

Appendix 2: Consultation Documentation Associated with Community Engagement

Poster advertising 3 November 2022 Neighbourhood Surgery



PUBLIC MEETING

THE BRADFORD ABBAS AND CLIFTON MAYBANK

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURGERY

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER | 7:30PM
BRADFORD ABBAS VILLAGE HALL

Worried about the future of businesses in the village, like the pub and the defunct shop? Are you interested in preserving the footpaths in the area? Have you got views about the bus service or road safety in our locality? Alarmed by the thought of future flooding around Smith's Bridge? Whatever your thoughts, both positive and negative, we would love to hear them so that the Neighbourhood Plan truly reflects all our community.

Share your views to shape the future of YOUR village, YOUR Neighbourhood Plan!



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Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Working Group met for its monthly meeting on Thursday 15th September, and we are pleased to report the following:

- that the consultation period on our application to designate the joint Neighbourhood Plan between Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank has now ended;
- that we should hear the outcome of the application this week from Dorset County Council;
- and that we should shortly be in receipt of funds from our Locality funding application.

Our next steps include deciding what to put in the actual Neighbourhood Plan document, so we *really* want and need to hear from YOU! Worried about the future of businesses in the village, like the pub and the defunct shop? Are you interested in preserving footpaths in the area? Have you got views about the bus service or road safety in our locality? Alarmed by the thought of future flooding around Smith's Bridge?

Whatever your concerns, we would love to hear them so come along on **3rd November at 7:30pm to the Village Hall** where we will be holding a Surgery to gather your views. We hope to see you there!

[Facebook post 24.10.22](#)

Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank Neighbourhood Plan's post



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Save The Date!

Your views on the future of our community are needed – come and share them with us on Thursday 3rd November, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall! The Working Party behind The Neighbourhood Plan now need to write the Plan, but it is not our plan, it is everyone's – the communities of Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank – and that means YOU! Worried about the future of businesses in the village, like the pub and the defunct shop? Are you interested in preserving footpaths in the area? Have you got views about the bus service or road safety in our locality? Alarmed by the thought of future flooding around Smith's Bridge? Whatever your thoughts we would love to hear them, so please do come along to the Public Meeting on Thursday 3rd November.

Photographs of the 3 November 2022 meeting



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Neighbourhood Plan Update

The future of Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank, the way they grow and change in years to come, is of great interest and importance to us all. In order to meet this concern, neighbourhood planning was introduced to give communities more control over the ways in which their neighbourhoods develop. The Government's Localism Act of 2011, which aims to give local communities the right to have a vital say in how their area is developed, led to the Bradford Abbas Parish Council and Clifton Maybank to jointly begin to produce a neighbourhood plan. We are pleased to enclose our first **household survey** to assist in shaping our future neighbourhood plan.

BRADFORD ABBAS & CLIFTON MAYBANK

- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN -



Residents Household Survey - March 2023

Welcome

Welcome to our first household survey that will help us produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank, reflecting the community's needs and aspirations. We are asking every household in the parishes some questions about their thoughts on what is important and what needs to be addressed in our Neighbourhood Plan, which will help assist important decisions in the future.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan gives local communities the opportunity to develop a shared vision for their area.

It can help to shape, direct, and deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory Development Plan. Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank's neighbourhood plan will span the next 15 years. Based on the results of this survey, a further housing needs assessment may take place, hosted by the Community Land Trust.

We ALL have a chance to influence development in our parishes. Please help our community by completing this survey.

Household Survey

Please complete **one survey per household**. If there is more than one person in your household, please find a consensus where your answers may have differed as your neighbourhood plan is about finding consensus, as a community. Please submit your response by **31/03/2023**. We would prefer that you complete it online to assist data collection and analysis by scanning the QR code below or the following link:

<https://bradford-abbas.uk/form/np-household-survey>



[Scan here to access the survey]

However, if you prefer, please use this paper copy, and return it to one of the following locations:

- Telephone Box
- Sports Club

- Village Hall post box
- Through the door or post to:
 - 2 East Farm Cottages, North Street, Bradford Abbas, DT9 6SF
 - 1 Huish Farm Cottages, Bradford Abbas, DT9 6RE

If anyone requires assistance or clarification on completing the survey, please call Terry Hunt: 07400506203

Introduction

1. Age of you and any other people in your house

	0 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 69	70 - 79	80 +
You	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Second person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Third person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fourth person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fifth person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sixth person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Seventh person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Eighth person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Any others (please specify)

2. Where do you live?

- Bradford Abbas
- Clifton Maybank
- Prefer not to say

Community

3. Looking at the present provision in the parishes, please indicate which you consider is important to retain?

	Very important	Important	Not sure either way	Not important	Don't know/never used
Children's play area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Church	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clubs and Societies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Post box	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Post office	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pre-school	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Pub	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
School	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Shop	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sports club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tuesday Market	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Village hall	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please specify)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please specify)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

4. Do you have any concerns about possible changes or loss of the above facilities – if so, can you explain what these are and which facilities you are concerned about.

5. Are there any community facilities you feel are missing and need to be explored? (eg. activities for younger people, tennis, wild swimming)

Climate change and water management

6. Should the Neighbourhood Plan support the allocation of land for the following types of renewable energy production? Please tick any/all that you would support (subject to identification of the right site).

- ☐ Wind turbine(s) providing power to the parishes
- ☐ A biomass facility providing power to the parishes
- ☐ Ground source heat pump providing power to the parishes
- ☐ Solar panel(s) providing power to the parishes
- ☐ None of the above

7. Would you be willing to support any of the above through community purchase initiatives? (such as: local people buy shares in a non-profit organisation to finance the installation of renewable energy projects that will provide benefit to the community)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. Has flooding within the parishes affected you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please share in what way flooding has affected you and if possible, provide suggestions on how flooding within the parishes could be addressed:

Business Services & Economy

9. Is someone in your household likely to need business premises to set up or expand their own business? (tick as many as may apply)

- ☐ Yes – to start up a new business
- ☐ Yes – to expand an existing business currently running from home
- ☐ Yes – to relocate an existing business currently based outside the parishes
- ☐ No

If YES, can you tell us a little more about the type of business, and the size and location of premises you think you would need?

Type of business:

Size and location of premises needed:

10. If you are a local business owner, would you like the opportunity to meet and discuss your needs with the neighbourhood plan working group and other local business providers within the parishes?

- ☐ Yes

- No

11. What sort of business or activity do you think should be encouraged within our parishes over the next 15 years? (Please tick all that apply)

- ☐ Office-based business (consultancies, etc)
- ☐ Retail (shops, etc)
- ☐ Small-scale industrial workshops
- ☐ Agriculture/horticulture/food production
- ☐ Farm shop
- ☐ Animal related businesses and services
- ☐ Service trades (plumbers, electricians, etc)
- ☐ Home working
- ☐ None of the above

Please add any other comments below:

Housing and planning

12. Are you or people in your household likely to require different housing in the parishes in the next 10-15 years?

- Yes – different home (due to changing circumstances)
- Yes – additional home (becoming more than one household)
- No – we are likely to stay in our home
- No – we are more likely to move away from this area
- Not sure

If YES which one or more of the following best describes the housing this will need?

- ☐ 1 Bedroom home
- ☐ 2 Bedroom home
- ☐ 3 Bedroom home
- ☐ 4+ Bedroom home

And are there any special qualities this will need:

- Home more suitable for health reasons (e.g. bungalow or adaptations for someone with limited mobility)
- An affordable home to rent – as unable to rent on the private market

- An affordable home to buy – as unable to buy on the private market
- A home suitable to run a business from
- Other (please specify)

13. Would you support new housing development to assist the viability of our local community services?

- Yes
- No

14. Between the Census in 2001 and 2021, the number of households living in our area has hardly changed (decreasing from 422 to 421 usual resident households). How many additional new houses, if any, do you think might be good for the parishes over the next 10-15 years?

- No new homes
- 1-5 homes
- 6-10 homes
- 11-15 homes
- 16+

15. How important is it to you that any new homes that are built reflect the traditional character of the parishes? E.g., homes that are built are of a high standard of design using good quality materials and reflect the local aesthetics.

Very important	Important	Not sure either way	Not important	Not important at all	Don't know
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Environment

Character

16. Please indicate whether you think the following are important to the character of the parishes:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The mix of houses, community, and employment – these are working parishes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The network of footpaths and green spaces, where people can walk and enjoy the fresh air, scenery, and views of the	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

countryside**The mix of houses and boundary walls that include local materials, particularly limestone**☐☐☐☐☐**The hedgerows and trees in gardens and on the edge of the parishes that generally 'green' the parishes**☐☐☐☐☐**Keeping dark skies that allow you to see the stars more clearly (no streetlights)**☐☐☐☐☐**Open views across the River Yeo valley with its bridge crossings and former mills**☐☐☐☐☐**Farming legacy; farm yards and buildings; present and past fields and orchards**☐☐☐☐☐**Railway legacy; main lines through the parishes with under and over bridges**☐☐☐☐☐

17. Would you support Community purchase of land to protect important open spaces within the parishes?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

18. During the public consultation some significant spaces have been identified as important to the residents of the parishes to protect - do you agree these are important to our environment and the character of the parishes, and are there any spaces that have been missed?

(*Not publicly accessible)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Allotments*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Church yard	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clifton Maybank Wood*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Field opposite pub*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Gollops ground (field by river)*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pub garden*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pub car park (where the Tuesday market takes place)*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreational ground	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Roman marching camp*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
School playing fields*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
School playground*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sports club field*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Other:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

19. Should the Neighbourhood Plan actively support the following?

- ☐ The exploration of safe off-road bicycle routes to surrounding areas/towns
- ☐ Improving quality and connectivity of footpaths

Traffic, Road Safety and Transport

20. Do any of the following within the two parishes cause you direct concern?

	Yes, a lot	Yes, a little	Not really
Road safety from speeding traffic	☐	☐	☐
Road safety other (e.g., dangerous bends, junctions, vehicle size, bridges)	☐	☐	☐
On-street parking in unsafe locations	☐	☐	☐

If you have answered "Yes, a lot" to any of the above, please give details of locations in the parishes where you have the most concern and what the concern is:

21. If there was public transport available within the parishes, would you use it?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If YES, how often would you use it:

- ☐ More than once a day
- ☐ Once a day
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ Once a month

If you would use public transport, would you have a preferred destination:

- ☐ Yeovil
- ☐ Sherborne
- ☐ Both Yeovil and Sherborne
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Other

22. Thank you for completing this survey – if there is anything you particularly want to raise now, please do tell us.

Thank you

Thank you for completing the survey. Not all the answers provided will fall within the legal framework of the plan, however, will be used to assist in further developing our community.

