MAKERFIELD TEST POLL:

WHAT DO VOTERS IN MAKERFIELD THINK ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY?

Exclusive polling commissioned by Britain Unbound

Conducted by Survation

November 2026



“A MAKERFIELD TEST AT THE HEART OF BRITISH POLITICS WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE PLACES WESTMINSTER HAS NEGLECTED WILL NOW GET FAIRNESS”

–ANDY BURNHAM (JUNE 2026)

POLL DESIGN

Respected pollster

Conducted by Survation (member of UK Polling Council)

Designed by Dr Richard Johnson (Senior Lecturer in Politics, Queen Mary University of London)

Representative sample

Telephone interviews with 500 voters in the Makerfield constituency

Previously surveyed during the Makerfield by-election

Conducted: 21 October-4 November 2026

Weighted sample to reflect demographics of constituency

Margin of error: 5.8ppts

Content: UK sovereignty

Poll on 10 policies which are wholly or partly outside of UK government control in the EU/Single Market

Who should decide these policies?

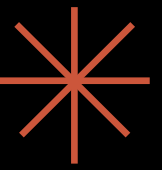
Innovative design

Not framed around EU:

- To test core sentiments about sovereignty
- To break voters out of Brexit 'tribes'

QUESTION:

‘PUTTING ASIDE YOUR VIEWS OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT AND THINKING ABOUT UK GOVERNMENTS IN GENERAL, HOW DO YOU THINK THE FOLLOWING ISSUES SHOULD BE DECIDED IN BRITAIN?’



Options

1. This policy should be decided by **UK governments alone**

2. UK governments should **voluntarily seek**, but not be bound by, **agreements with other countries** on this policy

3. UK governments should be **required to follow decisions made by international institutions** on this policy

4. **Don’t Know**

POLICY TOPICS

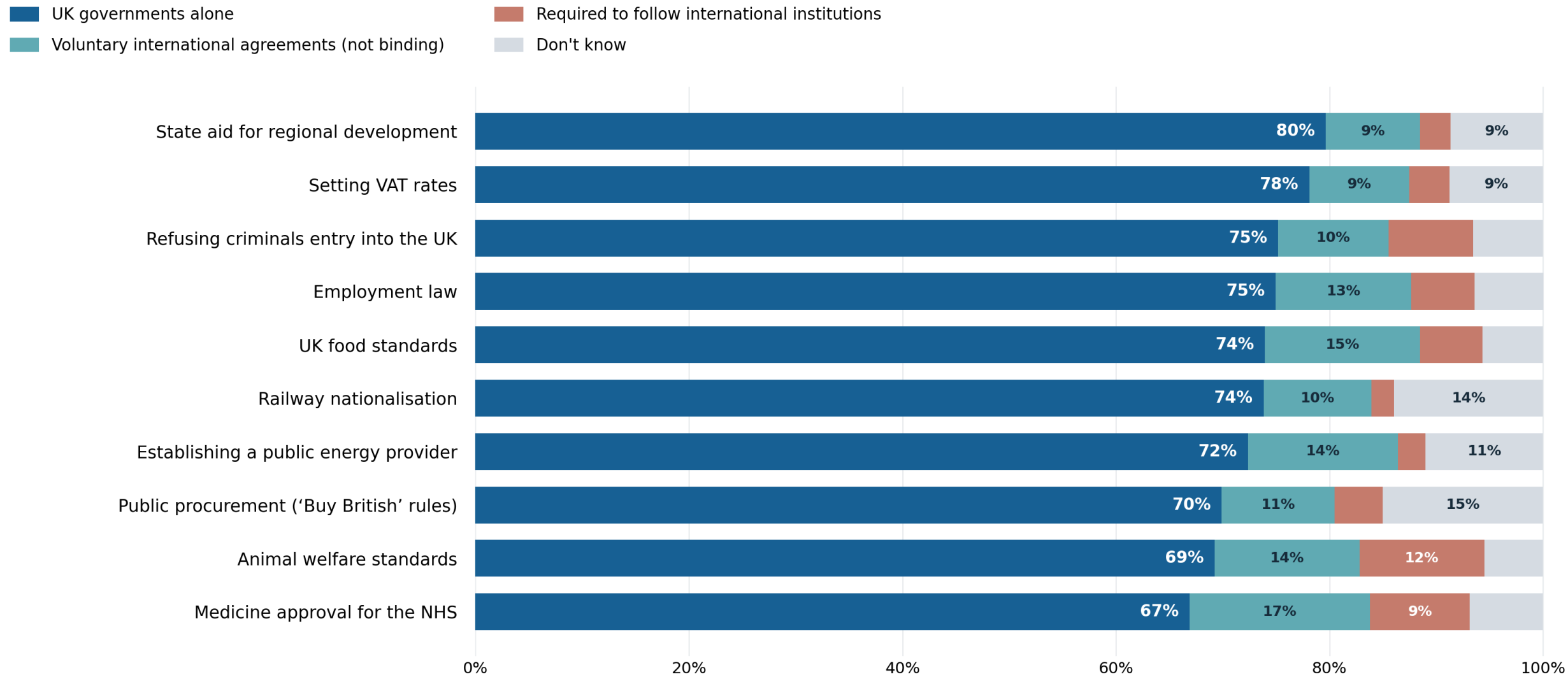
1. Railway nationalisation
2. Setting VAT rates
3. Employment law
4. Refusing criminals entry into the UK
5. Establishing a public energy provider
6. Public procurement rules ('Buy British' rules)
7. State aid (public funding) for regional development
8. UK food standards
9. Animal welfare standards
10. Medicine approval for the NHS



