TCMAC Survey Results

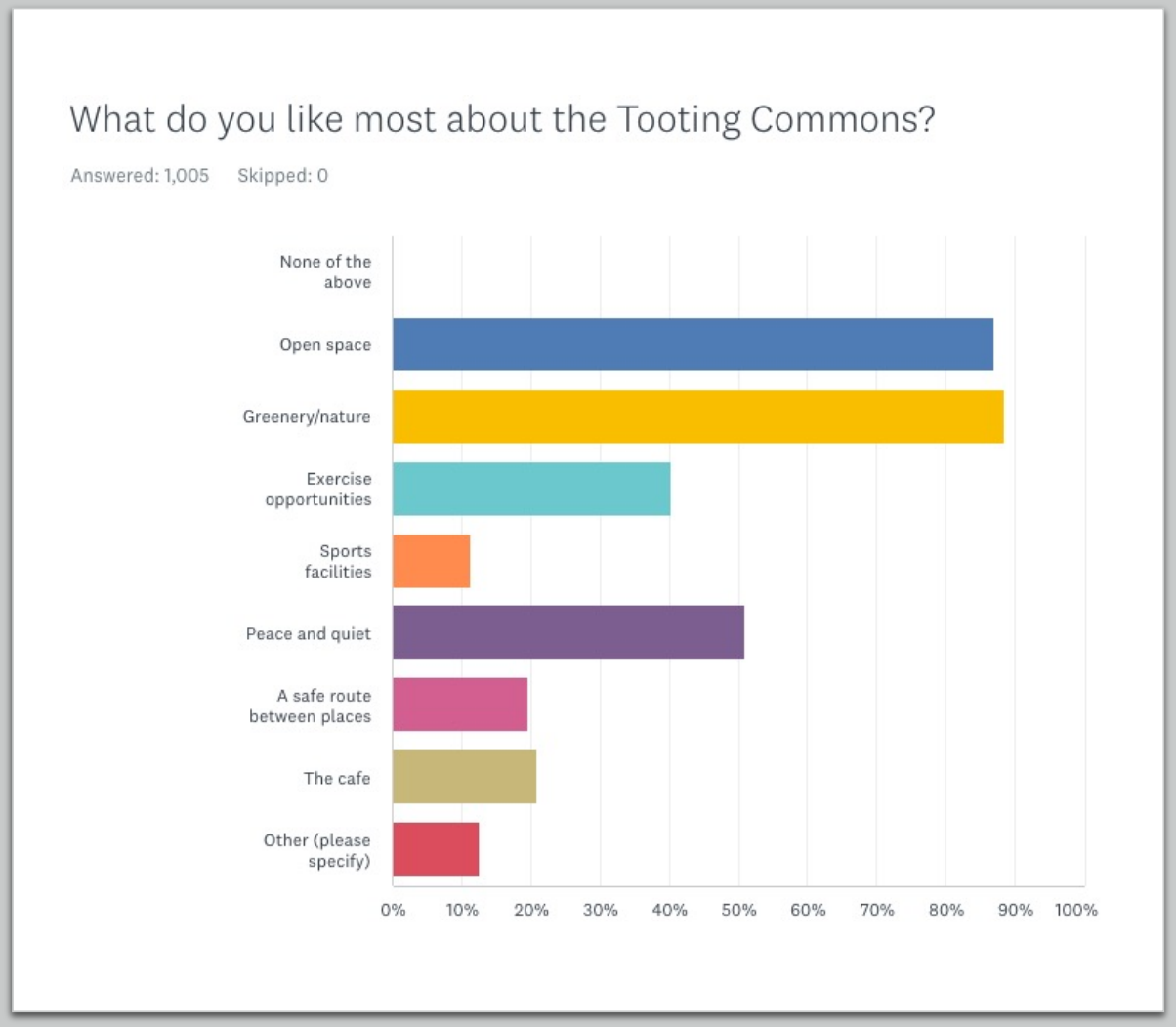
November 2021

Methodology

- Four question SurveyMonkey poll sent out principally via social media in October 2021
- 1005 responses received by the closing date 16 November 2021
- Respondents were self-selected and no socio-demographic data collected
- Questions also allowed write-ins

1 Positives about the Commons

- Desire for a green/natural (88%) open space (87%) that has peace and quiet (51%)
- Functional benefits are much less important
  - Exercise opportunities (40%)
  - The café (21%)
  - A safe route (20%)
  - Sports facilities just 11%
  - Playgrounds were the most popular write-in

