

Thornton Corridor Study
Edgemoor Drive, Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway
Consultation Results & Next Steps
November 2017

1.0 Introduction

The opening of Broom’s Cross Road in August 2015, brought changes to traffic and travel patterns in the Thornton area. Since the road opened residents have been getting in contact and telling us about the issues they are experiencing. Some of the issues raised are long standing issues and some appear to be due to recent changes in travel patterns. In response to this the Council has undertaken the Thornton Corridor Study, an extensive assessment of the traffic conditions within the area in order to address the issues raised.

From this corridor study a short term action plan has been developed. This short term action plan included the options to alleviate the problems which residents have been telling us about along Edgemoor Drive, Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway. Local residents were consulted on these options in Summer 2017 and the results are contained below. Cabinet Member Locality Services has been briefed on the results of the consultation and has agreed the recommended next steps.

2.0 The Consultation

The options presented within the consultation material were as follows:

	Description
A	Proposed One-Way system on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway: No access for Thornfield Road from Edge Lane, no access for Ronaldsway from Edgemoor Drive
B	Proposed One-Way system on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway: No access for Ronaldsway from Edge Lane, no access for Thornfield Road from Edgemoor Drive
C	Proposed One-Way system on Edgemoor Drive: No access onto Moor Lane from Edgemoor Drive
D	Traffic Calming on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway
E	Proposed Closure of Edgemoor Drive to prohibit all through traffic



F	Do Nothing
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4.0 The Response

- A total of 275 consultation packs were distributed to homes within the consultation area
- A total of 128 paper forms were received by Sefton Council through the post
- A total of 289 valid responses were received from residents both on line and via postal returns
- 17 recorded responses were deemed invalid.
- 29 respondents were not within the consultation area
- One return could not be recorded due to incorrect filling in of the form – 2 first choices and 2 second choices were ticked
- Many detailed responses and comments were provided
- A response was received from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service
- Thornton Parish Council provided a response
- Bill Esterson MP provided a response

5.0 Consultation Results

Table 1 and pie charts (figure 1 and figure 2) overleaf show that the most favoured option based on 1st choice only and the accumulation of 1st and 2nd choices is **Option E** Proposed Closure of Edgemoor Drive.

The priority order based on **1st Choice** for returns within the consultation area as shown in figure 1 was:

- E Proposed Closure of Edgemoor Drive – 55% of responses
- D Traffic Calming on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway – 17% of responses
- C Proposed One-Way system on Edgemoor Drive – 11% of responses

The priority order based on both **1st and 2nd Choices** for returns within the consultation area as shown in figure 2 was:

- E Proposed Closure of Edgemoor Drive - 33% of responses
- C Proposed One-Way system on Edgemoor Drive – 21% of responses
- D Traffic Calming on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway – 15% of responses



	Table 1	Within the Consultation Area			All respondents		
		1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	1 st & 2 nd Choice	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	1st & 2nd Choice
A	Proposed One-Way system on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway	23 9%	21 8%	44 8%	23 8%	22 8%	45 8%
B	Proposed One-Way system on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway	5 2%	28 11%	33 6%	6 2%	29 10%	35 6%
C	Proposed One-Way system on Edgemoor Drive	29 11%	79 30%	108 21%	31 11%	88 30%	119 21%
D	Traffic Calming on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway	45 17%	33 13%	78 15%	49 17%	36 12%	85 15%
E	Proposed Closure of Edgemoor Drive	144 55%	27 10%	171 33%	161 56%	29 10%	190 33%
F	Do Nothing	15 6%	17 7%	32 6%	19 7%	18 6%	37 6%
	No Second Choice		56 21%	56 11%	0	67 23%	67 12%
	Total	261	261	522	289	289	578
	Valid Responses in the Consultation Area	261					
	Valid Responses all respondents	289					



