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Superblock

# RESULTS OF THE SURVEY OF RESIDENTS OF VAZHA-PSHAVELA BUILDING #2



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## **INTRODUCTION**

During the Living Lab's operation period in the 6th Block of Vazha-Pshavela, several open spaces were identified that had good potential for transformation into recreational areas. The selection of the space was preceded by activities such as walking in the neighborhood with an environmental specialist, surveying residents, and marking their opinions on a map indicating which spaces they liked, disliked, or wished to improve, as well as roundtable discussions, face-to-face interviews, and land ownership analysis.

Arsen Bakhia, an environmental specialist, was the first to draw attention to the possibility of transforming the space adjacent to building #2 of Vazha-Pshavela. In his opinion, this area had good potential for greening. The analysis of the land ownership showed that a large part of this area is municipally owned, which is a favorable condition for potential transformation. The size of the space was also a significant factor, as it offers good opportunities for reorganization. It should also be noted that the Head of the Home Owners Association (HOA) of the building adjacent to the space had been actively participating in meetings and events since the preparatory period of our project.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the survey was to determine where residents parked their cars, how willing they would be to temporarily transform the space, what functions they would like to see in the space, and whether they would be willing to temporarily park their cars elsewhere if they parked them in the selected area.

## **METHODOLOGY**

At the beginning of July, a questionnaire was prepared. The survey was conducted from July 29-31. On July 29, we organized a neighborhood meeting with the help of the building's Head of HOA. This meeting had two objectives: a) to provide residents with information about the survey and our intentions and b) to hear their opinions regarding the temporary space transformation. Approximately 7-8 people attended the meeting on July 29. These participants were additionally surveyed using the questionnaire.

On July 30 and 31 (Tuesday and Wednesday), we went door-to-door in the building and tried to survey at least one resident from each apartment. The survey was planned for the evening, during non-working hours.

Building #2 of Vazha-Pshavela is an 8-story building with three entrances. The first entrance has two apartments on the first floor and four apartments on each of the remaining floors. The second and third entrances have three apartments on each floor. Therefore, there are 30 apartments in the first entrance and 24 apartments in both the second and third entrances. In total, the building consists of 78 apartments.

## SURVEY LIMITATIONS

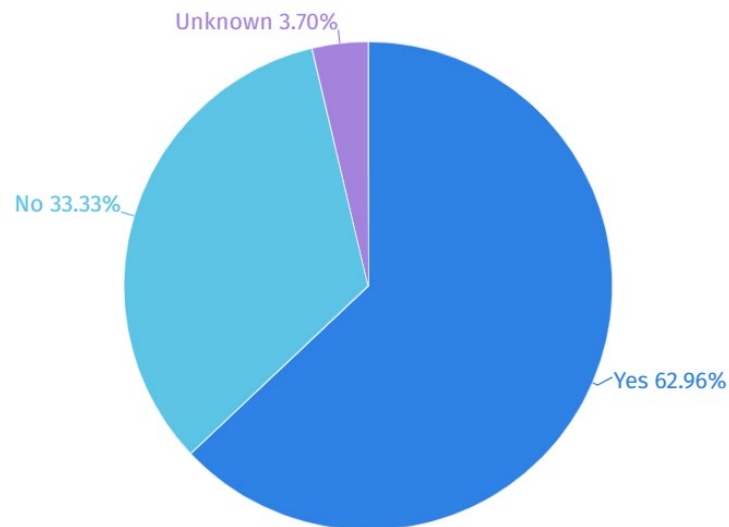
The survey was planned during the summer when some of the population was out of the city. This circumstance likely reduced the number of surveyed households. Identifying which apartments were vacant and uninhabited and which had residents on vacation was also challenging. Additionally, there were instances where two apartments were combined or belonged to the same family. We encountered three such cases during the survey. Therefore, we determined the total number of households in our analysis to be 75 instead of 78.

## SURVEY RESULTS

A total of 27 households were surveyed, representing 36% of the total. Five households declined to participate, representing 6.7% of the total number. In 43 cases, we could not gain access, which accounts for 57.3% of the total number of households.

Of the surveyed individuals, 17 respondents (63%) answered positively to the question, "Do you have a car in the household?" Nine respondents (33.3%) responded negatively. The response was unknown for one respondent.