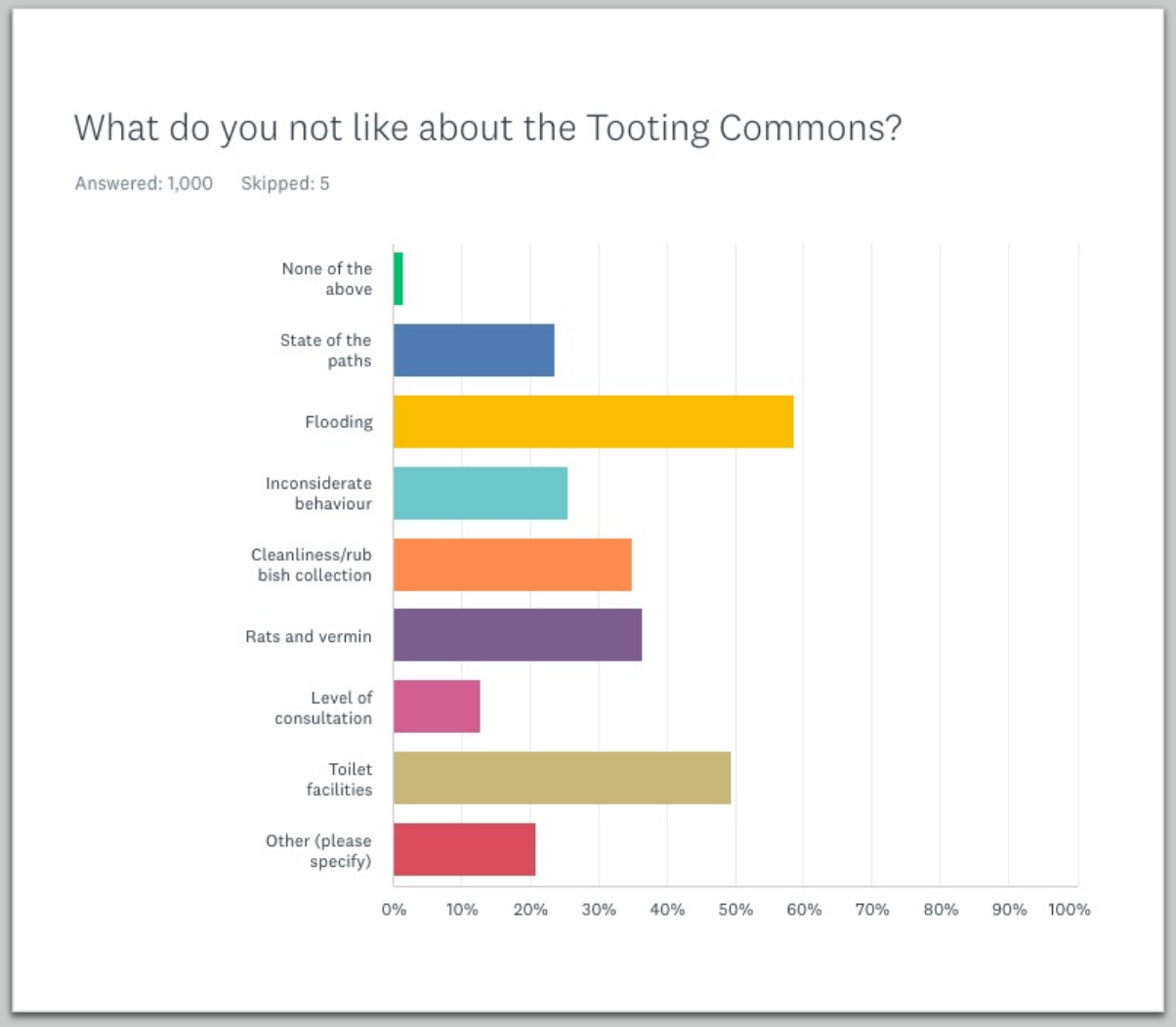


Q1 Positives – write-in comments

N=126 (13%)

2 Negatives about the Commons

- Flooding (59%) and the lack of toilets (49%) are the greatest areas of complaint
- Rats/vermin (37%) and cleanliness/ rubbish collection (35%) are also important
- Inconsiderate behaviour (26%) and the state of the paths are also important (24%)



