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The Questionnaire

The questionnaire was designed to obtain answers from residents to questions that would help in producing the Bourton Neighbourhood Plan. Volunteers delivered questionnaires in person to residents in all 368 households within the Parish and returned to collect completed forms. This was begun during the weekend of 12th/13th January 2013 and whilst the majority were collected by the end of January the final return was received on 4th March.

It was decided that residents should be given the option of completing the questionnaire as individuals, or as a joint response from the household. Each household/participant also received a map of the parish which provided information about the Settlement and parish boundaries.

A total of 299 questionnaires were received with the following breakdown:

- 280 households completed one questionnaire
- 8 households completed two questionnaires
- 1 household completed three questionnaires

which was a response rate of approximately 80%.

In accordance with good practice, responses and information provided by the participants in the completed questionnaires remain confidential. The identities of individuals and their personal details will not be disclosed to others, except to members of the NPG for purposes of preparing the NP and any data used in the report will not be linked to any respondents.

The objectives

The objectives were to:

- a) quantify the views and opinions of the residents of Bourton on issues affecting the future of the Village;
- b) identify key issues; and
- c) produce clear evidence of the wishes of Bourton residents that could be utilised in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The data entry and analysis

Data entry took place between 17th January and 4th March 2013. Excel spreadsheets were used for the data entry and the data was sorted to the relevant Sections. Each questionnaire took an average of 20 minutes to input, including the transcription of all the responses to the open questions and additional hand-written comments.

The information contained in all 299 responses received was analysed. Much of the numerical data produced within these spreadsheets was converted to graphical form, and re-sorted by rank where appropriate, to make the results clearer and to aid in their interpretation. Unless otherwise stated, percentages are given as a percentage of the total number of responses to the questions answered. When the data entry was complete a random ten per cent sample of questionnaires were checked against the original data entry to test for accuracy. No errors were found.

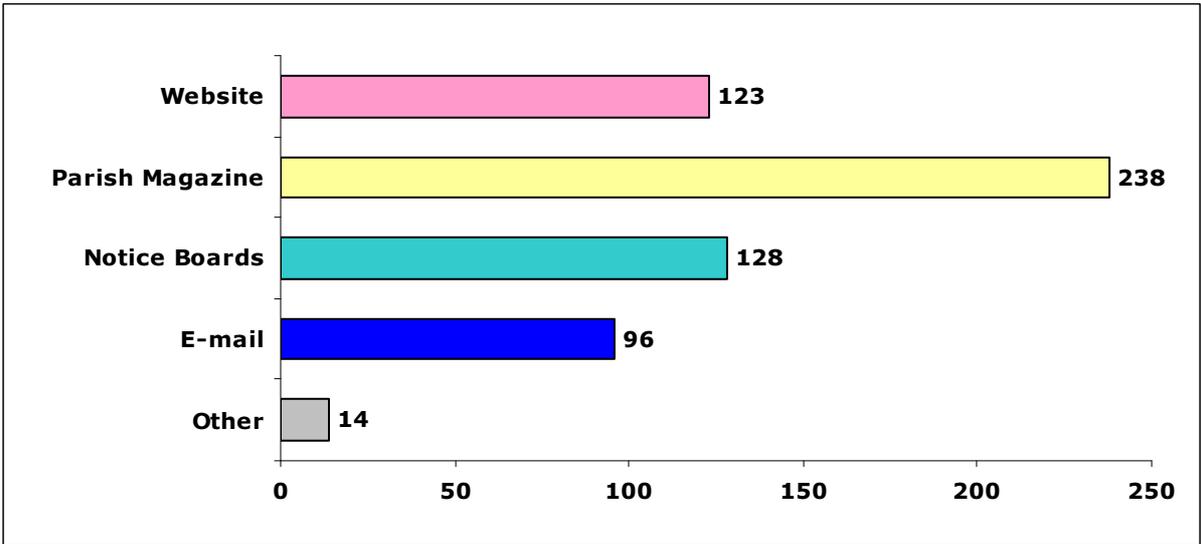
Appendices

Text responses to open questions and comments made in order to qualify or supplement answers have been included in appendices A to G. General observations residents wished to make about the village and its development have been included in Appendix H. Compliments or criticisms regarding the questionnaire itself as well as offers of help have not been included as they have no bearing upon any conclusions to be drawn from the responses.

Future communication

Residents were asked in the questionnaire to select from a list, all the applicable means by which they would like to be kept informed of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The following chart shows the preferences expressed.

See Appendix G



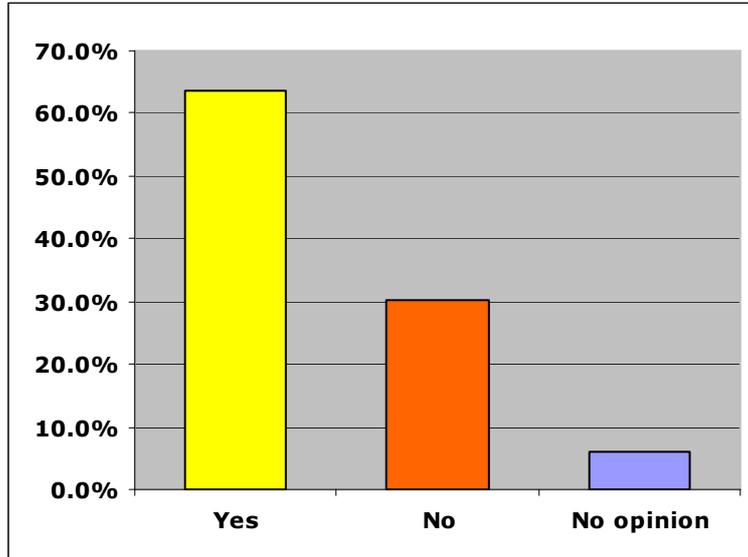
SURVEY RESPONSES

SECTION 1

TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

1.01/1.02 Do you think speeding is a problem in Bourton? If yes, on which road(s)?

Yes	63.6%	No	30.3%	No opinion	6.1%
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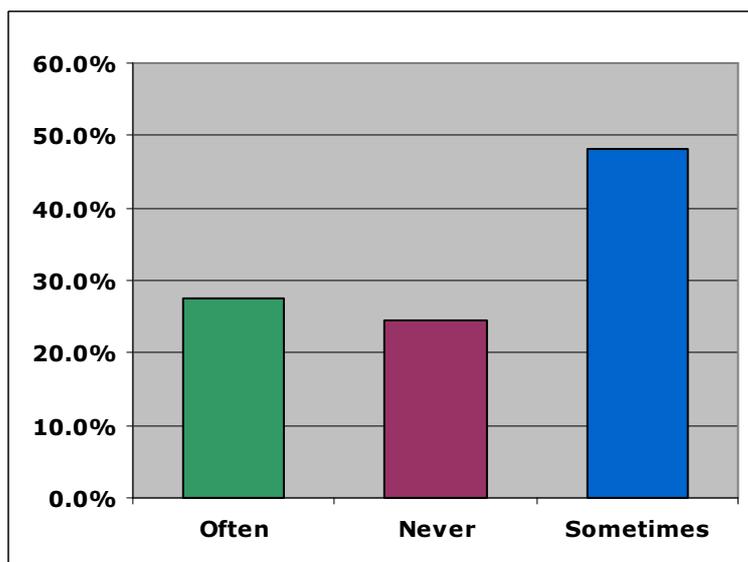


The main road through the village was identified by 176 respondents as having a speeding problem. The current speed limits in the village, particularly Main Road and around the school were also thought to be inappropriate by some residents.

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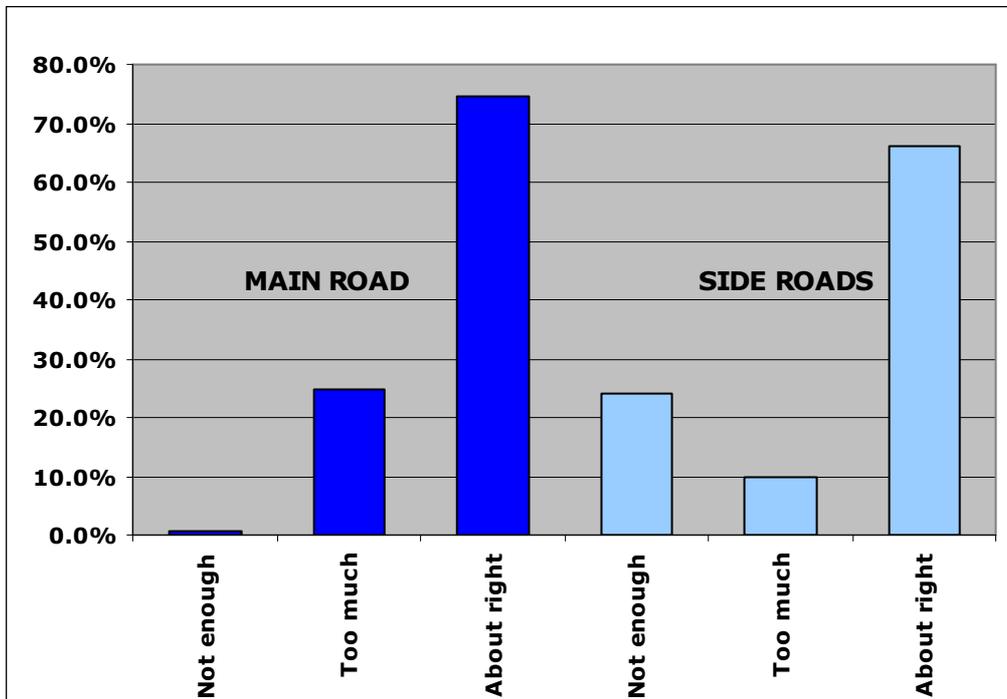
1.03 Are you adversely affected by road noise from the A303?

Often	27.5%	Never	24.4%	Sometimes	48.1%
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1.04 What is your opinion of the street lighting provision?

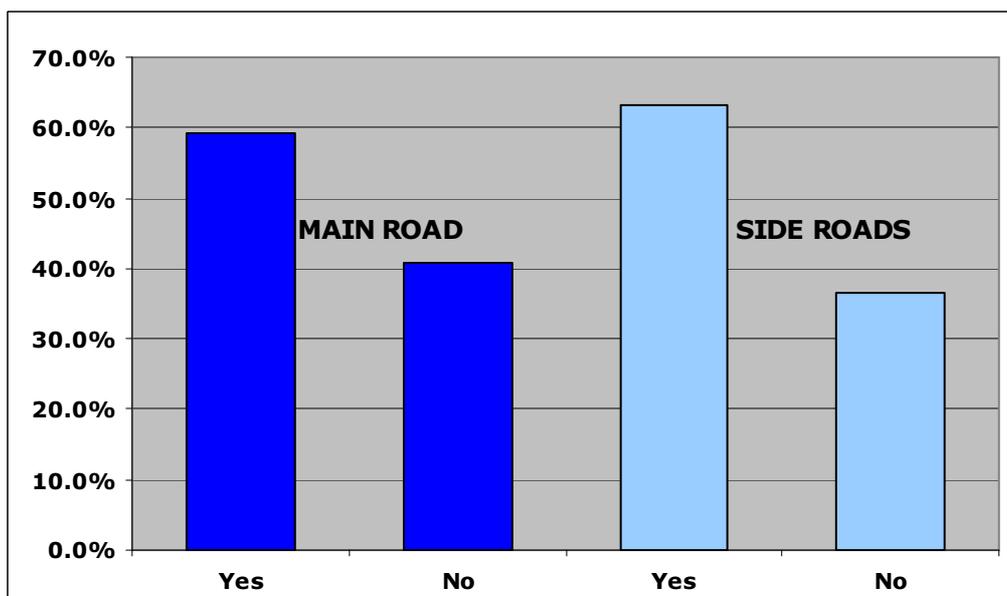
	Not enough	Too much	About right
Main roads	0.7%	24.7%	74.6%
Side roads	24.0%	9.8%	66.2%



See Appendix A2

1.05 Should street lighting be turned off between midnight & dawn?

Main roads	Yes	59.3%	No	40.7%
Side roads	Yes	63.3%	No	36.7%



A few respondents pointed out that they do not have any street lighting.

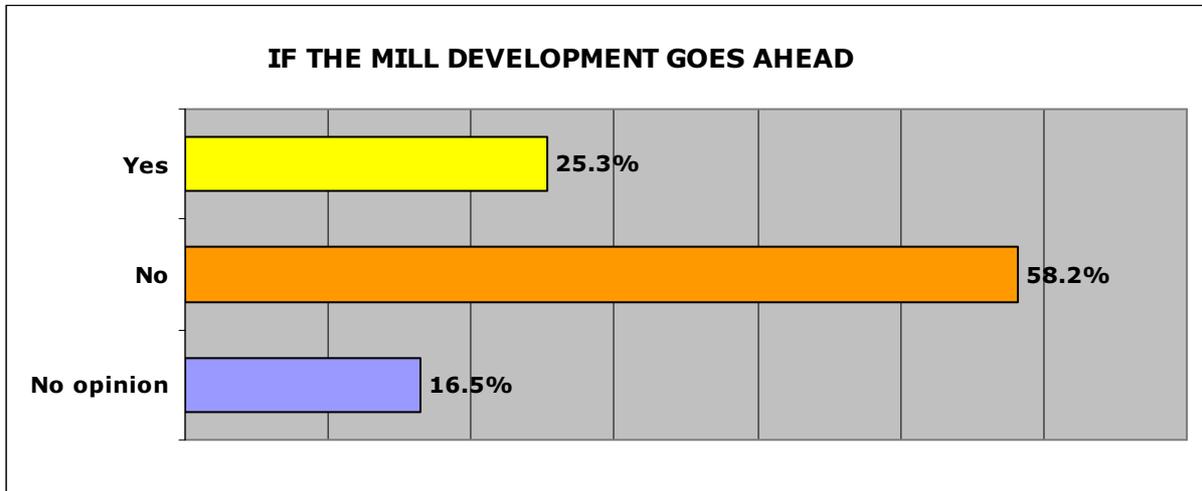
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SECTION 2

