

Shared Communities Survey

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1.0 BACKGROUND TO STUDY

- 1.1 Brookfield is a residential area located on the east side of Banbridge town and takes its name from the historic Brookfield House. The present day Brookfield estate is located in an area that combines local industry alongside a variety of residential areas.
- 1.2 Brookfield Estate comprises of 120 homes with a mixture of Housing Executive and privately owned properties.
- 1.3 Brookfield Community Association, established in 2005, has been active in the local area working with their neighbouring Edenderry estate partners to address community issues on a cross community basis. They are located in Brookfield Community House which acts as an office base for meetings and enables a wide range of activities with local children, youth, families and senior citizens in the area.
- 1.4 Brookfield was selected to participate in the Housing Executive's Shared Community Programme in 2012, the overall purpose of the programme being "to develop shared housing communities where people choose to live with others regardless of their religion or race, in a neighbourhood that is safe and welcoming to all, and threatening to no -one".
- 1.5 The programme is community led and provides an opportunity for residents to engage in good relations projects within their own area as well as neighbouring estates. Central to the programme for each area selected is a survey, designed in consultation with the community group, to determine the needs of the community.
- 1.6 This report details the method by which the Brookfield survey was conducted and resultant research findings.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 In April 2012, The Housing Executive's Community Cohesion Unit asked the Research Unit to carry out a shared community survey in the Brookfield Estate area.
- 2.2 Members of the Research and Community Cohesion units met with Brookfield Combined Community Association in May/June 2012. Following consultation with community representatives the questionnaire design and methodology for the survey were agreed.
- 2.3 The aims of the survey were to:
 - measure satisfaction with local facilities/services;
 - identify activities or services that could be provided at a local community level;

- assess attitudes to community relations and community safety in the area;
 - identify areas of work needed in order to develop and implement a good relations plan.
- 2.4 Questionnaires were posted, together with a cover letter, to all 120 households at the beginning of August. Staff from the Housing Executive's Research Unit collected these questionnaires over a two week period.
- 2.5 The questionnaire was designed for self completion; however research officers helped complete questionnaires with those residents who requested assistance during the fieldwork period.
- 2.6 Up to five attempts were made to collect surveys at varying times of the day. At the end of the fieldwork period where officers were unable to make contact with a household member, the address was recorded as a non contact.
- 2.7 On completion of the fieldwork it was concluded that 3 addresses in the sample were ineligible due to being vacant. This reduced the valid sample to 117 addresses. A total of 69 completed questionnaires were returned which yielded a response rate of 59 per cent. Table A below details the response rate breakdown.

Table A: Breakdown of response rate

	Number	%
Original target sample	120	
Vacant	3	
Revised target sample	117	100
Non contacts	39	33
Refusals	9	8
Completed questionnaires	69	59

- 2.8 In terms of reporting, a number of questions included in the survey were asked in the context of the area in which residents live. Therefore it was important to establish a name for the area that all survey recipients would relate to. Following discussions with the community group it was agreed 'Peggy's Loaning' would be the name used in the survey. Consequently 'Peggy's Loaning' is the name used throughout the research findings to define the area surveyed.
- 2.9 Please note that due to rounding, some tables do not add to 100%. Furthermore, for data protection purposes, and particularly where questions are considered sensitive, if the number of respondents is less than five the actual figures have been omitted and are shown as <5.
- 2.10 Finally, in some cases totals do not add up to 69, which may be due to some respondents not giving sufficient information when answering the question. These are recorded as a non response.

3.0 RESEARCH FINDINGS

3.1 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOME AND AREA

Almost two-thirds (42; 61%) of respondents had lived in the Peggy's Loaning area for more than 15 years at the time of the survey (Appendix Table 1).

More than two fifths (28; 42%) of respondents lived outside the local area but within Banbridge District Council area immediately before moving to Brookfield; nearly a third (21; 32%) lived in the same local area (Appendix Table 2).

Almost half (34; 49%) of respondents owned their own home, slightly less (30; 43%) rented from the Housing Executive (Appendix Table 3).

At the time of the survey the majority (66; 96%) of respondents lived in houses; the remainder (3; 4%) lived in flats (Appendix Table 4).

The majority of respondents (58; 85%) stated they were unlikely to move from the local area in the next two years. Seven per cent reported that they were likely to move and the same proportion did not know (Appendix Table 5).

3.2 SERVICES, FACILITIES AND EVENTS

General services and facilities

Respondents were asked about a number of services and facilities in their area and whether they found them satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

There were high levels of satisfaction for the majority of services listed in the survey, with the highest proportions of respondents satisfied with the emptying of wheelie bins (65; 94%), secondary schools (65; 94%), street signage (65; 94%) and primary schools (64; 93%). Conversely, more than half (41; 59%) of respondents stated that play areas were unsatisfactory (Appendix Table 6).

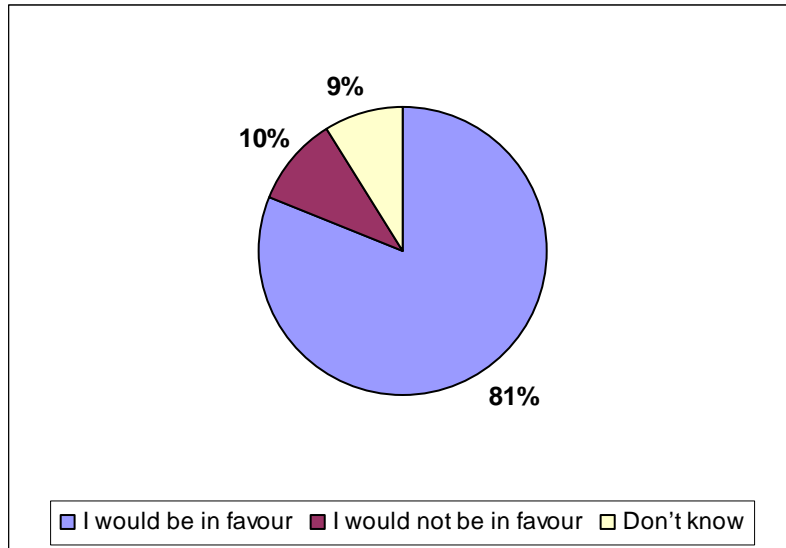
Less than one-fifth (10, 18%) of respondents were involved in community groups at the time of the survey (Appendix Table 7).

