

Post Office Plaza Survey Responses

Chatham Borough Council

April 2022

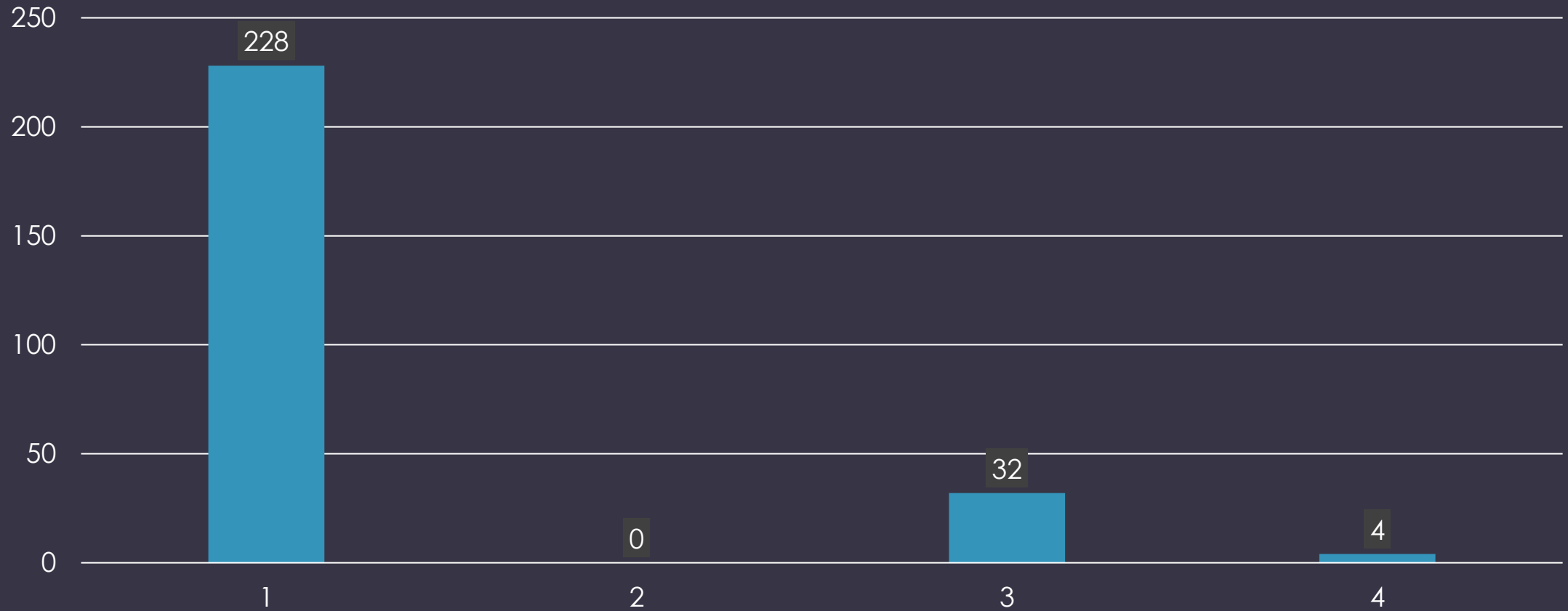
Background

- Chatham Borough is exploring a number of options associated with the redevelopment of the Post Office Plaza area downtown
- As part of this effort, the Borough must comply with the terms of its revised Affordable Housing settlement agreement
- This survey was conducted to obtain feedback from residents regarding priorities for the redevelopment area

