

**City of Lincoln Council’s Budget Proposals for 2024/25 Consultation**

Welcome to the results summary for City of Lincoln Council’s Budget Proposals consultation for 2024/25.

The topics that respondents were asked their views on were as follows:  
· Vision 2025  
· Budget Allocation  
· Delivering Savings  
· Council Tax

The maximum number of respondents to each question was **286**.

**About you**

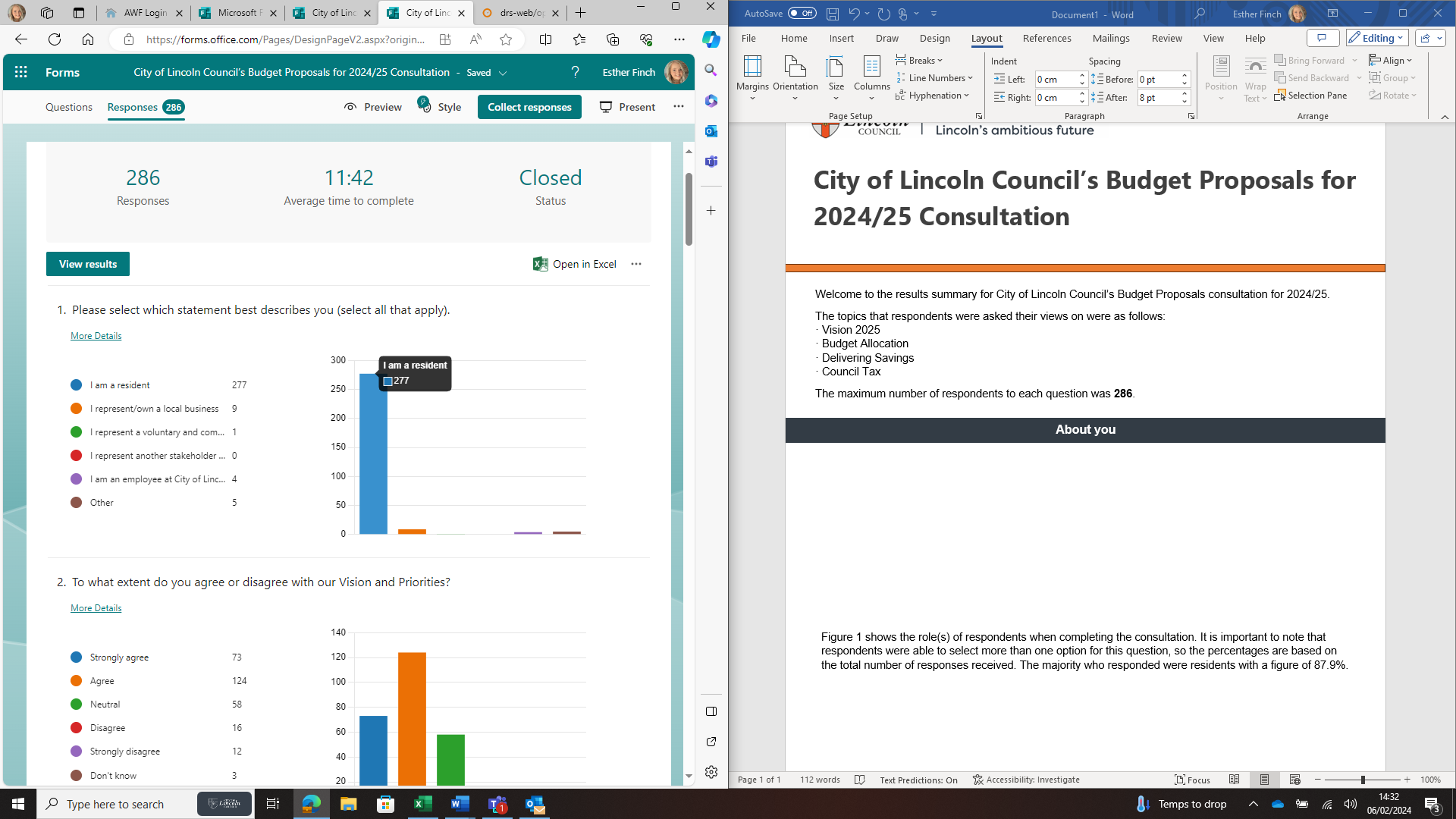
Please select which statement best describes you (select all that apply).

Figure 1

Figure 1 shows the role(s) of respondents when completing the consultation. It is important to note that respondents were able to select more than one option for this question, so the percentages are based on the total number of responses received. The majority who responded were residents with a figure of 96.9%, a 9.0% increase from the 2023/24 consultation.

**Vision 2025**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with our Vision and Priorities:

Figure 2



Figure 2 shows to what extent respondents agree or disagree with the council’s vision and priorities. The majority of respondents agree or strongly agree, with a figure of 68.9%.

**Budget Allocation**

On a scale of 1-5, (1 being highest and 5 being lowest), how would you rank the importance of the following services:

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| **Service provided** | **Priority rank** |
| Provision of affordable housing | 1st |
| Supporting our most vulnerable residents | 2nd |
| Keeping our city clean and tidy | 2nd |
| Preventing homelessness | 3rd |
| Maintaining parks and green spaces | 4th |
| Supporting community safety | 5th |
| Providing and supporting community centres and leisure facilities | 6th |
| Maintaining and improving recycling | 7th |
| Helping with Council Tax for low-income households | 8th |
| Providing support through cost-of-living initiatives | 9th |
| Enhancing our City Centre | 10th |
| Tackling Climate Change | 11th |
| Supporting small businesses | 12th |
| Providing grants and financial support to voluntary/community groups | 13th |
| Providing a cultural and events programme | 14th |

Figure 3

As you can see in Figure 3 the rankings show that “Provision of affordable housing” is the top priority according to our responders, with “Supporting our most vulnerable residents” and “Keeping our city clean and tidy” coming second.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the council doing the following activities to generate savings:

**Delivering Savings**

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39.4%

The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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35.9%

The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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56%%

The majority of respondents **strongly agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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30.5%

The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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34%

The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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30.5%

The majority of respondents **neither agree nor disagree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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46.5%

The majority of respondents **strongly agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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30.9%

The majority of respondents **neither agree nor disagree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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32%

The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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51.1%

The majority of respondents **strongly agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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32%

The majority of respondents **neither agree nor disagree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Are there any additional approaches you feel would be beneficial?

