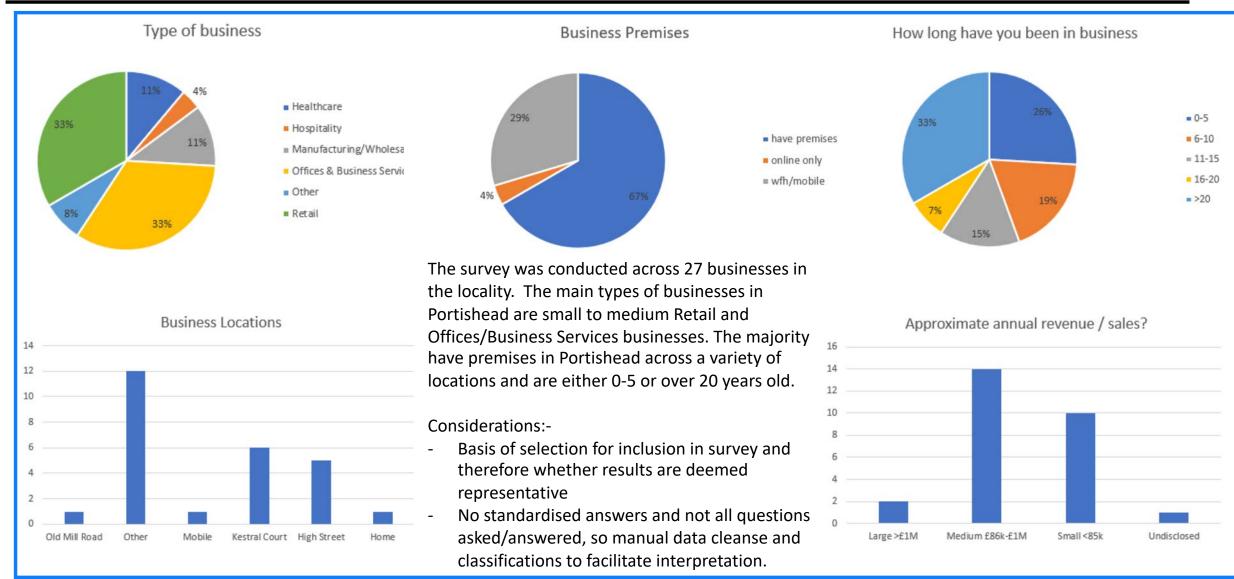
## **Business Survey Analysis**

#### Nature of businesses

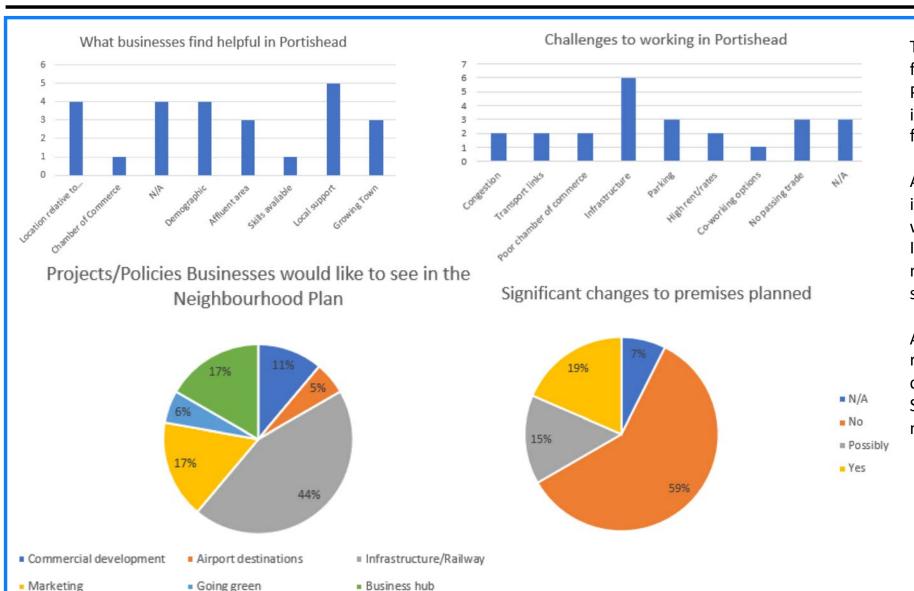




### **Business Survey Analysis**

#### Running a business in Portishead





There are some factors that businesses find both helpful and a challenge in Portishead. The biggest challenge is local infrastructure and the most helpful factor is the level of local support.

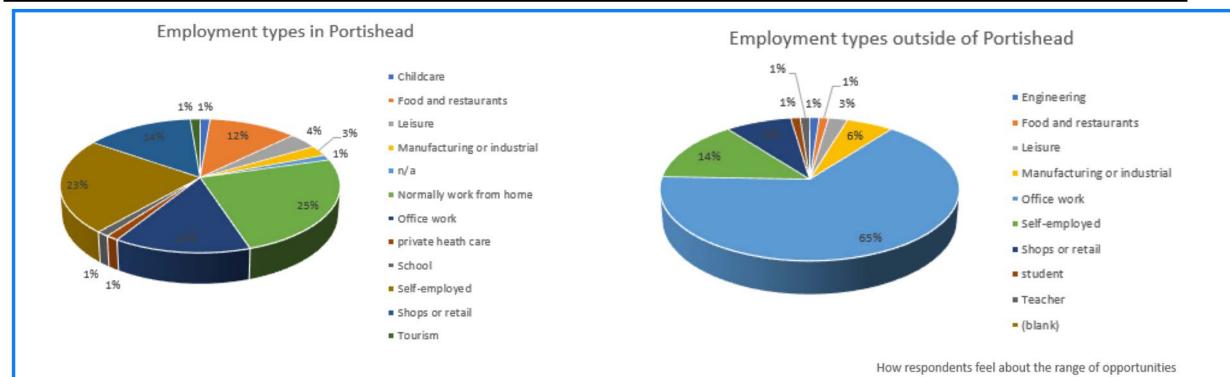
Aligned to the challenges around infrastructure, the majority of businesses would like to see the Plan supporting Infrastructure improvements, with a notable proportion of respondents specifically referencing the Railway line.

