

Berrick Salome Parish Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Description and Results



This forms Appendix C of the Consultation Statement

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1. Questionnaire History

Date	Event	Text (in italics) from Minutes or Email, plus other milestones
Sep 01 2016	PC Meeting	<i>Derek Shaw is arranging a meeting on 29.9.16 when an expert from SODC will talk to us about how to produce a plan and its advantages and disadvantages.</i>
Sep 29	NP Introductory Meeting	Simon Rowberry (SODC) introduced NPs and an NP team was established from parishioners.
Jan 12 2017	PC Meeting	<i>The parish will convene and start work on Jan 31st. This start has been delayed to allow SODC to recruit suitable staff to help us.</i>
Mar 09	PC Meeting	<i>We have now obtained the necessary mapping software, so should very shortly be in a position to prepare maps for discussing with the two neighbouring parishes.</i>
May 11	PC Meeting	<i>We have formally submitted our NP application to SODC and await their response. NP team members are drafting out sections of the plan and a consultation document is being prepared. The latter will be distributed to everyone in the Parish and the results used to help the NP team formulate the plan to represent the views of parishioners.</i>
7 to 14 July	Draft questionnaire sent to SODC for comment; encouraging feedback received	
July 13	PC Meeting July 13 2017	<i>We are preparing a questionnaire for issue to all parishioners in the autumn. Responses to this will serve as a basis for our developing Neighbourhood Plan.</i>
Aug 27	Email to all parishioners	<i>To get the process under way, we'll be asking for your views shortly via a questionnaire, which will be delivered to every home in the parish. Your answers to this will be used to help us construct a Neighbourhood Plan which will reflect the wishes of the parish. Please help us by ensuring that you complete the questionnaire.</i>
Sep 01	Distribution of Questionnaire forms to all in parish	
Sep 13 to 30	Display boards set up throughout the parish (see next page)	
Sep 20	Email to all parishioners	<i>Please don't forget to complete the Parish Questionnaire. Only 30% of households have returned their envelope so far. The Neighbourhood Plan will be designed to reflect the views of all parishioners. To be valid, the questionnaire must be taken seriously by all. If you have mislaid your form, you can download a copy from this link.</i>
Sep 28	PC Meeting	<i>The NP team have applied for a grant and produced a questionnaire, for which responses are due by end-September. A total of 66 envelopes from the 130 properties in the parish, containing 102 forms have been received</i>

to date and it is hoped that this number will increase substantially as the deadline approaches.

- Sep 28 Email to all parishioners *The Neighbourhood Plan team have received returns from only half the properties in the Parish and the deadline for receiving them is the last day of the month (Sat 31st).*
- To get an accurate picture of what we all would like the plan to say, we really need a full response. So, if you haven't had a chance to complete the questionnaire, please do so in the next day or two.*
- Completed forms can be returned to either pub or to a member of the Neighbourhood Plan team; the members can be seen in the copy addresses of this email.*
- If you have mislaid your form, spare forms will be available at the Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall tonight, starting at 8:15pm. We do hope you can come.*
- Oct 02 Email to all parishioners *We've had an exceptionally good response rate at 84%, by household -- do anyone in the remaining 16% want one last chance to make your thoughts known, so that they can be reflected in the Plan? We'll input any further completed questionnaires received by next Sunday Oct 8th.*
- Oct 04 Responses from the 130 properties in the parish is 110, giving a response rate of 85%. A few more responses may be received by the extended deadline of Oct 8th.
- Dec 13 Final Results published to all parishioners.



The Triangle



Entrance to Berrick Salome



Entrance to Roke



Entrance to Rokemarsh

2. Copy of Questionnaire distributed to Parishioners



Dear Parish Resident,

A REQUEST TO COMPLETE THE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

The Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Berrick Salome was initially discussed at a Parish Council meeting in 2016 when it was decided to begin the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Subsequently, ten parishioners, signatories below, volunteered to join a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee to manage the process of producing this document.

It's important to us all that the Neighbourhood Plan represents the views of all those who live and work in our Parish. To do so we have created this Questionnaire to gather this information.

While the Neighbourhood Plan is written under the auspices of the Parish Council, it will be based on the views of all those who live in the hamlets of Berrick Prior, Berrick Salome, Roke and Rokemarsh. As was made public at the beginning of this process, all parishioners are to receive this simple Questionnaire to gauge local views on certain critical issues.

This Questionnaire is being delivered to all homes in the Parish. You are under no obligation to complete it. However, your opinion counts. Even if you are content with all aspects of current parish life, the Neighbourhood Plan is a document for the future and reflects the community's wishes for forthcoming decades.

Responses are anonymous. The information gathered will be treated confidentially and not shared with any third parties.

Two hard copies are being delivered to each household. If there is one resident, please recycle the spare copy. If you wish for extra copies (ie. there are more than two adults in the property), please ask for extras from a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. Responses can only be accepted from those aged 18 or over.

Please complete this Questionnaire by the end of September and return it sealed in the envelope provided to either of the two pubs in the Parish, the Chequers or the Home Sweet Home, for collection. Alternatively give it to one of us.

Thank you in advance for your response.

Signed by the Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee,

QUESTIONNAIRE TO PARISHIONERS

ABOUT YOU (only answer those questions from this Section that you wish to)		
Your Postcode		
Number of people (within age-band) living in your home:	Under 16	
	16-24	
	25-34	
	35-54	
	55-64	
	65+	
Type of house?	Detached	
	Semi-detached	
	Terrace	
	Bungalow	
Age of property (years)		
Number of bedrooms?		
Number of years living in the Parish?		
Are you?	Owner occupier	
	Tenant (private)	
	Tenant (social)	
Does your current accommodation meet your needs?	Yes	
	No	
<i>If NO</i> , are you looking for a	larger house?	
	smaller house?	
In the near future do you anticipate?	Staying in the Parish	
	Moving out of the Parish	
On a scale of 1-5 (where 1 is "not a lot" and 5 is "enormously") please indicate how much you like living in the Parish:		
Number of cars in the household?		
Do you or those in your household regularly		
walk about the Parish?	Yes	No
cycle about the Parish?	Yes	No
ride about the Parish by car?	Yes	No
ride about the Parish by motorbike?	Yes	No
ride about the Parish by horse?	Yes	No

ABOUT THE PARISH

Thinking now of the possible changes to life in the Parish of Berrick Salome

How do you feel about the following developments in the Parish?	Very hopeful	Quite hopeful	Neutral	Quite fearful	Very fearful
1. More housing					
2. Shop					
3. Light industrial units					
4. Office units					
5. Leisure related activities					
How do you feel about the following large-scale development close to the Parish?	Very hopeful	Quite hopeful	Neutral	Quite fearful	Very fearful
6. More housing					
7. Commercial development					

