

CROWHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Shortlisted Site Survey Results July 2017

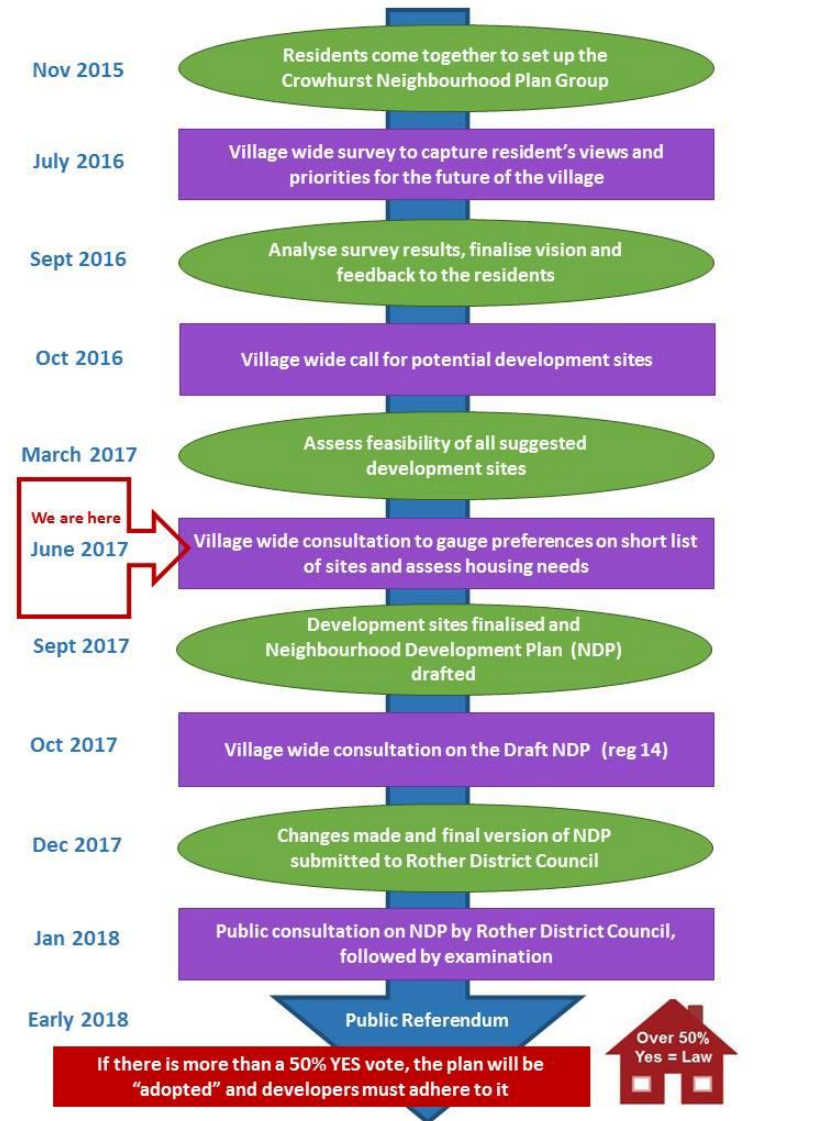


Background to the Survey

Rother District Council have said that Crowhurst must have at least 20 new homes to meet future housing demand. National guidelines require additional homes to be built in groups of 6 or more.

Residents of Crowhurst have formed a Neighbourhood Planning Group so that we can decide where these new homes should go and what type and style of home they should be. The plan also gives us an opportunity to set out what sorts of facilities we need and the ways we can help to protect the countryside and build community spirit.

To help develop the plan the Neighbourhood Planning Group have carried out a wide range of consultation and engagement with local residents. This report outlines the findings from the Shortlisted Sites Survey.



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Methodology and Results

The Neighbourhood Plan Group designed this survey to give residents another opportunity to share their views about the five shortlisted sites that have been identified as possibilities for the mandatory new housing.

The survey also included some questions on the environment, road safety, parking and community facilities.

Street Champions were appointed for each street in the village to deliver paper copies of the survey to every household. The survey was also available to complete on line via the Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan website.

Completed paper surveys were either collected in person by the Street Champions or returned directly by respondents to the post box at the Village Hall.

The survey opened on 27th May 2017 and closed on the 18th June 2017. We received a total of 301 completed surveys (208 on paper, 93 directly online). This is a high response rate of 42%*.

Not everyone answered every question and so the results are based on the number of respondents to answer each question, shown in brackets on the charts after the question i.e. (139 Respondents).

Where percentages do not add up to 100% this is due to rounding up/down to the nearest percentage.

Respondent's comments have been themed and summarised for this report.

*based on 2011 census data of 722 15+ year olds in Crowhurst www.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk

Key Findings

Shortlisted sites

- Site A (Forewood Rise) received the most first choices and had the highest average ranking at 3.37, closely followed by site C (Southern half of Station Road) at 3.27 and site B (Coombe Dell) at 3.19.
- Views on how many homes would be acceptable vary from 6 to over 20 for each site except D which can only fit 6 homes.
- Semi detached houses are the most preferred style for all sites except site D where apartments, flats or maisonettes are preferred.
- 73% of respondents felt that 30% or more of the new homes should be one or two bed
- Around 20% of respondents do not feel any of the sites should have housing on.

Environment

- Minimising flooding, maintaining views and protecting trees are very important for over 80% of respondents.
- 78% of respondents feel the inclusion of landscape measures to promote the movement of wildlife is very important while less respondents (60%) feel designing in biodiversity features such as nesting boxes is very important.
- 67% feel keeping farm houses with their farm land is very important.
- The inclusion of renewable energy and features to reduce heat loss are important to respondents but less so than the other environmental issues.

Key Findings

Road Safety

- Just under half of respondents feel the recreation ground/ blacksmiths field area is in need of pavements (48%) and traffic calming (49%).
- Chapel Hill (48%) and Ballards Hill to Station road (43%) are also priority areas for pavements.
- The school, village hall, church area (42%) is felt to be in need of traffic calming by 42% of respondents.
- 20mph zones are the most popular choice of traffic calming measure.

Parking

- Two off street parking spaces are felt to be sufficient for homes with 2 bedrooms or more.
- On street parking is mainly an issues for respondents in the school, church, village hall area.
- There is support for the inclusion of general policies to improve off street parking, alleviate on street parking and improve amenity and community facility parking.

Community Life

- The vast majority of respondents would like to see a new (55%) or refurbished (37%) village hall and a refurbished (40%) or new (34%) youth club.
- Respondents are divided on whether the village hall and youth club facilities should be combined.
- 63% would like to see the new/refurbished village hall on its current site.
- 67% would like to see the new or refurbished youth club on its current site.
- Opinion is split on where a new combined building should be located.

The Shortlisted Sites

<p>Site A Field to the West of Forewood Rise combined with Paddock Area to the South of Forewood Rise.</p>	<p>This is a combination of two sites suggested (3 and 41). Access could either be via the end of Forewood Rise or direct from Forewood Lane. The site is within the AONB (area of outstanding natural beauty), relatively central, and adjacent to existing houses. Access options, proximity to the Forewood RSPB Reserve, impact upon the 1066 Footpath and other landscape (views) and ecology issues remain. This is a large site, big enough for more than the current allocation of 20 homes, with potential for future expansion and/or additional village amenities.</p>
<p>Site B Coombe Dell (site of existing bungalow plot), located on East-side of Forewood Lane, immediately South of the Railway Bridge.</p>	<p>Access would be direct from Forewood Lane. The site is within the AONB, relatively central, and well contained (not particularly visible). Access to mains drainage remains an issue. A site of limited size, big enough for about 15 homes.</p>
<p>Site C Land on the Eastern-side of the Southern-half of Station Road, extending to existing farm buildings.</p>	<p>Access would most likely be from Station Road but Forewood Lane is also a possibility. The site is within the AONB, central, and adjacent to existing houses. The northern end of the site is reasonably well contained, but the southern section is exposed to views. Access options, proximity to Heritage views, surface water and other issues remain. This is a large site, big enough for more than the current allocation of 20 homes, with potential for future expansion and/or additional village amenities.</p>
<p>Site D Wooded Area to East of Station Car Park.</p>	<p>Access would be from the Station Car Park. The site is central, adjacent to existing houses and close to the Station. Suitable for small flats or similar. Several technical issues, including the existing electricity sub-station remain. This site is of a very limited size and only big enough for about 6 flats.</p>
<p>Site E Land to the South of the Footpath which is a continuation of Plough Lane, between the rear of the Plough Pub car park and up to and including the corner with Royal Oak Lane.</p>	<p>This is a combination of three sites suggested (18, 34 and 35). Access would most likely be from Royal Oak Lane (although a one-way system utilising Plough Lane has also been suggested). The site is not within the AONB (the only shortlisted site which is not), is central and adjacent to existing houses. Access and ecology issues remain. This is a large site, big enough for more than the current allocation of 20 homes, with potential for future expansion and/or additional village amenities.</p>

The Shortlisted Sites

Through surveys, exhibitions, workshops and public meetings Crowhurst residents suggested over fifty possible sites for the mandatory additional homes.

Following investigations into the practical merits of each site, existing development boundaries, and all the feedback from residents, five sites have been shortlisted for further consideration.

All five sites still require further assessment and more detailed technical investigations to establish whether they are suitable for development.

Whilst doing these investigations the Neighbourhood Planning group designed this survey to capture residents opinions on preferred sites, types of homes, and how the allocation of homes to each site might be made.

Once the group have identified residents preferences and established technical suitability they will be able to draft a plan for residents to comment on.

The next 5 pages of this report show the results from the first two questions in the survey:

Q1. Rother District Council have said that we need to find space to build at least 20 new homes in the village. National guidelines require additional homes to be built in groups of 6 or more.

If these sites are assessed as suitable for development, how many homes do you think would be acceptable for each of these sites?

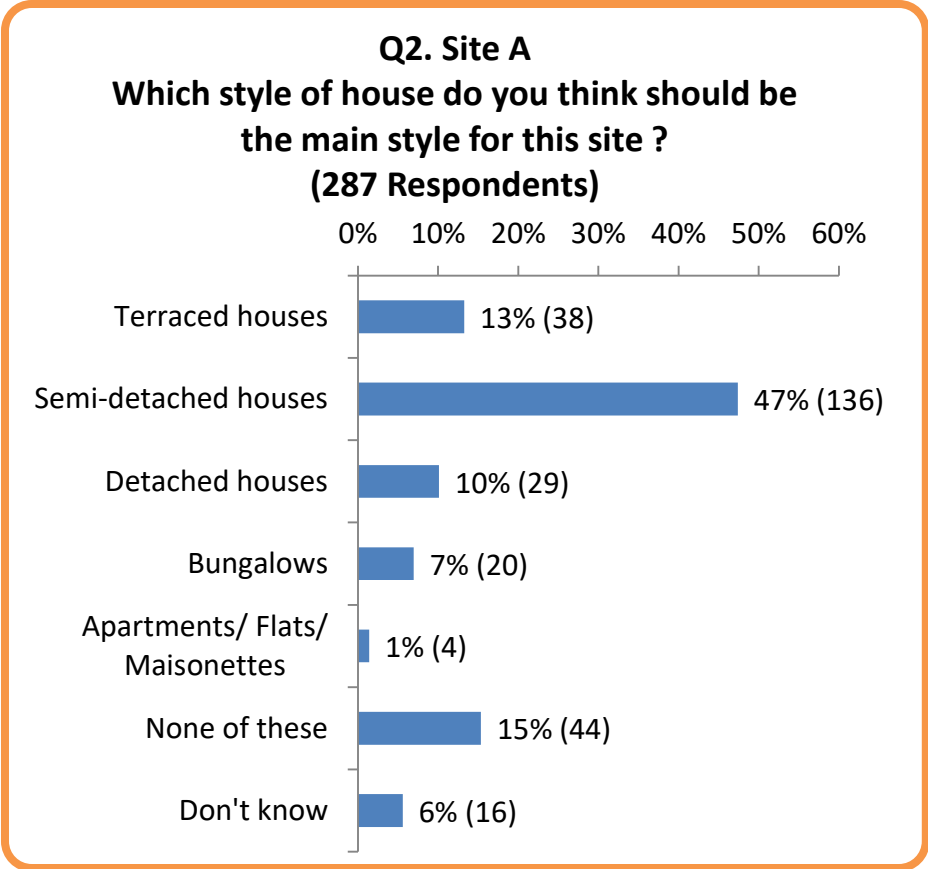
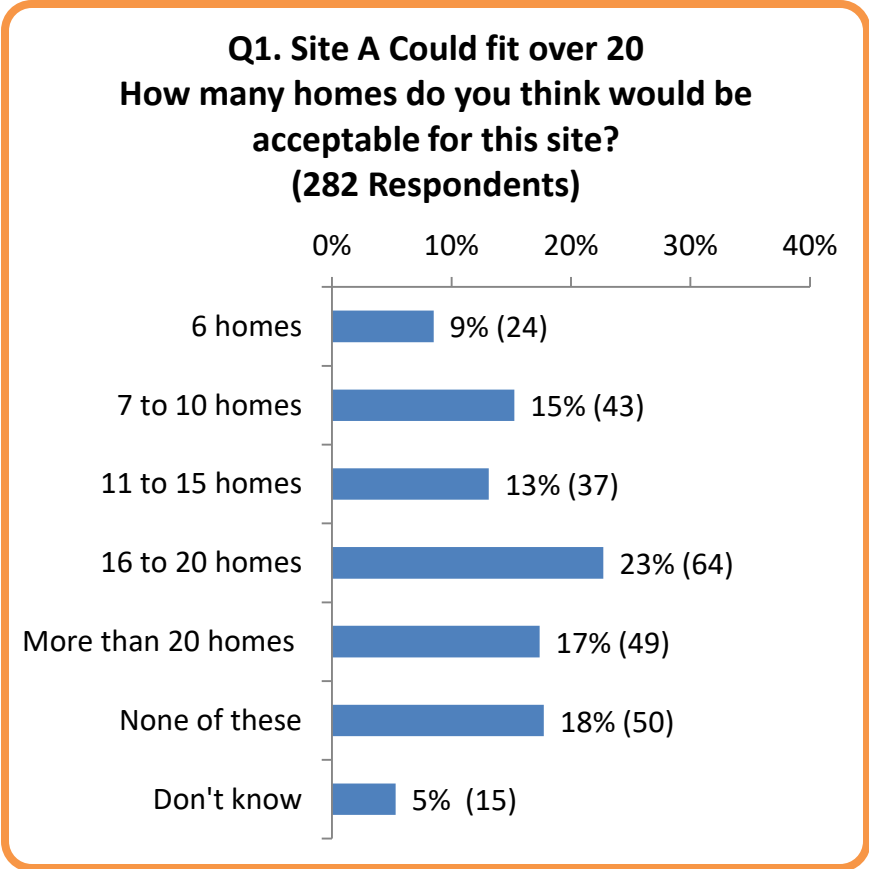
Q2. To meet housing needs new homes are likely to be a mix of sizes, types and styles. We know from our previous survey that you would like new homes to be sympathetic and in keeping with the style of existing surrounding homes.

Bearing this in mind which style of house do you think should be the MAIN STYLE for each site?

Site A: 40% feel 16 or more homes would be acceptable with semi detached the main style

23% of respondents felt 16 to 20 homes would be acceptable on this site, a further 17% felt more than 20 homes would be acceptable here. 37% feel there should be less than 15 homes. 18% felt no houses would be acceptable on this site.

