

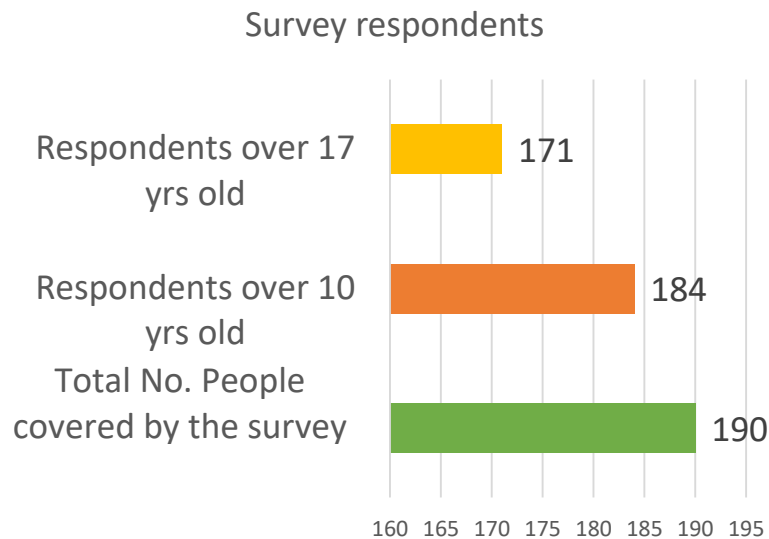
Survey Results

The Hargrave Village Neighbourhood Plan

Village Meeting

December 2019

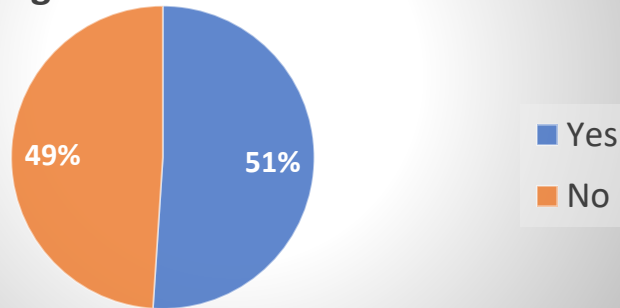
Did the village engage?



- From a total village population of 188 adults, 171 people over 17 years' old responded.
- Including children, 190 residents were covered by the responses.
- This is a high degree of engagement and provides a clear mandate for the plan

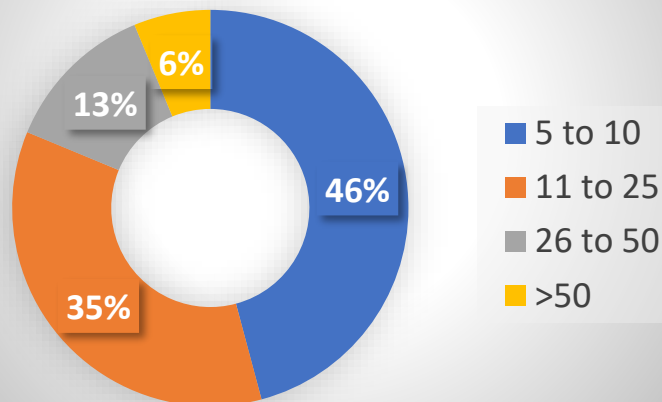
Level of growth

Would you like to see the numbers of houses and the population in Hargrave increase?



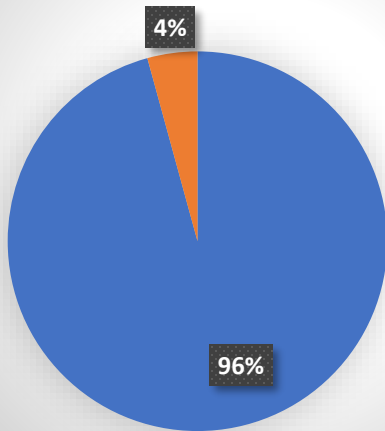
- Majority want either no growth or only low growth over the next 25 years
- Stems from strong desire to retain the essential nature of our small rural community, whilst protecting its countryside and the environs in which to live and work

If so, what scale of expansion would be appropriate over 25 years?
Number of additional houses

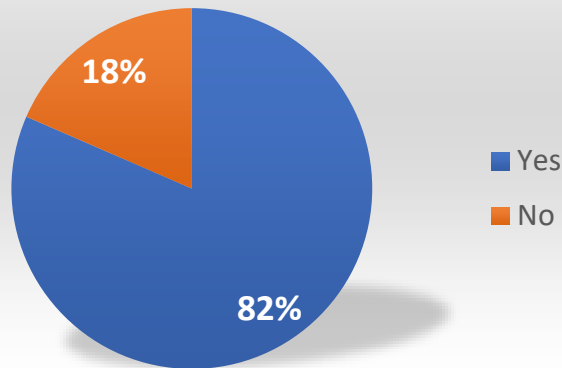


Pattern of development

Do you like the established pattern of development?



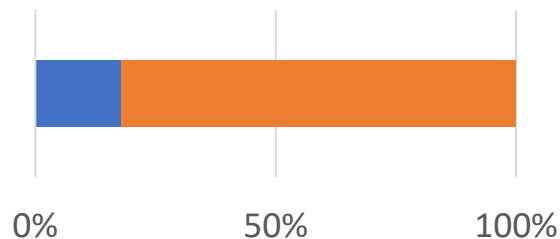
Would you prefer the current pattern of development to be continued?



Is it acceptable to have more backfill?

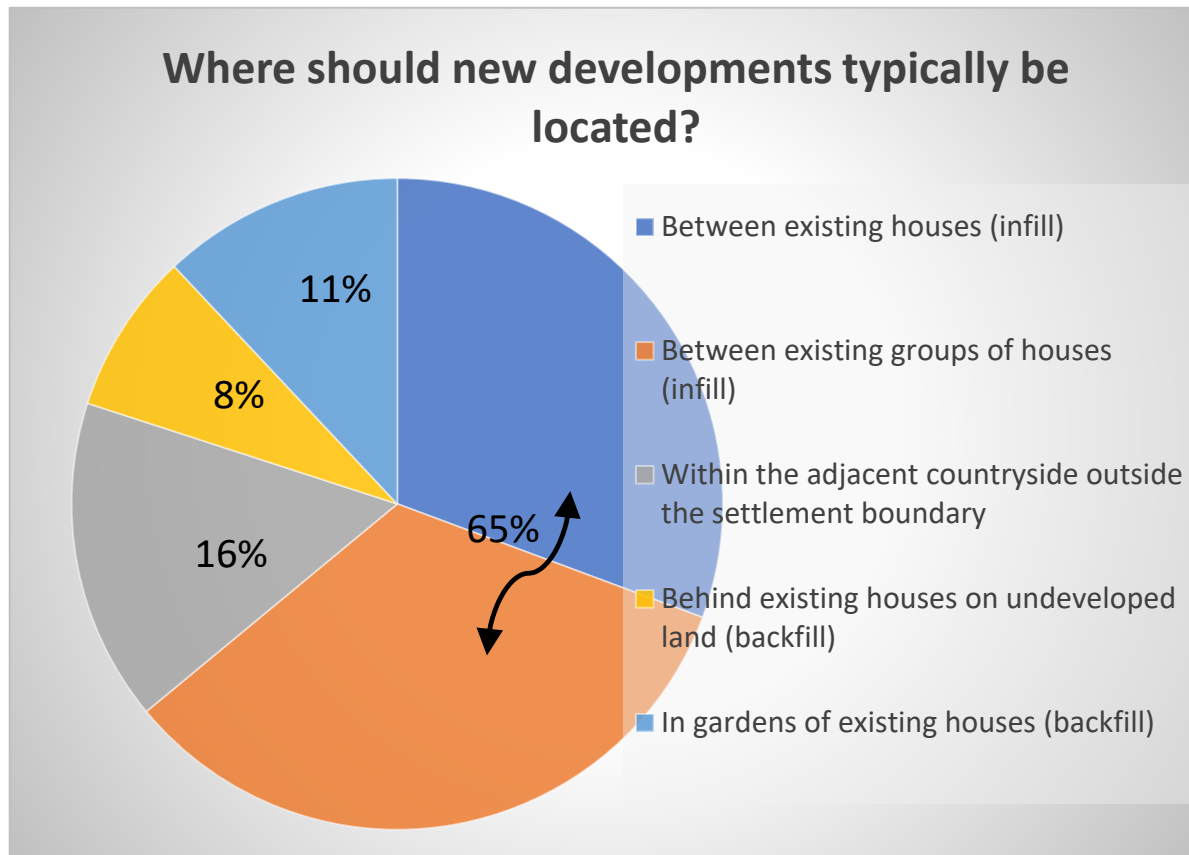
Do you think it would be better to have more backfill?

■ Yes ■ No



- Unanimous affection for the historic pattern of expansion by “ribbon infill” along a small number of streets in the village
- A strong desire amongst a large majority of villagers for that to remain the future pattern of development, too.

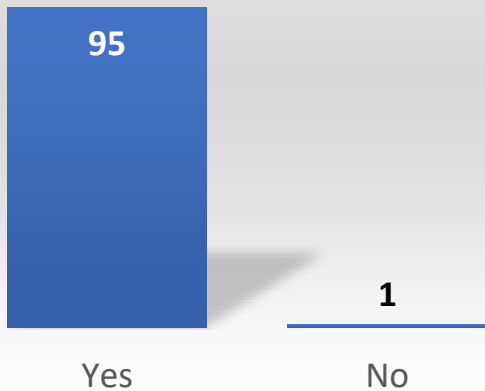
Ribbon infill for low growth in new homes



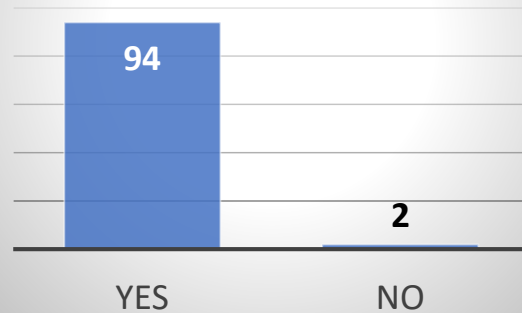
- Strong affirmation from specific response to the question asking where any future new housing should be located....

Green Space and the Environment

Is it important to you that Hargrave remains closely connected with the agricultural landscape and sector?

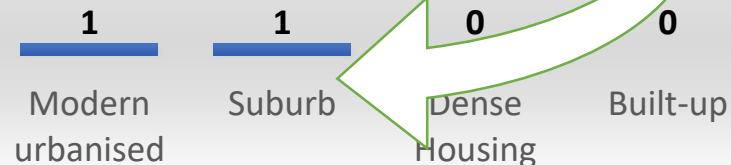


Is it good that Hargrave is perceived as a small, green and spacious village?



