

Worton Parish Council & Worton Neighbourhood Plan Survey Results

We have analysed the results of the survey and have drafted two documents:

➤ Parish Plan

This plan gathers together your views of village life, facilities and services and identifies potential improvements. Once completed it will form an action plan for your Parish Council

➤ Neighbourhood Plan

Draft policies have been produced based on the survey data. This will form the basis of a Neighbourhood Plan which will go out to the village for a vote in a referendum.

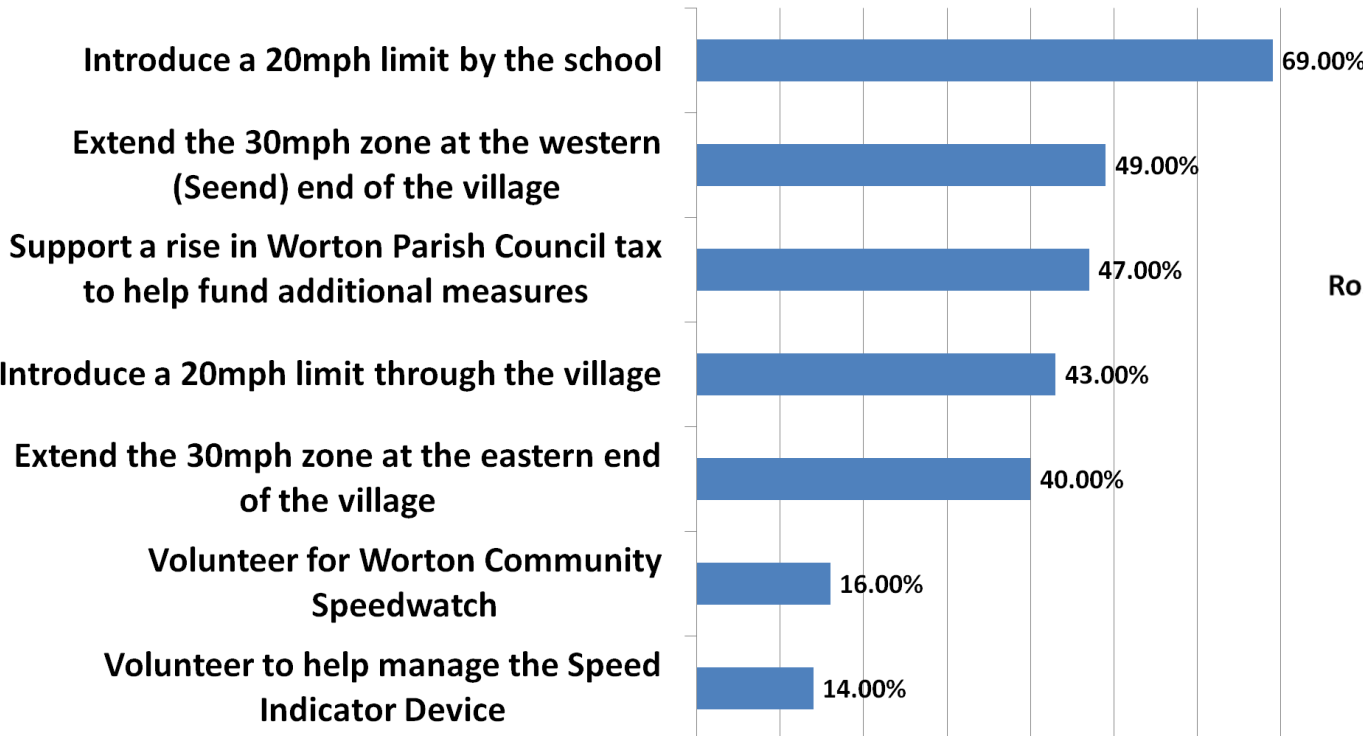
Please have a look at the results of our surveys and let us know what you think about the proposed Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan Policies.

Your views count!!

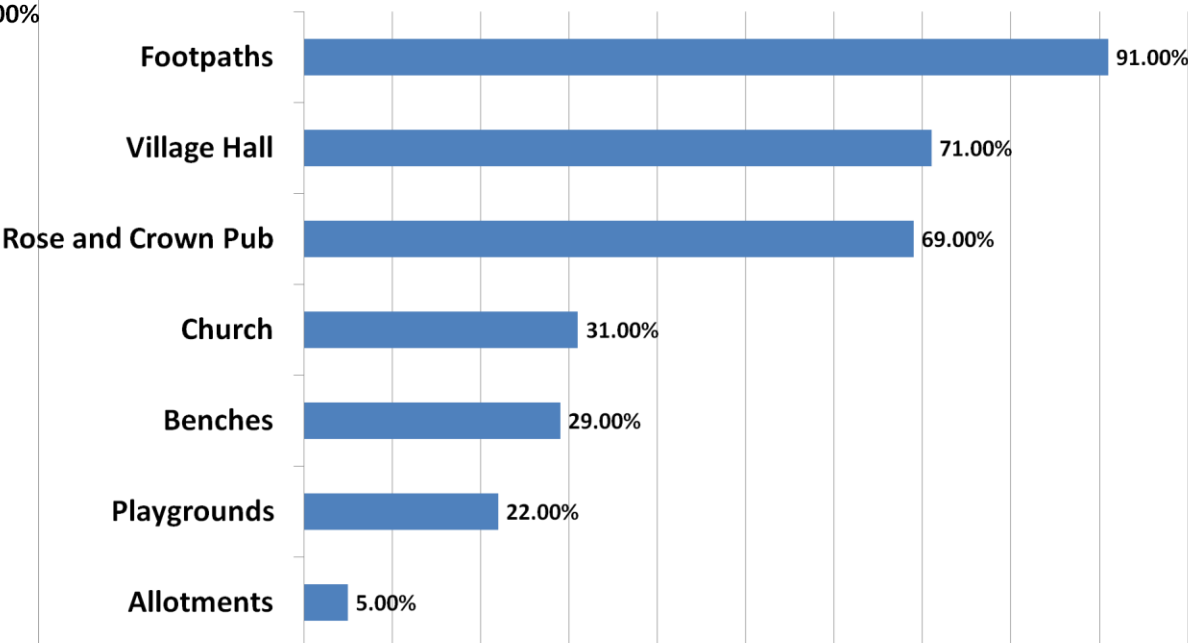
All comments and new ideas will be carefully considered and where possible incorporated into the final version of the plans. So you really can make a difference!