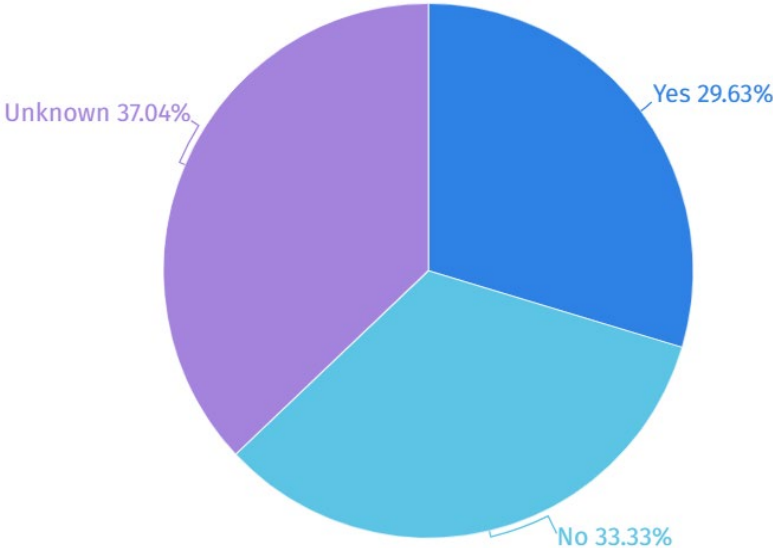
### 1. Do you have a car in your household?



Among the respondents who answered positively, 4 had one car each, 7 had two cars each, and 1 had 3 cars. The number of cars was unknown for six respondents. The total number of cars among the surveyed respondents was 21.

Among the respondents, 8 (29.6%) answered positively, "Do you have a garage?" Nine respondents (33.3%) responded negatively. For ten respondents (37%), the answer was unknown. Of those who answered positively, the majority - 7 respondents - had one garage each.

### 2. Do you have a garage?



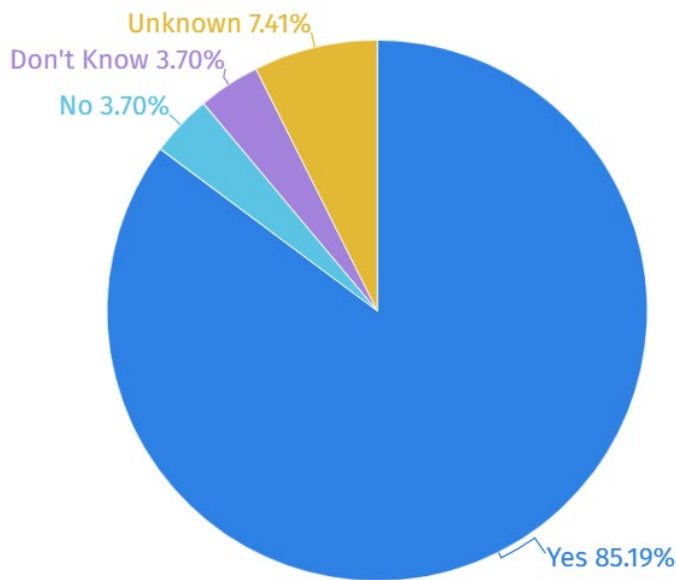
We received various answers and combinations to the question, "Where do you park your car?". Most respondents found to park their cars in the building's courtyard - either in a garage or in available spaces. We also met two respondents who use on-street parking spaces. Two respondents use the open space behind the building (our study area) for parking, each having two cars. One of these respondents also utilizes an on-street municipal parking space for one of their cars. When asked, "If a temporary recreational zone were established on the open space behind the building, would you be willing to park your car elsewhere for 7-10 days?" both respondents answered positively.

To the question, "Would you agree to establish a temporary recreational area in the open space behind your building?" 23 respondents (85.2%) answered positively. One respondent was opposed, believing that the space should be reserved solely for parking. One respondent had not yet formed an opinion, and the response was unknown for two respondents.

To the question, "What features would you like to see added to the temporary recreational area?" opinions were divided. The majority of participants of the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July favored only planting greenery, arguing that adding seating or other features could create noise. It is important

to note that the apartment's bedrooms overlook the proposed area. The door-to-door survey also revealed a wide range of desired features with various combinations. The table below lists these features and their frequencies. In most cases, respondents preferred adding a children's play area and seating. Respondents also emphasized the importance of greenery.

**4. Would you be willing to have a temporary recreational area set up in the open space behind your building?**



**Table #1**

DESIRED FUNCTION	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS
Does not want anything	1
Only greenery	2
Only parking	1
Children's play area	8
Pathways	3
Seating/Bench	8
Resting area	2
Dog walking area	1
Drinking water fountain	1
Greenery	4
Diverse environment	1
Clean environment	1
Don't know	2
Unknown	2