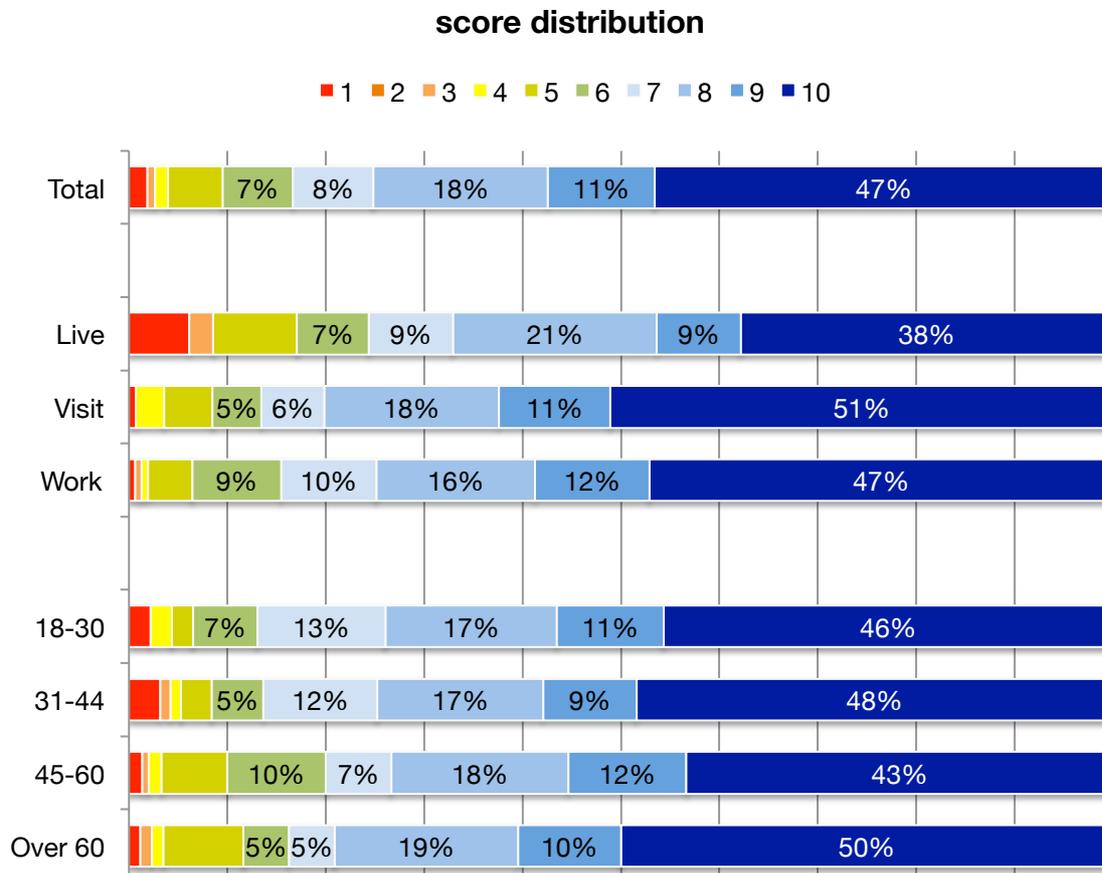
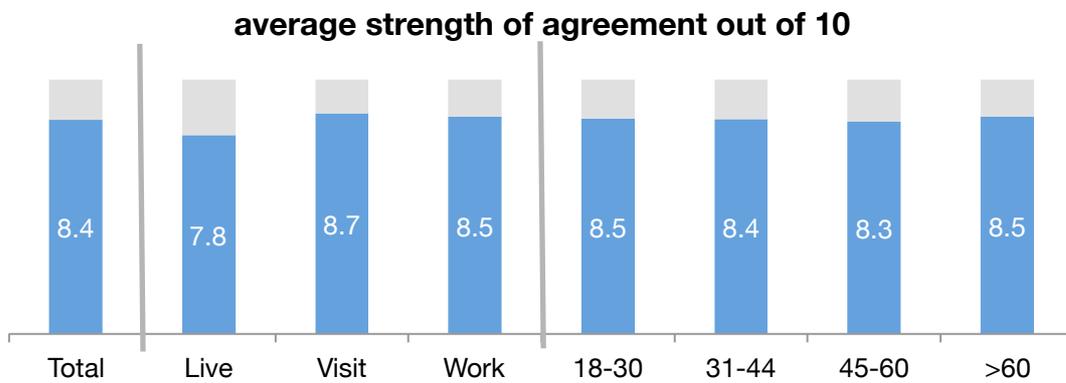


RECYCLING

To ensure that all waste facilities provided as part of developments are designed, built and resourced to enable the maximum amount of waste to be dealt with by recycling.

