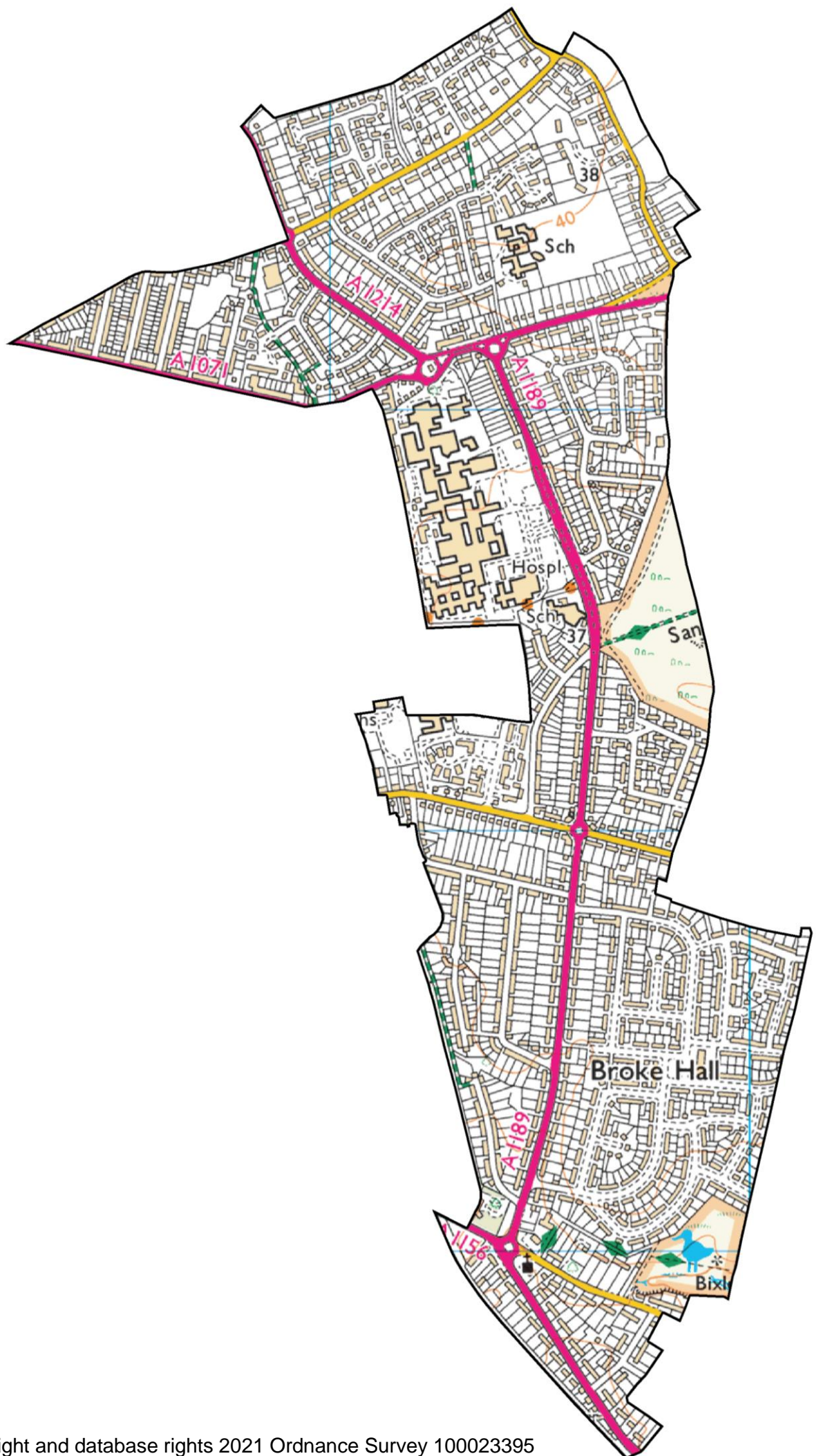# BIXLEY

ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE 2021

This Division equates to Bixley Ward

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ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILES: AN INTRODUCTION

These profiles have been produced to support elected members, constituents and other interested parties in understanding the demographic, economic, social and educational profile of their neighbourhoods. We have used the latest data available at the time of publication.

Much more data is available from national and local sources than is captured here, but it is hoped that the profile will be a useful starting point for discussion, where local knowledge and experience can be used to flesh out and illuminate the information presented here.

The profile can be used to help look at some fundamental questions e.g.
- Does the age profile of the population match or differ from the national profile?
- Is there evidence of the ageing profile of the county in all the wards in the Division or just some?
- How diverse is the community in terms of ethnicity?
- What is the impact of deprivation on families and residents?
- Does there seem to be a link between deprivation and school performance?
- What is the breakdown of employment sectors in the area?
- Is it a relatively healthy area compared to the rest of the district or county?
- What sort of crime is prevalent in the community?