Views on developing a play park in the area

Figure 1 below shows respondents' views on developing a play park in the area. Similar proportions (56, 81%) of respondents would be in favour of the development of a play park in the area; a further nine per cent were undecided.

A tenth (7; 10%) were not in favour of developing a new play park in the area; reasons for this being divided between concerns that it would encourage youth drinking or bring in outsiders who may cause trouble (Appendix Table 8).

Figure 1: Respondents' views on developing a play park

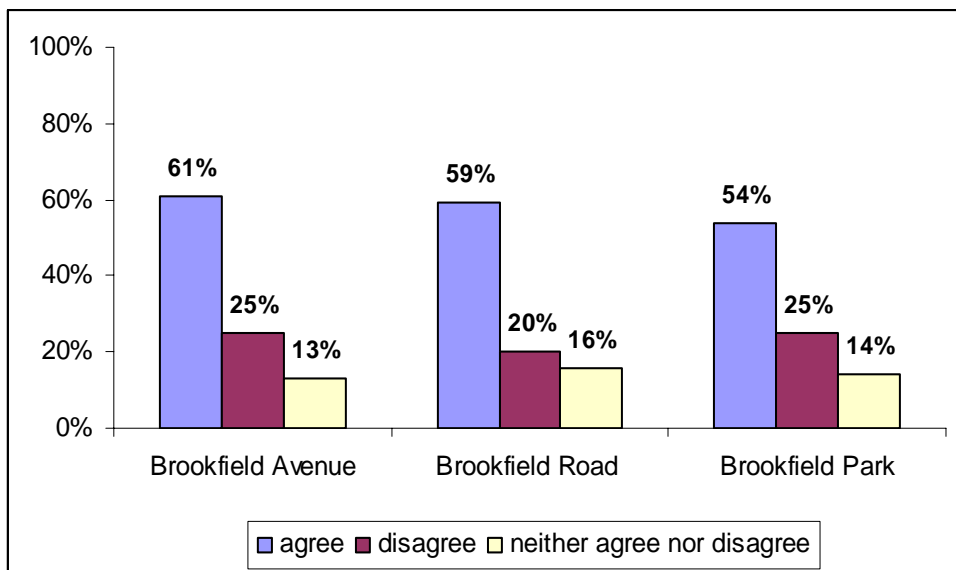


Noteworthy is the finding that more than half (27; 67%) of those who reported being unsatisfied with play parks in the area stated 'there are none' as their reason for their dissatisfaction.

Respondents' view speed bumps

As Figure 2 below suggests, the majority of respondents either strongly agreed or agreed that there was a need for speed bumps in the Brookfield area.

Figure 2: Respondents' view regarding speed bumps

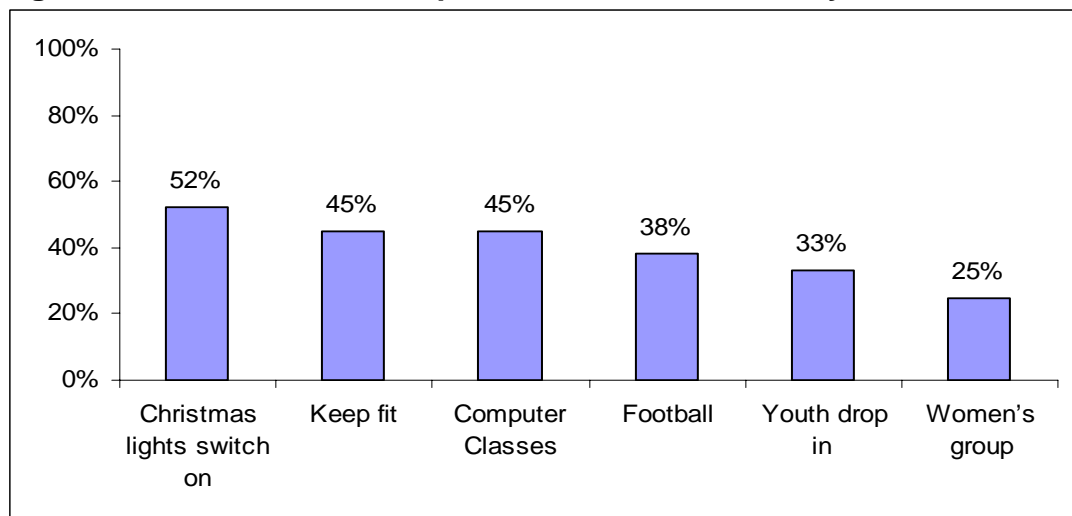


For example, when asked almost a third (42; 61%) strongly agreed or agreed that Brookfield Avenue required speed bumps, and a similar proportion (41; 59%) felt the same about Brookfield Road (Appendix Table 9). A quarter or less of all respondents either disagreed or strongly disagreed that the Brookfield required speed bumps in all three streets listed (Appendix Table 9).

Future community activities and events

Figure 3 below shows that more than half (36, 52%) of respondents would attend a Christmas lights switch on.

Figure 3: Level of interest in possible future community activities



Moreover, equal proportions (31, 45% in each case) would attend keep fit activities and computer classes. According to survey findings respondents would be least likely to attend women’s groups (17; 25%), (Appendix Table 10).

Facilities which may promote greater understanding and respect

More than two-thirds (47, 68% in each case) of respondents thought that children specific interest clubs and youth activities could promote greater understanding and respect between communities in the area; a slightly smaller proportion (44, 64%) thought community social events would promote understanding and respect between communities (Appendix Table 11).

Satisfaction with Peggy’s Loaning as a place to live

Three-quarters (52, 75%) of all respondents were either very satisfied or satisfied with the Peggy’s Loaning area as a place to live; more than a tenth (10; 15%) had no strong feelings. Less than a tenth (6; 9%) were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied; reasons given for dissatisfaction were too varied to infer any general factors (Appendix Table 12).

3.3 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Attitudes to community relations

Almost three-fifths (59, 86%) of respondents were not very concerned or concerned about relations between people of different community backgrounds in the Peggy's Loaning area (Appendix Table 13).

