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**A report on the environmental and amenities section of the questionnaire prepared by Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and distributed in May 2016**

## QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY

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### Why we have produced this summary

This is a record of a consultation that was carried for the Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation took place in May 2016, and will be used by us to help prepare the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have produced this summary so that everyone can read about and understand what happened and how the outcomes from the consultation will influence the final plan. Ultimately this report will form part of the evidence base for the plan, detailing how we consulted, the main issues and concerns that people raised, and how these concerns and issues have been considered.

### The consultation stage

This was the first major household consultation carried out in the plan process.

### How we consulted

One copy of the questionnaire was delivered to every household in the civil parish, it was distributed by hand by members of the working group in the second week of May 2016. The questionnaires were completed and handed in either at St Andrew's School office or the village shop by the end of May 2016. There was a version of the questionnaire available to fill in online on the Survey Monkey website.

There was an article about the questionnaire in the parish news letter, *The Gossip Tree*, giving details of the Survey Monkey questionnaire and contact details for anyone wanting a paper copy.

The completed copies of the paper questionnaire were collected and then entered into the online questionnaire on Survey Monkey.

### Who responded

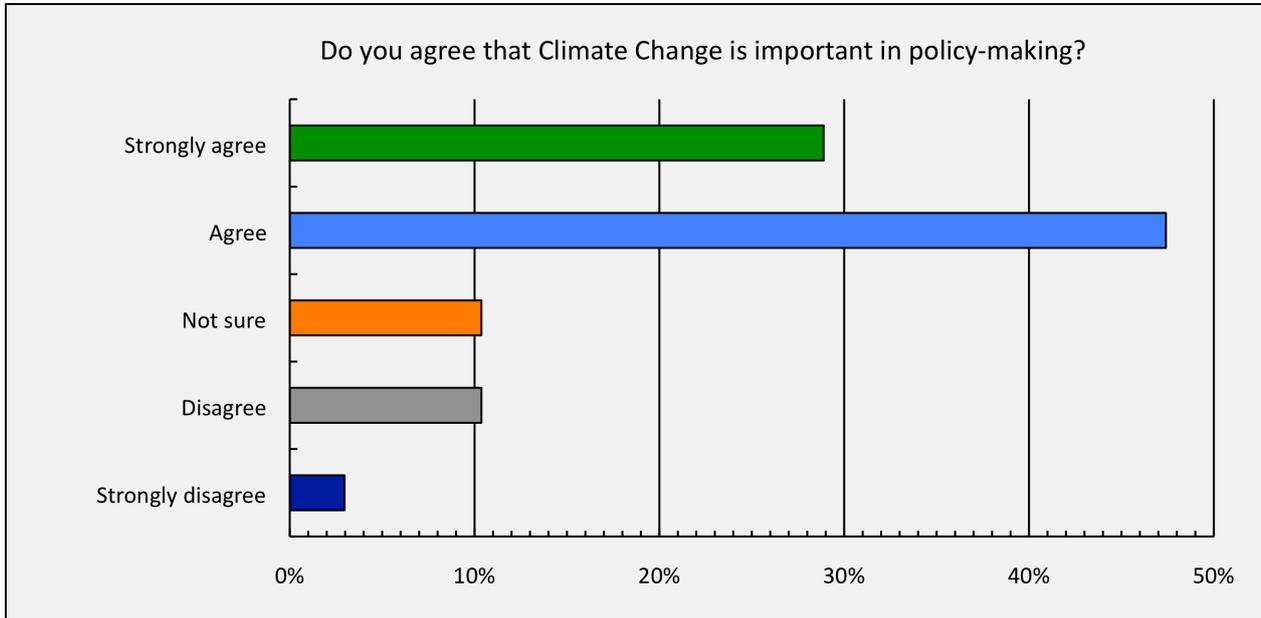
138 questionnaire responses were received out of the 336 delivered, a response rate of 41%. The responses received were biased towards retired people and owner occupiers which is not fully presentative of the whole Village community.

68% of respondents were aged 50 or over, this compares to 53% in the 2011 Census.

90% of respondents were owner occupiers compared to a figure of 74% for the parish in the 2011 Census.

