

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

TECHNICAL REPORT

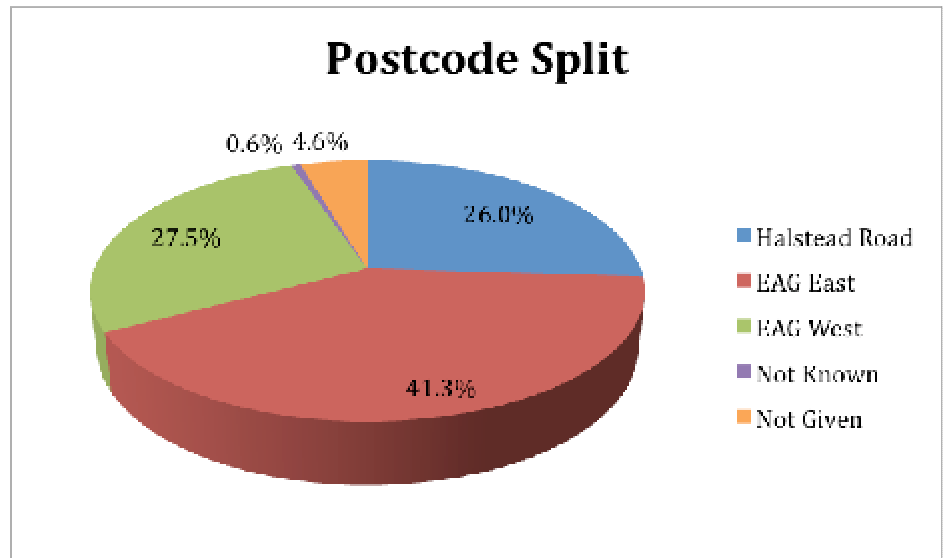
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Analysis of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Section A - Housing

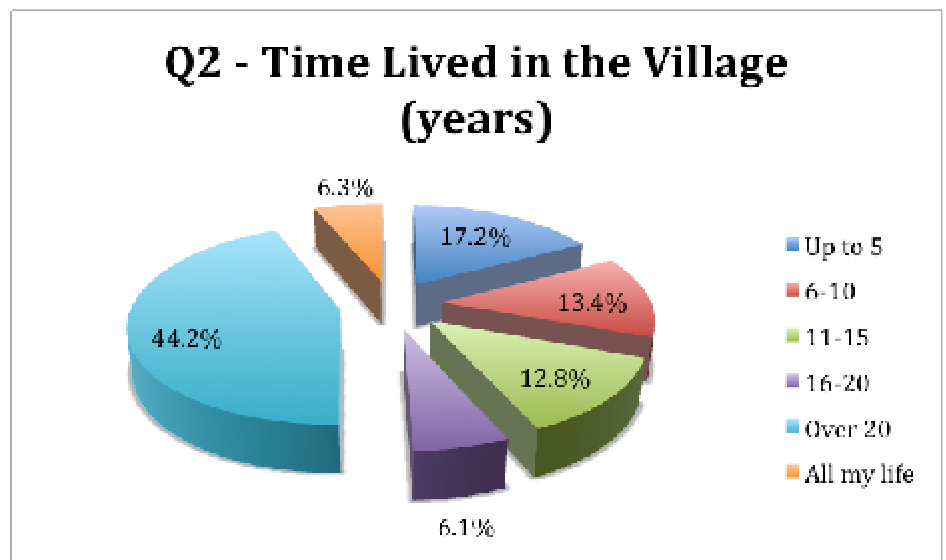
Q1. WHAT IS YOUR POST CODE?

Responses received were received broadly in proportion to the volume of housing in the respective areas



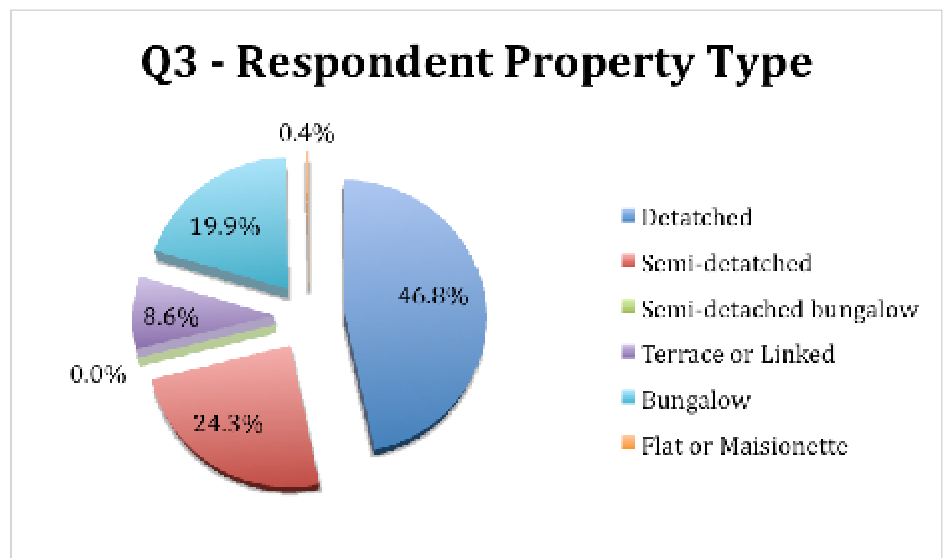
Q2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE VILLAGE?

Over half of respondents (50.5%) have lived in the village for more than 20 years



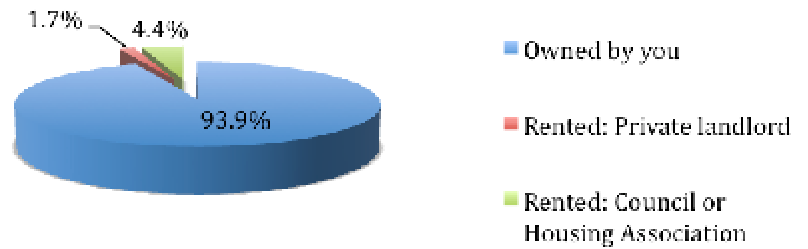
Q3. WHAT TYPE OF HOME IN THE VILLAGE DO YOU LIVE IN?

Respondents were broadly in line with the current village housing stock mix in Eight Ash Green and surrounds



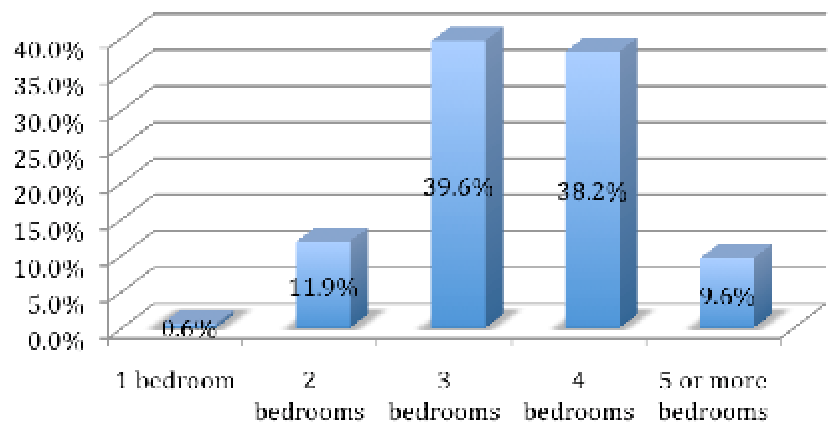
Property ownership responses were also in line with previous/known information

Q3b - Property Ownership



Property size based on number of bedrooms also aligns with known housing stock in the village

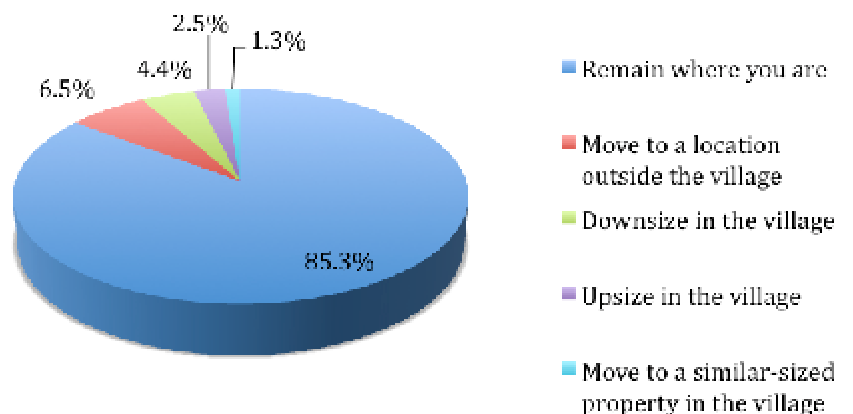
Q3c - Number of Bedrooms



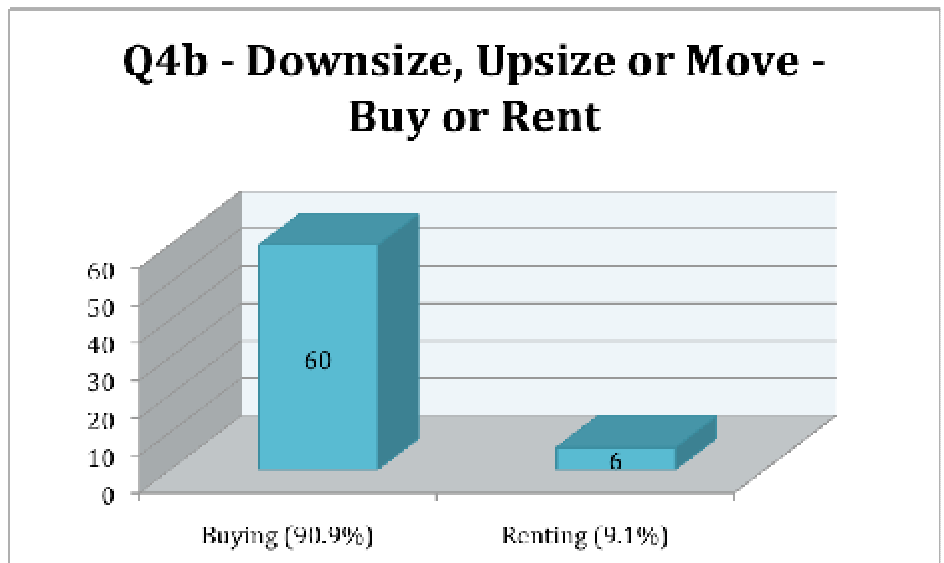
Q4. IN THE NEXT 5 to 10 YEARS ARE YOU LOOKING TO

The vast majority (85.3%) of respondents intend to remain in their current property in the next 5-10 years

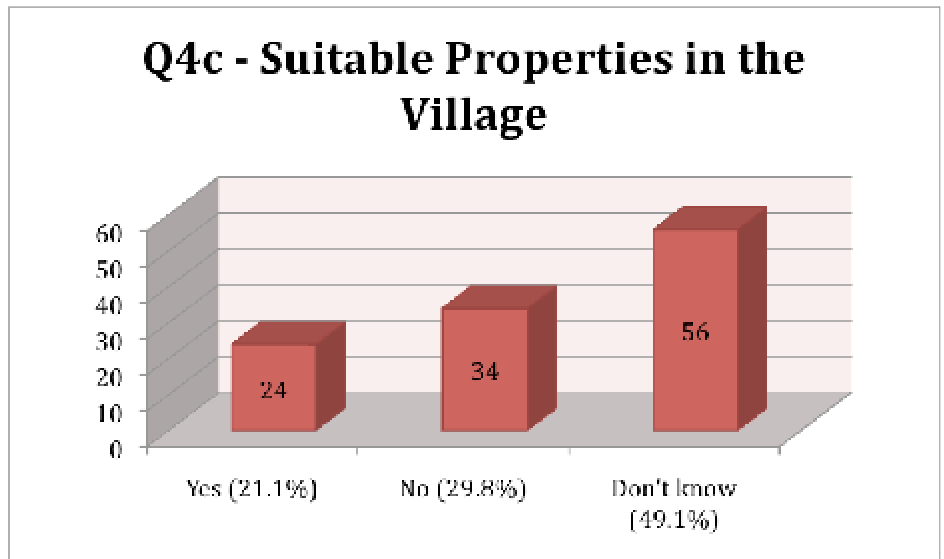
Q4a - Next 5-10 years Intention



Those who indicated they wished to downsize, upsize or moved indicated that the majority (90.9%) would prefer to buy rather than rent

