



Tunstall Village Questionnaire Survey Report – June 2026

1. Introduction

A village questionnaire was conducted using online Google Forms and a paper version (posted to each home) to gather residents' views on the character of Tunstall, local facilities, transport, future development, environmental priorities, and community needs.

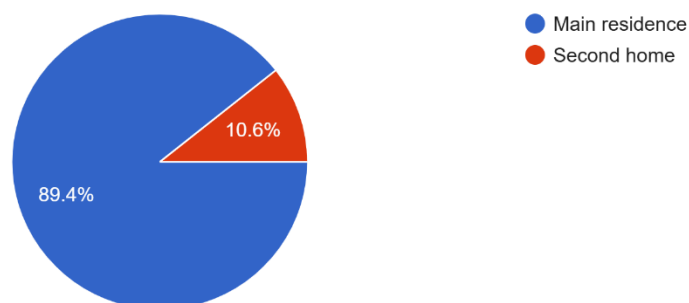
A total of **94 responses** were received covering 196 people, which covers 35% of the population.

This is a report on the responses and summary of the findings.

2. Respondent Profile

Is this your main residence or a second home?

94 responses



89.4% of respondents live in Tunstall as their main residence (84 people).

10.6% identified their home as a second home (10 people).

Household Size

Most households consisted of:

2 people: 53.2% (50 responses)

1 person: 19.1% (18 responses)

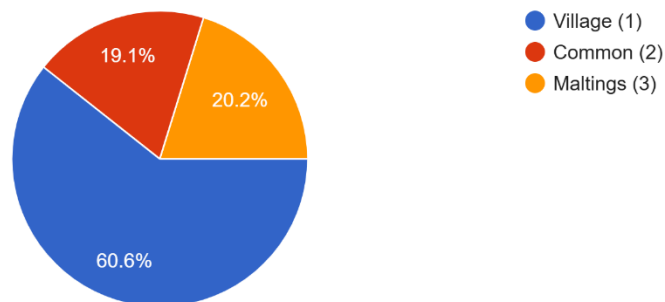
4 people: 9.6% (9 responses)

3 people: 8.5% (8 responses)

Location within Tunstall

Which area of Tunstall do you live closest to?

94 responses



Respondents were distributed as:

- Village: **60.6%** (57)
- Common: **19.1%** (18)
- Maltings: **20.2%** (19)

3. What Residents Value About Tunstall

Residents expressed strong affection for Tunstall as a peaceful, rural village with a strong community identity. The main themes were the importance of protecting the village character, maintaining the natural environment, improving road safety, addressing transport challenges, and ensuring infrastructure can support the community.

There is a clear desire for Tunstall to remain a small, welcoming Suffolk village rather than becoming bigger, more urbanised or losing its rural character.

3.1 Community Spirit and Village Life

A strong and recurring theme was pride in the village community.

Residents highlighted:

A thriving and friendly community

Strong community spirit and sense of unity

The importance of the village hall/community centre

Local clubs, activities and facilities

The garage, MUGA and community facilities as a valuable asset.

The importance of maintaining an active church and community life

Comments included:

- “A thriving community”
- “A friendly community”
- “Being part of a close-knit community”
- “Community feel, a sense of unity”

3.2 Rural Character, Landscape and Environment

Many residents chose to live in Tunstall because of its rural setting and natural environment.

Key priorities:

Protecting the village atmosphere

Preserving green spaces

Maintaining access to the common and forest

Protecting wildlife and farming

Preserving dark skies and tranquillity

Protecting the local landscape character

Concerns raised:

- Loss of mature trees and green fields
- Development affecting the village feel
- Potential developments and merging of Tunstall with nearby settlements
- Loss of vegetation and wildlife habitat.

Comments included:

- “We chose to be rural because we love that living space”
- “Peace and quiet”
- “Abundance of wildlife”
- “Protect the AONB”
- “That it is and should remain a small Suffolk village”

3.3 Development and Growth Concerns

A significant number of responses raised concerns about further development.

Main concerns:

Additional housing changing the village character.

Increased traffic from new developments.

Pressure on existing infrastructure.

Risk of incremental growth changing Tunstall from a village into a larger settlement

Residents expressed a preference for:

- Development being limited
- Protecting the village boundary
- Avoiding coalescence with neighbouring settlements

Comments included:

- “Maintaining the village as a village”
- “Any further development will be a signal for even more in the future”
- “Stop even more traffic coming through”

4. Village Amenities and Services

Residents value existing facilities but identified gaps.

Positive mentions:

Community centre/ Village Hall

Garage

Children's play area

Local groups and activities

Requested improvements:

- Pub investment
- Better access to groceries and everyday services
- Support for small local businesses

Comments included:

- "We need a village shop"
- "A really good village pub that looks inviting"

5. Infrastructure and Utilities

Some residents raised concerns about infrastructure capacity.

Issues mentioned:

Flooding risk

Traffic increase and road capacity

Ageing infrastructure

Drainage and underground pipework

Utilities coping with growth

Broadband and mobile connectivity

Comments included:

- “Infrastructure of the village is very old and needs to be improved”
- “Flooding is a major concern”
- “We need an effective broadband and mobile signal”

Key Priorities Identified

1. Protect Tunstall’s village character and rural identity
2. Protect the fields and ANOB.
3. Improve road safety and reduce speeding
4. Improve public transport options
5. Maintain and strengthen community facilities
6. Protect wildlife, landscape and dark skies
7. Ensure infrastructure keeps pace with needs
8. Carefully manage any future developments – if one is approved.

6. Living in Tunstall

The strongest valued characteristics were:

Feature	Highly rated (%)
Rural location	97.9%
Countryside character	93.6%
Woodland and forests	94.7%
Footpaths/bridleways	90.4%
Protection of wildlife and habitats	93.7%
Village character	87.2%

Residents frequently highlighted:

- Peace and quiet
- Wildlife and countryside
- Dark skies
- Walking routes
- Rural identity
- Community spirit

7. Community Facilities and Services

Residents value:

Community Hall

Village pub

Village activities

Local clubs

Access to Snape Maltings

Commonly requested improvements:

- Better public transport
- Improved road safety
- Village shop
- More community events
- Improved facilities for Children

8. Transport and Highways

Transport and traffic are a major concern.

Key findings:

Access to public transport was rated poorly:

56.4% gave the lowest rating

Residents reported:

- Lack of regular buses
- Dependence on cars
- Limited options for young people and older residents
- High speed limits and no paths

Main road concerns:

- Speeding traffic
- Heavy goods vehicle numbers
- Increasing traffic volumes
- Road safety at junctions
- Poor road conditions (narrow, single track,)

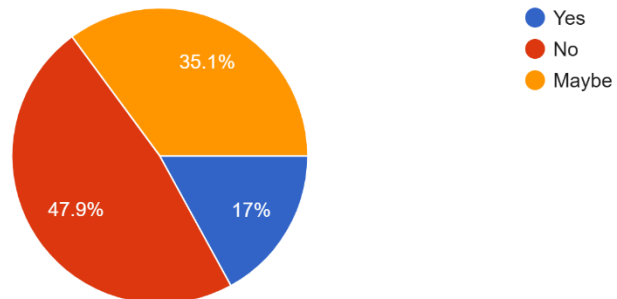
Many respondents supported:

- 20 mph speed limits
- Traffic calming
- Safer walking routes
- Better bus services

10. Future Development Views

Are you in favour of any new housing development in the parish?

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When asked about new housing:

No: **47.9%**

Maybe: **35.1%**

Yes: **17%**

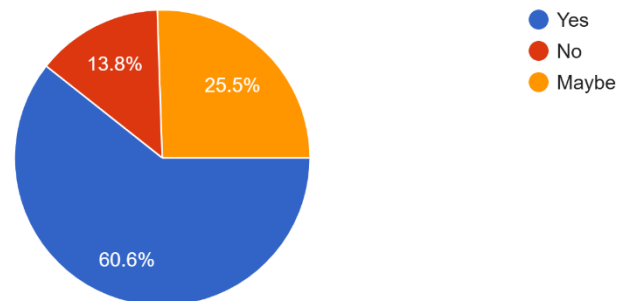
Key concerns:

- Flood risk
- Pressure on roads
- Lack of infrastructure
- Loss of village character
- Impact on wildlife and countryside

Many residents felt Tunstall has already contributed significant housing growth in the past.

Do you think Tunstall has already contributed enough new homes in recent years?

94 responses



10.1. Preferred Development Approach

Residents showed strongest support for:

Improving infrastructure alongside any development:

88.3% agreed

Sustainable and energy-efficient development:

85.1% agreed

Maintaining village character:

Lower support was shown for:

- Flats/apartments
- Large homes
- Expansion into countryside or green field areas

10.2 Environmental Priorities

Residents strongly supported protection of:

- Wildlife and habitats
- Trees and landscape features
- Important views and vistas
- Village character

Protection of wildlife and habitats received:

80.9% highest rating

10.3 Key Issues Identified

The main themes from comments were:

Traffic and road safety

Speeding vehicles

HGV traffic

Dangerous junctions

Infrastructure

Drainage and flooding concerns

Roads

Transport

Services

Protecting village character

Avoiding overdevelopment

Maintaining rural identity

Community improvements

Shop

Events

Transport links (Bus)

Better facilities (in Hall/ Park)

10.4 Summary of resident's comments

Overall view

The majority of comments express **strong opposition to further development** in Tunstall, particularly large-scale housing growth or development in the surrounding countryside.

Many residents feel that the village's current character is a key reason for living there and that further expansion risks changing what makes Tunstall special.

Main concerns about further development

Loss of rural character and landscape

- Strong concern that additional housing would:
 - Reduce the village's rural identity.
 - Harm areas of natural beauty.
 - Erode countryside and open land.
 - Change the "small village" feel.

Several residents emphasised that Tunstall is valued because it is peaceful, attractive and community-focused.

Infrastructure capacity

A repeated theme was that existing infrastructure may not cope with more development:

Concerns included:

Flood risk and drainage problems

- Recent flooding events were mentioned.
- Residents want stronger consideration of drainage, water management and flood prevention before any building takes place.
- Narrow roads and junctions that can't take more traffic.

Road capacity and safety

Existing roads and junctions were described as busy, dangerous or unsuitable for increased traffic.

- Requests included:
 - 20mph speed limits.
 - Safer pedestrian crossings.
 - Better pavements.
 - Traffic calming measures.

Concern that new housing should only happen alongside improvements to roads, drainage and services.

Support for limited or carefully planned housing (minority view)

A few comments suggest a more balanced approach:

A small number support:

- Small developments of high-quality homes.
- Housing that fits the village character.
- Affordable homes for first-time buyers and younger families.

One respondent highlighted that villages should remain welcoming to new residents and avoid a “no change” approach.

Some suggested small pockets of housing between existing homes rather than larger estates.

Design and sustainability

Where development was considered acceptable, residents highlighted the need for:

- High-quality design.
- Buildings that fit the village style.
- Eco-friendly approaches.
- Energy efficiency.

- Careful planning.

There was also a view from some residents that sustainability requirements are already covered through building regulations.

Views on previous development

Comments about recent housing development were mixed:

- Some residents feel recent developments have not fitted well with the village.
- Others believe it has added positively to the village.
- Concerns were raised about:
 - Flooding following recent developments.
 - Ensuring planning conditions and building standards are fully met before approval/sign-off.

10.5 The other comments from residents were:

Planning department must listen to local opinion, it should not impose development without developing the infrastructure and safety of the residents (for example safe footpaths, speeding, flooding)

My view is no developments at all.

Tunstall saw massive flooding in October 2023 and is still very much in danger of flooding with unresolved solutions to the flooding and drainage problems. We also have a very dangerous junction in the middle of the village which causes traffic chaos. One boundary wall is frequently crashed into. There has been so much more development than other nearby villages with the exception of Rendlesham and this seems ridiculous when the village has all these unresolved flooding issues. I also feel strongly that areas of outstanding natural beauty should stay that way. The wildlife desperately needs the green sites particularly birds like barn owls for their hunting ground.

Street Farm Close provides a really good example of a suitable development. It's a good mix of single, double- and three-bedroom housing with starter homes available. New developments must reflect this mix and perhaps provide suitable homes for younger couples who wish to stay the village, and retirees who wish to downsize and remain in the village. It cannot be an exclusive 4-bedroom reservation for wealthy incomers from London or second homers

The area of land fronting Snape/Orford Road before it splits should be developed first as this is essentially infill. The use of agricultural land round the village boundary should be resisted particularly off School Road and Blaxhall Church road as these are single track roads not fit for even the volume of traffic they have to put up with now.

The Street Farm development has been positive for the village, and houses local trades people. It's important to provide housing for families.

I don't want any new housing.

I've lived here 2 years and would have preferred the village to have had better transport links I never realised it was non-existent (unless booked). A small shop would be great!!

Because of a complete lack of infrastructure in the village all development should be resisted and any development concentrated towards Rendlesham, Saxmundham, Wickham Market etc. where good infrastructure exists.

Ideally any large development should improve transport links/amenities

Developers should put something back in to a village, if they are allowed to build.

Infrastructure, especially for larger developments, seems to be an afterthought, or totally ignored. Building (or solar panels) should never be allowed on prime arable land, this should be used for food production, so imports are needed less. We hear more and more about flooding problems, then more houses are built on green land, often making the problem worse, or shifting the flooding problem. There is a prime example at the bottom of School Road, next to the new houses, where I understand a pond was filled in when they were built, so every time it rains, the road flood.

Whatever we say will do no good as rich landowners / farmers will get their own way.

Future development should be limited as there is already limited infrastructure. Doctors' surgeries are full as are dentists, there is no public transport. We do not need more traffic on our country lanes

New housing should reflect the local and vernacular style. No planting of 'Hopkins style' settlements with no relationship to location

The surrounding farmland should be maintained. Specifically, the land for potential development allocated at Tunstall Common would detrimentally impact on the adjacent SSI.

New housing in Tunstall should only go ahead if a scheduled bus service is provided (e.g. by extending the 800 route), otherwise more car-dependent households would be created.

Developments on smaller roads and lanes, many of which are single file with passing places, would create traffic problems.

We came here to live in a small Suffolk village in the countryside, as all my ancestors have done for well over 500 years. We do not wish to live in the middle of a major housing estate.

A few more houses would help maintain the pub and hopefully lead to re-instatement of buses.

Any new housing developments should also consider infrastructure. Roads are not suitable at the moment for the amount of traffic which use them and not large enough for the lorries which are now starting to use the narrow village roads

Personally, I feel of all the sites identified under the Call for Sites, part only of the site at the junction of Orford Road with the Snape Road (308) is an obvious choice. It is at the heart of the village and has the potential for a low scale crescent of suitably designed new homes to face into a new village green with public realm. It also gives the opportunity to improve the currently dangerous and poorly designed junction opposite. There might be some justification for low scale development but only as part of site number 34.

This village is not capable of sustaining more new builds until the existing problems are solved. A serious problem dealing with the distribution of excess rain and field run off, overwhelming the village pond which has been substituted for a proper drainage system resulting in serious flooding to many houses and cottages. Warnings to SCC were ignored Aug/Oct 2023.

We do not believe there should be further development in Tunstall. The Village has had major development of more than thirty homes in the past decade and we believe this is enough for now. Any further development would begin to change the character of the village. Some of the sites that have been submitted in the East Suffolk call for sites are inappropriate for a village of this size and location and are outside its policy. Tunstall is a rural parish with few services, no shop or bus service and so any further development would increase use of private cars which would go against policy in the local plan. We do not believe any development should be contemplated outside the settlement boundary or in the AONB.

Tunstall has already increased in size by a huge percentage with the recent development and is adjacent to large developments in Rendlesham. New housing of large scale should be limited to places with infrastructure such as public transport, shops schools and doctors. Small villages with no infrastructure such as Tunstall Village and Tunstall Common should only allow small single property infill properties, not multi-site developments

High schools and primary schools should receive extra grants for any new build anywhere in East Suffolk. Rather than more houses we need more classrooms and teachers.

