



Hassocks Priorities Statement

SURVEY REPORT

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Action in rural Sussex

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1 Introduction

Hassocks Parish Council (HPC) would like to thank everyone who responded to the Hassocks Priorities Statement Survey as well as those who gave their views prior to the development of the survey.

You may be aware that the Parish Council spent many years producing a Neighbourhood Plan that was finally agreed in 2020. That Plan was based on consultation carried out with the community between 2014 and 2016 and a lot of things have changed since then. In the light of this, the Parish Council wants to update its understanding of the priorities that the community has for the parish of Hassocks (including Keymer and Clayton). However, it does not think it is the right time to review the Neighbourhood Plan itself.

Instead, HPC has taken up one of the ideas in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill to produce a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement. This is a simpler document which can be produced fairly quickly and can also cover a much wider remit than just planning.

Aim.

- To inform the development of a Hassocks Priorities Statement

Objectives of survey:

- To get views from residents and local businesses on what they want Hassocks to be like in 10 years' time. **(The Vision)** and
- To gain insight on what the most important issues for Hassocks are and how they can be addressed to achieve the vision. **(The Priorities)**

The survey was developed and undertaken by Action in rural Sussex (AirS) working in conjunction with Hassocks Parish Council to provide residents an opportunity to express their views which have been independently analysed by AirS.

Section 2 outlines the methods used to distribute, collect, and analyse the survey. It also provides information on the response rate, which can be used as a general measure of how reflective the survey is of the wider population.

Section 3 outlines the key themes and messages observable in the survey responses.

Section 4 provides a breakdown of the answers provided to the questions asked in the survey.

The **appendix** provides details of the responses provided to the open-ended questions which were included within the survey. These allowed respondents to explain their answers, provide examples or to identify answers not provided within the list proposed.

2 SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND RESPONSE RATE

2.1 METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted using a questionnaire consisting of both closed and open-ended questions to allow questions to focus on obtaining degree of support on specific questions and statements (closed questions), whilst allowing a degree of freedom in the responses which people provided (open questions). It is important to support objective information with contextual and subjective reasoning to fully understand certain issues and to allow people to explain their reasoning or preferences.

The survey was widely advertised before its start date.

It was advertised in the middle pages of the November 2022 edition of Hassocks Life (a free, full colour community magazine published monthly. 4,300 copies printed with the majority being hand-delivered to homes in Hassocks. (It was also made available online) informing residents to keep an eye out for the survey in the December edition.



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Community Consultation

Hassocks Parish Council is preparing a 'Priorities Statement' that will explain the important issues for the residents and businesses of Hassocks, Keymer and Clayton over the next ten years. It will use this Statement to inform its own work plan and its consultation responses to the reviews of the Mid Sussex District Plan and the South Downs Local Plan. You can help us make this Priorities Statement as accurate as possible by:



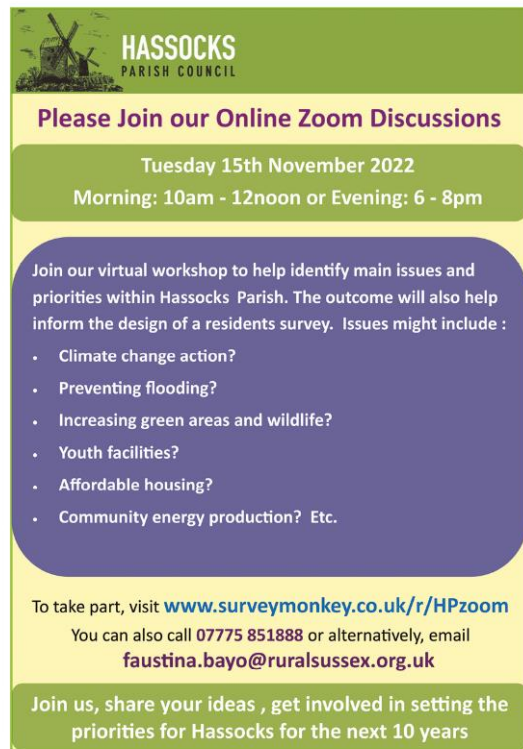
1. Attending one of the virtual workshops on the 15th November 2022 (see next page)
2. Completing the survey that will be in the December copy of Hassocks Life. This can be done via a link or QR code, or as a hard copy by posting it into the Parish Council's letterbox.
3. Attending a drop in session on Saturday 18th February 10am-1pm at Adastral Hall to see the results of the survey and have the opportunity to discuss how the Priorities Statement should reflect local views.

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Please Join our Online Zoom Discussions

Tuesday 15th November 2022
Morning: 10am - 12noon or Evening: 6 - 8pm

Join our virtual workshop to help identify main issues and priorities within Hassocks Parish. The outcome will also help inform the design of a residents survey. Issues might include :

- Climate change action?
- Preventing flooding?
- Increasing green areas and wildlife?
- Youth facilities?
- Affordable housing?
- Community energy production? Etc.

To take part, visit www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPzoom
You can also call 07775 851888 or alternatively, email faustina.bayo@ruralsussex.org.uk

Join us, share your ideas , get involved in setting the priorities for Hassocks for the next 10 years

November 2022

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The middle 4 pages of the December edition of Hassocks Life contained the Hassocks Priorities Statement survey plus an additional 5th page explaining and introducing the survey. It was also available for completion online with QR codes and links provided alongside every advert made.

2.2 RESPONSE RATE

A total of **212** responses were received to the survey. 167 completed the survey online. 30 surveys returned from Hassocks Life and 15 printed surveys (including the ones from the Christmas market).

2.3 PRESENTATION OF THE RESPONSES

Actual response figures and percentage breakdowns are provided below for each question. These represent the number of responses received in relation to each answer as a proportion of all those responding to that question. This may *not* reflect the total number of responses received to the entire survey.

Please note – Not all respondents provided answers to all questions; therefore, the numbers of responses for each question will not necessarily match the total number of respondents.

Some respondents did not tick the maximum required whereas a few may have decided to tick all.

Weighted average has been used in this analysis for the question on priorities. This is the average found in a set of data that identifies specific numbers as carrying more weight or having more value than others. It helps to establish a more precise observation of a set of data than using just the normal average by itself.

Open-ended responses are provided in individual appendices at the end of the report. These comments are taken **unaltered** from the survey forms. Please note that due to illegible or indecipherable handwriting, these are on occasions best guess interpretations.

For easy reading, we have rounded up or down to the nearest whole number on all percentages in this report.

