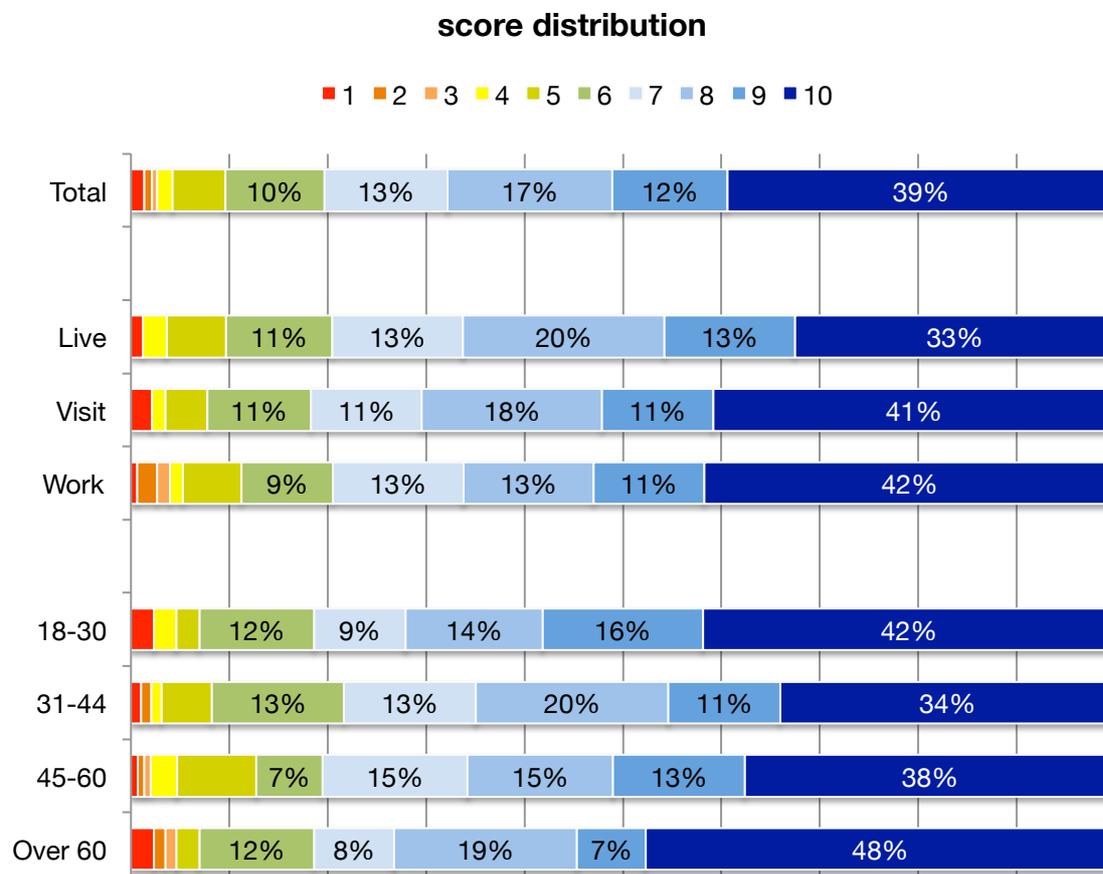
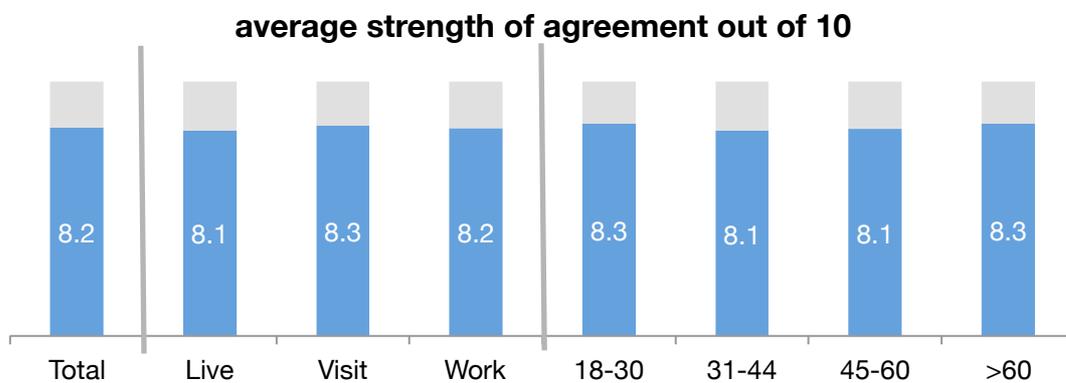


GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

To support greening opportunities both at ground level and above, with a target that **80% of the roofs of unlisted buildings should have greening elements applied to them by the end of the plan.**

Intensive 24/7 use of the area makes many planting options unsustainable and service ducts and cabling in pavements restricts opportunities for extensive tree planting. However, where it is practical greening has a vital part to play in helping clean the air, enhancing health and well-being, making Soho more attractive and sustainable.