Tunstall is a small village, develop it further and it will become just another soulless town.

New Developments should be focused on the core village area and Immediate surround (for the sake of infrastructure and integration) Ribbon developments a long way from the village do not fit logically. Snape Maltings and surrounding area should not be developed with housing (which detracts from its very attraction) Traffic volume around the maltings (b1069) is prohibitive. Developments need services on hand - the maltings surround is lacking (mains, gas water, drainage etc)

More money needs to be invested into the children's play park there is not much there to offer and some is unsafe and seen better days.

The area needs bungalows for an ageing population. Any new development (s) needs to have a selection of bungalows of different sizes and a higher % of bungalows versus houses , and to be available / have a covenant on them to make them only available to existing local people and not second home owners - they need to be priced to make it possible for older people who already live in houses locally to be able to downsize and be able to live in their own homes for longer without the need to move too far away or go into sheltered accommodation (there is a shortage of sheltered accommodation locally). Two/three storey homes are not suitable for the ageing population and building affordable bungalows would offer a greater choice and safer more appropriate homes.

If possible new developments should improve current infrastructure but not at the cost of poor developments. Local people should have a say and benefit from any development.

Tunstall does not need any more houses. The development at Rendlesham has created more houses. We do not have the facilities or infrastructure for more people and more cars on our village roads.

Strongly against any form of developments. The Tunstall community is tight and special - something that should not be overlooked. The village already faces increased pressures off the back of surrounding developments and infrastructural projects (Sizewell!!). This is already choking the village - why add yet more pressure to an already fragile system. Larger = more disjointing and identity loss.

We don't need more development

If we need to have forty houses, I think it would be better all in one location than in three different ones.

Further building developments will make transport matters even worse with people trying to get on and off the peninsula via Wilford Bridge. One only has to view AA Road watch in the mornings to see just how congested that area has become. Existing sewerage system at Tunstall Common a major concern. More dwellings there can only make matters worse.

If you insist on replicating existing vernacular features whenever you build a new development you are going to stifle any opportunities for design innovation. it never does to constantly look BACK for inspiration. I prefer that you insist that new development which adjoins existing buildings is designed to be well-mannered.

I believe the speed limit should be 30mph all the way through the village and along the Woodbridge Road as there are so many driveways leading onto the 60mph bit of the road. Although I understand the need for more houses being built, I don't think the roads in the village can take too many more cars. Some of the lorries are massive and go past our house at 60mph....this needs to change plus there will be lots more cars too which I don't like the thought of. We live here because we love a rural location but unfortunately Tunstall has become a busy route for lorries to the Bentwater's base.

Any new developments should have additional infrastructure to support it

More housing must include having more facilities i.e. Doctors, school places etc

Any new developments will ruin the local community of the village, just look at Rendlesham village, it has been overwhelmed by a characterless housing estate.

We moved to a village to experience village life and not to be surrounded by houses and the inevitable consequences of noise and traffic

No development needed

10.6 Conclusion

The overall picture is:

“Protect Tunstall’s rural character natural environment, wildlife, small community identity and landscape. They want to avoid unnecessary expansion. If any development takes place, it must be small-scale, high quality, appropriate to the village, and supported by improvements to infrastructure, facilities (via CIL) * drainage and road safety.”

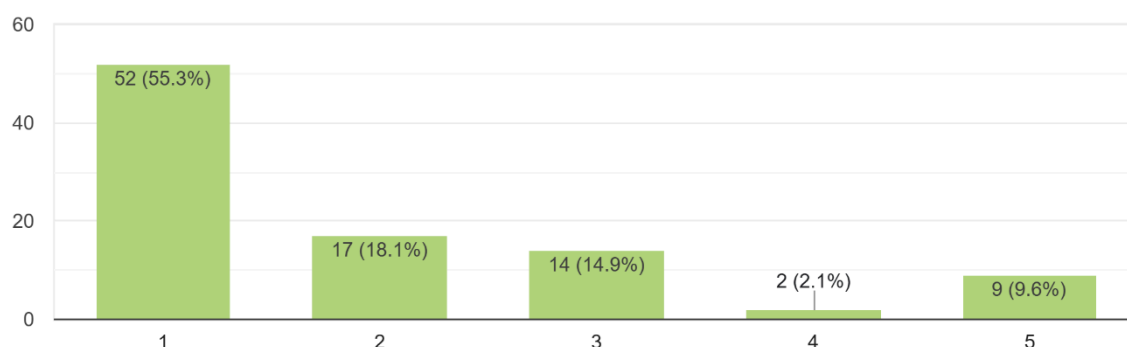
There is a clear majority view against unrestricted growth, with a smaller group open to limited, well-designed affordable, sustainable or village-appropriate housing.

* The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge used by local authorities in England and Wales to raise funds from developers. The money pays for essential community facilities—such as transport networks, schools, and health services—required to support new development.

11. Roads, Traffic and Road Safety

Speeding traffic

94 responses



Traffic and road safety were among the most frequently raised issues.

11.1 Speeding and road safety concerns (most frequent theme)

Many residents feel traffic speeds are too high, particularly on Orford Road, Woodbridge Road, and around Snape Maltings.

- Concerns include:
 - Cars, tractors, HGVs and other vehicles travelling too fast.
 - Fear of a serious accident or fatality, especially involving pedestrians and cyclists.
 - Lack of speed enforcement and calls for measures such as:
 - Speed checks/community speed watch.
 - Police enforcement.
 - Reduced speed limits.
 - Traffic calming.

11.2 HGV, Sizewell C and industrial traffic

A significant number of comments highlight increased heavy vehicle movements due to:

- Sizewell C construction traffic.
- Industrial activity around Bentwaters /Rendlesham growth.
- Other large infrastructure projects (A12 closures other road closures)
- Residents report:
 - More frequent and larger vehicles through villages.
 - Increased pressure on narrow rural roads.
 - Damage to roads and some properties.
 - HGVs using village routes rather than main roads.

11.3 Farm and tractor traffic

Most residents accept that agricultural traffic is expected in a rural area.

- However, concerns include:
 - Tractors travelling too quickly.
 - Large machinery making roads feel unsafe.
 - Some reports of poor driver behaviour (e.g. mobile phone use).
- A few residents emphasise that farm traffic should not be treated the same as commercial HGV traffic.

11.4 Pedestrian and cycling safety

Strong concerns about inadequate walking routes:

- Lack of pavements between Snape Maltings and Dunningworth Hall also in Tunstall Village.
- Unsafe sections of the B1069/Sandlings Walk.
- Poor or narrow grass verges.

Residents worry about children and cyclists using local roads due to traffic danger.

Suggestions include:

- New footpaths.
- Improved pedestrian links.
- Extending speed limits.

11.5 Road condition and maintenance

Several comments mention:

- Poor road surfaces.
- Potholes.
- Poor signage.
- Delayed highway maintenance.

Some residents feel highway authorities cite costs as a reason for not improving safety.

11.6 Junction and access problems

Specific concerns about:

- The junction near **Orford Road/Snape Road**.
- Difficulty pulling out safely due to fast-moving traffic.
- Dangerous turning movements by larger vehicles.
- Poor visibility despite mirrors.

11.7 Parking issues

Problems reported include:

- Visitors parking on pavements near Snape Maltings.
- Pedestrians being forced into the road.
- Increased congestion from tourism-related parking.

11.8 Flooding and drainage concerns linked to development

One detailed response raised concerns about:

- Flood-prone areas being considered for development.
- Existing drainage systems being inadequate.
- Previous flooding events.
- New housing potentially increasing drainage problems.

11.9 Housing development concerns

Many comments argue that additional housing would:

- Increase traffic.
 - Put more pressure on already unsafe roads.
 - Be inappropriate where access is poor.
- Some specifically object to development near roads already considered dangerous.

11.10 Overall message

The dominant concern is that traffic levels and speeds have increased beyond what the rural road network can safely handle. Residents generally accept normal rural farm activity but are especially worried about HGVs, Sizewell-related traffic, speeding, lack of pedestrian infrastructure, and the impact of further development traffic numbers and by default, on safety.

Key concerns:

- Speeding vehicles
- Increased traffic levels
- Safety for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and animals
- Road damage from increased traffic
- Dangerous bends and junctions

Suggested improvements:

- Introduce a 20-mph speed limit
- Add traffic calming measures
- Improve signage
- Add road markings
- Improve safety along the B1069 towards Snape
- Add warning signs for bends and deer

Comments included:

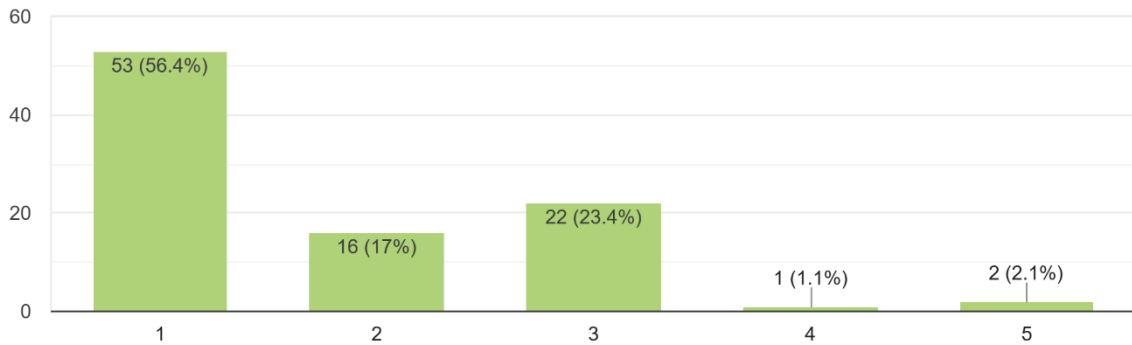
- “Traffic calming measures in and through the village – most important”
- “I love this village but concerned about the speeding of traffic”
- “We need SAFE MAINTAINED ROADS”

- “Quieter roads

12. Transport and Accessibility

Access to public transport

94 responses



Lack of public transport was a repeated concern above shows 56.4% of people felt that access to public transport was an issue.

Residents identified:

- Limited bus services
- Difficulty travelling to Woodbridge and Ipswich
- Lack of suitable transport options, especially for those without cars

Suggested improvements:

- More regular public transport
- Better bus services from the Common/village

Comments included:

- “Reliable public transport”
- “Regular public buses would be so useful”
- “No public transport at the Common”

Other resident comments were:

There is no public transport available on a regular basis, no local taxi service,

There has been considerable disruption to allow for the changes at A12 at Friday Street already so I would not want to see more green belt land destroyed and further disruption.

There are too many potholes.

We are completely reliant on cars. Adding more houses will only worsen the situation.

Without improved public transport young people remain hindered in accessing education post 16 and also employment. - even getting a weekend job is hindered by lack of public transport. Roads are dangerous and with instances of the school bus leaving children stranded in Tunstall village centre telling them to walk home.... In this case to Snape Bridge, you realise there is no safe path!

The main road through Tunstall is used far too often when there are diversions, greater use of Ivy Lodge Road needs to be considered. The Tunstall to Campsea Ashe road is not wide enough for lorries to safely pass each other, particularly between Ashe Park and the Campsea Ashe railway bridge.

No public transport to many parts of the village/common

There is no public transport

There's no reliable local bus service; there are selected dial a ride that must be booked days in advance. I can't hop on a bus when I need to go somewhere, it's isolating, a severe limitation on independent living. We should be reducing the need for everyone to drive themselves everywhere, reducing carbon emissions with reliable public transport

Taxi services are appalling. Plus, it's a nightmare trying to find food deliveries and decent roast dinners midweek.

Unless you have access to your own transport (car/motorcycle etc) Tunstall is difficult to get to, or to travel from.

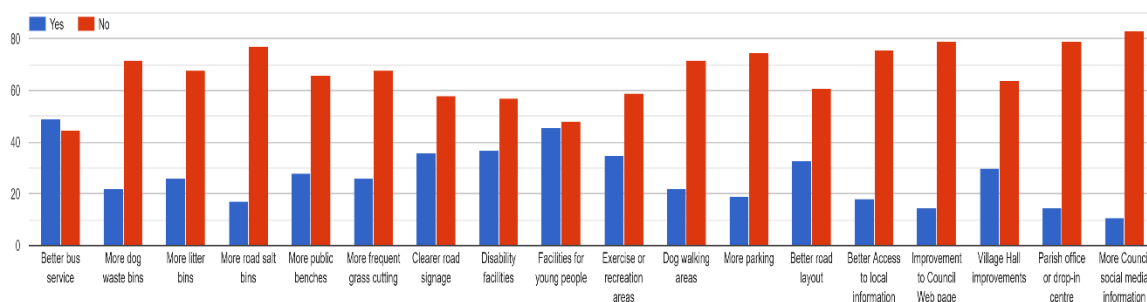
The village is crying out for a bypass or a 20mph speed limit with speed humps on the main road through the village

13. Neighbourhood Watch.

43% of responders said they would join a Neighbourhood watch scheme.

14 Improvement Ideas

Would you be willing to pay a small increase in Council Tax (via the Parish Precept) for improvements in the following areas?



The questionnaire asked if residents would increase their council tax to pay of any of these.

Improvement area	Yes	No
Better bus service	49%	44%
More dog waste bins	22%	72%
More litter bins	26%	68%
More road bills*	17%	78%
More public benches	28%	66%
More frequent grass cutting	26%	68%
Clearer road signage	36%	58%
Disability facilities	37%	57%
Facilities for young people	46%	48%
Exercise or recreation areas	35%	59%

The questionnaire asked if residents would increase their council tax to pay for any of these.

Improvement area	Yes	No
Dog walking areas	22%	72%
More parking	19%	75%
Better road layout	33%	61%
Better access to local information	18%	75%
Improvement to Council website	15%	79%
Village Hall improvements	30%	64%
Parish office / drop-in centre	15%	79%
More Council social media information	11%	83%

A better bus service was the clear choice here. Comments from all below:

A general village tidy up of infrastructure and poorly maintained signs would be welcome

Protection of the boundary wall by Corner House - it has been knocked down several times. It's a pity Highways/council have not seen fit to site bollards on the path to protect the wall.

We pay a lot of money in council tax and have the right to assume all the above receive appropriate adequate funding.

No, Council taxes are far too high and the village does not benefit. I do not see this changing.

Less grass cutting is needed. Not more. That should save money.

Get Katch to stop at Tunstall common, ban large lorries from Mill Lane, the Common. plus, a reliable local bus service connecting to nearby village.

Not willing to pay for improvements unless we see them happening

It would be good to improve signage in the village. There are two specific places that seem important: Snape junction, to stop inappropriate use by HGVs and Mill Lane for the same reason

Better road layout means the terribly designed footpath next to the junction of the new housing estate that juts out into the road.

Funding needs a review and redistribution fairly. We seem to be paying for services in Ipswich but none in our rural communities.

Most of this is paid through our council tax, why should I pay twice. Dog walking areas? how much more space around here do they need. Dog waste/rubbish people should be educated enough to dispose of it themselves.

A managed dog walking field for hire on an hourly basis - would reduce the amount of dog fouling, potentially bring in a revenue for the parish council, reduce the amount of dogs going missing / anti-social behaviour/ dogs chasing wildlife etc.

Improve parking facilities to the common carpark, it is currently like a tank assault course and no signage.

We pay enough council tax as it is and we see nothing from this, apart from bin collections. We do not see our money being used to better the community or village.

We have the MUGA in the centre of the village which should be available for recreation and exercise. However, the booking system is not user friendly and what should be a great village asset has become unused and unloved. There are plenty of dog poo bins but encouraging owners to use them remains an issue.

We have a large car park at the village hall but unfriendly notes left on cars leave visitors feeling very unwelcome.

We think it would also be a good PR exercise to let villagers know what the precept is spent on. For example, we think it's gone up a bit over 5% this year, so just knowing what it is currently spent on would enable everyone to understand what they get and what they could get by giving a bit more. The bulletin of course, but I understand that's not guaranteed for the future. I find it hard sometimes to work out what TPC pays for and what is ESDC.

