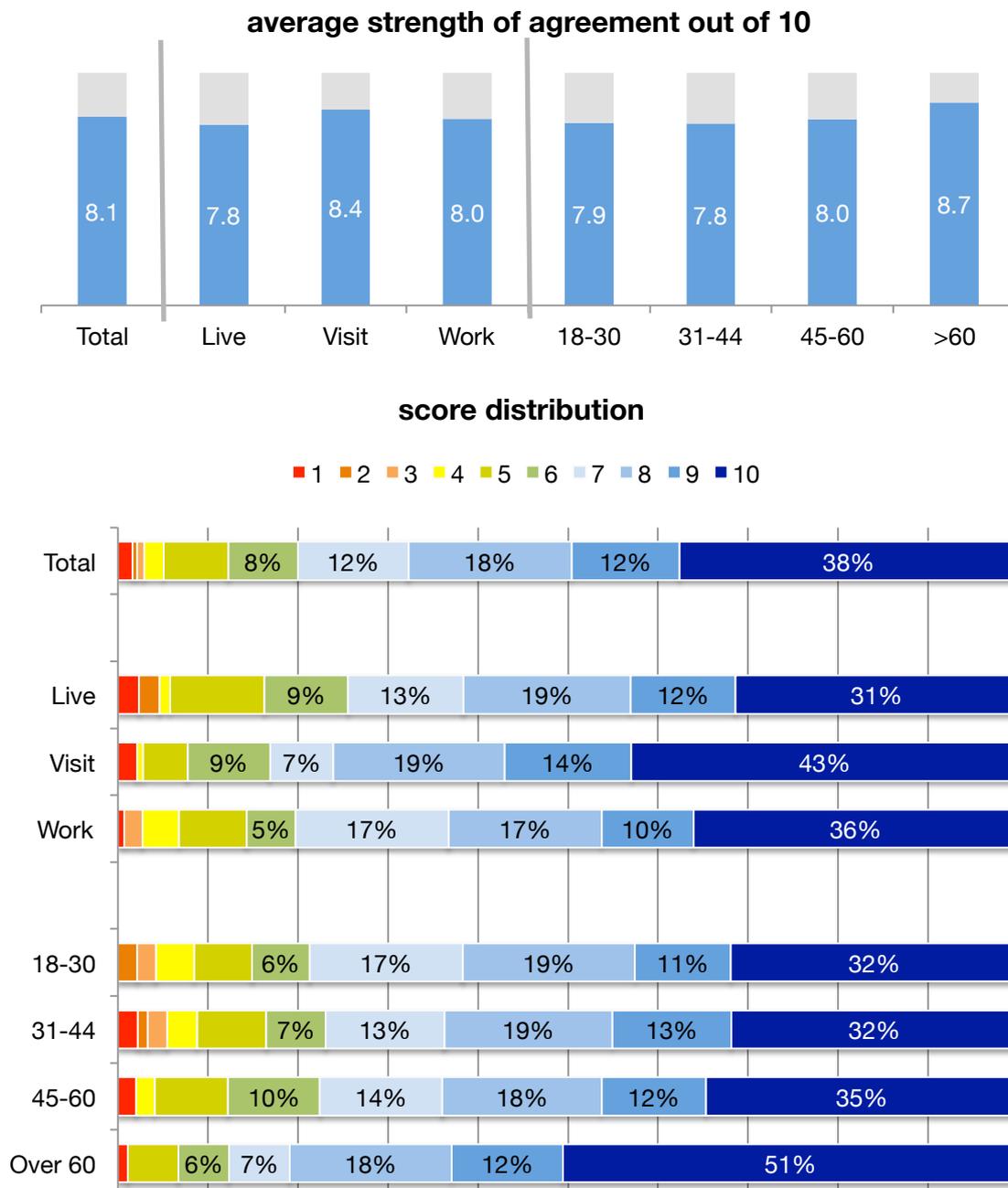


## WASTE (INCLUDING FOOD WASTE)

To improve the local environment by reducing the impact of waste, in particular, by eradicating the need to pile rubbish bags on the street for collection over the life of the plan and by supporting dedicated food waste collections and other similar facilities.

One way to achieve this goal would be the provision of accessible waste storage facilities as a form of planning gain. New developments could provide not just for onsite waste but also for a defined number of neighbouring users, dependent on the size of development and its location. Some 'on street' and below ground facilities are also likely to be needed.