Figure 1

**Consultation Results - 1st choice
Within Consultation Area**

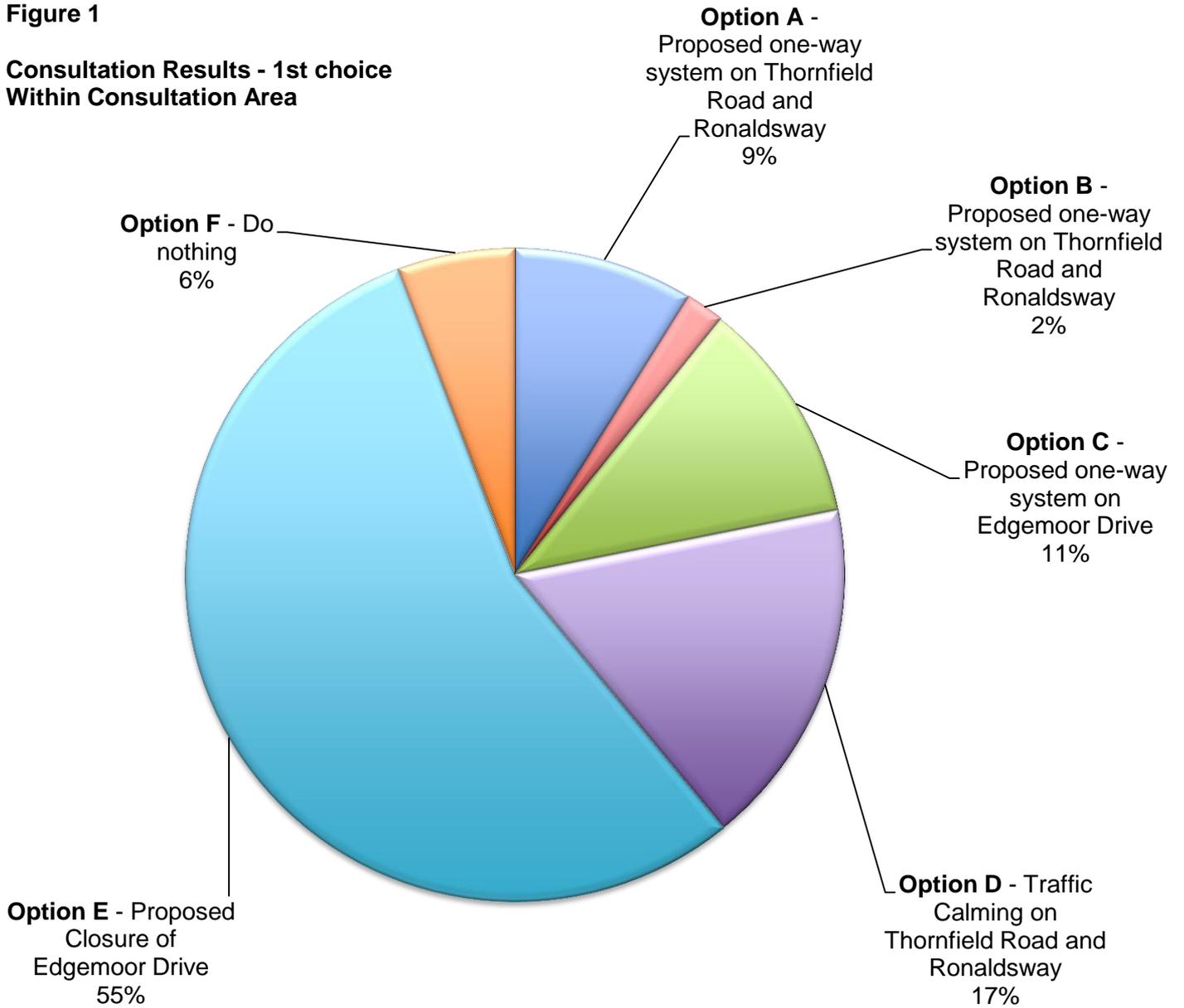


Figure 2