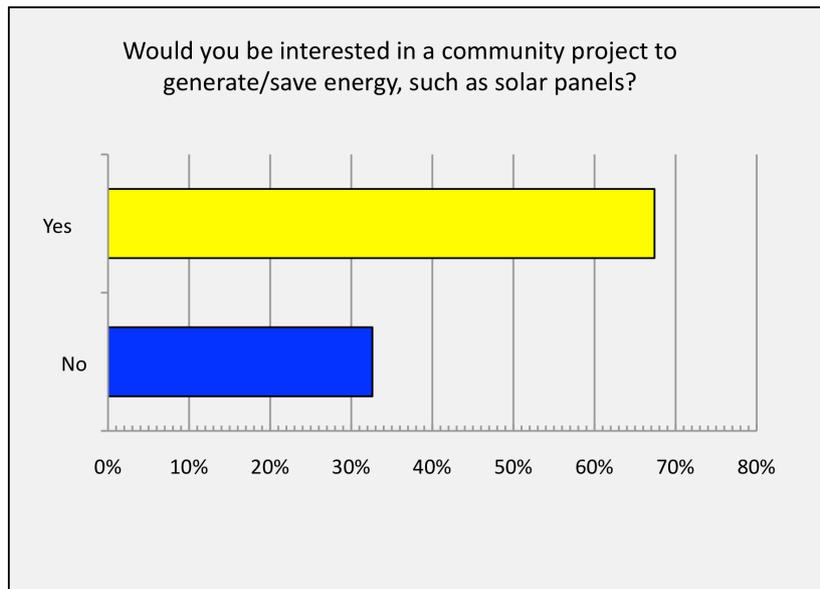
59% of the respondents were retired people.

### Climate Change



Respondents were asked to give their views on the importance of climate change in policy-making. There was a clear majority (76.3%) who agreed that it is important with only 13.4% disagreeing.

### Renewable Energy



When asked about their support for renewable energy projects 67.4% of respondents gave a positive response.

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## Character of the Neighbourhood

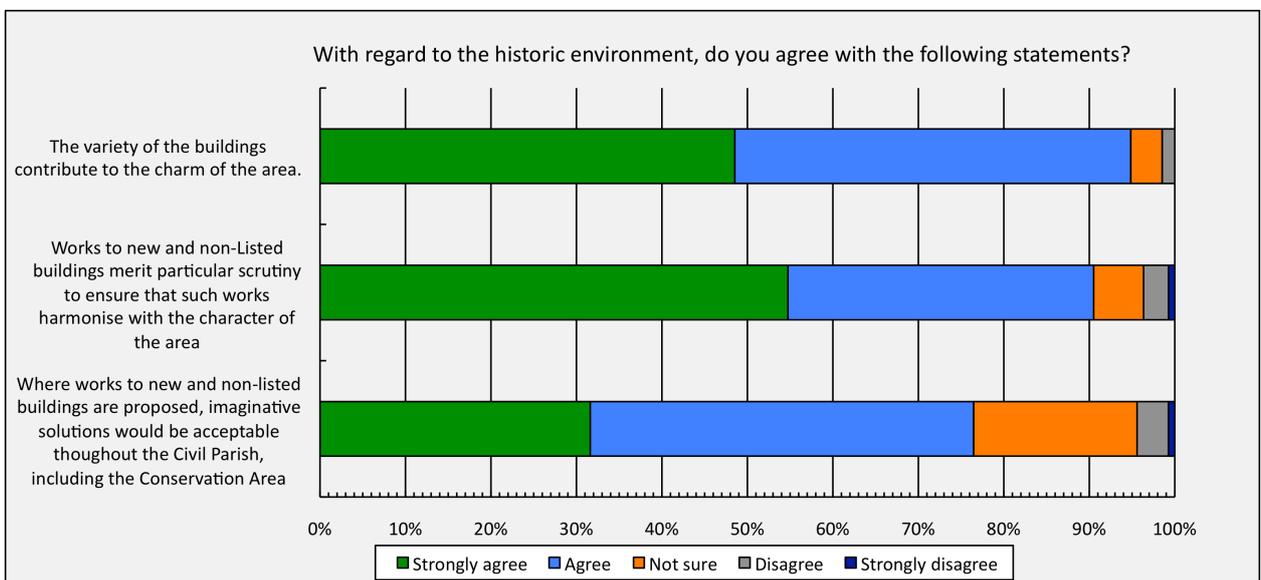


Respondents were asked for their views on which specific features of the parish give to it its distinctive character. There was strong agreement (over 70%) on the importance of 6 specific features.

These were:- the network of local footpaths,  
green spaces within the built up areas,  
water courses within the parish,  
hedgerows,  
mature trees,  
dark skies (absence of street lights).

