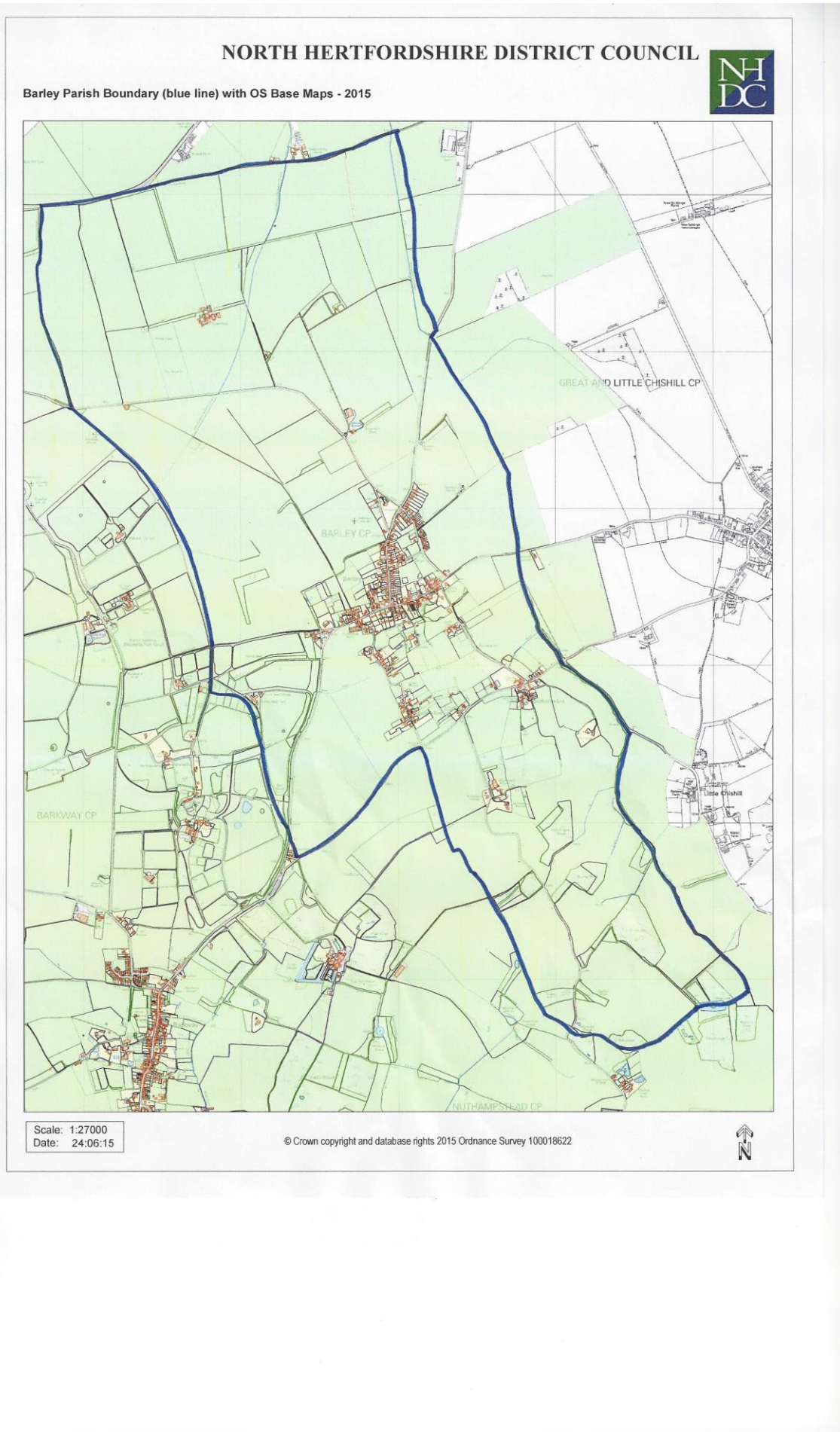


Appendix A: Plan showing Parish Boundary



Appendix B: Plans of the Village Settlement Boundary

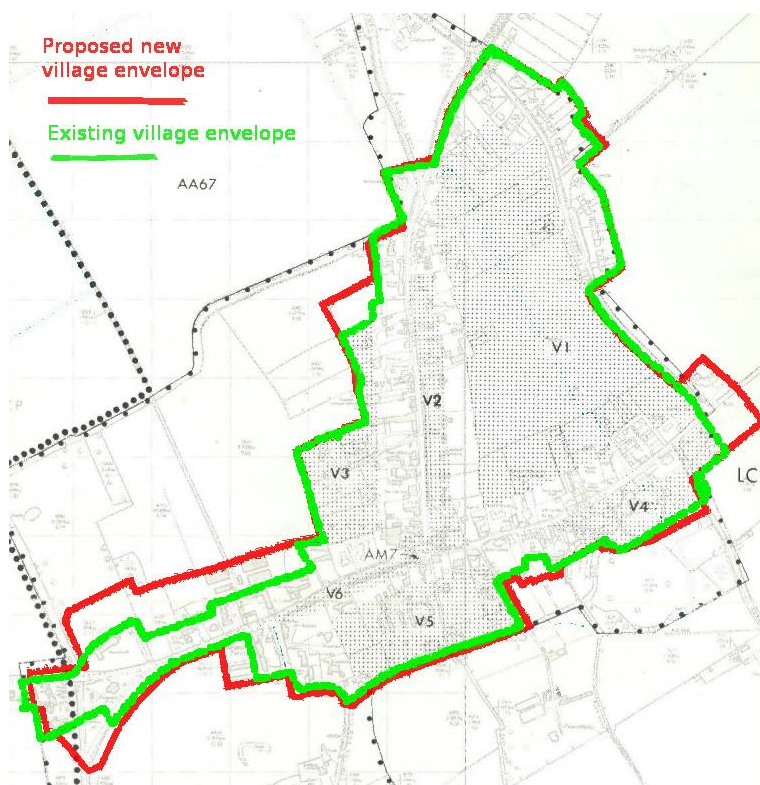
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The current settlement boundary is marked in red on the map below:



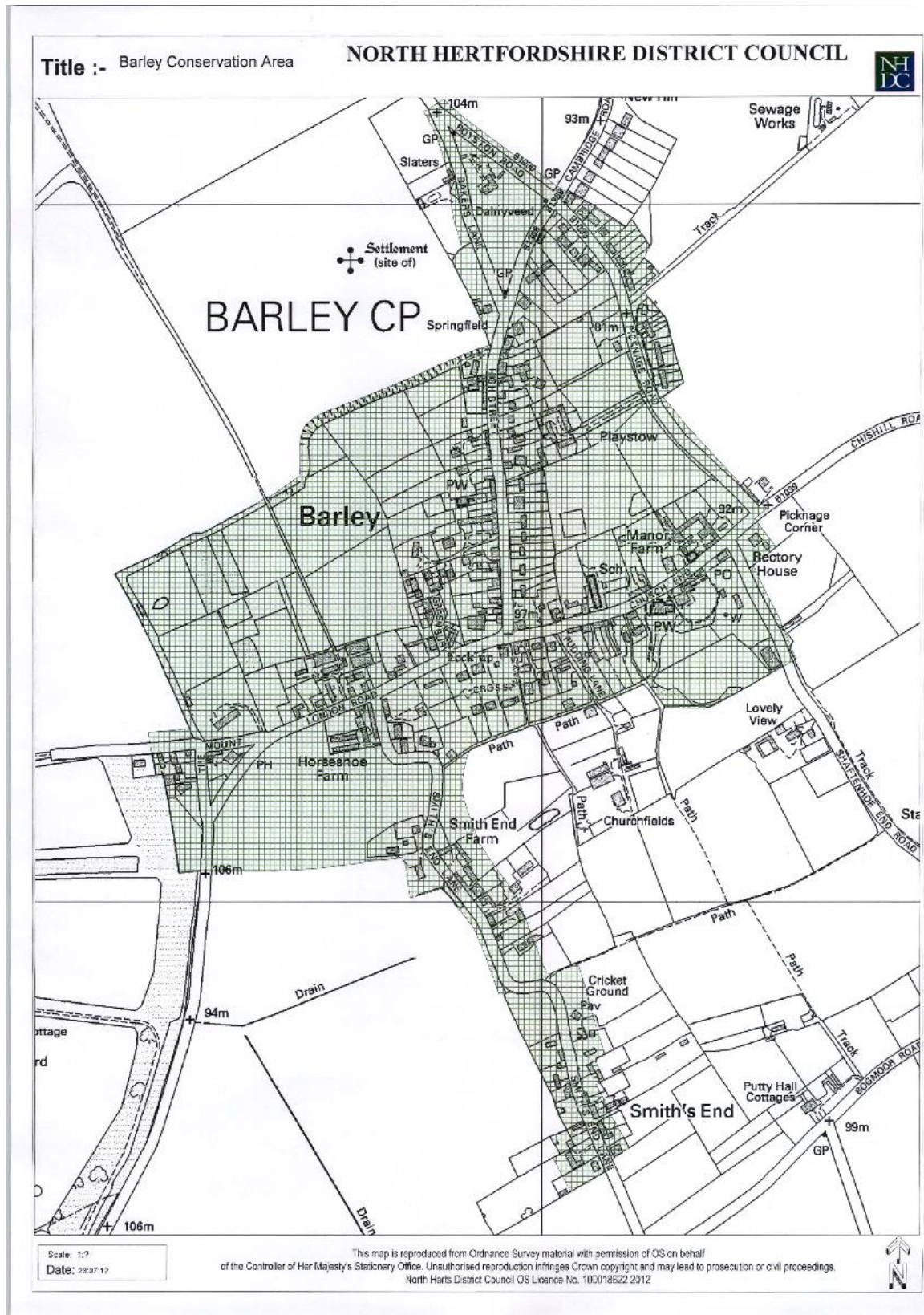
Map data: Google, Infoterra Ltd & Bluesky

The Draft Local Plan 2011-2031 proposes small changes to the settlement boundary as detailed below:



Appendix C: Plan of Barley Conservation Area

The Barley Conservation Area is designated by North Hertfordshire District Council. The current conservation area is detailed below. No changes are currently proposed to the conservation area.



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BARLEY VILLAGE PARISH PLAN

VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

1. What is the Barley Village Parish Plan?

The Parish Council would like to have a Village Plan that draws upon the collective views and aspirations of the people of Barley for their village. The Plan will be used to provide information about the wishes of residents, to assist in the identification of priorities for the village, and to attract and direct resources appropriately.

Following a request for volunteers, a group of villagers formed the Barley Parish Plan Committee. Anyone is welcome to join the committee. The principal participants are:-

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From the outset, the committee wanted to consult widely on what villagers would like to see included in Barley's Parish Plan. We had a stand at the Barley Show this year to canvass the views of villagers, followed by comment boxes located around the village this summer. We have had a fantastic response, with a wide variety of views, issues and imaginative ideas being shared. We feel that it gives a great indication of what the village can achieve and what the plan is all about.

2. The Questionnaire

Based on these comments and suggestions, we have now prepared this comprehensive questionnaire, which is being delivered to every household in the parish. The responses we receive will form the basis of the plan.

Please do take the time to fill it in – this is your chance to have your say.

The Parish Plan will be a public document when published, but this is an anonymous survey and your response will remain confidential. The results will only be shown in aggregate. Comments you make may be used in the Plan, but not so as to identify any individual.

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3. How to complete the questionnaire

Please answer all the questions. Most questions ask you to rate your response on a scale from 1 - 5 (low to high). For example, if the question asks you to rate how 'important' something is to you, then:

- 1 = **not** important
- 2 = **not very** important (**quite un**-important)
- 3 = **neither** important **nor** unimportant
- 4 = **quite** important
- 5 = **very** important

Please circle your answer

Try to record the consensus view in your household. If there are strong dissenting views, you can always note these in the comment boxes!

When considering your response, please bear in mind that all Council budgets are stretched, so additional services and amenities may only come at a cost. Some initiatives may need volunteers to help fundraise, or to run them afterwards. However, if we are able to prove strong support for an action or idea, then this information can be used to change priorities, or unlock alternative funding sources.

If you have any queries about completing this questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee mentioned above, or email barleyplan@gmail.com

4. Timescales and what to do with your completed questionnaire

We would ask that you complete the questionnaire by **Saturday 24th January**.

Questionnaires will be collected on the weekend of 24th/25th January.

If you are going to be away that weekend please contact any member of the committee or email barleyplan@gmail.com and we can arrange an alternative time to collect.

***REMEMBER THIS WILL BE A PLAN MADE BY THE PEOPLE OF BARLEY,
FOR THE PEOPLE OF BARLEY – WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

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THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Maintenance

Please indicate how strongly you feel about the following, where 1 is 'not important' and 5 is 'very important'.

Roads and pavements

- | | | | | | | |
|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| A1 | Prompt repair of potholes and worn tarmac surfaces | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A2 | Cutting hedges at junctions to maintain visibility | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A3 | More salt bins | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A4 | Improving road drainage in the village | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A5 | Keeping pavements and gutters clean and weed free | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Footpaths and bridleways

- | | | | | | | |
|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| A6 | Clearing back undergrowth and overhanging branches | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A7 | More bins for dog waste | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

A8 If you are particularly concerned about any specific maintenance issue, please give details here:

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Broadband

Barley is to be connected to the local exchange by fibre optic cable. This is due to be installed by September 2015 and should increase broadband speeds for most houses in the village.

Please indicate how important faster broadband speeds are to your household, where 1 is 'not important' and 5 is 'very important'.

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|-----|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| A9 | For on-line shopping, entertainment, social media and browsing | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A10 | For education, study, homework or research | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A11 | To work or do business from home | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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Traffic and Safety

Your feedback shows that many villagers are concerned about the speed of traffic in the village. Please indicate how strongly you feel about this issue, where 1 is 'not concerned' and 5 is 'very concerned'.

A12 Are you concerned about the speed of traffic through Barley? 1 2 3 4 5

Hertfordshire Police, Highways and Herts County Council are the organisations responsible for traffic management in the village. Please indicate how much you would like them to take action to reduce traffic speeds and improve safety, where 1 is 'not at all' and 5 is 'very much'.

A13	Would you like these organisations to take action to reduce traffic speeds and improve safety?	1	2	3	4	5

How happy would you be to see any of the following traffic calming or safety measures introduced, where 1 is 'not happy' and 5 is 'very happy'?

A14	Pinch points (reducing the road width)	1	2	3	4	5
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A15	Chicanes	1	2	3	4	5
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A16	Regular visits from the County's camera safety van	1	2	3	4	5
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A17	More frequent Police enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
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A18	Lower speed limit outside the school	1	2	3	4	5
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A19	Pedestrian crossing in the High Street	1	2	3	4	5
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A20	Speed limits extended further beyond the village boundaries	1	2	3	4	5
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A21 If you have any other comments about traffic and safety issues in the village, please give details here:

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VILLAGE CHARACTER

From your feedback it is clear that conserving the village character is important to the residents of Barley. Please indicate how strongly you feel about the following, where 1 is 'not important' and 5 is 'very important'.

B1	Retaining the rural atmosphere	1	2	3	4	5
B2	Keeping the views of the surrounding countryside	1	2	3	4	5
B3	Retaining the variety and mix of building styles	1	2	3	4	5
B4	Maintaining the current size of the village	1	2	3	4	5
B5	Maintaining the current population of the village	1	2	3	4	5
B6	Not having street lighting in the village	1	2	3	4	5
B7	Keeping the Plaistow as an open space	1	2	3	4	5
B8	Protecting the Town House building	1	2	3	4	5
B9	Protecting St Margaret of Antioch Church	1	2	3	4	5
B10	Maintaining the Fox and Hounds gantry	1	2	3	4	5
B11	Preserving the Lockup	1	2	3	4	5
B12	Improving the appearance of the village entry points	1	2	3	4	5

B13 If you have any other comments regarding the character of the village or you think anything has been missed, please give details here:

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New building

The 'village envelope' is the boundary set by North Hertfordshire District Council in the Local Plan and marked in red on the map below. Within the village envelope, new development might be allowed in principle, subject to other planning considerations; outside the village envelope there is a presumption against development.



Map data: Google, Infoterra Ltd & Bluesky

Please indicate how happy you would be about the following, where 1 is 'not happy' and 5 is 'very happy'.

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|-----|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| B14 | For some infill houses to be built within the village envelope | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| B15 | For houses to be built outside the village envelope | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| B16 | For additional low cost housing to be built in the village | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| B17 | For a larger development, if it is necessary to fund this low cost housing | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

B18 If you have any comments regarding new building in the village, please give details here:

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VILLAGE AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

In the past year, how often has your household used the following places? Please tick only one box for each.

		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
C1	Town House					
C2	Church					
C3	Village Shop					
C4	Village footpaths					
C5	The Plaistow					
C6	Post Office					
C7	Doctors surgery					
C8	Drayton's garage					
C9	The Chequers pub					
C10	Cricket club					

How important to you is the continuing availability of these places, where 1 is 'not important' and 5 is 'very important'?

C11	Town House	1	2	3	4	5
C12	Church	1	2	3	4	5
C13	Village Shop	1	2	3	4	5
C14	Village footpaths	1	2	3	4	5
C15	The Plaistow	1	2	3	4	5
C16	Post Office	1	2	3	4	5
C17	Doctors surgery	1	2	3	4	5
C18	Drayton's garage	1	2	3	4	5
C19	The Chequers pub	1	2	3	4	5
C20	Cricket club	1	2	3	4	5

C21 If you have any comments about existing amenities or facilities in the village, please give details here:

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New and improved amenities and facilities

From your feedback we have identified a range of possible new amenities and facilities for the village, but this list is not exhaustive so please feel free to add any additional ideas you may have.

Please indicate how strongly you feel about the following additions or improvements, where 1 is 'not important' and 5 is 'very important'.

The Plaistow

C22	Basketball net and hard standing playing area	1	2	3	4	5
C23	Picnic tables and picnic area	1	2	3	4	5
C24	Childrens' zip wire	1	2	3	4	5
C25	Skateboard / scooter ramp	1	2	3	4	5
C26	Renew the children's play area, with equipment for all age groups	1	2	3	4	5
C27	Better access to the Plaistow for prams and wheelchairs	1	2	3	4	5
C28	More rubbish bins	1	2	3	4	5

Other outdoor amenities

C29	Cycleway to Royston	1	2	3	4	5
C30	Fitness trail	1	2	3	4	5
C31	Footpath from Barley to Great Chishill	1	2	3	4	5
C32	More places to walk dogs off lead	1	2	3	4	5
C33	Additional bridleways	1	2	3	4	5
C34	More allotment plots	1	2	3	4	5

The Town House

C35	Rejuvenate the catering facilities within the Town House	1	2	3	4	5
C36	Renovate the Town House roof, interior, etc.	1	2	3	4	5

C37 Do you have any other ideas for improved facilities and amenities within the village? Please comment here:

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Activities for young people

This section only applies to households with children aged between 10-15.

How important do you think the following suggestion is, where 1 is 'not important' and 5 is 'very important'?

D11 To provide a place for young people to meet and organise their own activities 1 2 3 4 5

Please ask your children to answer the following question for themselves, where 1 is 'not interested' and 5 is 'very interested'.

D12 How interested would you be in going to a club or place in the village where you could meet other people of your own age? 1 2 3 4 5

D13 What activities do you think could be organised for young people? Please comment here:

D14 **IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD HAVE ASKED YOU?**

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Appendix E: Responses to Questionnaire

1. Introduction

The questionnaire was compiled by the Barley Parish Plan Committee. The committee consulted widely on what villagers would like to see included in the Parish Plan. This consultation was launched with a stand at the Barley Show in July 2014, followed by suggestion boxes located in the village shop, surgery and Chequers pub until the end of September 2014. Villagers were asked what they liked about Barley, what they would like to see change and what remain the same. 47 suggestion slips were received which, together with the feedback from the Barley Show, gave 289 comments or suggestions. The committee also attempted to consult various businesses, groups and societies in the village, such as the village shop, mothers of young children and the tennis club, with mixed success. The questionnaire was based on these wide ranging responses, taking account of the most frequent comments and the most interesting and practical suggestions.

The final questionnaire consisted of 82 questions divided into 4 broad themes. Due to the number of questions, the committee decided to adopt a common question format for ease of completion. Each question asked households to rate their response on a scale from 1 – 5 (low to high) in terms of how strongly they felt, how happy they would be, how important a suggestion was, etc. (Out of necessity, 10 questions about the frequency of use of village facilities used a different format.) Comment boxes were also included throughout to capture any specific concerns or additional points, including any matters not covered by the questions.

300 copies of the questionnaire were printed and delivered by committee members to each household in the parish, with extra copies to residents of

Margaret House. Questionnaires were delivered and collected in January /February 2015, allowing 2-3 weeks for completion. It was emphasised that all responses would remain anonymous and only used for purposes of the Parish Plan. 203 copies were completed and returned, a response rate of 68%, which is a significant percentage.

The responses were transcribed into an Excel spreadsheet for analysis. If a question was not answered, or the answer was unclear, it was recorded as 'no answer'; however, rather than reject an answer, where possible an attempt was made to interpret the intention from the surrounding answers or any written comments. All assumptions made were noted in the database. In total these assumptions only affected 47 answers spread across 36 different questions; at 0.28% of all answers given, they are therefore not material.

The answers given were analysed and the results are displayed below. For every question, a bar chart shows the number of responses given for each rating; a pie chart alongside shows the percentage split of those responses.

All comments were recorded, even if written outside the comments boxes. Some were transferred to a more appropriate box in another section, so that comments of a similar nature from different respondents could be reviewed together. A summary of the comments made is included below; words in italics are direct quotes. Comments were entirely optional and therefore care should be taken in giving any weight to those made; the committee has not presumed that they represent the views of a majority of villagers, or indeed anyone other than those who made them.

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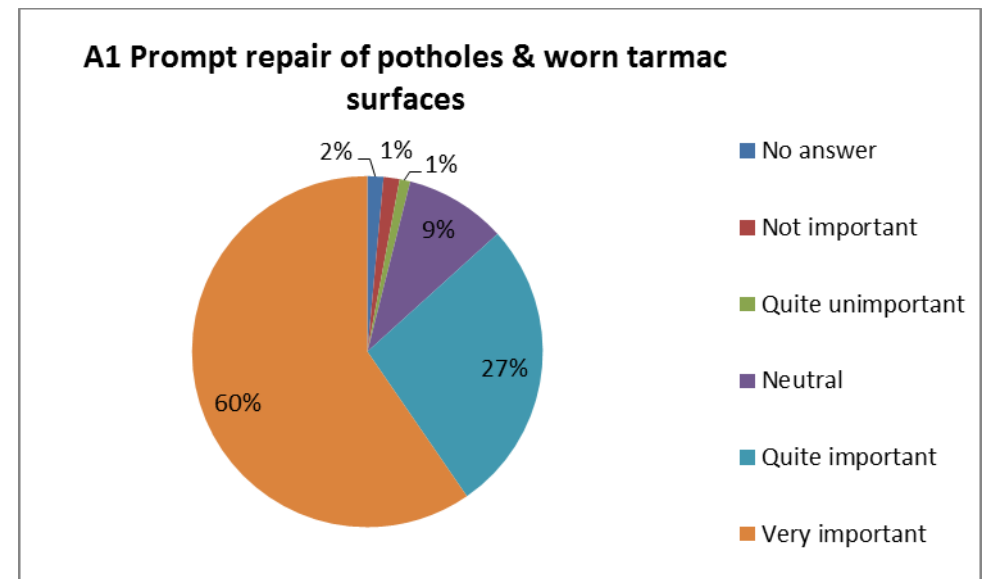
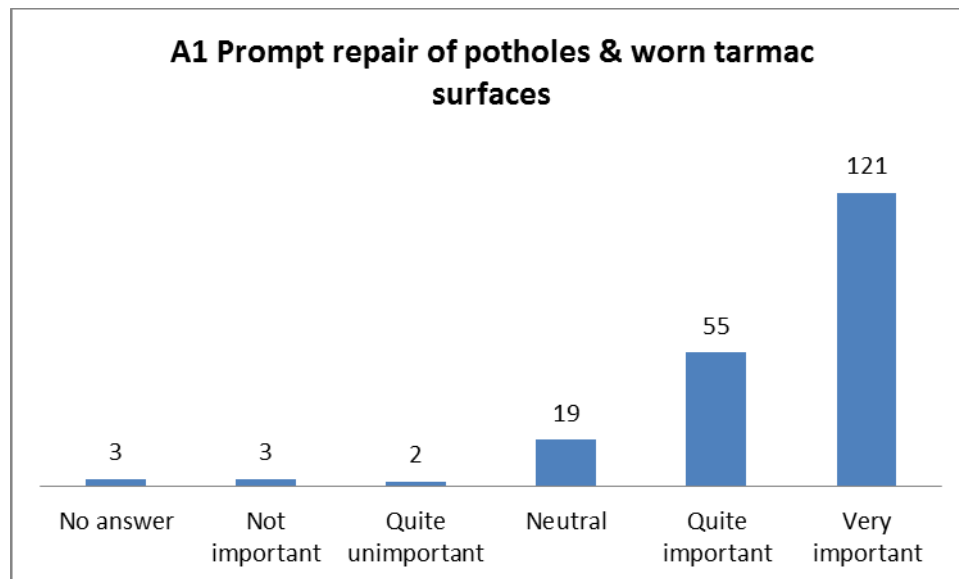
2. The Village Environment

This section of the questionnaire was divided into 3 sub-sections. The first section covered maintenance of roads, pavements and footpaths, the second section broadband and internet usage, the third traffic and safety issues in the village.

2.1 Maintenance

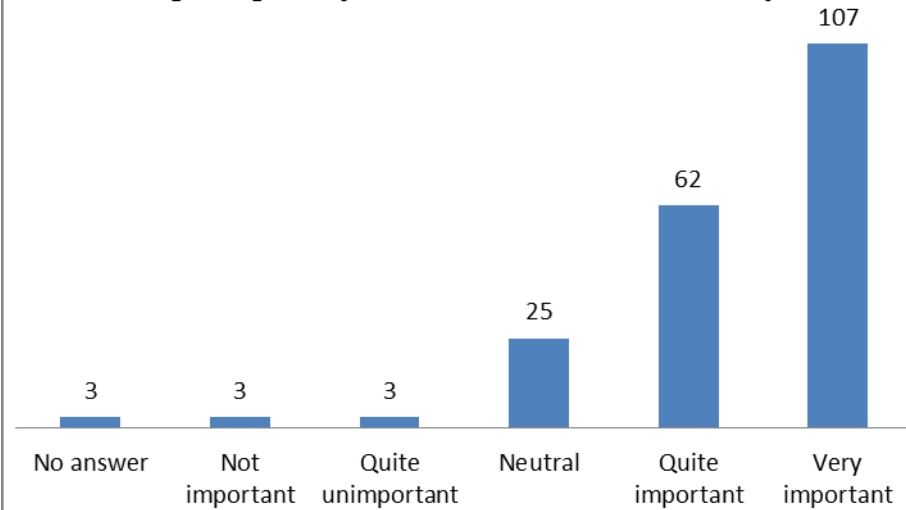
This sub-section consisted of 7 questions (A1-A7) asking households to rate the importance of various maintenance issues relating to roads, pavements, footpaths and bridleways in the parish, plus an optional comments box (A8) to give details of any specific maintenance issue causing concern.

Roads and Pavements (A1-A5)

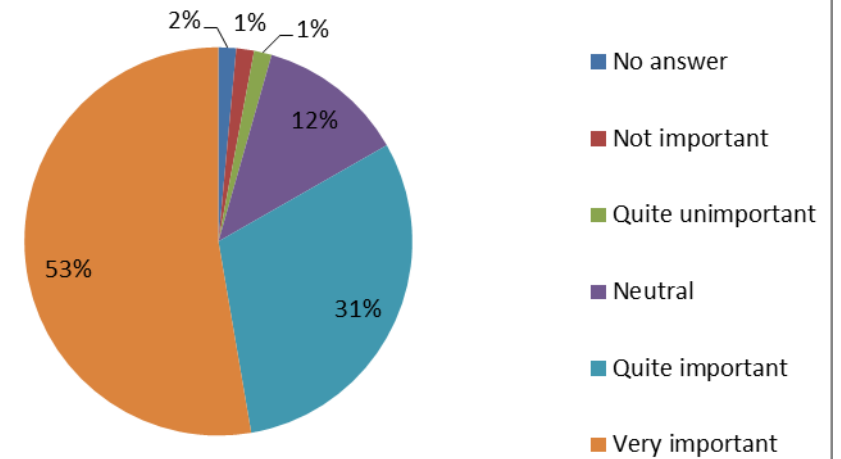


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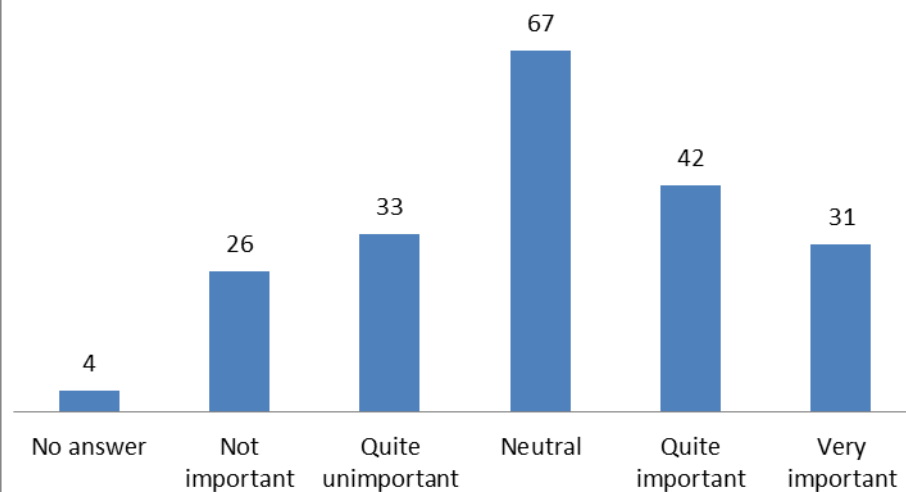
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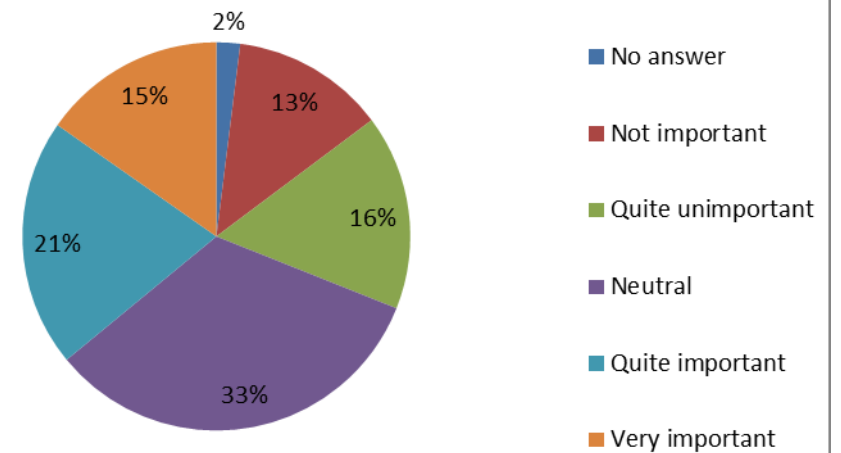
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A3 More salt bins

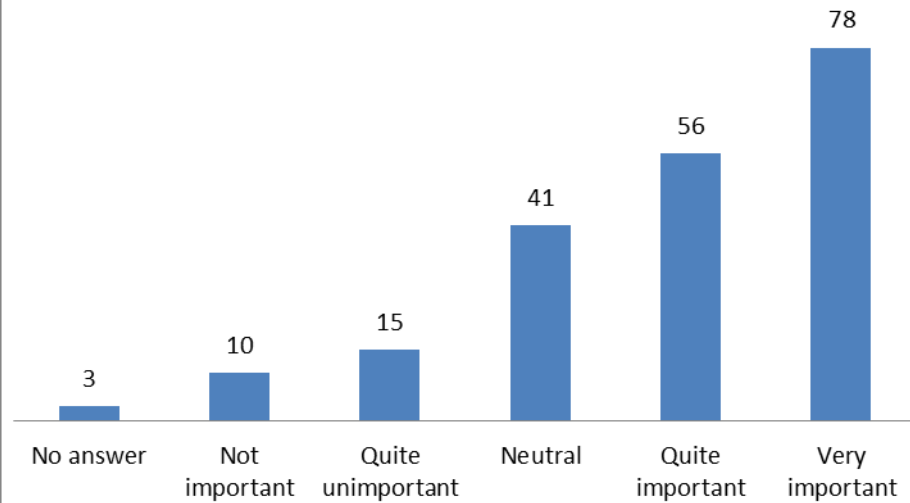


A3 More salt bins

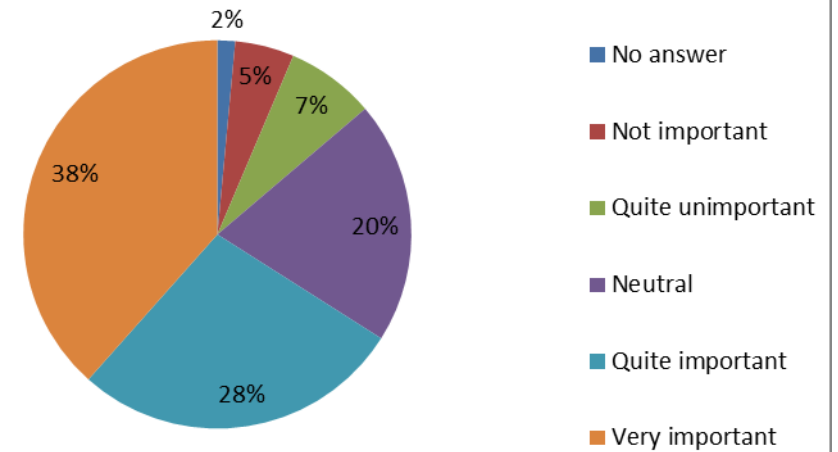


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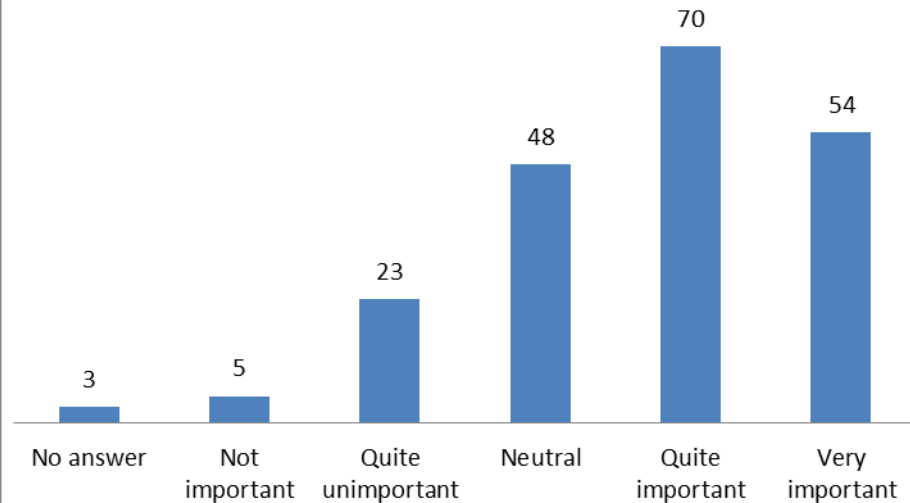
A4 Improving road drainage in the village