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMENTS	Age	Soho	Score
Absolutely support this - see other comments.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Agree - support home/roof/balconny gardeninng - give people advice - where can they find urban garden tips/nurseries/gardeners - also support home beekeeping for instance - advice on vegetable growing etc - we need more green and flowers in soho	45 to 60	Live	10
All the landlords should be encouraged to put plants and green on their roofs and should receive a reward of some sort.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	10
An excellent idea to have green roofs and also vertical growth (Hanging gardens) on walls.	Over 60	Visit	10
Challenges-funding(in a word). Anything that helps the planet I'm all for.And it may help the air quality too(Can't make it worse!)	Over 60	Visit	10
Consult with both business and residents of Soho on collaboration of 'greening' spaces...enhancing Soho's appearance and community spirit.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Cultivation of vertical and rooftop bedding could also be implemented	31 to 44	Live	10
Decent sized balconies that can accommodate plants should be welcomed on all residential buildings. All new buildings should incorporate planting on all terraces and green/brown roofs must be used. Green walls are very effective and should be seen as public art as well as helpful for the environment (the Rubens Hotel is the best example I have seen).	18 to 30	Work / Visit	10
Difficult to see any downsides to this - even ugly brown roofs if left to their own devices attract native wildlife of all kinds - and eventually improve not just air quality but quality of life from the enjoyment watching bees and birds on them.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Encourage roof gardens on commercial buildings	45 to 60	Work	10
Encourage window boxes, green walls and roofs.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Encourage window boxes?	45 to 60	Work	10
Even on listed buildings we can have green boxes and plants to promote biodiversity and increase green areas	31 to 44	Work	10
Get people (like our landlord!) to open up what is a fantastic array of flat roofs and ask tenants to get involved in creating and maintaining these spaces.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
Green roofs are great - Like the Firmdale in Ham Yard - however there are so many roofs which could accomodate solar panels. Why not aim to take Soho off-grid for electricity?	45 to 60	Work	10
Green roofs are great. BUT, many that have been created look neglected and like waste areas within a year. A plan for ongoing care needs to be included with the creation	45 to 60	Live	10
Green roofs wherever possible; ditto tree-pit planting aka 'guerilla gardening'.	Over 60	Visit	10
Green roofs, green interventions. I think Soho is a space that would be perfect for creative green thinking. Hydroponic windows, city growing spaces, temporary gardens that ask people to question their response to green spaces. But please not the concrete box gardens that end up as rubbish bins and look as sad as hell in winter	45 to 60	Visit	10
Green walls and roofs maybe	Over 60	Live	10
Green walls as well as roofs; encouraging upper floor window boxes etc; on quieter streets, encouraging planting around the base of trees or using dual purpose planters/ bike stands etc.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Greening should be encouraged with expert horticultural advice made available to private residents, owners et al.	Over 60	Visit	10

I don't think it can be challenged. We have a duty to the rest of the world to keep our agreement to reduce pollution. Instead of selling arms could we not create the best solar panels in the world which last a life time?	Over 60	Visit	10
I had already mentioned this previously and greatly support this. A low cost effort to better protect our environment.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
I support this more widely and we need positive initiatives to facilitate this more widely so that we get economies of scale and individual and commercial initiatives.	Over 60	Visit	10
If trees/plants are difficult to plant because of ducting, then green roofs. The walls are less successful (although architects love them...) never being watered enough and turning into a dry and dead space. Could corporations/theatres/residents sponsor a green roof and help to support it?	45 to 60	Visit	10