More than three-quarters (54, 78%) of respondents were not very concerned or concerned about relations between people of different community backgrounds in Northern Ireland as a whole (Appendix Table 14).

Mixing with people from different backgrounds

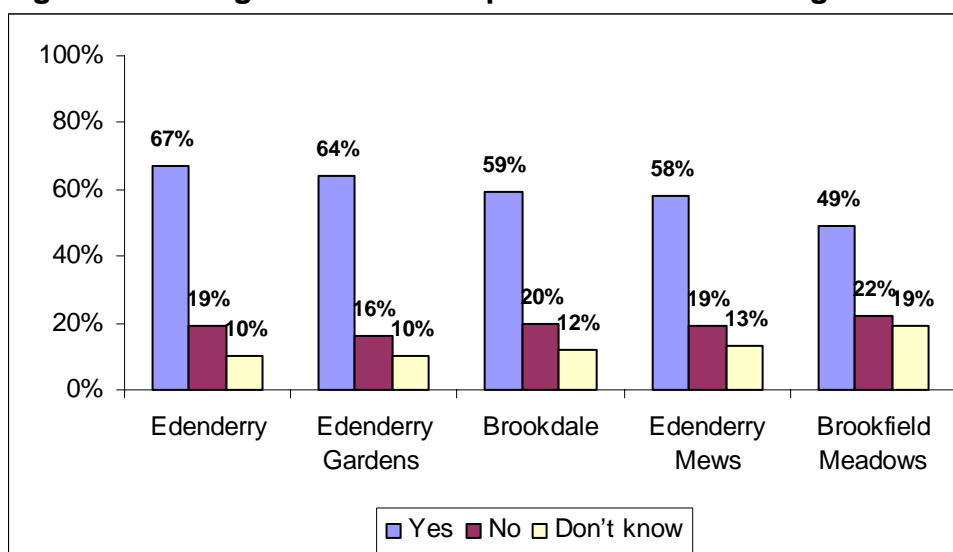
The majority (52, 76%) of respondents stated they or members of their household frequently mixed with people from a different community or religious background. A further fifth (13; 19%) of respondents stated they or members of their household sometimes mix with people from a different community/ religious background (Appendix Table 15).

Willingness to share space

More than two-thirds (45, 67%) of respondents reported they would be willing to take part in events/activities/projects delivered on a shared basis, open to people from different community/religious backgrounds. A further fifteen per cent reported that they may attend events on a shared basis possibly in the future (Appendix Table 16).

A more detailed question, included in the survey, asked respondents whether they would be willing to share space with residents from particular surrounding areas. Figure 4, below, shows that over two thirds (46; 67%) of respondents would be are willing to share space with residents from Edenderry and a similar proportion (44; 64%) would be willing share space with residents from Edenderry Gardens (Appendix Table 17).

Figure 4: Willingness to share space with surrounding areas



In terms of sharing educational facilities, four-fifths (56, 81%) of respondents were in favour of local schools within the Peggy's Loaning area sharing educational services at the time of the survey (Appendix Table 18).

Views on community relations present and future

The survey included questions regarding community relations, present and future, and asked respondents their opinions on both.

Initially, respondents were asked about the level of community spirit in the in the Peggy's Loaning area. Almost three-quarters (50, 73%) of respondents stated the level of community spirit in the area was very good or good at the time of the survey (Appendix Table 19).

Almost one half (32, 46%) of respondents thought relations between people of different community backgrounds in Northern Ireland are better now compared to 5 years ago; a third (23, 33%) thought relations are the same as they were 5 years ago. A small proportion (6; 9%) thought they were worse and a similar proportion (7; 10%) remained undecided (Appendix Table 20).

More than two-fifths (29, 42%) of respondents thought relations between people of different community backgrounds in Northern Ireland would be better in 5 years time, a third (23, 33%) thought relations would be the same and a fifth (14; 20%) remained undecided (Appendix Table 21).

Moving towards a more mixed community

Almost three-quarters (51, 74%) of respondents would be in favour of their area moving towards a more mixed community rather than predominantly Catholic or Protestant, less than one-tenth (6, 9%) would not be in favour (Appendix Table 22).

3.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY

This section of the questionnaire focused on respondents perceptions of community safety in the Brookfield area. They were asked about their own personal safety and their experience, if any, of crime in the area.

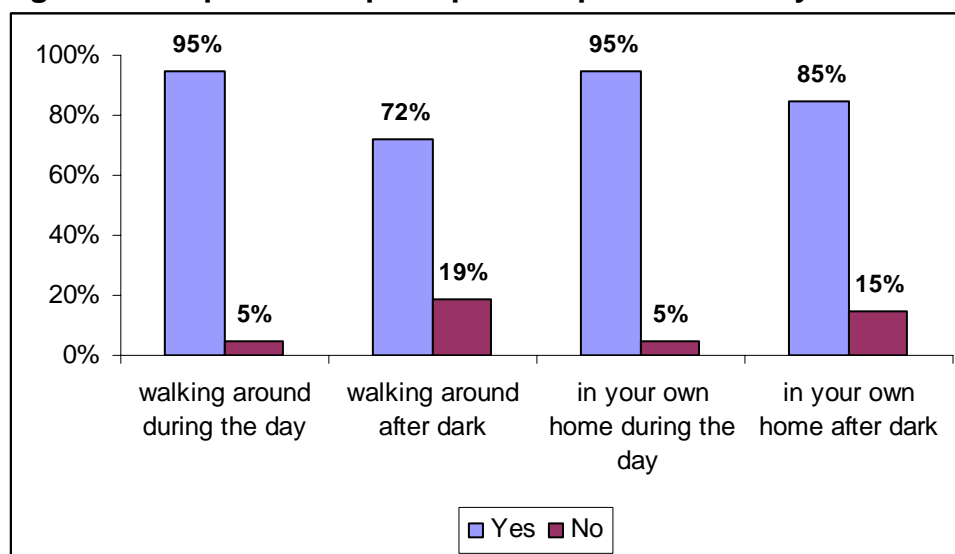
Perceptions of personal safety in Brookfield

Respondents were asked about their feelings of personal safety in relation to the Peggy's Loaning area. As figure 5 below illustrates, the vast majority of respondents (63; 95%) felt safe walking around the Peggy's Loaning area during the day (Appendix Table 23).