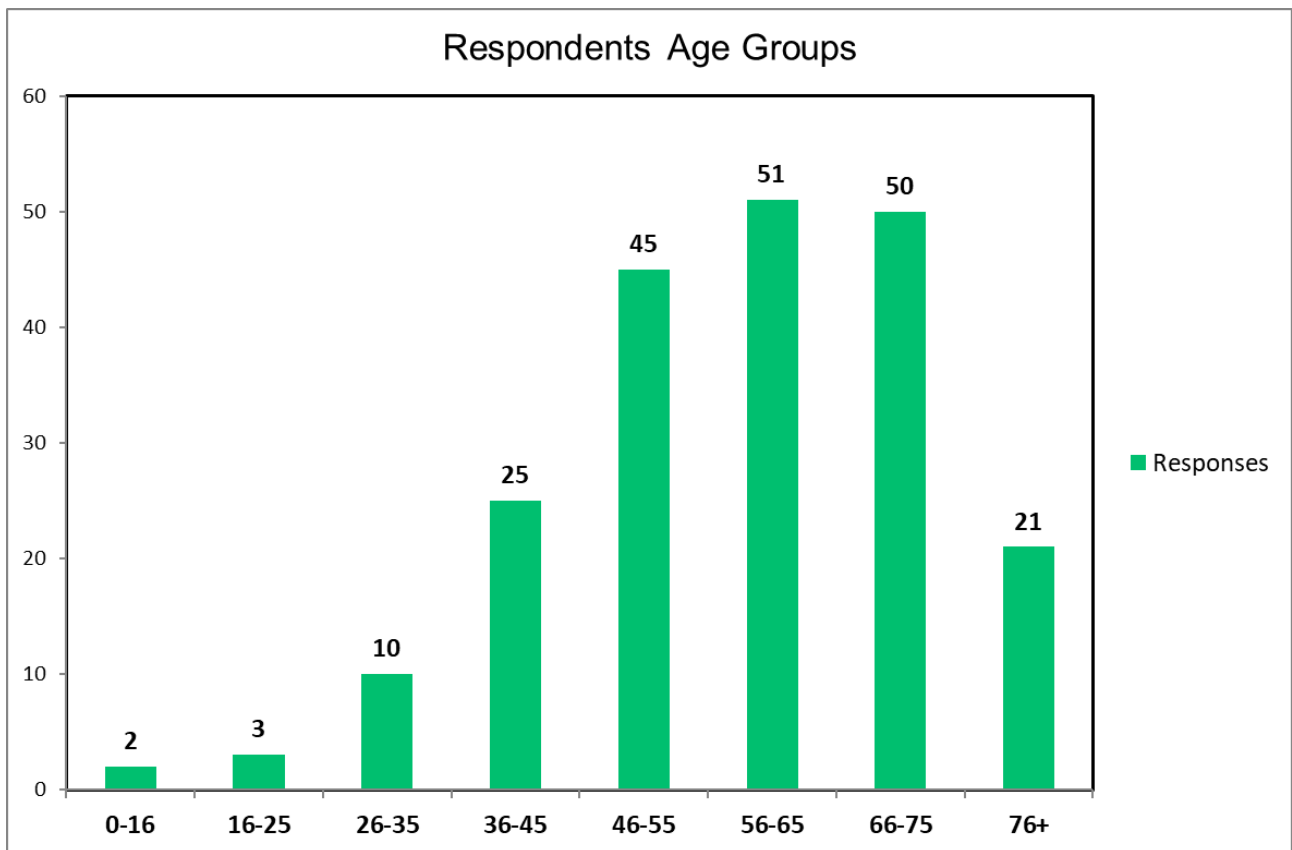
3 KEY FINDINGS

1. A total of **212** responses were received to the residents' survey. 45 completed the paper version with 167 completing it online.
2. A total of 125 different postcodes were indicated – these will be set against areas in the draft report.
3. Responses were received from all age groups ranging from 16 -75+ with 2 respondents indicating they were under the age of 16.
4. The majority of respondents were in the age groups ranging from **46-65** years.
5. The majority of respondents weighted the priorities statements higher than average. With the **most being 9.5** and the **least being 5.6** out of 10.
6. The most weighted statement was '**Provision of adequate health services for the community**', weighted **9.5** out of 10.
7. The second most weighted statement was '**Protection and enhancement of our existing green spaces**', weighted **9.2** out of 10.
8. The most strongly agreed objective (**75%**) was '**A place that retains its character as a group of villages with open green spaces within and surrounded by beautiful countryside**'.
9. More than half of respondents strongly agreed with all objectives apart from '**An innovative place where opportunities have been taken to generate renewable energy to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and buildings have been built or retrofitted so they are energy efficient and zero carbon**'. Which **48%** of respondents strongly agreed with.
10. Throughout the additional comments, there was the general observation that current infrastructure and facilities cannot cope with the new developments that have already taken place as well as those about to be developed.

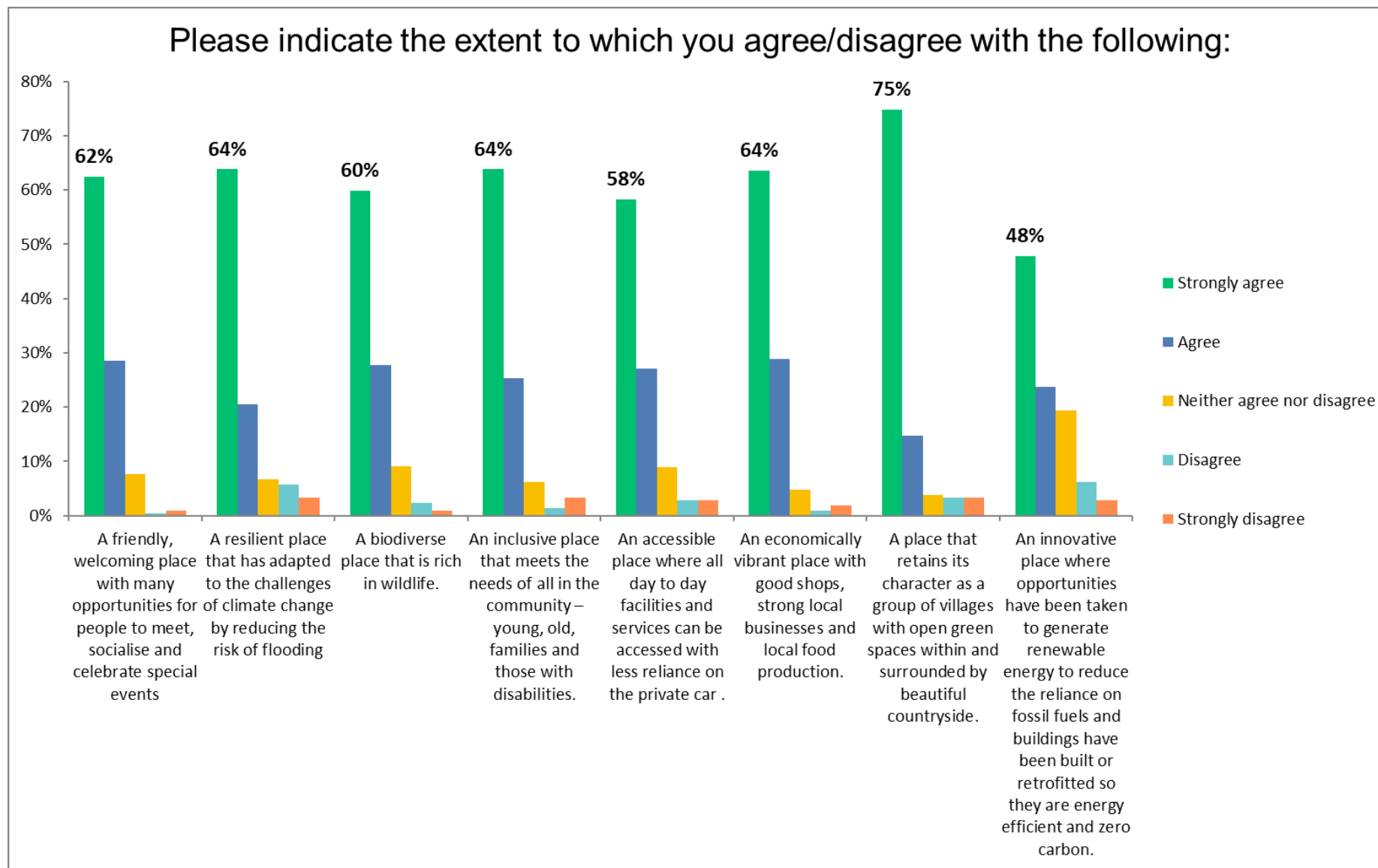
4 SURVEY RESPONSES

- The majority of respondents were in the age groups ranging 46-75 years making a collective total of 146. (See table below.)