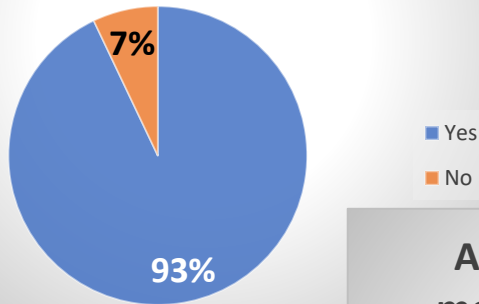
- It is extremely important to residents of Hargrave that the village remains a rural community, closely connected with agriculture

If NO, circle the description you would prefer Hargrave to be:

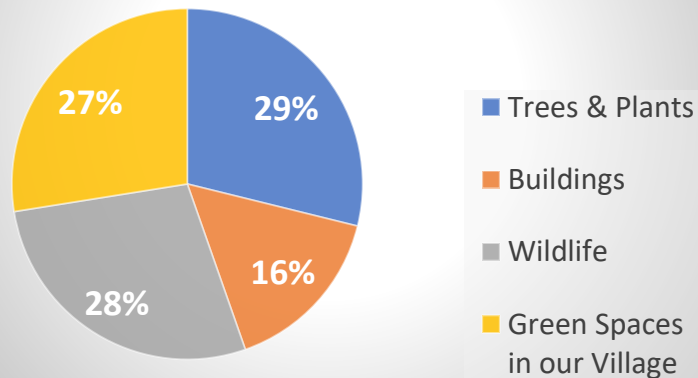


Green Space and Environment (2)

Do you think it is important to retain the existing green space around the village?



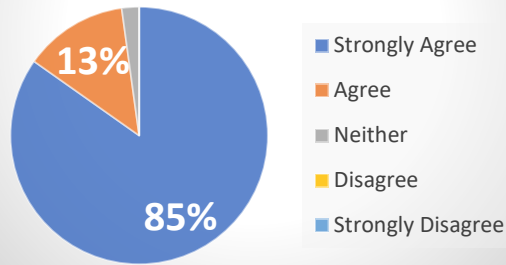
Aspects of the environment that most appeal to you and which you wish to conserve:



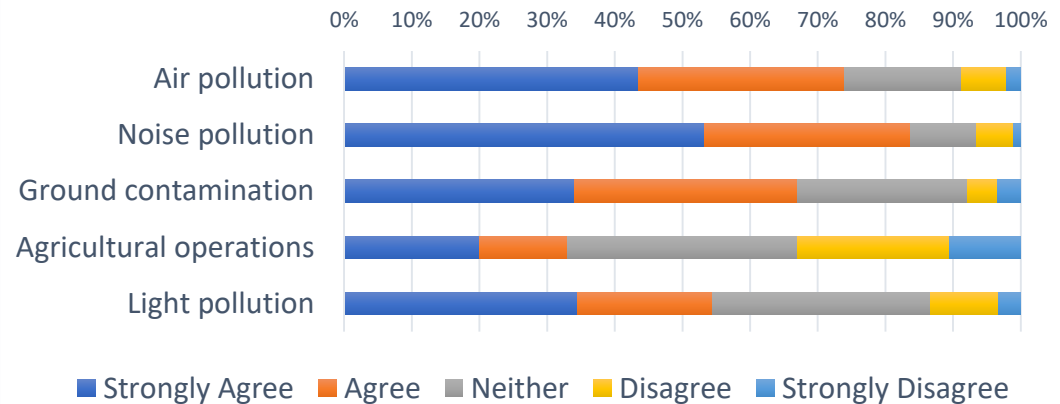
- The green environment, the connection with local agriculture and general rurality of the village are deeply important to residents and must be protected and preserved in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Pollution: Impact of Development

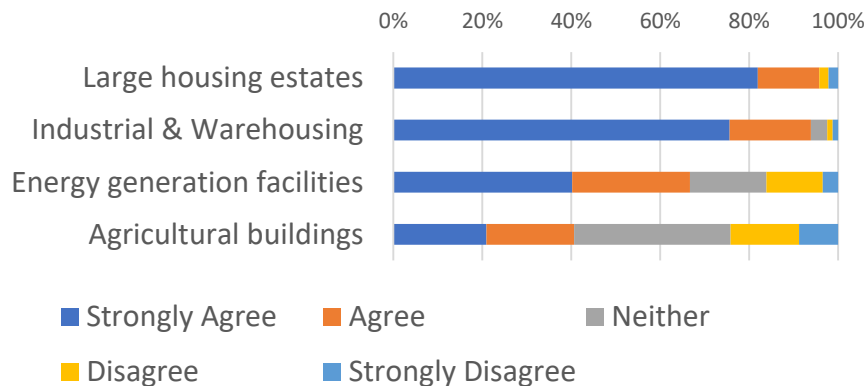
The lack of pollution in Hargrave is something I value highly:



I am concerned about Hargrave being contaminated by:

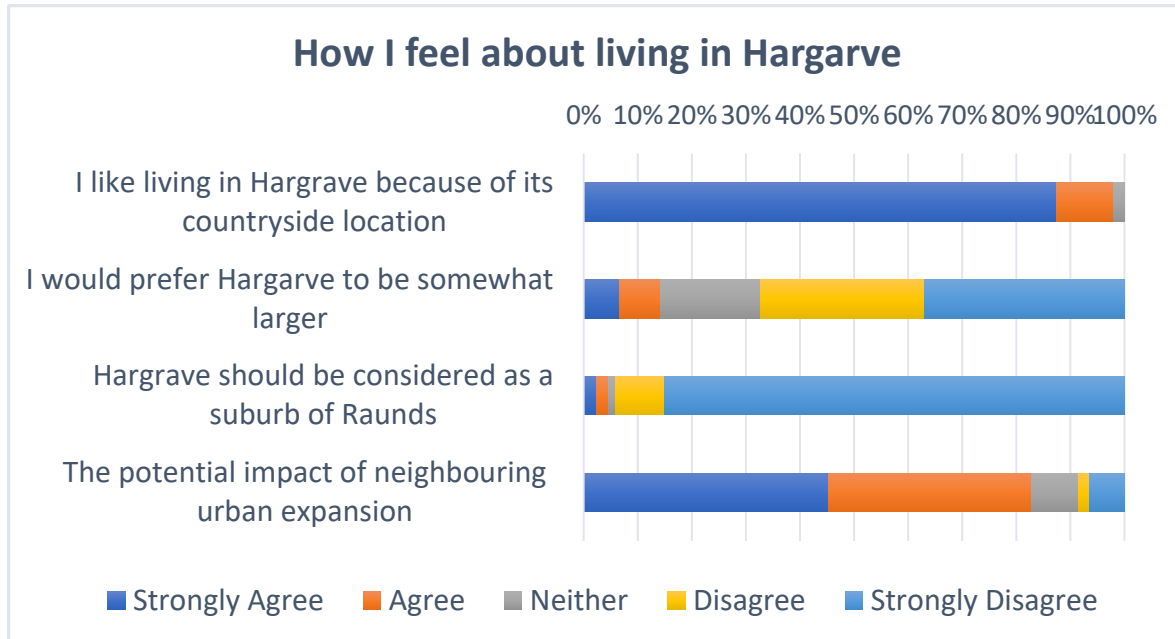


I am concerned about the potential impact of:

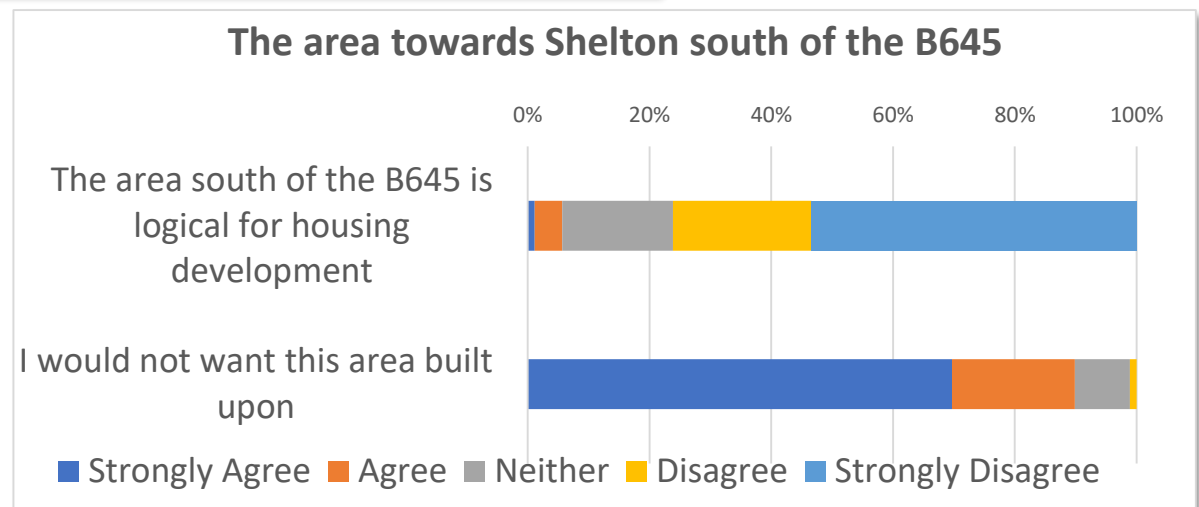


- 98% of village residents value the lack of pollution highly.
- Most concern is exhibited about
 - housing estates (97%)
 - Industrial development (95%)
 - noise (83%);
 - air pollution (73%); and
 - ground contamination (67%)

How we feel about Hargrave...