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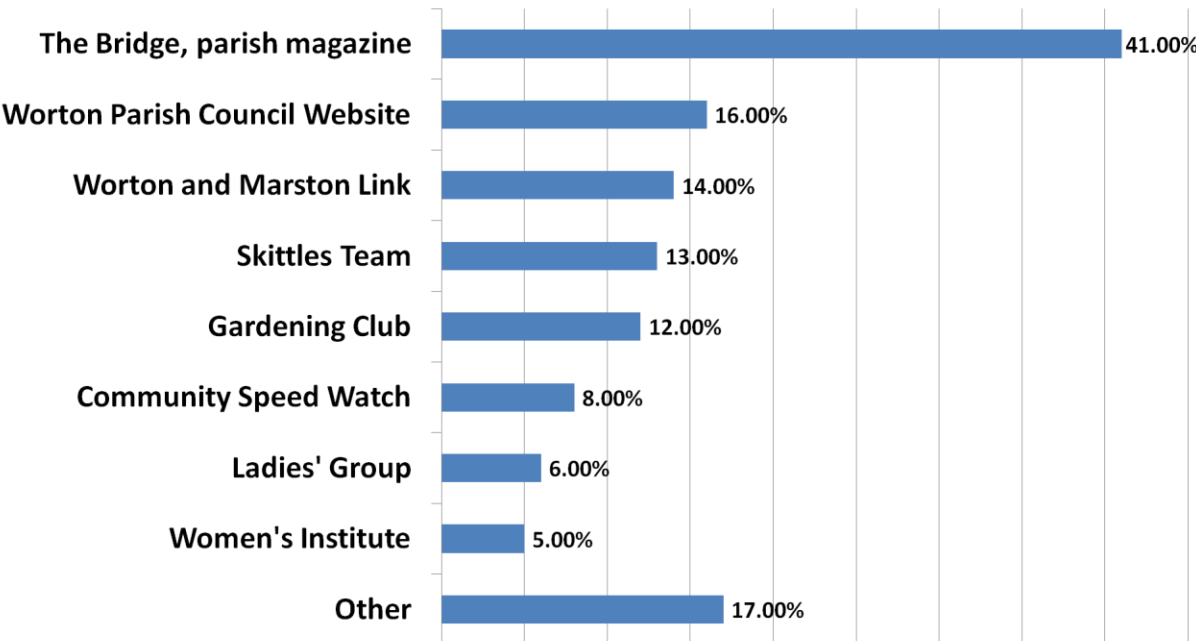
Traffic Issues – Suggested improvements



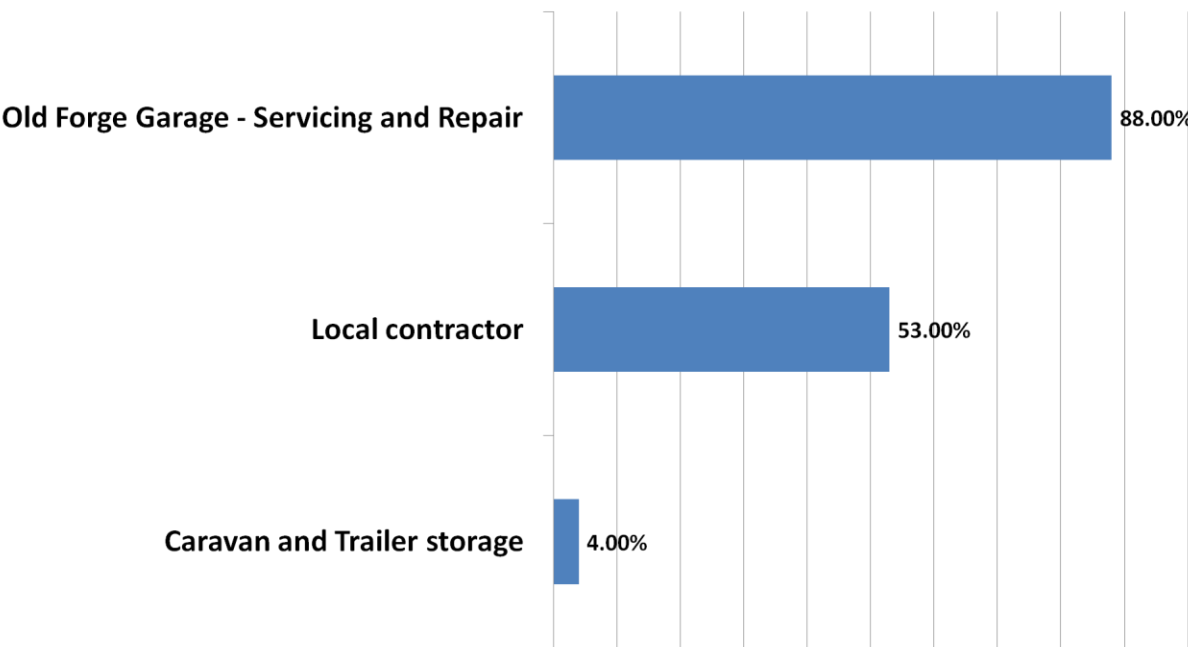
Use of Village Facilities



Support of Village Organisations

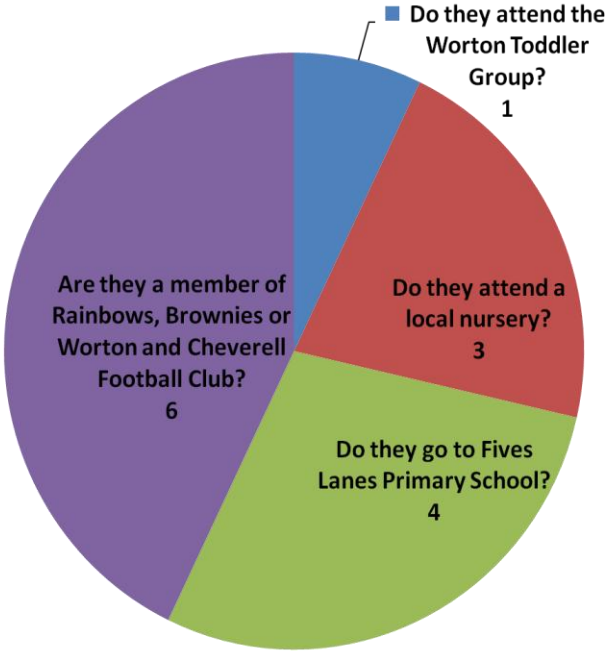


Support of local business



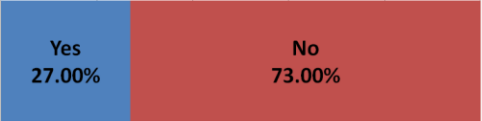
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Children of primary school age or younger



Bus Services

Do you use the local bus service?

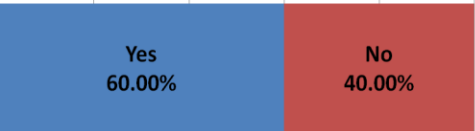


Are you happy with the service provided?



Communications and Technology

Are you happy with the Mobile Phone service provided?

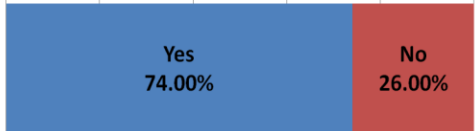


Are you happy with the Broadband service provided?



