



# Neighbourhood Plan Survey: Results

*Dear Pulborough resident,*

As part of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan it is required that residents' views are canvassed and a survey was developed to do this. It was circulated to all households in Pulborough parish in the summer of 2014.

The Parish Council had a copy delivered to every household in Pulborough parish, approximately 2,300 of them. There were 801 completed copies returned which is about 35% of the households in the parish. Compared with other parishes this is a good result.

These are the broad results of that survey. The detailed results can be downloaded from the Parish Council website ([www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)) or collected from the parish office in the village hall.

These results will be used to help develop the Pulborough Neighbourhood Plan and this plan will be put out for a six-week consultation in a few weeks.

Watch out for it.

Letting us know how  
to shape Pulborough  
as it grows

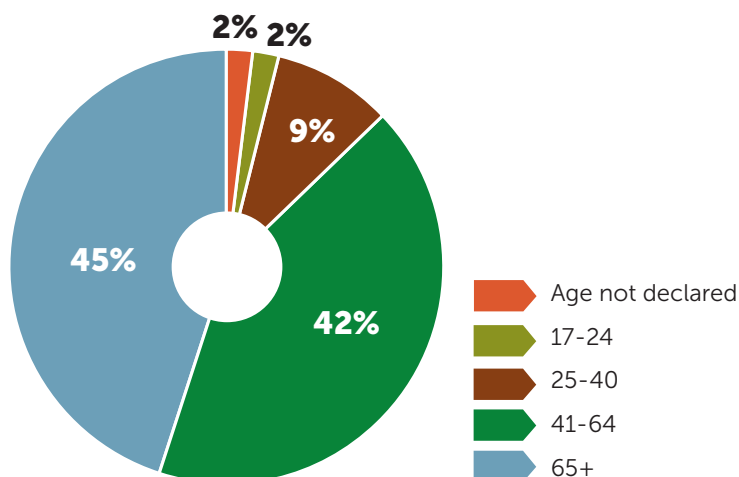


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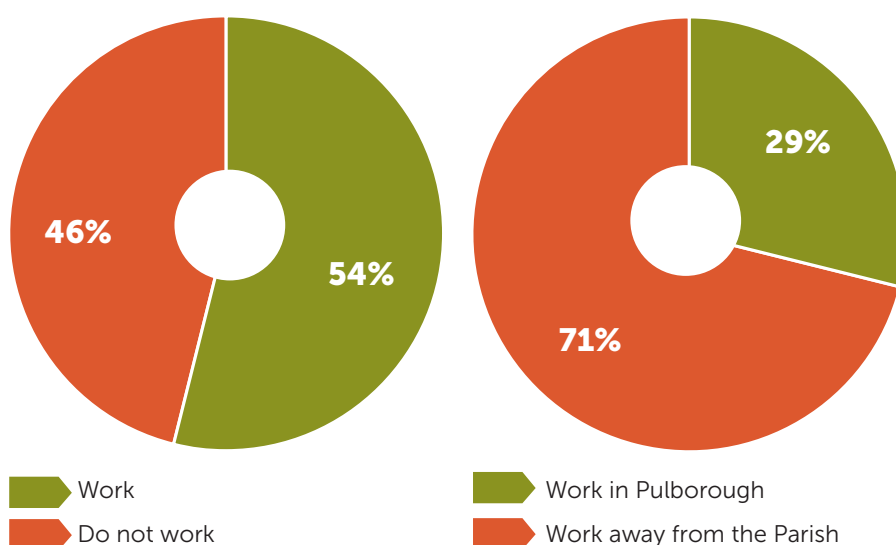
## ABOUT YOU

The following were the ages people declared.

*Since there were fewer responses from younger people we looked at the responses from those under 41 years and in some places you will see their opinions separately.*



If you work, do you work in Pulborough?