There was no serious disagreement expressed (nothing over 3%) for any of the specific features listed in the question.

## Historic Environment



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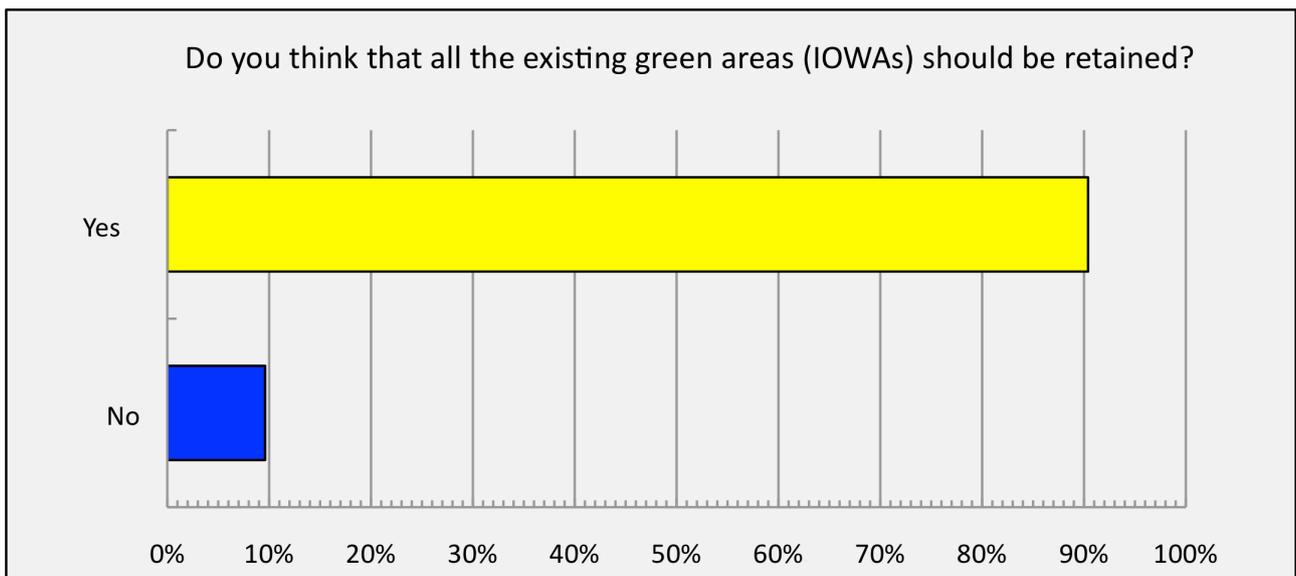
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Respondents were asked to give their views on the style of existing buildings and for the style of any new buildings or alterations to existing buildings.

There was very strong agreement on the first statement about the variety of buildings contributing to the charm of the area and for the second statement about any new buildings and work to existing buildings needing to harmonise with the character of the area.

The support for 'imaginative solutions' was less strong (77% agreement) with 19% of respondents not sure of their views.