How important are the current amenities to you?	Very	Quite	Neutral
8. Pubs			
9. Church			
10. Berrick Salome Village Hall			
11. Recreation Ground			
12. Benson and Roke Brass Band			
13. Allotments			
14. The village's ability to sustain wildlife and nature within its boundaries through retaining green infrastructure			
15. Open green areas within the village			
16. Farming and other rural activities			
Something we've missed? Please tell us below:			

ABOUT HOUSING NEEDS

Please TICK or CIRCLE your answer

Do you think there is a need for new development in the Parish?	Yes	No
If there were to be development, what type of development would you like to see every year for the next decade?		
single house?	Yes	No
2 houses?	Yes	No
3-5 houses?	Yes	No
over 6 houses?	Yes	No
If there were to be development, what sort / type of housing development would improve life in the Parish?		
Large family homes in their own land	Yes	No
Homes suitable for the elderly	Yes	No
Higher density starter homes	Yes	No
Homes available for rental	Yes	No
Other -- please specify		

ABOUT TRAFFIC

In the context of traffic flows in the Parish, how important are the following?	Very	Quite	Neutral
17. Continuing ability to walk the roads safely			
18. Continuing ability to ride horses/cycle safely			
19. Continuing ability for children to visit friends safely on foot			
20. Prevention of degradation of the verges			
21. Avoidance of an increase of traffic speed			
22. Preserving adequate parking on the roadside			

What methods of travel do you use within the Parish?	Not used / does not apply	Daily	At least once a week	At least once a month	Less than once a month
23. Car/van					
24. Bicycle/Motorbike					
25. Walking					
If you commute to work, what are your methods of transport and frequency of use?	Not used / does not apply	Daily	At least once a week	At least once a month	Less than once a month
27. By car and public transport					
28. By motorbike					
29. By bicycle					
30. On foot					

Does anyone in your household have difficulties regarding travel? Please TICK or CIRCLE your answer		
Within the Parish	Yes	No
For access to outside the Parish	Yes	No
If YES, please elaborate		

31. Which schools does your family use and how do you get to them?

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32. Which local shops do you use and how do you get to them?

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33. Looking forward 10 years, what kind of place would you like Berrick Salome to become?

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GENERAL

34. Are you happy with the communications within the Parish (such as Link Magazine, Notice Boards, Parish e-mails, Parish Meetings)?

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35. Is it important that you can work from home?

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36. Are you happy with the communal life in general in the Parish?

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37. Are there any other specific issues you would like the Neighbourhood Plan to address?

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When answering this Questionnaire, please feel free to expand on any of your responses with an accompanying narrative. We hope we have left enough space for such thoughts, but feel free to attach supplementary pages.

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3. Analysis of Questionnaire results

Summary of Responses

The feedback from the specific responses to questions asked in the Questionnaire and comments made (as invited so to do in the Questionnaire) by respondents can be summarised thus.

There was a very high level of engagement. 172 questionnaires were completed from 110 households representing 85% of the households in the Parish.

The big messages expressed very clearly were:

- 1) Parishioners like living in the Parish very much and wish it to remain very much as it is. We have assumed this to mean 4 distinct settlements with clear open country between them but acting and behaving as one as the Parish of Berrick Salome. While recognising the need for some modest development, 101 comments from 70 separate households expressed this view; 70% of the respondents to the questionnaire replied that they liked living in the Parish enormously (5 on the scale of 1-5) and 29% gave the same question a score of 4. Only 1% were unhappy about life in the parish.
- 2) There is serious concern about worsening traffic speeds and volumes along the lanes in the Parish and the negative effect from developments in Chalgrove and Benson on the current situation in this regard. The responses collated from the question on page 6 of the questionnaire "in the context of traffic flows in the Parish, how important are the following?" clearly underline the importance attributed to this element of life in the Parish (see 3 below).
- 3) Parishioners value the ability to walk (and to a lesser extent) ride cycles and horses around the Parish but are very concerned about the safety of so doing. They want the infrastructure that supports such activity to be improved, as they see the dangers involved in such activities as very significant. Provision of pavements and footpaths were mentioned by many.
- 4) A surprising number (43 in number) of comments received referred to the lack of facilities (particularly low-cost starter housing) for young people to live in the village in the context of saying that this situation should be remedied. This was not a question specifically raised in the questionnaire. Perversely (as mentioned below) the comments made are inconsistent with the answers given to the question on page 6 of the questionnaire which did not call for more high-density starter homes.
- 5) Parishioners value very much the rural nature of the Parish and seek to retain the green spaces in and around it and the link to agriculture.

In terms of the detail of the responses.

The households who responded lived predominantly (90%) in owner occupied houses. 90% were detached properties and 84% had between 3&5 bedrooms.

48% of the respondents were over 55 years of age and 26% were 35-55 years old. 26% were under 35.

Many (29%) had lived in the Parish for over 30 years and (42%) for between 10 and 30 years.

Every respondent owned at least one car -- mostly 2. This is underlined by the fact that 92% of respondents use their car to shop, mostly in Benson.

Most (92%) respondents were happy with their houses and those that were not, were split between downsizers (40%) and those looking to move to larger premises (60%).

The vast majority (90%) envisaged staying in the parish for the foreseeable future.

As many responders walked around the Parish as drove and, surprisingly, they walked about as regularly as they drove. Unsurprisingly most commuters drove.

A surprisingly large number (23) of responders have travel difficulties and wish for better public transport facilities.

34% of respondents would welcome a shop in the Parish but apart from that, the majority were fearful of housing (64%) developments or developments of light industrial units (80%).

The vast majority were very fearful of large-scale housing developments (85%) or commercial developments (90%) close to the Parish.

Most (70%) were against housing development in the Parish. If there were to be any such development there was no clear direction as to what sort of housing was preferable with " large family homes in their own land" and " homes suitable for the elderly " being more acceptable than " high density starter homes" or "homes available for rental". It is noteworthy that the response to this question conflicts with the strong message reflected elsewhere that facilities for the young to live in the village should be encouraged (see 4 above).

The current community facilities in the Parish were all valued equally with a slight bias to the pubs but there was a strong message that the rural and farming nature of the Parish was very important to respondents.

There was considerable concern expressed about the effect of development proposals in Chalgrove and Benson on traffic in the lanes through the Parish and also the fact that commercial vehicle weight limits did not seem to be being enforced.

Attached to this section of the plan is a series of graphical representations of the actual answers received from the questions asked in the questionnaire together with a note summarising the comments made by respondents (not all of which are reflected in this summary).