## PART 2. A SHARED VISION FOR PULBOROUGH

**Question 2.1:** What do you most value about living in Pulborough parish? List up to three in order of importance.

*These are the top results. The largest are the most mentioned.*

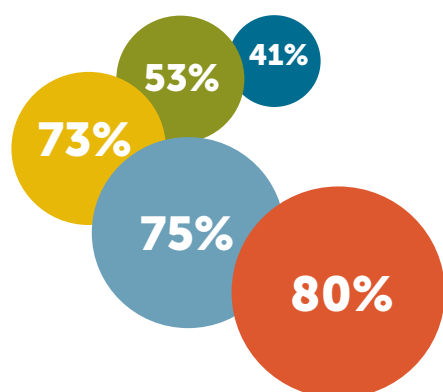


**Question 2.2:** What do you most dislike about living in Pulborough parish? List up to three in order of importance.

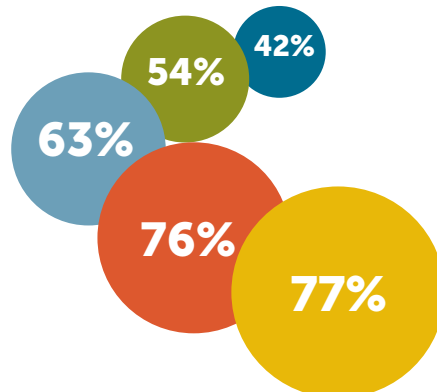
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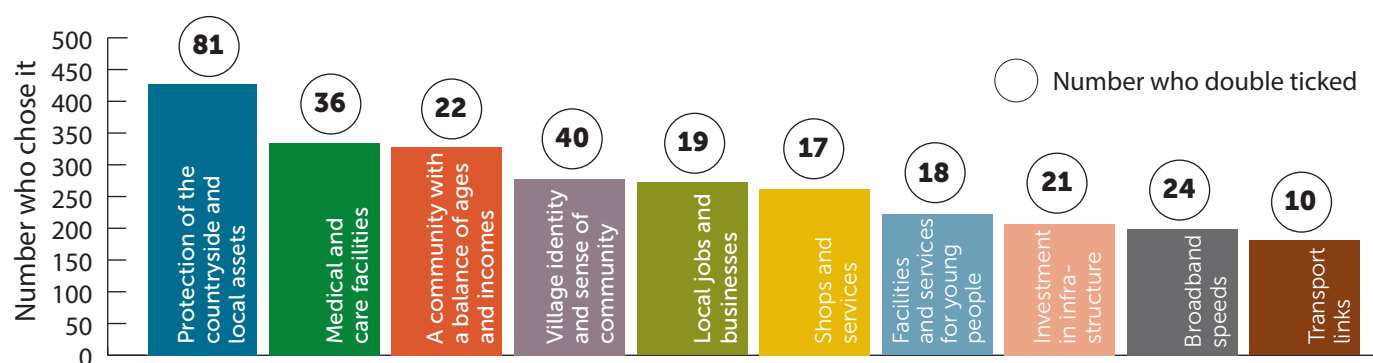
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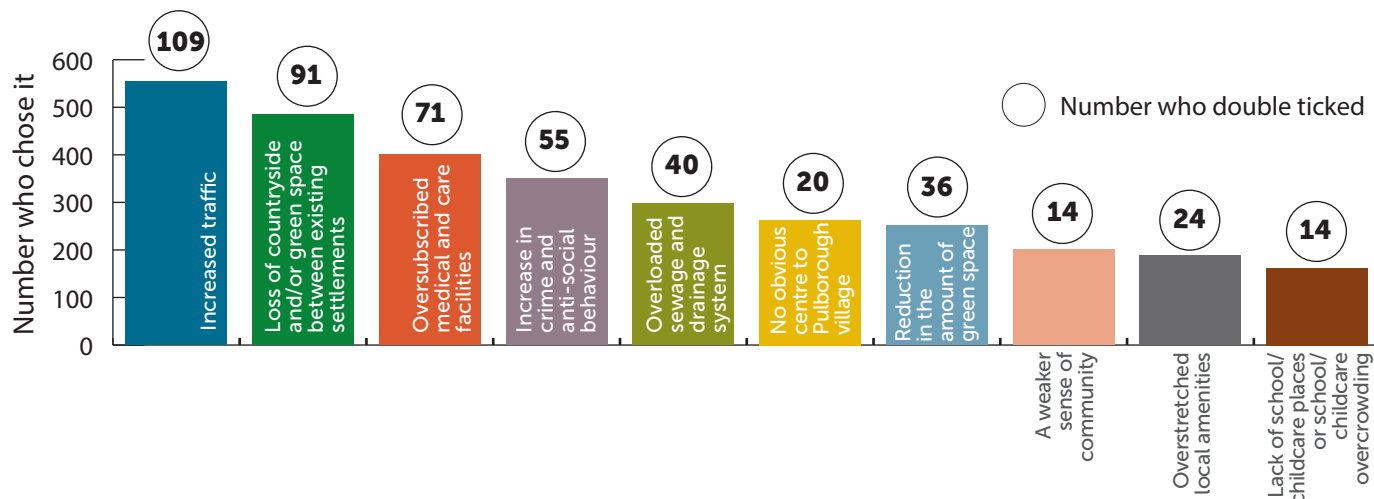
In both cases respondents were given a choice of the same words: Accessible; Affordable; Attractive; Friendly; Prosperous; Rural; Safe; Traditional; Tranquil; Vibrant and asked to tick their top five in each question. The top five choices are shown.



**Question 2.5:** Bearing sustainable development in mind, what do you think are the biggest benefits that development could bring to Pulborough parish? Please tick up to five. If you feel any are particularly important, then put a double tick. There were 20 choices which were offered in alphabetical order. These are the top ten in order showing the number who chose it and the number who double-ticked it.



**Question 2.6:** What worries you about further development in Pulborough parish? In other words, what outcomes of further development would you say are unsustainable? Please tick up to five. If you feel any are particularly important, then put a double tick. Again, there were 17 choices given in alphabetical order. These are the top ten results listed in order showing the number selecting each one and number who double-ticked each one.



**Question 2.7:** Thinking about sustainable development, what single change would most improve your quality of life as a resident of Pulborough parish?

*An interesting question, what 'single change' would people suggest? And difficult to analyse but here's a selection, and only a selection.*

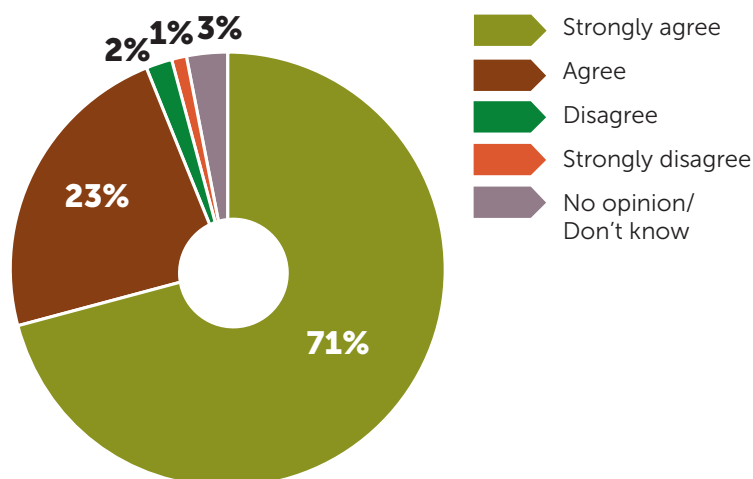
*Reducing the amount of traffic is the biggest cry, nearly three times the next largest suggestion. The number and speed of HGVs is of particular concern. Many people want a bypass, both north-south and east-west. Rat-runs are also mentioned frequently.*

*More shops is the next request. Mainly small independent shops. And a village centre (see also 2.11).*

*Comments on housing developments feature strongly. The design, position, numbers and the people who live in them.*

## Pulborough as a rural community

**Question 2.8:** Pulborough is a community at the heart of rural West Sussex. A rural feel and access to the countryside is fundamental not only to our quality of life and community identity but also to many aspects of our economy. Do you:



**Question 2.9:** How important do you think it is that these individual settlements should remain physically separate from the others to maintain their identity? Please tick one option per settlement.