Village Shop

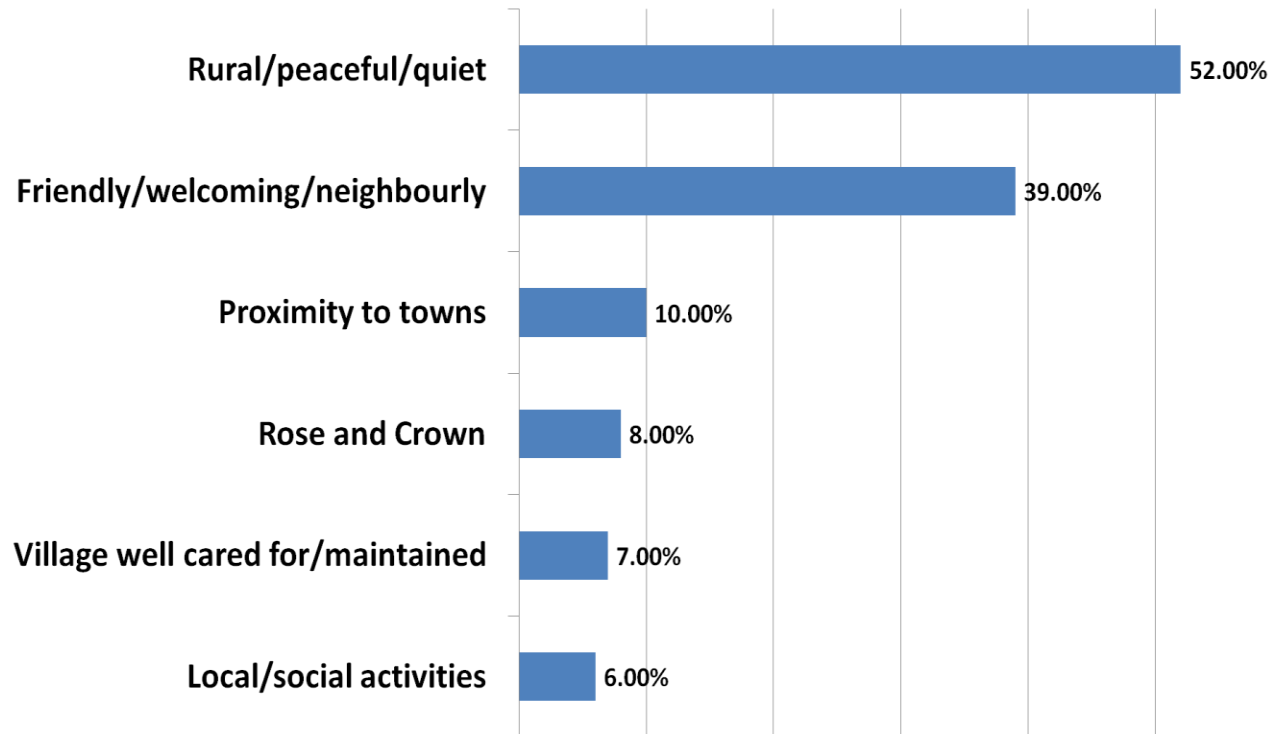
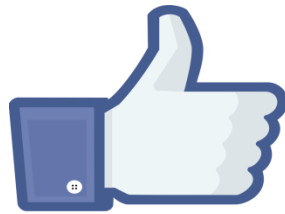
Do you support having a general purpose shop in the village?



Would you volunteer to manage or be on a rota to run/staff a community shop?



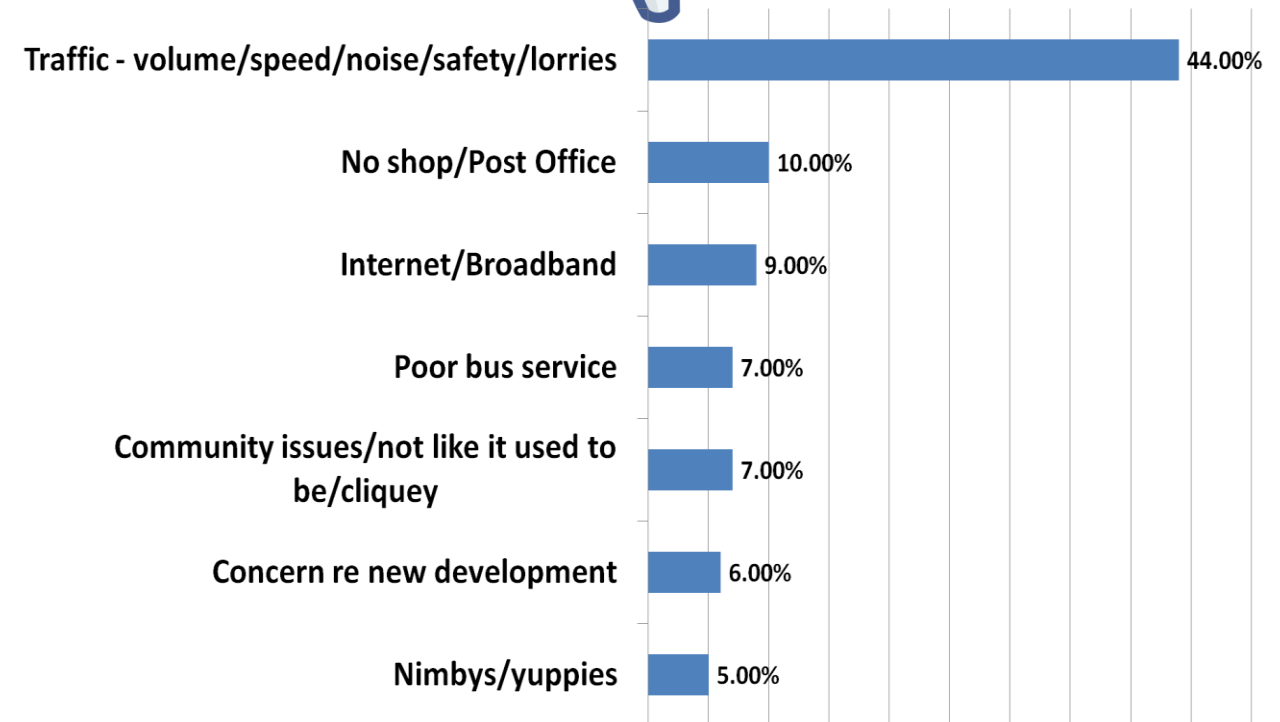
We asked you what you 'liked' and 'disliked' about Worton



‘A delightful rural village in lovely countryside with views over fields. Good social scene with lots of friends – don’t spoil it!’

‘A great village feel with people willing to support each other’

‘Rural location but close to larger towns. Good community spirit for those who want to get involved’



‘Vehicles using the village as a rat run, and the size of the lorries using the roads’

‘The increased levels and speed of vehicles travelling through the village’

‘A sense that we had better times in the recent past – ie Worton/Marston 2000 – with projects the village did together. An underlying old village resentment vs incomers raises its head still’

- Introduction of a 20mph speed limit by the school
- Add a 40mph zone at the western end of the village
- Rent/Purchase a Speed Indicator Device
- Support Worton Community Speedwatch
- 30mph bin stickers for residents on the high street



- Continue to support the Village Hall
- Promote and fund start-up of new village clubs and groups
- Promote and fund start-up of new youth organisations
- Look at viability of a Village Shop
- Refurbish existing bus stops and improve signage etc.
- Create new bus stop for school pick-ups
- Look at viability of the provision of a Community Bus



- Publish parish footpath map and 'code' for users and landowners
- Organise an annual 'Beating the Bounds' footpath walk
- Establish a 'Worton Community Shed'

- Publicise bus timetables to encourage use
- Continue to work with BT and Wiltshire Council to upgrade Broadband provision
- Investigate mobile phone reception throughout the village and identify potential schemes for improvement
- Create a Worton Parish 'Trusted Trader' directory