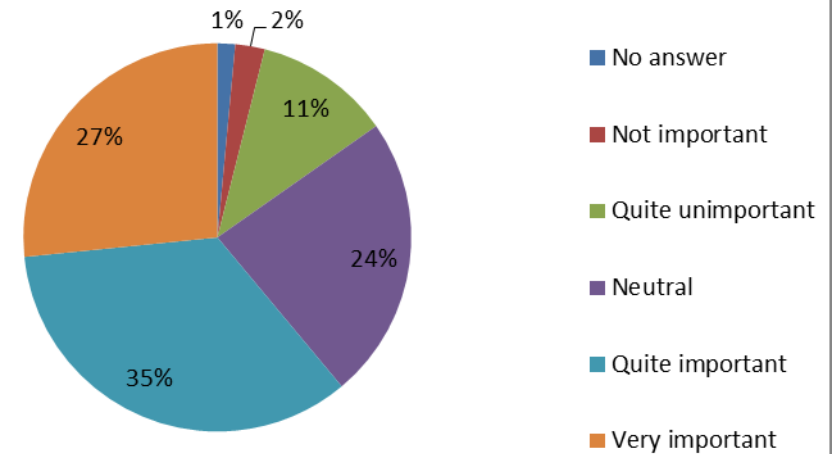
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A5 Keeping pavements & gutters clean & weed free



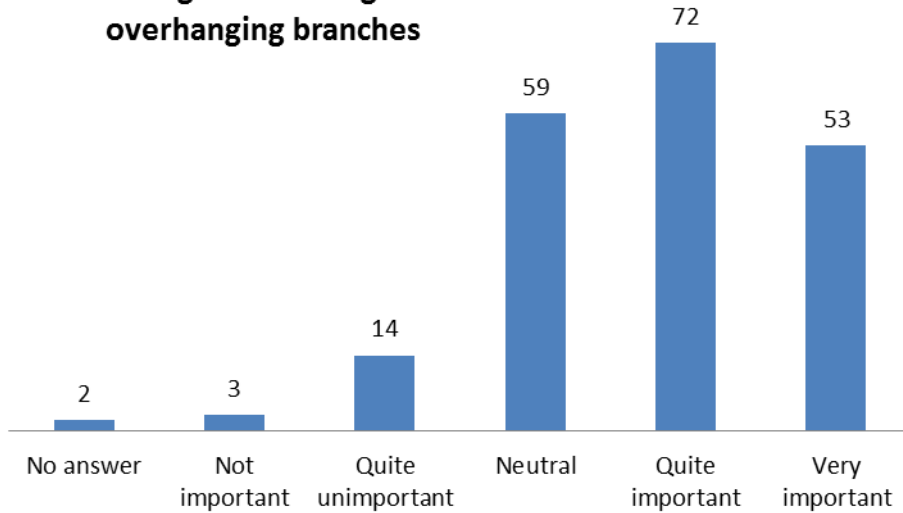
A5 Keeping pavements & gutters clean & weed free



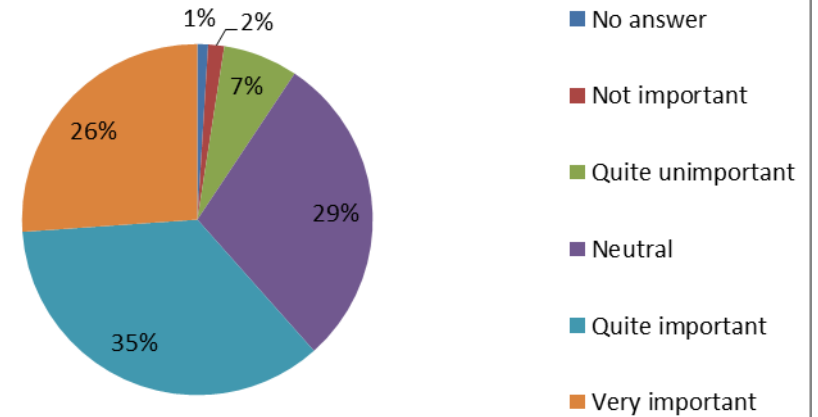
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Footpaths and bridleways (A6-A7)

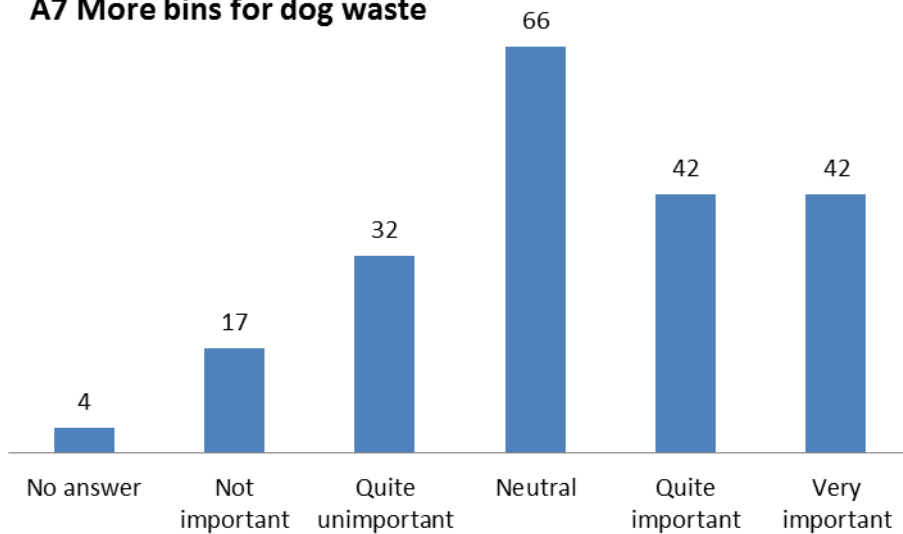
A6 Clearing back undergrowth & overhanging branches



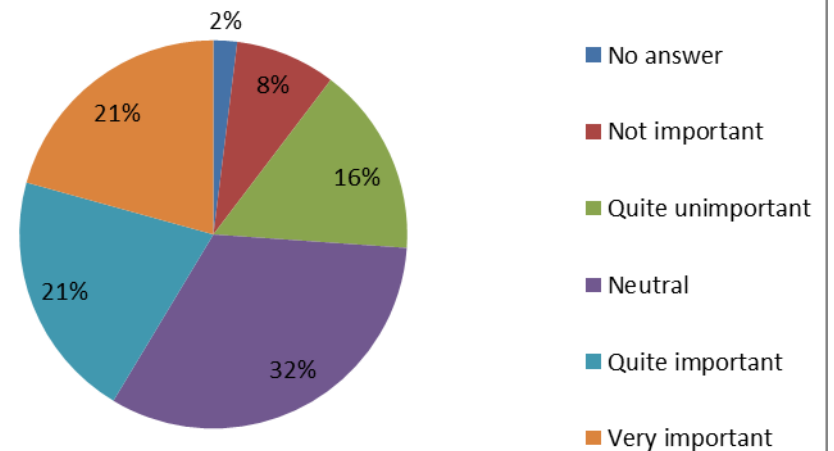
A6 Clearing back undergrowth & overhanging branches



A7 More bins for dog waste



A7 More bins for dog waste



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A8 Comments box – (“If you are particularly concerned about any specific maintenance issue, please give details here”)

66 respondents made comments in this sub-section, as detailed below:

A1: Three specific issues were raised about road repairs; filling potholes on the road to Great Chishill, resurfacing London Road and repairing the curb on the service road in Picknag Road.

A3: Four suggestions were made for additional salt bin locations; at the summit of Shaftenhoe End Road, at the junction of Bogmoor Road and the Nuthampstead road, and at the junction of Smith’s End Lane and Bogmoor Road (twice). One comment was made about clearing snow and ice from pavements and more frequent gritting of roads, in particular the B1039 from Barley to Royston.

A4: Eight comments were made about blocked and poor road drainage. The High Street was mentioned 5 times, especially problems at the lower end. The damp and flood danger to heritage buildings was noted. Also 4 comments were made about the run-off from coach washing at Richmonds’ garage onto the High Street, with this becoming a freezing hazard in winter. There were 3 mentions of the poor state of Shaftenhoe End Road, especially mud and large puddles between Lovely View stables and Church End. One specific comment was made about blocked drains in Smiths End Lane.

A further 5 comments were made about general drainage problems in the village. One noted that the village is prone to flooding and this ought to be investigated. Issues were raised about the general neglect of ditches, beside both village roads and footpaths (specifically footpath 10 across Churchfields, where the ditch has disappeared). Two mentions were made of the need to maintain the dyke across the Plaistow, as this absorbs water from the High Street and flash floods.

A5: There were 9 comments about pavement maintenance. Specific mentions were made about the steps onto Bankside being overgrown and muddy, and the southern section of Picknag Road being unsafe for old people due to damp leaves. Two comments were made about the mess caused by large vehicles transporting hay bales down the High Street. Two others suggested that villagers ought to maintain the pavement outside their own homes. Three comments were also made about hedges encroaching onto pavements, noting the danger to pedestrians and that maintenance was the home owner’s responsibility. There was also one plea for a pavement along Smith’s End Lane.

A6: Eight comments were made about footpath maintenance. Three were general comments about keeping footpaths maintained and properly marked. Overhanging branches on footpaths 10, 11 & 12 (the network of footpaths south of Church End and Crossways) were mentioned twice. Three mentioned clearing obstructions on the footpath between the surgery and The Mount¹

A7: This question generated 18 comments about dog bins and fouling, both of pavements and footpaths. There were 5 complaints about fouling, one saying the problem has grown, one also raising the health issue. Two others said the evidence suggested existing bins were not being used. Some suggested new bins were not the answer, with 5 advocating more warning notices or enforcement action and 2 saying dog litter should be taken home. Five comments supported extra bins, suggesting 4 sites; between the school and Townhouse, the footpath by the surgery, on footpath 11 by Putty Hall cottages, on footpath 9 beside Shaftenhoe End Rd.

¹ This is a permissive right of way only.

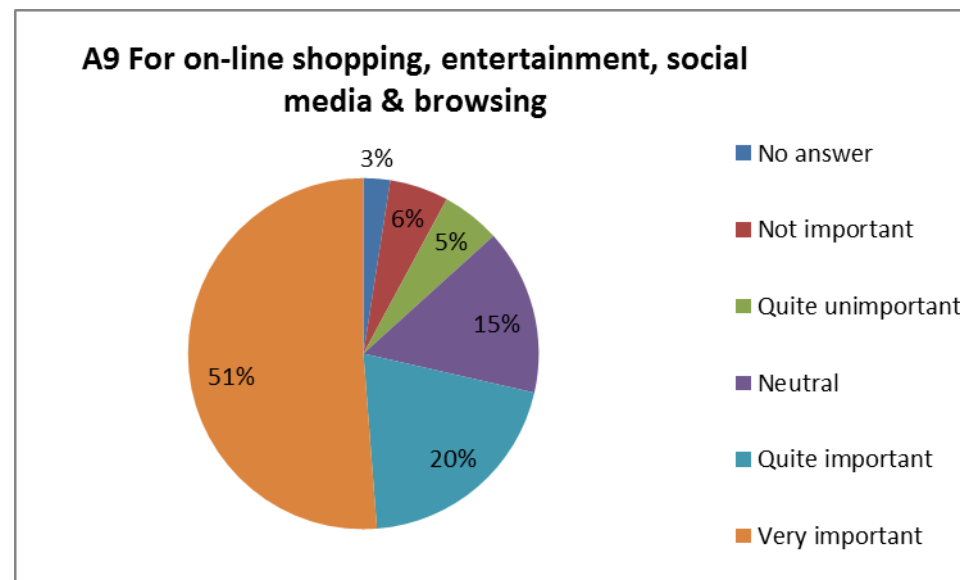
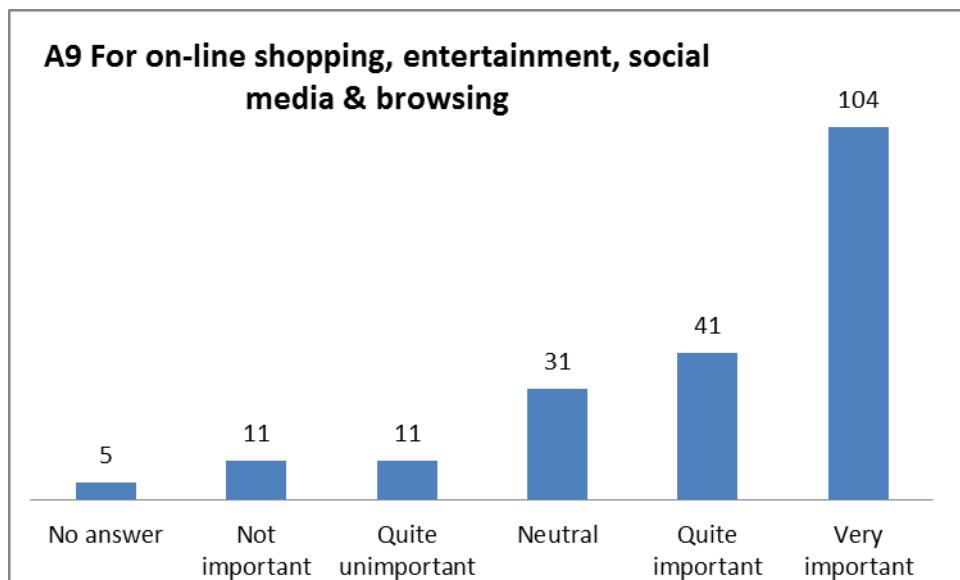
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Further comments were made about issues not covered by questions A1-A7. Five mentioned maintenance of road signs and street names; the need to clean signs so they are visible at night, cut back vegetation and replace lost signs. 2 of these mentioned issues in Smith's End Lane. Three other comments highlighted the need to maintain the benches around the village and parish footpaths, and specifically to replace the seat by the war

memorial. Four others concerned general village tidiness, one commenting that local towns were kept clean while villages were neglected. One specifically mentioned the area behind the scout hut. Three others complained about the state of Shaftenhoe End Road, citing mud, flooding, rutted 'passing places', hedge and field maintenance.

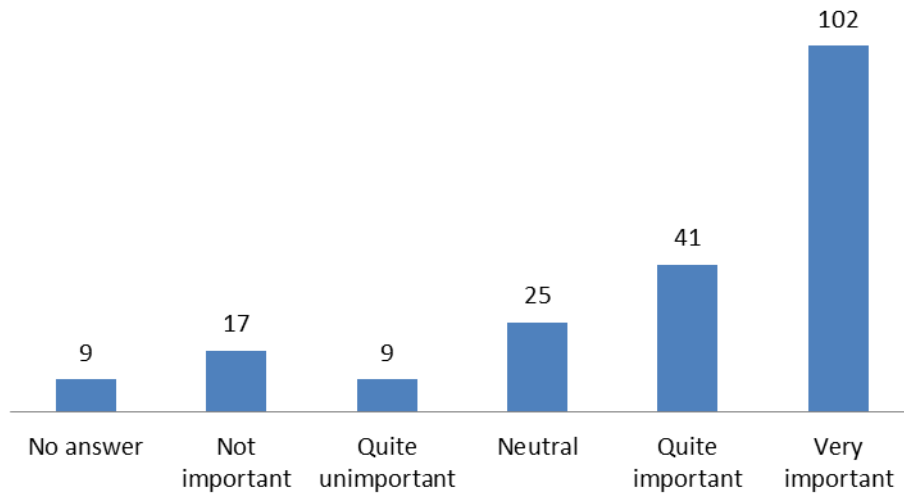
2.2 Broadband

The initial feedback included many comments about slow internet speeds in Barley. Noting that a fibre optic connection to the local exchange is due to be installed by September 2015, this sub-section asked 3 questions (A9-A11) to gauge the importance of faster broadband speeds to households for different purposes.

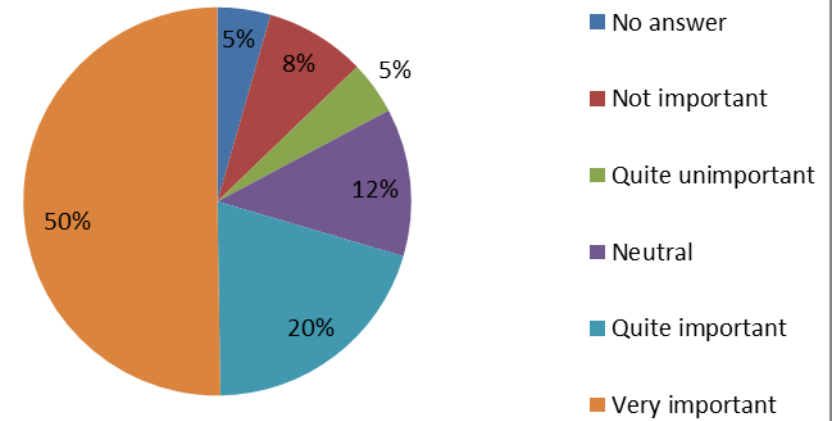


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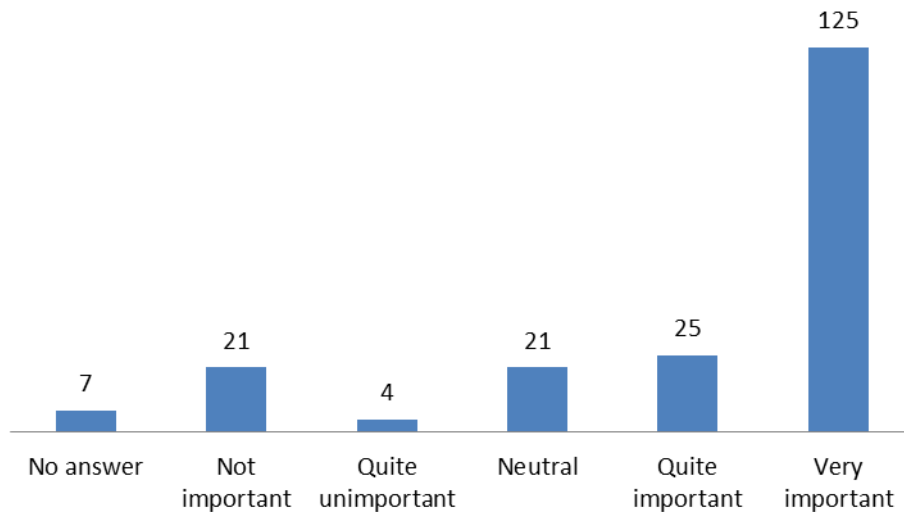
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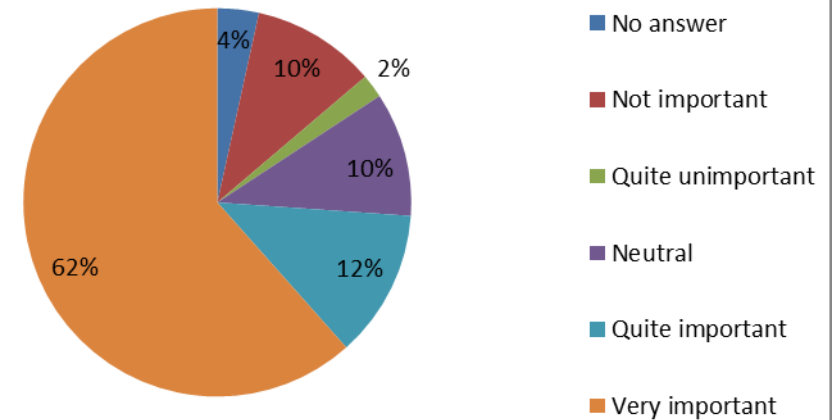
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A11 To work or do business from home



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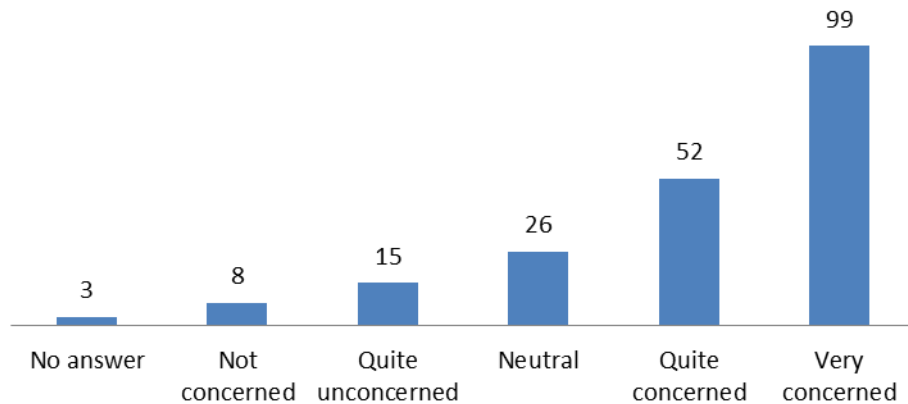
Although no comments box was provided for the broadband section, 3 respondents did write alongside, or elsewhere. Two comments raised technical questions about the upgrade and whether certain parts of the village would benefit, one questioned whether increased speeds would only come at additional cost.

2.3 Traffic and Safety

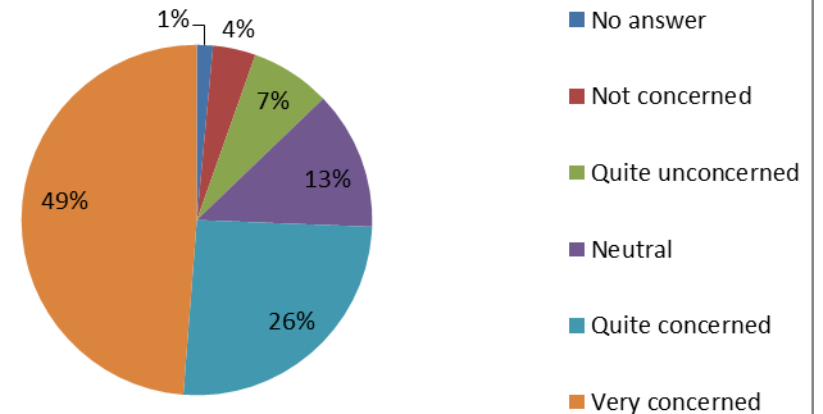
The initial feedback also included many comments about road safety and traffic speeding in the village. This sub-section asked 9 questions (A12-A20) to gauge firstly how strongly villagers felt about this issue, secondly how much they wanted the relevant authorities (Hertfordshire Police, Highways and

County Council) to take action and thirdly the level of support for various possible traffic calming or safety measures. Box A21 allowed for any optional comments about traffic and safety issues.

A12 Are you concerned about the speed of traffic through Barley?

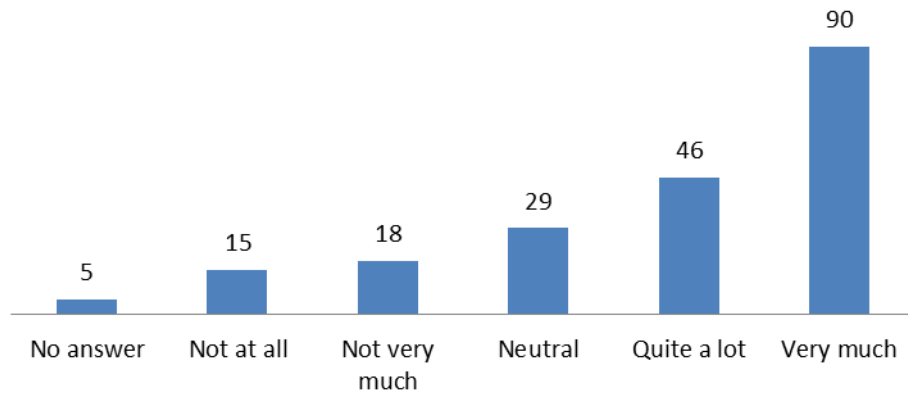


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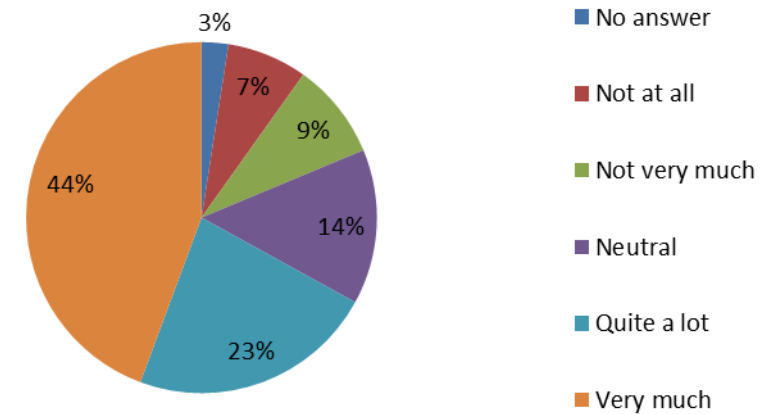


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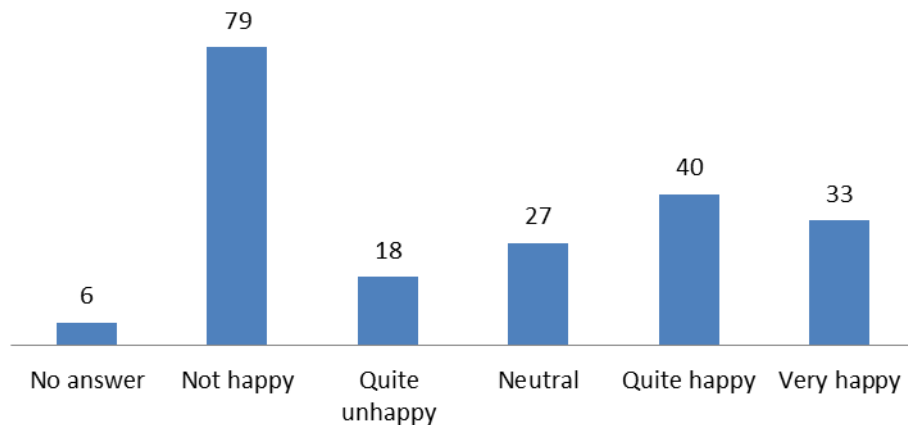


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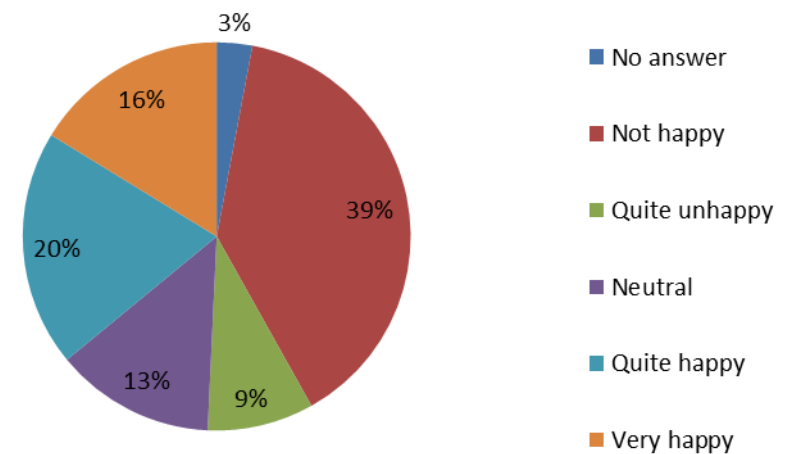


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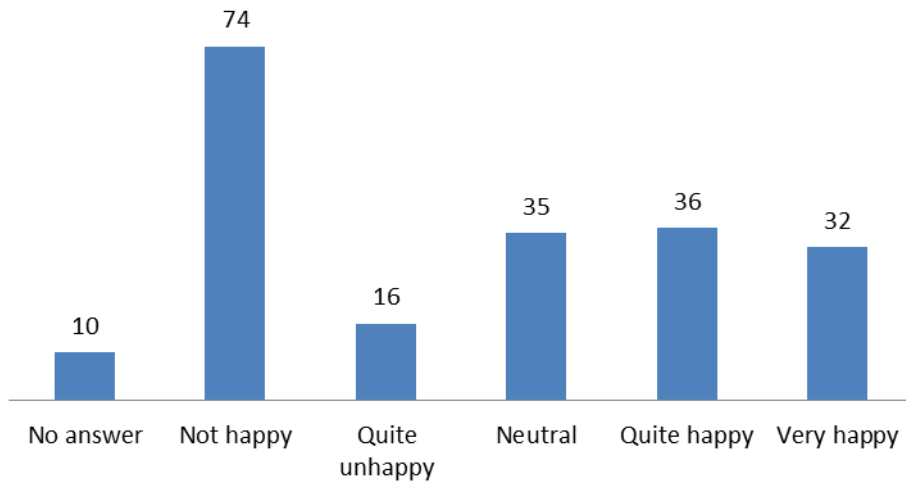


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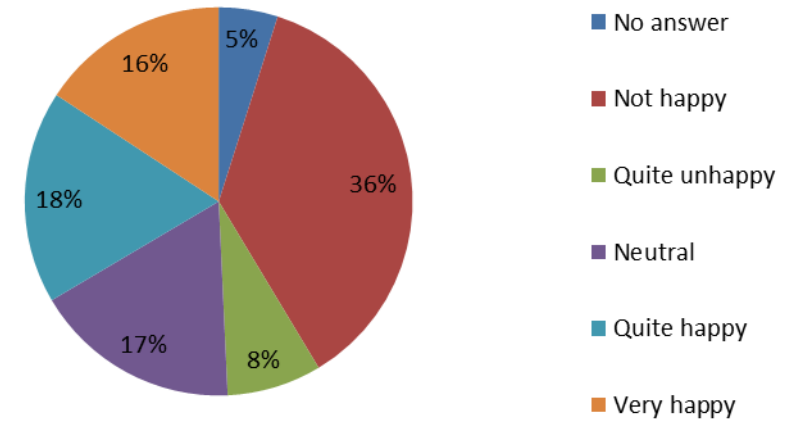


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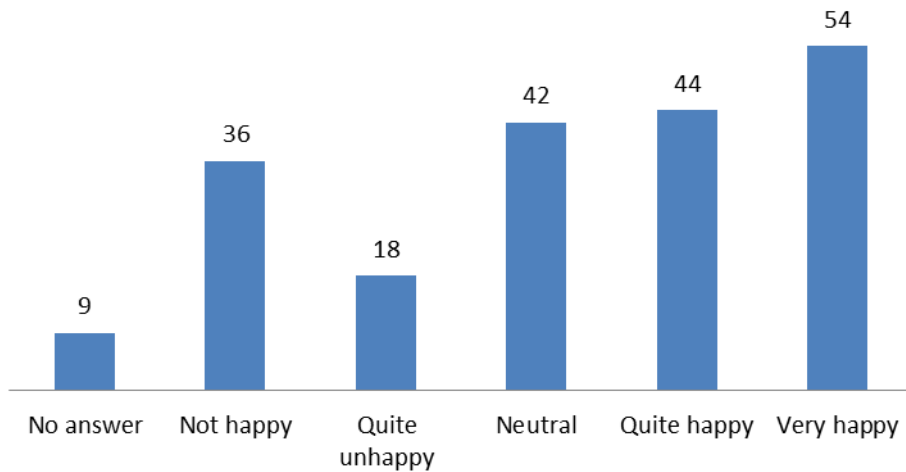
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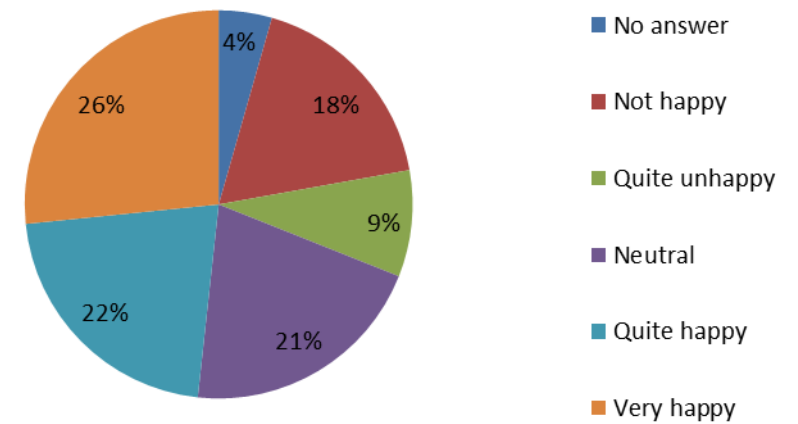
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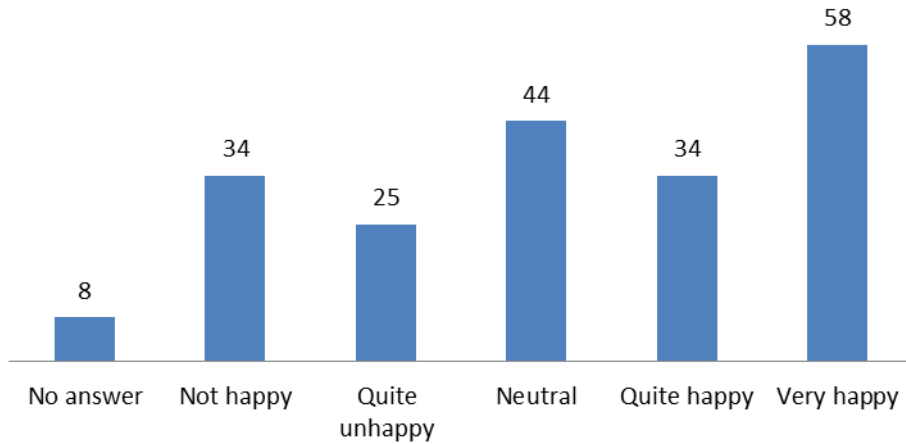


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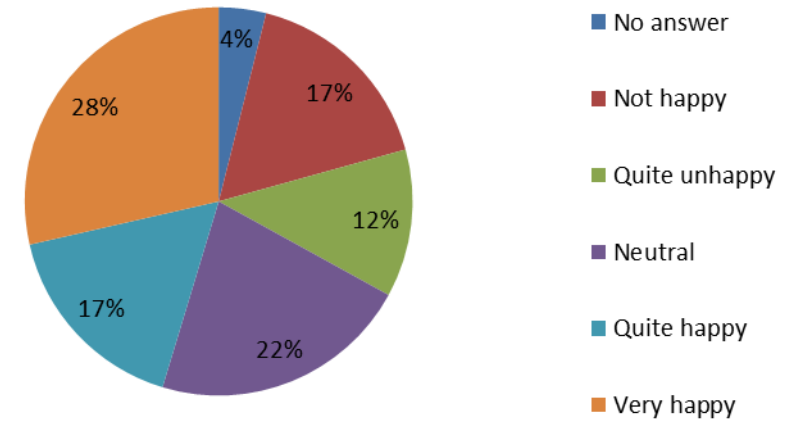