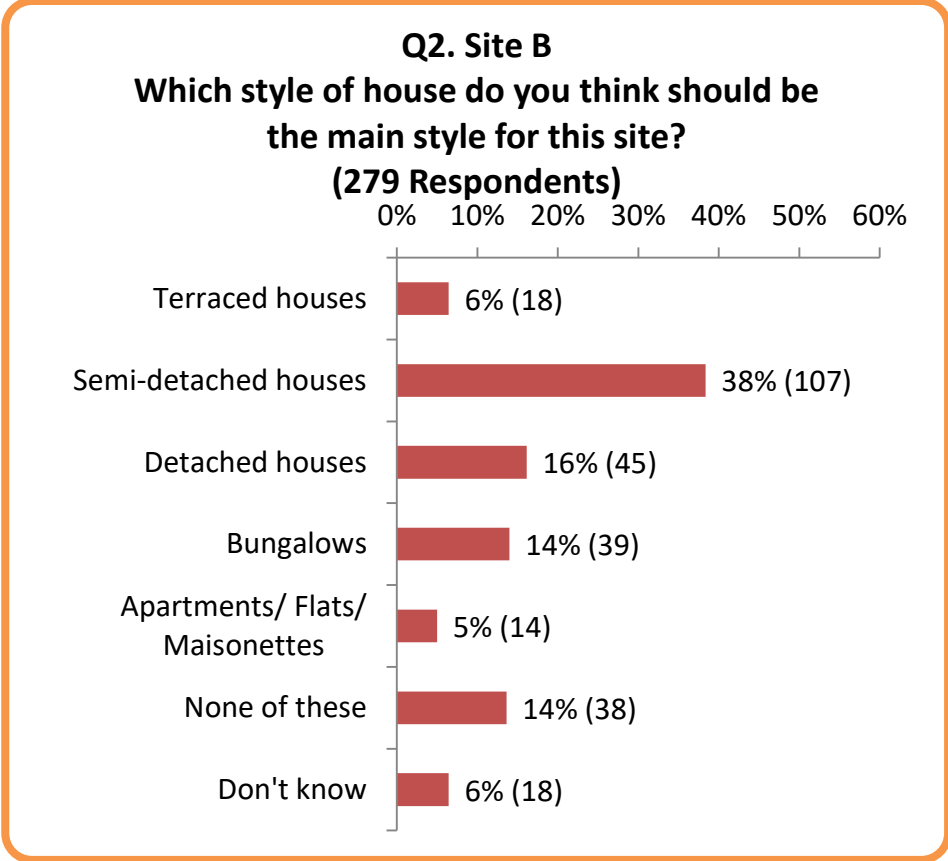
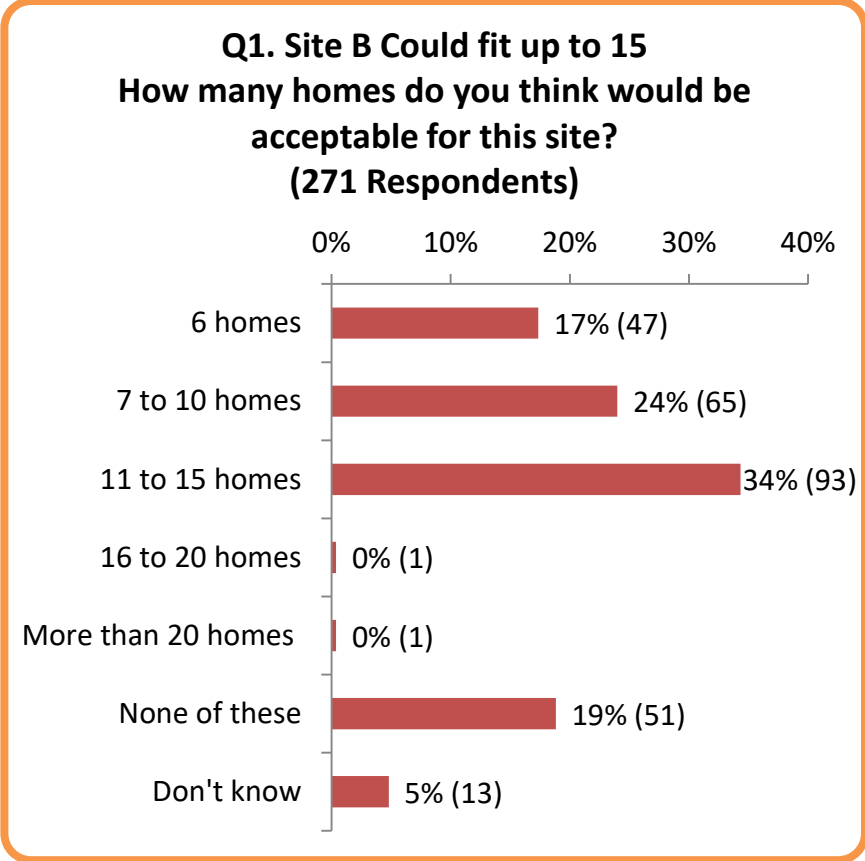
Nearly half (47%) of all respondents felt semi detached houses should be the main style of house on this site



Site B: 34% feel 11-15 homes would be acceptable with semi detached the main style

Just over a third of respondents (34%) felt 11 to 15 homes would be acceptable for site B. However 41% felt there should be less than 11 homes on this site. 19% felt there should be no homes on this site.

Over a third of all respondents (38%) felt semi-detached houses should be the main style on this site

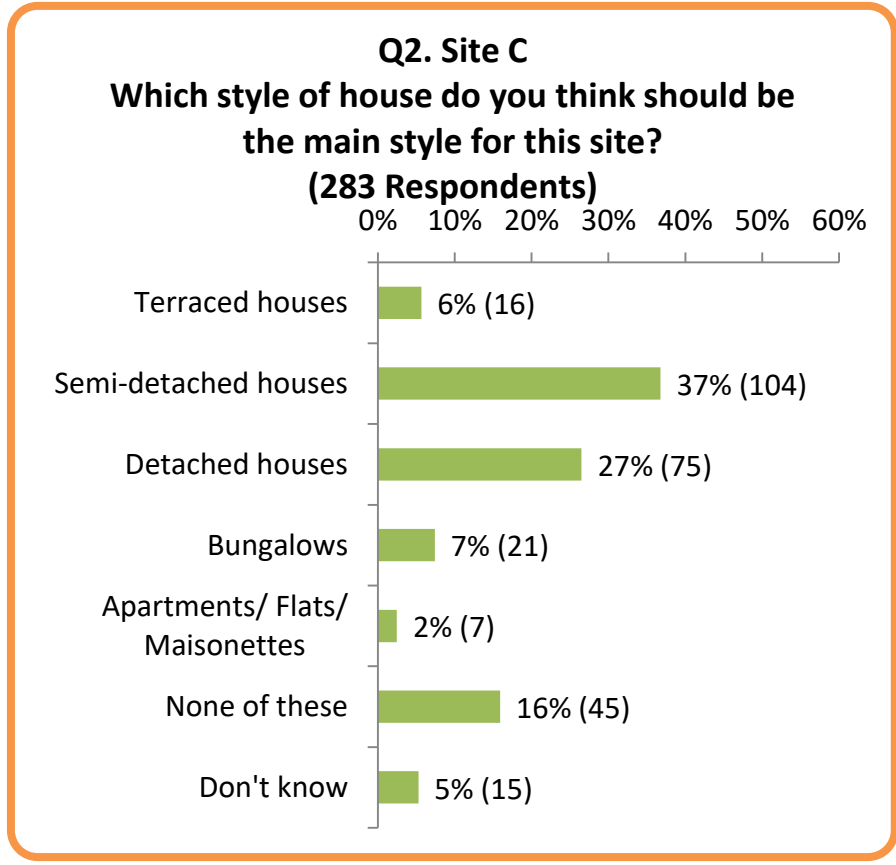
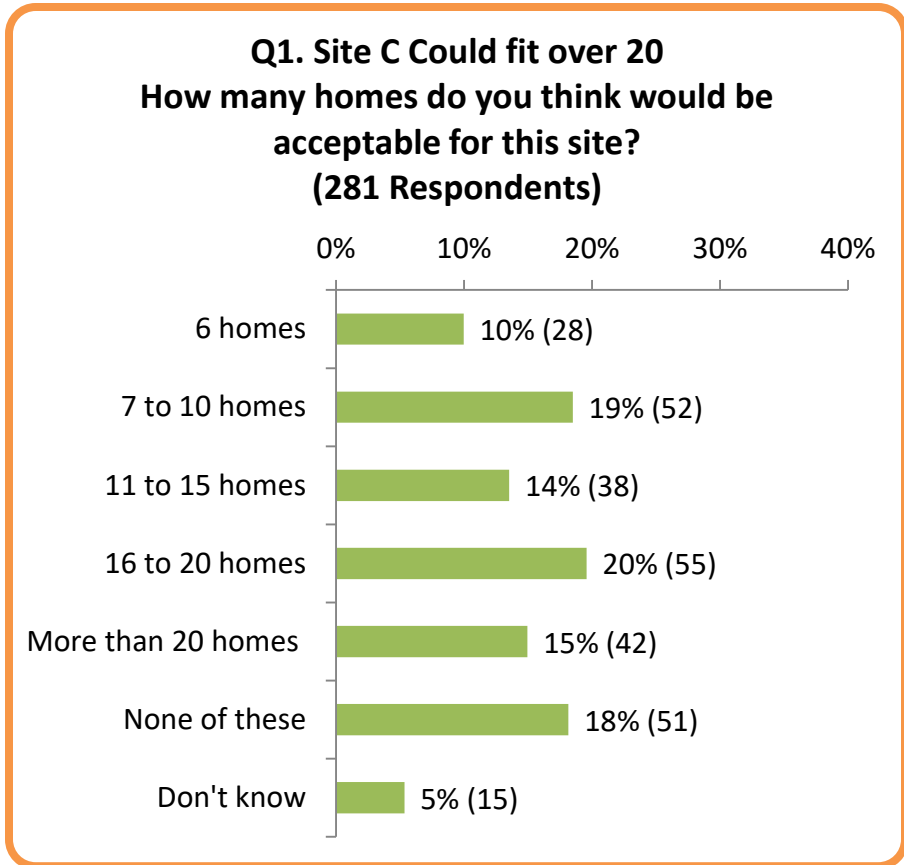


Site B : Coombe Dell (site of existing bungalow plot), located on East-side of Forewood Lane, immediately South of the Railway Bridge.

Site C: Views vary on number of homes acceptable here with semi detached and detached popular styles

There is a range of number of homes felt to be acceptable for site C. A fifth of respondents felt 16 to 20 homes would be acceptable and a similar number felt 7 to 10 would be acceptable. 18% felt no homes would be acceptable. 18% felt no homes would be acceptable.

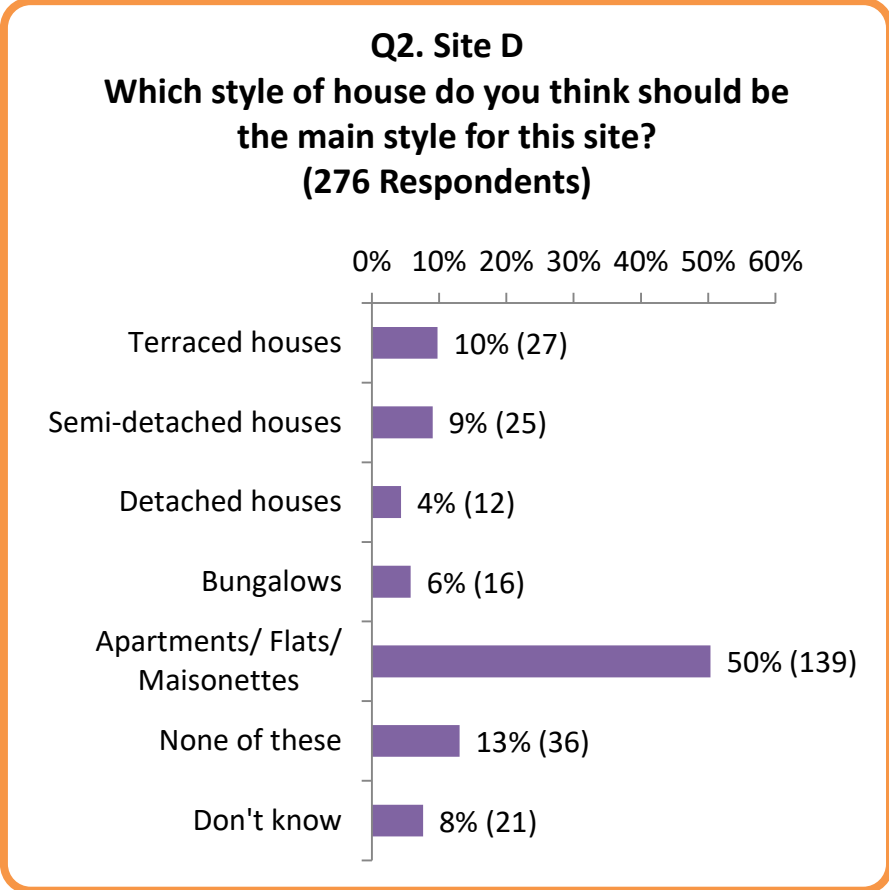
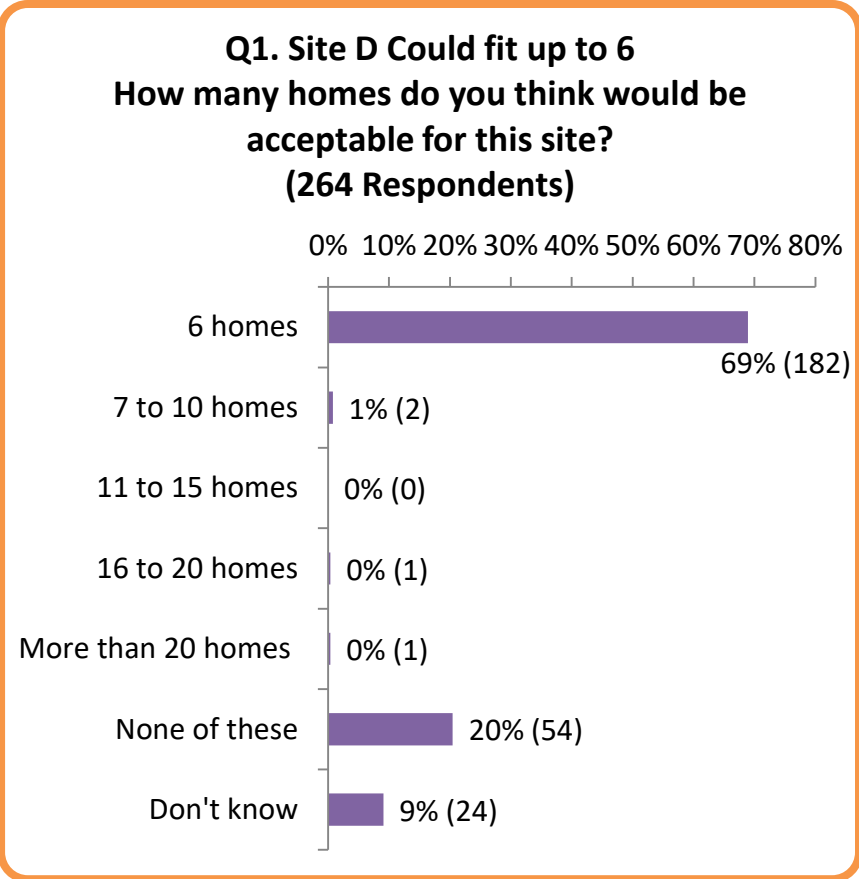
Over a third of all respondents (37%) felt semi-detached houses should be the main style on this site, followed by detached houses (27%).



Site D: 69% of respondents feel 6 homes would be acceptable with apartments, flats, maisonettes the main style

This site can only fit up to six homes and the majority of respondents (69%) felt 6 homes would be acceptable on this site. 20% feel no homes are acceptable here.