Improve existing & create new open public areas. Private ownership may resist.	Over 60	Visit	10
Include recommendations for 100% of new roofs gaining planning permission to include green roofs. Urge the council to use section 106 money towards green roofs, run a community scheme with information to existing building owners on roof greening. Challenges include the capital cost faced by land owners for installing and maintaining the green roofs on existing buildings.	45 to 60	Work	10
Instead of allowing roof top bars etc, the spaces should be made green. There are plenty of socialising spaces at ground level. Let's give back what we have taken away from nature and plant above ground. Plant trees in as many streets and squares as can be planted.	45 to 60	Live	10
is there a garden centre in Soho? There's the Phoenix garden which is amazing, let's have more places like that.	31 to 44	Work	10
It would be good if any green spaces on roof tops had to be open to the public for the majority of the time, rather than very restricted access, as a requirement of their planning permission. If they are not publicly accessible it would be easier for developers to eventually remove them or not maintain them.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Its a great aspiration but how to achieve what seems to be good idea? maybe all new tenants where possible be encouraged to make some positive input to this end including Commercial Companies & Corporate buildings as we are all aware of the pollution in the west end	Over 60	Visit	10
Legislation emanating from local and Westminster government would help greatly here as many landlords, mine included, have good space that they will not use for greening..	Over 60	Visit	10
Love to see trees anywhere and everywhere in Soho and Piccadilly but apart from Soho Square and St Annes Court will they actually live?	Over 60	Visit	10
make less space for cars, so there is more space for greenery	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
More green roof gardens above the offices	18 to 30	Work	10
More trees. They cut down several on Broadwick and Marshall to facilitate the (unnecessary) development of 57 Broadwick Street/3 Marshall Street and they are not going to be replaced.	Over 60	Live / Work	10
Narrow streets and high buildings make tree planting difficult, but we should review best practice from elsewhere, living walls, shrubs etc	45 to 60	Work / Visit	10
Need automatic watering systems. Our climate is getting dryer and rain is less evenly spread through the year.	45 to 60	Visit	10
No comment	Over 60	Work / Visit	10

no idea	45 to 60	Live / Work	10
One other option is turning pedestrian streets into green parks instead of stone or pavement.	31 to 44	Visit	10
Partner with fantastic charities like Trees for Cities. You can 'green' the streets without digging big holes. Check out their edible playgrounds for schoolkids. Easily adapted. Also restrict motor vehicles being able to drive through (pollution / air quality)	45 to 60	Work / Visit	10
People feel apprehensive because they don't regard themselves as competent to contribute?	Over 60	Visit	10
	31 to 44	Visit	10
Planners need to insist on this	Over 60	Live	10
plant more trees!	31 to 44	Work	10
Plants and flowers in boxes, as in Newburgh Street, make the area look better, add colour, and improve air quality. We need more of that. A lot more, for instance in the property at Silver Place where it was specifically included in the architecture when built, and now those boxes remain sadly empty, making the place look desolate, uninvited, and inviting the drug addicts to the end of Ingestre Place, which they call 'crack alley' - not an inviting place...	45 to 60	Live	10
Plants,shrubs,trees everywhere.	Over 60	Visit	10
really important; see my earlier coment	45 to 60	Visit	10
Resist firmly any further attempt to build over any remaining rear areas. Promote and encourage owners of buildings with remaining open space to use it creatively opening it up further, by removing often substandard extensions etc..Much impressed by local apple tree! Greening around blocks of flats etc instead of tarmac. Species awareness, swifts, bats, and possibly bring back the starlings that used to live in Leicester Square.	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
Retro-fitting old buildings with green roof or solar or other YES! Explore adding more trees to our streets.	31 to 44	Live / Work	10