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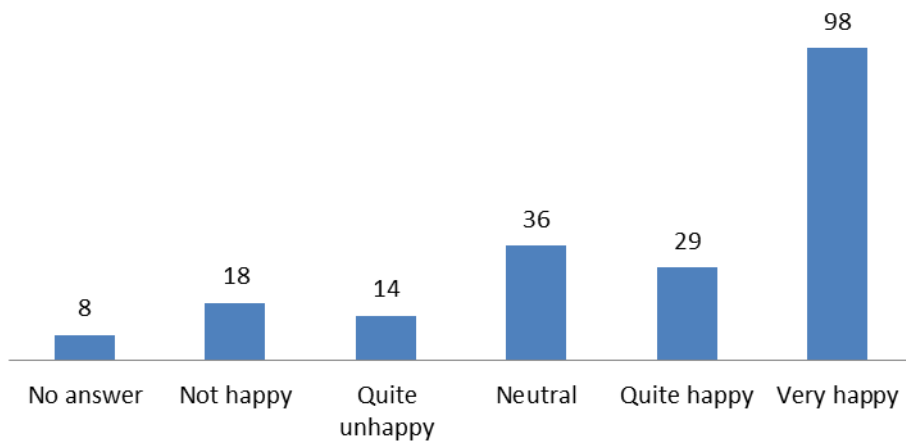
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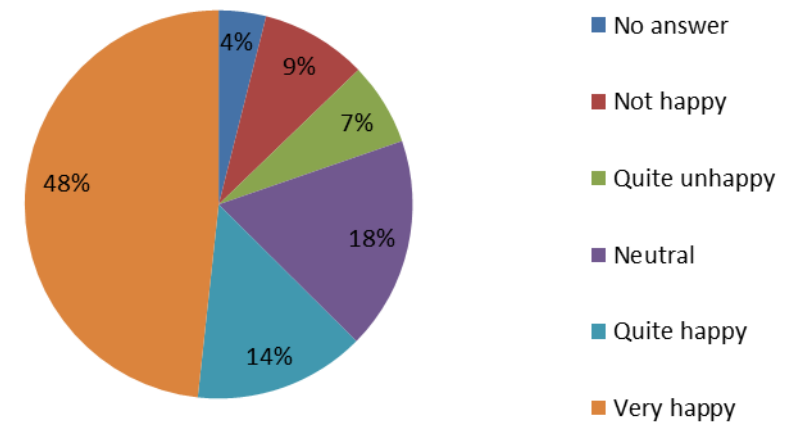
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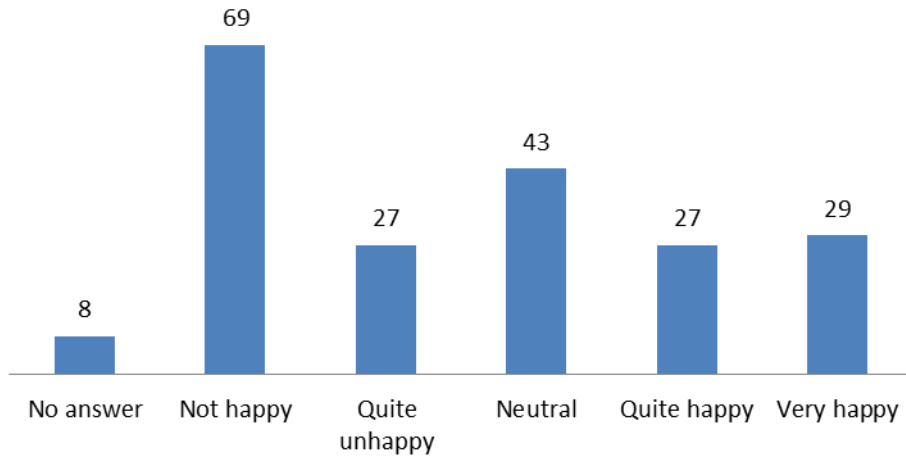


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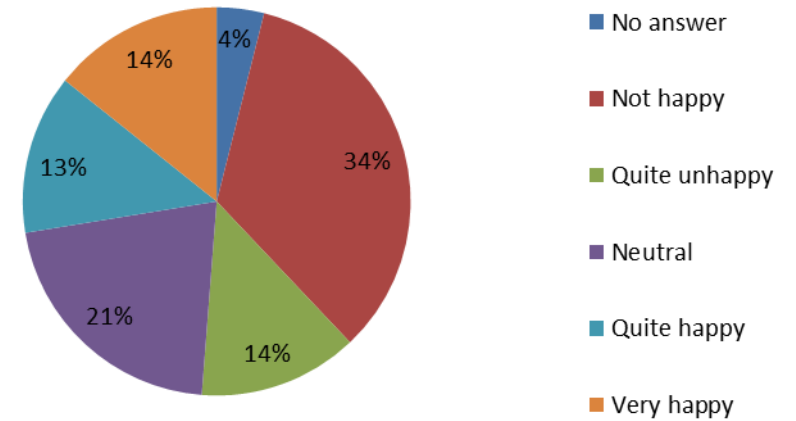


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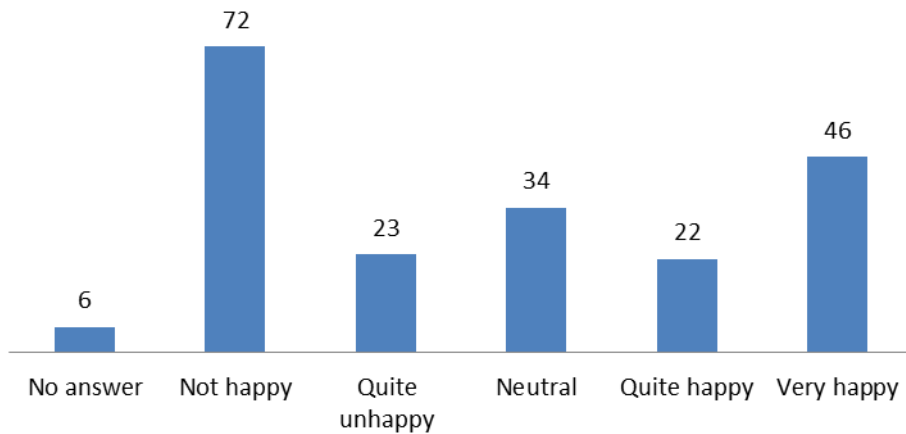
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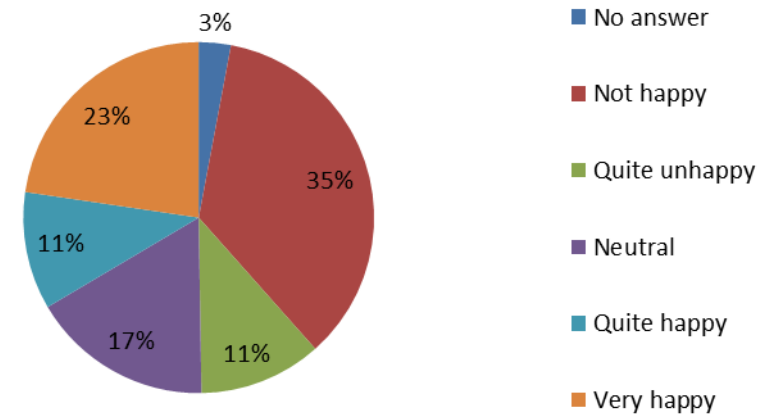
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A20 Speed limits extended further beyond village boundaries



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A21 Comments box – (“If you have any other comments about traffic and safety issues in the village, please give details here”)

This section generated a profuse amount of comments from 89 households (44% of all respondents).

A13: One commentator, being opposed to the introduction of chicanes, said that support for action depended on what specific measures were proposed by these organisations. Another averred *“the almost complete lack of support from the police”* to curb speeding.

A14 & A15: These suggestions generated 20 responses, most linking the two measures together. Four respondents supported pinch points, one saying these would be ideal in the High Street, another wanting them between the Chequers and Richmonds along London Road, the others saying they should be at or outside the village boundaries, particularly on Cambridge Road.

However, 9 other commentators remarked out that parked cars, particularly in the High Street and Church End, already serve the function of pinch points and chicanes; three of these added that such measures would cost taxpayers money but make no difference to speeding, one also pointing out that parking problems would be made worse by the structures. Six other respondents opposed pinch points and chicanes outright, one saying they are ugly and would cause more noise, another that they cause problems for horse-riders, a third saying they would bring Barley to a standstill; 2 said that they irritate drivers, one adding that they *“make me want to speed up”*.

A16 & A17: There were 7 comments on these two questions. Two thought that speed checks needed to be carried out at more varied times, to include weekends, or when people are riding horses, or at night time to catch *“boy racers [driving] at stupid speed”*. Another suggested that speed camera signs should be put on village approaches to deter speeding. One said that instead of building traffic calming structures *“the police should do their job and*

enforce the existing speed limit on a regular basis”, but 3 others disagreed, saying that unlike permanent measures, safety vans and police with mobile speed cameras only catch a small minority.

A18: Two comments said a 20mph limit outside the school was unnecessary, one saying that *“parked vehicles and poor distant visibility”* already slowed vehicles. The 7 other commentators supported a 20mph limit, but wanted this to cover a wider area; 2 comments said the whole of Church End should be 20mph, some mentioning the High Street, Smith’s End Lane or other ‘side’ lanes, but 4 said that the whole village should be a 20mph zone, one saying that such measures were now widespread in Suffolk.

A19: Six comments were made. One asked where a pedestrian crossing would be located in the High Street, another suggested at points where the pavement is discontinued. Four however thought it was unnecessary; two maintaining that it was not difficult to cross the High Street, one saying that visibility on the road is good, another that it *“would be ineffective as people cross at so many different points”*.

A20: Seven comments were made; one saying it was not necessary to extend the speed limit area, the others supportive. One suggested signage with countdown markers, another felt that *“warning signs with polite notices that you are entering a village would have an impact”*. Others supported enforced speed reduction, by road markings on approach roads and reducing the speed limit to 40mph or 50mph beyond the village boundary, especially along Cambridge Road. One comment asked how this would work in Shafterhoe End (which has no speed restrictions) while another suggested the whole of the wider village should become a 30mph zone.

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Some people proposed other traffic calming measures than those suggested in questions A14 to A20. Two were in favour of permanent speed cameras. Four suggested more illuminated signs were needed or other types of sign which show a smiley face or “thank you” to those obeying the limit. Two thought the existing flashing sign on London Road should be moved uphill towards the Chequers “*to reduce speed sooner*”. Four respondents mentioned speed humps; 2 in favour and 2 against. Those against said they damaged vehicles and tyres, those in favour declared they would be more effective than pinch points or chicanes in slowing traffic, either in the High Street or along London Road. Another person proposed that rumble strips be installed on Bogmoor Road.

A wide range of other topics were raised about traffic and safety in the village. The most commonly mentioned with 21 comments was the hazard caused by parking. Five were concerned about sight lines from driveways and junctions, where parked vehicles blocked the view; specific areas mentioned were the junction by the war memorial when turning from London Road onto Church End (twice), the exit from Pudding Lane onto Church End, and the B1368/B1039 crossroads when emerging from Picknag Road looking to the left.

However, most comments (16) were about the physical obstruction caused by parking. Two mentioned parking outside or opposite the school, one the section of Picknag Road nearest the crossroads. Seven mentioned the junction by the Fox & Hounds, due to vehicles being parked outside the Forge, war memorial and on the corner below Richmonds. Seven others raised issues about parking in the High Street, one saying this was only temporarily alleviated by the use of the car park at the closed Fox & Hounds; two said it caused traffic congestion in the High Street leading to impatient driving; one thought that parking on the bend opposite the doctors’ surgery was dangerous, restricting the view of oncoming traffic. Two others wondered whether yellow lines should be introduced at junctions or

hotspots. Finally 2 people concerned about parking on Church End said more use should be made of the car park behind the Town House, one adding that users of the village shop and Church should be directed to park there.

A number of residents voiced concerns about safety at specific places in the village. One wanted a lower speed limit by the stables and two were concerned about speeds through Shaftenhoe End, where the limit is 60mph. Another said “*Picknag Road is used as a race track with no consideration for the residents who live and park there.*” Four mentioned Church End, citing excessive speeds (2), the junction with Picknag Road being dangerous for pedestrians due to poor visibility (1) and concerns about increased traffic in future with the nursing home expanding (1). Other areas of concern were speeding along London Road (2), the corner by Richmonds being hazardous for drivers coming down London Road (1), restricted views when turning from the High Street into Church End (1) and the danger to pedestrians coming from Church End who need to cross the main road by the Fox & Hounds (1).

Moving down the High Street, a parent who walks children to the school expressed concern that there was no safe place to cross and also having to cross twice (due to the lack of continuous pavements); further north, another commentator was concerned that give-way markings at the crossroads were barely visible, saying that cars from Royston fail to stop; another was concerned about speeding traffic coming into the village along Cambridge Road. Finally, although this is outside the parish and also outside the county, one mentioned the dangerous junction at Flint Cross on the A505.

Another topic was the number of large vehicles travelling through the village, with 9 raising concerns. Two mentioned large farm machinery and one Richmonds coaches, however most focussed on large lorries passing through the village, saying volumes had increased and there was too much HGV traffic. Concerns were raised about speeding (3), the noise caused at unsocial hours (2), the use of the B1368 as a ‘rat run’ between the A10 and A505 trunk

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roads (2), damage to road surfaces and foundations (1) and using unsuitably narrow lanes (1). One suggested that HGVs should be banned except for access, another that pinch points or chicanes might act as a deterrent.

One-way systems were suggested by 4 respondents, either just along Church End, or around the village centre using the triangle created by the High Street, Picknag Road and Church End. The proponents of a village one-way system thought this would reduce waiting for vehicles and improve safety for pedestrians, or deter through traffic².

Mirrors at junctions or blind corners were suggested by 5 commentators, to assist both drivers and pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs. Locations proposed were all junctions with 'give-way' lines within the village boundary, also down from Bankside onto the High Street and on the blind corners along Smith's End Lane.

A concern expressed strongly by 4 respondents was the effect of permanent traffic calming measures on the village ambience. Two pointed out that pinch points, chicanes and pedestrian crossings could not be installed without street lighting, and so opposed these options. Two others said that such measures would spoil the village character, leading to *"an increase in street clutter and general signage [and] urban creep"*.

Three villagers were unconcerned about speeding in the village or did not think there was a problem, one saying that *"a constant stream of speeding motorists is a complete myth"*. However another commentator said that *"most days the traffic is going much too fast in the village"*. Two other respondents objected to local people, rather than the police, being involved in speed deterrent measures. One felt that the road network around Barley

would be unable to cope with housing developments. Finally one person thought that cyclists were the real problem, not motorists, saying that cyclists who use the village and surrounding roads for time-trials, racing or training were a menace and danger, and should be banned.

² For such a system to operate, Church End would have to be upgradeable to B-road status.

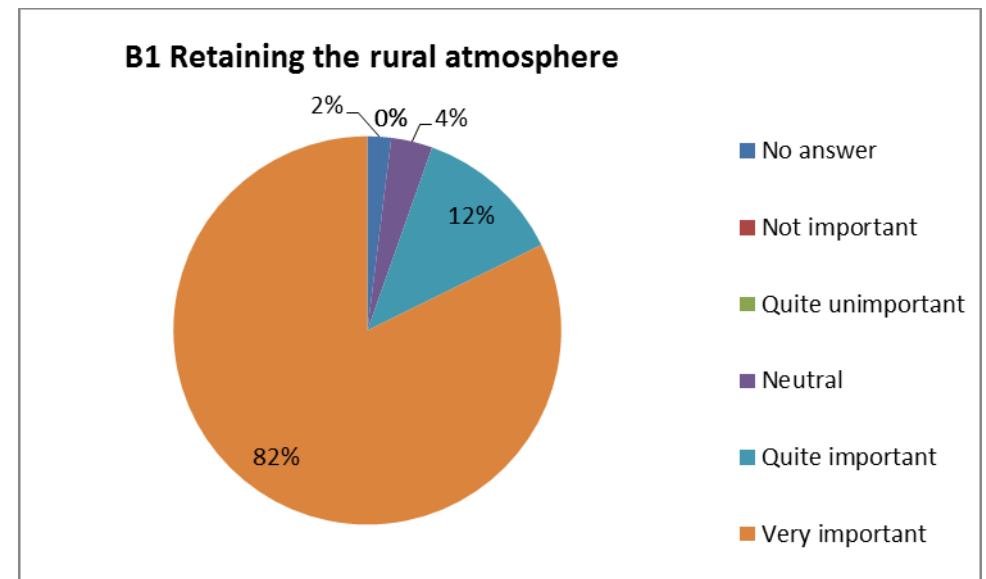
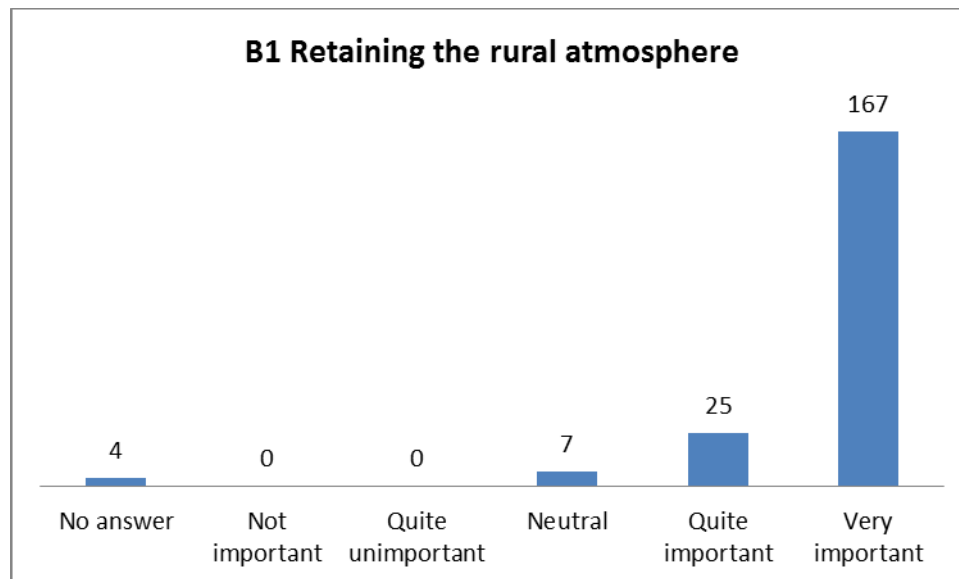
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3. Village Character

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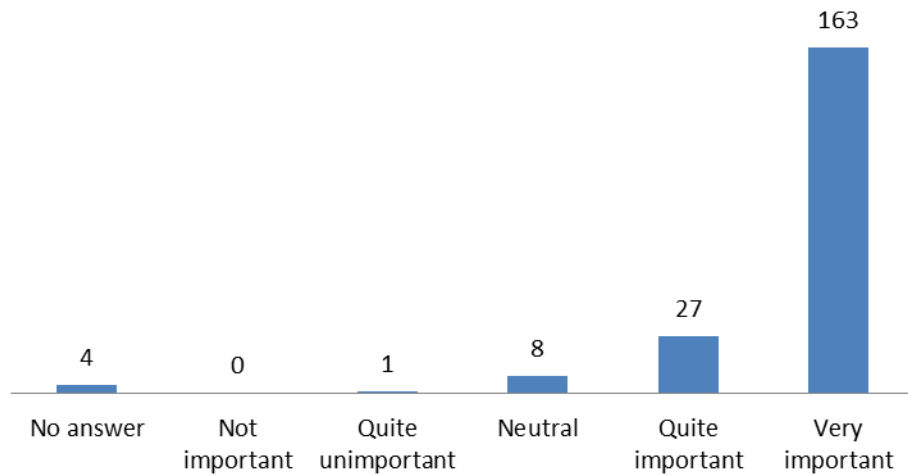
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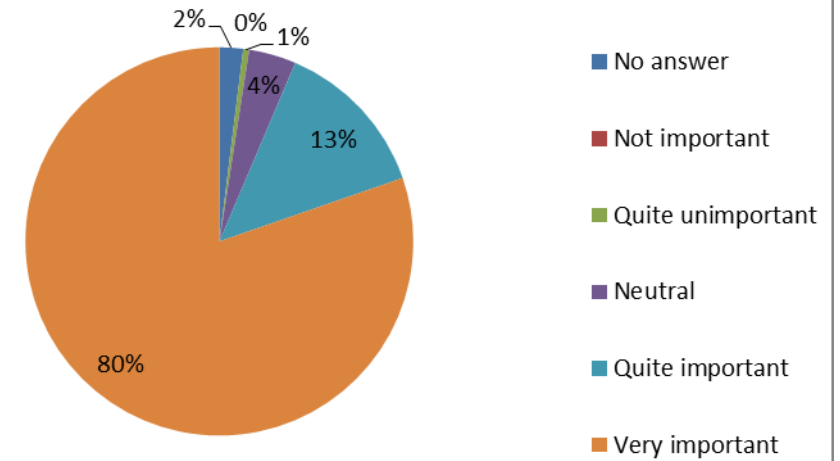


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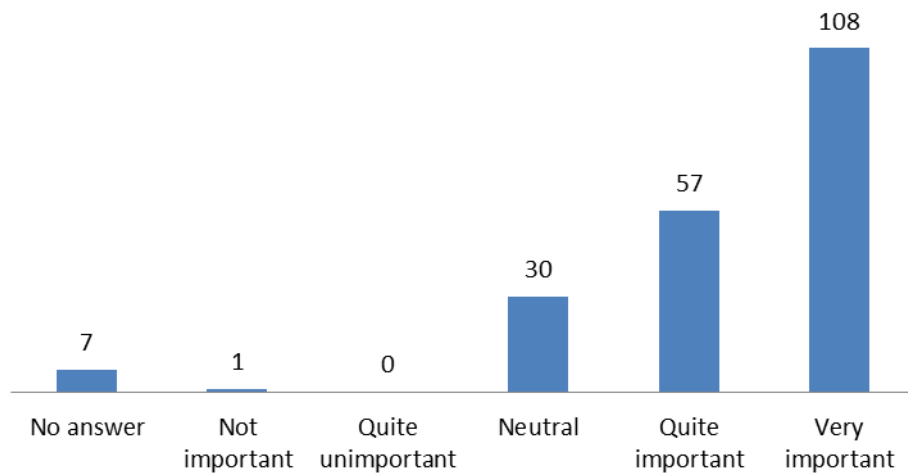
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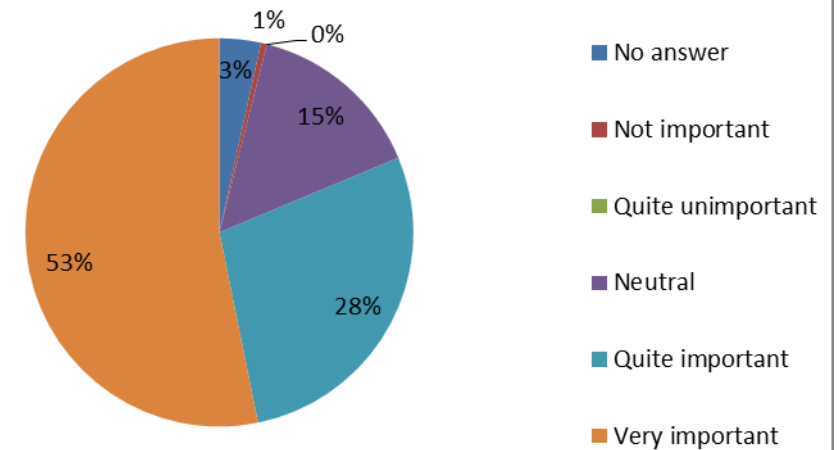
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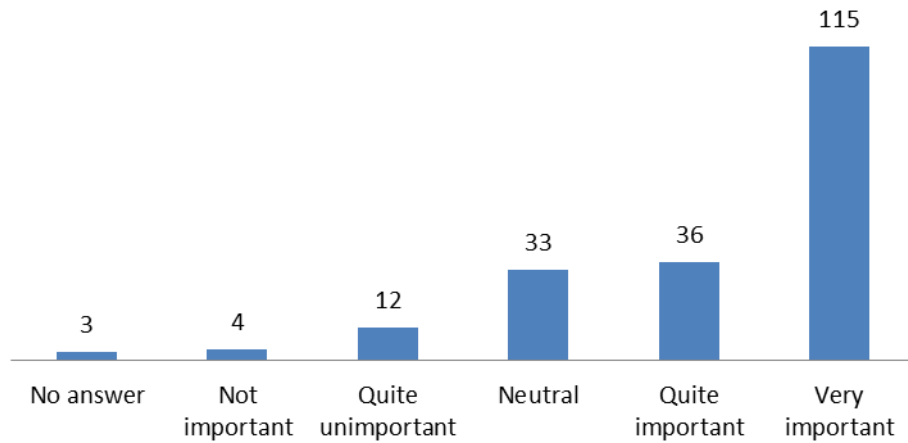


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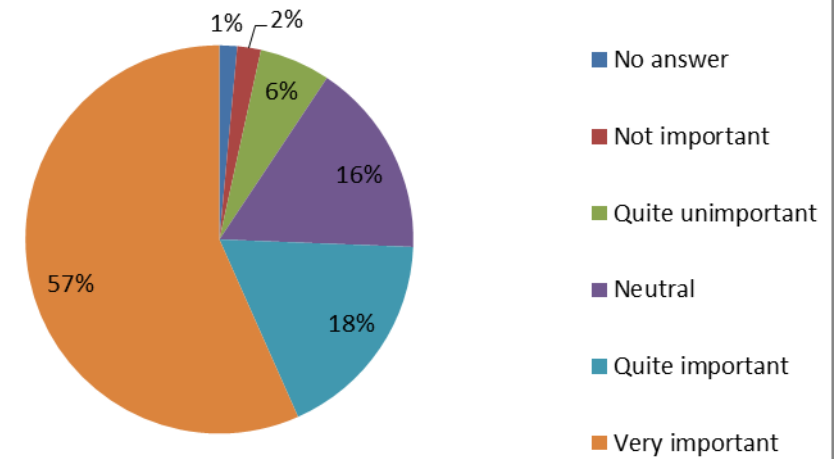


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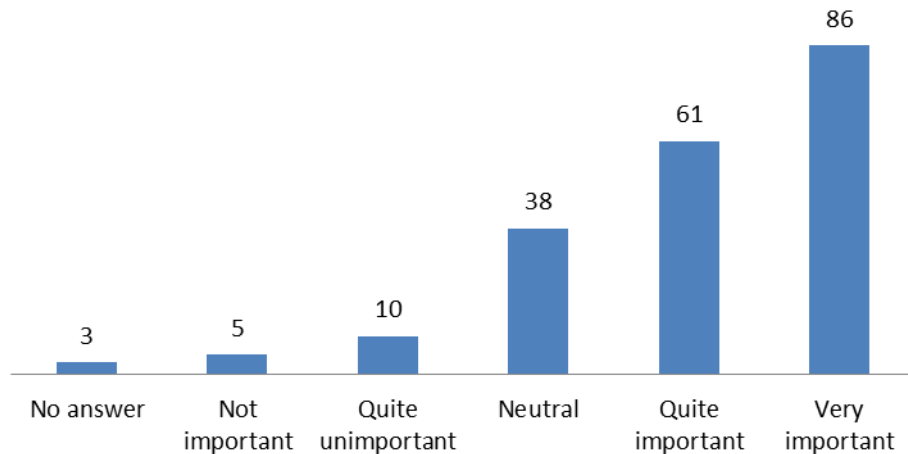
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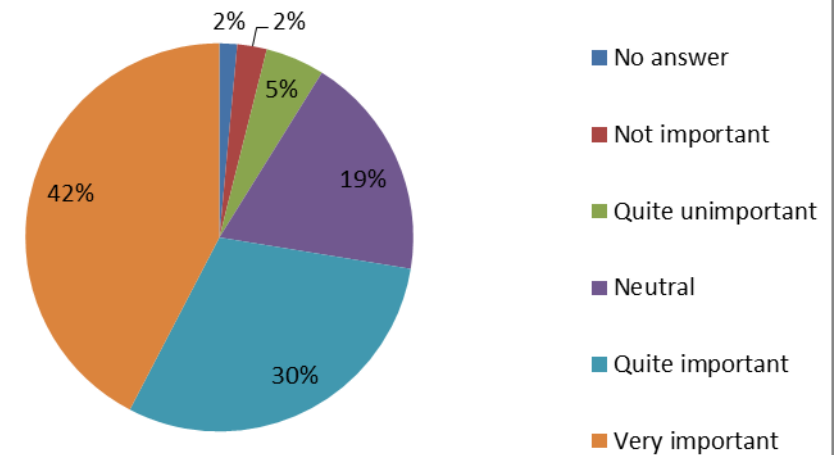
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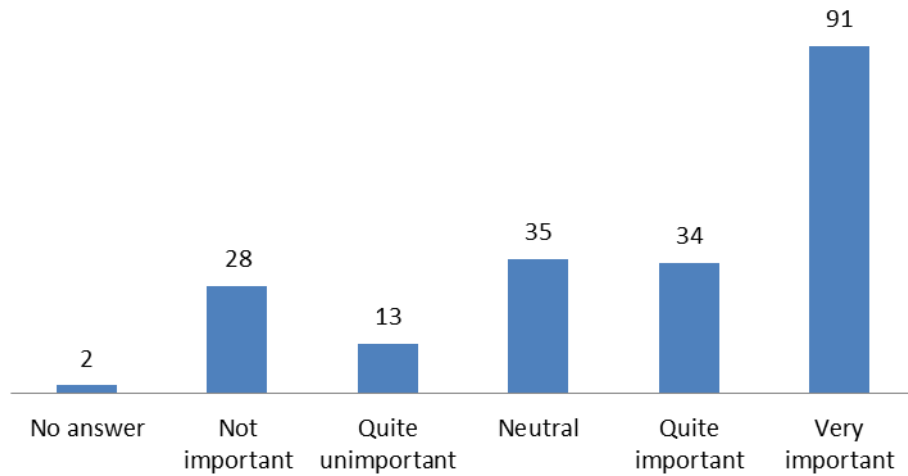


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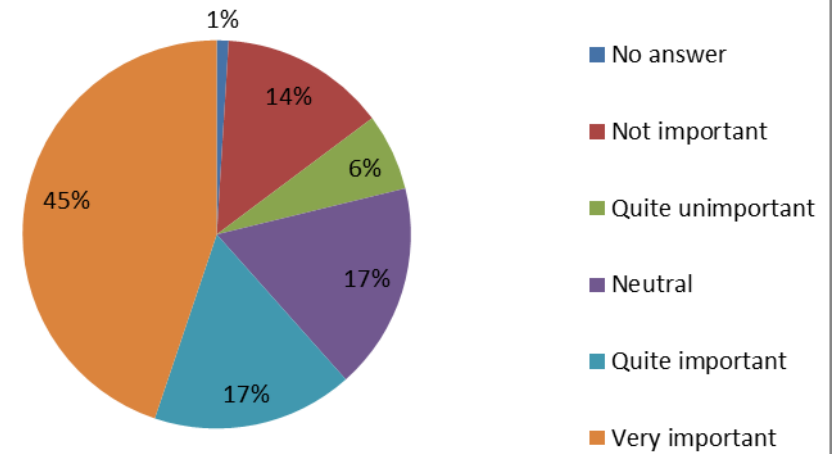


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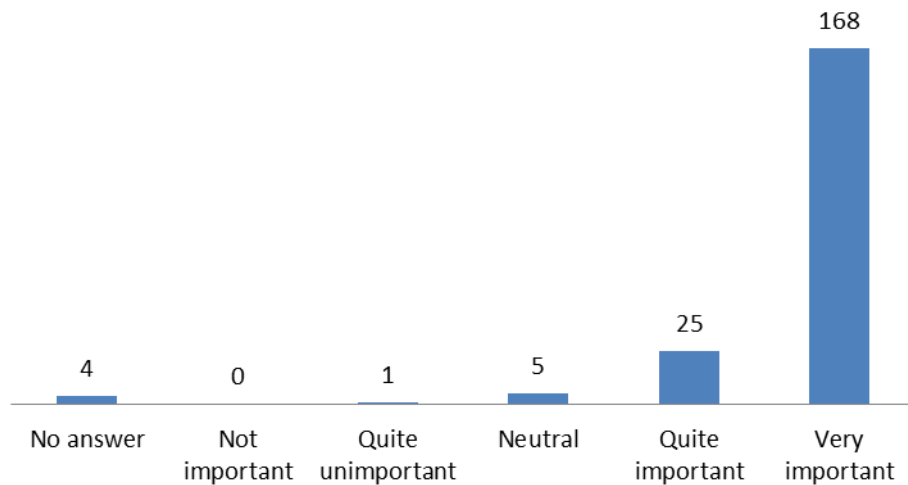
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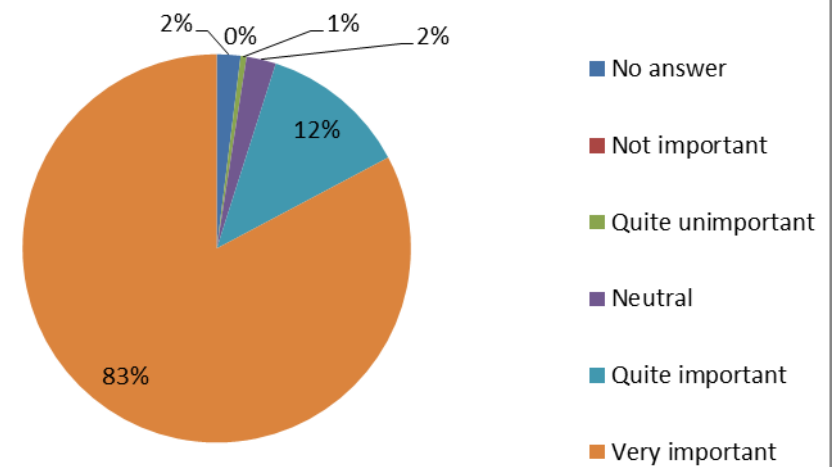
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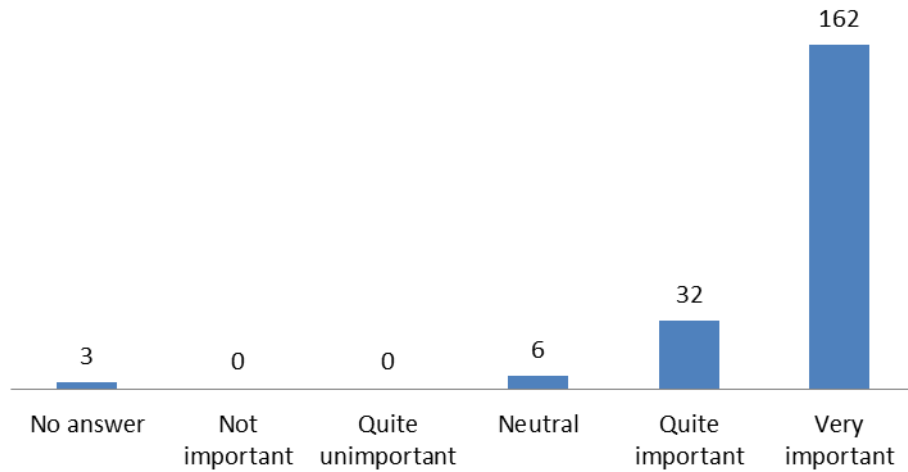