To improve Soho's sustainability recycling efforts must expand so that, where possible, at every stage of development - during construction, fitting out and ongoing use – recycling becomes the normal method of disposal.



RECYCLING COMMENTS	Age	Soho	Score
Additional recycling points with transparent containers	45 to 60	Visit	10
again I think soho should spearhead best environmental practice - it is small enough that government support to do this will be affordable here	45 to 60	Visit	10
Again, not much space but. Could waste be used for on site energy production, in the case of office blocks or residential?	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
Agree but the current system of bags of rubbish left in the street for long periods before collection gives the area a dreadful appearance	Over 60	Visit	10
And provide adequate means of handling within buildings (but how to deal with old flats and offices) and on-street.	Over 60	Visit	10
As a visitor I think a few bins that would allow ME to recycle too would be nice. Can't speak for business community or residents.	Over 60	Visit	10
being very strict on rubbish being left out for days before it is collected	45 to 60	Live / Work	10
Challenges come with the educating of occupiers.	31 to 44	Work	10
Clearer info to residents and companies about the recycling and collection schedules and more but discreet street recycling points/bins.	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
Clearer rules should be communicated on times/days recycling is collected. Residents/businesses should be encouraged to break down large boxes so they fit in recycling bins.	45 to 60	Live / Work	10
coordinated recycling by a single provider - and making it even easier to recycle	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
Developers aren't remotely interested most of the time, so this means there has to be pressure consistently applied by Westminster.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Each block / street should have recycling skips at their disposal. Currently, as an example, I'm aware of one glass recycling bin which is inconveniently located. I dispose of my rubbish bags by setting them outside my door each night, however, I don't know whether the recycling is being collected by the recycling company and the rest by the general trash collector - knowing where to dispose the recycling myself as well as receiving more information about Soho policy and measures taken to recycle would be most welcome. Recycling should be easy not challenging.	31 to 44	Live	10
Ensure that all organisations or individuals working in soho, be it temporary or permanent, are issue with sufficient recycling waste containers and ensuring a regular collection of these. Make recycling easier than using a bin.	18 to 30	Visit	10
Everything needs to be recycled, as close as possible to source, there can be no concept of waste or rubbish. If we all did it the council's money saving on waste disposal could go into energy generation on roof tops.	45 to 60	Work	10
Excessive publicity is the only answer to this problem	Over 60	Visit	10
Failure to provide adequate facilities or to inform people of what the procedures are	Over 60	Visit	10
Fast food businesses should be required to provide recyclable packaging as they are doing in France now.	31 to 44	Work	10
Fine anyone who refuses to comply.....and use the money to have more regular collections	Over 60	Visit	10
Frequency of collections / more street collection points for wider range of waste e.g. batteries	45 to 60	Work / Visit	10
Get a clear commitment from Westminster City Council and other local groups	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
great	Over 60	Work / Visit	10

Great! Like with rubbish, where do you put these recycling banks and encourage use	18 to 30	Visit	10
I am confused. I, and the businesses, all take time to recycle and then the recycling is just smushed with all the regular rubbish. I don't get it. How about making the trucks that collect the recycling and rubbish less polluting? They come regularly, which is great, but then leave a big pile of smoke to add to the smoke already there. It is the first neighbourhood, in the 10 neighbourhoods in which I have resided in London, where I actually have to wipe the paws of my dog each and every time I take her out because the streets are so dirty and the paw wipes are black each time. The vehicles with the brushes do not actually seem to clean the streets, but rather spread the rubbish around. They are not fit for purpose and should be redesigned. How about have a competition where a student could design one for London?	45 to 60	Live	10