Given that Soho is a renowned centre for food and drink hospitality it is also appropriate to make specific improvements in waste collection within this industry.



<b>WASTE &amp; FOOD WASTE COMMENTS</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Soho</b>	<b>Score</b>
Westminster doing a pretty good job already	45 to 60	Live / Work	10
We should make this a tenant / trader / builders responsibility not purely a local authority issue	Over 60	Visit	10
We have nowhere to keep our waste currently. There should be a dedicated area. Also there should be more recycling.	31 to 44	Work	10
WCC performs an amazing job on waste collections but I have no clue about food waste I'm afraid	45 to 60	Visit	10
Waste storage facilities would be very welcome - the current situation where shops and people pile rubbish bags, card board, etc. on the streets is not acceptable - it leads to rat problems, unsightly streets and people littering - we need more and larger rubbish bins too. Make recycling easier by on street or below street paper, glass/plastic bottle etc. drop off points - encourage use of filtered water instead of pushing plastic PET bottles	45 to 60	Live	10
Waste storage facilities are badly needed to make sure the rat population is kept in check!	31 to 44	Work	10
Waste needs to be disposed of speedily so that it isn't always full of well meaning recyclable (and non) waste waiting to be removed.	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
under the street facilities would help improve the look of the area.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Try to make sure that food waste is given to the homeless & hungry.	Over 60	Visit	10
this is obvious	45 to 60	Visit	10
This is a key issue across London and one which is very poorly handled. However, it should not be at the expensive of blank street facades of grubby doors to bin rooms.	45 to 60	Visit	10
this is a big problem on litchfield street	45 to 60	Live	10
there would be need to be planning but it can and must happen	Over 60	Visit	10
There is currently insufficient waste facility for Soho. Business 'drop' into residential waste facilities. Over development has eroded residential facilities, including waste. More collections are required for an area that is such a public face of Soho. Parts of the area resemble a waste tip and are treated as such	45 to 60	Live	10
There are technologies which can process waste into energy - consult me if you want further information. Gary Hayes	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
there are some recycling possibilities for cooking fat which are being used currently to fuel adapted buses; I don't know if purchasers or collectors of this type of waste have been approached for a scheme. It is a necessity that new developments provide amenity for waste.	45 to 60	Visit	10
TBD	Over 60	Live	10
Should include rationalisation of waste and recycling collection.	Over 60	Live	10
Sharing potential waste food. Google Olio.	Over 60	Visit	10
Set-up collections of surplus food for homeless etc. people Require internal recycling and waste facilities for all new developments More closely monitor businesses abusing current system including failing to recycle	45 to 60	Visit	10
see the system used in the city of Florence.	Over 60	Live	10
Rubbish/recycling bins (particularly when overflowing) looks as unsightly as rubbish bags piled in the streets. Recycling bins should be enclosed (in waste areas/underground) and waste enclosure (boards hiding the bins) used as a green space (flowers/ivy)	45 to 60	Visit	10
Problem we have especially in old flat blocks is that there is little or no room off-street.	Over 60	Visit	10

