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Attitudes to Peace Lines 2012 – Residents' Survey

Q1. For about how long have you lived at this property?

Circle one only

Less than 1 year	1
1 to 5 years	2
6 to 10 years	3
More than 10 years	4

Q2. In this area, do you think there is a strong sense of community or a weak sense of community?

Circle one only

Very strong	1
Fairly strong	2
Neither	3
Fairly weak	4
Very weak	5
Don't know/not sure	6

Q3. How safe is this community to live in?

Circle one only

Very safe	1
Fairly safe	2
Neither safe nor unsafe	3
Fairly unsafe	4
Very unsafe	5
Don't know/not sure	6

Q4. Since the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement in 1998 have there been any physical improvements made to your area?

Circle one only

Yes, a lot	1
Yes, some	2
No, hardly anything	3
No, nothing at all	4
Don't know/not sure	5

Q5. How far do you live from the nearest Peace Line?

Circle one only

I live on the peace line	1
I live within a few streets of the nearest Peace Line	2
I live more than a few streets away from the nearest peace line	3
I'm not sure how far away the nearest one is	4
I don't know	5

Q6. Why do you think the Peace Line in your area was created in the first place? Please say how much you agree or disagree with each of these reasons by circling your answer on each row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
To protect against Loyalist violence	1	2	3	4	5	6
To protect against Republican violence	1	2	3	4	5	6
To keep the communities apart from one another	1	2	3	4	5	6
To make life awkward for people living here	1	2	3	4	5	6
To keep the violence away from the city centres	1	2	3	4	5	6
To help people feel safer	1	2	3	4	5	6
To stop people on the other side from annoying and intimidating people on this side	1	2	3	4	5	6
To stop people on this side from annoying and intimidating people on the other side	1	2	3	4	5	6
To keep the communities under the control of the security forces	1	2	3	4	5	6
To reduce community tensions	1	2	3	4	5	6
Military response to the violence	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Government had no other options	1	2	3	4	5	6
Because people living in these communities wanted them	1	2	3	4	5	6
No idea	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q7. Who do you think has overall responsibility for making decisions about Peace Lines in your area? **Circle one only**

The local community	1
NI Housing Executive	2
The City Council	3
Department of Justice	4
Department of Regional Development	5
Department of Social Development	6
PSNI	7
The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister	8
Don't know	9

Q8. Please say how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements about the positive and negative impact of the Peace Line in your area by circling your answer on each row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
The Peace Line allows us to celebrate our culture freely in our own community	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line serves to highlight the tension and division between the communities	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line makes people feel safer	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line is ugly	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line is still necessary because of the potential for violence	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line stops our community expanding	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line helps protect our sense of identity	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line sends out a bad image of Northern Ireland to people abroad	1	2	3	4	5	6
Without the Peace Line our community would disappear	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line makes it harder to access some services like health education or leisure	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line is a tourist attraction	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Peace Line makes people feel trapped	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q9. At the moment there are some initiatives and discussions underway about all of the Peace Lines. How much do you know about these?

Circle one only

A lot	1
A little	2
Hardly anything	3
Nothing at all	4

Q10. Would you be interested in finding out more?

Circle one only

Yes, very interested	1
Yes, interested	2
No, not very interested	3
No, not interested at all	4

Q11. Who do you think should be keeping people informed of these initiatives?

Circle one only

Local community representatives	1
Local politicians representative of this community	2
The City Council	3
The Northern Ireland Executive	4
The Department of Justice	5
The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister	6
PSNI	7
Other (please say who)	8
Don't know	9
I don't care about the initiatives	10

Q12. Have you heard of any of **these** initiatives? **Circle your answer for each initiative**

	Yes	No
The Programme for Cohesion Sharing and Integration document	1	1
The Department of Justice Community Safety Strategy	2	2
Belfast City Council Investment Strategy document 2012-2015	3	3
Derry City Council's Good Relations Strategy	4	4
OFMDFM Social Investment Fund	5	5

Q13. How important do you think the issue of Peace Lines is to...