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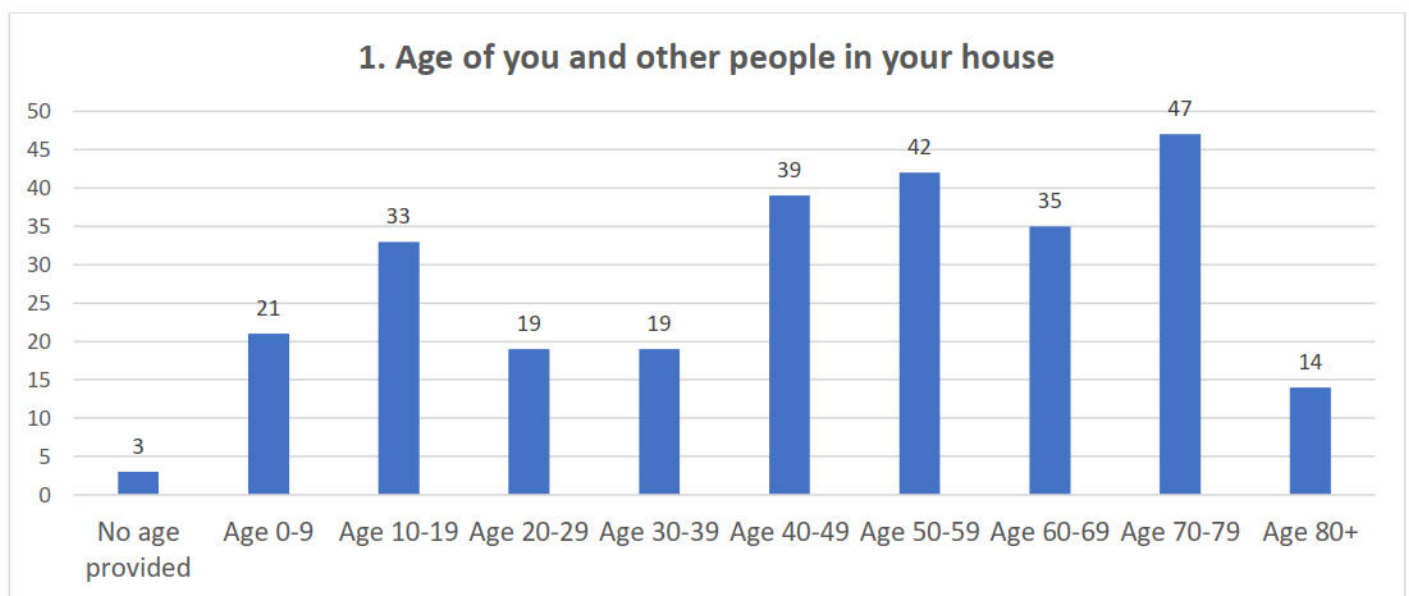
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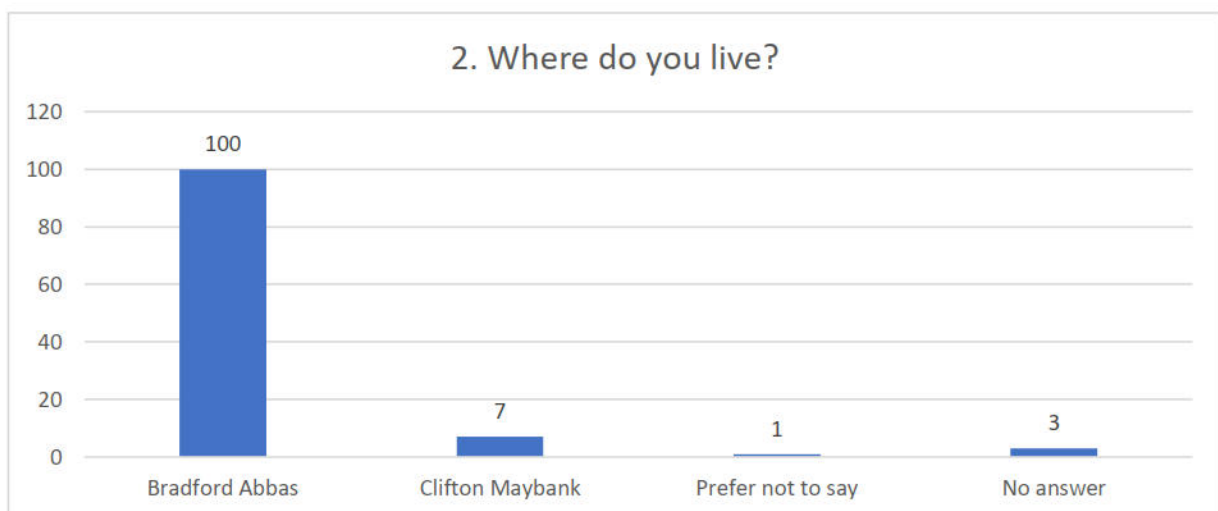
Residents Household Survey Results - May 2023

Introduction

1. Age of you and any other people in your house

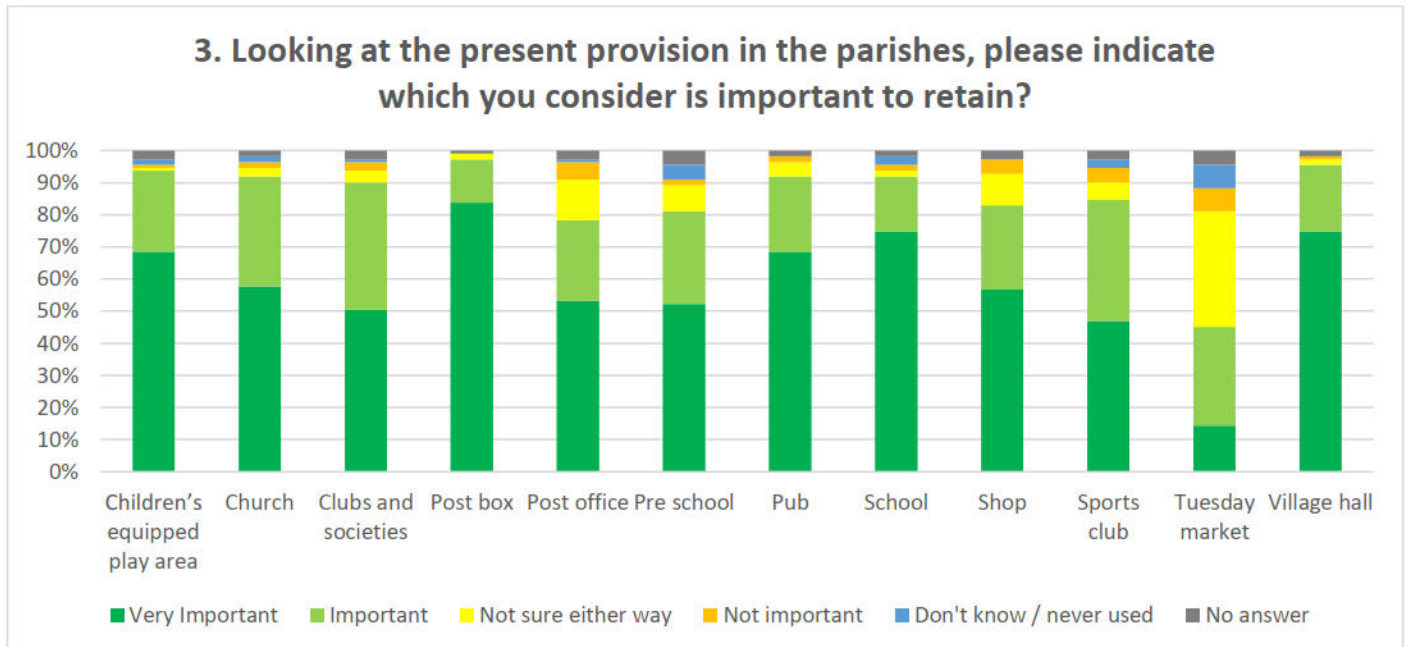


2. Where do you live?



Community

3. Looking at the present provision in the parishes, please indicate which you consider is important to retain?



4. Do you have any concerns about possible changes or loss of the above facilities – if so, can you explain what these are and which facilities you are concerned about.

- "- lack of post office (apart from once a week)
 - lack of shop/ change of shop to residential
 - lack of wrap around care for school children in BA village"
- A great shame that the hub of the Village Shop seems no longer viable
- A post box at the South View end of Queens Road to be reinstated
- Access to river. Lack of maintenance to footpaths
- All facilities need to be kept
- All of these facilities are important. Providing interest, activity and sense of community.
- All these facilities contribute to the atmosphere of the Village and the loss of any would be detrimental to the Community
- Bringing back a village shop is vital because it saves many long journeys into other towns.
- bus service, shop
- Community Shop/Post Office
- Lack of shop very sad
- Losing the shop has definitely affected the village, especially the elderly who are unable to go very far.
- Losing the village shop.
- Loss of any of the above would be detrimental to the village and make it a less desirable place to live
- Loss of pop-up shops very detrimental for older people. Loss of the post office/shop was a huge blow to the community.
- Loss of post box in Queens road in my bv to
- Loss of post office facilities. Not everybody is online
- Loss of shop

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- Loss of shop - it was so convenient to replenish rather than go into town for small items. The post office would be even more convenient
- Loss of shop / post office and bus service has been a great loss too the village
- Loss of shop and riverbank access
- Loss of shop is significant. Was an important meeting place and essential for people who dont drive
- Loss of shop it was very popular and reasonably priced.
- Loss of the shop and post office has been detrimental to everyone in the village. The same applies to access to the Green and river.
- Loss of the shop has changed the character of the village. The community spirit that was evident when the shop was functioning has gone. It also presents problems for those in the community who do not drive or have access to ordering goods online.
- Loss of the village shop for all the reasons stated in the objections to change of use
- Loss of village shop / or even the possibility of it ever reopening
- Need to keep pub as it's hun of village especially during key events such as Christmas and jubilee
- Poor support for events like Church that Rocks, entertainment night in village hall etc.
Disappointment lack of support for Sports Club - hardly anyone uses this fantastic facility
- Potential to lose any facility if communities don't use them. Facilities need to be attractive to all
- "Pub- change of management a number of times in last few years, hope pub remains viable
- Shop- has gone but will it come back
- Post office- dropped a day, concerned it may stop all together
- School and pre-school- worried these could lose funding and close"
- "School - value of a small village school for local children - improves education - builds community with children becoming friends etc
- Pub - for providing a space for people to come together and get to know others in there community"
- "shop pub"
- The ability to walk freely around our beautiful village. We are now herded around by barbed wire fences. The minority have ruined it, for the majority.
- The loss of a shop as there are no alternatives in walking distance
- "The loss of Shop and P.O. has had a negative effect on the residents - it was a daily community hub. Loss of school swimming pool. New builds could also threaten village life."
- The loss of the potential to re-open the shop in the old post office building would be the start of the decline of village life as we have known it.
- the loss of the shop and post office is a serious blow because it increases the isolation of older people and makes certain aspects of their life very difficult especially when combined with the lack of public transport
- The loss of the village shop is a big loss. The school, pub, church are all critical in maintaining the community.
- The more facilities the better
- The park is very popular with children
- The pub is very important as is the church
- The shop closing is a big loss - it not only provided provisions, but a social point for many too.
- The shop is an important facility particulary to the senior citizens regarding supplied and also a community hub
- The shop will soon be another home, maybe with home deliveries it is not such a necessity, especially as the pub my stock household essentials.
- The site of the closed village shop. If it is changed to residential status I don't think there is any chance of a shop re-opening.

- "The village has already lost some of these facilities: shop, bus service, and I fear they will not be reinstated
- Loss of the village hall and post box would be disastrous
- Though our household doesn't use all of the above we consider them all to be an important part in the preservation of a thriving community.
- To keep a village vibrant the provision of facilities is imperative. Lose the facilities, lose the village.
- To keep the shop would have been good but I think using the pub as a place to buy essentials is a great idea.
- very concerned about village having nonshop
- Very concerned that the shop is not in operation, it is a lifeline for everyone in the village particularly if they don't drive
- Village shops/stores should be better supported by the whole community and should offer what the community needs
- We could lose the School in that half the pupils come from outside the parish.
- We don't have children but I think all the facilities for children - the play area, school and pre-school are so valuable for families in the village, particularly those who don't have easy access to transport.
- We feel the loss of the village shop has had a significant impact on the village. All residents now need to travel to Thornford or Babylon Hill for essentials, it would be preferable to retain this facility within the village.
- We have to have a balance for all ages in the village.
- We really need a shop for bread milk etc
- We would use, local facilities, shop/post office, pub shop if available
- Why have we lost the shop. I used this facility everyday in lockdown now it is gone.
- With the lack of public transport older people without their own are left stranded
- Young families in the village need the pre school

