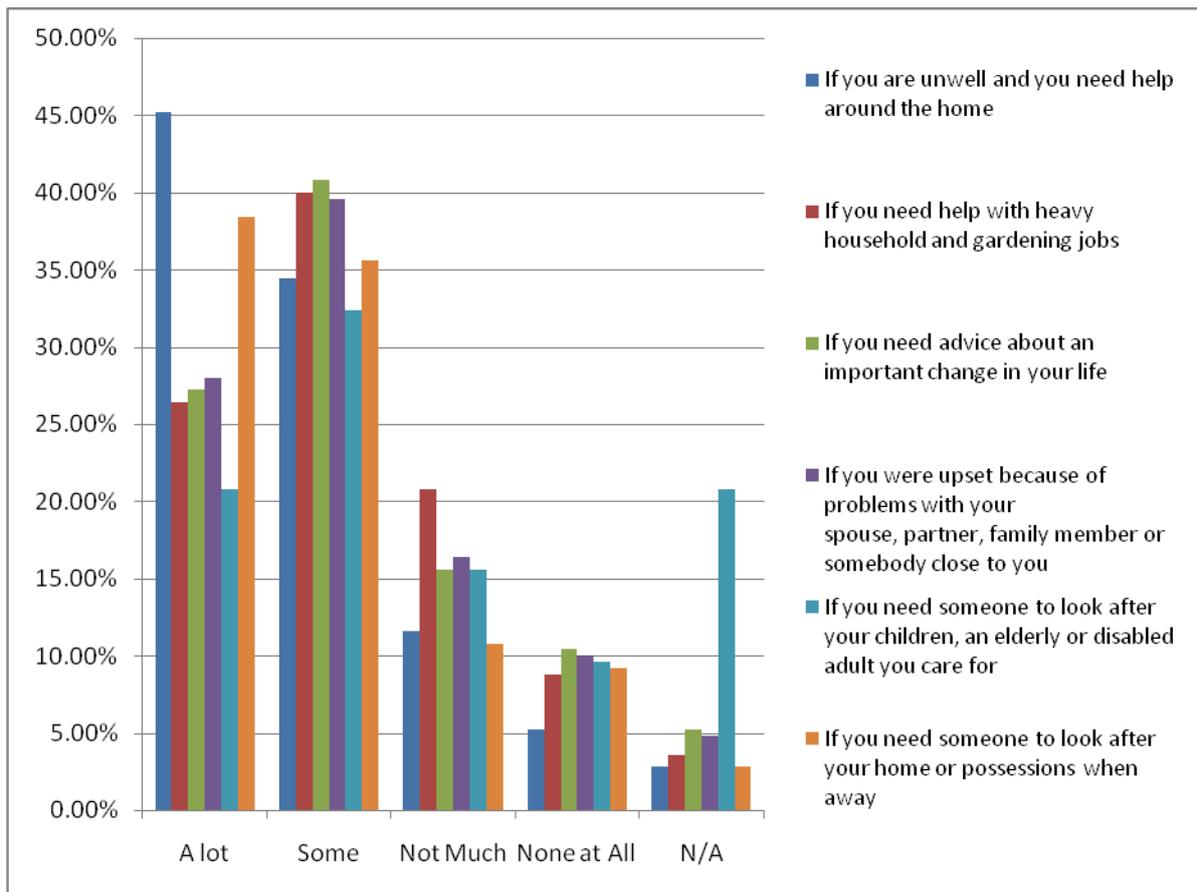
People in this neighbourhood share the same values as myself

37% agree with this statement, 16% disagree and 6% strongly disagree

People of different ethnic backgrounds get on well together

42% agree with this statement, only 8% disagree and 5% strongly disagree

4. Thinking about yourself, how much support would you get in the following situations?



If you are unwell and you need help around the home

45% of respondents answered 'a lot', 34% 'some', 11.6% 'not much', 5% 'none at all'

If you need help with heavy household and gardening jobs

26% of respondents answered 'a lot' 40% 'some', 21% 'not much', 9% 'none at all'

If you need advice about an important change in your life

27% of respondents answered 'a lot', 40% 'some', 16% 'not much', 10% 'none at all'

If you were upset because of problems with your spouse, partner, family member or somebody close to you

28% of respondents answered 'a lot', 40% 'some', 16% 'not much', 10% 'none at all'