Fewer respondents were likely to feel safe walking in the Peggy's Loaning area after dark as almost three quarters (48; 72%) reported feeling safe at this time. More one fifth (19; 28%) did not feel safe walking around after dark. Of those that reported feeling unsafe walking after dark the majority

described various incidents of anti-social behaviour at night as their reason for feeling unsafe (Appendix Table 24).

Figure 5: Respondents' perception of personal safety



Majority of respondents (63; 95%) felt safe in their own homes during the day. When asked whether they felt safe in their own homes after dark more than four fifths (85%) of respondents felt they did. More than a tenth (10; 15%) did not feel safe in their own homes after dark; again of those that reported feeling unsafe in their own homes after dark the majority described various incidents of anti-social behaviour at night as their reason for feeling unsafe (Appendix Tables 25 and 26).

Respondents' experience of crime

Respondents were given a list of crimes and asked if they or any members of their household had experienced such crimes during the 12 months prior to the survey.

The most common crime experienced by respondents was 'vandalism', with more than a tenth (10; 15%) having experienced 'vandalism of car or other motor vehicle' and just less than a tenth (6; 9%) having experienced 'vandalism to a property'; although the same proportion (6; 9%) also noted they had experienced a 'verbal threat' in the past 12 months prior to the survey (Appendix Table 27).

Neighbourhood watch

In this section of the questionnaire respondents were asked whether they would be willing to be involved in a local neighbourhood watch scheme. According to survey findings, whilst a third (23; 34%) of all respondents would be willing to be involved in a neighbourhood watch scheme more than a third (26; 38%) would not be willing; a quarter (17; 25%) were undecided (Appendix Table 28).

Views on community relations in the Peggy's Loaning area

More than two-fifths (28, 41%) of respondents think community relations in the area are getting better, while more than half (35, 51%) think community relations in the area are about the same (Appendix Table 29)

Keeping residents informed

Finally, the majority (57; 84%) felt that a community news letter would be the best way the best way for Brookfield Combined Community Association to keep residents informed and aware of their activities, (Appendix Table 30).

3.5 HOUSEHOLD PROFILE

Characteristics of households

The survey identified 175 household members resident in the 69 households surveyed. Of these, almost one-fifth (12, 19%) were small family households, 17 per cent (11) were lone parent households and equal proportions (9, 14% in each case) were lone adult and lone older households (Appendix Tables 31 and 32).

More than one-third (25, 36%) of households have a member(s) with a disability which affects their normal day to day activities. Of those households the majority (22; 88%) have one member with a disability (Appendix Tables 33 and 34).

Characteristics of Household Reference Person¹(HRP)

Almost three-fifths (40, 58%) of HRPs were female, the rest (28; 42%) were male (Table 5.5). One-fifth (20, 29%) of respondents were aged between 16 and 39 years, one-third (23, 33%) were aged between 40 and 59 (Appendix Tables 35 and 36).

Almost a half (33, 49%) of all HRPs were working (either full-time or part-time) at the time of the survey. Almost a fifth (12, 18%) were looking after the family/home (Table 5.6) and slightly fewer (11; 16%) were retired (Appendix Table 37).

All respondents (66, 100%, who provided a response) described their ethnicity as white. Almost three-fifths (39, 58%) of respondents stated their nationality was British, nearly a quarter (16; 24%) as Northern Irish and just less than a fifth (12; 18%) described their nationality as Irish (Appendix Tables 38 and 39).

¹ The household reference person is the member of the household who owns or pays the rent or mortgage on the property. Where two people have equal claim (e.g. husband and wife jointly owns the property) the household reference person is the person with highest annual income. The definition is for analysis purposes and does not imply any authoritative relationship within the household.

More than two-fifths (30, 44%) described the religious composition of their household as Catholic. More than a third (25; 37%) described the religious composition of their household as Protestant (Appendix Table 40).

4.0 SUMMARY

- According to survey findings, the vast majority of residents are satisfied with the services and facilities available in the Peggy's Loaning area. Play areas for children, however, is the exception with the majority of respondents unsatisfied with current provision.
- The survey also found that most residents are in favour of the development of a play park although the few that are not in favour are concerned that such a development will attract anti-social behaviour and outsiders into their estate.
- Although a quarter or less do not agree with the need for speed bumps in the area, they would be welcomed by the majority of residents and this would include speed bumps on Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield Road and Brookfield Park.
- There is a positive response to the possibility of future community events and activities among residents especially for a Christmas lights switch on, kit fit and computer classes. Furthermore, children specific interests clubs and youth activities are thought to be the key facilities that could promote greater understanding and respect between communities in the area.
- There seems to be a willingness to share space among residents surveyed and this would extend to local schools where the majority of those surveyed would be in favour of sharing educational facilities in the area.
- Moreover, there is evidence that households do mix frequently with people from different community and religious backgrounds. In addition to this, the majority of residents would be in favour of their area moving towards a mixed community rather than predominantly Catholic or Protestant.
- Whilst the majority of residents feel community spirit is good in the Peggy's Loaning area, those surveyed remain a little less positive about community relations between people of different community and religious backgrounds in Northern Ireland as a whole.
- In general people feel safe in the Peggy's Loaning area. However, significantly less feel safe walking around the area at night. Those that do not feel safe at night either walking around or in their own homes, cite various incidences of anti-social behaviour as their reason for feeling unsafe.
- Relatively small numbers have experienced crime in the area. However vandalism is the most common and this includes vandalism of properties and motor vehicles. Verbal threats have also been experienced by a number of residents surveyed. One way of dealing with this and anti-social behaviour in the area is the third of those surveyed being willing to get involved in a neighbourhood watch scheme.

Appendix 1

Tabular results

Table 1: How long have you lived in your present home?

	Number	%
One year or more but less 5 years	12	17
Five years or more but less than 10 years	12	17
Ten years or more but less than 15 years	<5	-
Fifteen years or more	42	61
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 2: Where did you live immediately before your present home?