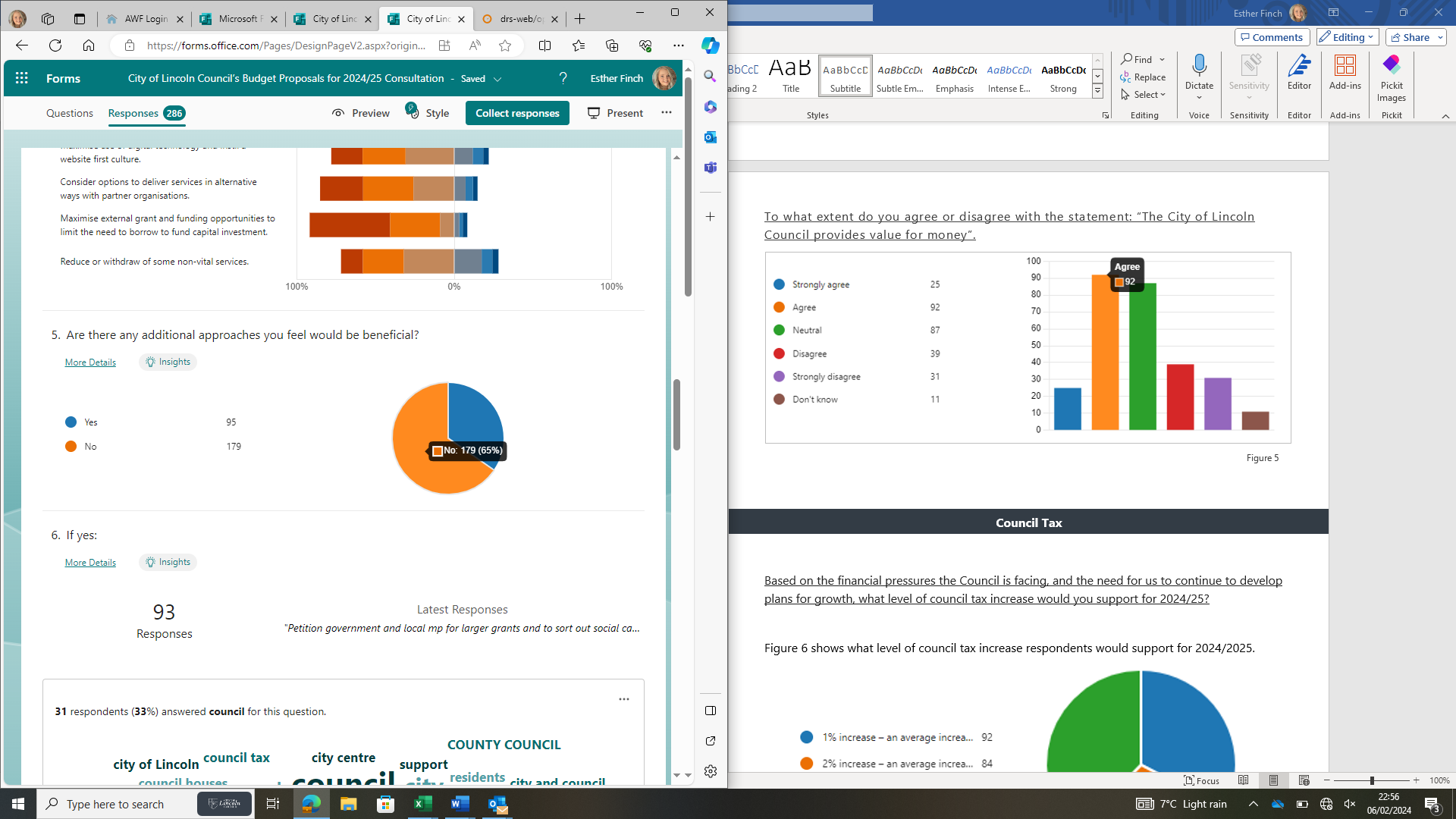


Figure 4

We asked respondents to state whether they felt there were any additional approaches, which were not mentioned. Those who selected “yes”, left comments as to what these were. Those answers have been grouped together into categories below:

Figure 5

Figure 5 is a categorisation of all comments received in relation to additional approaches. We collected 93 responses in total, with the top three suggestions being: reduce staffing costs, Christmas market and investigate employee efficiency. These approach suggestions made up 35.5% overall.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement: “The City of Lincoln Council provides value for money”.

Figure 6

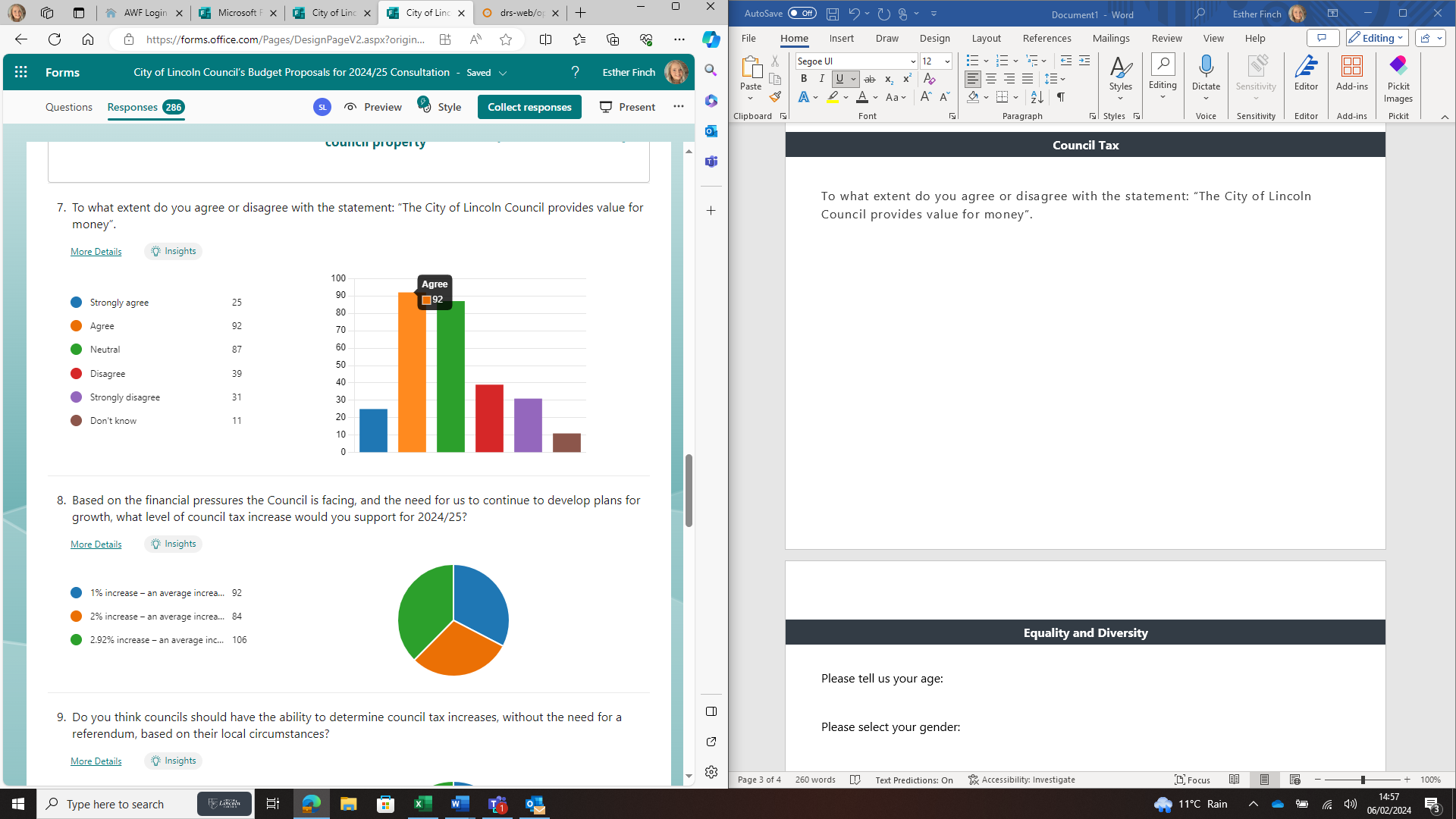
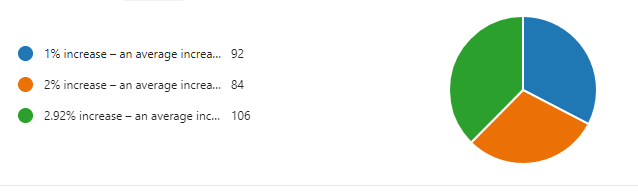