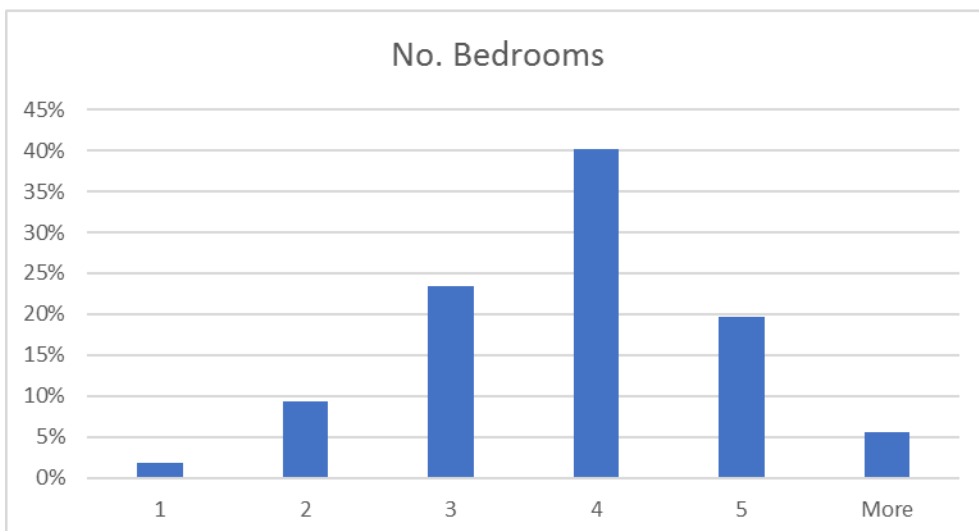
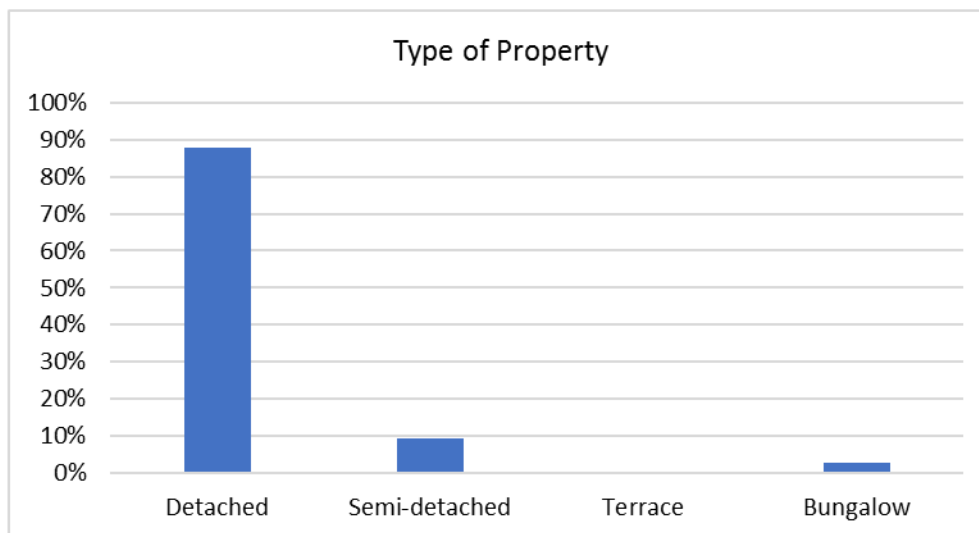
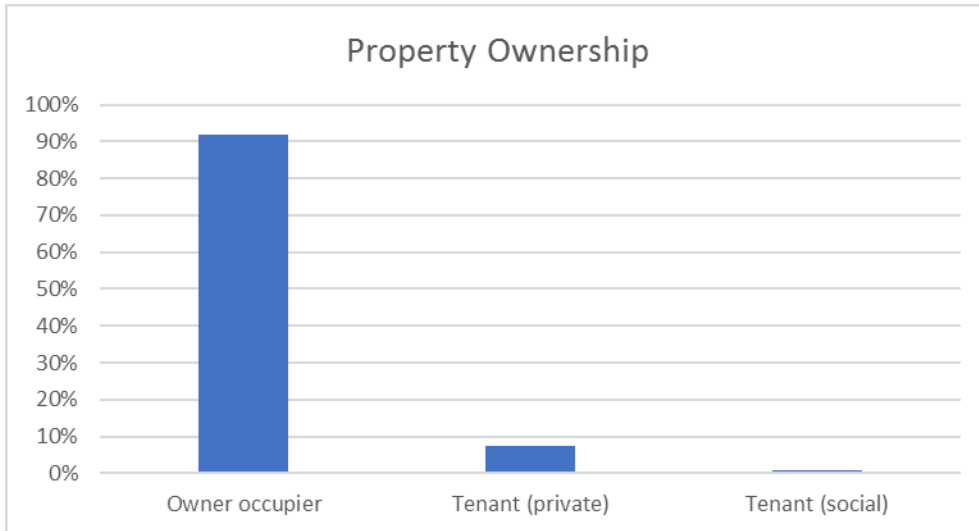
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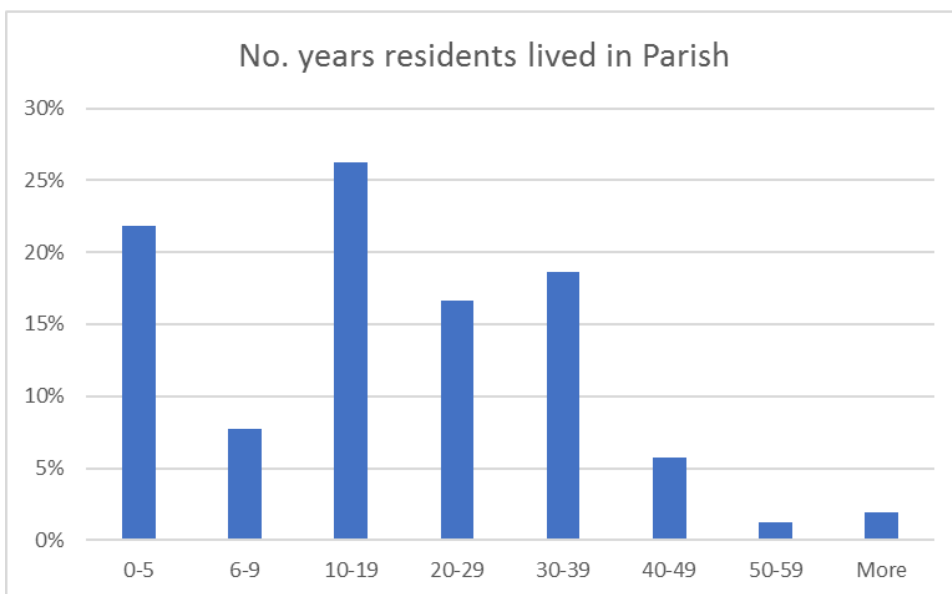
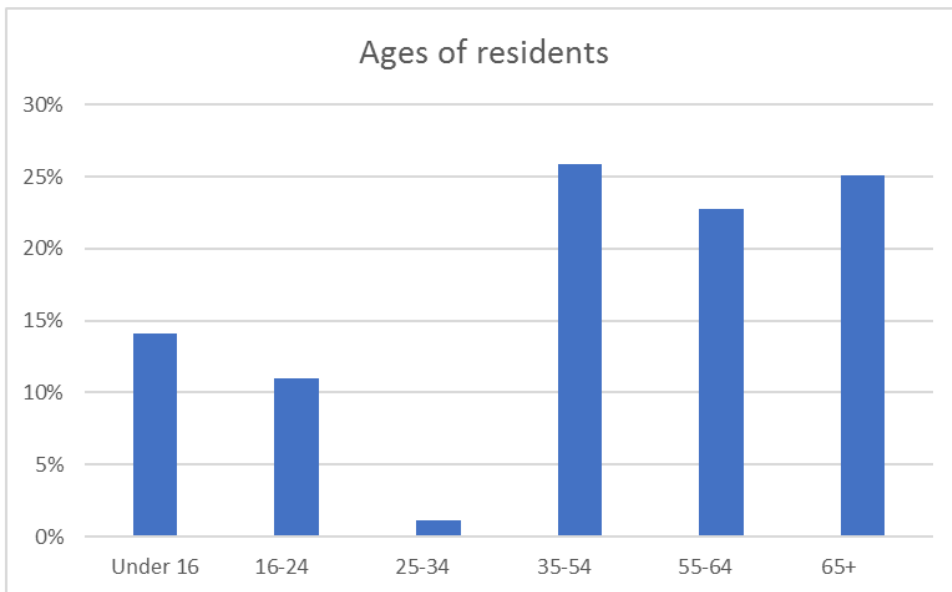
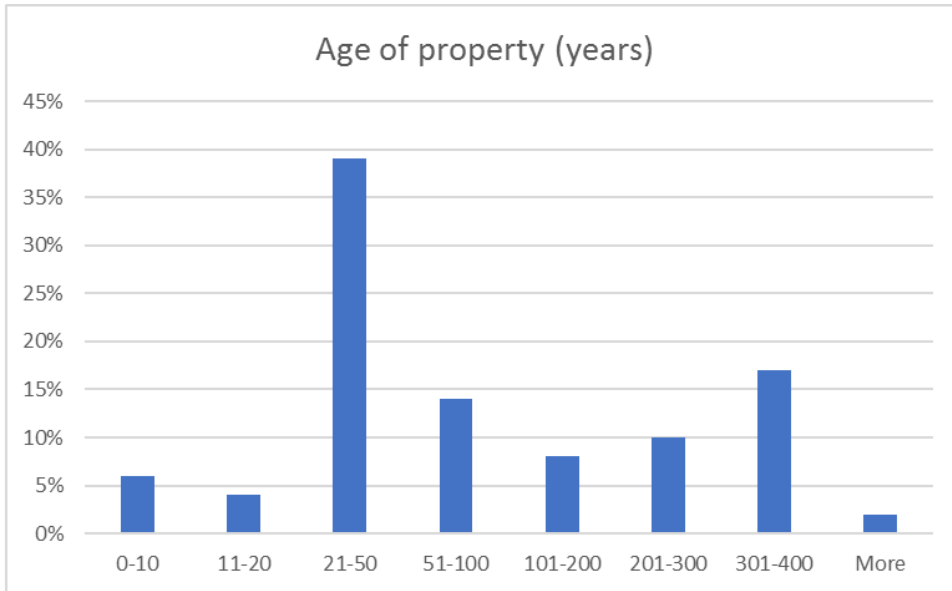
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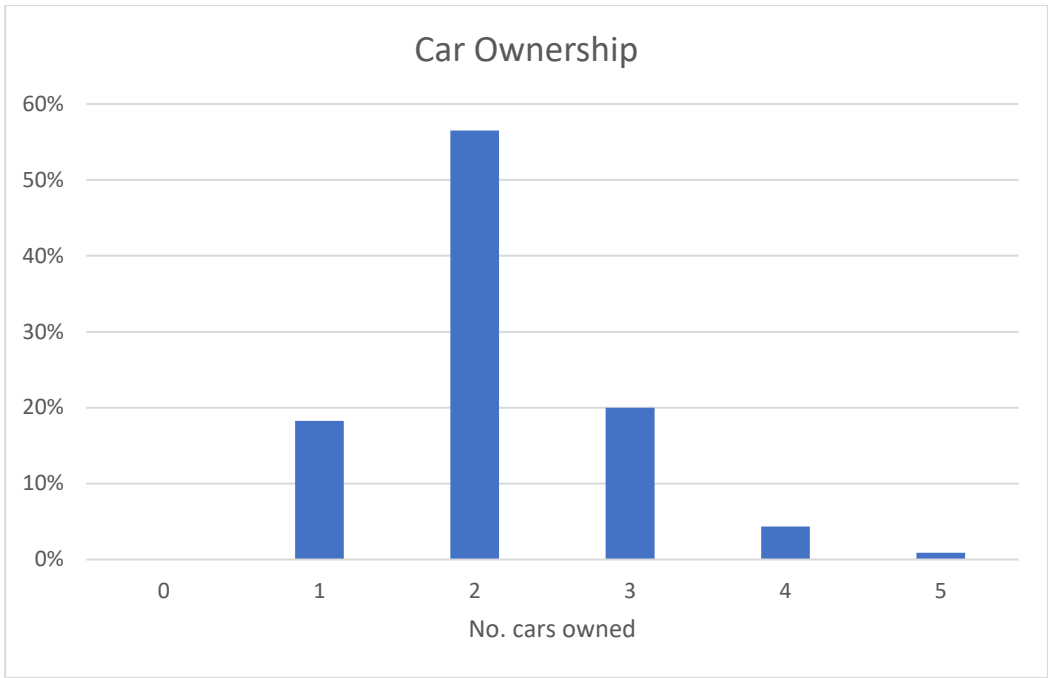
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Response from properties 85%