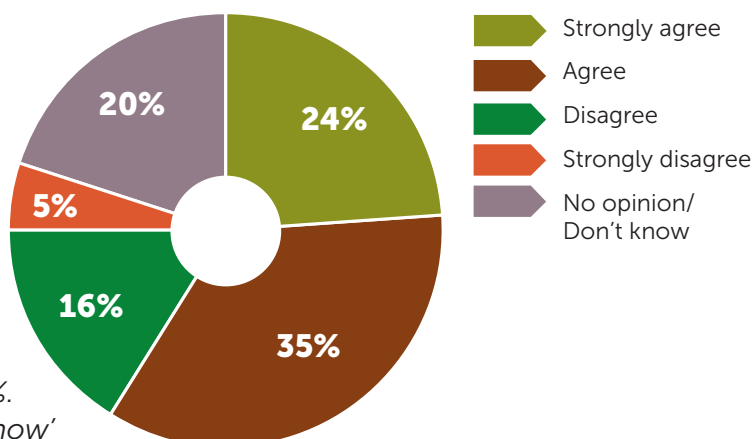
	Essential	Important	Unimportant	No opinion / don't know
Codmore Hill	169	186	295	90
Marehill	209	180	240	111
North Heath	267	188	161	122
Nutbourne	374	206	90	83
Pulborough village	286	202	198	67

*The opinions show that Nutbourne should remain separate. North Heath and Pulborough village both get over 50% wanting them kept separate but Codmore Hill and Marehill get just below. Apart from Nutbourne, an indicative but not a conclusive result.*

## A fragmented community?

**Question 2.10:** The Pulborough Community Action Plan 2012-2015 stated that the pattern of recent housing developments and lack of connections between them 'is having a negative effect on the village's identity and the community's sense of itself'. Do you:

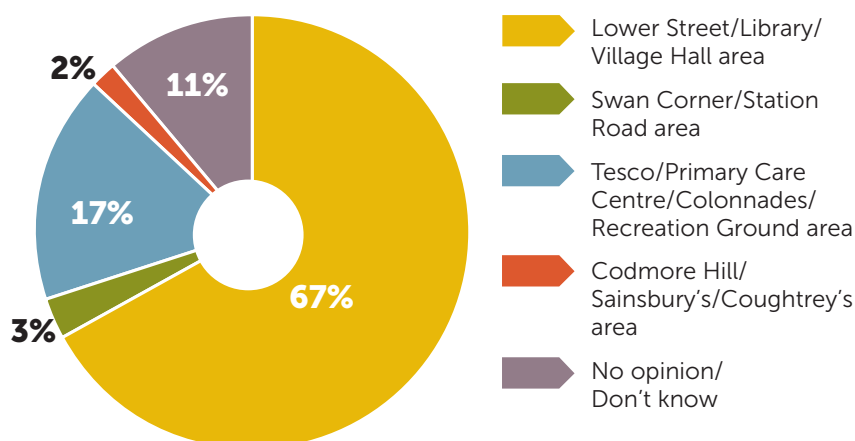
*The 'agree' and 'strongly agree' add up to 59%. However, a question which gets 20% 'don't know' could probably have been better phrased.*



## Village centre

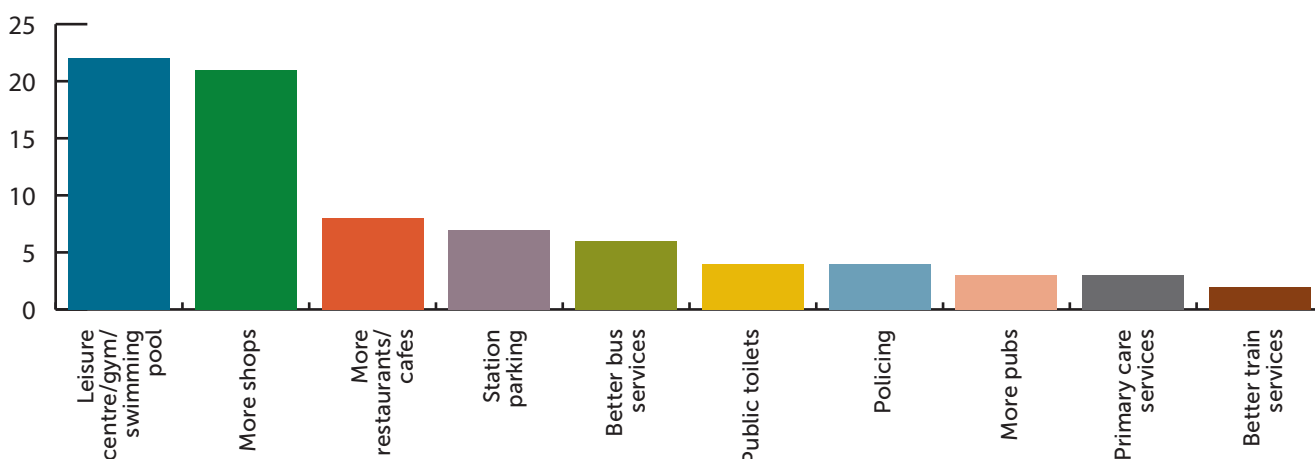
**Question 2.11:** If you think we should make one area the main village centre, which should it be?