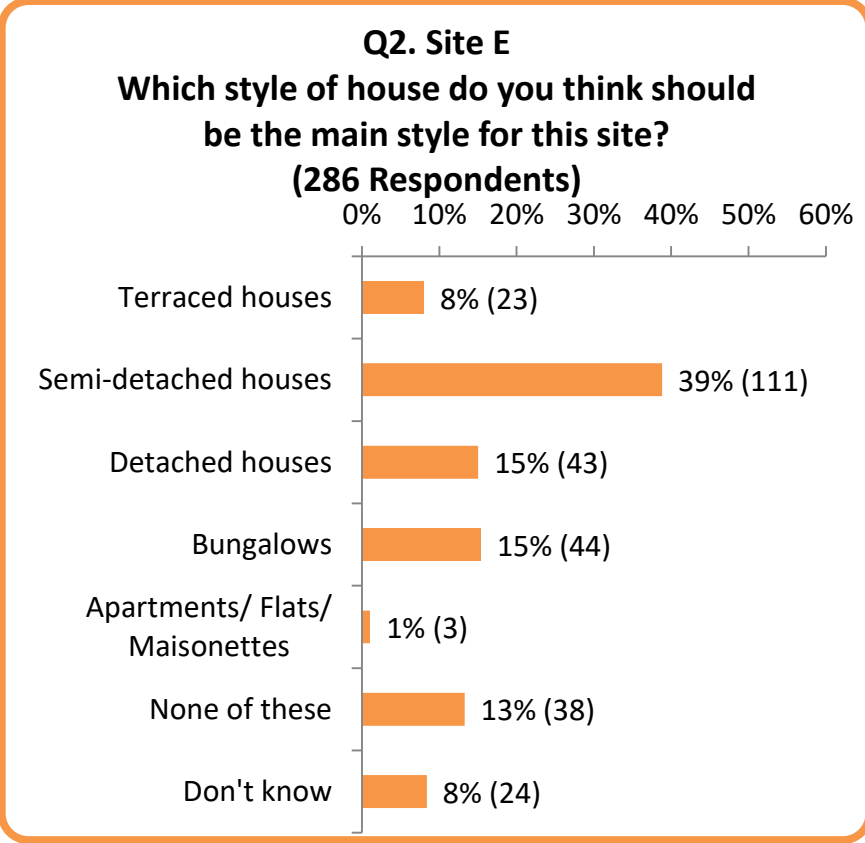
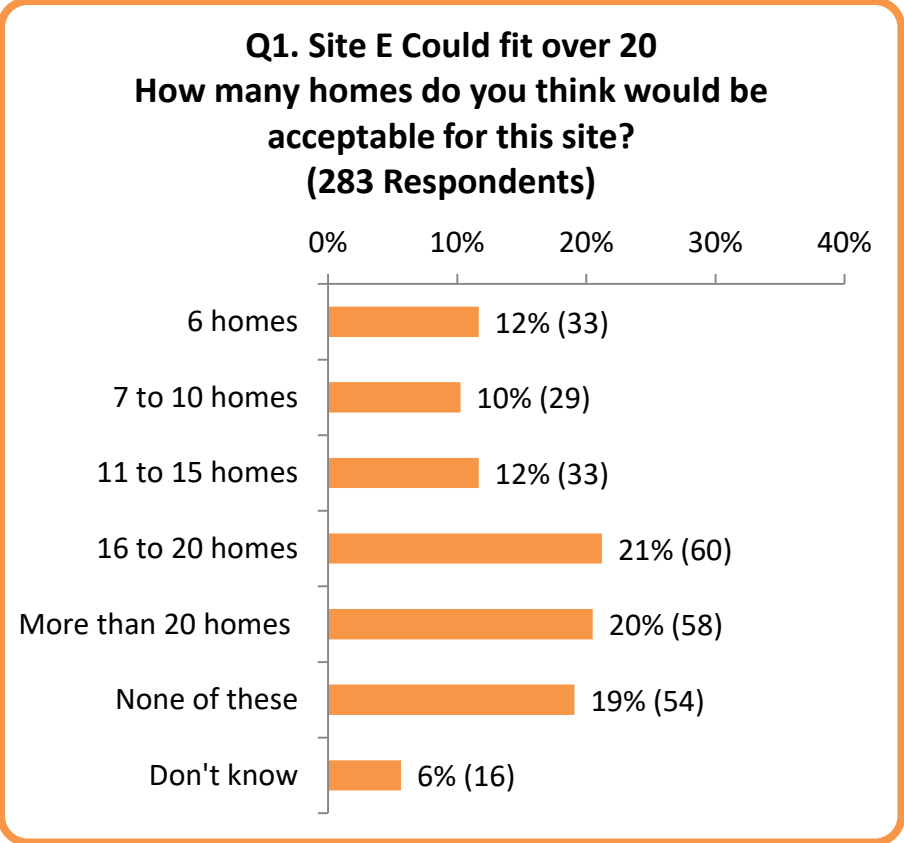
Half of all respondents (50%) felt apartments, flats, maisonettes should be the main style of housing on site D.



Site E: 42% of respondents feel 16 or more homes would be acceptable with semi detached the main style

Just over a fifth of respondents (21%) think 16 to 20 homes would be acceptable and a similar number (20%) feel more than 20 would be acceptable. 34% feel less than 15 homes would be acceptable. 19% feel no homes would be acceptable on this site

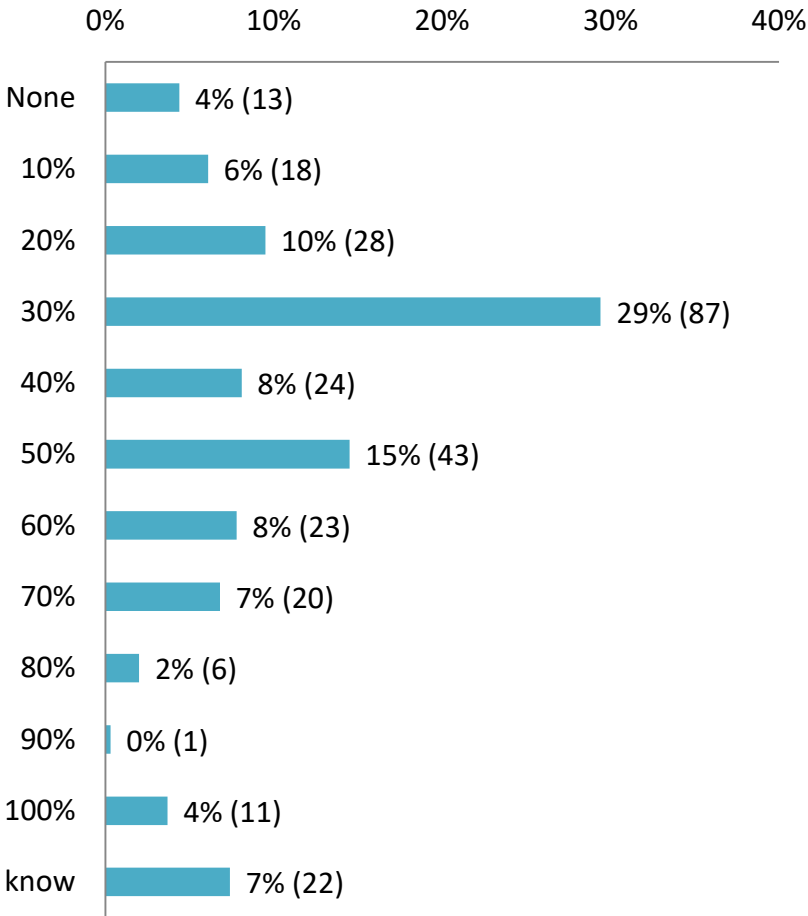
39% of respondents felt semi-detached houses should be the main style of house on site E .



Site E Land to the South of the Footpath which is a continuation of Plough Lane, between the rear of the Plough Pub car park and up to and including the corner with Royal Oak Lane.

73% of respondents feel that 30% or more of the new homes should be one or two bed

Q3. What proportion of one or two bed homes do you think would be appropriate for any new developments in Crowhurst? (296 Respondents)



Rother District Council policy states that new developments should contain a mix of sizes with 30% being one or two bed homes.

We asked residents what proportion of one or two bed homes they thought would be appropriate for any new developments in Crowhurst.

29% of respondents said the same as the Rother District Council guidelines at 30%.

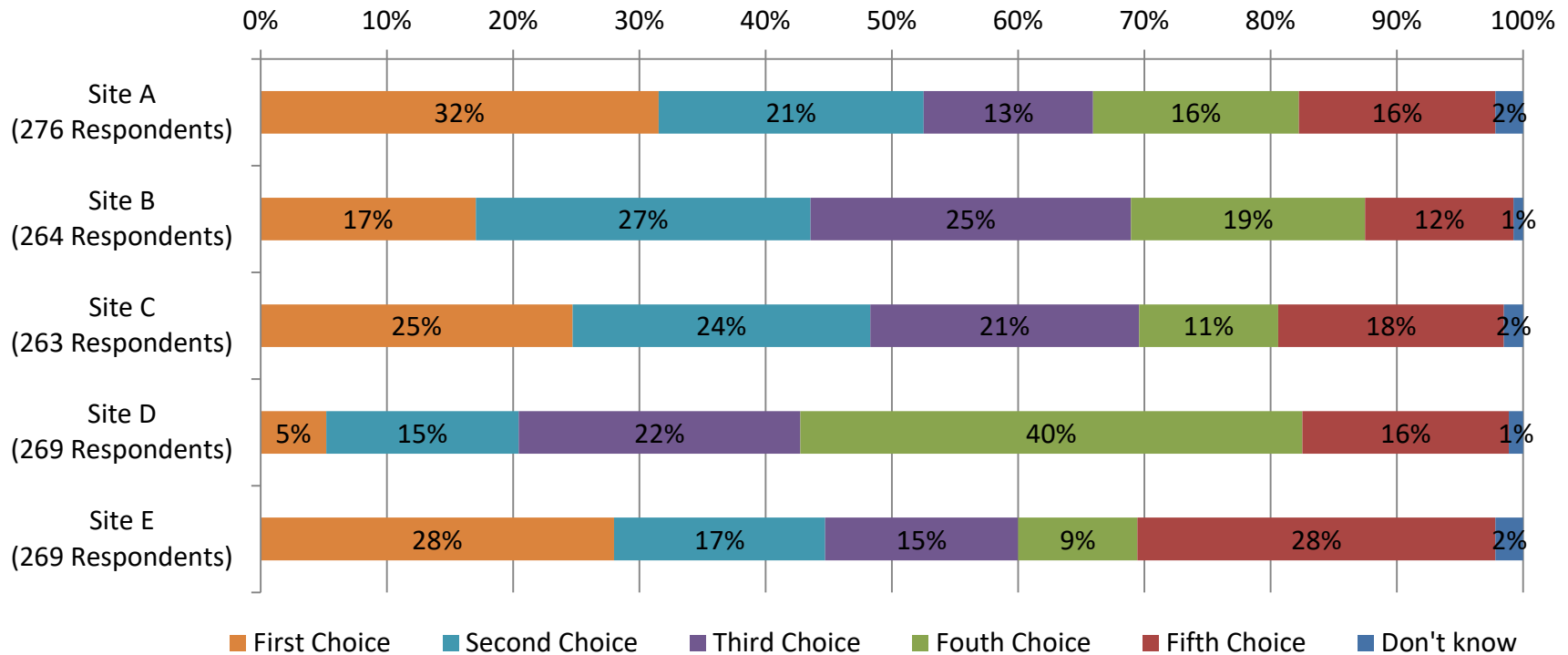
20% felt it should be less than 30%

43% felt it should be more than 30%

These views will be combined with our housing needs survey and other data to help the Neighbourhood Planning Group decide on a policy around the proportion of one and two bed homes we would like in the village.

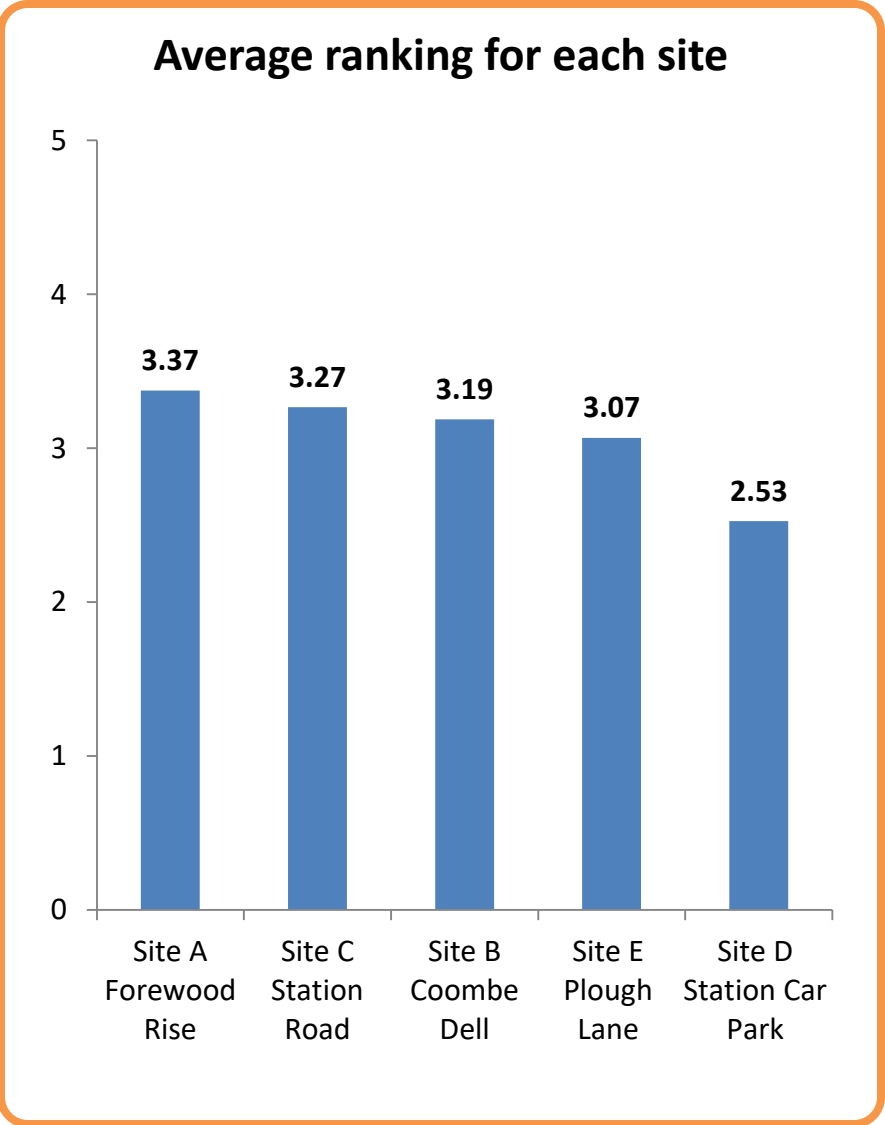
Site A received the most first choices

Q4. Please rank the sites in order of your preference for housing development.



Site A received the most first choices (32%), when combining the number of respondent's first, second and third choices, there appears to be little difference between sites A, B and C. Site D is the least preferred site, with just 42% putting it as first, second or third choice. Site E divides opinion with equal numbers (28%) rating it as first and fifth choice.

Site A has the highest average ranking closely followed by Site C and Site B



We can calculate average ranking for each site by multiplying:

- The number of first choices by a weight of 5
- The number of second choices by a weight of 4
- The number of third choices by a weight of 3
- The number of fourth choices by a weight of 2
- The number of fifth choices by a weight of 1

Then adding these together and dividing by the total number of responses for that site

This chart shows the average ranking for each site.

Site A (Forewood Rise) has the highest average ranking at 3.37 closely followed by site C (Station Road) at 3.27 and site B (Coombe Dell) at 3.19.