A vast amount of additional data is available on the **Suffolk Observatory**

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The Suffolk Observatory is a free online resource that contains all Suffolk's vital statistics; it is the one-stop-shop for information and intelligence about Suffolk. Through data, reports and maps, the Suffolk Observatory provides a comprehensive picture of the County. It is a great source for useful facts and figures that can be used for writing reports and presentations, informing strategic and business planning, preparing funding applications or supporting academic research. Data is presented around the key themes of population, children and young people, health and social care, housing, crime and community safety, deprivation, economy and employment and environment. All areas of the county are covered, right down to district, electoral division, ward and parish level, with information easily accessible in a variety of formats. You can also build your own reports for custom areas.
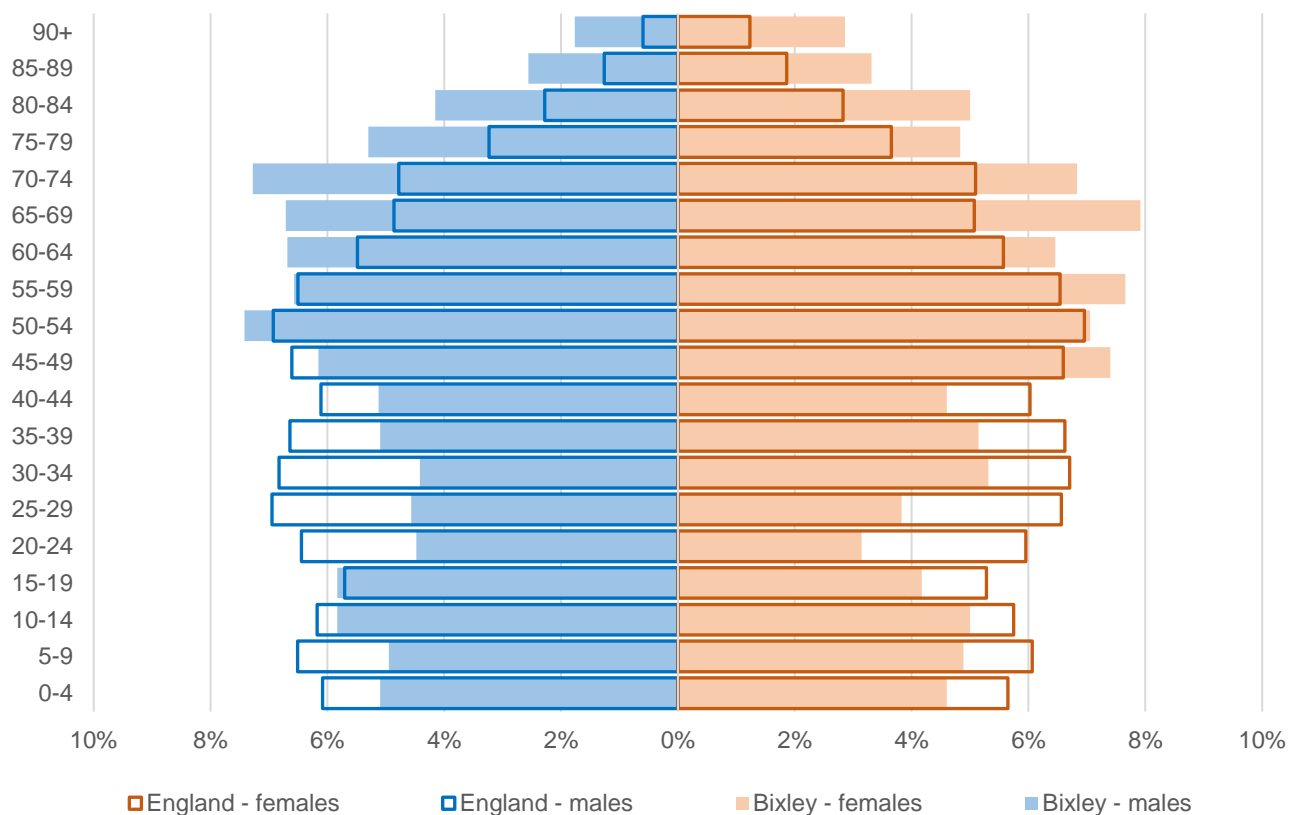
Technical Notes:
1. Where electoral divisions do not exactly match the boundaries at which the data is available (e.g. ward, Output Area or Lower Super Output Area), we have adopted a "best-fit" approach to produce a dataset.
2. District, county and national level data is provided where possible to provide a context for comparisons. Where possible we have used the most recent district boundaries for comparison purposes, but in some cases it has been necessary to use the pre-2019 districts.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE - AGE

In mid-2019 the population of Bixley stood at 6,895, a decrease of 2.3% since the 2011 Census. The age structure of the division is set out below.
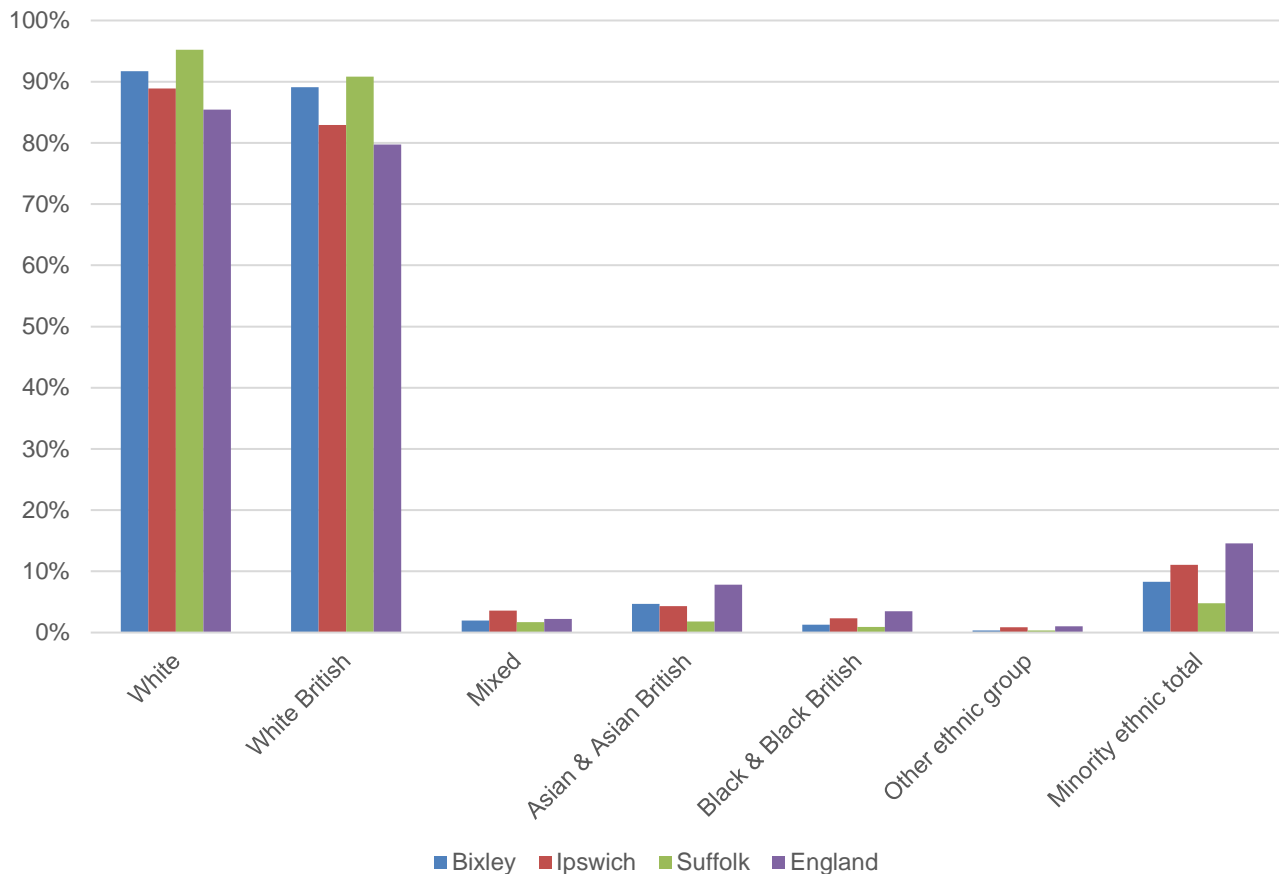
	Bixley Division
All Ages	6,895
0-4	334
5-9	339
10-14	373
15-19	344
20-24	262
25-29	289
30-34	336
35-39	353
40-44	335
45-49	468
50-54	499
55-59	491
60-64	453
65-69	505
70-74	486
75-79	349
80-84	316
85-89	203
90+	160

- The age pyramid for Bixley shows a higher-than-average proportion of women over 45 and men over 50.