HOUSING

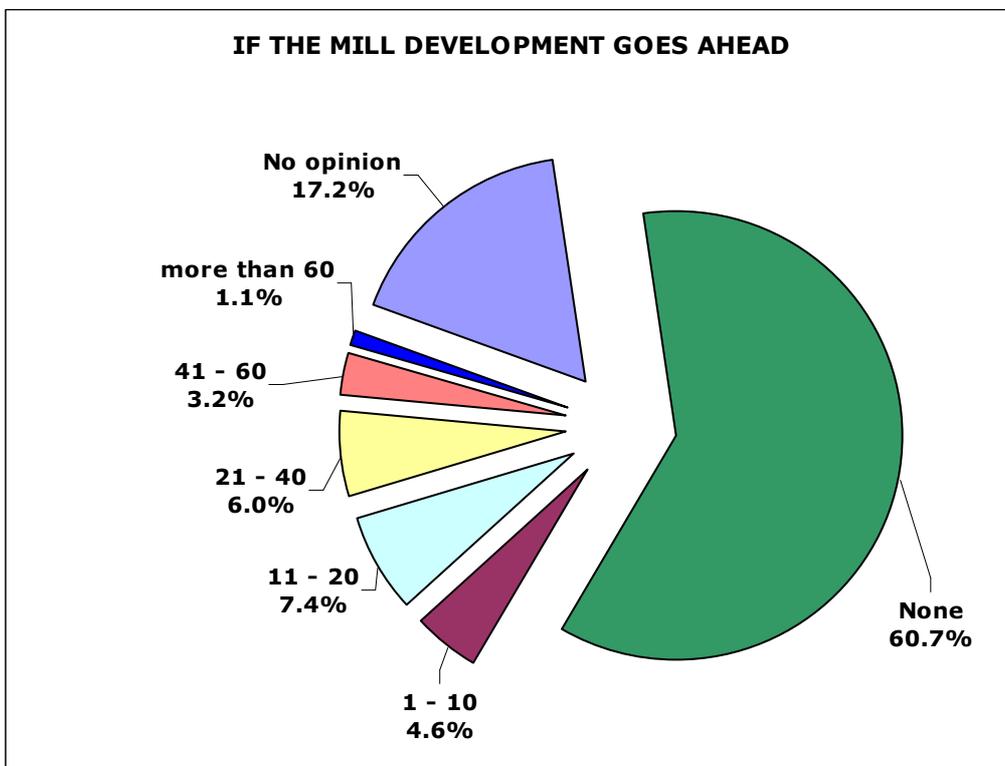
2.02/2.03 Do you think there is a need for further new housing in the village within the next 15 years in addition to that proposed at Bourton Mill?

(a) If the Mill development goes ahead



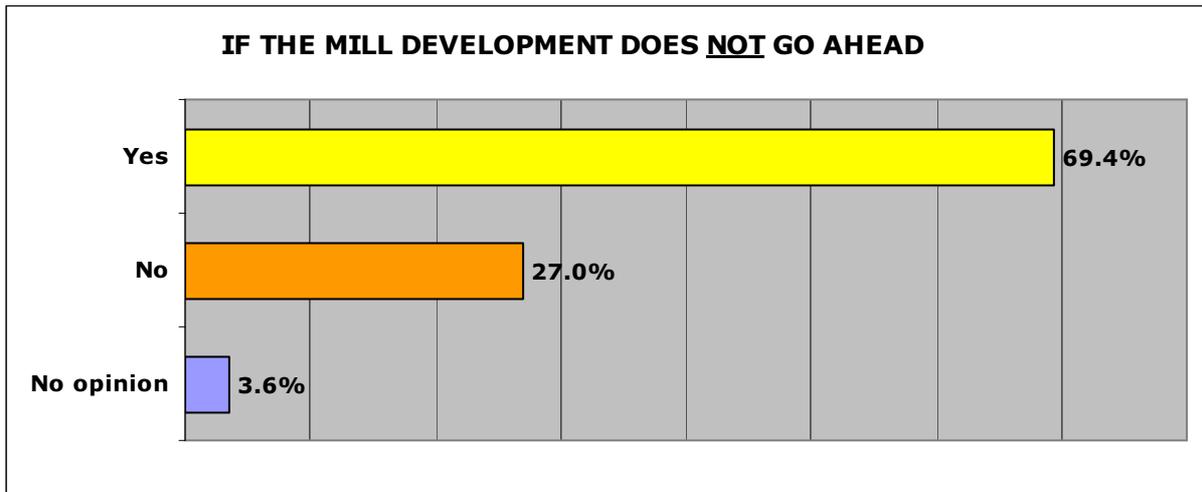
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How many new homes in that 15 year period would you find acceptable?



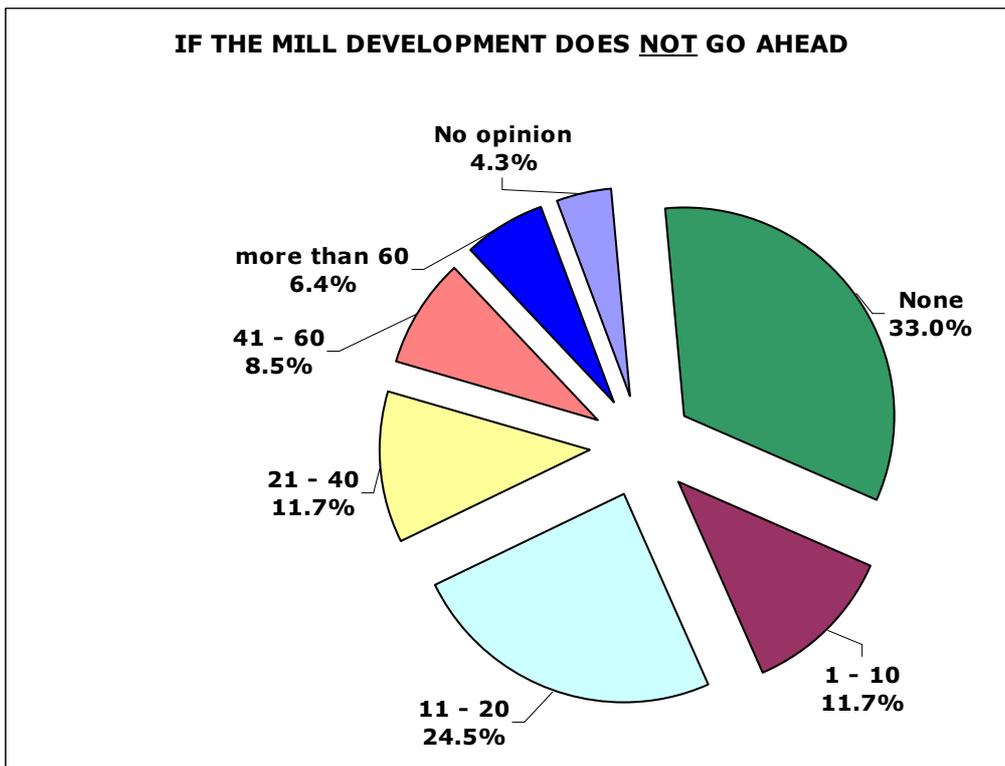
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(b) If the Mill development does not go ahead



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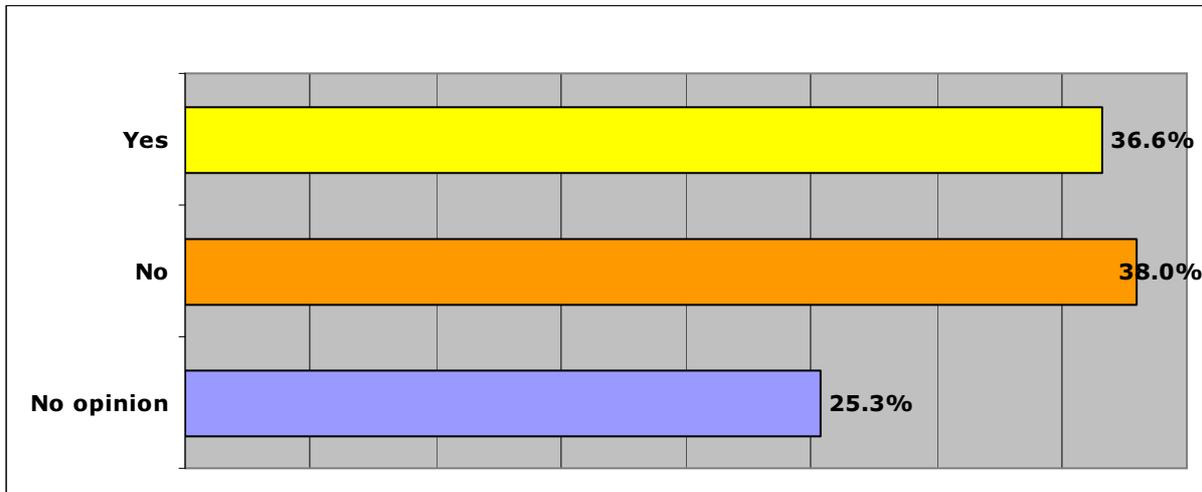
How many new homes in that 15 year period would you find acceptable?



Included in the "more than 60" group were two respondents who found 100 new homes acceptable and one respondent who stated 200.

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2.04 Do you believe that additional housing would benefit community facilities in the village?

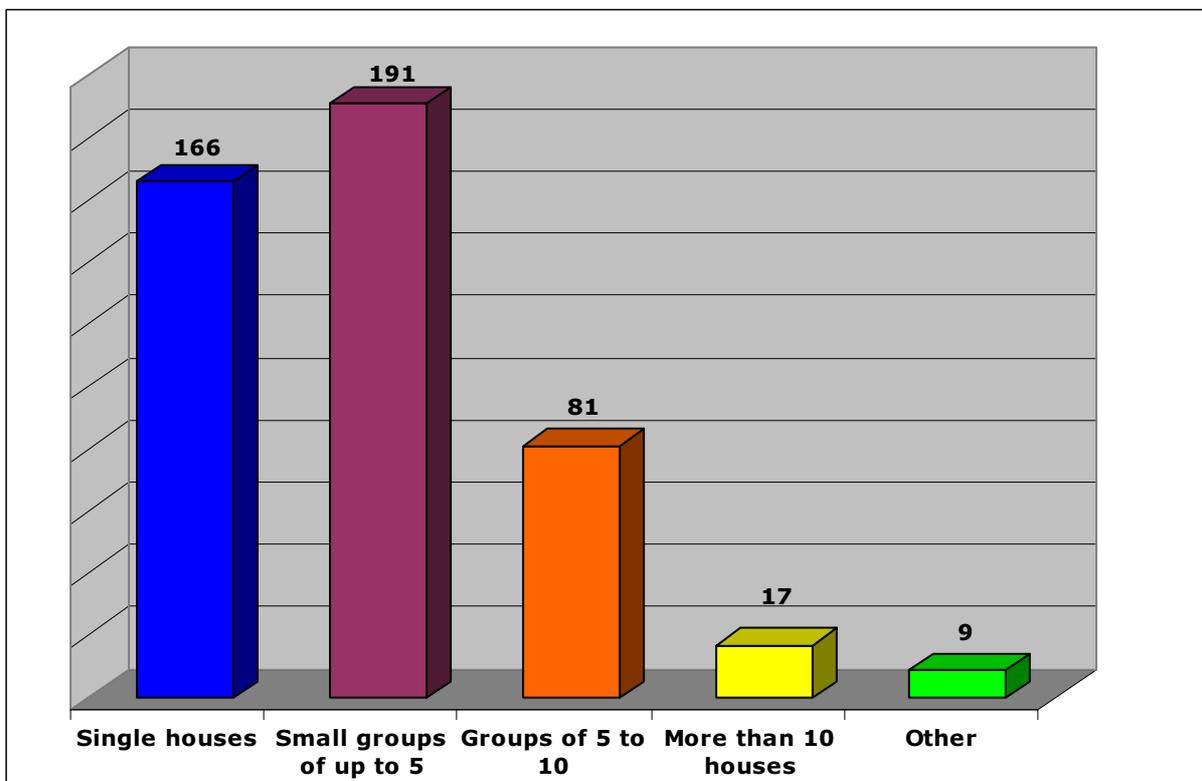


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2.05 If it were decided that new homes should be built what size developments would you find acceptable?

Respondents were able to choose more than one option with the size of development they would find acceptable.