Roof gardens. Ivy on buildings. Trees on pedestrianised street.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	10
Rooftops should be either green or with solar panels. But we also need to provide some access for residential usage. Trees on some of the sidewalks and pedestrian streets as well.	31 to 44	Live / Work	10
See previous	18 to 30	Work / Visit	10
Selecting trees and plants which can be located between the subterranean cables and contained to prevent damage to underground piping etc.The piping cabling locations are documented yet the will is missing	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
Should be encouraged despite ant opposition, of which there shouldn't be much.	Over 60	Visit	10
soho should be in the vanguard of good environmental practice	45 to 60	Visit	10
Study how green roofs & walls are made & maintained. Install as many as possible. Cost of putting in place could be high but maintenance & watering prob higher & essential.	Over 60	Visit	10
TBD	Over 60	Live	10
The need to accommodate plant on roofs of buildings in soho that have a very tight grain to them (small roof areas) and through building footprints rather than fitted on the outside.	31 to 44	Work	10
The plan will need to encourage rooftop development if it is to encourage green roofs. They will not be applied to finished buildings.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10

The planting on the new office building on Broadwick Street is very attractive. More of this thoughtful planting please.	18 to 30	Work	10
There are a lot of old buildings in soho which will be difficult to adapt due to regulations. They should not be forced to lose their heritage and originality. Soho is one of the few remain "old" parts of London - it should not be modernised at the loss of this authentic history.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	10
there will be no anything never mind soho is WE DO NOT STOPP and think long and hard about the ecosystem of SOHO	45 to 60	Visit	10
This has to be done through planning law - the local goernment needs to incentivise these schemes and then they may happen - developers will not do this willingly as they are not skilled in it, and perceive it as difficult and expensive	45 to 60	Work	10
Traffic and cafés using pavements.	Over 60	Visit	10
Tree policies can be more positive and encouraging, plus guerilla gardening. Envisaged when environment chair and before that coordinator at Covent Garden Community Association ribbons of green linking squares and planting from Soho to Lincolns Inn, and wider.	Over 60	Visit	10
Trees should be planted where possible. I disagree that it's often impractical.	31 to 44	Live / work / Visit	10
Trees wherever possible and hanging baskets etc where possible. Encourage companies & restaurants/cafes to add greenery to their premises too.	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
Very important! We have lost six trees outside our building because of the development of Stirling Court by Shaftesbury. They say they will plant trees elsewhere, but where? At least green roofs are pleasant to look out at and any bit of green helps the environment.	Over 60	Live	10
We certainly do need to green up everywhere. Encouraging people to utilise roof spaces and window ledges. All the green arguments about air quality, urban wildlife, carbon footprints etc are THE most important issues facing Planet Earth and all who sail in her today. Urban gardens that are wildlife friendly, are essential for the education of city children. No green space is a wasted space. Roofs can also be used for solar panels and small windmills to cut the dependence on the national grid. Encourage companies to switch off their lights at night. Don't get me started on light pollution - we can't see stars. The challenge is to educate people.	45 to 60	Live	10
We should have more roof gardens and window boxes	18 to 30	Work	10
Wonderful idea. I had not thought of it, but yes. Fully agree.	Over 60	Visit	10
Years ago, practically every roof in Soho has plants growing on it, because the top floor of so many office buildings and business premises was occupied by caretakers or ordinary residents. The eradication of so many homes and the constant development of buildings without thought for this aspect has meant that there has been a tremendous change. The number of people living in the area has changed, and too few businesses care about the possibility of having trees or indeed anything green growing on roof space. There are notable and excellent exceptions, but I think there should be a real drive towards this. Even if trees aren't a practical proposition, plants or even a small green patch of grass that would attract bees would improve the situation enormously and this would be a wonderful thing.	Over 60	Live	10