I have no idea why people aren't recycling everything already.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
I think Westminster Council should make recycling mandatory, but they should not do so for profit!	45 to 60	Work	10
I wouldn't have thought this would be too hard to implement.	Over 60	Live / Work	10
It needs to be a commitment from everyone in the company - not just a vocal few. Costs are always a concern.	45 to 60	Work	10
It's a no-brainer that ALL businesses in and around Soho should be recycling.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	10
love this	31 to 44	Work	10
Make sure recycling bins are emptied frequently. Nothing worse than seeing recycling placed at the foot of full bins	45 to 60	Visit	10
Many people refuse to recycle. Make them do so by radical means!!!	Over 60	Visit	10
more attention to recycling in the area will help combat the problem of street waste	Under 18	Visit	10
More re-cycling locations. Frequent emptying (to minimise smells) and encourage businesses to use recyclable cups, and to recycle frying oil etc.	45 to 60	Visit	10
More recycling bins (next to every normal bin). Better signage to encourage use of the recycling bins.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
More recycling bins on every street.	Over 60	Visit	10
more recycling points for workers & residents	45 to 60	Work	10
Much more recycling bins. Coffee cup recycling bins. Glass bins.	31 to 44	Work	10
need more package free shops to reduce waste before it even gets to recycling	18 to 30	Visit	10
no comment.	Over 60	Live	10
Not much to add	45 to 60	Visit	10
Offer some Gold and Silver stars to businesses who meet a standard for recycling. Reward people for making good choices and let them brag about it.	45 to 60	Work	10
Outside my experience.	Over 60	Visit	10
	31 to 44	Live / Work	10

Recycle rubbish is not collected from my building unless it is blue bagged. People are confused because they can put recycle in the street bins unbagged. Needs to be consistency bw bin labels and performance of the collection team. Sandringham Court in my street has NO BIN for entire building; so residents and holiday lets from this building regularly stuff the recycle bins with rubbish. Provide them with a bin. Common sense.	45 to 60	Live / Work	10
Recycling is not only desirable, but a visually tidier way to dispose of waste.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Reduce, reuse, recycle is a bit my mantra. Shame that construction companies don't do enough of it. I think the argument is that there should be tax relief on refurbishing older buildings (and not on new buildings that encourages developers and their architects to tear down buildings only to rebuild). TAX RELIEF FOR RE-PURPOSING BUILDINGS AND CONSERVING HERITAGE is my mantra for this age of development.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Regular timed collections is good. If one operator did all the collection, there would be fewer trucks on the streets.	31 to 44	Work	10
See earlier - on street below/under street disposal facilities, better disposal facilities, collection of furniture, building waste, paper/card board - I struggle massively recycling in Soho	45 to 60	Live	10
See earlier answer. I am a recycling champion in Fitzrovia.	45 to 60	Visit	10
see my earlier comments about well-designed - even 'iconic' recycling bins as part of the mix	Over 60	Visit	10
See previous answer	45 to 60	Work	10
Signs and writing in English and other languages with regard to bin etc.	Over 60	Visit	10
Soho is quite good on the street I think compared to other boroughs	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
Space would be a challenge. Not enough businesses have the facilities to store their waste, be it bottles or other waste. The streets of Soho are littered with bags and boxes of recycling creating quite a hazard for pedestrians. The waste is also the cause of a lot of noise through the night as it is being collected.	45 to 60	Live	10
TBD	Over 60	Live	10
That is a matter for the disposal services of each trader and the appropriate City of Westminster council dept..	Over 60	Visit	10
That old green mantra "Reduce, reuse and recycle" is not properly understood. It's about reducing the waste in the first place. Yes, of course recycle as much as is possible and again, Westminster has to take the lead here in providing proper arrangements of everybody to do their bit. BUT, educating people about packaging is the no. one priority. Start by fining supermarkets etc. that stock over packaged products.	45 to 60	Live	10
The new replying laws on coke bottles is a good one. Slightly off topic but there's a food fridge in Brixton, so homeless people can take free food. We should get one of those	45 to 60	Work	10