- The most common age group in Bixley is 65-69-year-olds, followed by 50-54-year-olds. The number of people of retirement age looks set to increase markedly in the coming years.
- There is a much lower than average number of people of working age, particularly between the ages of 20 and 44.
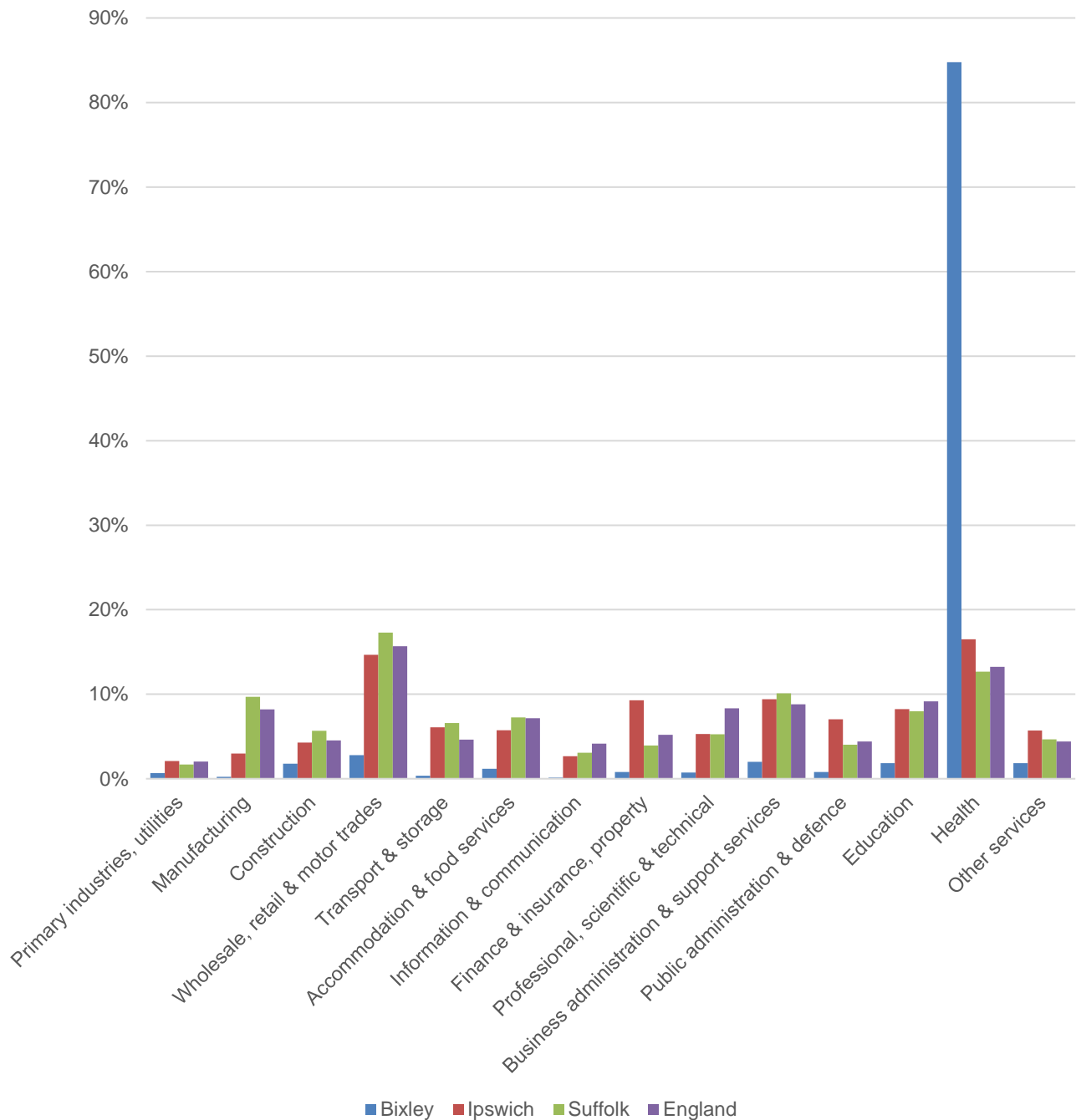
ETHNICITY

- According to the latest data (2011 Census), 91.7% (6,470) of the population of Bixley are white, a slightly higher proportion than for Ipswich generally.
- 8.3% of the population are of black or minority ethnic origin, lower than for Ipswich as a whole.
- Bixley has a less diverse population than Ipswich generally, but a higher proportion of minority ethnic groups than Suffolk as a whole.