### Green Areas

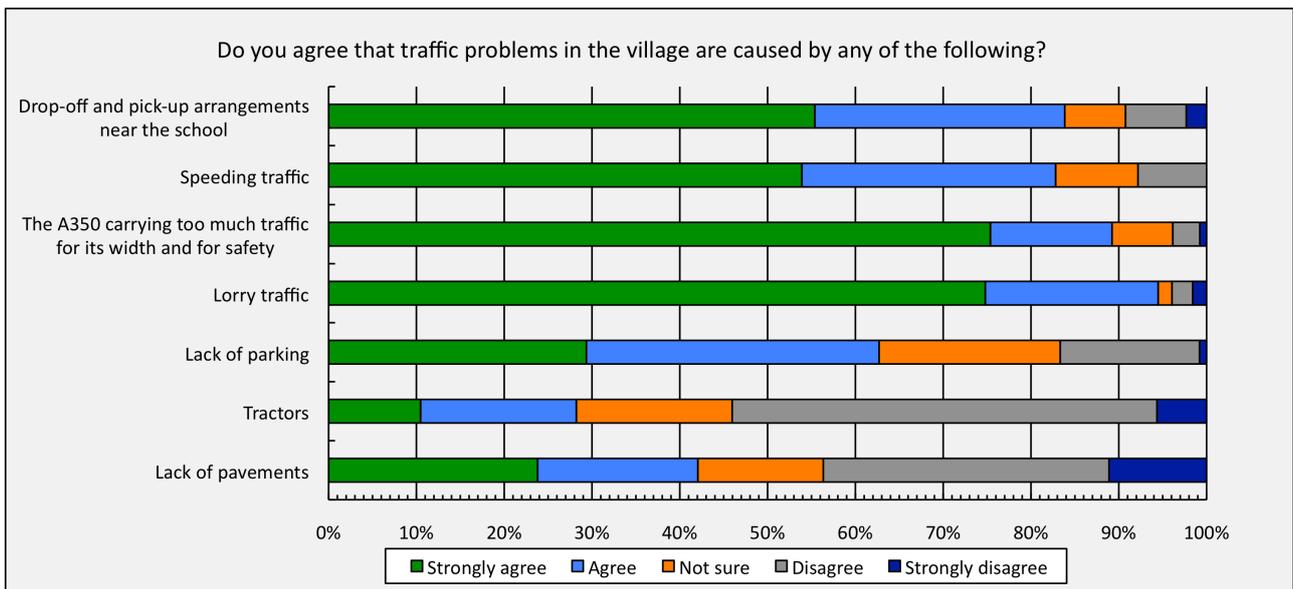


Over 90% of respondents thought that existing green areas (IOWAs) should be retained.

Respondents were also asked to suggest new areas to be designated as 'local green spaces', the responses were as follows:

- Brookland Wood (31)
- Field behind church (20)
- Fields opposite No 32 Mill Street (15)
- Collyers/Fontmell Brook (14)
- Princes Field (13)
- Middle Mill ponds (8)
- Field by Village Hall (7)
- Fields behind school (5)
- Byway starting at Scallow Cottage (4)
- Footpath to Down (3)
- Field between West View and Brookland Wood (3)

**Traffic Problems**



Respondents were asked for their opinions on whether a list of items caused traffic problems in the village.

There was over 80% agreement that the following items were the cause of traffic problems: lorry traffic,

the A350 carrying too much traffic for its width and for safety,

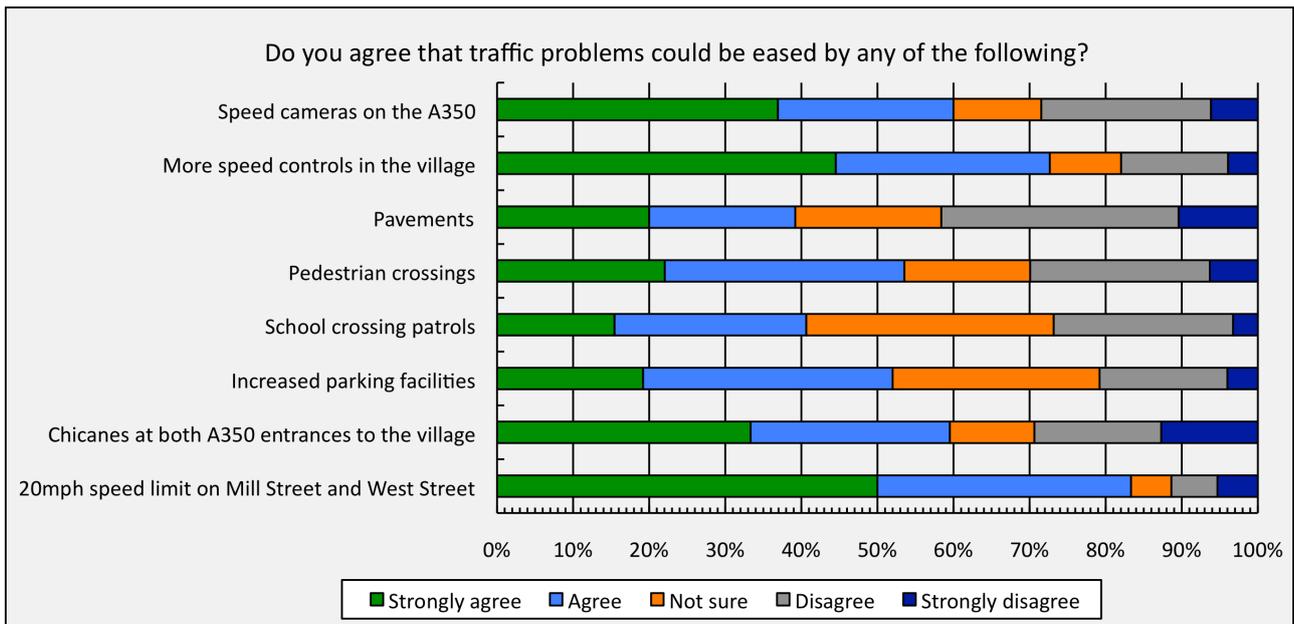
speeding traffic,

drop-off and pick-up arrangements near the school.