Yep	18 to 30	Visit	10
YES, YES, YES! This is just common sense, and should be encouraged by any means.	45 to 60	Work	10

Absolutely right. But it is expensive and not a cost that can be passed on to business or a feature to justify further increases in rent. First switch to green energy, then get rid of your car and air conditioning, then solar tile your roof. Pot plants in the meantime. Cost is always the challenge.	45 to 60	Work	9
absolutely. green roofs help avoid flooding, promote insect and other wildlife, improve air quality and aid the building's insulation. Green walls too.	45 to 60	Live / Work	9
Agree.	Over 60	Visit	9
All new developments should have green aspects included in the planning permission	45 to 60	Live / Work	9
Certain kinds of trees can, I think, be potted, thereby not interfering with understreet cabling.	Over 60	Work / Visit	9
Challenges? Apathy and other issues (Brexit/tories)	45 to 60	Visit	9
Commit to tree planting programme; funded by all cable and utility providers; co-ordinate all digging and make good	45 to 60	Work	9
Consider green roofs	45 to 60	Visit	9
Consider sedum pods	31 to 44	Work	9
Getting residents and businesses to buy into the green concept	45 to 60	Visit	9
I think the environment should be considered. London is a shameful stain on the environmental map. This can be addressed with measures such as green space on underused roofs or solar panelling.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	9
It is important that we take care of our health and to be able to make sure that any development does not reduce the greenery in the locale.	45 to 60	Visit	9
it should not be done in a way which incurs the cost on the property renters; either fund it from local taxes or allow opt outs	31 to 44	Live / Work	9
It's up to the experts to come up with a plan, Tufnell if approved by senior management, pass on details to residents and businesses for their opinions. As a resident I haven't any approved plan to read and comment on yet!	45 to 60	Live	9
Large planters can be used for smaller trees; vertical gardens can be developed. Watering is a challenge for both of these.	45 to 60	Live / Visit	9
not sure.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	9
Sounds a great idea.	45 to 60	Live / Work	9
The lack of green areas in Soho is sad, please bring more green areas	45 to 60	Live	9
This should apply to listed buildings also	45 to 60	Live	9
We need better air so have to look into it end of	31 to 44	Work / Visit	9
All new buildings should have green places. I don't think it is practical to retro fit on old buildings though.	31 to 44	Work	8
An interesting idea.	45 to 60	Work	8
Business owners need incentives to keep and maintain some form of their own green infrastructure on the front of their premise. No vehical zones at peak hours and no idling may help	31 to 44	Live	8
Challenge will be to find room on roofs which in turn will have lots of building plant on them.	45 to 60	Work	8
do not know	Over 60	Visit	8
Don't really know.	Over 60	Visit	8
Fully support the initiative but really needs to have a practical approach taken.	45 to 60	Work	8
good idea	18 to 30	Work	8

I know my office building had a living roof but this has gone by the wayside. If the Cit Council has significant authority within the initiative can roof greening be the ntegrated into planning agreement conditions for new and existing buildings being redesigned or refurbished?	45 to 60	Work / Visit	8
I think that all new developments should be forced to include some level of green infrastructure. The size of developments should dictate the level of their responsibility, but there should be a restriction on the size and height of developments.	31 to 44	Visit	8
If people there they will bring their planst	Over 60	Live	8
It would be nice but I think this would be too difficult due to the practicalities of it. If certain areas were pedestrianised then that would be different.	18 to 30	Work	8
More green, fine, but also a funded plan to maintain the green.	Over 60	Visit	8
ok on the roof	Over 60	Visit	8
roof gardens where possible, trees	Over 60	Live	8