There are fortunes to be made in Soho. I think contractors should conform to recycling schemes - or they don't get the project.	45 to 60	Visit	10
There are still too many materials - for example take-away coffee cups - for which recycling is not locally supported. This is wasteful of resources and demanding on landfill space.	31 to 44	Work	10
This is not necessarily for the Plan, but more work should be done with businesses in the area. Green waste composting should also be encouraged.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	10
Totally agree.	Over 60	Visit	10

Underground bottle banks could be created as on the continent - which only have to be emptied once a month and all the licensed premises could deposit glass there	45 to 60	Work	10
Unfortunately areas around recycling facilities get messy, broken glass, plastic bags, containers broken into. Get the best containers possible, get them emptied often.	Over 60	Visit	10
Use the planning process to develop this.	Over 60	Live	10
We have introduced more waste streams for separate collections in dedicated bin stores. This reduces the amount of waste being left on the streets, lower risk of pests and more recycling.	31 to 44	Work	10
Westminster has a great waste removal initiative going with the recycling and rubbish skips available for everyone to use. With construction work the volume of waste and recycling increases, but this can easily be adjusted for.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	10
Westminster pretty hopeless at it. Crown Estate seems to have a good model and sure will give advice. Also worth consulting Over Arup on this as they are environmental specialists.	Over 60	Visit	10
within the community--and wider community	45 to 60	Live	10
All councils should provide comprehensive recycling facilities no matter where it is.	Over 60	Visit	9
Better, more frequent and combined collection -	45 to 60	Work	9
Designated and frequent dedicated bins placed around Soho for rubbish and recycling collection	31 to 44	Live	9
Given the possibilities for sourcing income from successful Soho businesses, this should not be a problem to implement, particularly given the massive amounts of waste from Soho's food industry. Challenges: small places with tighter finances? Not enough support from Westminster Council?	45 to 60	Live	9
Local authorities should have much more efficient sorting systems in place. Too often they rely on the public to do the sorting. It cannot be beyond the wit of man to develop machines that can sort rubbish out in more complex ways. There should be a local depot for recycling electronics, larger household items etc.	45 to 60	Live	9
More recycling points in soho . Hopkins st is the only place to find recycling bins .	45 to 60	Live / Work	9
Something missing I see from ongoing recycling is feedback on what we are doing well and what we are doing badly. As an example, I often see paper in the paper recycling bin still covered in food scraps. I know that this can't be recycled and can ruin the whole bin full of paper, but many people don't so much of the recycling we're doing isn't effective. I don't think a simple education campaign would be effective. What would work is spot checks at the premises and feedback to the people who put the recycling in the bins on how they're doing.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	9
space will be your challenge but if central pick up points could be established it would be great	31 to 44	Work	9
This is a matter which mainly concerns shops and businesses - once they recycle residents will gradually learn to do the same - so long as bins are well supplied	Over 60	Live	9
Through the planning process (use of specific recycling conditions) and ongoing education and options for residences and businesses	45 to 60	Work	9

Waste is both expensive and an eyesore. Requiring minimal waste will reduce the need for refuse space, refuse trucks, and even delivery trucks. Eg, if restaurants and offices were to provide water in house filtered water that would remove a whole round of delivery, collection and rubbish. For this reason rather than seeking recycling a no waste solution should be sought where possible. This could be made a planning condition, including for shops, cafes and restaurants, so there is minimal discarded landfill waste. If necessary there could be a co-ordinated organic waste collection daily, including all the coffee grounds. It would also be helpful to lead the way on permitting only recyclable coffee cups for takeaway coffee.	45 to 60	Visit	9
What is up with the on-street recycling bins? Are the contents actually recycled? There is so much misinformation about these. Clarity would really help.	31 to 44	Live / Work	9
