

BEDLINGTON TOWN CENTRE HEALTH CHECK REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- 37% of the floorspace in Bedlington was for retail.
- Shopper's perceptions of the range of retail provision was somewhat negative – 48% did not think Bedlington offered a wide choice of shops.
- There were more comparison retail (clothing, household goods, furniture, DIY and electrical goods) than convenience or retail service.
- There was 10% of vacant floorspace in Bedlington
- 94% of shoppers interviewed found it easy to travel into town centre by car.
- Almost half (49%) of respondents said that the availability of parking spaces was good or very good in Bedlington town centre, whereas almost one third (31%) gave a poor or very poor rating.
- 92% of shoppers interviewed found it easy to travel into town centre by bus.
- Public transport in Bedlington was rated quite well. Approximately two thirds of respondents gave a good/very good rating for the quality, the regularity and the destinations served by public transport. However, 18% gave a poor/very poor response from the destinations to and from Bedlington served by public transport.
- 1% of Bedlington residents shopped in Bedlington. 22% of expenditure was lost to Newcastle and a further 17% to the Metro Centre.