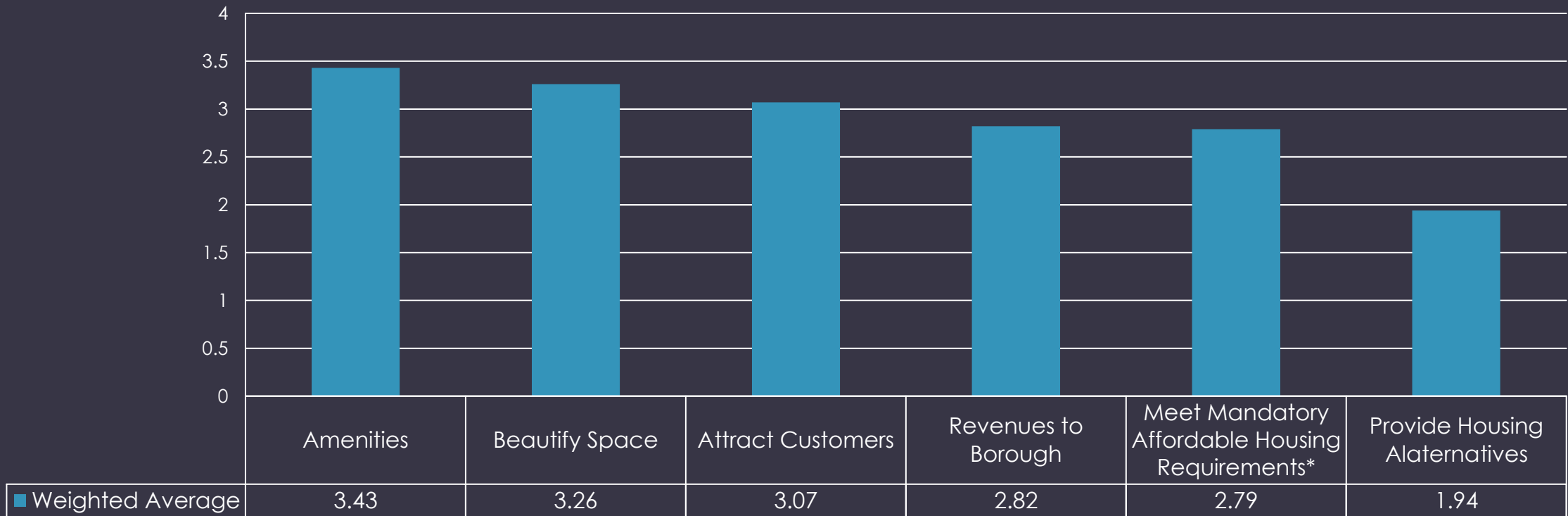
Survey Contents

- Residency information (Borough Resident, Borough Business, Resident of Bordering Town, Other)
- Name and address (did not accept anonymous responses)
- Rate the importance of potential benefits of the project
- Rate different potential issues of concern
- Provide additional thoughts / concerns