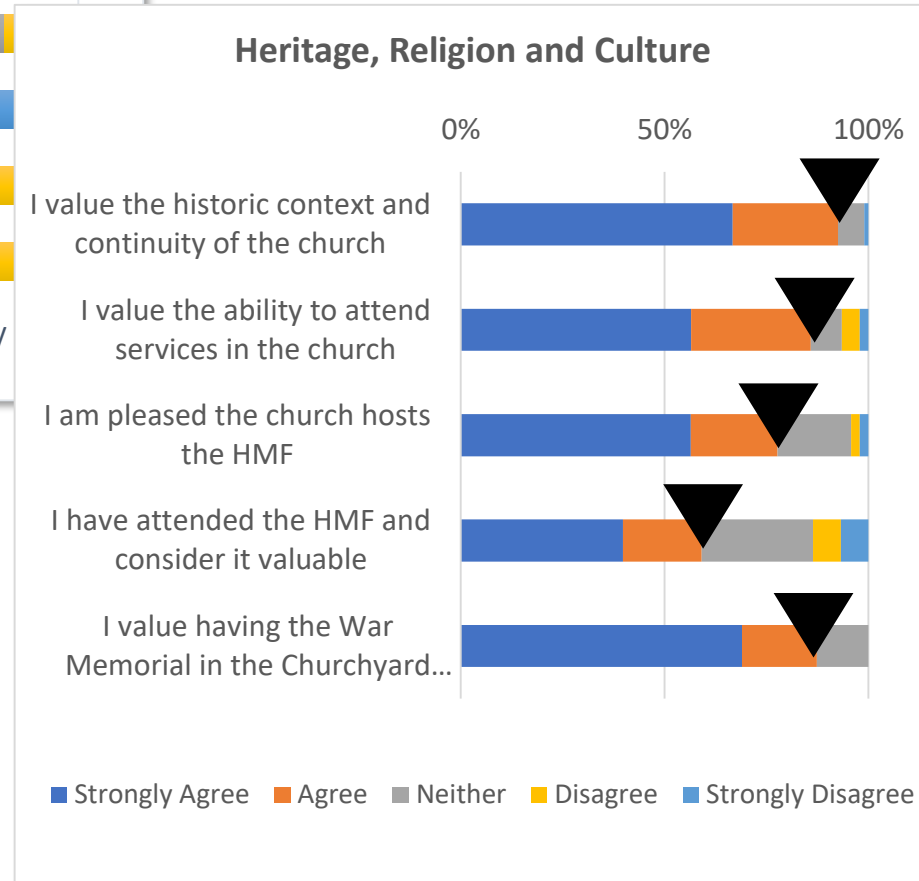
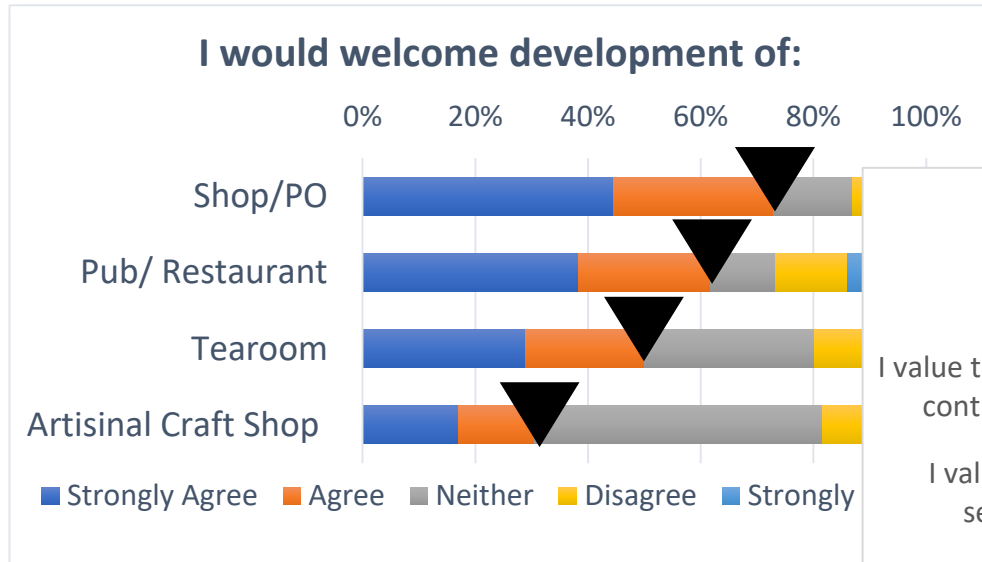


- We like the countryside
- Don't want Hargrave to be somewhat larger
- Feel threatened by urban growth
- Don't want the site across the B645 developed for housing

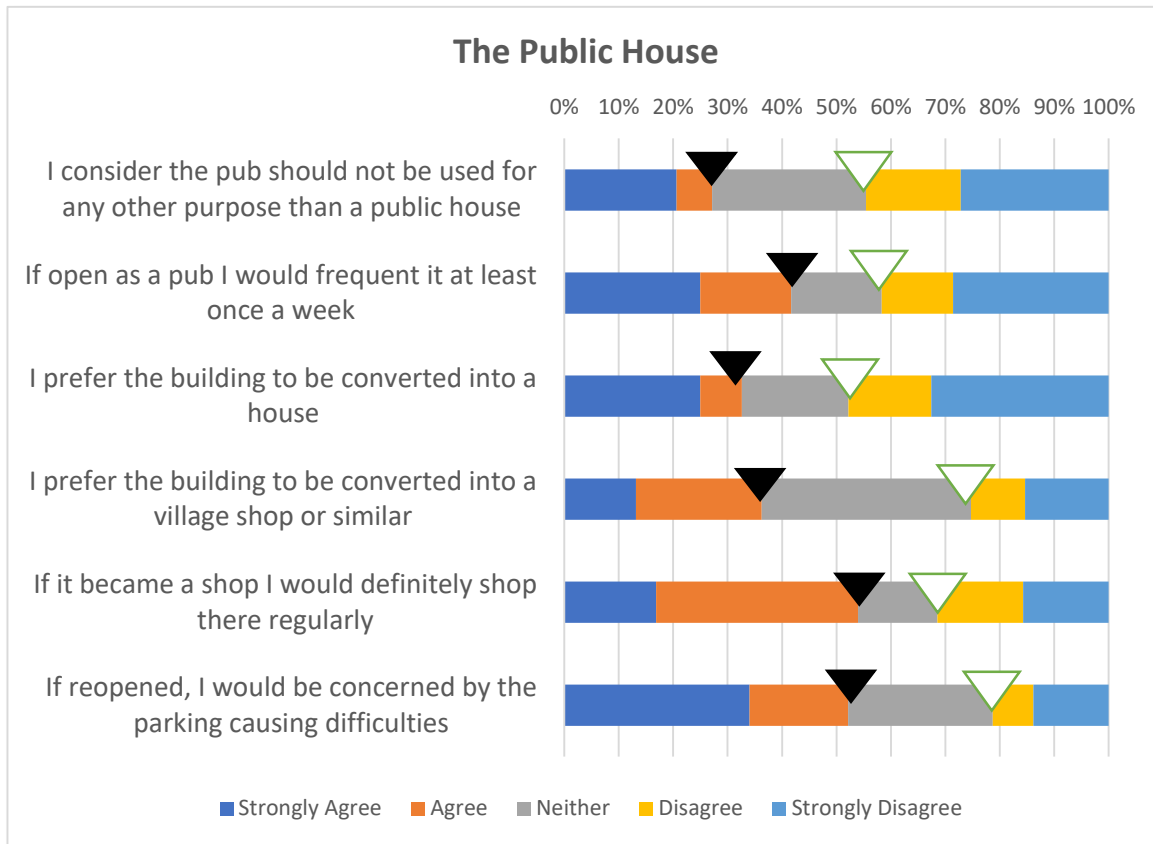


Amenities

- A shop is the most wanted amenity
- The church, services, war memorial and HMF are highly valued

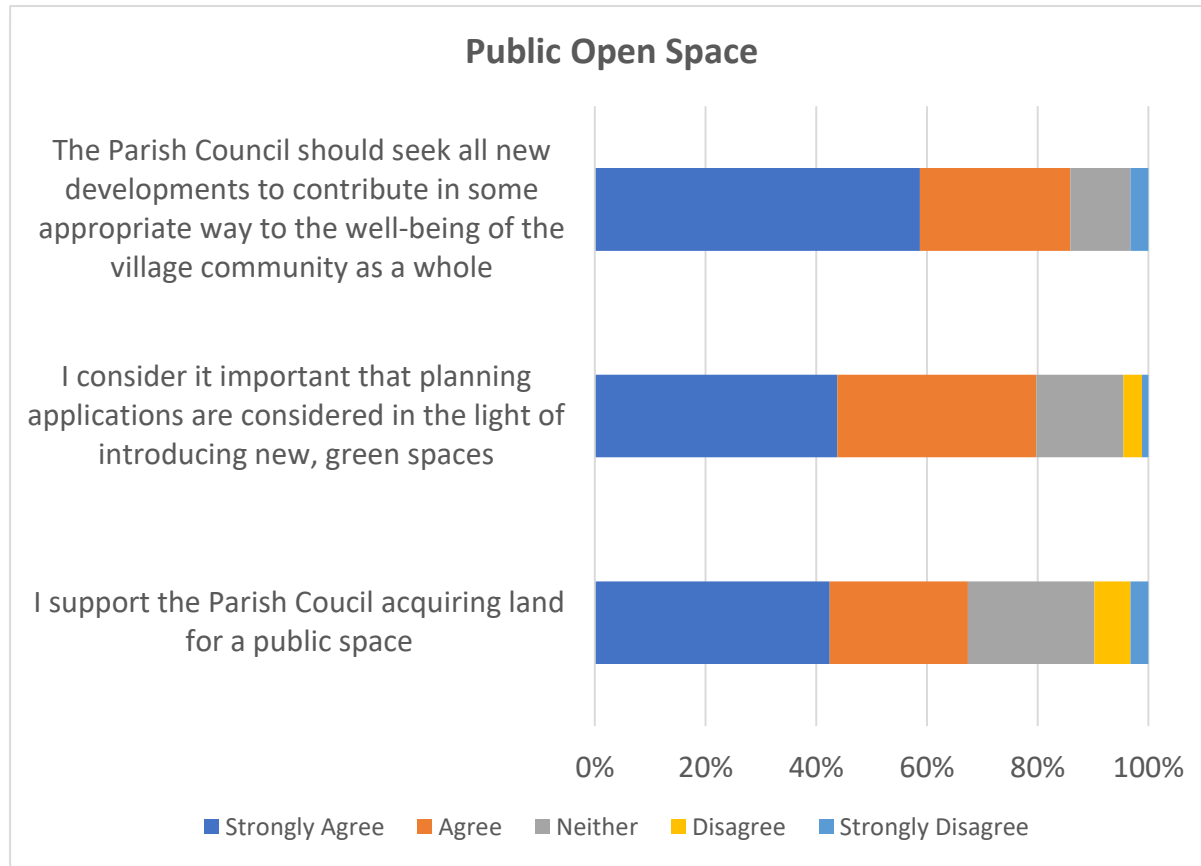


The Public House



- Opinions are divided
- Those who consider it must remain a pub (26%) are in the minority with those who accept alternative usage (45%).
- 40% would regularly frequent a pub, 40% consider they would not.
- There is no strong majority backing.
- 33% prefer a house, whilst 47% would not.
- However, 37% would prefer a village shop or similar, a proposition only disliked by 25%.
- If it were a shop, more than 50% say they would shop there regularly: more than would frequent the premises were it a pub.
- Whether a pub or a shop, more than half the respondents would be concerned about parking of patrons causing difficulties for the village: a problem that would not exist were it a house!