*Percentages are of those indicating a choice.*



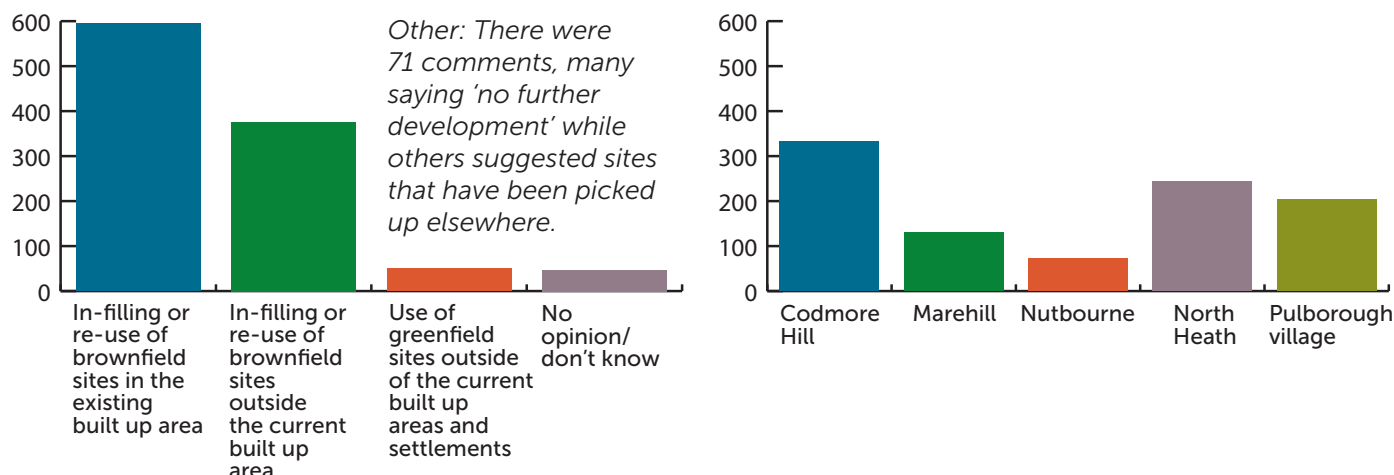
## Pulborough as a service centre

**Question 2.12:** Thinking of Pulborough village as a service centre, what services or amenities do you think are lacking? What does Pulborough not have that you would like it to have? List up to three. These are the top ten suggestions.

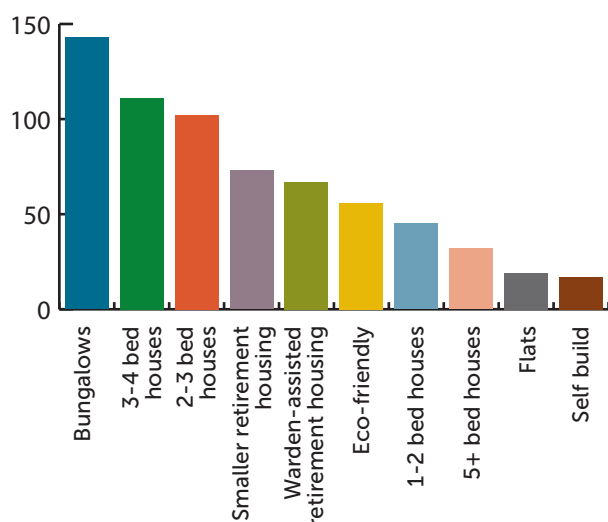


## PART 3. HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT

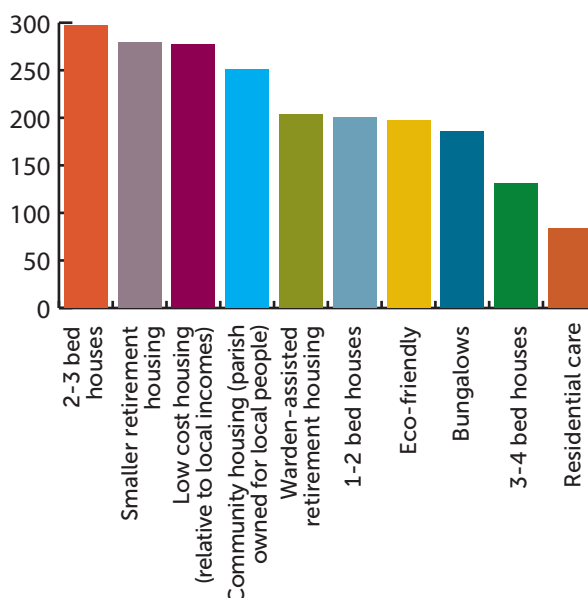
**Question 3.1:** Thinking about the sustainable development of Pulborough over the next 15 years, where do you think the priority in house building should be in Pulborough parish? Please tick all that you would support:



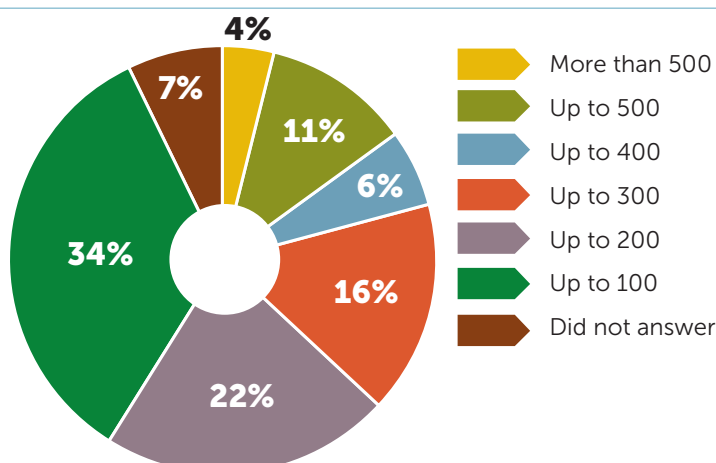
**Question 3.2:** Thinking about your next move, what type of house would you want to move to if you were to stay in Pulborough? Please tick one.



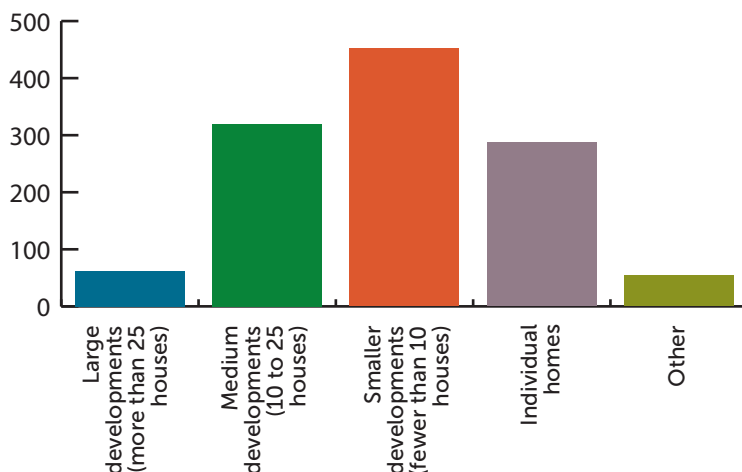
**Question 3.3:** Thinking about the needs of others in Pulborough, what types of housing do you think are most needed? Please tick up to five.



