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# Stanton Drew Parish - Neighbourhood Plan Survey

*First Draft*

March 2017

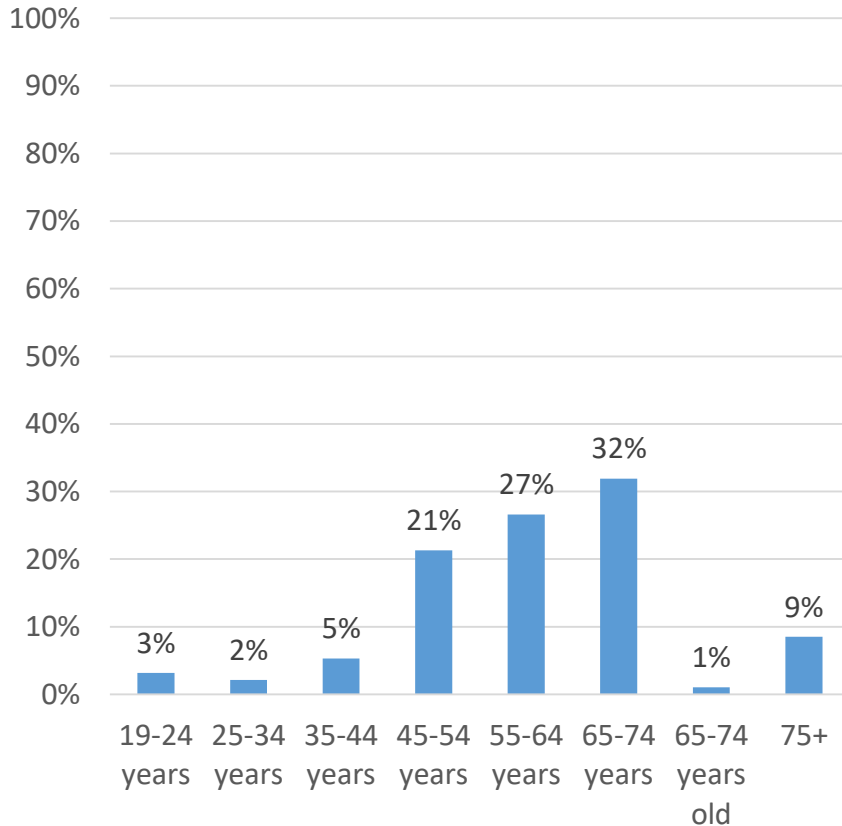
# Background to the project

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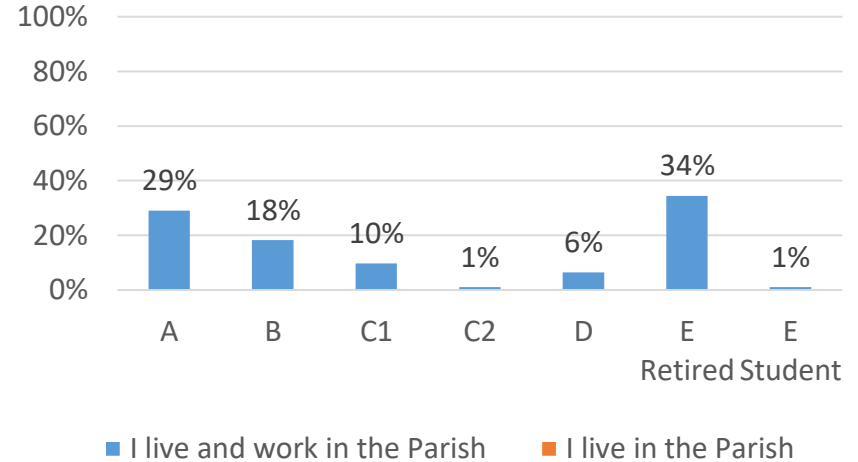
- Following a previous study that ragdoll conducted, this extended on a number of popular points and was once again conducted both online and via paper based survey.
- The delivery of the surveys commenced at the beginning of February and ran for a month.
- The closing date of fieldwork was the 1<sup>st</sup> of March by then we had received 98 completes – 75 paper and 23 online.
- All data was combined and the following slides outline the findings, including the individual suggestions from the respondents.

# Demographics of those who responded

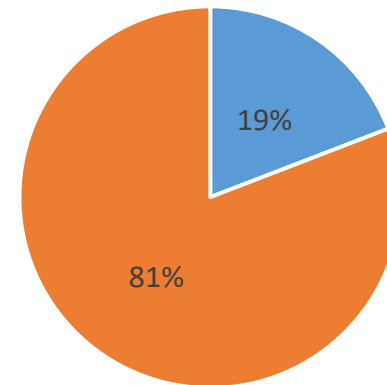
## Age



## Occupation



■ I live and work in the Parish   ■ I live in the Parish



The majority of respondents live and work in the Parish and are aged over 45.

# Village Hub and the Village Hall

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## ***A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:***

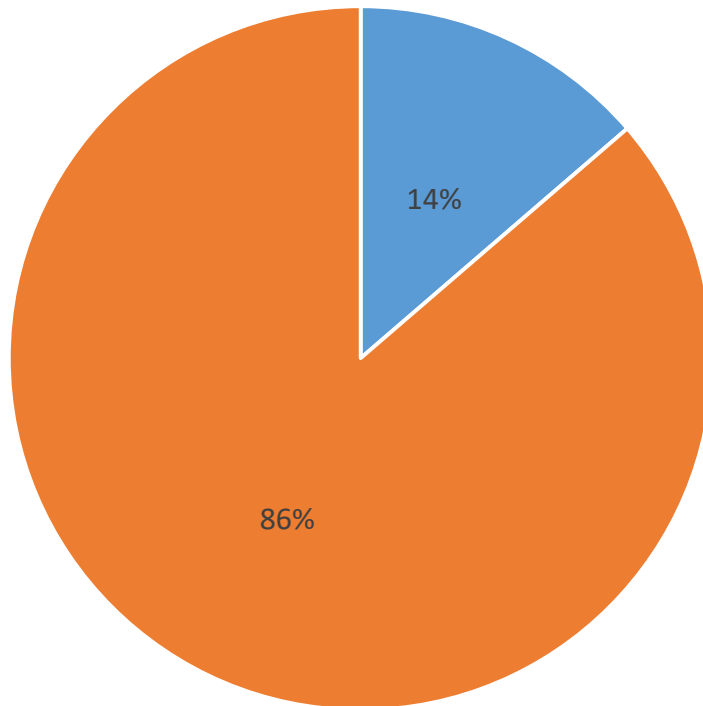
*"Our previous questionnaire demonstrated a strong desire to form a village hub (a place where various facilities are situated together e.g. local sports, recreation, shopping, meeting, education). The current Village Hall provides a focus point for such a hub; though its facilities are limited to its present location and it has limited capacity for easy expansion.*

*We want to hear your views in respect to the Village Hall and its future development. Any changes proposed for the Village Hall would be subject to financial feasibility and planning permission."*

# Expanding the Village Hall

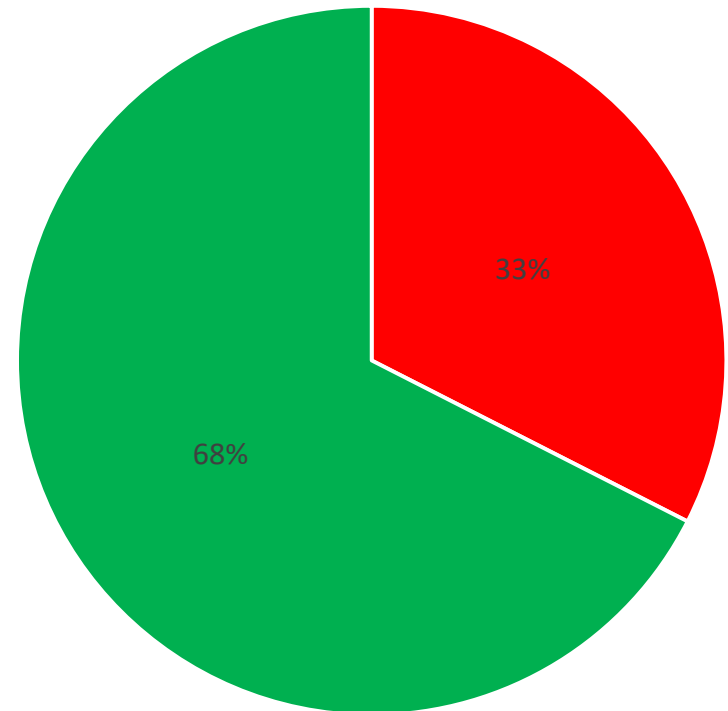
*Do you think more should be done with the Village Hall?*

■ No ■ Yes



*Do you feel if the Village Hall were to expand its uses, that the hall itself should also be bigger?*

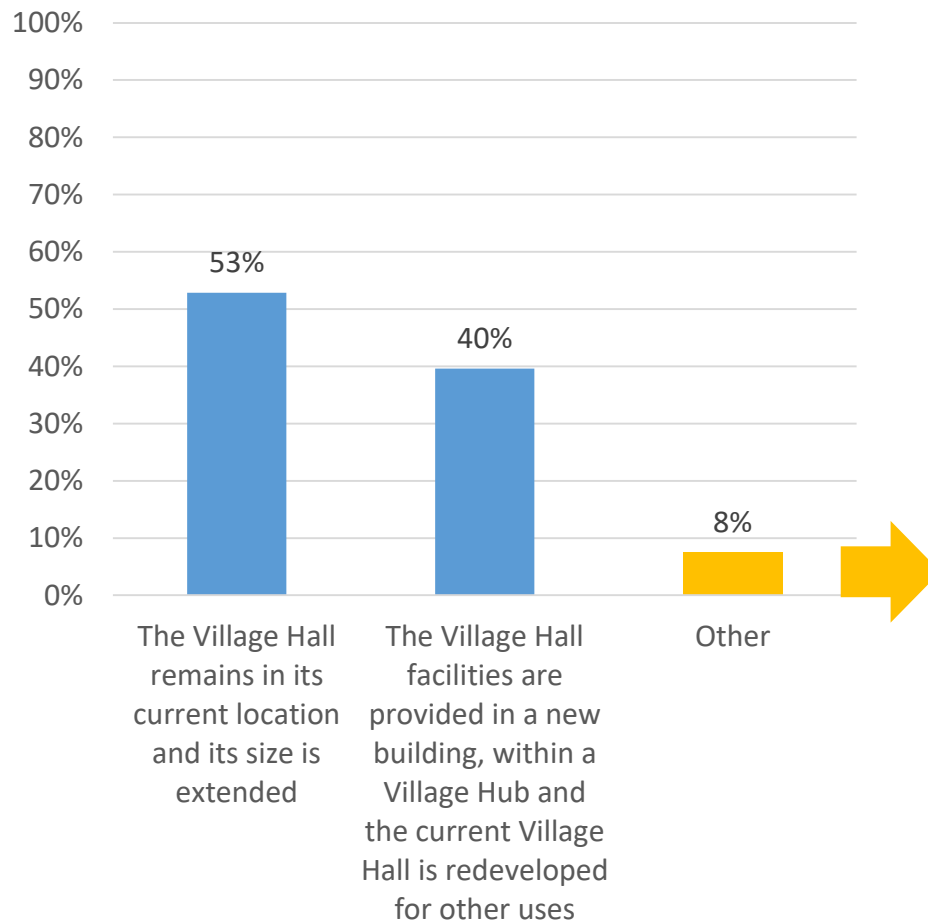
■ No ■ Yes



The majority of respondents felt that more should be done with the village hall. The general thinking is that it should be expanded.

# Improving facilities

***If the facilities are to be improved, we envisage two options and we would like your views on these ?***



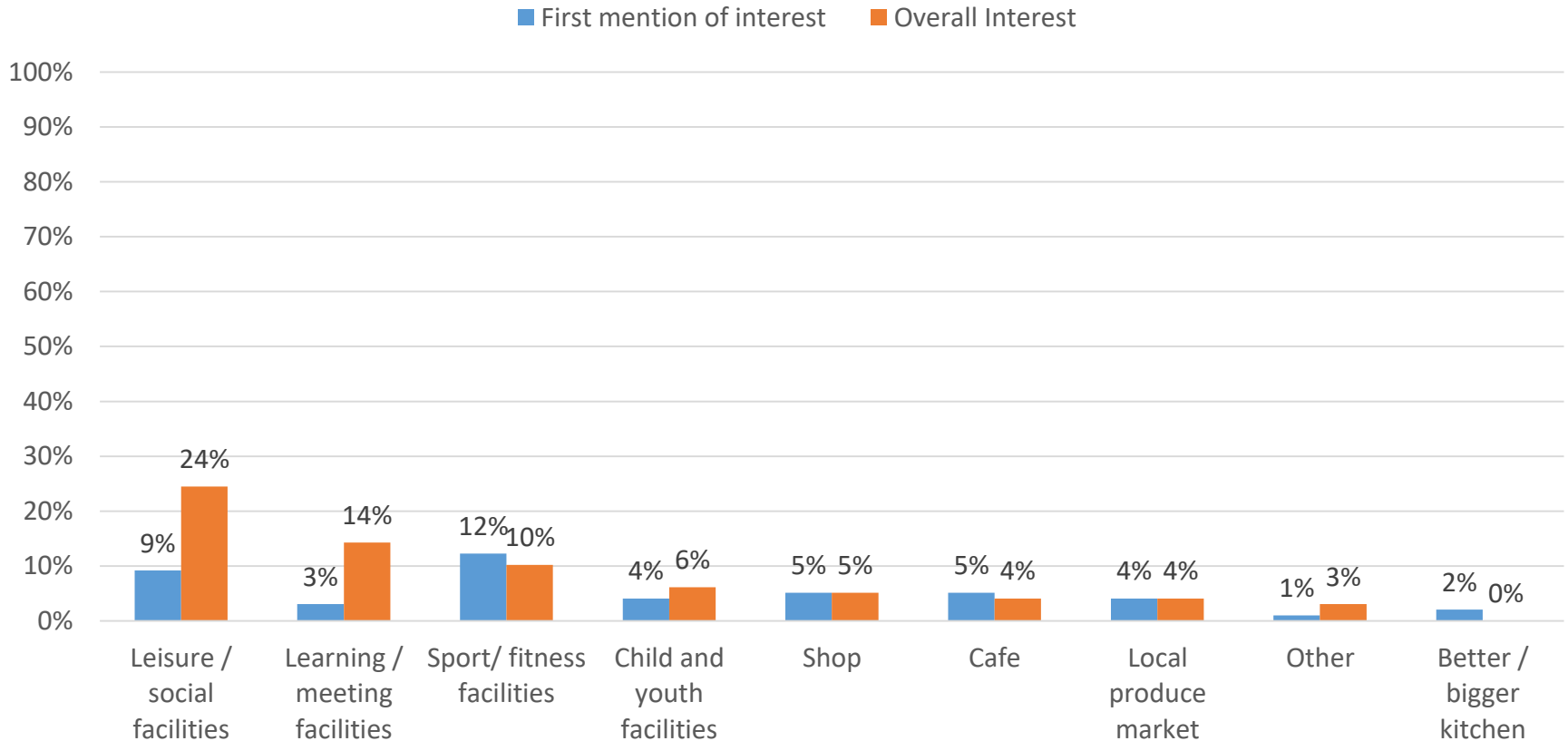
## **Suggestions**

- *I consider the lecture hall should remain as a community building / as the pre-school facility and we have an additional village hub, café + shop near on site*
- *Size could still be extended but priority for storage. Playgroup should be accommodated elsewhere leaving the hall free for more diverse uses*
- *Keep the Hall as it is and create a separate sports hall.*
- *Without knowing where an other hub might be impossible to pick one or the other option*
- *Build a village hall where most people live and can walk to it*
- *An extension specifically for the pre-school*

**It is typically seen that the Village Hall should stay in its current location but extend.**

# Interest of additional facilities

***If the Village were to expand its range of facilities what would you be interested in?  
Please list in order of preference.***

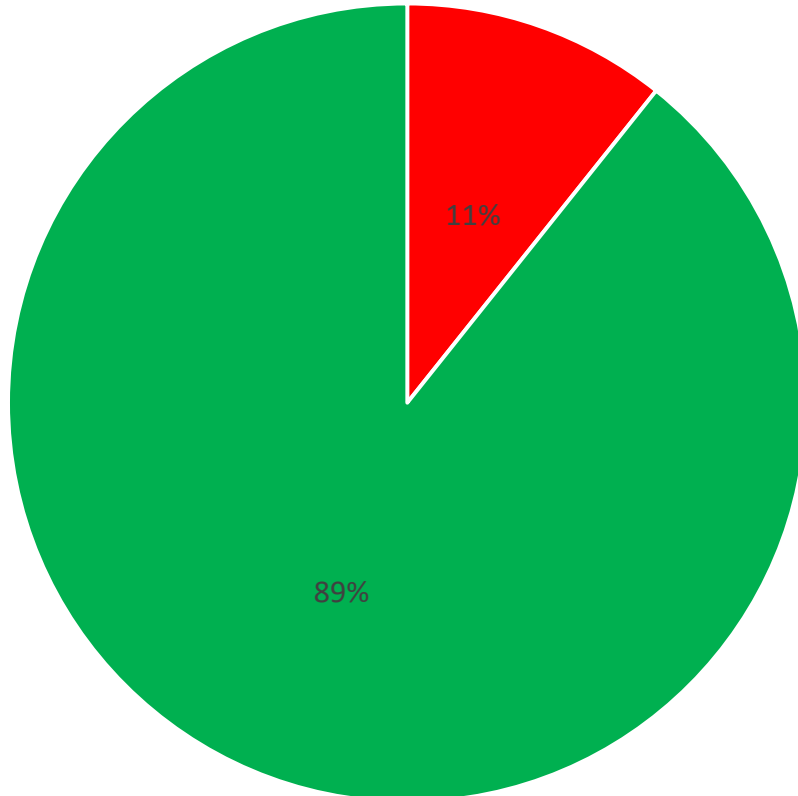


The most common first mentioned addition would be sports/fitness facilities. Meanwhile, leisure/social facilities, learning / meeting facilities and sport/fitness facilities were the most common suggestions overall.