Small trees in large plant pots	45 to 60	Live / Work	8
Start small and aim high . Window boxes and hanging baskets could provide all the year round interest and not just colour in the summer.	Over 60	Visit	8
Street level vandalism, voluntary upkeep and watering will be major issues. Could individuals be invited to sponsor and take care of individual roof areas and street planters. Could Soho innovate around alternative planting schemes, such as green walls, mobile gardens on a cart or rickshaw, urban beekeeping. Cultivating the cracks at the side of the roads and pavements with wild plants.	45 to 60	Visit	8
Very good idea for green lungs but can be problematic in ensuring the roofs can withstand the weight and water being applied. Maintenance of them would be a challenge.	Over 60	Visit	8
We have a community roof garden. More resources (financial/advice/labour) could encourage other housing estates/businesses to do the same. Extend tree planting. It was done in Ham Yard, so there must be plenty of scope for more!	45 to 60	Live	8
Yes, wherever possible	Over 60	Visit	8
A nice idea; many technical challenges for the building and maintenance thereof	45 to 60	Work	7
Although greening is attractive and desirable, it should not be a foremost consideration. Soho is famous as an urban environment and people appreciate the city vibe. Greening should be a 'phase 2 or 3' project.	45 to 60	Visit	7
Areas within Soho that are identified as possible sites for additional greening and landscaping should be improved along with existing green spaces. I personally feel that there are larger and more important issues to be addressed than this, however. Efforts and resources should be concentrated towards preserving the little authenticity that Soho has left and working towards fostering a neighborhood that is interesting and multi-faceted. Great if this means more green, but it should be a by-product of a larger movement, rather than a driving goal.	31 to 44	Visit	7
Challenge WCC more heavily.	Over 60	Work	7
Don't know how expensive it would be but a great idea.	31 to 44	Visit	7
How can this be achieved if the unlisted buildings don't have flat roofs and who is going to pay for it?	Over 60	Live	7

I think adding more greenery to Soho is a great ambition, there are a few beautiful squares already to enjoy like St Anne's and Soho square, but if there was more on the Streets that would be great. Like in Islington, when they want people to drive down a street slower they cut into the road to create a block to slow drivers down, these 'blocks' are green planting areas. Additionally Great Titchfield Street leading into Soho has lots of trees and flower patches that are maintained weekly - perhaps like Phoenix gardens it could be a local volunteer initiative to maintain these pockets of gardens, or for locals to take ownership of? Like a mini allotment?	18 to 30	Work / Visit	7
I think some effort should be put into planting trees at ground level whose roots don't spread too widely. Failing that, this seems OK to me as an aspiration, but is not the highest priority for the failing quality of life we residents currently experience.	45 to 60	Live	7
I think this is a nice to have but would have less impact than other	31 to 44	Work / Visit	7
I'd rather see more emphasis on photovoltaic roof tiles. They now look like normal roof tiles.	Over 60	Work	7
It's a good idea.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	7
Nice to have and easy in an organized city. How easy in London, who knows?	45 to 60	Visit	7
raised beds negate the need for digging into the pavements and could provide greening as well as providing buffers between pedestrians and traffic and helping provide secure cycle parking.	45 to 60	Live / work / Visit	7
Roof gardens should be encouraged but we shouldn'y try to green up Soho at street level.	45 to 60	Visit	7
Soho Society's planning cttee can and does encourage this.	Over 60	Live	7
The challenges are the narrow lanes. Could traffic be reduced to residents, cabs & deliveries only? Or at least at some hours of the day?	45 to 60	Work	7
There would be no harm in this, it would be nice	18 to 30	Visit	7
This is a complex planning matter	Over 60	Visit	7
A green contribution plus a maintenance plan should be part of every approved development	Over 60	Work / Visit	6