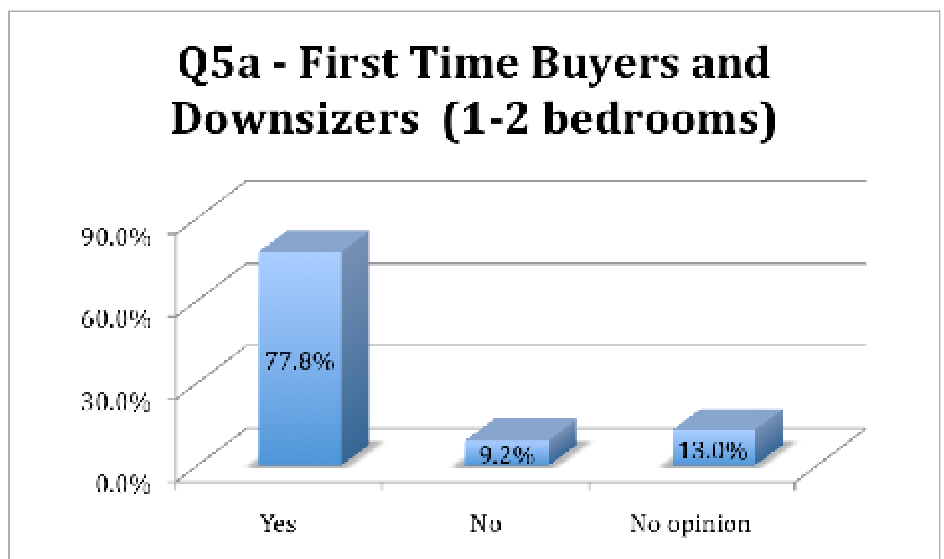


Very few respondents (21.1%) felt that there were currently suitable properties in the village for those who wished to downsize, upsize or move

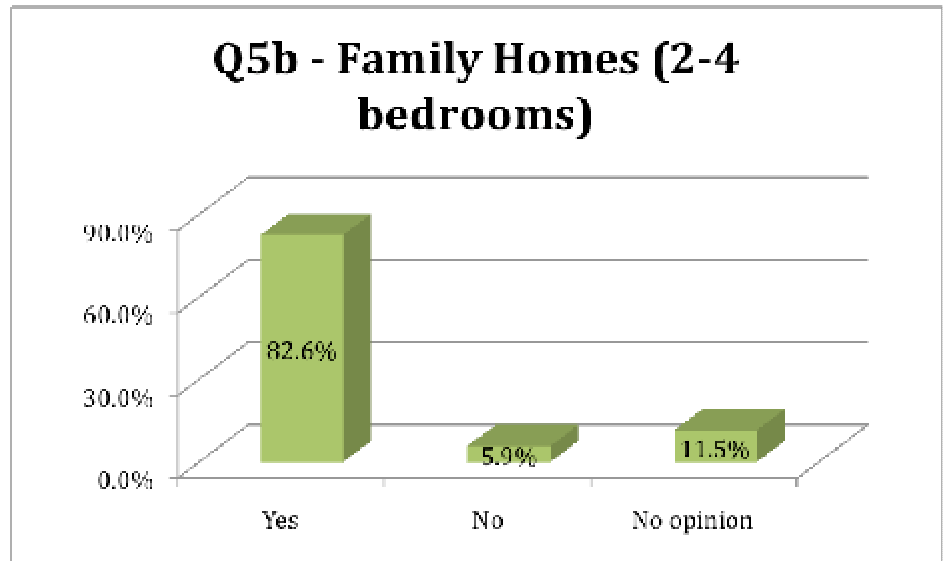


Q5. WHAT TYPES OF PROPERTY DO YOU CONSIDER WE NEED TO HAVE ON ANY NEW SITE IN THE VILLAGE?

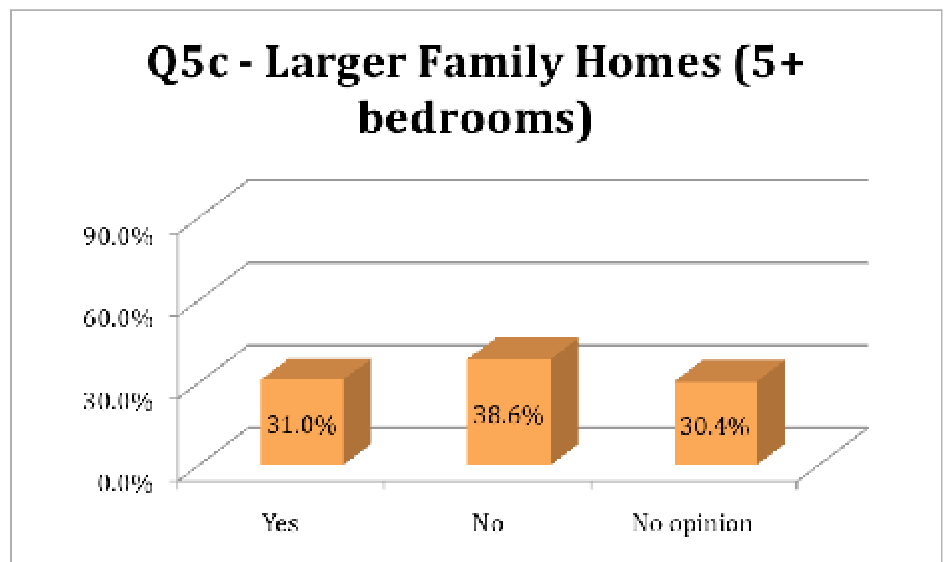
Smaller properties were favoured by a high number of respondents (77.8%)



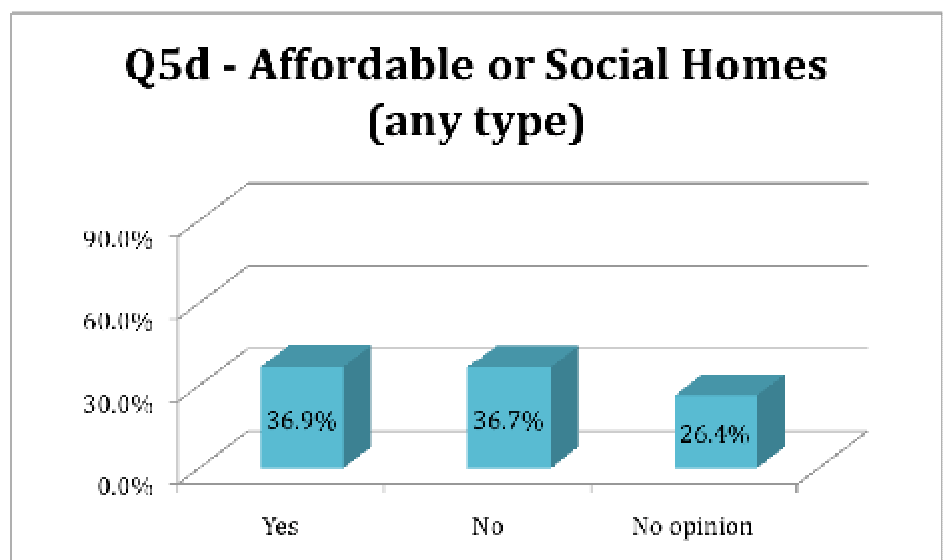
Family homes were felt to be needed by very many respondents (82.6%)



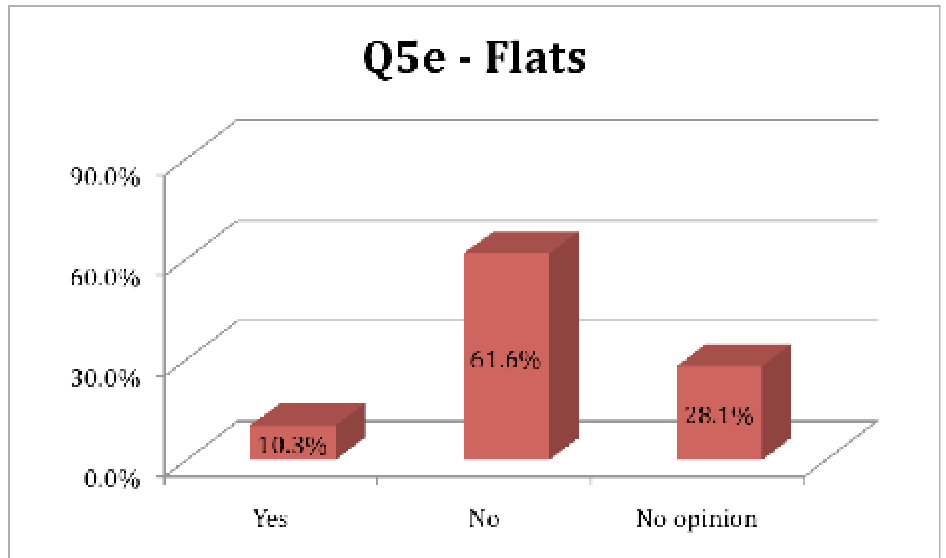
Respondents less supported larger family homes with 31.0% in favour



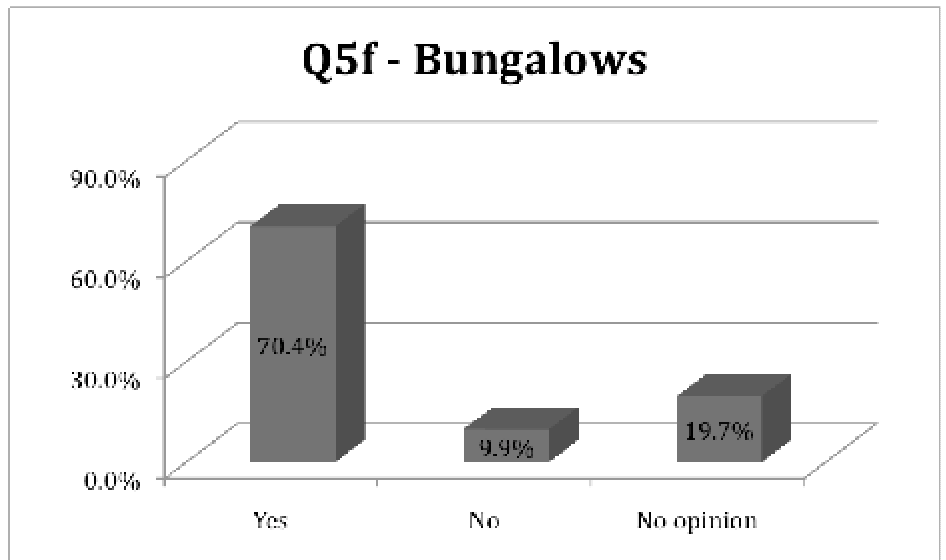
Affordable or Social homes were supported by just 36.9% of respondents however from associated comments it was clear that the less favourable scoring related more to Social homes rather than Affordable ones