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Who should decide? Makerfield voters favour UK control

How policy decisions should be made in Britain · Share of all respondents by policy area

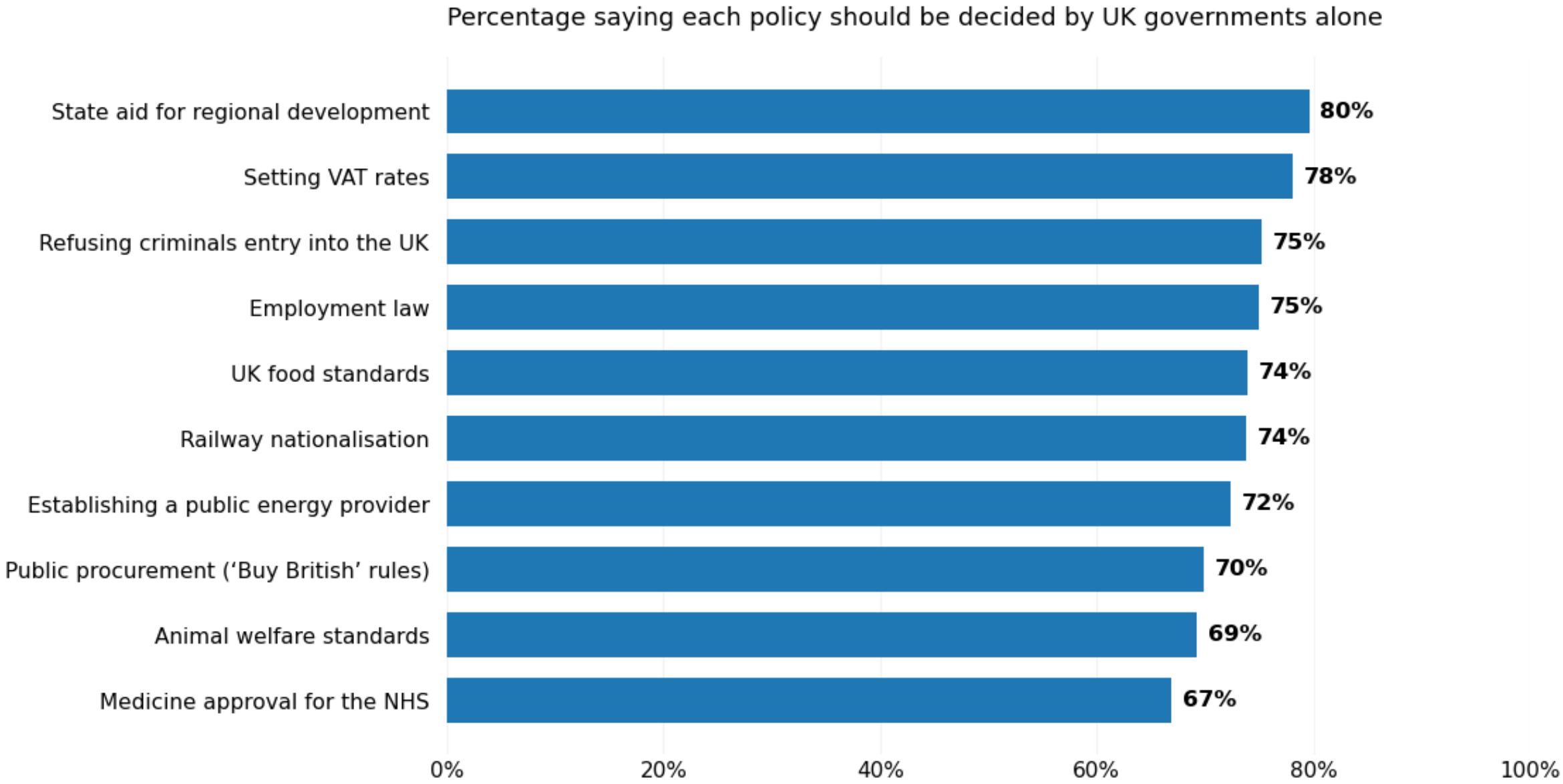


Q1: “Putting aside your views of the current government and thinking about UK governments in general…”

Source: Survation, Makerfield constituency poll, 21 October–4 November 2026; weighted sample n=500.

Each bar represents 100% of responses; percentages are rounded. Small segments are unlabelled.

Makerfield voters favour UK government control



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Voters in Makerfield display an **overwhelming preference** for national democratic sovereignty.

National sovereignty commands **at least two-thirds** support in every policy tested.

The strongest areas of support concern sovereignty over traditional Labour policy areas of economic management, industrial policy, taxation, and public investment.

Eight in ten voters in Makerfield want Britain to control its own regional investment policies and to control VAT rates – positions incompatible with EU or Single Market membership.



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TRANSFER OF POWER TO EU FAILS THE ‘MAKERFIELD TEST’

Compromising Britain’s freedom over economic planning, regulation, public services, or taxation is not popular with Makerfield voters.

Labour should resist entering into agreements with the EU that bind future UK governments in areas where the electorate strongly favours national decision-making.

Breaking outside of the old Brexit ‘tribes’ reveals strong underlying preference for UK policy sovereignty.

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