Consultation Results - 1st and 2nd Choice Within Consultation Area

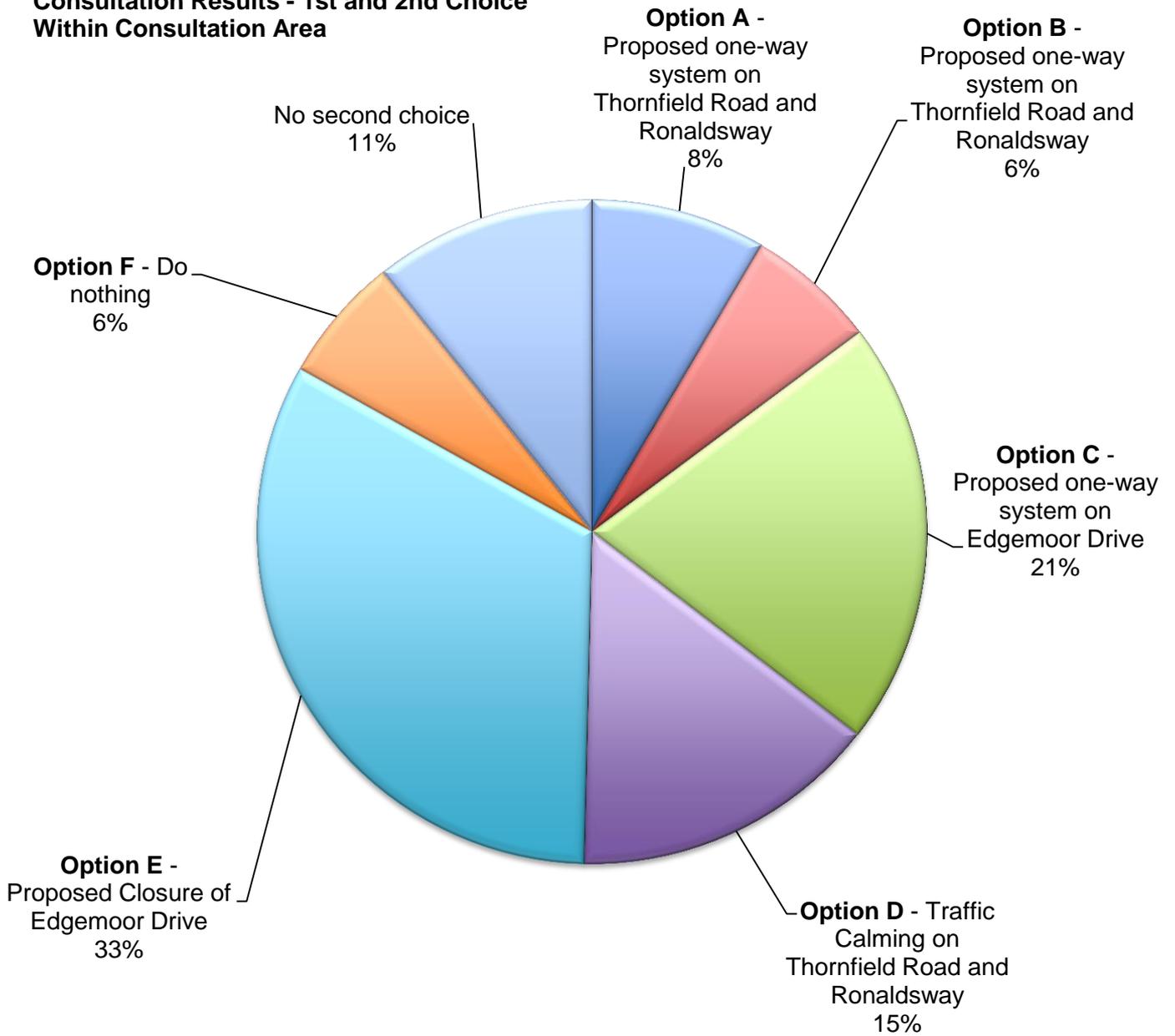


Figure 3