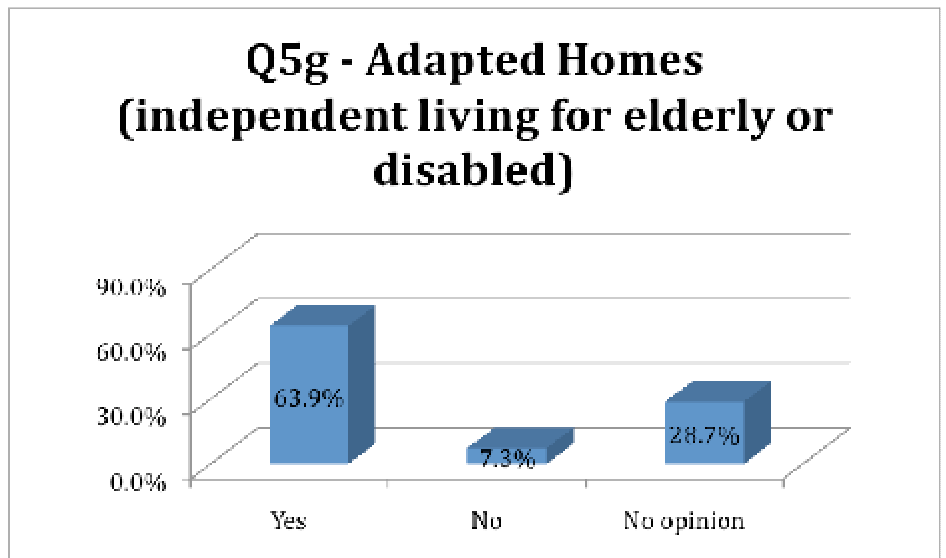
Support for flats was very low with just 10.3% of respondents in favour



The inclusion of bungalows was well supported with 70.4% of respondents in favour

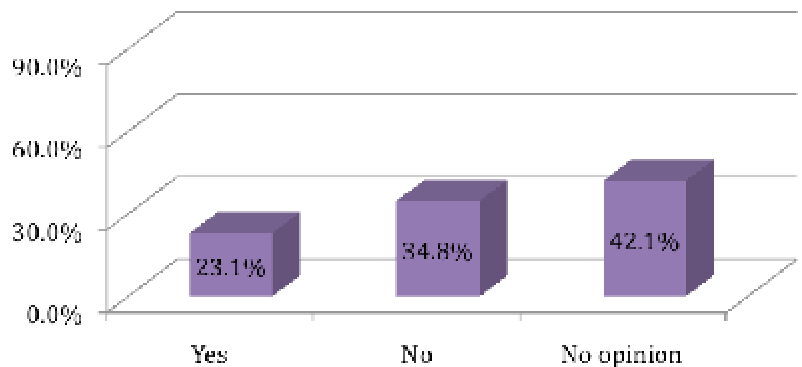


Adapted homes proved relatively popular with respondents with 63.9% in favour of their inclusion



Self or Custom build properties were supported by 23.1% of respondents

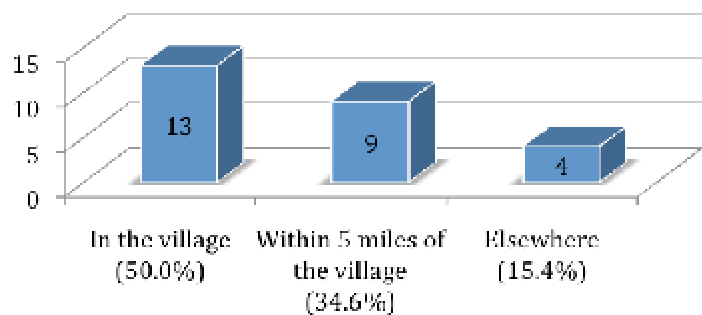
Q5h - Self or Custom Build (any type)



Q6. IF YOU ARE STILL LIVING AT HOME WITH PARENTS, WHERE MIGHT YOU WANT A HOME OF YOUR OWN?

Despite the relatively low number of responses to this question, 13 respondents (50%) wished to remain in the village

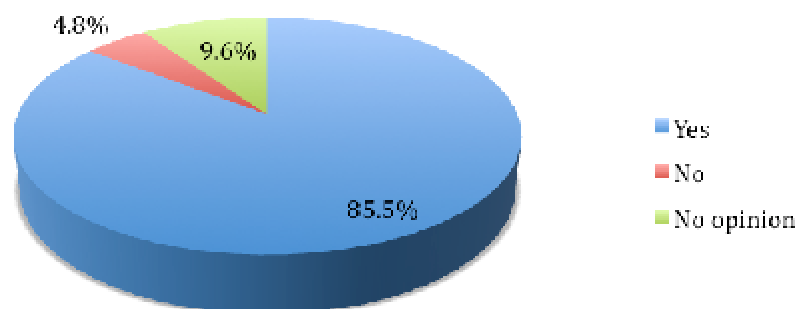
Q6 - If living at home, where might you want a home of your own



Q7. IN THE NP WE ARE PROPOSING TO SAY THAT THE FIRST LETTING OF SOME NEW RENTED HOMES IN THE VILLAGE SHOULD GO TO PEOPLE WITH A LOCAL CONNECTION. DO YOU AGREE?

First letting to people with a local connected proved very popular with respondents with 85.5% in favour

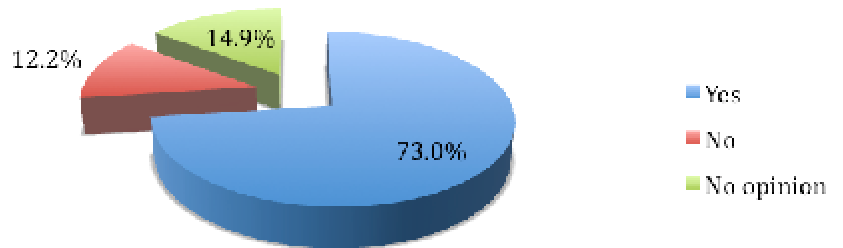
Q7 - First Letting to People with a Local Connection



Q8. THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE VILLAGE, BY A DEVELOPER, IS MAXIMISED IF THE PROPOSED 150 HOUSES ARE ALL BUILT ON ONE SITE. DO YOU SUPPORT THIS?

Strong support for this proposal with 73.0% of respondents in favour

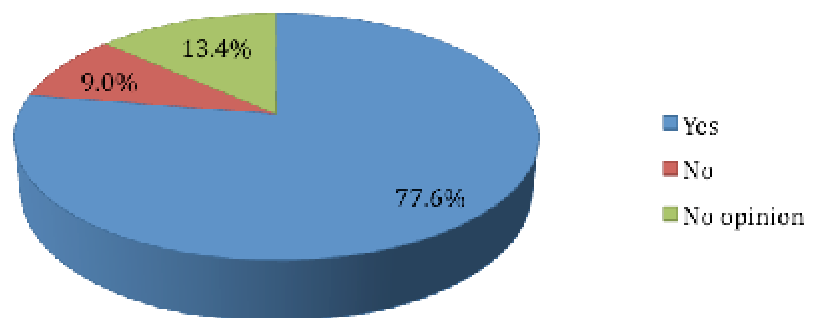
Q8 - Support 150 houses on one site to maximise financial contribution



Q9. AS YOU KNOW SITE 226 IS THE CHOSEN SITE. DO YOU SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION OF A DIRECT LINK ROAD BETWEEN FIDDLERS HILL AND THE A1124 (THE HALSTEAD ROAD)?

The proposed linkroad has significant support with 77.6% of respondents in favour

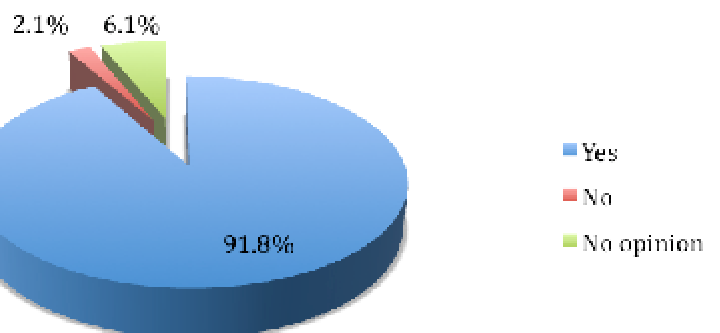
Q9 - Support of link road on site 226



Q10. IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WE ARE PROPOSING TO SAY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO BUILDINGS MORE THAN TWO STOREYS HIGH, DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS?

Restricting the height of any new buildings to two storeys was very popular with 91.8% of respondents in favour

Q10 - No buildings above two storeys



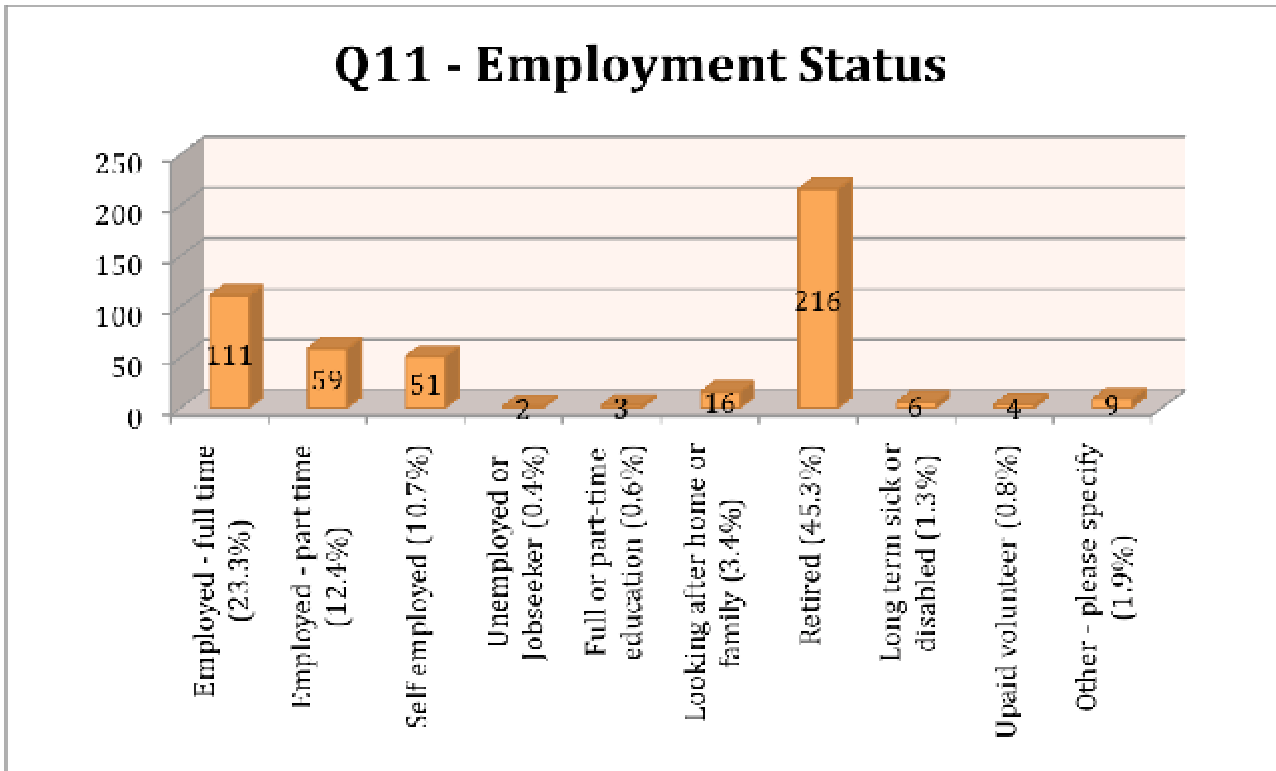
Conclusion – Respondents were very much in line with known information about the village in terms of property location, type, ownership and size. Most respondents are looking to remain where they are and of those who are looking to downsize, upsize or move, most would prefer to buy rather than rent.