	Number	%
Outside local area but within Banbridge District Council area	28	42
Same local area	21	32
Outside Banbridge District Council area but within Northern Ireland	15	23
Other, (outside Northern Ireland)	<5	-
Total	66	100
Non response	3	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 3: Do you rent or own your home?

	Number	%
Owner occupier	34	49
Rent from Housing Executive	30	43
Rent from private landlord	<5	-
Rent from Housing Association	<5	-
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 4: Which of the following best describes your home?

	Number	%
House	66	96
Flat	<5	-
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 5: Do you think you are likely to move away from the Peggy's Loaning area in the next two years?

	Number	%
No	58	85
Yes	5	7
Don't know	5	7
Total	68	100
Non response	1	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 6: Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following services/facilities?

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Non Response	Total
Emptying of wheelie bins	65 (94%)	<5 (1%)	3 (4%)	69 (100%)
Secondary school	65 (94%)	<5 (1%)	3 (4%)	69 (100%)
Street signage	65 (94%)	<5 (3%)	2 (3%)	69 (100%)
Primary school	64 (93%)	<5 (3%)	3 (4%)	69 (100%)
Dentists	63 (91%)	<5 (6%)	2 (3%)	69 (100%)
Chemists	63 (91%)	<5 (6%)	2 (3%)	69 (100%)
Higher/further education 16+	63 (91%)	<5 (1%)	5 (7%)	69 (100%)
Doctors	62 (90%)	5 (7%)	2 (3%)	69 (100%)
Street lighting	62 (90%)	5 (7%)	2 (3%)	69 (100%)
Advice services	60 (87%)	6 (9%)	3 (4%)	69 (100%)
Adult education	59 (85%)	7 (10%)	3 (4%)	69 (100%)
Sport/leisure services	58 (84%)	7 (10%)	4 (6%)	69 (100%)
Street sweeping	58 (84%)	8 (12%)	3 (4%)	69 (100%)
Policing of the area	55 (80%)	11 (16%)	3 (4%)	69 (100%)
Car parking	54 (78%)	11 (16%)	4 (6%)	69 (100%)
Repairing of roads and pavements	49 (71%)	18 (26%)	2 (3%)	69 (100%)
Play areas for children	26 (38%)	41 (59%)	2 (3%)	69 (100%)

Table 7: Are you involved in any community groups?

	Number	%
Yes	10	18
No	45	82
Total	55	100
Non Response	14	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 8: What would be your view on developing a play park in the area?

	Number	%
I would be in favour	56	81
I would not be in favour	7	10
Don't know	6	9
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

**Table 9: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements
... there is a need for SPEED BUMPS on ...**

	Strongly agree/agree	Neither	Disagree/Strongly disagree	Non Response	Total
Brookfield Avenue	42 (61%)	9 (13%)	17 (25%)	1 (1%)	69 (100%)
Brookfield Park	37 (54%)	11 (16%)	17 (25%)	4 (6%)	69 (100%)
Brookfield Road	41 (59%)	10 (14%)	14 (20%)	4 (6%)	69 (100%)

Base: 69 respondents

Table 10: If provided locally, which activities would you or any member of your household choose to attend?

	Yes	No	Non Response	Total
Christmas lights switch on	36 (52%)	18 (26%)	15 (22%)	69 (100%)
Keep fit	31 (45%)	25 (36%)	13 (19%)	69 (100%)
Computer classes	31 (45%)	23 (33%)	15 (22%)	69 (100%)
Football	26 (38%)	29 (42%)	14 (20%)	69 (100%)
Youth drop in	23 (33%)	29 (42%)	17 (25%)	69 (100%)
Women's groups	17 (25%)	32 (46%)	20 (29%)	69 (100%)
Other (children's playgroup, men's groups)	<5 (4%)	33 (48%)	33 (48%)	69 (100%)

Base: 69 respondents

Table 11: Which of the following do you think could promote greater understanding and respect between communities in this area?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Non Response	Total
Children's specific interest clubs (aged 4+)	47 (68%)	<5 (4%)	9 (13%)	10 (15%)	69 (100%)
Youth activities (aged 10+)	47 (68%)	<5 (3%)	7 (10%)	13 (19%)	69 (100%)
Community social events	44 (64%)	<5 (6%)	7 (10%)	14 (20%)	69 (100%)
Residents groups	39 (57%)	6 (9%)	10 (15%)	14 (20%)	69 (100%)
Intergenerational events (involving residents of all ages)	39 (57%)	5 (7%)	10 (15%)	15 (22%)	69 (100%)
Community safety events/initiatives	38 (55%)	<5 (6%)	11 (16%)	16 (23%)	69 (100%)
Newsletter covering different topics delivered door to door	38 (55%)	7 (10%)	10 (15%)	14 (20%)	69 (100%)
Multi-cultural events (raising awareness of different cultures)	36 (52%)	<5 (6%)	13 (19%)	16 (23%)	69 (100%)
Senior citizens activities (craft, lunch club etc)	34 (49%)	5 (7%)	15 (22%)	15 (22%)	69 (100%)
Know your neighbour event	32 (46%)	7 (10%)	13 (19%)	17 (25%)	69 (100%)
Volunteering projects	31 (45%)	6 (9%)	15 (22%)	17 (25%)	69 (100%)
Women's groups	29 (42%)	6 (9%)	19 (28%)	15 (22%)	69 (100%)
Men's groups	22 (32%)	9 (13%)	21 (30%)	17 (25%)	69 (100%)
Other	-	24 (35%)	9 (13%)	36 (52%)	69 (100%)

Base: 69 respondents

Table 12: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Peggy’s Loaning area as a place to live?

	Number	%
Very satisfied/satisfied	52	75
No strong feelings	10	15
Dissatisfied/very dissatisfied	6	9
Non Response	1	1
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 13: How concerned are you about relations between people of different community backgrounds in the Peggy’s Loaning area?

	Number	%
Not very/not at all concerned	59	86
Very/slightly concerned	8	11
Non Response	2	3
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 14: How concerned are you about relations between people of different community backgrounds in Northern Ireland as whole?

	Number	%
Not very/not at all concerned	54	78
Very/slightly concerned	14	20
Non Response	1	1
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 15: Do you or members of your household mix with people from a different community/religious backgrounds?