Please select the category which best describes your relationship with Chatham



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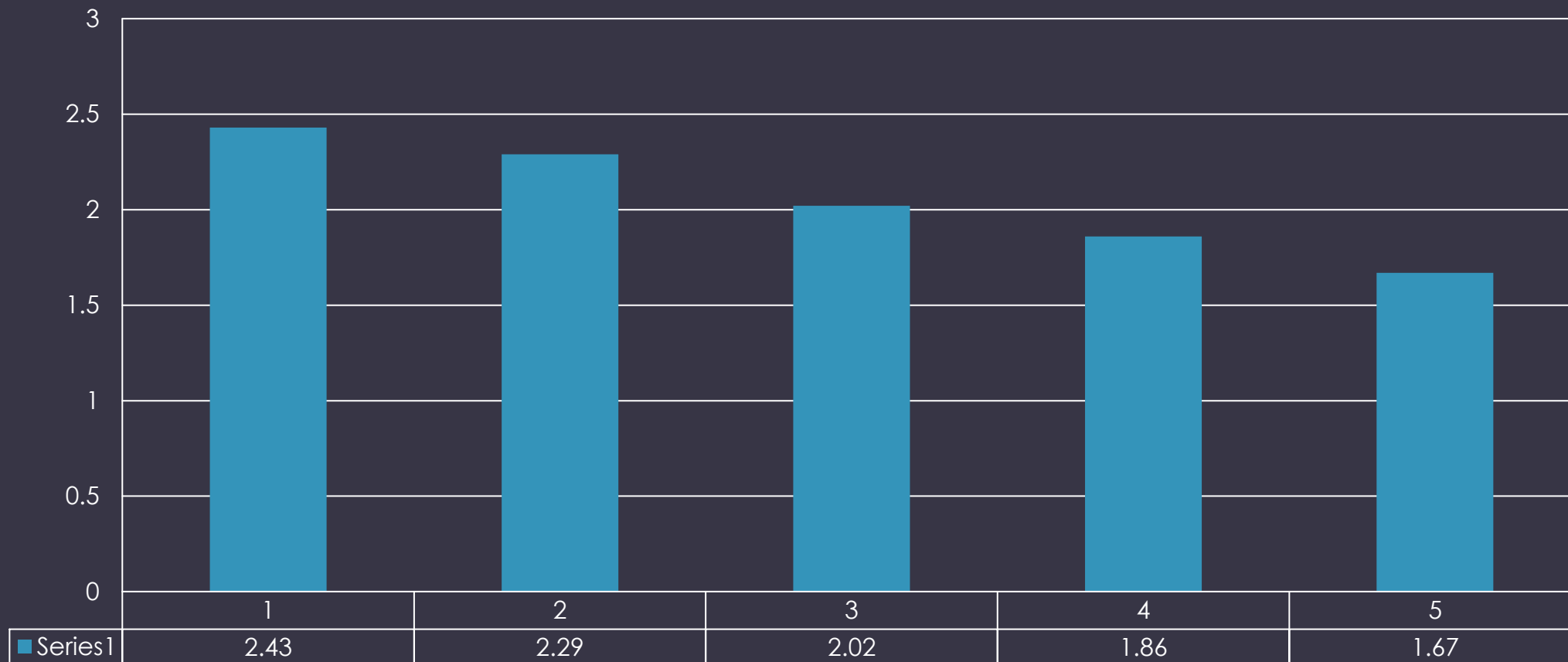
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	Not a priority	Low priority	Somewhat of a priority	High priority	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Amenities	8.37%	6.08%	19.77%	65.40%	0.38%	263	3.43
Beautify Space	7.58%	9.09%	32.20%	50.00%	1.14%	264	3.26
Attract Customers	10.98%	12.88%	32.58%	42.05%	1.52%	264	3.07
Revenues to Borough	14.77%	18.56%	35.23%	29.92%	1.52%	264	2.82
Meet Mandatory Affordable Housing Requirements*	18.56%	14.39%	34.85%	30.68%	1.52%	264	2.79
Provide Housing Alternatives	45.04%	27.48%	15.65%	11.83%	0.00%	262	1.94

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	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Neutral	Not Concerned	NA/Not Sure	Total	Weighted Average
Increased car traffic	61.60%	26.62%	5.32%	6.46%	0.00%	263	2.43
Physical impact of project that is out of scale	60.08%	18.25%	11.79%	9.89%	0.00%	263	2.29
Loss of public parking spaces	46.18%	25.95%	11.83%	16.03%	0.00%	262	2.02
Loss of "small town feel"	46.01%	19.01%	10.27%	24.71%	0.00%	263	1.86
Increase in number of children in schools	34.85%	20.83%	20.45%	23.11%	0.76%	264	1.67

Q5 Please provide any additional thoughts or feedback that the Council should consider when developing options for the Post Office Plaza.

affordable housing requirements small town charm N maintain small town public mixed use
character traffic congestion design meet way family years population downtown Chatham
interests many raise street units Plaza love parking garage maintain add Borough
restaurants high concerned better already preserve feel current
small town feel worse project important space make town address
area Summit residents increased traffic keep
Chatham housing need well downtown options
parking impact building great will much businesses
Look Post Office redevelopment please welcomed want beautify think senior
consider smaller also used move new affordable housing big live us time
supporting people schools don't desirable help place change housing options additional
development will plan new businesses development keep small town charm
affordable housing units Main Street s

More information

- Full survey results including all answers to open ended questions are available by request
- Public feedback will help inform the Council decisions regarding Post Office Plaza and redevelopment
- The Borough Council will only consider options that meet affordable housing requirements
- Please attend (in person or by zoom) public meetings on the options being considered for Post Office Plaza
- For questions, please e-mail swilliams@chathamborough.org