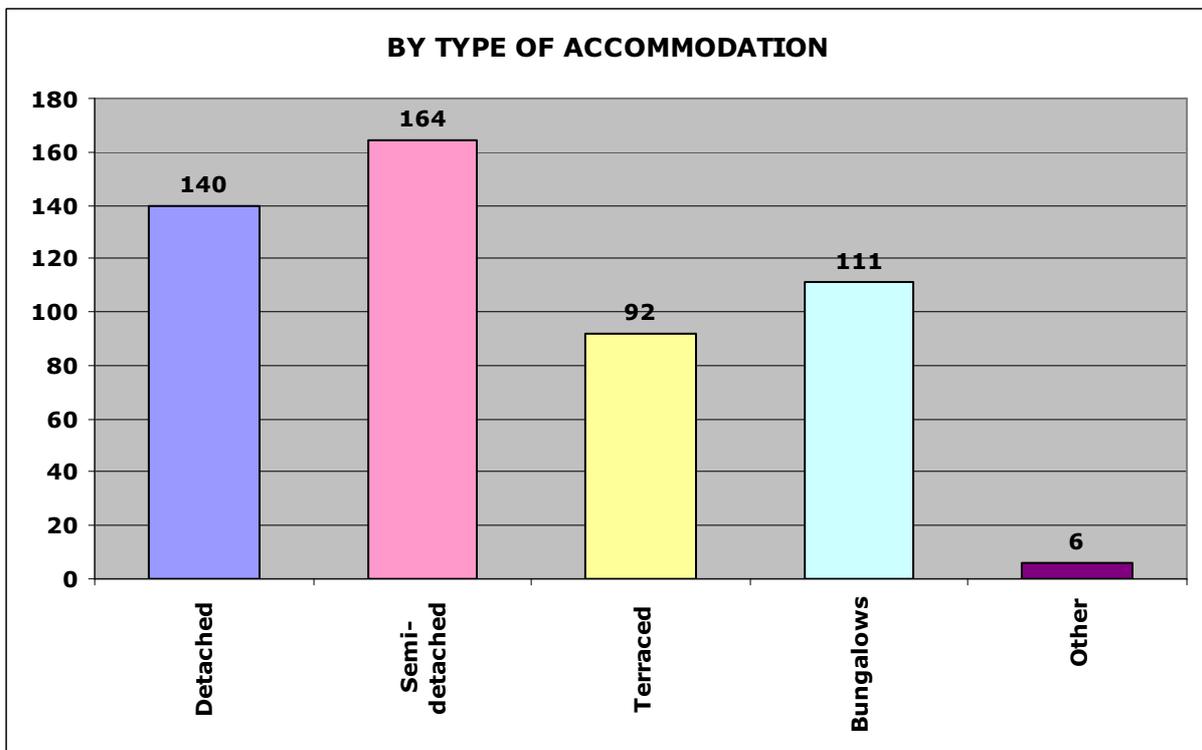
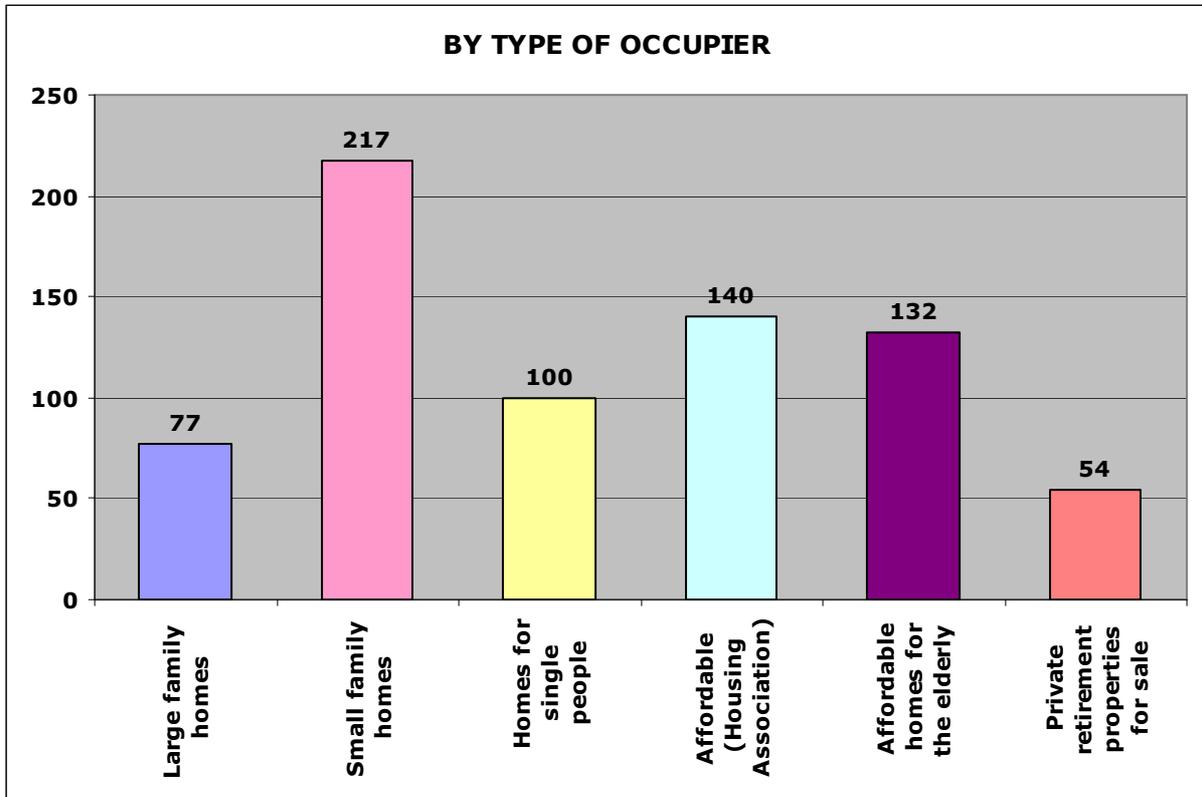
Single houses	166	Small groups of up to 5	191
Groups of 5 to 10	81	More than 10 houses	17
Other	9		



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2.06 If it were decided that new homes should be built what type of housing development would you find acceptable?

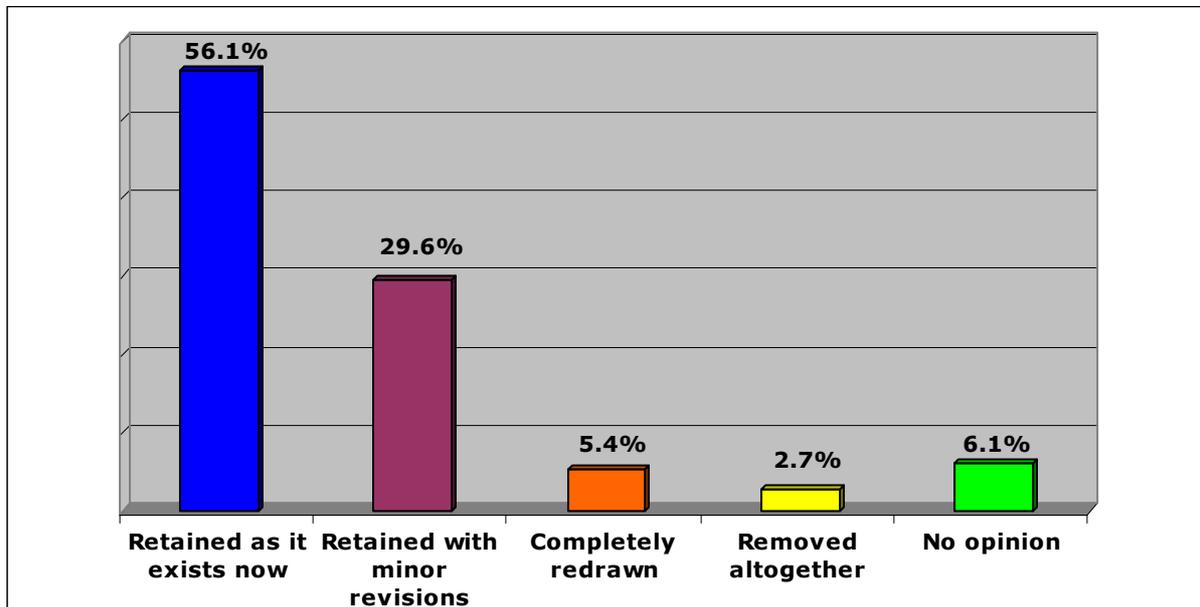
Respondents were able to choose more than one option with the type of home they would find acceptable.



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2.07 Do you think the Settlement Boundary should be:

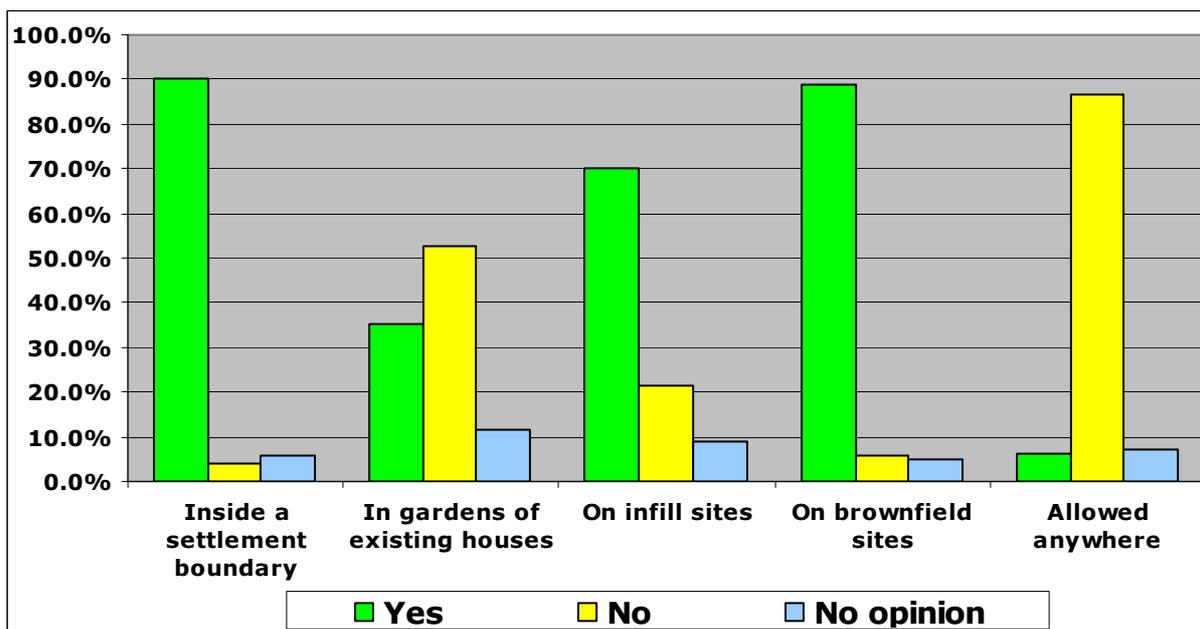
Retained	56.1%	Completely redrawn	5.4%
Retained with minor revisions	29.6%	Removed altogether	2.7%
No opinion	6.1%		



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2.08 Where should any new housing development be sited?

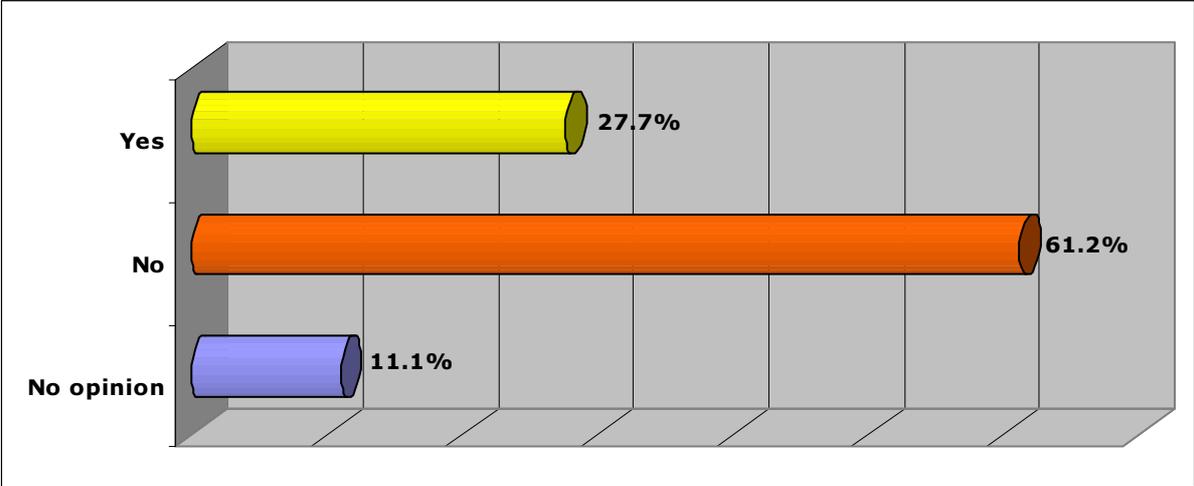
	Yes	No	No opinion
Inside a settlement boundary	90.2%	3.9%	5.9%
In gardens of existing houses	35.4%	52.8%	11.8%
On infill sites	69.9%	21.3%	8.7%
On brownfield sites	88.9%	6.0%	5.1%
Allowed anywhere	6.4%	86.4%	7.2%



Sites suggested for new development include Bourton Mill: Flamberts Farm; Chaffey Moor Hill; West Bourton Road / Church track junction; Site of existing village hall; Breach Close; a site between Victoria Lodge and Somerville; Tan Lane; area of land between Tekels Grove & Sandway House; Bourton Bridge Telephone Exchange; Sandways Farm; Land opposite Sandways Farm; Voscombe Farm; area behind garage & post office; Eastview; between Primrose Farm & Mill Rise; adjoining Millers Close; land adjoining Rugby Cottage and to the rear of Fourways and Foinavon; land opposite Bourton Fencing.

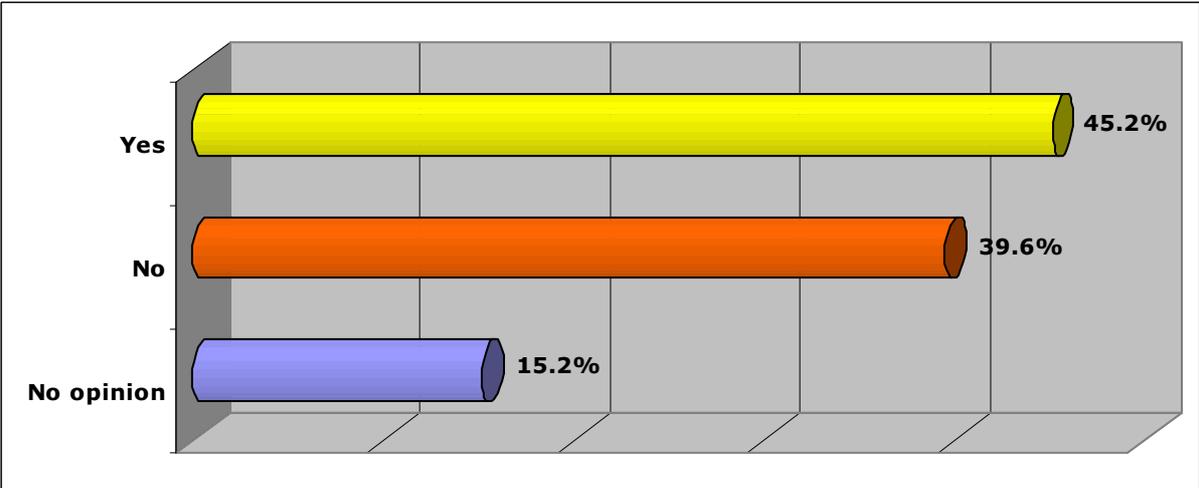
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2.09 National policy permits the building of affordable homes to meet local needs on greenfield sites outside a settlement boundary if one is retained. Would you support such a development in Bourton?



