Local Business Survey Summer 2011

	Count	Percentage
Very good	1	5%
Good	2	11%
Neither good nor poor	9	47%
Poor	7	37%
Very poor	0	0%
Don't know	0	0%
Total	19	100%

1. How have you found trade over the past 12 months compared to the previous 12 months?

2. How attractive or unattractive do you think Newport is to local shoppers?

	Count	Percentage
Very attractive	5	26%
Somewhat attractive	12	63%
Neither attractive nor unattractive	1	5%
Somewhat unattractive	1	5%
Very unattractive	0	0%
Total	19	100%

3. What do you think currently attracts shoppers into Newport?

	Count	Percentage
Waitrose	13	65%
The mix of independent shops and	12	60%
national outlets	12	00%
Variety of shops	9	45%
The market	9	45%
Attractive surroundings	4	20%
Other	2	10%
Total	20	100%

'Other' suggestions were: Free parking Dentist, doctors, optician

4. Do you think there is anything currently discouraging shoppers from coming into town?

	Count	Percentage
Proximity to other retail centres (more choice/better offer)	4	24%
Car parking	12	71%
Perception of Newport being more expensive	2	12%
Public transport	1	6%
Lack of awareness about what's on offer in Newport	5	29%
Other	2	12%
Don't know	1	6%
Total	17	100%

'Other' suggestions were:

Reasonably prices restaurant in centre of town, but not another Indian or Chinese

4.a Do you have any suggestions for overcoming this?

- * Increase the amount of car parking near the town centre, or establish a viable park and ride facility
- * More parking spaces needed, together with improved public transport
- * Newport as a town is not promoted enough. People are unaware of the market, there are no signs etc.
- * Car parking spaces taken up by other services. Put buses back in the high street
- * Increase public transport word of mouth increase advertising for Newport as a town
- * Lack of more good independent retailers local businesses need to collectively promote the town as a local shopping centre. A positive approach is needed
- * More publicity independent shops wide range
- * Congestion in St Marys St when lorries go down, larger car parks
- * Car parking is taken up by all day parking for free. People then catch the bus to Telford or Stafford. Car parking charges ie 1st 2 hours free. Bus station could be moved freeing up more spaces
- * Local press reporting on positive aspects of Newport and what the town has to offer. Local radio
- * Leave T&W and join SCC T&W have been very slow and indecisive about parking restrictions
- * Nothing significant
- * Nothing significant

5. How informed or uninformed do you feel about the range of other businesses in the High Street?

	Count	Percentage
Very well informed	4	20%
Somewhat informed	9	45%
Neither informed nor uninformed	7	35%
Somewhat uninformed	0	0%
Very uninformed	0	0%
Total	20	100%

5a. If you feel uninformed, please tell us why?

(No responses)

6. Do you think there are any ways we can support each other as local businesses?

	Count	Percentage
An informal High Street network	11	58%
Learning more about each other's	5	26%
businesses	ר	20%
Trading with each other	7	37%
A regular newsletter for businesses	7	37%
Working together on community	8	42%
events	0	42%
Other	0	0%
Total	19	100%

'Other' suggestions (None)

7. Would you support the idea of a 'shop local' campaign?

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	Count	Percentage

Yes	18	100%
No	0	0%
Total	18	100%

7a. As a local business owner, would you be willing to contribute financially to a 'shop local' campaign for Newport?

	Count	Percentage
Yes	12	67%
No	6	33%
Total	18	100%

8. Would you support the idea of a loyalty card for Newport?

	Count	Percentage
Yes	13	76%
No	4	24%
Total	17	100%

8a. What kind of scheme would you like to see

	Count	Percentage
A discount card with fixed	4	31%
discounts	4	51/0
A loyalty scheme with changing	4	31%
discounts	4	51/6
A loyalty scheme focusing on	4	31%
collecting points to get rewards	4	51/0
Other	0	0%
Don't know	2	15%
Total	13	100%

9. Do you already have your own loyalty card scheme?

	Count	Percentage
Yes	0	0%
No	20	100%
Total	20	100%

9a. Can you please tell us how it works and if it is effective (No responses)

10. As a local business owner, would you be willing to contribute financially to a new loyalty card scheme for Newport

	Count	Percentage
Yes	4	29%
No	10	71%
Total	14	100%

If you are happy to be contacted in future by the Newport Regeneration Partnership, then please include your contact details below

16 companies provided contact details.