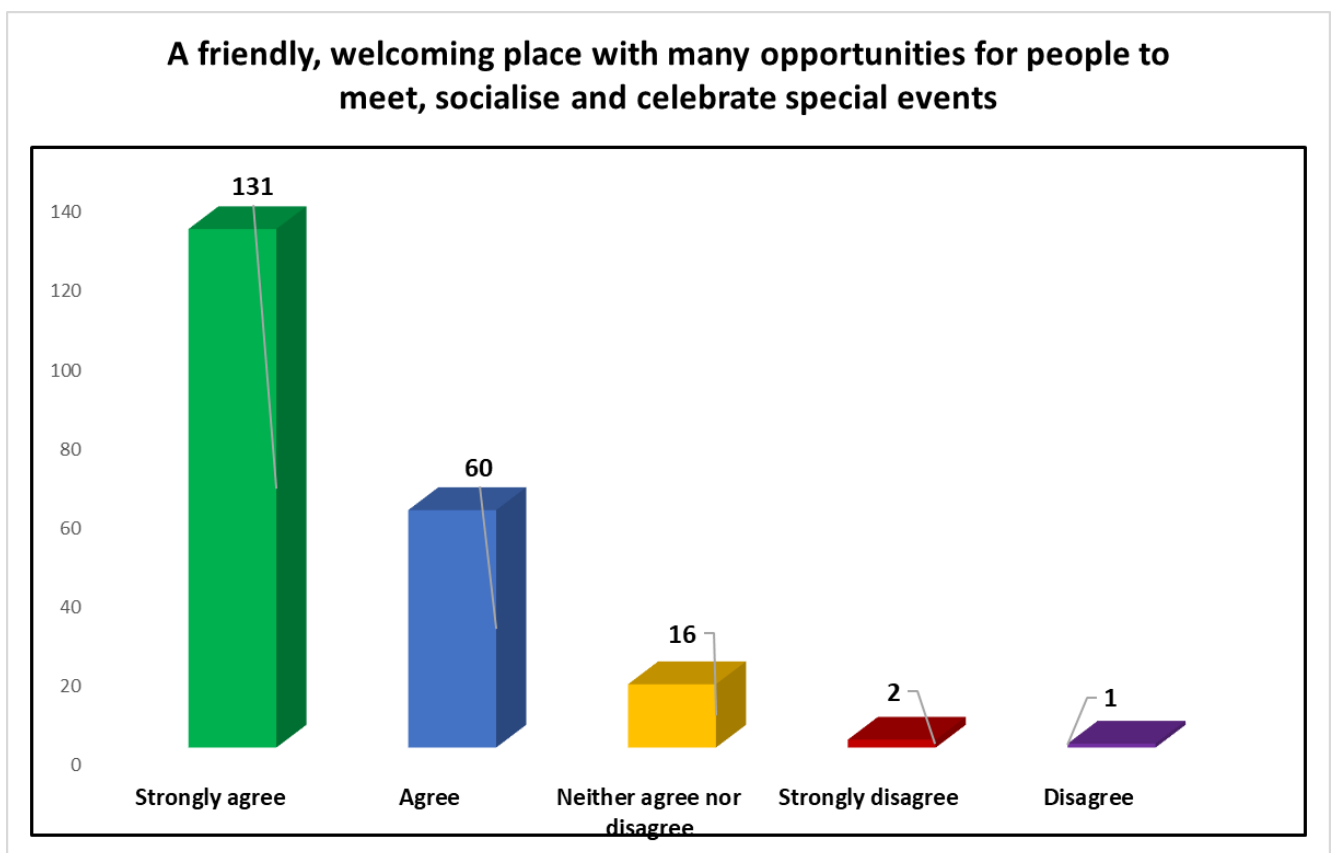
Respondents Age Group	In %s	Total
0-16	1%	2
16-25	1%	3
26-35	5%	10
36-45	12%	25
46-55	22%	45
56-65	25%	51
66-75	24%	50
76+	10%	21



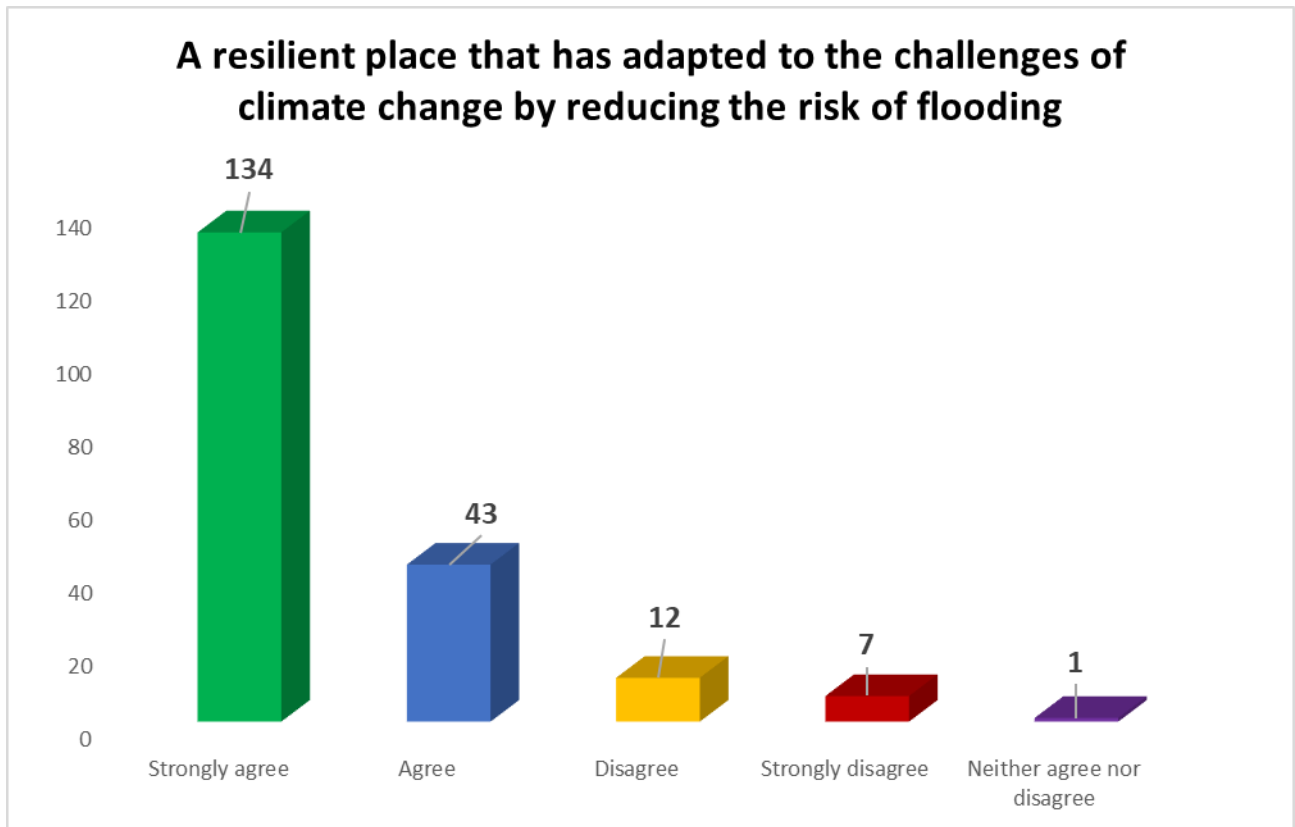
1. To which extent do you agree/disagree with the following:



A friendly, welcoming place with many opportunities for people to meet, socialise and celebrate special events	
Strongly agree	131
Agree	60
Neither agree nor disagree	16
Strongly disagree	2
Disagree	1