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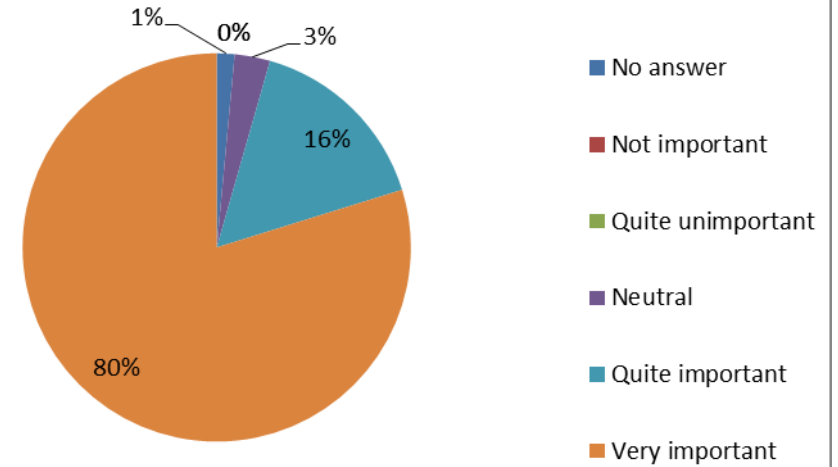


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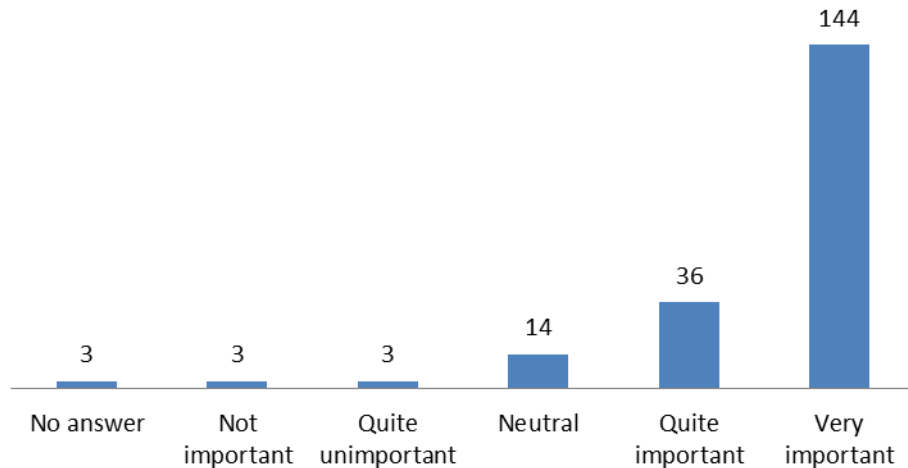
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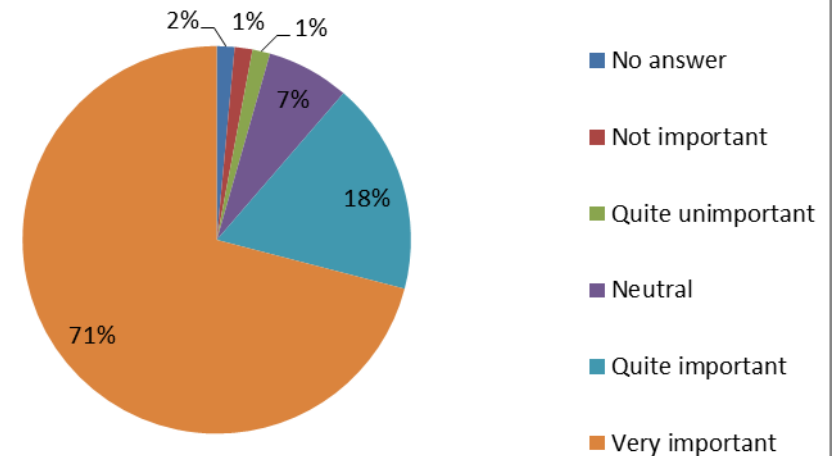
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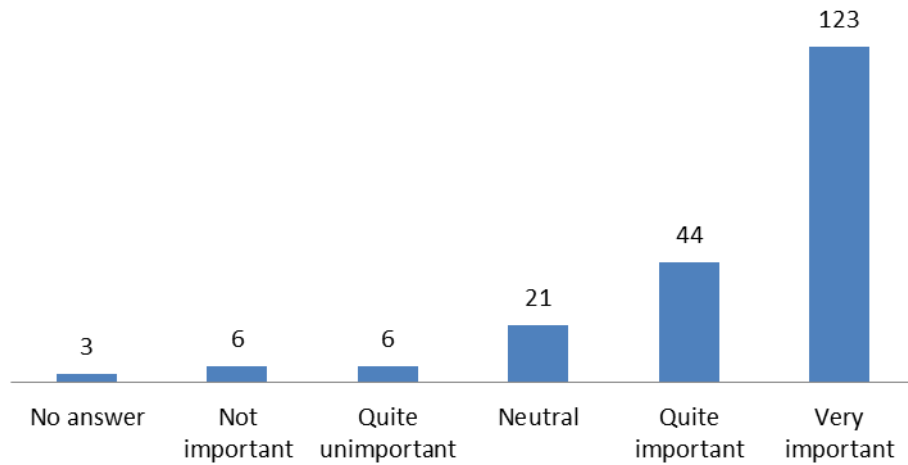


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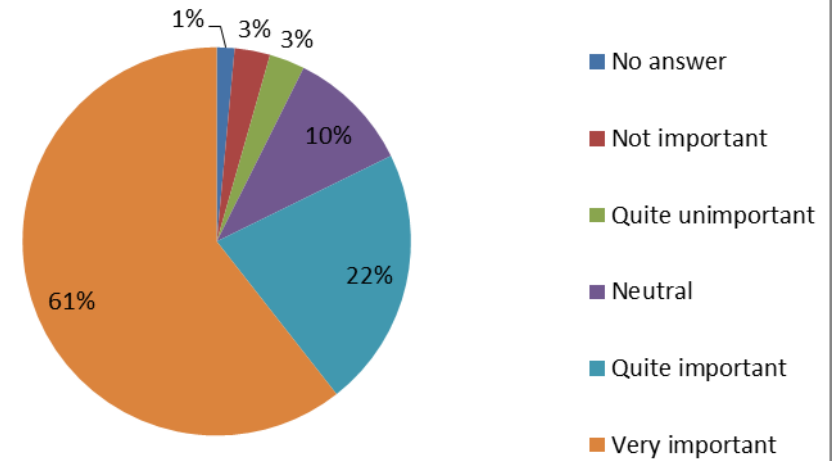


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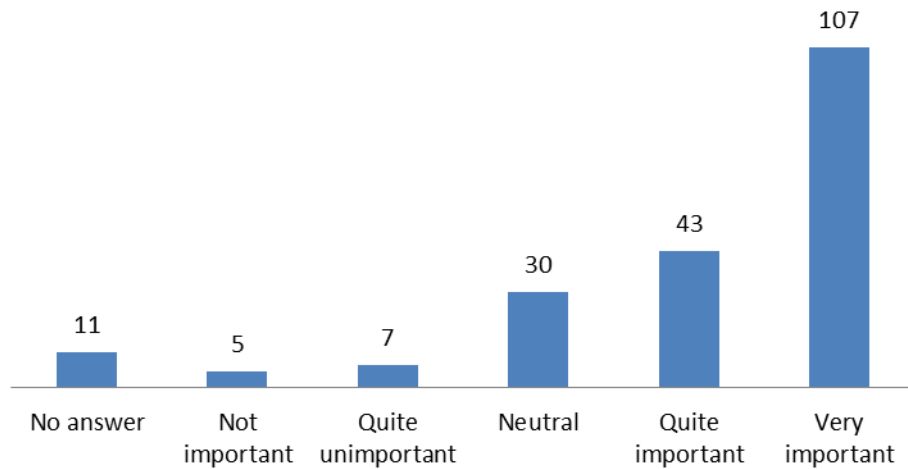
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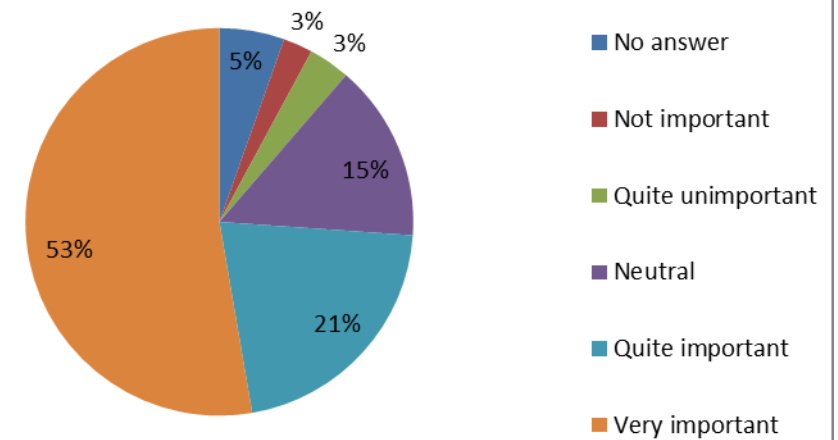
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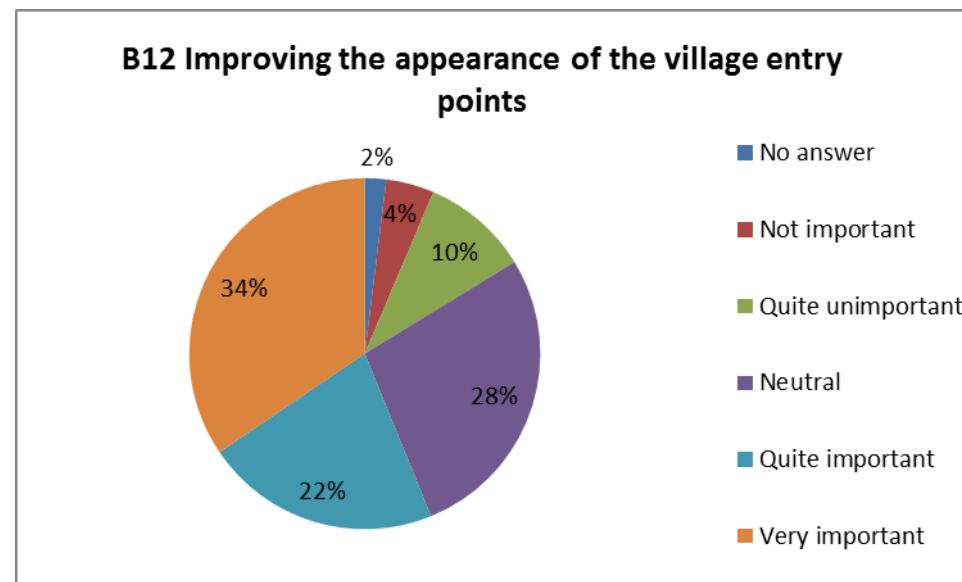
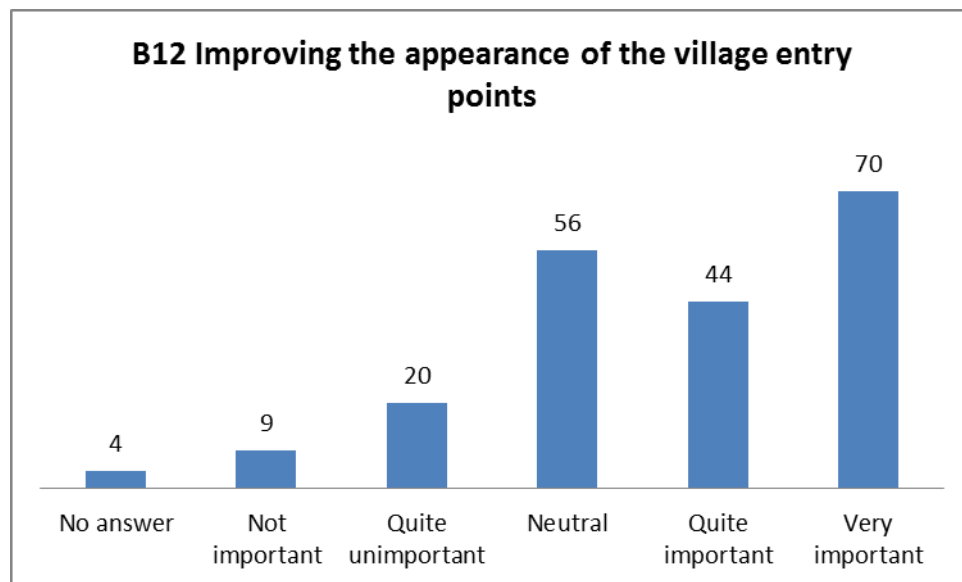
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B13 Comments box – (“If you are have any other comments regarding the character of the village or you think anything has been missed, please give details here”)

55 respondents made comments, most adding points to the specific questions B1-B12 that were asked:

B1: One household commented that the rural character must be maintained *“in all aspects of innovation, improvement or renovations.”*

B3: Three comments were made. Two wanted any variety in building to be in keeping with existing village styles. The third expressed concern that *“virtually all new buildings in the village are characterless rendered boxes. We would like the same consideration to style as that on the Doggets Lower Farm Site.”*

B4 & B5: There were 9 comments, some treating the physical size of the village and its population as synonymous. Comments also tended to anticipate those made specifically about New Building in box B17³.

Most comments were broadly in favour of modest growth, but in a limited and gradual way, to avoid losing the village’s character, and to retain the *“green air holes”* such as the Plaistow and *“areas of natural beauty”*. However a comment mentioned *“less nimbyism”* and another thought that without growth the village would become *“for the rich only”*. One comment stated that the only alternatives were *“growth versus stagnation”* and the assumption that growth was essential to avoid decline also appeared to underlie the views of some others; 2 comments suggested that population

³ See section 3.2

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growth would mean better support for village amenities. One put this more starkly, saying *“we will lose the school & post office & shop if we do not build affordable starter homes”*.

Divergent views were expressed about street lighting in answer to question B6, and this generated 14 supporting comments. Comments split equally between those in favour and those against, although those in favour of street lights mostly qualified their comments; 4 said there should be ‘some’ or ‘a few’ lights, 2 said that any lighting should go off by 11pm or midnight, and 2 commented that lights should be in keeping, *“not enormous ugly street lamps”*. Another mentioned the danger of speeding traffic at night and thought street lighting would improve the village. On the other side were those who thought the absence of street lights was one of Barley’s attractions, that it helped to maintain the character and rural atmosphere of the village, and that lack of light pollution meant *“you can actually see the night sky”*. Two comments expressed concern that the darkness was already being eroded, by *“houses with exterior lights and curtains not drawn”*.

B10: This question triggered many comments about the closure of the Fox & Hounds, and these are dealt with under C21⁴. However two comments were specifically about the gantry, one saying that it is looking *“sadly neglected”* the other expressing the view that it was ‘pointless’ if the building ceased to be a pub.

B11: Three people said they did not know what the Lockup was, which may explain the higher percentage (5%) who did not answer this question.

B12: Ten comments were made about the village entry points. Three expressed strong views against artificial prettification, welcome signs, ‘silly’ fences or flower planting. *“God preserve us from Best Kept Village competitive spirit”* said one. The others were broadly in favour of improvements, mainly

focussing on specific issues. Two referred to the dilapidated barn on Picknag Corner as an *“eyesore”*. Two others said that improving village entry points could assist in reducing speeding. One comment supported fences and flower beds, suggesting that the gardening club and other villagers might help construct and maintain these.

Along similar lines, 5 comments suggested Barley should have a village sign, further suggesting that this be ‘old style’ or wooden and sited on the Royston Road or in the village centre. Another comment suggested planting daffodils or other bulbs and encouraging flowers along road verges.

There was a wide variety of other comments made about village character. Five respondents made general comments about the attractiveness of the village and the need to maintain its character, identity and rural feel. Two balanced this need with a desire for planned evolution and modernisation (eg. broadband).

Other more specific comments were made about encouraging tidiness throughout the village and volunteer work parties to maintain buildings and pathways. This included painting the old pump on Bankside. Individual comments were made about protecting village approaches, SSSI status for pathways and verges, and the layout of the village being important to its character. Referring back to the section on speeding, one household commented that chicanes and pinch-points *“ruin the character of villages”*. Finally, one comment said that it was desirable for people to come from outside the village to work during the day, whereas another wanted Richmond’s to relocate so that their coaches did not come through the village or their drivers park in the High Street.

⁴ See section 4.1

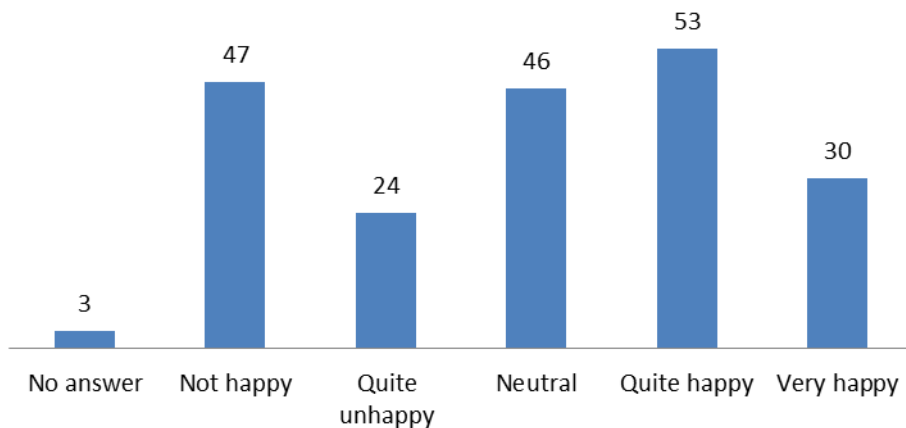
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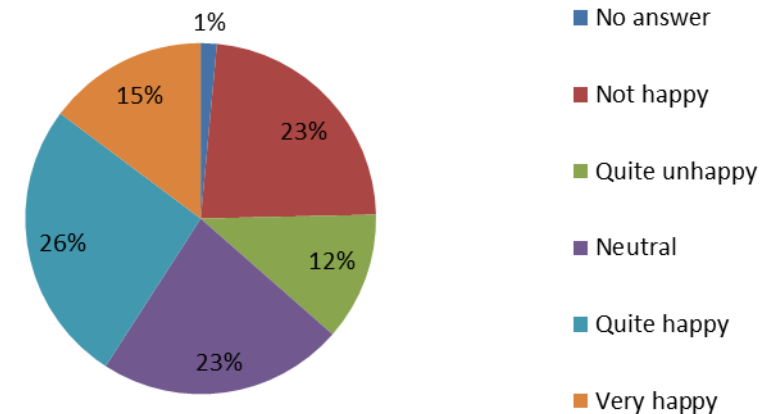
This consisted of 4 questions (B13-B16) asking households to rate how happy they would be about new building in the village, plus an optional comments box (B17) to write any comments on development generally. A map was included showing the 'village envelope' from NHDC's Local Plan (as at

December 2014). It was explained that within the village envelope, new development might be allowed in principle, subject to other planning considerations; outside the village envelope there was a presumption against development.

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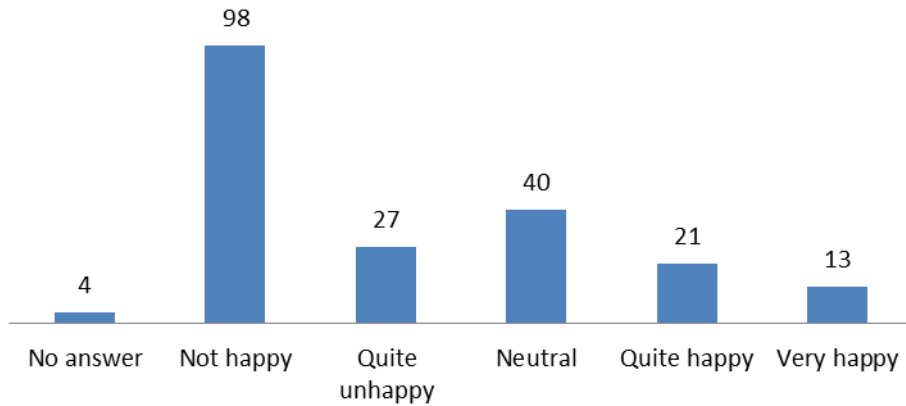


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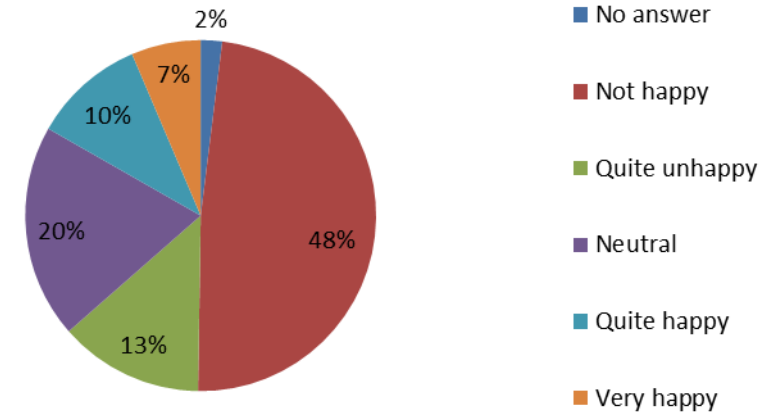


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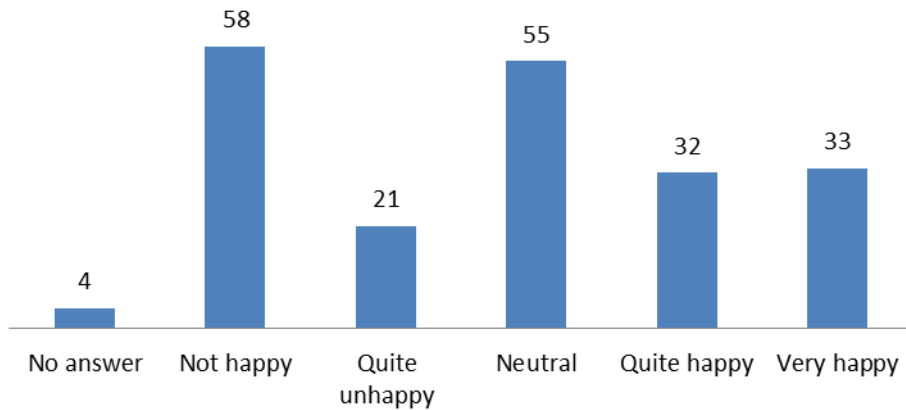
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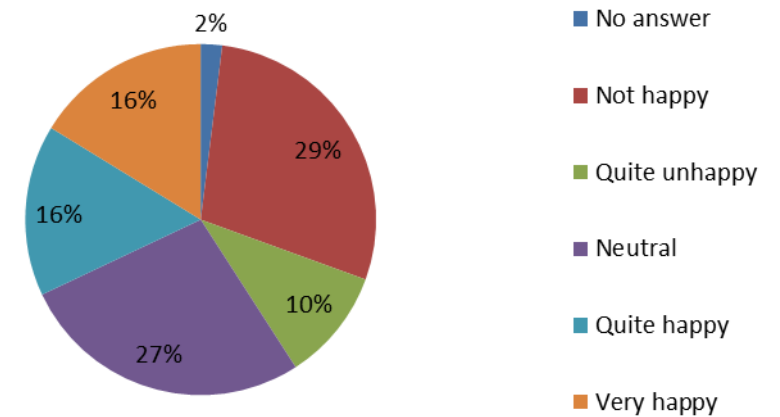
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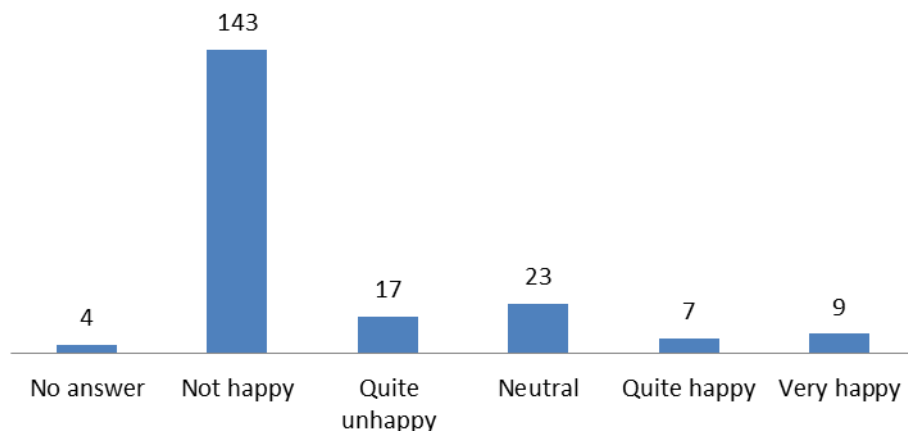


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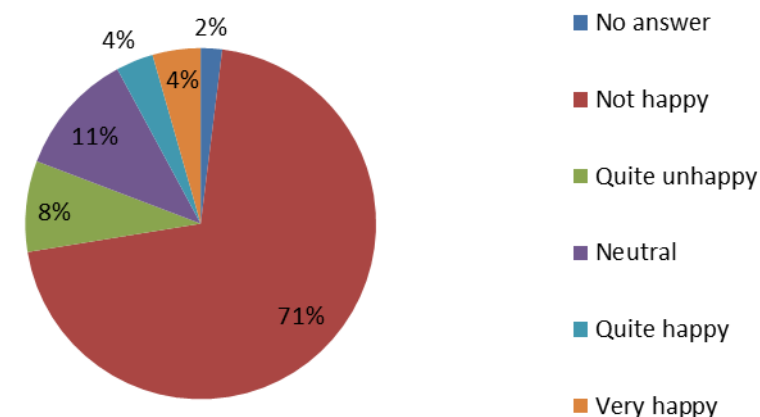


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B17 For a larger development if it is necessary to fund this low cost housing



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B18 Comments box – (“If you are have any comments regarding new building in the village, please give details here”)

This section generated a large number of responses (70) covering a wide variety of issues and opinions. A relatively small number of comments related purely to the 4 questions asked in B14-B17:

B14: Three respondents supported some infill within the village envelope; one had answered B14 with ‘very happy’, but only if building was by private individuals.

B15: There were 7 comments that specifically mentioned building outside the village envelope. One was completely opposed to this; others supported very limited building of a few houses on small plots, however two expressed concern that this might lead to spread or open the way for larger development schemes.

B16: Of the 14 comments, many expressed qualified support for low cost housing. Support was often linked to the needs of existing Barley residents, their families and children; however 3 said that actual demand from villagers needed to be established, one recalling that the existing housing association properties could not be filled from within the village when built. Another pointed out that more social housing would necessitate an improved bus service. Two others commented on locations, one suggesting Picknag Road, one suggesting somewhere outside the village envelope. Someone else asked for a definition of ‘low cost’, saying it meant different things to different people; another remarked that housing sold into the private sector quickly ceases to be low cost and that *“any such housing should belong to the village & be controlled by the village”*.

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B17: Two comments were made about a larger development to fund low-cost housing. One said this depended on the detail, the other questioned what 'larger' meant, saying they would support a 'modest' development of up to 30 houses.

More general comments about new building were wide ranging, but the largest number concerned the scale of any development. Five comments opposed any further building at all. One said *"the village is big enough and needs to retain its village atmosphere."* Six other comments opposed any large scale development, one saying that it *"would not be in keeping with the character of the village"*. Four others saw some growth as inevitable, but said this must be individual properties or small-scale developments, or *"cater specifically to the needs of the village"*. Four further comments focussed on the size of the housing stock, saying any new-build should be smaller 1-2 bed properties, *"to preserve Barley's character"*, create starter homes and allow older residents to downsize and stay in the village.

Echoing points made earlier in response to question B4, three respondents said Barley had to grow, arguing that otherwise the *"school will close"* or the village *"will wither and die"*. However two others didn't want the village turning into a town, one adding that those who wished to live in a town were *"free to do so"*. A third said they had moved from a nearby small town *"to be in a small friendly environment"*.

Nine commentators thought that the village infrastructure generally could not cope with further housing, particularly any large-scale development. Various specific constraints were raised; narrow roads, traffic and parking (4), the doctor's surgery (3) and the school (2). Another asked what pay-off Barley residents got back from losing countryside and having to accept more housing.

Some comments focussed on how any new building would integrate; four said the architecture should be heritage-style, have consideration for the village's history and conservation area, or be *"well-designed [and] sympathetic"*; two others said that overdevelopment or high densities would damage the look of the village (one citing the planning consents given to build on both pub car parks); another said that countryside views from existing properties shouldn't be obscured.

Eight others suggested specific sites where they considered development was acceptable. Six suggested the southern part of Picknag Road, between the existing houses and the junction at Church End; other suggestions were Richmond's coach park in Church End (1), behind the doctor's surgery (1) and on Smith's End Lane between London Road and Smith's End Farm (1).

Other comments concerned the planning environment. Two asked why parts of the village, such as Cambridge Road and the gardens of certain houses, were outside the village envelope; another noted that proposals to change this boundary had just been published in the draft Local Plan 2011-31. Two felt that the views of residents and the Parish Council were ignored by NHDC in planning decisions, while another wanted any new building to be proposed by the Parish Council, not developers.

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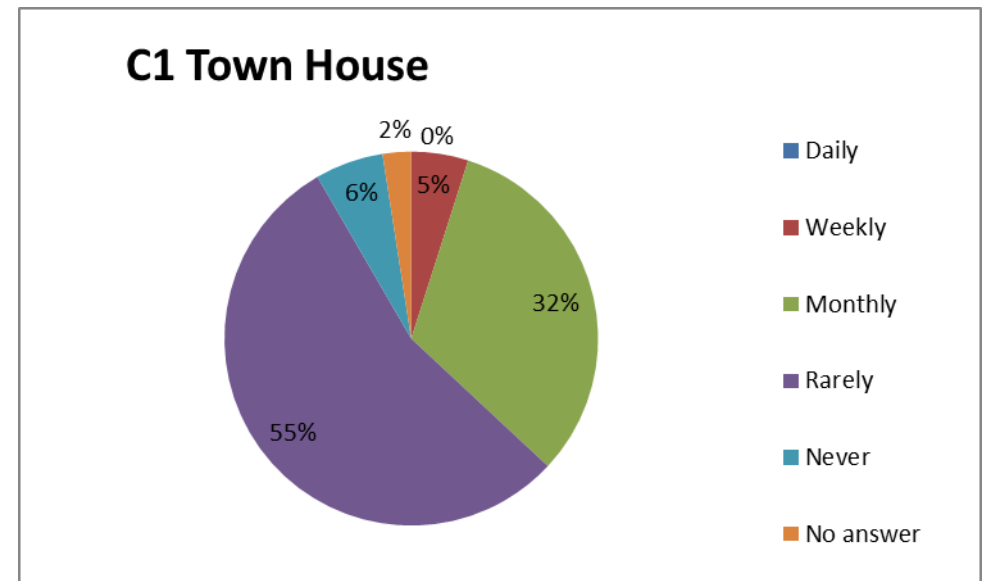
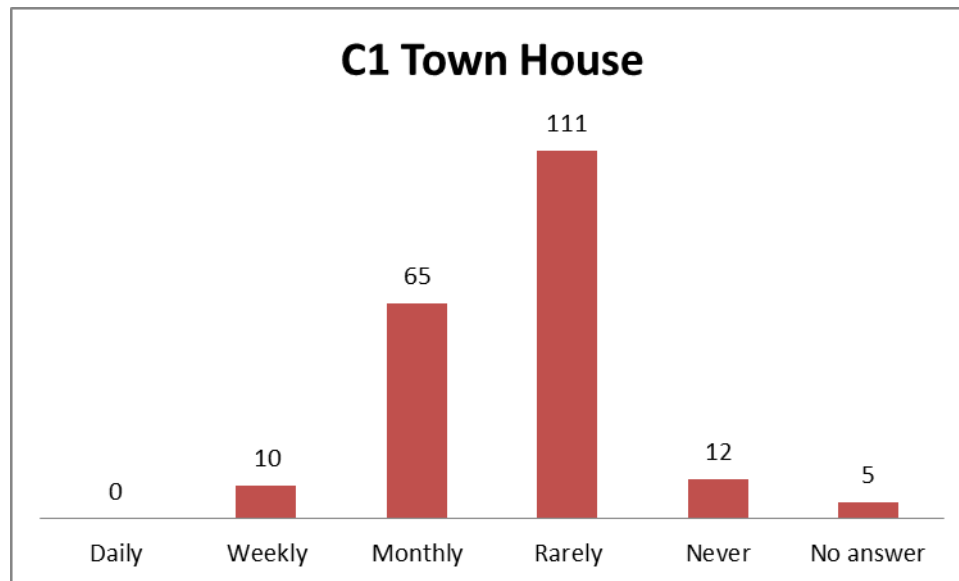
4. Village Amenities and Facilities

This section of the questionnaire looked at existing amenities and facilities, then at various suggestions made by villagers for new and improved amenities and facilities.

4.1 Existing amenities and facilities

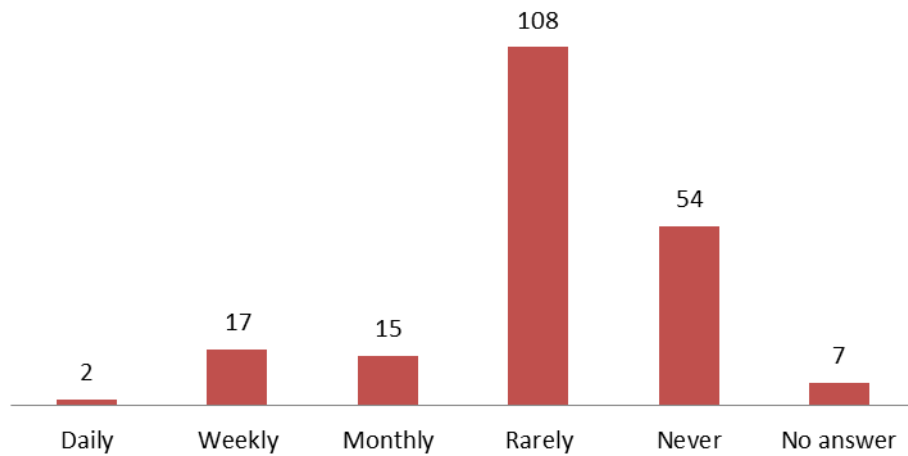
This sub-section consisted of 20 questions. The first 10 questions (C1-C10) asked how frequently the household actually used specific places in the village. The second set of questions (C11-C20) then asked how important the continuing availability of each place was. Box A21 provided space to make comments.

