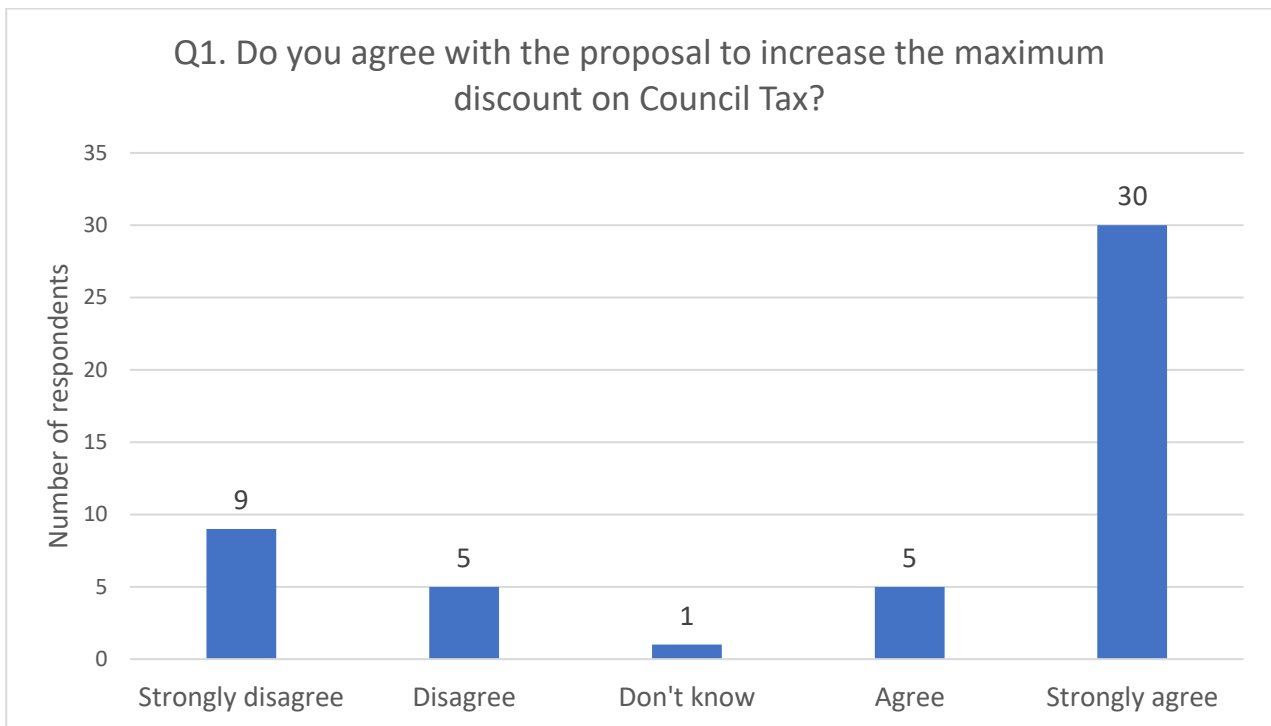
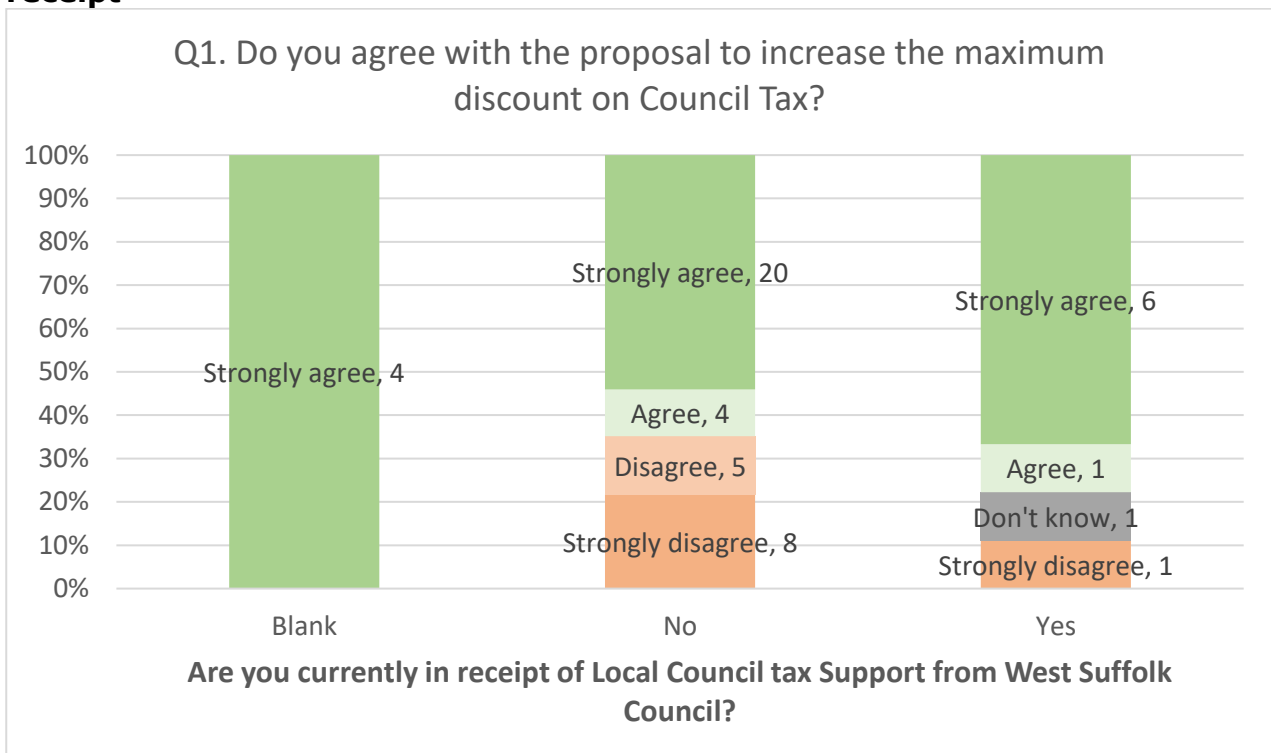