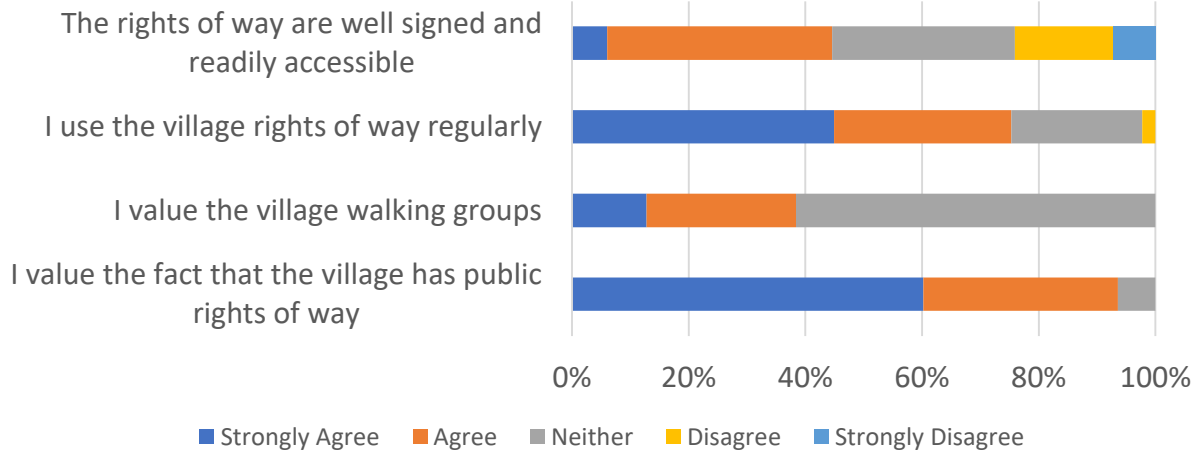
Public open space



- A strong majority of 80% of respondents consider planning applications should be considered as a means of introducing new green space within the village
- The Parish Council should seek that all new developments make contribution to the well-being of the village community

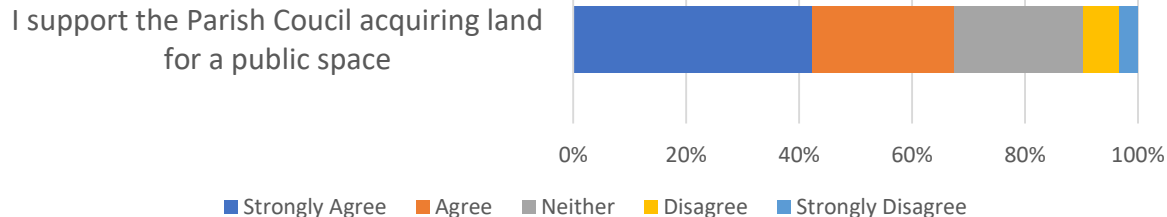
Rights of Way and Public Space

Public Rights of Way:

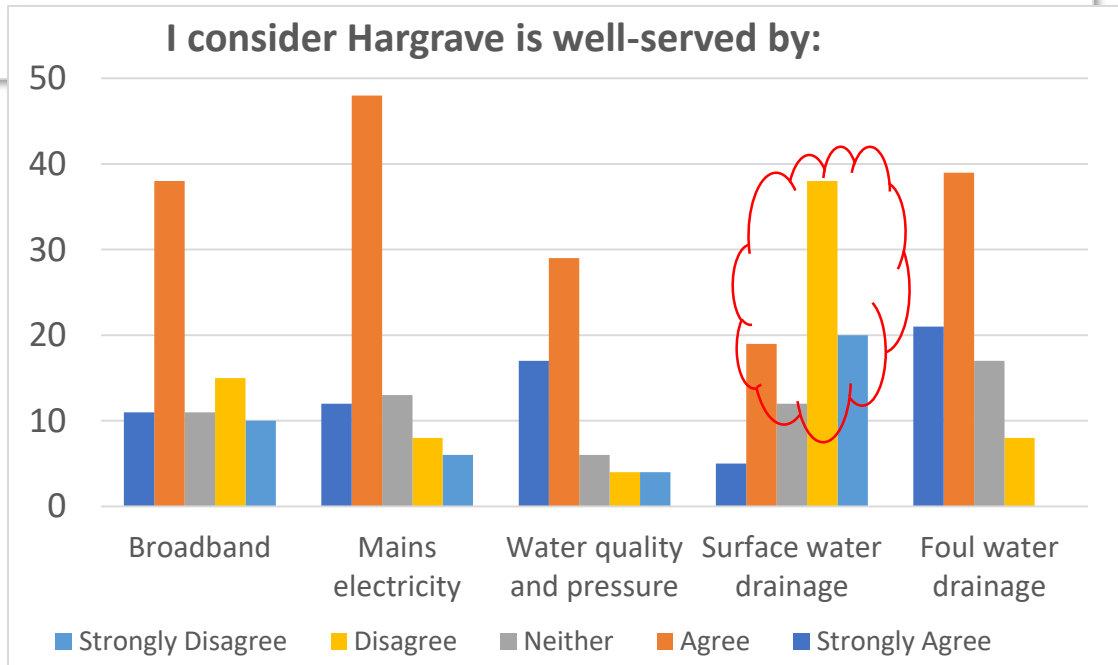
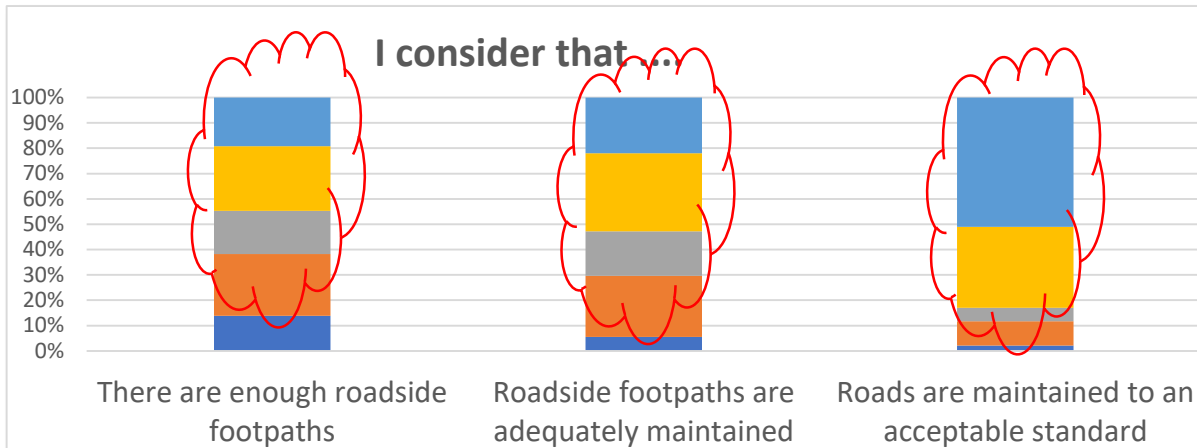


- The rights of way (country footpaths) are valued and well used. The Plan should protect and enhance them.
- There is strong support for the Parish Council acquiring land to create a public space

Acquisition of land for public space

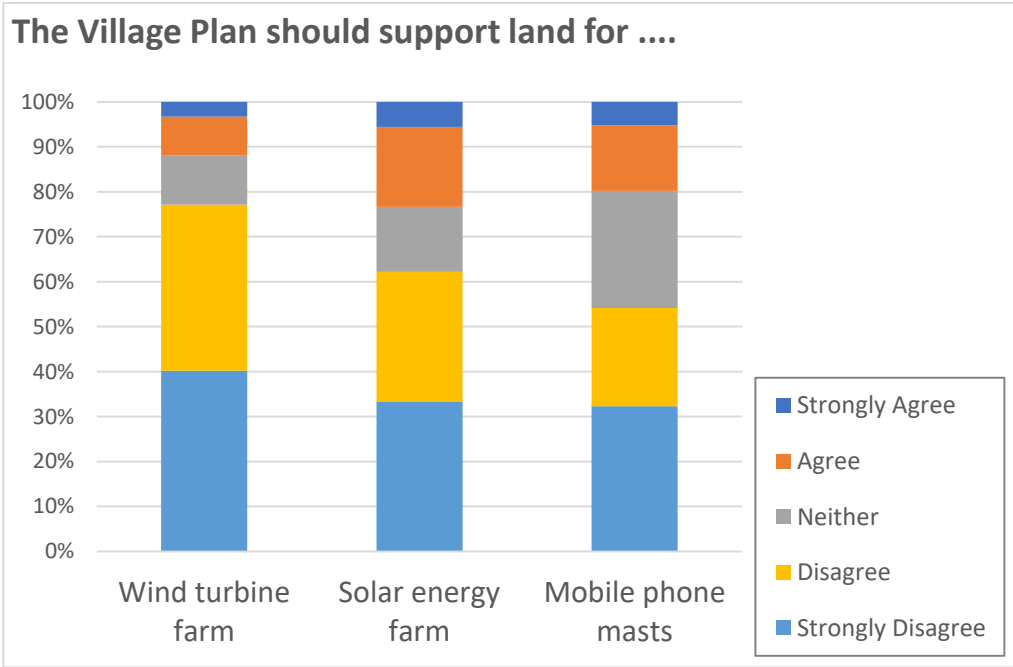


Utility performance



- Dissatisfaction at state and extent of the roads and footpaths
- Surface water drainage is considered a problem
- Power, water, foul sewerage and broadband needs are well-served.

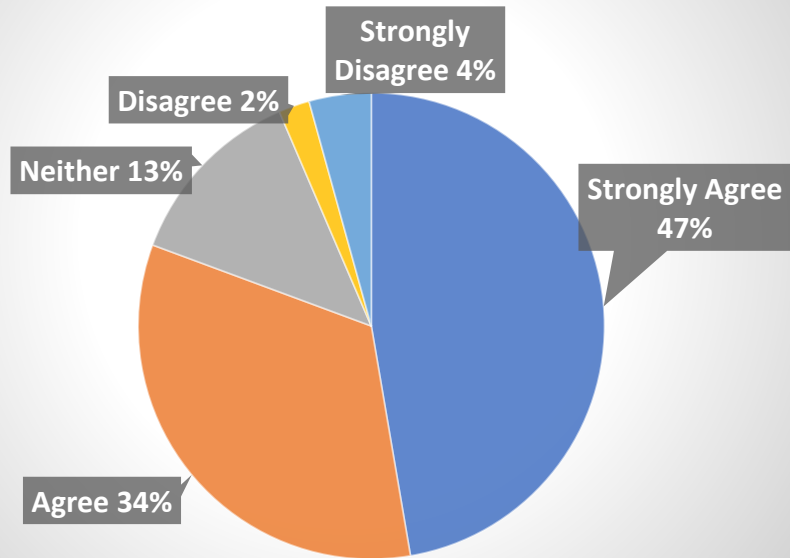
Utility developments



- There is only weak support for wind-turbines, solar energy farms or mobile masts within the village boundary.