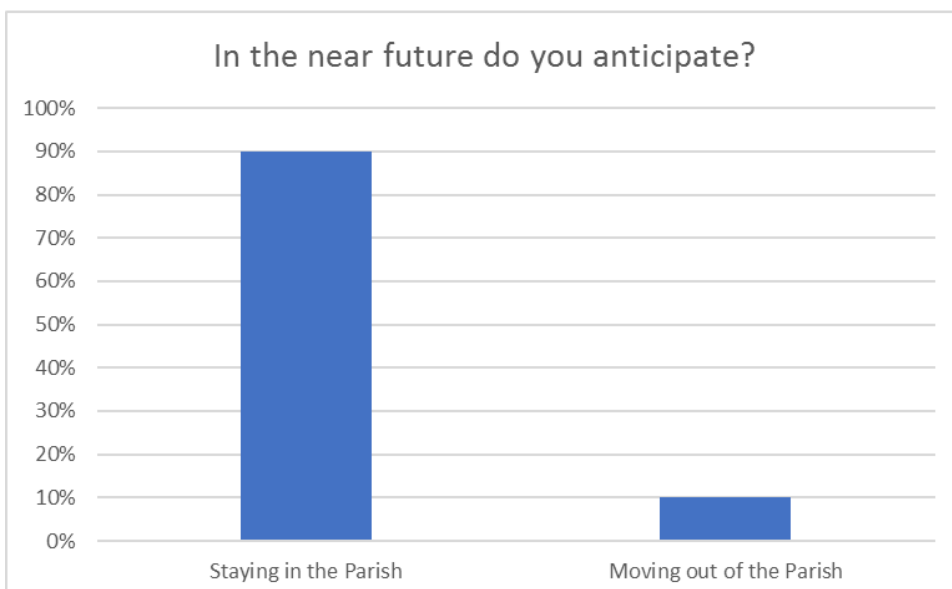
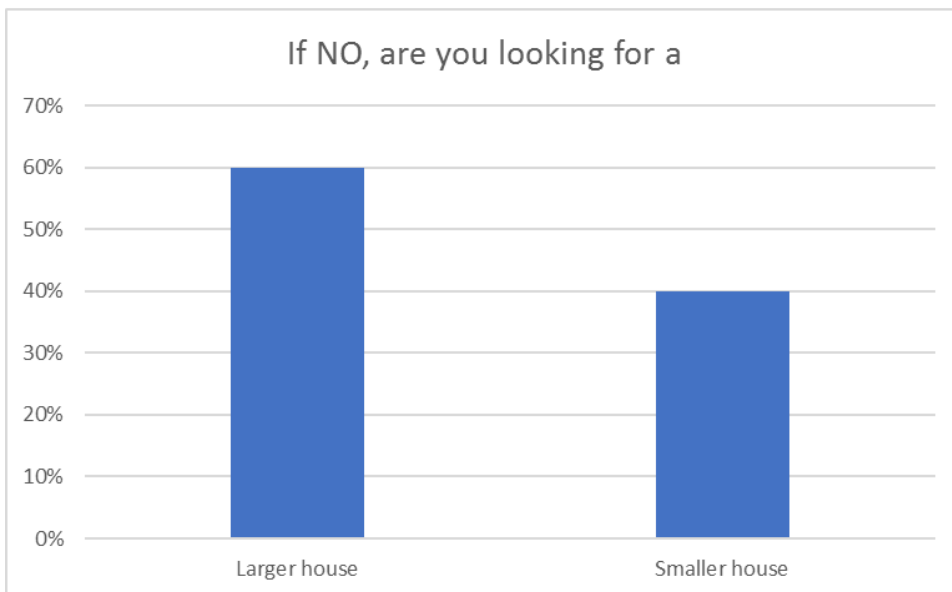
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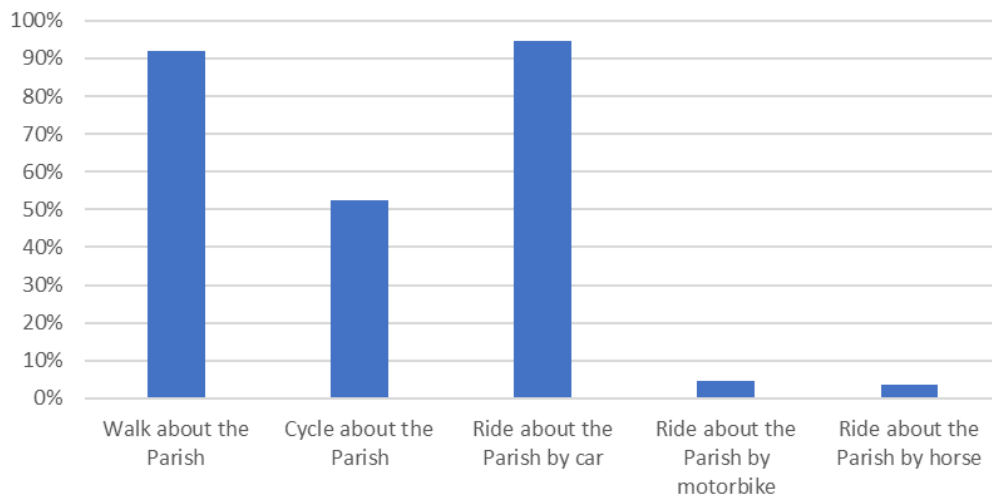