**Question 3.4:** How many houses do you think could be sustainably built in Pulborough parish in the next 15 years (2015-2030)? Please tick one of the following options.



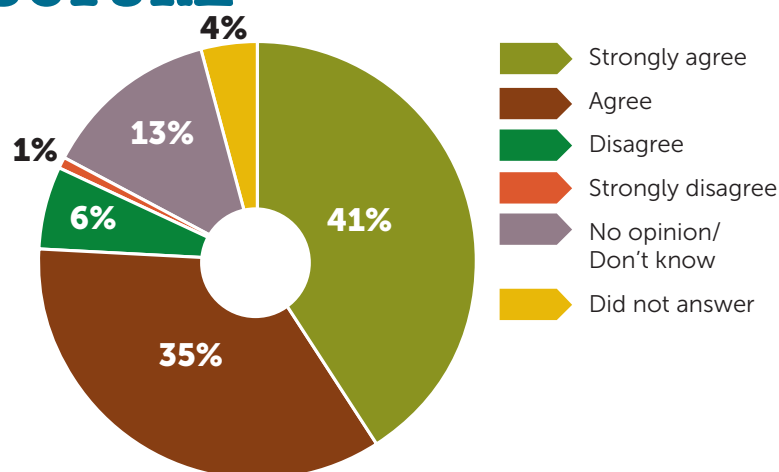
**Question 3.5:** What size of housing developments do you think would be most appropriate to meet the need for housing in Pulborough parish? Please tick all that apply. If you think an option is particularly important, then put a double tick.



The answers to questions 3.6 and 3.7 show strong support for providing child care and primary school places within the parish should the need arise.

## PART 4. INFRASTRUCTURE

**Question 4.1.** The Pulborough Community Action Plan 2012-2015 states that "infrastructure has not kept pace with development, and residents are becoming increasingly aware of and frustrated by the fact that infrastructure planning has been (and remains) insufficient". Do you:

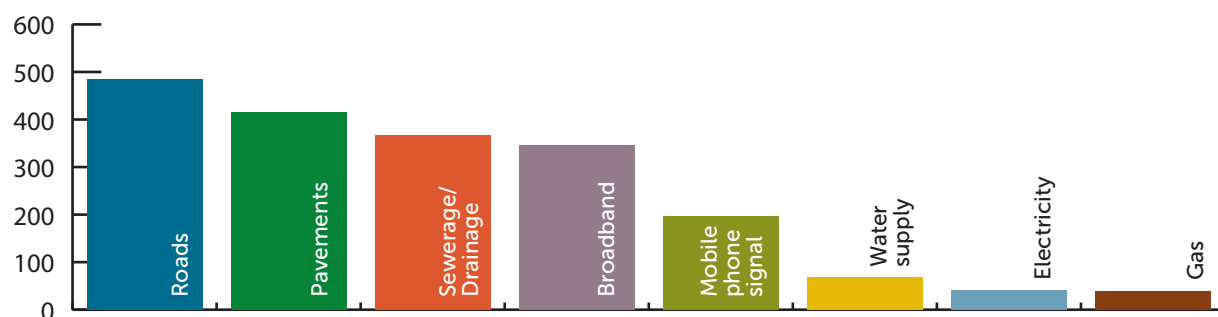


**Question 4.2.** For each item of infrastructure, please put a tick to say whether it is Good, Acceptable or Poor. If you think we have left something out then please write it in the last two rows.

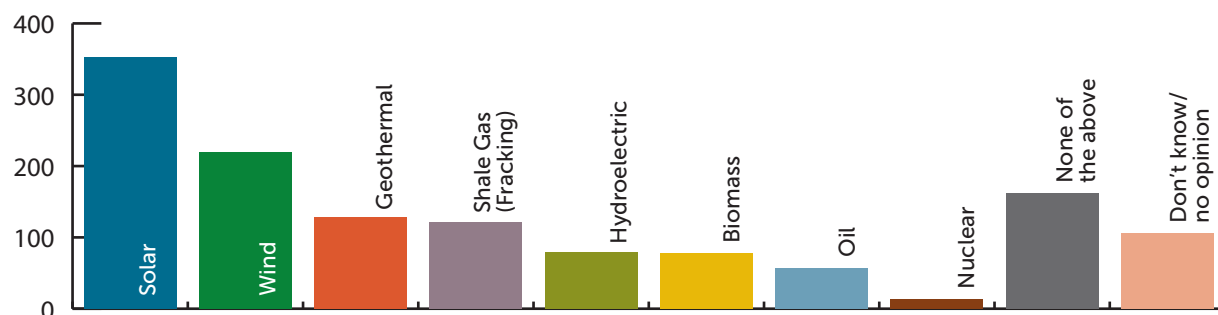
Roads and pavements come out with the poorest results with around half of respondents marking them down. Mobile phone coverage is not good but since the survey was taken in summer 2014 Vodafone, at least, have improved their signal in parts of the parish. Sewerage/Drainage also gets a poor result which is to be expected given the age and size of some parts of the system. Gas doesn't reach all parts so fewer people ticked anything there. Broadband isn't used by some older people, possibly why the percentage of answers is lower, and we hope that when BT finish rolling out the new system that will improve reception in many parts of the village. Younger respondents rate broadband very highly.

As regards other suggestions, some are commented on elsewhere but there were mentions of TV signal and of hedges overhanging pavements.