I recall Tunstall is quite well off. You have not I hope lost any of your money to other authorities and should start spending what you have on the above before charging us anymore. With regard to things like better road layout these should be funded by development.

Extending the speed limit from the village along the B1069 to Snape and Rendlesham.

Noise and air pollution issues are from increases in traffic using Tunstall as a shortcut

15. SUMMARY

The questionnaire shows that residents highly value Tunstall as a peaceful, rural village with a strong community spirit. The overwhelming message is to protect from large developments. There is not total opposition to improvement, but if justified and managed correctly a desire for carefully change that protects the qualities that improve the village.

Here is a summary of the questionnaire comments grouped into key themes:

Overall impression of the village

Many respondents described the village as quiet, attractive and well located, with appreciation for the surrounding countryside, walks, forest, footpaths, bridleways and proximity to the coast.

There is a strong desire to protect the village's character and avoid changes that could make it feel more like a larger estate or suburban development.

Housing and development

Main theme: concern about further development

Many respondents do not support further housing expansion.

Concerns include:

New developments being out of keeping with the village character.

Increased traffic from construction and additional residents.

Pressure on local services, especially doctors.

Loss of the peaceful, rural feel.

Specific concern was raised about potential developments from Local Plan 'call for sites.

Some residents support improvements to existing infrastructure but not road widening or new roads.

Roads, traffic and safety

Main theme: improving safety without changing the village feel

Comments included:

A request for a 20mph speed limit near The Maltings and through Tunstall Village.

Desire for improved road safety and making the village “prettier”.

Concerns about:

Increased traffic, including Sizewell C related traffic.

Heavy vehicles and delivery traffic affecting the rural setting.

General support for maintaining existing roads rather than expanding them.

Transport and accessibility

Main theme: transport is valued but currently limited

Residents highlighted:

Poor public transport provision especially to The Common area.

Lack of regular bus services.

Difficulty accessing schools, shopping and services without a car.

The nearby train station is seen as a significant benefit.

The community bus is appreciated, especially around The Maltings.

Community and events

Main theme: strong community spirit, but more activities wanted

Positive feedback:

A strong sense of community.

Residents praised local efforts and neighbourliness, including support during emergencies such as flooding.

The Bowls Club was described as a valued village asset.

Existing events are generally well supported.

Areas for improvement:

More village events, clubs and activities requested.

Better advertising of events.

Some residents feel the Community Hall and MUGA are underused or not reaching their potential.

Environment and rural setting

Main theme: protecting the natural environment

Residents value:

- The AONB landscape.
- Countryside access.
- Forest, walks and wildlife.
- Peace and quiet.

Concerns include:

- Noise pollution.
- Air pollution.
- Light pollution.
- The impact of development and traffic on the rural environment.
- Ugly new developments forced on Village.

Facilities and services

Comments raised:

No village shop or post office.

Limited access to everyday services.

Concern that more residents could put pressure on healthcare availability.

Key priorities emerging

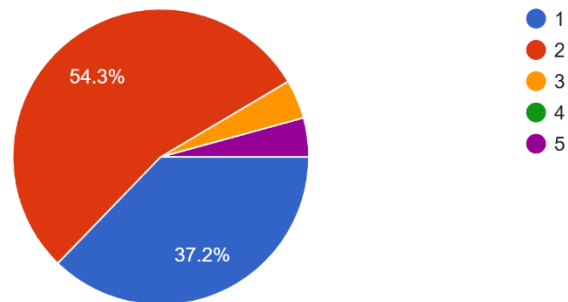
1. Protect the rural identity and character of Tunstall
2. Limit inappropriate housing development
3. Improve road safety (especially around The Maltings)
4. Improve public transport options
5. Support and strengthen community activities
6. Protect the landscape and countryside setting
7. Make better use of existing facilities

Overall, the responses show a community that is very positive about living in Tunstall, but is very clear that it wants careful management of change so that any improvements do not undermine the qualities that residents value. They want to be consulted and in control and agree any large-scale building applications or developments. If any are approved, this would be in partnership with a (CIL) benefit to the Parish plus improving the infrastructure.

Report Findings – these are the answers to all the questions

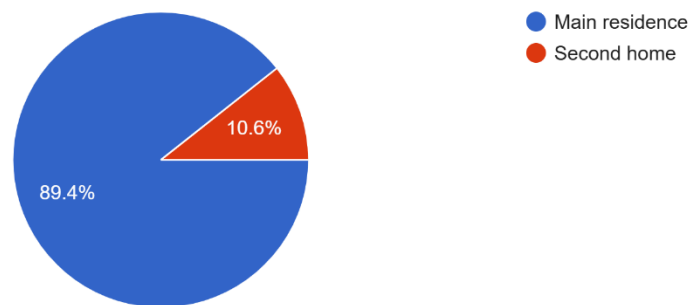
How many people's views are reflected in your answers?

94 responses



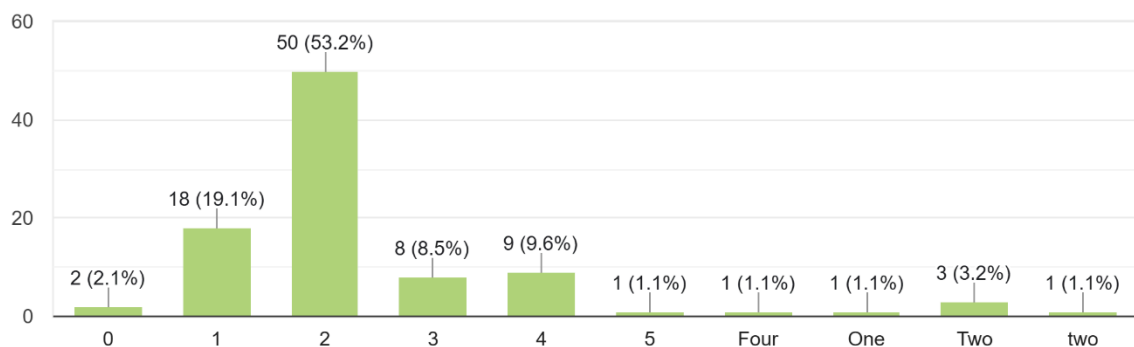
Is this your main residence or a second home?

94 responses



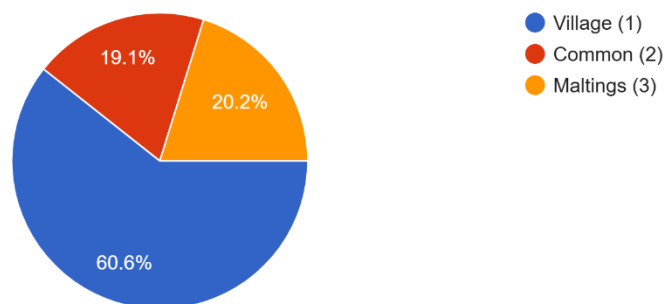
How many people live in your household?

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Which area of Tunstall do you live closest to?

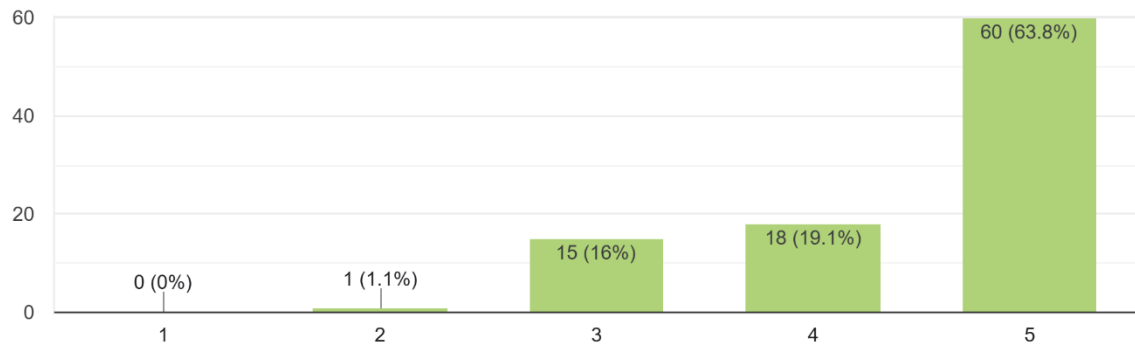
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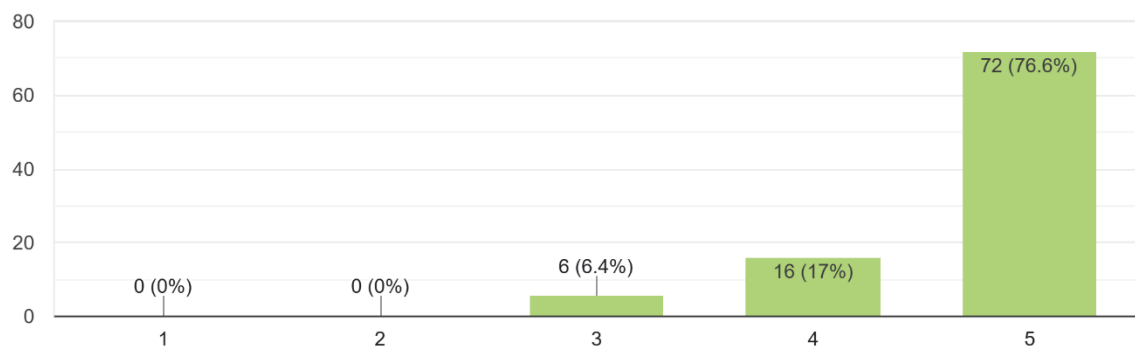
Open views and wide vistas

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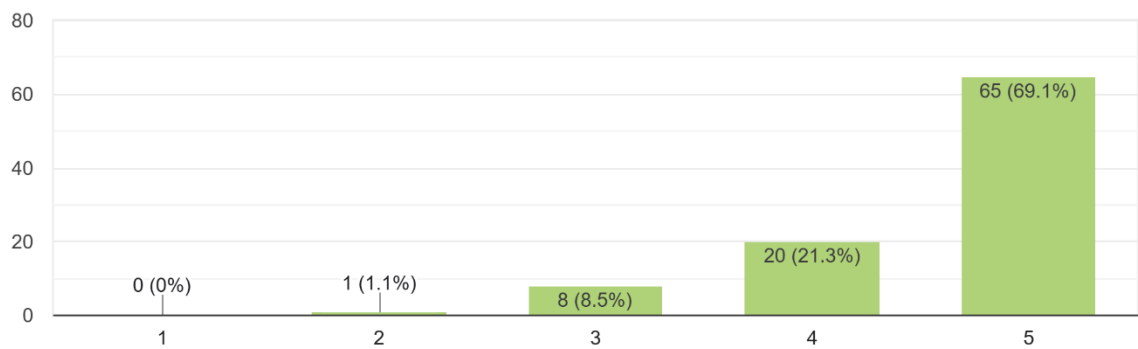
Countryside character

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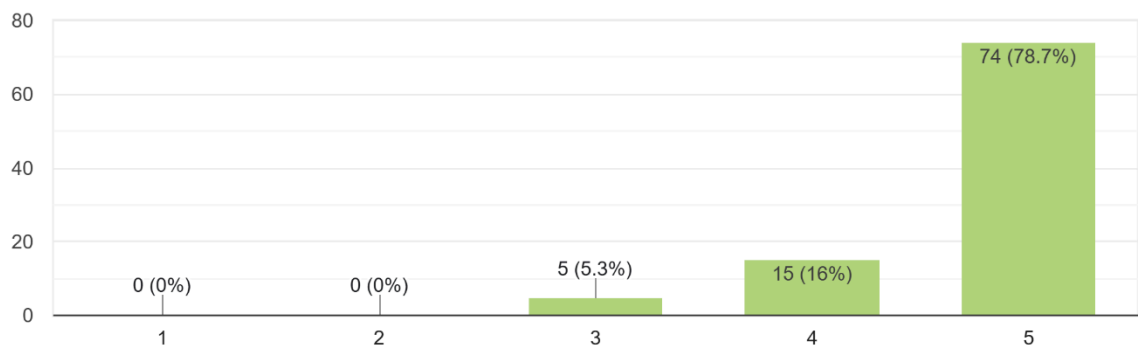
Footpaths, bridleways and permissive paths

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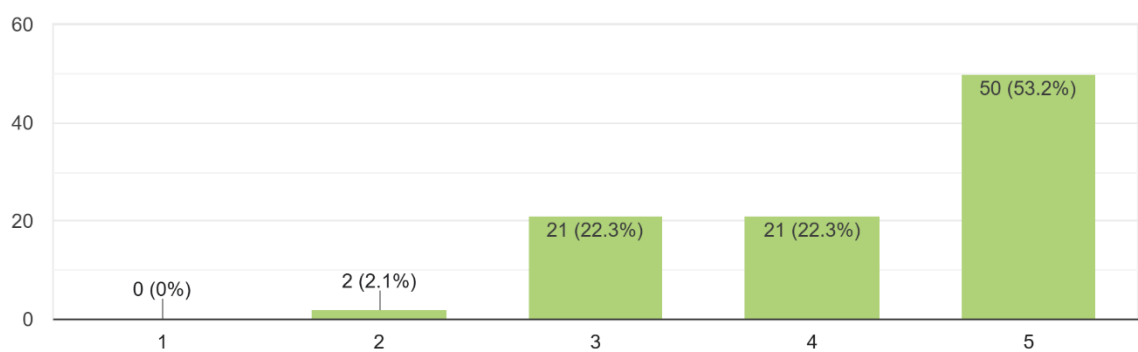
Woodland and forests

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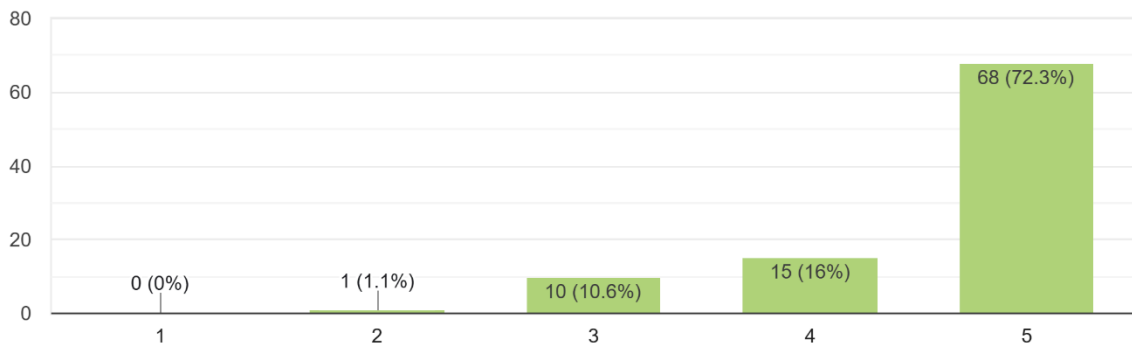
Green spaces within the village

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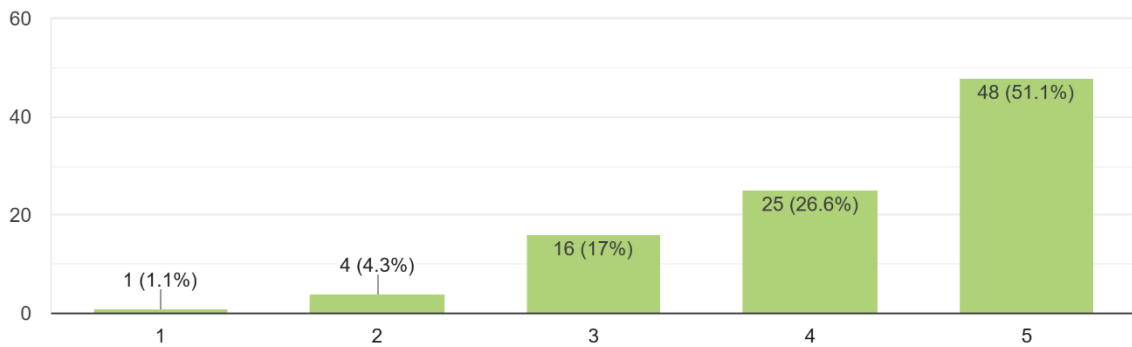
Green spaces/ Open access land within the parish