# Support of extension of the Village Hall in favour of...

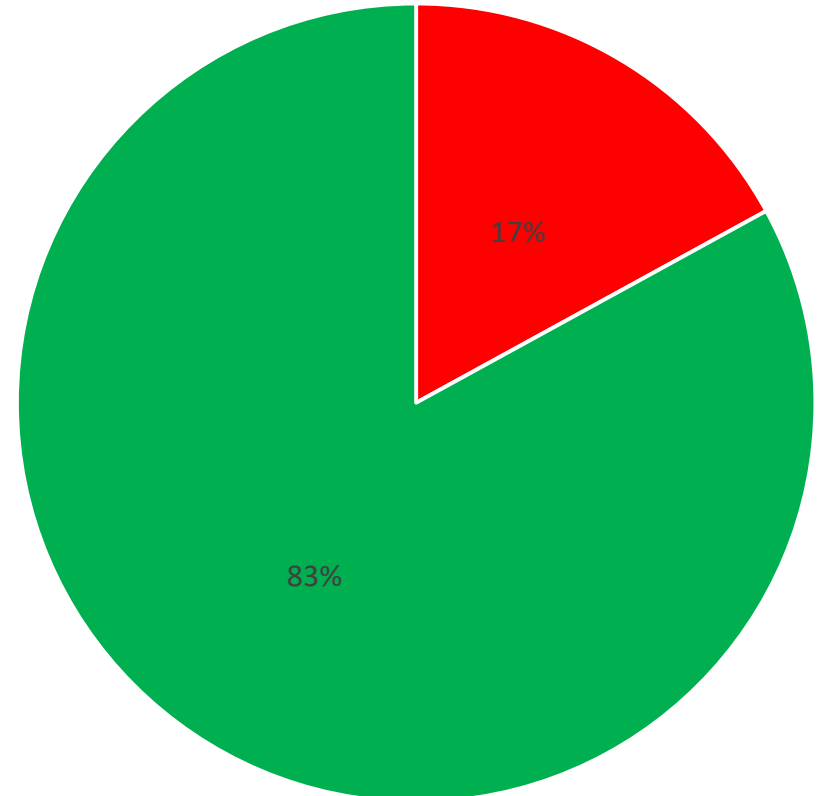
*...for example providing a stage and changing area for school/amateur/local productions*

■ No ■ Yes



*...providing separate Preschool/Nursery Facilities*

■ No ■ Yes



Both suggestions of school/amateur/local productions and separate Preschool/Nursery facilities both received very positive responses.

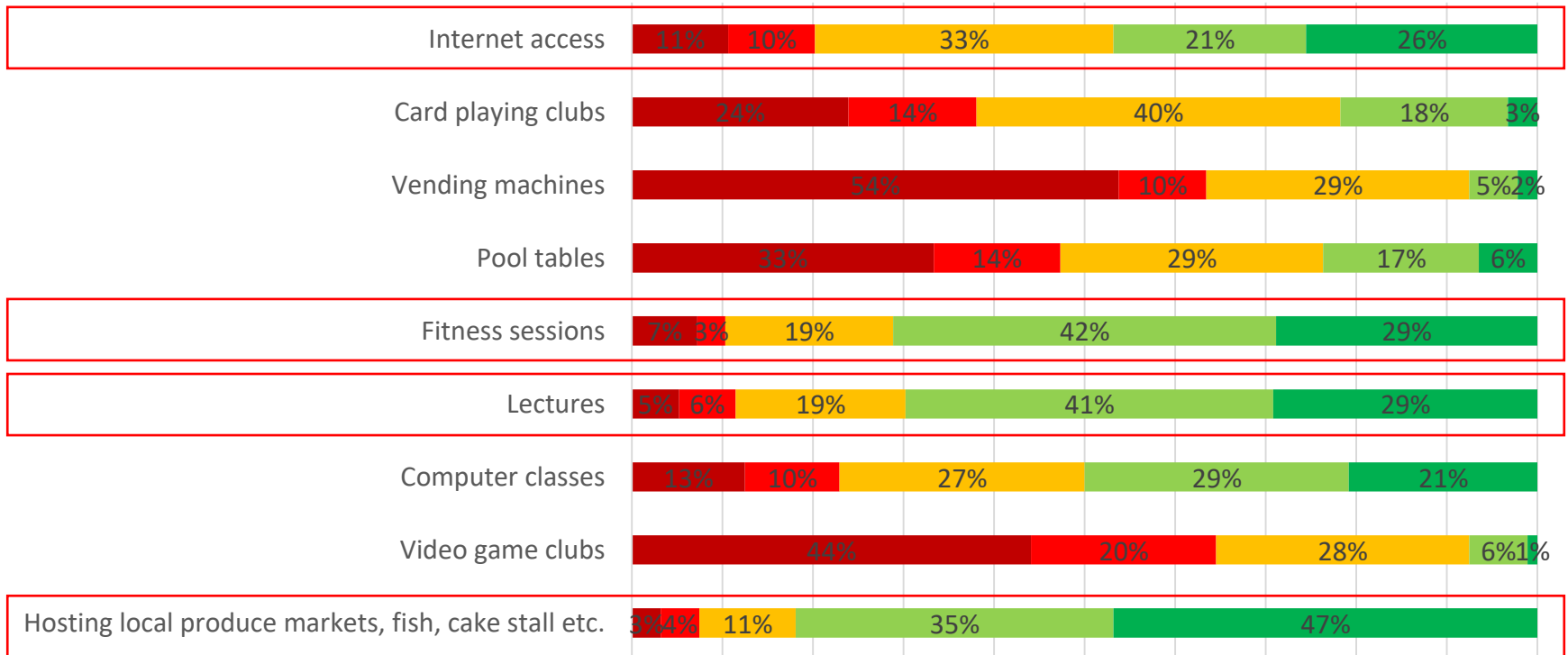


# The level of interest in facilities

*Please rate how interested you would be in the following suggestions for facilities to be provided by The Village Hall*

■ Very disinterested 
 ■ Quite disinterested 
 ■ Neither interested or disinterested 
 ■ Quite interested 
 ■ Very interested

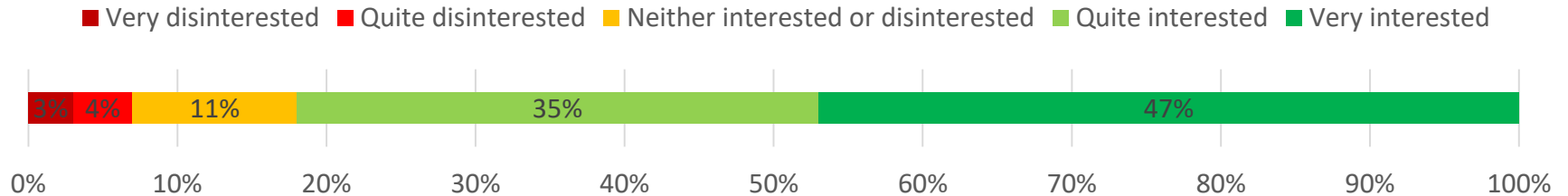
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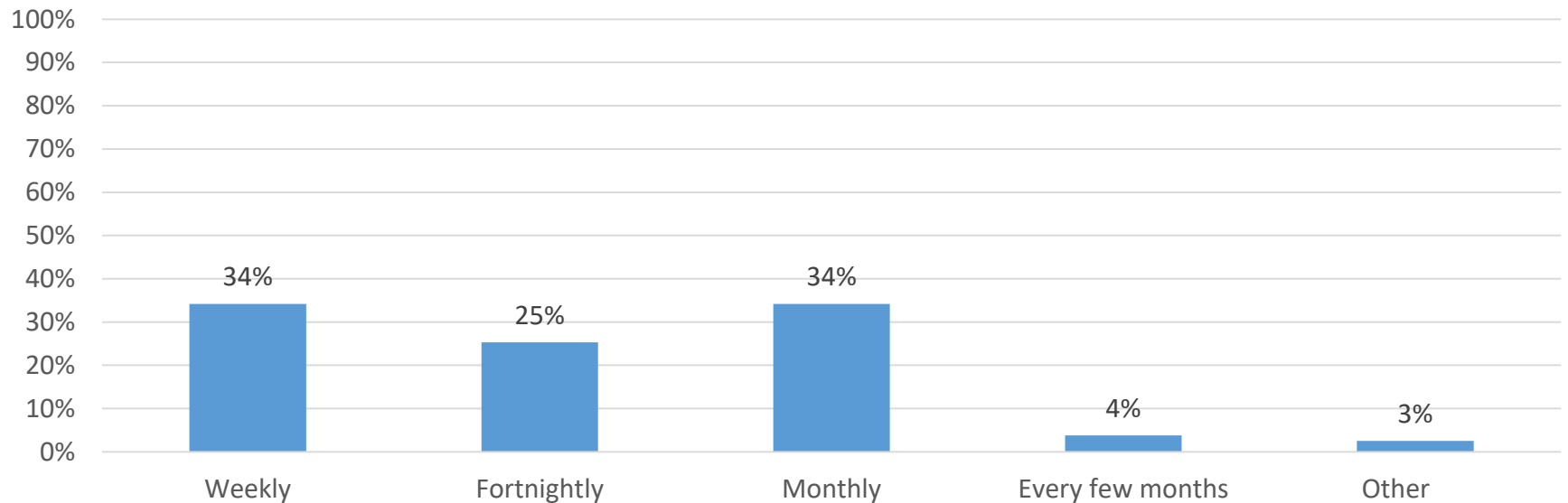
Hosting local produce markets generated by far the most interest. This was closely followed by lectures, fitness and internet access.

# Local produce markets

## Interest in local produce markets



## How often would you like to see them?



Most respondents would like to see a produce market on a weekly or monthly basis. What we can take from this is the core demand is for some regularity to the market.

# Shop / café in the Parish

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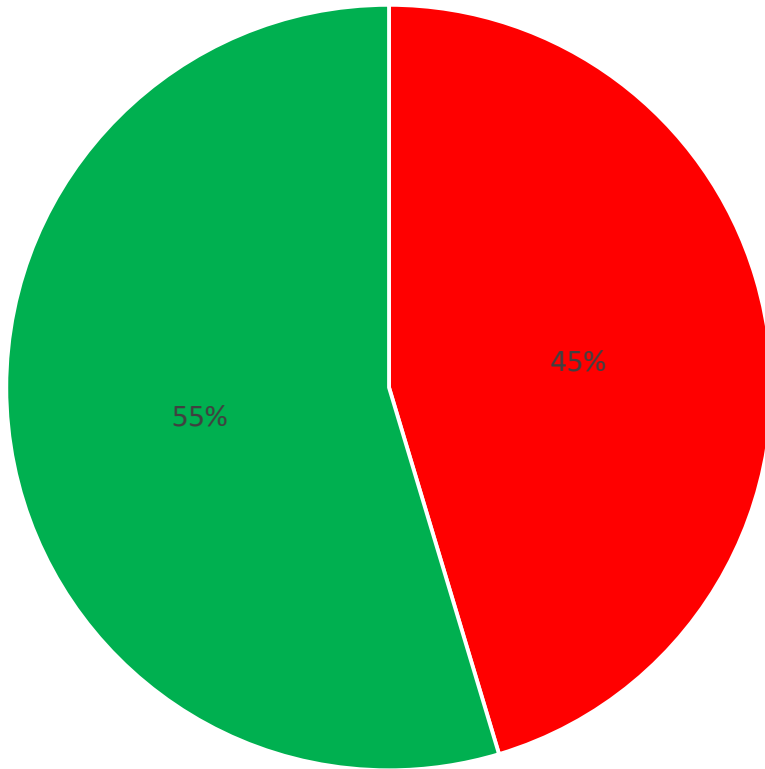
## ***A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:***

*"Support for both a village shop / café has been highlighted. The village has a monthly café morning in the Church and planning permission has been granted for a cafe facility at Church Farm. Shops have previously been difficult to sustain (economically) in this Parish and in other similar communities."*

# Supporting café / shop

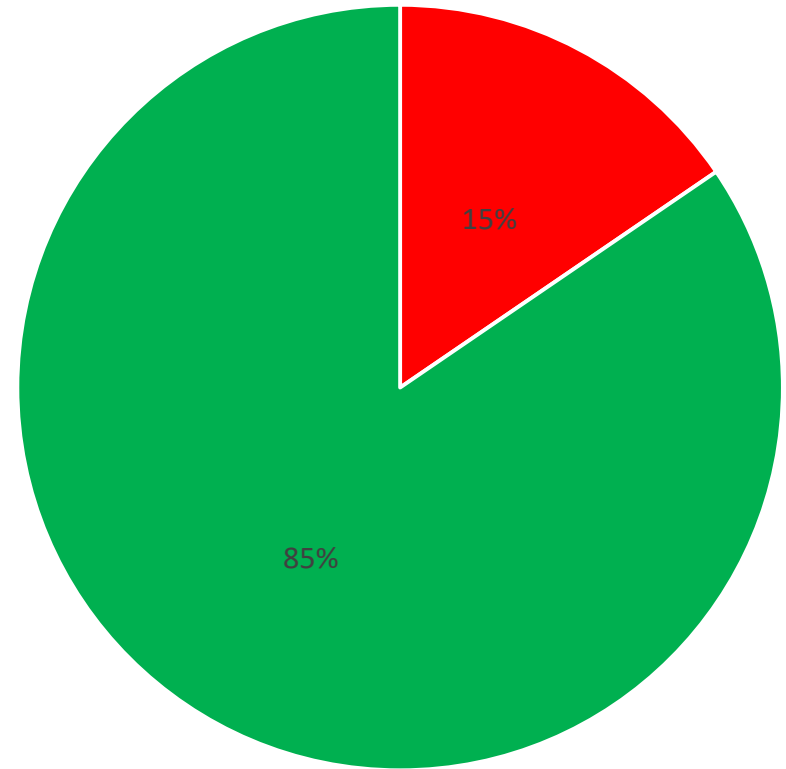
Cafe

■ No ■ Yes



Shop

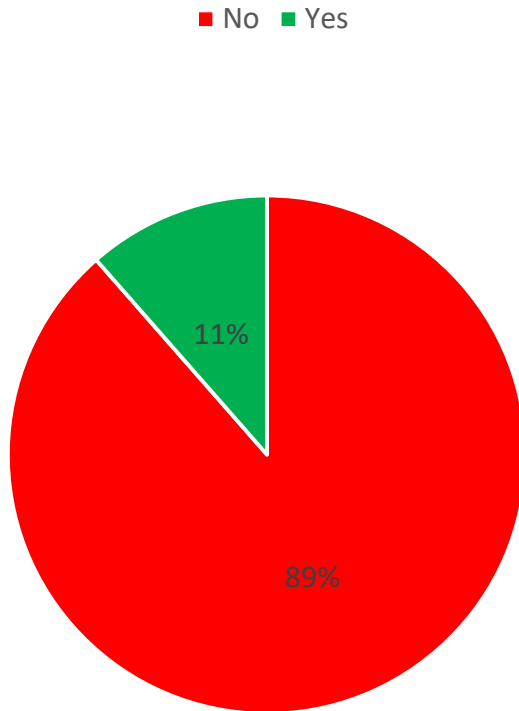
■ No ■ Yes



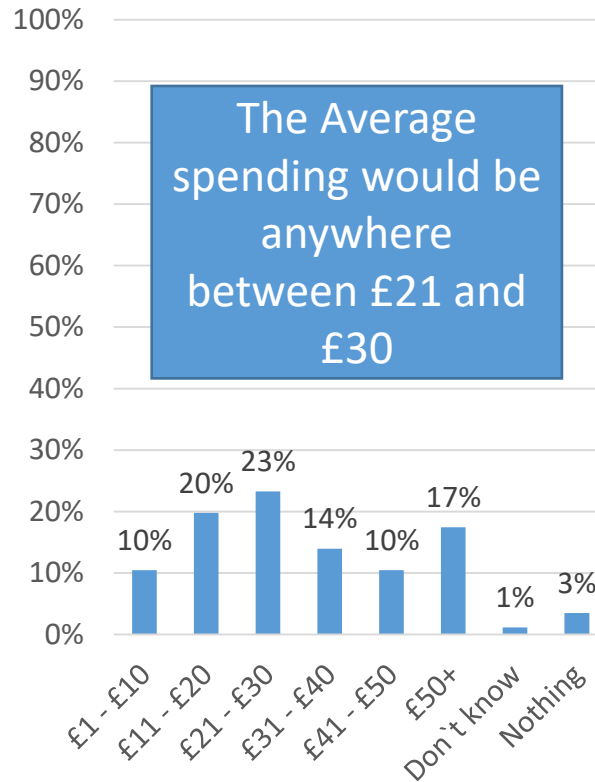
The Café is a controversial subject with a near even split in support for it, or not. The Shop however, has notably more support.