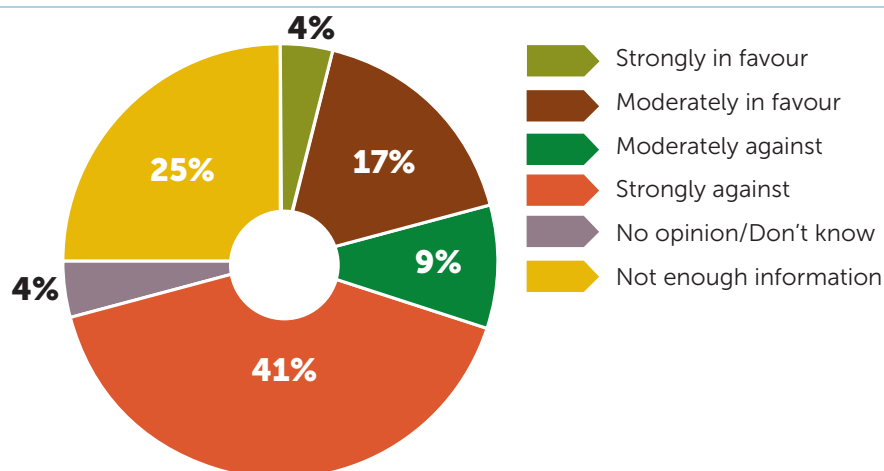
**Question 4.3.** If money was available to invest in infrastructure, where should it be spent? Please tick up to three. If you think an option is particularly important, then put a double tick.



**Question 4.4.** Should the Neighbourhood Plan support land being made available for energy production? Please tick all that apply. If you think an option is particularly important, then put a double tick



**Question 4.5.** West Sussex County Council held a public exhibition in Pulborough Village Hall on 21st June 2014 to discuss the reasons for and against fracking. No-one has yet suggested fracking within Pulborough parish, but if an application was made would you be:



*With any increase in oil prices fracking is likely to return to the agenda sometime in the future. Despite the headlines, one in five respondents are in favour of fracking and one in four don't yet have enough information to make a decision. Half the respondents are against it.*

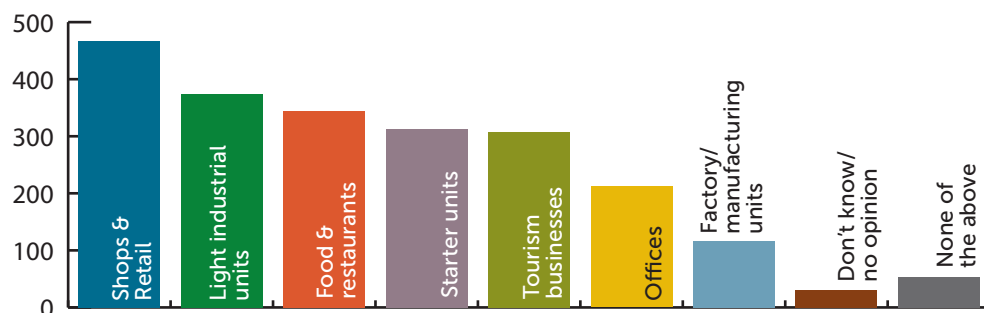
*Younger respondents are more against it with no-one 'strongly in favour' and 64% 'moderately or strongly against'. And 24% of younger people don't have enough information, same as the survey as a whole.*



## PART 5. BUSINESS & LOCAL ECONOMY

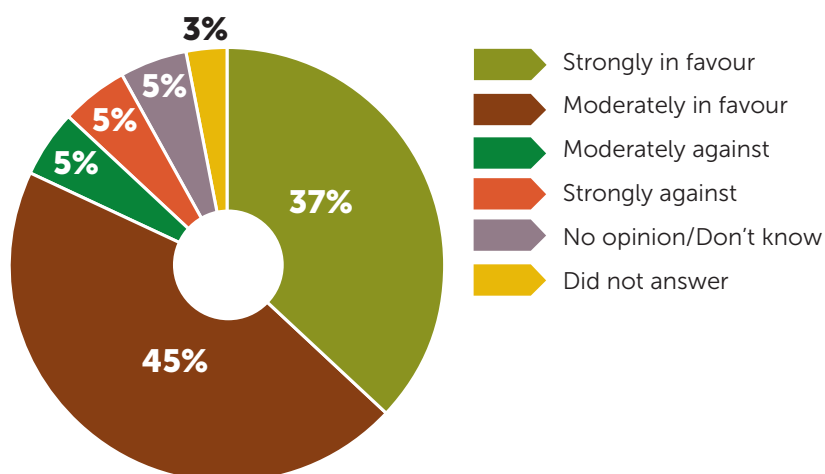
### Question 5.1. Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate land for business use?

Please tick all that apply.



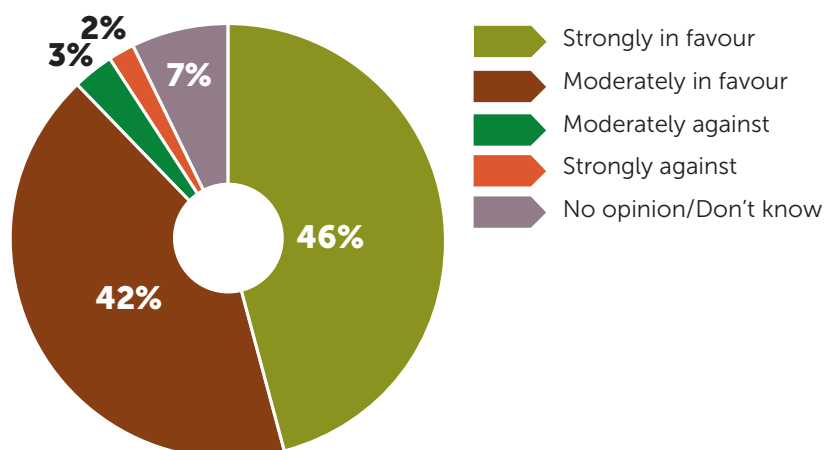
Currently, the only commercial development actually being planned is the move of Hepworth's Brewery from Horsham to Brinsbury and the permission given to the Broomers Hill Industrial Park to add more units.

**Question 5.2.** Would you be in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan allocating land for the creation of a business centre providing low-cost, flexible workspaces, meeting rooms and managed services for local start-ups, small enterprises, freelancers and home workers?