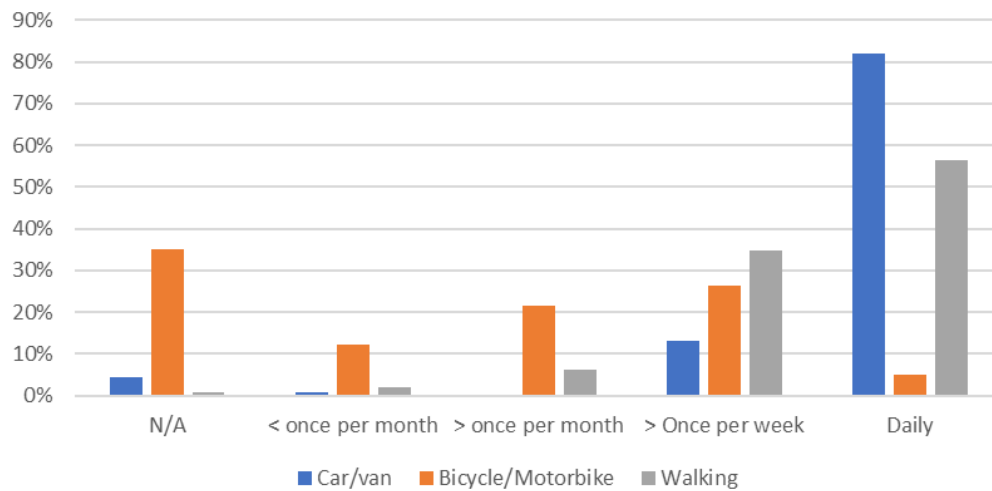
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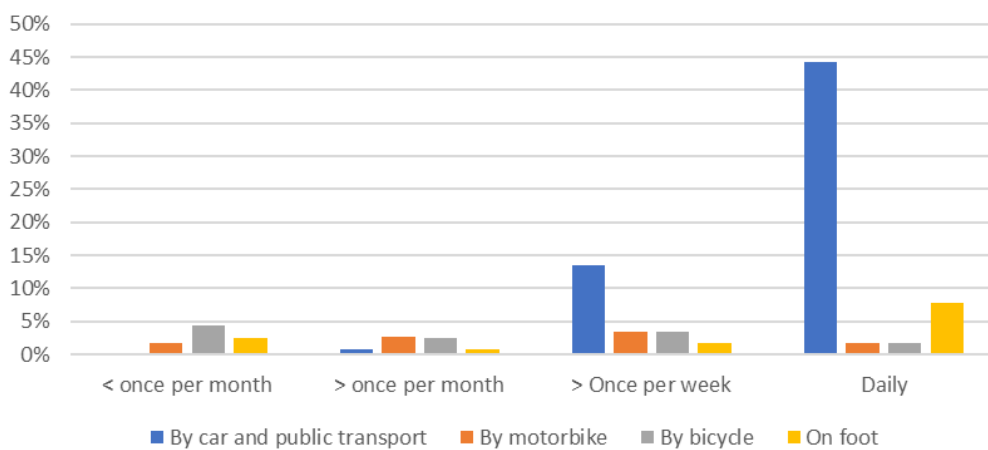
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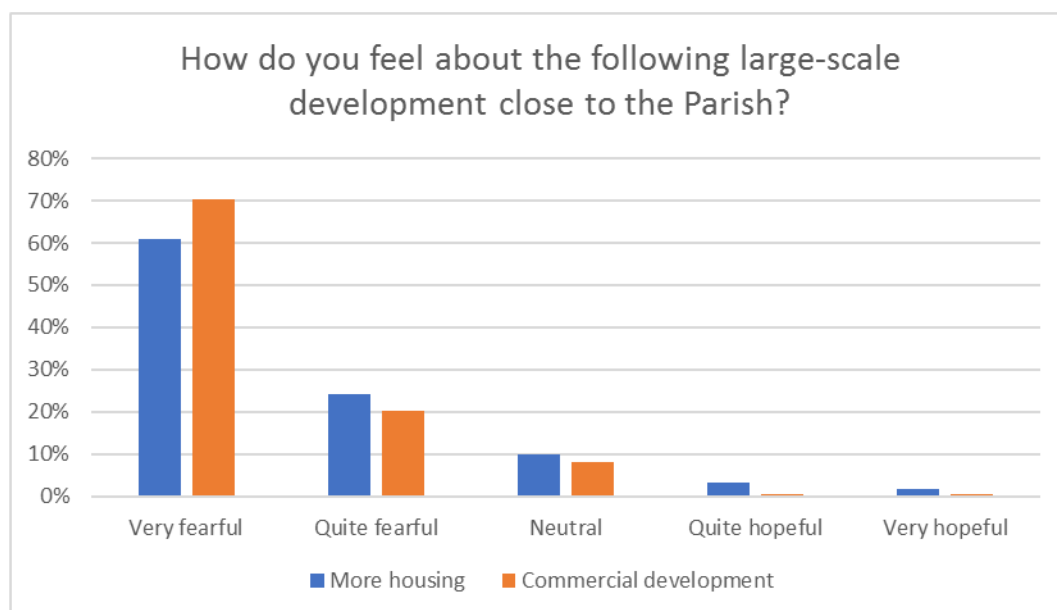
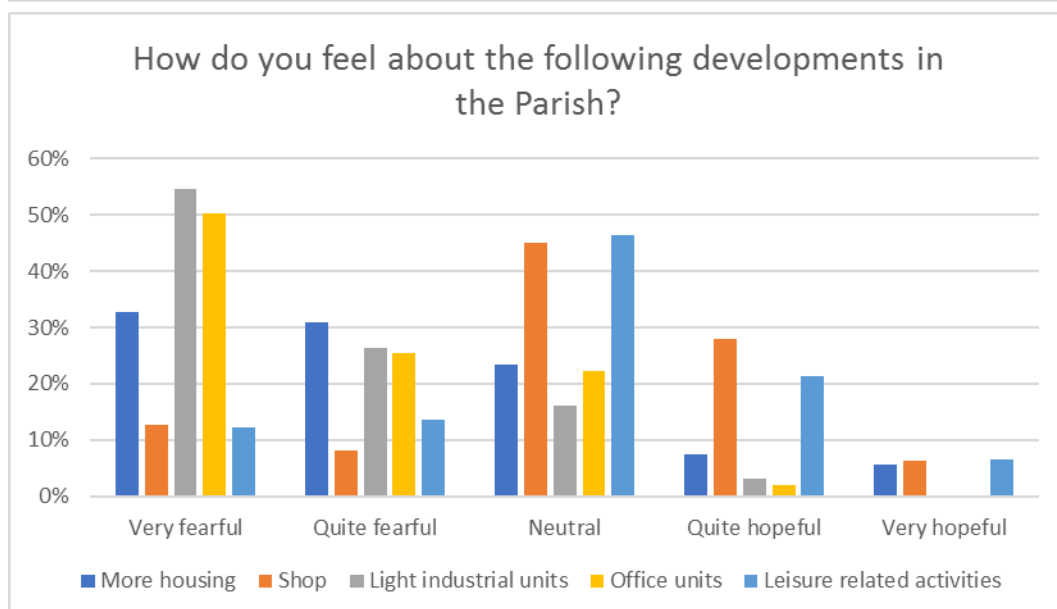