# Shop

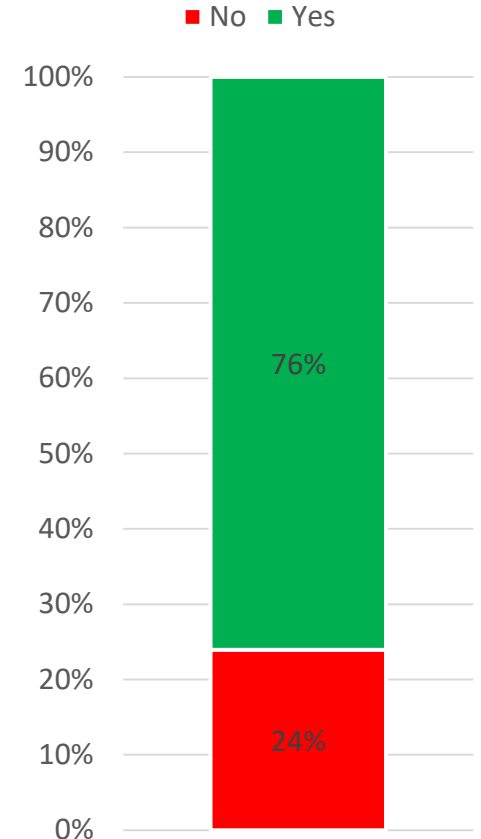
## Supporting vending machine instead of shop?



## Possible average spending in the shop per month?



## Would you want the Village Shop to be situated in a future Village Hub



The idea of a vending machine instead of a shop is quite widely rejected. If a shop were created it should be in a village hub.

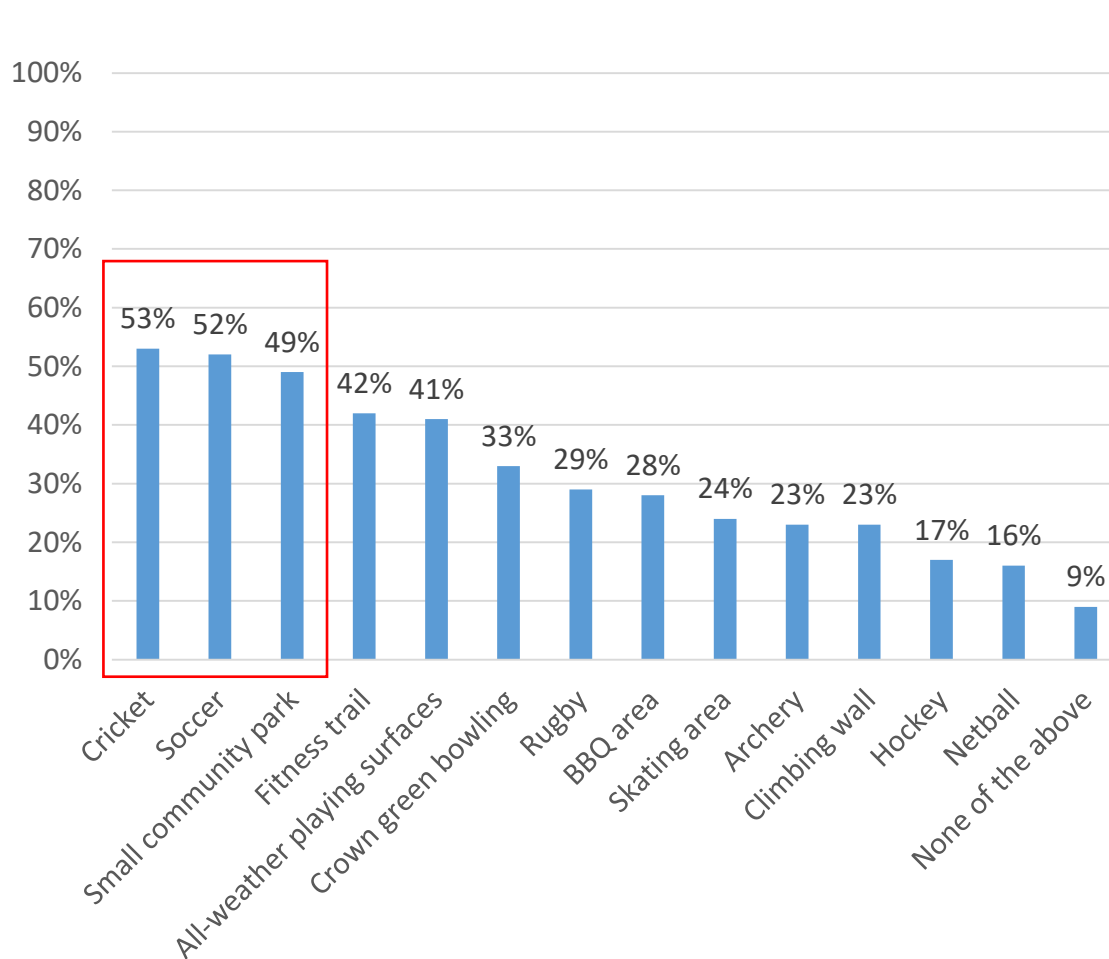
# Sports and Recreation Facilities in the Parish

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## ***A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:***

*"Our previous survey highlighted support for better playing / sporting facilities plus better community recreation and social facilities. Again, the creation of a village hub for these facilities was very popular with the initial Neighbourhood Planning questionnaire responders. To further understand your wishes please respond to the following questions. Any areas identified as new recreational sites would be subject to a financial feasibility and planning permission."*

# Interest in outdoor recreational activities

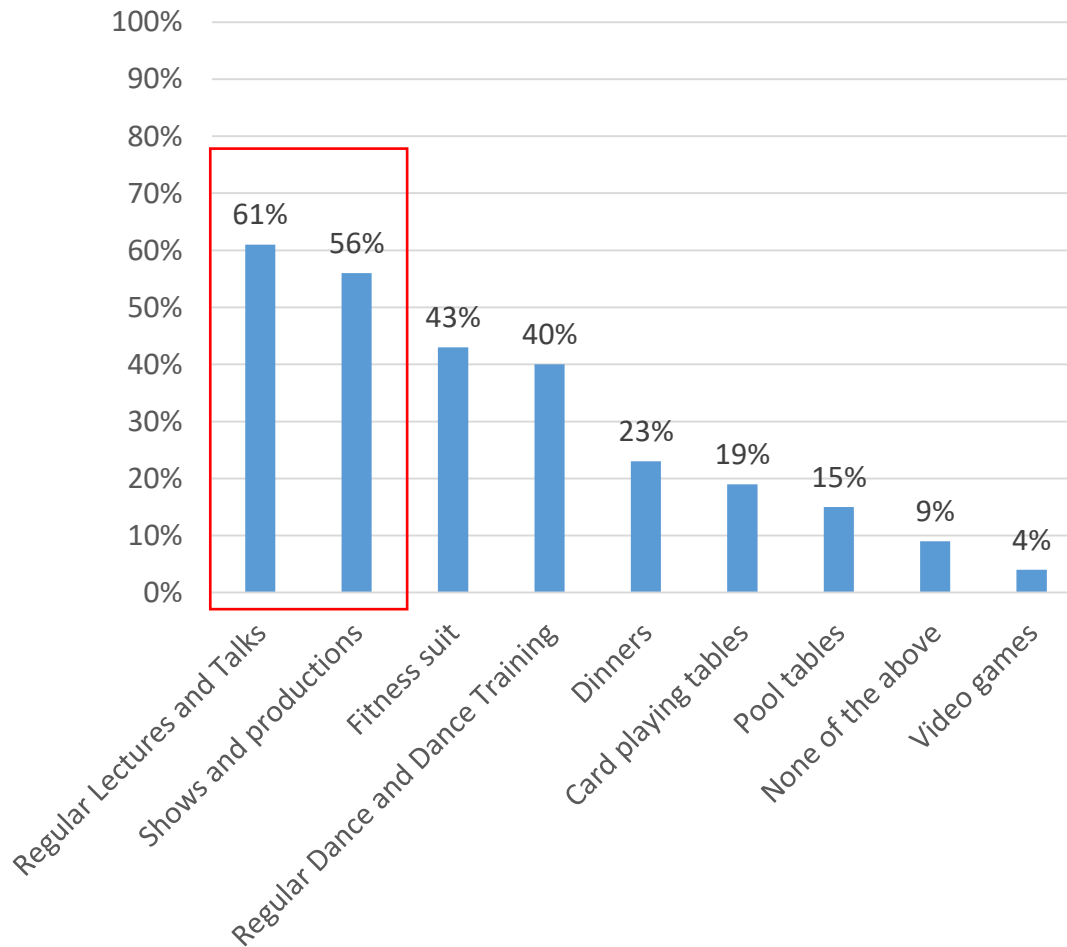


## *Other suggestions*

- Community woods/ garden
- Tennis
- Bike trail
- Boules
- Croquet
- Picnic benches
- Badminton
- Mini golf
- Pavilion
- Pond area
- Snooker
- Soft ball
- Squash

Cricket, Soccer and a Community park were the most popular. We have also added other suggestions to the right.

# Interest in indoor activities



## *Other suggestions*

- Badminton
- Yoga, Pilates
- Arts and crafts groups
- Swimming pool
- Chess groups
- Music lesson
- Cookery classes
- Snooker
- Discussion evenings
- Cinema
- Pottery
- Table tennis
- Netball
- Gymnasium facilities
- Lego Mindstorm

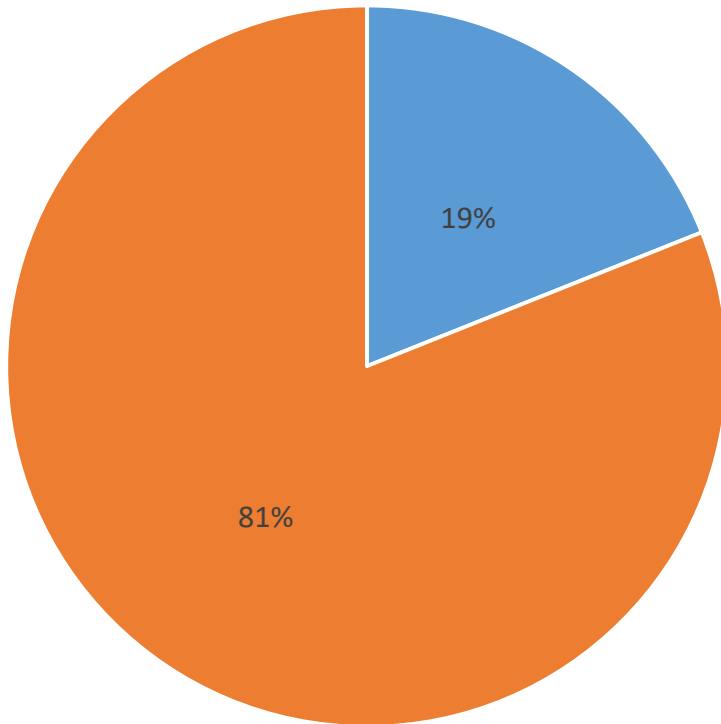
Regular lectures and talks are consistently popular. This is followed by shows and productions.



# Support of

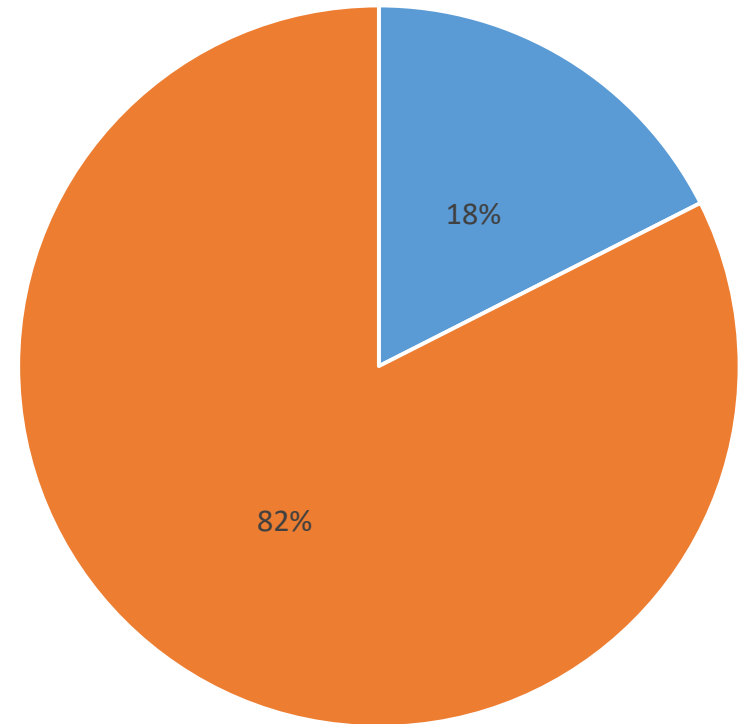
***Recreational facilities situated at a Village Hub?***

■ No ■ Yes



***The land opposite the Druid Arms pub and adjacent to the Village Hall to be used for a Village Hub?***

■ No ■ Yes



Recreational facilities were popular and the general consensus was that the land opposite the Druids Arms should be used for a village hub.

# The Parish Primary School

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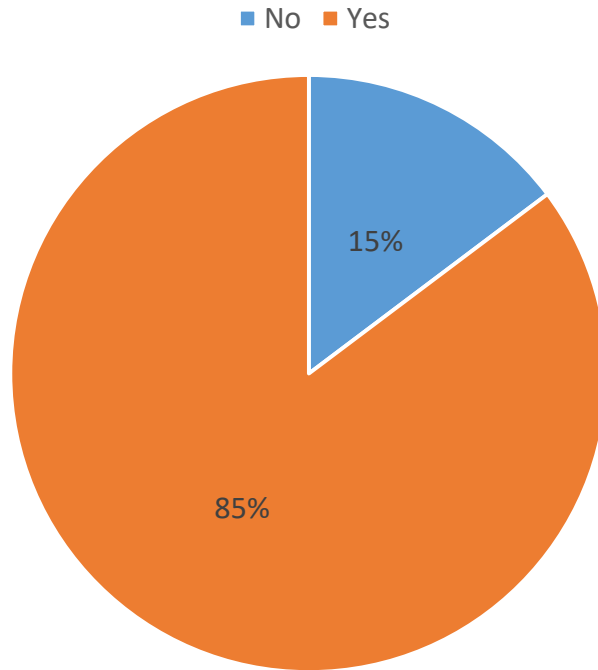
## ***A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:***

*"We have an Ofsted rated "Outstanding" primary school in Stanton Drew, which after the last survey is felt to be an important part of the community. It has good teacher/pupil ratios but the building is old and its facilities are limited, particularly with respect to outside space. Over time there are potential risks to the school's survival. The Government's recent White Paper in the March 2016 Budget obliging (now encouraging) schools to become academies may increase the vulnerability of our school to closure.*

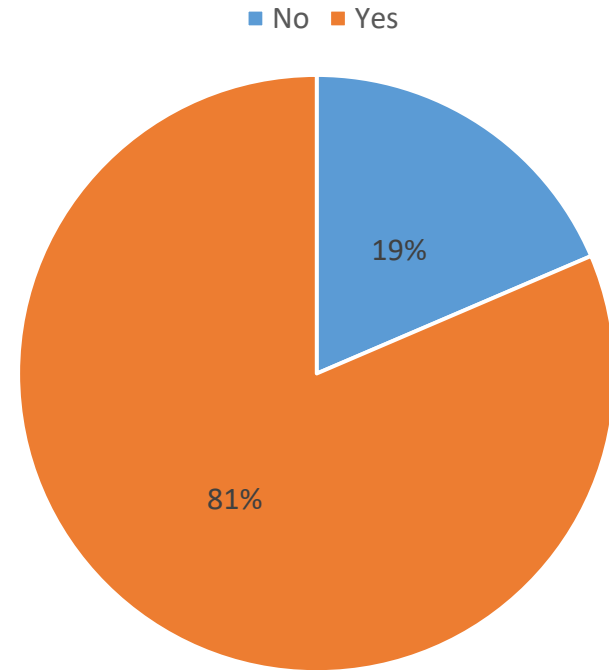
*Please note: The Neighbourhood Plan does not know the school's future and we want to know what you would like in Stanton Drew with respect to education of primary school age children."*

# Supporting the move and higher number of pupils

*If the current primary school needs to move to a new location in the parish in order to remain open would you support this move?*