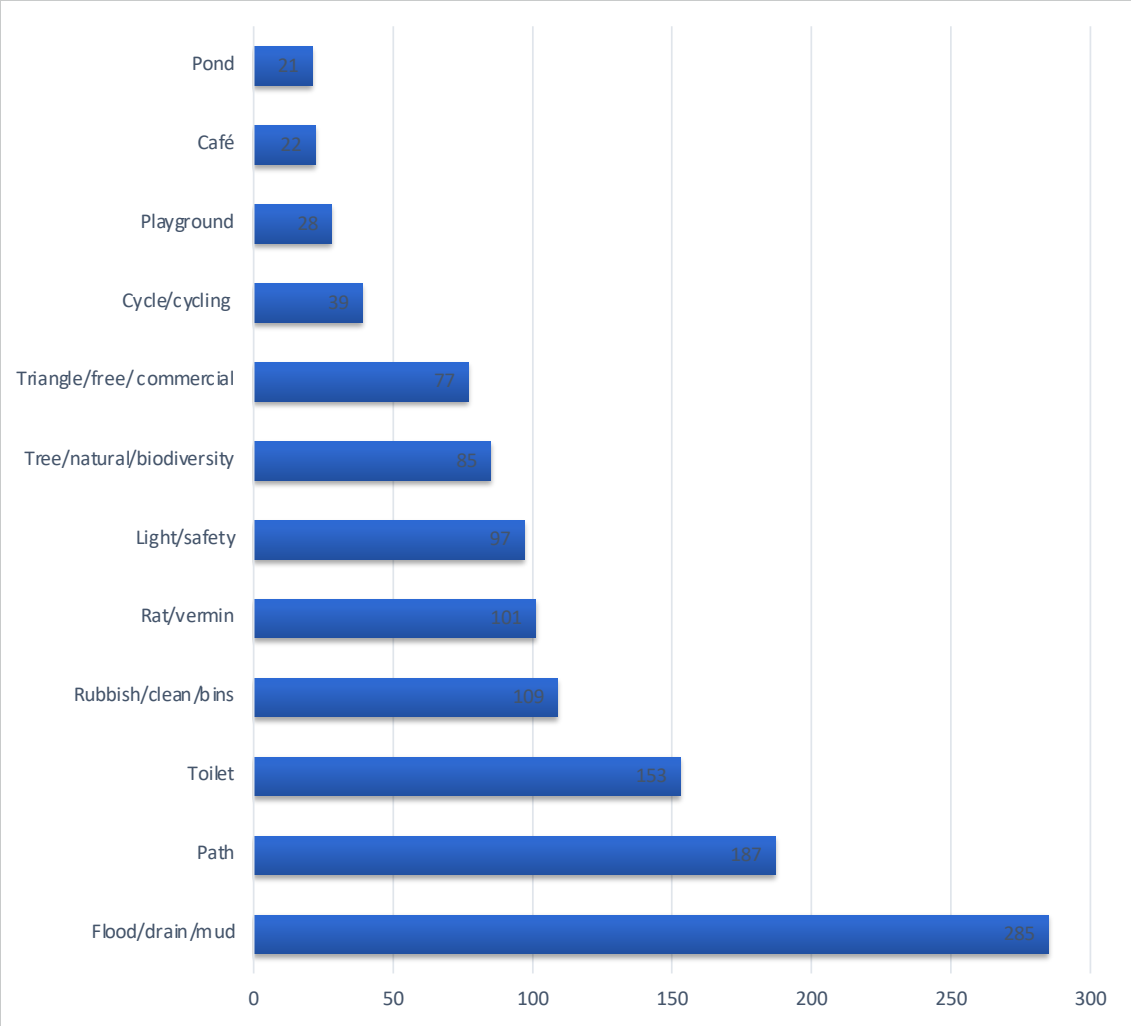
Q2 Negatives – write-in comments

N= 210 (21%)

3 What should be the top priority?

(free text entry mentions, n=831)

- Waterlogging of the Commons is the clear #1 priority, this also relates to #2 paths
- Toilets, cleanliness and vermin are also major issues
- Lights/safety, biodiversity and the triangle development all require attention