Parish Council Survey Comments

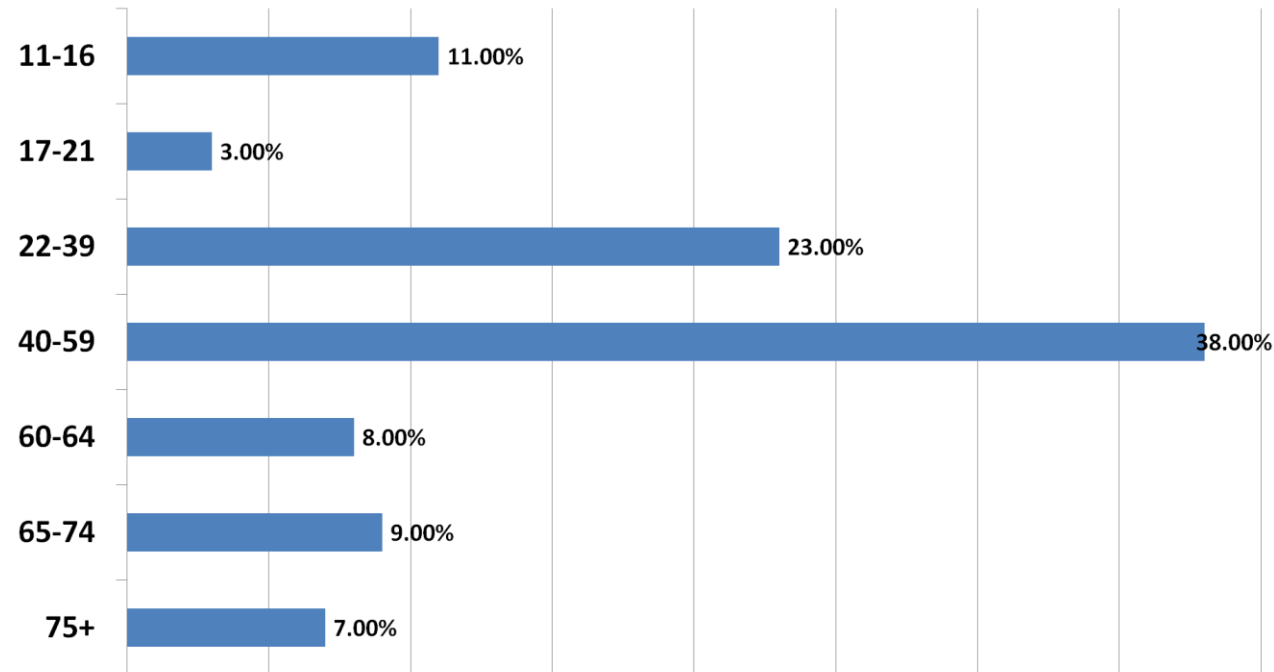
- Bus is too late in the morning. Should have kept earlier service and not have to request it to go to Martston. What if no one is on the bus? It does not check if anyone is waiting at the bus stop. Parish Council should try to improve this.
- Council Tax is expensive. Could we not fundraise for issues e.g. shop, village hall etc.
- Traffic issues - suggest a 40mph "buffer zone" beyond the 30mph limit at the western end of the village to slow down traffic from the 60mph stretch of road from Seend.
- Path to Marston should be concreted, made safer.
- No reference to young adults and what they do etc. Nothing about employment - this dictates some of answers. eg willing to be involved in speedwatch - personally unable as work but would be interested. Some questions too hard.
- This village needs to grow otherwise it will turn into God's Waiting Room with an aging population and no heart or soul. We need to encourage younger people move to the village.
- Difficult to answer the "tax" questions without any detail.
- Good questions. Glad to be consulted.
- It is appropriate to consider there is now a 20mph limit on the B3098 through Market Lavington. Worton has just a C road.
- There are 30+ houses at the eastern(?) end of the village which still lack fast broadband despite being promised this facility on a number of occasions.
- Re Q1: Once we know what measures, then we will decide if the funding is worthwhile. Re Q8: Previous funding for the shop did not lead to a shop being established!
- I hope a large percentage of returns are sent in to get a true reflection of thoughts. (Re Q8: We had a village shop which had to close due to lack of support. Use by villagers so how on earth can one survive with all the online shopping that is done today)
- Pleased that this is taking place. We have lived here happily for 37 years.
- Re Q1: 20mph limit by the school if at school times only
- Sort out the internet.
- More transparency of spending.
- A footpath should be provided both sides of the road through the village. We should have a sports field, preferably in the valley between the stream and river south of the village and a cycle path from Sandlease to the church, parallel and other side of hedge by footpath (following same route). (This is not part of housing survey). No more housing to be allowed without these items should housing be approved any time in the future.
- Great idea. Need to get more people involved in future of village. Need more to show what they want so parish council can make better decisions.
- Yes - let us all support the new Parish Council in their efforts to bring the village back together and agree a NP which the majority will support.
- Trying to bring a divided parish council back together to represent the true views of its community without bias.
- Should be an annual survey.
- Is there any way that the lights from Norney(?) Bridge to Marston could be extinguished after 10pm, to cut light pollution and save money/electricity.
- Does the PC think that the villagers are naive enough to provide data which can be manipulated to their point of view?

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- Would suggest speed calming near school (speed bumps) between Church Lane and Cedar Close.
- Publish results at a public meeting. Well done. Carry out a similar survey every 5 years or so.
- Some consideration for developing an identifiable heart to the village - village green, shop, church, school etc. Use of field behind the school.
- I don't think 30mph extensions are needed at the eastern end of the village but I do think the unlimited zone between the western end of the village and Seend should be made a 50mph zone.) (Re Q2: I would only support a rise in Worton Parish Council tax to financially support the village hall if Marston also agreed to pay, the village hall, like the church, being a shared facility) (Re Q8: See how much actual support there is before throwing money at it. The last four attempts have all failed.)
- Some questions are ambiguous and not easy to answer.
- We have only just arrived so are unable to answer some of the questions at this stage.
- I would like the Parish Council to exhibit their impartiality and respect for the opinions of their parishioners when considering any development proposals.
- Motives for great change and new large development proposals should be very thoroughly probed and examined by the Neighbourhood Planning Committee and the Parish Council.
- Lobby for amendment to Sat Nav database.
- Re Q1: Extending the 30mph won't deter those people who choose to speed.
- Village shop.
- No mention of facilities for disabled people like frequency of drop kerbs.
- Would have been better with some guidance on likely costs - re supporting council tax rises.
- Concern about on road parking, when residents do have their own drives! High Street and Mill Road. Why do they pass planning for extensions and retail with no suitable parking?
- There is one very clear and unfortunate omission in this survey - your only question about "young people" (section 5) relates to children aged 11 or under. Surely there are issues relating to older children and to young adults which could have been included.
- Those of us on the Potterne Box suffer with very poor broadband speed. This needs resolving urgently.
- More clarification on Worton Parish Council Tax on funding issues. How obtained in order to support funding etc.
- A good idea!