Site Comments Summary

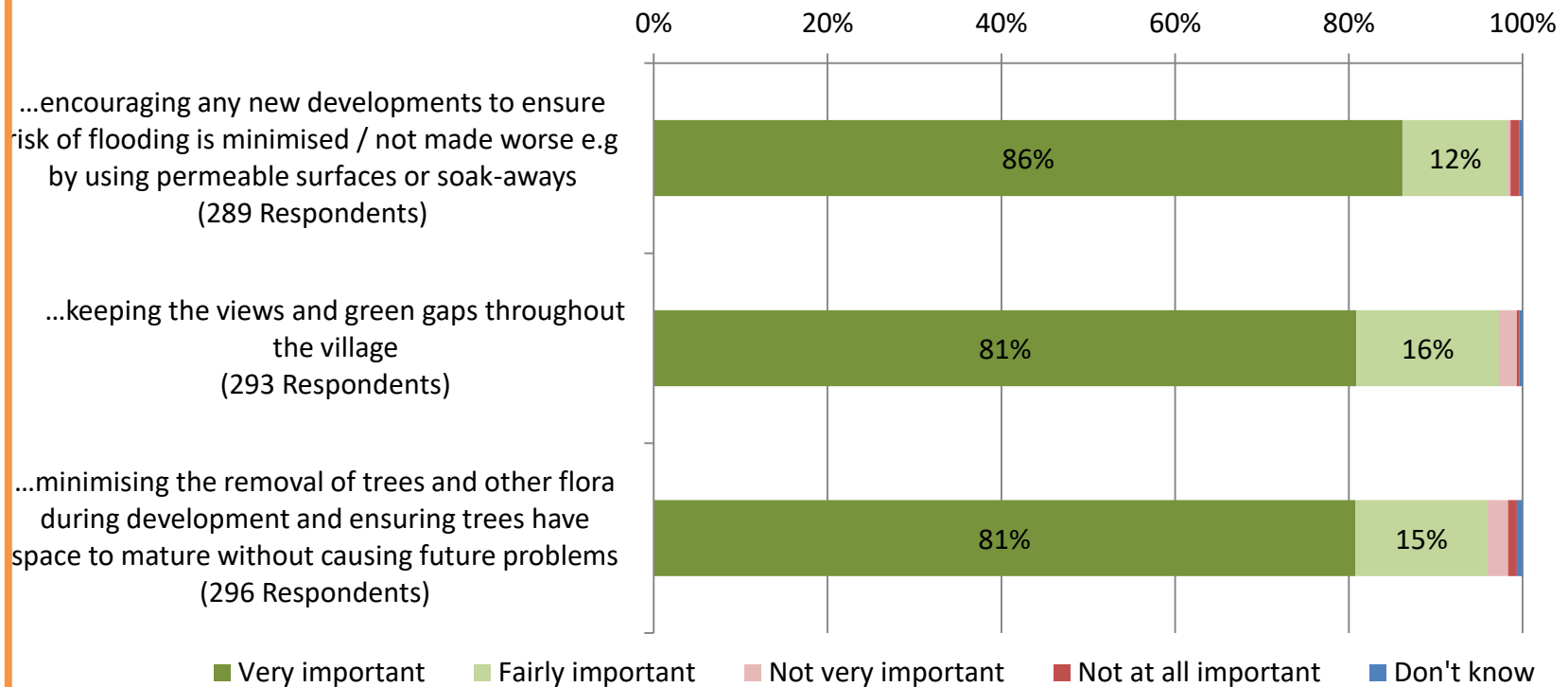
142 respondents commented on these sites. The comments have been grouped by site and themed in the table below. All comments will be considered as the site investigations continue.

Site A Forewood Rise 37 Comments	Site B Coombe Dell 33 Comments	Site C Station Road 48 Comments	Site D Station Car Park 32 Comments	Site E Plough Lane 41 Comments
<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detrimental environmental impact on woodland, wildlife and views (14) • Concerns about access to the site from Forewood Rise (12) • Concerns about creation of a large estate impacting on rural character of the village (6) <p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already has housing and new homes could blend in (9) 	<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about access to the site from Forewood Lane (16) • Issues with lack of mains sewage (9) • Previous planning permission turned down (6) • Lack of access to amenities (7) <p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good access to the station for commuters (8) 	<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about access to the site from Station Road (24) • Already too much traffic, congestion and parking on Station Road (17) • Concerns about land drainage and flooding issues (12) • Concerns about land slippage and subsidence (10) • Impact on rural character of the village (8) <p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be space for the housing and the new village hall (7) 	<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already too much traffic, congestion and parking on Station Road (7) • Concerns about access to the site from Station Road (4) <p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could be used for affordable starter homes or homes to downsize too (5) • Good access to the station (5) 	<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about access to the site from Royal Oak Lane (15) • Concerns about the Impact on the rural character of the village (7) • Detrimental environmental impact (5) <p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only site outside the area of outstanding natural beauty (12) • Would help to create a village centre (6)

Minimising flooding, maintaining views and protecting trees are very important for over 80% of respondents

86% of respondents feel ensuring flooding risks is minimised is very important, 81% feel keeping views and green gaps is very important and the same number feel minimising the removal of trees and ensuring they have space to mature is very important.

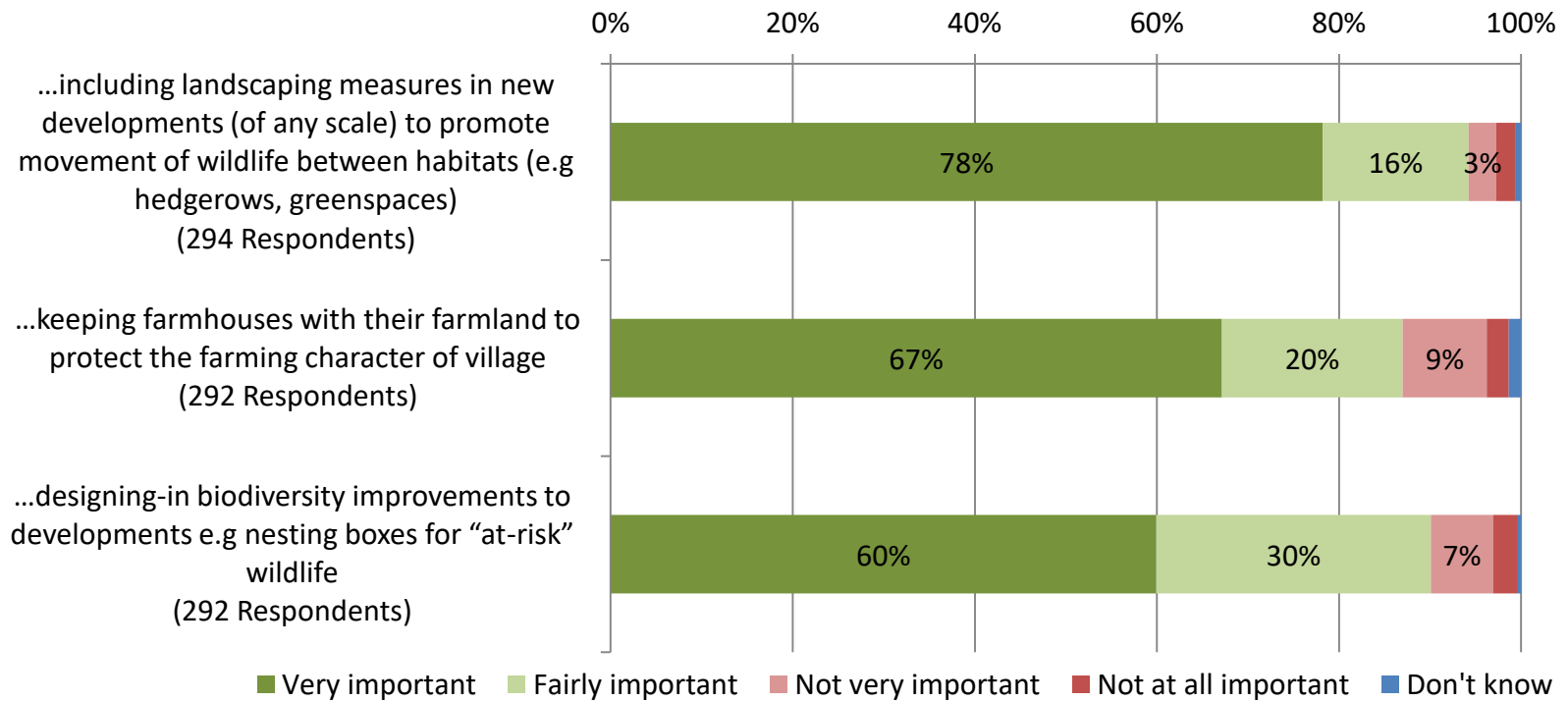
Q6. Thinking about the future of the environment in Crowhurst, how important are the following to you...



Including measures to promote the movement of wildlife between habitats is very important to 78% of respondents

78% think promoting the movement of wildlife between habitats is very important. Just over two thirds of respondents (67%) think keeping farm houses with their farmland is very important. Designing in biodiversity improvements is viewed as very important by 60% of respondents.

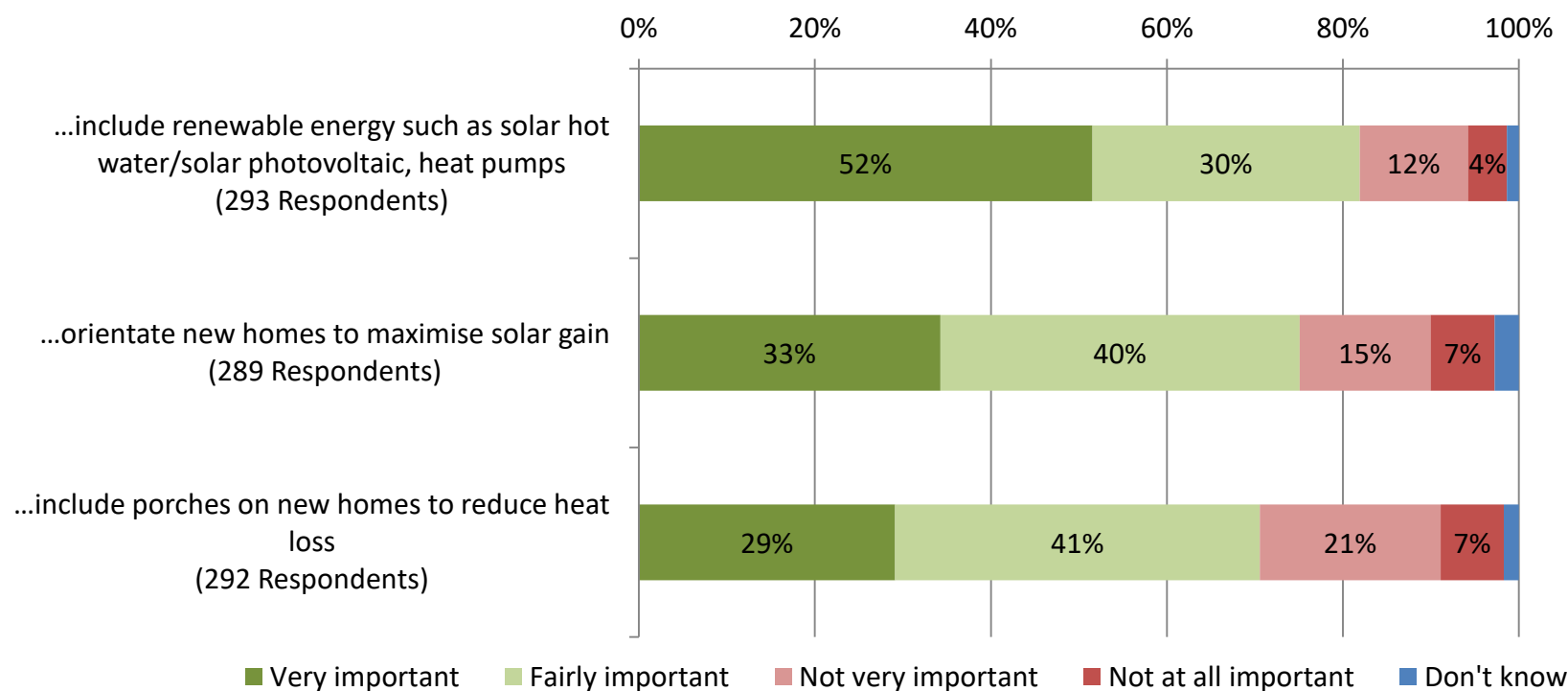
Q6 cont. Thinking about the future of the environment in Crowhurst, how important are the following to you...



Renewable energy and reducing heat loss are important but less of a priority

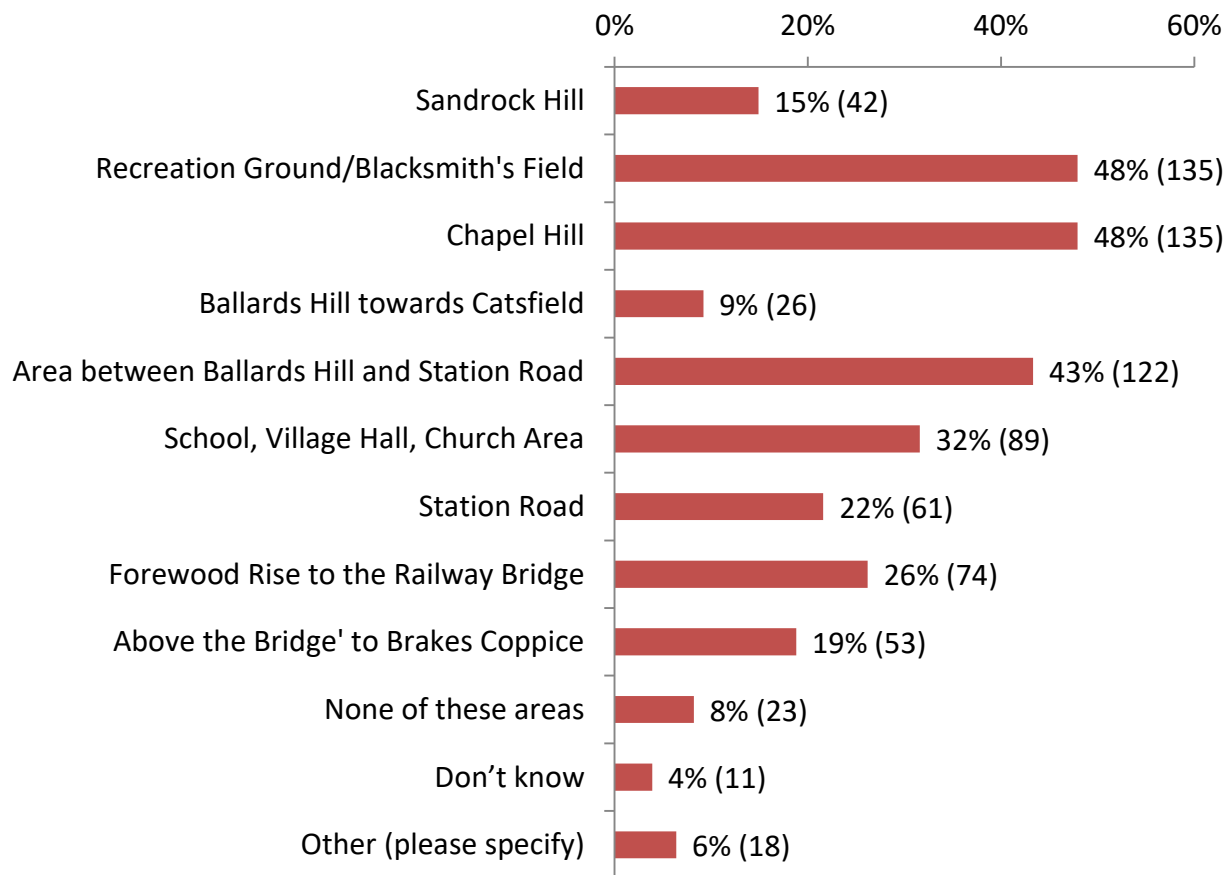
Over 80% of respondents feel including renewable energy in new developments is important, however measures for renewable energy and reducing heat loss are not felt to be as important as the other habitat and wildlife issues.

Q7. Crowhurst has a relatively high proportion of fuel poverty, meaning energy costs for residents are above average. How important is it for new developments to...



