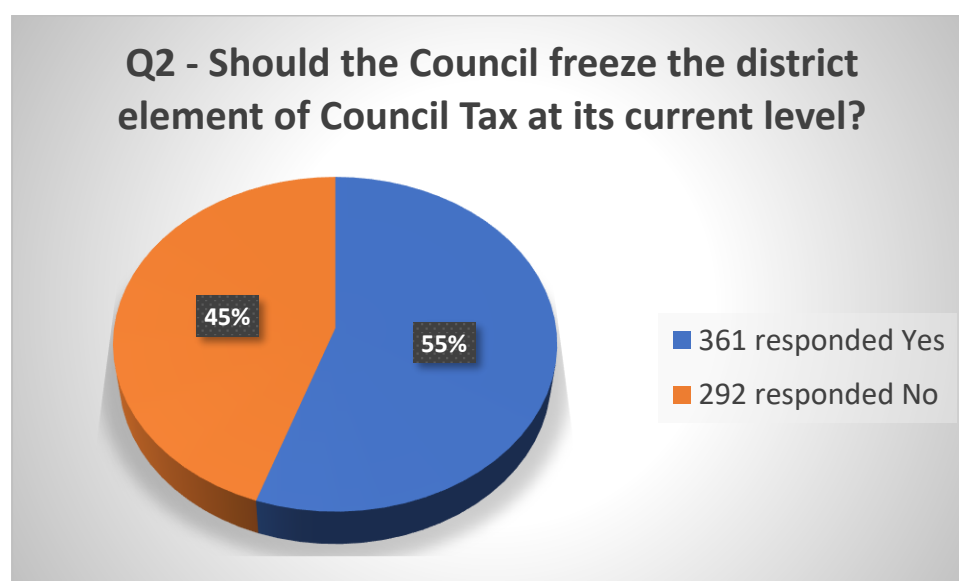
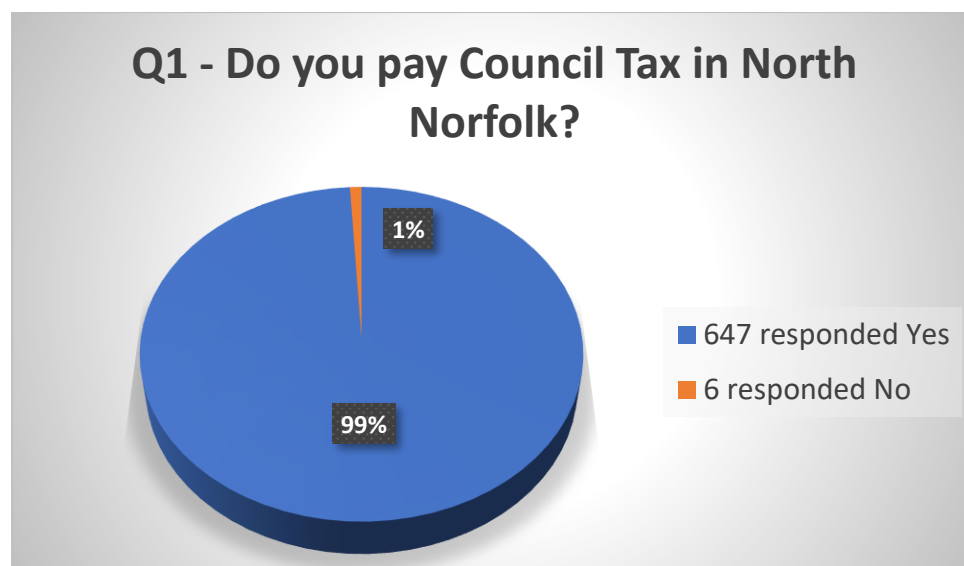


Results of the Budget Consultation carried out on the North Norfolk District Council website from 24 November to 12 December 2022

North Norfolk District Council held a resident consultation for the 2023/24 budget, seeking Council Taxpayers views on whether the authority should increase its proportion of the 2023/24 Council Tax bills and whether it should allocate any proposed increase towards projects and support for the most vulnerable in our communities respond to cost of living pressures. There were 653 responses, which was a significant increase on previous years' responses.

The responses to the questions are shown below. Not all the comments are listed below as there were too many to list, but they can be made available upon request. A small sample is given below.



Sample of responses for Q2 – please note this is just a sample and there were many more: -

Our wages don't go up so where are we supposed to find the extra money from?

Working people cannot afford to keep paying higher bills. It's always the working people who gets no support that suffer.

People are really struggling and if all costs are going up then it is not just £2-3 a week extra, it is tens of pounds a week extra for people to find, whose wages are not keeping up and have not kept up over a number of years.

NNDC should be looking at ways to mitigate their additional costs rather than passing this onto their customers.