	Number	%
Frequently	52	76
Sometimes	13	19
Haven’t had the opportunity	<5	4
Total	68	100
Non response	1	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 16: If there were events/activities/projects delivered on a shared basis would you or any member of your household be interested in taking part?

	Number	%
Yes	45	67
No	6	9
Possibly in the future	10	15
Not interested in any community activity or project	6	9
Total	67	100
Non response	2	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 17: Would you or any member of your household attend shared events/activities/projects which included people from...?

	Yes		No		Don't know		Non response		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Edenderry	46	67	13	19	7	10	3	4	69	100
Edenderry Gardens	44	64	11	16	7	10	7	10	69	100
Brookdale	41	59	14	20	8	12	6	9	69	100
Edenderry Mews	40	58	13	19	9	13	7	10	69	100
Brookfield Meadows	34	49	15	22	13	19	7	10	69	100
Other	10	15	29	42	7	10	23	33	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 18: Are you in favour of local schools within Peggy's Loaning area sharing educational services?

	Number	%
Yes	56	81
No	3	4
Don't know	9	13
Non Response	1	1
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 19: Would you say the level of community spirit in this area is...?

	Number	%
Very good/good	50	73
Neither good nor poor	12	17
Poor/very poor	<5	3
Don't know	<5	3
Non response	<5	4
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 20: Do you think relations between people of different community backgrounds in Northern Ireland are better, the same or worse now than compared to 5 years ago?

	Number	%
Better	32	46
The same	23	33
Worse	6	9
Don't know	7	10
Non response	1	1
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 21: Do you think relations between people of different community backgrounds in Northern Ireland will be better, the same or worse in 5 years time?

	Number	%
Better	29	42
The same	23	33
Worse	<5	3
Don't know	14	20
Non response	<5	1
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 22: What would be your view on your area moving towards a more mixed community rather than predominately Catholic or Protestant?

	Number	%
I would be in favour of this	51	74
I would not be in favour of this	6	9
Don't know	10	14
Non response	2	3
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 23: Do you feel safe walking around this area during the day?

	Number	%
Yes	63	95
No	<5	-
Total	66	100
Non response	<5	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 24: Do you feel safe walking around this area after dark?

	Number	%
Yes	48	72
No	19	28
Total	67	100
Non response	2	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 25: Do you feel safe in your own home during the day?

	Number	%
Yes	63	95
No	3	5
Total	66	100
Non response	3	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 26: Do you feel safe in your own home after dark?

	Number	%
Yes	56	85
No	10	15
Total	66	100
Non response	3	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 27: Over the past twelve months have you experienced...?

	Yes	No	Non response	Total
Burglary	<5 (4%)	62 (90%)	4 (6%)	69 (100%)
Theft of a car	<5 (6%)	59 (86%)	6 (9%)	69 (100%)
Theft from a car	3 (4%)	59 (86%)	7 (10%)	69 (100%)
Vandalism of a car or other vehicle	10 (15%)	55 (80%)	4 (6%)	69 (100%)
Vandalism of property	6 (9%)	59 (85%)	4 (6%)	69 (100%)
Religious hate crime	<5 (3%)	60 (87%)	7 (10%)	69 (100%)
Race hate crime	<5 (3%)	60 (87%)	7 (10%)	69 (100%)
Verbal threat	6 (9%)	59 (85%)	4 (6%)	69 (100%)
Physical assault	<5 (4%)	60 (87%)	6 (9%)	69 (100%)
Other	0 (0%)	53 (77%)	16 (23%)	69 (100%)

Base: 69 respondents

Table 28: Would you be willing to be involved in a neighbourhood watch scheme?

	Number	%
Yes	23	34
No	26	38
Already involved	2	3
Don't know	17	25
Total	68	100
Non response	1	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 29: Do you think community relations in the area are...?

	Number	%
Getting better	28	41
About the same	35	51
Getting worse	1	1
Don't know	4	6
No response	1	1
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 30: What do you think would be the best way for Brookfield Combined Community Association to keep people informed?

	Number	%
Community News Letter	57	84
Community Meetings	5	7
Feedback through existing community group	5	7
New group	1	1
Total	68	100
Non response	1	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 31: How many people live in this household?

No of people in household	Number	%
1	19	28
2	19	28
3	14	20
4	10	14
5	6	9
6	1	1
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 32: Household Type

		Number	%
Small family	Any two adults, related or unrelated, living with one or two dependent children aged under 16	12	19
Lone parent	Lone adult living with one or more dependent children aged under 16	11	17
Lone adult	One person below pensionable age	9	14
Lone older	Lone person of pensionable age	9	14
Two older	Two people, related or unrelated, at least one of whom is of pensionable age	7	11
Large family	Any two adults, related or unrelated, living with three or more dependent children aged under 16 or three or more adults, related or unrelated, living with two or more dependent children aged under 16	6	9
Two adults	Two people, related or unrelated, below pensionable age	5	8
Large adult	Three or more adults, related or unrelated, living with or without one dependent children aged under 16	5	8
Total		64	100
Missing		5	
Total		69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 33: Does any member of your household have a disability which affects their normal day to day activities?

	Number	%
Yes	25	36
No	44	64
Total	69	100

Base: 69 respondents

Table 34: How many members of your household have a disability that affects their normal day to day activities?

	Number	%
One	22	88
Two	3	12
Total	25	100
N/A	44	
Total	69	

Base: 25 household members who have a disability

Table 35: Gender of Household Reference Person* (HRP)

	Number	%
Male	28	41
Female	40	59
Total	68	100
No response	1	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

**The household reference person is the member of the household who owns or pays the rent or mortgage on the property. Where two people have equal claim (e.g. husband and wife jointly owns the property) the household reference person is the person with highest annual income. The definition is for analysis purposes and does not imply any authoritative relationship within the household.