Just under half of all respondents felt the recreation ground and Chapel Hill were most in need of new or improved pavements

Q8a. Where do you think new or improved pavements are MOST needed? Please choose a maximum of FOUR areas (282 Respondents)



The top four areas where respondents feel new or improved pavements are most needed are:

- Recreation Ground/ Blacksmith's Field (48%)
- Chapel Hill (48%)
- Area between Ballards Hill and Station Road (43%)
- School, Village Hall, Church area (32%)

Other comments included:

- Don't want pavements, need to retain rural character, avoid urbanisation
- The whole village
- Width of road issues

Just under half of all respondents felt the recreation ground and school area were most in need of traffic calming

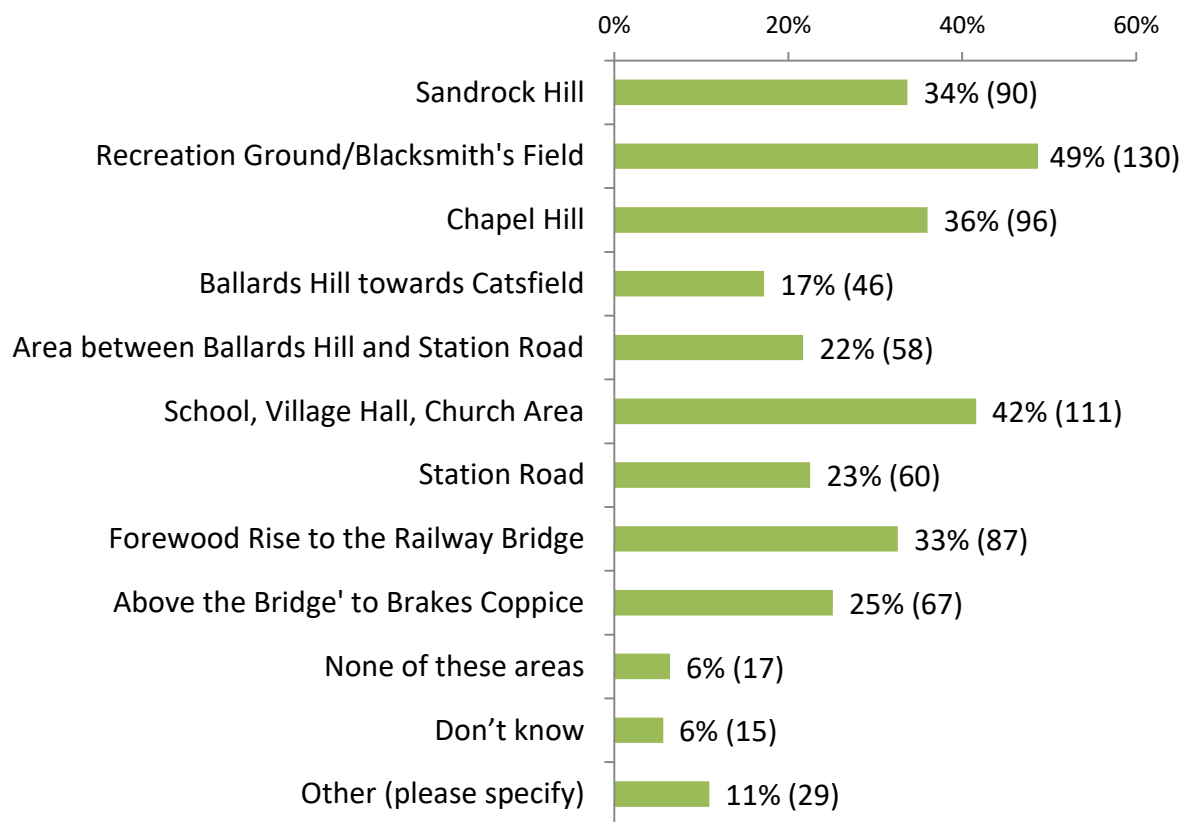
The top four areas where respondents feel new or improved traffic calming measures are most needed are:

- Recreation Ground/Blacksmith's Field (49%)
- School Village Hall, Church area (42%)
- Chapel Hill (36%)
- Sandrock Hill (34%)

Other comments included:

- Throughout the village
- On dangerous bends
- Catsfield road

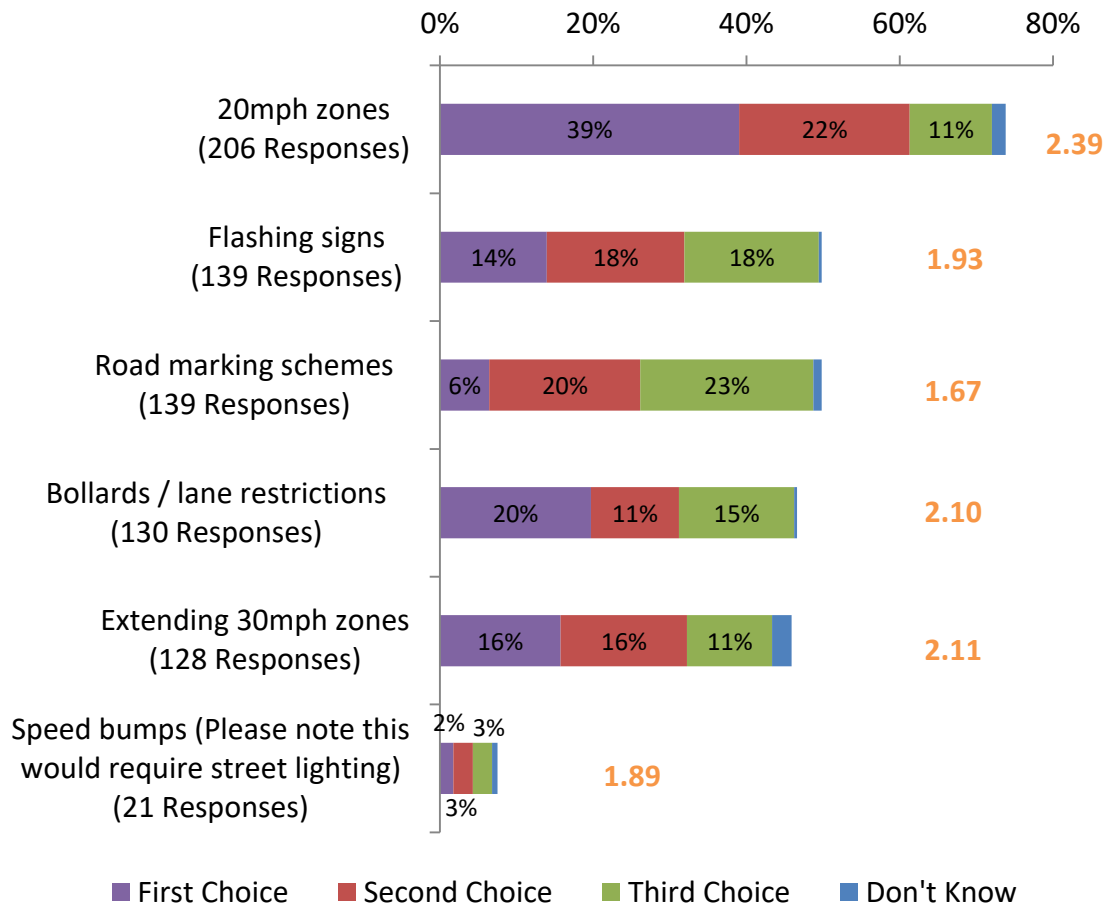
Q8b. Where do you think new or improved traffic calming measures are MOST needed? Please choose a maximum of FOUR areas (267 Respondents)



20mph zones are the most popular choice of traffic calming measure

Q9. Which, if any of the following, would be your preferred method of traffic calming?

**Please choose your first, second and third choice
(279 Respondents)**



Nearly three quarters of respondents (72%) put 20mph zones in their top three choices for traffic calming. This is followed by flashing signs and road markings both being in the top three choices for 49% of respondents. However road markings received many less first choices and so has a lower average ranking (shown in orange on the chart).

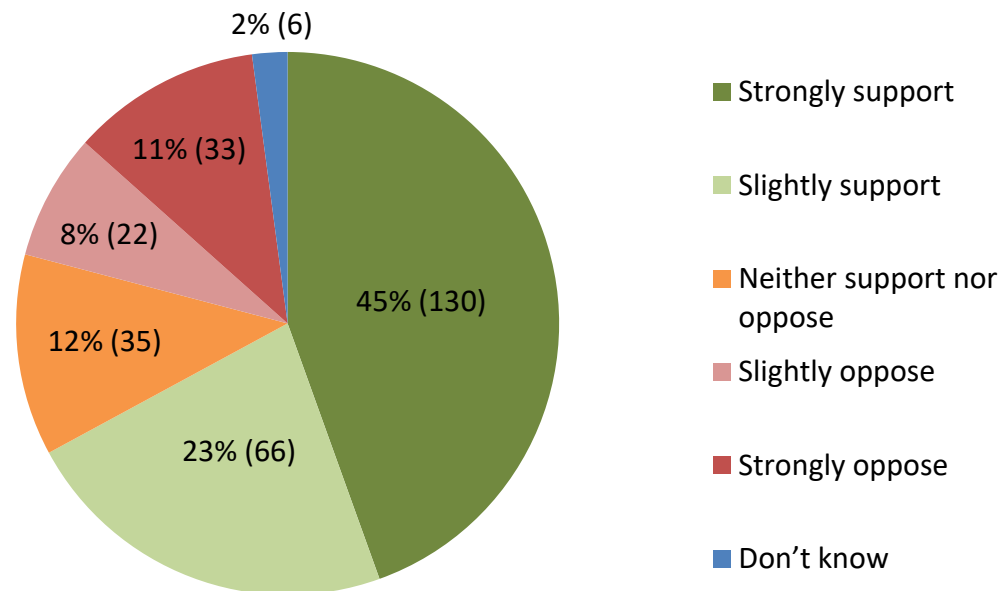
Average rankings show 20mph to be the most popular followed by extending the 30mph zone, and bollards/lane restrictions.

There is support for a general policy to encourage new or improved pavements where possible

Over two thirds of respondents (67%) would support a Neighbourhood Plan policy to encourage new or improved pavements wherever possible (45% strongly support and 23% slightly support).

19% would oppose this policy (8% slightly oppose, 11% strongly oppose).

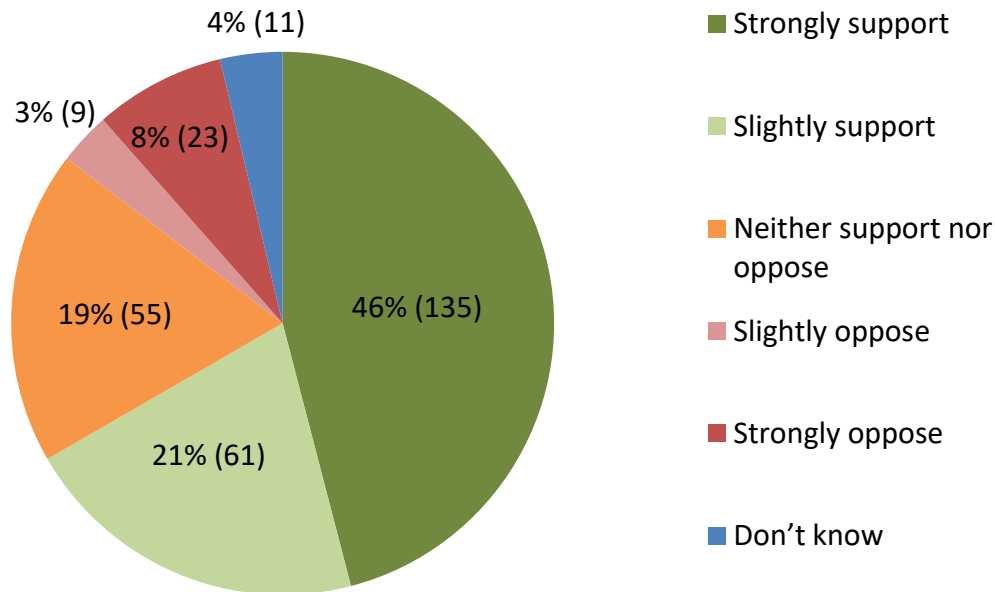
Q10. How much would you support or oppose a neighbourhood plan policy to encourage new or improved to pavements wherever possible?
(292 Respondents)



There is support for a specific proposal for an improved right-of-way between Sampsons Lane and Station Road

How much would you support or oppose a specific proposal for an improved public right-of-way, providing an all-weather walking (push-chair) and cycle route as a safer alternative to the road, across the fields between Sampson's Lane and Station Road?

(294 Respondents)



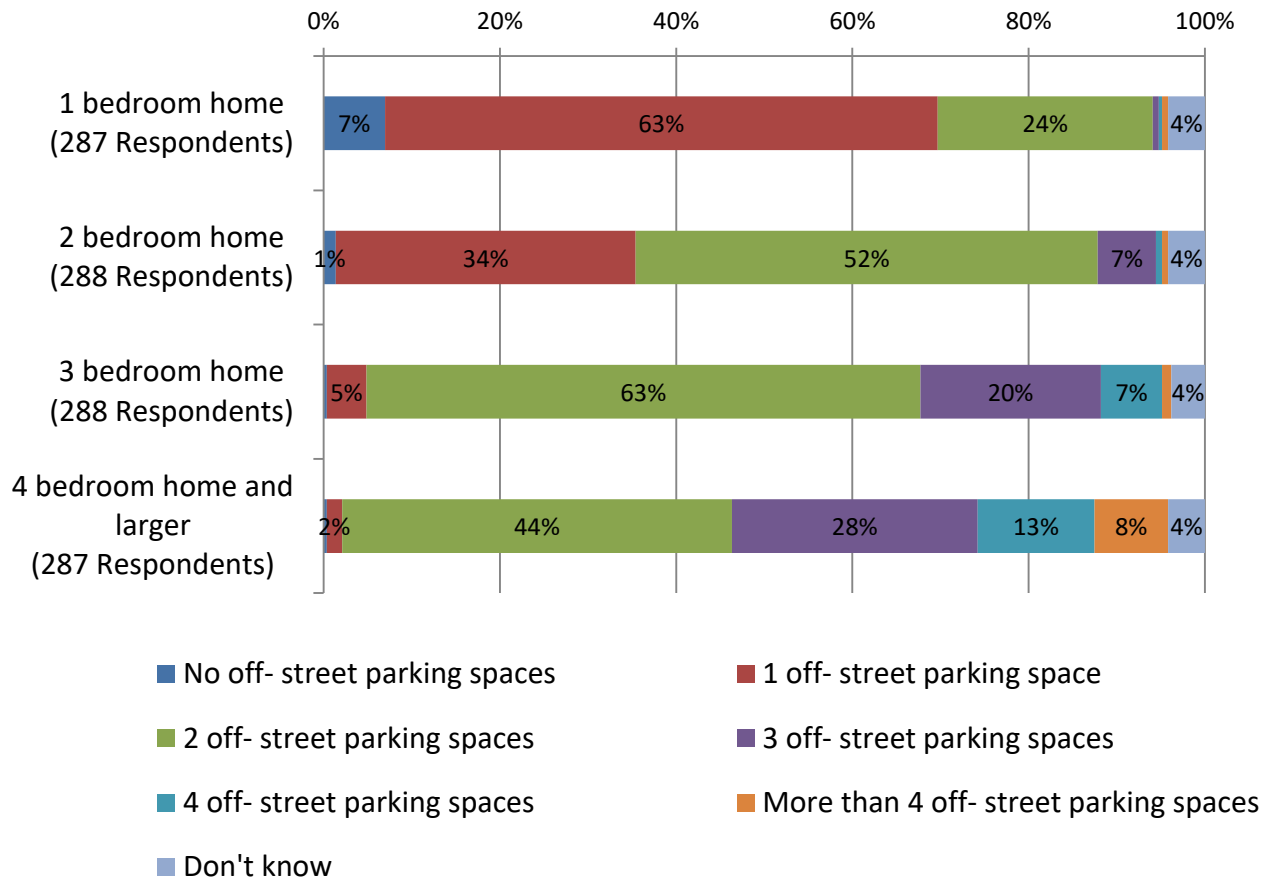
A third of all respondents (66%) would support a specific neighbourhood plan proposal for an improved right-of-way across the fields between Sampsons Lane and Station Road. (46% strongly support and 21% slightly support)

11% would oppose this policy (3% slightly oppose, 8% strongly oppose).

19% would neither support nor oppose this policy.

Two off street parking spaces is felt to be sufficient for home that are two bedrooms or larger

As part of our Neighbourhood plan we could include a local policy to set the number of OFF-STREET parking spaces at a higher or lower level than for national guidelines. How many off-street parking spaces do you think homes of different sizes should have?