Appendix A – Summary of consultation responses



Breakdown of Question 1 by those in receipt of LCTRS and those not in receipt



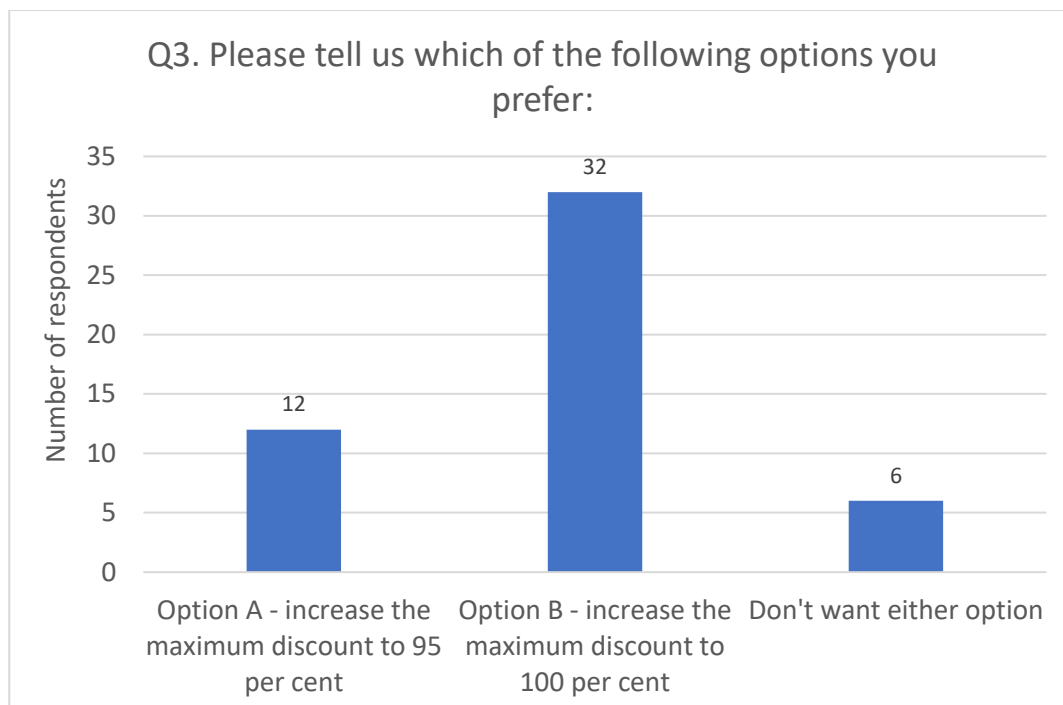
Reasons given by those who disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposals (Question 2) (Fourteen respondents)

Themes included in multiple responses:

- Everybody should pay something – 3 mentions
- Council resources already severely stretched – 3 mentions
- People on benefits are already being supported – 3 mentions

Individual responses:

- As a Parish Council this may impact on our budget to an unknown quantity. It would be useful if there was an indication on the possible reduction to our precept.
- The current reduction seems generous
- There's no point cutting council tax for the poor or working poor when they can't get to work because the council don't have the money to sort the bus routes out!
- I would rather see this support offered to working families who are currently not eligible as they fall just above the thresholds
- Cost of living is affecting all of us-Why should mid to high income people miss out
- Sounds like a huge discount already
- There is no incentive to work anymore
- We are all struggling. We are all affected. A lot of the people receiving these hand outs could work but don't/won't. It's unfair on those who DO pay their way, don't receive benefits but are still struggling.



Q4. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about these proposals? In particular, please tell us if you think they would have a disproportionate impact on people who share a protected characteristic under the Equalities Act

- Single adult households with no children need more support. Unfortunately we live in a country where marriage is a protected characteristic but singleness is not but I would urge you to consider these folk who pay all of the mortgage, energy bills and 75% council tax on one wage.
- Do not think it will have a disproportionate impact.
- I think the council would need to ensure that it doesn't increase council tax in such a way that it would have a detrimental effect on more families than it helps
- Compassionate Conservatism is a lie.
- Tax benefits should be for The People not just those who choose to move here, and don't work.
- It will be important to be clear on how long the change will last, and to offer help as the offer ends.
- Everyone is being affected by the cost of living crisis, therefore everyone or no one should have the benefit of a council tax reduction, regardless of the amount they earn. I know families who earn a few pounds more than the benefits cap that can't access help even though they desperately need it, how is that 'fair'?
- We must be Fair. That is fair to all. This should not be stuck in boxes on a spreadsheet which is fascist architecture.
- People that work and have to pay full council tax are not being treated equally to those that don't work and claim
- Benefits we should all get a discount were all struggling with the cost of living not just those on low incomes
- many people working are worse off than people on benefits, with many only working part time.
- [Response not included as contains personal information, but supported the proposals as they would help people struggling with poor mental health, poor physical health and paying bills]
- People who work are also disabled. Why are the struggling workers suffering. This is not an acceptable use of public funds.
- It will always be harder for the people just above that threshold. It is time that people who have second properties in the area should pay 100% of the tax and not given generous discounts.
- As a hard working single mother, I feel I am drowning. I see others not bothering to work and they have so much more disposal income than I do yet I have mouths to feed. It's incredibly depressing and the thought of getting into debt with council tax stresses me further.