A significant number reference the high rent/rates in Portishead and the challenges of finding suitable premises. Shared office spaces receive a couple of mentions as potential solutions to this.

#### Commonplace Survey - Employment

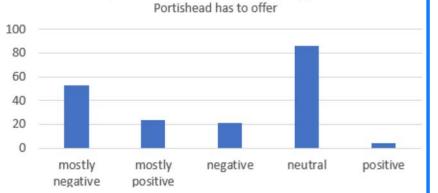
#### **Employment Status**





There were 189 responses to the survey and the split between those working locally in Portishead and those who commute elsewhere was broadly equal.

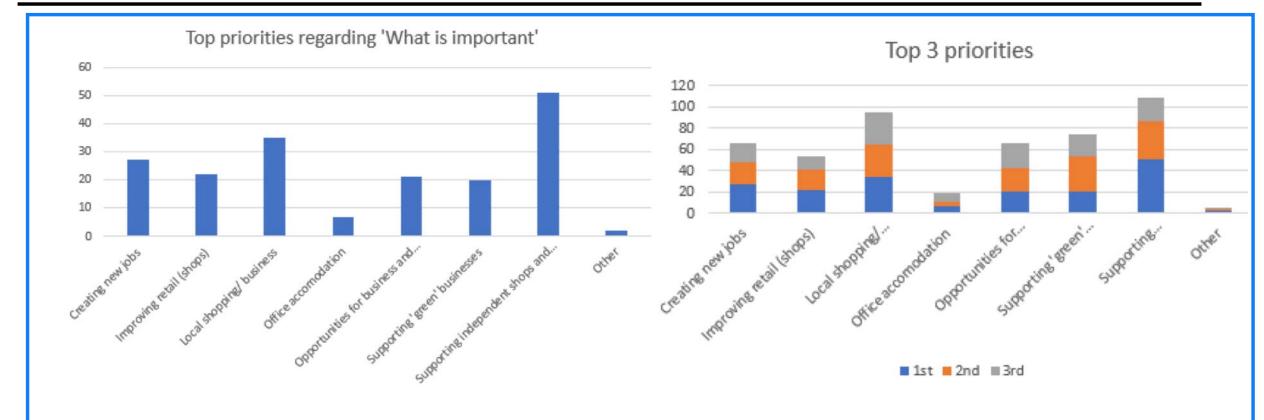
- Of those who work locally, the majority are homeworkers, self employed or work in Shops/retail. There is significant variation n the types of employment available in Portishead.
- Of those who work outside of Portishead, the vast majority are office workers.
- The majority of residents either feel somewhere between neutral and negative regarding the range of options Portishead has to offer.



# Commonplace Survey - Employment

Residents' priorities regarding what is important





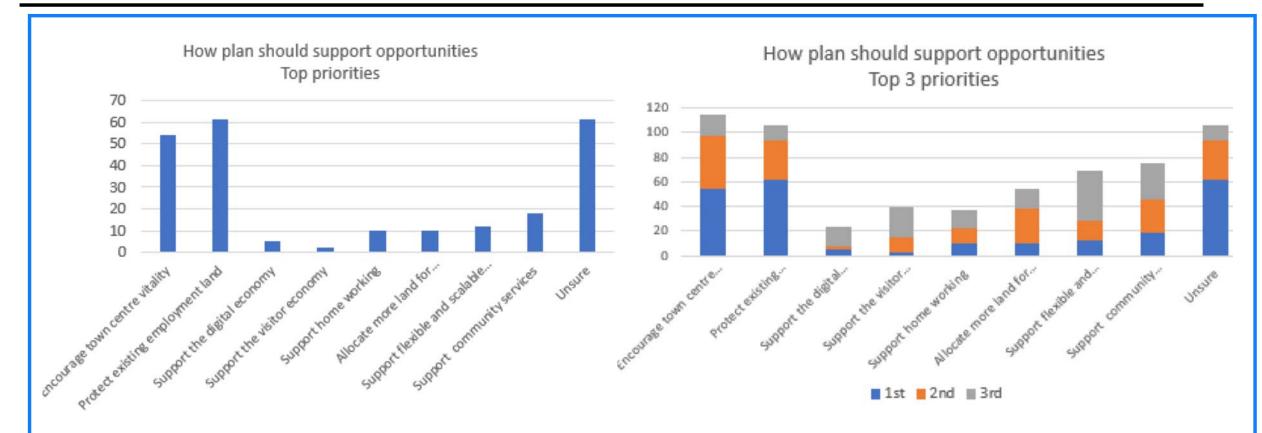
From comments, the overwhelming view of residents appears to be that the types of employment available in Portishead are focussed largely on low paid retail and hospitality roles, whilst professional 'career' roles are based in Bristol.

Residents state that land that could be developed for employment purposes is used for residential development instead.

### Commonplace Survey - Employment

#### How the Neighbourhood Plan should help





In line with residents' priorities for business, residents want the plan to drive focus on town centre vitality, protecting existing employment land.

There are also a significant number of residents who are unsure how the plan may help, but this may be interpreted to be more around their understanding of a Neighbourhood Plan.