In the past year how often has your household used the following places?

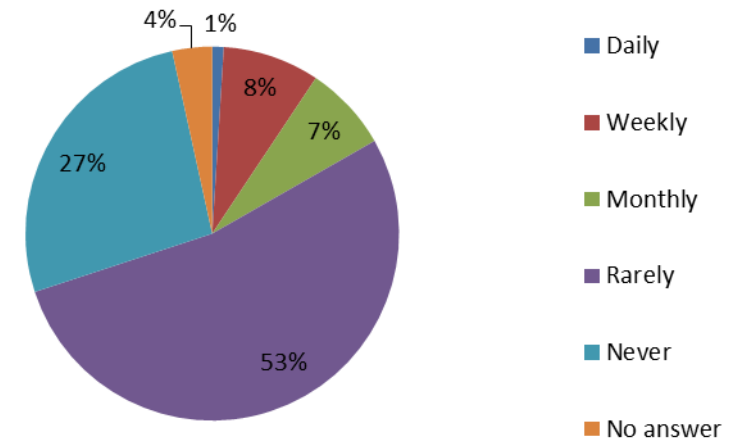


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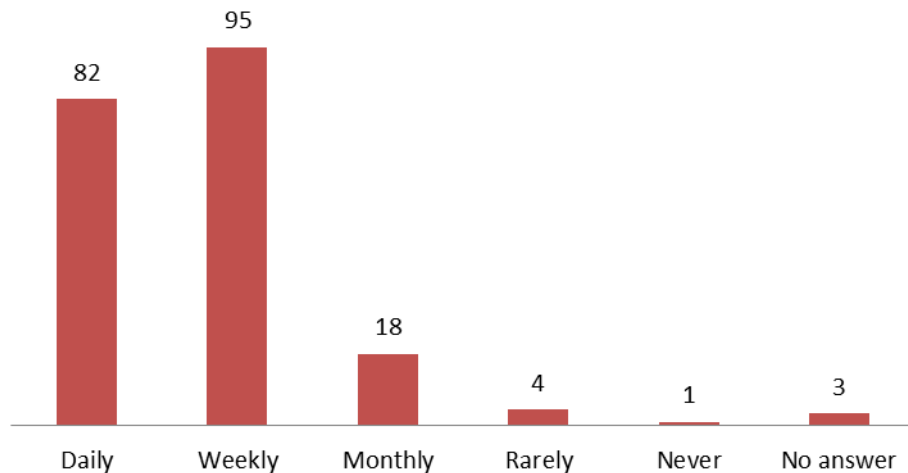
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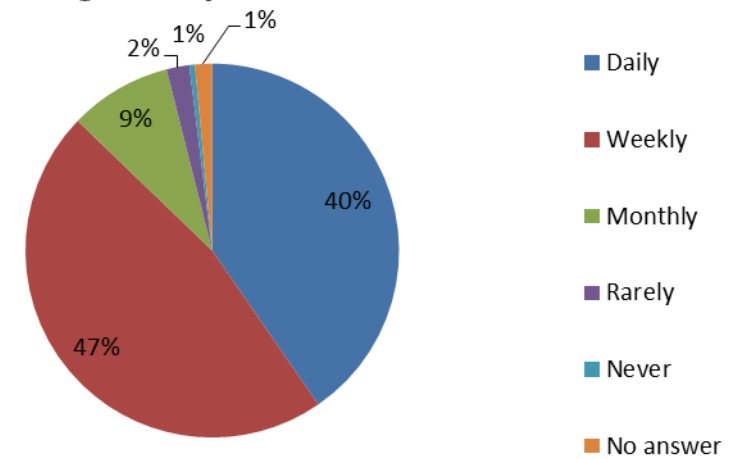
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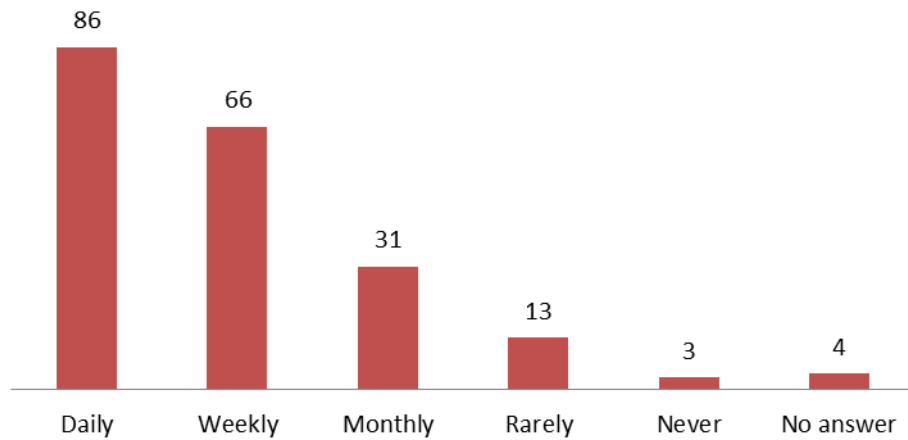


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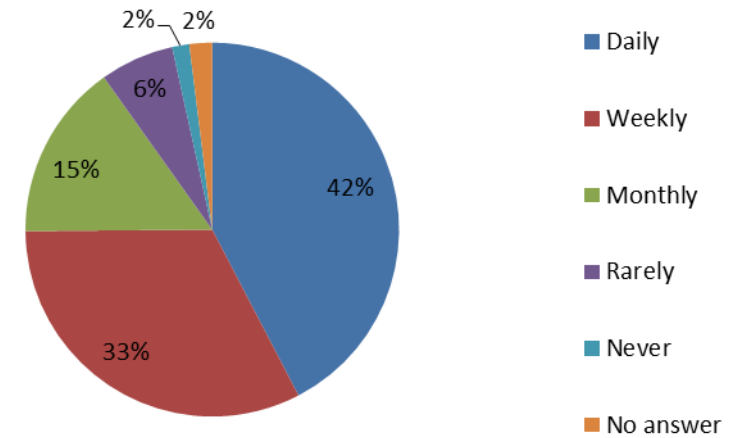


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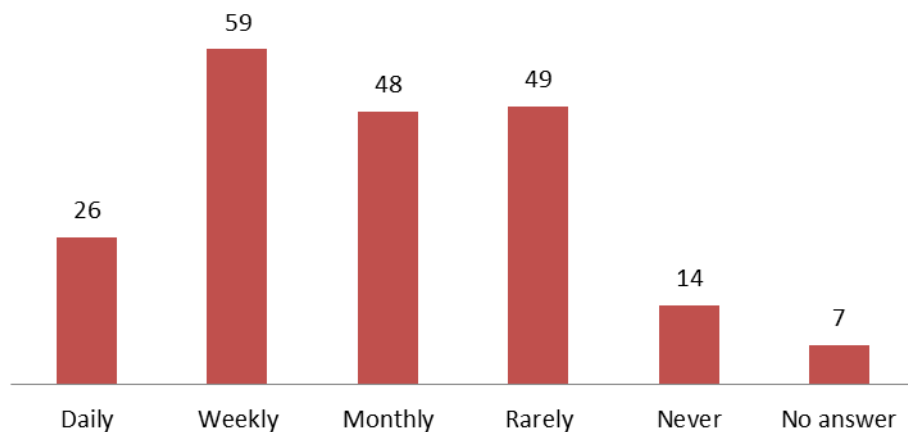
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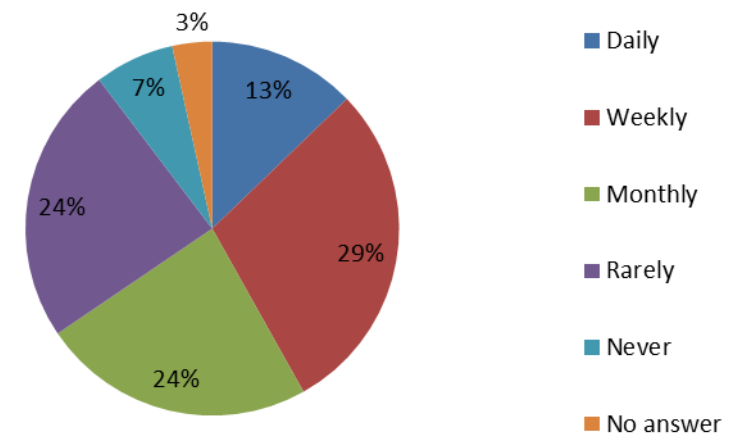
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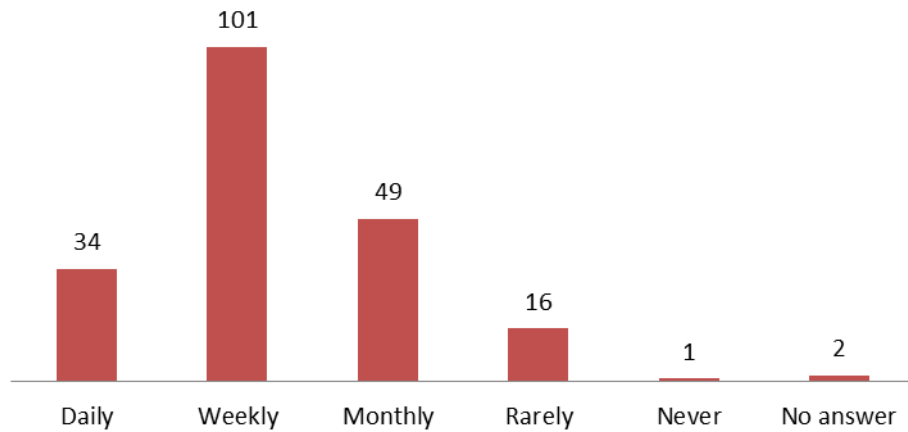


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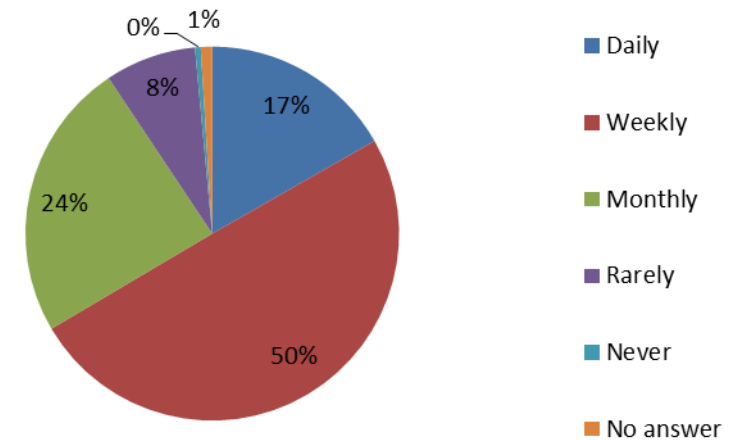


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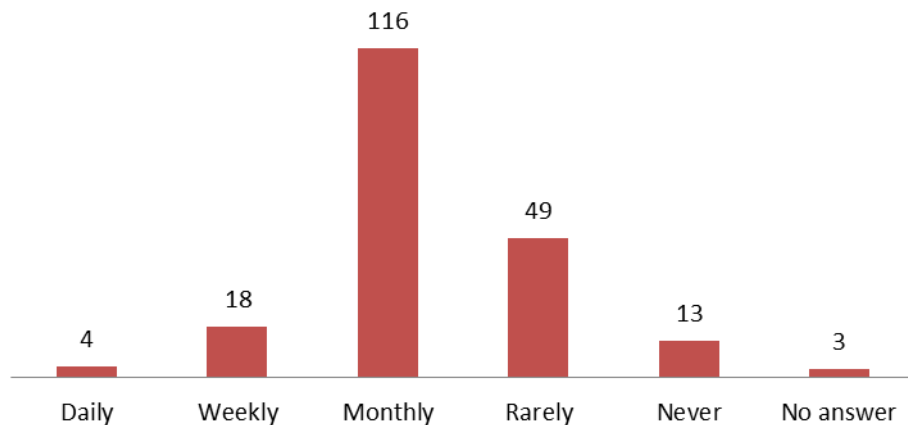
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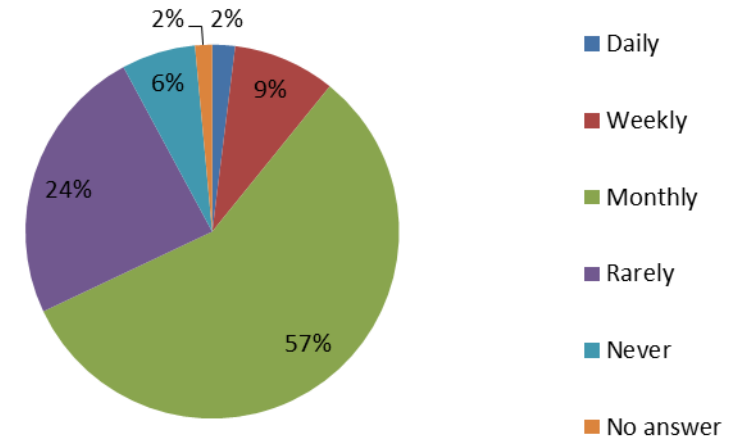
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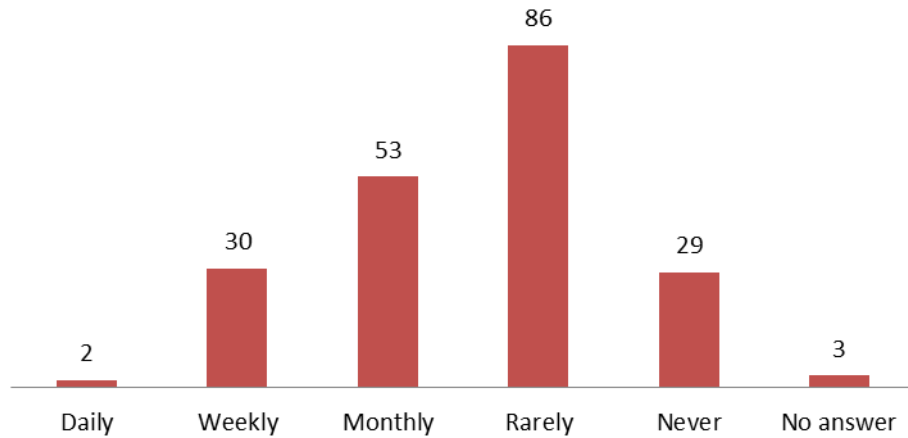


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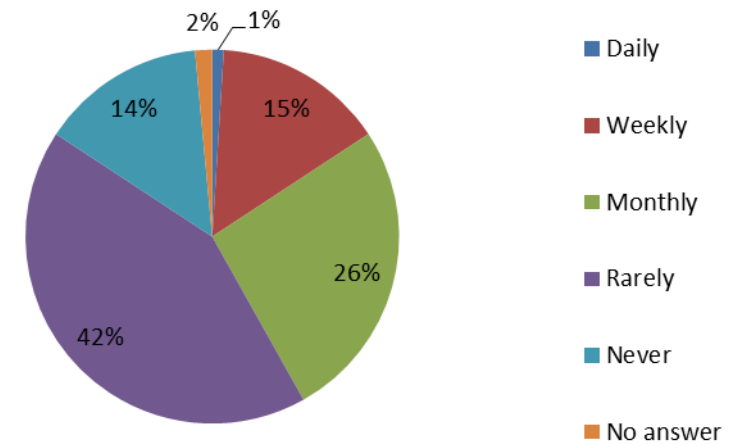


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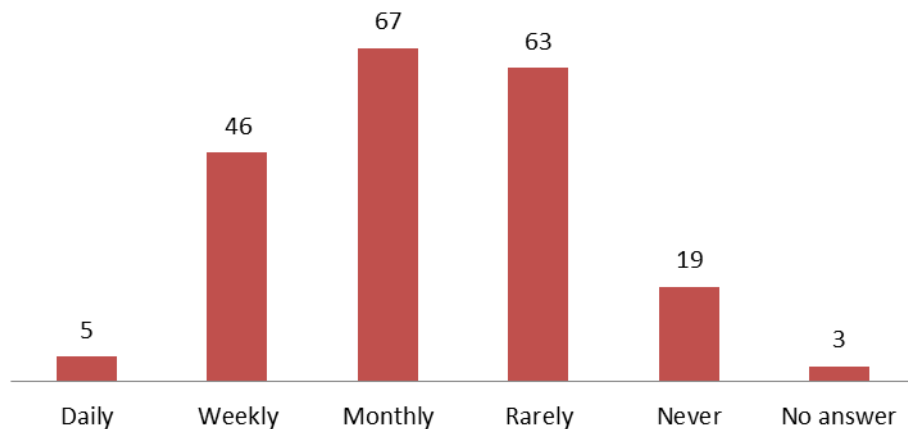
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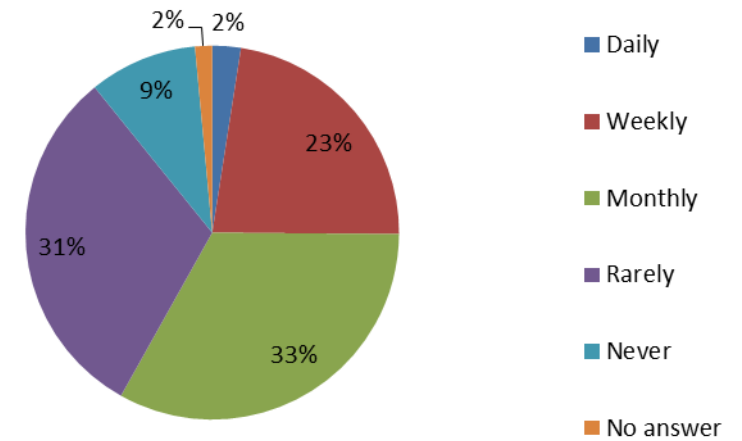
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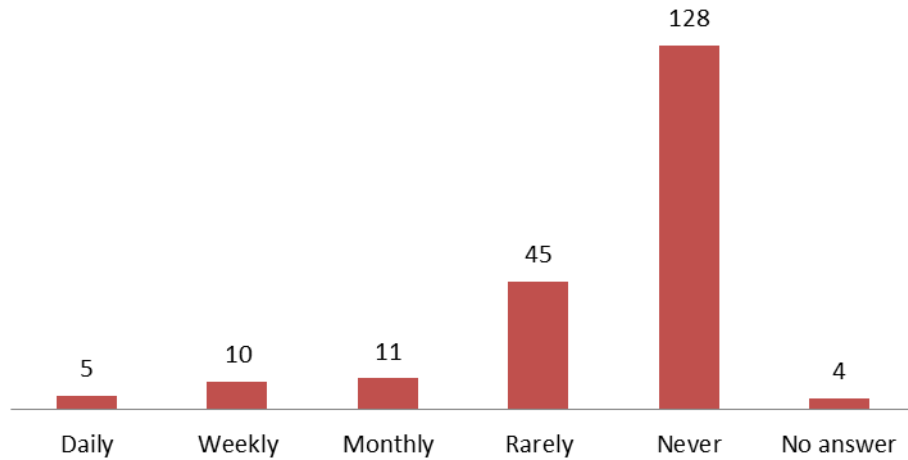


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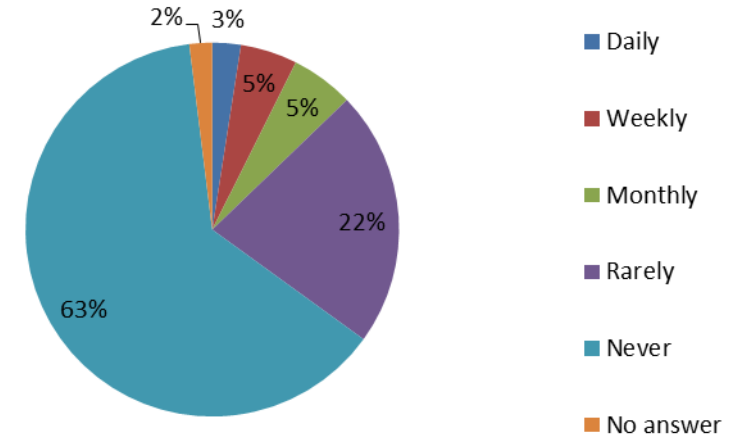


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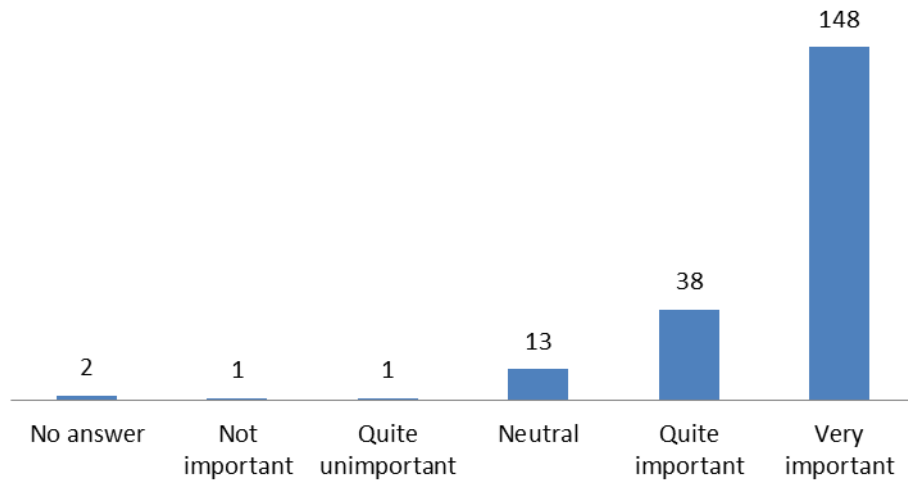


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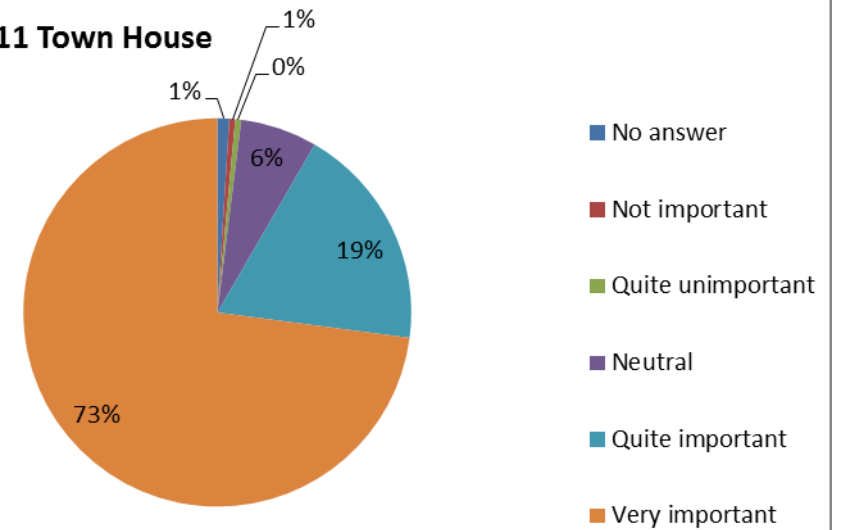


How important to you is the continuing availability of these places?

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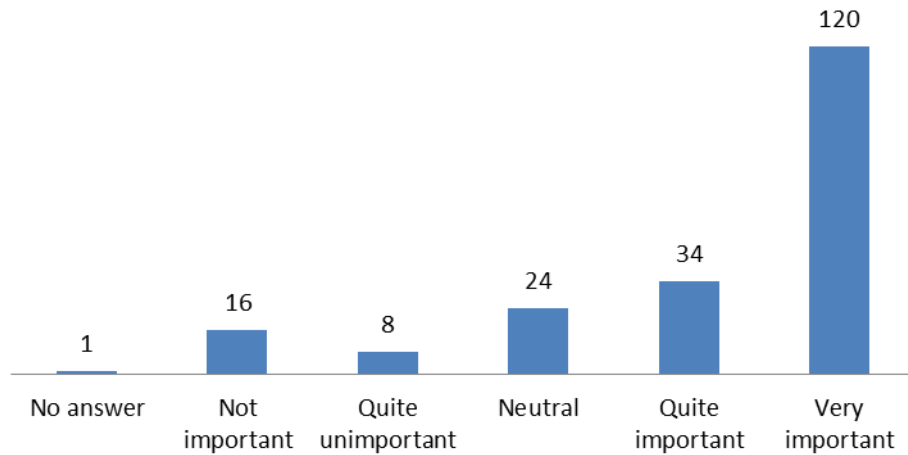


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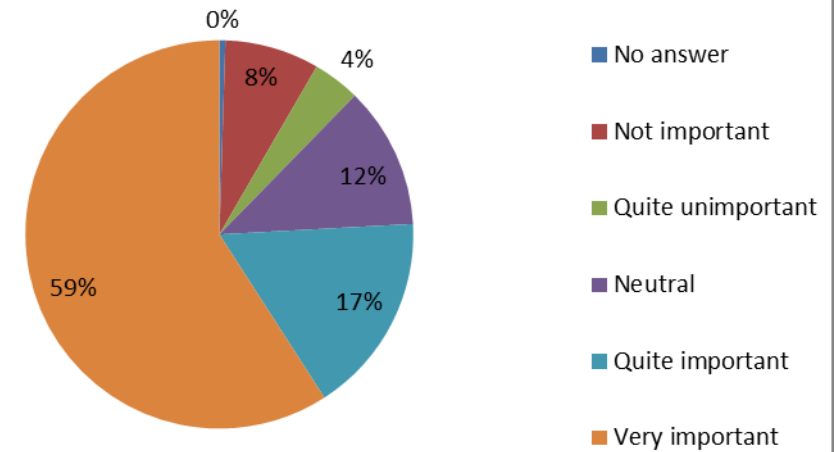


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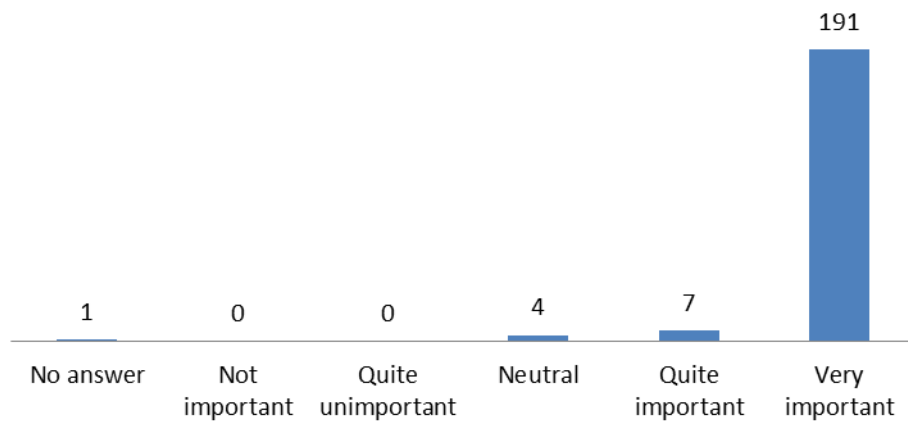
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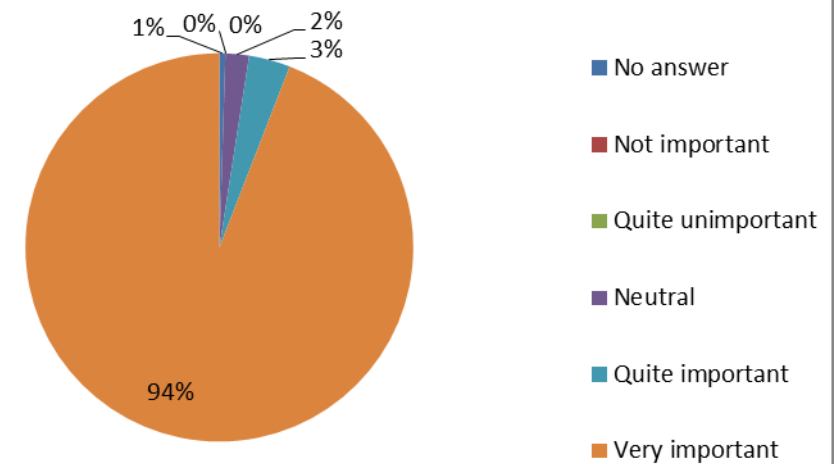
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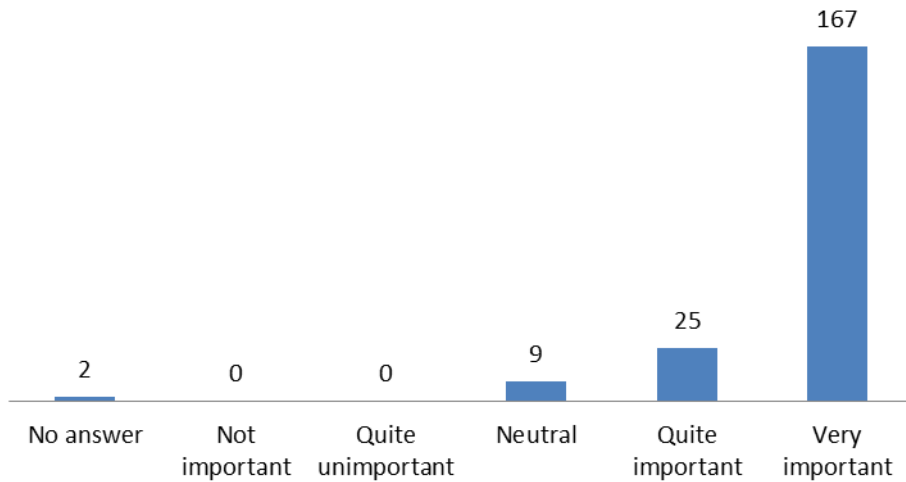


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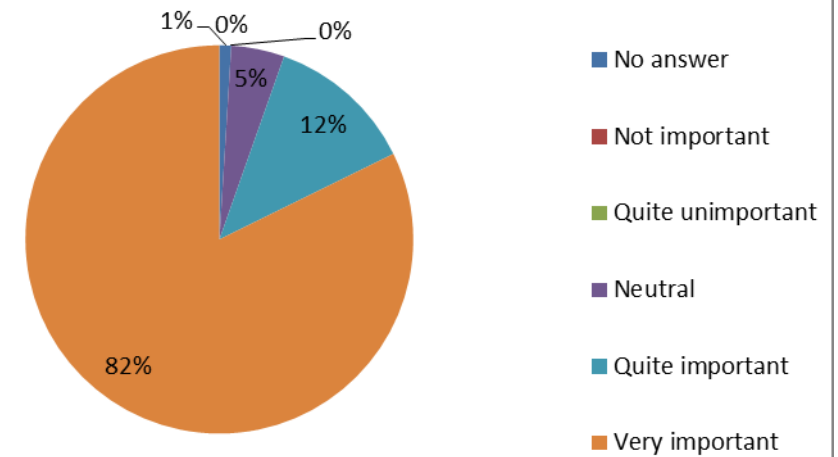


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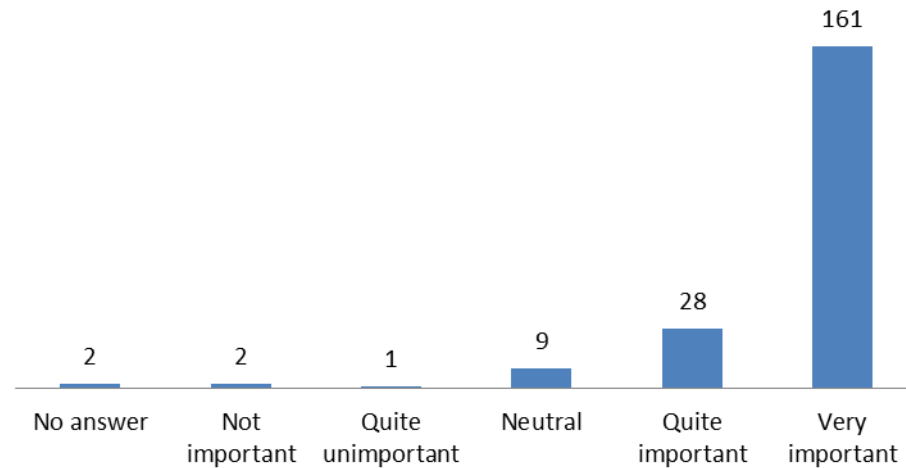
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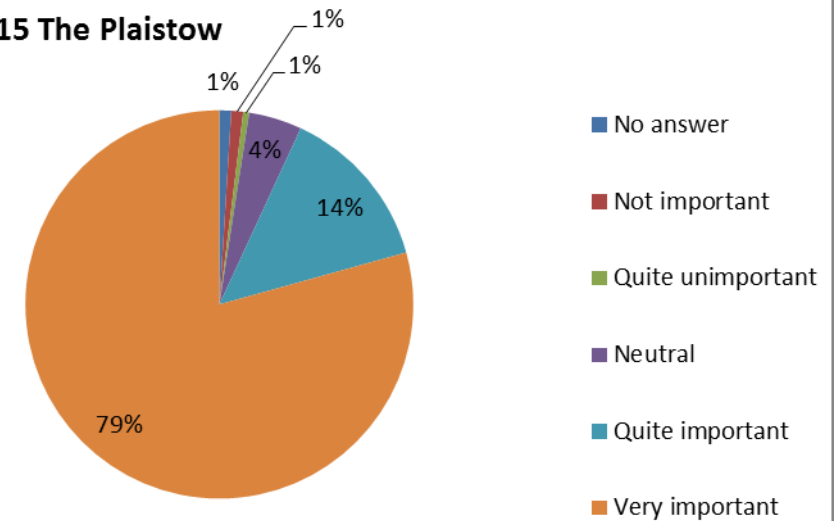
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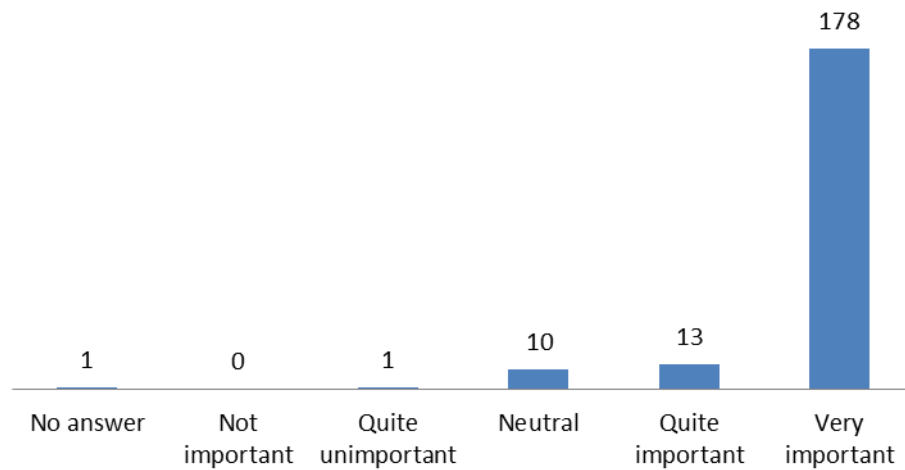