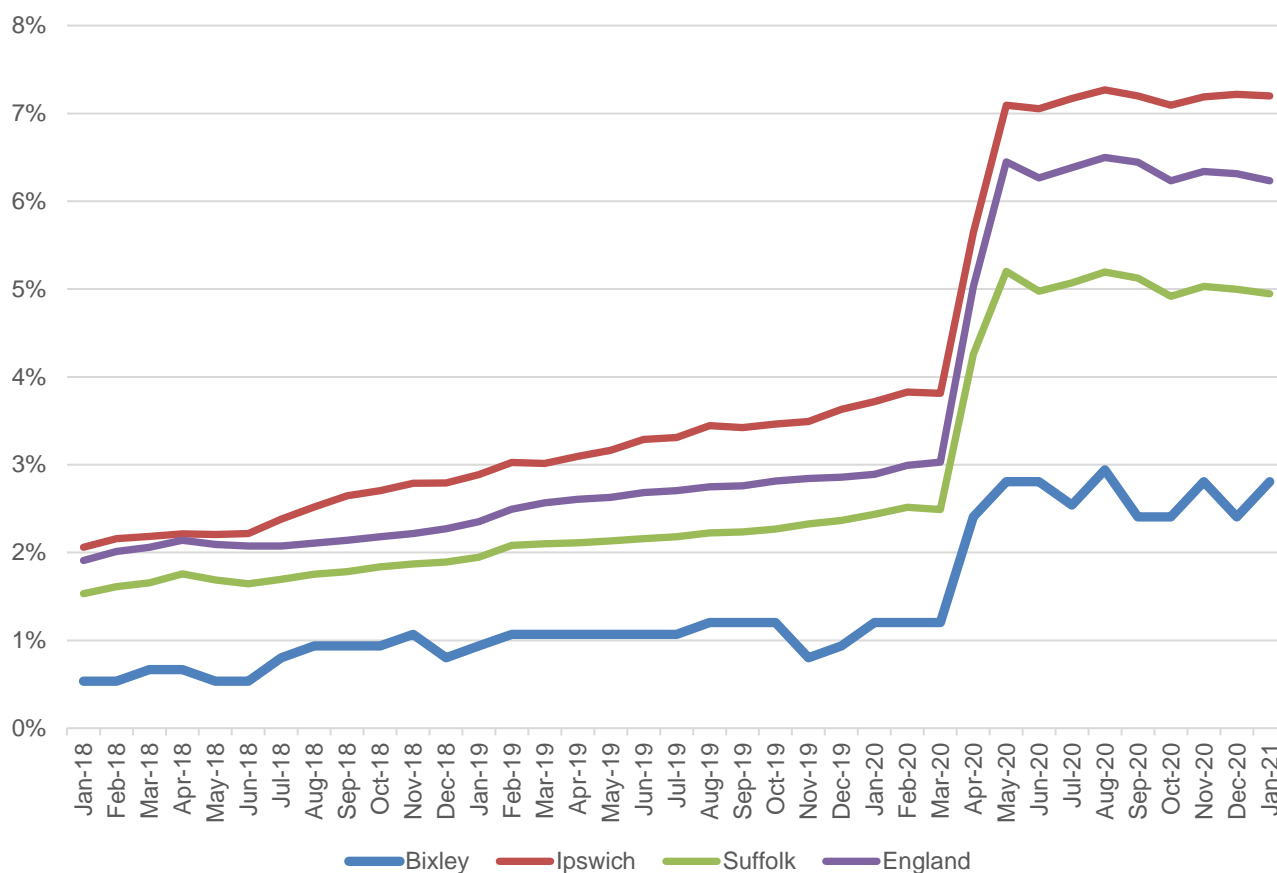|	All people	White		White British		Mixed		Asian and Asian British		Black and Black British		Other Ethnic Group		Total minority ethnic population	
	Count	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Bixley	7,055	6,470	91.7	6,285	89.1	138	2.0	331	4.7	90	1.3	26	0.4	585	8.3
Ipswich	133,384	118,596	88.9	110,624	82.9	4,816	3.6	5,740	4.3	3,096	2.3	1,136	0.9	14,788	11.1
Suffolk	728,163	693,195	95.2	661,458	90.8	12,472	1.7	13,131	1.8	6,854	0.9	2,511	0.3	34,968	4.8
England			85.4		79.8		2.3		7.8		3.5		1.0		14.6

ECONOMY

There are 6,800 people employed in Bixley.

- The key employment sector in Bixley is health, which accounts for over 80% of all jobs in the division, a much higher proportion than for Ipswich, Suffolk and the country as a whole.
- No other sector provides more than a small proportion of jobs.

LABOUR MARKET

OUT-OF-WORK BENEFIT CLAIMANT RATE

- Bixley saw a sharp increase in claimants of out-of-work benefits in the first half of 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the claimant rate remains well below the district, county and national averages.
- In January 2021, around 2.8% of the working age population are claiming out-of-work benefits.
- Claimant unemployment levels in Bixley are consistently below the borough, county and England averages.

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Schools in the Division

Name	Phase	Academy Status	Average cohort size at:				Latest Ofsted	Latest Ofsted Date
			Foundation Stage (age 5)	KS2 (age 11)	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)		
St Alban's Catholic High School	Secondary	AC			160	87	Good	21/01/2020

Schools with catchments that overlap with the Division

Name	Phase	Academy Status	Average cohort size at:				Latest Ofsted	Latest Ofsted Date
			Foundation Stage (age 5)	KS2 (age 11)	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)		
Britannia Primary School & Nursery	Primary	AS	90	90			Good*	13/09/2013
Broke Hall Community Primary School	Primary	AC	89	89			Good*	19/06/2014
Rushmere Hall Primary School	Primary	AC	80	80			Good	29/06/2017
Sidegate Primary School	Primary	AS	88	93			Good	16/03/2017
Copleston High School	Secondary	AC			287	145	Good	25/04/2013
Northgate High School	Secondary	LA			228	241	Good	17/05/2012

Academy Status key: AS = Academy Sponsored, AC = Academy Converter, LA = LA Maintained, F = Free

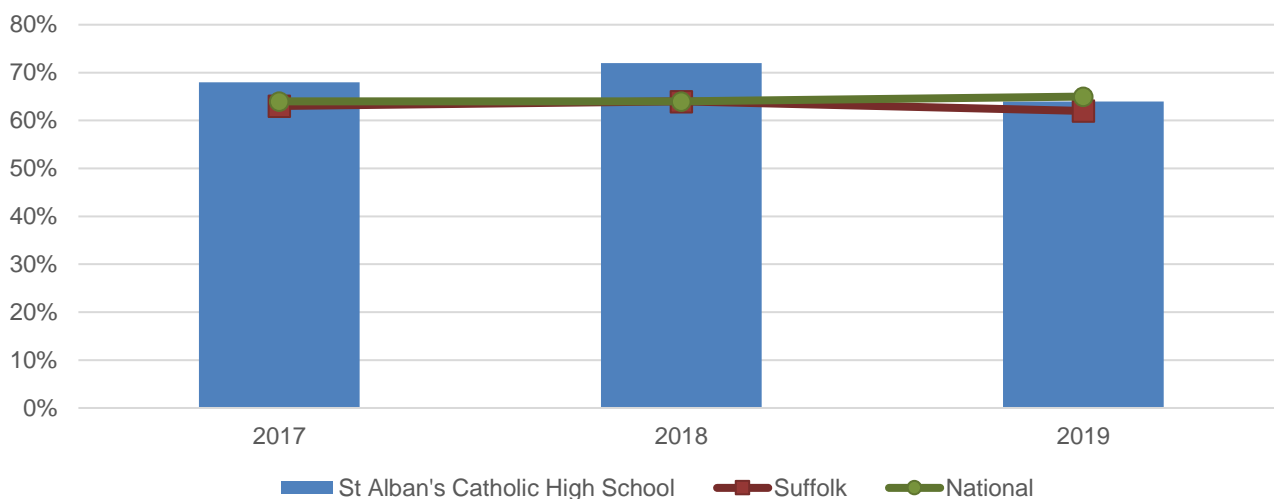*The latest full inspection judgement does not relate to the current school