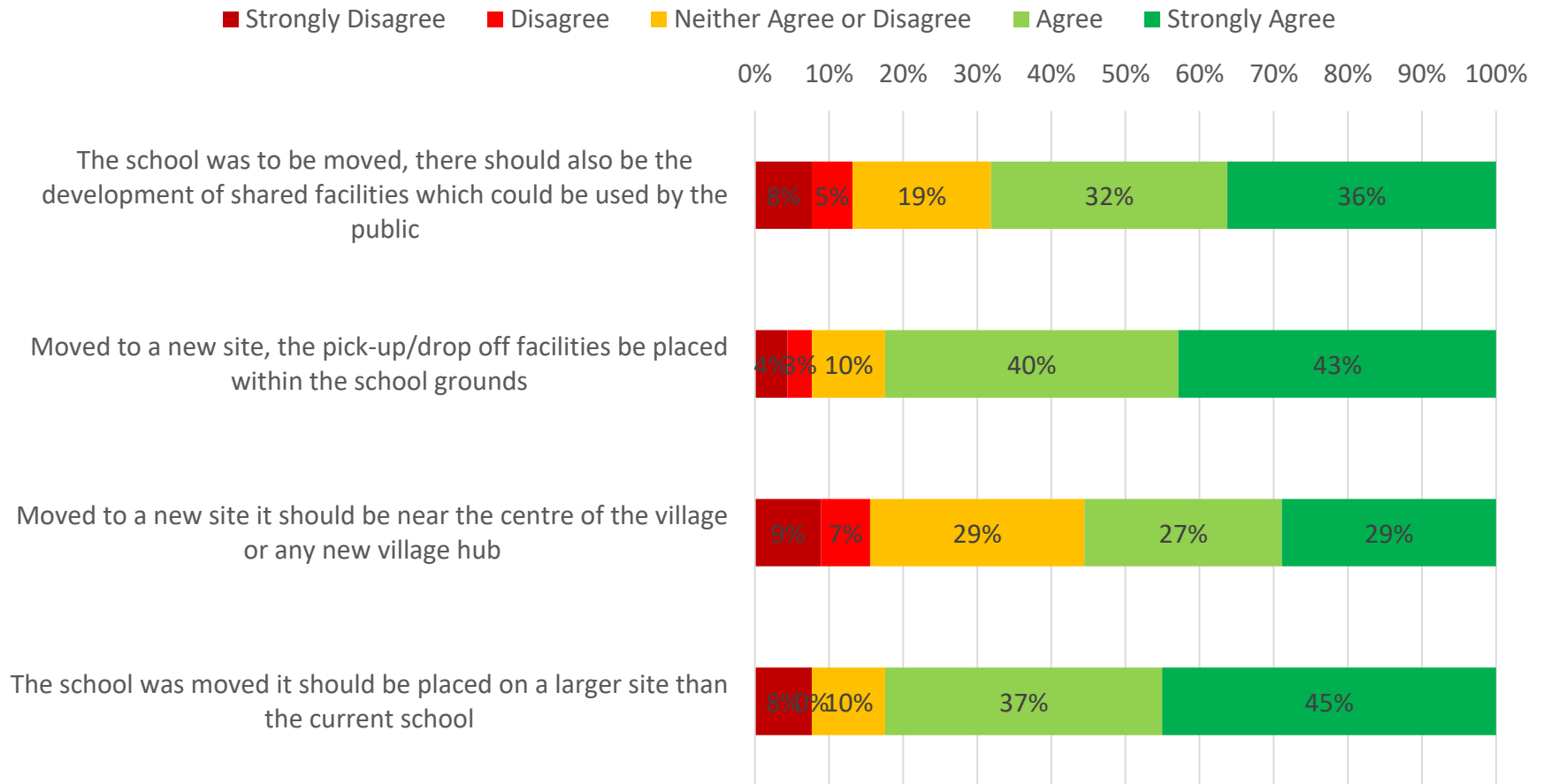


*Future government policy may require that any newly built school has a higher number of pupils than is currently at Stanton Drew. Would you support this new school being built if it meant having a higher number of pupils?*



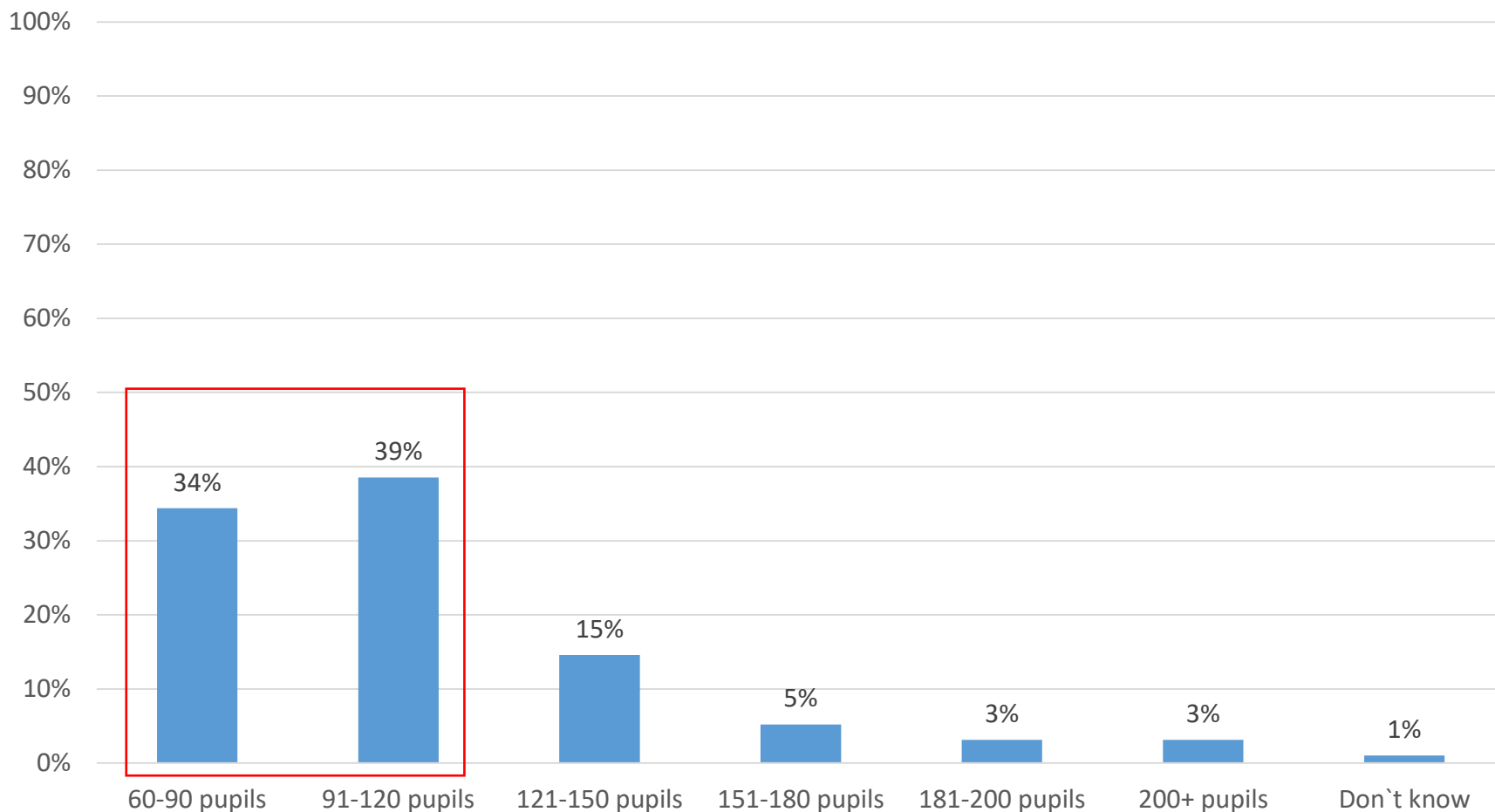
Keeping the school open even if that means a move was a popular choice. Even if it means taking in more students.

# Possible actions in case of new school



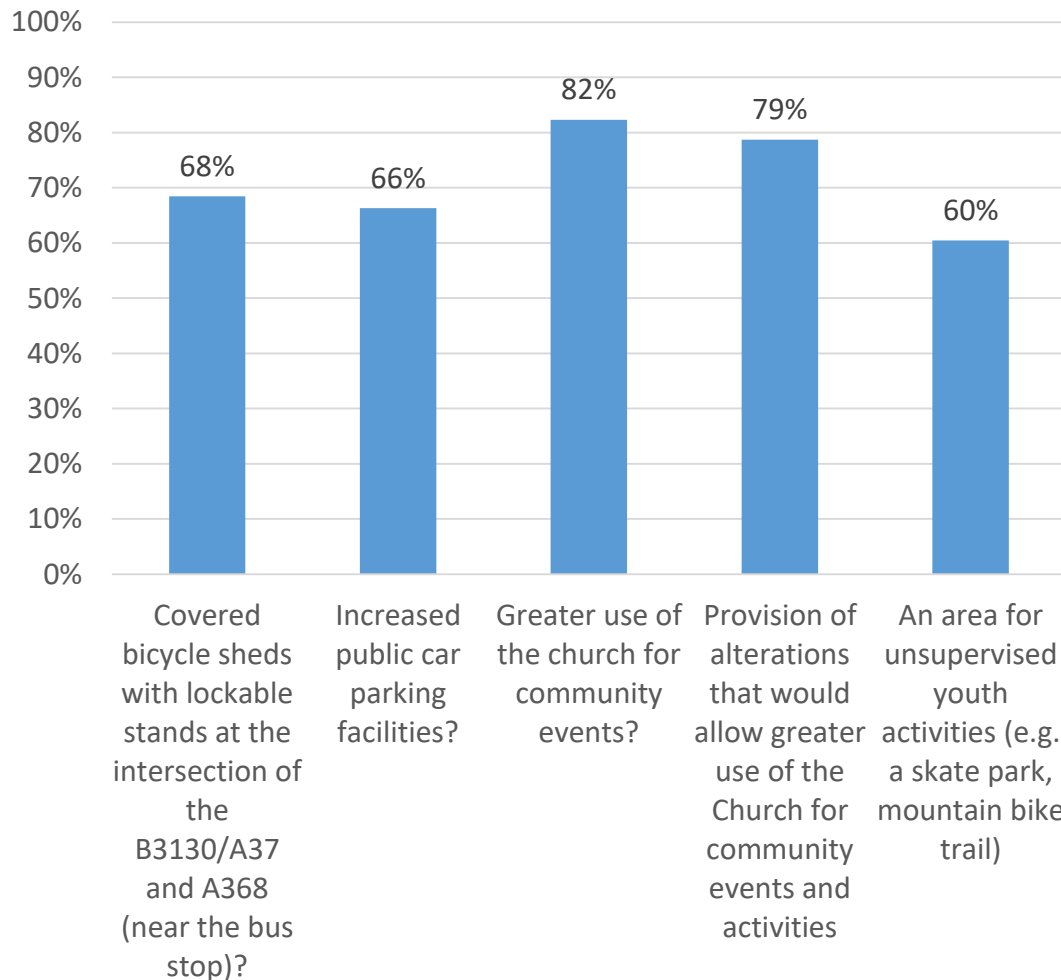
Shared facilities, on-site drop off facilities and moving to a larger site are very popular with many reacting in a positive manner. Moving to the centre of the village / a village hub, whilst popular, was met with a more muted response.

# The maximum number of pupils



Whilst there is support for a larger school, the increase is not a massive. Most would prefer to see a slight increase to 91-120 students.

# Supporting the provision of...



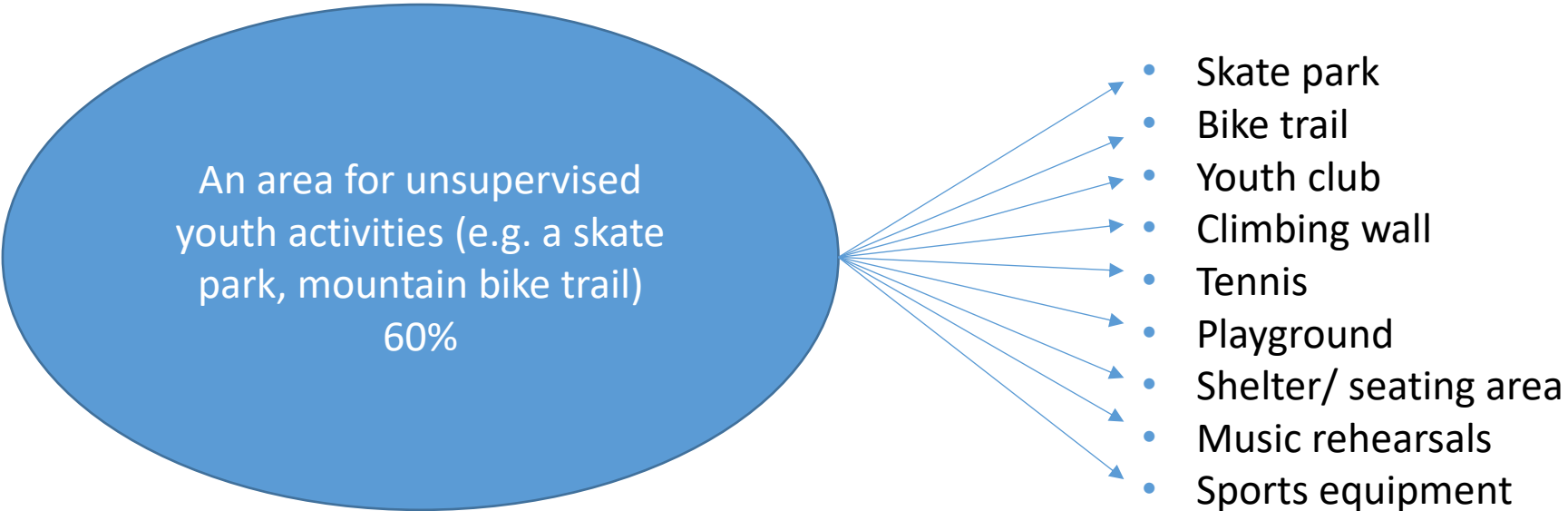
## Suggestions:

- There needs to be natural surveillance to make safer for meeting
- Use padlock adjacent to village hall as public car park as now
- We have a village hall that should be used for community events, not the church
- Wetland/pond area
- Would need new potential parking hub but would need to be well considered / designed
- Would support some form of bike stands.
- Youth activities but not a skate park. A fitness trail in keeping with area

Alternative / greater usage of the church is the most popular idea. However, there is support for bicycle sheds, parking and youth activities.

# Interest in youth specific amenities

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An area for unsupervised youth activities (e.g. a skate park, mountain bike trail)  
60%

## Suggestions:

- Skate park
- Bike trail
- Youth club
- Climbing wall
- Tennis
- Playground
- Shelter/ seating area
- Music rehearsals
- Sports equipment

# Bus Services

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## ***A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:***

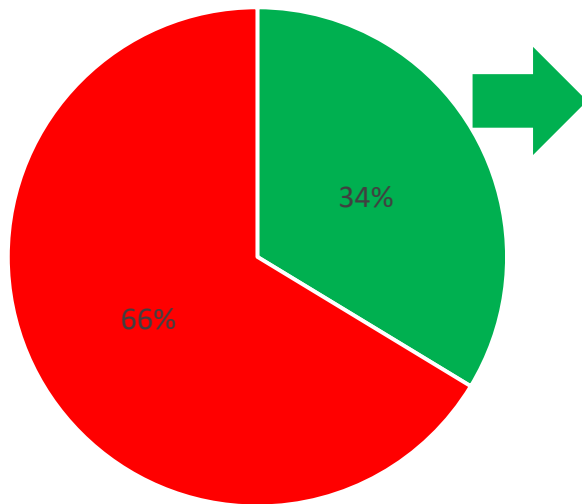
*We know from responses that there is felt to be a need for improved bus services, both in terms of the regularity and in the ability to connect to services using the A37. To help us further gauge the potential demand and therefore use of services, we have some additional questions.*



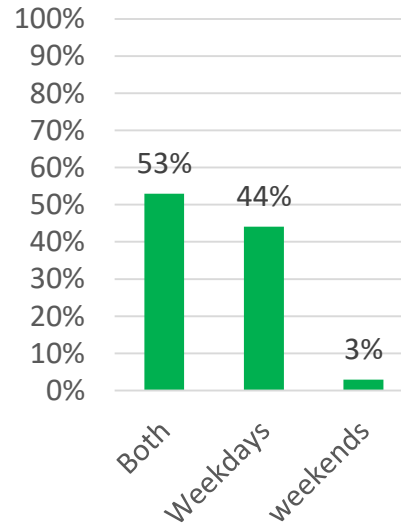
# Interest in a daily commuter bus service on the A37

## Interest

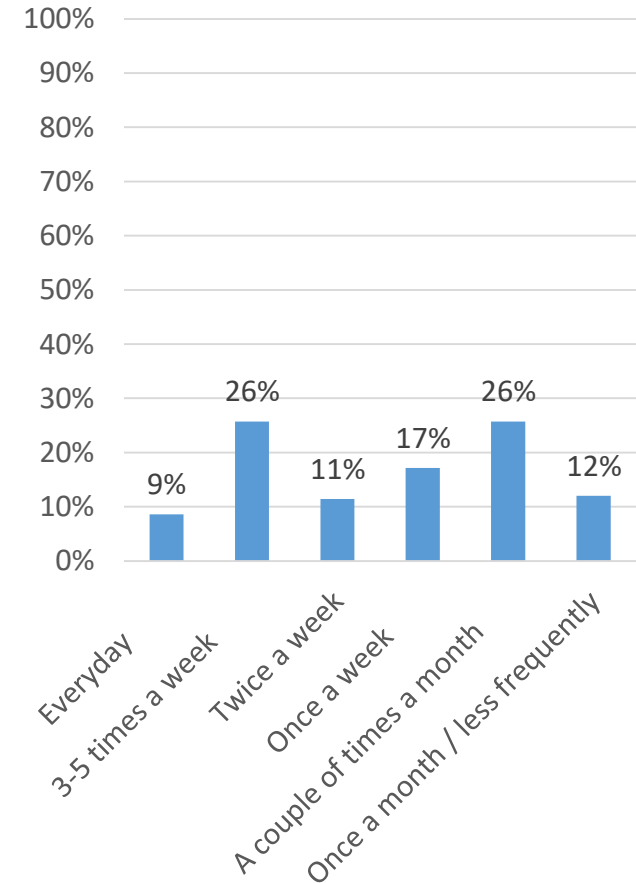
■ Yes ■ No



## Times



## Frequency



## Main reasons:

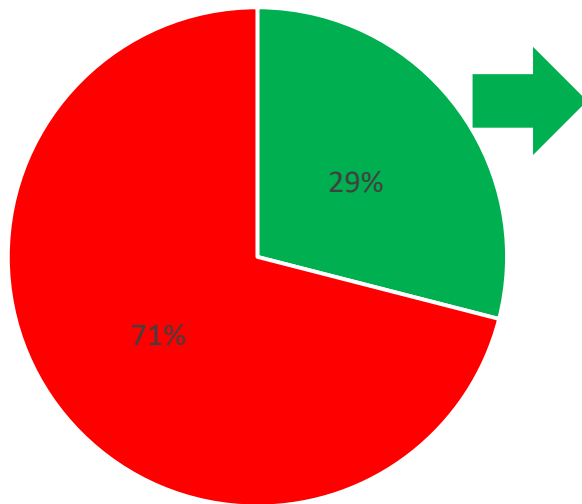
- Commuting
- Cost of parking
- Traffic
- Pollution

The majority of respondents had no interest in a daily commuter bus. However, a notable 34% do have interest throughout the week, with fairly frequent usage stated.