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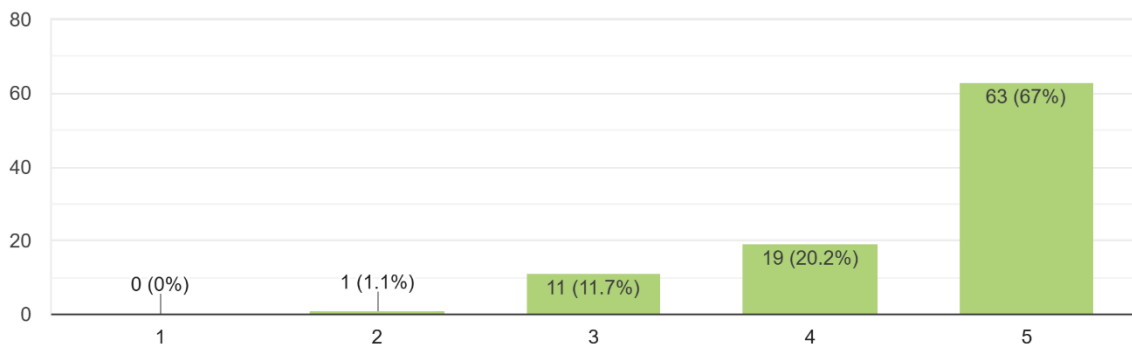
Effective Transport and roads

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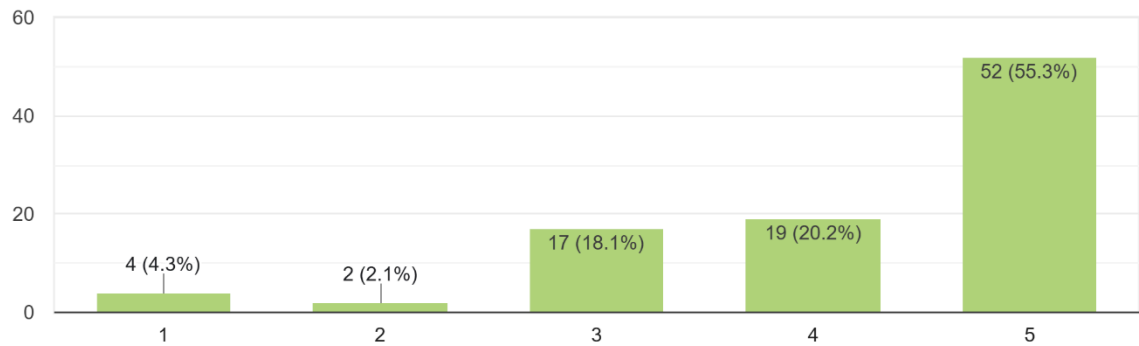
Maintaining village character

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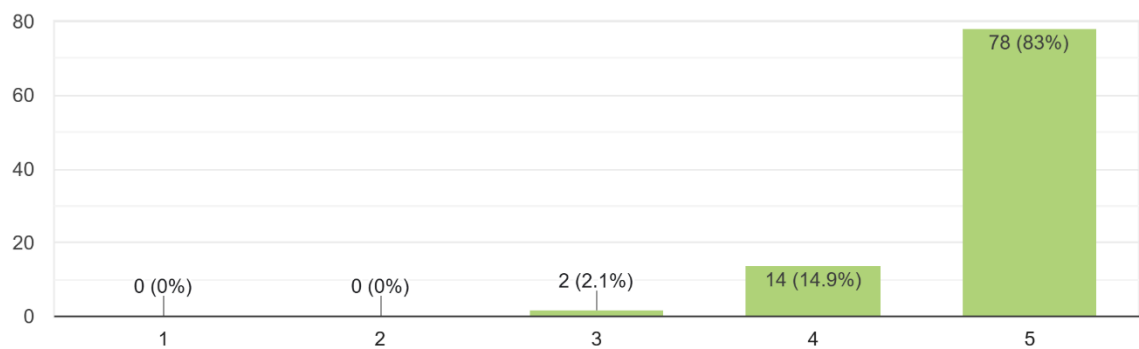
A viable local public house

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Rural location

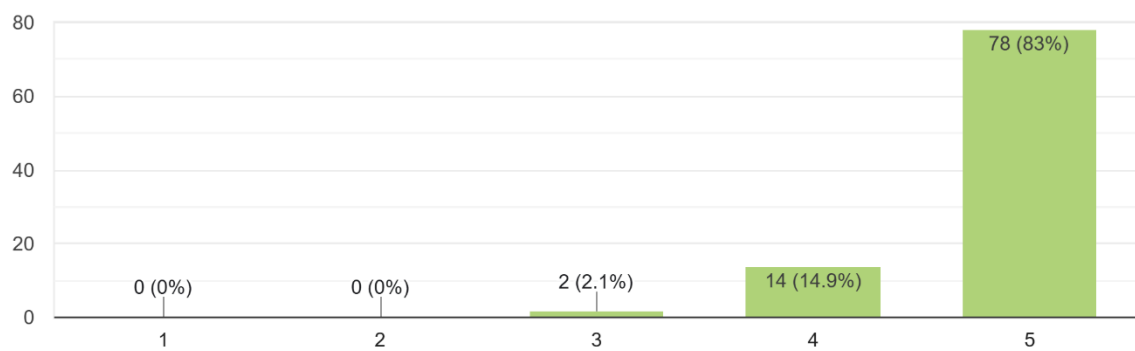
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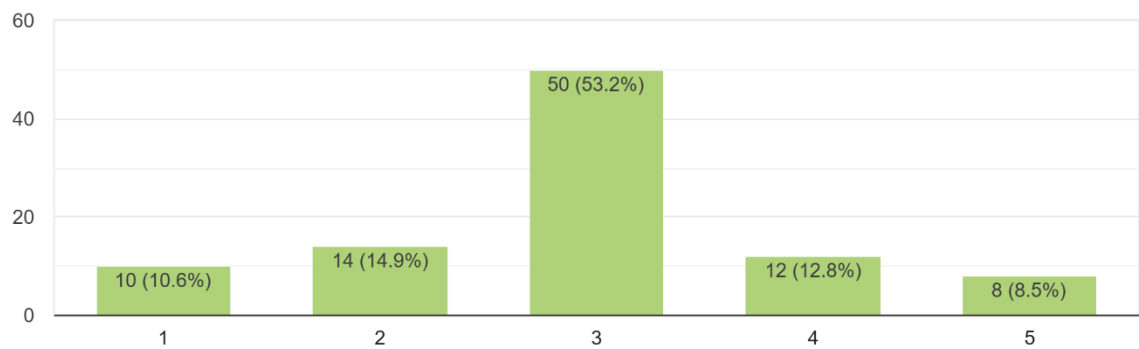
Rural location

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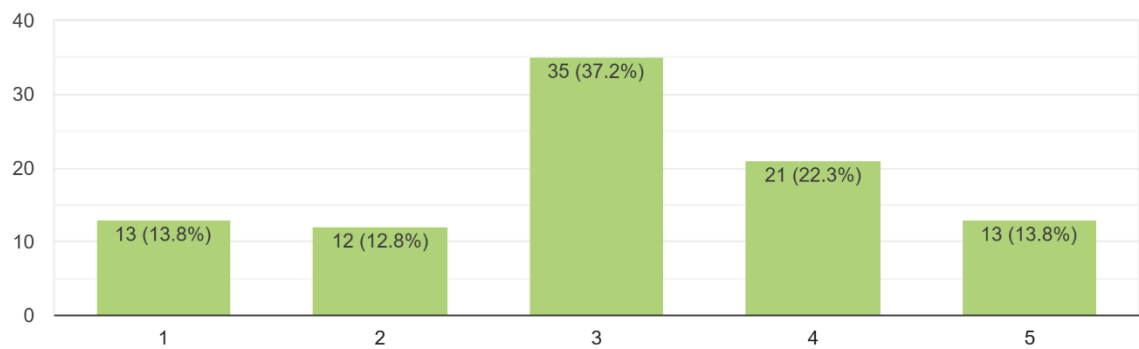
Housing Options

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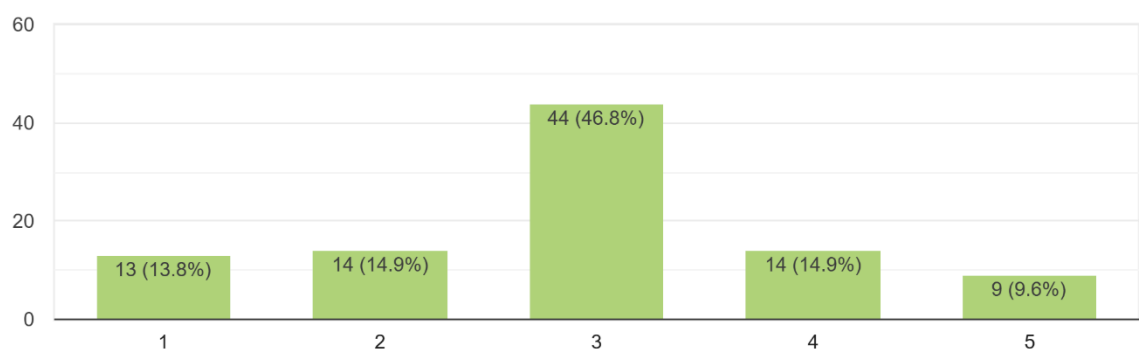
Access to good transport links

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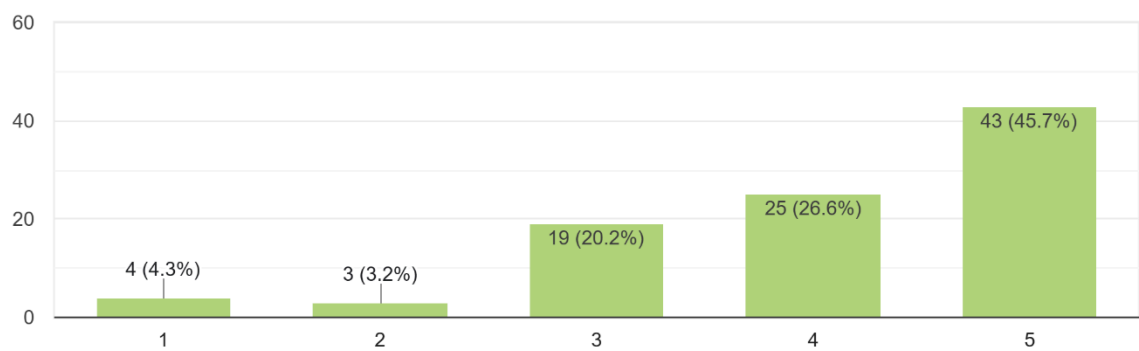
Local employment

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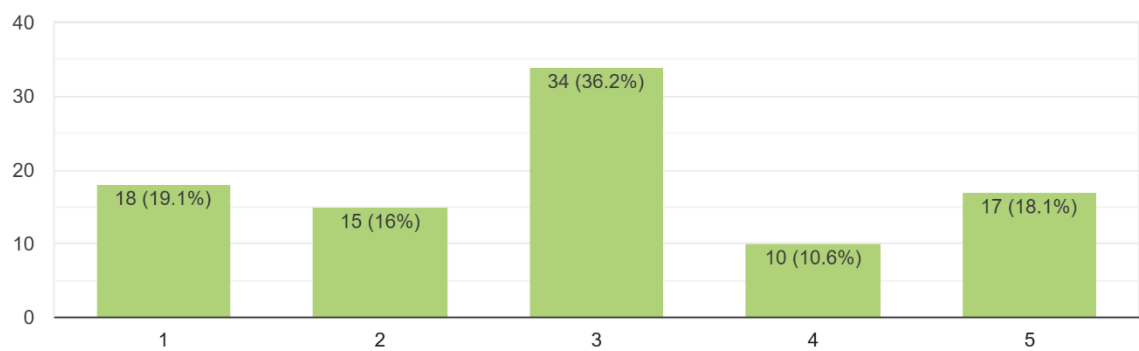
Village Pub

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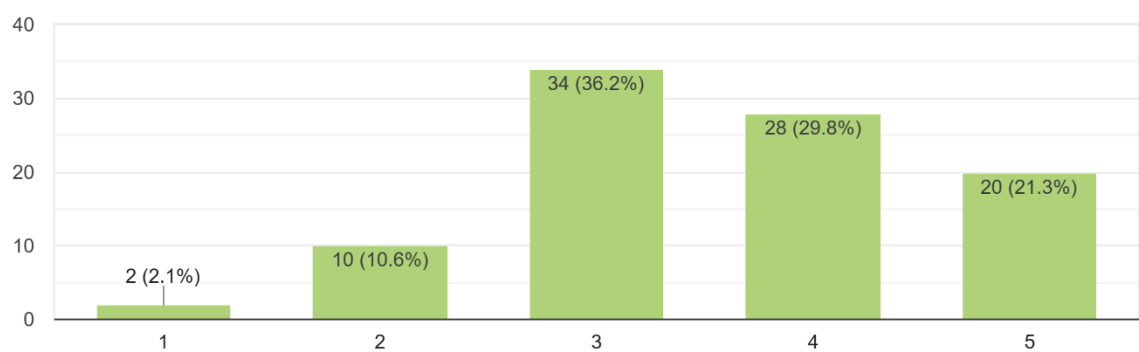
Local schools and child-care

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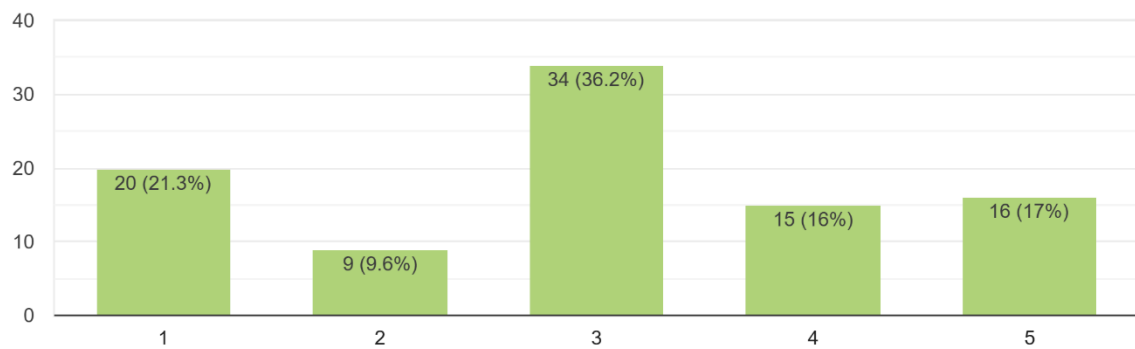
Community Hall

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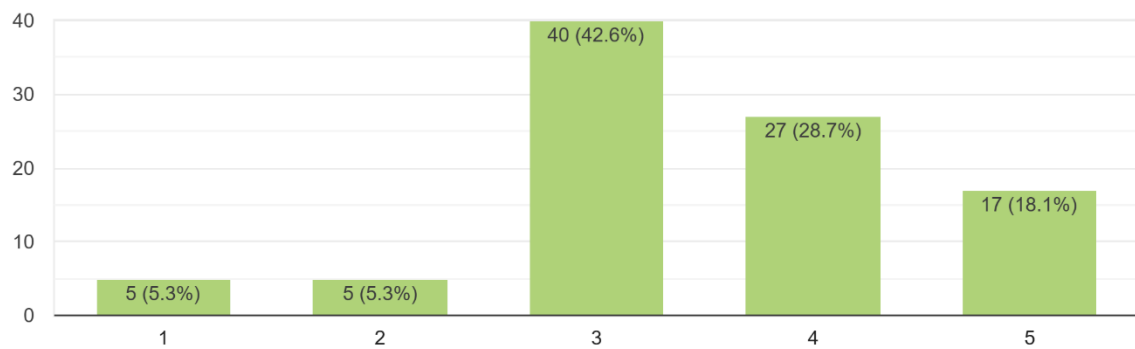
Places of worship