SCHOOL ATTAINMENT

Foundation Stage Profile (reception) & Key Stage 2 (age 11)
There are no primary schools located in the Division
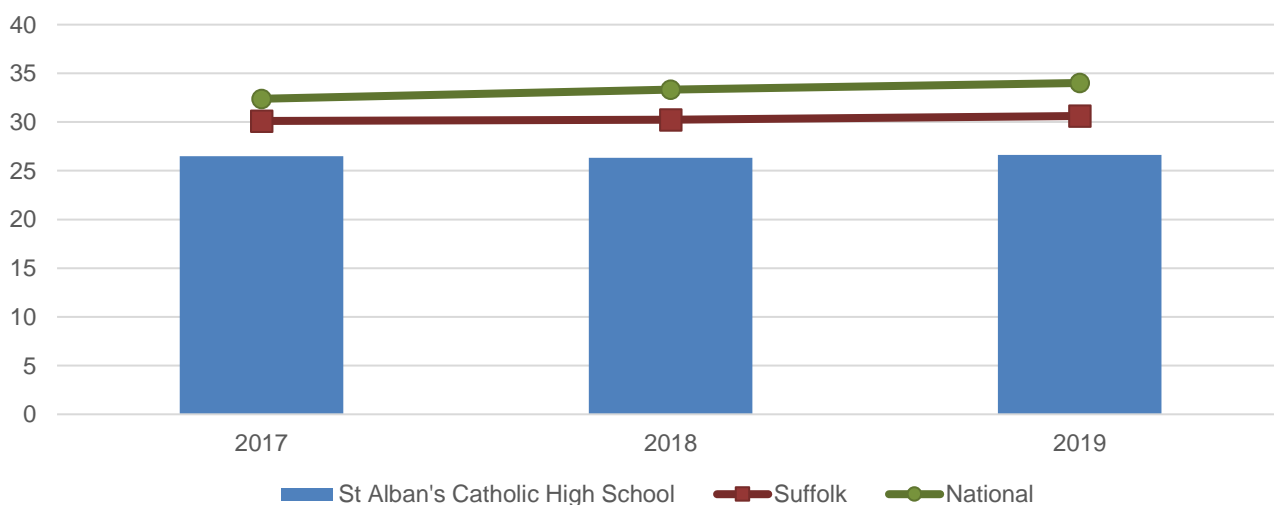
Key Stage 4 (GCSE) (age 16)
% pupils achieving level 4-9 in English and Mathematics

- GCSE attainment at St Alban's Catholic High School has been consistently above the county average from 2017 to 2019, and also above the national benchmark for the first two years.
- Attainment fell slightly in 2019, but remains higher than the Suffolk average and only one percentage point below the national average.
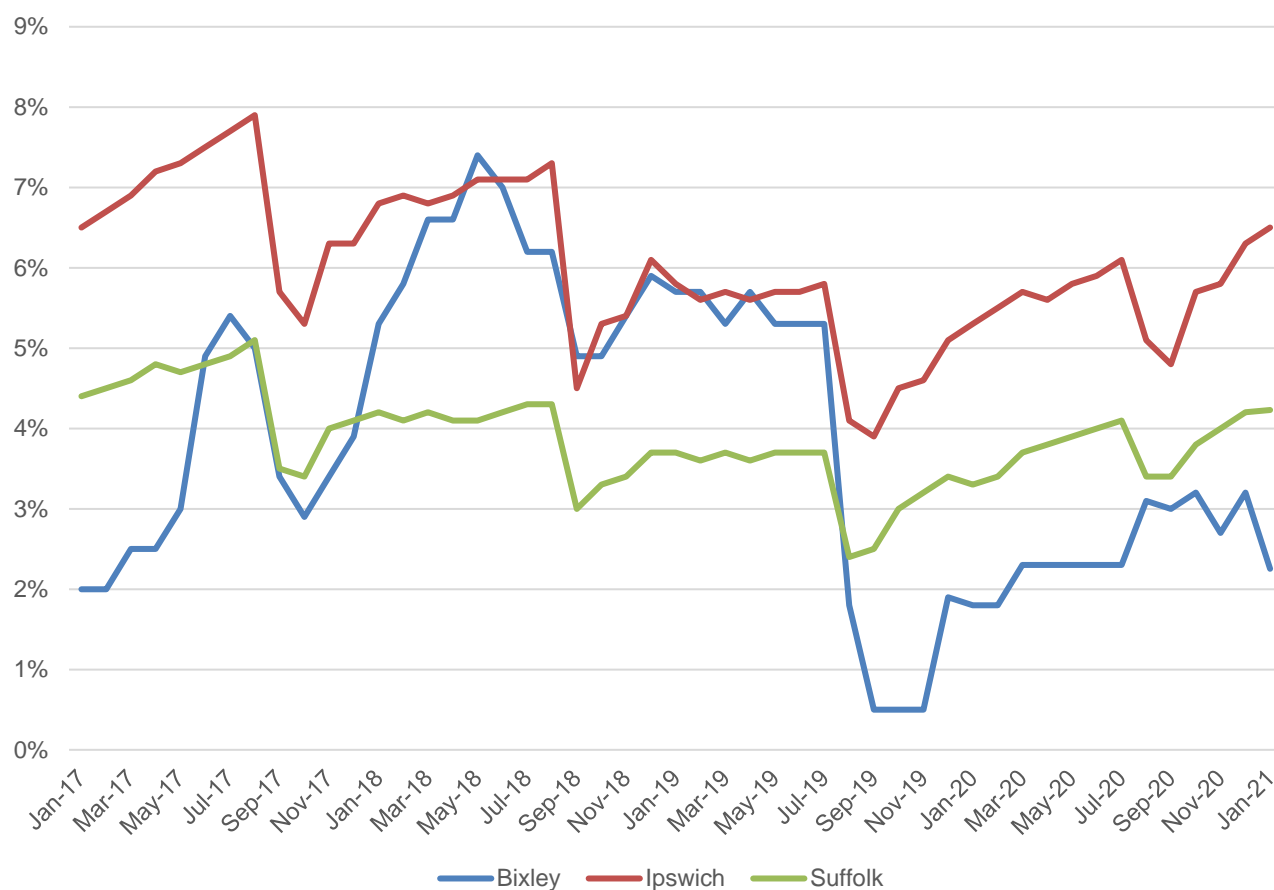
Key Stage 5 (A level) (age 18)
A Level Points entry

- A level attainment at St Albans Catholic High School has remained steady in the last three years.
- It has, however, been consistently below the county and national averages.