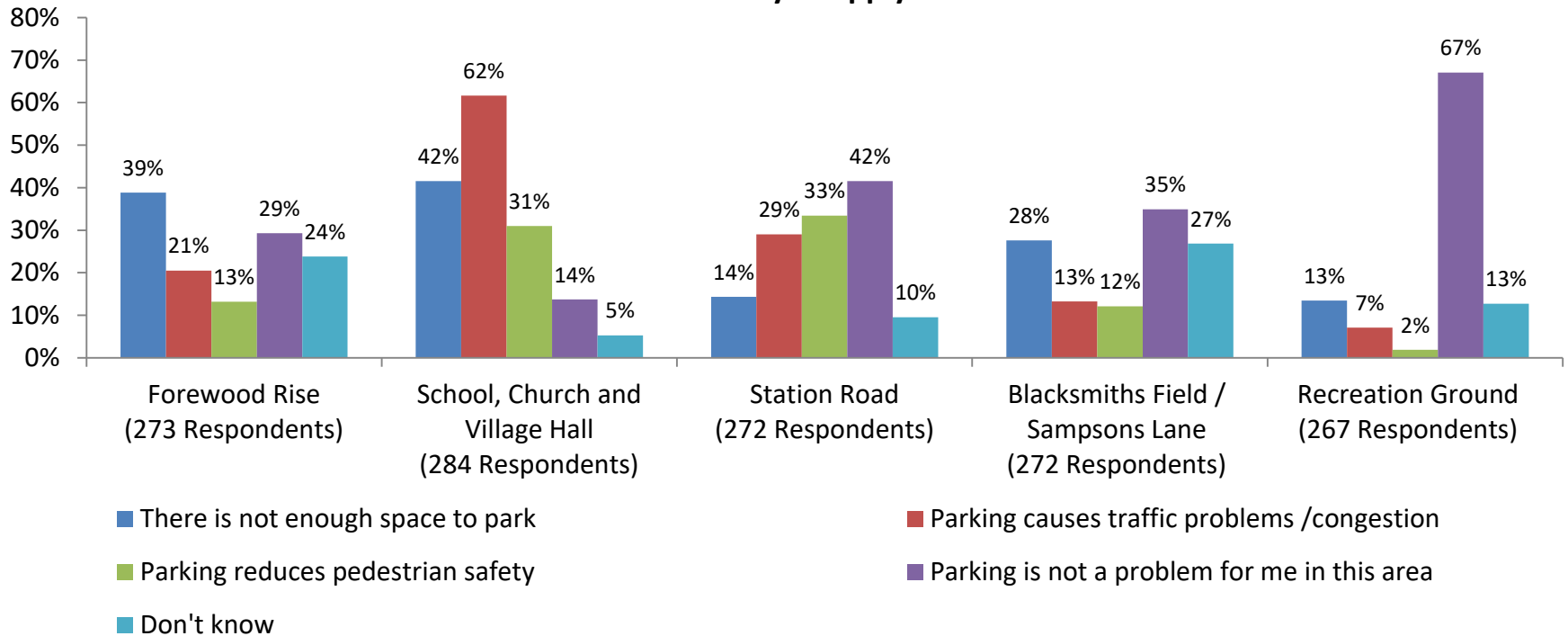
63% of respondents feel that one bedroom homes should have one off street parking space.

Two off street parking spaces is the most popular choice (52%) for two bedroom homes.

This remains the case as the houses get larger, showing that two off street parking spaces is felt to be sufficient.

On Street parking is mainly an issue in the school, church and village hall area

**Q13. What do you think of ON-STREET parking in the following areas?
Please choose as many as apply for each area**



On Street parking is mainly an issue in the school, church and village hall area. Here 62% of respondents say parking causes traffic problems/ congestion and 42% say there is not enough space to park. Respondents feel parking reduces pedestrian safety here (31%) and along Station Road (33%). Forward Rise is another area where respondents feel there is not enough space to park (39%).

Parking Comments Summary

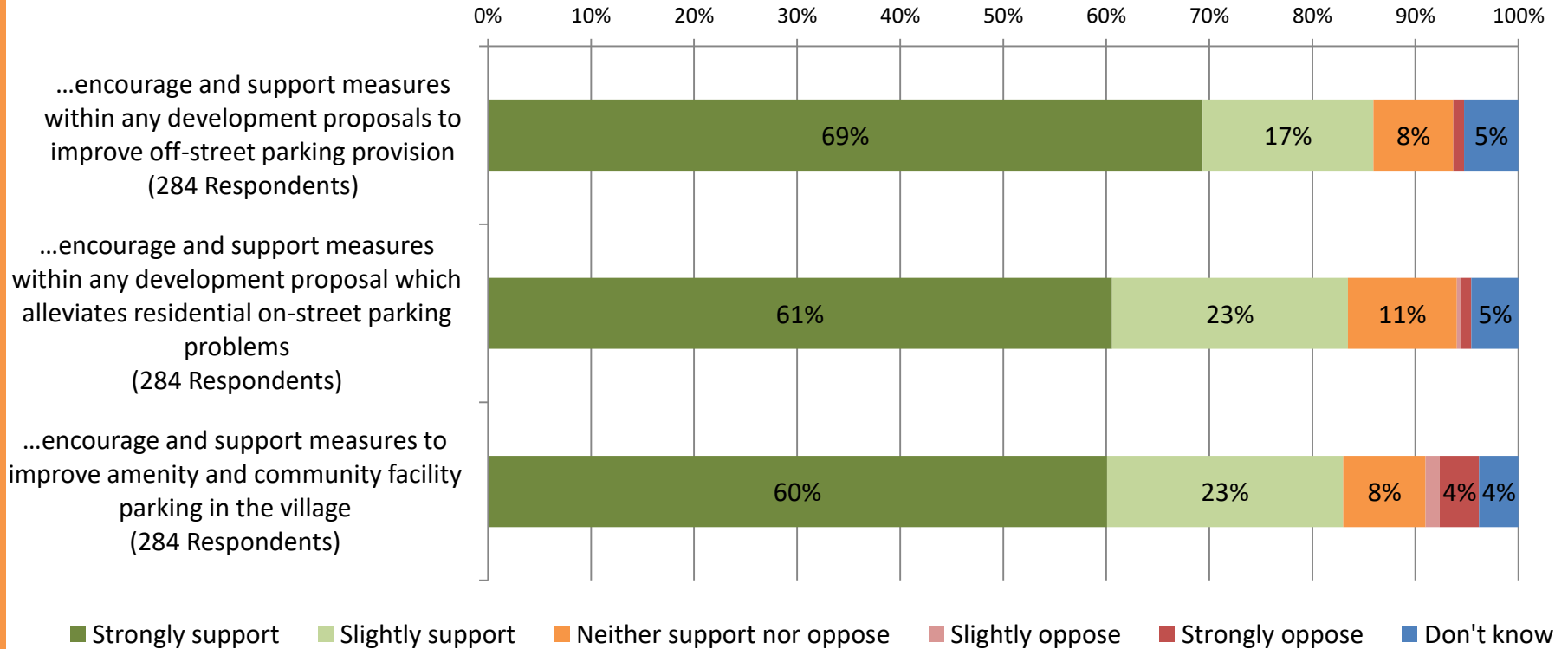
59 respondents commented about parking in the village. These comments have been grouped by theme in the table below. All comments will be considered as policies for parking in the village are developed.

Please tell us about any other areas where parking is an issue for you and what the issue is:

Southeastern should remove or reduce parking fees so people park in the car park and not on Station Road	12
When the Recreation Ground is in use the car park is not big enough and often over flows onto the surrounding road which causes congestion and safety issues	12
Parking outside the church/school/village hall limits access for larger vehicles, causes congestion and safety issues (especially at school times)	11
Too many people parking on Station Road causing congestion and safety issues	6
Chapel Hill area parking makes the road very narrow causing difficulties for larger vehicles and visibility	6
Not enough parking for the pub and customers parking on the road causes congestion	4
Parking on verges destroys them and spoils amenity and views	2
Suggestion for parking in field next to village hall	2
Other Comments	9

There is strong support for the inclusion of general parking policies in the Neighbourhood Plan

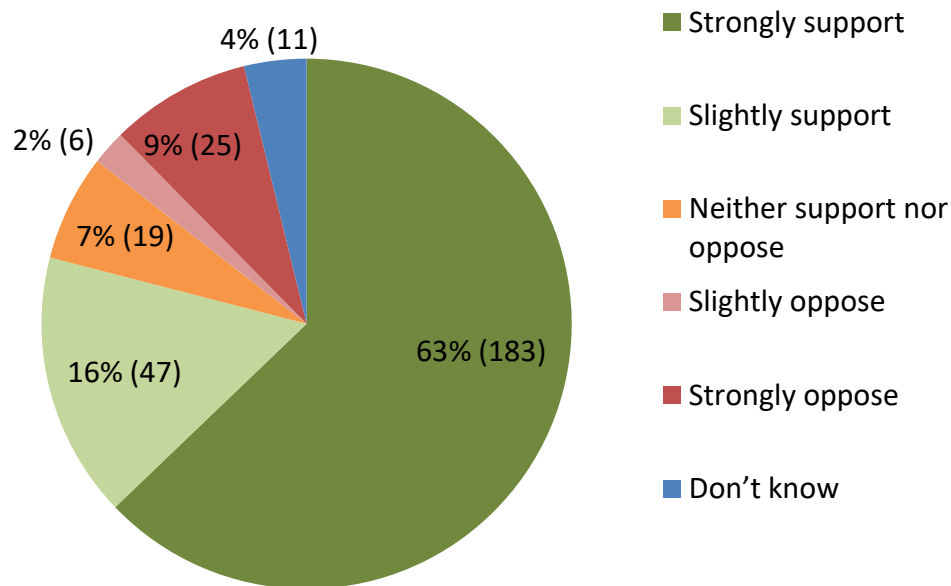
Q14. As part of the Neighbourhood Plan we could include general policies on parking. How much would you support or oppose policies designed to do the following...



There is strong support for general policies in the Neighbourhood Plan to improve off street parking, alleviate residential on-street parking and improve amenity and community facility parking.

There is strong support for the proposal of a parking bay by the top entrance to the church

How much would you support or oppose a specific proposal to provide a parking bay for 10 to 12 cars along the road west of the top entrance to the Church, to alleviate parking congestion around the school, church, village hall and the junction of Station Road? The proposal would include landscape mitigation to protect views and introducing amenities such as public benches for viewing the valley.
(291 Respondents)



79% of respondents would support the parking bay proposal by the top entrance to the church (63% strongly support and 16% slightly support)

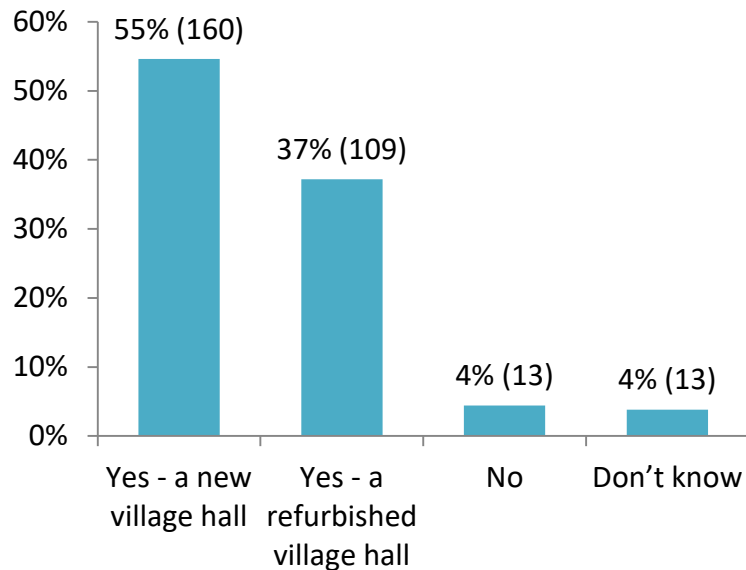
11% would oppose this proposal (2% slightly oppose and 9% strongly oppose)



The majority of respondents would like to see a new or refurbished village hall and a refurbished or new youth club

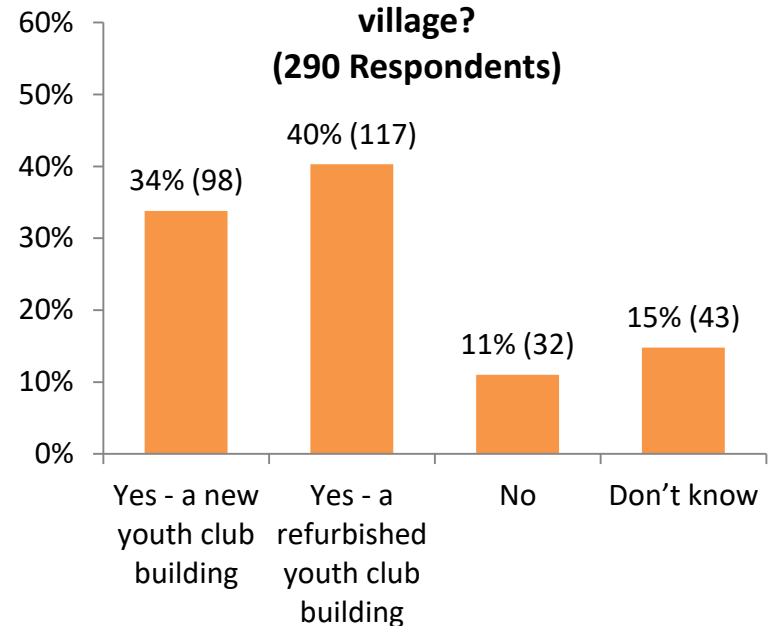
Over half (55%) of respondents would like to see a new village hall while 37% would like to see the existing village hall refurbished.

Q16. The current Village Hall is reaching the end of its viability and will need replacing soon. Would you like a new or refurbished Village Hall in the village?
(293 Respondents)



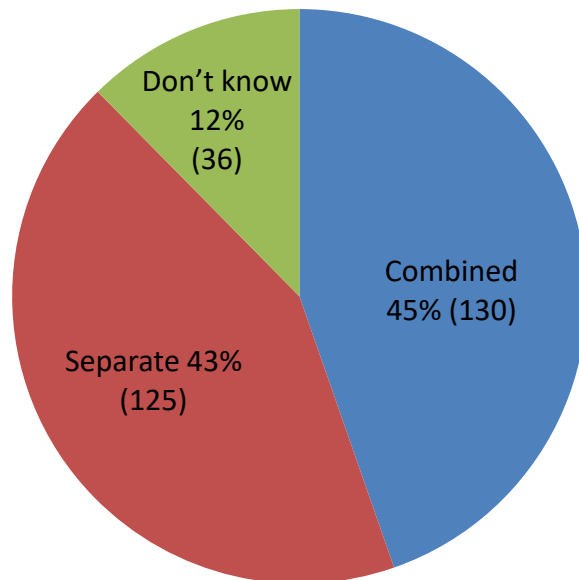
Just over a third (34%) of respondents would like to see a new youth club, while more (40%) would like to see it refurbished.

Q17. The youth club building, situated behind the recreation ground pavilion, is also reaching the end of its viability and will need replacing soon. Would you like a new or refurbished youth club building in the village?



Respondents are divided on whether the village hall and youth club should be combined

Q18. Do you think the village hall and youth club facilities should be combined into one building or do you think they should remain two separate buildings?
(291 Respondents)



45% of respondents think the village hall and youth club facilities should be combined into one building and a similar number (43%) feel they should remain two separate buildings.