For the new site a mix of properties is encouraged with particular support for family homes, smaller homes, bungalows and adapted homes. There is however, little support for flats to be included.

There is strong support for first letting with a local connection, maximising the financial contribution by utilising a single site, the proposed new link road and restricting new properties to a maximum of two storeys.

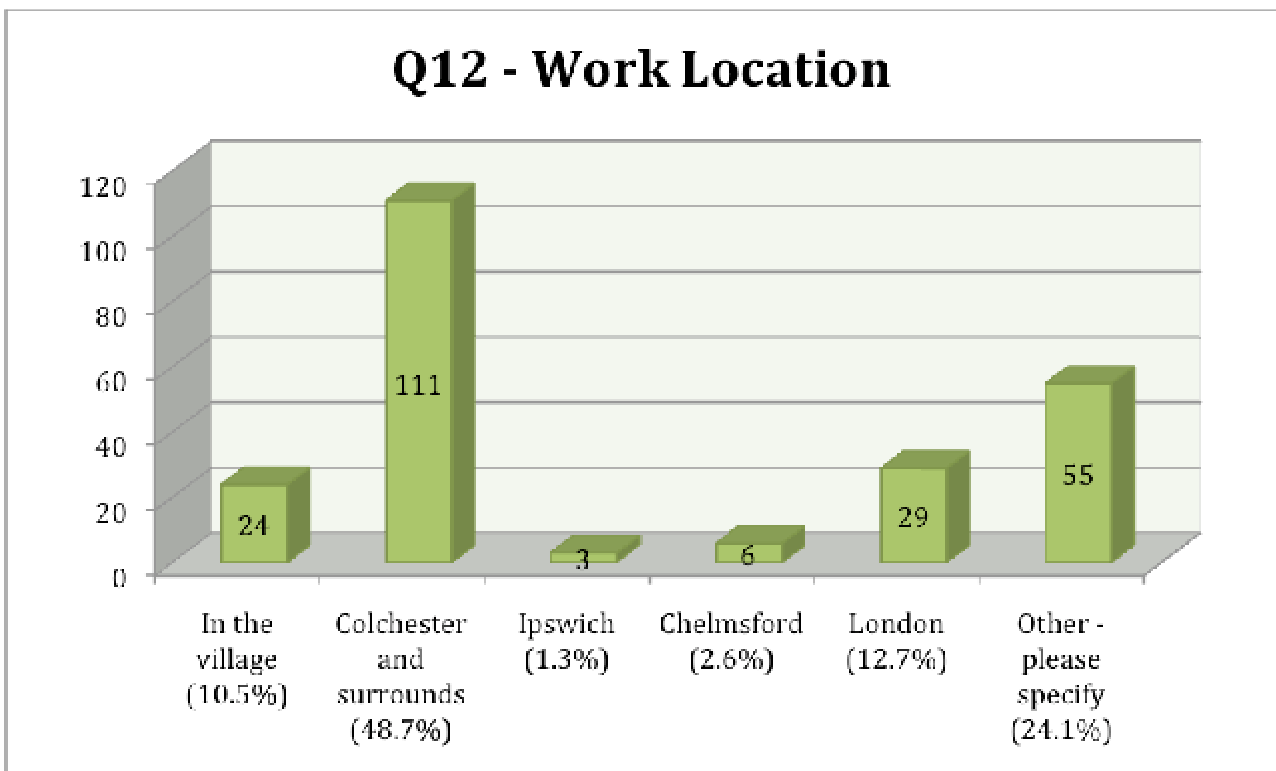
Section B - Employment

Q11. WHAT IS YOUR EMPLOYMENT STATUS?



Nearly half of all respondents (45.3%) are retired with just over a third (35.7%) employed and 10.7% self-employed

Q12. TELL US WHERE YOU WORK?

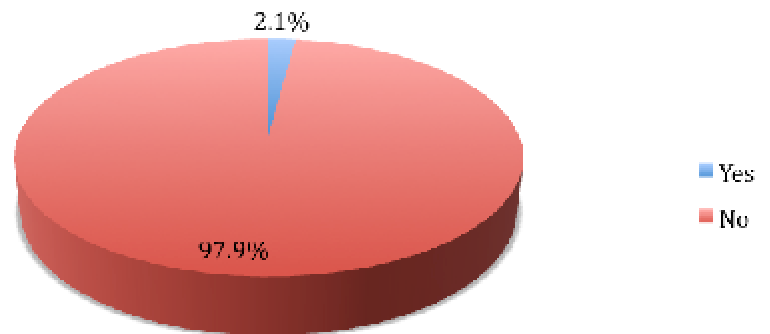


Of those who work, well over half (59.2%) work locally

Q13. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE VILLAGE?

Only a very small number of respondents (2.1%) are looking for employment in the village

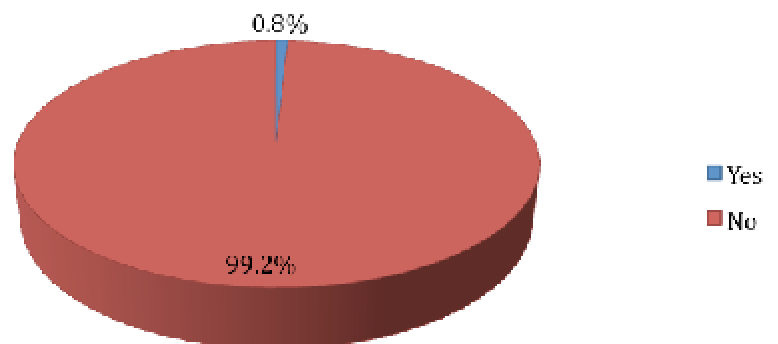
Q13 - Looking for employment in the village



Q14. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR BUSINESS PREMISES IN THE VILLAGE?

An even smaller number of respondents (just 0.8%) are looking for business premises in the village

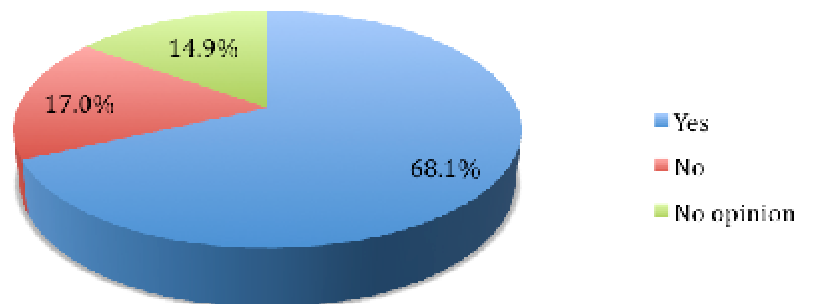
Q14 - Looking for business premises in the village



Q15. IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WE ARE PROPOSING TO SAY THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME AREAS DESIGNATED FOR SMALL BUSINESS USE WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING MORE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT. DO YOU AGREE?

There is good support (68.1%) for areas to be designated for small business use

Q15 - Areas should be designated to small business

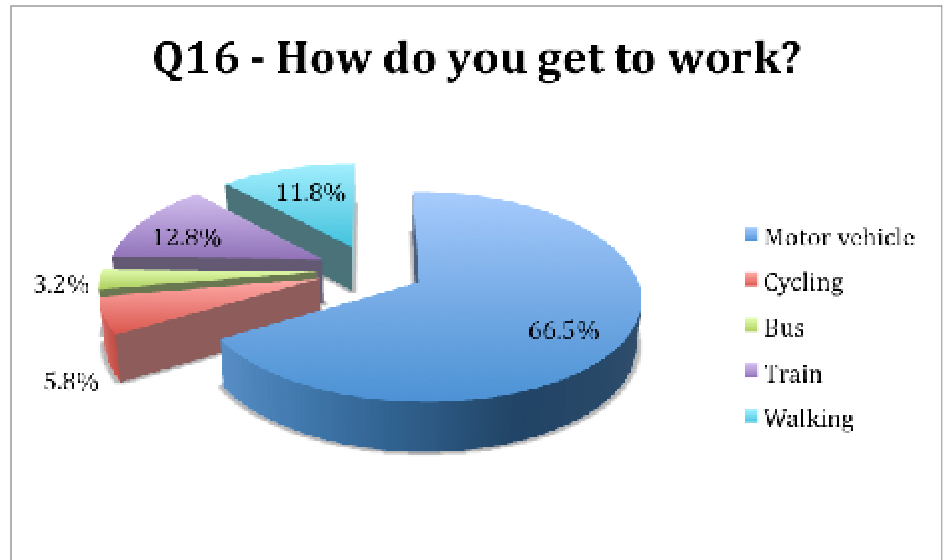


Conclusion – Respondent employment mix is in line with expectation and of those who work, nearly 60% work locally. There is little requirement for employment or business premises in the village however designated areas for small business is well supported.

Section C - Transport

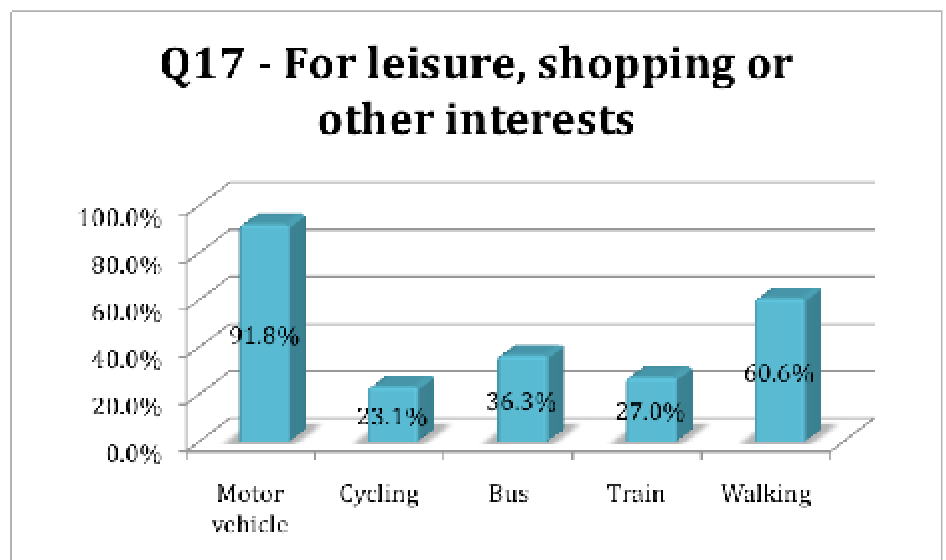
Q16. IF YOU ARE EMPLOYED OR SELF EMPLOYED, HOW DO YOU GET TO WORK? TICK AS MANY AS APPROPRIATE

Nearly two-thirds (66.5%) of respondents use a motor vehicle to get to work



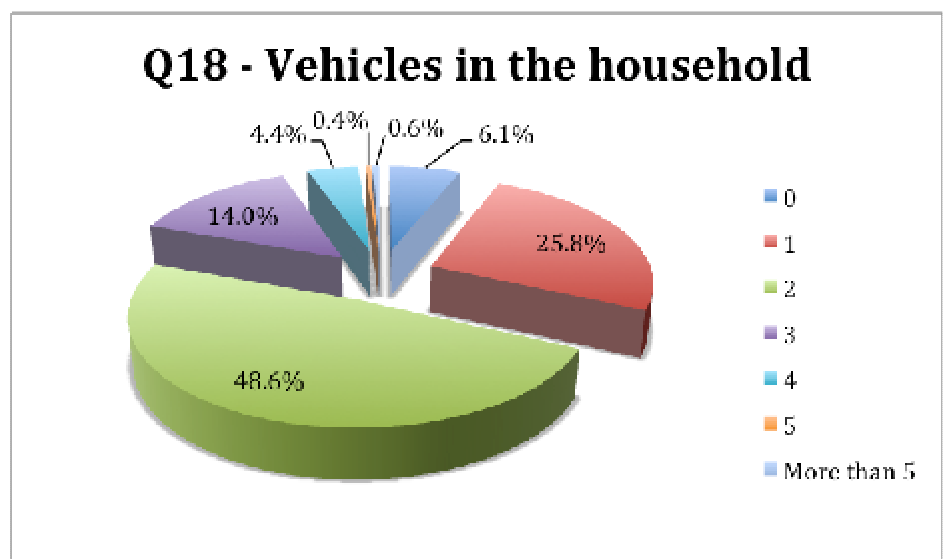
Q17. WHICH OF THESE DO YOU USE FOR LEISURE, SHOPPING OR OTHER INTERESTS? TICK AS MANY AS APPROPRIATE