All flat-roofed central london properties should have some greening--but Bee Colonies are a real threat to 75% of people who have violent allergic reactions to bee/wasp stings and chose city centre homes to avoid such life-threatening dangers.	Over 60	Live	6
Challenges include practicality (installation, maintenance, keeping it alive) cost, potential future resulting building damage. I wouldn't know if products have been developed to answer theses issues.	31 to 44	Work	6
Communication with Landlord's / Tenants of premises. Problems with access and maintenance and extra costs to premises	45 to 60	Work	6
Ensure this is not a box ticking exercise as part of planning conditions	31 to 44	Visit	6
Get to grips with the absurdities of Thames Water - repair after repair after repair, and still the water leaks to the surface... Penalise them heavily!!	Over 60	Live	6
Grants, planning	Over 60	Live / Work	6
I think it would be easier to have more green areas at ground levels. You could incentivise and subsidise landlords to incorporate greening elements.	45 to 60	Visit	6

I think there are some technical difficulties but they are worth solving. The rewards for our health and well being and nature are massive. The cooling aspect and calming effects and air purifying qualities will be appreciated .	45 to 60	Work	6
Introduction of affordable solar energy. We have a roof suitable for it but we can't afford to install it	45 to 60	Live / Work	6
re work a new plan	31 to 44	Work	6
Small plot sizes, small-scale development - all these make this a relatively weak proposal - encouraged, but not made a big thing of. Soho is intensely urban.	45 to 60	Visit	6
this not very important	Over 60	Visit	6
This should be encouraged wherever practicable and possible due to both clean air and visual attractiveness elements.	45 to 60	Visit	6
This would be very nice however it should not come at the cost of other things. Soho is a small area and it is expected that there is a limit to how green it can be	31 to 44	Visit	6
Weather and pollution	31 to 44	Work / Visit	6
within the community	45 to 60	Live	6
you could try to stop extensions being added higher and higher... You won't succeed with Conservatives in power	Over 60	Live	6
Completely impractical idealistic idea. I support the idea but it cannot work.	45 to 60	Work	5
Don't know but sounds nice	45 to 60	Live / Work	5
It will be hard to do on a large scale, as some buildings are old and should keep there authentic look. Going green could spoil this. Have the newest build in Soho catered for going GREEN? Look at these first and the problem of air pollution due to traffic.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	5
Just do it!	Over 60	Visit	5
No idea how to approach this aspiration	45 to 60	Work	5
Not an expert	Over 60	Visit	5
Roof terraces have noise potential.	45 to 60	Live / Work	5
The muddle of often older buildings and people wanting to re-use. Only large developers and chains could afford to buy and re-develop a whole building in a green way, and all they do is contrary to the soho feel. Sadly.	31 to 44	Visit	5
Very vague description. what exactly do you mean by greening elements???	45 to 60	Visit	5
Weakening the buildings? increased water use? need for plants that can survive dry shady conditions?	45 to 60	Live / Work	5
As long as soho doesn't lose what it stands for I guess a few trees won't hurt.	45 to 60	Visit	4
It is not practical to green all the roofs. Trees can be grown in large planters - such trees as ash, birch, and willow, do not require great depth of root. If the roads were pedestrianised many additional green spaces could be created	45 to 60	Work	4
Nice idea, but trees and hedges at street level would be biologically more effective at fighting pollution for pedestrians.	18 to 30	Live	4
expense prohibitive little visible effect	Over 60	Work	3
Really? It's a bit like closing the stable door after the horse has bolted.	45 to 60	Work	3
Maintaining the space for long-term residents and businesses must be paramount.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	2

What's the point of green roofs if only a tiny, rich minority can see them?	45 to 60	Work / Visit	2
Developers seem to hate the word "green" so you will encounter hostility & strong opposition from them. Camden Council recently cleared rooftops in Gordon Mansions of their gardens in Fitzrovia : so watch them too	Over 60	Visit	1
Green squares are needed but green roofs add unnecessary cost, and are in conflict with the current appearance of Soho	Over 60	Visit	1
the expense	18 to 30	Work / Visit	1