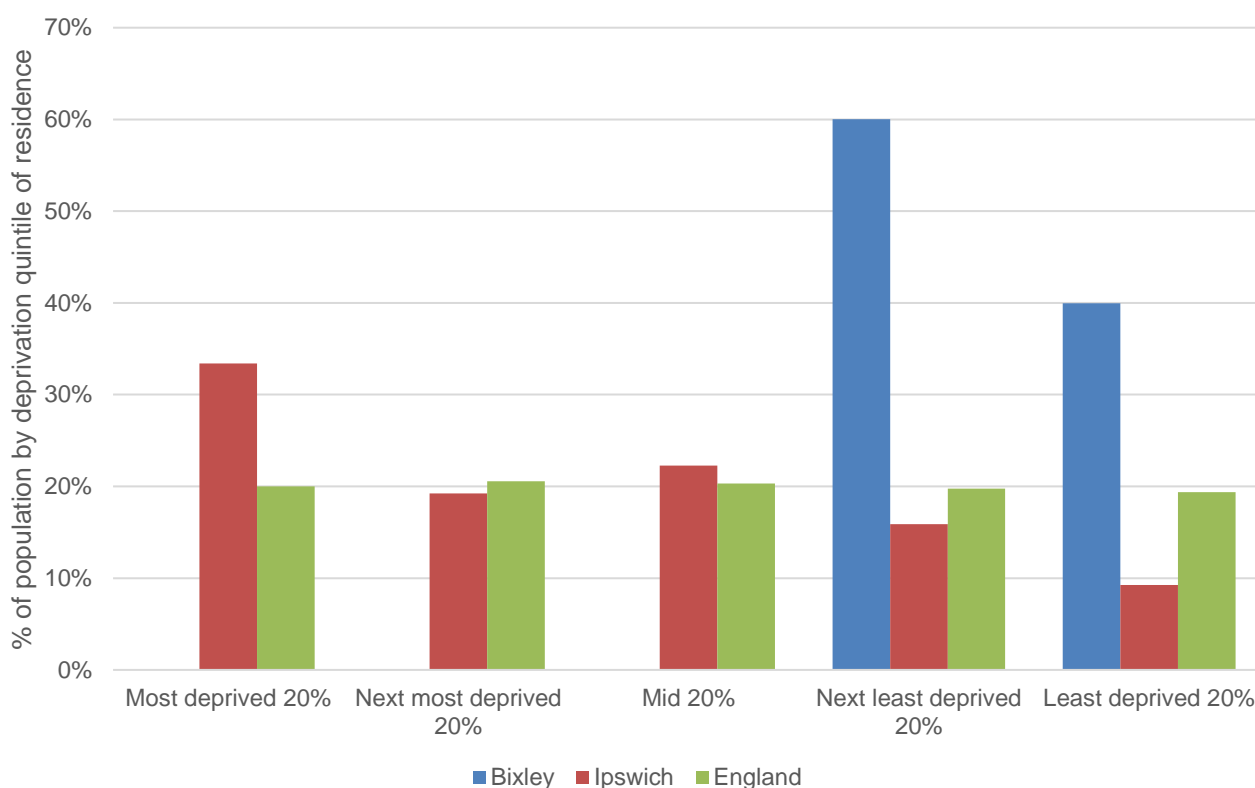# NEET % (NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING)

- In January 2021, 2.3% of 16–18-year-olds were classified as NEET in Bixley (where current activity was known).
- NEET levels in Bixley are generally below the borough and county averages, though have undergone considerable fluctuations.
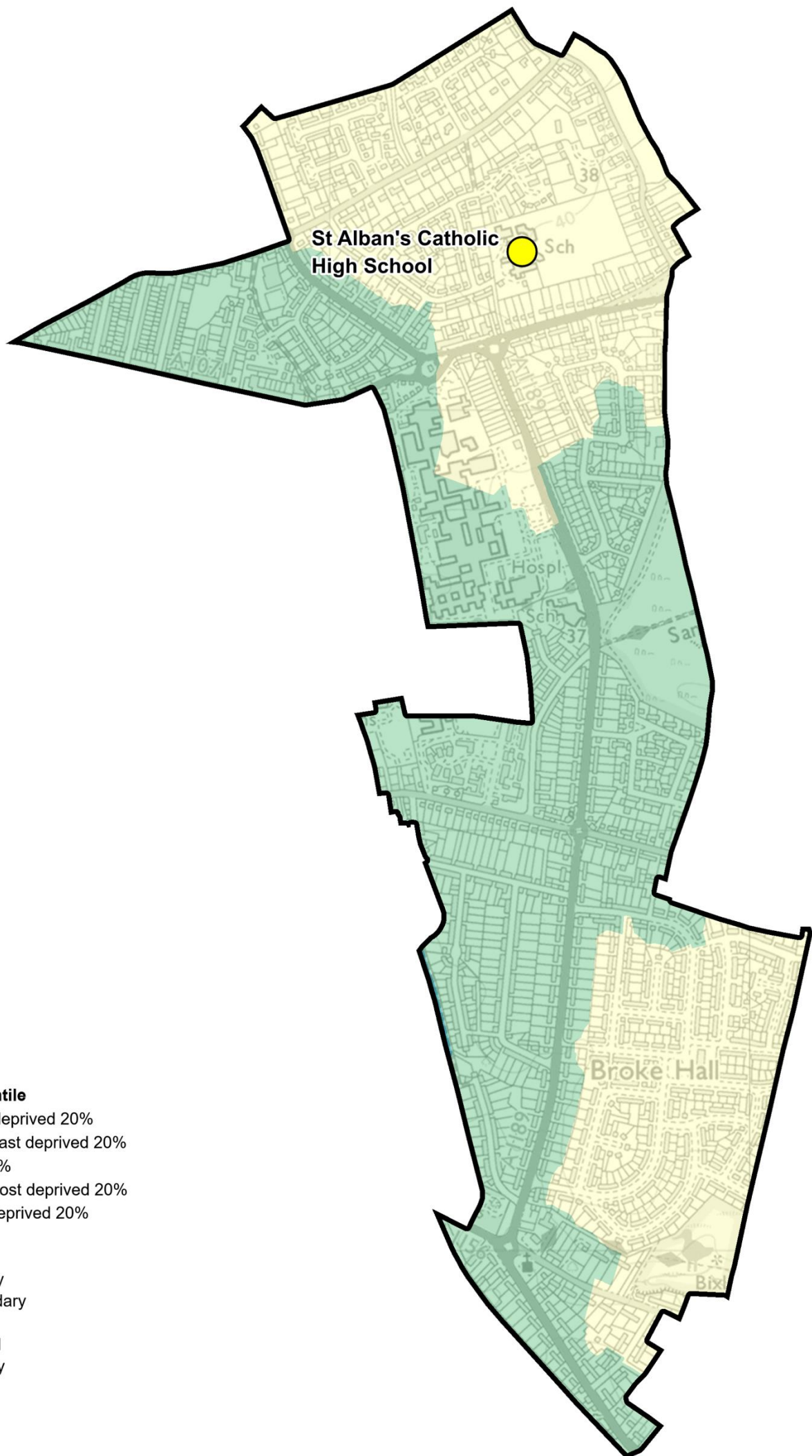
INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (IMD) 2019 (SEE MAP OVERLEAF)