Motor vehicles are used by the vast majority of respondents (91.8%) for leisure, shopping or other interests but walking is also popular at 60.6%



Q18. HOW MANY MOTOR VEHICLES DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

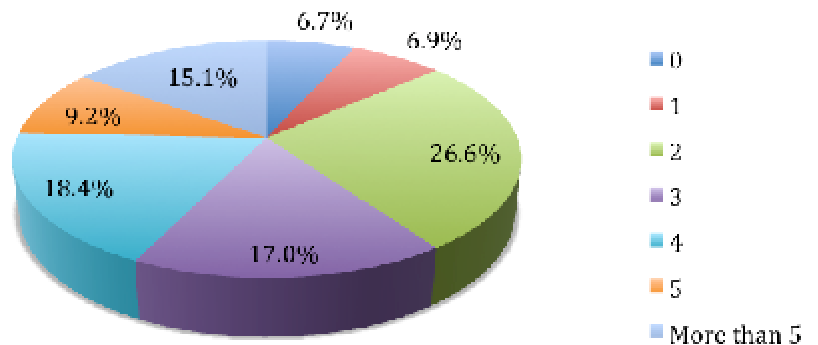
A large proportion of respondents (68.1%) have two or more vehicles in the household



Q19. HOW MANY OFF-ROAD PARKING SPACES DO YOU HAVE ON YOUR PROPERTY?

The vast majority of properties (86.7%) have two or more off-road parking spaces with 42.7% having four or more

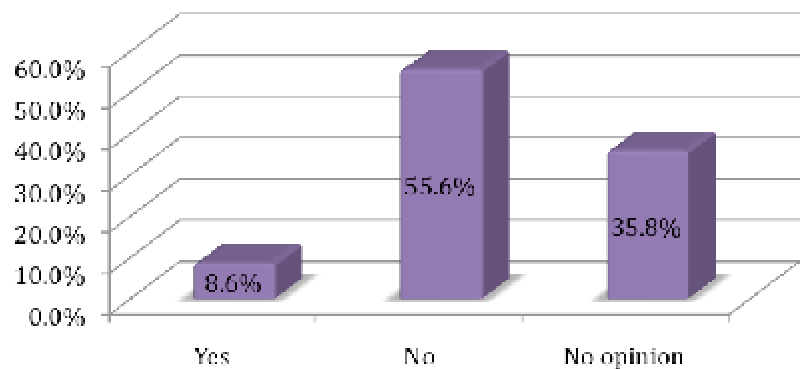
Q19 - Car park spaces per household



Q20. IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO BUY/USE AN ELECTRIC/HYBRID CAR IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

There appears to be little appetite at present (8.6%) for electric or hybrid cars

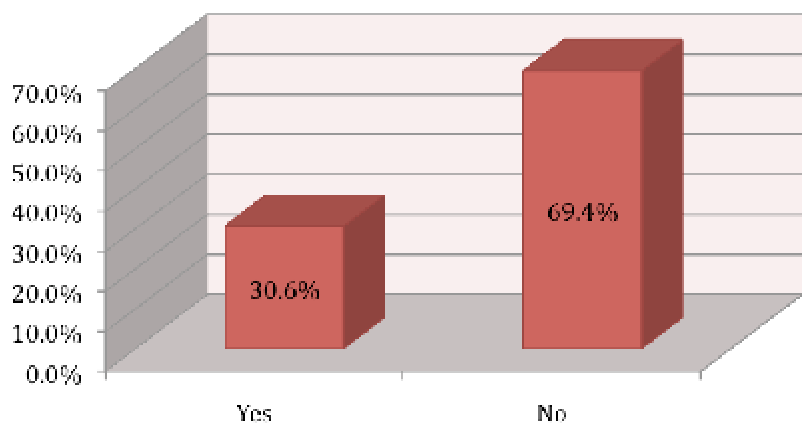
Q20 - Electric / Hybrid car in the next 5 years



Q21. DO YOU CYCLE FOR LEISURE PURPOSES?

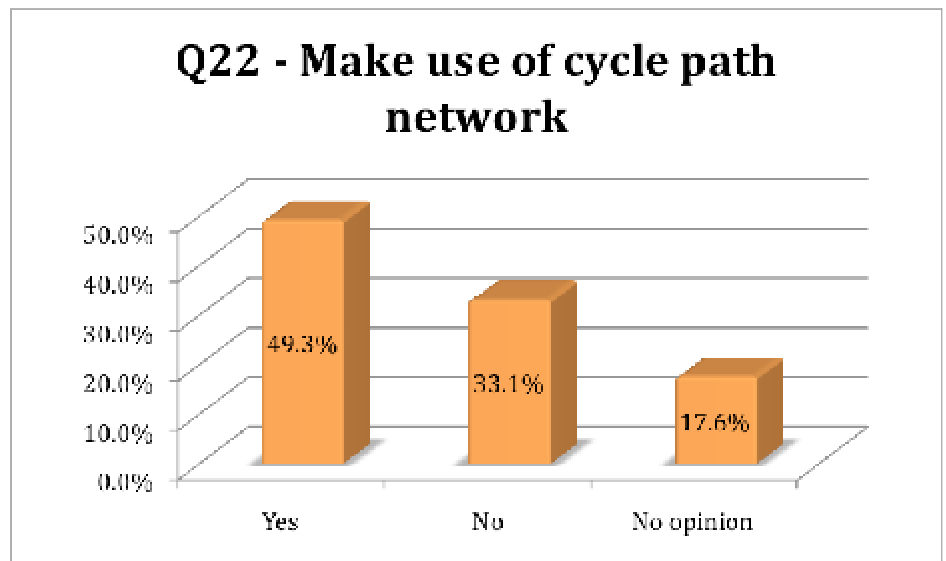
Nearly a third of respondents (30.6%) cycle for leisure purposes

Q21 - Cycling for leisure purposes



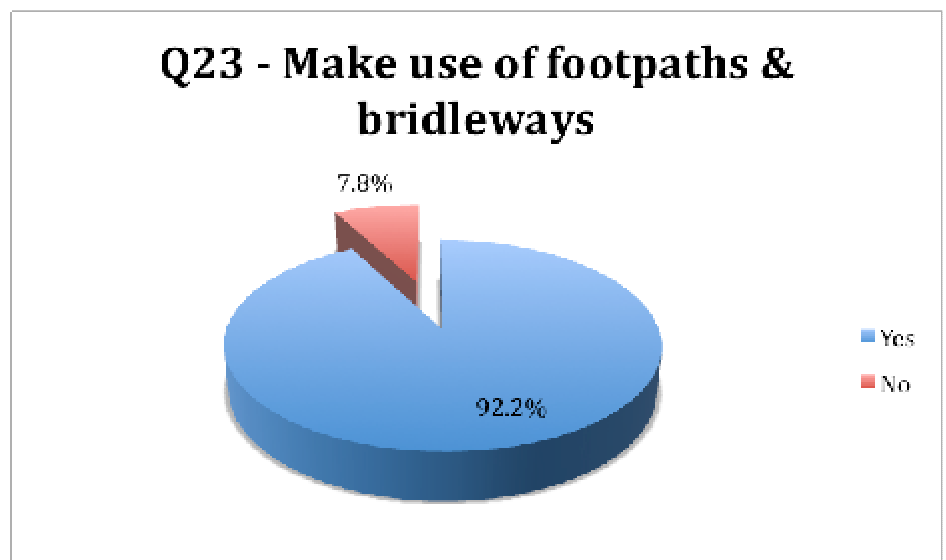
Q22. IF THERE WERE A CYCLE PATH NETWORK IN THE VILLAGE, WOULD THIS ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE USE OF IT?

Encouragingly, nearly half (49.3%) of respondents would make use of a cycle path network if one were available in the village



Q23. DO YOU USE THE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS IN THE VILLAGE?

The vast majority of respondents (92.2%) make use of the local footpaths and bridleways



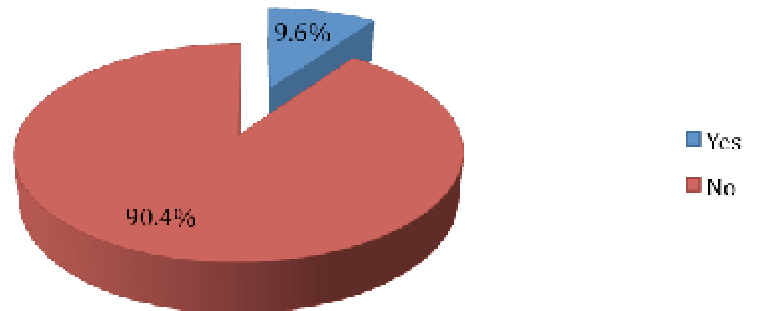
Conclusion – Motor vehicles are used by the majority for getting to work and for leisure, shopping and other interests. A large majority of respondents have two or more vehicles in their household with more than sufficient off-road parking spaces in most instances. There is little appetite for electric or hybrid cars at present and, whilst around a third of respondents cycle for leisure, nearly half would use a cycle path network if it were available. A very high proportion of respondents use the local footpaths and bridleways.

Section D – Essential Infrastructure

Q24. DO YOU HAVE SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Currently, only a small minority of respondents (9.6%) has solar panels on their property

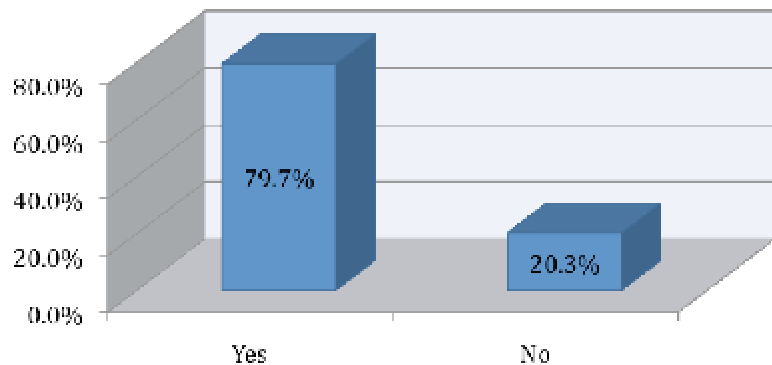
Q24 - Solar panels on the property



Q25. DO YOU HAVE GAS SUPPLIED TO YOUR PROPERTY?