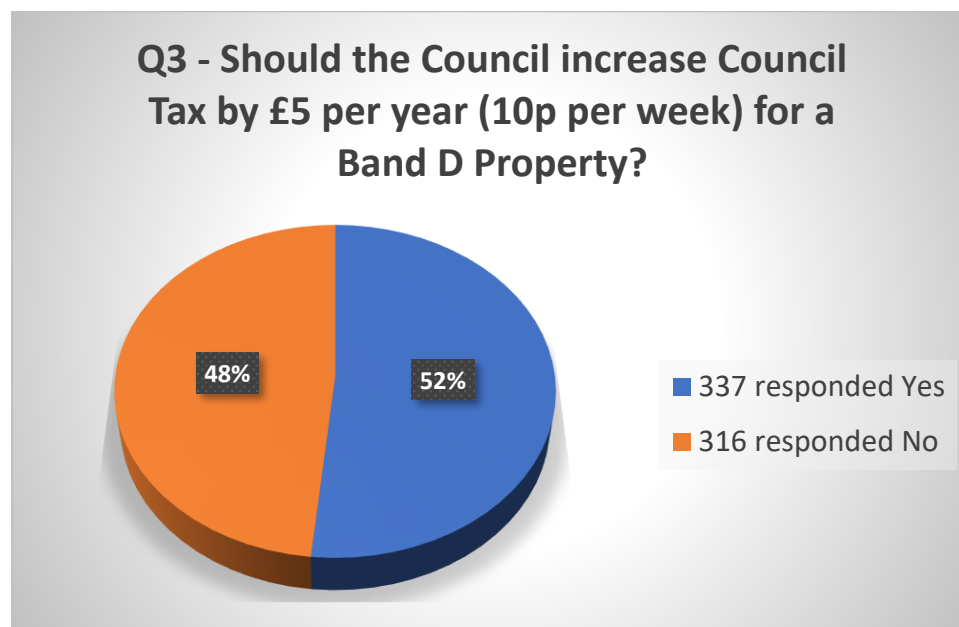
How about increasing the council tax on second homes in the area and then the local people wouldn't get stung.

It is unrealistic to freeze Council Tax at the moment. Public services are already under enough strain.

The most vulnerable need support more than ever now.

A small increase is acceptable especially in these difficult economic times. However, the more affluent households should pay a little more.

Services shouldn't be cut so we have to pay.



Sample of responses for Q3 – please note this is just a sample and there were many more: -

Services should not be reduced.

Seems a very reasonable increase.

Please increase by more than that £10 per month and actually fund services

A much greater increase is needed at C and higher budgets of services are too thinly spread.

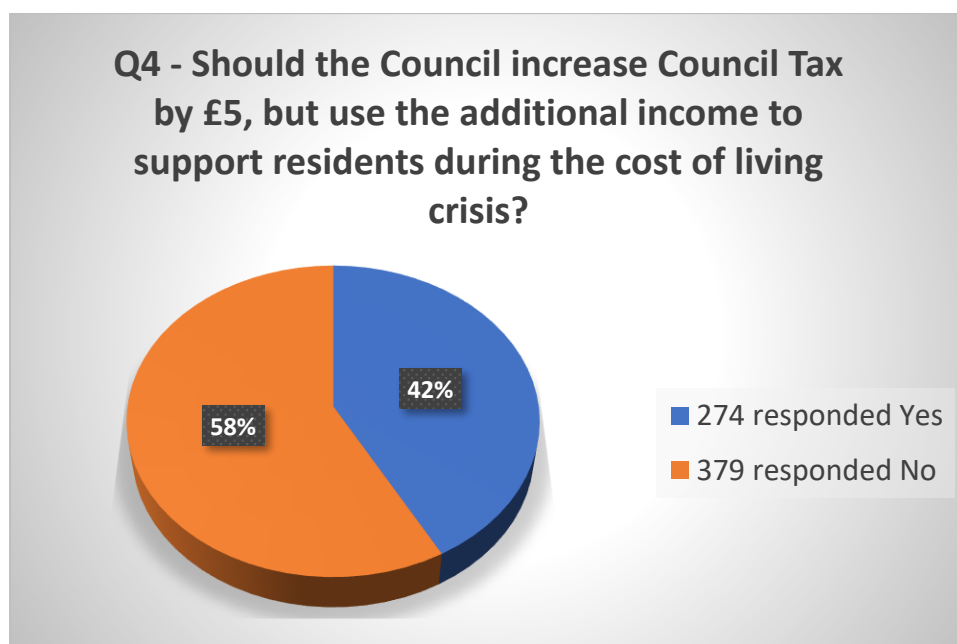
Everyone including the Council need to 'share the pain' in these trying times.

Financial crisis - nobody can afford this

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The worrying thing is how much will the other parts of the council tax increase?



Sample of responses for Q4 – please note this is just a sample and there were many more: -

We all have increased cost, no wage increases, this yet another burden

I agree but again the advantages are extremely vague, and it would have been good to see what targeted support is planned.

But only if it is definitely used for these purposes.

Leave the money in people's pockets, so that it supports everyone, not just some of the residents.

Finding the cost of council tax very high and increasingly worried over how to pay. Do not qualify for rebate but that does not mean affluence.

Focus on core services

Yes, if it could be guaranteed to be used for these services

Raise the tax even further to help those most in need.

Increasing council tax and ring fencing for vulnerable potentially impacts other services in the same way as NOT increasing council tax. Can lead to negative impact on low-income households who struggle but do not 'benefit' from services for vulnerable. All NNDC services are important, and increases should not be ring fenced otherwise potentially worsens other services for all.