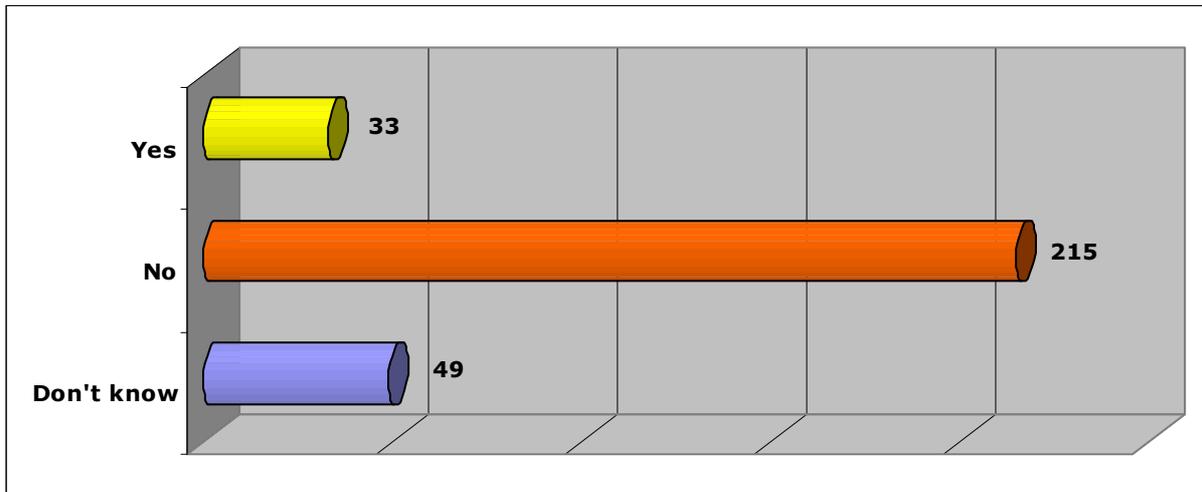
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2.10 If such a scheme for affordable housing were approved would you support the inclusion of some private housing for sale on the open market to make the scheme viable?



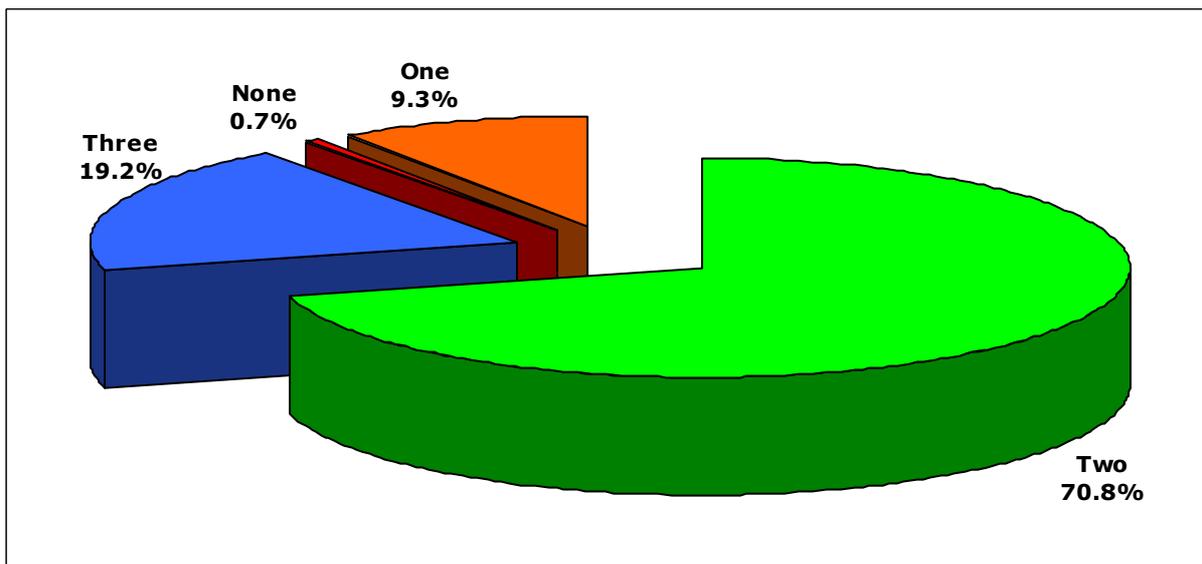
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2.11 Is your household likely to need affordable housing in Bourton in the next 15 years?



2.12 If new houses are built how many parking spaces per property should be provided, including visitor parking?

0	1	2	3
0.7%	9.3%	70.8%	19.2%



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2.13 Please would you identify any properties in the village that you are aware have been empty or derelict for a period of six months or more?

A number of empty properties were identified by respondents.

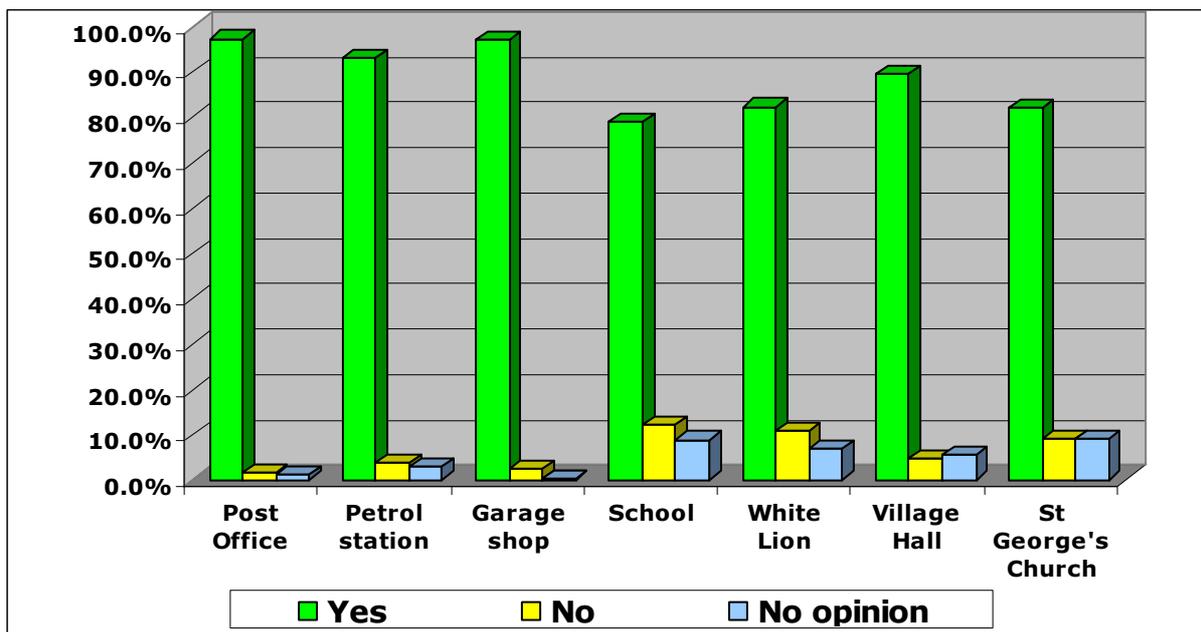
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SECTION 3

COMMUNITY FACILITIES, LANDSCAPE, LEISURE & OPEN SPACE

3.01 Are the following village facilities important to you?

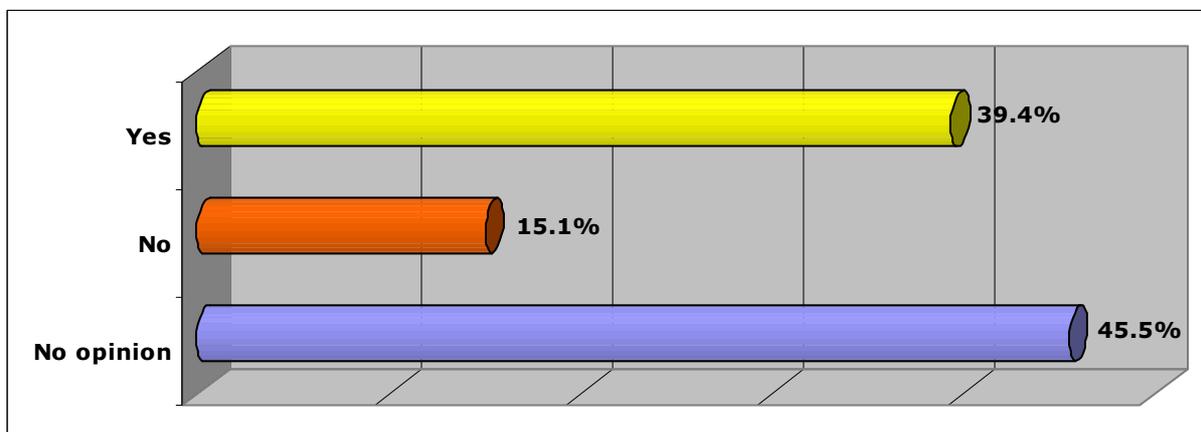
	Yes	No	No opinion
Post office	97.3%	1.7%	1.0%
Petrol station	93.2%	3.9%	2.9%
Garage shop	97.2%	2.5%	0.4%
School	78.9%	12.1%	8.9%
White Lion	82.3%	10.8%	6.8%
Village Hall	89.6%	4.8%	5.6%
St. George's Church	82.0%	9.0%	9.0%



See Appendix C1

3.02 Would you like to see the school used for more community activities?

Yes	39.4%	No	15.1%	No opinion	45.5%
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3.03 If yes, what uses?

Respondents identified a number of uses including: adult education/U3A, evening classes, sports & fitness and activities for young people. **See Appendix C2**

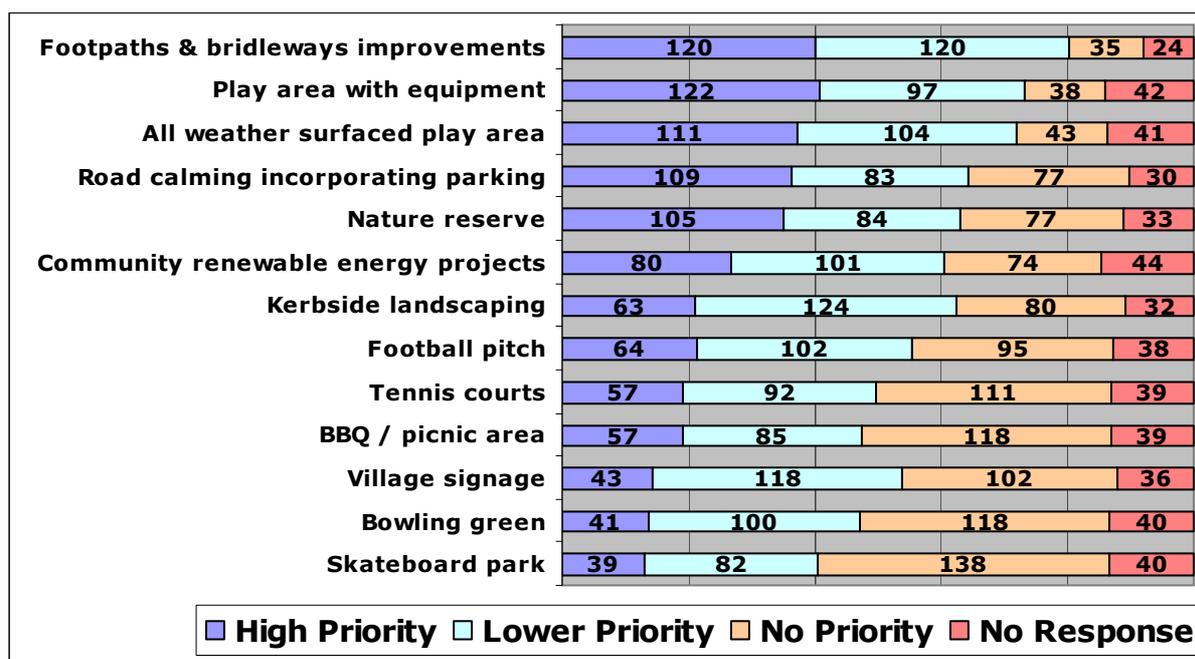
3.04 On a scale of 0 to 4 with 0 = unimportant and 4 = very important how important do you consider the following projects to be?

The number of respondents awarding 4, 3, 2, 1, & 0 points to each project is shown in the table below together with the aggregate score:

Project	4	3	2	1	0	Total
Footpaths & bridleways improvements	69	51	81	39	35	630
Play area with equipment	68	54	57	40	38	588
All weather surfaced play area	51	60	64	40	43	552
Road calming incorporating parking	80	29	53	30	77	543
Nature reserve	61	44	48	36	77	508
Community renewable energy projects	38	42	64	37	74	443
Kerbside landscaping	20	43	69	55	80	402
Football pitch	37	27	59	43	95	390
Tennis courts	33	24	49	43	111	345
BBQ / picnic area	23	34	47	38	118	326
Village signage	17	26	51	67	102	315
Bowling green	17	24	61	39	118	301
Skateboard park	20	19	42	40	138	261

A few respondents commented that the village already has a children's play area. One respondent believes Zeals will have a skateboard park whilst another noted that Zeals has a football club.

Taking 4 & 3 points as an indication of high priority, 1 & 2 points as lower priority and 0 points as no priority, produces the following result:



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3.05 If appropriate please indicate your preferred location for any of these facilities to be sited:

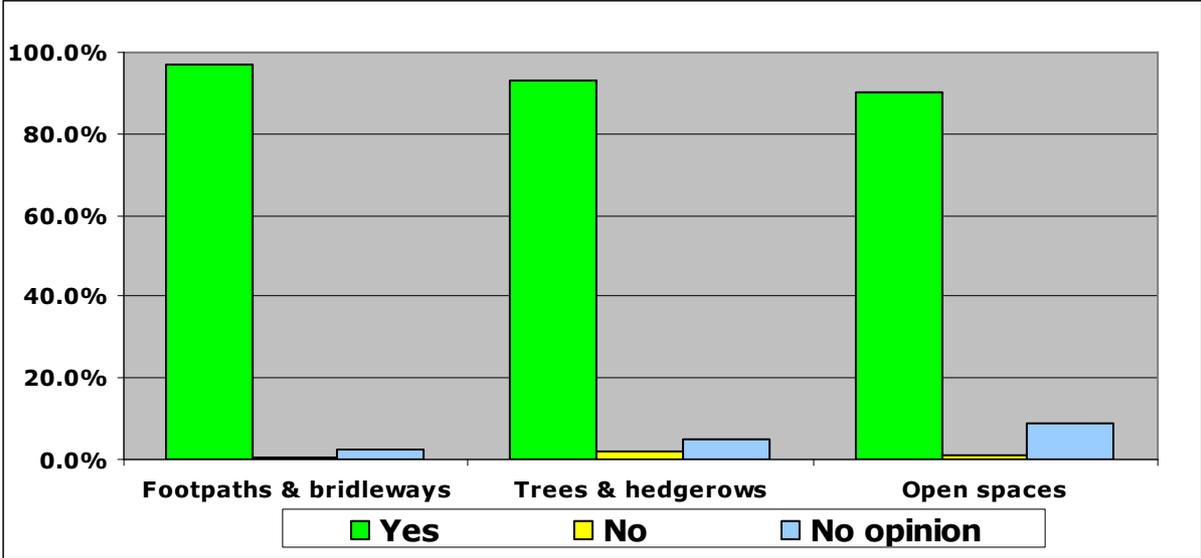
Sites suggested for the location of recreational facilities include next to a new village hall, the Mill site and near the school. **See Appendix C4**