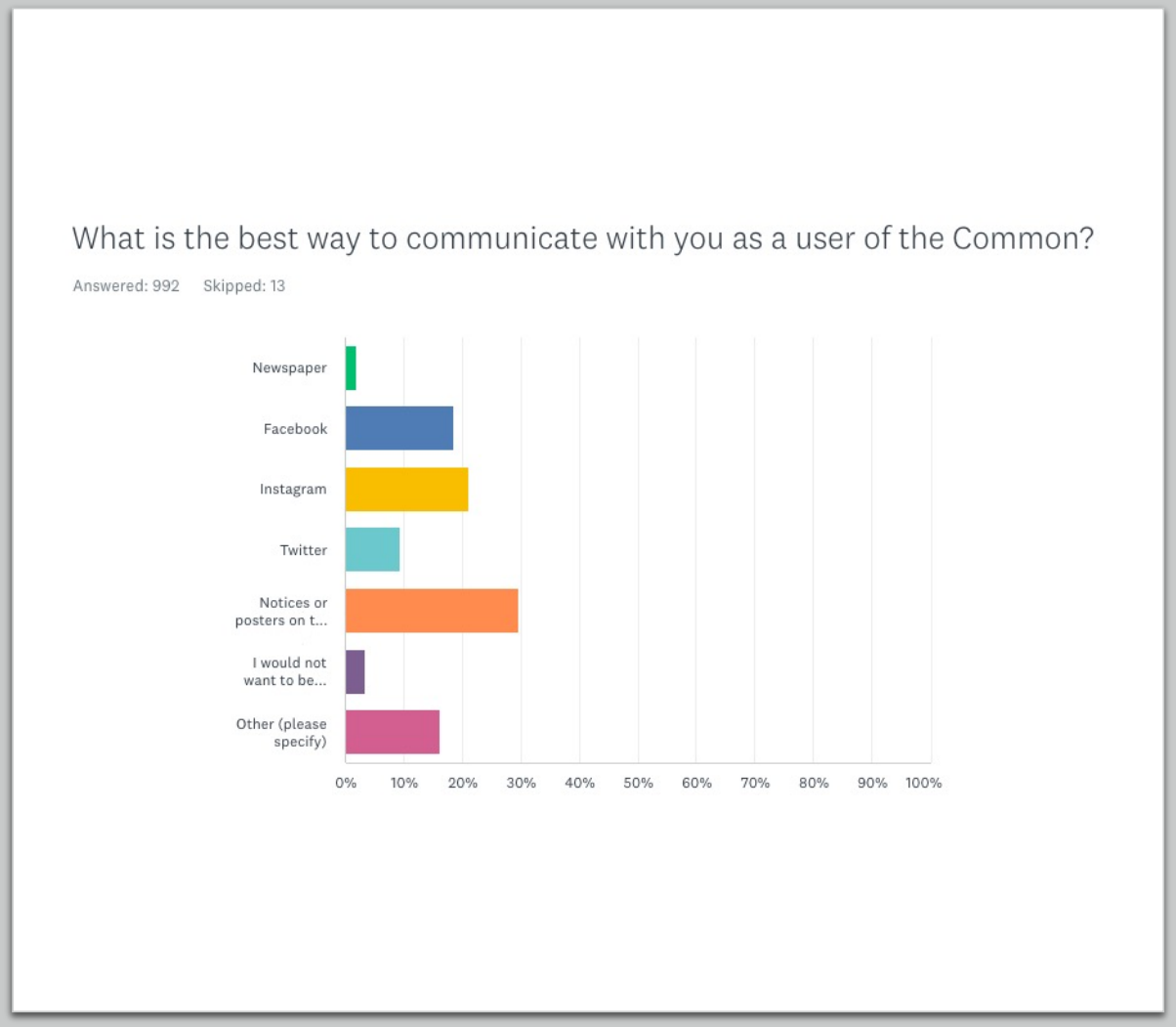


Q3 Priorities – write-in comments

N= 831 (83%)

4 How to communicate

- Notices or posters on the Commons were the preferred route (30%)
- Instagram and Facebook were also popular (21% and 19%)
- 12% wrote in Email as their preference



Some suggested conclusions

- Prioritise keeping the Commons natural and open with quiet areas, above adding facilities
- Key focus areas for the MAC should be supporting action on
  - Flooding
  - The state of the paths
  - Toilet provision

  Within the wider framework of keeping the Commons natural, peaceful and as far as possible litter (and vermin) free.

  Improving lighting and safety should also be investigated.
- Investigate email lists and Instagram, with FOTC