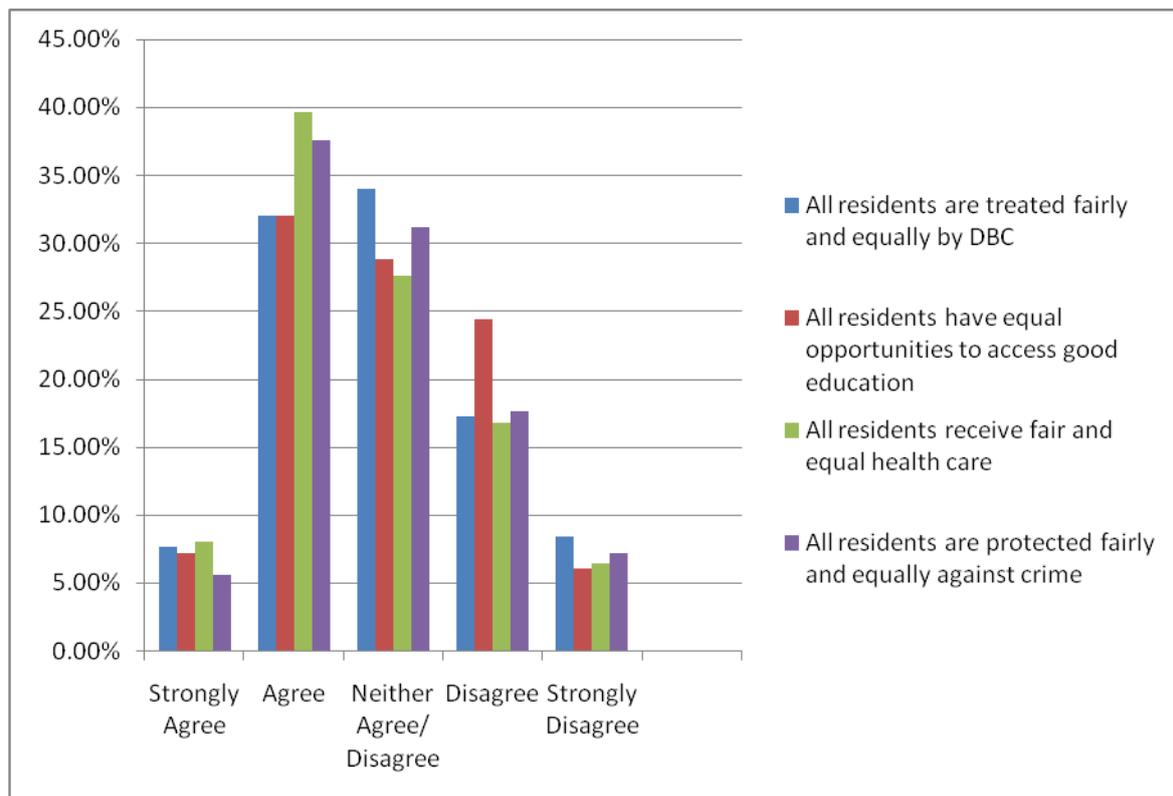
If you need someone to look after you children an elderly or disabled adult you care for

21% of respondents answered 'a lot', 32% 'some', 16% 'not much', 10% 'none at all'

If you need someone to look after your home or possessions when away

38% of respondent answered 'a lot', 36% 'some', 11% 'not much', 9% 'none at all'.

5. Thinking about the Borough of Dacorum as a whole, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.



All residents are treated fairly and equally by DBC

The majority of respondents 'agree' with this statement 32%, 17% 'disagree', 8% 'strongly disagree'

All residents have equal opportunities to access good education

The majority of respondents 'agree' with this statement 32%, 24% 'disagree' and 6% 'strongly disagree'

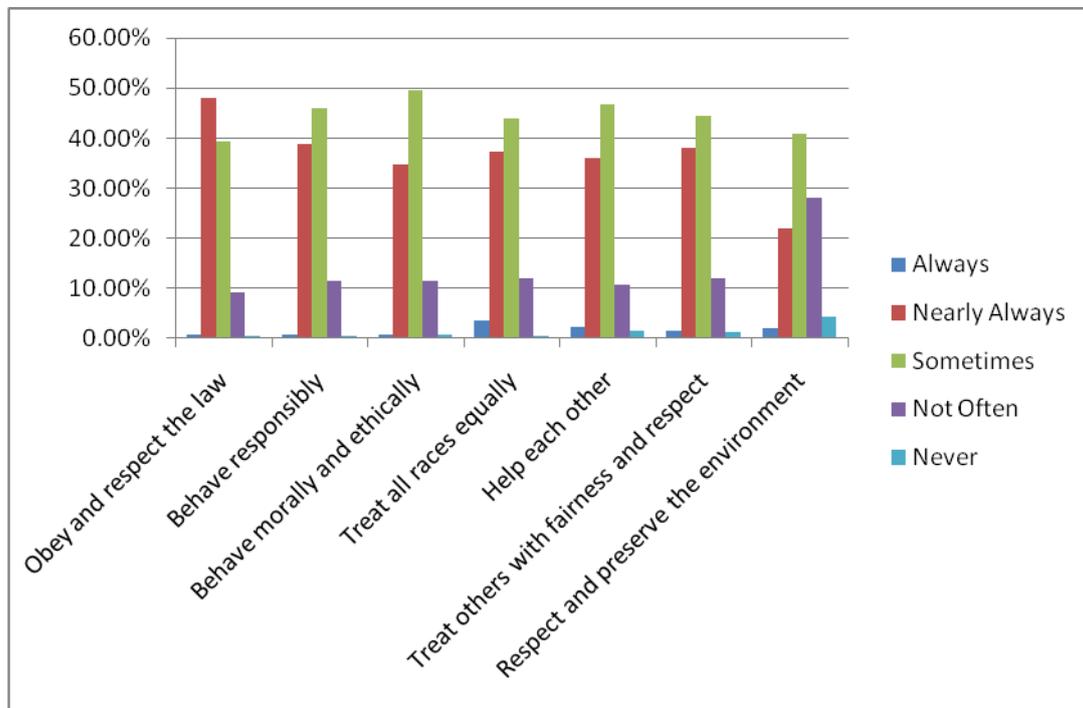
All residents receive fair and equal health care