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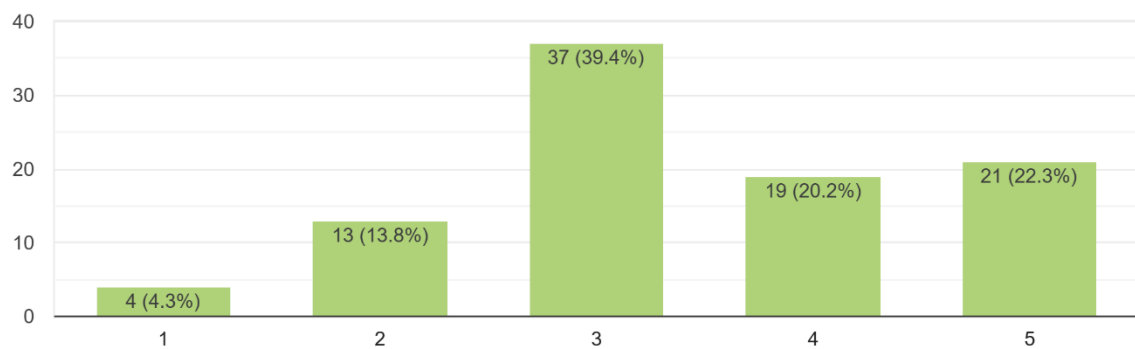
Sport & recreational facilities

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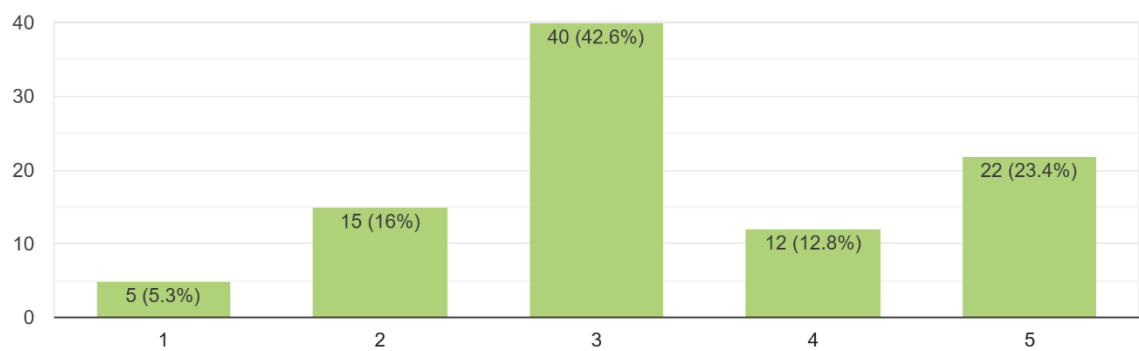
Village activities, groups and clubs

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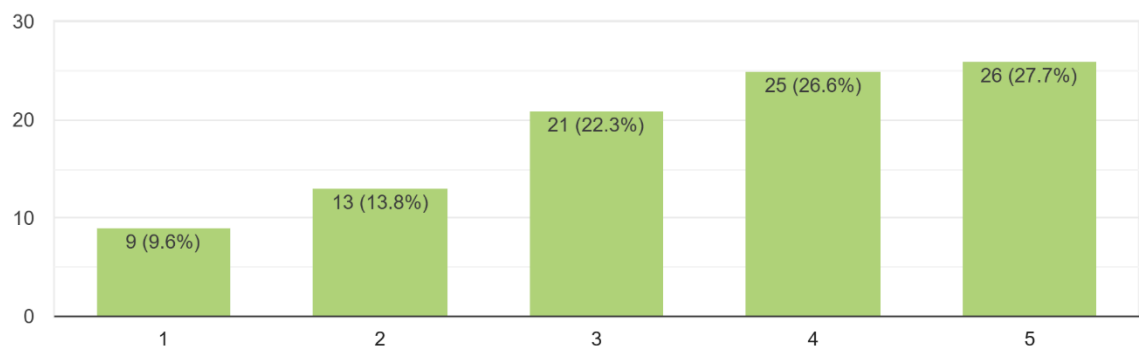
Community Events

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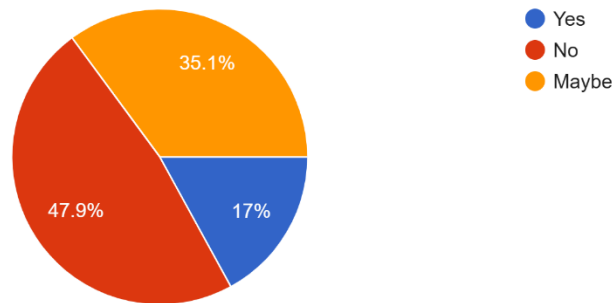
Proximity and accessibility to Snape Maltings.

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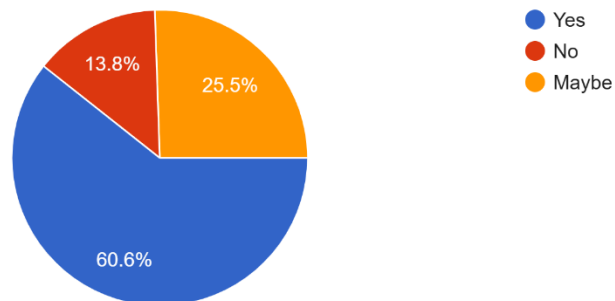
Are you in favour of any new housing development in the parish?

94 responses



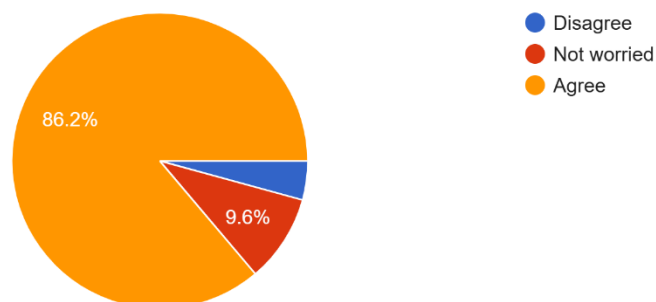
Do you think Tunstall has already contributed enough new homes in recent years?

94 responses



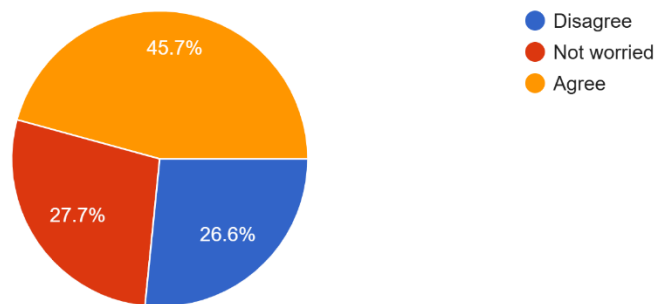
New developments should always incorporate local style and heritage characteristics

94 responses



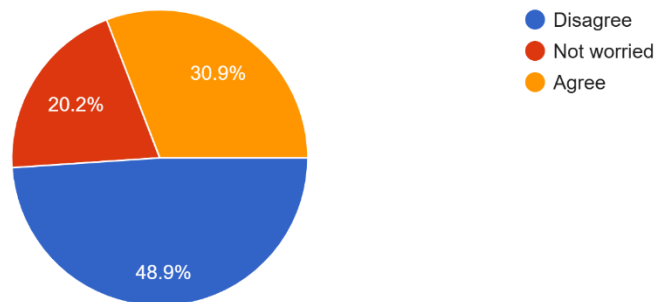
New development should be situated within the existing village boundary

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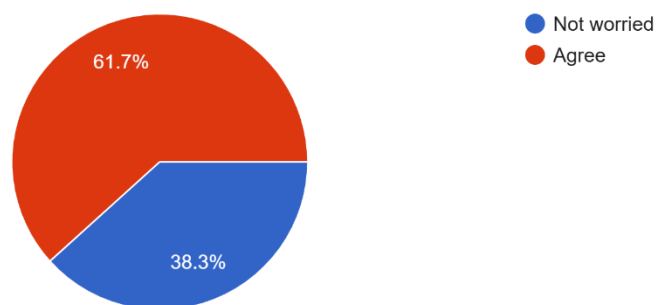
New development could be adjacent to the existing village boundary

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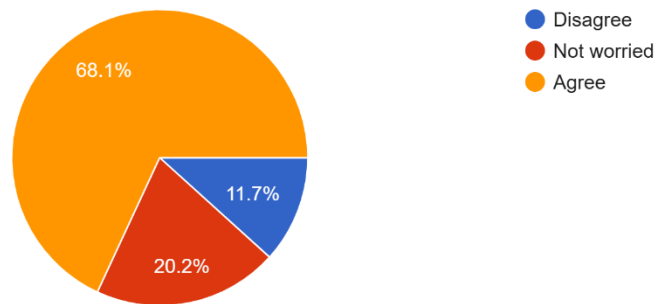
New development should be smaller, garden, 'back-land' and infill sites

94 responses



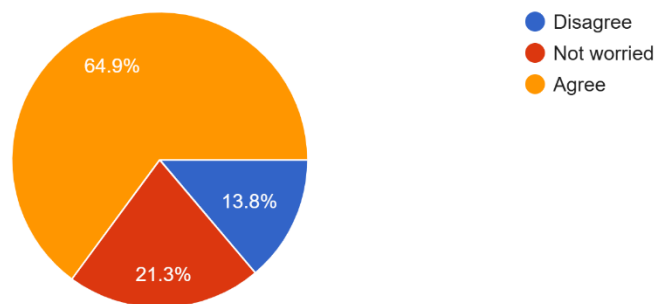
Ribbon developments, that sit outside of the Village boundary (such as linking Tunstall Common with the village) should be avoided

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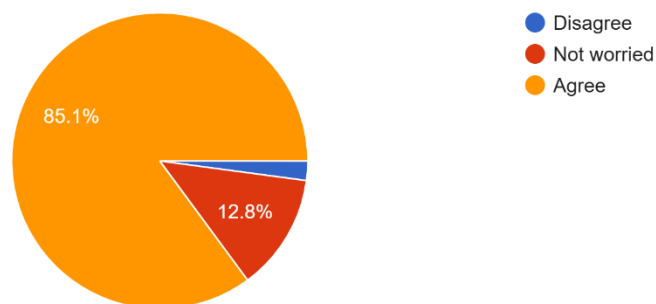
Any New developments should be focussed on 'brownfield' sites.

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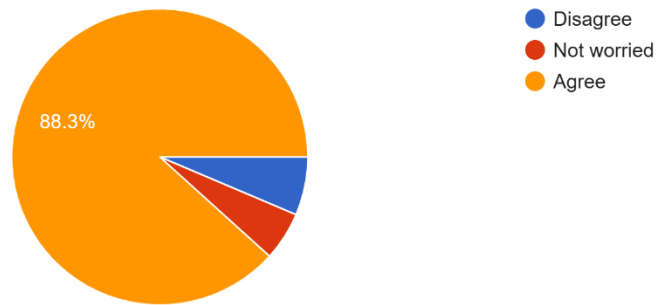
Sustainability and energy efficient solutions should be encouraged

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New developments should improve current infrastructure

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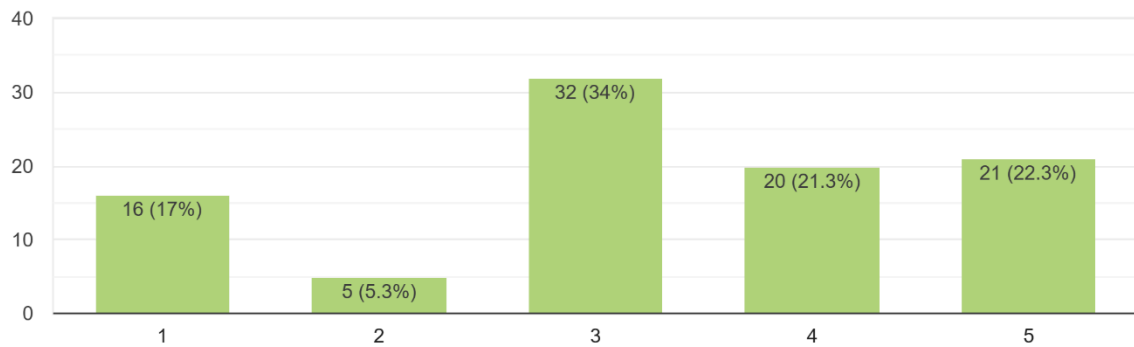


IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE TO BE NEW HOMES BUILT IN THE PARISH, WHAT TYPE IS PREFERRED?

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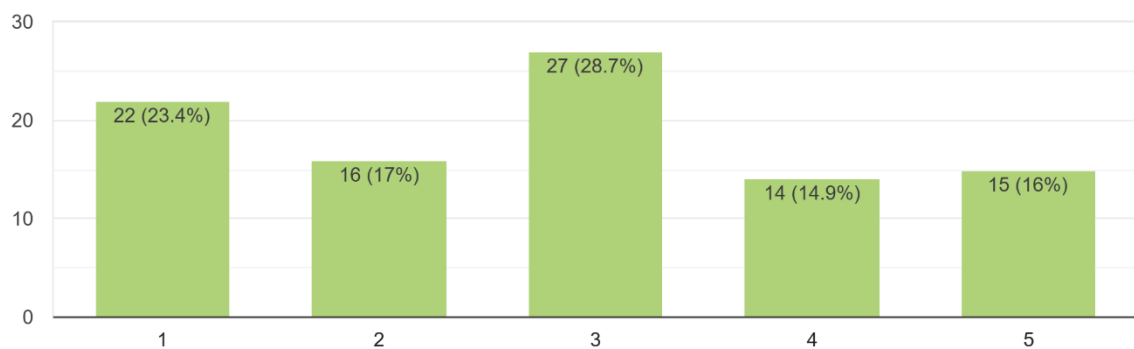
Starter homes

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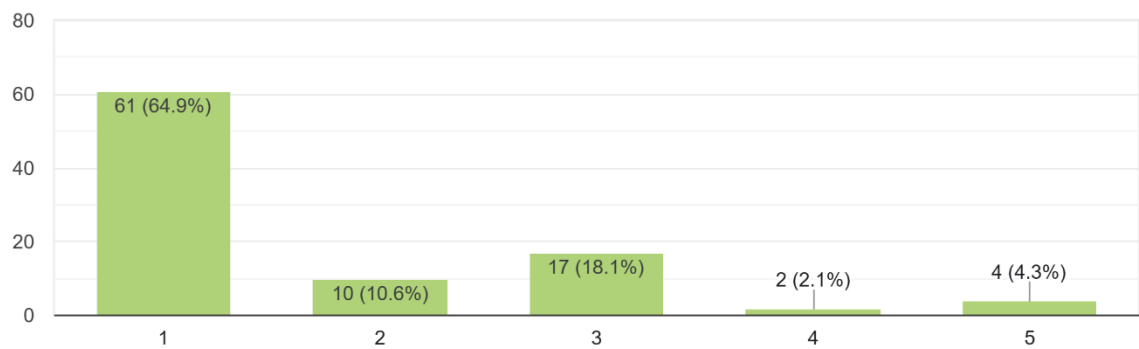
Affordable / shared ownership housing