**Consultation Results -1st Choice
All Respondents**

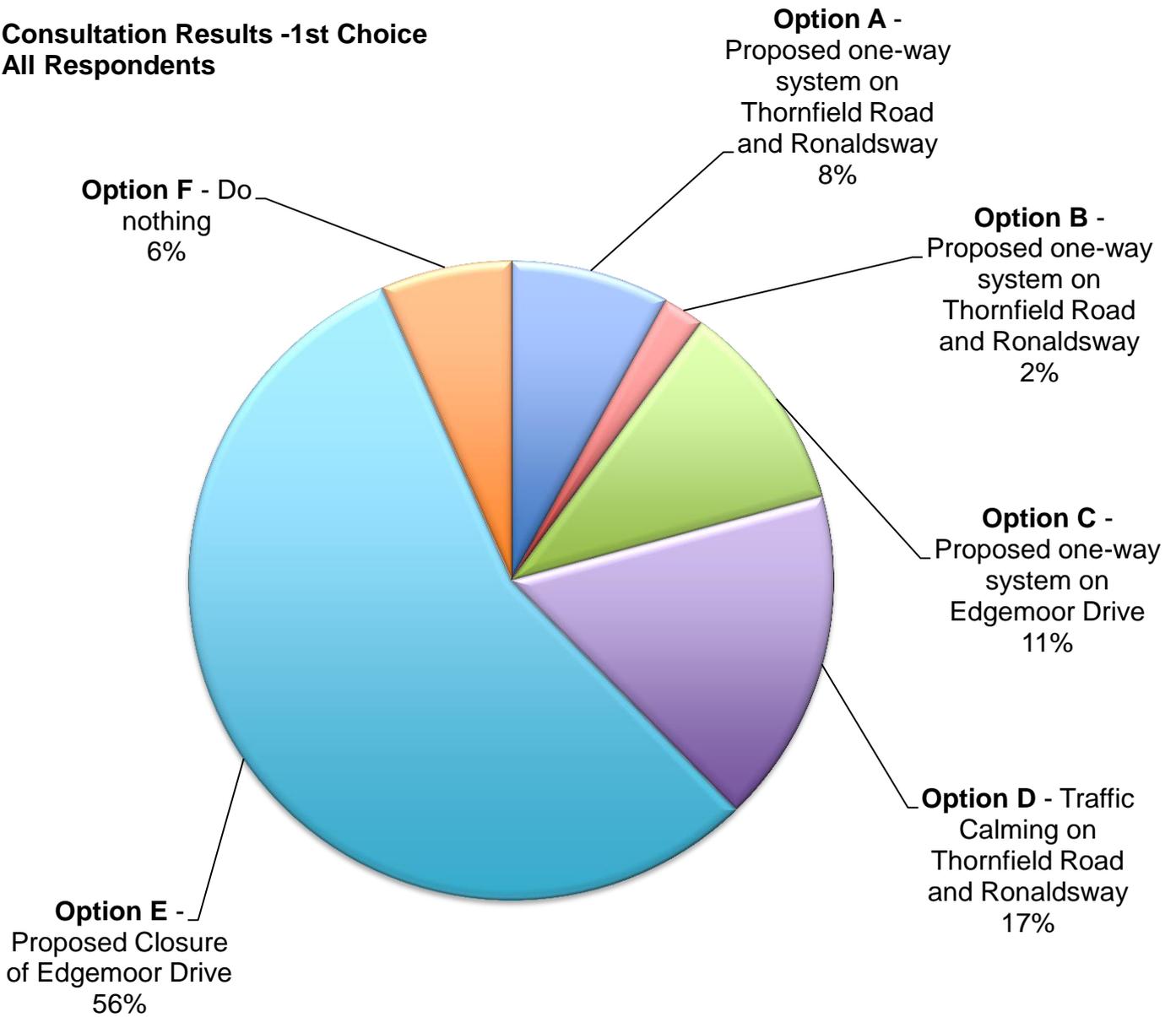
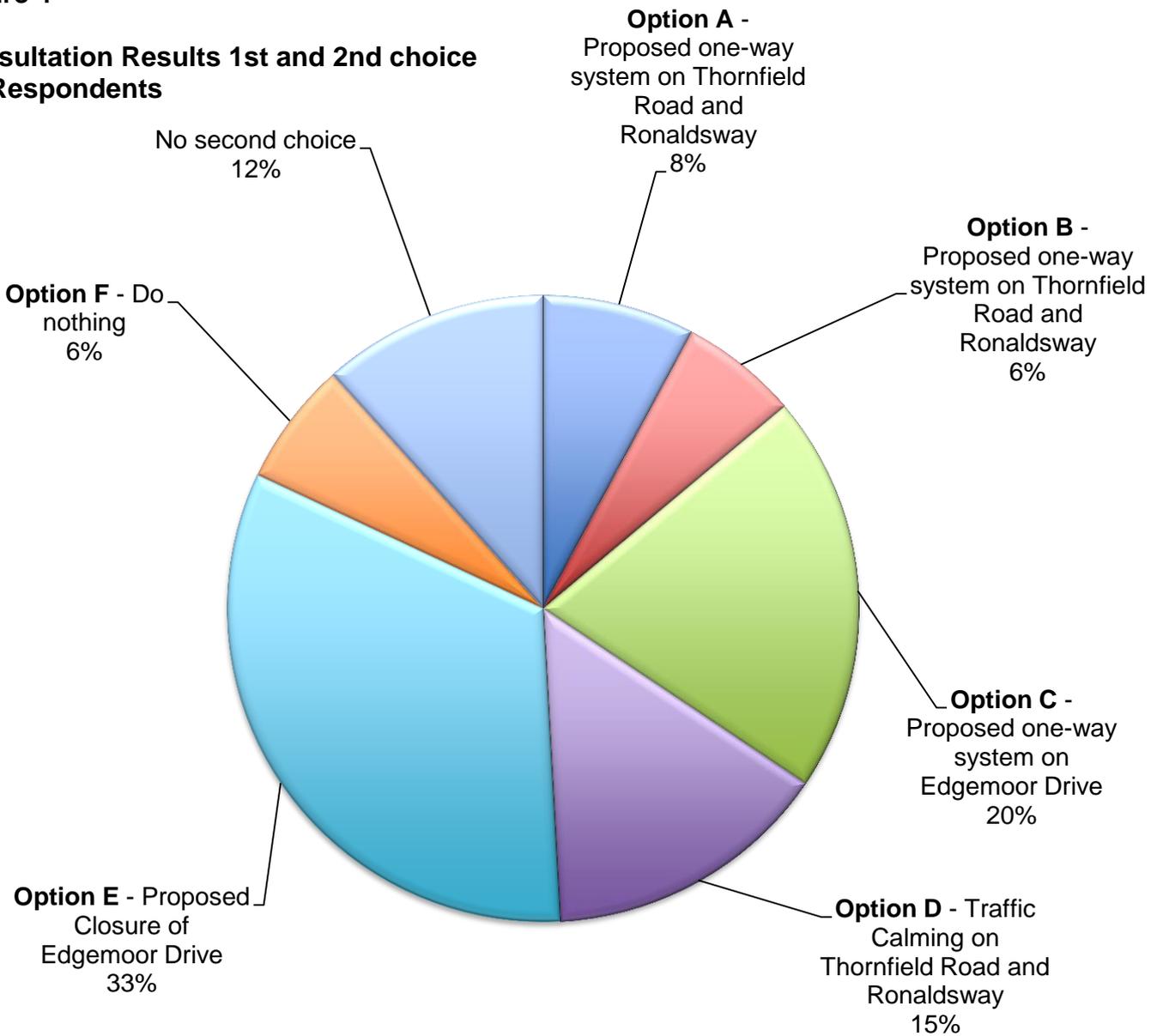