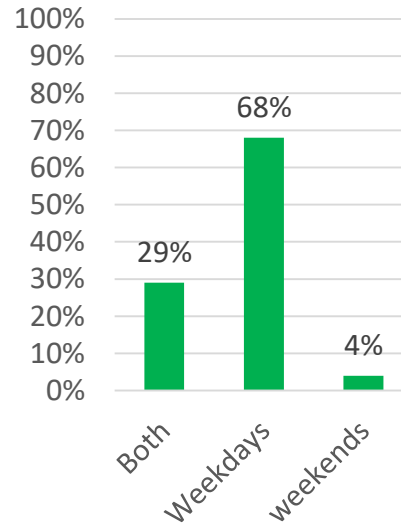
# Interest in a daily connection to Keynsham

## Interest

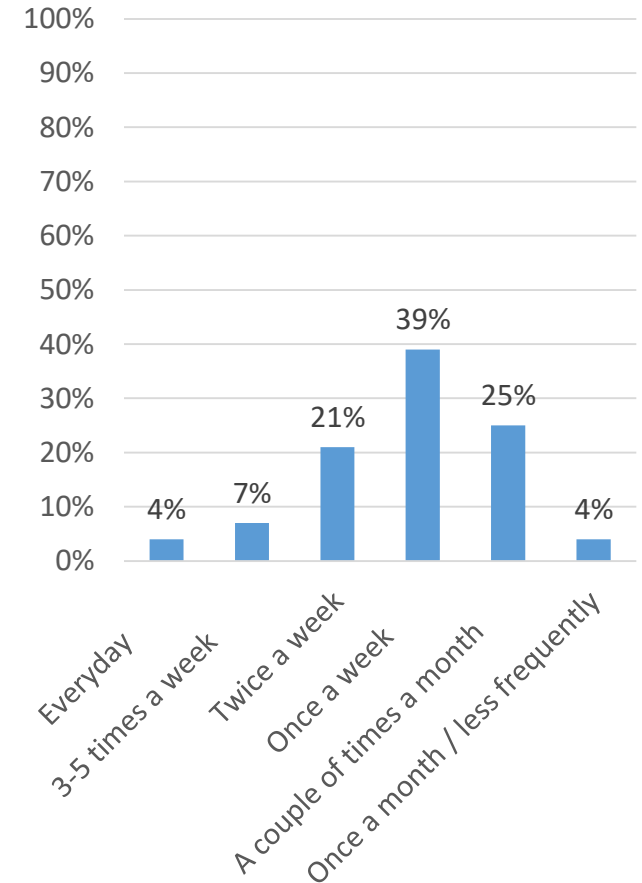
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## Times



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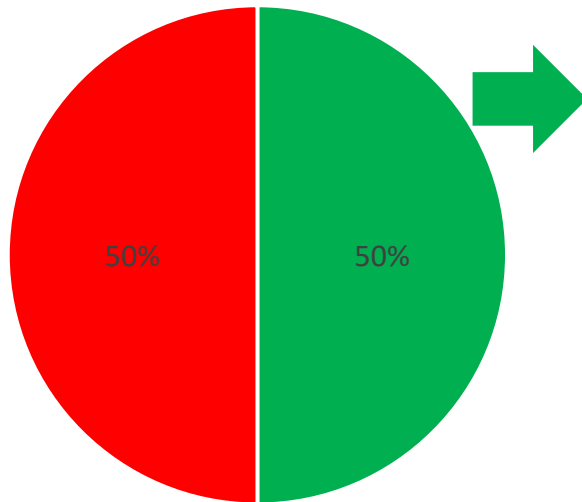
- Commuting
- Don't drive
- Parking
- Convenience
- Pollution

There is less interest in a Keynsham service. Typically those that are interested would look to use the service once or twice a week.

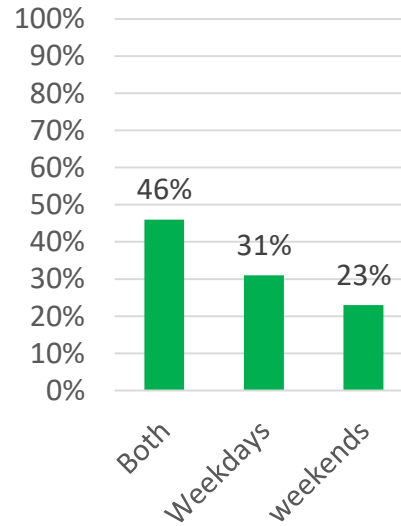
# Interest in regular circular bus service

## Interest

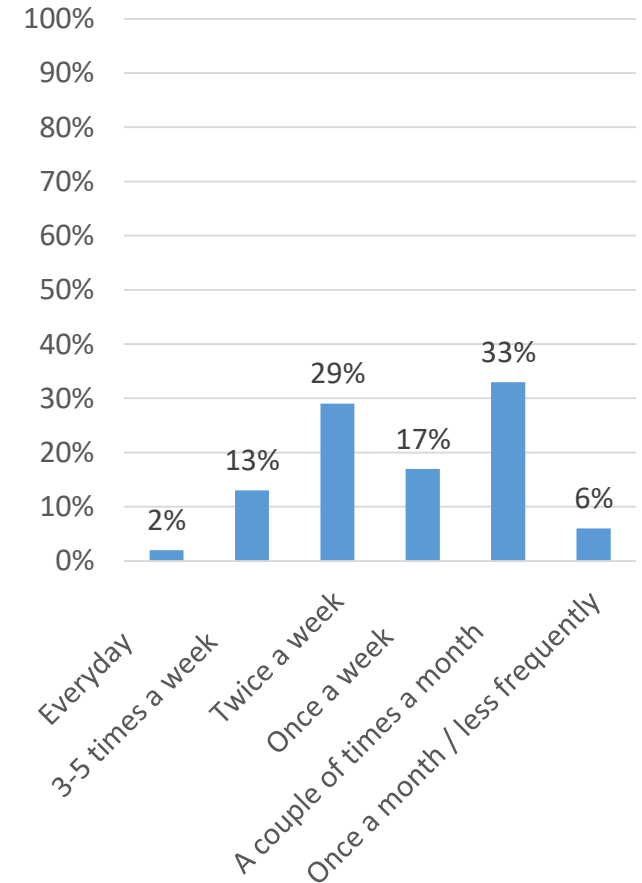
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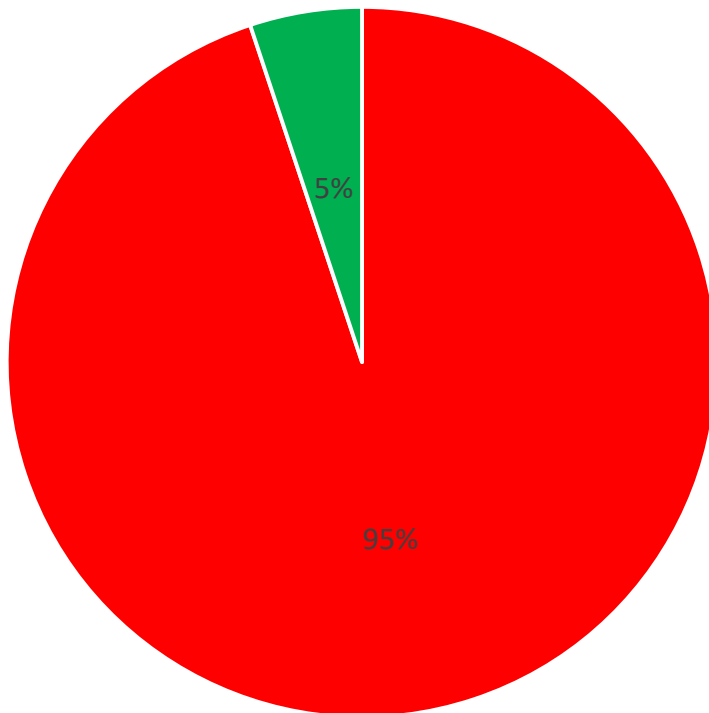
- Commuting
- Don't drive
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- Convenience

There is more interest in a regular circular service. Again typical usage would be once or twice a week.

# Cycling Pensford A37

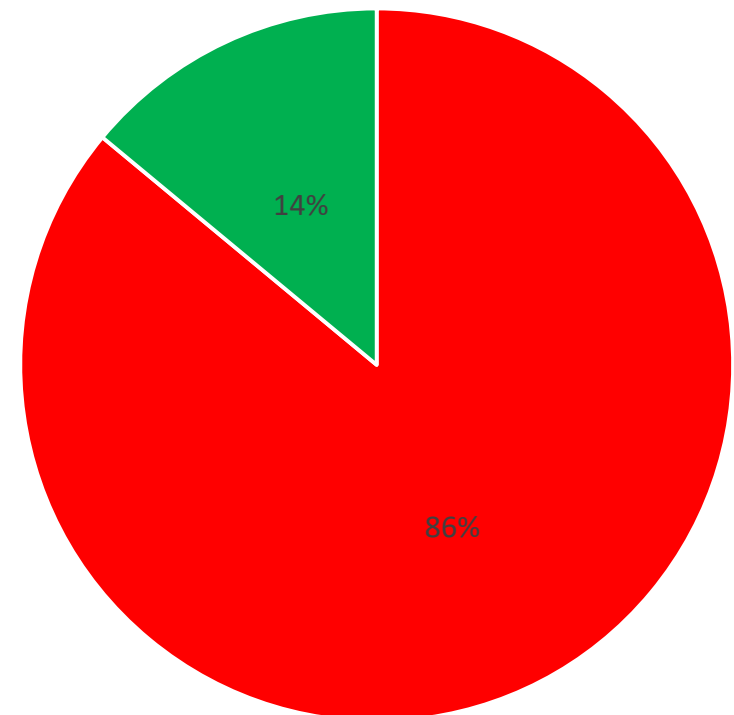
***Do you cycle to the Pensford A37 bus connections?***

■ No ■ Yes



***If no, would you cycle to the Pensford A37 bus connection if there was secure bike parking?***

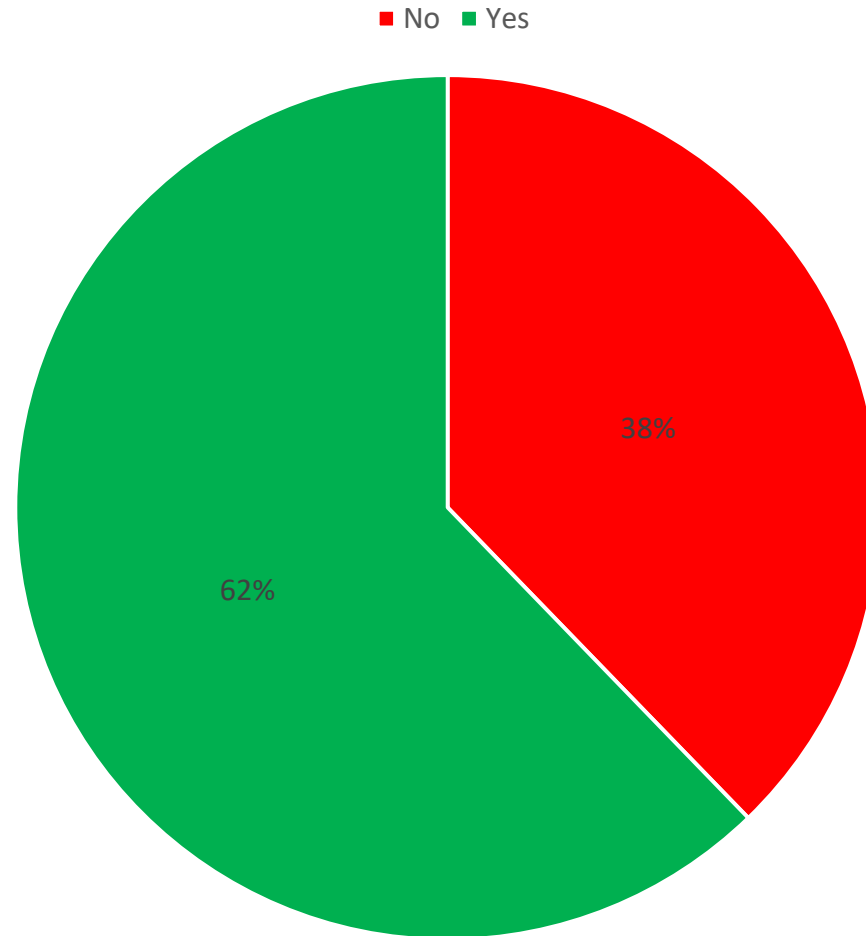
■ No ■ Yes



Very few people cycle to the Pensford bus services. There would be an increase if a cycle path existed. But most will still not cycle to this service. .

# Awareness of the Tuesday service to the Doctors surgery

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There is strong awareness of the 'Tuesday Service'. This could be promoted more as there is still a notable proportion that remain unaware.

# Footpaths (Public Rights of Way)

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## ***A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:***

*"We know from the response to the questionnaire from last year that the footpaths around the village are mostly used for recreation.*

*There were no issues raised about footpaths (PROWS) at the community consultation other than more dog refuse bins."*

# Supporting of the footpaths areas

**Yes**  
**72%**

- It would be great to have a footpath linking the 3 parts of the village.
- Small "You are here" maps on selected Prow gates and/or posts.
- Encouragement to clear dog faeces
- Footpaths seem to be good in the area but very few bridle paths, more would be better
- PROWS are a wonderful way to keep people fit - walking, running, valuing nature, meeting people. The Parish Council does a great job of keeping them open. Landowners need to understand their legal responsibilities in making PROWS easier and safer to use by making pathways clearthrough crops and keeping dangerous animals eg: horses cordoned off from pathways.

**No**  
**28%**

- This area has already got lots of footpaths
- I have a footpath in my garden. It is seldom used so to provide more would seem a complete waste of time and money
- TO GET HERE, WHERE WOULD THEY PARK? WE ALREADY HAVE LOTS OF CARS IN THE AREA. WALKERS DON'T WALK TO A DESTINATION, THEY DRIVE, WALK, AND DRIVE HOME. THIS SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED
- WALKERS RESPRESENT A TINY NUMBER OF PEOPLE. WE HAVE HAD DISRESPECTFUL AND UNPLEASANT PEOPLE USE OUR PATH WHO SHOW LITTLE REGARD FOR PEOPLES PROPERTY. DOGS RUNNING AND MESSING Etc

# Supporting of the footpaths areas

**Yes**  
**72%**

- I would recommend fencing and pouring a footpath along the field from near the church to new school (unless school gets more) as current path gets very muddy in winter and alternative is very deeply sunken and overshadowed. Main road through village with no pavement. To refuse its development would be narrow-minded in the extreme on the part of the landowners as such path could reduce school traffic in the winter greatly.
- people walking through village often have to use the road where there is no footpath/pavement/virtual footpath where the road is marked as for a pavement

**No**  
**28%**

- There are already walkers
- There are plenty of footpaths and I regularly use them. There is a shortage of bridleways.
- Walkers must keep to the footpath. Dog owners must clean up after their dogs. Public right of ways have been established over many years as a way for people to go to work. They were not intended for a lot of people walking or running over them at once. It spoils the ground and soil. The grass is ruined and results in very muddy areas for others to use. The public rights of way should be clearly marked with maps in prominent areas, so walkers know exactly where they should and shouldn't go.