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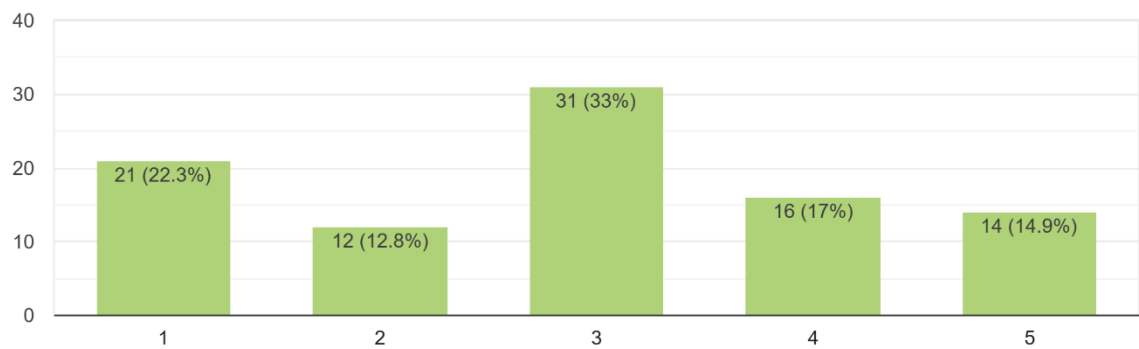
Flats or apartments

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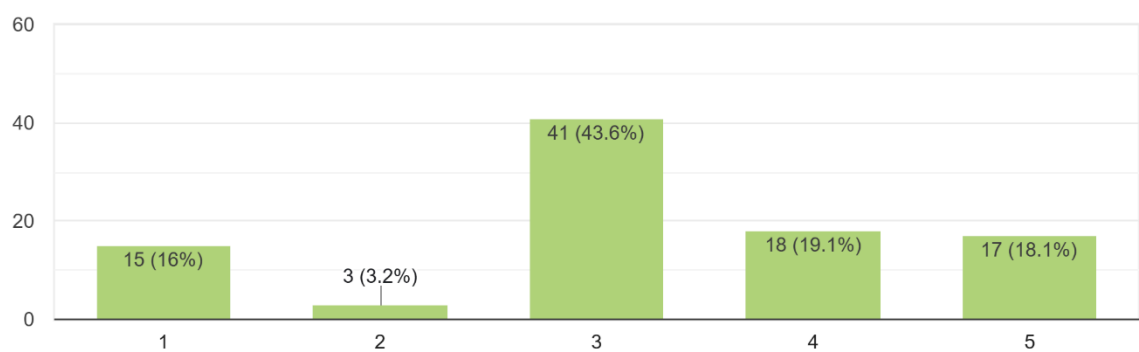
Bungalows

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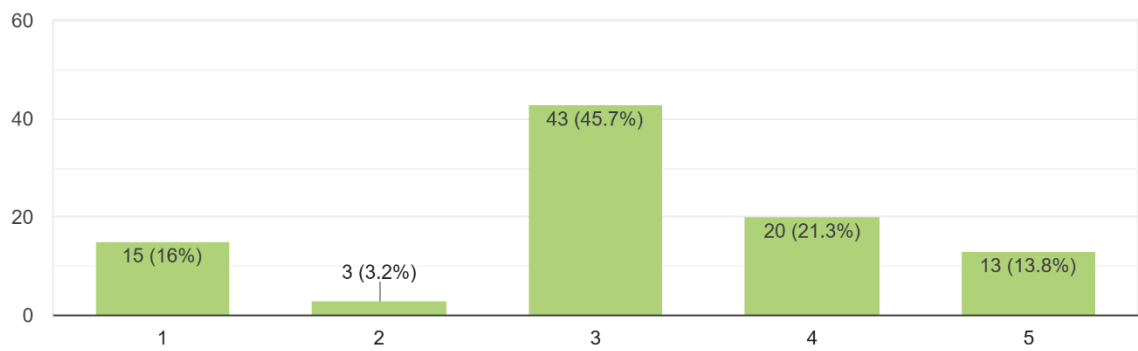
1–2 bedroom homes

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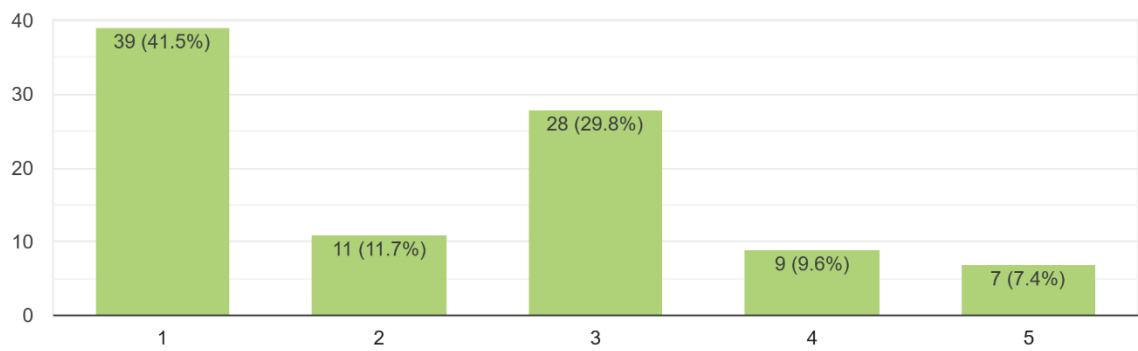
3 bedroom homes

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4+ bedroom homes

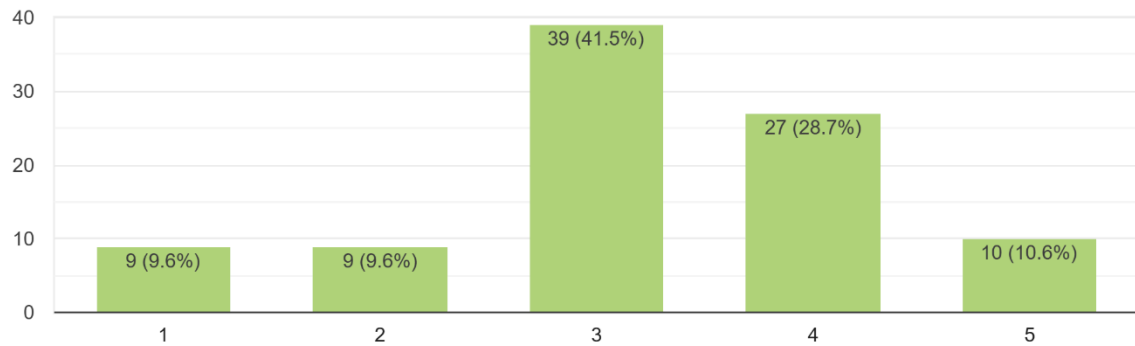
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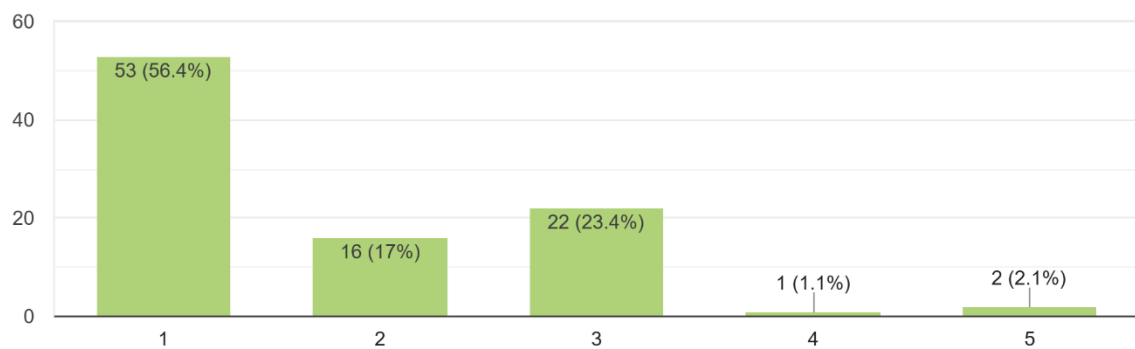
Links to the A12

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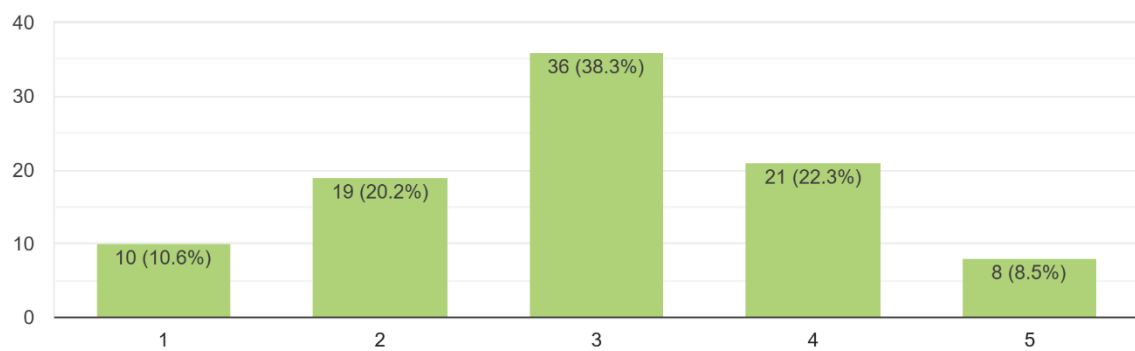
Access to public transport

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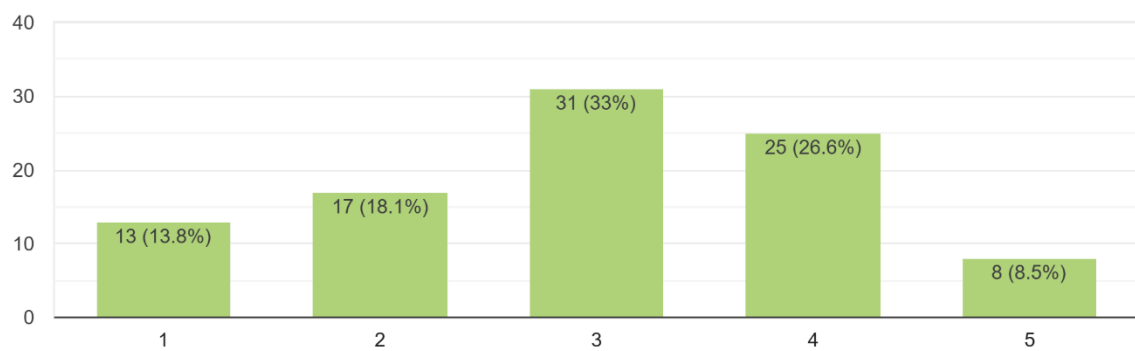
Access to rail services

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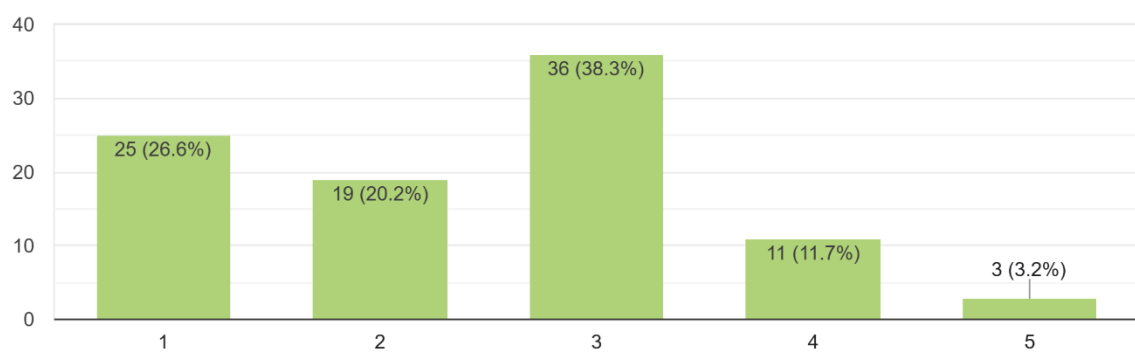
Access to local towns and services

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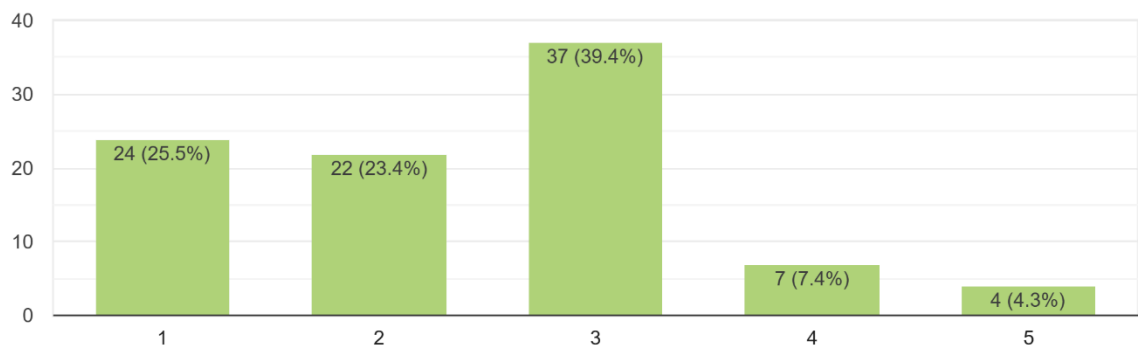
Access to hospitals

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Taxi services

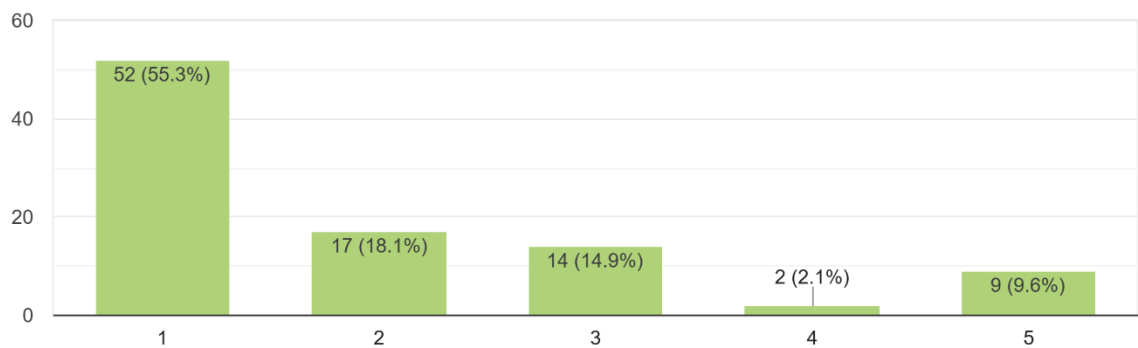
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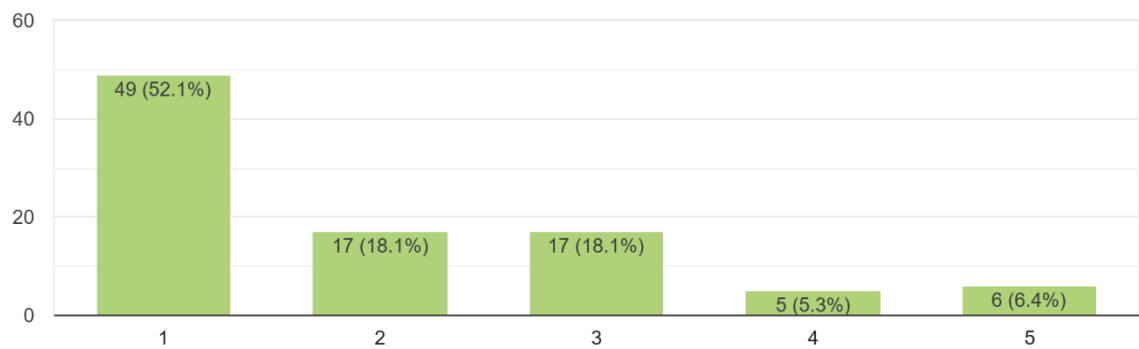
Speeding traffic