Many properties in the village (79.7%) current have gas supplied

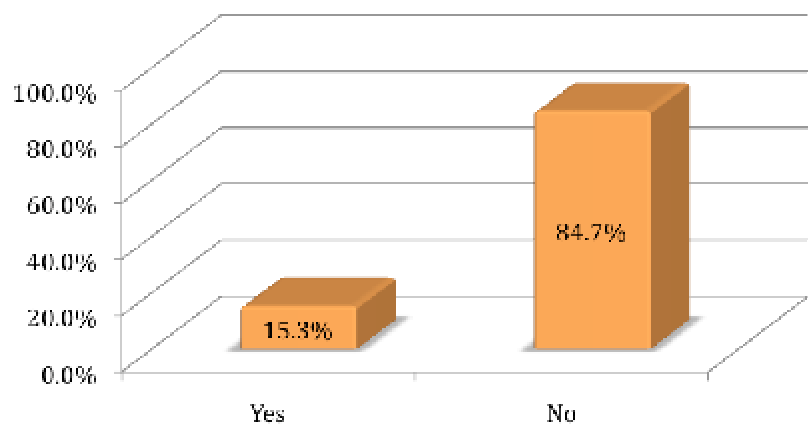
Q25 - Gas supplied to the property



Q26. DO YOU HAVE SMART METERS FOR SERVICES INSTALLED IN YOUR PROPERTY?

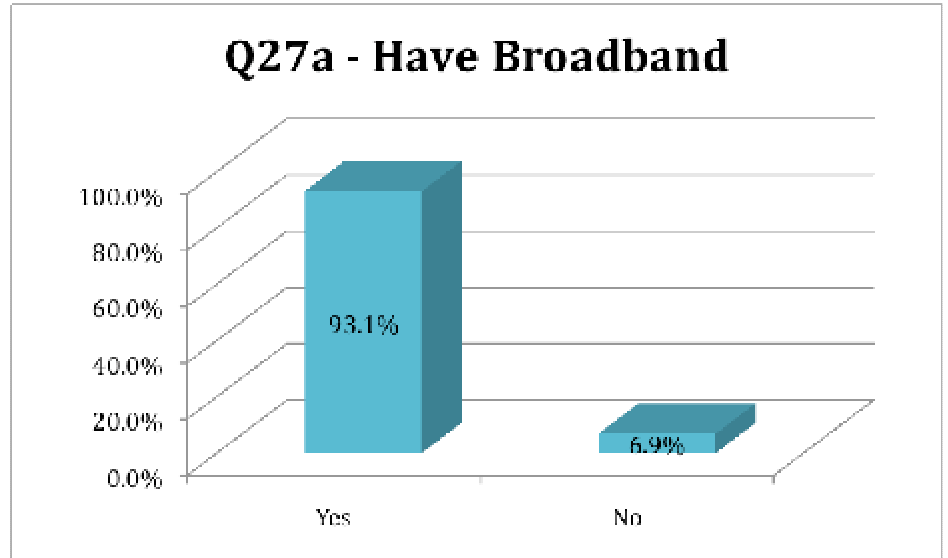
Only a small minority of respondents (15.3%) has had smart meters installed so far

Q26 - Smart Meters installed

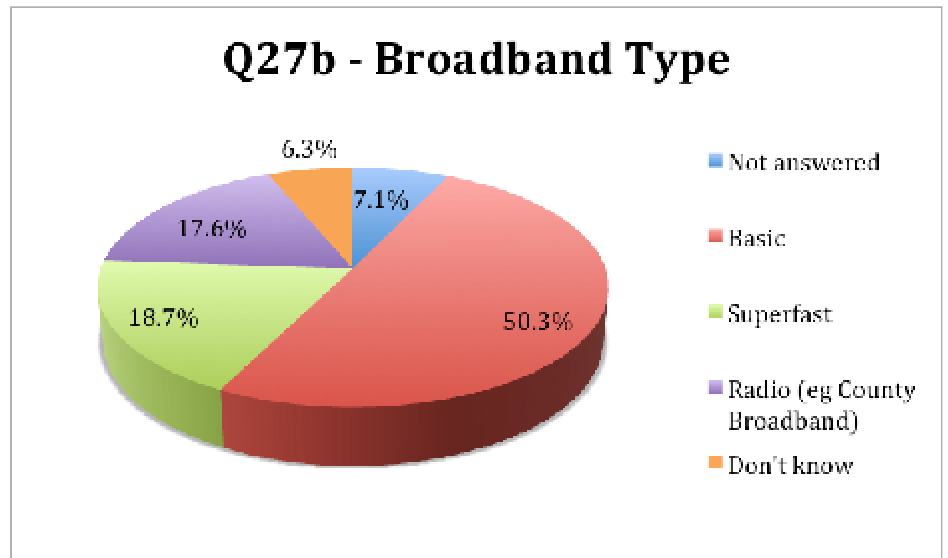


Q27. DO YOU HAVE BROADBAND IN YOUR PROPERTY?

The vast majority of respondents (93.1%) have broadband in their property

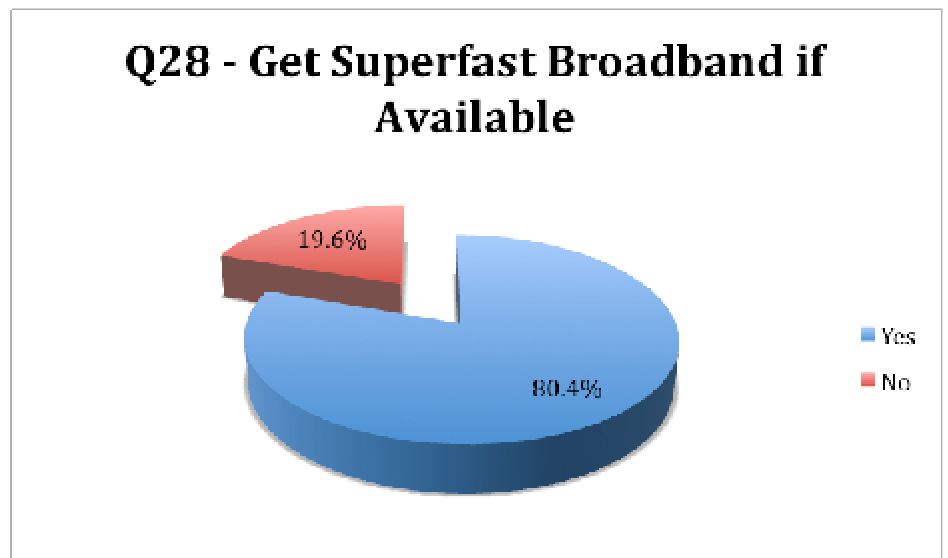


Just over half of respondents (50.3%) only have basic broadband



Q28. IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO CHANGE TO SUPERFAST BROADBAND IF IT BECOMES AVAILABLE?

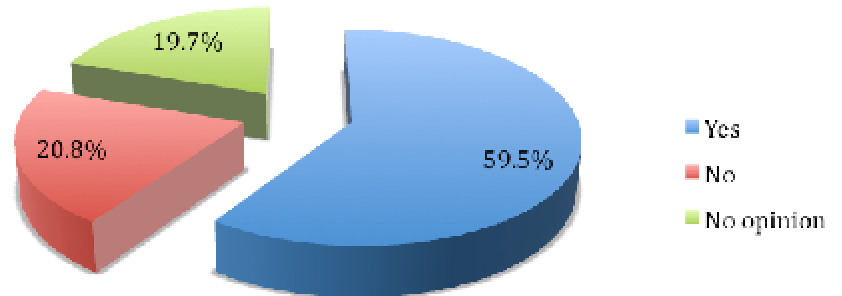
Superfast broadband is popular with 80.4% of respondents showing intent to upgrade if it became available



Q29. DO YOU THINK THE VILLAGE NEEDS A NEW VILLAGE HALL?

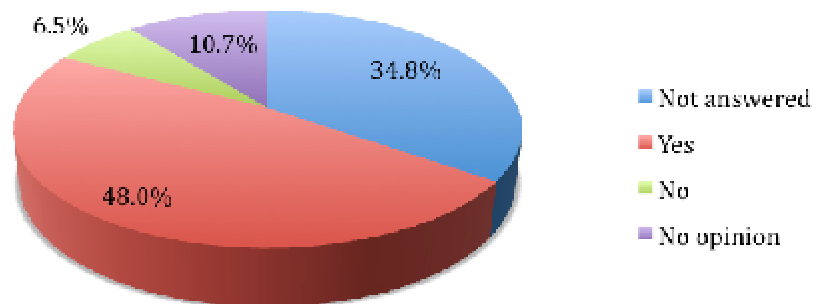
Nearly two-thirds (59.5%) of respondents believe that the village needs a new village hall

Q29a - Need a New Village Hall



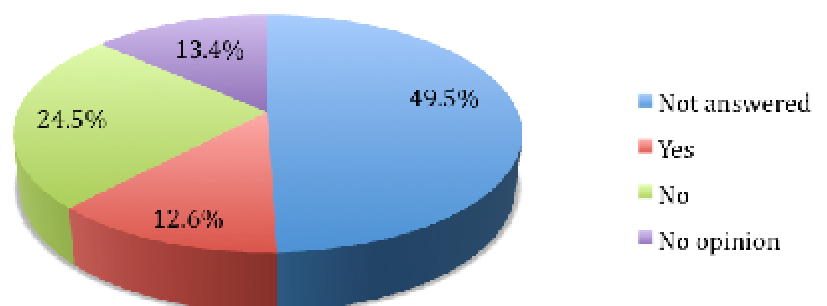
On the question of location, the most popular place is next to the church with 48.0% of respondents in favour of this

Q29b - Be Built Next to the Church (where the scout hut used to be)



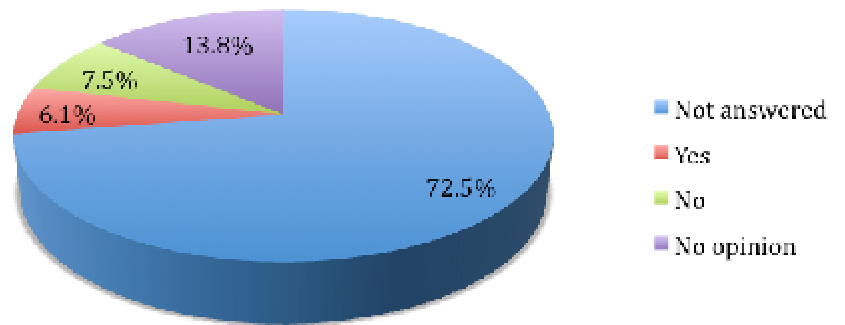
Rebuilding on the existing site was much less popular with just 12.6% of respondents in favour of retaining this location

Q29c - Be Rebuilt on the Existing Site



Different sites were also suggested including on new site 226 however just 6.1% of respondents were in favour of a different site

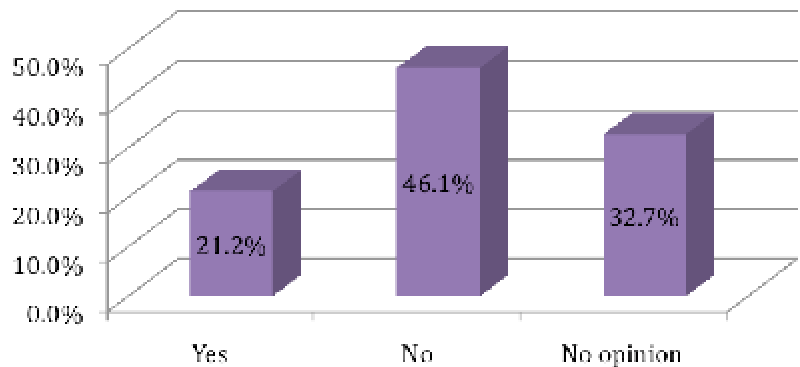
Q29d - Be Built on a Different Site



Q30. WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO HELP PAY FOR A NEW VILLAGE HALL?