The majority of respondents 'agree' with this statement 40%, yet 17% 'disagree' and 6% 'strongly disagree'

All residents are protected fairly and equally against crime

The majority of respondents 'agree' with this statement 38%, 18% 'disagree' and 7% 'strongly disagree'.

6. Thinking again about residents living in the Borough of Dacorum, please tell us how much you agree or disagree that residents in Dacorum do the following



Obey and respect the law

Only 1% of respondents answered 'always', 48% answered 'nearly always', 39% 'sometimes', 9% 'not often'

Behave responsibly

Only 1% of respondents answered 'always', 39% 'nearly always', 46% 'sometimes', 12% 'not often'

Behave morally and ethically

Only 1% of residents responded with 'always', 35% 'nearly always', 50% 'sometimes', 12% 'not often'

Treat all races equally

4% answered 'always', 37% 'nearly always', 47% 'sometimes', 11% 'not often', 2% 'never'

Help each other

2% answered 'always', 36% 'nearly always', 47% 'sometimes', 11% 'not often', 1% 'never'

Treat others with fairness and respect

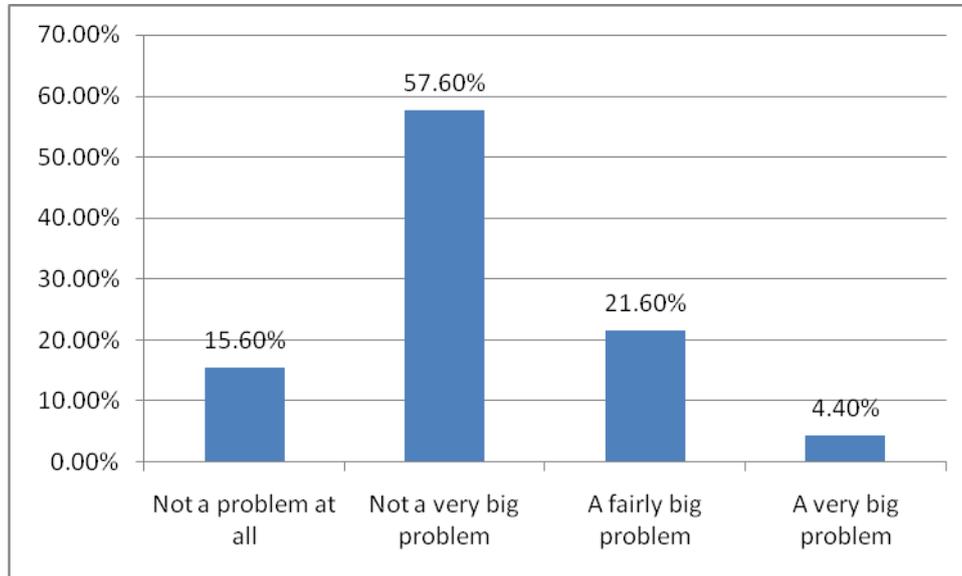
2% answered 'always', 38% 'nearly always', 44% 'sometimes', 12% 'not often'

Respect and preserve the environment

2% answered 'always', 22% 'nearly always', 41% 'sometimes', 28% 'not often', 4% 'never'

7. In your local area, how much of a problem do you think there is with people not treating each other with respect and consideration?

The majority of respondents answered 'not a very big problem'- 57%, 16% 'not a problem at all', 21% 'fairly big problem' and 4% 'a very big problem'.



Disparities can be seen between wards with regards to respect and consideration. The area where the greatest amount of respondents answered 'not a problem at all' was Bovingdon (37.5%), Berkhamstead West (36.4%) , Wiggington (33.3%), Apsley (33.3%) and Chaulden/ Warners End/ Bourne End (27.3%).

There are four areas where people indicated that people not treating each other with respect and consideration was 'a very big problem'.

Gadebridge – 7.7% of residents in this area answered 'a very big problem', 23.1% 'a fairly big problem', 53.8% 'not a very big problem' and 15.4% 'not a problem at all'.

Adeyfield – 7.7% of residents in this area answered 'a very big problem', 28.6% 'a fairly big problem', 57.1% 'not a very big problem' and 7.1% 'not a problem at all'.

Highfield – 6.7% of residents in this area answered 'a very big problem', 16.7% 'a fairly big problem', 50% 'not a very big problem' and 8.3% 'not a problem at all'.

Berkhamstead West – 4.5 % of residents in this area answered 'a very big problem', 4.5 % 'a fairly big problem', 54.5% 'not a very big problem' and 36.4 % 'not a problem at all'.