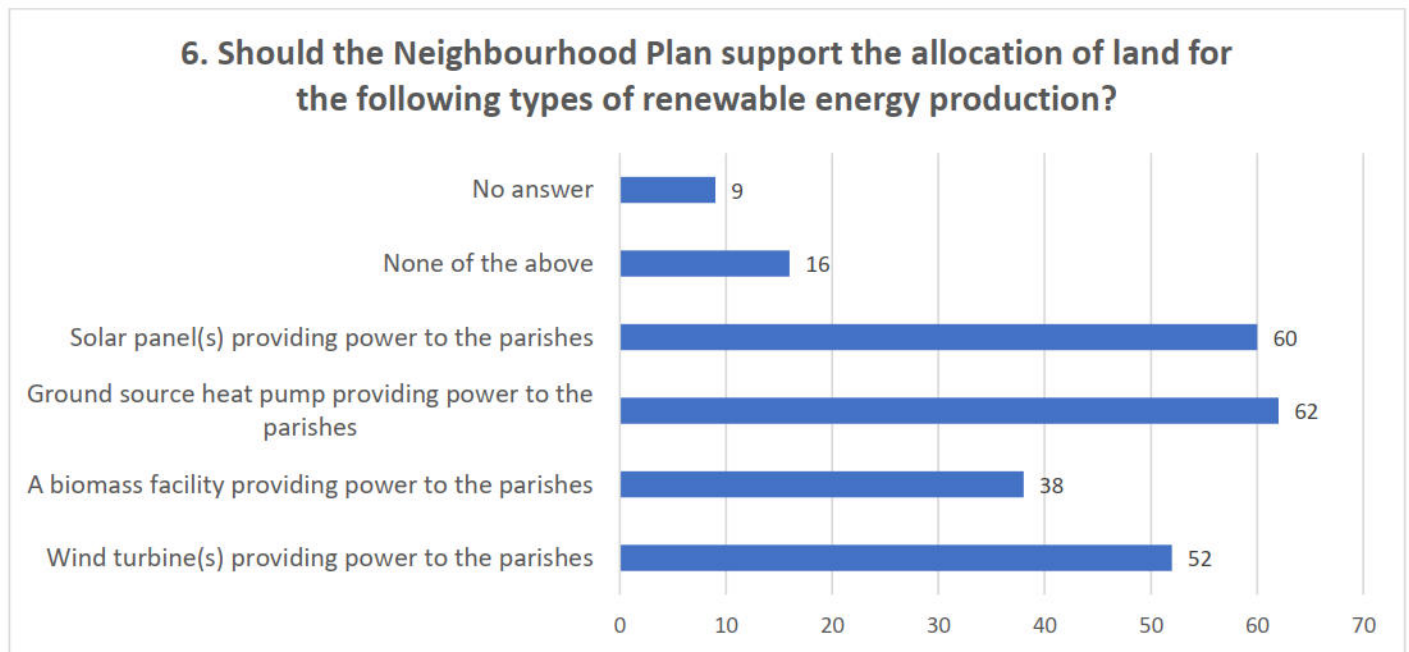
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- ""Youth Club" activities in the Village Hall or Sports Club.
- Tennis at the Sports Club."
- A bus service to Yeovil and or Sherborne
- A community garden which all ages can enjoy and is a well know therapeutic benefit.
- A place for wild swimming would be preferable
- A village green and/or gathering area: a picnic space, chairs, benches, etc to sit a chat.
- A walking Club would be great
- Access to river
- Access to the river for swimming and liesure..enjoyment of the wildlife and general wellbeing.
- Access to the river Yeo at the Gollops Field
- "Activities for teenagers
- Village youth club?
- Art club for teens?
- Coffee shop
- Health and fitness activities- walking group craft groups"
- Activities for younger people. Youth clubs or similar.
- Always good to provide outdoor activities for the children. (tennis)
- Any activities that attract young people must be welcomed be that a youth club, or exercise groups
- Any activity which will encourage younger people to pursue their interests within the Village would be beneficial to the community in general
- Baby club

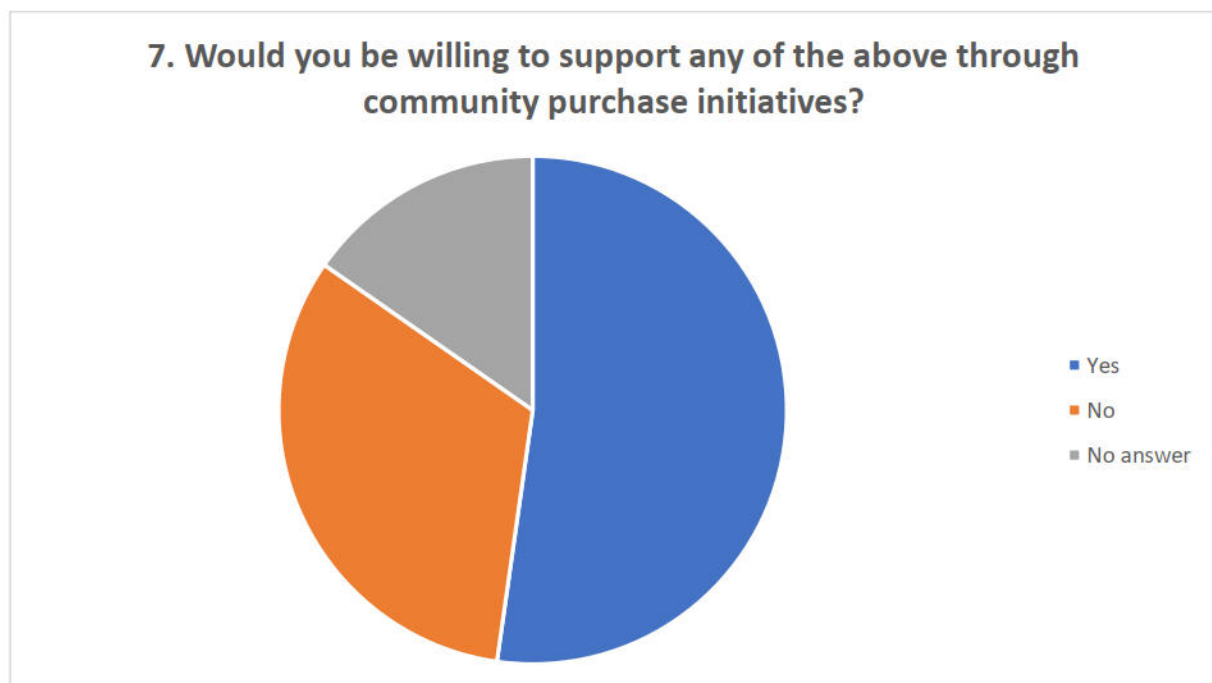
- Bradford Abbas Village Store
- Bus Service, Hospital Car Service.
- Extended playground with a variety of equipment to cover a broad age span
- How to discourage the sea gull population that is increasing in BA?
- I feel there could be more for the children, to keep them actively engaged.
- I think that a café would be good for the community.
- More pavements and areas to walk dogs
- None
- "Play equipment for toddlers
- Shop"
- Possibly
- "Return of village shop or a community run shop
- Tennis
- School swimming pool
- Running club "
- Shop and post office
- "Shop.
- Bus service."
- Some years back there used to be a weekly Youth Club. Maybe some way of implementing a Team Youth Club in conjunction with other villages to provide some regular meetings for youngsters could be investigated.
- Sporting initiatives/opportunities at sports club for young people. How to get them to use facilities and engage. Clubs eg guides, brownies, scouts for young people St Johns Ambulance etc.
- tennis
- tennis court
- The shop, maybe in a more creative format e.g. small supply of essentials in the pub.
- Those things and more. i.e. Yoga tai chi, any activities for both young and old very important
- Village shop
- Village shop and baby group
- We would love to have access to the river again at Gallops field. A hard court in the park would be amazing or a MUGA for football, tennis, basketball.?
- "Wild swimming and tennis
- More recycling facilities eg tetrapaks"
- Wild swimming but no access to the river now. Can we buy the land as a village group?
- "Wild swimming would be lovely if possible!"
- A walking group could also be a nice asset (sadly we both work full time so wouldn't be able to attend during the week but I know other villages do this and it's a really lovely way for individuals to make new friends/exercise)"
- Would be nice for our natural facilities to be more available, footpaths are treacherous when they are so narrow and not kept well.
- Yes to all those things listed above, we need to ensure there is something for the teenage population what that is in today's environment I don't know clubs designed for all elements of our social make up are important, and the community seem to do a pretty good job on the whole but are there members on the community that are isolated and need help and support
- youth club
- Youth Club and to a lesser extent swimming facilities
- youth club for teenagers
- "Youth club
- Running club"
- Youth club, brownies, scouts, guides

Climate change and water management

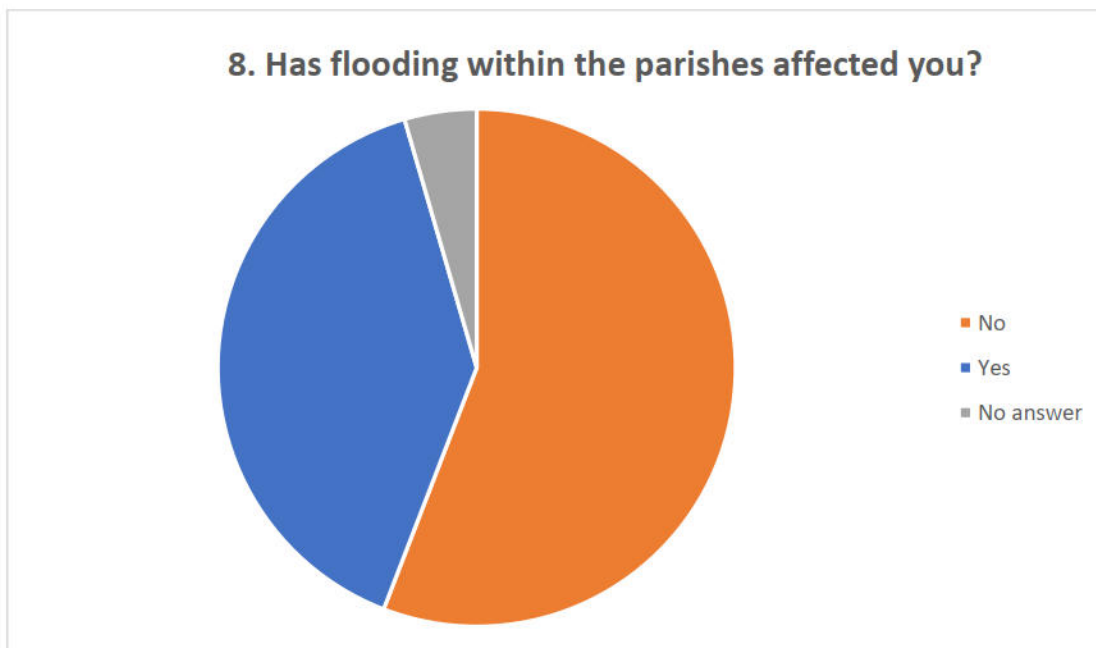
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8. Has flooding within the parishes affected you?