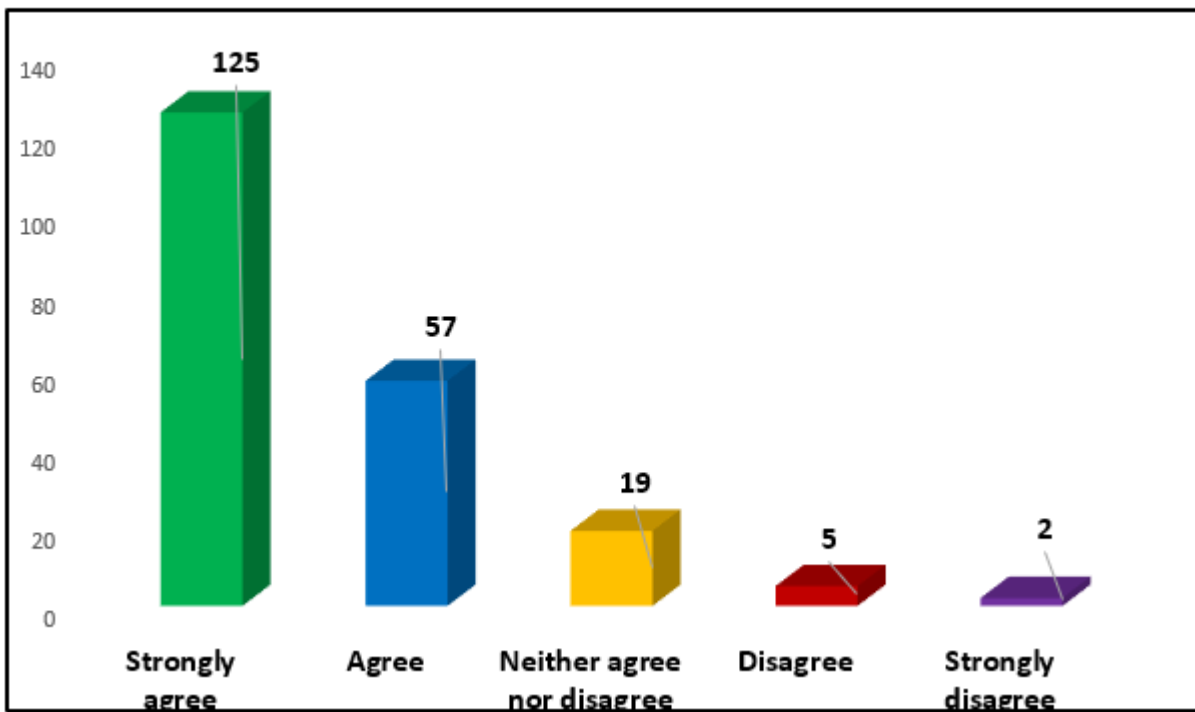


A resilient place that has adapted to the challenges of climate change by reducing the risk of flooding	
Strongly agree	134
Agree	43
Disagree	12
Strongly disagree	7
Neither agree nor disagree	1

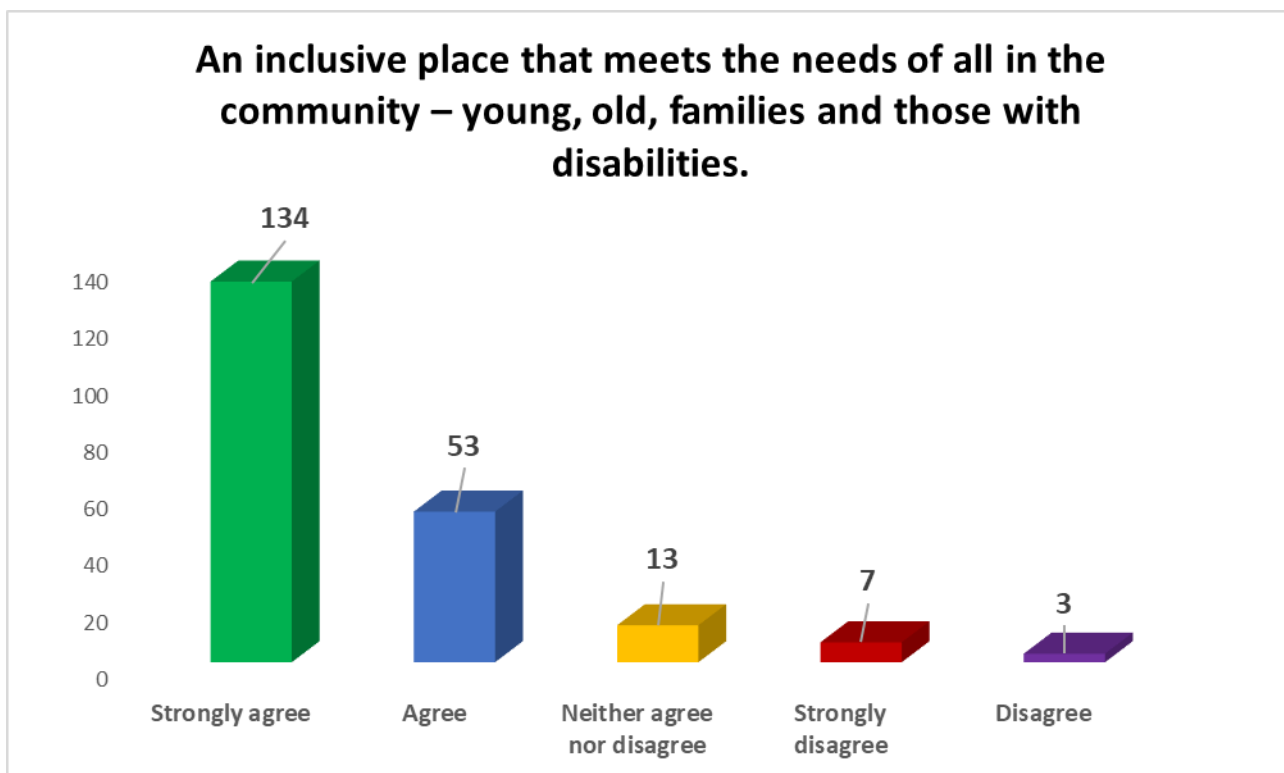


A biodiverse place that is rich in wildlife.	
Strongly agree	125
Agree	57
Neither agree nor disagree	19
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	2

A biodiverse place that is rich in wildlife.

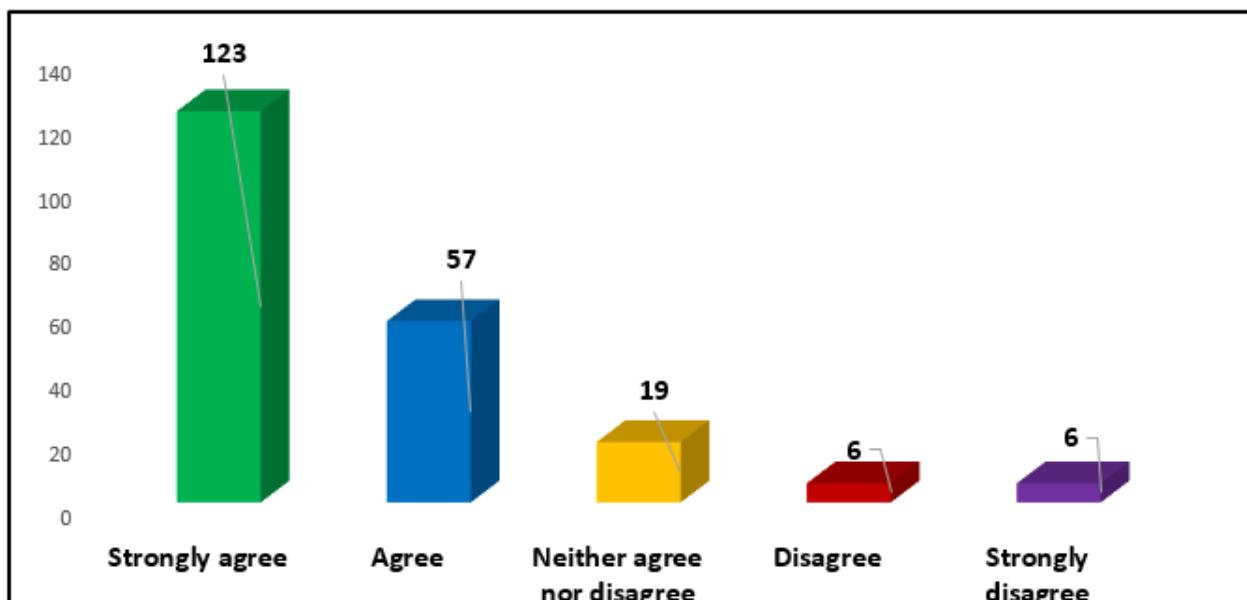


An inclusive place that meets the needs of all in the community – young, old, families and those with disabilities.	
Strongly agree	134
Agree	53
Neither agree nor disagree	13
Strongly disagree	7
Disagree	3



An accessible place where all day-to-day facilities and services can be accessed with less reliance on the private car.	
Strongly agree	123
Agree	57
Neither agree nor disagree	19
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	6

An accessible place where all day to day facilities and services can be accessed with less reliance on the private car .