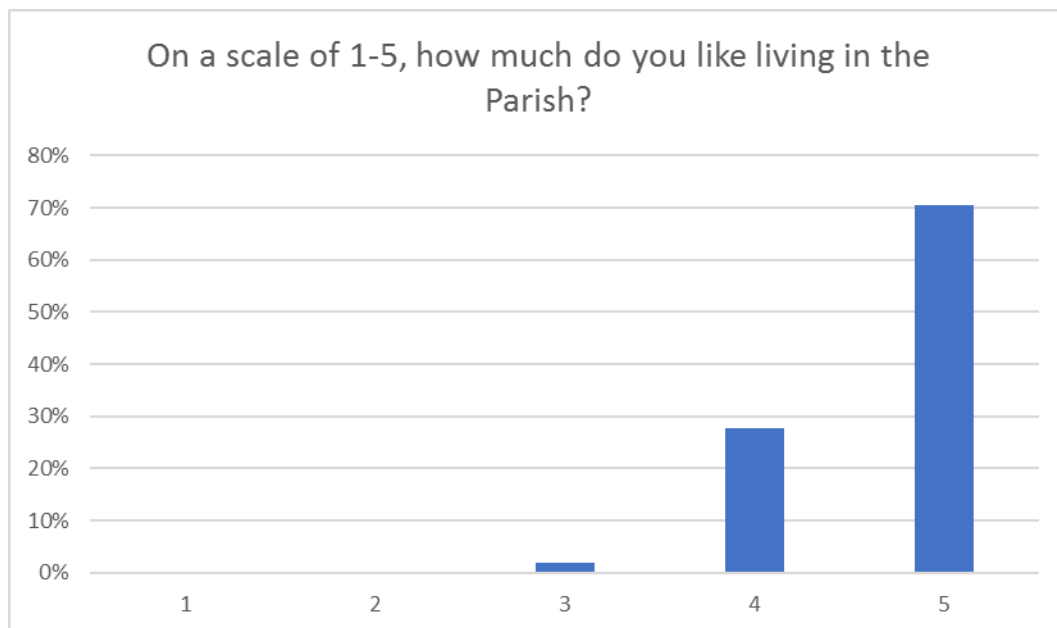
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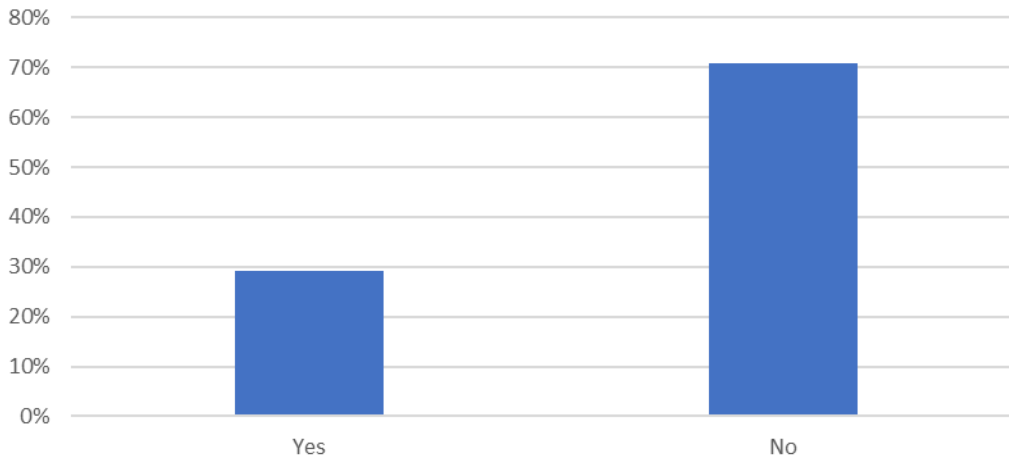
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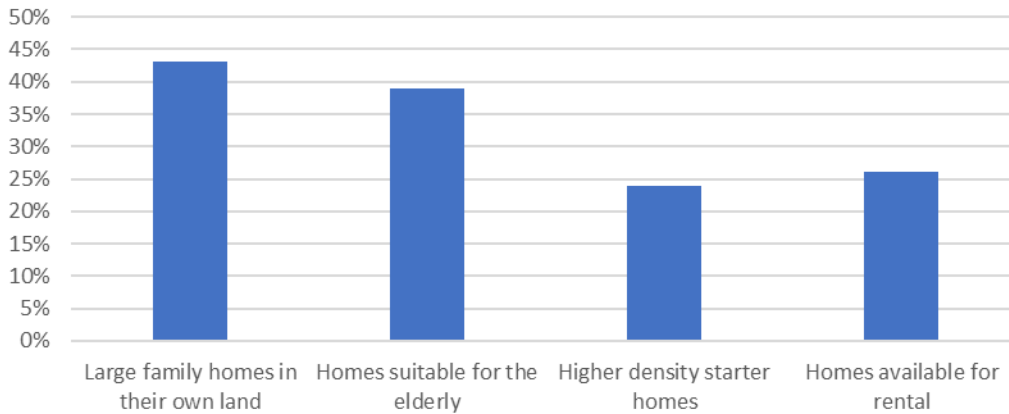