Figure 6 shows whether or not respondents agree that the council offers value for money. The majority of respondents agreed, with a figure of 32.3%. However, 30.5% remained neutral regarding the council providing value for money.

**Council Tax**

Based on the financial pressures the Council is facing, and the need for us to continue to develop plans for growth, what level of council tax increase would you support for 2024/25?

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Figure 7

Although the responses have shown an almost even split between all three options, the most frequently selected was a 2.92% increase at 37.6% of responses.

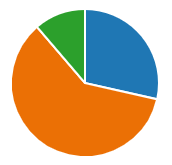
Do you think councils should have the ability to determine council tax increases, without the need for a referendum, based on their local circumstances?

Figure 8

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Figure 8 shows respondent’s views on whether councils should have the ability to determine council tax increases without the need for a referendum. 60.2% of respondents felt the council should not have the ability to determine council tax increases without a referendum.

**Equality and Diversity**

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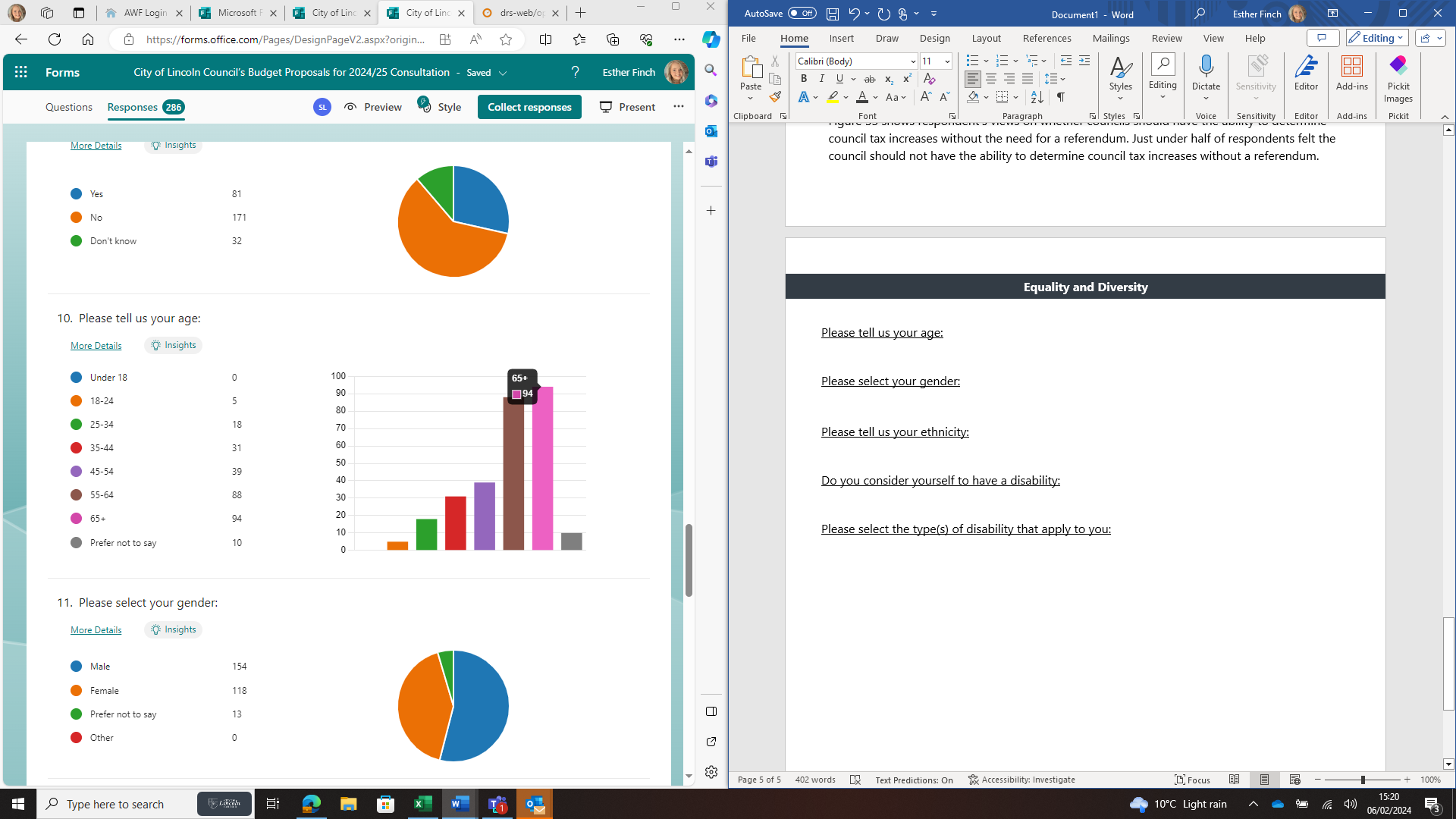


Figure 9

Figure 9 shows the age ranges of those who responded to the consultation. The majority of residents fell within the 65+ age range with a figure of 33.0%, only 0.2% less than what was recorded last year.