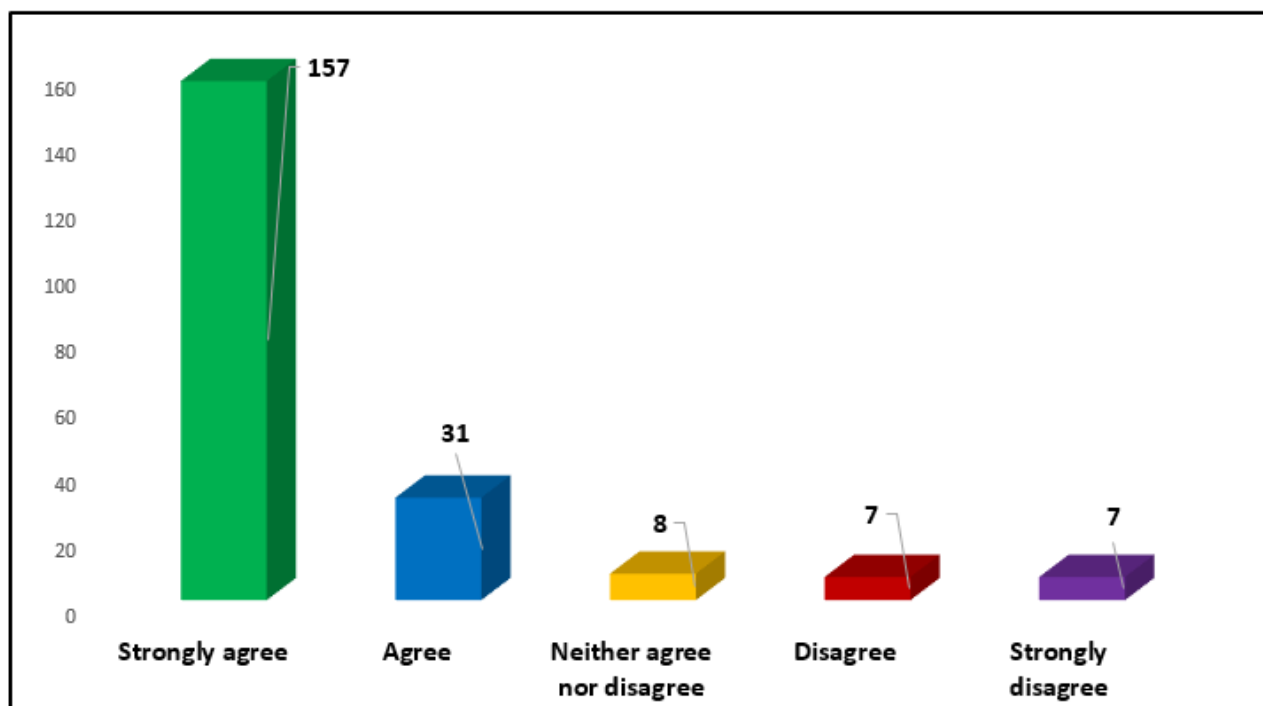


An economically vibrant place with good shops, strong local businesses, and local food production.	
Strongly agree	134
Agree	61
Neither agree nor disagree	10
Strongly disagree	4
Disagree	2



A place that retains its character as a group of villages with open green spaces within and surrounded by beautiful countryside.	
Strongly agree	157
Agree	31
Neither agree nor disagree	8
Disagree	7
Strongly disagree	7

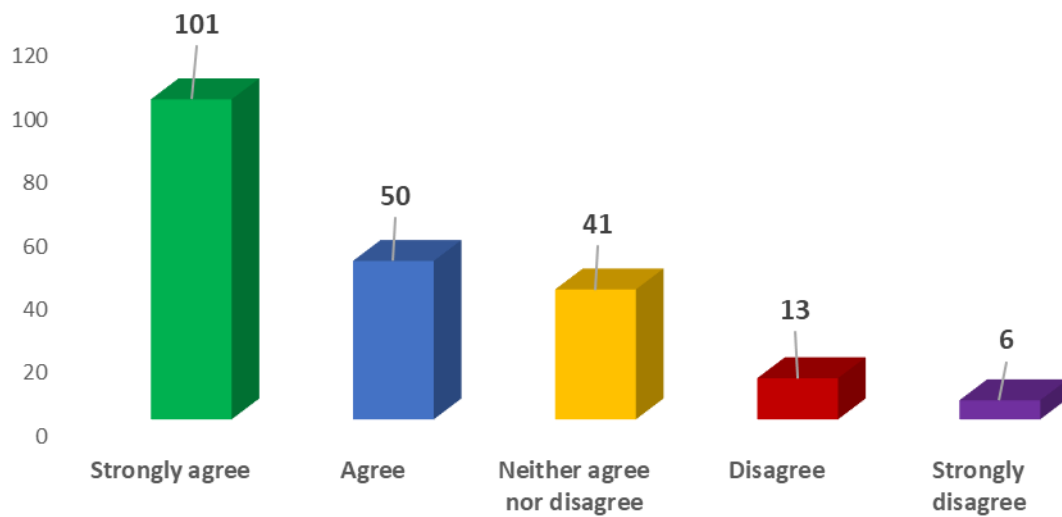
A place that retains its character as a group of villages with open green spaces within and surrounded by beautiful countryside.



An innovative place where opportunities have been taken to generate renewable energy to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and buildings have been built or retrofitted so they are energy efficient and zero carbon.

Strongly agree	101
Agree	50
Neither agree nor disagree	41
Disagree	13
Strongly disagree	6

An innovative place where opportunities have been taken to generate renewable energy to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and buildings have been built or retrofitted so they are energy efficient and zero carbon.



Responses to anything else not covered in relation to the Vision Statements.

Fifty-seven (57) comments were made in answer to this question. See summary below with detailed responses covered in **Appendix 1**

Overview of Comments	Number of responses grouped
Matched and improved infrastructure to support new development and population else no more development	14
Better and improved sustainable travel choices for all including a network of safe pedestrian/cycle routes, improved road surfaces, managed traffic, and a cooperative E-car	10
Better community and leisure facilities meeting population need	7
Encouraging and protecting, the environment, wildlife, and ecosystems	4
Supporting health and wellbeing of residents with more health facilities and services	4
Sense of community with activities/event for all	3
Retain character and boundaries of village as true gateway to Downs	3
Protecting our local green spaces from development with access to enjoy them	3
Encourage more green sustainable energy efficient homes	3
Better managed car parking facilities	3
Flourishing and green local economy	2
Parish Councils given autonomy (power) to plan for their own communities	2
environmental cleanliness	1