3.06 Would you be interested in renting an allotment if there were any available?

A total of 31 respondents indicated that they would be interested in renting an allotment. **See Appendix C5**

3.07 The following form part of our existing village amenities, would you like to see them protected?

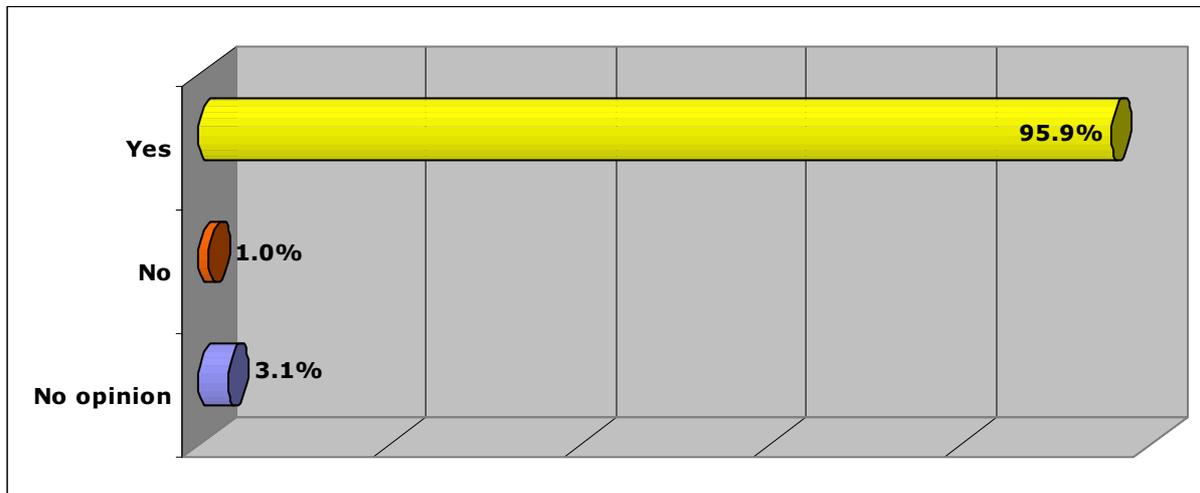
	Yes	No	No opinion
Footpaths & bridleways	96.9%	0.7%	2.4%
Trees & hedgerows	93.2%	2.0%	4.8%
Open spaces	90.4%	1.0%	8.6%



See Appendix C6

3.08 Is the rural nature of Bourton important to you and your family?

Yes	95.9%	No	1.0%	No opinion	3.1%
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3.09 Are there any local views you feel should be protected in the event of future development being approved?

57.7% of respondents indicated that there were local views they considered should be protected.

3.10 If yes please indicate the views that you consider important.

The Village Design Statement questionnaire asked whether there were any views residents would like to see protected. Appendix 2 of that document summarises the response as follows: *"The views across the Blackmore Vale, from Kite's Nest and the river meadows were highly prized although any countryside view was considered cherished."* Map 7 of the VDS identified additional important views that included those into the village from east, west and south and several to the north and south from the old A303 across the "green fingers" of open land between clusters of buildings.

Views in addition to those already identified in the Village Design Statement included:

- From Silton into the village
- The remaining green area between the main road and the by-pass
- Bourton Mill lake
- From the church towards the west
- From New Close towards Zeals

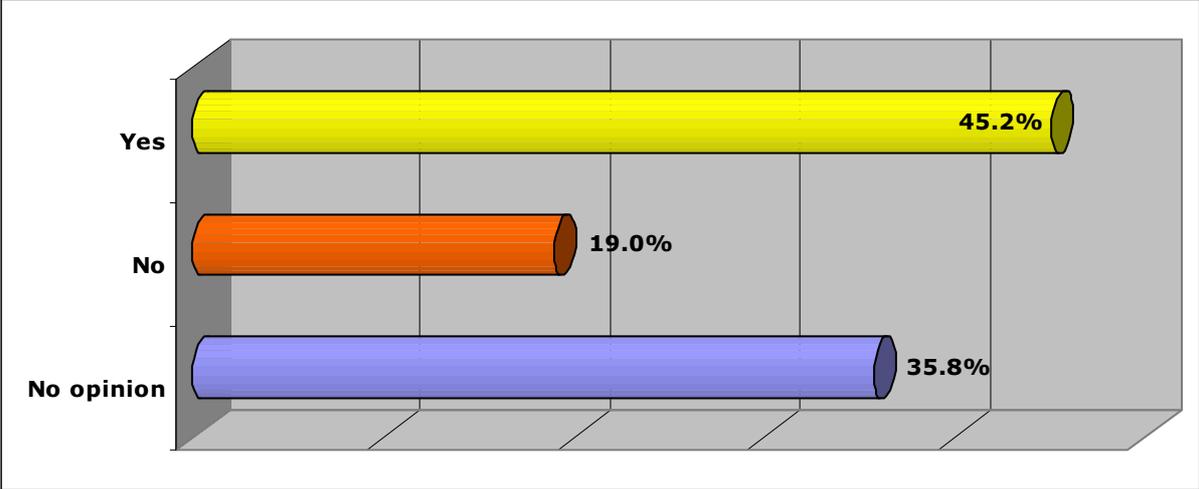
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SECTION 4

HERITAGE ASSETS

4.01 Would you be in favour of conservation area status for particular areas or groups of buildings in the village?

Yes	45.2%	No	19.0%	No opinion	35.8%
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4.02 If yes, would you like your house to be within a conservation area?

65 respondents indicated that they would like their house to be within a conservation area whilst 83 stated that they would not.

4.03 If yes, please indicate the locations that you consider may be appropriate for consideration as conservation areas.

Locations identified by respondents included Queen Oak, Chaffeymoor, West Bourton, Brickyard Lane, Sandways and Bourton Mill **See Appendix D1**

4.04 Is your house within any of your suggested areas?

40 respondents indicated that they had suggested an area that included their own house.

SECTION 5

TRANSPORT

5.01 If there are children in your household do they attend school inside or outside the village?

68 of the respondents stated that they had children of school age. Of these:

- 25 had children attending school in the village
- 31 had children at school outside the village and
- 12 households had one or more child at schools inside and outside the village.

5.02 How do they travel there?

Many respondents chose more than one option.

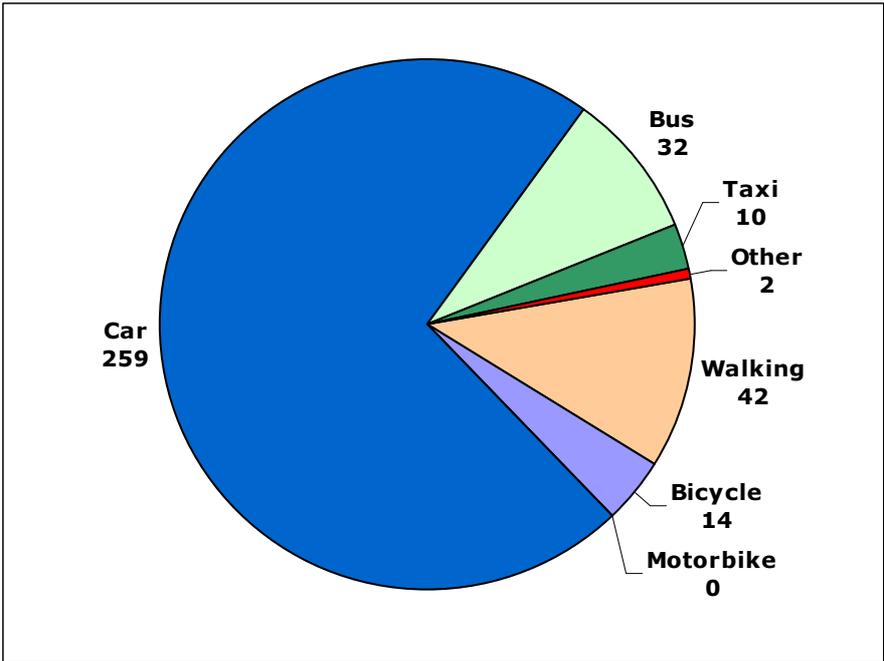
Of the 37 respondents who have children that attend school in the village, 19 walk there every day whilst a further 12 walk some days and are taken by car on others. 6 travel by car every day.

Of the 43 respondents who have children that attend school outside the village, 22 travel by bus every day whilst a further 5 use the bus part of the time. 13 respondents have children who are driven to school every day whilst a further 4 travel by car part of the time. Other forms of transport recorded were cycle (4) and train (2).

5.03 What mode of transport do you use most often to travel to a destination outside the village?

Many respondents chose more than one option.

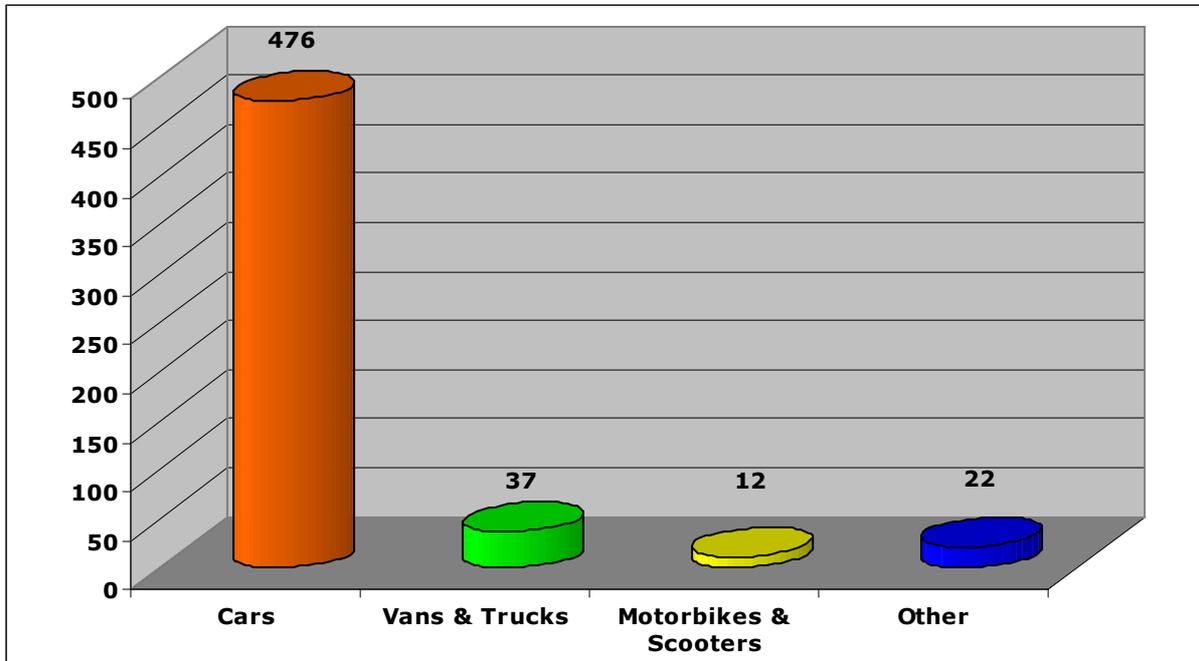
Walking	42	Bicycle	14
Motorbike / Scooter	0	Car	259
Bus	32	Taxi	10
Other	2		



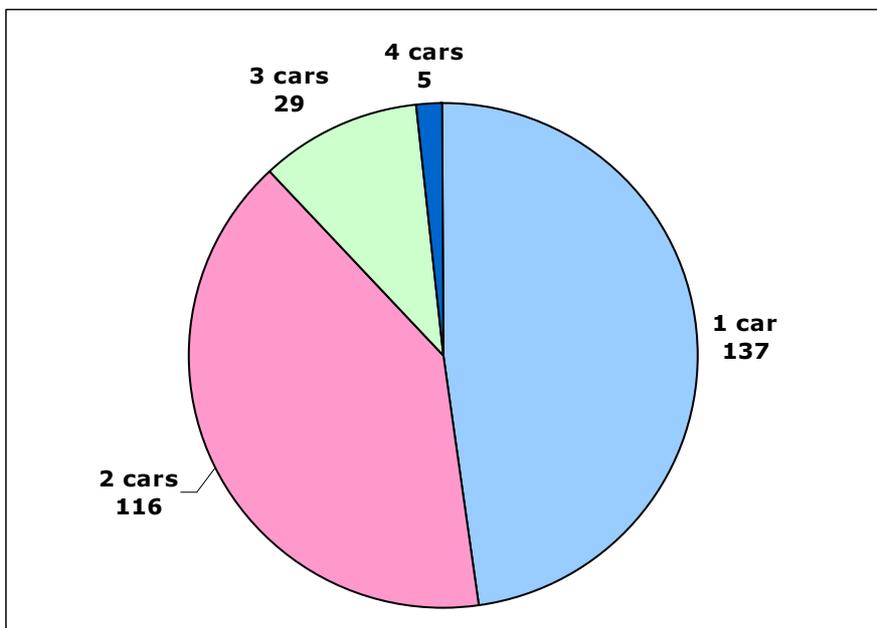
5.04 How many road vehicles does your household use?

The total number of vehicles indicated from the responses is shown in the following table.

Cars	476	Vans / Trucks	37
Motorbike / Scooter	12	Other	22



287 respondents had cars, of these 47.7% had 1 car, 40.4% had 2 cars and 11.8% had 3 cars or more.