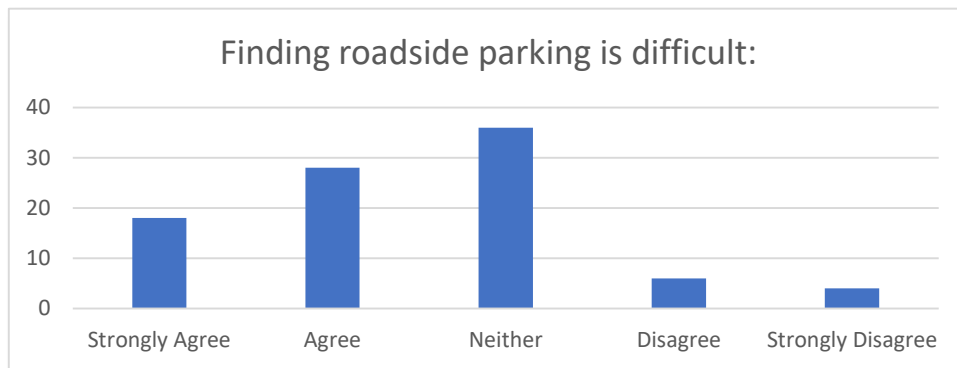
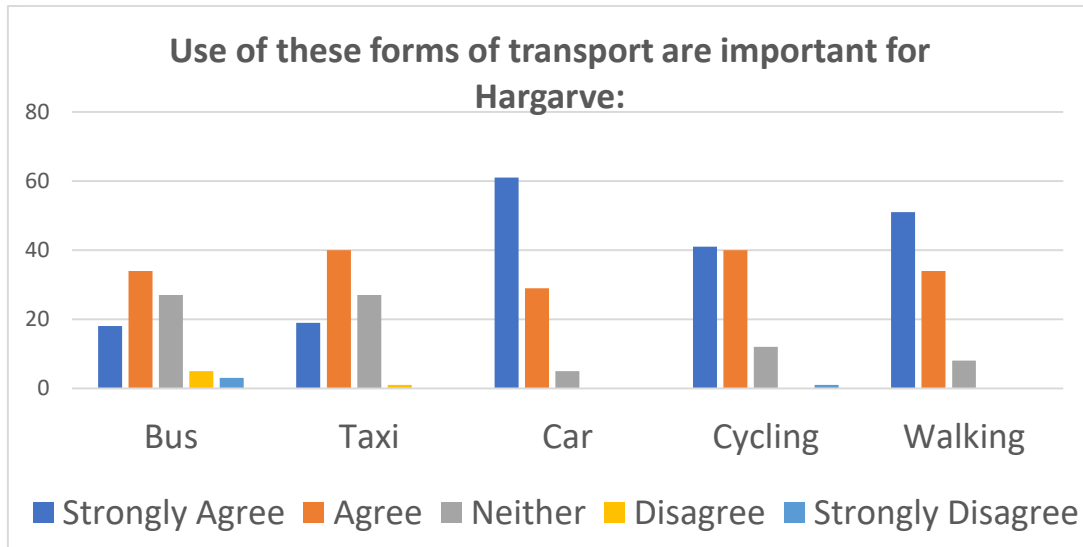
Sustainable housing

New Houses should be Sustainable



- 81% consider any new homes should use sustainable technology

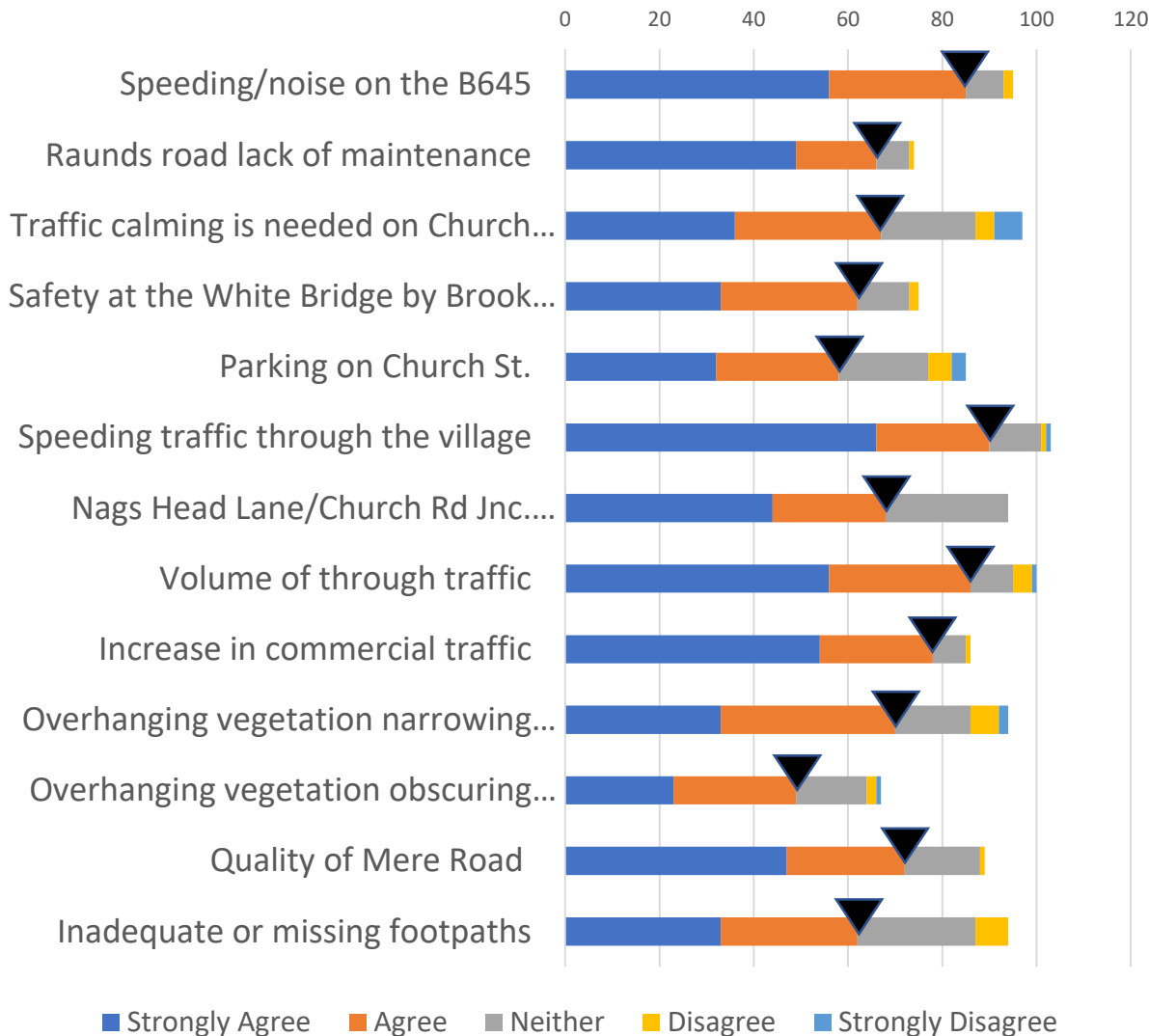
Transportation



- No public transport links
- Importance of car, cycling and walking
- Very high dependency on car or taxi transportation
- scoring on bus transport appears strange.
- The question may have been unclear
- Further work to clarify
- Is there strong desire for bus transport?
- Roadside parking a problem for many

Road safety is a concern for many

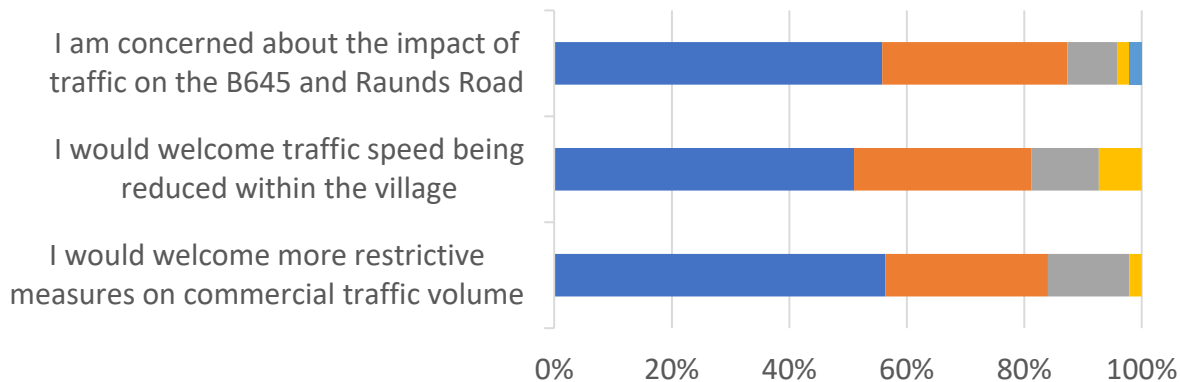
People are concerned by:



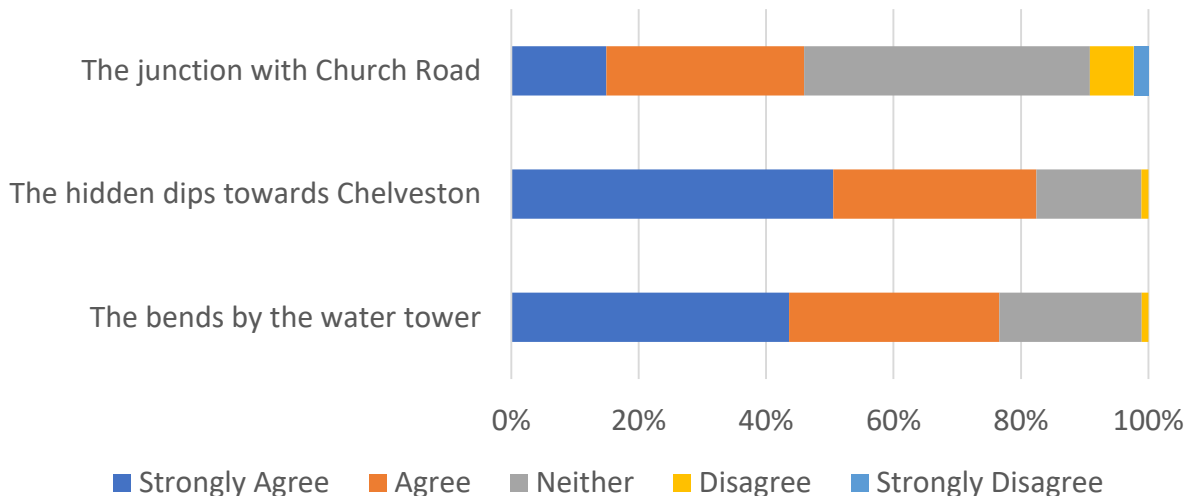
- Speeding through the village
- Speeding on B645
- Noise
- Traffic Volume
- Increase in commercial vehicles
- Lack of maintenance
- Lack of footpaths

Traffic calming/restriction

Other road safety issues of concern are:

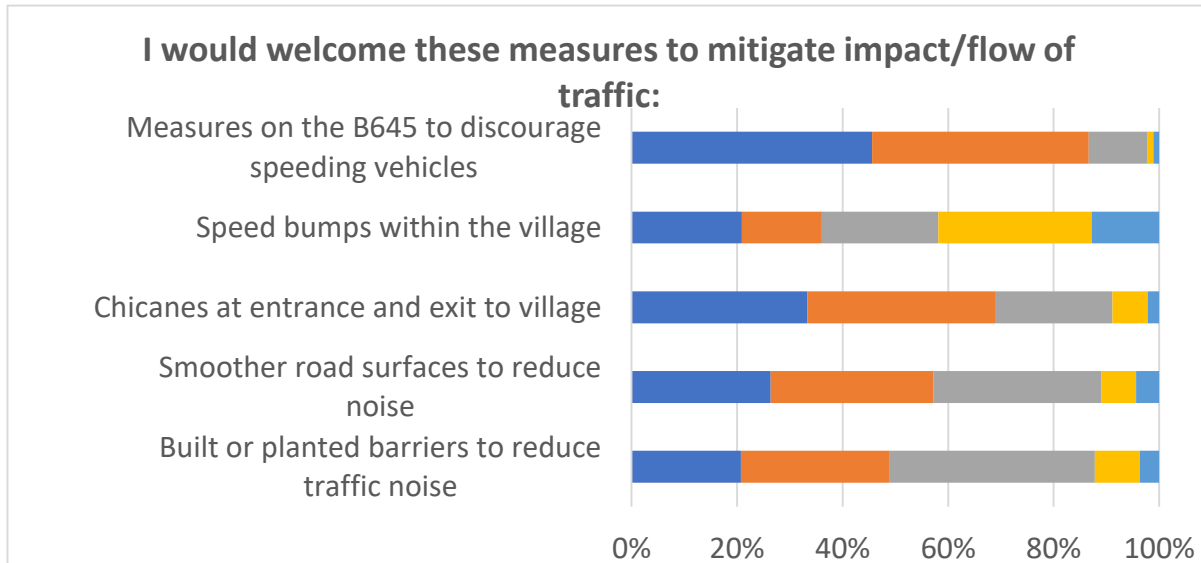


On the B645 the following are a serious safety concern:

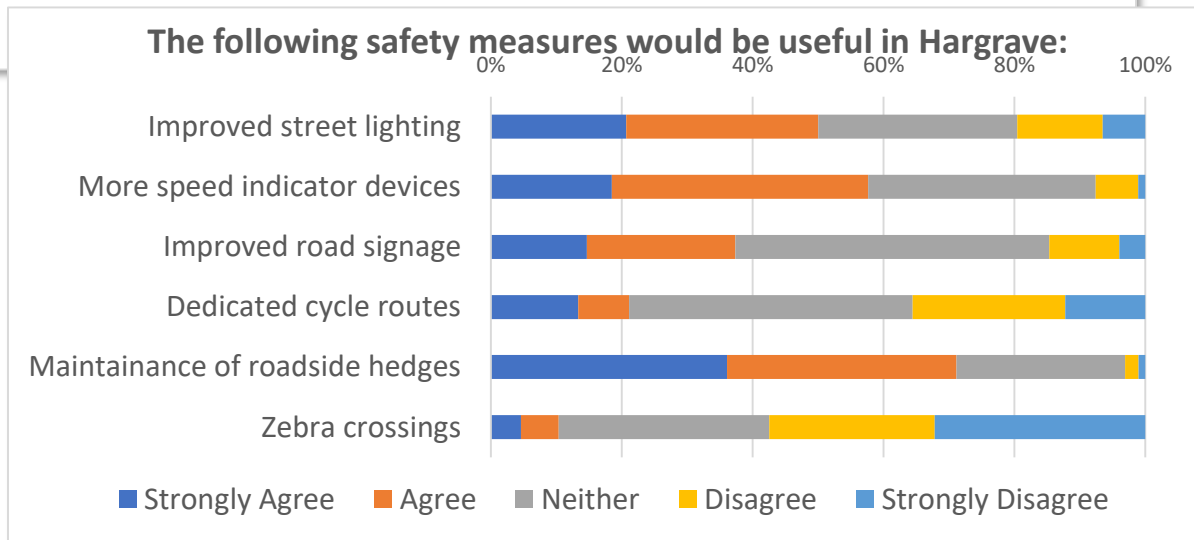


- Concerns about traffic impact are very high
- Restrictive measures would be welcomed on speed and volume through the village,
- As well as on B645
- Highway layout issues on the B645 are a concern

Safety measures – time to act



- There is support for taking physical measures to
 - ✓ discourage traffic through the village and
 - ✓ reduce speed of vehicles in the village as well as on the B645

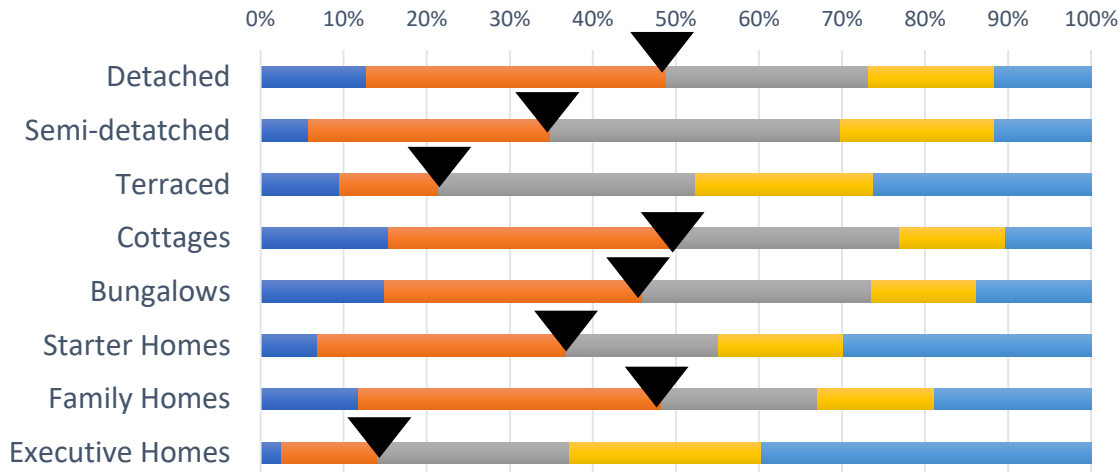


Design and Architecture of Housing (1)

- Traditional styles of detached and semi-detached homes are preferred, with some desire for traditional styles of cottages and bungalows.
- Terraced homes and executive homes are the least favoured styles
- Private ownership is the dominant preference for type of ownership, with some appetite for “affordable” private property.
- There is a strong preference (c. 80%) that new homes complement the style of nearby housing, providing continuity of architecture.
- Modern architectural styles are not preferred - although homes should be modern in sustainable performance as indicated (refer above).
- Family homes, affordable housing and starter homes are most wanted
- Conversions and extensions should complement the existing property

Design and architecture (2)

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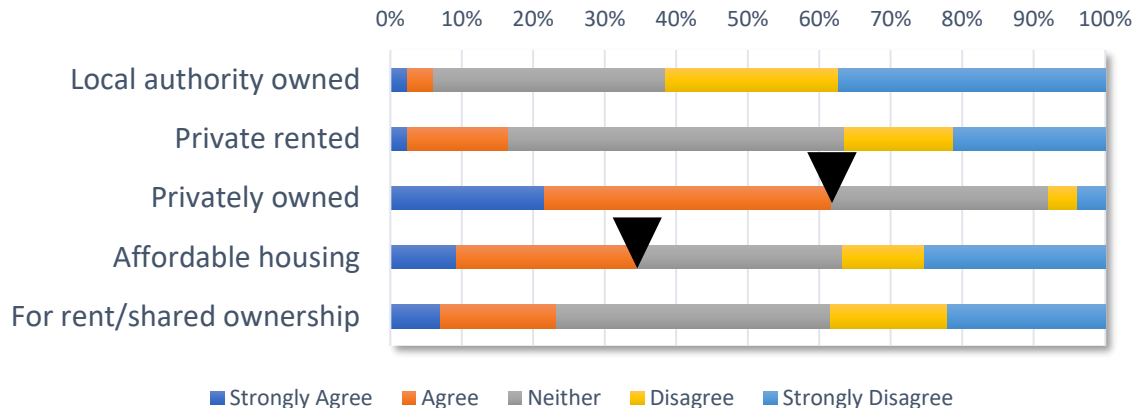


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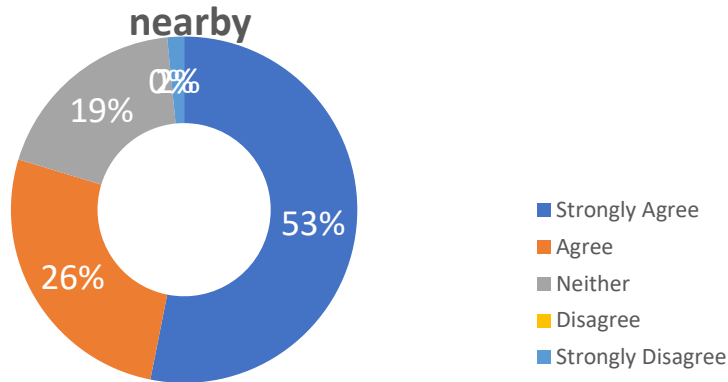
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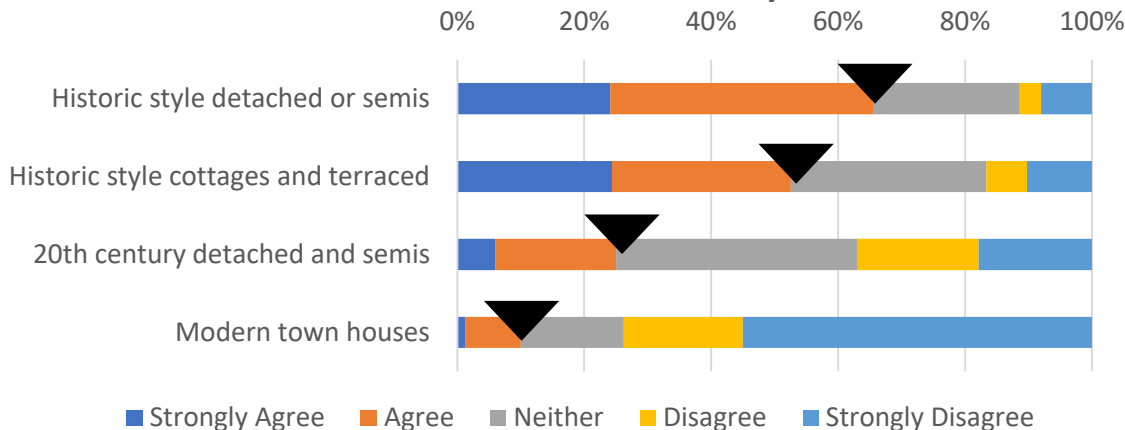
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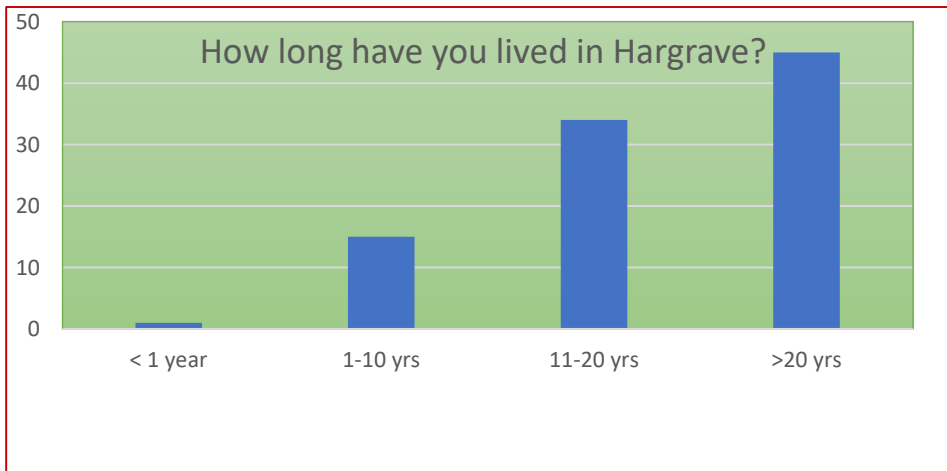
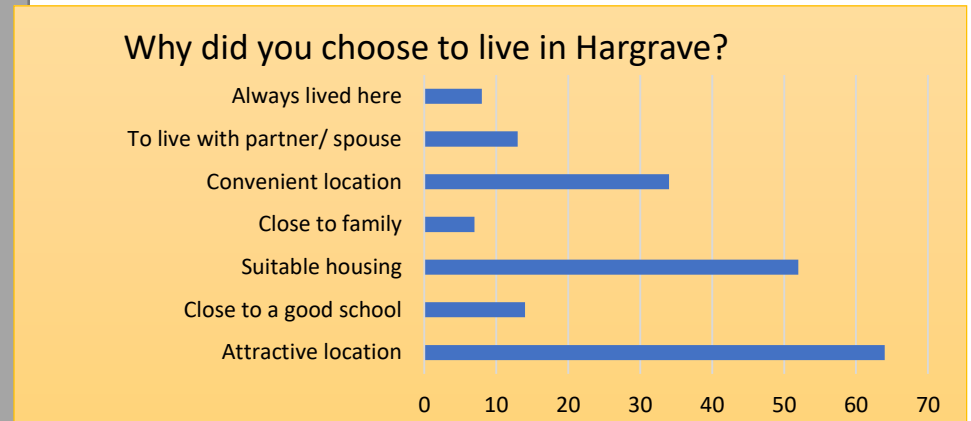
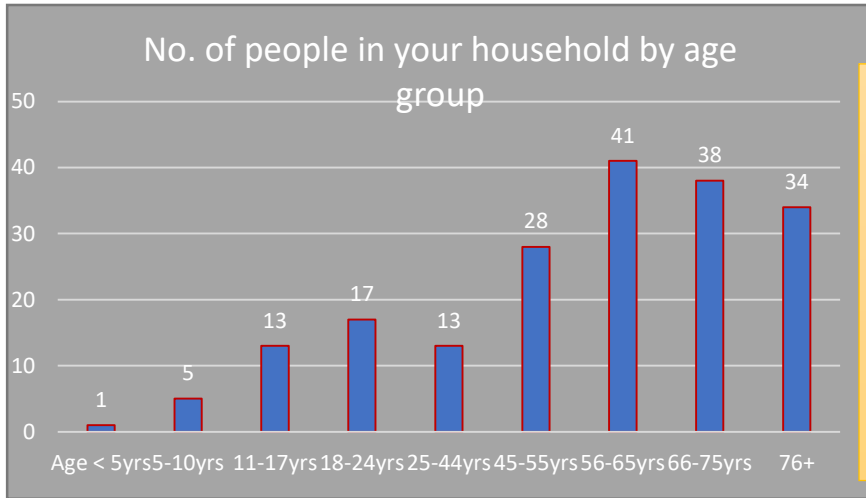
I most welcome new homes of a style that is:



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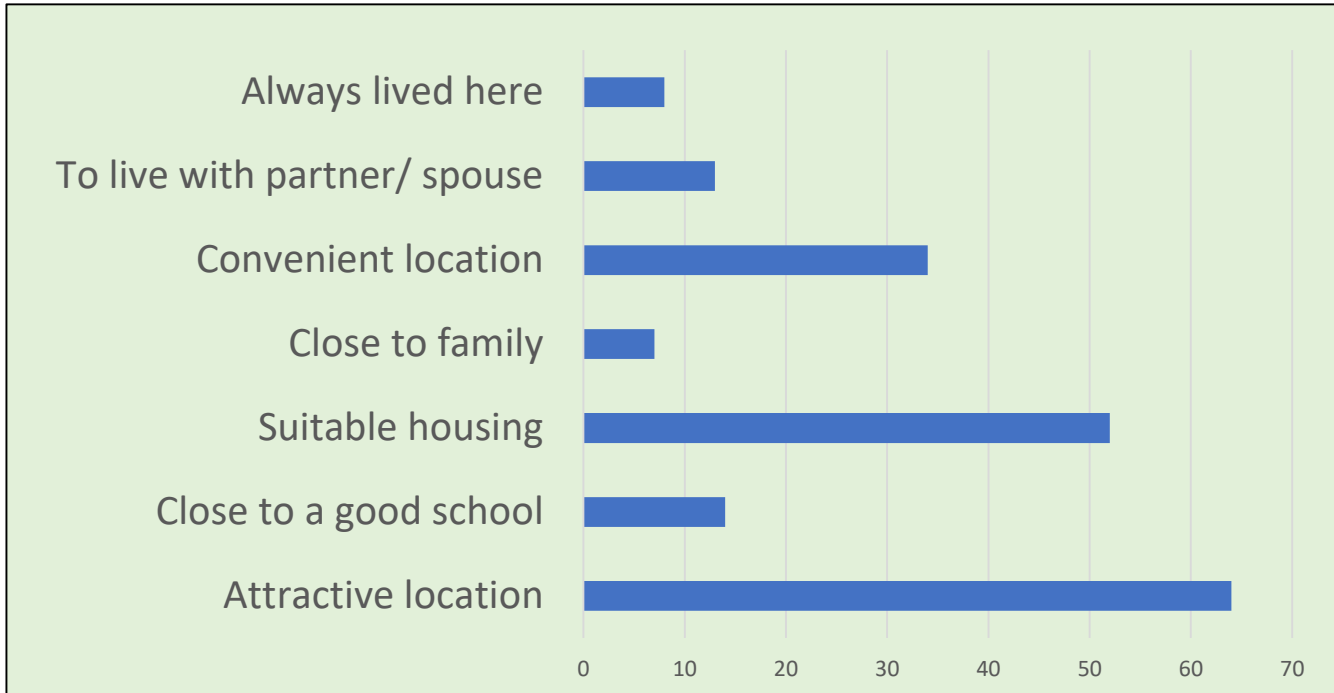
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Who are we?!



- 75% of respondents are 45 years old or older over.
- People who move to Hargrave have tended to stay here
- The clear majority of residents stay for more than 10 years

Why do we live in Hargrave?

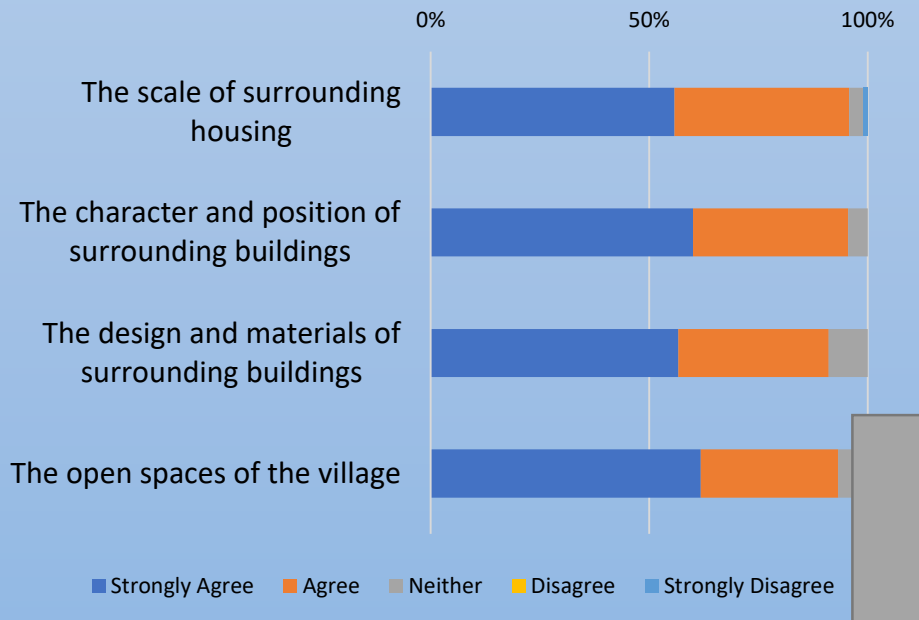


- The attractive location
- Quality of housing
- Convenient location

The Neighbourhood Plan needs to protect these factors

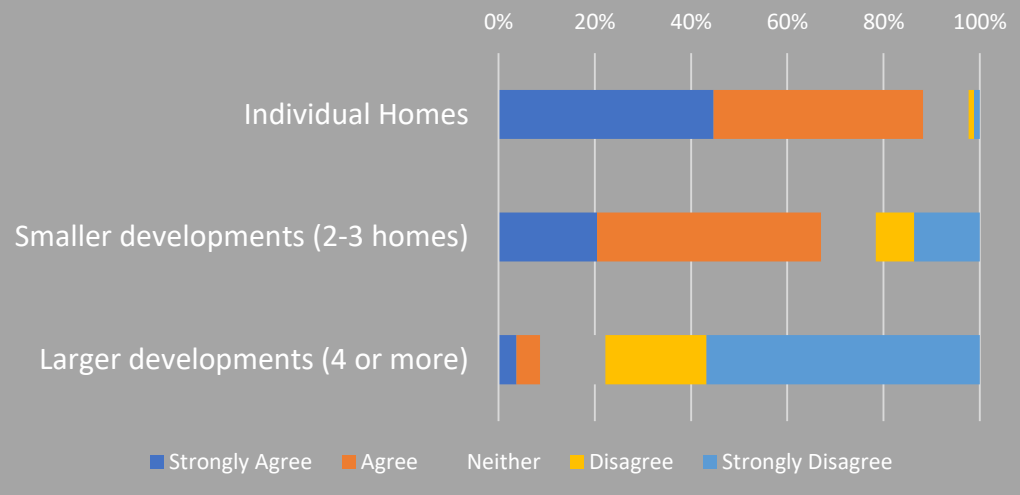
Nature of any new development (1)

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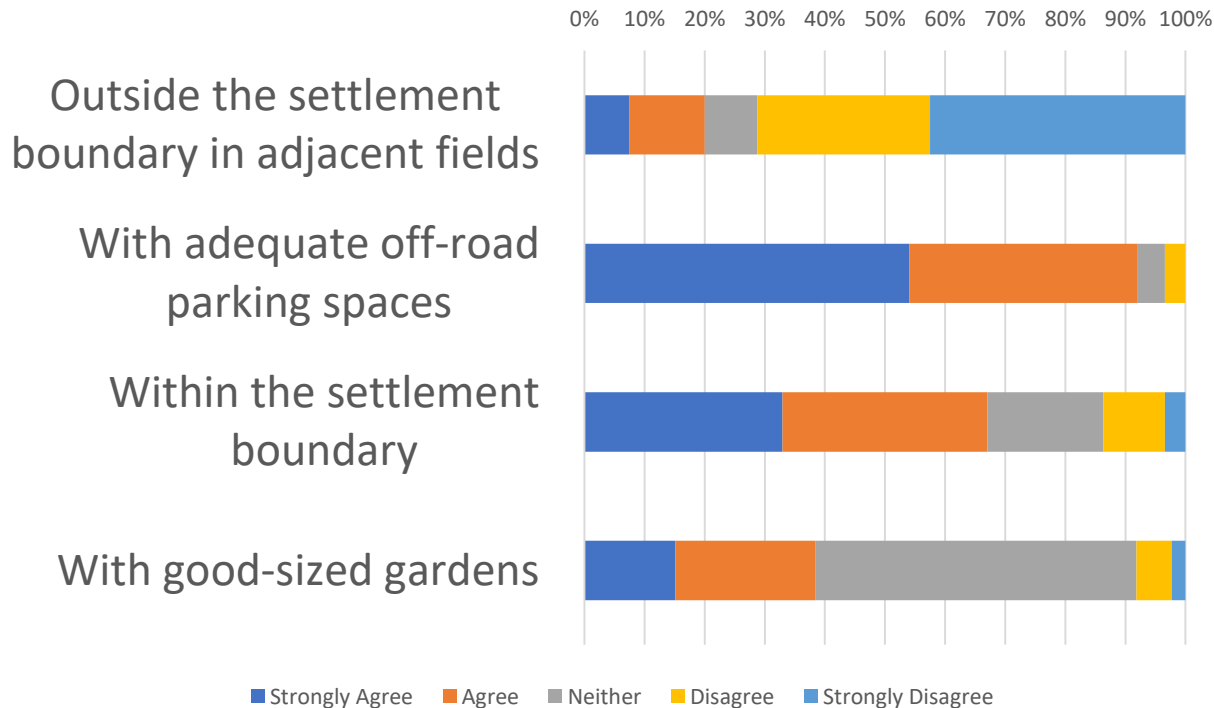
- New development should be sympathetic to and respect the style of adjacent dwellings
- Only smaller developments would be welcomed
- Compatible approach with a policy of infill between existing properties