Table 36: Age group of HRP

	Number	%
16-24	<5	-
25-39	19	32
40-59	23	39
60-74	13	22
75+	<5	-
Total	59	100
No response	10	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 37: Employment status of HRP

	Number	%
Working	33	49
Retired	11	16
Looking after family home	12	18
Permanently sick/disabled	8	12
Not working	4	6
Total	68	100
No response	1	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 38: Ethnicity (HRP)

	Number	%
White	66	100
Total	66	100
Non response	3	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 39: Nationality of HRP

	Number	%
British	39	58
Northern Irish	16	24
Irish	12	18
Total	67	100
Non response	2	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Table 40: Religious Composition of household

	Number	%
Catholic	30	44
Protestant	25	37
Mixed Protestant / Catholic	9	13
None	<5	-
Refused	<5	-
Don't Know	<5	-
Total	68	100
No response	1	
Total	69	

Base: 69 respondents

Appendix 2

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BROOKFIELD COMBINED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SURVEY

Peggy's Loaning

This confidential survey has been developed in partnership with Brookfield Combined Community Association and the Housing Executive Community Cohesion Unit. It is important to note that this survey is for **all residents** so whether you are a Housing Executive or Housing Association tenant, a home owner or are renting from a private landlord we would be grateful if all householders take the time to complete the survey. Please do so by circling the appropriate response(s) for each question. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be used only for the purposes of this research.

Section 1: Living Here

Q1. How long have you lived in your present home?

Please circle one response only

Less than 1 year	1
1 year or more but less than 5 years	2
5 years or more but less than 10 years	3
10 years or more but less than 15 years	4
15 years or more	5

Q2. Where did you live immediately before your present home?

Please circle one response only

Same local area (Peggy's Loaning)	1
Outside current local area but within Banbridge District Council area	2
Outside Banbridge District Council area but within Northern Ireland	3
Outside Northern Ireland, please specify	4

Q3. Do you rent or own your home?

Please circle one response only

Rent from Housing Executive	1
Rent from Housing Association	2
Rent from private landlord	3
Owner occupier	4
Other, please specify	5

Q4. Which of the following best describes your home?

Please circle one response only

House	1
Bungalow	2
Flat	3
Other, please specify	4

Q5a. Do you think you are likely to move away from the Peggy's Loaning area in the next two years?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	Go to Q5b
No	2	Go to Q6
Don't know	888	Go to Q6

Q5b. If yes, why do you think you are likely to move away in the next two years?

Section 2: Services and facilities in the Peggy's Loaning area

Q6. The following is a list of general services within the area. Please circle a response for each to indicate whether the service is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. If it is unsatisfactory, please give your main reason why.

Please circle a response on each line

	Satisfied	Unsatisfactory	Why unsatisfactory
Emptying of wheelie bins	1	2	
Repairing of roads and pavements	1	2	
Street sweeping	1	2	
Street signage	1	2	
Street lighting	1	2	
Policing of the area	1	2	
Car parking	1	2	
Play areas for children	1	2	
Doctors	1	2	
Chemists	1	2	
Dentists	1	2	
Advice services	1	2	
Primary school	1	2	
Secondary school	1	2	
Higher/Further education 16+	1	2	
Adult education	1	2	
Sport/leisure services	1	2	

Q7. Are you involved in any local community groups?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1
No	2

Q8. Are you in favour of local schools within the Peggy's Loaning area sharing educational services such as after school clubs, school grounds, shared school programmes etc.?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	888

Q9a. What would be your view on developing a play park in the area?

Please circle one response only

I would be in favour	1	Go to Q10
I would not be in favour	2	Go to Q9b
Don't know	888	Go to Q10

Q9b. If you **would not** be in favour, please state why.

Q10. How much do you agree or disagree with following statements regarding traffic calming measures in your area?

Please circle one response on each line

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
There is a need for speed bumps on Brookfield Avenue	1	2	3	4	5
There is a need for speed bumps on Brookfield Park	1	2	3	4	5
There is a need for speed bumps on Brookfield Road	1	2	3	4	5

Q11. If provided locally, which activities would you or any member of your household choose to attend?

Please circle one response on each line

	Yes – one or more household members would use/attend	No – no household member would use/attend
Women's group	1	2
Keep fit	1	2
Youth drop in	1	2
Christmas lights switch on	1	2
Computer Classes	1	2
Football	1	2
Other, please specify	1	2

Q12. Which of the following events/activities/projects do you think could promote greater understanding and respect between communities in this area?

Please circle one response on each line

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Children's specific interest clubs (aged 4+)	1	2	888
Youth activities (aged 10+)	1	2	888
Senior citizen activities (craft, lunch club etc)	1	2	888
Women's group	1	2	888
Men's group	1	2	888
Volunteering projects	1	2	888
Community social events	1	2	888
Community safety events/initiatives	1	2	888
Residents' group	1	2	888
Newsletter covering different topics delivered door to door	1	2	888
Intergenerational events (involving residents of all ages)	1	2	888
Multi cultural events (raising awareness of different cultures)	1	2	888
Know your neighbour event	1	2	888
Other, please specify	1	2	888

Q13a. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Peggy's Loaning area as a place to live?

Please circle one response only

Very satisfied	Satisfied	No strong feelings	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
1	2	3	4	5
Go to Q14			Go to Q13b	

Q13b. If dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, please state why.

Q14. Thinking about living in Peggy’s Loaning, please state what changes you would like to see, if any, which have not been previously mentioned in this questionnaire.

1.

2.

3.

Section 3: Attitudes to community relations

Q15a. How concerned are you about relations between people of different community backgrounds in the **Peggy’s Loaning** area?

Please circle one response only

Very concerned	Slightly concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned
1	2	3	4
Go to Q15b		Go to Q16a	

Q15b. If very concerned or slightly concerned, please specify.

Q16a. How concerned are you about relations between people of different community backgrounds in **Northern Ireland** as a whole?

Please circle one response only

Very concerned	Slightly concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned
1	2	3	4
Go to Q16b		Go to Q17	

Q16b. If very concerned or slightly concerned, please specify.

Q17. Do you or members of your household mix with people from a different community/religious backgrounds?

Please circle one response only

Frequently	1
Sometimes	2
Haven't had the opportunity	3
Never	4

Q18. If there were events/activities/projects delivered on a **shared basis** which are open to people from different community/religious backgrounds, would you or any member of your household be interested in taking part?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1
No	2
Possibly in the future	3
Not interested in any community activity or project	4

Q19a. Would you or any member of your household attend shared events/activities/projects which included people from:

Please circle one response on each line

	Yes	No	Don't know
Edenderry	1	2	888
Brookdale	1	2	888
Brookfield Meadows	1	2	888
Edenderry Mews	1	2	888
Edenderry Gardens	1	2	888
Other, please specify	1	2	888

Q19b. Have you any other comments regarding possible events/activities/projects delivered on a **shared basis** which are open to people from different community/religious backgrounds?