Please share in what way flooding has affected you and if possible, provide suggestions on how flooding within the parishes could be addressed:

- Access between Clifton and BA is regularly affected by flooding
- access when smiths bridge is flooded
- Access!!! To the village, to Sherborne, to Yeovil.
- Blocked access to Smiths bridge
- Clearing ditches and drains on a regular basis
- closing roads - lengthening journeys
- Completely cut off access to roads and restricted access to fields for grazing animals.
- Flooding at Smith's Bridge prevents a more direct route to yetminster doctors, more adequate drainage might improve the situation
- Flooding has made it difficult getting to/from work in Yeovil, and generally getting in and out of the village.
- "Floods reach our garden and flood the lane next to us making it hard to get out of Clifton Maybank and get the kids to school.
- The river is full of debris and massive hay bales, think this could be looked after a bit better to allow the river to flow more easily.
- I hear that it sometimes floods when Sherborne castle lake opens its floods gates, if this is true then we should be warned when they open them."
- From Bradford Abbas to Yetminster to visit and assist an invalid friends. Sort out drainage at Bradford Abbas Bridge
- Getting across smiths bridge from BA to go to Stoford
- Getting to the doctors' surgery at Yetminster when Smith's Bridge is flooded
- Had to divert when driving as the bridge has flooded
- I don't know enough about the cost or effectiveness of any of the above
- Improve road drainage, extra housing will make the problem work

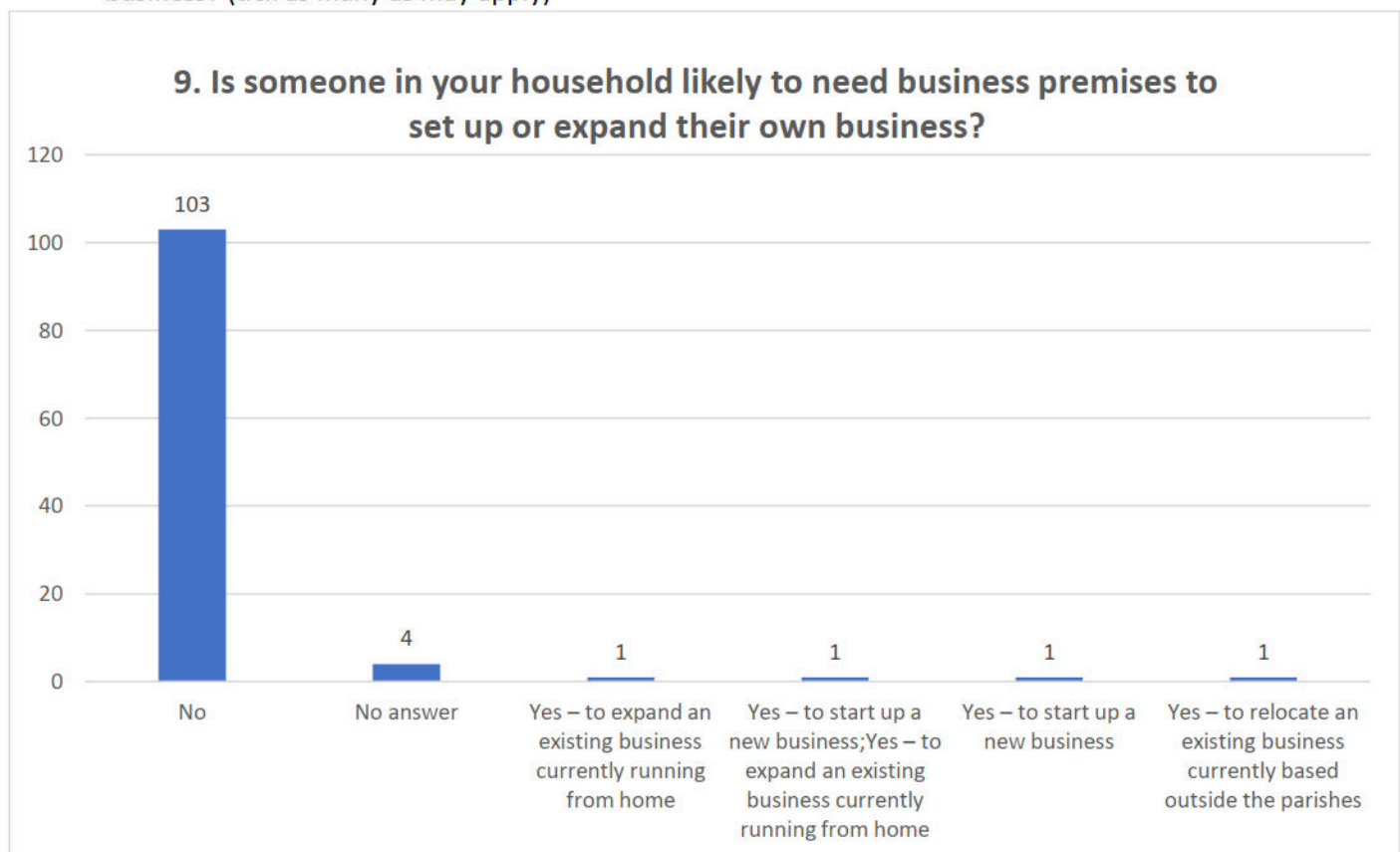
- In a minor way the flooding limits access to the village at Smiths Bridge. This could be alleviated by do- canalising the section of the Yoe to the east of Mill Farm and re-establish the floodplain at Watery Sams.
- Mild inconvenience of not being able to travel to Clifton Maybank, Yetminster or Thornford while Smiths Bridge is flooded.
- mud mud mud mud!!!! mess from tractors
- mud on roads
- "Mud on roads dangerous
- cannot get to thornford, yetminster when it/ the river floods"
- mud on roads making driving dangerous. erosion of the sides of roads by big tractors
- No direct flooding but roads in and out of the village are often flooded
- Not able to cross bridge
- Our property is high up. However the roads and drains are affected. The mud CSN get dangerous and the roads slippery for weeks afterwards.
- people who think there cars can drive through deep water then abandon them when the breakdown and block the roads.
- poor drains with toilet waste all over the road along the church
- "Road access to Clifton Maybank by Smith's Bridge is frequently impeded by flooding, which is markedly increased if the sluice gate at Sherborne Castle is opened.
- Given the disruption caused by this, with at least one stranded vehicle every time as well as the inconvenience and the flooding of land to the east of Church Road, it would be useful to explore whether restrictions could be imposed on opening the sluice gate upstream in light of consequences for those downstream."
- Road at Smith's Bridge and Clifton Maybank
- Road closure from BA to Thornford, Yetminster etc. Is Smith's Bridge safe? Huge tractors too big for the bridge and too heavy?
- Roads around the village and continuously flooding
- roads cut off
- "Roads into/out of village flood"
- Run off from the fields above the village has posed a real flooding threat to the village. Installation of a wilderness border to the field alongside Back Lane has helped address the problem, however this needs to be replicated in the fields northeast of Back Lane/ Old Compton Lane cross roads
- Run-off from the fields blocking the drains and flooding our neighbour's home.
- "Serious flooding by Smith's Bridge, and at Clifton Maybank.
- Slow the water flow somehow?
- We have backflow of sewage outside our front door from surface water after heavy rain. More road drains might help."
- Smiths bridge
- Smiths Bridge flooding making access difficult to neighbouring villages.
- Smiths bridge is always flooded removing access to neighboring villages
- Smiths bridge not passable.
- Smiths Bridge often flooded meaning Community Bus and delivery people cannot get through.
- Smiths bridge to and from work. If the flooding itself can't be rectified, a way in which you can find out if it's impassable before you set off would help. Not sure if that exist, but would be good!
- The bridge at Clifton Maybank
- The continual flooding of smiths bridge BA to Clifton M during the winter
- The flooding by our bridge and around by Clifton Maybank - cannot get through to Stoford
- The road on the bend around the corner between Clifton House and Broadclose farm regularly floods, which means you can't get through with a hybrid car (trying to be more environmentally friendly but would have permanent engine damage should just an egg-cup full of water enter) as well

as the flooding prohibiting other vehicles too. This affects not only us as neighbourhood residents but also our holiday let business as guests do not wish to be left stranded. There is a lot of lowland pasture that follows the water courses, these planes regularly flood. I believe volatile soil moisture levels, groundwater levels, and fluctuations in the water table cause flooding. These are all natural issues caused by climate change. Issues that can however be addressed consist of fallen tree obstructions and organic detritus building up in the river that then exacerbates the floods by obstructing the free flow of water downstream. I also understand that the water treatment plants/ reservoir in Yetminster can't cope with the increased volume of wastewater from new builds there, which is adding to the flooding issue as well as polluting our waterways terribly. We used to swim in clear water as children, now I wouldn't dream of entering the water to swim. Implications the Developers should have considered, cause and effect.

- The water run off from fields to the path causes rivers to run down our street in heavy rain
- The Wriggle and Yeo both need to be cleared of debris and fallen trees to help the flow.
- When flooding occurs there is limited areas to walk dogs.
- when the River Yeo floods near Mill Farm it's very inconvenient as alternative routes take you a long way out of your way. How to address it - perhaps certain parts need dredging.
- Work more closely with the Sherborne estates. I understand that there are sluice gates that are opened and results in huge amounts of water flooding BA. But I could be wrong!

Business Services & Economy

9. Is someone in your household likely to need business premises to set up or expand their own business? (tick as many as may apply)



If YES, can you tell us a little more about the type of business, and the size and location of premises you think you would need?

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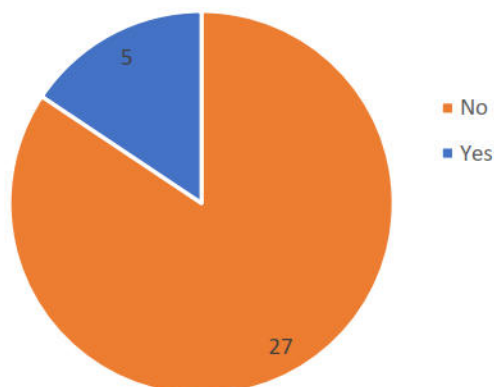
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Size and location of premises needed:

No responses

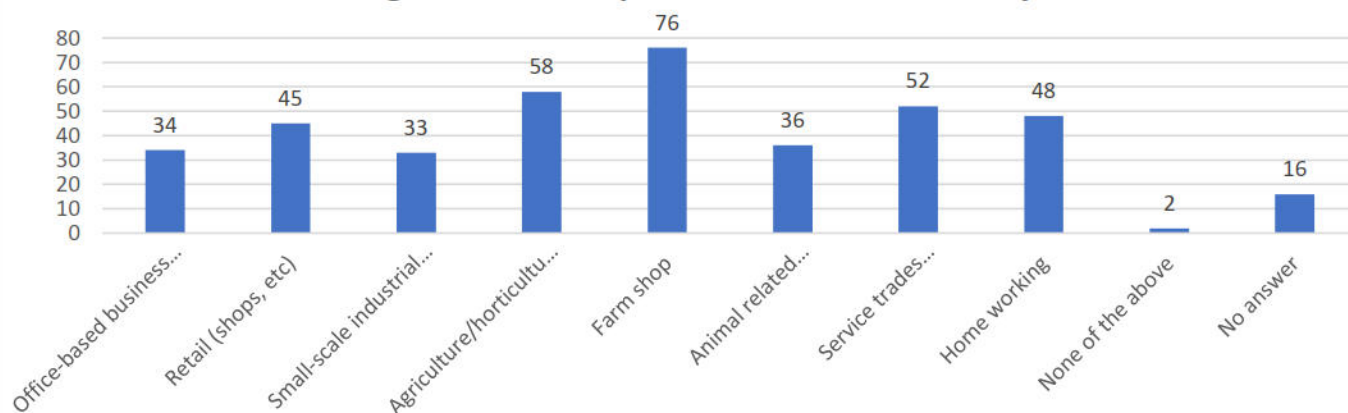
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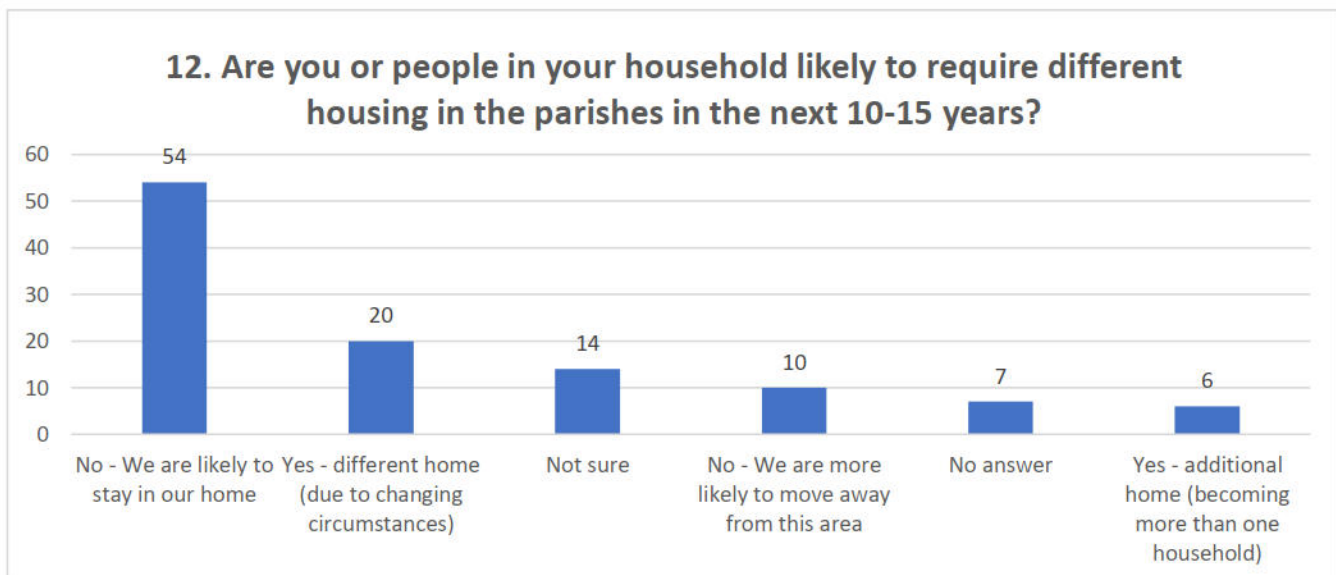