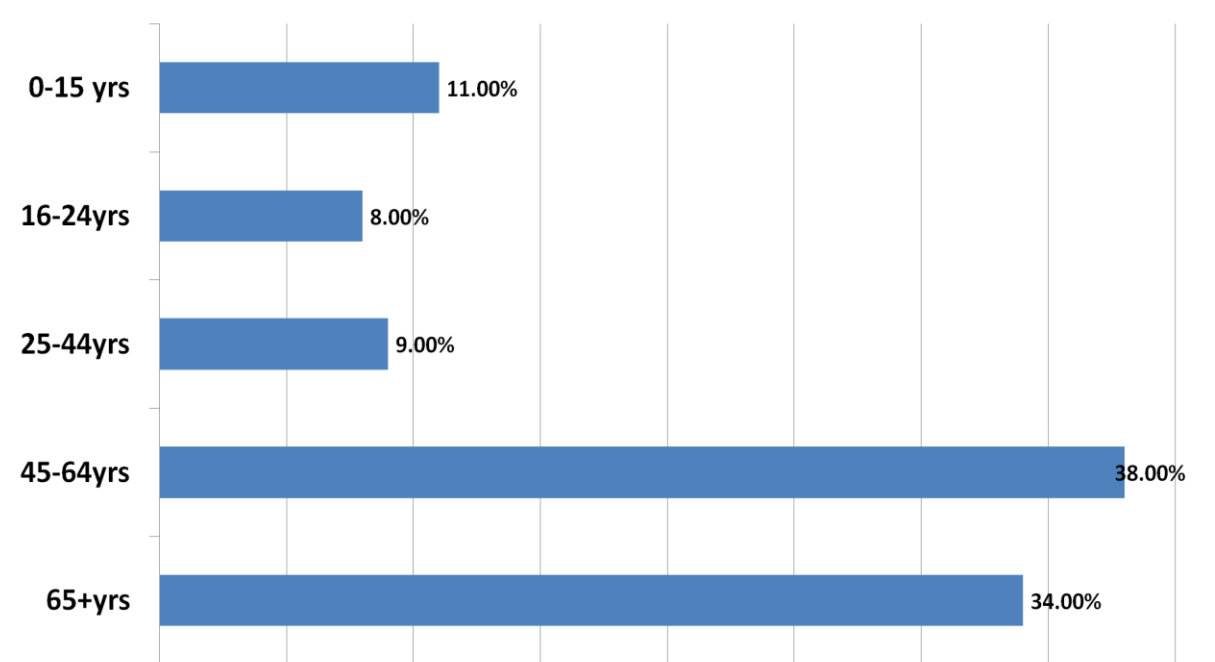
1997 Village Appraisal

What age group do you belong to?

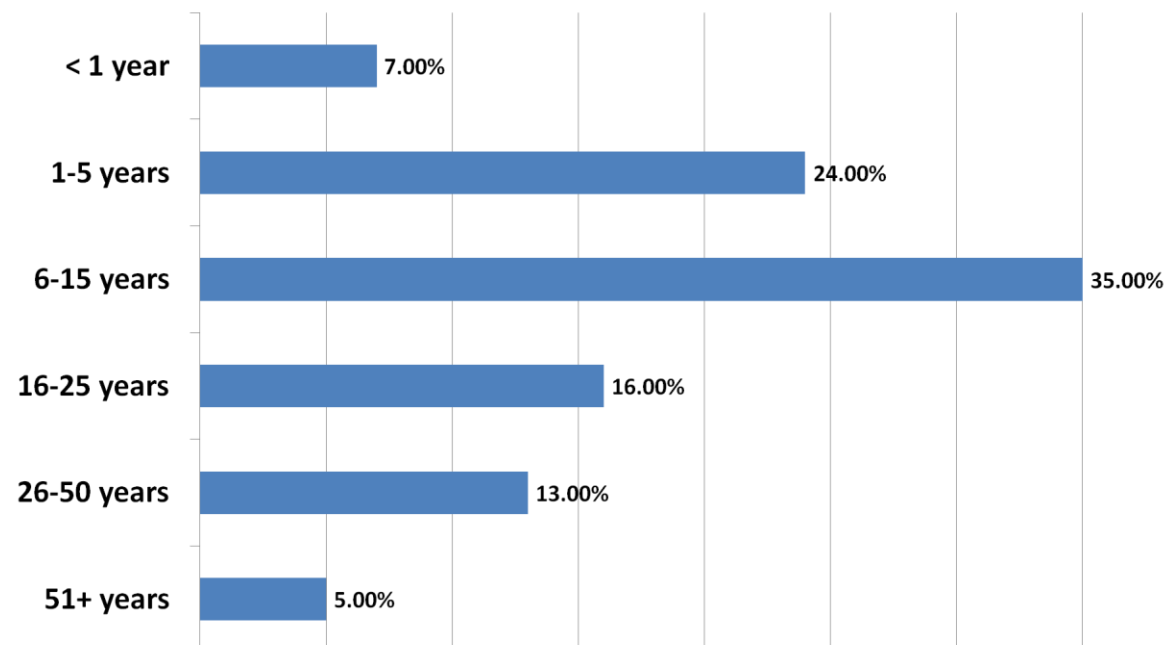


2017 Parish Housing Needs Survey

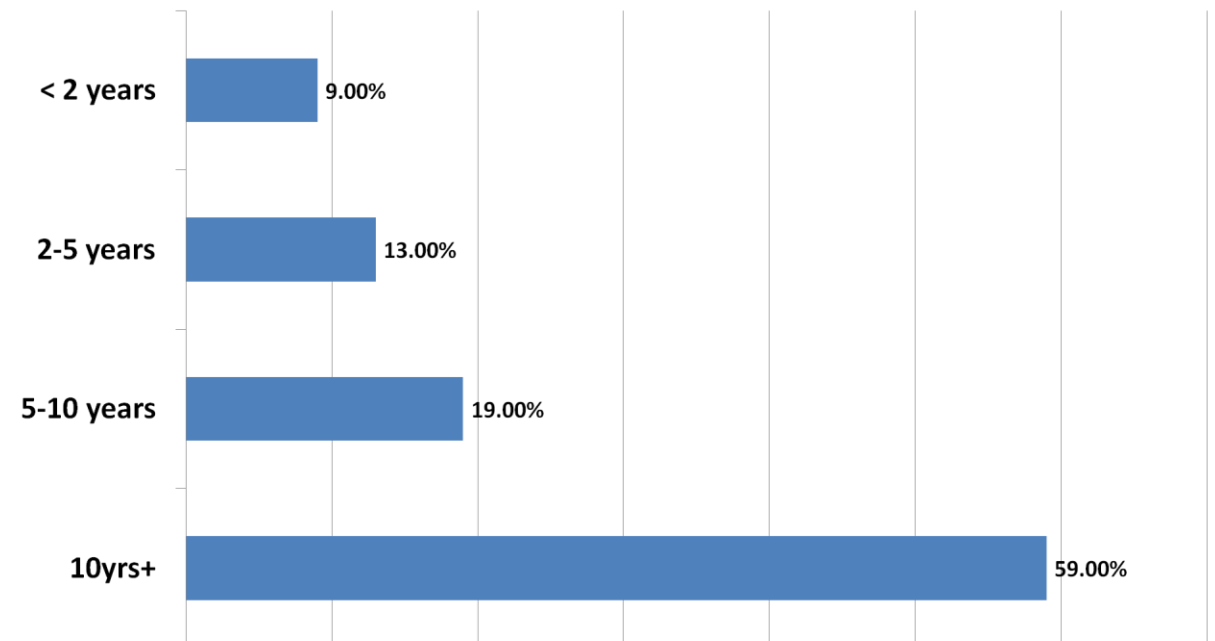
Age of household members



How long have you lived in the village?