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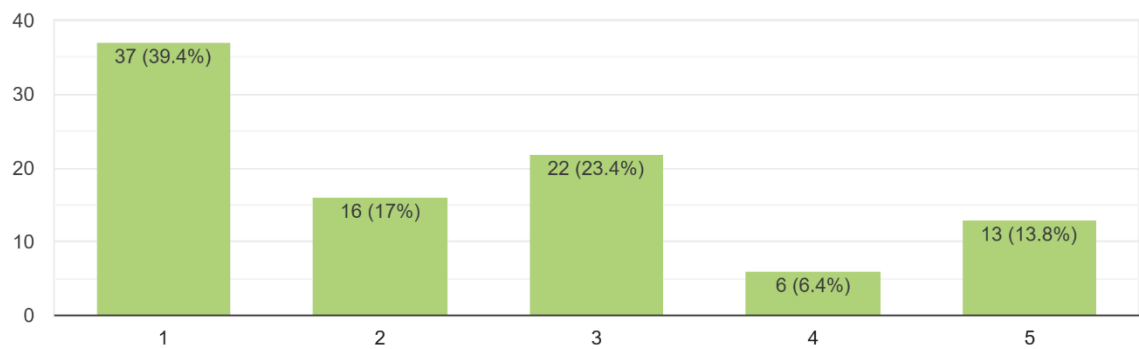
Volume of traffic

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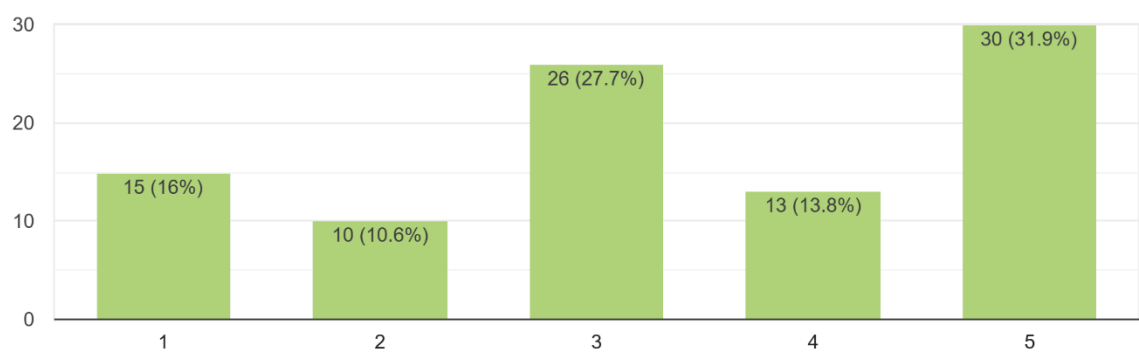
HGV and farm traffic

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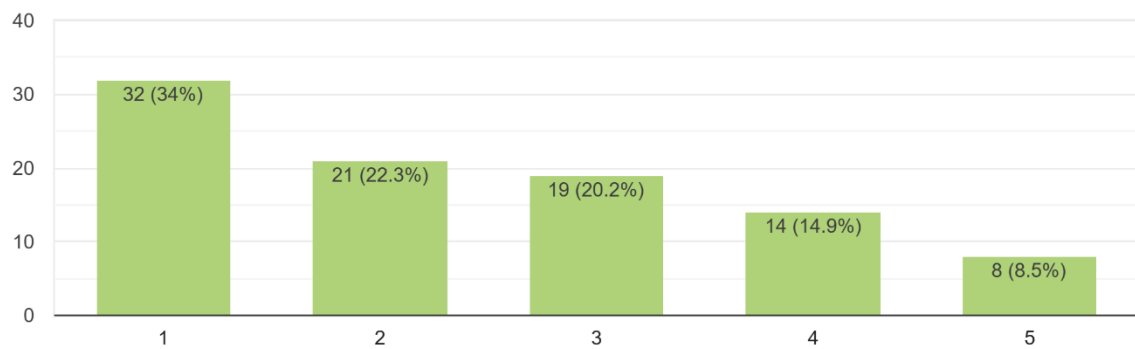
Parking problems

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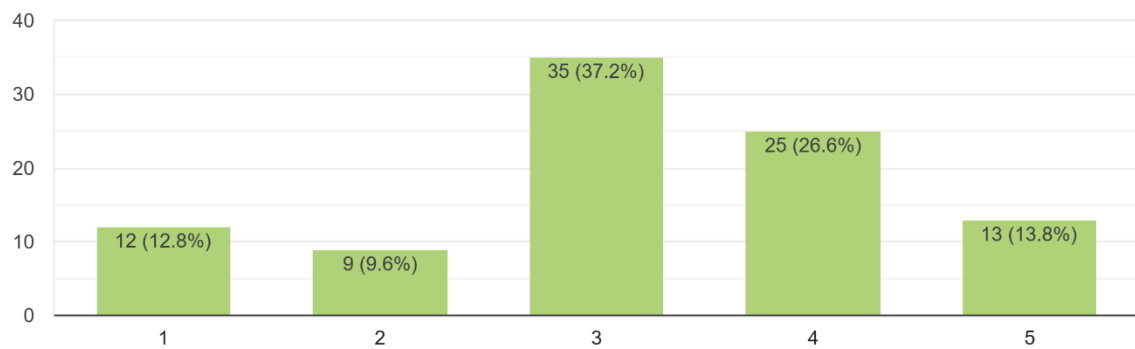
Condition of roads

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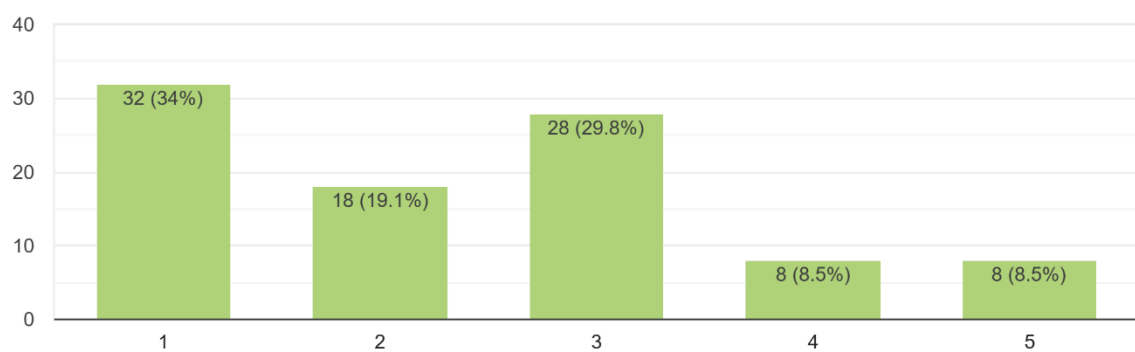
Condition of footpaths and bridleways

94 responses



Responsiveness of Road maintenance/Highways

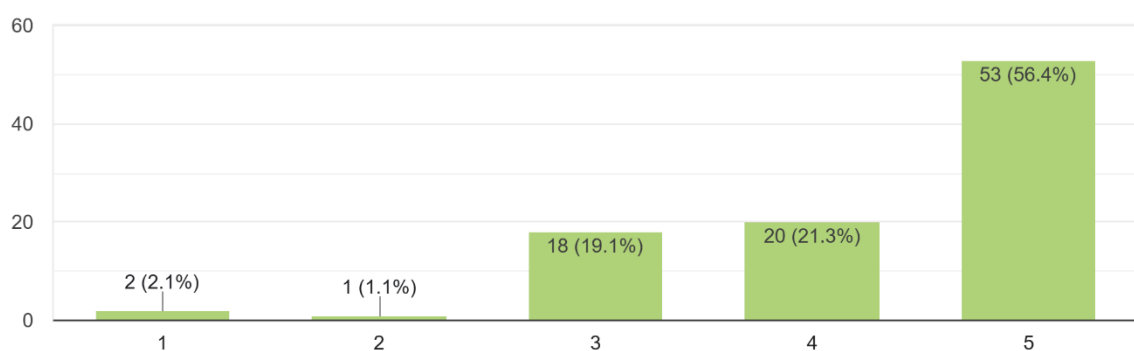
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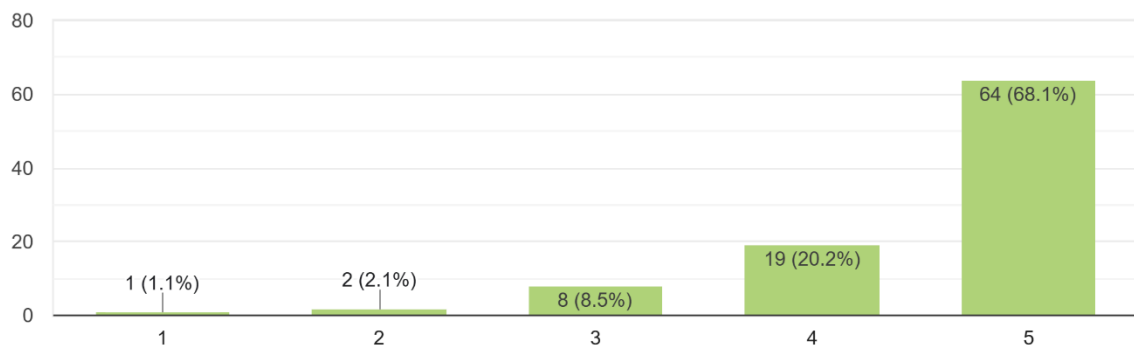
Protection of listed buildings and heritage

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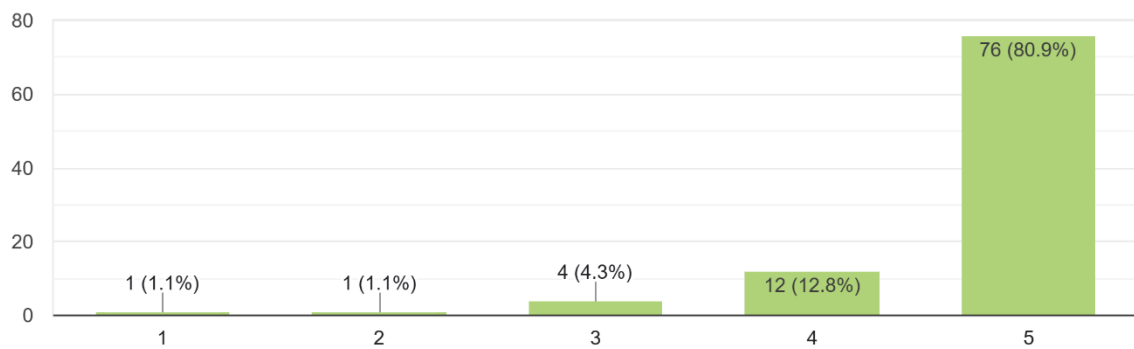
Protection of important views and vistas

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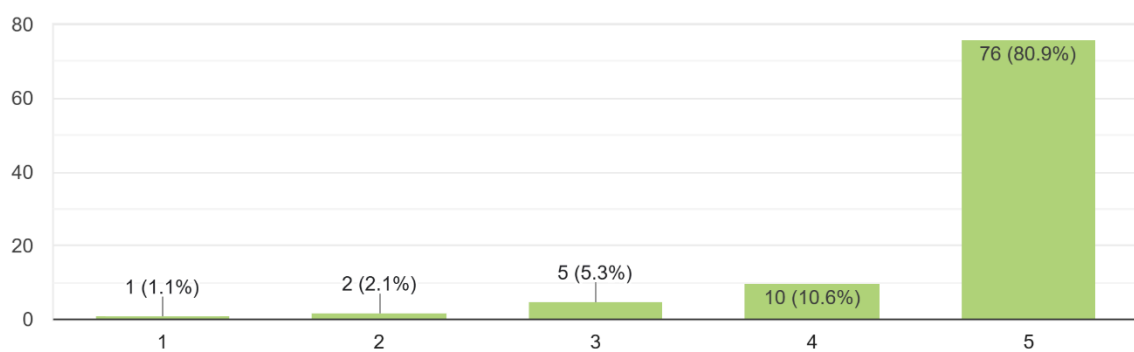
Protection of wildlife and habitats

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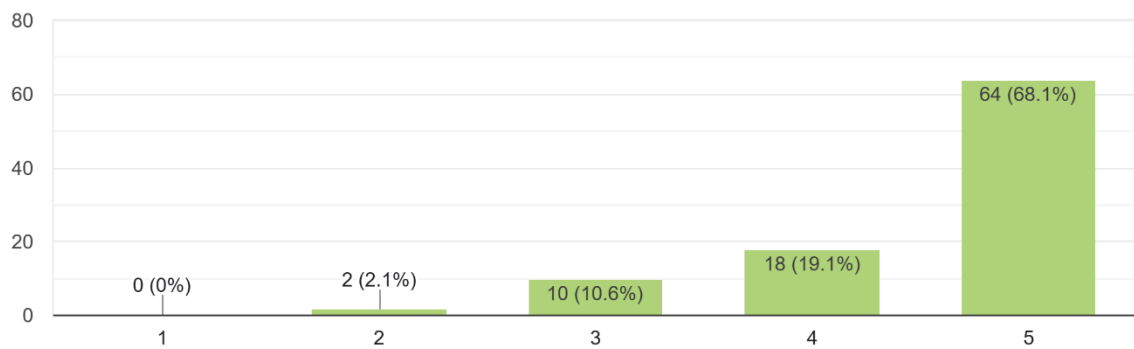
Protection of trees and landmark features

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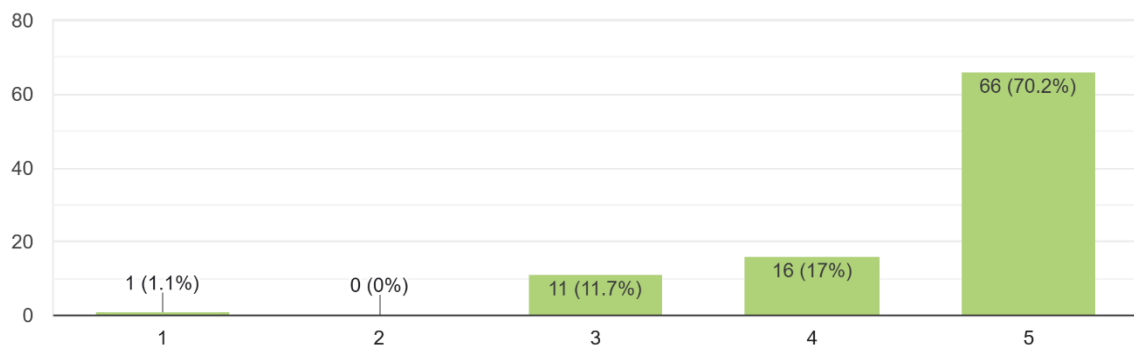
Protection of village character

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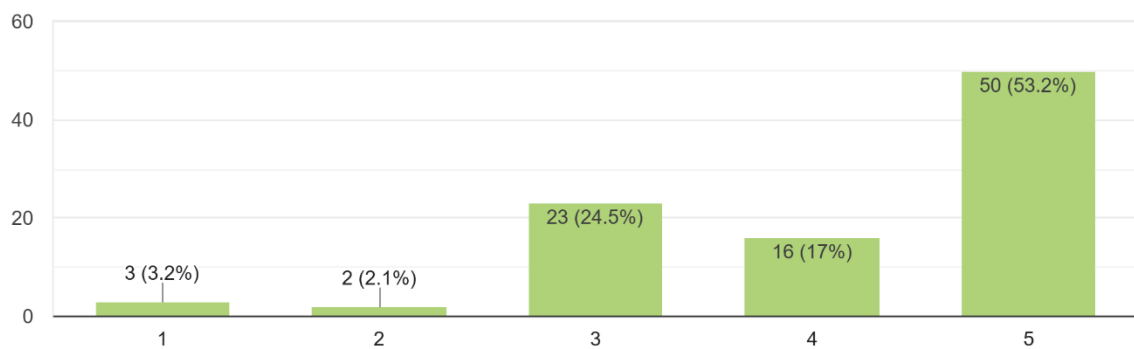
Working with developers to maintain character