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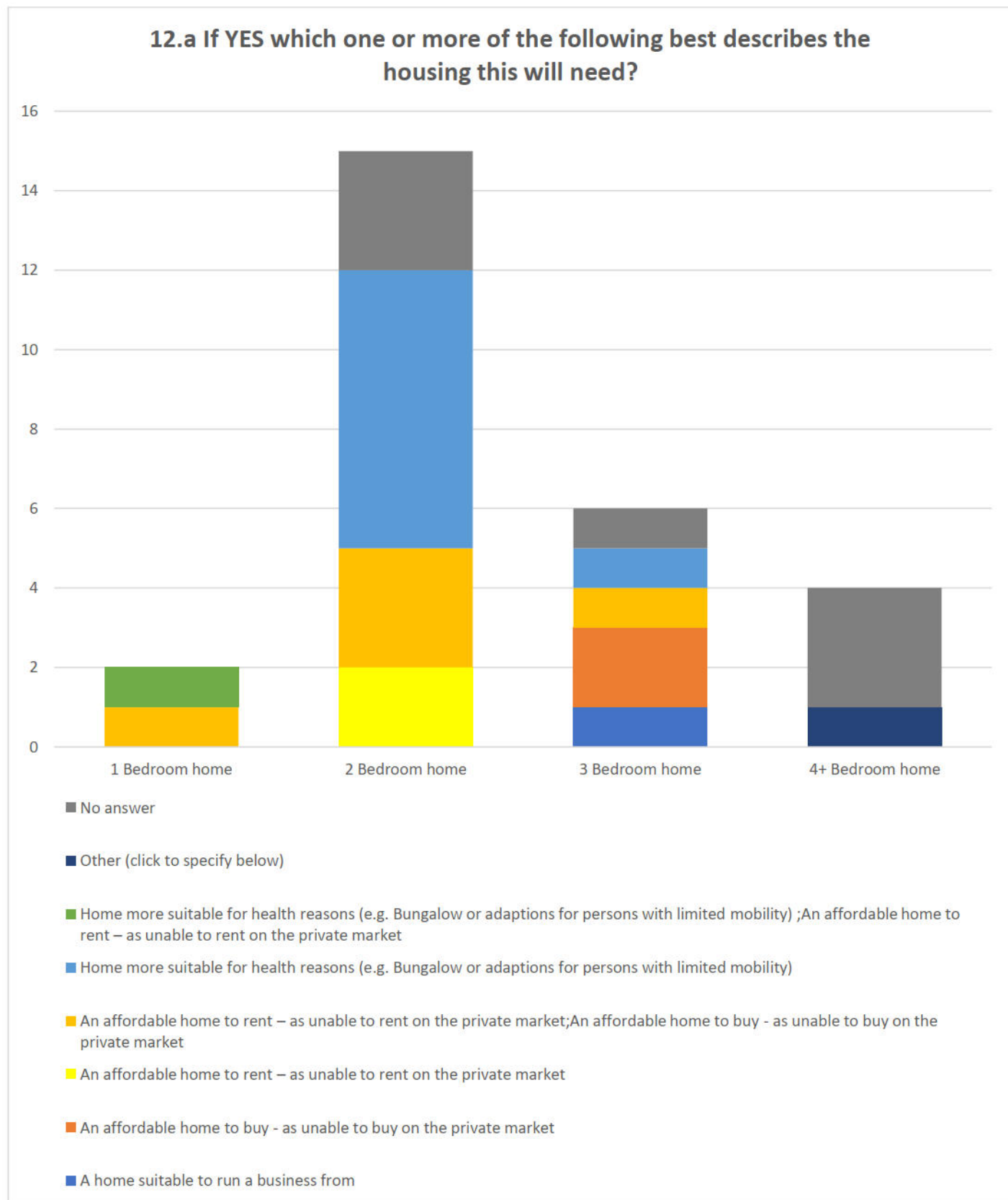
- Bearing in mind we have the Peel Centre, Babylon Hill.
- Retail on a limited basis (eg reinstatement of the Post Office building as the village shop)
- any local business encouraging local employment would be good and should be encouraged
- Would encourage most independent businesses
- Anything that upsets the 'village feel' would not be appropriate!
- Haven't ticked retail because I see it as different scale to a village shop.
- Retail (shops etc) - we don't mean on a large scale like high st shops though!
- All of the above are essential or beneficial for the community.
- Some (eg home working) are likely to happen regardless, and probably don't need active encouragement.
- A farm shop would possibly be valuable, but a village shop is more important.
- A register of local plumbers and electrician would be useful
- we need reliable wifi which is superfast
- Dr would be such a help.
- "- encourage farm shop. This would be an excellent facility for the villages. Could a barn be used for this in either parish? It could be very popular.
 - encourage allotments to sell more of their produce in the village"
- We need a farm shop to sell local produce
- Village shop
- We should be supporting service trades in the village and farming
- Bradford Abbas has had a shop - but sadly it was not used enough with the advent of online and delivery it closed. NOT helpful for elderly member of village with no bus and many who do not drive
- farm shop

Housing and planning

12. Are you or people in your household likely to require different housing in the parishes in the next 10-15 years?

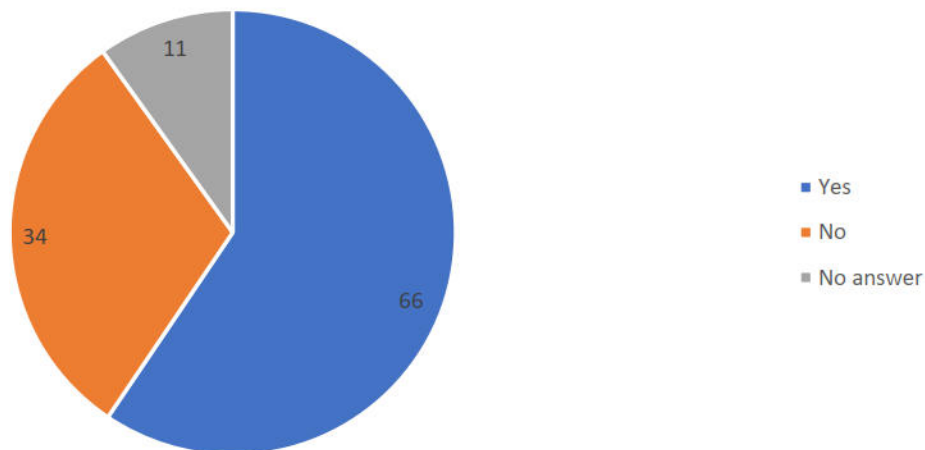


If YES which one or more of the following best describes the housing this will need?
And are there any special qualities this will need:



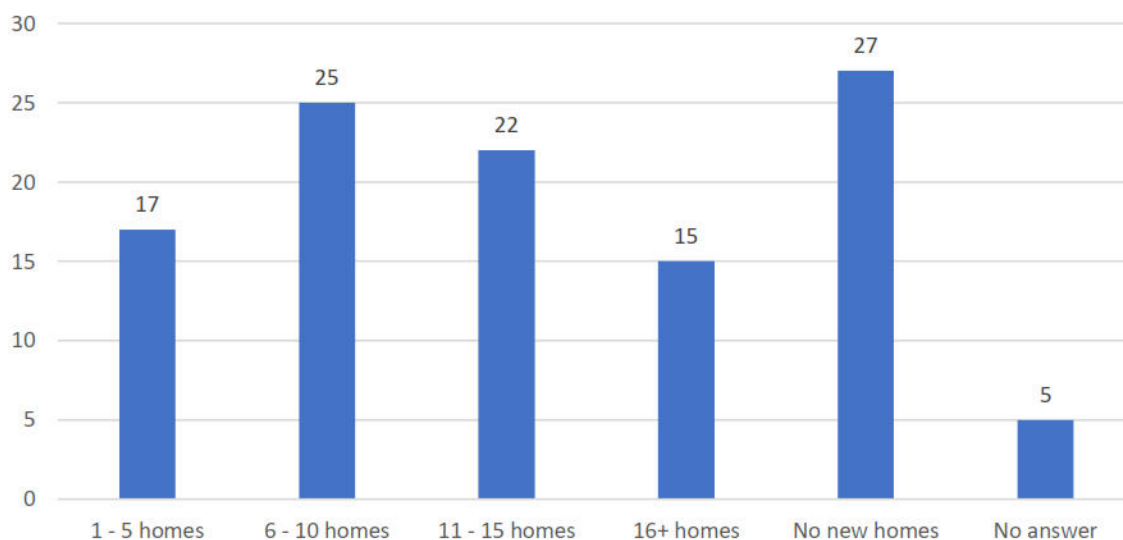
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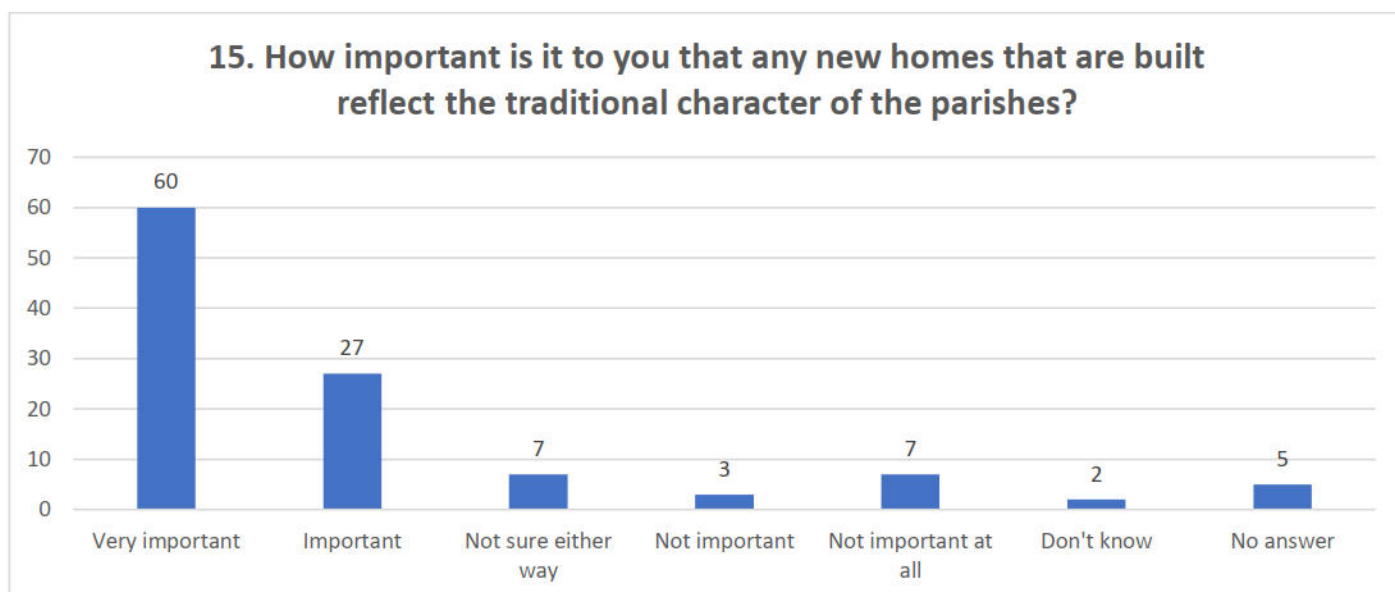


14. Between the Census in 2001 and 2021, the number of households living in our area has hardly changed (decreasing from 422 to 421 usual resident households). How many additional new houses, if any, do you think might be good for the parishes over the next 10-15 years?