The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. Small areas (Lower Super Output Areas, average population 1,700) are most commonly described as being in 1 of 5 quintile bands. The bottom quintile represents the 20% of areas that are the most deprived in England; these are shaded pale yellow on the map. The top quintile represents the least deprived areas in England and is shaded dark blue.
The Index is widely used to analyse patterns of deprivation, identify areas that would benefit from special initiatives or programmes and as a tool to determine eligibility for specific funding streams.

- The IMD 2019 shows that relative deprivation levels in Bixley are low.
- Of the five Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) comprising the division, two are ranked in the top 20% least deprived LSOAs in the country (with 40% of the population of the division living in these areas) and three in the next best 20%.

St Alban's Catholic
High School

IMD 2019 quintile

Least deprived 20%

Next least deprived 20%
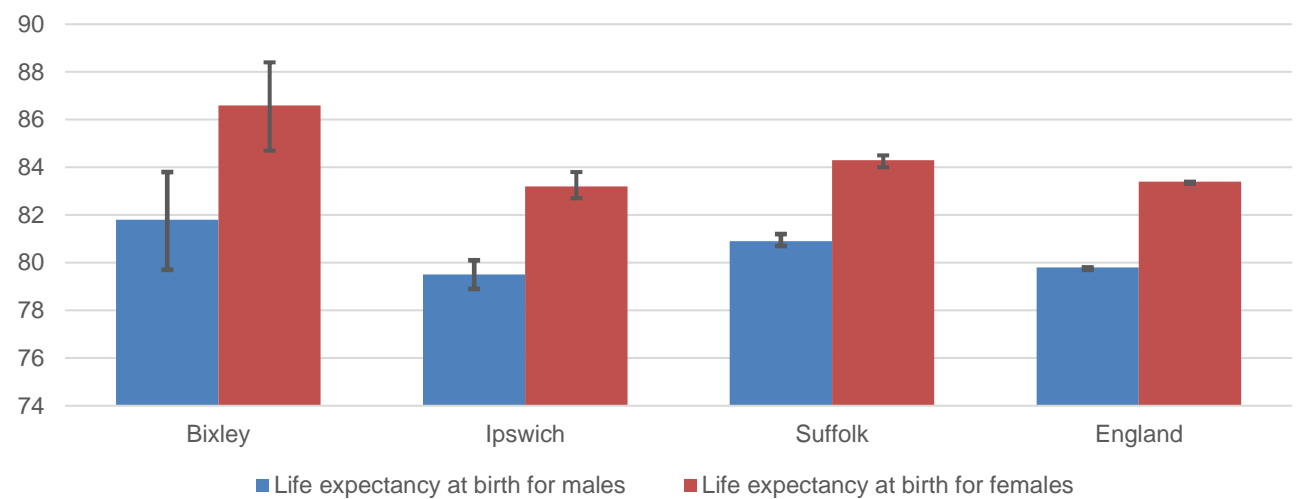
Mid 20%

Next most deprived 20%

Most deprived 20%

School Type

Primary
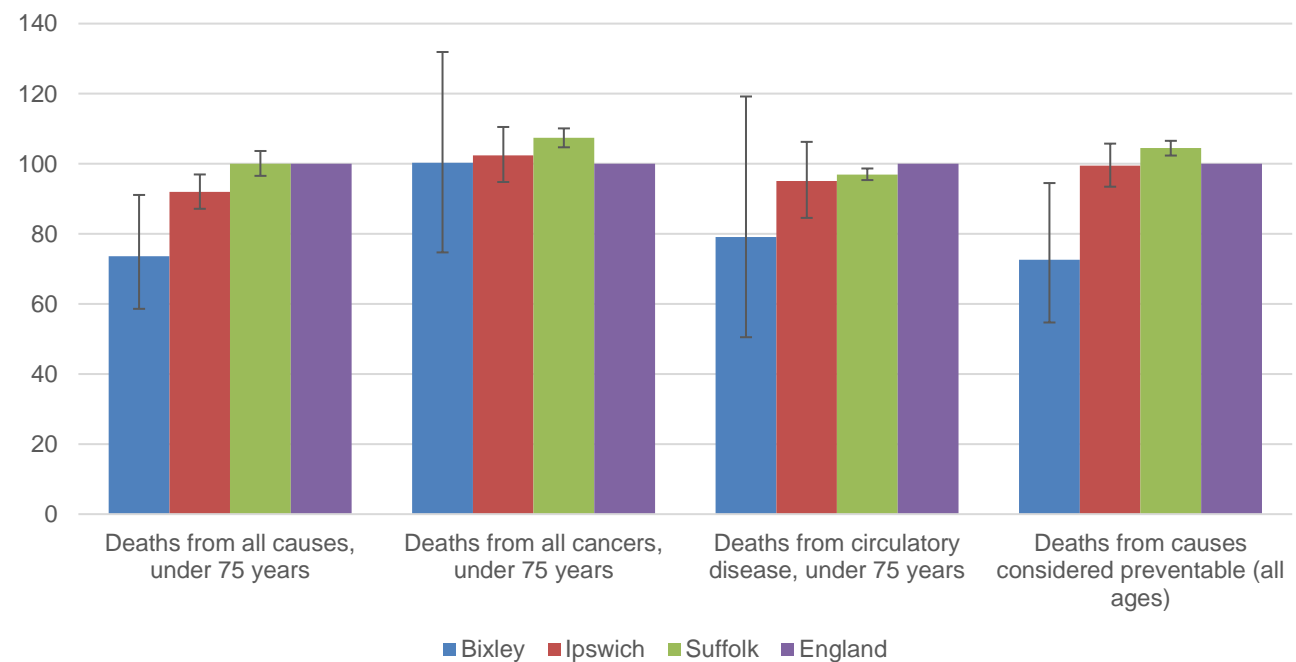
Secondary

PRU

Special

Nursery

HEALTH

The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

Life expectancy at birth for males ■ Life expectancy at birth for females ■
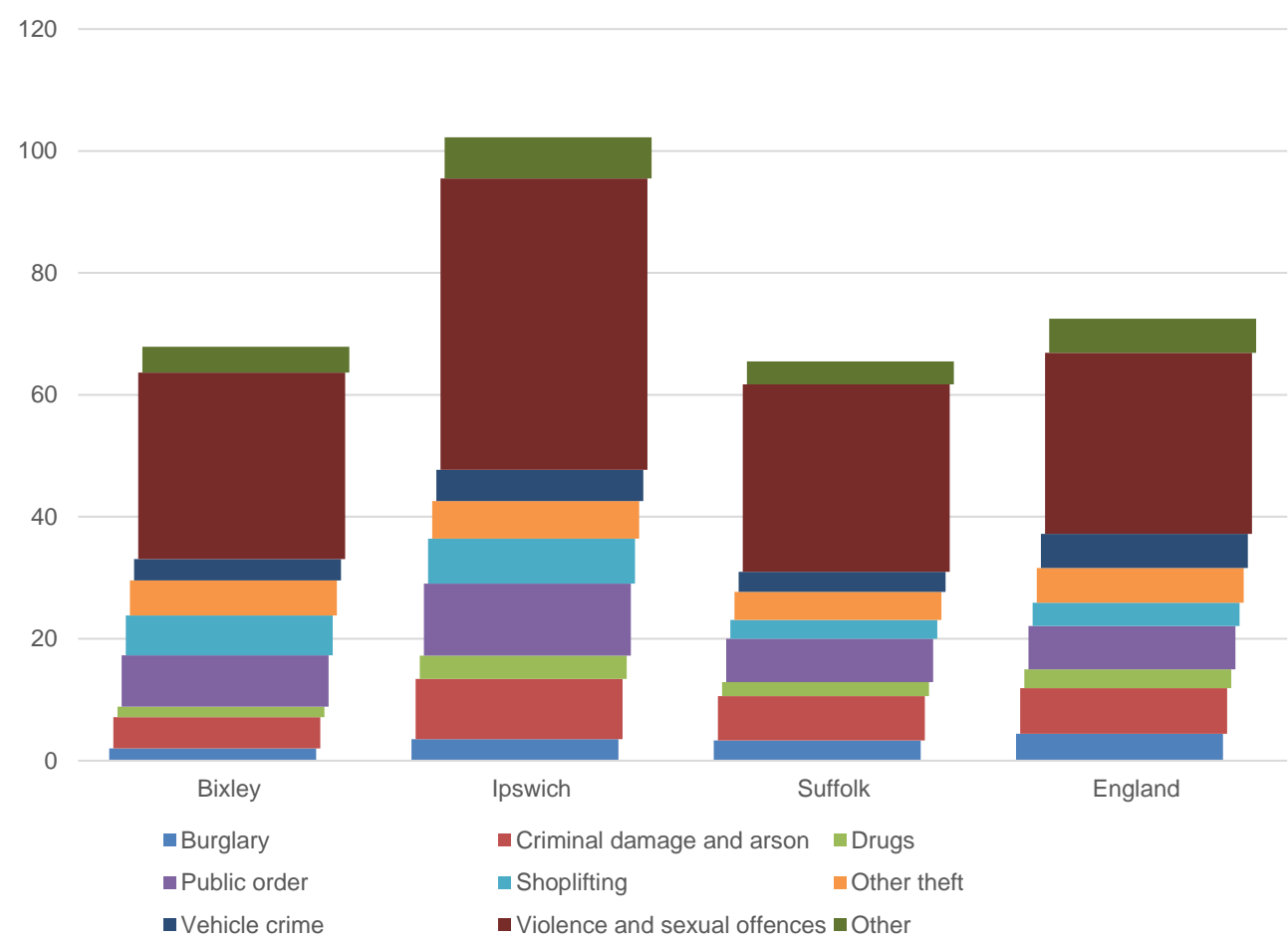
- For males, estimated life expectancy at birth is 81.8 years, for females 86.6 years.
- Estimated life expectancy at birth in Bixley is well above the Ipswich, Suffolk and national averages for both males and females.

DEATHS, UNDER 75 YEARS, STANDARDISED MORTALITY RATIO

■ Bixley   ■ Ipswich   ■ Suffolk   ■ England

- Bixley has a lower overall rate of early deaths (under the age of 75) than Ipswich, Suffolk and England overall.
- The standardised mortality ratio data shown here means that for every 100 early deaths from all causes across England as a whole, there are an estimated 74 comparable deaths in Bixley.

CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY

- The crime rate in Bixley is around two thirds of that of Ipswich as a whole, and is only slightly higher than the overall county rate.
- There were 68 crimes recorded per 1,000 residents in Bixley in the year to the end of January 2021, compared to 102 in Ipswich Borough as a whole and 66 across Suffolk.
- The most common crime in the division is violence and sexual offences, which accounts for 45% of the crimes recorded during this period.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parishes in Division

Ipswich (part)

DATA SOURCES

Category	Indicator	Source
Demographic Profile	Quinary population table 2019	ONS 2019 mid-year population estimates
	Population pyramid 2019	ONS 2019 mid-year population estimates
	Ethnicity 2011	ONS 2011 Census
Economy	Employment by broad industrial sector 2019	ONS Business Register and Employment Survey via NOMIS
Labour market	Claimant count: The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit who are out of work (% 16-64 population) January 2018- February 2021	DWP via NOMIS
Education	School information and attainment 2017-2019	Suffolk County Council
	% 16-18-year-olds NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) 2017-2021	Suffolk County Council via the Suffolk Observatory
Deprivation	Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019	Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government
Health	Life expectancy at birth 2013-2017	Public Health England
Health	Standardised mortality ratio for deaths from all causes, cancer and circulatory disease, (aged under 75), and death from causes considered preventable (all ages), 2013-2017. The standardised mortality ratio is the ratio of observed deaths in the study group to expected deaths in the general population.	Public Health England
Community Safety	Recorded crime rate per 1,000 resident population February 2020 to January 2021	Data.police.uk via the Suffolk Observatory

For more data and information about Bixley Electoral Division, see the Suffolk Observatory www.suffolkobservatory.info