Whilst nearly half of respondents were in favour of a new village hall, 21.2% would also be prepared to help pay for it

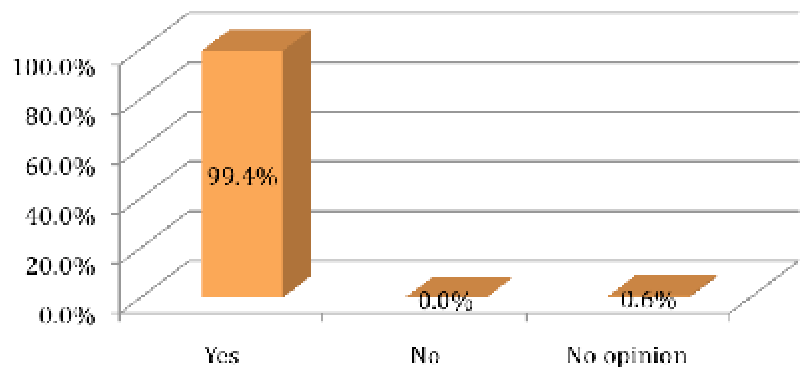
Q30 - Be Prepared to Pay Towards a New Village Hall



Q31. SHOULD OPEN SPACES, TREES AND NATURE RESERVES AROUND AND WITHIN THE VILLAGE, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, BE RETAINED?

There was overwhelming support (99.4%) to retain open spaces, trees and nature reserves

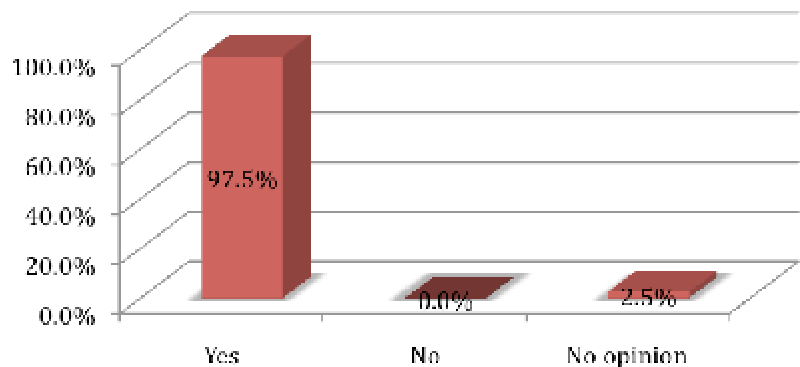
Q31 - Retain Open Spaces, Trees and Nature Reserves



Q32. SHOULD PLANTING ASSOCIATED WITH NEW BUILDINGS ENCOURAGE, AND BE SYMPATHETIC TO WILDLIFE AND BIO DIVERSITY?

There was very strong support (97.5%) for any planting to be sympathetic to wildlife and biodiversity

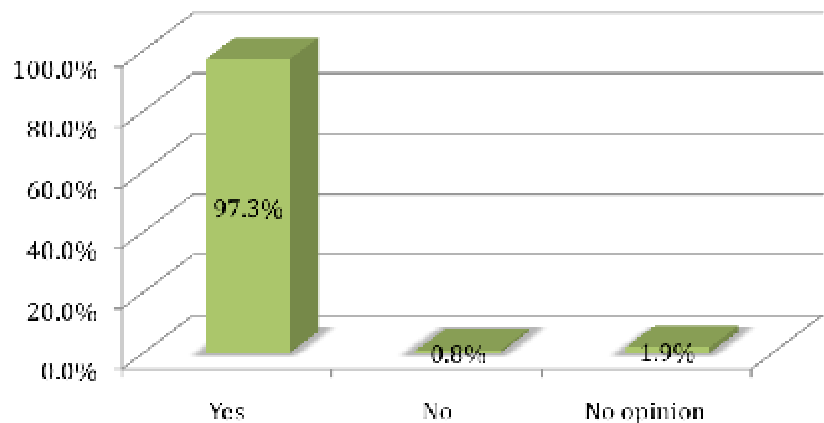
Q32 - Planting Be Sympathetic to Wildlife & Biodiversity



Q33. SHOULD THE GREEN SPACES THAT SEPARATE EIGHT ASH GREEN FROM STANWAY, COPFORD, ALDHAM, MARKS TEY, GREAT TEY, WEST BERGHOLT, AND FORDHAM BE PRESERVED?

There was also very strong support (97.3%) for green spaces to be preserved

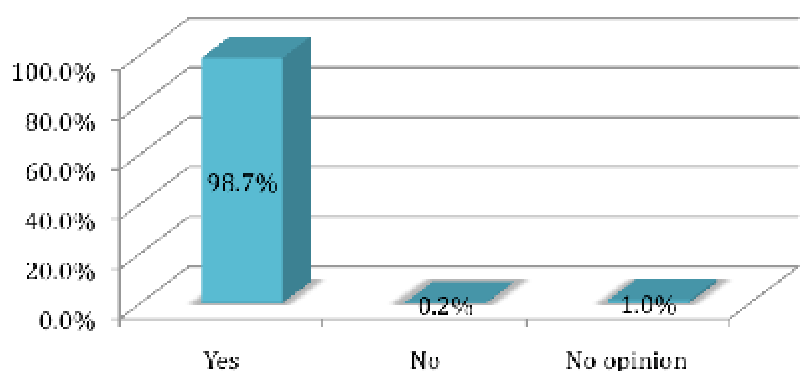
Q33 - Green Spaces Be Preserved



Q34. SHOULD THE HEATH AND ASSOCIATED WILD MEADOW AREAS SURROUNDING IT BE PRESERVED?

Again, very strong support (98.7%) for the heath and associated wild meadow areas to be preserved

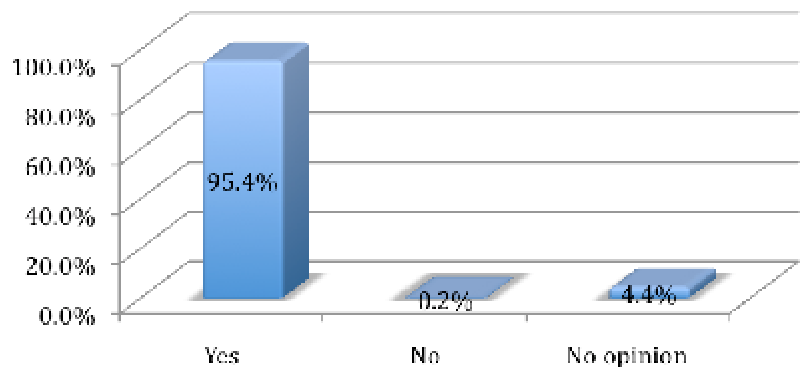
Q34 - The Heath and Associated Wild Meadow Areas Be Preserved



Q35. DO YOU AGREE THE COLNE VALLEY TO THE NORTH OF THE VILLAGE IS AN IMPORTANT SETTING TO THE VILLAGE AND SHOULD BE PRESERVED?

The preservation of the Colne Valley setting was supported by a high number of respondents (95.4%)

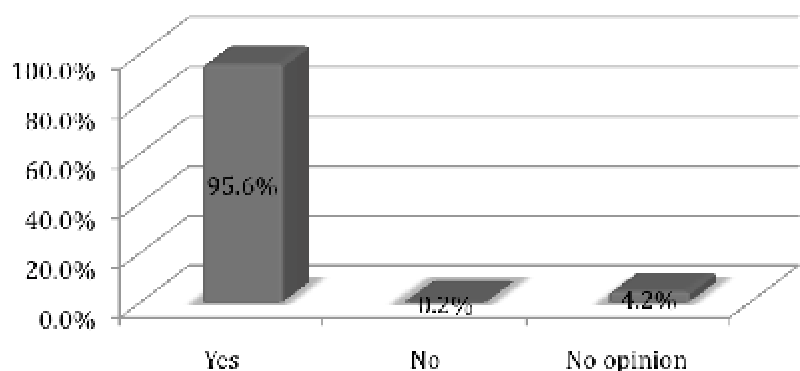
Q35 - Colne Valley an Important Setting and Be Preserved



Q36. DO YOU AGREE THE IRON LATCH NATURE RESERVE SHOULD BE PRESERVED?

Support for the preservation of the Iron Latch nature reserve was also high with 95.6% of respondents in favour

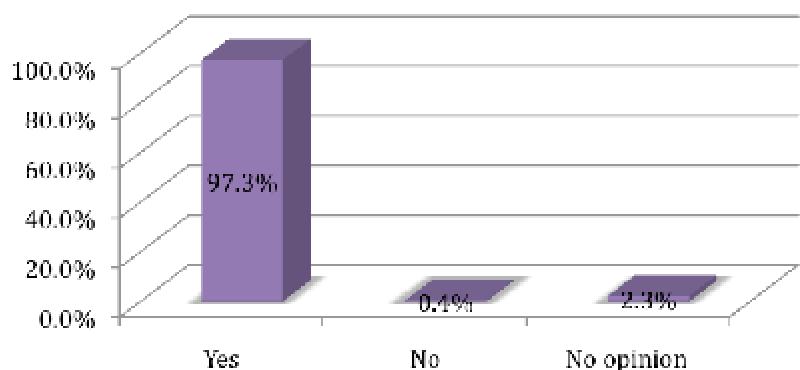
Q36 - Iron Latch Nature Reserve Be Preserved



Q37. SHOULD NATIVE HEDGEROWS ON FIELD BOUNDARIES BE ENCOURAGED?

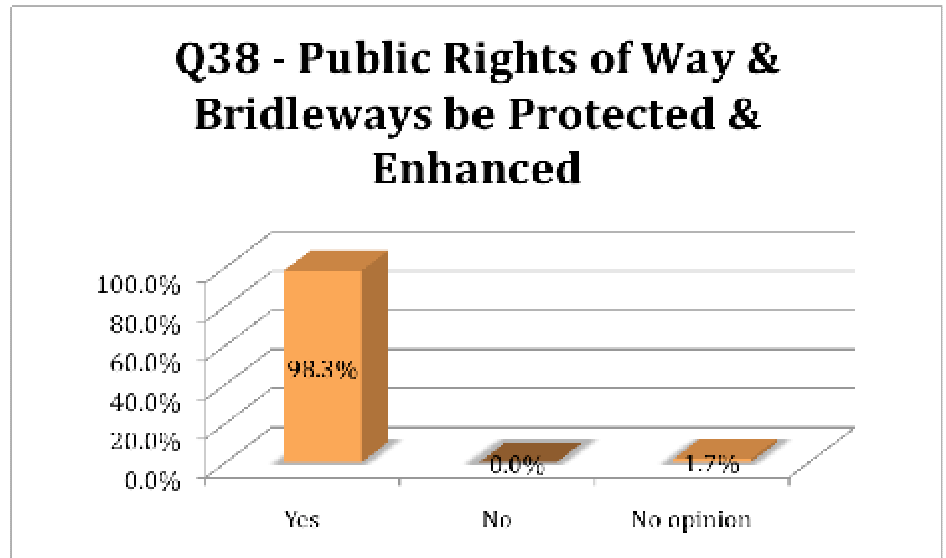
Strong support also noted for the encouragement of native hedges on field boundaries with 97.3% of respondents in favour

Q37 - Native Hedgerows on Field Boundaries be Encouraged



Q38. SHOULD PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK AND BRIDLEWAYS, AN IMPORTANT ASSET IN THE VILLAGE, BE PROTECTED AND ENHANCED?

Very high support from respondents (98.3%) to protect and enhance public rights of way and bridleways



Conclusion – Gas availability is high however the take up of solar panels and smart meters is still relatively low. Whilst the vast majority of households have broadband around half only have the basic version however a significant majority would upgrade to Superfast if it were available.