# Supporting of the footpaths areas

**Yes**  
**72%**

- If promoted would need to further consider the extent of infrastructure required to support it and whether that is consistent with the small village without amenities that is Stanton Drew.
- pedestrians are often in danger having to walk along roads with no footpaths/pavements through the village.
- Need notices to explain code of conduct and show footpath map
- Dog walkers should keep to the footpaths and clear up after their dogs
- There seems to be a lot more people using them, but a lot struggle with the stiles - kissing gates would make parts of the paths much more accessible

**No**  
**28%**

- The people of Stanton Drew do NOT respect farmer land. Roc the Stones is a good example of how public footpaths were NOT meant for 100s of runners only for people to get from A to B. Please clean up after your dog
- We don't need dog refuse bins. We need more responsible dog owners.
- The metal stiles don't last seem to last much longer the wooden ones. In my view wooden stiles are preferable. Many of the rights of way have been there for hundreds of years they should not be moved just for convenience. The short section of Featherbed Lane is completely overgrown!!
- PROWS should not be ploughed or covered in slurry

# Supporting of the footpaths areas

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**Yes**  
**72%**

- They are well maintained, would be nice to develop a local walking map with areas of interest marked for locals as well as visitors
- Pleased to see that they are used frequently e.g. rock the stones
- It would be useful to have a simplified map to show where footpaths are and the routes
- They need continual maintenance
- A winter quagmire in around many gates. Could chippings be used to alleviate this?
- Keep dog on leads
- Better maintenance and upkeep of footpaths. Local footpath guides and maps to be made available.

**No**  
**28%**

- PROWS should not be ploughed or covered in slurry

# Supporting of the footpaths areas

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**Yes**

**72%**

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- As well as dog refuse bins, more litter bins
- In terms of footpaths - in fields where there are young cattle - more electric fences to keep cattle separate from path
- Parking is sometimes an issue when walkers come in large groups. In the last six months i have noticed a substantial increase in the number of people using the foot paths
- I would not support more, or any, dog refuse bins to be sited on the P.R.O.W's network
- I have one but I have had problems with walkers and dogs coming over the stone style at the rare of the school, mainly bigger dogs, I have had excrement in my driveway several times, the same owners let their dogs do whatever on the field , never pick it up if their dogs are with worms this can badly infect cattle if feeding on the grass and some are villagers walking the dogs.
- style blocked at Stanton Wick
- Motorbikes using sandy lane prohibiting walkers
- Can the farmers be encouraged to reinstate prows after cultivation
- A bespoke website

# Roads and safe walking

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## ***A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:***

*"Recently there has been a 20pmh zone introduced in the village.*

*Whilst being a shared road with pedestrians and cyclists it is predominantly used by motor vehicles.*

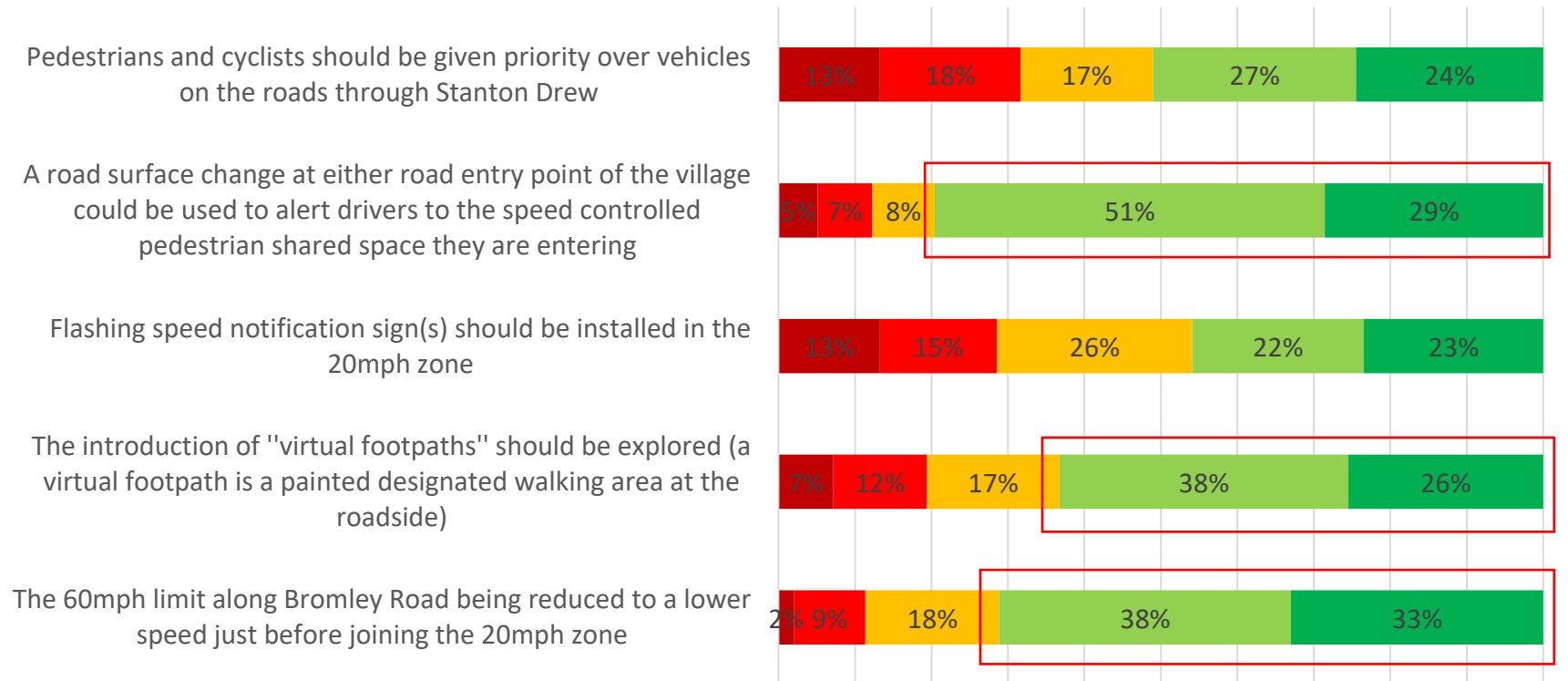
*Previous results showed that the majority of respondents want to see improvements to footpaths to provide safe accessible walking all year-round, with traffic calming and speed limiting to encourage walking and cycling.*

*We are considering ways in which we can make walking around the Parish safer."*

# Roads and safe walking

■ Strongly Disagree ■ Disagree ■ Neither Agree or disagree ■ Agree ■ Strongly Agree

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%



There are 3 core suggestions for traffic calming: 1.Reducing the speed limit along Bromley road. 2. Road surface change and 3.virtual footpaths.

# Suggestions on effective “traffic calming”

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*Speed limit/Enforcement on A368.*

*Also reduces speed limit on Pensford, have after Druid Farm.*

*An easier footpaths between upper Stanton and the Church/Druid Arms.*

*Use of speed warning signs, illuminated at entrances to village.*

*Road to narrow.*

*Several speed ramps.*

*Traffic calming road, narrowing lane way areas to prevent motorist getting up speed through the village.*

*Better policing.*

*Maybe a speed camera (I think we have one already).*

# Suggestions on effective “traffic calming”

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*Road narrowing works well in French villages / towns why not here.*

*Enforce speed limits.*

*Strongly agree.*

*Install pavements.*

*Bumps opposite the druids.*

*Tractors driving more slowly during harvest.*

*Flashing lights before the school.*

*The only effective way to do this is steep speed bumps. However, it will never get signed off. But please no more signs!*

*The give way signs to oncoming vehicles (chicane) , rumble strips.*

# Suggestions on effective “traffic calming”

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*Larger 20mph signs which are currently small and often obscured by hedgerows.*

*There is no need to have a 20MPH speed limit in most of the village and very few people keep to it, in particular the parish councillors! A 20MPH speed limit is only required from the Chew River bridge to Tynings and the junction with Upper Stanton Drew road. Along the Upper Stanton Road, past the School to Turnwell.*

*20MPH is abused by council members, they do over 35 MPH.*

*Notices and fake gates at entry to village.*

*Chicanes, speed bumps.*

*More mobile speed traps.*

*Speed bumps would slow traffic on the narrow section between The Druids and the turn to Upper Stanton.*



# Suggestions on effective “traffic calming”

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*Speed limits need to be regularly enforced so people stick to them otherwise it's just signs cluttering up the road to no effect. Many drivers try to stick to 20mph but there are a lot who go through in excess of 30mph even (locals as well as delivery and other drivers)*

*Speed camera on Bromley Road. No sleeping policeman.*

*If drivers are courteous no additional measures are needed. Keep signage to a minimum so as not to detract from the rural character of the area.*

*Signs/ notices reminding Tractor drivers to slow down.*

*Signpost reminding TRACTORS to slow down.*

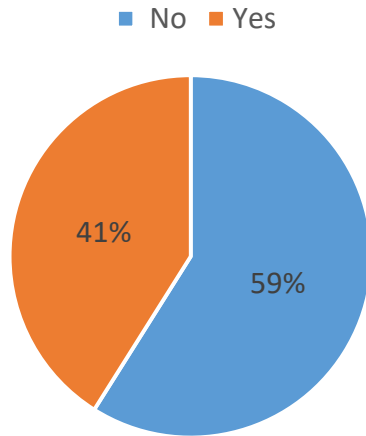
*Reduce speed on B3130 Chew-Stanton Stretch.*

*Small purpose built road narrowing with planted areas.*

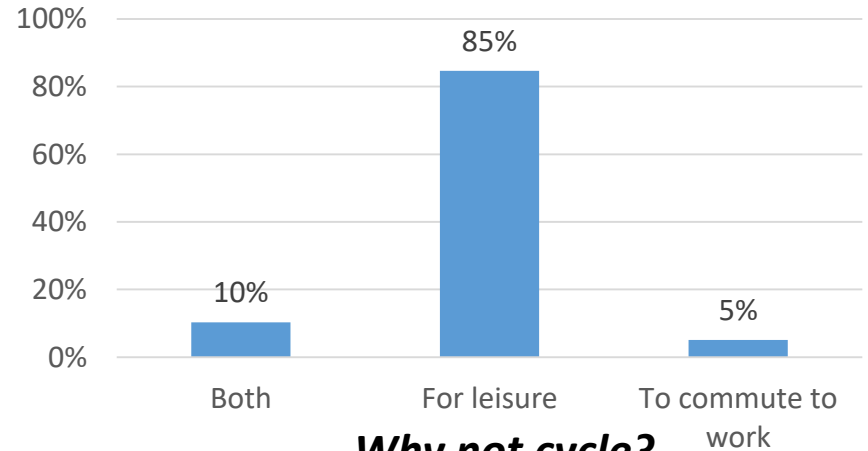
*The 20mph signs are very small often obscured by hedges these signs should be larger and the road should be policed with a speed gun more frequently*

# Bicycle usage

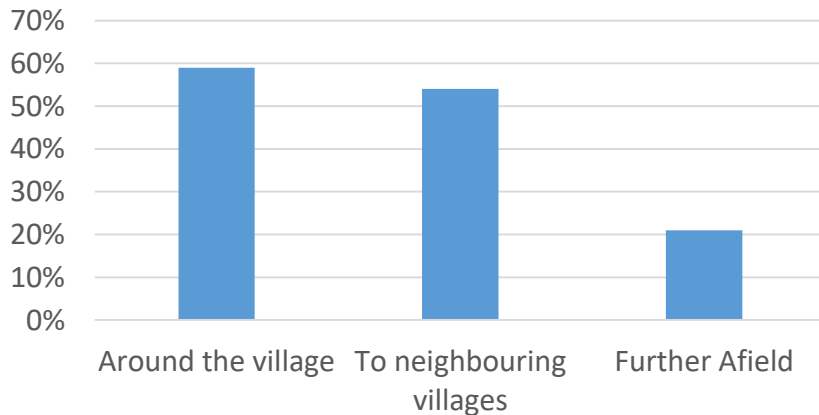
## Do you use bicycle?



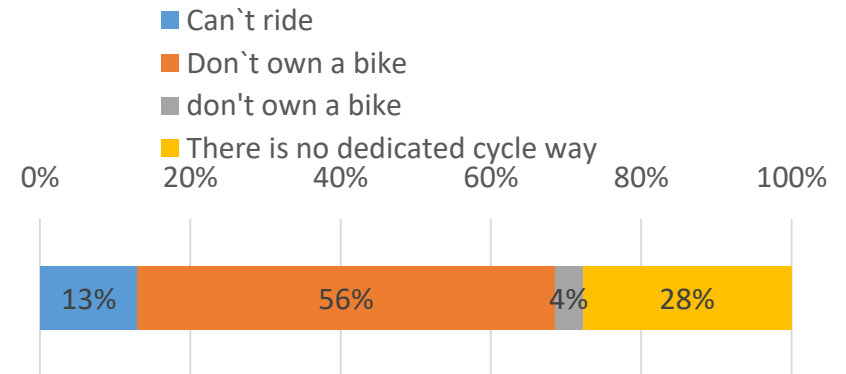
## What do you use it for?



## Where do you cycle?



## Why not cycle?



Just over 40% of respondents cycle. This is often for leisure around the village or to neighbouring villages. Those who don't cycle is mainly as they don't own a bike / there is no cycle path.

# Chew Magna Cycleway and Parking

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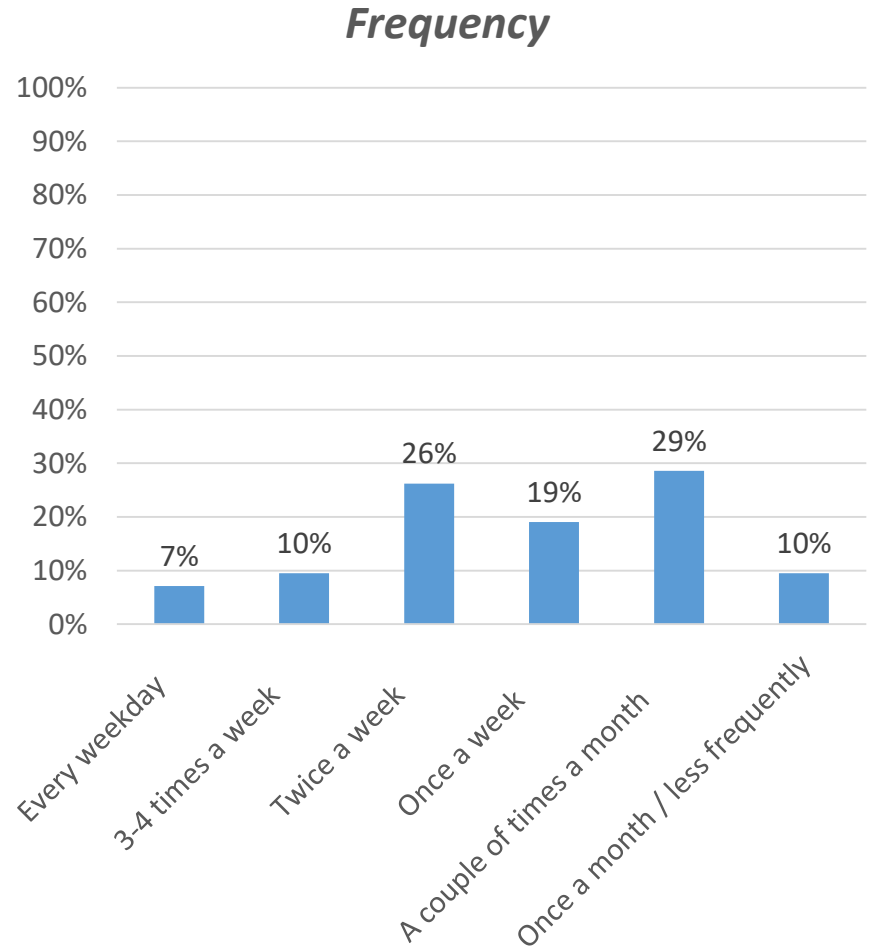
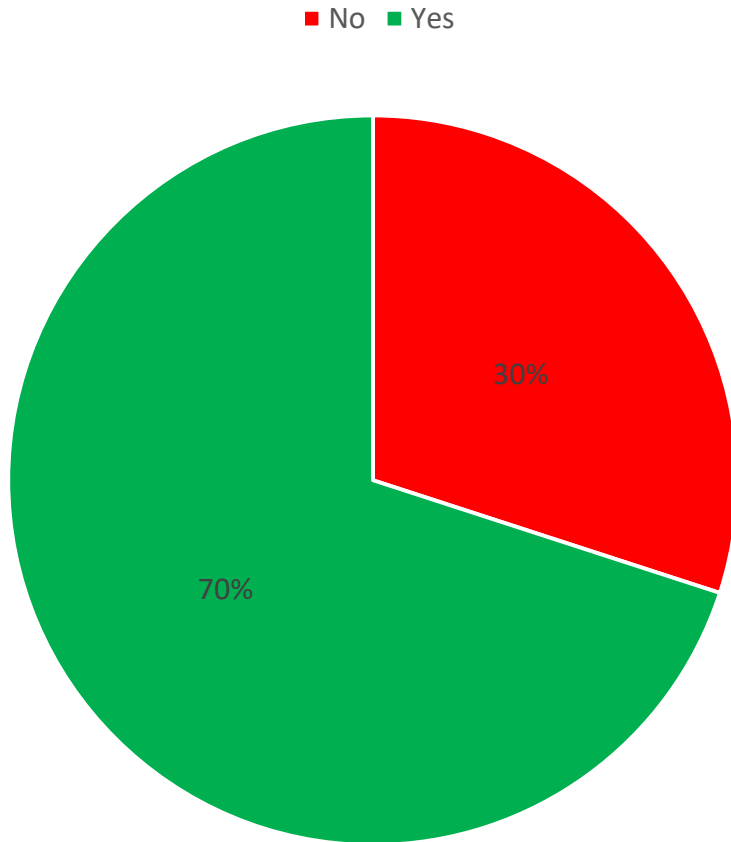
## ***A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:***

*"A majority of respondents supported the idea of a safe cycle route from Stanton Drew to Chew Magna."*