Circle your answer on each row

	Very important	Fairly important	Neither important nor unimportant	Fairly unimportant	Very unimportant	Don't know
Local politicians?	1	2	3	4	5	6
The local council?	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister?	1	2	3	4	5	6
The general public in Northern Ireland?	1	2	3	4	5	6
Investors/Businesses?	1	2	3	4	5	6
You personally?	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q14. Who do you think would like to see the Peace Line in your area removed and who do you think wants it kept as it is? **Circle your answer on each row**

	Circle the ones you think want it removed	Circle the ones you think want it kept	Don't know/ Not sure
You personally	1	2	3
Most local people from this community	1	2	3
Most local people from the neighbouring community	1	2	3
The City Council	1	2	3
The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister	1	2	3
The Department of Justice	1	2	3
The PSNI	1	2	3

Q15. Which one of these statements comes closest to your own view about the Peace Line in this area being removed? **Circle one only**

I would like things left the way they are now	1
I would like the Peace Line to come down now	2
I would like the Peace Line to come down some time in the future	3
I would like to keep the Peace Line but have it opened up for some accessibility	4
I would like to keep the Peace Line but change how it looks to make it more appealing	5
Don't know	6

Q16. If the Peace Line was removed, which one of these would be most likely to happen? **Circle one only**

Nothing, everything would stay the same as at present	1
Minor incidents	2
Some significant incidents	3
Some significant incidents but only during particular dates/anniversaries or marches	4
Constant problems	5
Don't know	6

Q17. If the Peace Line was removed, how confident or worried would you be about the ability of the police to preserve peace and maintain order?

Circle one only

Very confident	1
Fairly confident	2
Neither confident nor worried	3
Fairly worried	4
Very worried	5
Don't know	6

Q18. If the Peace Line was removed would you try to move house?

Circle one only

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3

- Q19. Suppose a long-term decision was taken to remove the Peace Line in this area, what are the most important things that would need to be done **now** in preparation for that to happen? Please circle up to **four** most important things.

CCTV cameras to be installed in the area	1
New leisure centres	2
More youth programmes	3
More policing	4
Local politicians working together across the political divide	5
New housing where it is needed	6
Local community leaders working together across the political divide	7
Physical improvement in the area	8
Investment and jobs	9
Opportunities for the two communities to come together	10
Something else (please say what)	11
I don't think the Peace Line should come down no matter what preparations are made now	12

- Q20. Suppose things just stay the same as they are today with the Peace Line, in ten years time what effect if any do you think this will have had on...

Circle one your answer on each row

	Things will be worse	No effect, things will be just the same	Things will be better	Don't know
Jobs in this area?	1	2	3	4
Relations between the two communities?	1	2	3	4
Business investment in this area?	1	2	3	4
Community safety?	1	2	3	4
Government investment in this area?	1	2	3	4
Tourism to this area?	1	2	3	4
Access to services like health education and leisure?	1	2	3	4
The image of Northern Ireland abroad?	1	2	3	4
People's health?	1	2	3	4

- Q21. If it was up to you, what if anything would you do to change or modify the Peace Line in your area? Please write your answer in the box below

Nothing	1
Don't know	2

- Q22. Can you envisage a time when we will have no Peace Lines in this city?

Circle one only

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3

Q23. Do you think that what happens to the Peace Lines is only important to those living closest to them or is it important for everyone in our society?

Circle one only

Those living closest to them	1
Everyone in society	2
Don't know	3

Demographics

Q24. What was your age on your last birthday?

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Q25. Are you male or female?

Circle one only

Male	1
Female	2

Q26. How many people live in this household including yourself?

Number of people altogether	
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Q27. And how many people living in this household are aged 18 or over?

Number of people aged 18 or over	
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Q28. Please circle the boxes below that describe your housing

I live in...		The property is ...		This household consists of ...	
A house	1	Owned	1	One family	1
A bungalow	2	Rented from private landlord	2	Shared housing	2
A flat/apartment	3	Rented from NIHE or Housing Association	3		

Q29. If there was an election to the Northern Ireland Assembly tomorrow, to which party would you probably give your first vote?

Circle one only

Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)	1	Alliance	8
Sinn Féin	2	Worker's Party	9
Republican Sinn Féin	3	Green party	10
Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)	4	Progressive Unionist Party (PUP)	11
UK Unionist Party (UKUP)	5	Conservative	12
Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)	6	Other	13
Would not vote	7	Don't know	14

Q30. What is the occupation of the main income earner in your household?
(if retired please give former occupation, if a manager of staff please say how many)

I have never had a job	1

Q31. What is your religion?

Circle one only

Protestant	1
Catholic	2
Other (please specify)	3
No religion	4

Q32. To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

Circle one only

White	1
Black	2
Asian	3
Chinese	4
Irish Traveller	5
Mixed	6
Other, please specify	7

Q33. What is your nationality?

Circle one only

British	1
Irish	2
Northern Irish	3
Portuguese	4
Polish	5
Bulgarian	6
Romanian	7
Other Eastern European	8
Filipino	9
Other, please specify	10

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Please send the voucher to ...	
your first name:	
PIPS programmes (suicide awareness and prevention)	1
NI Cancer Fund for Children	2

Please return the completed questionnaire in the envelope attached. No stamp is needed.