Predefined places for waste disposal, especially for residents would be welcomed.	18 to 30	Live / Work	10
Phew! If one says more collections then that blocks up streets but think that street cleaners could be more in evidence...	Over 60	Visit	10
Other European countries have it sorted why cant we with recycling	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
not sure what to do here but it is really annoying when the waste is left all day.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	10
No comment	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
need to do all we can to reduce rodent activity in the area and will help to make the streets look more inviting	18 to 30	Work	10
more recycling from hospitality needed	45 to 60	Visit	10
More frequent waste collection eg, several times per day. Likely to cost more.	Over 60	Visit	10
More emphasis on avoiding waste in the first place. Training courses for catering staff on using food without waste. Give food not used at the end of the day to food banks and shelters.	45 to 60	Visit	10
More daytime street cleaners.	Over 60	Work	10
Make biodegradable packaging mandatory, reward good waste management, replicate good practice elsewhere.	45 to 60	Visit	10
It would have to be carefully policed as people/businesses not disposing of their waste appropriately might caused problems for other users or managers of the waste disposal sites.	45 to 60	Visit	10
It is very easy to invest in decent rubbish facilities such as those stored underground. This must be a priority as it is a busy area and must be managed	31 to 44	Visit	10
it can only help to foster a more pleasant experience of the area, especially as it seeks to attract more people. no room for trash bags	31 to 44	Visit	10
Introduce stylish recycling bins/bottle banks that add to Soho's character.	Over 60	Visit	10
innovative forms of waste collection such as electric collection vehicles, including small vehicles to take to a central collection point; improved recycling of food waste	Over 60	Live	10
Increase rubbish collection.	Over 60	Work	10
if the larger businesses can help the smaller ones by providing share rubbish storage - that would be great.	45 to 60	Work	10
I'm sick of seeing huge bags of food waste on the streets outside restaurants as late as the middle of the day. There should be some kind of legislation to ensure that such waste is made available for collection at a time to suit rubbish collection, and after that should be enclosed somewhere safe until the next collection.	Over 60	Live	10
I would be very happy to participate in this sort of plan. I don't even know exactly where I am meant to put my rubbish and recycling, so I just pile it where everyone else does on the corner of Ganton Street and Marshall Street, which looks awful. There has got to be another way.	45 to 60	Live	10
	45 to 60	Work	10
I think there should be a rubbish collection in the early hours of the morning. This will help minimise the delays during the day. At the moment when I come to work in the mornings I notice so many rubbish bags everywhere, mainly containing glass bottles. I don't think this is safe to be kept outside all day especially if there's children who come during the day to visit the theatres. So rubbish Collection should be done around 5am I think. This would help keep the streets of Soho clean.	18 to 30	Work	10

I think I answered this prematurely! The waste collection needs to be more frequent as storing it causes problems with vermin. We thought we were recycling our cardboard for years but it was just being chucked in the van with the rest of the waste.	45 to 60	Work	10
I have already proposed 'below ground' facilities. However its not appropriate to ask new properties to accept neighbours waste and causes all sorts of potential disputes. All waste should be collected at a given time and businesses must make provision to comply.	45 to 60	Work	10
I am sick and tired of having to walk in the street to avoid mountains of rubbish piled up in the streets for hours awaiting collection. I don't however want the streets to be lined with ugly plastic recycling bins. Every building, where possible should have onsite rubbish facilities, or rubbish should not be put in the street outside certain hours.	Over 60	Live	10
I am not knowledgeable about what to do bur they have always been a part of Soho	Over 60	Visit	10
grease blocks the drains, food waste attracts rats and vermin.	31 to 44	Work	10
General household waste should not be in the street every day. It looks like a dump when visitors walk on the pavement. Introduce a new system	45 to 60	Work / Visit	10
Food waste needs to be addressed and restaurants etc. should donate to homeless shelters / food banks etc. other food waste needs to be handled in such a way to discourage vermin.	31 to 44	Work	10
Food Waste is unacceptable when so many people are not eating enough of the kind of food required for a healthy body and mind. Fines should be in place for any food which is wasted. Regular collections for food banks and compost should be made. We need to aim to cut out packaging all together.....Germany is streaks ahead in their rubbish disposal system and maybe that should be looked into.....	Over 60	Visit	10
Food waste collections are a good idea particularly if used for animal food products	Over 60	Visit	10
Food recycling requires robust food waste containers to avoid pestilence.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Food bank and food waste collection would be a great idea as our company certainly throws away some food weekly.	18 to 30	Work	10
FINES CLOSURE OF PREMISES if you cannot respect the area you work or live in!	45 to 60	Visit	10
Find examples of best practice to follow. Keep above ground minimal, think of pests like flies, rodents & human thieves	Over 60	Visit	10
Excellent suggestion. Saggy bags of rubbish are a major blight.	Over 60	Work / Visit	10
Encourage local shopping so that people shop regularly and frequently thus avoiding over-purchasing.	Over 60	Visit	10
Current system of bags dumped in the street is terrible. Makes streets so unpleasant for pedestrians	Over 60	Visit	10
Current arrangements are complicated. Specific hours for putting out bags in the streets etc. causing endless mess and confusion. Best practice from other cities and countries needs to be explored.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	10
Contracts some branches are in . Difficulties at getting them to sign up to a common waste removal company	45 to 60	Work	10
Compost heaps!!!!!! Stop throwing away perfectly good food just because of some 'arbitrary' sell by date. Use common sense.	45 to 60	Live	10