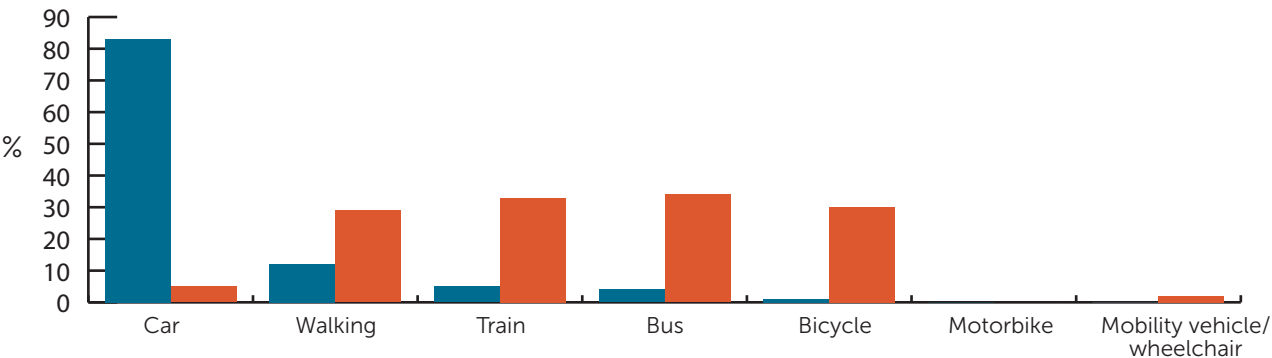
## Pulborough is at the heart of rural West Sussex

**Question 5.3.** The Parish Council has been working... to maximise Pulborough's visitor economy. Would you be in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan developing policies that support this idea?



# PART 6. TRANSPORT

**Question 6.1.** As a Pulborough resident, what form of transport do you use most? Please tick one. ■



**Question 6.2.** As a Pulborough resident, what other forms of transport would you like to use more? Please tick all that apply. ■

**Question 6.3.** How often do you catch a bus to anywhere from Pulborough?

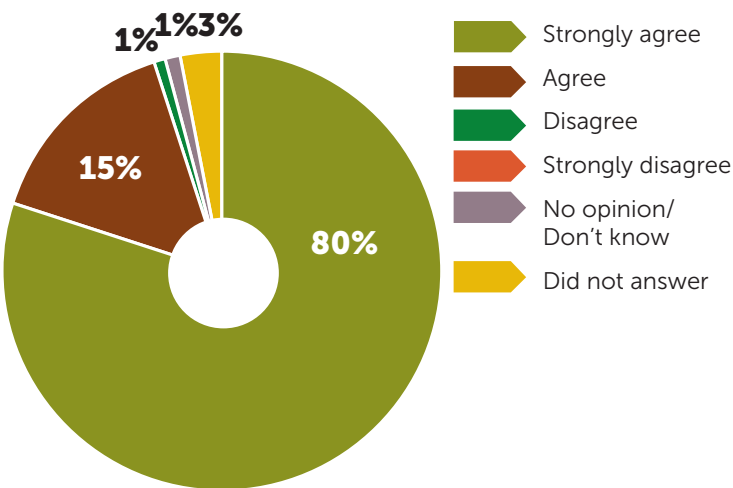
**Question 6.4.** How often do you catch a train to anywhere from Pulborough?

Buses are not popular until you need to use them. Half the respondents 'never' use a bus and only four people use them daily. Trains are more popular with 42 respondents using them for daily commuting and nearly half of respondents saying they used them 'Occasionally'. It appears that people will use the most convenient mode of transport for their circumstances.

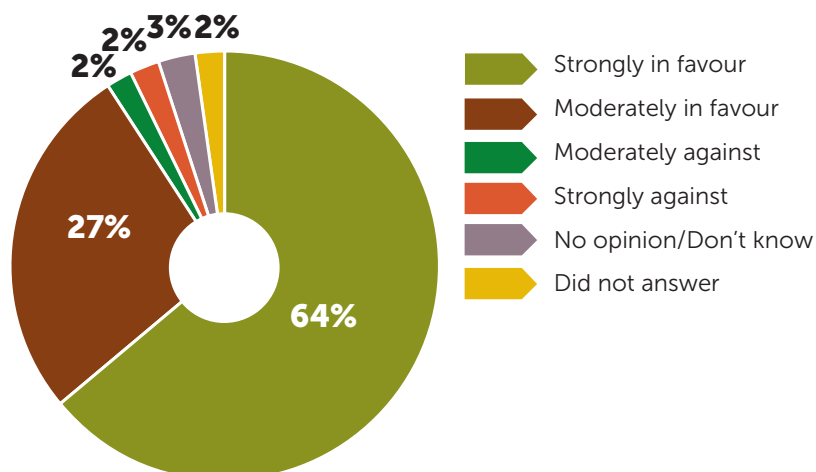
## Railway Station

The rail station is a significant part of Pulborough's infrastructure and an attraction for people to choose to live here. However the facilities don't match the use and car parking needs urgent attention. Also, elderly and disabled people cannot use the London-bound platform without considerable difficulty. The Parish Council is talking to Network Rail and developers about possibilities. So we asked the following question:

**Question 6.6.** Do you think that Pulborough's railway station is an important asset and the Neighbourhood Plan should include policies that protect it?

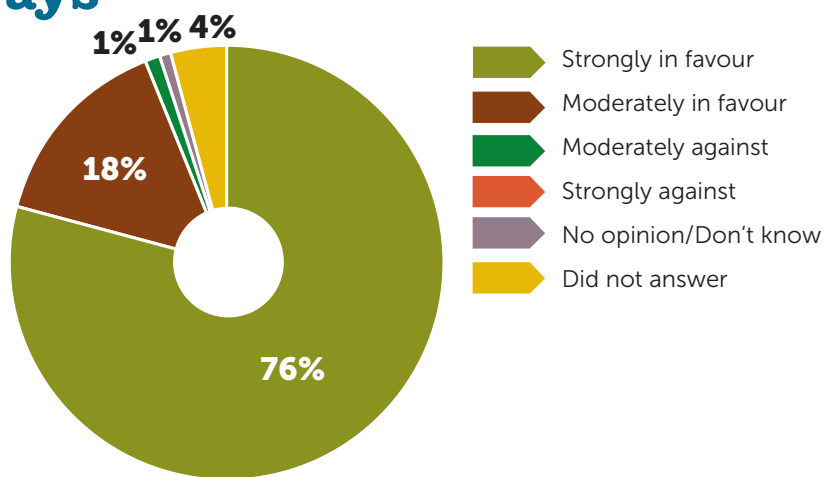


**Question 6.7.** Would you be in favour of development at the railway station if it improved parking and access to the railway and related services?