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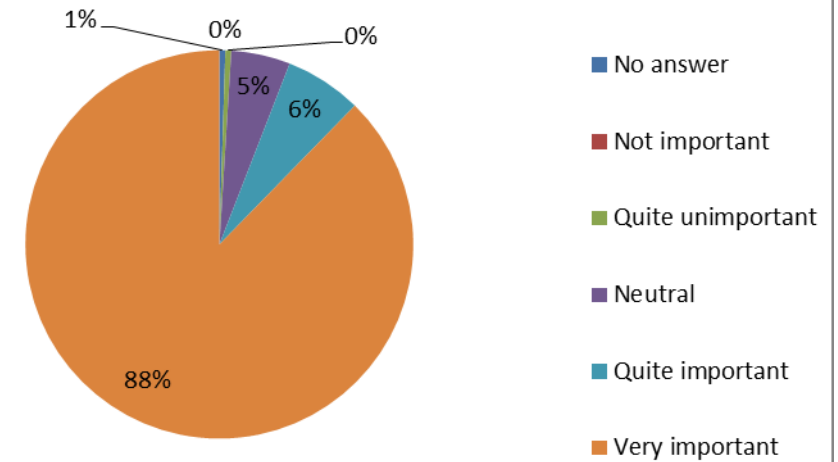


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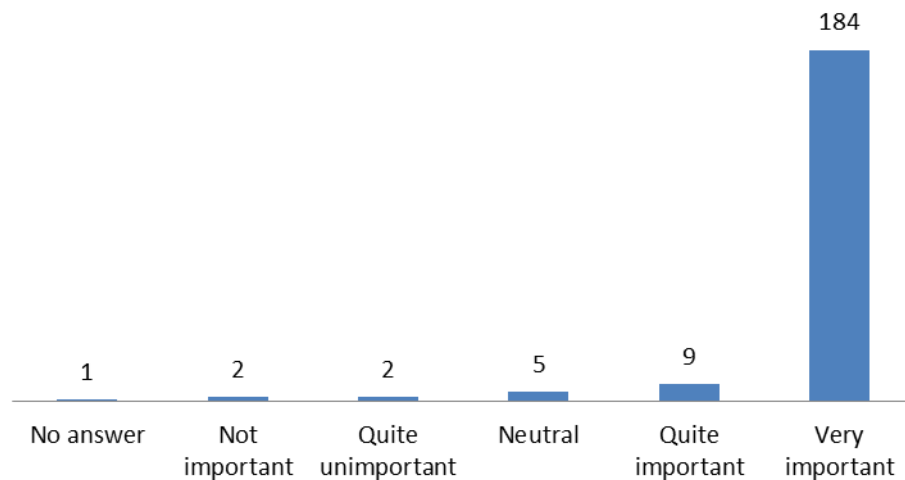
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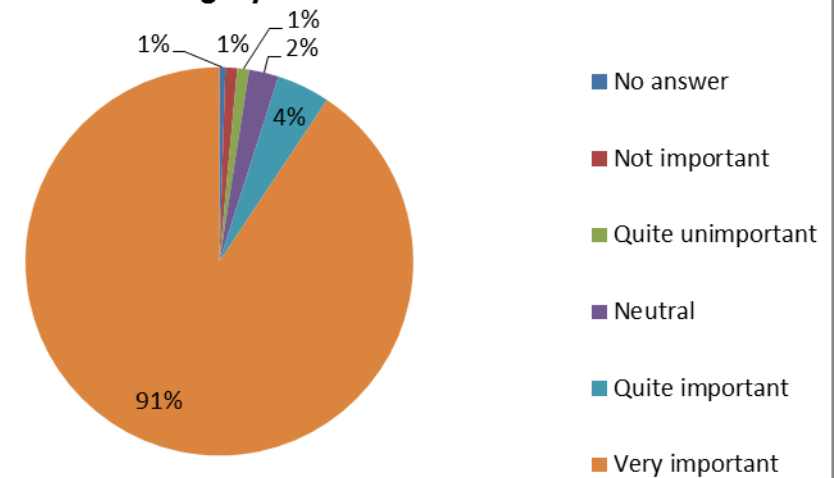
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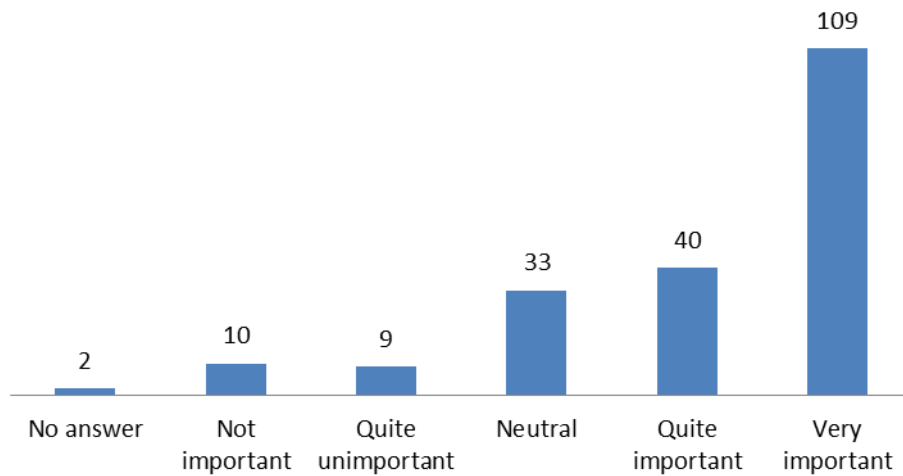


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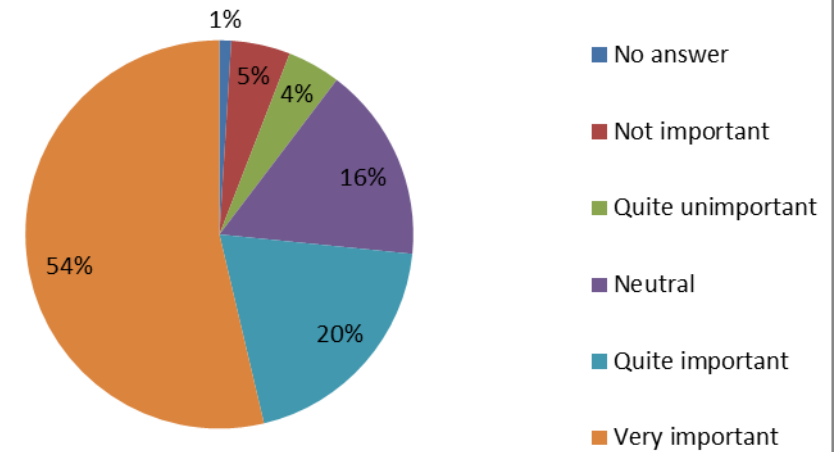


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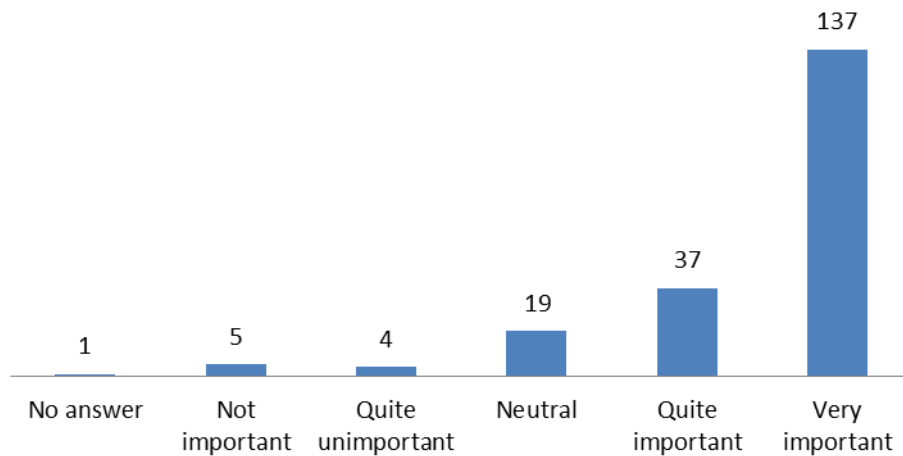
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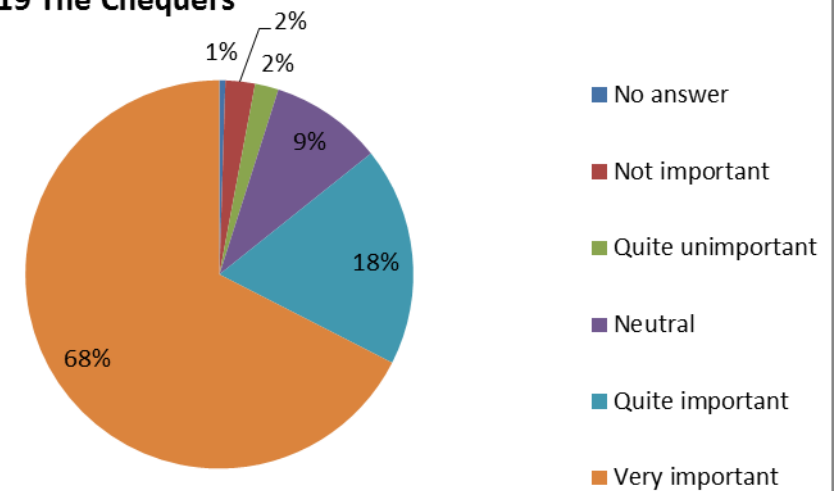
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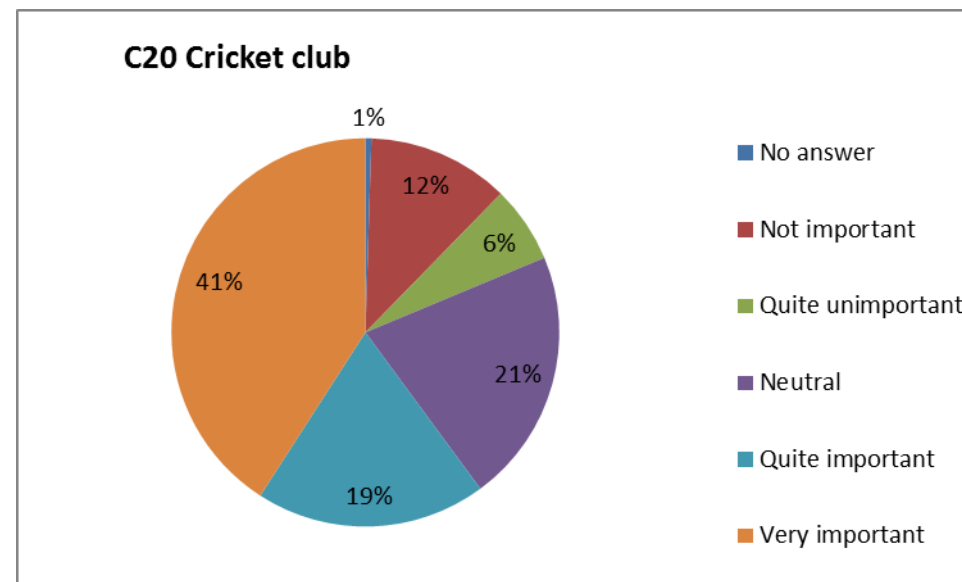
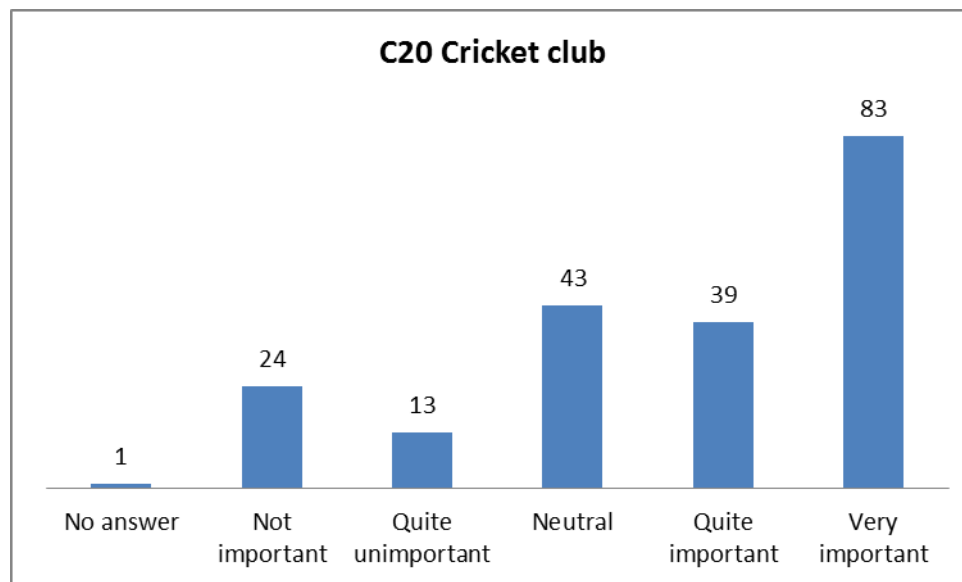
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C21 Comments box – (“If you are have any comments about existing amenities or facilities in the village, please give details here”)

63 respondents made comments in this section. Questions C1 to C10 did not prompt many comments, because they simply asked how often particular village amenities and facilities were used. Most comments therefore were simply made to clarify the frequency of, or purpose for, using these places. Two respondents who had left some or all of these questions blank explained that they had not been in Barley long enough to answer. Two others thought we should have provided more options to select than ‘rarely’ to describe infrequent use patterns.

Questions C11 to C20 asked how important was the continuing availability of these same places; these generated very few responses (12) about the *specific* places, possibly because most respondents had already said they were ‘very’ or ‘quite’ important.

However one said that, while the Town House should be preserved, it was not suitable for use as a community centre. Another said that the church should be used as a community centre, like other local villages were doing. Three comments voiced support for the shop, while another wanted opening hours extended into evenings and weekends. Two comments about footpaths mentioned the issue of maintaining permissive paths, specifically the one behind the surgery; one also suggested a footpath map, or booklet of walks. One comment praised the quality of the doctor’s surgery. Finally there were 3 comments about the cricket club; one appreciating the open space, another remarking that although a seasonal activity it was still important to the village, the other saying it should be open for girls to play.

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There were 9 other general comments about the village's wealth of amenities and facilities, compared to other local villages of the same size, and also recognising the important part these played in generating community spirit. Two also commented that this was the reason they chose to move and live here. Another two recognised the importance of these facilities to other villagers, even if they did not personally use them, one saying *"we support many amenities we don't currently use - we may do so in the future and they are valuable to our neighbours"*.

The rest of the comments were about amenities and facilities that were not mentioned in questions C1-C20. Most concerned the Fox & Hounds, which had been closed since June 2014; all 23 comments supported its continuing use as a public house. Nine indicated that, although shut, it should have been included in the list of questions alongside The Chequers, some volunteering the answers they would have given if it had been. Five comments also raised concerns about delicensing and conversion to residential use; another commented on its importance as a historic building. One emphasised its importance as part of the social fabric of the village, and 5 others suggested it be taken over by residents and run as a community pub or social club.

Four responses mentioned the importance of the school, one saying it was *"vitally important for village sustainability"*, another asking whether more use could be made by villagers of the premises. Four asked why the tennis club was not included, 3 stating they used the courts frequently. Similarly, 4 others mentioned the scouts and the scout hut, one adding that it should be rebuilt as an all-purpose facility for the village⁵.

Other individual comments concerned improved coach and bus services for the village, and access to the grounds of the old Congregational chapel (now a private dwelling). Finally, someone suggested that the village would benefit from a takeaway!

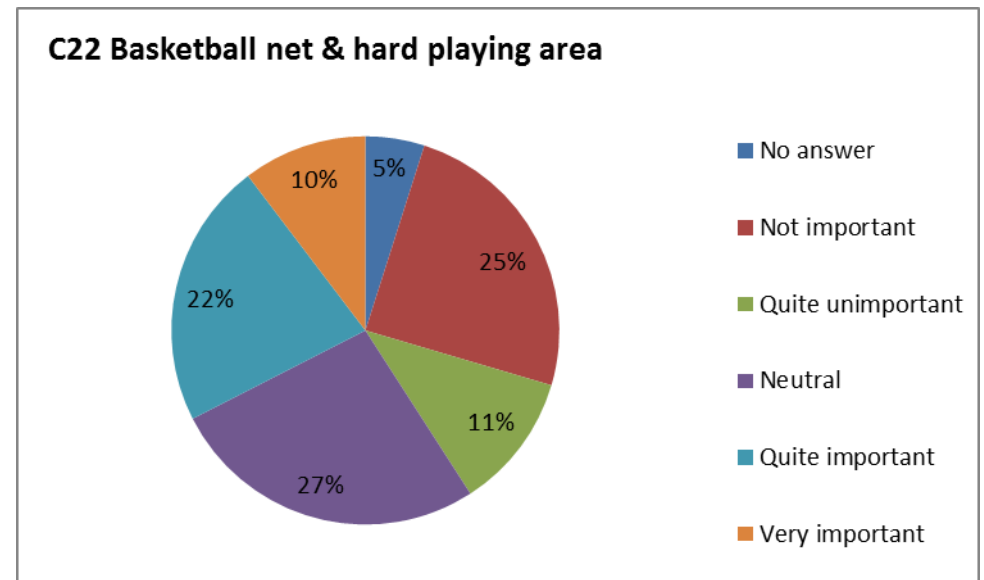
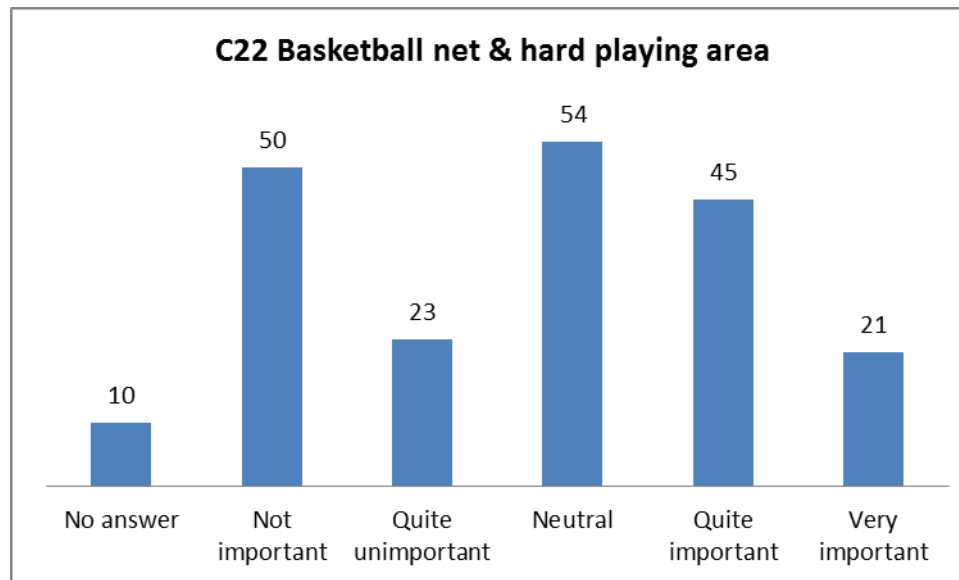
⁵ The scout hut cannot be rebuilt or shared without the Scouts Association's consent, since they hold it on a long term lease from the Parish Council.

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4.2 New and improved amenities and facilities

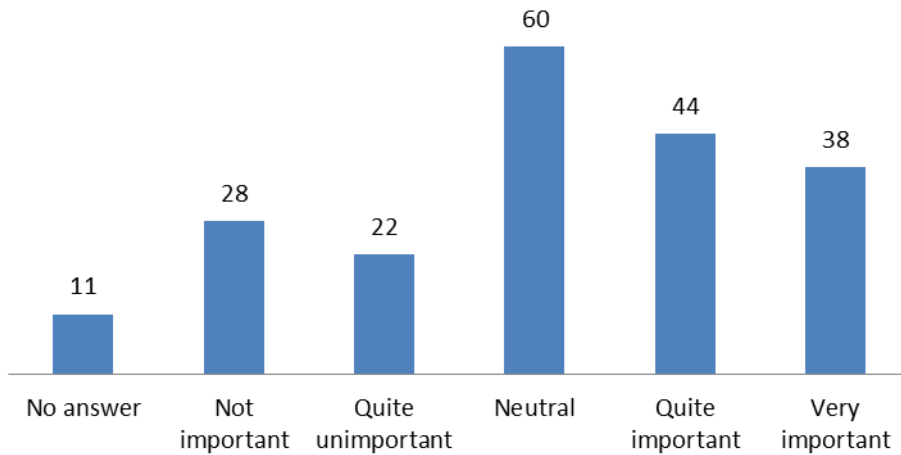
This sub-section consisted of 16 questions, compiled from suggestions made by villagers in the initial feedback. The first 7 questions (C22-C28) related to the Plaistow including the play areas and equipment. The next 6 questions (C29-C34) asked about other potential new outdoor amenities. The final 2 questions (C35-C36) were about the Town House (village hall). A comments box (C37) was provided for further ideas or comments about improved facilities and amenities.

The Plaistow

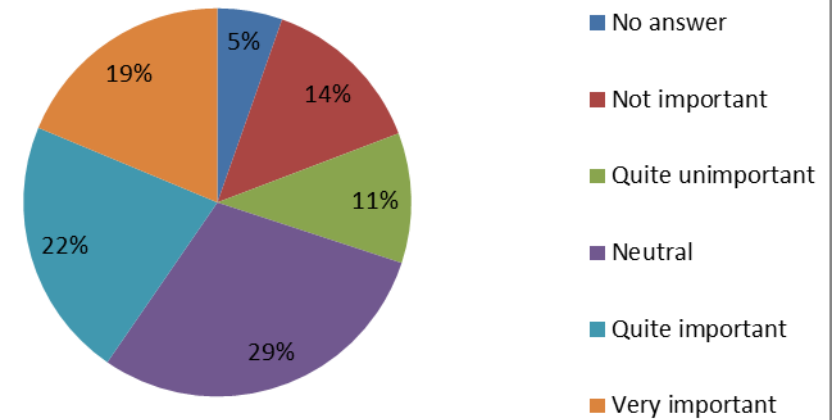


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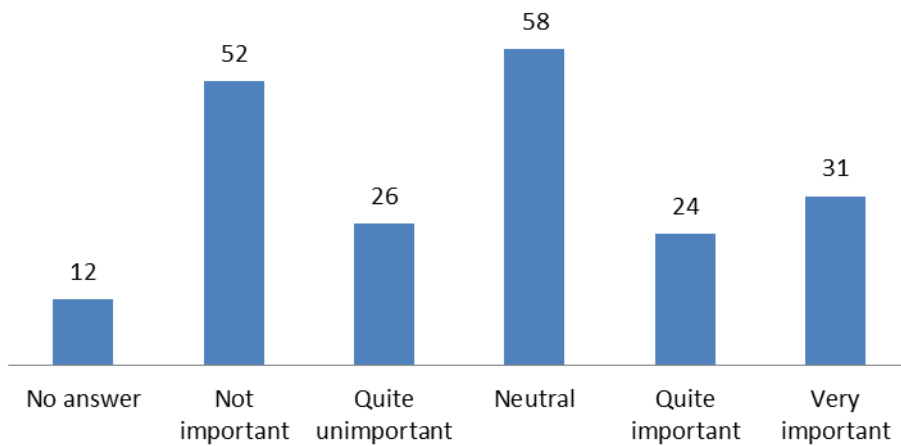
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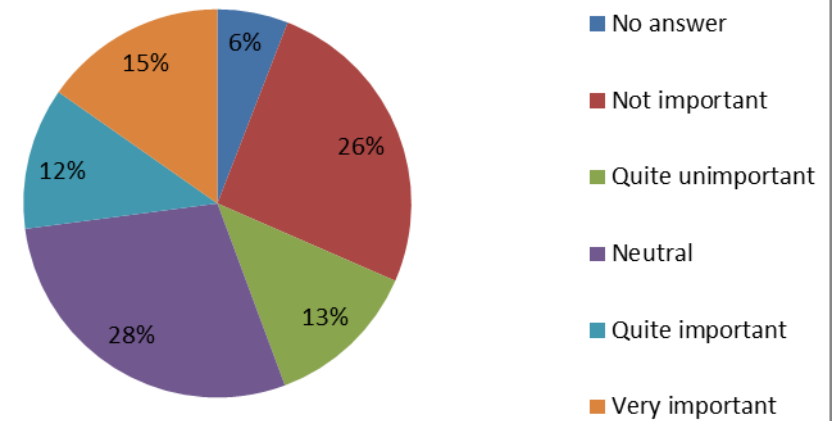
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C24 Childrens' zip wire

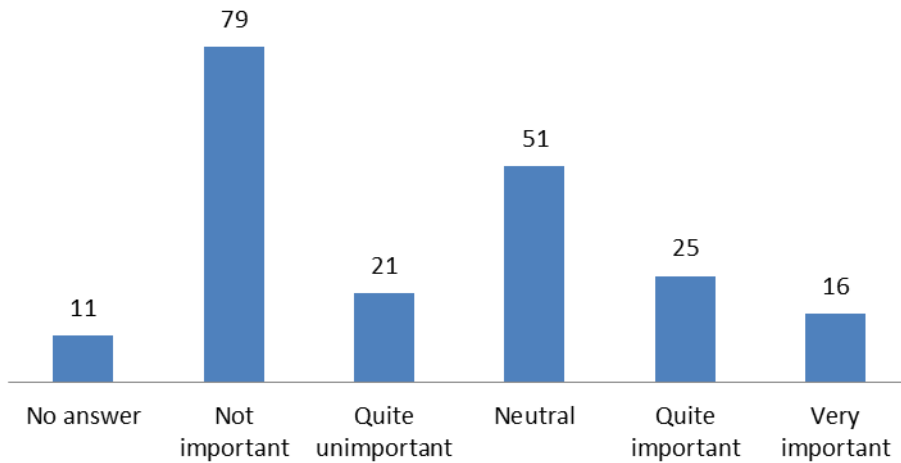


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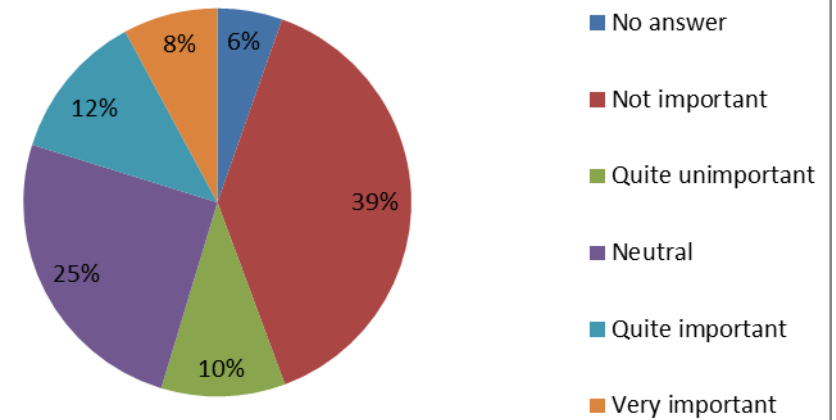


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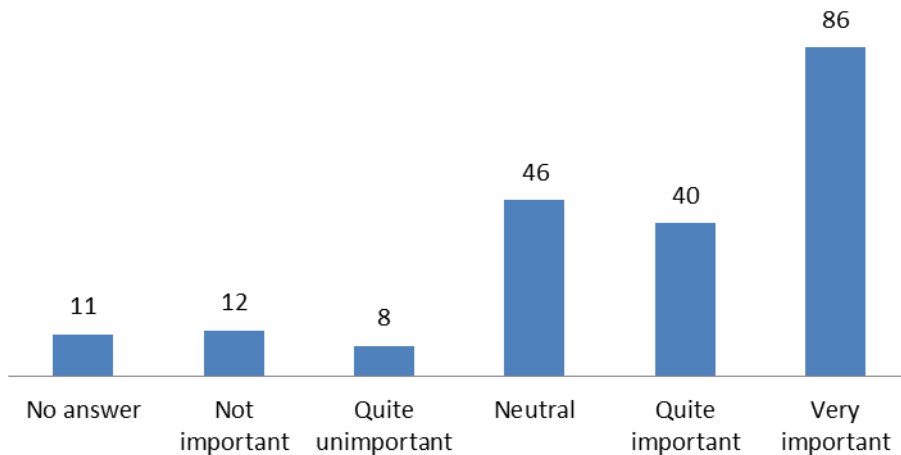
C25 Skateboard/scooter ramp



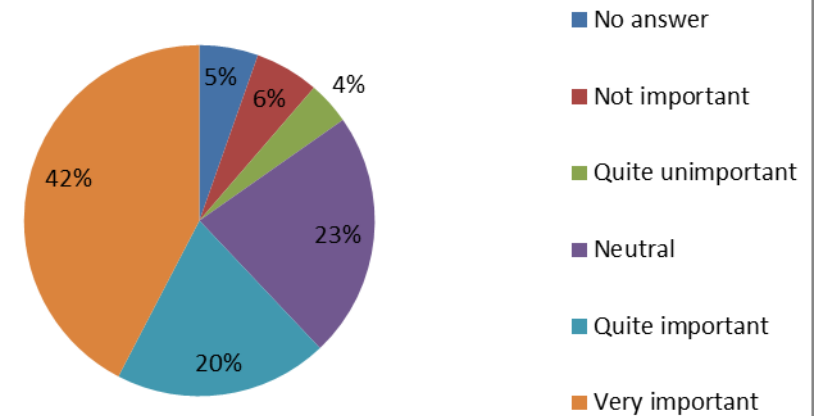
C25 Skateboard/scooter ramp



C26 Renew the children's play area, with equipment for all age groups

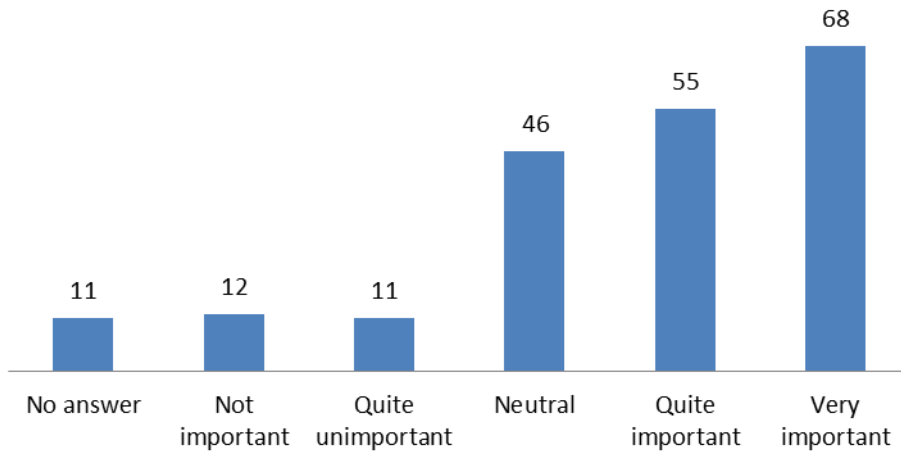


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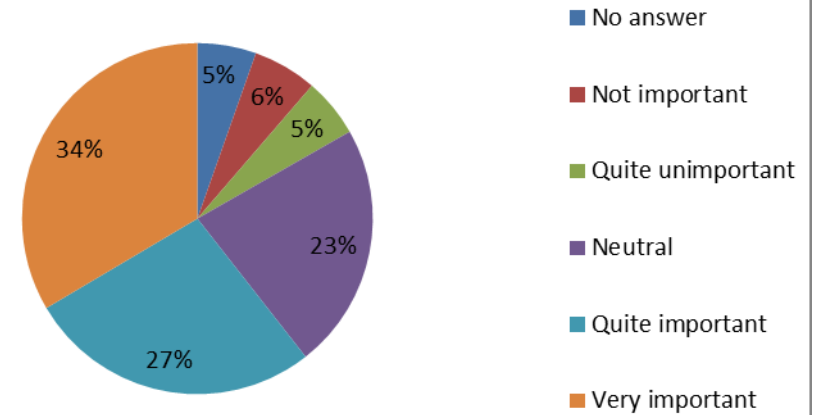


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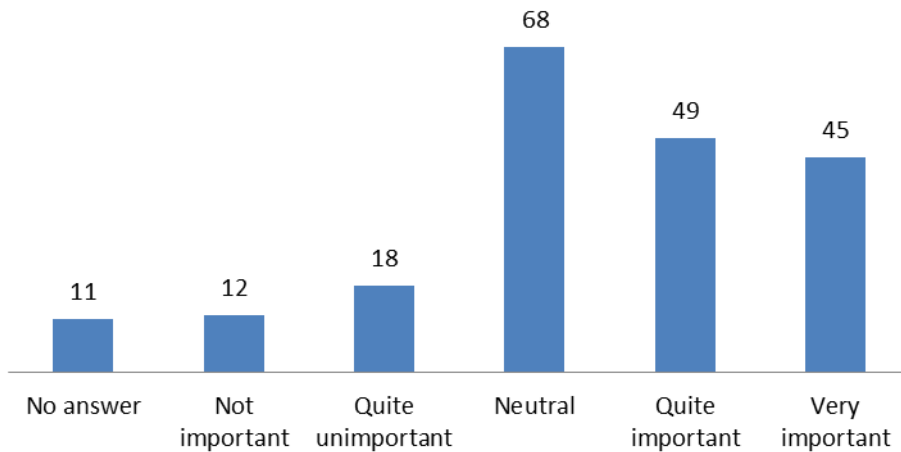
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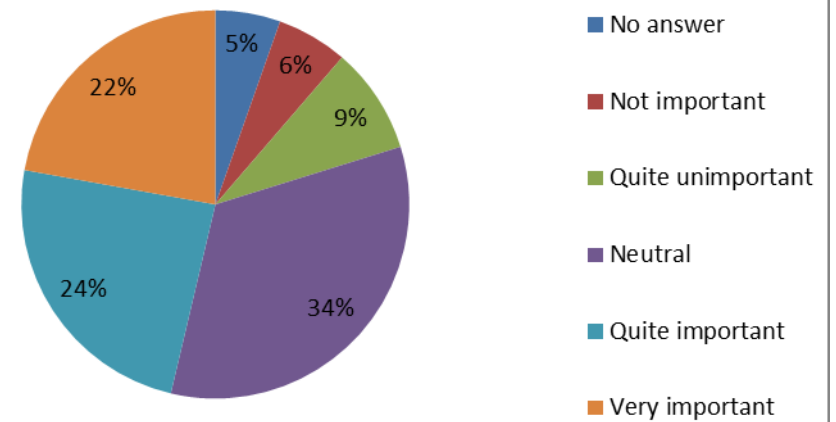
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C28 More rubbish bins