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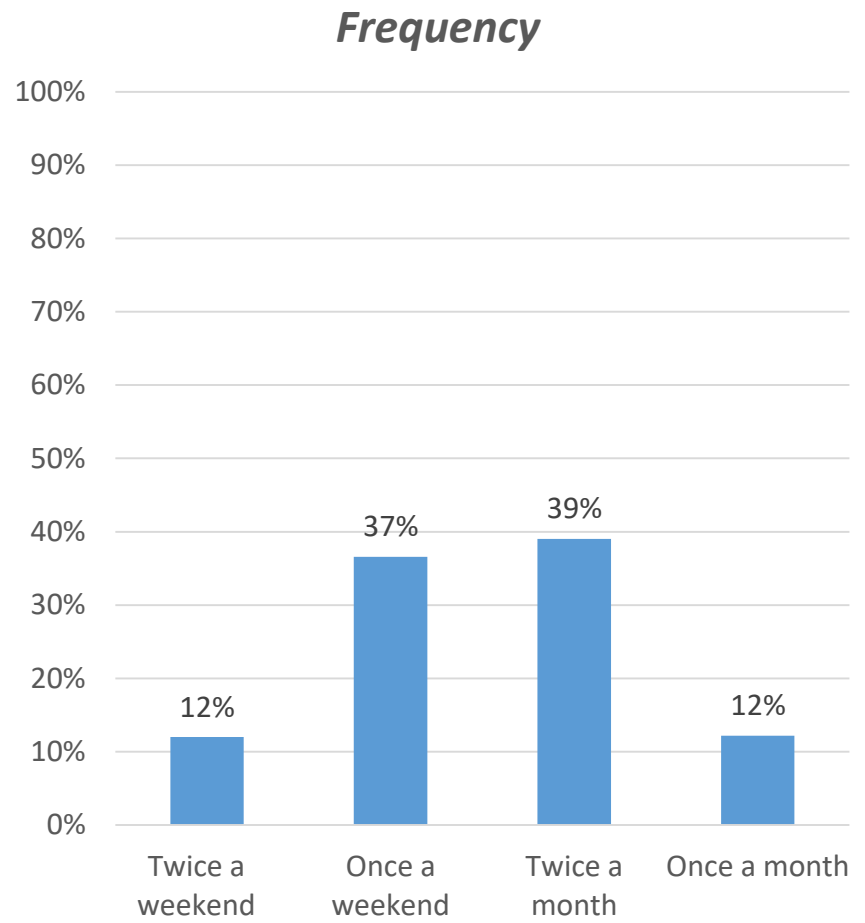
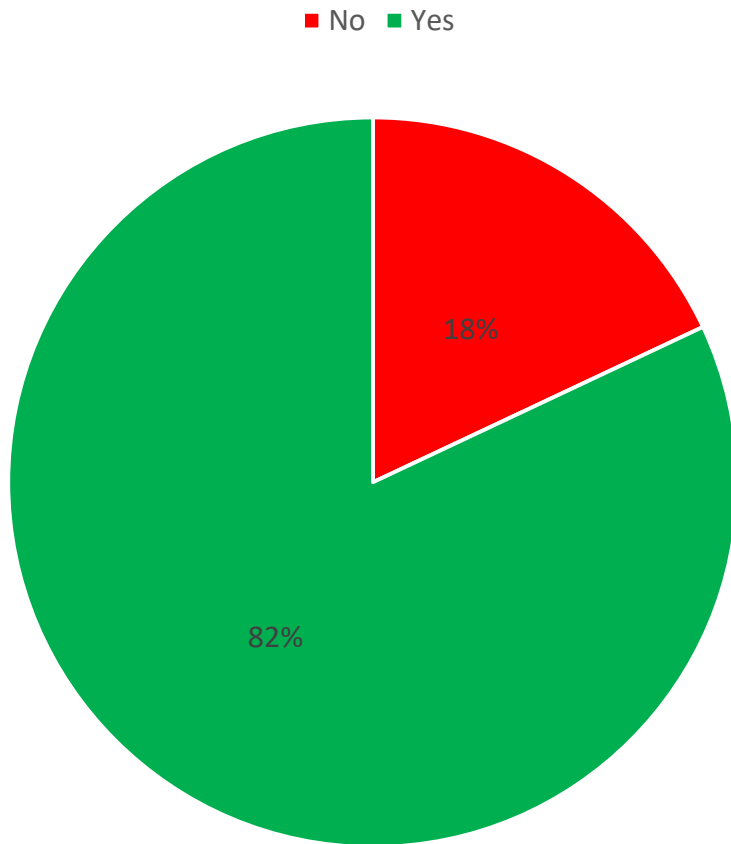
*"The village has no specified public parking and very little on road parking available and relies on the goodwill of local landowners and residents."*

# Using the safe cycle route on weekdays



70% of those who currently cycle or would cycle if there was a dedicated cycle way, would use the safe cycle route mainly on weekdays.

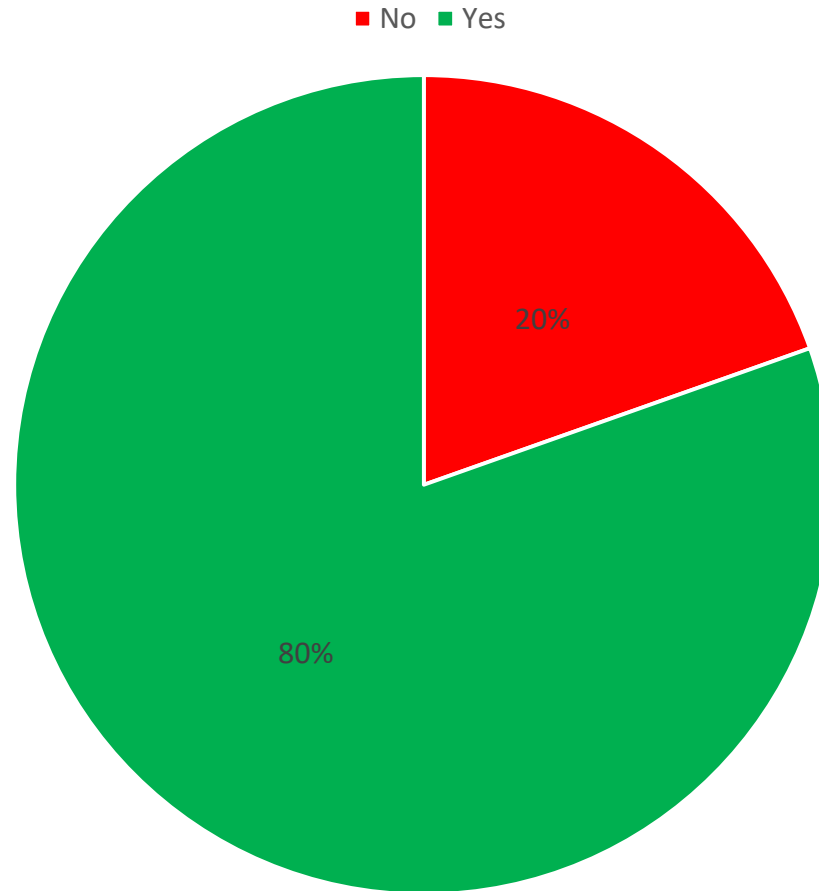
# Using the safe cycle route on weekend



82% of those who currently cycle or would cycle if there was a dedicated cycle way would use the safe cycle route on weekends. The majority would do so once a weekend or twice a month.

# Support the provision of authorised public parking

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The majority of respondents are in favour of additional public parking.

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# Policies

# The Parish Environment & Landscape

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*A note from the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Planning Team:*

## **Environment & Landscape**

"Based on the evidence gathered to date e.g. from consultations, workshops and questionnaires the Environment & Landscape Working Group (E&L Group) has gathered together a number of policies considered appropriate for inclusion in the Stanton Drew Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The E&L Group are now suggesting relevant policies but are also asking parishioners for alternative policies that they believe should be included. Parishioners can agree with the suggested policies, disagree with the suggested policies or put forward an alternative policy. If you would like to suggest any alternative policies please bear in mind that they will have to have community support.

Once all the responses from this document and questionnaires are analysed we will prepare an Options Document that will include the draft E&L policies together with any suggested alternatives and the community will then again be consulted."

## **Green belt**

Evidence from our consultation process demonstrates that the community values the environment and landscape and that Green Belt is extremely important. The E&L Group are not however proposing any new parish specific Green Belt policies but propose relying on existing policies within the National Planning Policy Framework and BaNES Core Strategy to protect the Green Belt."



# Rural Landscape Character

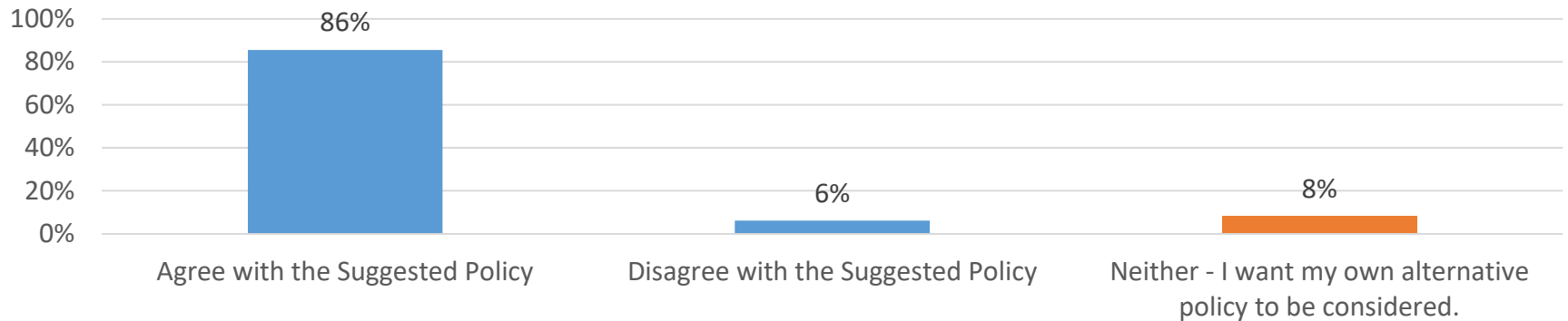
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## Rural Landscape Character

"Consultation with the community indicates that the look of our environment and any development is important and we have interpreted this as a combination of what is around us and how it fits into the landscape. This has been recorded in documents such as our Environment and Landscape Character Assessment (see [www.stantondrewpnp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Stanton-Drew-Parish-Character-Assessment-2015.09.01.pdf](http://www.stantondrewpnp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Stanton-Drew-Parish-Character-Assessment-2015.09.01.pdf)) and other associated documents such as our Stanton Drew Heritage Assets 2014 (see [www.stantondrewpnp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2014-01-30-Stanton-Drew-Heritage-Assets-for-BaNES-Placemaking.pdf](http://www.stantondrewpnp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2014-01-30-Stanton-Drew-Heritage-Assets-for-BaNES-Placemaking.pdf)) and our Protected Views January 2016 documents (enclosed herewith)."

**Suggested Policy - The Neighbourhood Plan will support applications that conserve the rural character, in accordance with the Parish Character Assessments and if in accordance with other policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.**

# Rural Landscape Characters



## **Suggestions:**

- *It is very clear that development MUST take place in order to build communities . My Son's have lived here for the majority of there lives but are faced with moving from the village. We must not make development to difficult to achieve as this will only leave us at the status quo.*
- **PLEASE BUILD HOMES FOR THE YOUNG AT AFFORDABLE PRICES!!!!!!! ANY POLICY THAT PROMOTES BUILDING COSTS SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED**
- *The green belt at all times should be "PROTECTED" !*

***More comments overleaf***

The vast majority of respondents agree with the rural landscape policies.

# Suggestions for Rural Landscape Characters

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- *Leave alone.*
- *The NP should entrance and conserve the rural character whilst recognising the diverse character of the parish's built environment. If this policy is to be "in accordance" with the P.C.A. then the P.C.A. needs to be strengthened.*
- *If the other policies in the plan put environment and landscape character as a primary consideration.*
- *Under no circumstances should there be any building on the greenbelt or any extension of the HDB. I am concerned that parish council recently approved additional planning on the green belt and the extension of the HDB. Fortunately Banes refused the application.*
- *Actively encourage/promote/allocate land for say 50 new households to help support community facilities - church, pub, hall, school etc. The village needs to grow to remain sustainable. But need to be central not further increase the linear spread. Opposite pub/opposite school/junction to Upper Stanton.*

# Green Infrastructure

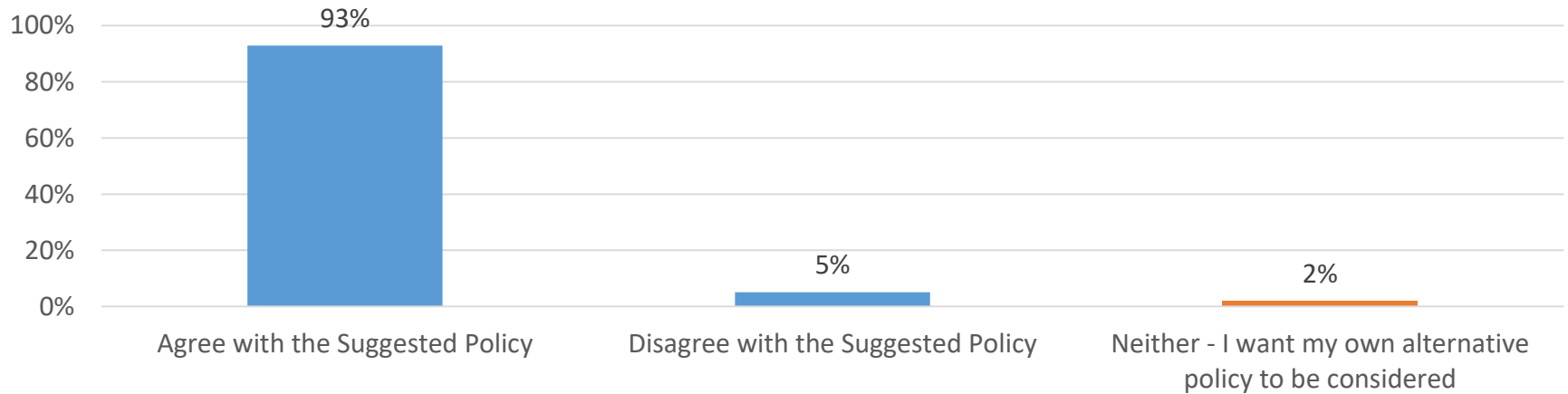
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## **Green Corridors and Biodiversity**

"The Parish benefits from a variety of habitats that support a range of wildlife, many areas being linked by green corridors and interconnected with habitats outside the Parish. We want to ensure all green corridors are protected along with the biodiversity that depends on them."

**Suggested Policy - The Neighbourhood Plan will support applications that promote and protect green corridors and biodiversity if the applications also accord with other policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.**

# Green corridors and Biodiversity



## ***Suggestions:***

- As per the previous answer. Why make development more costly and complicated. The elderly and young need housing.....lets supply it.*
- WE NEED HOUSING. THERE IS PLENTY OF GREENBELT AND NOT ENOUGH HOUSES.....PRIORITY??*
- If the other policies in the plan put environment and landscape character as a primary consideration.*

An impressive 93% of respondents agree with the green corridors and biodiversity policy.

# Green Infrastructure

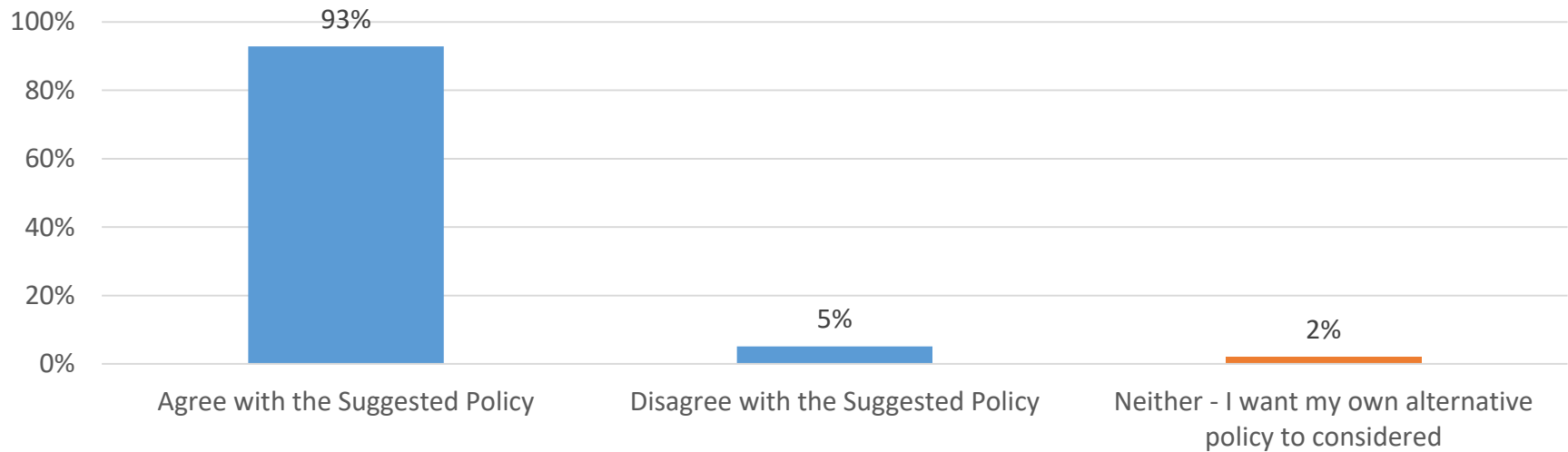
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## Tree, Hedge and Green Verge Conservation and Enhancement

"Our Parish is interconnected by narrow lanes; many are very old and have species rich hedgerows, many with associated banks. Native trees and hedges and vegetated verges/banks are an important part of our landscape character; they act as green corridors and are beneficial to people and biodiversity. Evidence shows that the community wish to maintain and enhance the local landscape character and structural diversity so we want to ensure that trees, hedges and verges are protected, and that, where appropriate, more native trees, hedge and ground flora species are planted."