Clear recycling provision within this and clear definitions of what can be recycled (eg definition of 'food contaminated packaging'); encourage more reuse of cups etc. by regulars. Encourage bottle etc. deposit schemes - even in cages and corner shops - for glass and plastic containers. Underground waste chutes are a great idea if possible.	45 to 60	Visit	10
Bio degradable packaging litter fines for organizations who do not meet pollutant and waste levels	45 to 60	Live	10
Better recycling and donating surplus food to charity should be a priority.	31 to 44	Visit	10
Below ground would be the best option if it could be made to work technically	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
As above, look at anaerobic digesters.	Over 60	Work	10
All new-build to have on-site composting facilities.	Over 60	Visit	10
Again, the local authority is not good about times for leaving out waste. If dealt with swiftly at appropriate times - and in places that are easy to collect from, this could be dealt with. Westminster does not engage well at this level.	Over 60	Visit	10
Again, I was on the working group dealing with this and agree to the working groups recommendations.	45 to 60	Work	10
Addressed in the previous point about 'recycling'.	31 to 44	Live	10
A big problem with food waste both from a commercial aspect and a cleanliness issue, still exists.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	10
With space at a premium such ideas will be difficult to implement and will probably take a large amount of work for the businesses especially.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	9
Too much traffic to do so during the day.	Over 60	Visit	9
This would be nice.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	9
This is more important than most people realise. I've seen good restaurants slip in estimation and custom due to inconsiderate disposal of their business/food waste; especially from former customers who live nearby.	45 to 60	Visit	9
This is kind of basic to every big city planning and is not something that London does very well. Look at Paris. Machines on the streets every day clean the pavement and regular rubbish collection. Not too much of a challenge. Is it?	45 to 60	Visit	9
This is a good aspiration, but the facilities must come before the limitations on street waste. Above all the workings of Berwick Market must be allowed, and a certain amount of street litter that goes with a working market must be allowed.	45 to 60	Visit	9
The amount of waste that is dumped on pavements is not only unsightly and unsanitary, but also a healthy and safety issue. Not only have I seen large rats and mice running along the streets, but even throughout the day it is frequently necessary to step into oncoming traffic as the pavements are blocked with rubbish bags.	31 to 44	Visit	9
Small and frequent collections are needed; clever storage would be a good idea; night collection needs to be carefully thought through.	45 to 60	Live / Visit	9
Regular daily collections.	Over 60	Live	9
Not too bad at the moment I think Westminster do a good job	Over 60	Live	9
more bins , more collections	31 to 44	Work	9
Lack of coordination with other boroughs so that the optimum waste management systems may not be purchased.	Over 60	Visit	9
Keep recycling	18 to 30	Work	9

It's down to the local council to have more collections of waste, especially where there are many food venues, perhaps these food outlets could pay a small premium for their waste to be collected more frequently.	Over 60	Visit	9
It needs to get off the streets within an hour of going on the streets, or not even touch the streets at all. I think there is a casual employment opportunity here. Odd job, pick up and drop to accessible point for exit transportation. I think we currently pay around fiver a bag. Gladly put that into a community project.	45 to 60	Work	9
It looks like a third world country seeing piles of rubbish bags and having to go around those on a daily basis	45 to 60	Live	9
I think that collections twice a day rather than once a day would be efficacious for keeping the pavements free of bags of waste. With only one collection it's difficult to meet the needs of all types of business (operating at different hours). Also, the longer bags of waste are on the pavement, the more likely they are to be contaminated (chiefly mixing waste and recycling) by passers-by.	31 to 44	Work	9
I agree with this. The rodent problem in Soho is unpleasant. Compactors in the mix might also help.	45 to 60	Live / Work	9
However it must be made to accommodate the smaller businesses.	Over 60	Visit	9
Difficult to get all businesses to sign up	45 to 60	Visit	9
Below ground facilities work well in other urban areas.	45 to 60	Work	9
As a resident I'd really like to be able to participate food waste collection. Challenges could be allocating space for collection points residents/businesses, odours	45 to 60	Live	9
An electric cart could go round the streets of Soho during the day and evening collecting bagged rubbish and recycling and then take it to the depot where it can be taken away in the larger lorries. The constant use of large disposal trucks is bizarre in such a small area.	45 to 60	Live	9
also a need for storm water drains to be cleaned on soho streets, the stench from such drains is an unacceptable	31 to 44	Work	9
waste bags and boxes can be an eyesore and needs to be improved.	Over 60	Visit	8
Timing etc. may be difficult but a schedule can be worked out. Other cities do it successfully; so can we!)	45 to 60	Visit	8
see my comments on waste facilities.	Over 60	Visit	8
Regular, small waste collections. Good recycling options.	45 to 60	Visit	8
People not abiding to the rules, those having had a few drinks creating mess. Finding an appropriate space to keep the rubbish that doesn't ruin the appearance of the streets.	18 to 30	Visit	8
Need kept-to collection of waste days, and next-day after bank holidays ones--waiting til next week is too long.	Over 60	Live	8
Most of the problems are caused by competing cowboy waste collection companies. WCC needs to provide a better service, particularly to restaurants.	45 to 60	Live / Work	8
More large area waste disposal with recycling. That's well maintained and clean.	31 to 44	Live	8
More collections throughout the day, smaller and electric vehicles on the streets	31 to 44	Work	8
Keep the old houses/ buildings they add character and interest. Keep to human scale no mega 100 storey buildings	45 to 60	Visit	8