With so many businesses in the area it is difficult to create much greater awareness. I believe that overall a good job is done removing waste quickly and effectively. How well we recycle is a development of this. Perhaps further education and practical advice from professionals, the council etc. would be of benefit	Over 60	Visit	9
With so many restaurants, some form of anaerobic digester using food waste would serve a dual purpose of waste disposal and green energy generation.	Over 60	Work	9
All public bins to be replaced to have 3-in-1 General Waste, Food Waste and Recycling (like they have on Oxford Street)	18 to 30	Work	8
As I said earlier about rubbish, recycling facilities need to be established in sufficient quantities to make people use them, and not just opt to dump the bags on the street.	45 to 60	Live	8
As long as these are sensible measures and don't limit other things that will benefit the area more and are done for the sake of doing them	31 to 44	Visit	8
Ban Plastic bags and styrofoam from all soho establishments.	31 to 44	Work	8
Basic challenge is the lack of interest or understanding of whole issue of how and why to recycle correctly, particularly and surprisingly among many younger people.	Over 60	Work	8
Collection of recycling is unpredictable, which discourages me (many a time the blue bag is still sitting there after being put out at the right time) - would rather there were a central point to take it to.	45 to 60	Live / Work	8
don't know	Over 60	Visit	8
First mile to come on time to stop homeless people taking the cardboard and people walking by dumping rubbish onto the bags.	18 to 30	Work	8
have more bin station around	31 to 44	Work	8
I can't see any challenges. Everyone is in favour of recycling and businesses understand this too.	45 to 60	Visit	8
I find the recycling facilities as a resident are terrible, and would strongly support this	31 to 44	Live / Work	8
I haven't been made aware of recycling plans as of yet	45 to 60	Live	8
Improve the system of collection.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	8
It would be nice if Soho became the beacon of a sustainable neighborhood showing off its history with its modernity. Sometimes London actually get this right. Hopefully here the planners will too	45 to 60	Visit	8
Keep recycling and environmental awareness high.	45 to 60	Visit	8
More bins required within buildings leads to less space to let.	31 to 44	Work	8
More frequent waste collection & waste bins allowing waste to be separated. Finding suitable sites.	Over 60	Visit	8

More local facilities, greater clarity about why can be recycled and how e.g. cleanliness of recycled food containers etc.	Over 60	Visit	8
More sensible recycling the better.	Over 60	Visit	8
Not enough recycling bins	18 to 30	Live	8
See earlier answers. Some businesses already do a great job. Businesses must take responsibility - if not voluntary it must be enforced Westminster must take responsibility for ensuring public recycling areas are easy to use and kept clean. I've given up using Blue Bags - they're either not collected, or thrown in with general waste. The private recycling companies have to do a much better job of collection and cleanliness - again spot fines, zero tolerance - just like a parking ticket	Over 60	Live	8
The narrow streets could make this a challenge.	Over 60	Visit	8
There are blocks of flats without sufficient recycling bins, or even sufficient ordinary waste bins. The block where I live has both, but a neighbouring restaurant dumps its rubbish into our bins, despite all complaints, and I suspect this sort of thing is general. Whilst recycling is an excellent aspiration, we've got to be realistic about access to them, considering the amount of space available in small, cramped areas.	Over 60	Live	8
This is part of a nationwide issue and linked to another initiative involving waste collection. Innovation is required to fix the situation, perhaps soho can lead the nation.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	8
this should always be a priority/ difficult with the nose of waste disposal lorries/ wardens seeing that people do not through paper cigarettes alcohol etc.	45 to 60	Visit	8
Again I think this should go without saying	18 to 30	Visit	7
Compost heaps etc. in the squares could help with organic waste. More recycling bins on the street would help. Cardboard collections daily.	31 to 44	Work	7
Don't drop litter	45 to 60	Visit	7
Food Waste / Food Shares: engage local suppliers and wholesalers in redistributing waste food via local community groups. To community cafes, low-cost waste supermarkets/stalls and the hungry and homeless. Individuals can share surplus food via the OLIO app.	45 to 60	Visit	7