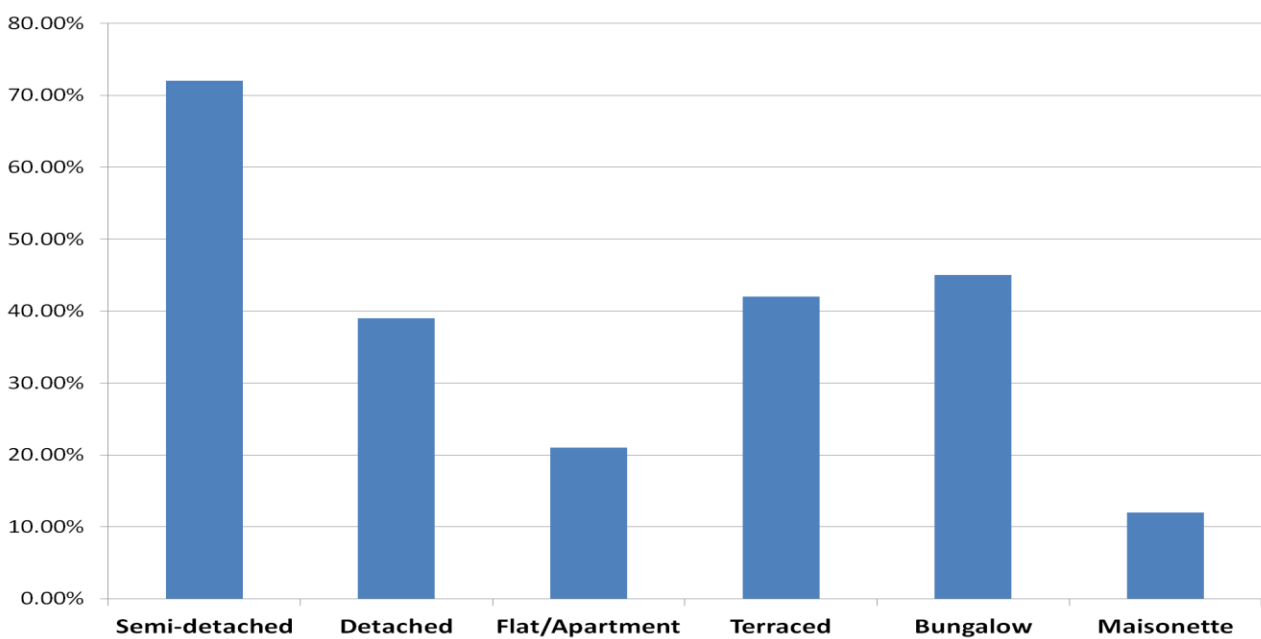
Length of time at present address



General Housing Questions

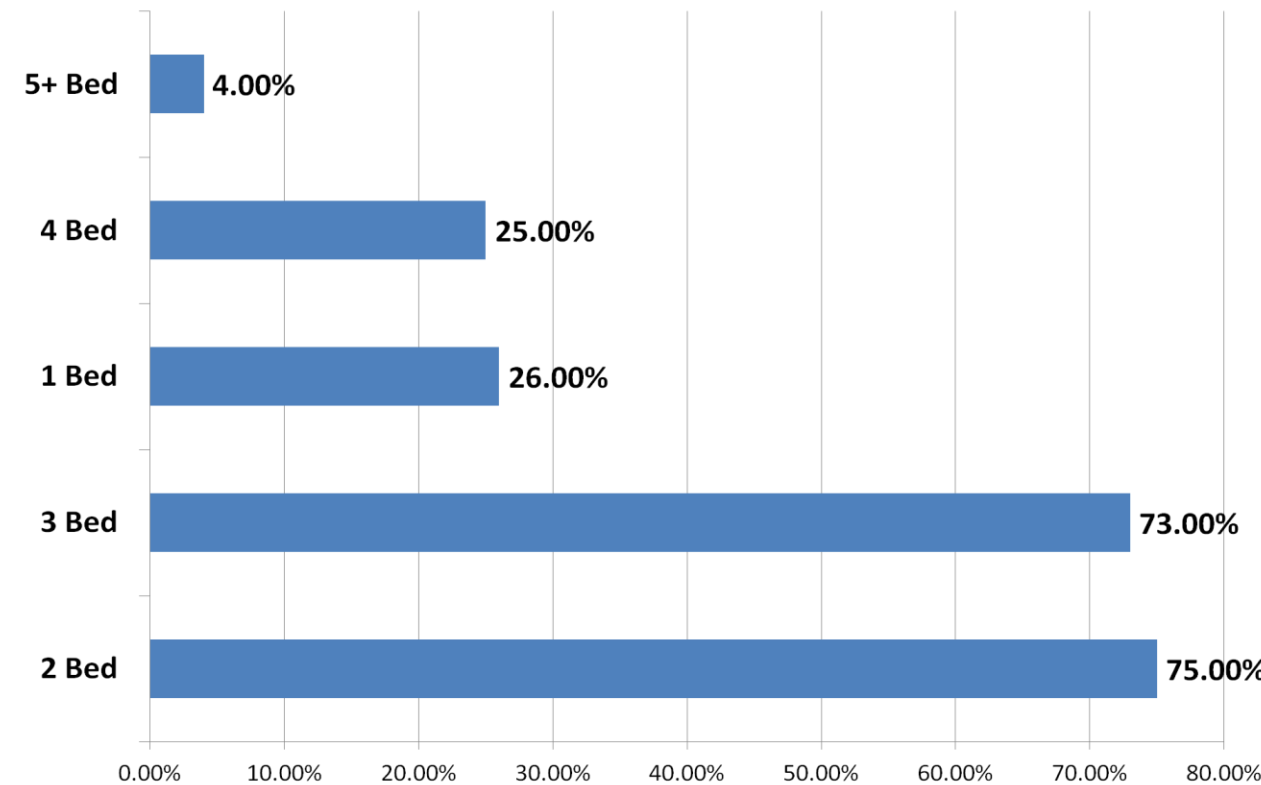
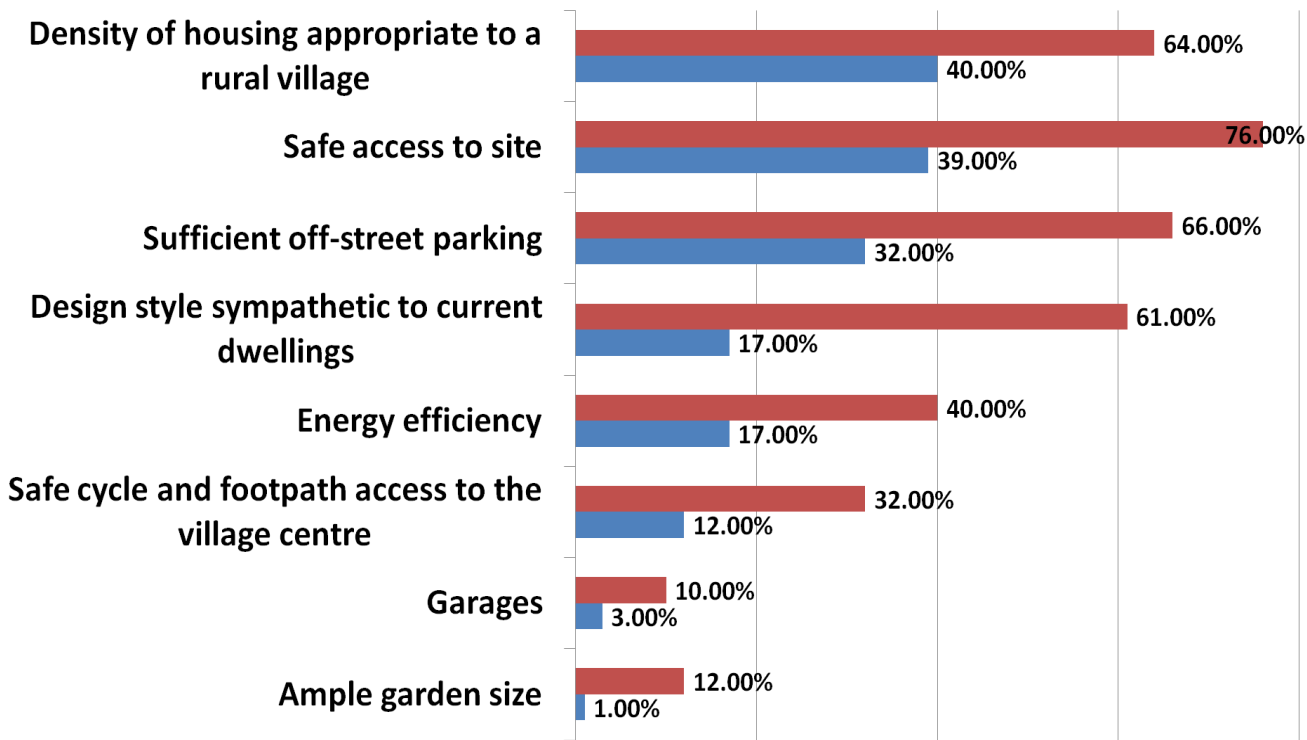
How many new homes do you think should be built in Worton over the next 9 years up to 2026?