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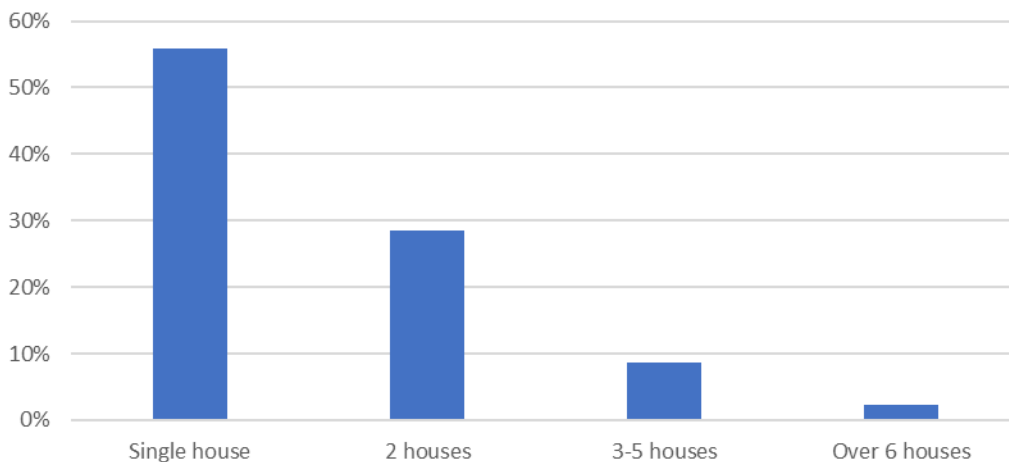
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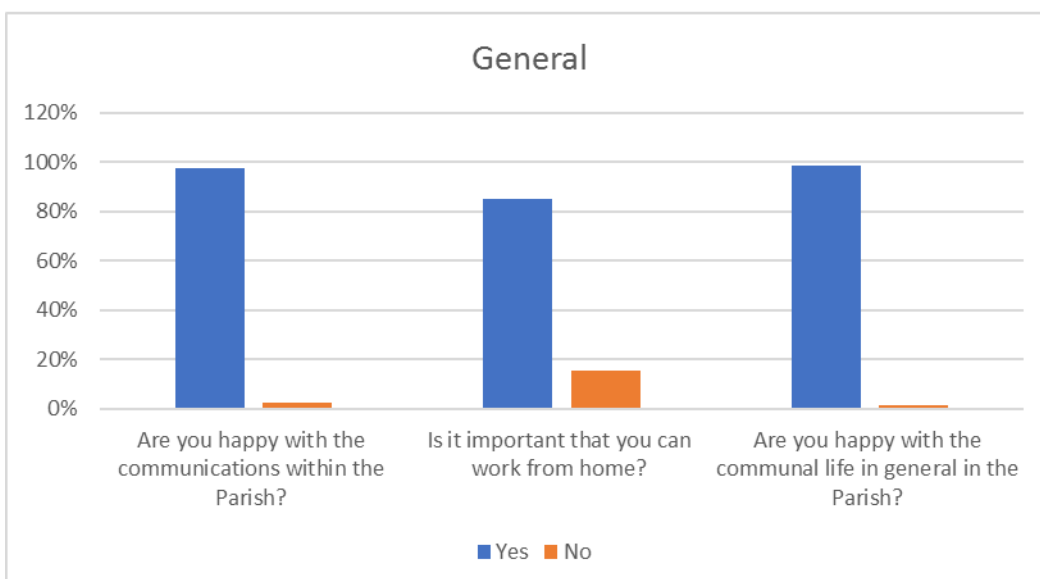
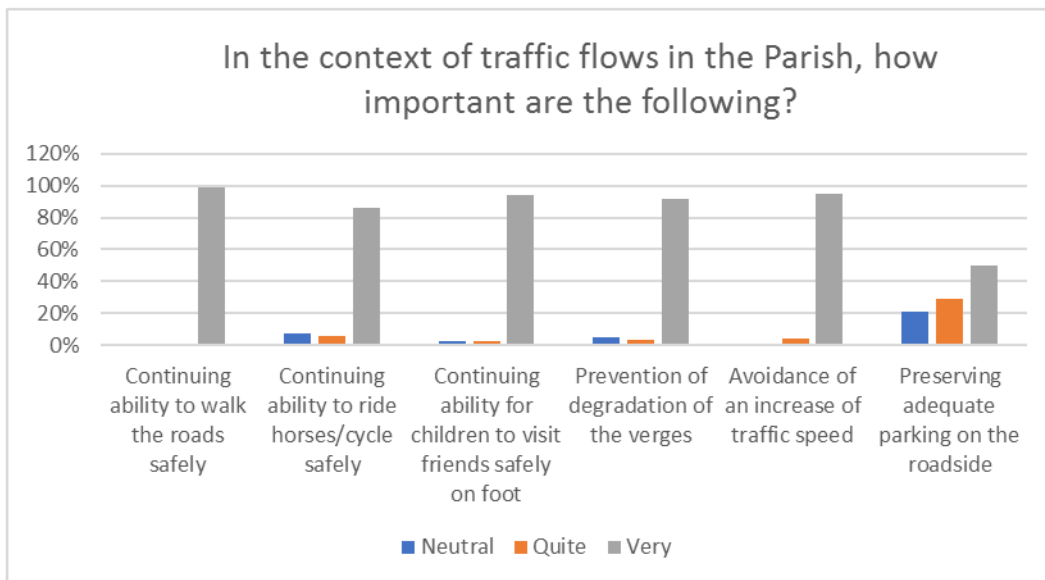
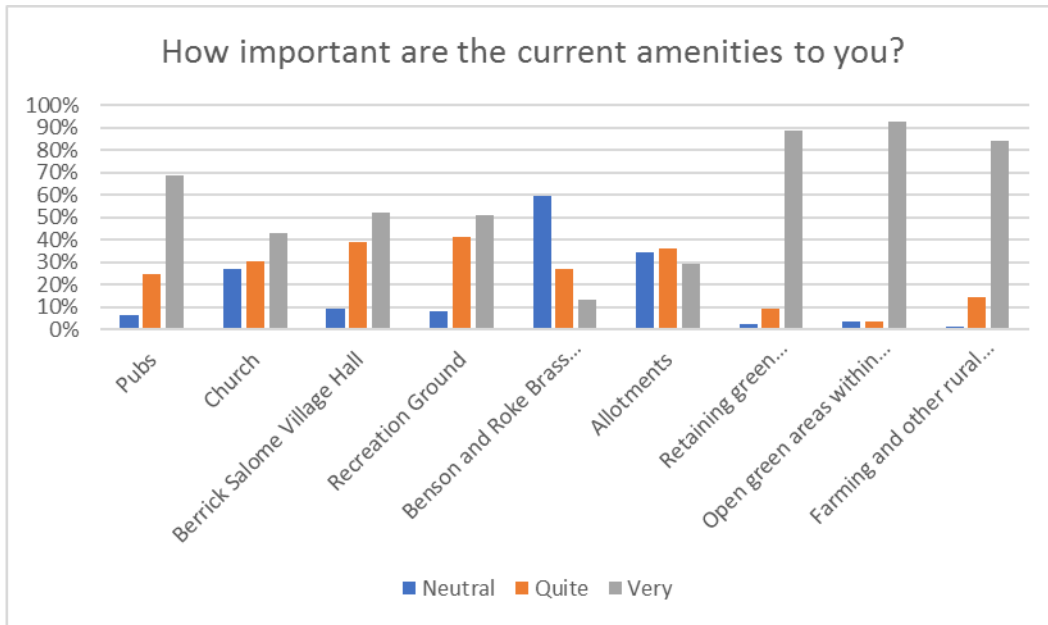