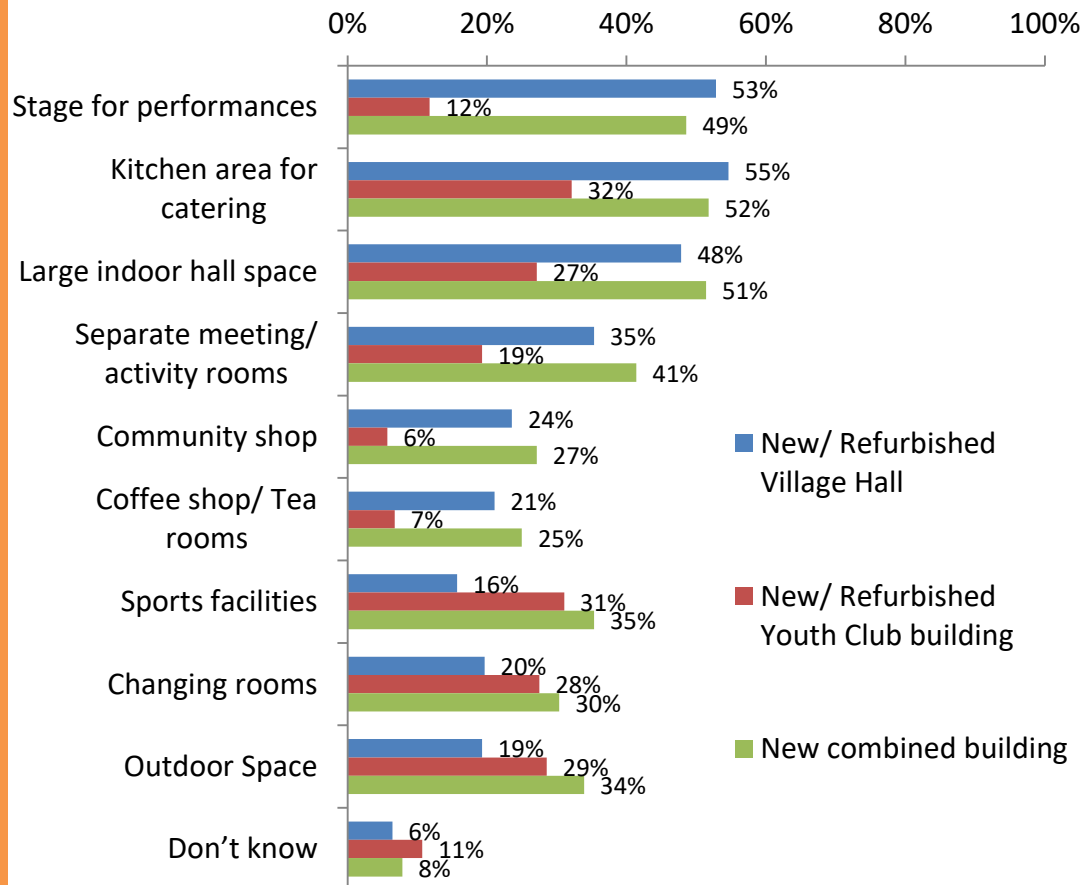
More research maybe needed into the reasons for and against combining the facilities.

It is also important to note that further consultation with young people is needed on this issue as they are under represented in this survey.

A stage, kitchen, large hall is wanted in the village hall and a kitchen, sports facilities and outdoor space in the youth club

Q21. Which, if any, facilities would you like to see in a new village hall/ new youth club/ new combined building?

**Please choose all that apply
(280 Respondents)**



A stage, kitchen area and large indoor hall space are the top three things residents would like to see in a new or refurbished village hall.

A kitchen, sports facilities and outdoor space are the top three things respondents would like to see in a new or refurbished youth club.

A kitchen, large indoor space and a stage are the top three things respondents would like in a new combined building.

Separate meeting/ activity rooms are also popular for the village hall, youth club and combined building

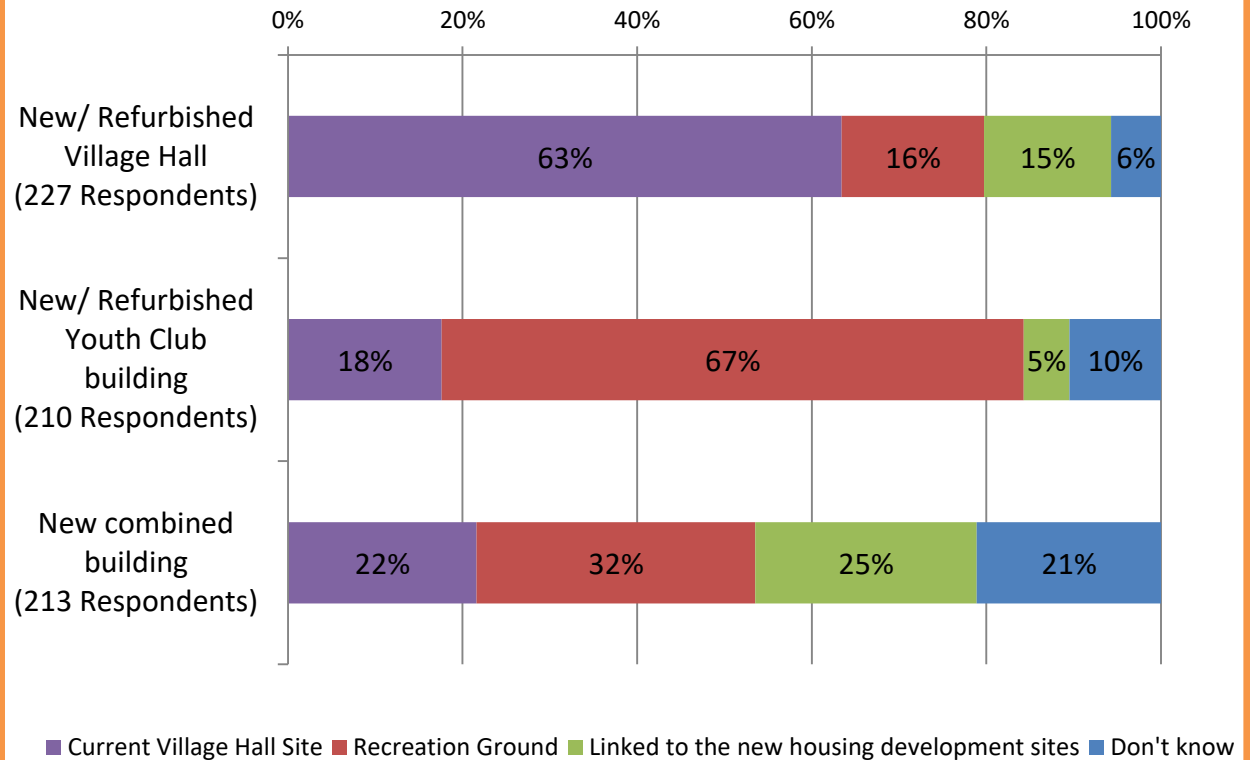
Opinion is split on where respondents would like to see a new combined building

63% of respondents would like to see a new or refurbished village hall on the current village hall site

67% would like to see a new or refurbished youth club on the recreation ground

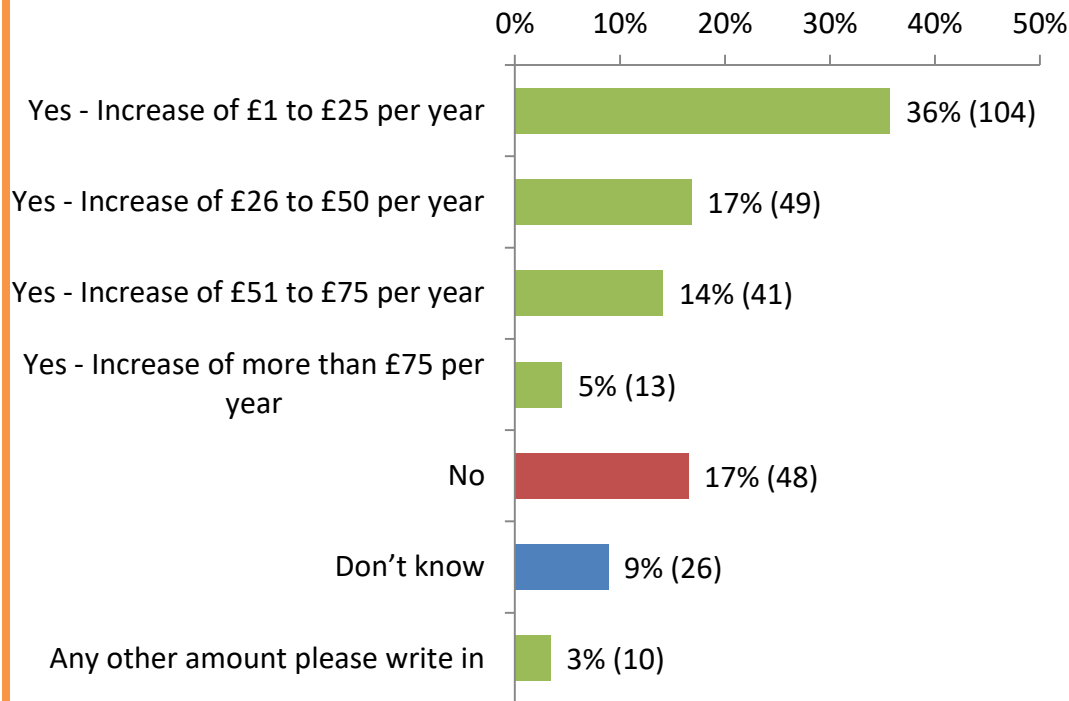
Opinion is split on where respondents would like to see a new combined building. 32% said the recreation ground, 25% said linked to the new housing development, 22% said the current village hall site and 21% said they didn't know.

Q22. Where would you like a new or refurbished village hall, new or refurbished youth club building or new combined building to be located?



There is support for a rise in the parish precept to help fund a new or refurbished village hall, youth club or combined building

Q23. Would you support a rise to your parish precept (the small part of your council tax bill that goes to the village) to help pay for a refurbished or new village hall, youth club building or combined building?
(291 Respondents)



Three quarters of respondents (75%) would support a rise to the parish precept to help pay for a new or refurbished village hall, youth club or combined building.

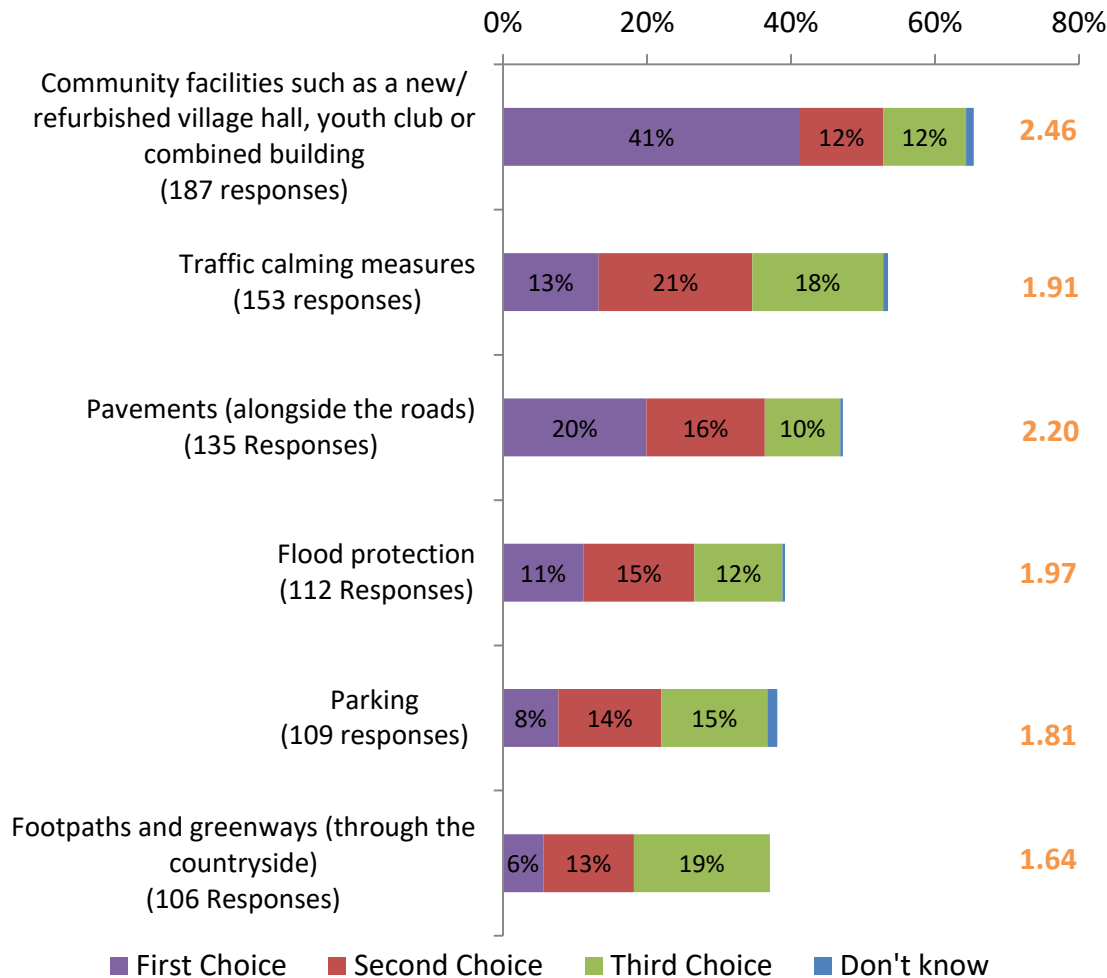
36% said they would be willing to pay an increase of £1 to £25 per year.

17% said they were willing to pay an increase of £26 to £50 per year and 14% said £51 to £75 per year

Comments included respondents being willing to pay a max of £10 per year and a comment that this would only be acceptable for the duration of the fundraising.

Respondents feel Community Infrastructure Levy should be spent on community facilities such as the village hall or youth club

Q24. What would you most like to see this money spent on? Please indicate you first, second and third choice (286 Respondents)



The developers who build new homes in Crowhurst will have to pay a Community Infrastructure Levy – money that can be spent on improving community infrastructure. The amount they have to pay varies depending on the floor space of the new homes.

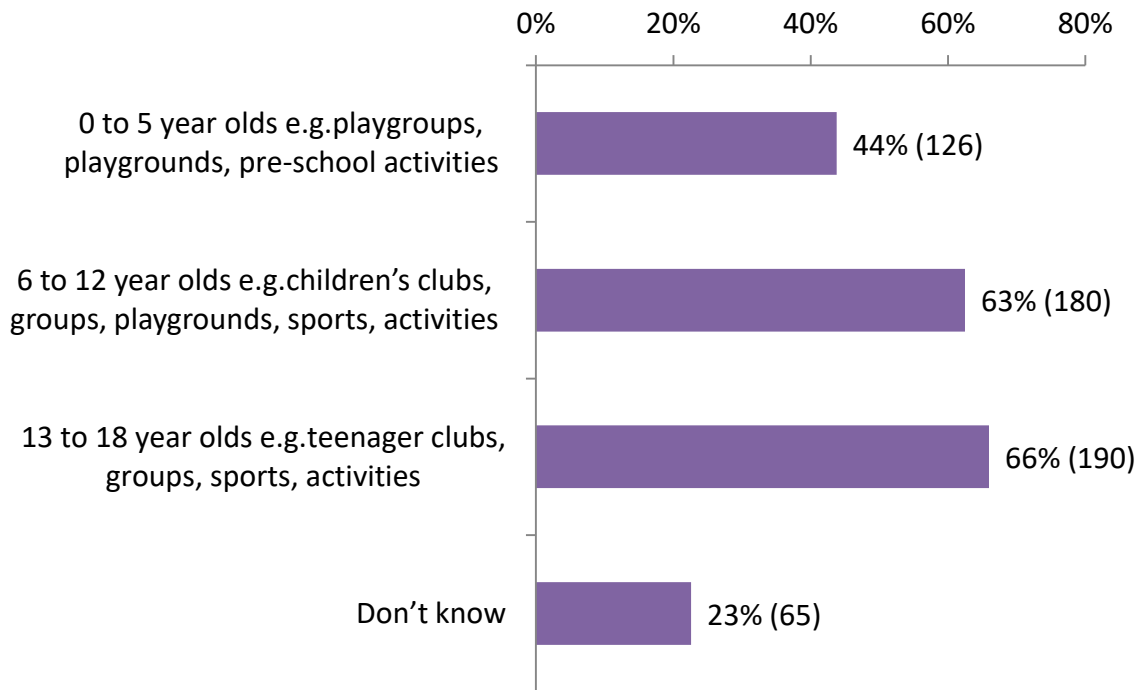
64% of respondents put community facilities in their top three choices for spending this money. 53% put traffic calming measures in their top three and 47% put pavements.

Average rankings in orange show pavements (2.20) and flood protection (1.97) above traffic calming measures (1.91) in order of preference.

Respondents feel activities for 13 to 18 year olds and 6 to 12 year olds need activities in the village

Q19. In our previous survey many people felt clubs, groups and activities for young people were important. Which age groups do you think need activities in the village?