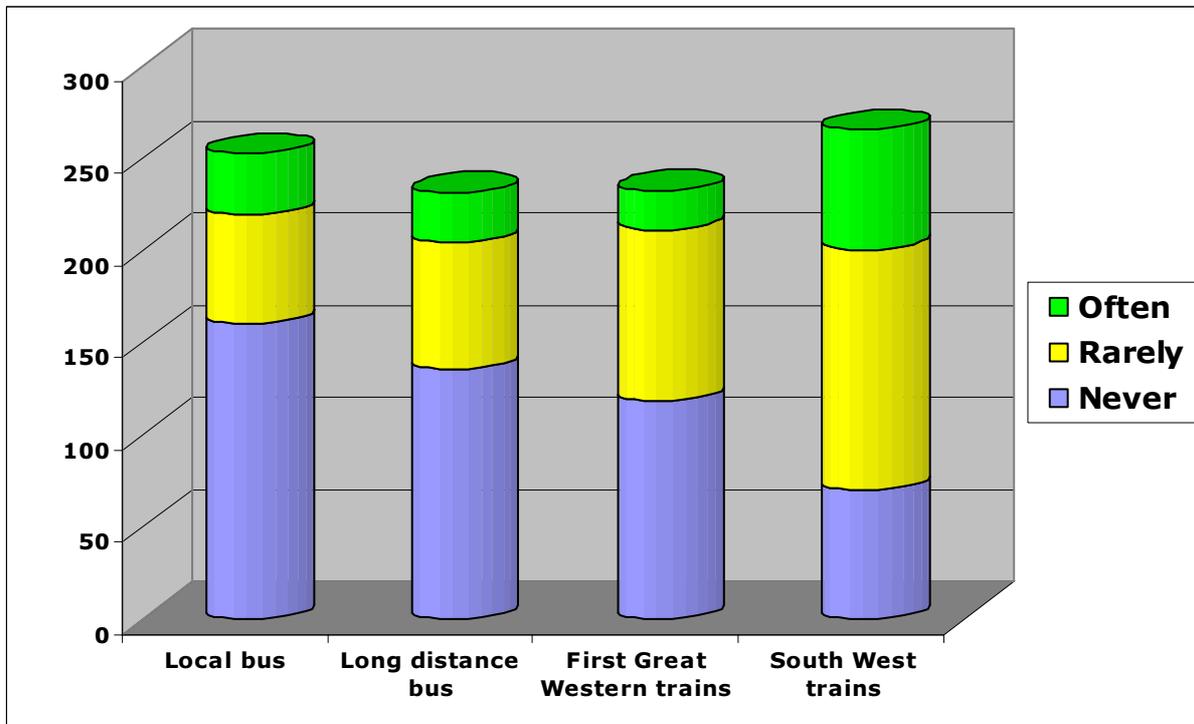


5.05 Do you have off street parking for all vehicles in your household?

85.0% of respondents have off street parking for all their vehicles.

5.06 Which of the following do you use?

	Often	Rarely	Never
Local bus	13.1%	23.4%	63.5%
Long distance bus	11.7%	29.9%	58.4%
First Great Western trains	9.1%	40.1%	50.9%
South West trains	24.5%	49.1%	26.4%



SECTION 6

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

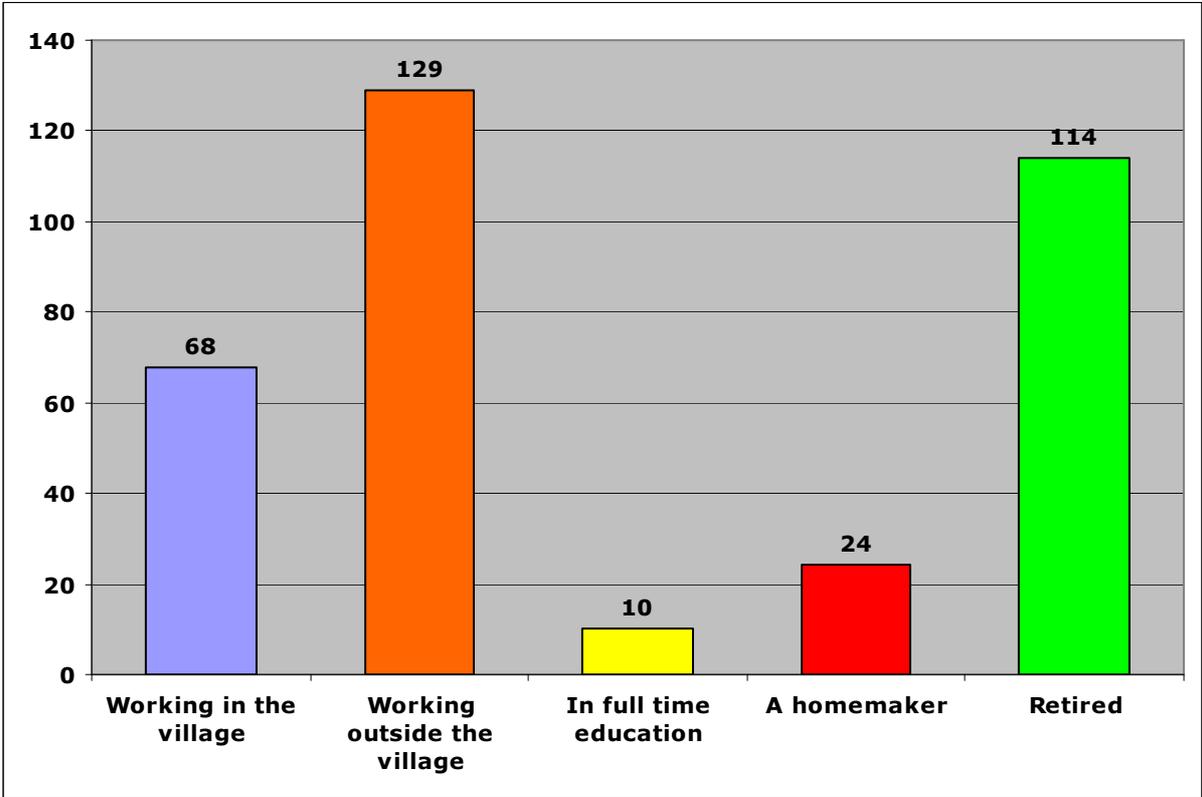
6.01 Do you run a business or farm from home in the village?

41 respondents stated that they ran a business or farm in the village.

6.02 Are you ?

Working in the village	68
Working outside the village	129
In full-time education	10
A homemaker	24
Retired	114

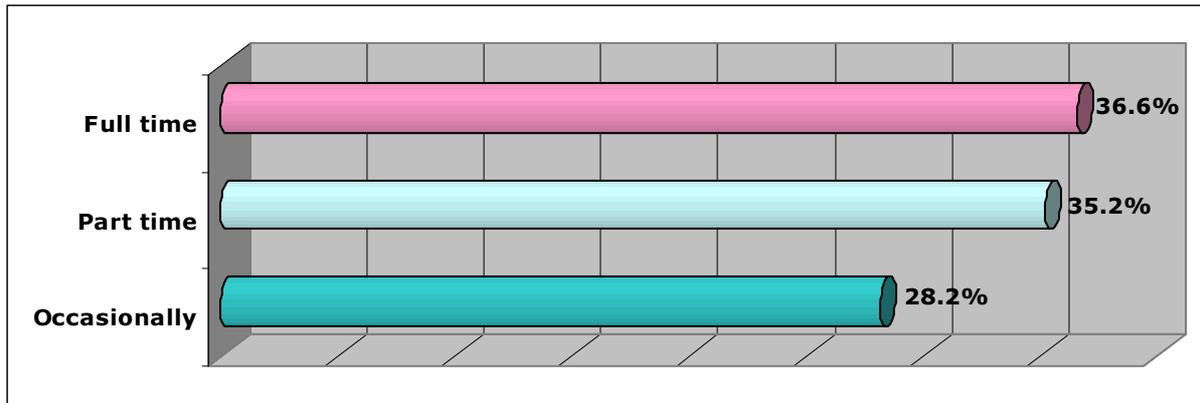
Some respondents chose more than one option.



6.03 If you work in the village do you work from home?

47 respondents stated that they worked from home.

6.04 If you do work from home is that full time, part time or occasionally?



6.05 On a scale of 0 to 4 with 0 = not important and 4 = very important what factors do you consider to be important for businesses and those working in the village?

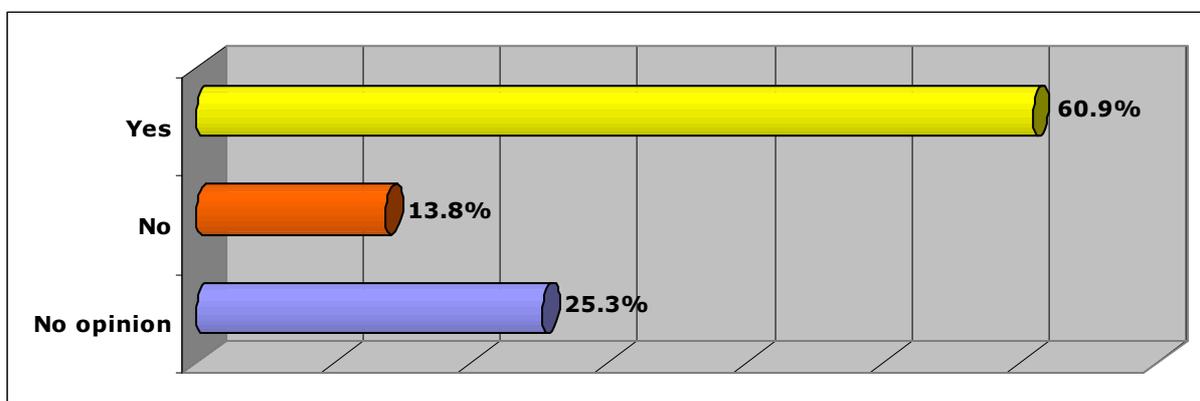
The number of respondents awarding 4, 3, 2, 1, & 0 points to each project is shown in the table below together with the aggregate score:

Project	4	3	2	1	0	Total
Broadband	187	10	9	2	7	798
Mobile phone network coverage	171	14	16	3	9	761
Rural setting	93	27	23	14	29	513
Major road network	65	35	41	19	27	466
Parking	43	39	42	23	39	396
Available public transport	52	33	32	24	47	395
Available workspace	32	31	38	29	42	326
Availability of suitably qualified employees	28	22	40	15	57	273

See Appendix E1

6.06 Do you think that tourist accommodation and small businesses should be attracted into the village?

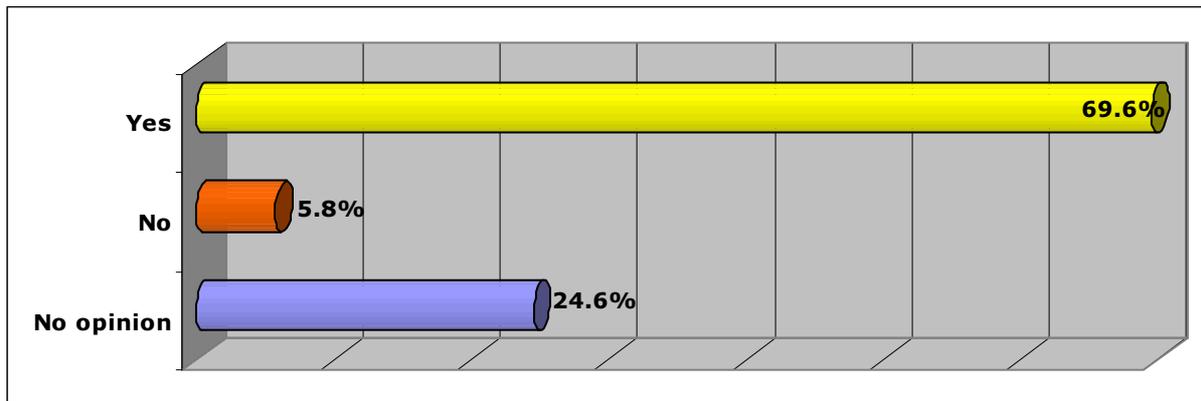
Yes	60.9%	No	13.8%	No opinion	25.3%
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6.07 Would you like to see more local employment in the village?

Yes	69.6%	No	5.8%	No opinion	24.6%
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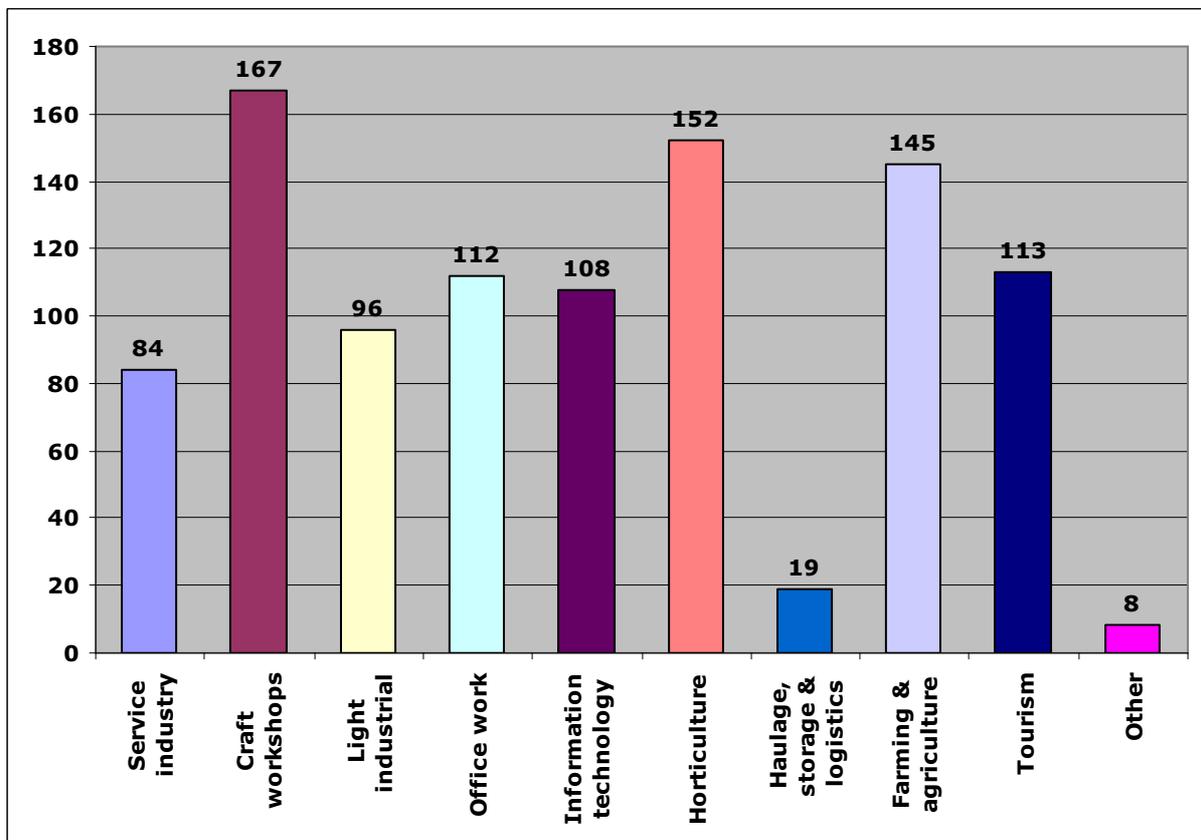


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6.08 If 'yes' – what would you be in favour of?