Figure 4

**Consultation Results 1st and 2nd choice
All Respondents**



6.0 Conclusions

The returns from the public consultation show that the majority of respondents were in favour of **Option E** the proposed closure of Edgemoor Drive to prohibit all through traffic. The second most favoured proposal was **Option C** Proposed one-way system on Edgemoor Drive. The third most favoured proposal was **Option D** traffic calming on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway. The remaining options have been discounted due to being the least favoured by respondents of the 5 options offered.

Preferred Option - Option E – Proposed Closure of Edgemoor Drive

The **advantages** of this option are as follows:

- There would be no traffic turning onto Edgemoor Drive from Moor Lane
- Likely to help keep traffic flowing on Moor Lane as traffic would not be going into or leaving Edgemoor Drive
- This option would remove queues on Edgemoor Drive

The **disadvantages** of this option are as follows:

- Disruption to local traffic
- May increase traffic on Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway:
 - To Moor Lane / Edge Lane and beyond
 - To Edgemoor Drive and beyond
- Likely increase in vehicles turning right from Moor Lane into Edge Lane.
- Likely to make servicing and deliveries more difficult in particular at the closed end of Edgemoor Drive as it will be more difficult for large vehicles to turn around

7.0 Next Steps

The Council recognises and accepts the results of the public consultation and the preference for **Option E**, the closure of Edgemoor Drive. The results have been discussed with Cabinet Member and presented to Ward Members. The Council does have concerns, however, that the proposed closure of Edgemoor Drive could create substantial disruption in the local area, possibly outweighing the perceived benefits of the closure. The Council wishes to understand the implications of **Option E** the closure of Edgemoor Drive, on the residents of the area and the wider traffic network.

It has been agreed with Cabinet Member, therefore, that the closure of Edgemoor Drive will be undertaken on a **temporary basis initially** for a period of three months. This will enable the implications of the closure to be monitored and reviewed before making a decision about whether to implement a permanent closure.



**In line with the consultation results,
the Council will be taking forward**

**Option E - Closure of Edgemoor Drive
on a temporary basis for three months.**

**Expected temporary closure from
late January / early February 2018
subject to necessary approvals**

In order to close the road, the Council must apply for a road closure under the Road Traffic Regulation Act. The work needed to secure this approval has been started. Notices of road closures are required by law to be advertised in the local press. We anticipate this closure should be advertised in the local paper during December, subject to the necessary agreement being secured.

So that we can have a better understanding of the effect of the closure on the traffic in and around the area, traffic monitoring will be undertaken in November 2017 to provide us with 'before data'. Further traffic monitoring will also be undertaken during the closure to provide us with 'during data'. We are also keen to understand the views and opinions of residents and will be undertaking further consultation during the period of the closure.

Further updates will be made available on the Council's website www.sefton.gov.uk/thorntoncorridor