Please select your gender:

Figure 10

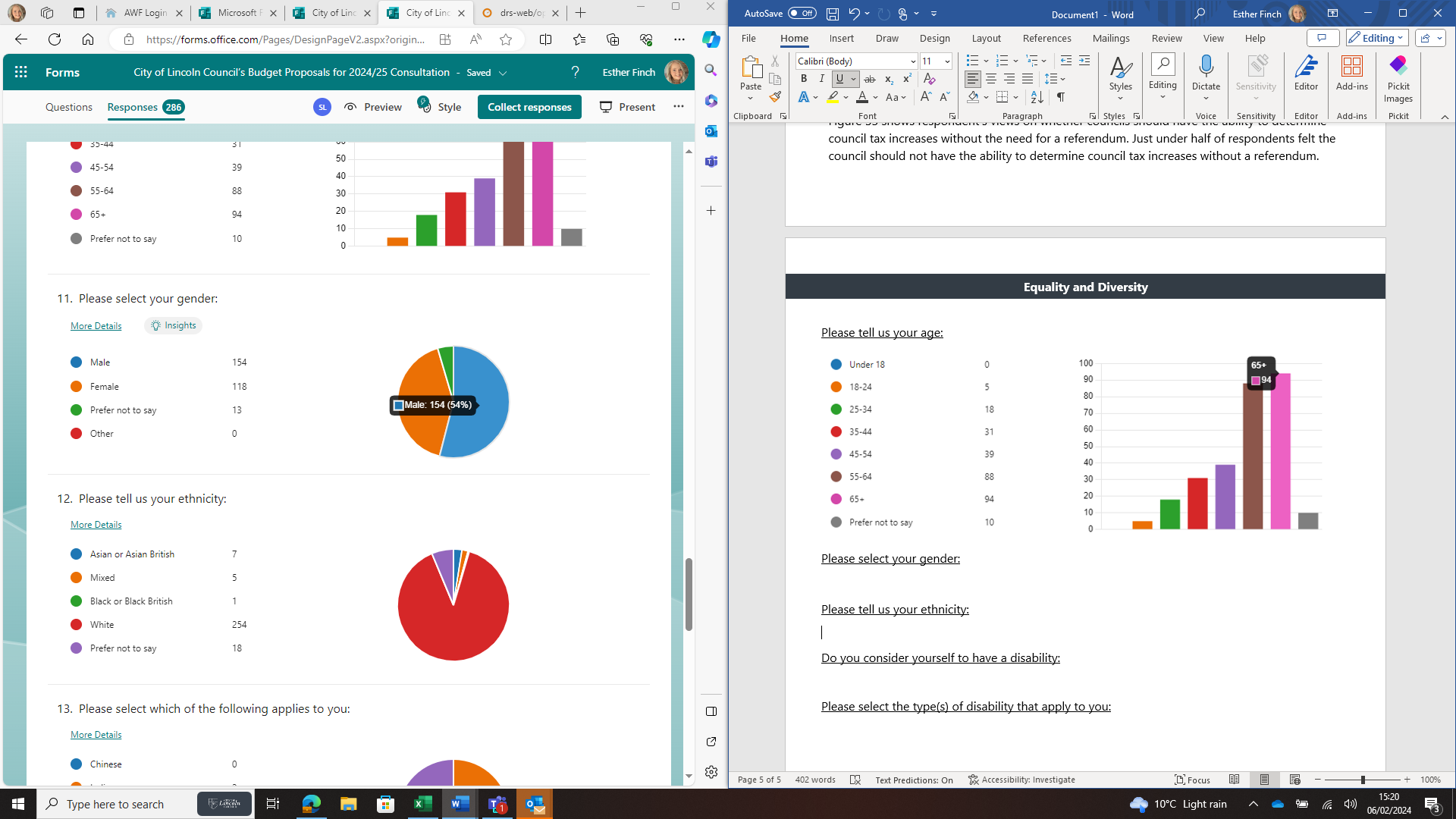


Figure 10 shows the gender of those completing our survey. As you can see, the majority of respondents were male.

Please tell us your ethnicity:

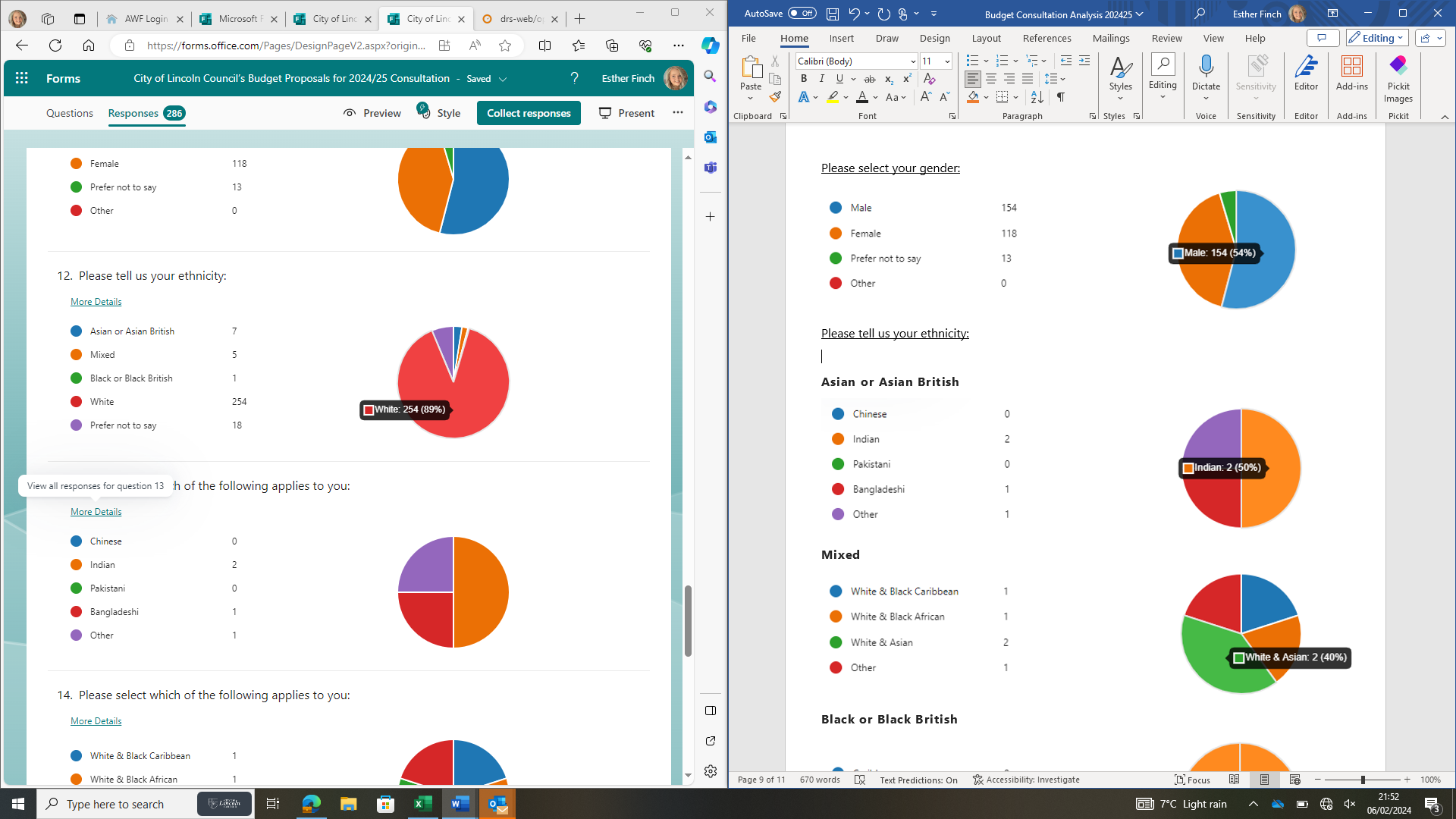


Figure 11

Figure 11 indicates the different ethnicities of those who responded to our survey. This is then broken down further into ethnic groups, allowing us to compare between our responders and the city’s population. Please see Figures 12-15:

**Asian or Asian British**

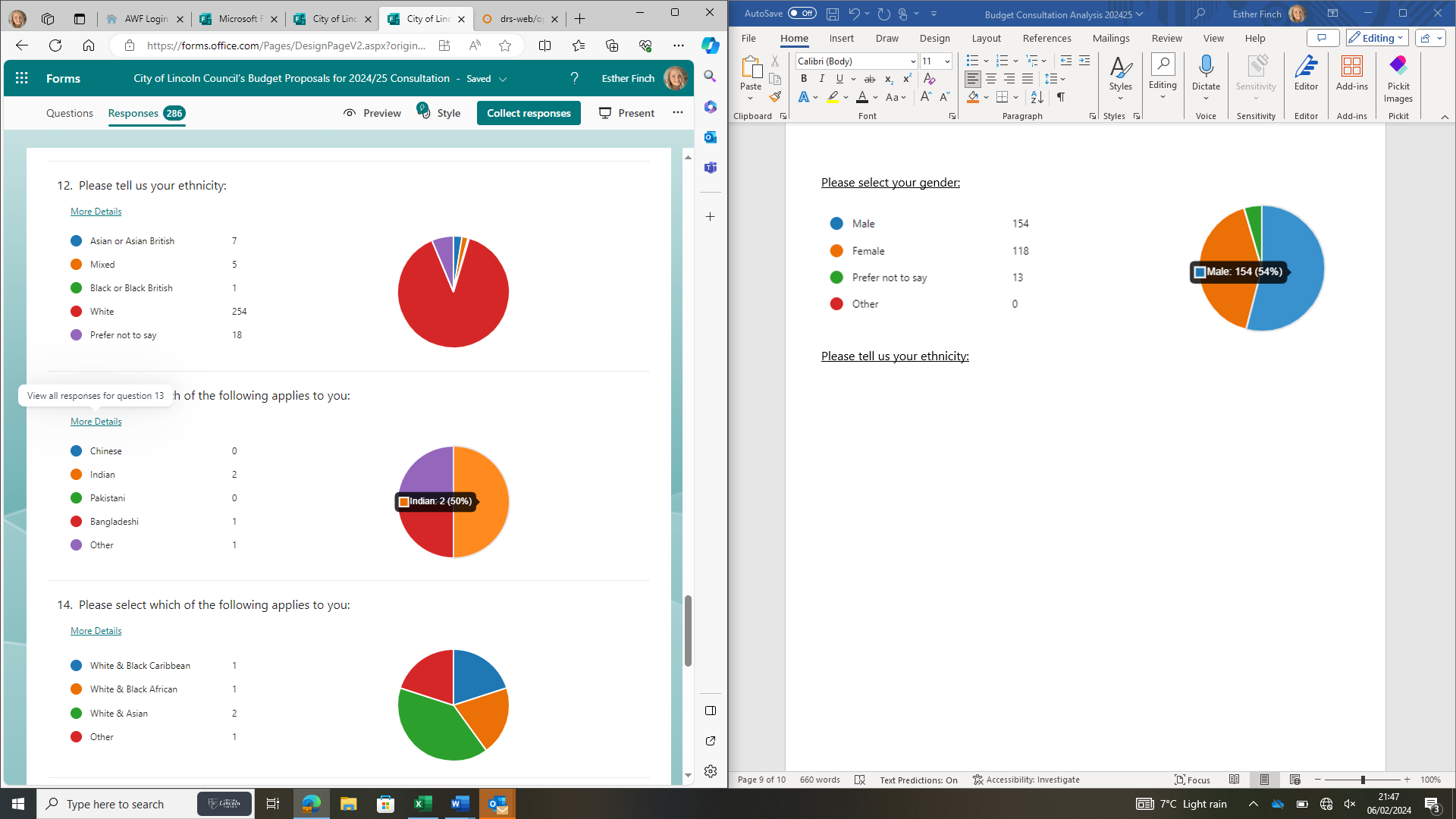


Figure 12

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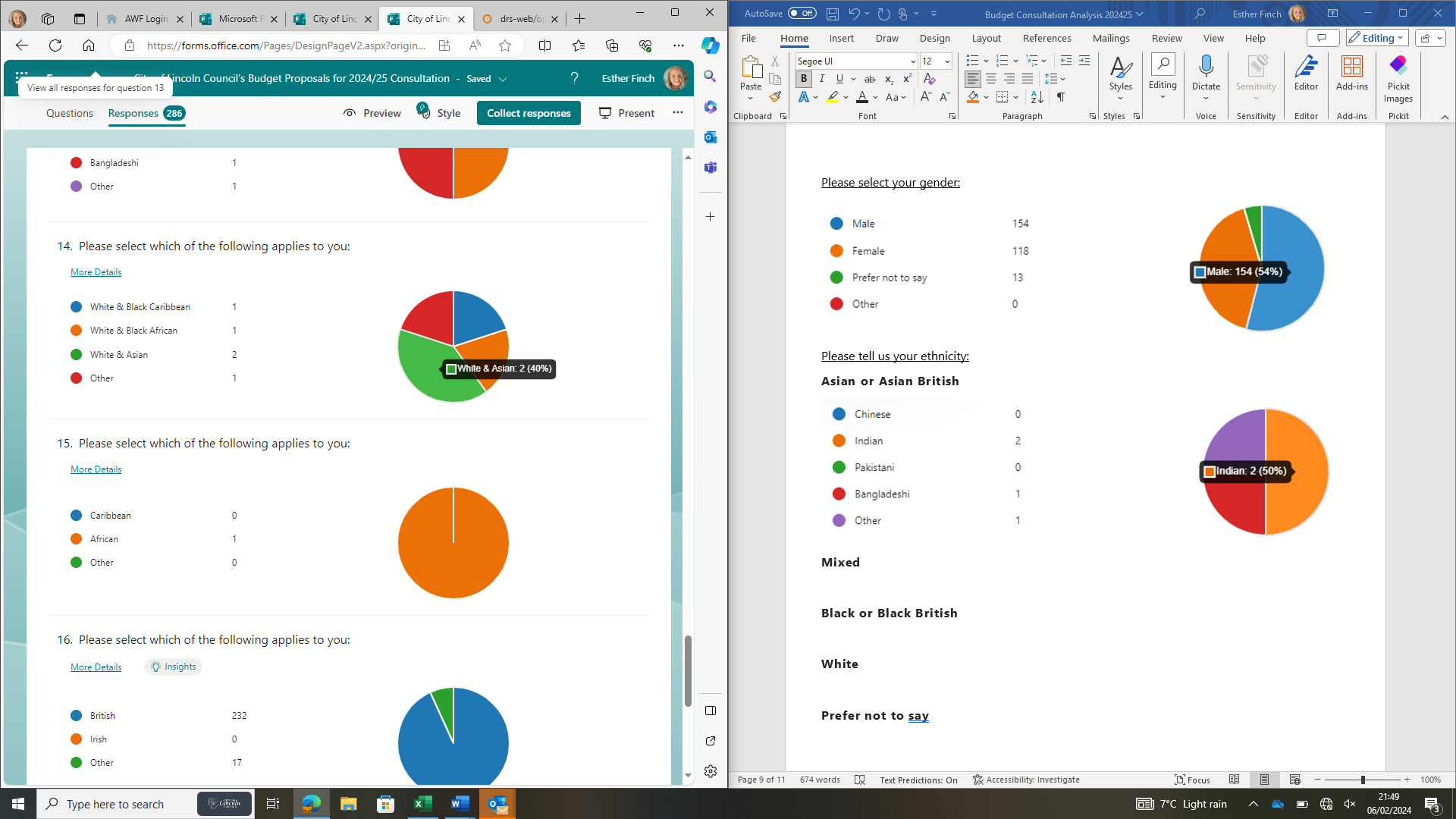


