

QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 13–14 (25.3–5.4.2026)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 352

The margin of error is 5 % and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

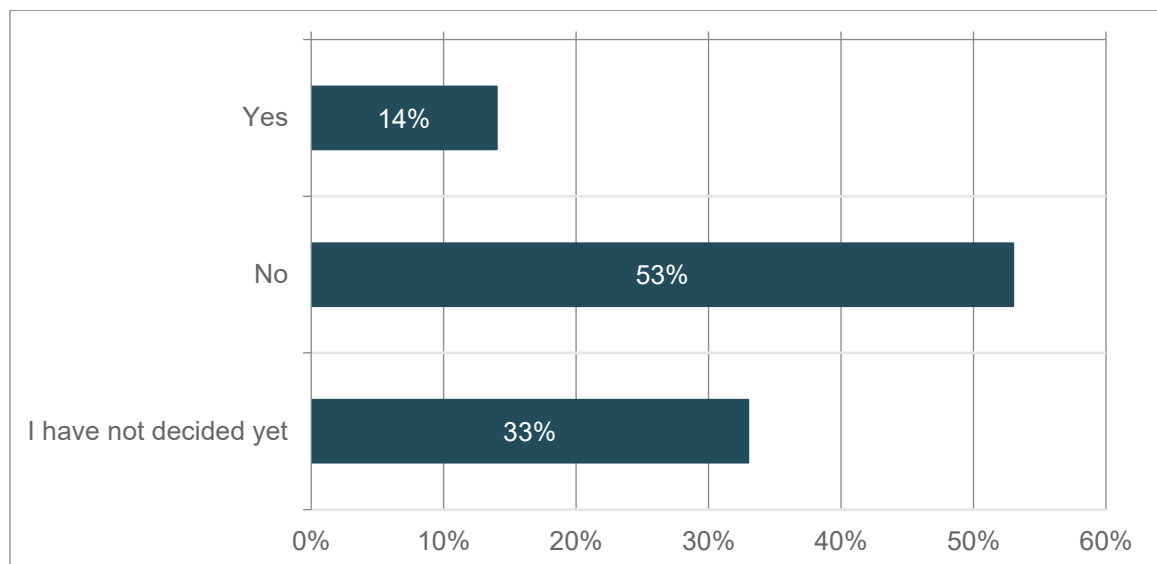
RESIDENT FORUMS

In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: *“Next week the town is arranging two resident forums:*

- Local master plan of Jakobstad 2040: Tuesday, 31 March 2026, from 17:00 to 19:00 at the upper secondary school.

- Wellbeing plan of Jakobstad 2026–2029: Wednesday, 1 April 2026, from 18:00 to 19:30 at Jakobstad Library.

“Will you participate in any of these resident forums?”



“The town of Jakobstad has committed to organising 3–5 resident forums each year. What other topics should the town organise resident forums on?”

The responses show a clear interest in resident forums on **urban development and planning**, especially issues related to the town centre, traffic, parking, street and road maintenance, as well as larger construction and detailed zoning projects. Many also highlight the need for forums on the **economy and transparency**, for example how tax revenues are used, the town’s budget, group companies, and priorities in major projects. **Bilingualism, language services, and integration** are recurring themes, with a focus on how Finnish- and Swedish-speaking residents are treated and how language barriers can be broken already in the everyday lives of children and young people. In addition, there is demand for forums on **preparedness, well-being, safety, culture, the environment, and youth issues**, as well as opportunities for **low-threshold and remote participation** to enable broader involvement.

NEXT STEP

We thank the residents for their responses and can note that the information event concerning the Loyal master plan of Jakobstad 2040, held at the upper secondary school on 31 March 2026, was well attended, with approximately 60 participants. Unfortunately, the resident forum on the Wellbeing plan of Jakobstad 2026–2029, held at the town library on 1 April 2026, attracted only a handful of attendees.

During 2026, the town will still organize at least another resident forum, but at present it has not yet been decided on which topic.

More information:

Johan Lithén, Development Manager, tel. 044 785 1653, johan.lithen@jakobstad.fi