Q20. Would you say the level of community spirit in this area is ...?

Please circle one response only

Very good	1
Good	2
Neither good nor poor	3
Poor	4
Very poor	5
Don't know	888

Q21a. Do you think relations between people of different community backgrounds in Northern Ireland are better, the same or worse now than compared to 5 years ago?

Please circle one response only

Better	1	Go to Q22a
The same	2	Go to Q22a
Worse	3	Go to Q21b
Don't know	888	Go to Q22a

Q21b. If worse, please state why.

Q22a. Do you think relations between people of different community backgrounds in Northern Ireland will be better, the same or worse in 5 year's time?

Please circle one response only

Better	1	Go to Q23
The same	2	Go to Q23
Worse	3	Go to Q22b
Don't know	888	Go to Q23

Q22b. If worse, please state why.

Q23. What would be your view on your area moving towards a more mixed community rather than predominantly Catholic or Protestant?

Please circle one response only

I would be in favour of this	1
I would not be favour of this	2
Don't Know	888

Section 4: Community safety

- Q24. The following questions are about your own personal safety. Do you feel safe... (If you answer "No" please state why).

Please circle one response on each line

	Yes	No	If no, why?
...walking around this area during the day? (i.e. 6.00 am to 9.00 pm)	1	2	
... walking around this area after dark? (i.e. 9.00 pm to 6.00 am)	1	2	
...in your own home during the day? (i.e. 6.00 am to 9.00 pm)	1	2	
...in your own home after dark? (i.e. 9.00 pm to 6.00 am)	1	2	

- Q25. Over the last 12 months have you, or any member of your household, experienced any of the following within the Peggy's Loaning area? If yes, did you report it to the police?

Please circle one response on each line

			If yes, did you report incident to police?	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Burglary	1	2	1	2
Theft of car or other motor vehicle	1	2	1	2
Theft from car or other motor vehicle	1	2	1	2
Vandalism of car or other motor vehicle	1	2	1	2
Vandalism of property	1	2	1	2
Religious hate crime	1	2	1	2
Race hate crime	1	2	1	2
Verbal threat	1	2	1	2
Physical assault	1	2	1	2
Other, please specify	1	2	1	2

- Q26. Statistics suggest that areas/streets involved in a neighbourhood watch scheme may experience less criminal activity. Would you be willing to be involved in a neighbourhood watch scheme?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1
No	2
Already involved	3
Don't Know	888

- Q27a. Do you think community relations in this area are...?

Please circle one response only

Getting better	1	Go to Q28
About the same	2	Go to Q28
Getting worse	3	Go to Q27b
Don't know	4	Go to Q28

Q27b. If you think community relations in this area are getting worse, please state why.

Q28. What do you think would be the best way for Brookfield Combined Community Association to keep people aware of activities?

Please circle one response only

Community newsletter	1
Community meetings	2
Feedback through existing community groups	3
Other, please specify	4

Section 5: You and your household

It would be very helpful to the research if you could provide some details about yourself and the people who live with you

Under the Disability Discrimination Act (1995) a “disabled person” is defined as a person with:

“A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal day to day activities.”

Day to day activities are normal activities carried out by most people on a regular basis. The effect of the disability must have lasted 12 months, or be likely to last at least 12 months or for the rest of the life of the person.

Q29a. Does any member in the household have any long term illnesses, health problems or disability which limits his/her daily activities or the work they can do?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	Go to Q29b
No	2	Go to Q30

Q29b. How many members of the household have a disability that affects their normal day to day activities

Please circle one response only

1	2	3+
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Q30. How many people live in this household?

Enter number

Q31. Could you please complete the following table and provide details of everyone who lives here and how they are related to the **Household Reference Person (HRP)**? *This is the person who would be considered to be the head of the household.* Please circle a response for each category that applies to each person. Please start by giving the age of the Household Reference Person and then work down the categories, circling the appropriate response.

Person:	HR P	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Age on last birthday:										
Gender	Male	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Female	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Your Household	HRP	1								
Relationship to HRP: Partner (married)		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Partner (cohabiting)		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Partner (civil partnership)		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Child		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Parent		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Other Relative		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Lodger		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Other non-relative		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Employment Status										
Self Employed		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Working full-time		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Working part-time		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Not working short term (< 1 year)		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Not working long term (> 1 year)		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Retired (excludes looking after home)		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Student (further / higher education)		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Permanent Sick/Disabled		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Looking after family/home		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Other, including schoolchild		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Marital Status										
Single (never married)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Married (first marriage)		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Re-married		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Civil Partnership		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Separated (but still legally married)		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Divorced (but not legally remarried)		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Widowed (but not legally remarried)		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Ethnic Group										
White		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chinese		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Irish Traveller		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Indian		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Pakistani		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Bangladeshi		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Black Caribbean		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Black African		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Mixed Ethnic (please specify)		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Other, please specify		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Black other (please specify)		11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Nationality										
British		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Irish		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Northern Irish		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Portuguese		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Latvian		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Lithuanian		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Polish		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Nigerian		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Other (please specify)		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Q32. The Housing Executive has a policy of promoting complete equality in the provision of housing and housing related services in Northern Ireland. In order to help monitor this it would be helpful if you would describe the religious composition of this household.

Please circle one response only

Protestant	Catholic	Mixed Religion Protestant/Catholic	Other (Specify)	None	Don't Know	Refused
1	2	3	4	5	888	777

Q33. Are there any other comments you would like to make about living in the Peggy's Loaning area or the research being carried out?

Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire.

A research officer will call at your door during the next few weeks to collect the completed questionnaire. The research officer will help you if you would like assistance to complete the questionnaire.

If you have any queries regarding this survey, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah McCloy in the Research Unit of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive on the following number: **028 9031 8545** or use our **Freephone Number 0800 072 0987 (no cost from landline phones, mobile providers may vary)**. Alternatively you can email queries to Sarah.McCloy@nihe.gov.uk