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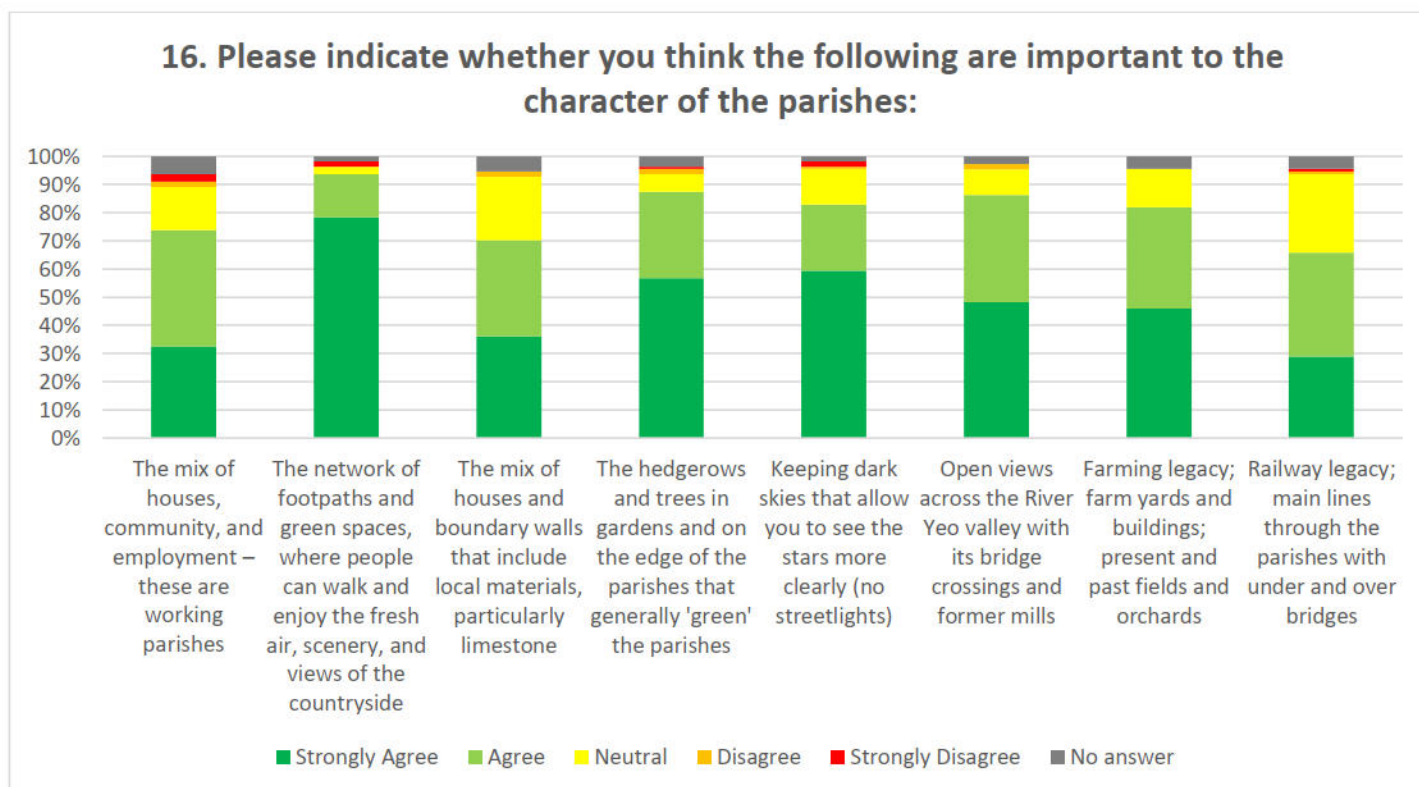
15. How important is it to you that any new homes that are built reflect the traditional character of the parishes? E.g., homes that are built are of a high standard of design using good quality materials and reflect the local aesthetics.



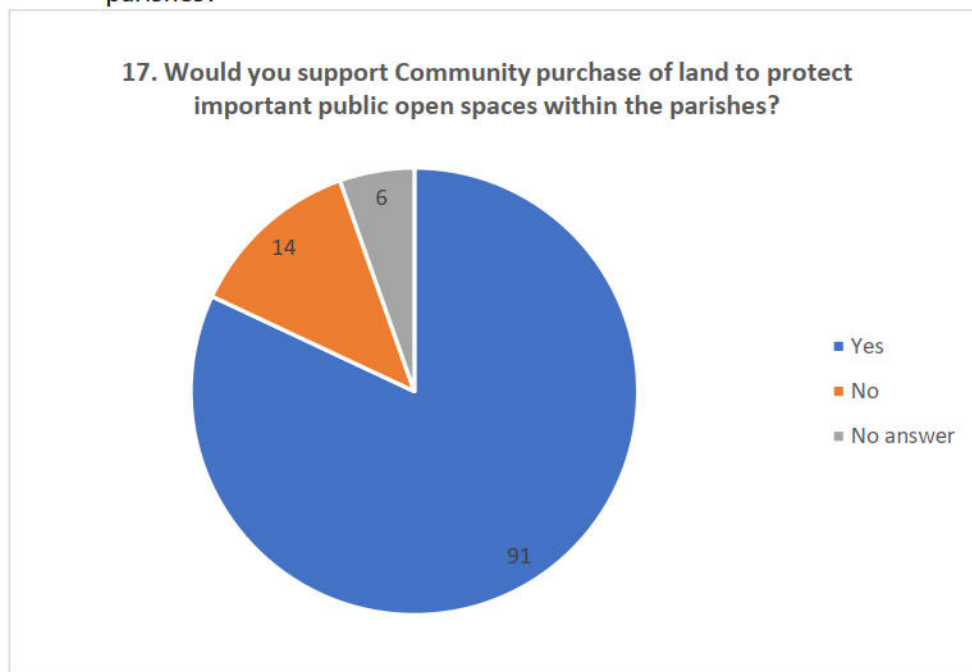
Environment

Character

16. Please indicate whether you think the following are important to the character of the parishes:

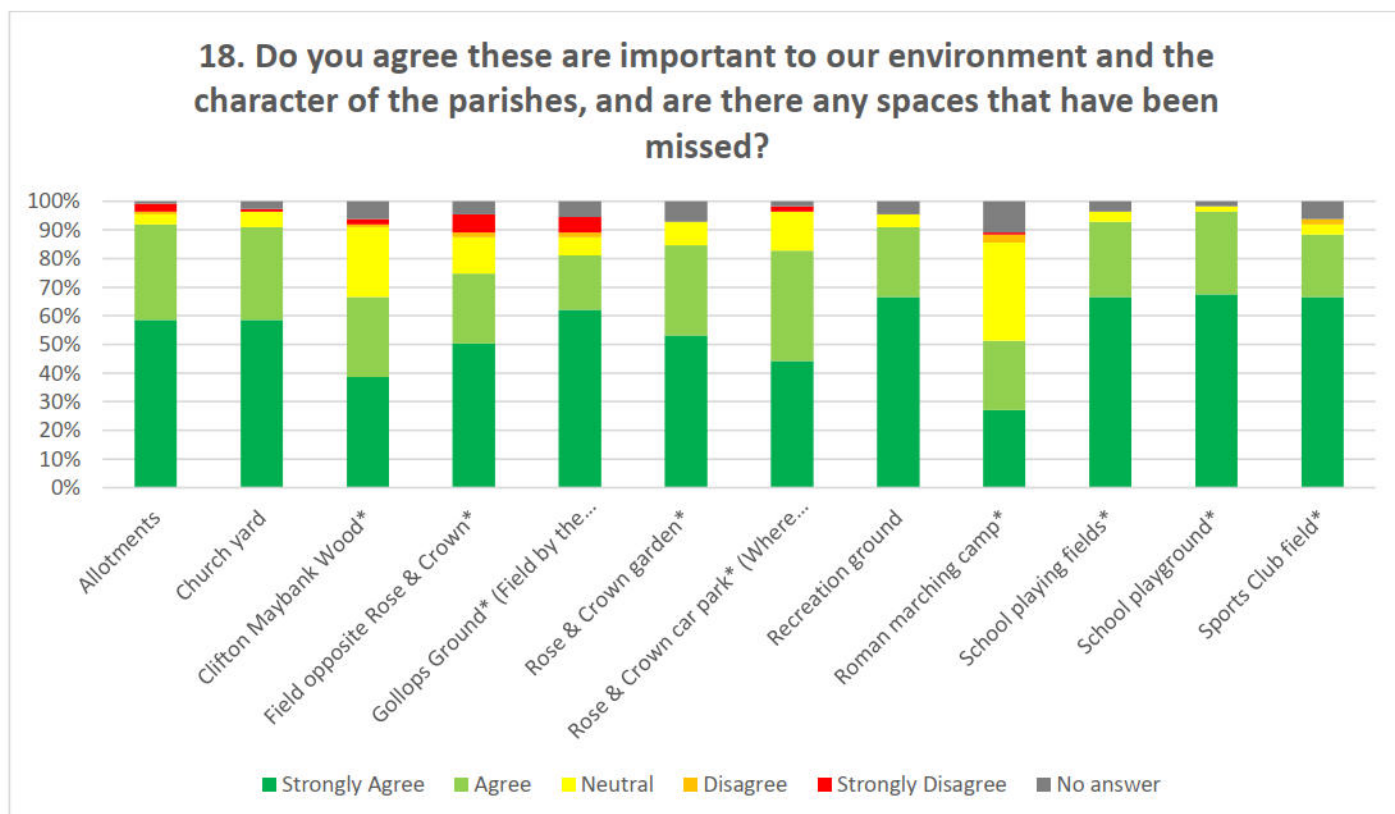


17. Would you support Community purchase of land to protect important open spaces within the parishes?

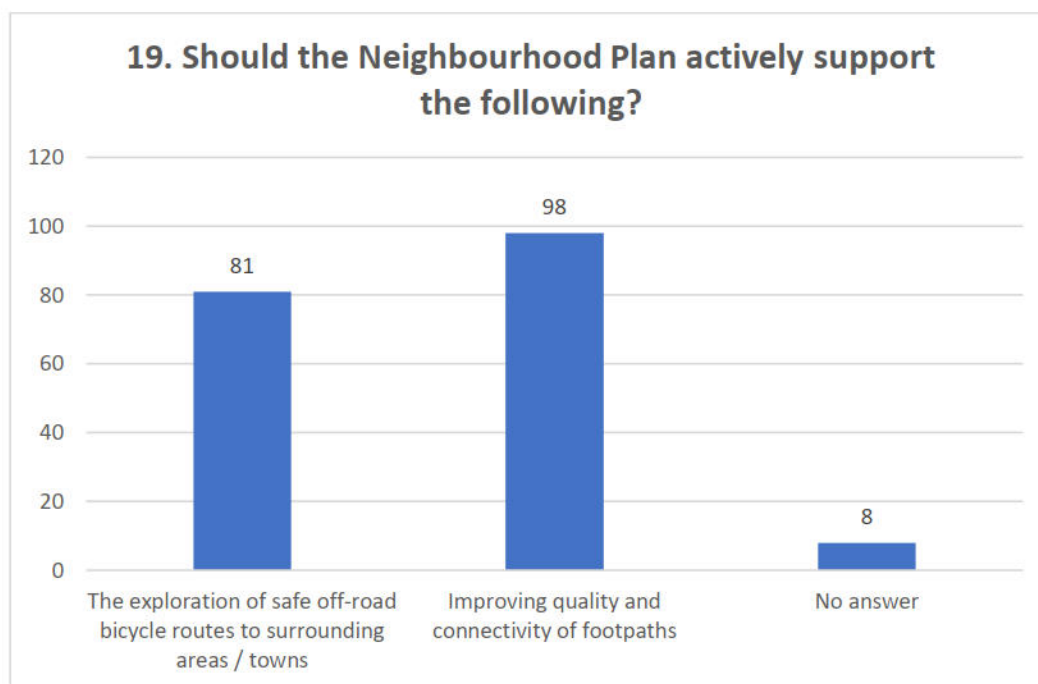


18. During the public consultation some significant spaces have been identified as important to the residents of the parishes to protect - do you agree these are important to our environment and the character of the parishes, and are there any spaces that have been missed?