Respondents were able to choose more than one option from the list.

Service industry	84	Craft workshops	167
Light industrial	96	Office work	112
Information technology	108	Horticulture	152
Haulage, storage & logistics	19	Farming & agriculture	145
Tourism	113	Other	8

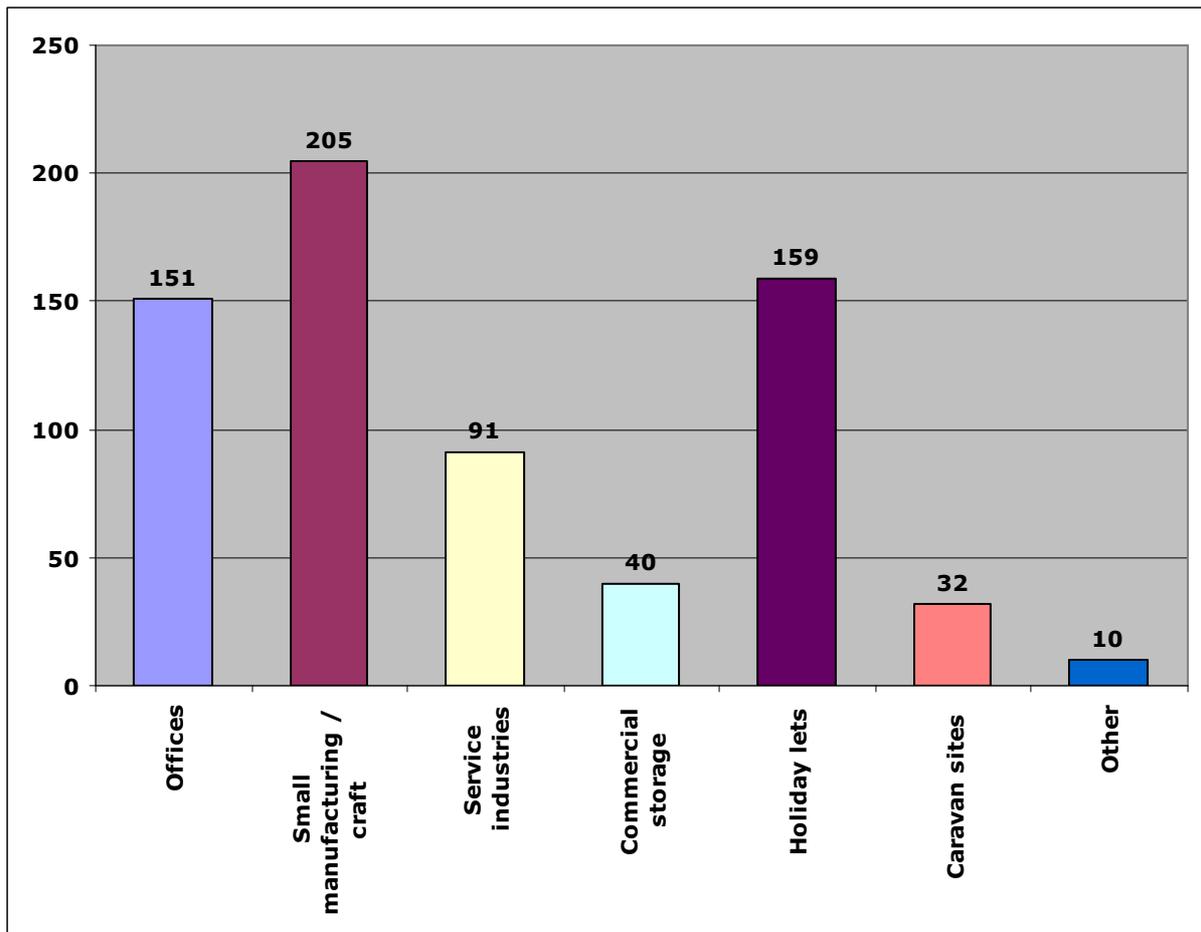


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6.09 Should land owners be encouraged to convert / develop redundant farm buildings into any of the following?

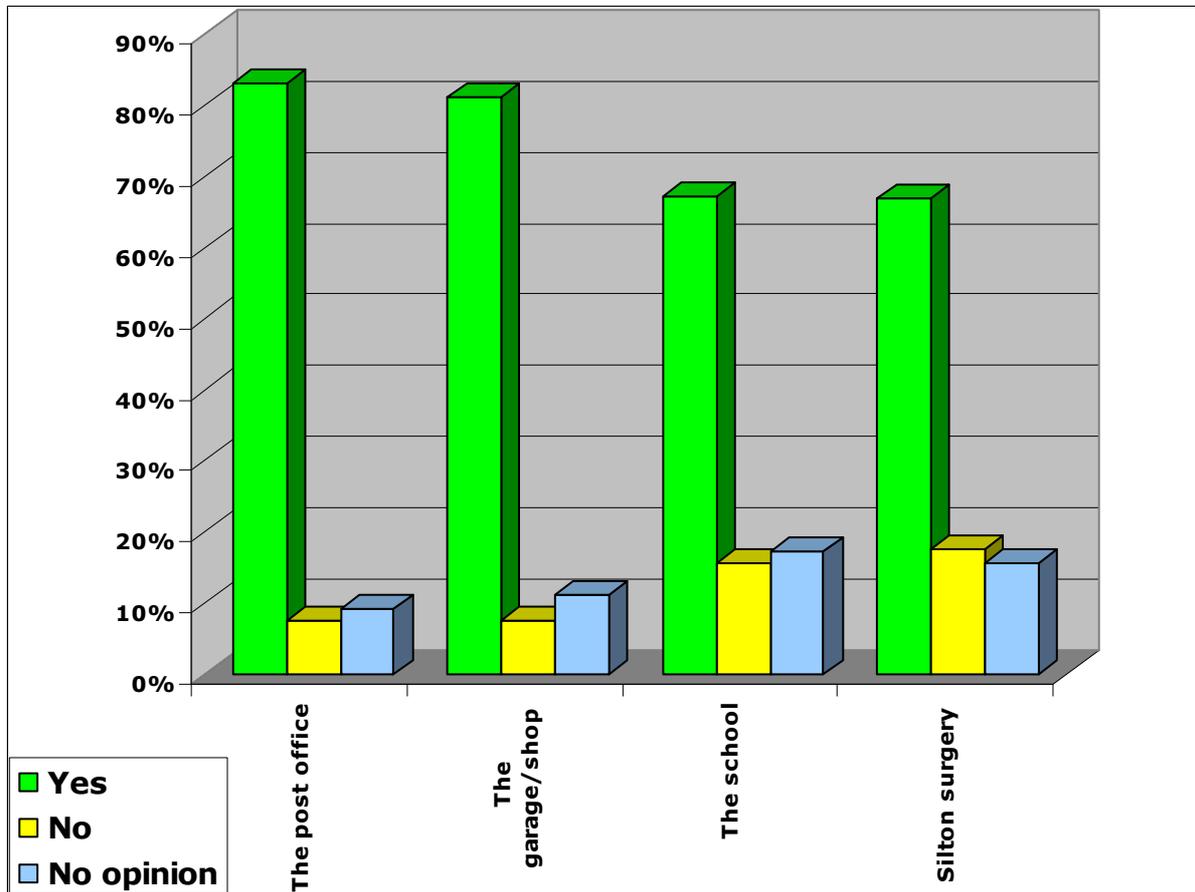
Respondents were able to choose more than one option from the list.

Offices	151	Small manufacturing / craft	205
Service industries	91	Commercial storage	40
Holiday lets	159	Caravan sites	32
Other	10	See Appendix E5	



6.10 Do you believe that additional local employment would help sustain the following community facilities?

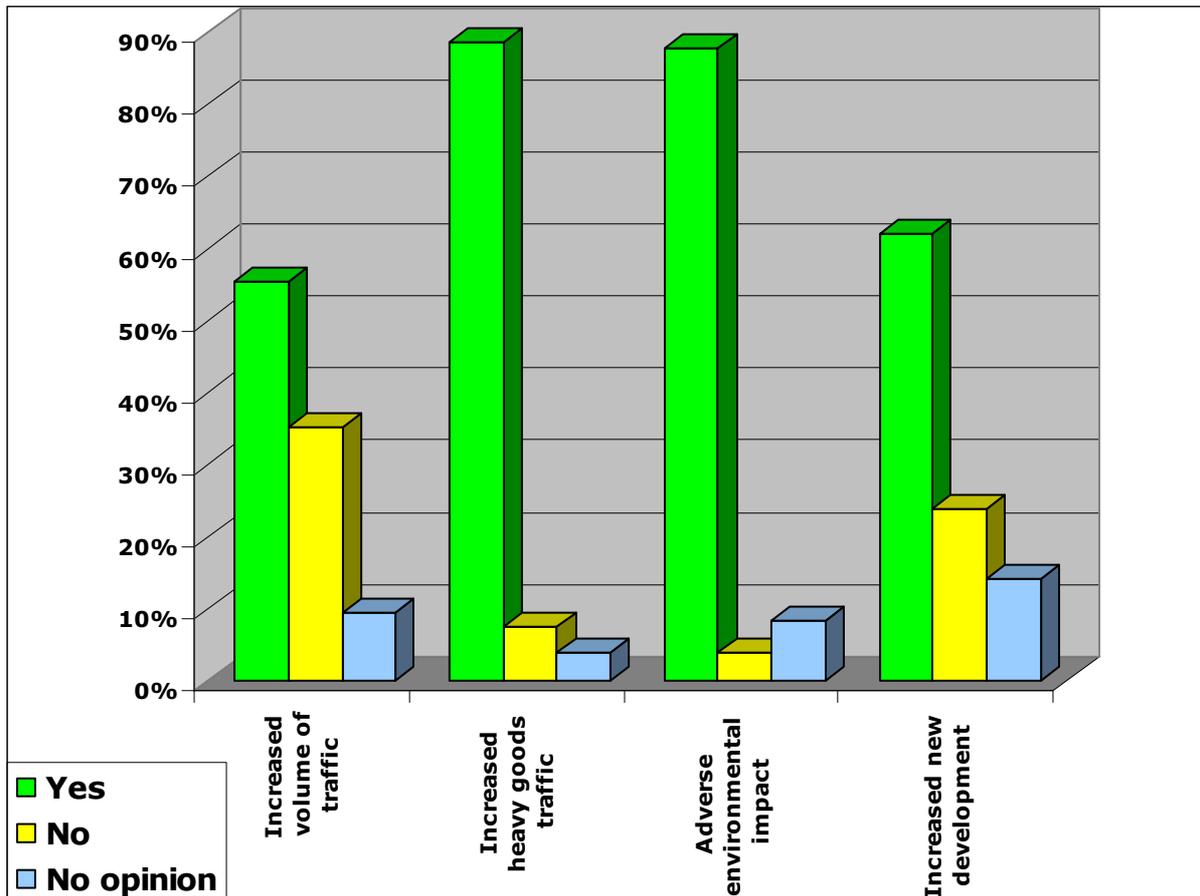
	Yes	No	No opinion
Post office	83.2%	7.5%	9.3%
Garage shop	81.2%	7.6%	11.2%
School	67.2%	15.6%	17.2%
Silton surgery	66.8%	17.6%	15.6%



See Appendix E6

6.11 Would you be concerned if additional local employment had the following consequences?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Increased volume of traffic	55.4%	35.2%	9.4%
Increased heavy goods traffic	88.7%	7.4%	3.9%
Adverse environmental impact	87.8%	3.8%	8.4%
Increased new development	61.9%	23.9%	14.2%



See Appendix E7

6.12 Do you have any suggestions as to how new businesses could be attracted into the village?

Suggestions made by respondents included: attractive business rates, small business units at the Mill, promote Bourton through a good village website and faster broadband.

See Appendix E8

SECTION 7

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

7.01 Would you be in favour of additional recycling facilities in the village?

Opinions were fairly evenly divided in answering this question with 54.2% saying yes and 45.8% saying no. Shortly after the questionnaire was printed a new kerbside refuse collection and recycling scheme was announced. It is likely that the responses would have been different had this not occurred.

7.02 If so, what & where?

Respondents expressed a wish for recycling of a variety of items including clothes & shoes, plastic bottles, garden waste, batteries, light bulbs and cardboard as well as a facility for the disposal of large items.

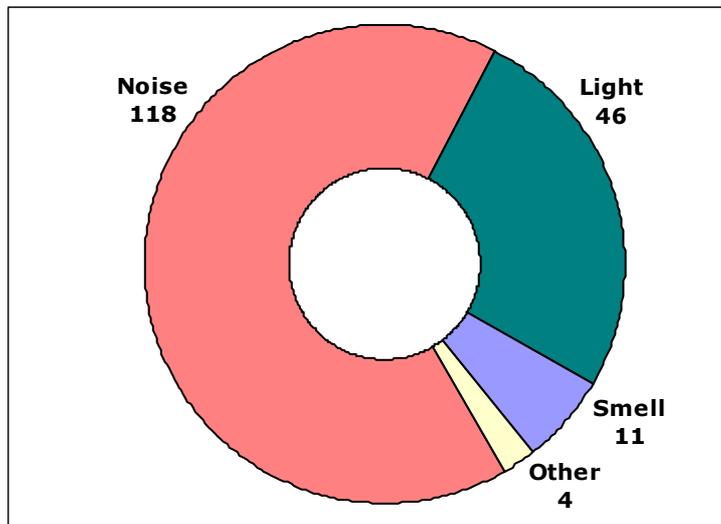
The new kerbside refuse collection and recycling scheme will include much of the material identified by respondents.

Locations suggested included the Mill site, the village hall, the garage and the current site at Silton surgery. **See Appendix F1**

7.03 Do you suffer from any form of pollution in your area?

Respondents were able to choose more than one option from the list.