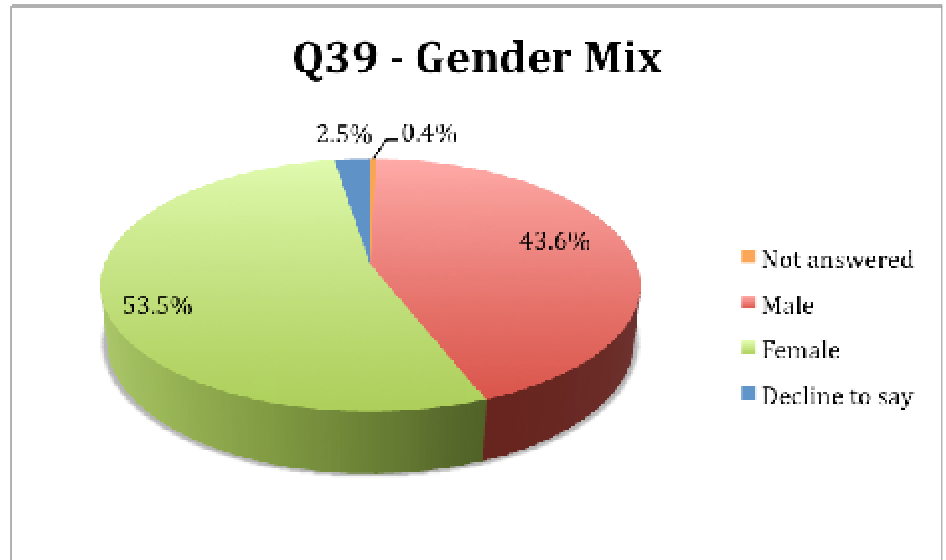
There is support for a new village hall with the preference being to move the location to next to the church (where the scout hut used to be).

There is strong and overwhelming support to retain and/or enhance open/green spaces, nature reserves, wild meadow areas etc as well as protecting public rights of way and bridleways.

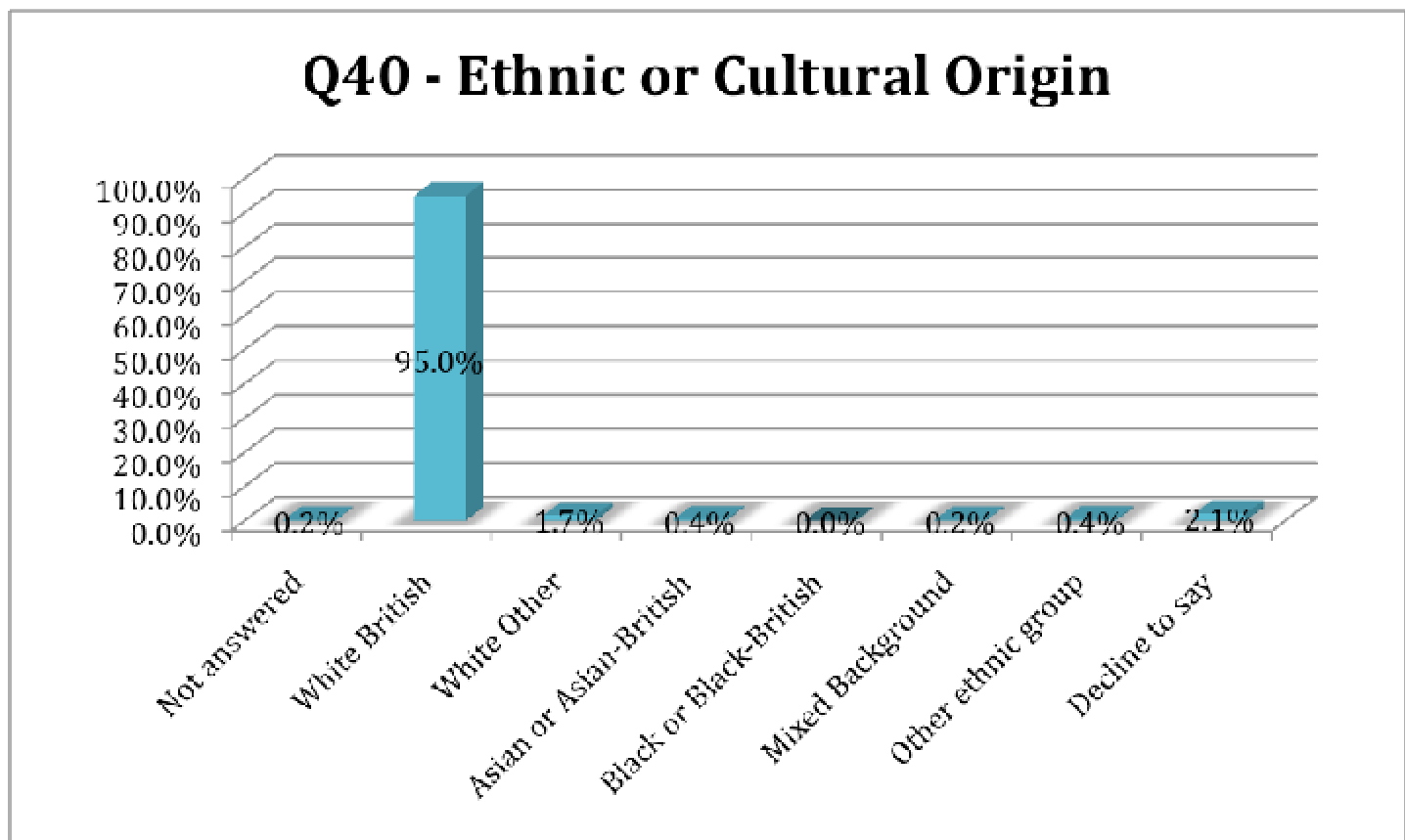
Section E – Personal Profile

Q39. WHAT GENDER ARE YOU?

The gender mix is broadly in line with expectations



Q40. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR ETHNIC OR CULTURAL ORIGIN?

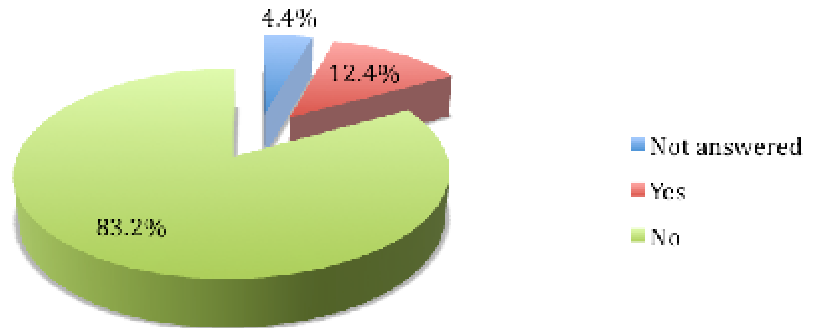


The vast majority of respondents (95.0%) consider themselves White British however this is in line with expectations

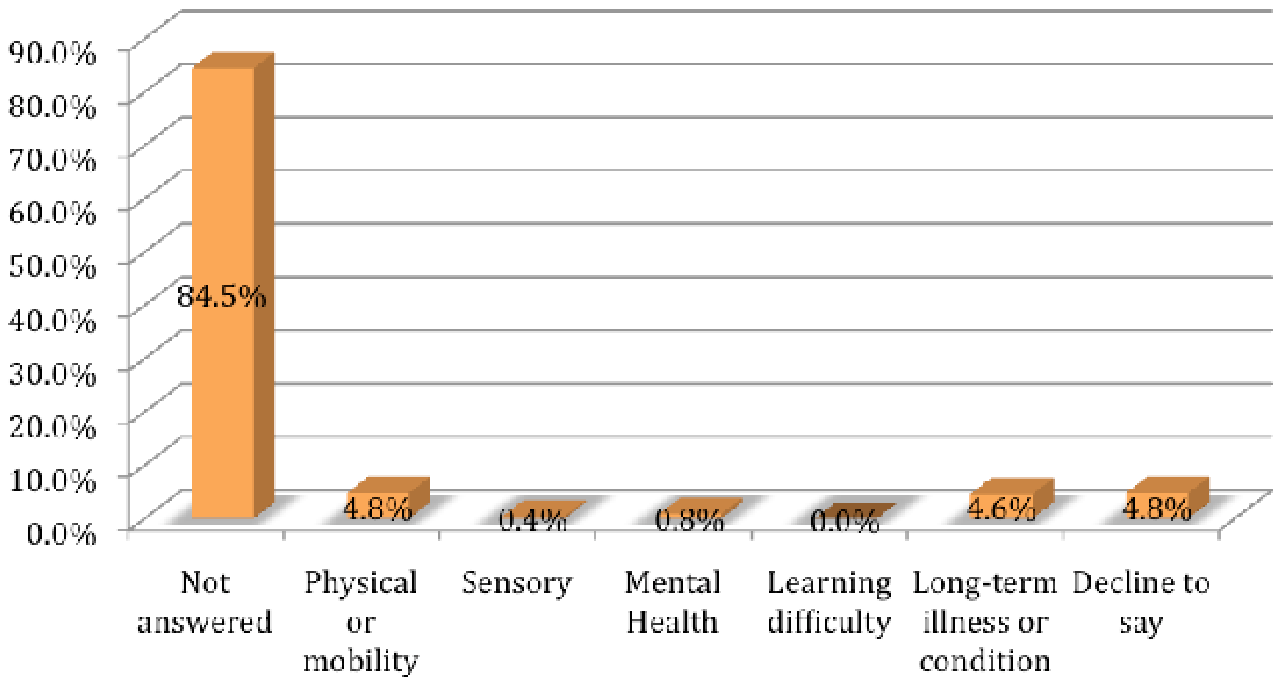
Q41. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO HAVE A DISABILITY UNDER THE EQUALITY ACT 2010?

A minority of respondents (12.4%) consider themselves to have a disability

Q41a - Have a Disability under the equality Act 2010



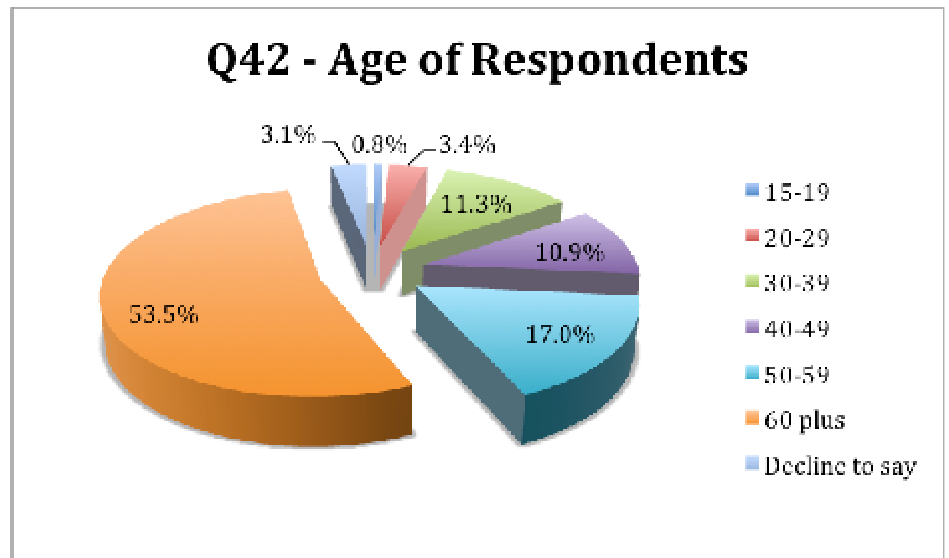
Q41b - Type of Disability



Of those respondents who consider themselves to have a disability, physical or mobility and long-term illness or condition were the most common

Q42. HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Over half of the respondents (53.5%) were aged 60 or over and just 4.2% were under 30.



Conclusion – Gender and ethnic or cultural origin mix was broadly in line with expectations. A minority of respondents consider themselves as having a disability under the Equality Act 2010. The majority of respondents were from the older age groups with limited representation from the younger age groups.