Just over 60% agreed that the lack of parking caused problems. Opinions were divided on the question of a lack of pavements with a small majority (44% against 42%) disagreeing that this caused a problem.

On the question of whether tractors caused a problem 54% disagreed against 42% who agreed (with only 10% strongly agreeing).

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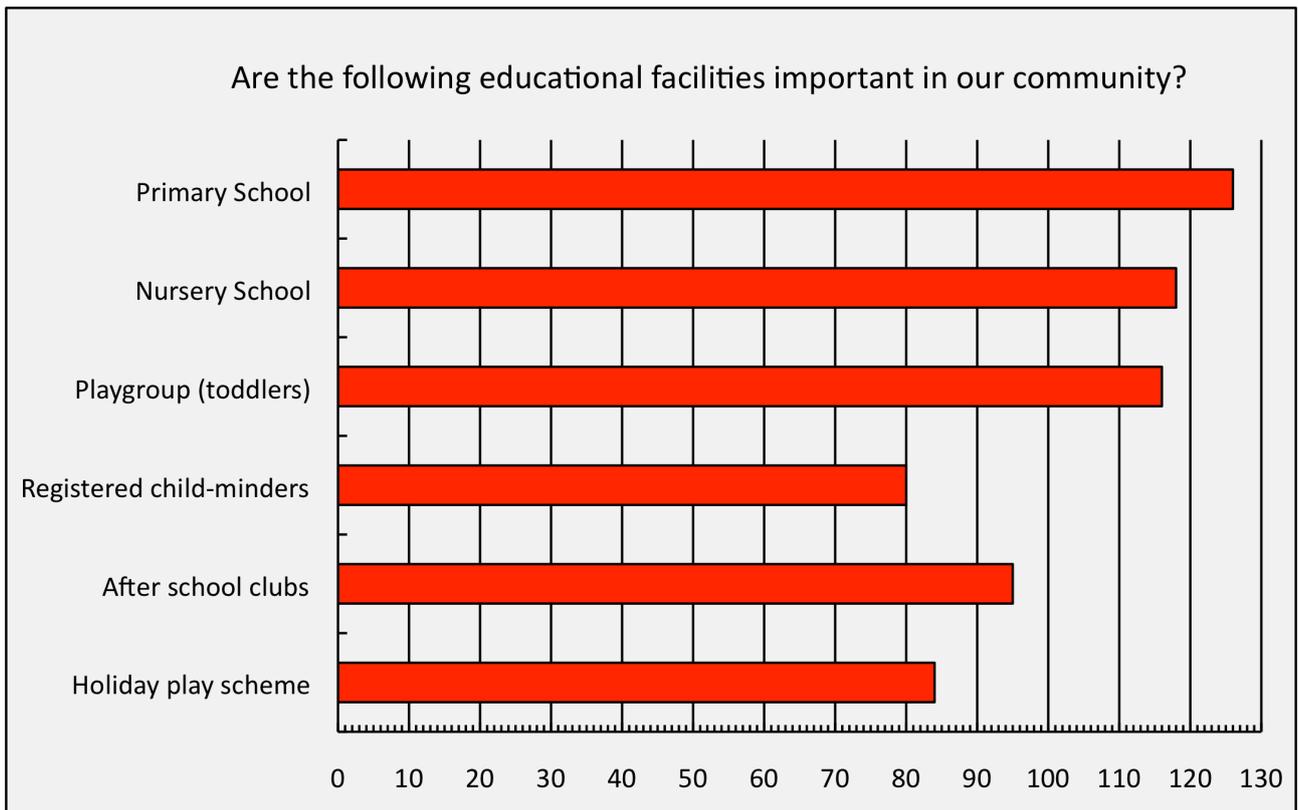
Respondents were then asked for their views on different measures to solve the traffic problems.

The most popular measure with 83% agreeing that it would ease traffic problems was a 20mph speed limit on Mill Street and West Street. This was followed by more speed controls in the village with 73% in agreement and speed cameras on the A350 with 60% in agreement.

The other measures attracting more than 50% agreement were pedestrian crossings, increased parking facilities and chicanes at both A350 entrances to the village. School crossing patrols and pavements both received around 40% agreement.