I consider the following size of individual developments to be appropriate for Hargrave:



Nature of any new development (2)

It is important that new developments should be positioned:

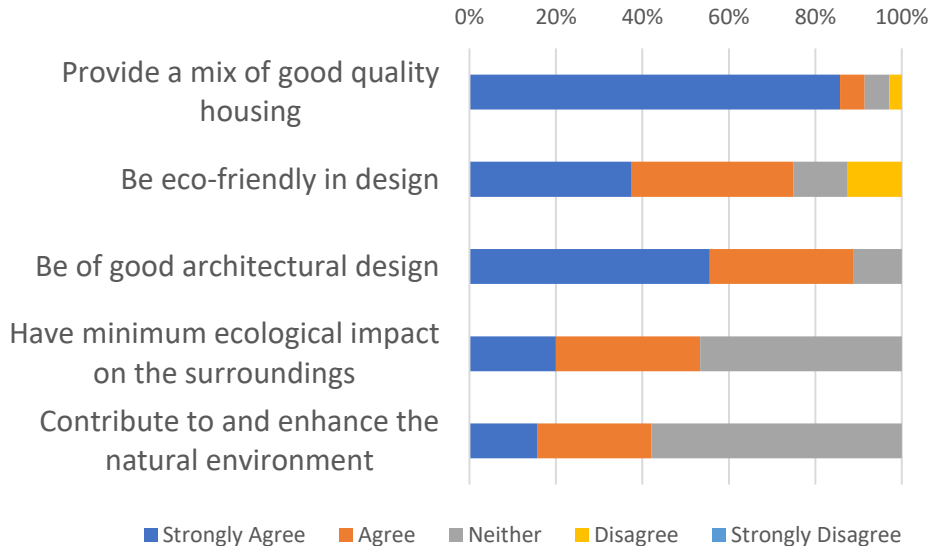


- 71% consider that land outside the current settlement boundary should not be built upon
- 68% consider development must be within the existing settlement boundary.
- 90% consider that off-road parking spaces are a
- Less than 10% consider homes should not have good sized gardens

Consistent with desire for "green" countryside, quiet rural environment

Sustainability and risks

Thinking of future sustainability of Hargrave, I consider it is important new housing should:



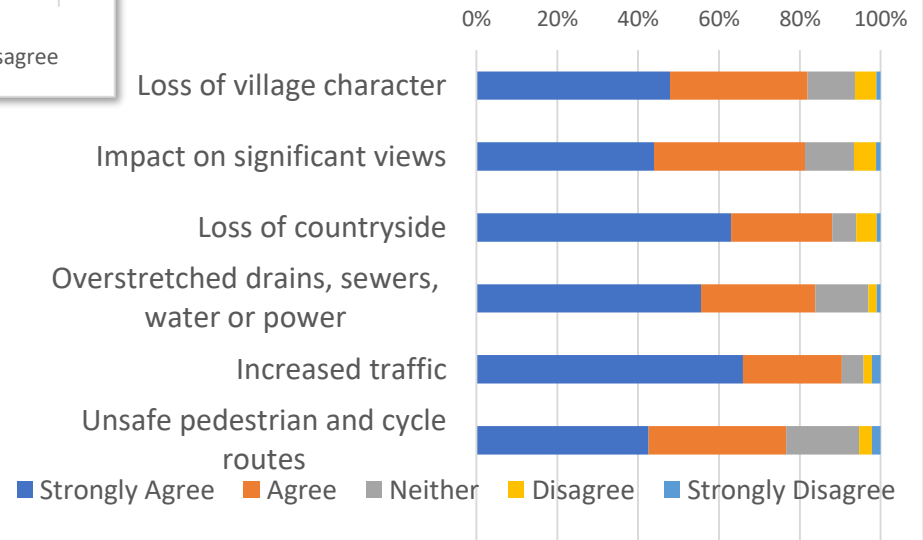
>80% concerned property developments will cause:

- negative impact on views;
- damage to the countryside;
- overload of drains and utilities;
- increase danger on Hargrave's roads and footpaths.

Developments must provide:

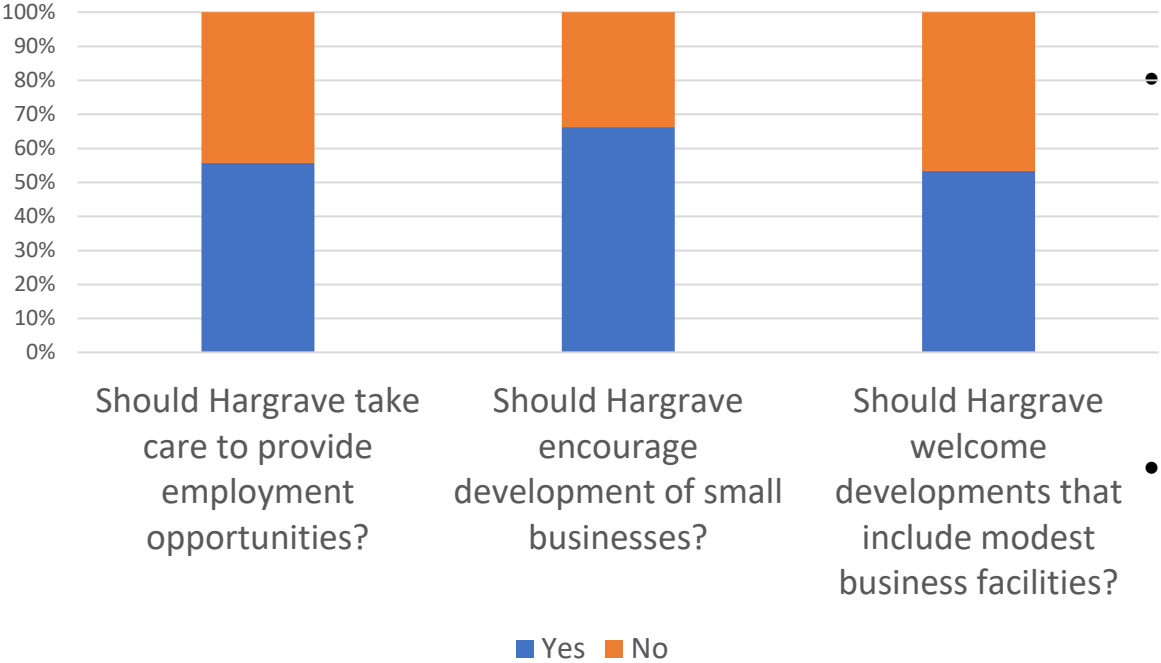
- good mix of housing
- well designed, energy and water efficient housing
- minimum ecological impact
- contributes positively to the environment of the village and the surrounding countryside.

I am concerned and worried that further development in Hargrave will cause:



Supporting Rural Diversification and Employment

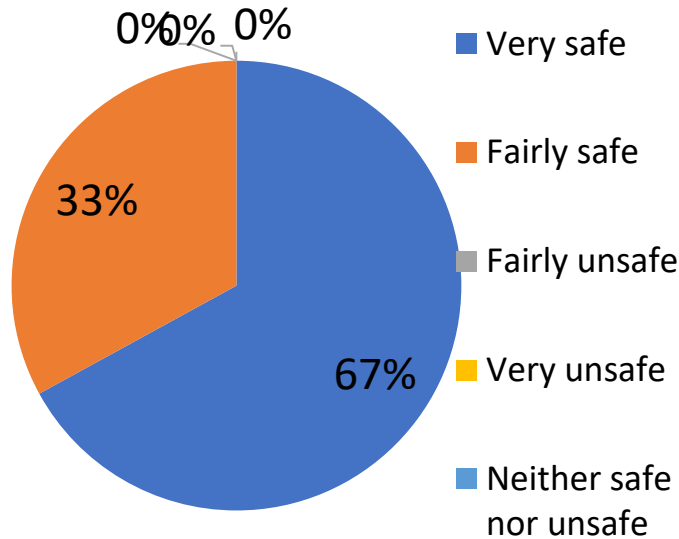
Should we encourage business in Hargrave?



- A whole variety of questions on employment
- Should the plan enable/encourage employment in Hargrave? Homeworking and local (agricultural) and business employment opportunities.
- Should we make it easier to do business in Hargrave?

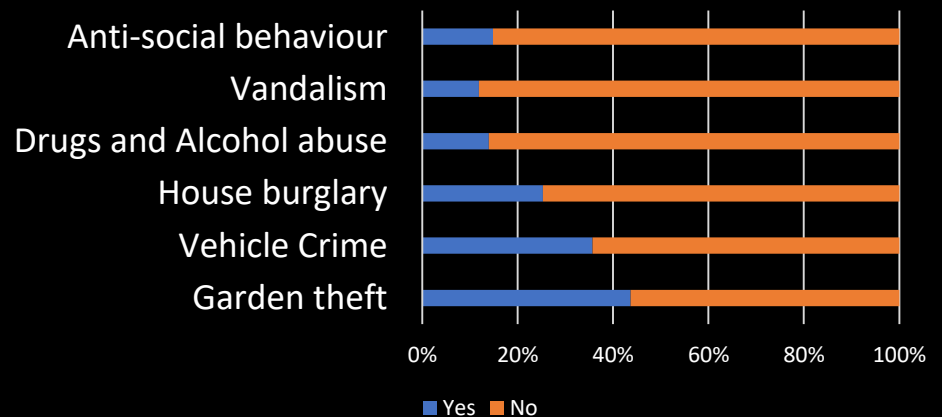
Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

How safe do you feel when you are out in Hargrave?



- The low risk of crime is an appealing nature of our village.
- The neighbourhood plan should value and protect this.

Are crime and anti-social behaviour problems in Hargrave?



THANK YOU!

- These survey results provide detailed insight into matters related to development of the village – both physical development and growth as a community.
- The high proportion of responses indicate that a coherent neighbourhood plan matters to the majority of residents.
- The results express clear majority views, thereby providing relatively unambiguous mandates to shape the Neighbourhood Plan's policies, recommendations and contents.
- Drafted appropriately, the neighbourhood plan should prove a useful document and yardstick that guides the Parish Council and the wider East Northamptonshire planning authorities when they are considering their support for and assessing planning applications.
- Whilst there can be no guarantee that the Planning Officers will enforce the recommendations or needs identified by the Neighbourhood Plan, they are obliged to take any adopted neighbourhood plan into account when deciding any application.
- Beyond the function of development planning, the survey results also might be used to guide and encourage some of the village community groups and their activities.