I am not involved closely enough with any organisation to have much experience of this, but I would assume the main problem would be one of cost v efficiency.	45 to 60	Visit	7
I'm less concerned with recycling as with sustainability. Things should be built to last.	45 to 60	Live / Visit	7
More focus should be placed on the end user. I.e. food businesses, some do not have strict procedures for dealing with this and can contaminate a communal bin room	18 to 30	Work / Visit	7
Our recycling is good--but Recycling Collection services are erratic, alas	Over 60	Live	7
WCC	Over 60	Work	7
As mentioned before, central Paris deals with this much better by having very regular daily/twice daily collections in small vehicles. coloured bags etc. Small plot sizes cannot easily accommodate multiple bin stores and the like.	45 to 60	Visit	6
Every building and business must recycle their waste	31 to 44	Work / Visit	6
Have areas for shops and businesses to recycle more. Encourage less packaging by manufacturers. Also less plastic goods to be made where an alternative which is bio-degradable can be sourced.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	6
I think increasing the amount of recycling in Soho is a worthy goal and this could be achieved with planning conditions.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	6

I wonder if Westminster's recycling system is really working compare to other councils. Most of recycling bins are mixed. How can they recycle them? Other councils have much more strict categorisation.	45 to 60	Live / Work	6
I would love, did I say love , it would make us very happy to have much better recycling facilities. Access to, and verity of recycling would be much appreciated. Even to the point of a swap shop?	45 to 60	Work	6
I'd like to think that the cardboard I meticulously pack up and pay to be recycled by Westminster isn't just thrown into the back of a bin lorry and dumped. Sometimes I'm not so sure....	45 to 60	Work	6
Not sure why Soho should be singled out for a focus on recycling. But it goes without saying that new developments should take this into account.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	6
Pick up rubbish more frequently and more recycling bins	45 to 60	Visit	6
Recycling is a national issue not one just for Soho.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	6
These could be made part of a section 106 I don't see any difficulties except landowners protesting it impacts on their pockets which should not be a consideration	Over 60	Work / Visit	6
Yes recycling is always good to do.	45 to 60	Visit	6
Again some grime and dirt is a good thing	Over 60	Visit	5
I have no thoughts on this	Over 60	Visit	5
I think planning policy at Westminster already picks this up.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	5
It should be no more an aspiration for Soho than any other part of London. This is the council's responsibility.	45 to 60	Visit	5
Keep seeing council chucking recycling into the big bin lorries. Not sure they'll do anything about it.	45 to 60	Live / Work	5
Maintaining the space for long-term residents and businesses must be paramount.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	5
Nice aspiration , but need to sort out street cleaning and waste in general	Over 60	Live / Work	5
Not at the top of my agenda	45 to 60	Work	5
Recycle where possible.	Over 60	Visit	5
reduce bottle bank noise and encourage bottle recycling by insisting businesses use bottle crushers	45 to 60	Live	5
Westminster is fine with our recycling - maybe a bin that took textiles would be good	Over 60	Live	5
just not possible	31 to 44	Work	4
More and bigger recycling bins on streets	45 to 60	Visit	4
While recycling is essential, and should be encouraged/enforced as much as possible, it is actually a waste of resources, and discredits the concept of recycling, if it is too heavily enforced in small, very densely populated areas such as soho, which are the least suitable in the country for such enforcement.	45 to 60	Visit	4
I am skeptical	Over 60	Live	3
As far as I am aware Westminster already recycles waste and does not require waste separation.	45 to 60	Live / work / Visit	1
its not a physical thing but a mental thing, no amount of Green bins will make people recycle	31 to 44	Live / Work	1
No ideas on this : apologies!	Over 60	Visit	1
Recycling is not a local issue. To the extent that this aspiration means that more space is to be dedicated to this objective, it will only mean that Soho becomes even more unaffordable to residents and businesses (except large ones).	45 to 60	Live	1