Hopefully food waste is already separated out and repurposed as animal food or compost. One of the challenges is the smell (have you ever been behind a Burger Lobster?), that would be much improved by underground facilities.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	8
Happy to demonstrate how we recycle on the Carnaby Estate	31 to 44	Work	8
Good idea. Rats and mice would be the challenge.	45 to 60	Live / Work	8
Given the increasing number of homeless rough sleepers why not make the allocation of sell by date food / drink to hostels, charities, etc. & relax some food hygiene regs around that ?	45 to 60	Work / Visit	8
Get more active with getting "passed sell-by date" food to homeless charities and food banks etc.	Over 60	Visit	8
Couldn't agree more!	18 to 30	Live	8
Cluttering of street with facilities obstructing pedestrian and disabled access.	31 to 44	Work	8
As a resident, it would be good to have proper centres for waste disposal, but it's human nature to dump rubbish if that collection point is too far away. The challenge will be to develop sufficient numbers of disposal points for residents to use, and for them not to be discouraged by having to schlepp stinking bags too far!	45 to 60	Live	8
Almost anything would be an improvement. Prizes for the best-designed facility, and for the bins best suited to the built environment.	Over 60	Visit	8
A Zero Tolerance policy for dumping - in particular developers who leave monstrous amounts of rubbish for Westminster to deal with. On the spot fines for businesses who do not maintain the cleanliness of their environments front AND back of house. All businesses to separate food waste from glass and other recyclables. Noise free containers and disposal areas A limit on restaurants putting out rubbish when it suits them, blocking narrow by ways, and a strict curfew of 11pm for putting out rubbish	Over 60	Live	8
where exactly and who pays for this. Again idealistic but not practical.	45 to 60	Work	7
Using new sites to accommodate old sites that won't be redeveloped soon is a good idea. Access to such facilities must be carefully designed to avoid losing active frontages.	18 to 30	Work / Visit	7
This is very difficult. The bags on the street collection for residents is fine. Amounts to be collected for some commercial premises are often excessive. I'm not sure what the solution is. Also the collection of empty glass bottles is extremely loud and is compounded by the fact it occurs between 3 and 5 in the morning.	31 to 44	Live / work / Visit	7
This is problematic because the food and drink industry is always working on tight margins. vermin is a big issue: the mice and rats were here long before we were. Well-sealed bins?	45 to 60	Work	7
This is great aspiration to have but realistically how can it come forward given the smaller scale of buildings within the Soho area.	31 to 44	Work	7
This could work in tandem with a delivery amalgamation service.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	7
Space v cost as before, but certainly much more can (and should) be done, including exploring imaginative ideas such as the accessible waste storage facilities mentioned in this section.	45 to 60	Live	7
Reduce the amount of food waste from local business. Get involved with initiatives to reuse food	31 to 44	Visit	7