(*Not publicly accessible)

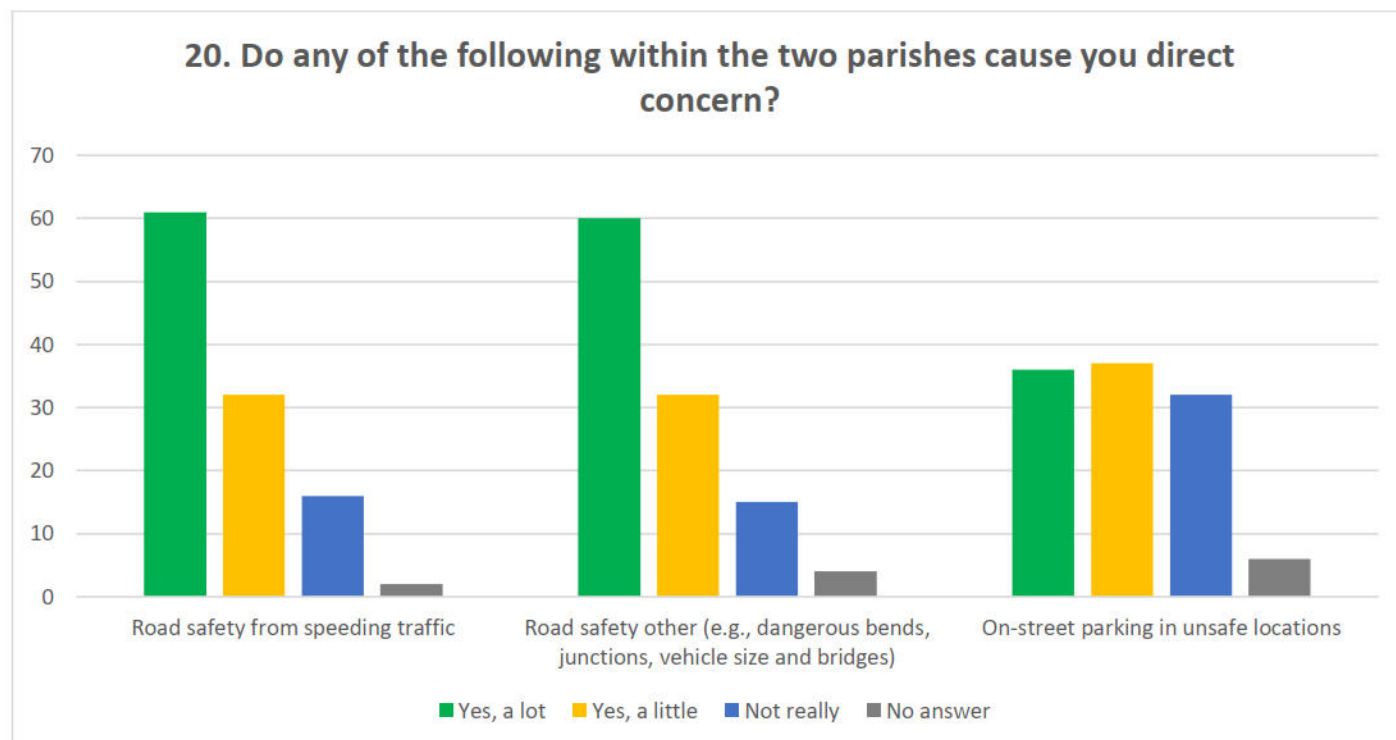


19. Should the Neighbourhood Plan actively support the following?



Traffic, Road Safety and Transport

20. Do any of the following within the two parishes cause you direct concern?

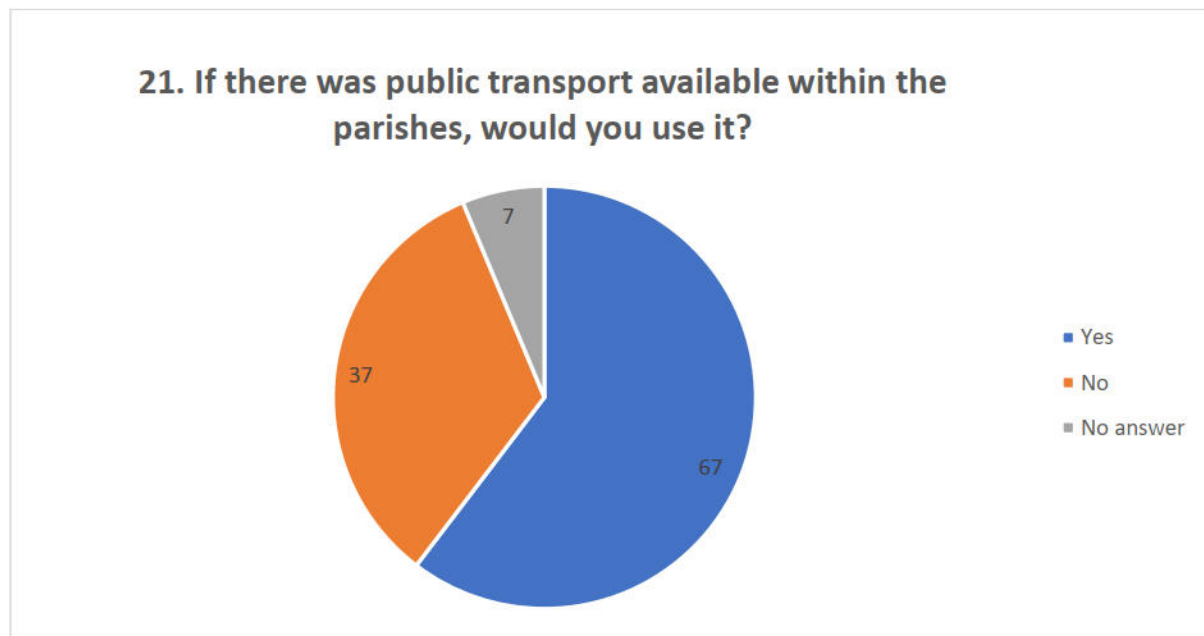


- If you have answered "Yes, a lot" to any of the above, please give details of locations in the parishes where you have the most concern and what the concern is:
- "- Church Rd speeding throughout the day and evening and early morning
 - large vehicles in Back Lane
 - large vehicles on Grants Hill
 - Mud caused by large farm vehicles making roads very dangerous. lack of respect by farmer for other road users and the environment"
- "30mph around Huish cottages much needed, especially on the bends. A traffic mirror on the Clifton Road junction.
- The Hollow would benefit from traffic calming."
- Back Lane - occasional overlarge lorries descending.
- Back Lane and Wessex Drive
- Back Lane full length
- "Back Lane should be 20 mph, cars use it as a rat run, it is very narrow & used by a lot of walkers - school children, dog walkers etc
- Large vehicles should be prohibited except for access"
- "Back Lane speed limit should be less.
- Bradford Rd - volume of traffic has increased and often used as a cut through to Sherborne/Yeovil - traffic going too fast - more risk for cyclists and pedestrians."
- Back Lane, Church Road
- Back lane, underdown hollow, Bradford road. I have almost been run over while walking on all these.
- Bishops Lane, School and pub road and i think these and maybe the whole village should be 20mph speed limits
- Bishops Lane: Speeding Traffic
- by school. Large vehicles in lanes.
- By the play ground, speeding cars have been witnessed.
- By the school there is an dangerous bend, and parking outside the school in term time , causes a potential problem , endangering children and pedestrians
- Car drive too fast around the village especially near the school on sharp bend
- Clifton road, Bradford Abbas end, I feel should be made a 30mph zone from Jacks Farm to the village, as there are a few houses with small kids and pets and it's currently a 60mph which is dangerous and ridiculous. I walk my kids to school every day to save driving and help the environment, but I do worry about the cars racing by.
- Concerned about the heavy lorries delivering to the Valtalia site. We have had quite a number rumble up our drive that were intended for the Solar Farm/ Valtalia, trying to deliver tons of sand and cement, huge barrels etc. Plus they are somehow being allowed to come over listed Stoford Bridge. I understand this bridge is just outside the parish but none the less, these roads and small bridges were not designed for such vehicles. I don't believe the solar farm is green if you look at it holistically. There have been fundamental flaws in the assessment process.
- Entrance to South View & Queens Road: parking on these corners is dangerous. You have to be on the wrong side of the road to turn out right or left, then the person turning in cannot do so.
- Fast cars on top road around perimeter of village
- For God sake how could you people live here all of your lives comuting through the hollow every day? It's most dangerous place to pass, the young bustard parking at the top aren't helpful either parking in middle of road. If no action will be taken in one years time I will make sure something will be done. Take this as warning!

- Grants Hill and Smiths Bridge is dangerous for all pedestrians, cyclists and in some cases for cars as well. There is just not enough room for safe movement and many drivers seem oblivious of the dangers to other road users
- "Grants Hill large vehicles Back Lane large vehicles Church Road speeding Back lane speeding"
- higher Westbury
- Hollow to narrow and to cross the dual carriage way is dangerous
- "Hollow road between Bradford Abbas and Smith's Bridge"
- Huge tractors that drive with speed. I had my car mirror damaged by tractor driving too fast to slow down in time to prevent damage. More importantly, the destruction of grass verges. There seems to be no concern whatsoever for the effect on wildlife destroyed by tractor wheels. Our verges were wide and pretty
- "Junction at top of Grant's Hill. Traffic from Sherborne frequently ignores SLOW sign on road and it's often difficult to see in the mirror"
- Cars often parked below the phone box close to the junction of Churchwell St with Church Road, making it difficult to pull out safely
- Left hand bend at top of Bishops Lane, above the junction with Queen's Road, is dangerous as incoming vehicles from the left cut the corner"
- "junctions of roads with a lot of housing with children and animals crossing roads. parking in narrow roads which endangers ambulances, fire engines and school transport and access"
- Large Vehicles going up Churchwell St and turning up Churchwell Lane.
- "Large vehicles should be banned from using the Hollow.
- There has been numerous incidents where lorries and farm vehicles have caused dangerous situations where traffic is required to reverse all the way down near or onto the dual carriageway."
- Mostly single track roads enter the village and I have concerns about Church Road. School buses and other agricultural vehicles use these and I have witnessed angry scenes in the past where there are major pinch points.
- Outside the school & church
- Parking by the school, on the bend and junction and by the village hall, very crowded and narrow, an accident waiting to happen
- parking in westbury area
- "parking on junctions (Westbury and Higher Westbury)
- between BA C Maybank and beyond"
- People living in villages should drive slowly and respect others driving recklessly is dangerous and he will hurt someone
- Queen's Road
- "Queens Road has a high concentration of children and pets, yet is regularly ignored when it comes to dressing the road surface, let alone traffic calming. This is one of the most used roads in the village other than the main through route.
- Church Road parking especially around school time is dangerous, as some drivers are focused on getting where they need to go above everyone else.
- The junction adjacent to the sports and social club is regularly cut by traffic in either direction."
- ref speeding / road safety other - dangerous driving habits in Westbury BA especially on the blind bends. Dog walkers and children on way to school are at risk. Vehicles driving too fast also on Bradford Rd.
- Road to Sherborne
- school bend and church road speeding