If there were to be development, what sort / type of housing development would improve life in the Parish?



What type of development would you like to see every year for the next decade?





5. Summary of Individual Comments from Questionnaire

In terms of methodology for this summary, comments made from all respondents (rather than all properties) have been taken. Where there are duplicate comments made from the same person, but in answer to different questions, then they are removed. That means, to the extent that there is agreement and accord within a household and both parties have responded with similar comments, then the views expressed here may be exaggerated.

Not all respondents made comments -- some relied on their replies to the questions to give their views.

MAIN MESSAGES (MORE THAN 10 COMMENTS)

1) Stay as is--we love it--we understand there will be small developments	101
2) Concern about traffic speeds and volumes	47
3) More facilities for young people particularly low cost and starter homes and shared ownership opportunities	43
4) Better footpaths and pavements to make walking safer	22
5) Better public transport/ bus services	22
6) Concern about Benson and Chalgrove developments on our doorstep	21
7) Importance of rural environment and farming on our doorstep	24
8) No more houses allowed at all	11

OTHER MESSAGES (WITH 10 OR FEWER COMMENTS)

More medium sized family houses	10
Houses to downsize to in the parish please	9
Sort out the potholes	9
Design of new houses is important	8
Can we have a local shop?	8

No development till sewage sorted out	8
Keep settlements separate and distinct	7
Enforce weight limit on lorries in parish	7
Affordable rental properties in parish	7
No developments on paddocks/ green fields	5
Overflying helicopters from Benson	4
Different and more events please	4
Keep it safe for horse riding	3
Self-build plots would be nice	2
Communication could be improved	2
Too many old people in parish	2
Not safe for kids	1
Improve mobile coverage	1
Stop cycle races through village	1
No bonfires before 6 pm	1
Street lights	1
No kerbs/ pavements	1
No parking on roads	1
Not safe for kids	1
Improve mobile coverage	1
Stop cycle races through village	1
No bonfires before 6 pm	1

Street lights	1
No kerbs/ pavements	1
No parking on roads	1
Preserve parking for Weller Close	1
Sort out parking near band hut	1
Remove tyre from Parsonage Farm	1
More potholes to slow traffic	1
No social housing	1

Of the families who responded re travel to school, 16 use a car exclusively, 11 use buses (some take the car to the bus stop and 1 makes every possible effort to walk or cycle subject only on weather).

We were surprised by the strength of feeling re the young, the lack of public transport, and the desire to have pavements as much as we were surprised by the apparent apathy about Benson and Chalgrove. Maybe the concern about those two developments is expressed in the issue of traffic calming which, here, gets appropriate prominence.

We were also struck by the number who were keen to express their contentment and the high proportion of those who said that " nothing stands still"-- endorsing modest change. Only 9 respondents (from 8 individual households) said " no more houses at all".