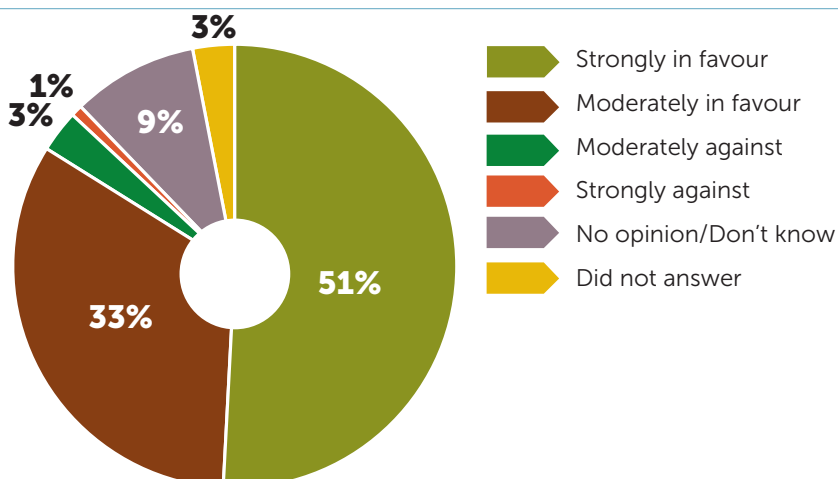


## Footpaths and bridleways

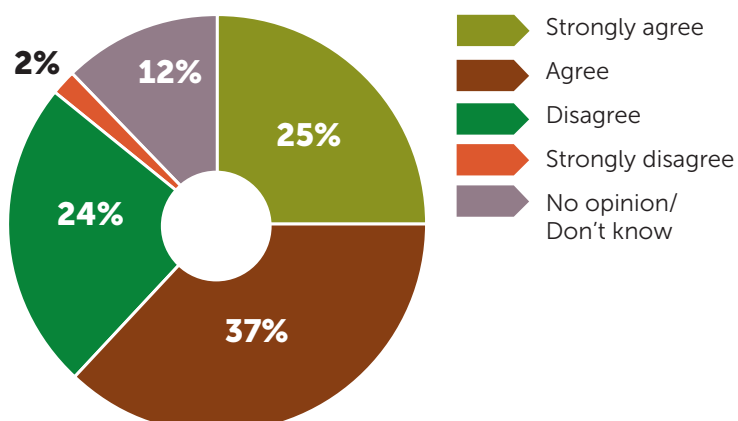
**Question 6.8.** Are you in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan supporting the creation of better footpaths to make it safer and easier to get around the village and the wider parish on foot?



**Question 6.9.** Are you in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan supporting the creation of better bridleways to make it safer and easier to get around the village and the wider parish by horse or bicycle?



**Question 6.10.** Do you think there is a car parking problem in Pulborough parish?



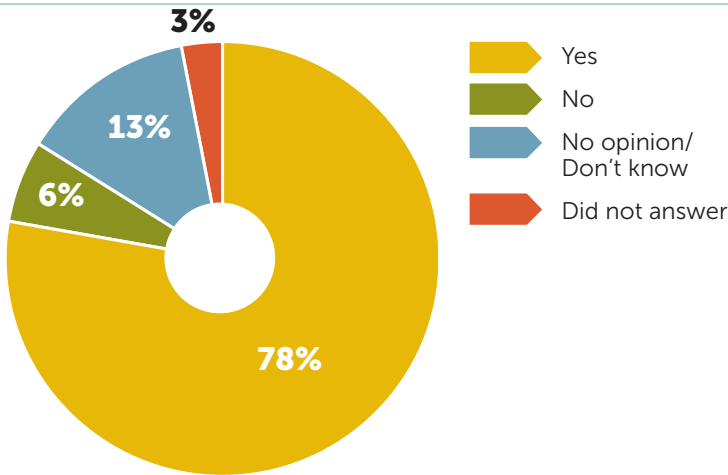
**Question 6.11.** If so, tell us where and describe the parking problem.

The station and surrounding area was mentioned by 290 people. The next largest problem is the Lower Street area, together with the Village Hall, the Library, Swan View and the adjacent 75-space car park, which were mentioned by 120 people. Rivermead was mentioned by another 8 people.

St Mary’s school, together with New Place Road, Aston Rise, Link Lane, Spinney Lane and Spinney North, Cousins Way, Rectory Lane and Rectory Close totted up 62 mentions. A general mention of ‘residential roads’ or ‘the estates’ got another 29 mentions.

St Mary’s church got 16 mentions, as did the Tesco area. People who park on pavements were mentioned by 13 people. Various other places were mentioned but none more than three times.

**Question 6.12.** If it can be shown that it would decrease the traffic flow through Pulborough, would you support the current campaign for a bypass on the A27 for Arundel?



**Air Quality**

**Question 6.13.** Are you concerned about air quality in Pulborough?

Air quality was not thought to be a problem by 54% of respondents while 29% thought it was. The others had no opinion.

**Question 6.14.** If you are concerned about air quality in Pulborough, tell us where.

Top choking point is Lower Street with 62 mentions and the A283 adds another 6 mentions. Swan Corner gets 49 mentions, as does the A29 in general and then ‘the A roads’ adds 15 more. Church Hill gets 20 specific mentions, Codmore Hill/Sainsburys gets 10 mentions. Tesco/Harwoods gets 6 mentions. The station gets 11 and air traffic gets 5. Everything else gets less than 5.

**PART 7. PULBOROUGH’S TREASURES AND ASSETS**

We asked people to choose their favourite places in the parish from a list of 40. Here are the top ten:-