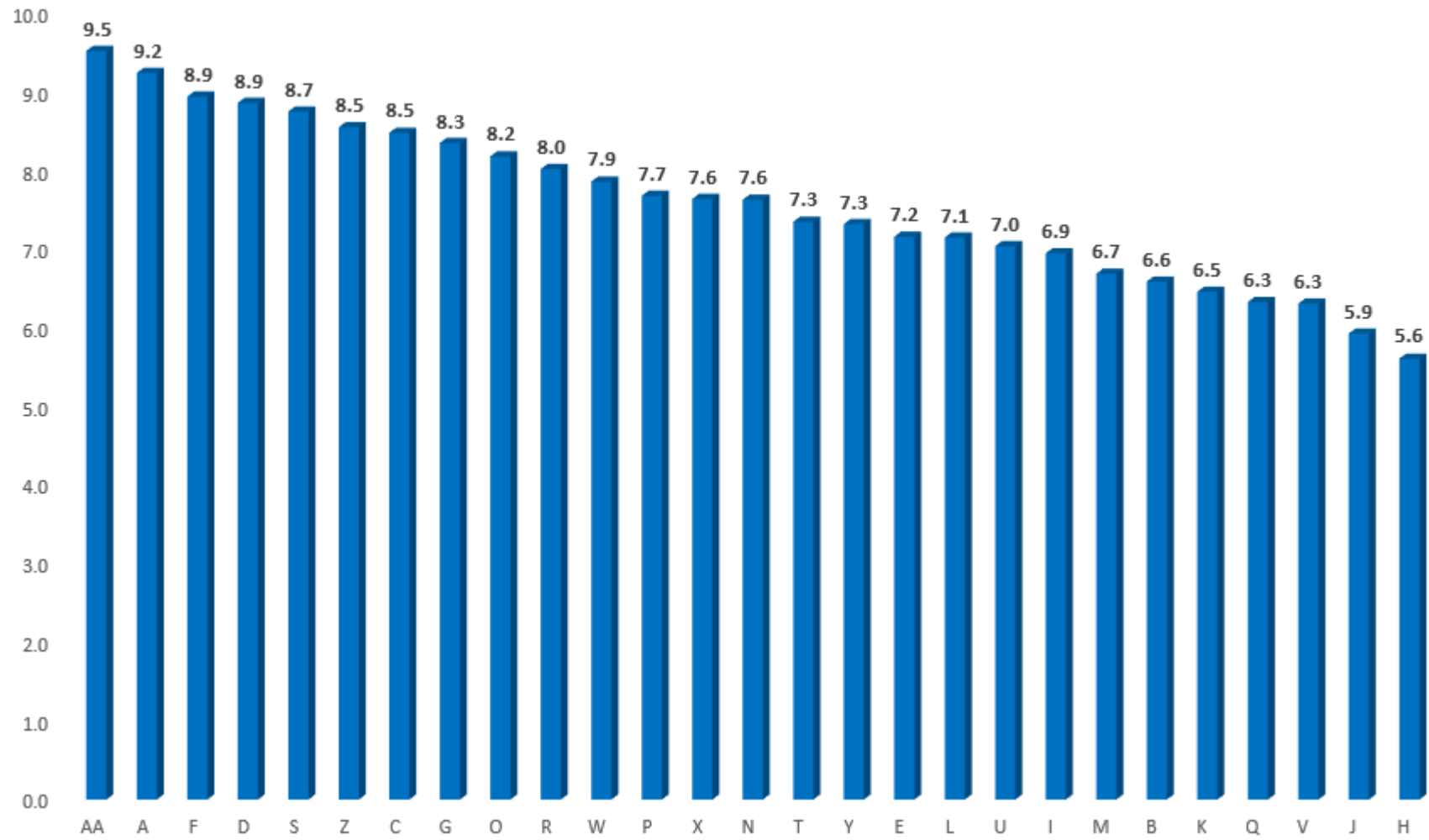
Based on a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being low and 10 being high), the overall weighted average of each statement is as below.

Priority Statements	Total	Weighted Average
aa. Provision of adequate health services for the community	210	9.5
a. Protection and enhancement of our existing green spaces	211	9.2
d. Planting of new trees where appropriate and protection of existing woodland	210	8.9
f. Measures to enable prevention and mitigation of flooding	211	8.9
s. Retention of a fully staffed station ticket office and a good level of train service to Hassocks	209	8.7
c. Creation and enhancement of wildlife corridors connecting existing nature-rich areas	209	8.5
z. Funding and development of our schools so they can provide a high-quality education for our children.	209	8.5
g. Re-using and recycling more of our waste including food waste	208	8.3
o. Creation and improvement of safe walking and cycling routes to schools, shops and facilities for all ages and abilities	210	8.2
r. Improvement of the frequency and connectivity of bus services, particularly to nearby towns and across the County border	210	8.0
w. Provision of a village square or similar public realm space in Hassocks Village Centre for the market and community events	209	7.9
p. Air pollution levels monitored across identified hot spots and actions taken to reduce pollution	211	7.7
n. Introduction of measures to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian and cyclist safety	209	7.6
x. Provision of more enhanced youth facilities and services	209	7.6
t. Creation of community garden schemes and provision of more allotments	210	7.3
y. Provision of more community events like 'Light Up Hassocks' and the Remembrance Sunday Parade	208	7.3
e. Implementation of new local renewable energy schemes (such as small-scale solar developments or wind turbines)	210	7.2
l. New developments designed to meet the highest standards in energy-efficiency, renewable energy and low carbon impacts	207	7.1
u. Expansion of community building facilities within Hassocks Village Centre	210	7.0
i. Provision of accommodation that meets the identified needs of older people and those with disabilities to enhance/support independent living	209	6.9
m. Location and designing of new developments with easy and safe access to services and facilities without relying on the private car	204	6.7
b. Creation of a new country park	209	6.6
k. New developments required to create a more biodiverse and edible landscape with native fruit trees and herbs	207	6.5
q. Provision of electric charging points, including for visitors and dwellings with no off-street parking	207	6.3
v. Creation or expansion of community building facilities elsewhere in the parish	208	6.3
j. New developments designed to be attractive and sympathetic to landscape and built environment.	203	5.9
h. Provision of new homes that young people and families can buy/rent	210	5.6

Priority Statements	Graph Ref
Provision of adequate health services for the community	AA
Protection and enhancement of our existing green spaces	A
Planting of new trees where appropriate and protection of existing woodland	D
Measures to enable prevention and mitigation of flooding	F
Retention of a fully staffed station ticket office and a good level of train service to Hassocks	S
Creation and enhancement of wildlife corridors connecting existing nature-rich areas	C
Funding and development of our schools so they can provide a high-quality education for our children.	Z
Re-using and recycling more of our waste including food waste	G
Creation and improvement of safe walking and cycling routes to schools, shops and facilities for all ages and abilities	O
Improvement of the frequency and connectivity of bus services, particularly to nearby towns and across the County border	R
Provision of a village square or similar public realm space in Hassocks Village Centre for the market and community events	W
Air pollution levels monitored across identified hot spots and actions taken to reduce pollution	P
Introduction of measures to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian and cyclist safety	N
Provision of more enhanced youth facilities and services	X
Creation of community garden schemes and provision of more allotments	T
Provision of more community events like 'Light Up Hassocks' and the Remembrance Sunday Parade	Y
Implementation of new local renewable energy schemes (such as small-scale solar developments or wind turbines)	E
New developments designed to meet the highest standards in energy-efficiency, renewable energy, and low carbon impacts	L
Expansion of community building facilities within Hassocks Village Centre	U
Provision of accommodation that meets the identified needs of older people and those with disabilities to enhance/support independent living	I
Location and designing of new developments with easy and safe access to services and facilities without relying on the private car	M
Creation of a new country park	B
New developments required to create a more biodiverse and edible landscape with native fruit trees and herbs	K
Provision of electric charging points, including for visitors and dwellings with no off-street parking	Q
Creation or expansion of community building facilities elsewhere in the parish	V
New developments designed to be attractive and sympathetic to landscape and built environment.	J
Provision of new homes that young people and families can buy/rent	H

Weighted Averages

Statements Weighted Averages



Additional comments to Priorities Statements

One hundred and sixteen (116) additional comments were made in response to this question. See summary below and with full comments available at **appendix 2**

Overview of Comments	Number of responses grouped
Visible policing mainly to monitor parking ((in the street) as well as petty vandalism (around schools)	12
No more housing to be encouraged	12
Current infrastructure at its limit and cannot cope with new developments.	11
Road maintenance (widening of roads and pavements, re-surfacing, dropped curbs as well as filling of potholes etc)	9
Preservve and protect the green spaces and fields from development	8
Support sustainable affordable homes for young people, young families as well as those with limiting health conditions living in rented accommodation	7
Accessible bus routes to Brighton with seats at key bus stops. Maybe community transport services with more routes (to Brighton) and	5
Traffic and road safety - some roads narrow for lorries and causes traffic jam	5
Ensuring safe access using pavements, footpaths and cycle routes by all	5
Supporting and encouraging local restaurants, shops, and eateries. Enhancing a creating a local business hub	5
Road safety measures - including enforcement of speed limit restrictions	5
Provision of facilities for the youth as well as leisure facilities for all	3
Minimise flood impact with regular check on storm drains and gulley's and stop building on greenfields	3
Provision of more health facilities with the influx of development	3
Consider non electric car users when creating parking spaces for charging electric vehicles.	3
retain-gap so Hassocks doesn't merge with BH and limit expansion	3
Provision or making easy to access the countryside (woods etc, by footpaths)	2
Ensuring Parish Council has more powers devolved to them to run the community	2
Provision or more and or enhancing school facilities	2
Supporting more village events	2
train travel - frequency of service	2
Ensuring development and existing structures (windmill) does not harm wildlife (birds)	2
energy efficient homes	1
Emergency planning - Salt reserves in strategic places for residents to use in snow and ice	1
A space for outdoor activities and events (public realm)	1
tree maintenance	1
Coordinated volunteering opportunities within the village	1