94 responses



Ensure Biodiversity Net Gain at 20%

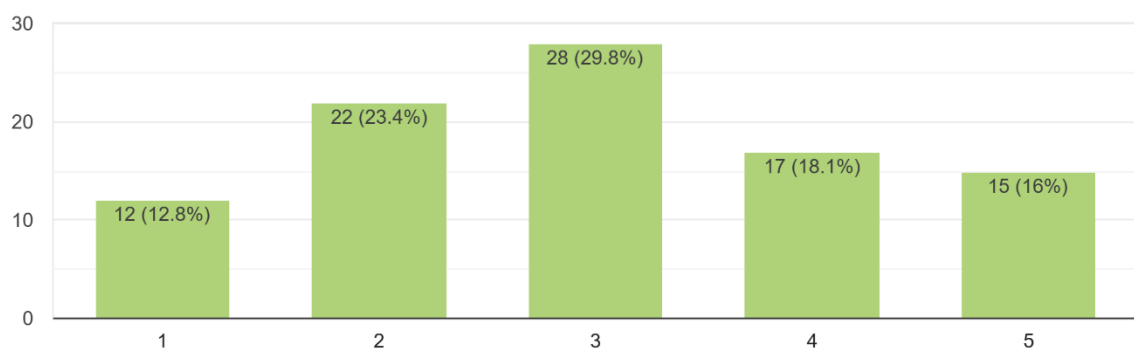
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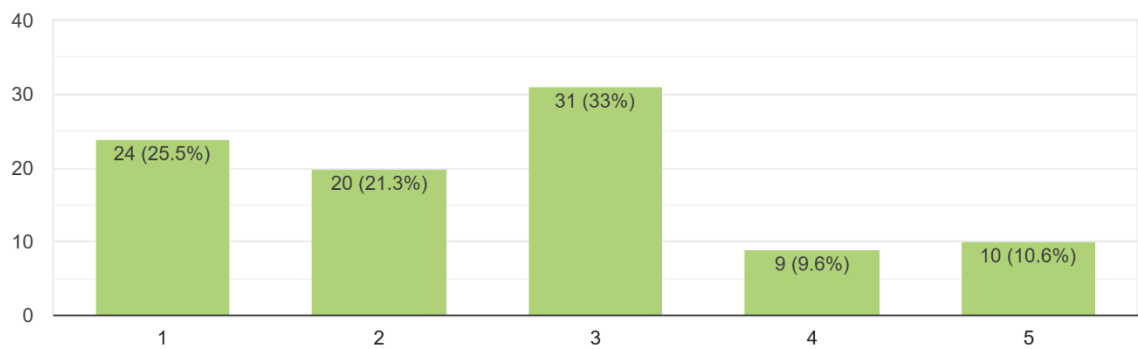
Lack of visible Police presence

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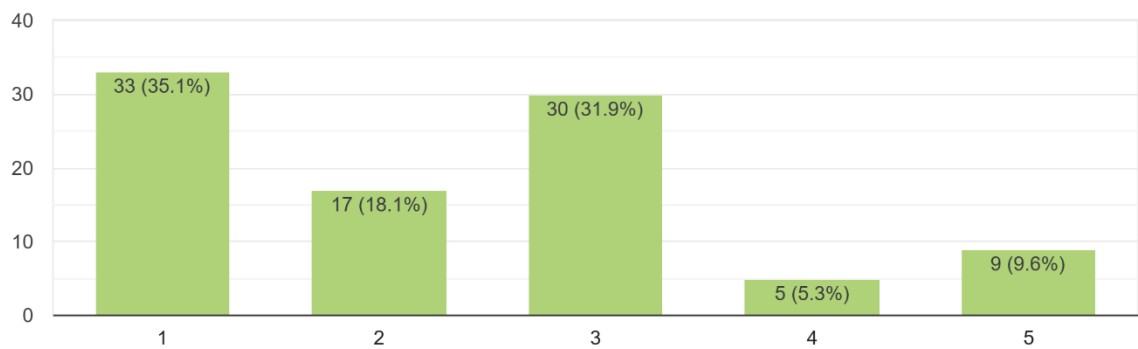
Vandalism

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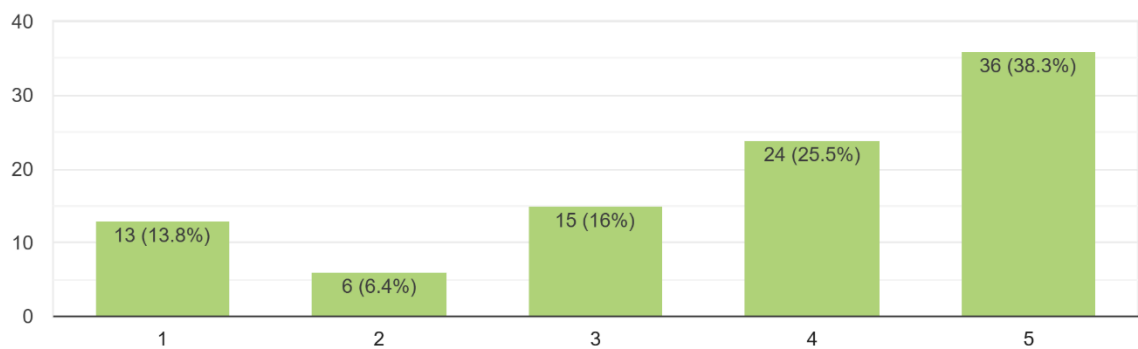
Graffiti

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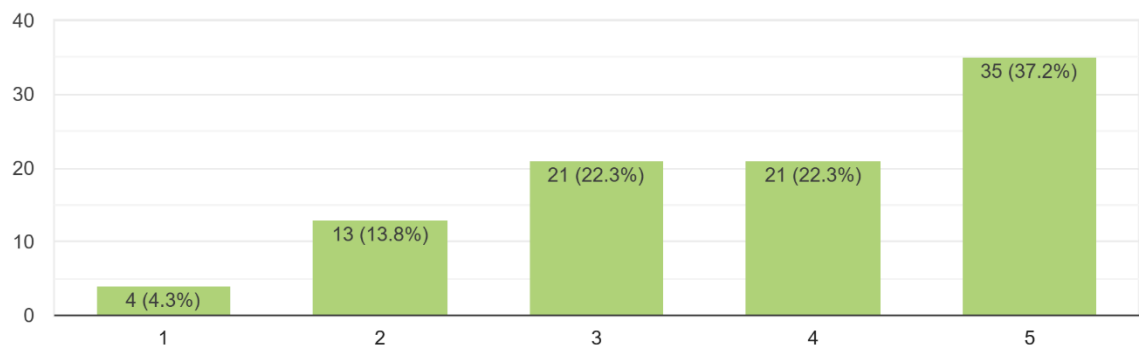
Fly tipping and litter

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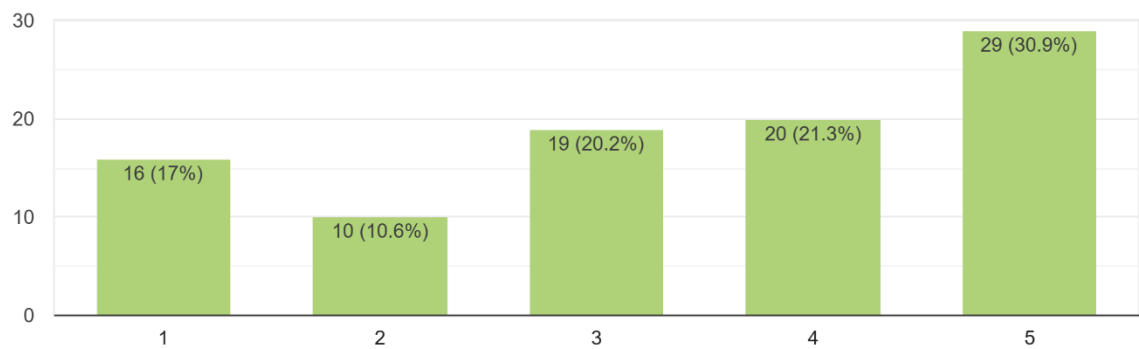
Dog fouling

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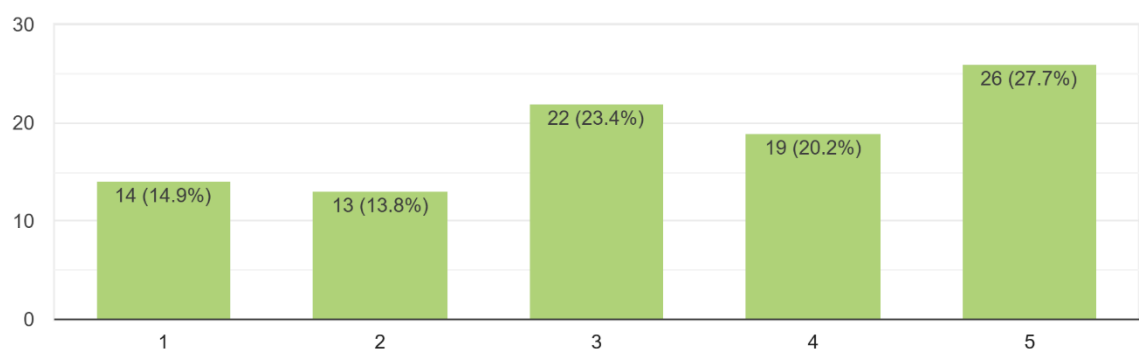
Noise pollution

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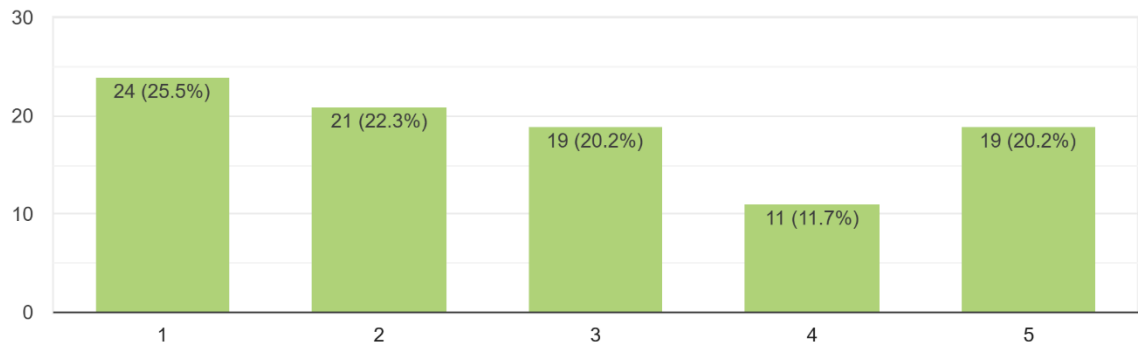
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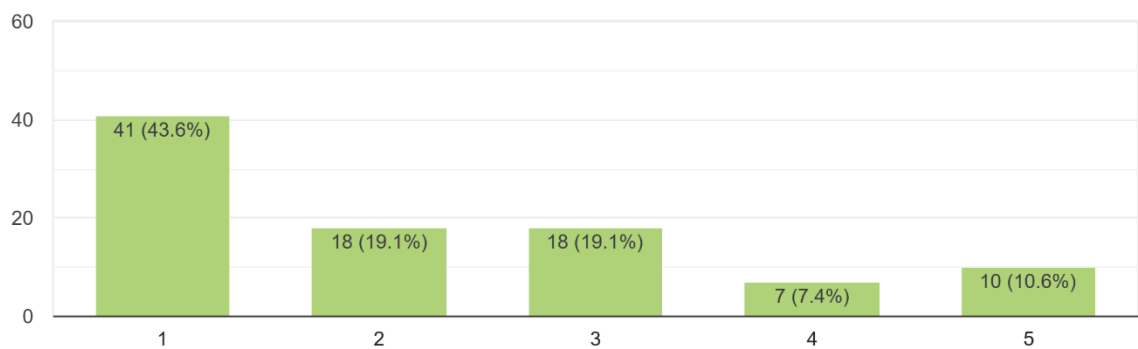
Nuisance parking

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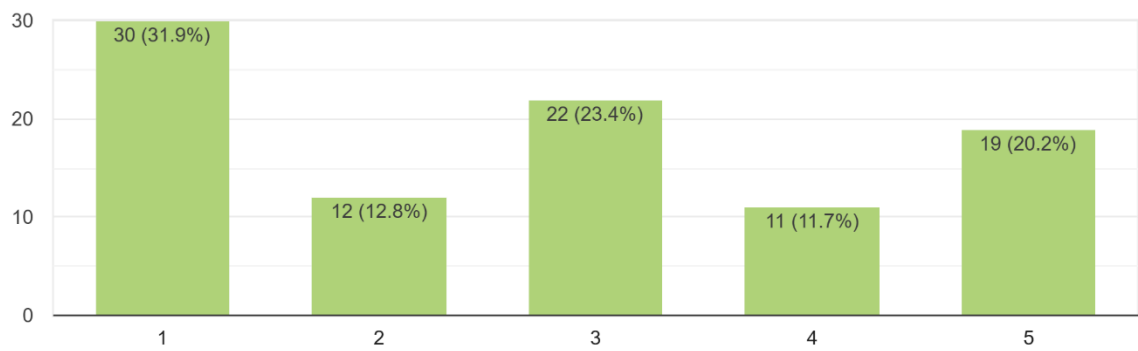
Street lighting

94 responses



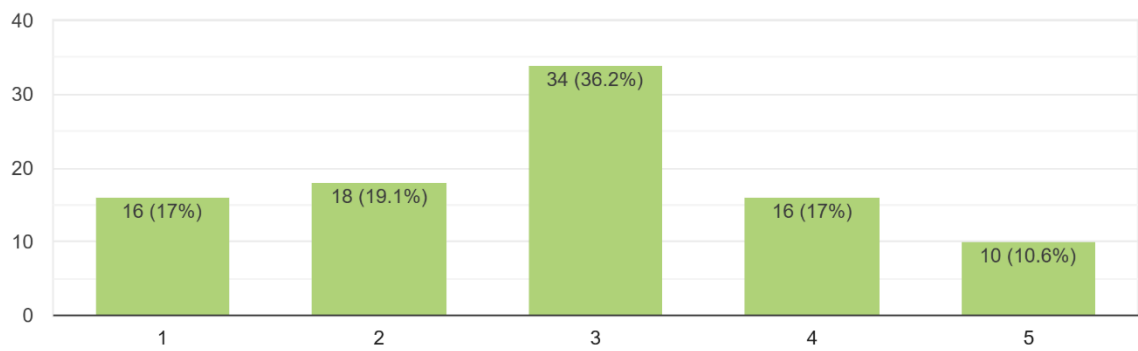
Light pollution

94 responses



Crime

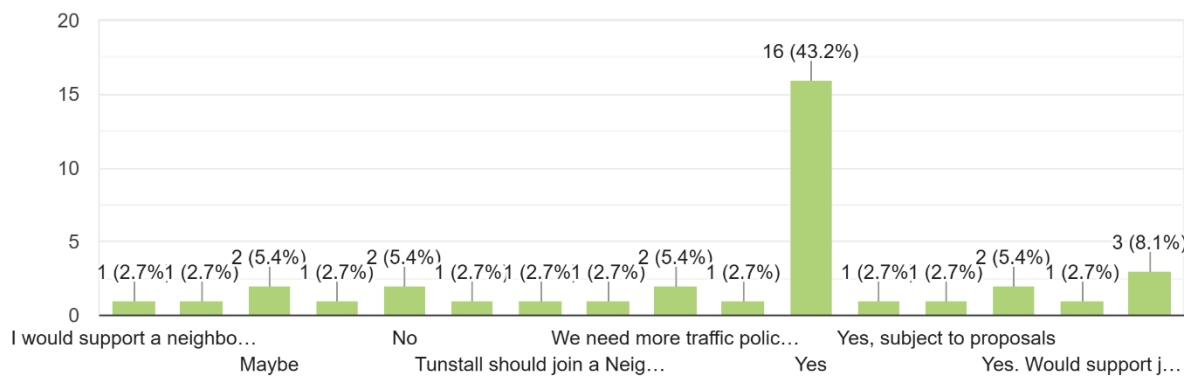
94 responses



16 people said they would join a neighbourhood watch scheme

Other (e.g: would you support joining a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?)

37 responses



Would you be willing to pay a small increase in Council Tax (via the Parish Precept) for improvements in the following areas?