What type of home would you prefer to see built?



Which of these design features of new housing do you think are important?

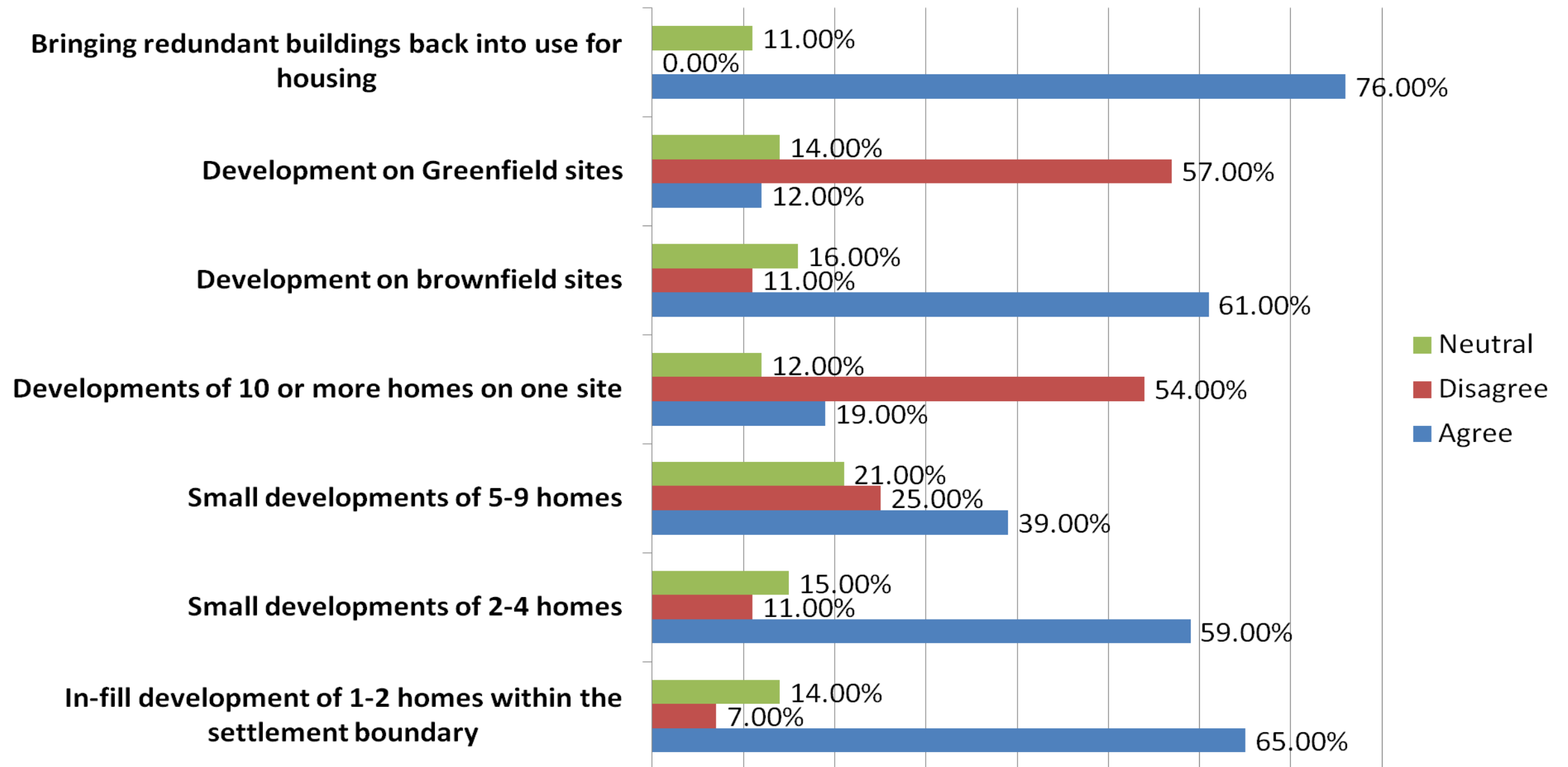
What size of home do you think should be built?



- Zero
- 1 - 4
- 5 - 9
- 10 - 14
- 15 - 20
- >20

Residential Development Approach

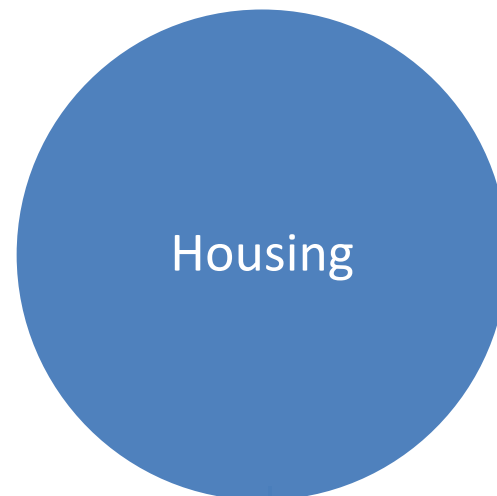
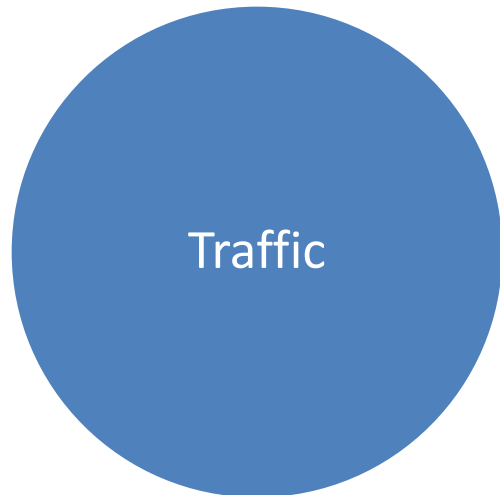
If additional housing is to be built, how much do you agree with the following approaches?



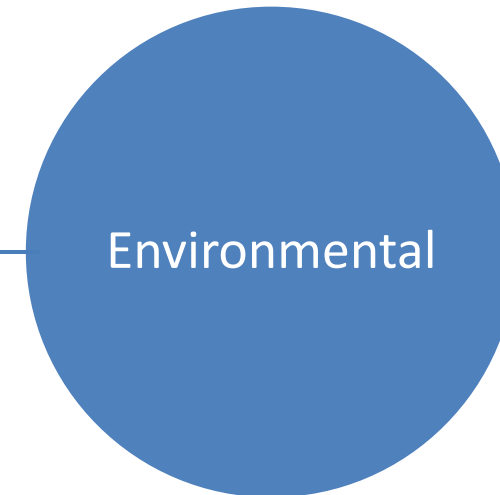
There is a conservation area in the centre of the village. Should the Neighbourhood Plan protect this area?