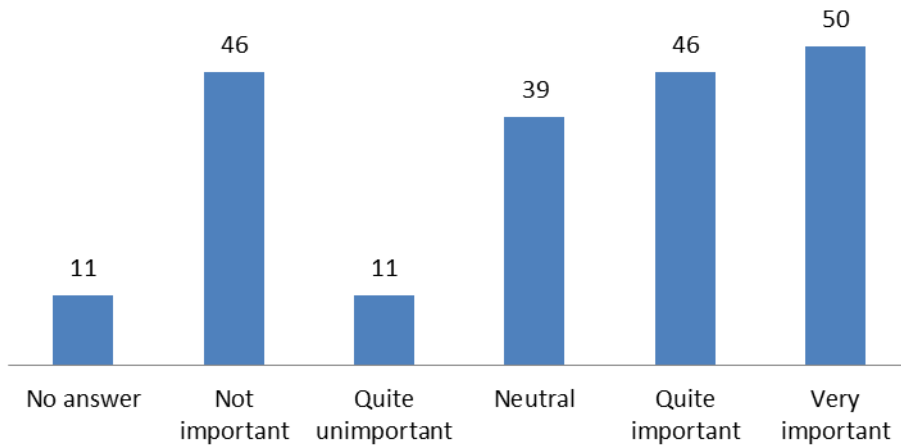
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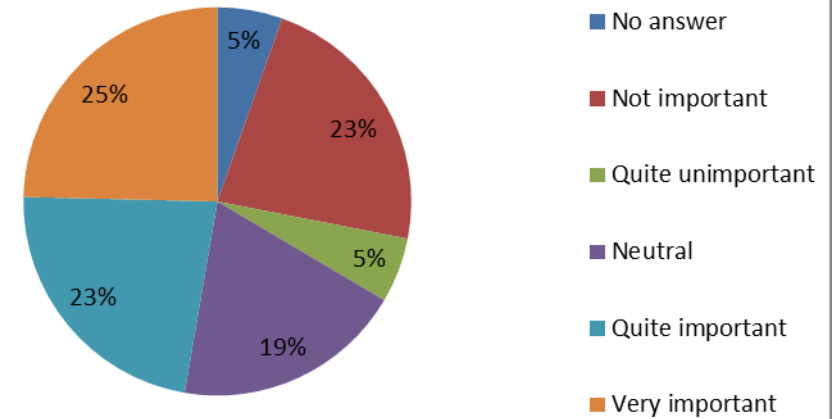
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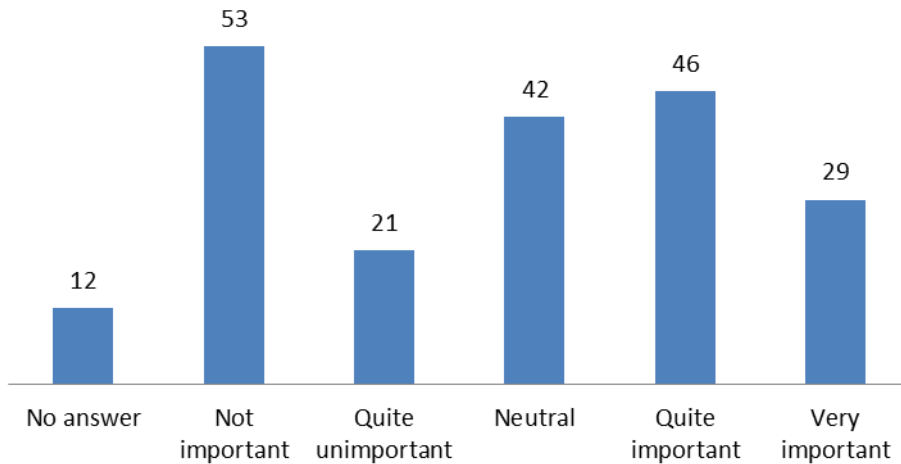
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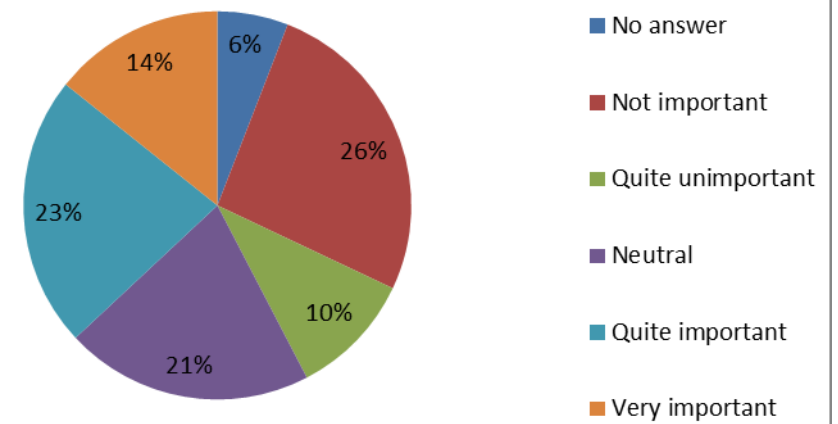
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C30 Fitness trail

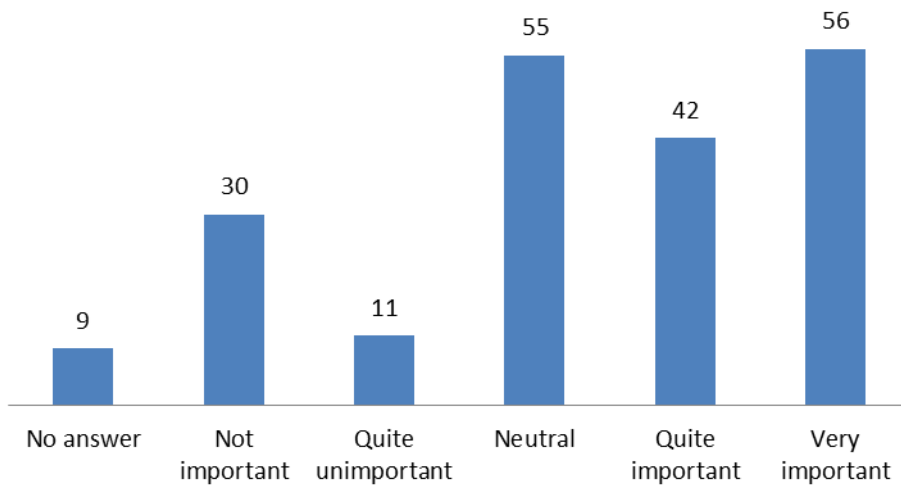


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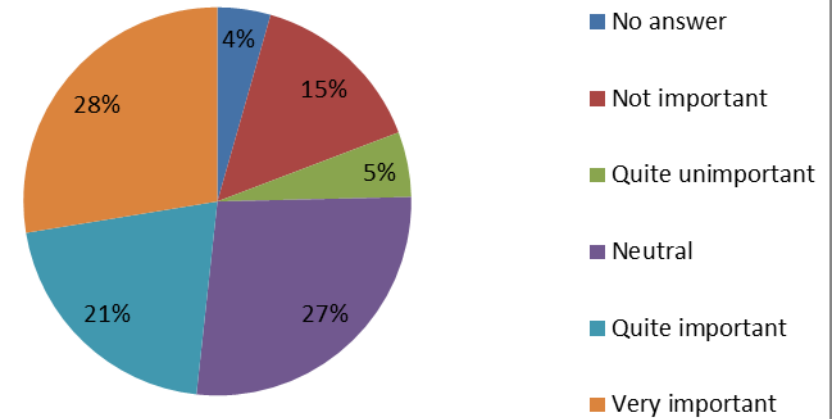


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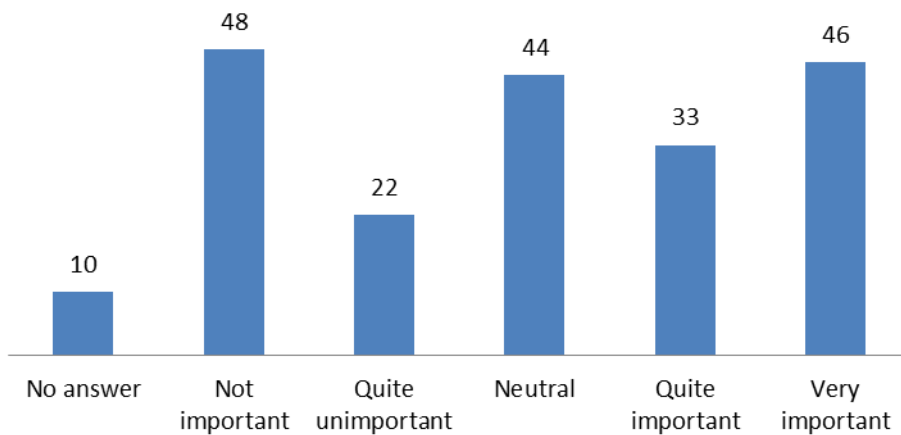
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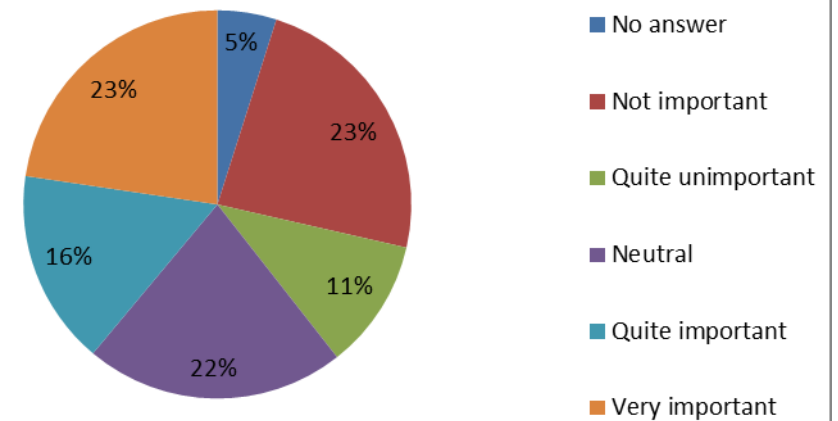
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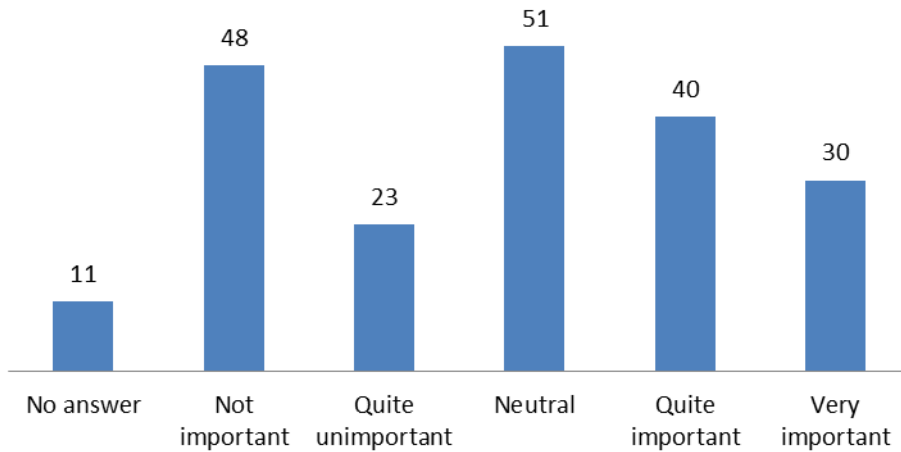


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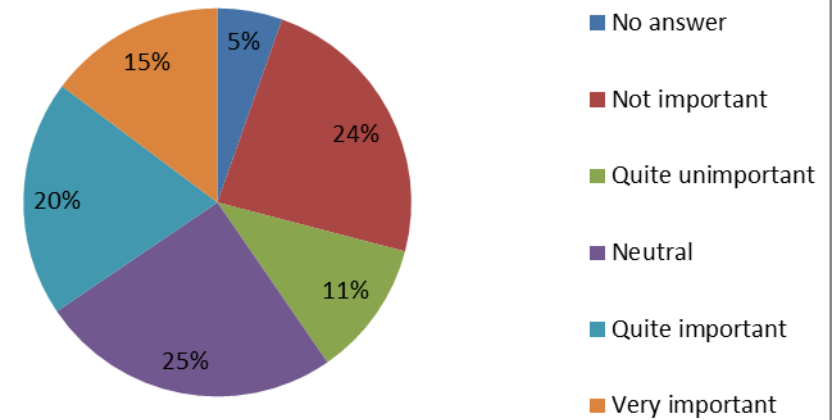


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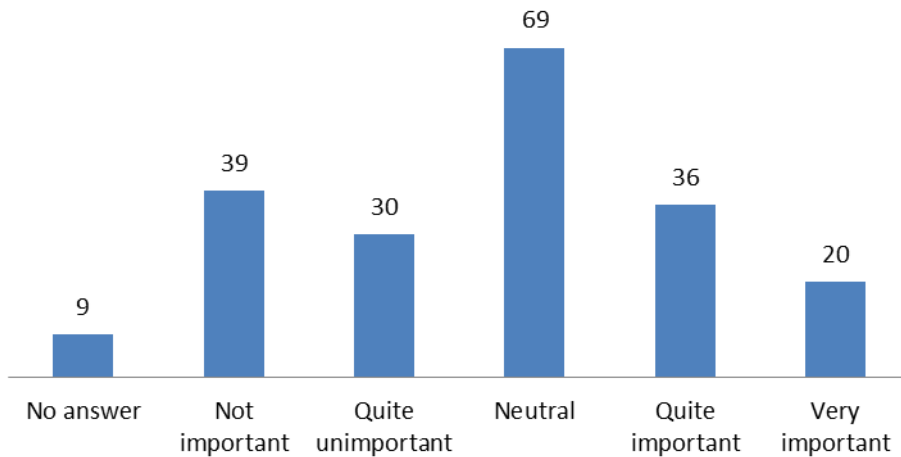
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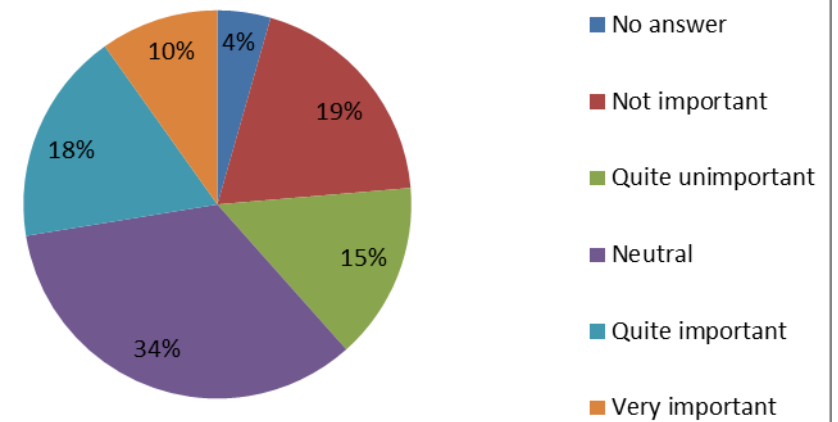
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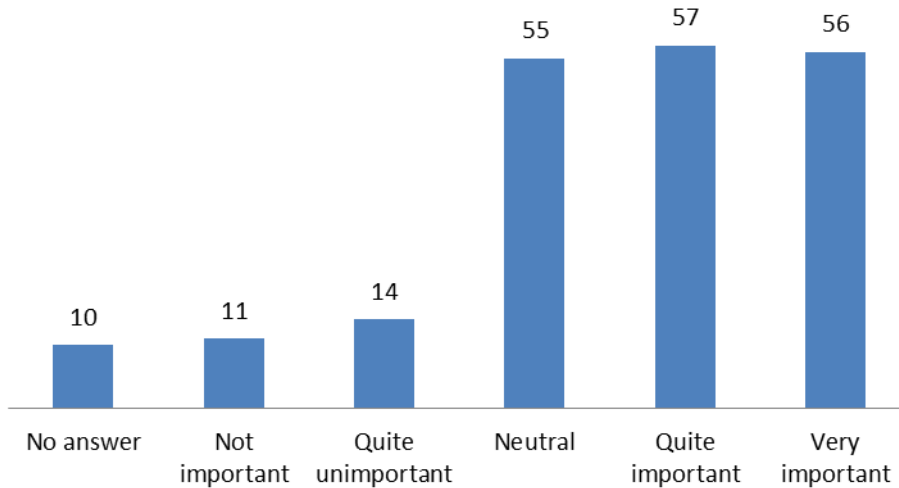
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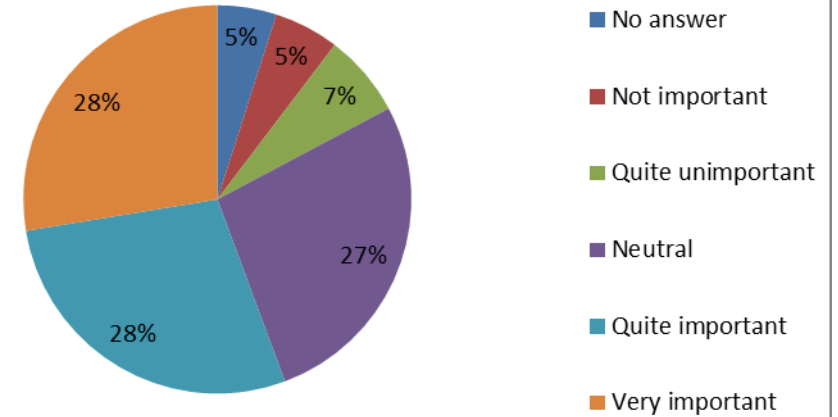
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The Town House

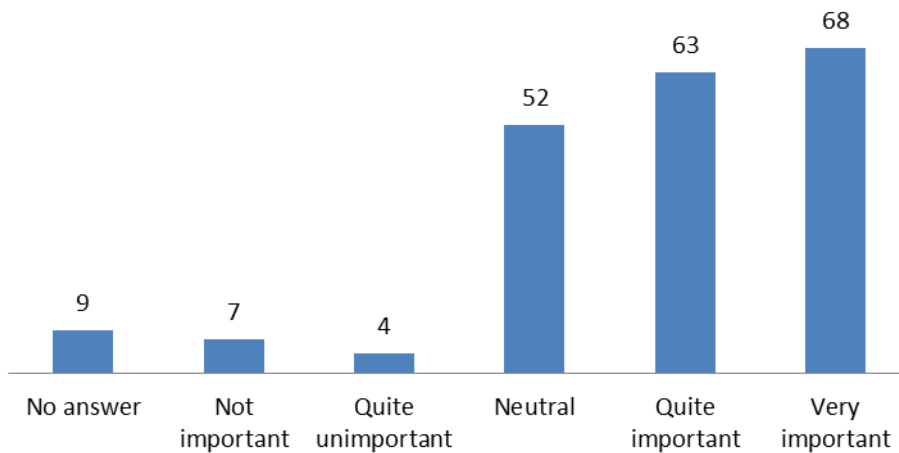
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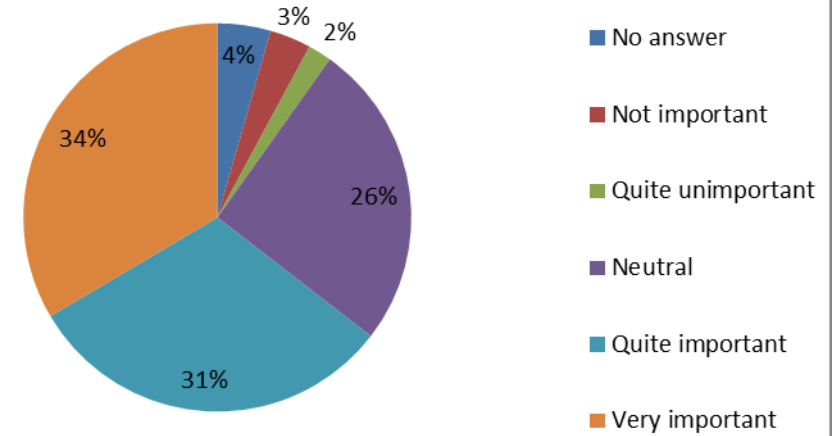
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C37 Comments box – (“Do you have any other ideas for improved facilities and amenities within the village?”)

There were 50 responses to this section, many covering a range of issues.

C24 & C25: One person said that a zip-wire was “*out of keeping in a village*”. Two made the same comment about a skateboard ramp, one adding that “*it would have limited appeal*” while a third was concerned about noise levels. One person however supported skateboard ramps for older children.

C26: Five comments added support for improving and updating the playground equipment, one saying that the current equipment was broken, with slimy wood and nails sticking out. One added that there should be an upper age limit. Another said the new equipment should be bright and colourful - “*it's for children to play on, not for adults to look at*”. One household with children was keen to see improved facilities on the Plaistow that would become a focal point in the village for young families.

C27: Two emphasised the need to improve pram, buggy and bike access to the Plaistow. A wheelchair user stated that the Plaistow was not currently accessible.

C28: There were differing opinions about the need for more rubbish bins. One said there were enough already, but another said the current ones were not large enough and often overflowing in summer. Someone else was only in favour of extra bins if they were regularly emptied. Three more linked this question with dog fouling on the Plaistow; two wanted more enforcement or warning signs, plus more dog bins. The other wanted dogs to be allowed off-lead on the Plaistow, saying it was irresponsible owners who were to blame for fouling in public places.

Nine other comments were made about improved facilities on the Plaistow. Two suggested a cycle track, one seeing this as a safe place for children to learn to ride. Other suggestions were for a bowls green and a 5-a-side football pitch. One wanted the existing 11-a-side football pitch brought up to match standard, along with changing facilities and showers. Another was concerned that the space for playing football was being eroded, first by the tennis courts, now by the extra amenities suggested in the questionnaire. Someone else said “*once we had the meadow to play in, now it's fenced off and a road [to King Edgar Yard] built through the middle*”⁶.

Two others had general misgivings about the proposed new amenities for the Plaistow, one being concerned about future maintenance costs and the possibility of vandalism, the other about the financial outlay for the amount of use they thought likely, plus the impact on residents with adjoining back gardens.

C31: One household said “*we like this idea a lot if it means walking through a field, but not if it means walking a tarmac path alongside the road*”.

C32: One suggested that people who wanted to walk dogs off-lead could use the track beyond The Mount towards Newsells. Another firmly asserted that dogs should never be off-lead in public places. Two suggested an enclosed dog exercise and socialisation area on the Plaistow, one observing that while the playground did need updating, there were more dogs than children in the village, but no public space where they could legally play off-lead (the dogs, not the children, that is).

C33: Two comments supported this, one suggesting that local landowners might also be encouraged to allow horse riders to use set-aside land.

⁶ The meadow is private land and not part of the publicly owned Plaistow area.

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C34: Two supported more allotments, one suggesting that half-sized plots also be offered.

C35 & C36: Two commented on the kitchen facilities, one saying they were dirty, the other that professional caterers had recently complimented the kitchens! Generally, 2 thought it was important to keep the Town House updated as an attractive facility for functions and to improve the income stream, but 2 others thought the current facilities were fine and did not need upkeep at present. One comment singled out roof repairs as being the most important issue and 3 others indicated that if the roof needed repair, then was obvious that it should be done. Another said that the village should be encouraged to raise funds for this major repair, not leave it to the Parish Council and Town House Committee. Someone else said that urgent repairs were also required to the church.

Some respondents proposed further new village facilities that were not suggested in the questionnaire. The most common theme with 6 comments was a new sports and community centre. Five wanted to see the site of the scouts hut⁷ used for a new sports pavilion, with the scouts sharing the improved facilities; one cited the new pavilion at Barkway recreation ground as a model. Ideas for this new facility in Barley included a badminton court, snooker table, indoor bowls, village storage and an outdoor stage, and that the building could be utilised as a sports hall by the school. Two more suggested a social club for villagers.

Three others said that the church was under-used and should be available more for social and fund-raising events, one also saying that some pews should be removed and a kitchen and toilets installed.

Someone suggested that the Town House be used as a venue for social functions for older people (eg. coffee mornings), another that volunteers run a weekend tea room in the Undercroft to fund-raise for village organisations, as is done in Braughing.

A variety of other one-off ideas were suggested:

- A farmer's market (or other outlet for locally grown produce)
- A hairdresser (presumably the suggestion was for a visiting service)
- More benches within the village
- A conservation area to encourage bio-diversity – which could also be used by the school as a recreational and teaching resource
- More car parking for the shop and doctor's surgery

Finally, one household commented that the rural character should be maintained in all improvements and additions to village facilities and amenities.

⁷ The scout hut cannot be rebuilt or shared without the Scouts Association's consent, since they hold it on a long term lease from the Parish Council.

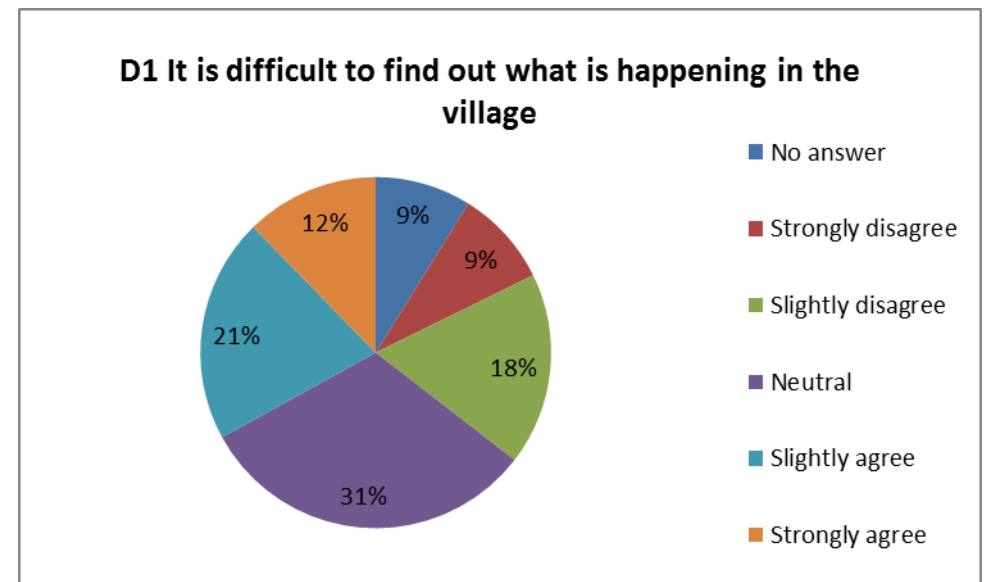
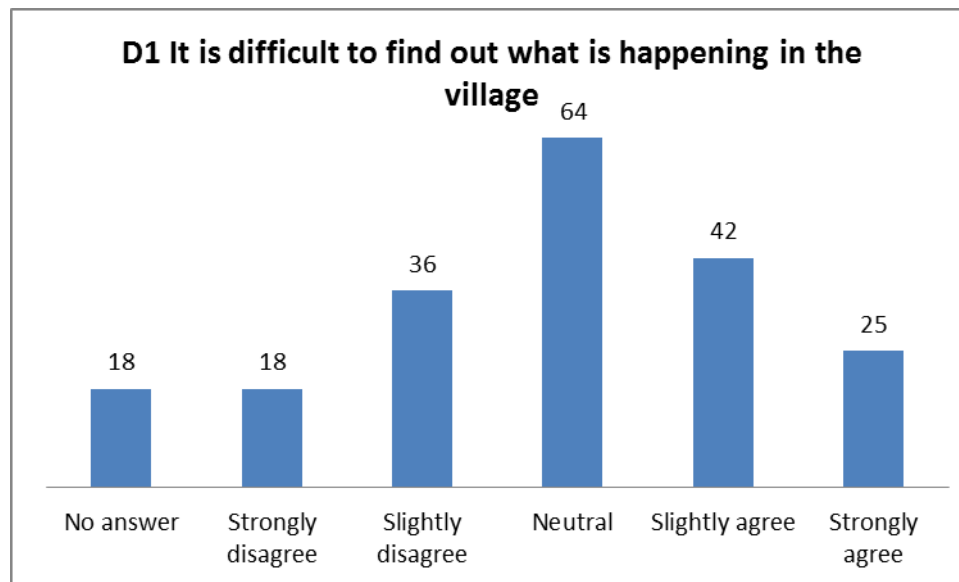
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5. Community

This was divided into 3 sub-sections. The first section was about communication, and channels for communication, in the village. The second asked about community events, groups and activities. The third section was about activities for young people aged between 10 and 15.

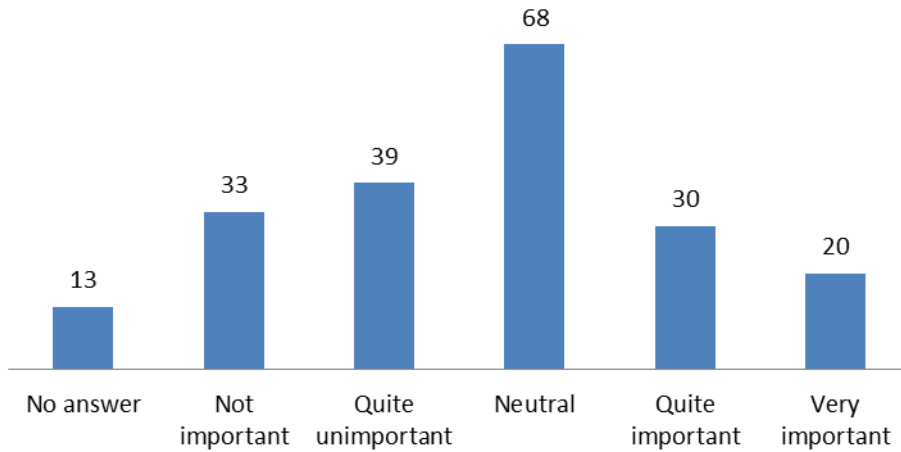
5.1 Communications

This consisted of 6 questions (D1-D6) asking households about communication in the village. The first question asked households to rate how much they agreed with the statement that “it is difficult to find out what is happening in the village”. The other 5 questions asked households to rate the importance of suggested improvements to communication channels in the village. No comments box was included specifically for this sub-section.

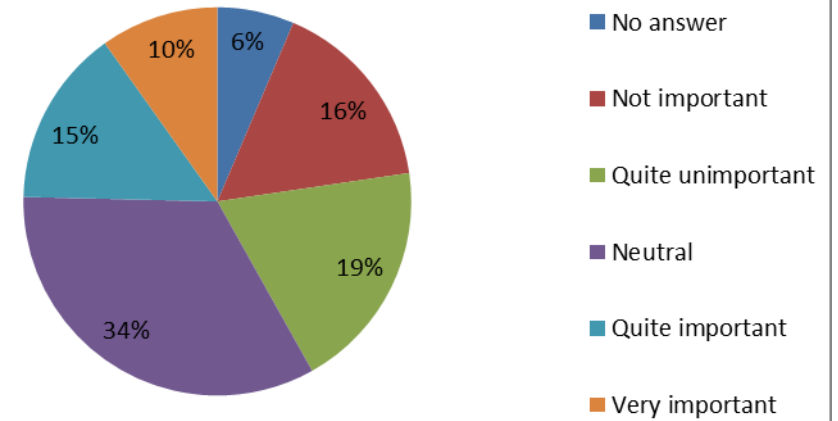


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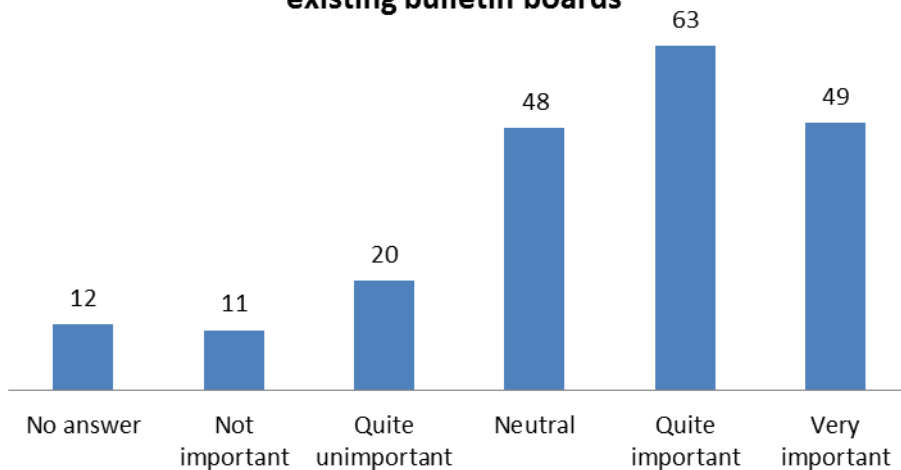
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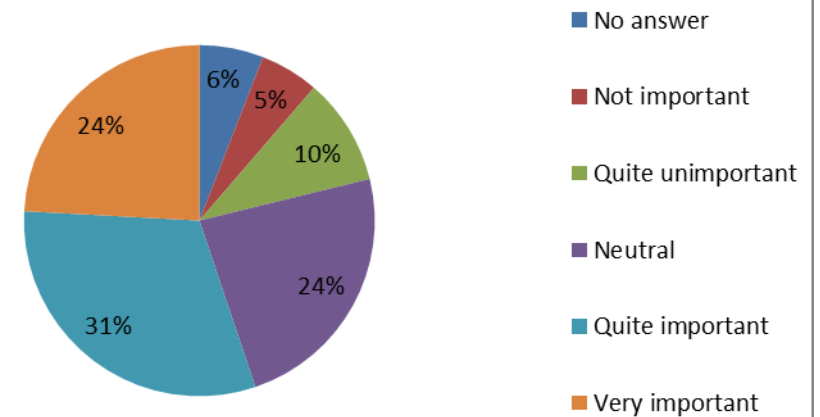
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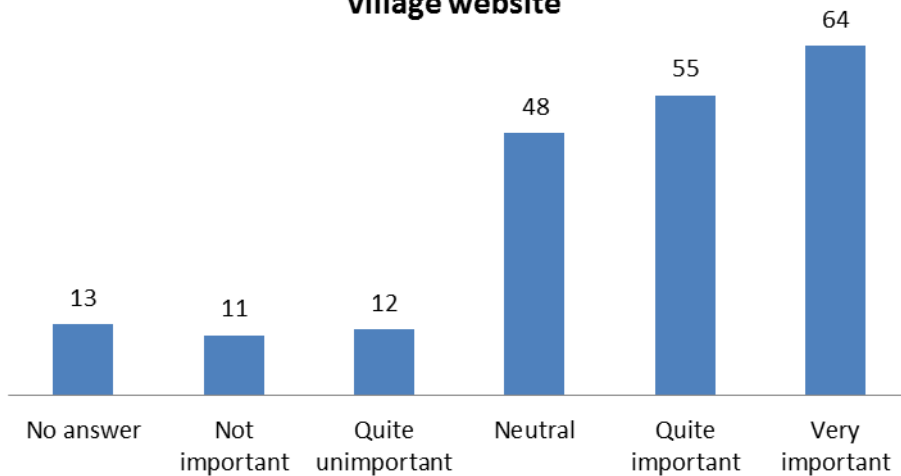