5 Appendices

5.1 [Appendix 1](#) – Additional comments on Vision Statements

Responses
Encourage greater participation in community activities to support (*other by) all citizens. * Writing in brackets was not legible.
Free entertainment for the underprivileged all community events is about spending money. No real community
To retain what is left of the rapidly disappearing village character. Over development and sprawl are detracting from this and causing unacceptable traffic increase throughout the village.
Protecting the boundaries of the village with the National Park
A village that is truly a gateway to the Downs
A place with a united sense of community rather than disparate parts
A true gateway to the South Downs with a flourishing tourist industry
I feel reducing reliance on cars and fossil fuels needs the most attention, alongside protection of green spaces in and around the village. It would be nice if there was a promotion of green businesses and employment opportunities that protect the environment and strengthen the local community.
Maintain the existing green and farming spaces surrounding Hassocks, with no more housing development on these spaces. Thereby protecting and hopefully improving wildlife environment and for walking in the countryside on public footpaths.
Our top priority must be to look after our environment/ecosystems/nature in this area. There is too much pressure on them. Look after what we've got, not build more homes which adds to the pressure.
Too many high-cost housing developments being granted which are compromising our countryside, wildlife and biodiversity, together with complete disregard for lack of capacity of community services and infrastructure to support such growth. This is completely compromising Hassocks and the community.
A "wish list" aspiration I fear, as ever more green spaces/natural flood plain acreage disappears under concrete and tarmac. Almost too late for that I fear as current and proposed new developments remorselessly erodes our remaining open green spaces. We face an avalanche of development that seems unstoppable.
Council needs to purchase green fields/woodland that becomes available in hassocks to provide access and countryside as large-scale development has resulting great loss of accessible countryside
Access to green space. There is a lot of private woodland and space and there has been a trend of fencing things off more recently.
Littering to be punished. More waste bins near takeaways. Localised damage to the village (vandalism, thoughtless behaviour) to be stopped.
HKD has been at the forefront of environmental change in the village not the statutory bodies. Poor planning decisions locally, allowing high-volume low-quality housing to be built, no facilities or incentives for alternatives to car travel and no interest, apart from the skatepark, in providing facilities for the huge number of children who come into the village to go to school and/or who live here. Losing the Beacon Youth Centre and lack of interest in nurturing the library are poor decisions.
Better cricket nets for Hassocks and Keymer Cricket Club
a place where new build is supported by infrastructure and facilities like Drs

As the village grows with more housing, it is essential that the local amenities, in particular schools and access to doctors, grows with it.
Amenities and facilities that match the population including physical and social infrastructure.
No more houses. More amenities to reflect how much the village has grown - doctors etc
As a parent who has become involved with Keymer & Hassocks Cricket Club, I'd like to understand the reluctance to progress with installing permanent nets. My son plays for KHCC and has 5 cricket playing classmates at Windmills Junior. All of them play for other clubs as KHCC have poorer facilities. It's a shame a club that is nearly 130 years old is struggling to attract players and I hoped a Parish Council might support them. Money was found for a skatepark that's open 24/7 but not for cricket.
A place that supports the health and wellbeing of all our residents.
Somewhere safe with access to doctors and medical facilities.
Healthcare GP & Dentists
More GP services
Any new construction projects - residential housing estates must be energy efficient and zero carbon to minimise environmental impact. These projects can no longer use green field sites only brown/existing sites.
New build properties to be built in accordance with modern green sustainable methods and materials
Any new buildings have solar panels etc. and not retro fitted.
Increased provision of shared space (vehicular/ pedestrian) Improved surface water collection/flood mitigation. Above improvements funded by new housing developments.
A footprint no larger than that of the current village, allowing easy accessibility for all to the local countryside without requiring a car.
Not overcrowded with more houses, cars, and people
No more new housing developments to be built
Stop building and development of new houses
No more urban sprawl of large housing estates. Small scale only.
PLEASE - NO MORE NEW BUILDS. In the 11 years living here the village is no longer a village and certainly not the pleasant place it once was.
Ensuring no housing development is allowed without investment in schooling and health services to match attendant population increase
Better drains. More schools.
No more houses built without infrastructure being added e.g., school and doctors
Having infrastructure to match the amount of need
Autonomy of the Parish Council to afford to get things done
The reorganisation of local government to give local communities the power to control their own destinies. WSCC and MSDC should both be abolished and replaced by a Central Sussex Unitary Authority exercising strategic planning and highway powers. Town and larger Parish Councils should be given the power to determine planning applications within the agreed policy framework and to maintain local highways and footpaths. Ideally local councils should also be able to employ local policemen, as in France and Germany. Sussex Police should be reorganised to allow for this.
More parking spaces
Manage parking better through short term limited parking times. We are near a station and a magnet for drivers. Ensure infrastructure can support any new housing

developments.
Car parking facilities near the village
Less congestion to and from stone pound crossroads. Clean air, no excessive air pollution. Provide an ever-increasing sustainable infrastructure that improves on the current levels back to a manageable level. Proactive support and not reactive. Well maintained roads to support the additional cars we are now seeing use Hassocks and future cars introduced through further development. It is unrealistic to believe that any future development will use pathways etc to negotiate their way about Hassocks without increasing road volumes.
A group of villages with a vibrant and economically sound electric car cooperative where E-cars can be rented by the hour or day removing the need to own a car and reducing the cost of mobility; with over 15 charging points in the villages. Also, where bus transport on a 10 mile radius costs a flat £2.
A place that embraces sustainable active travel transport choices and offers a network of safe pedestrian/cyclist prioritised routes
Please resurface the footpath on the cinder track. The surface is unsafe and dangerous to walk on. There is also a constant flood of water during the winter which would be assisted if the surface as sorted out
1. Sorting out the traffic problems caused by school runs and commuters and fixing the lights at Stonepound crossroads that no longer work properly since being re-sequenced. 2. Providing a footpath to the campsite on Lodge Lane.
What about people who are not young, not old, and not disabled? Sick to death of motorists being punished for daring to have a car. For goodness' sake, not everyone wants to cycle.
A place where there is a better inclusive, regular, and reliable bus infrastructure.
A place with less traffic driving through the High Street and Stonepound crossroads so that it is much safer for cyclists and pedestrians especially school children
A place where it is safe and easy to walk in the countryside, with good footpaths through the fields and woods, accessible to wheelchair users and able bodied alike.