## Local Facilities

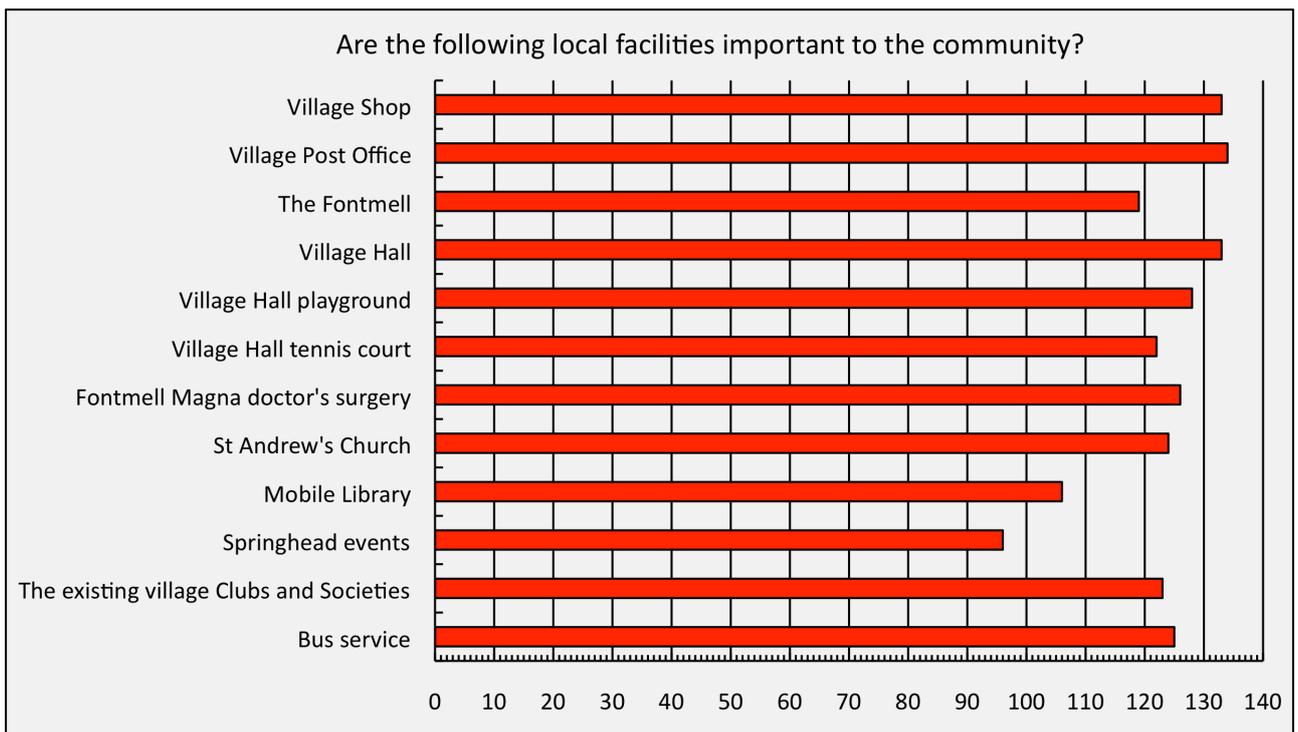
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In the questions on local facilities and amenities respondents were asked to mark which facilities they considered important for the community.

The first question on educational facilities showed that 126 out of the 127 who answered the question thought that the Primary school was important. This was followed by 118 for the Nursery School and 116 for the Playgroup.

There was a smaller level of support for After School Clubs with 95 thinking they were important and 84 for a Holiday Play Scheme and 80 for Registered Child Minders.



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The answers to the question on village facilities and amenities gave the following results.

Village Post Office	100.0%	134
Village Shop	99.3%	133
Village Hall	99.3%	133
Village Hall playground	95.5%	128
Fontmell Magna doctor's surgery	94.0%	126
Bus service	93.3%	125
St Andrew's Church	92.5%	124
The existing village Clubs and Societies	91.8%	123
Village Hall tennis court	91.0%	122
The Fontmell	88.8%	119
Mobile Library	79.1%	106
Springhead events	71.6%	96
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>134</b>

The village shop and post office received near total support closely followed by the village hall and playground, the doctor's surgery and the bus service. In fact all of the facilities listed achieved an exceptionally high level of support with only the mobile library and Springhead events receiving a lower level of support.

## Appendix A: Questionnaire

*Insert here copy of questionnaire, and further appendices as appropriate*