Figure 13

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**Black or Black British**

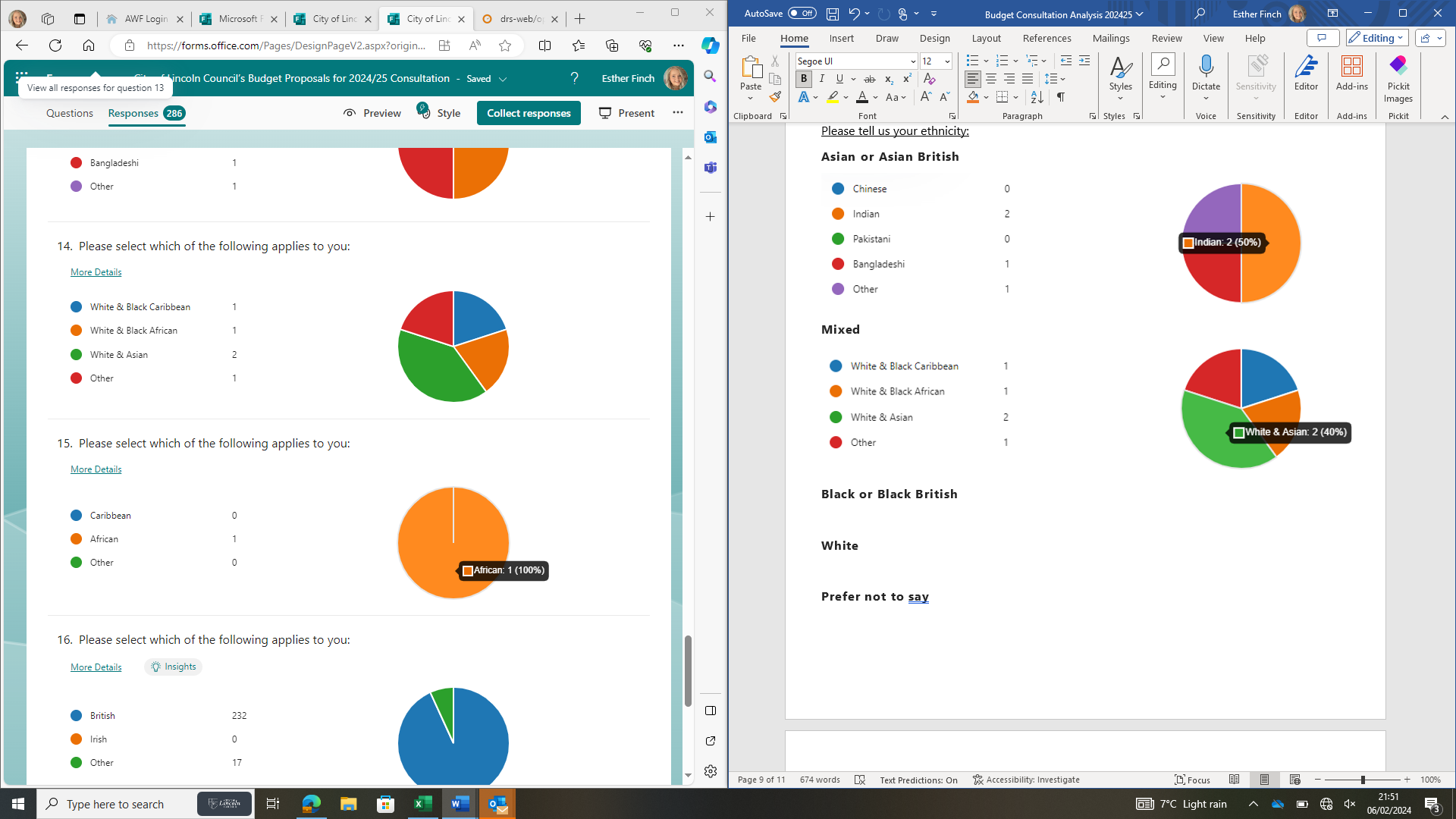


Figure 14

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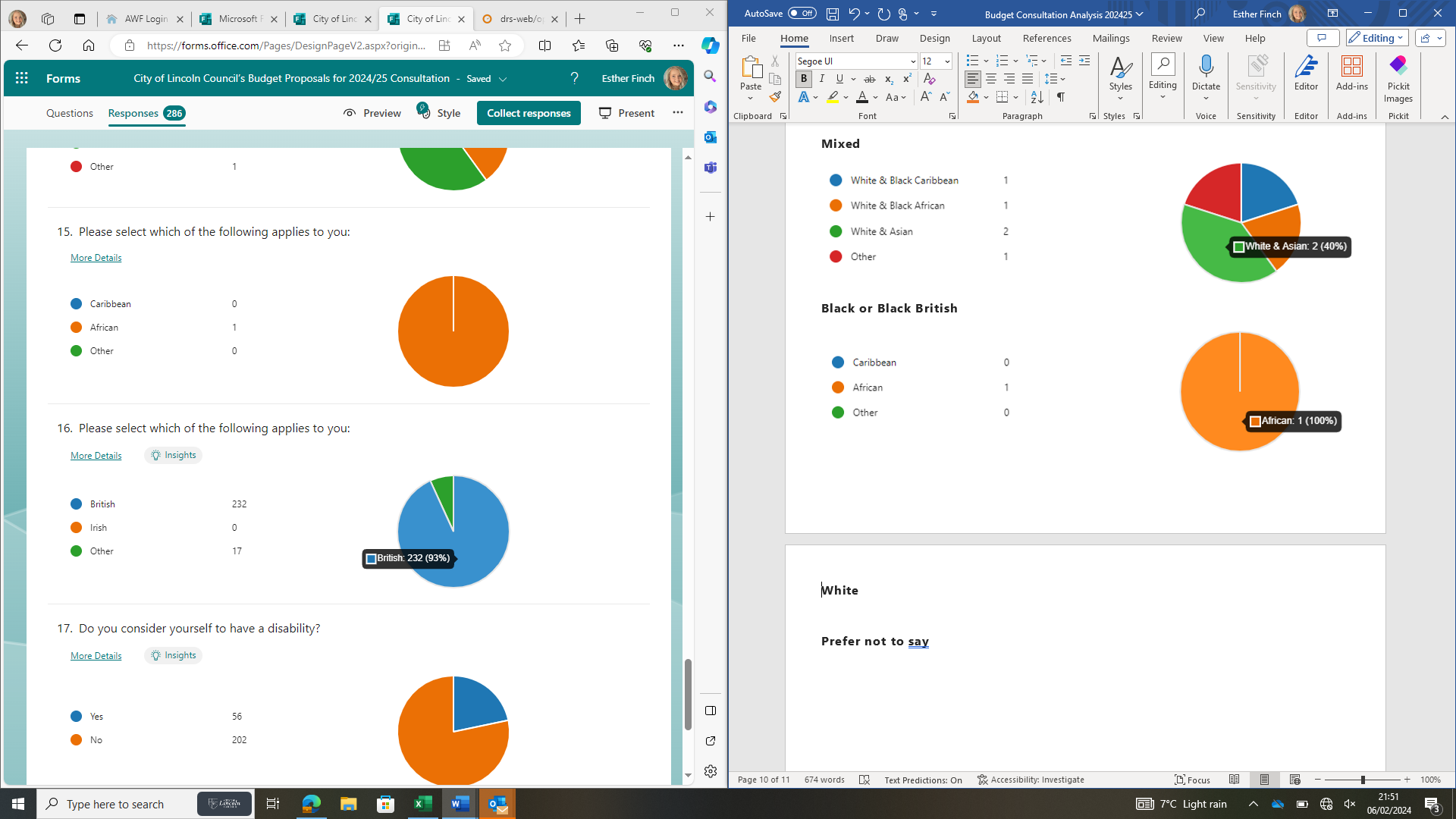