**Please choose as many as apply
(288 Respondents)**



Two thirds (66%) of respondents feel 13 to 18 year olds need activities in the village.

A similar amount (63%) feel 6 to 12 year olds need activities in the village.

44% of respondents think activities are needed for 0 to 5 year olds.

13 respondents (5%) said they would be willing to volunteer to help deliver activities across all of these age groups (Q20).

Phone Box comment summary

The Parish Council own the telephone phone box by The Plough pub, it has no telephone and is no longer serviced by BT.

We asked residents if they had any suggestions for its use going forwards.

139 people commented the top three suggestions are:

- Defibrillator/ First aid (37 comments)
- Book share/ Library(30 comments)
- Community information point/ history/ walks/ maps (28 comments)

27 people commented that it should be removed or sold.

Q25. Do you have any suggestions for its use going forwards? Please write in below 139 comments

Defibrillator/ First aid	37
Book share/ Library	30
Community information point/ history/ walks/ maps	28
Remove/Sell	27
Retains it as it is as a heritage feature	12
Pop up shop/ Community shop/ Swap shop	6
Flowers/ plants	5
Arts display	3
Mobile phone charging / computer	3
Tardis	2
Cash machine	2
Other	12

All other comment summary

Q26. Please tell us if you have any other comments about the Crowhurst Neighbourhood plan in the box below.

69 comments

Thanks to everyone involved	19
Concerns about strain on public services and infrastructure	7
Criticism of survey and suggestions for improvement	7
Concerns about the NP process	6
Concern about more pavements in the village and a preference for greenways/footpaths	4
Comments on the parking bay proposal at the church	4
Concerns about Crowhurst becoming a suburb of Bexhill or Hastings	4
We must retain and enhance the character of village	4
Not happy with any of the shortlisted sites	4
Comments about the nature of the housing developments	3
Improve Internet speeds	2
Suggestions for alternative sites	2
Comments about the community precept	2
Catsfield road should be 40mph	2
Other	7

19 respondents thanked all those involved for their work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

7 respondents expressed concern about the strain on services that the new development could bring.

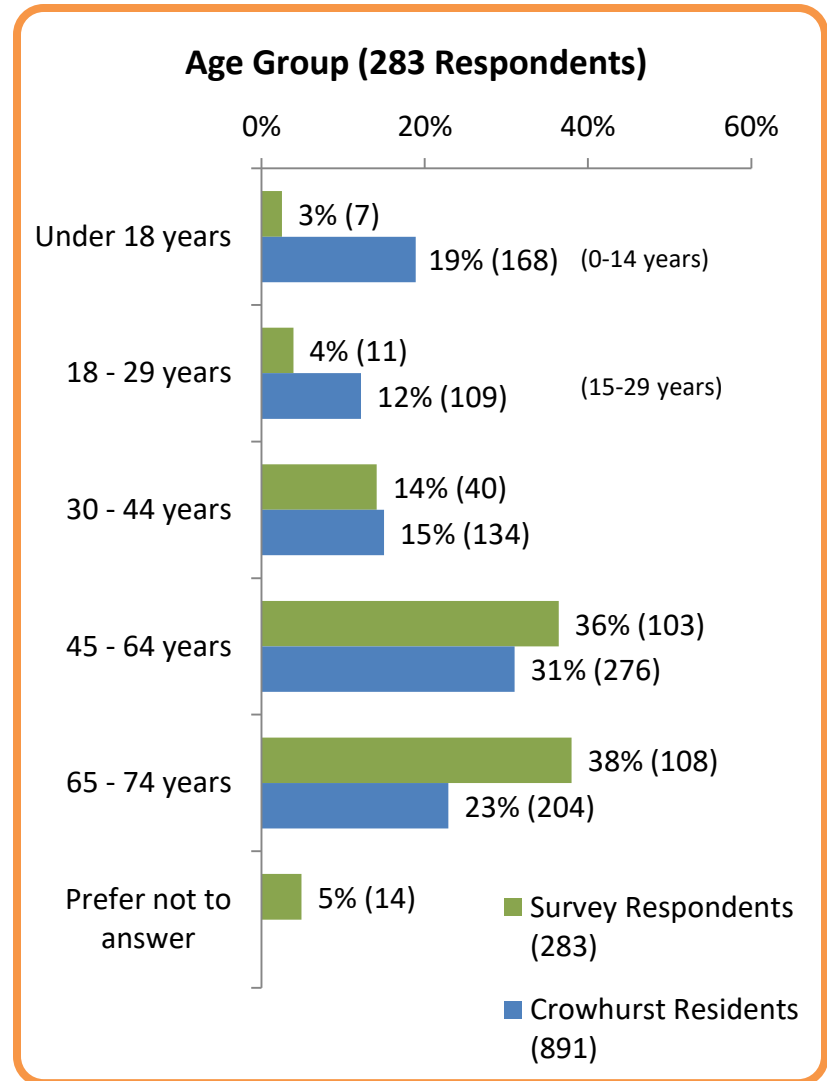
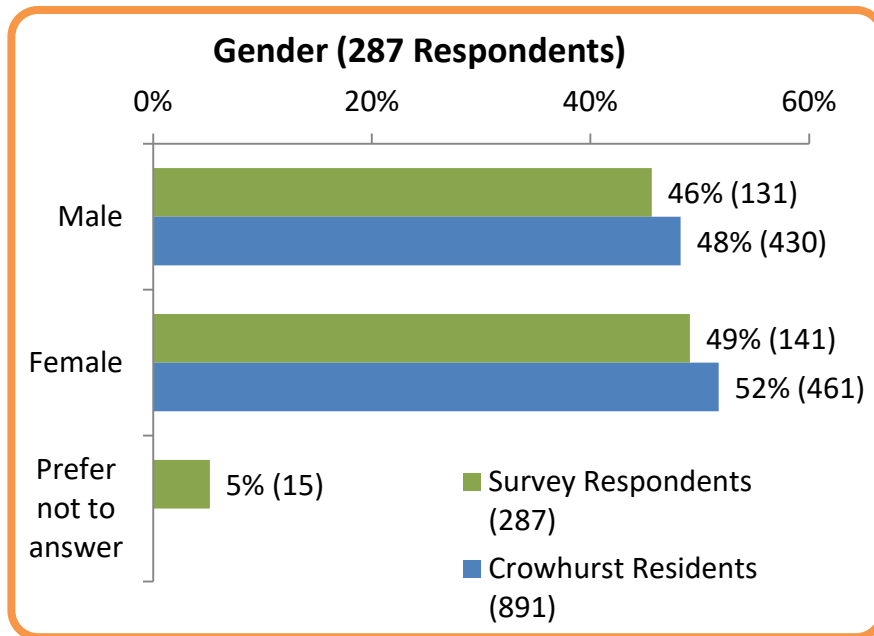
7 respondents commented on the questions in the survey and 6 respondents mentioned concerns about the Neighbourhood Planning Process.

All comments will be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Planning work going forwards.

Respondent Profile

Comparing the profile of survey respondents with the profile of Crowhurst residents shows that our survey responses are representative for males and females.

Our survey has responses from a range of age groups although those under 29 years are under represented and those aged 65+ years are over represented. Further work will be done by the Neighbourhood Planning group to capture the views of young people.

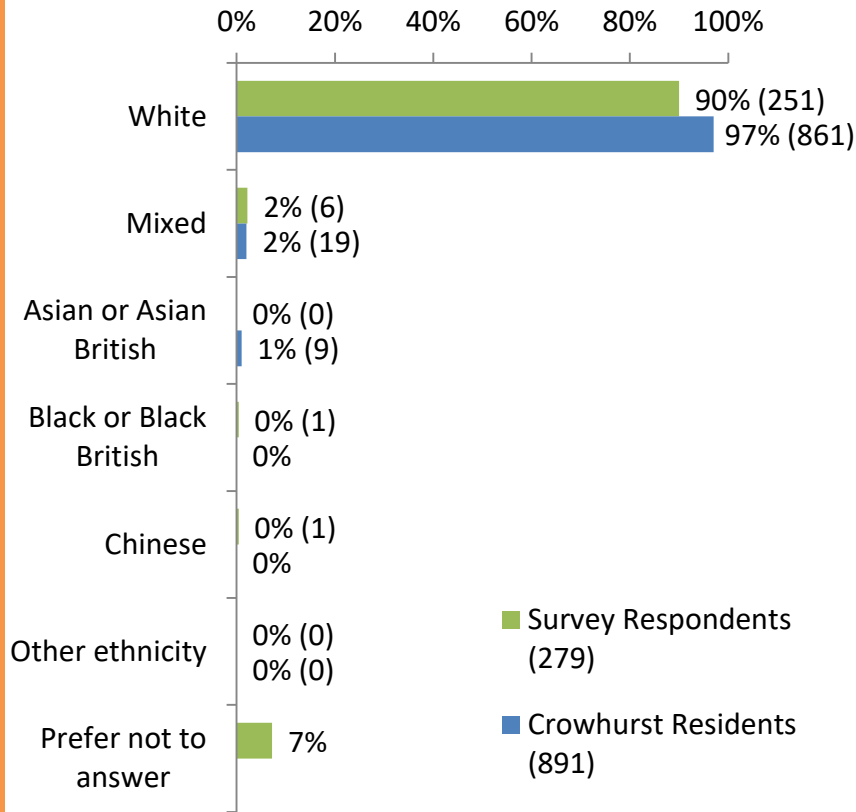


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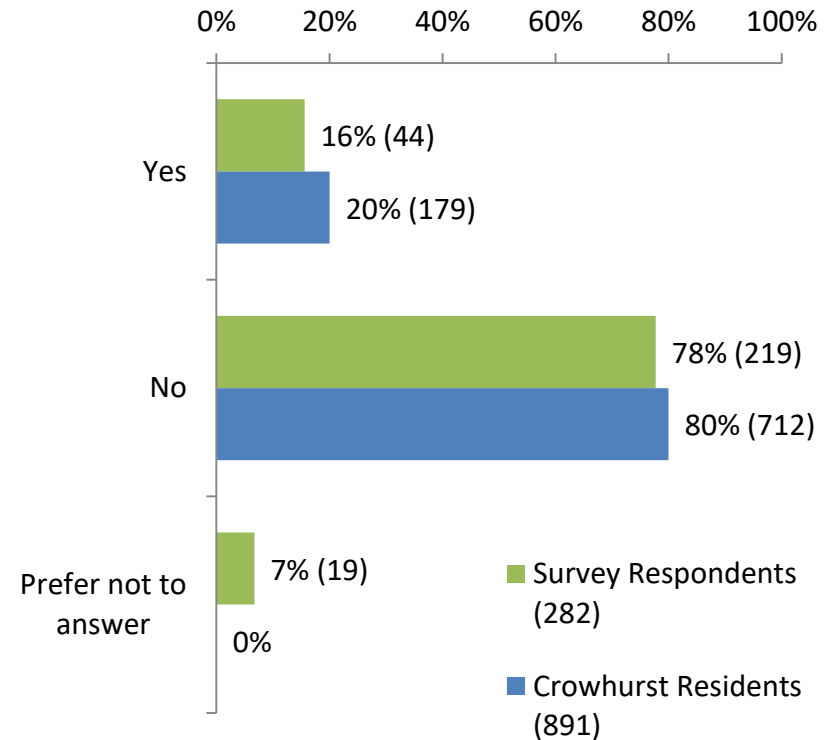
Respondent Profile

Comparing the profile of survey respondents with the profile of Crowhurst residents shows that our survey responses are representative for ethnicity and long term illness, health problem or disability.

Ethnicity (279 Respondents)



Long term illness, health problem or disability (282 Respondents)

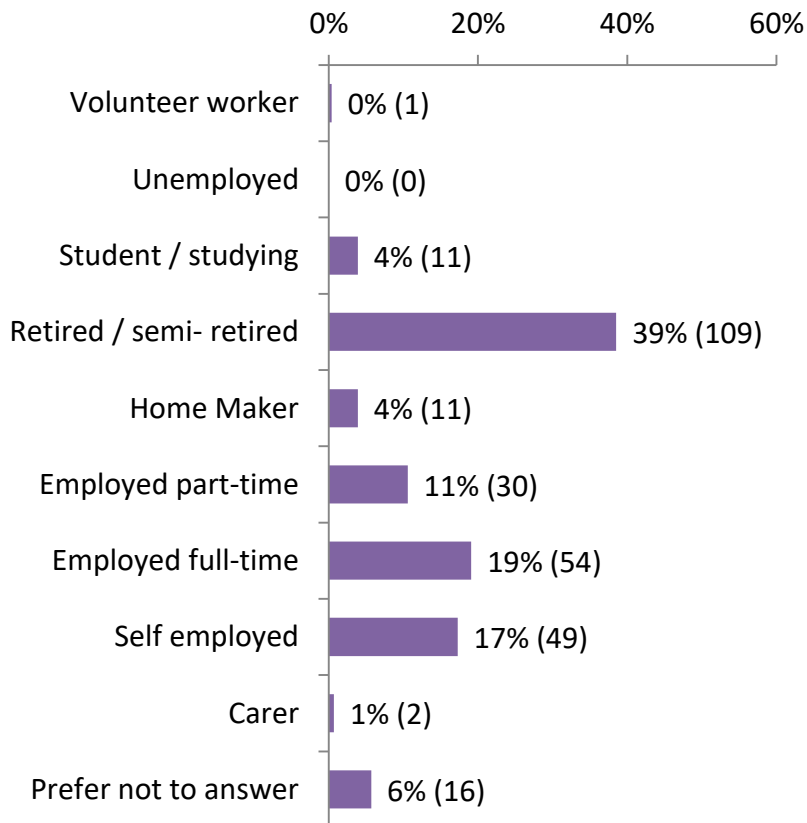


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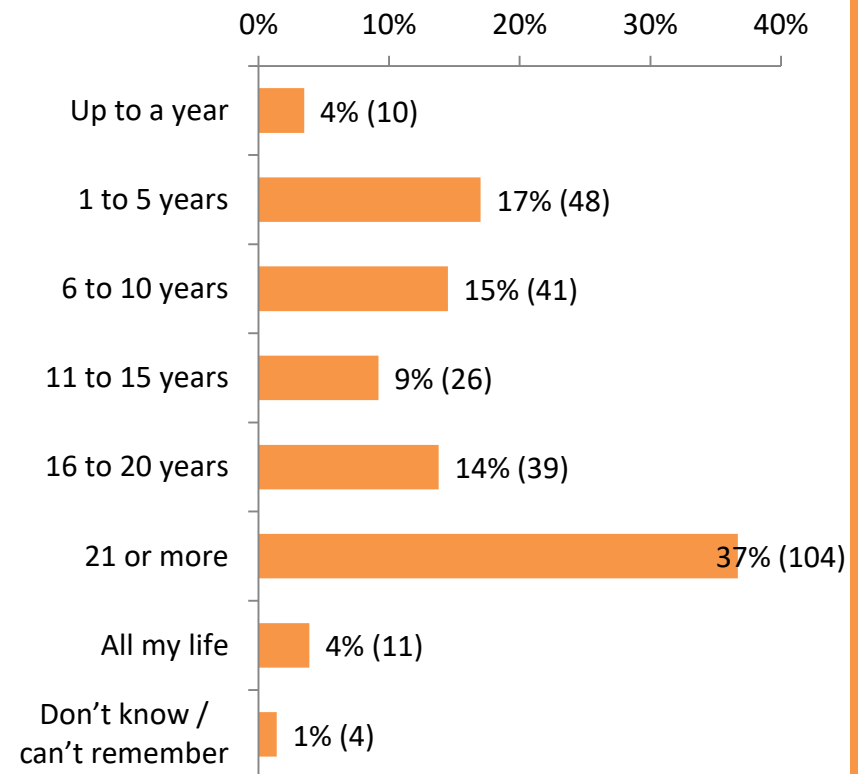
Respondent Profile

47% of our respondents are employed full time, part time or self employed. Linked to the age profile of respondents we see 39% are retired or semi-retired and 37% of respondents (32%) have lived in the village for 21 years or more.

Working Status (283 Respondents)



Time lived in Crowhurst (283 Respondents)



**A big thank you to everyone who took part
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