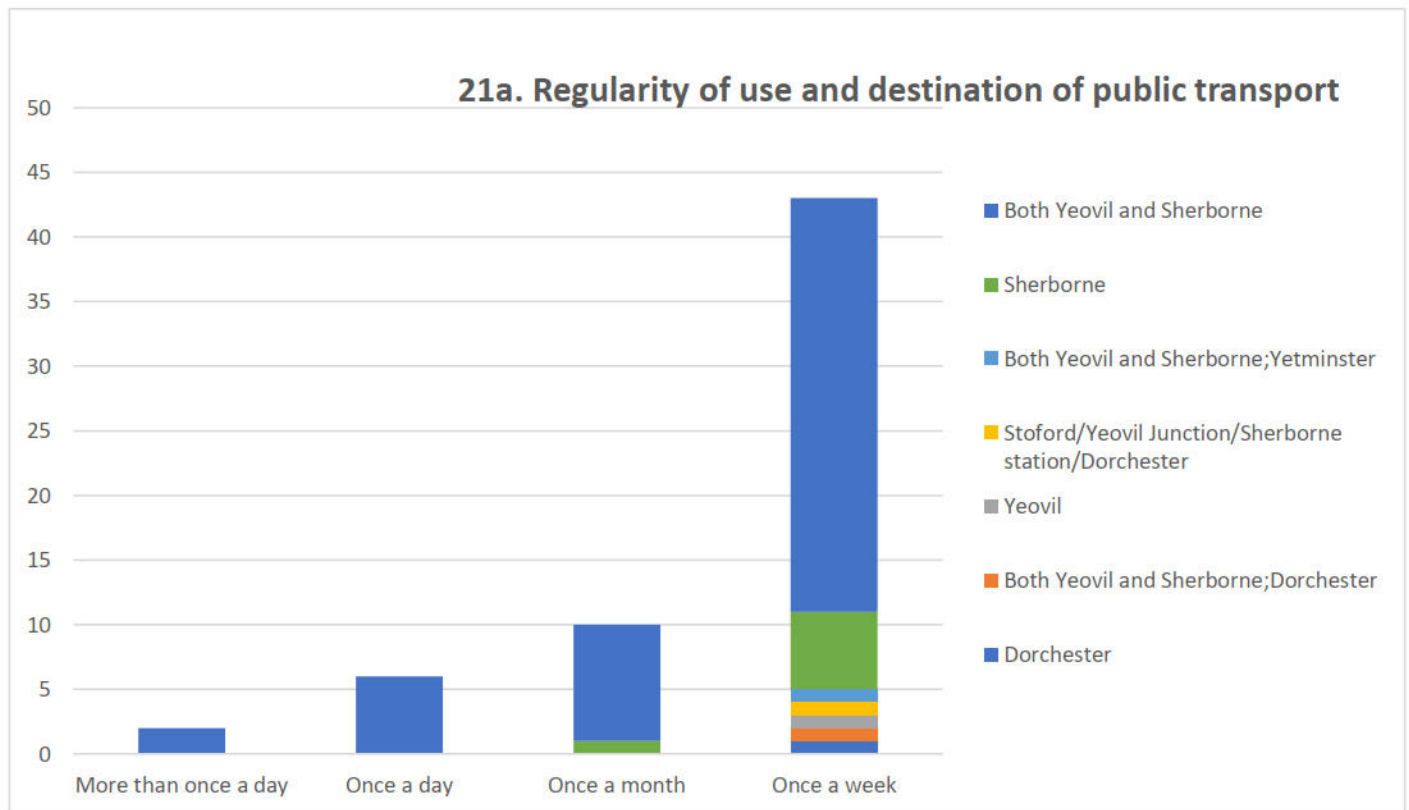
- Smith's Bridge & Flooding
- Specifically parking at Emlet and the "Give Way" junction at Higher Westbury outside cottage (Thisledo).
- Speeding - Back Lane - North St, Bradford Rd to the Hollow
- speeding along back lane / sleeping policemen
- Speeding in Church Road
- "Speeding in roads around the village including Back Lane and Church Road
- Speeding on the approach roads to both communities."
- Speeding past cottage @ Bradford Abbas Manor Farm Parking on the road near to bend at the hollow. (Speeding past cottages have killed many pets - dogs and cats)
- "Speeding traffic through past the pub and school
- The road leading to the A30"
- "Speeding vans up Churchwell Street.
- Currently as I drive probably would not use public transport, but as the years go by who knows .,"
- The area around the school and park
- The junction at the East end of the village (Sherborne to Thornford Road) is bad enough when driving, but on bicycles, it's far worse. Mirrors do not stop speeding cars.
- "The narrow section of Back Lane.
- No pavement through several narrow sections of Underdown Hollow e.g. by Coombe; and by pig farm."
- The parking by the school and park is horrendous and dangerous. The hollow is not wide enough
- The road banks are being eroded by vast tractors
- The road through the village past the shop, pub, school and onward to manor farm, Backlane.
- the traffic should travel at 20mph
- The use of the roads to Smiths Bridge is growing at an alarming rate. Little regard for traffic - large heavy tractors using Smith's Bridge add their trailer - it will not too long before it collapses - also these get larger - ?? and curb sides are being destroyed - with so little regard contract drivers
- "There is a lot of speeding and inconsiderate traffic through the village and approach roads. Worth considering traffic calming/speed restrictions/etc.
- Plus a certain amount of inappropriate HGV traffic. We should claim recompense from the HGV owners for damage and/or road blockage."
- Too much parking near junctions meaning you cannot safely see what is coming
- Traffic calming measures needed on Church Lane and North Street
- traffic not respecting limits in village
- Travel up and down the hollow
- underdown hollow
- We need speed monitoring in the village. it is used as a ratrun to Yeovil. large vans parking often blocks the roads
- "Westbury (Higher): parking and speeding
- Back Lane: Speeding"
- westbury by church and pub especially at school times
- Westbury road by the church is very dangerous for residents & school children

21. If there was public transport available within the parishes, would you use it?



If YES, how often would you use it:

If you would use public transport, would you have a preferred destination:



Other

22. Thank you for completing this survey – if there is anything you particularly want to raise now, please do tell us.

- "- suggest re-wilding the hedgerows as a project for both villages
 - planting blossom trees on approach to Bradford Abbas (by signs)
 - Bradford Abbas & Clifton Maybank signs in v poor condition and need replacing asap"
- Affordable housing for younger people and families
- Better reception for mobile phones
- Bradford Abbas from many years ago has been renowned for its dark skies. This is being completely spoilt by a lot of residents, particularly in North Street, where security lights are activated by people walking up the street and not coming on just when entering their properties. It would not take much to set and adjust their light sensors to avoid this annoying practice and senseless waste of electric. This problem has already been raised by a resident in the March 2023 "Sherborne Times".
- Can Tesco bring back a bus and we pay a small charge (£2) to help keep it going, Normal buses again with small charge to keep it going.
- Concerned about the increase in flytipping and litter being dropped in the countryside by people using Clifton Maybank, Thornford Road as a cut through to reach the expanding numbers of homes in neighbouring villages!
- "Discouragement of the increasing seagull population
- discouraging the off road motorcycles at the top of Babylon Hill from using the bikes on the road and cleaning up their mess!!"
- do not spoil the village by allowing houses to be built support extensions alteration to houses.
- Footpath to Thornford by Mill Farm is too narrow making it unsafe to use especially when muddy
- I do not know but can something be done about awful parking so near to the road entrances. ie South View, Queens Road at Bishops Lane
- It would be nice to have a greater network of foot paths and places to walk around surrounding the village. We feel we are limited for dog walks around the village
- It would be so lovely if Bradford Abbas had a village Green with a few seats so that people could go for a little walk and maybe sit and have a chat. Lots of people live alone and a chat would be lovely
- Just to highlight that Back Lane should really be 20mph. Those who don't live in the village use it quite a lot and have no regard for locals using it
- Light intrusion and pollution from the Bradford Abbas School which should be sensitive to movement to switch on.
- Need for public transport/and or shop very important
- No-one housing the infrastructure isn't substantial enough for the amount of cars especially the hollow leaves the village as it is please
- "Notes mentioned on survey:
- Q16: ""My husband strongly disagrees he argues a limited number of street lights for security reasons
- Q13: No ticked but noted ""very limited development""
- Q14: also ticked 1-5, 6-10 maximum"
- Please can the footpath at Mill Farm receive attention so it isn't so muddy in the wetter months!
- Please can we do something to improve cycle and walking access to Yeovil?
- Q13 providing access to the village is improved

- Q21: "might if didn't have a car"
- Queens Road has still not had its final services the results in potholes and with no street lighting accident waiting to happen
- "Re architecture of any new houses:
 - Yes, respect to local materials
 - Also, award-winning 21st century architecture. Hold an architecture competition for dwellings fit for 21st century living. Make them a feature that would attract visitors from far and wide. Variety of dwelling sizes for new residents both rich and poor."
- "So important to keep the green space in the village access to river needed please
- Q17: Gollops Ground? Can we not buy this?
- Q14: No new houses it would ruin the village it is lovely as it is why not support town brown field sites"
- Thank you for all you are doing with this neighbourhood plan. :)
- Thank you for asking our opinions. Good luck with producing the plan.
- The concerns of adendum 20 would improve road safety if resolved and lessen anxieties for the pet owners
- The infrastructure (roads) in the village cannot handle additional traffic from any new homes
- "The regular use of the Hollow as a route by unsuitable traffic - once again little respect for other users - and with the golf course - the banks are being eroded away
- Sat Navs ?? -"
- The roads around the village cannot accommodate any more housing, any housing will exacerbate current road flooding
- The state of roads would deter most develepmnt. Sherborne estate and its contractors cause mud and kerb damage all the way past Haynes property to the hollow. No attempt to clean up after ploughing and holes in kerb due to overweight tractor units
- The survey gives insufficient coverage of the health of local wildlife habitats, including streams and river.
- The village cannot handle the additional traffic that extra houses could bring. Additional houses will also affect flooding
- The young people living in the village would benefit most from a regular public transport service but realistically there's not enough people who would use it to make it viable
- "There has been an increase in land owners preventing walkers from using their land. Where in the past it wasn't a problem it's almost the case now that there is more green spaces to use in nearby towns than here in the countryside.
- Gallup's ground is a prime example how one selfish individual can cause so much upset for no apparent reason is criminal."
- This is a village; we wish to keep it like a village.
- "Want to encourage wilding of verges in the parish
- Make ponds , habitats for hedgehogs etc
- Request neighbouring farmers pursue a river friendly farming practice"
- We Strongly oppose more housing- BA is a small village, building more homes would negatively effect the village and its whole appeal- a small quiet village! Plus the road systems are narrow and small, BA roads could not safely handle more cars from new homes.
- We're missing a safe footpath to Yeovil.
- "Whilst I personally am unlikely to use public transport from the village, it is important for others, and should be supported if possible.

- Probably outside the remit of this plan, but the ""cycle"" area by Bradford hollow is a concern. The use by youngsters for cycling is great, and is a good use of the space. But it needs a degree of control, particularly in relation to the increasing usage by motor-cycles and occasionally 4WD.
- Fly-tipping and litter is always an issue around the village and outskirts. Probably outside the remit of this plan, but worth noting, and also worth noting that some individuals do a fantastic job at litter-picking. Their work should be recognised and supported in any way possible, possibly recruiting others to share the load. Many of us do a bit of picking up, but we could probably share the load further.
- "
- wish to reiterate about the speeding within the village (BA)
- "Would like river access. Could the parish council buy gollops ground with village help?
- building more homes would spoil the village if any are build they should be 4 bedroom and larger houses"
- "would like to see all village hall activity moved to the sports club and share there wonderful facility
- in turn would make sports club more viable . Also there is little safe parking at the village hall !
- maybe sell village hall and improve sports club. a win win for both
- not happy with the way new owners have been persued re: Gallops field"

Message included in April 2023 edition of The Pennant, as follows:

Neighbourhood Plan Update

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to reply to the household survey. We are now in the process of inputting and analysing the data. Once that is completed, we will be using your responses to formulate policy areas. At that point we would really welcome people to come forward and help out with specific tasks in those policy areas i.e. Community, Climate change and water management, Business services and economy, Housing and planning, Traffic, road safety and transport and Environment. To offer your help, please contact our neighbourhood plan secretary Kitty [REDACTED] or leave a note with your contact details in the designated box in the phone box.