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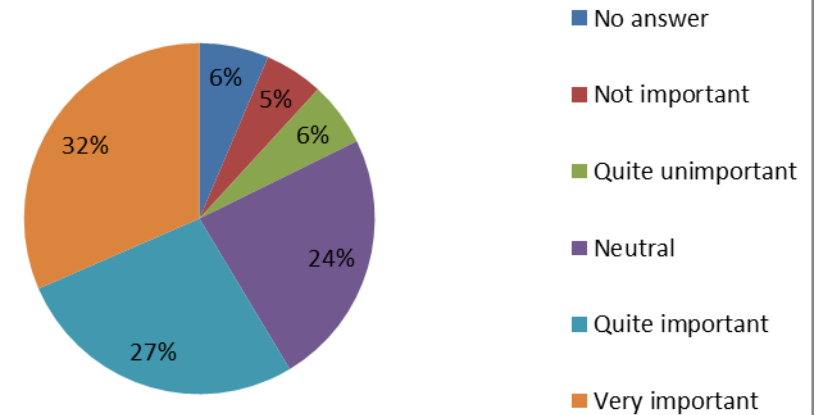


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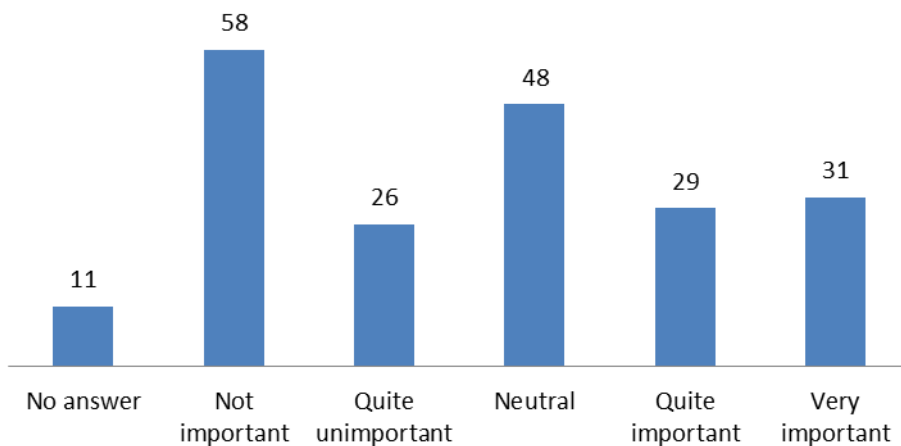
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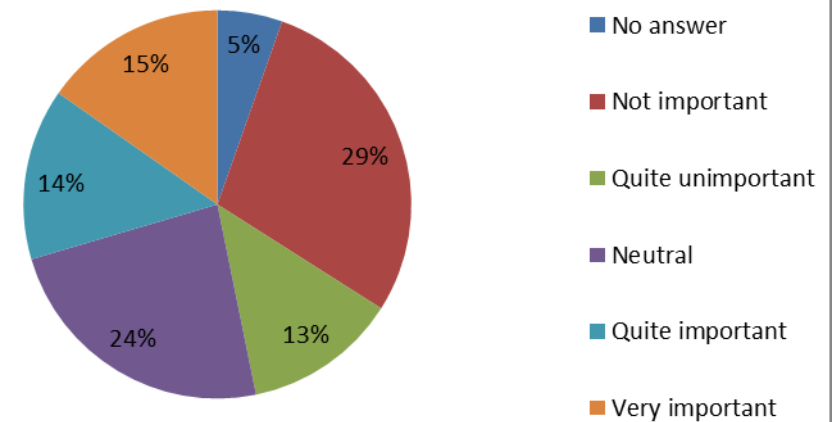
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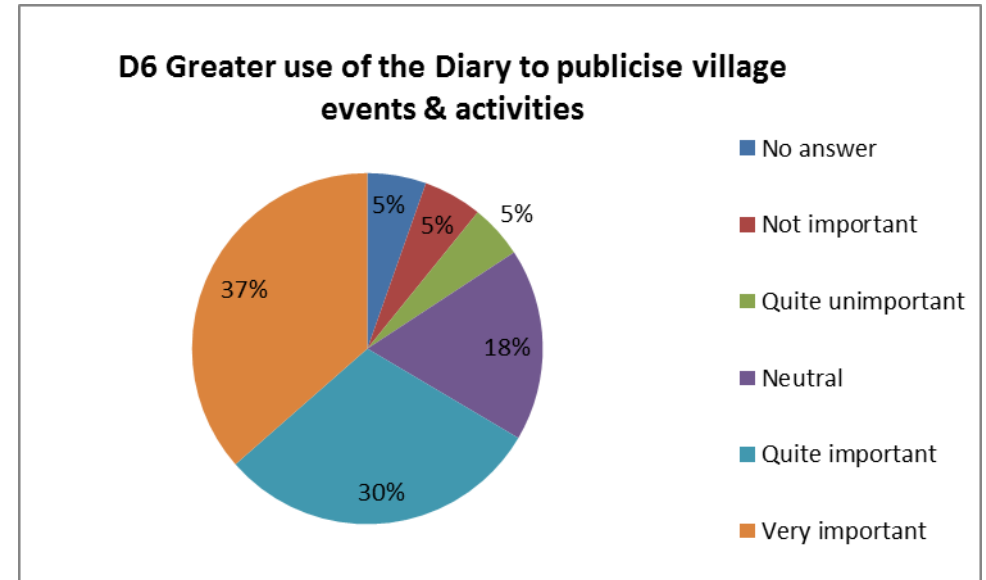
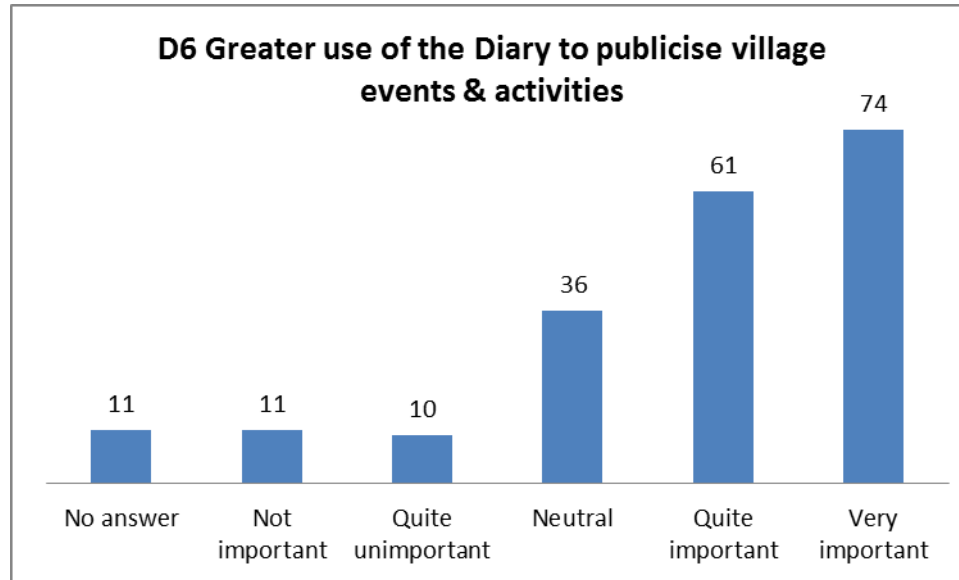
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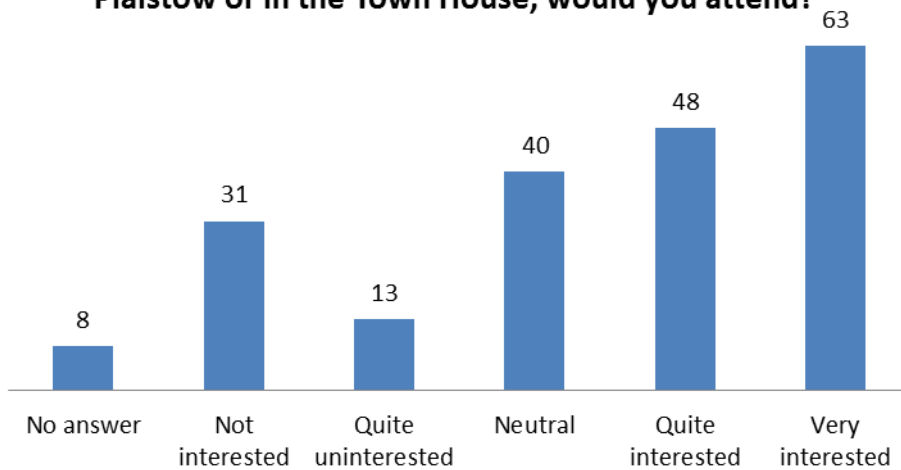


5.2 Events and groups

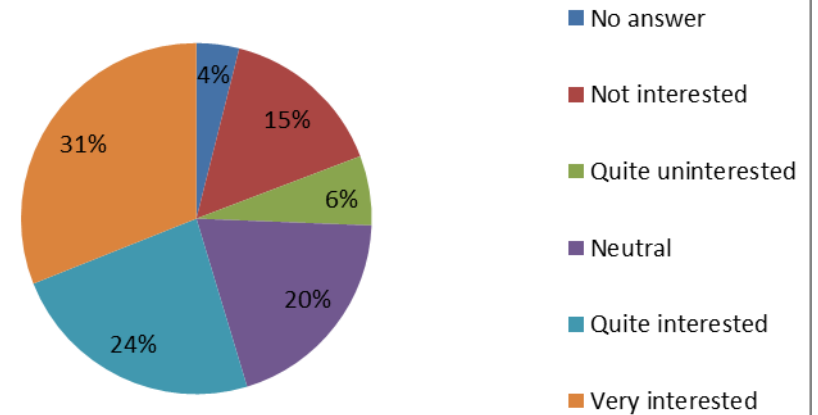
This consisted of 3 questions (D7-D9) asking households to indicate their interest in, respectively, cinema screenings, a drama group or theatre productions (not necessarily by the drama group), plus an optional comments box (D10) to write any other ideas for community events and activities.

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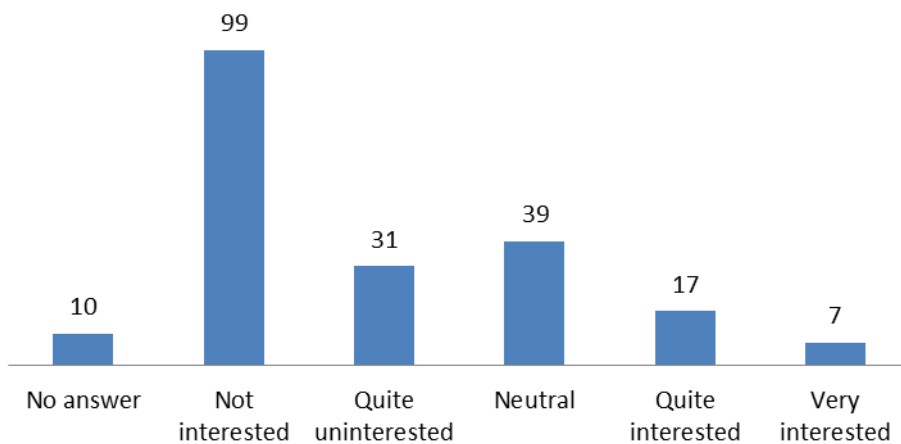
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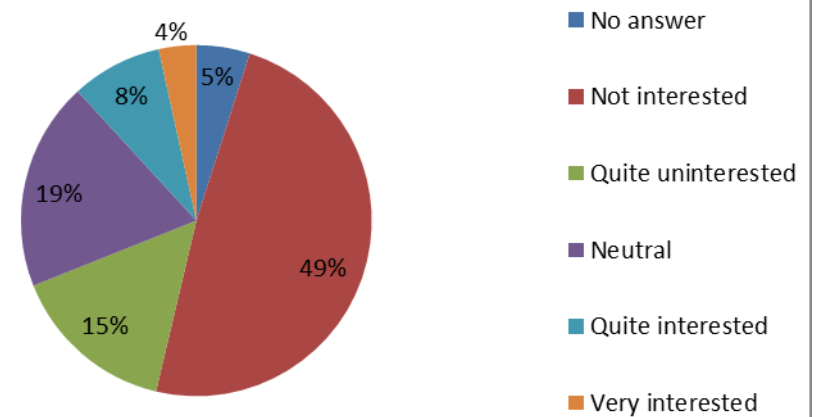
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D8 If a village drama group were to be formed, would you join and actively participate?

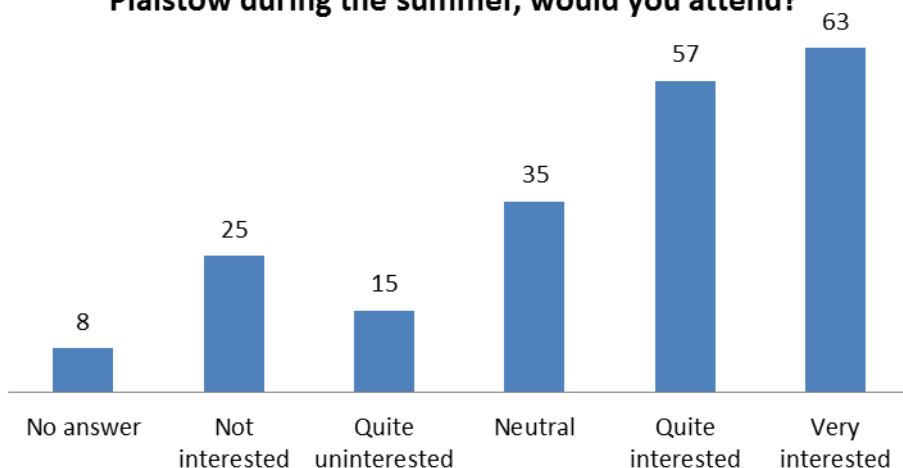


D8 If a village drama group were to be formed, would you join and actively participate?

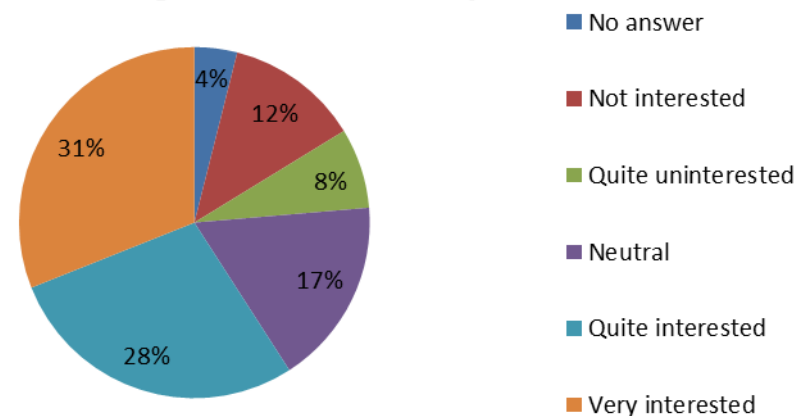


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D9 If theatre productions were staged on the Plaistow during the summer, would you attend?



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D10 Comments box – (“Do you have any other ideas for community events or activities?”)

Comment box D10 was used by respondents to make comments about village communication channels and add points to questions D2 to D9 above, in addition to providing ideas for any other community events or activities.

A total of 42 responses were received.

D2: There were 5 comments; 2 saw no need for more notice boards, with 1 saying people use cars and therefore don't see them; those in favour of the boards made comments about including contact points for clubs and so forth, reinstating the board in the village shop, and allowing individual villagers to display notices.

D4: Six comments were made about the Barley website. Four said that it looks dated and needed redesigning or upgrading, although one said the actual

content was fine. However the other 2 said it was no use to them, because the content was not updated regularly apart from minutes of Parish Council meetings.

D5: Two respondents pointed out that not everyone uses Facebook, or wants to, particularly older residents. Another suggested looking at the existing Facebook page for the Barley Neighbourhood Forum set up in 2013.

D6: One commented that the Diary already works well as a communication tool for most villagers. Two others said it was important that the Diary remained a paper publication, as not everyone uses a computer.

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Some added further comments about communication channels for information & events. One suggested villagers could opt into an email group, if they wished to receive information. Another proposed a regular list of 'what's on', saying *"it is very easy to miss the start of a new class"*. Four others suggested a welcome pack of information for new villagers, as provided in Barkway.

D7: Two respondents mentioned Barkway Picture House, one questioning whether it made more sense financially to merge with this cinema club rather than for Barley to set up its own. Two others said their attendance would depend on the films shown.

D8: Two respondents pointed out that a local drama group exists – the Barkway Players – one questioning the need to set another group up in Barley. However 2 others mourned the passing of the Barley Players, which ran for 19 years, one believing that the stage and costumes were still in storage somewhere. One parent said it would be good if a drama group catered for children over 7; another wryly commented that attendance by *"some members of the family"* might stop all the drama at home!

D9: Two supporters of this idea mentioned similar events; an outdoor theatre group that visits Fowlmere every August, and the Shakespeare plays put on in Cambridge college gardens each summer, with audiences picnicking in the grounds. More generally, 2 commented that this was a good idea in principal, but the content would determine whether or not they attended. Another respondent, apparently concerned about disturbance, said *"Please stop putting the Plaistow as the place for all activities. What about the cricket pitch?"*⁸

Many suggestions were made for additional community events or activities.

The number of respondents making each suggestion is in brackets :

- More Quiz Nights, to raise money for initiatives from this Barley Village Parish Plan (1)
- Barbeques on the Plaistow (1)
- Family friendly, informal events -barn dance/jubilee- style picnic (1)
- Village sporting events – rounders match (1), cricket match (1), football match (1), sports day on Plaistow (1)
- Music events – live music (2), jazz picnic (1), rock band evening (1), music festival after the Barley Show, making use of the marquees (2)
- Car boot sale (1)
- Celebration of Barley's history – a co-ordinated activity with the "100 Parishes" initiative(1)
- Fitness classes - yoga (2), zumba (1), pilates (1), fitness for mothers (1), outdoor fitness/boot camp (1)
- Table tennis club - for all ages (1)
- Barley walking group (1)
- Informal/amateur singing group (1)
- After school clubs for children (1)
- Day classes, computer workshops at the Town House (1)

⁸. The cricket ground is private land owned by Barley Cricket Club, whereas the Plaistow is a public space for use by all villagers.

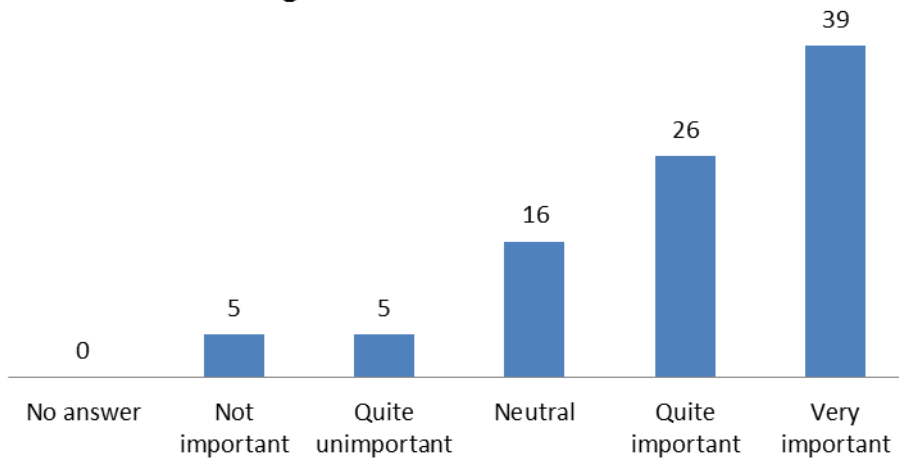
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5.3 Activities for Young People

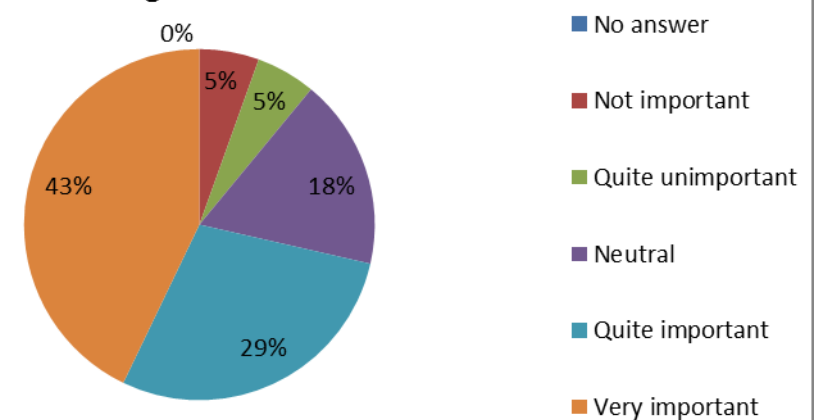
This section was to be completed only by households in the village with children aged between 10 and 15. Question D11 asked these households to rate how important they thought it was to provide young people with a place to meet in the village. Question D12 asked the children to rate for themselves whether they would be interested in going to such a place. A comments box (D13) was provided for both to suggest activities which could be organised for young people.

Care should be taken in interpreting the results of this section. The objective was to gauge the interest and suggestions of young people in the relevant age range, and of those with direct experience of parenting them. However it was apparent that many households without children (or without children in the age range specified) answered some or all of this section. Of those who completed a questionnaire, 91 households (45%) answered question D11; it is unlikely that this number of Barley households currently have children aged 10 to 15. The level of direct interest in a place to meet and the relevance of the activities suggested in the comments box cannot therefore be clearly ascertained.

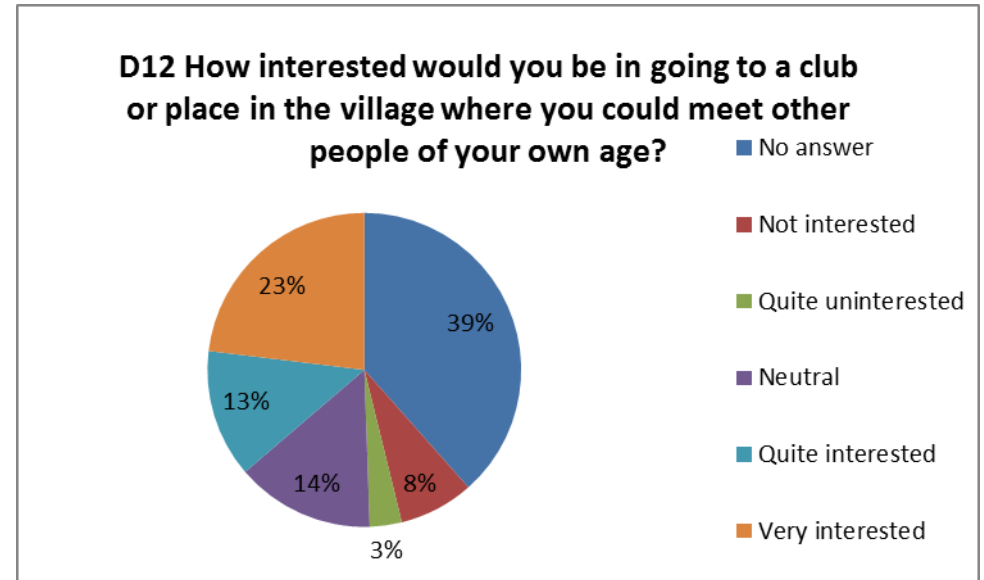
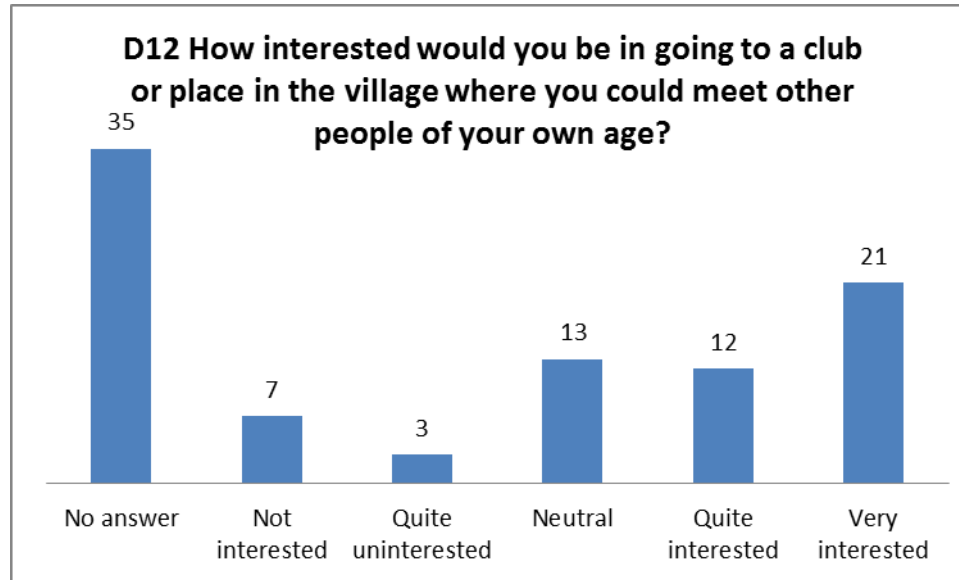
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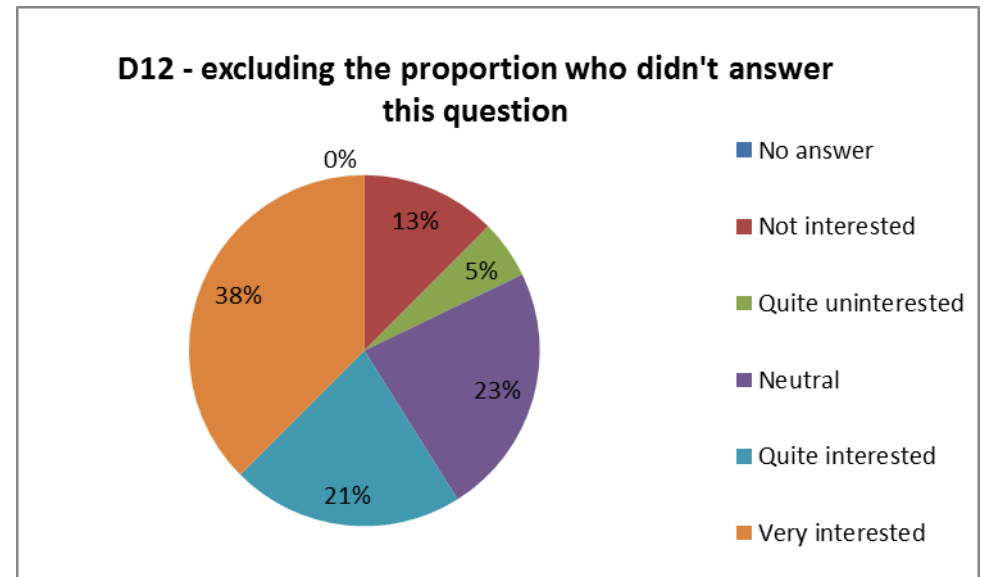


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The pie chart on the right reworks the previous pie chart for question D12 to exclude the 35 respondents who answered question D11, but then did not go on to answer D12. 39% of those who answered D11 did not answer D12 and many had written N/A by the side of D12, indicating that they did not have children in the required age range and therefore should not have answered *either* question.

This reworked pie chart for D12 more closely resembles the chart for D11, indicating greater similarity in the interest level for a club from both young people and their parents or guardians. However the number of respondents answering both question D11 and D12 still seems high, at 56 households out of the 203 who completed a questionnaire.



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D13 Comments box – (“What activities do you think could be organised for young people?”)

A wide variety of activities were suggested, however as mentioned above, some comments may have been (or clearly were) made by households without children, or with none aged 10 to 15. The object was to gather ideas from the children themselves and their parents (who would have direct and up to date knowledge of what activities would genuinely interest this difficult age group).

The following suggestions were made by those who also answered both questions D11 and D12:

- Youth club (5)
- Indoor meeting area for socialising (2)
- Outdoor hut or area for socializing (1)
- Social events - Disco's (4), BBQs (2), Summer bonfire with games (1), Annual Ball for under 16's (1), Garden party (1), Outings (1)
- Activities - Video games, or gaming club (3), Puzzles (1), Bingo for teenagers (1), The Great Barley Bake-off (1)
- Homework club (1)
- An Internet Bus (1)
- General sporting activities/competitions, or sports club (8)
- Specific sporting activities suggested – Cricket (2), Cycling (1), Football (5), Fitness trail (1), Gym(2), Gymnastics (1), Netball (1), Rounders (1). Table tennis (1), Tennis (1)

- Skateboard ramp (1)
- A wall on the tennis courts for children to play against (1)

Two further comments were made; one that the scouts already provide a meeting place for this age group, the other claiming that the building previously occupied by The Cheddar Vine had been given for a clubroom for young people but somehow this had been 'sold'.⁹

The following further suggestions were made by those whose children (if any) did not answer question D12 and by those who indicated that they did not have children in the relevant age range:

- Youth club (3)
- Social events - Outings (1), Parties (1),
- Activities – Art club (1) getting involved in Drama productions (1), Informal talks (1), Trail walks (1), Young gardeners club (1)
- Dancing or ballet, theatre, drama or shows for pre-school/primary age children (1)
- General sporting activities/competitions, or sports club (3)
- Specific sporting activities suggested – Cycling (1), Running club (1), Snooker (1). Table tennis (1)
- Helping on local farms (1)
- Mixing with the elderly on a regular basis (1)

⁹ The Parish Council own the building. It has not been sold, but for decades it has been leased to commercial tenants. The rent received reduces the parish precept (ie. rates bill).

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6. Anything Else

D14 Comments box (“Is there anything else we should have asked you?”)

The final box was included to capture points about anything that had not been covered elsewhere in the questionnaire:

A few respondents took the headline question above literally, posing extra questions that we might have asked; but not necessarily providing an answer. We have omitted these ‘comments’ unless the opinion or suggestion being made was clear. To avoid duplication we have also omitted comments in box D14 which simply reiterated those the respondent had made already in earlier sections of the questionnaire.

Five respondents made comments about improving public transport, two wanting better bus services to Royston, Cambridge and Saffron Walden. Another suggested a minibus service connecting Barley and nearby villages to Royston station, especially late at night to meet London trains. One other wanted a bus shelter or seats near Richmond’s.

Four people mentioned volunteering, in addition to those who filled in the separate volunteer form giving their contact details. One said that groups were needed for litter collection and clearing footpaths. Another suggested that a local network of volunteers be set up to do such tasks. A third felt that the younger generation of villagers appeared to be too busy to volunteer, with most of the work being done by senior people.

Three other comments were made about older people in the village; one suggested that provision of sheltered housing might prevent many older residents leaving, 2 others said activities or clubs needed organising for senior villagers as well as young people.

Two respondents made points about Parish Council meetings, one saying that the published agenda should individually list each planning application to be considered, the other saying that minutes of meetings should be circulated to every household.

Two others mentioned council tax, one complaining about annual increases in the Parish Council precept, the other feeling that council tax goes *“into a black hole called NHDC, with little benefit to Barley residents. More funds should be diverted to the Parish Council to provide facilities residents actually want.”*

Two respondents suggested setting up purchasing groups to give villagers more buying power, particularly for heating oil, but also electricity and firewood.

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A wide range of one-off suggestions and comments were also made, as listed below:

- Making the tennis club more 'village friendly', perhaps by having more events or village competitions
- Adopting the red telephone box in Smith's End Lane¹⁰ - for use as a book exchange
- A village-wide Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- Better mobile phone reception
- A bulletin board for jobs, to encourage local jobs for local people
- A rail on the church steps, to assist those less mobile
- *"The village photographs were a good record"*¹¹
- That Richmonds had outgrown their current sites and should move vehicle operations outside the village, due to parking issues and the size of vehicles being manoeuvred

Finally, 4 respondents thanked the committee for devising the questionnaire.

One said *"thank you all for your dedication. Most of us villagers care and I hope together we can build for the future. It would be lovely to ensure the younger members of Barley have something to be proud of in future."*

¹⁰ The Parish Council already has this in hand.

¹¹ Pictures were taken of all residents as part of the Millennium celebrations.

Appendix F: The scope and responsibilities of relevant organisations

Organisation	Abbreviation	Scope and Responsibilities	Contact details
Barley Parish Council	BPC	The Parish Council is a civil local authority and is the lowest, or first, tier of local government. It is an elected body that has variable tax raising powers. Parish councils work to improve community well-being and to provide better services at a local level.	Barley Parish Council Clerk: Laura Childs barley.parishclerk@gmail.com
Barley Parochial Church Council	BPCC	The council is elected each year by all qualifying members of the Church of England in the parish who register. BPCC is the lowest level of the elected structure of the Church. It is responsible with the rector for religious affairs, and for the repair and maintenance of church buildings and the churchyard.	Secretary: Sophia Wrangham sophiawrangham@gmail.com
Barley Playground Refurbishment Committee	BPRC	BPRC was formed in 2014 by a group of local mothers and is working on behalf of the BPC, to design and raise funds for new playground equipment on the Plaistow.	BarleyMums@groupspaces.com www.facebook.com/barleyplaygroundrefurb
Drive Safe	DS	DriveSafe is a local volunteer group that works under the auspices of the Police and Crime Commissioner and reports regularly to the Parish Council. Its purpose is to address traffic speed and road safety in Barley.	Brian Haughey brian@shahcottage.co.uk Ian Turner ian@it-consultants.co.uk
Environment Agency	EA	The Environment Agency is a public body, sponsored by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), with responsibilities relating to the protection and enhancement of the environment in England.	
Fields in Trust	FIT	Founded in 1925 as the National Playing Fields Association by King George V, Fields in Trust is a national charity and operates throughout the UK to safeguard recreational spaces and to campaign for better statutory protection for all kinds of outdoor sites.	
Friends of St. Margaret's	FOStM	FOStM is a new voluntary body. It works with BPCC to help fulfil repair and maintenance duties and to develop the use of the church building and its relevance to the whole community. FOStM acts as a register of volunteers for self-help work and organising project fundraising.	William Wells wwells@mullucks.co.uk

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Hertfordshire County Council	HCC	The county council takes a strategic perspective for the whole county across a range of services (including those provided by the district council); as well as being specifically responsible for the direct provision of education, highways, transport planning, passenger transport, social care, libraries, waste disposal and strategic planning.	County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DG www.hertsdirect.org Current Councillor for Ward: Tony Hunter tony.hunter@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner	HPCC	An elected person whose responsibility it is to hold the police and the chief constable to account, on behalf of the public. Also to set the strategic direction of the force, through the Police Crime Plan.	Current Commissioner: David Lloyd Harpenden Police Station, 15 Vaughan Rd., Harpenden, AL5 4GZ Tel: 01707 806100 Commissioner@herts.pnn.police.uk
Historic England	HE	A public body that looks after England's historic environment. Its role is to champion historic places and buildings, helping people to understand, value and care for them.	
North Hertfordshire District Council	NHDC	North Hertfordshire District Council is responsible for delivering local services such as housing, leisure and recreation, environmental health, waste collection, planning applications and decisions, and local taxation collections.	Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Herts, SG6 3JF. www.north-herts.gov.uk Current councillor for Ward: Gerald Morris Gerald.morris@north-herts.gov.uk
Town House Management Committee	THMC	The THMC carries out the day to day running of the Town House, including general maintenance and the lettings which fund this, and reports regularly to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is the sole trustee of the Barley Town House Charity, which in turn owns the Town House land and building.	Nick Shaw nickmshaw@aol.com