YES = 77%

- Require development sites to have sufficient off-street parking, so as not to compound the current issues of on-street parking
- Seek to ensure safe access to any development site for both pedestrians and vehicles
- Support development proposals that could contribute to traffic calming measures on the C20, as it passes through Worton



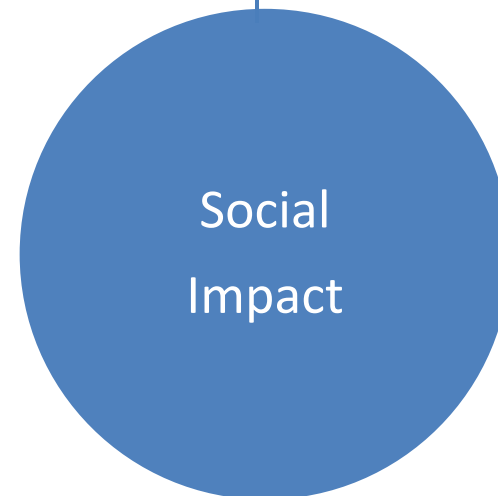
- Support a mixed and balanced community through a range of different type and size of homes within Worton Parish including first time buyers, growing families and those seeking to downsize.
- Proposals that provide local needs housing and starter homes are encouraged, including the provision of up to 4 affordable homes – subsidised rented housing and shared ownership/discount market homes.
- Developments of 2 & 3 bedroom houses are particularly encouraged
- Support small developments of up to 5 house per development site. Proposal that seek to establish more than 9 houses on any one site will not be supported.
- Support development proposals that demonstrate a high quality of design and respect the character and appearance of the village



- Protect, preserve and support the landscape setting of the village and its rural views
- Development proposals will not be supported within the Worton Conservation Area
- Seek to ensure that future developments have minimal adverse impact on the amenity of existing properties and residents. Specifically, new houses must not have an excessive impact on the light levels or visual amenity of the residents of the properties overlooking the site or users of local public rights of way

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- Promote and support existing village facilities and amenities, by enhancing the demand for facilities that development will bring through demographic uplifts, and by opposing change of use (unless evidence based and supported by the village).
- The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to support the following:
 - Five Lanes School
 - The growth of local businesses
 - Christ Church
 - Worton and Marston Village Hall
 - The Rose and Crown public house



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- No housing.
- We must appreciate the impact of new developments on existing residents and their quality of life. Ruining residents' view of countryside. This is why we bought our house here.
- It is important that the village is not allowed to "sprawl" across yet more farmland.
- There are enough large houses in the village. Any development must be of small homes. If economically necessary then a larger number should be allowed to make it happen.
- I think large developments of housing in a village like Worton is unsuitable.
- Small developments and development of business premises will become more necessary as the village gradually grows.
- Growth of the village is desirable and necessary, but only slowly.
- More opportunity for work for young villagers in and around the village is desirable and I think has not been happening.
- We are a rural village.
- I would prefer not to see more "affordable housing" in Worton but rather housing that is affordable, i.e. not social housing where tenants come and go. Housing for first time buyers and young families would be nice.
- Our NP should closely reflect our scale and suitability for and be proportional to our population.
- It is a village!
- This village needs more low cost homes for younger people, to encourage families to come to or stay in the village. We must not be short sighted.
- This village is too expensive for the average family with young children to live in.
- Any development should be kept within the settlement boundaries of the village and not intrude into the open countryside surrounding Worton.
- I have lived here 57 years. During that time 170 houses have been built. That works out at just under 3 new houses per year and in my view our village has grown at a steady pace acceptable to all. So 30 houses in the next 10 years should be the aim of the neighbourhood plan.
- It is important to protect the character of the village as a rural and friendly haven.
- It must respect a wide social and age mix and avoid becoming a ghetto for the wealthy, retired or second-home owners.
- Affordable housing is the number one priority.
- Wiltshire County Council have more than enough building developments without any need for Worton to have any
- I support the development of more houses within Worton to ensure that the demographics in the village can sustain the church, school, pub.
- Specifically this should include houses of sufficient size to encourage more families with young children to move to the village.
- In terms of houses, build more first-time buyer houses / small family houses. This will help the school to keep going.
- More houses for first time buyers
- Villages are villages and should stay just that - not be changed into towns.
- If there is to be any more housing at all about half of any housing should be low cost to allow local people to live near their family and could be rented (some of them) and be available to be put back on the market if anyone moves elsewhere and not be sold and therefore no longer available to rent to people on the housing list locally in future.
- All houses for sale should be freehold.
- There is a need for some housing provided for (and costing) to allow people with primary school age children to afford to live in Worton.

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- Must think carefully about impact of change on existing residents.
- More houses do not necessarily mean more will go to local school or local pub (school and pub need to be better?) Need to think carefully about why more houses are needed/wanted if they are.
- If we must have additional building it should be small in fills. Worton is a rural community of 600+ people not a suburb of Devizes or a suitable place for 30+ houses. I
- it is crucial that the NP preserves the character and nature of the village, while also supporting the Wiltshire Core Strategy. This rules out larger (9+) developments; what we need is infill an smaller developments of less than 9 houses, spread around the village, not one big development which will ruin the houses around it.
- The village needs more housing - with families. The village has an ageing population.
- I recall "preserve & enhance" the linear feature of Worton being high amongst principles behind the NP. To further elongate the village does nothing to resolve traffic speed and proximity to local amenities. We should consider how we can preserve and enhance our village centre, in order that those passing through take note and realise they are driving through a distinct village with a vibrant mixed age community and not an anonymous extended urban sprawl.
- Ref Conservation Area and settlement boundary. Where are they?
- The primary need is for affordable/social housing to accommodate younger people and support the village school and other facilities. Strongly feel any future developments need to be aimed at the centre of the village or as close as possible to amenities before large developments are approved on surrounding village fields.
- Please respect the W. C. Strategy and support only proposals for development which are designed in line with it.
- No overdevelopment which is unsustainable, which requires residents to out-commute for either work or leisure, no large developments - Worton does not need them.
- No development which destroys the rural landscape or which endangers the safety of village pedestrians or access users
- There is no need for a new estate, and small in-fill developments which are sustainable and follow the excellent examples set in the "Wiltshire Core Strategy" are the obvious way forward
- Need low-cost starter homes to encourage younger people to live in Worton and start families - before this village dies out!
- Shared ownership and rentals are far more affordable as a first time buyer. We need some more/better entertainment facilities.
- The lack of a bus service requires people to buy cars, so new houses need sufficient parking.
- We need small starter homes and properties for downsizing as we are in danger of losing the school and the village becoming just for the retired.
- There are young adults who have grown up here who would like to buy properties but there are none available that they can afford.
- No more expensive large properties.
- Need for low cost starter homes or shared ownership to attract young families to village.
- Keep nature of village, no overdevelopment.
- Better to develop one or two sites with the required number of houses than multiple sites with only one or two houses.
- This village is fast becoming a retirement village.
- Without young families we will lose our school and some of the activities in our village hall which help to pay for the upkeep.
- We need affordable homes to buy or rent.
- In order for the village school and church to survive we need more affordable housing.
- No more executive homes.

What do you think of it so far ?



RUBBISH!

*Let us have
your views!*

*Just what the
village needs!*

*Please leave us
your comments on a
Post-It note*

Good and Bad!

*Is there anything
else you would like
us to consider in the
plan?*