**Suggested Policy - The Neighbourhood Plan will support applications that satisfactorily protect trees and hedges on or adjoining a development, and developments that include the planting of small copses or orchards, providing the applications are in accordance with other policies in the Neighbourhood Plan**

# Tree, Hedge and Green Verge Conservation and Enhancement



## Suggestions:

- *“Satisfactorily protect and enhance.”*
- *If the other policies in the plan put environment and landscape character as a primary consideration.*
- *Let the farmers look after trees and hedges. They do a good job keeping hedges tidy in the fields.*

Tree, Hedge and green verge conservation policies are widely agreed with.

# Aquatic Biodiversity

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## **Aquatic Biodiversity**

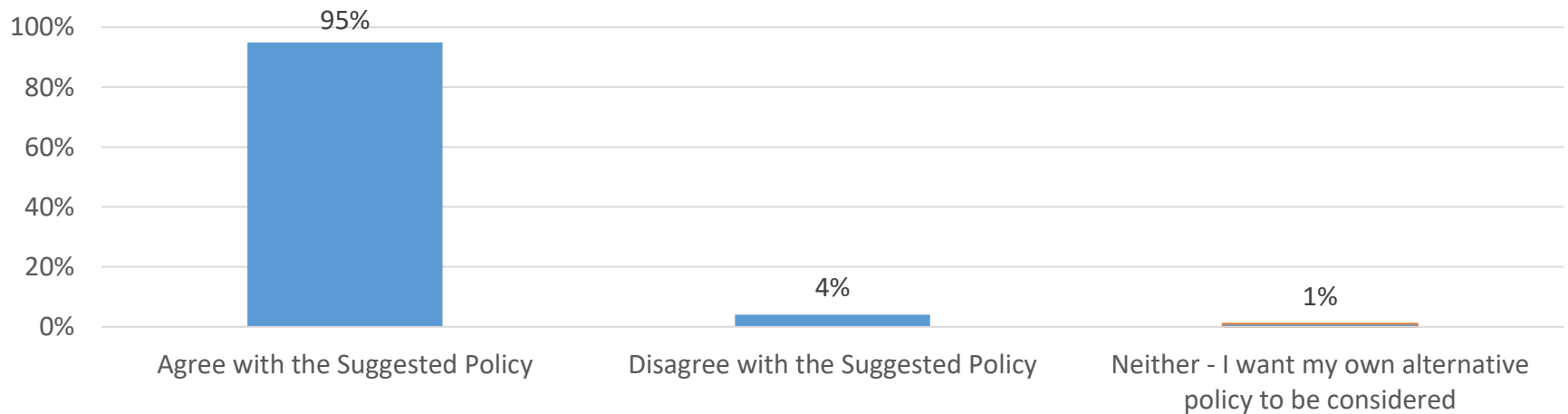
"A length of the River Chew and its associated river corridor along with a few streams and ditches are present in our Parish. The health of water courses is important to our area, its landscape character and biodiversity. Evidence shows we want to ensure all water courses within the Parish remain open, clean and free flowing."

**Suggested Policy - The Neighbourhood Plan will promote the conservation and enhancement of ponds and water courses especially where they contain scheduled or rare species or support a rich assemblage of plants, invertebrates or amphibians.**

**Any development likely to have an adverse effect on any water course either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan.**



# Aquatic Biodiversity



## Suggestion:

- *At this rate no development will take place!! There is always something or someone effected by the provision of houses. People are the priority!!!!*

A huge 95% of respondents are in favour of the aquatic biodiversity policy.

# Dark Skies Policy

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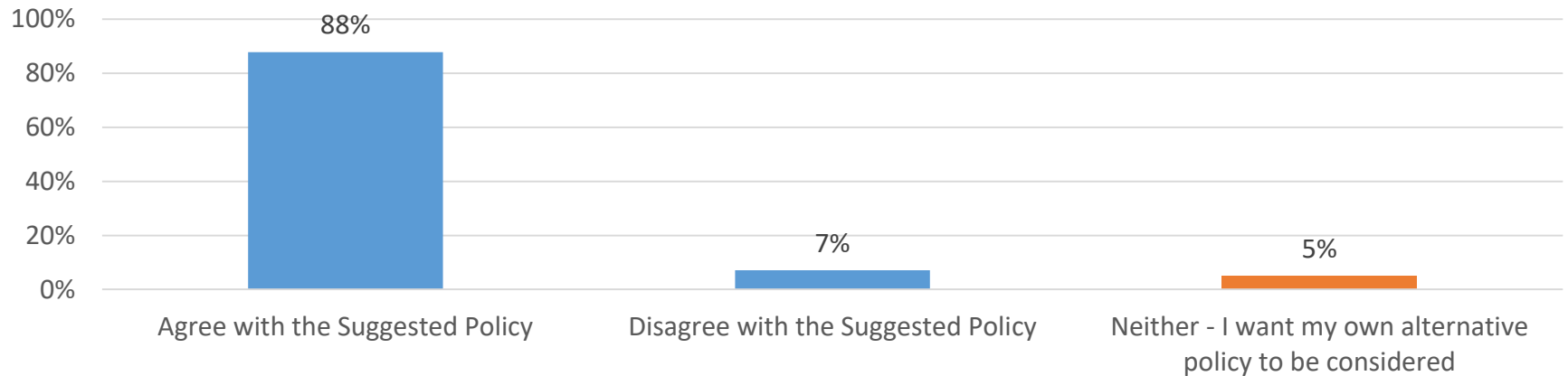
## Dark Skies Policy

"Our village and hamlets have very little or no street lighting, evidence shows this is generally welcomed by residents and it is known that dark skies are good for wildlife.

The Chew Valley Lake is a Special Protection Area, there are various known bat populations throughout the Plan Area, and we are close to the Mendips and North Somerset Bat Special Area of Conservation."

**Suggested Policy - Any development must take into account any lighting needs associated with the development during operational hours and these shall be the minimum required to perform the relevant lighting task. Lighting shall be specifically designed to minimise the risk of light spillage beyond the development site boundary and into the wider countryside. In addition, dark corridors for bats and light sensitive species should be incorporated into all development within the Plan Area.**

# Dark Skies Policy



## Suggestions:

- *Prefer what we have now, almost no street lighting.*
- *The final sentence is not necessarily relevant. Suggest that an assessment is done to determine if a dev site is on a bat corridor, and if so dark corridors....*
- *There is too much lighting in some parts of the village now.*
- *We welcome no street lighting. What development are you talking about since there should be done.*
- *There should be no development.*

Most respondents are in favour of the dark skies policies. Those who make suggestions typically are in favour of the status quo.

# Heritage Assets

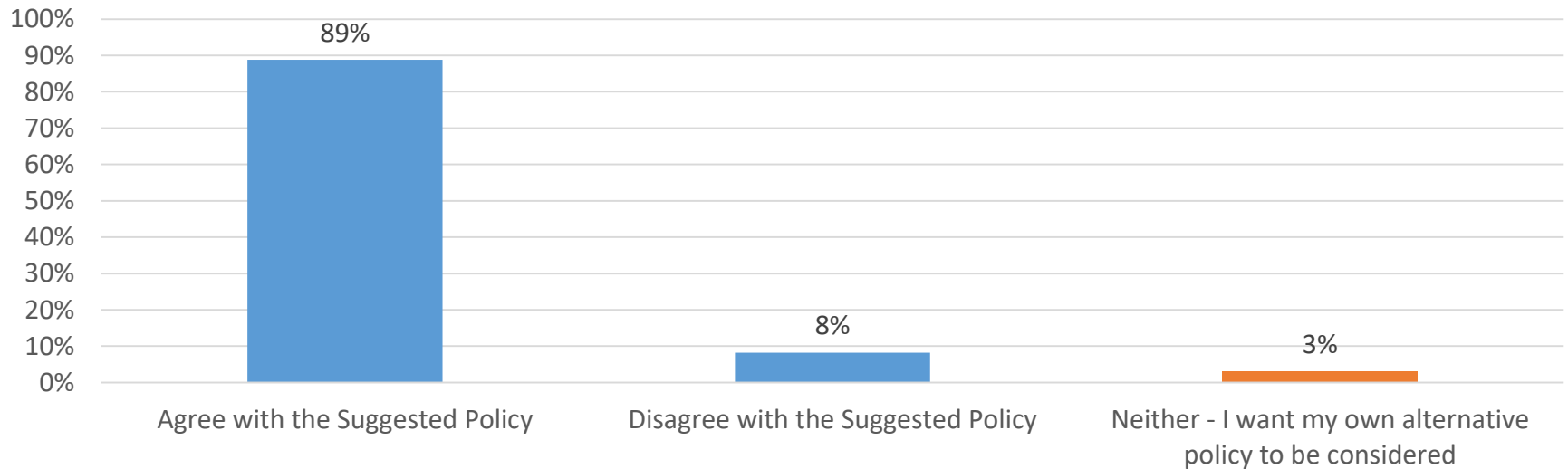
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## Heritage Assets

"We live in an extremely important historical area where many monuments are protected with national designations such as Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Conservation Area and Listed Buildings. We also value other Heritage Assets that are not specifically protected, including those acknowledged within the Stanton Drew Heritage Assets 2014 document for the BaNES Placemaking Plan."

**Suggested Policy - The Neighbourhood Plan will support applications if they do not adversely affect the important Heritage Assets as set out in the Stanton Drew Heritage Assets 2014 document for the BaNES Placemaking Plan and that are in accordance with other policies in the Plan.**

# Heritage Assets



## Suggestions:

- *If the other policies in the plan put environment and landscape character as a primary consideration.*
- *Suggest adding (after Heritage Assets...) ... "or their setting"...*

The heritage assets policy is widely agreed with. Suggestions are minimal.

# Renewable Energy

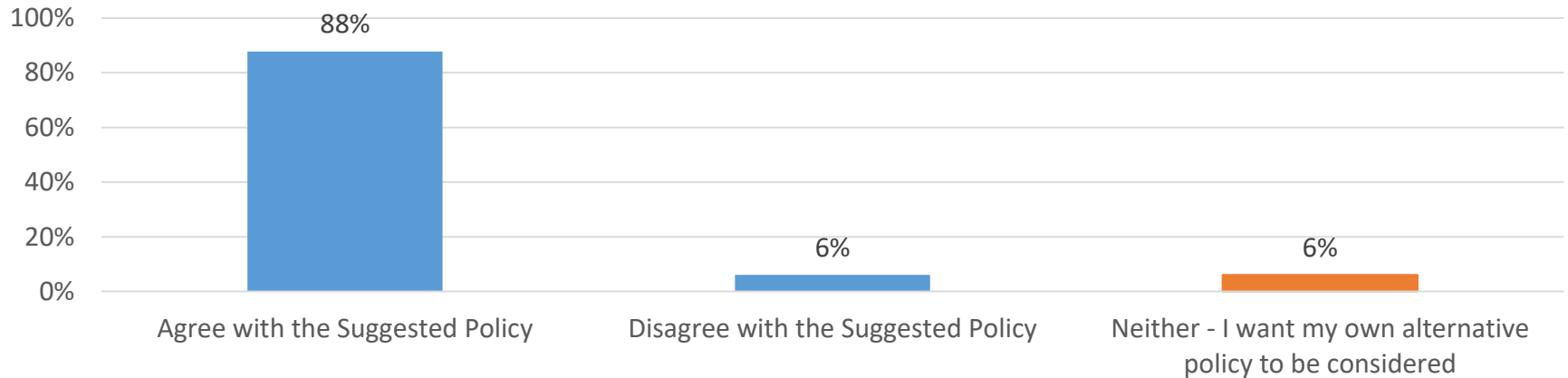
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## Renewable Energy

"51% of respondents to the March 2014 Questionnaire supported the encouragement of renewable energy, 16% didn't respond or were neutral and 34% did not support the encouragement of renewable energy."

**Suggested Policy - The Neighbourhood Plan will support renewal energy projects if appropriate and they are in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, BaNES Local Plan and other Neighbourhood Plan policies.**

# Renewable Energy



## Suggestions:

- *NO RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEMES PLEASE!!!*
- *This policy could effect the build cost of many houses. this in turn could help nullify the 'affordable' housing position.*
- *NP should not support any applications for solar arrays on agricultural land.*
- *Wording should be added to policy e.g. Solar panels and rural landscape policy.*
- *The Neighbourhood Plan should express neutrality and should simply indicate that renewable energy projects will be considered on a case by case bases.*
- *Exclude windfarms and turbines.*

Whilst there is general support for renewal, there are a number of comments about the methods of renewable. i.e. turbines are held negatively.

# Protected Views

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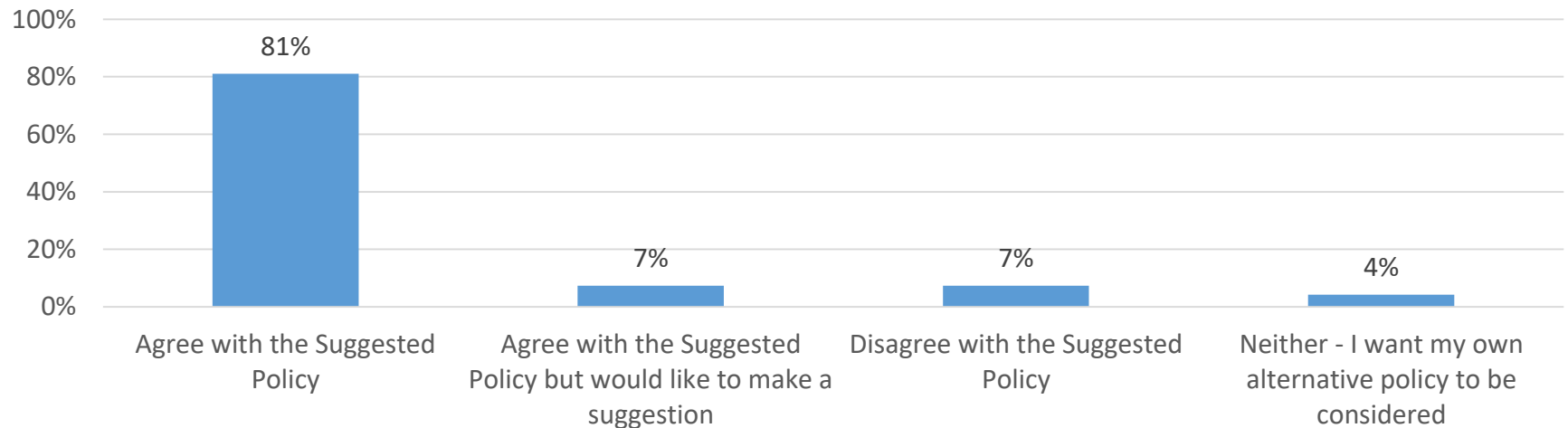
## ***Protected Views***

*"Within the Plan Area and surrounding land there are vistas from or towards significant landscape features. We tend to take these for granted, however they demonstrate the wider landscape context of our area. Some work on this has been completed for the BaNES Placemaking Plan, however nothing has previously been completed for views within Stanton Drew Parish even though it is recognised as a historic and beautiful area! The E&L Group have drafted a document that defines the protected views, assesses the main views put forward to date and recommends four views to protect, all of which have significant historical and/or landscape value, both within the local area and nationally. Please see the separate Protected Views Document July 2016 which includes photographs, maps and grid references of the considered views."*

**Suggested Policy - The Neighbourhood Plan will support applications if they do not adversely affect the important views in and around the Parish, 4 of which have been identified in the Protected Views Document July 2016, and if they are in accordance with other policies in the Plan.**



# Protected Views



## Suggestions:

- *All applications should be assessed according to individual views - not necessarily restricted to the 4 views.*
- *The Neighbourhood Plan should express neutrality and should simply indicate that renewable energy projects will be considered on a case by case bases. Also the plan not should not be capable of interpretation as providing support for applications for development affecting any other area that is not a protected view, simply because it does not affect a view.*

***More comments overleaf***

Typically the policy is agreed with however, there are a number of suggestions that we have listed below.

# Protected Views Suggestions

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- *I don't know which are the four views if it is one opposite the school you can only see that from a bedroom I would like to see houses there at present it is still greenbelt...*
- *I can not comment without the protected views document*
- *No wind power*
- *Bromley Villas should be removed other views are more important - Bromley villas to be removed from the list. I think there are many other views just as historic as Bromley Villas which is on the edge of the village*
- *Needs to be some compromise in order to comply with the need for new housing and new hall*
- *View from Stanton Wick down across the valley to Stanton Drew and Norton Malreward*
- *Every view is important to somebody, but I would not like to see the village stagnate and die because of an "over-protectionist" policy*
- *View from church to Bromley Road south of the druids and the views north and east of the church behind Sandy Lane.*