Police and prosecute those who put rubbish on the street outside hours. Stop the Carnaby estate using Marshall street as their back yard, piling up waste on the street making it impassable, dangerous and unsightly. Use smaller, quieter waste disposal vehicles.	45 to 60	Live	7
Not so worried about on-street bags if they are collected regularly. Central Paris has I think twice daily collections using small vehicles.	45 to 60	Visit	7
New developments are only a small proportion and generally have full facilities. It would be difficult to make developers provide waste for non contracted occupiers to manage their waste. More collaborative schemes are needed with reliable suppliers.	31 to 44	Work	7
I'm not sure it will be easy to remove waste from the street given the number of period inflexible buildings in a number of areas.	31 to 44	Work	7
I think there is already a good waste collection service in Soho.	18 to 30	Work	7
I think the new residential/ office development ( Fitzroy Place? ) fronting Cleveland St has done this: large secure cupboards for residents to deposit waste	45 to 60	Live / Work	7
Don't make Soho squeaky clean - it would lose its character.	Over 60	Visit	7
Does not sound feasible.	Over 60	Live	7
Challenge - impracticality / security issues with neighbours entering neighbouring buildings with rubbish	45 to 60	Work	7
As neither as resident or business owner in soho i don feel qualified to comment.	45 to 60	Visit	7
Waste always used to be stored in basements accessed by the rubbish collectors I thoroughly endorse areas devoted to this use but once again land values dictate against used which don't actually make money. I think this is a false economy because an area can only be successful if it is a pleasure to live and work in	Over 60	Work / Visit	6
This is a major problem. Piles of waste and recycling bags in situ on the pavements throughout the day.	45 to 60	Live	6
Space is of a premium in the area, would it be financially viable to set aside these areas as waste collection points	45 to 60	Work	6
sounds like gentrification to me....	45 to 60	Work	6
Soho is a restaurant heaven. Surely lot of wasted food should go to people who need them. All super markets in Soho should give unused food to local schools, local communities etc.	45 to 60	Live / Work	6
Smell.	45 to 60	Visit	6
Not sure - not at the top of my agenda	45 to 60	Work	6
More regular collections by Viola. Most sites don't have space to store for any period of time or space to separate waste types.	31 to 44	Work	6
Just making sure it is a safe healthy environment..	45 to 60	Visit	6
Have more rubbish collection and smaller bin lorries	45 to 60	Live / Work	6
community group	45 to 60	Live	6
Again, not really a major issue from my experience walking round Soho. Westminster collect all rubbish nightly anyway - though I think they should collect home recycling more frequently than the current once a week.	45 to 60	Visit	6
A plan is needed for whole area encompassing state of the art disposal . I. E. Glass crushing central disposal etc.	Over 60	Live / Work	6
Very difficult one that affects so many businesses restaurants in particular. Costs of rubbish collections are huge and add to higher business costs. The restrictions of when bags can be placed for collection not an issue that I'm well versed in.	45 to 60	Work / Visit	5
No view	Over 60	Visit	5

No do not make a sterile area you will destroy the traditions of the area Make businesses do this!	Over 60	Visit	5
I'd hate to see huge plastic rubbish bins on street corners like they have in Florence, for example, and they end up not just being unsightly but unhygienic.	Over 60	Live / Work	5
I have no thoughts on this	Over 60	Visit	5
I have a feeling it will amount to businesses being forced to keep their rubbish inside and take them out at ungodly hours!	31 to 44	Live / Work	5
Dumping of food waste and general waste is still rife. Sorting it out needs more Council enforcement. Specific problem areas should be targeted with CCTV	45 to 60	Work	5
Call me old fashioned but I like the noise and smell of a busy Soho. I don't want its working life hidden below street level.	45 to 60	Visit	5
As you know I think this is interesting, but technically difficult to be actually useful. I think the only use will be one of social education. I think shipping it out in one container is useful, I think storage to break down is not a good use of space or a good turn over of quantity.	45 to 60	Work	5
A good idea in theory but difficult to run without increasing the rodent population.	45 to 60	Live / Work	5
There are better usage of accommodation than creating waste large waste storage facilities - a better and more regular and consolidated collection service is my preferred approach.	45 to 60	Work	4
Maintaining the space for long-term residents and businesses must be paramount.	31 to 44	Work / Visit	4
See my previous answer on waste	Over 60	Visit	1
It would be a good starting point if we didn't have missed collections on a regular basis. The waste management has to start by improving what we have in place now and perhaps thinking of changing the present contractors for better management.	45 to 60	Live	1
Foxes and rats and mice would love it - it's fine for food waste to be landfilled, it's nutrients	31 to 44	Work	1
Create a recycling hub for local businesses. Look to German cities for large communal rubbish bins for business and residential that include substantial recycling. Make shared recycling facilities a planning condition if possible.	31 to 44	Live / Work	1
Be realistic. Rubbish is a by product of a vibrant nightlife economy. Where exactly is the rubbish meant to go if not out for collection???	45 to 60	Visit	1