Figure 15

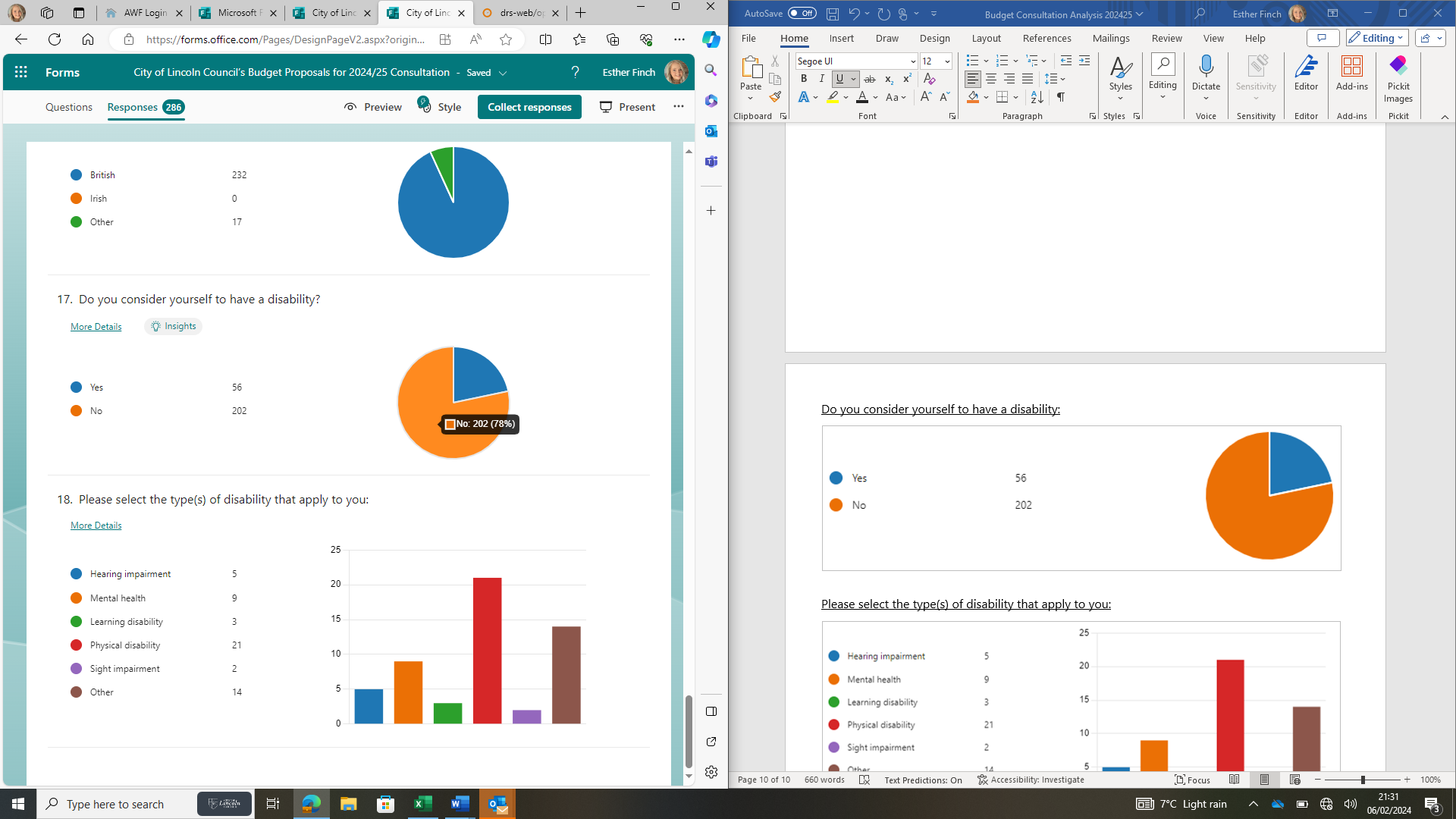
Do you consider yourself to have a disability:

Figure 16

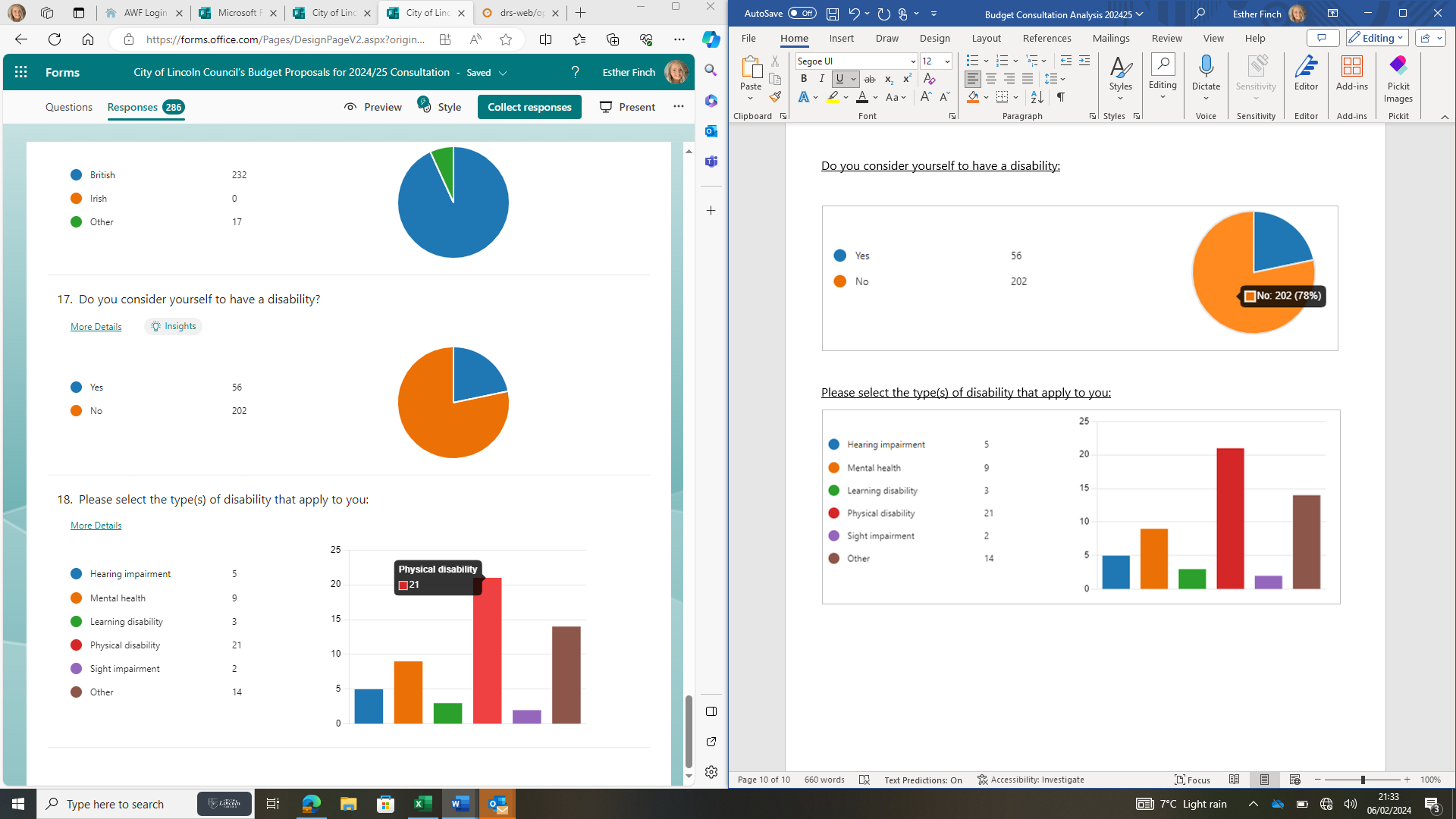
Please select the type(s) of disability that apply to you:

Figure 17

Of the potential 286 responses, 56 people stated they consider themselves to have a disability (see Figure 16). Of the 56, 54 went on to select the type of disability that applies to them, with Physical Disability being the most common at 38.9%.