Noise	118	Light	46	Smell	11	Other	4
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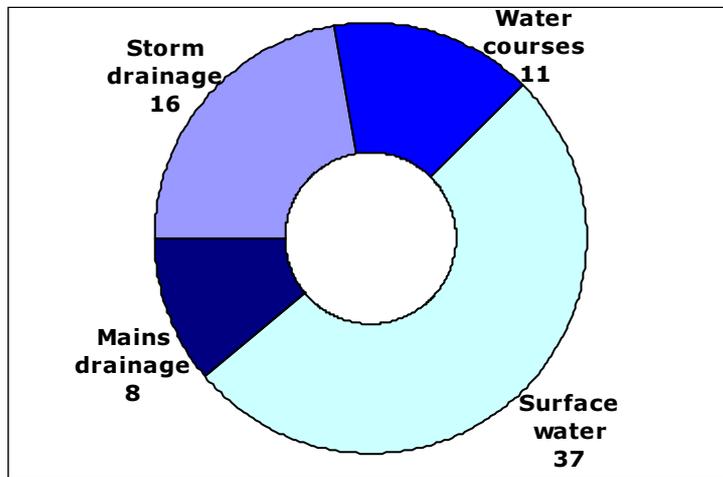
It appeared from responses that the major concern was traffic noise from the A303.

See Appendix F2

7.04 Are you affected by flooding from any of these causes?

Respondents were able to choose more than one option from the list.

Surface water	37	Mains drainage	8
Storm drainage	16	Watercourses	11

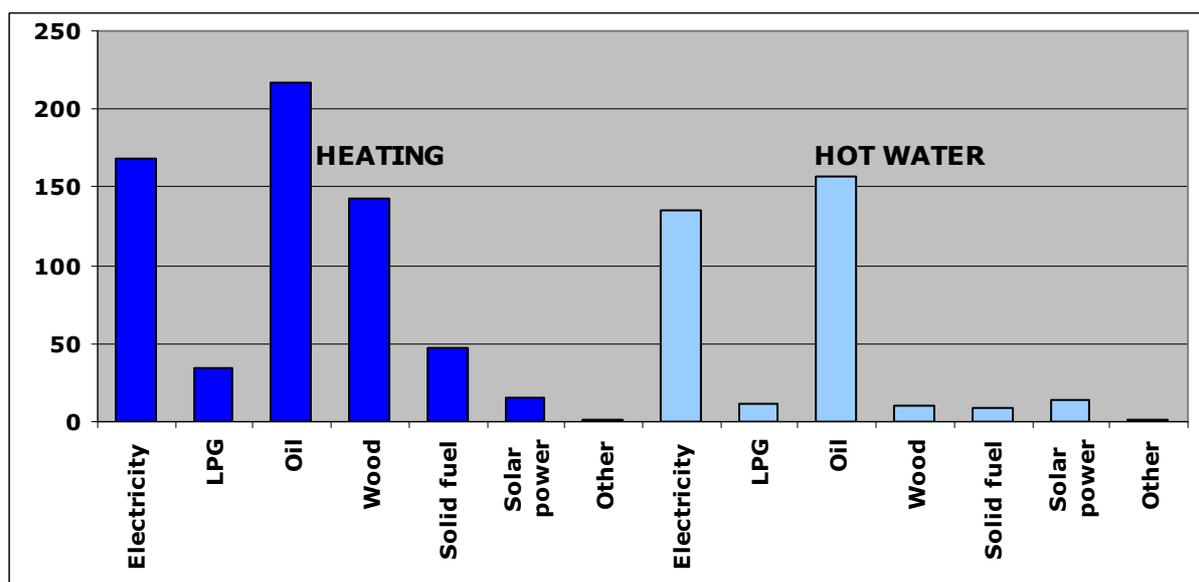


See Appendix F3

7.05 What types of fuel does your household use?

Respondents were able to choose more than one option from the list.

	Heating	Hot water
Electricity	169	135
LPG	34	12
Oil	217	157
Wood	143	10
Solid fuel	47	9
Solar power	15	14
Other	1	1



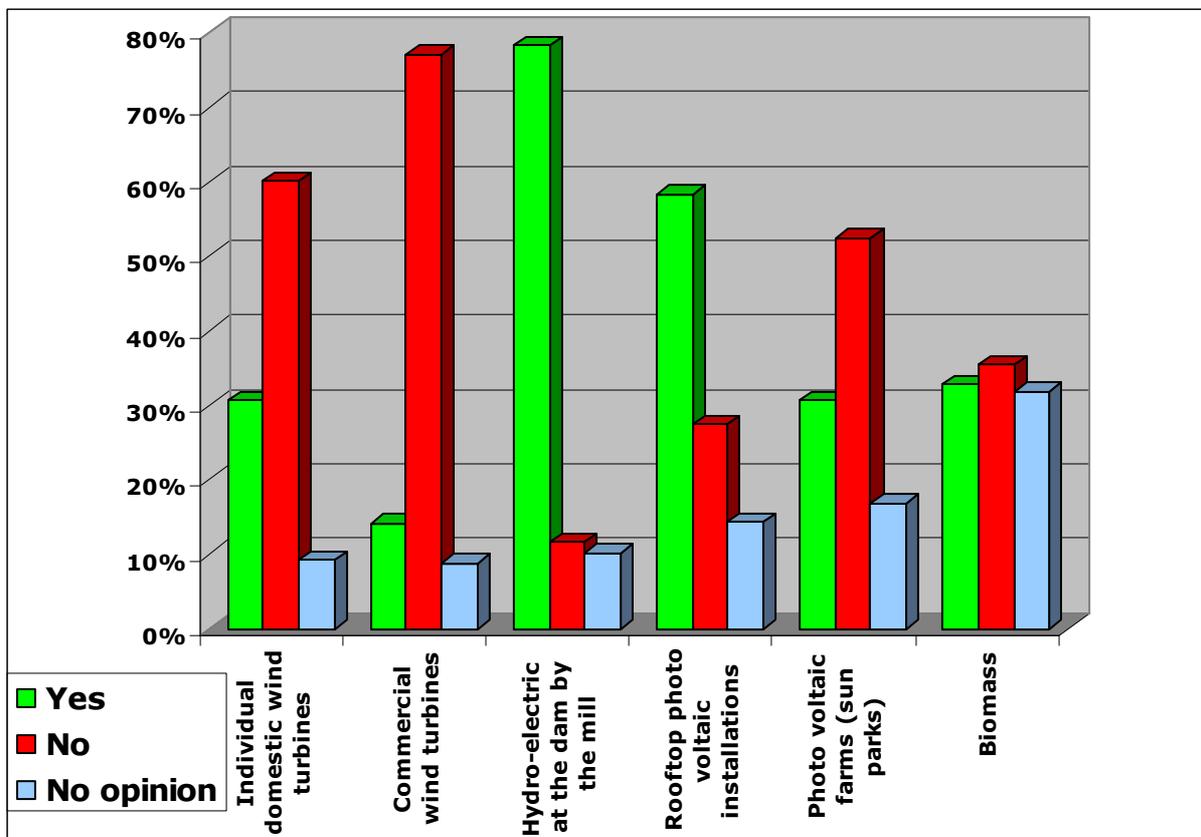
See Appendix F4

7.06 Would you be likely to use mains gas if it were available?

A total of 179 respondents indicated that they would be interested in having mains gas whilst 93 stated that they would not.

7.07 Would you be in favour of any of the following renewable energy projects in our local area?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Individual domestic wind turbines	30.7%	60.2%	9.2%
Commercial wind turbines	14.1%	77.1%	8.8%
Hydro-electric at the dam by the mill	78.3%	11.6%	10.1%
Rooftop photo voltaic installations	58.3%	27.4%	14.3%
Photo voltaic farms (sun parks)	30.7%	52.5%	16.8%
Biomass	32.7%	35.4%	31.8%



Some respondents identified ground source heat pumps.

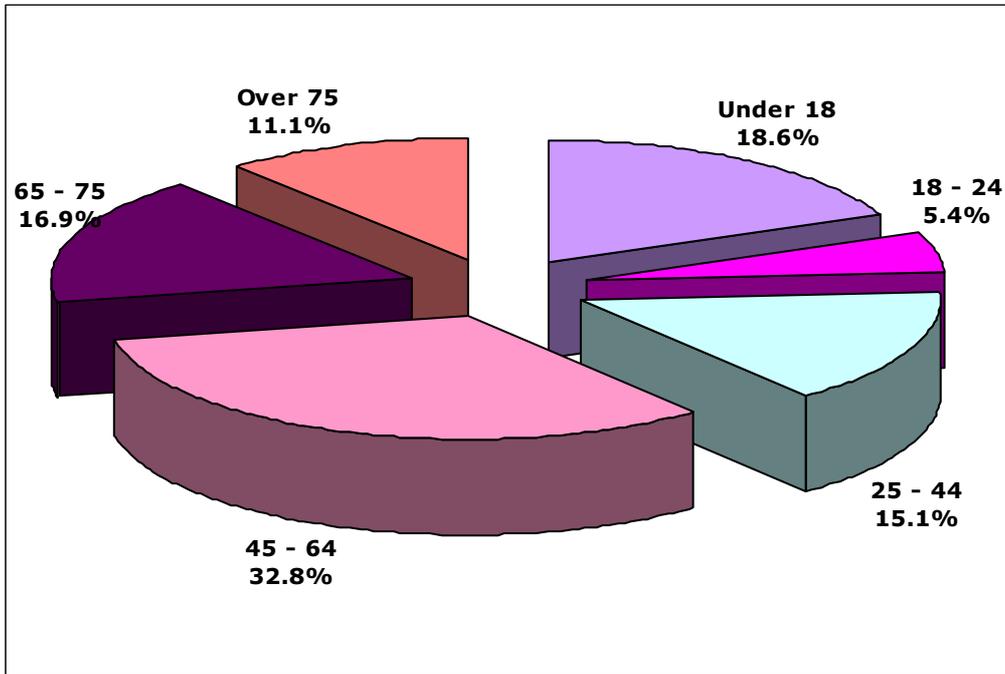
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DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Age Breakdown

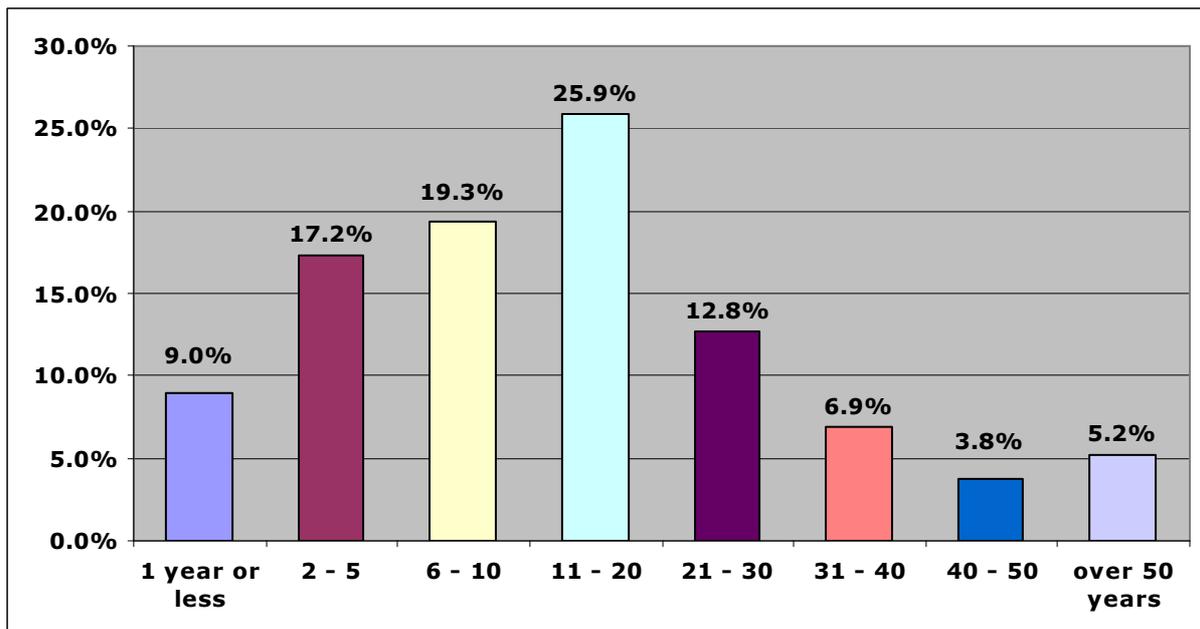
Under 18: 124 (18.6%)	18 to 24: 36 (5.4%)	25 to 44: 101 (15.1%)
45 to 64: 219 (32.8%)	65 to 75: 113 (16.9%)	Over 75: 74 (11.1%)

In addition there were 9 responses (a total of 10 residents) where no ages were given.

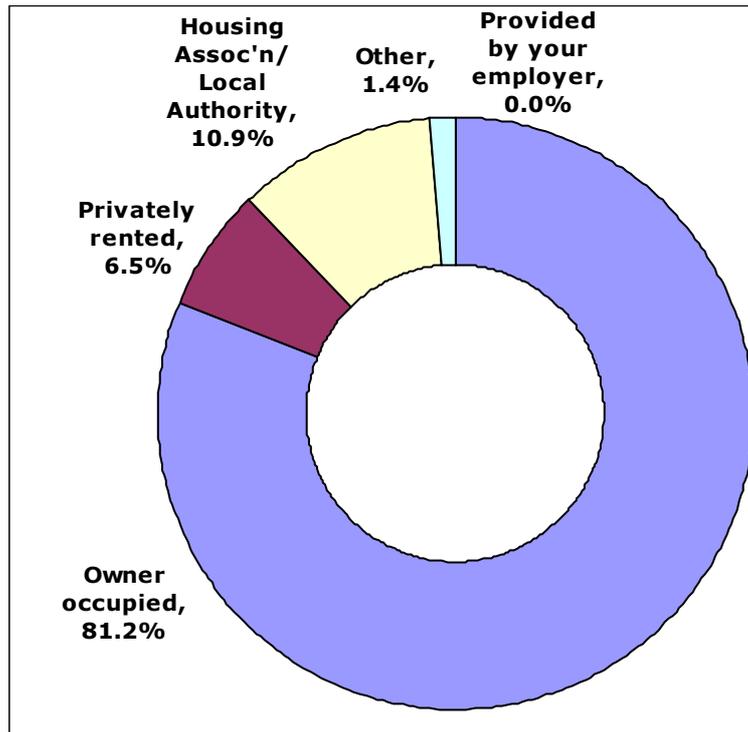


Years resident in the village

There were 8 responses where this question was not answered; the average number of years across the remaining 291 responses was 16.7.



Accommodation



Other: 3 respondents stated that their accommodation was Shared Ownership
See Appendix B1

Does anyone in your household have special needs?

26 respondents identified the fact that someone in their household had special needs.

Does your household have internet access?

244 Respondents had internet access at home and 47 did not.