5.2 [Appendix 2](#) – Additional comments on Priorities Statements

Responses
<p>Ensuring there's more adequate access into and out of Hassocks besides via under the Railway Bridge.</p> <p>Widening roads, increasing frequency of road resurfacing, sorting out the traffics light junction at Stonepound.</p> <p>Encouraging more restaurants to open in the Hassocks.</p>
<p>Making the route from the station to the village centre accessible to all (currently difficult for physical and sensory impairment) - crosses a car park, inadequate width pavements, busy roundabout and a pub forecourt crowded with illegally parked cars adjacent. Current dropped kerbs are behind foliage and a private parking space.</p> <p>Relieve traffic congestion at Stonepound, Station east roundabout and grand avenue junction.</p> <p>Widen pavements throughout especially Keymer Road near park/schools (and remove camber on grand avenue), and extend pavements out of village e.g. to campsite.</p> <p>Remove street parking where visibility is impaired (most junctions). Support other areas with parking enforcement.</p> <p>Reduce speed limit on all roads.</p> <p>More community helper recruitment, e.g., provide shovels for us to remove snow from pavements, I would grit too if bins were present, sandbag store for flooding etc.</p>
<p>Improved connectivity to neighbouring villages by better and more accessible footpaths and cycle lanes</p>
<p>It would be so lovely to have a road layout which prioritises pedestrians first, cyclists second, public transport third, and cars last. e.g. a pedestrianised and car free centre with bars, cafes, social spaces, library, a few shops in the centre. Please get rid of the through traffic - it is dangerous especially to the children and older people outside the Infant School.</p> <p>Please no more 'new developments' - we have enough houses, and it is putting a lot of strain on the local services e.g. GP and education</p>
<p>Please could the Parish Council add a new path in the local plan from the train bridge in Keymer Road so that it continues all the way up Keymer Road on the left to the Stonepound Lights. It's very dangerous trying to cross the road several times to get to the bus stop just south of the traffic lights. Thanks.</p>
<p>*Affordable housing for young people and families particularly those who have grown up in local the village.</p>
<p>Whilst I agree with the sentiment of the questions regarding new developments, Hassocks simply cannot accommodate further developments, however green, young person focussed, less expensive they are. It is a shame that these considerations were not considered when granting previous developments.</p> <p>Can I also say, if circulating a survey to the community, perhaps the use of spell check could have been considered!</p>
<p>Houses for young people to rent or buy should include sufficient genuinely affordable homes to meet unmet need.</p> <p>If bus routes are provided they should be priced in order to encourage less use of cars and be affordable for young people within the community.</p>
<p>Actual affordable, sustainable, housing including social housing, and denser options for young people.</p>

Electric car facilities are not an adequate replacement for cycling infrastructure and public transport
Provision of Social Housing developments provided by Local Authority to provide minimum fixed term rentals of say 5 or 10 years to allow young families to reside and flourish in the community without the stress and anxiety of private rental issues.
Buses through Hassocks to Brighton.
Any further development MUST prioritise the needs of younger people and families before 4/5-bedroom luxury houses. There has not been a sensible, accessible, bus route from Hassocks/Keymer village centre for many years giving access to Brighton. The only fast routes to Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath require a long walk to/from Stonepound crossroads. Hassocks village centre will not be able to cope with the volume of traffic/parking when all the new housing developments are completed. It barely manages now!
Community transport
Seats at key bus stops, but tamperproof
Provision of start-up business hub to encourage local business
Development of small-scale shops (e.g., shopping parades) in the outlying areas of the village to reduce car use. (E.g., near friars oak, by the 500 new houses) Increase access to land (not so many private wood signs!) and reduce fencing off of footpaths
Provision of police and parking enforcement.
Any new development must be brown field as the expansion into the surrounding countryside is already unacceptable.
Please, no more houses, you NEED TO PUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN FIRST, before the whole village floods, the potholes are everywhere, so dangerous
i. Make available council stock for families and young people on low incomes. j. No new developments built on green field sites only brown field. k. All existing new developments currently being built should be providing these factors and if they have not this should be retrofitted by the developers - the cost of which should be to the developer. The current increases in population have put a higher burden on schools, doctors, and road systems.
Any prospect of new developments (priorities J to M) should be put on the back burner, until a satisfactory infrastructure can be created, to include schools, surgeries, drainage and services. To include also transport links (35 mins to get to Burgess Hill by car!
not supporting any more new developments, already too many for the infrastructure.
Many of these ideas are admirable, but the most important issue is to halt any future housing schemes without suitable infrastructure (or preferably halt them altogether).
No more new houses built without the infrastructure to support e.g., school and doctors.
I disagree to any further developments in Hassocks as the road infrastructure is not there to cope with the current levels of road usage. There is a need for more doctors and other local services if you are to entice people to walk everywhere. There are not enough jobs in Hassocks to sustain a local commute to avoid car usage. Today's lifestyle dictates the use of a car, I cannot see anything which could significantly change that ethos in your vision.
Provision of adequate water and sewage services to meet development needs before development takes place. Same with GP and Education. Drainage of paths in Adastra park. They are awash with mud all winter. Fix the flooding issue under the railway bridge.
New developments need to stop. The roads are now jammed all day long

<p>Improve road conditions when creating new developments. More housing increases traffic but the road conditions and traffic flow remain the same. A footpath Keymer side to Burgess Hill and to the campsite. It takes just as long to walk to Hassocks station as it would to cycle to Burgess Hill (if it were safe to do so)</p>
<p>There is already more new development than our environment and infrastructure can accommodate around here. Our children bike and it is very dangerous!</p>
<p>A swimming pool in the village that can be used by public and schools. If Downlands School gets any bigger it should be split into a lower and upper school as too many kids makes it very stressful for new year 7 starters. More music provision in the village for all ages to learn instruments and play in groups (e.g. set up a local amateur orchestra) Salt reserves in strategic places for residents to use in snow and ice</p>
<p>Any new house should have solar panels, high insulation, and usage of grey water for toilets use, heat pumps fitted as standard not options afterwards.</p>
<p>Enough new houses are being built just need local facilities to match</p>
<p>Regular checking of storm drains and gully's to ensure they flow freely during heavy rain. This should be covered in item f above, but it is not done at present.</p>
<p>Maintenance of roads overseen Medical facilities increased School provision adequate Gap with Burgess Hill maintained</p>
<p>Provision of schools and community health services are outside the remit of parish and district councils, so I have marked them lowest.</p>
<p>Include dentistry in health services</p>
<p>Suitable homes for older people, not flats/apartments. Detached Bungalows are too expensive & big gardens. Look at retirement complexes in USA & Canada.</p>
<p>No more house building. We have had enough!</p>
<p>No more building allowed. More effort/interest in supporting village events e.g. Remembrance of Ditchling and Hurst ! and paying heed to the appearance of the village when granting parking permissions e.g. allowing to be created ghastly Semley Road area (top) as well as picking up residents who ask for their convenience of access and to override the rest of the village.</p>
<p>While any development needs all things included above, we DO NOT require more development - this is a village and can only retain its charm as such if mass building work ceases. The schools and health services etc. cannot cope with more and there isn't anywhere else to provide additional services!</p>
<p>No more new housing developments to be built</p>
<p>Stop building and development</p>
<p>No more ugly large building developments, we have had enough and losing all our countryside.</p>
<p>I think Hassocks has had more than its fair share of new housing estates. It will no longer be a village and become a town.</p>
<p>No new developments AT ALL in Hassocks, we have taken our fair share. "Enhanced" youth facilities, apart from the park there is literally nothing for children aged 10 and above to do. We lost the designated Youth Club years ago to more ugly unwanted housing and the last youth club that was run from the hall in Adastra by volunteers closed last summer (which was well attended by ages 11 and above) due to MSDC cutting off the funding. Maybe it's time to spend some of that endless pot of \$106 million that's in the bank earning interest!</p>

<p>Please note I have given low priority to all the housing development questions as I don't want any more housing. However, if have to have new developments then high priority should be given to the environment on these developments.</p>
<p>(Point i: Not new buildings.) We cannot keep building new houses we share the earth with other creatures. We must reduce the population. As to wind turbines, paint one of the blades black - this reduces bird deaths.</p>
<p>No answer to new developments as we don't need any more! Roads already too busy at peak times. Need roundabout at bottom of grand avenue. Less large extension of bungalows- there are less small affordable ones. Seems MSDC just let a lot through anyway despite what Parish council say unfortunately.</p>
<p>A guarantee that no more housing developments will be approved in-line with the new Tory housing policy so as not to destroy the nature of our wonderful village</p>
<p>An observation on the survey. Some questions cover more than one priority e.g., slow traffic and pedestrian safety, train service and staffed ticket office which lead to results that don't fully reflect priorities. Research questions should ask just one thing and refrain from biased descriptors. Despite these quibbles, thanks for seeking feedback from residents.</p>
<p>Get rid of the Lib Dems and get in a decent party that will actually do something for the area instead of themselves</p>
<p>question S, badly written part 1 = nice to have , part 2 = vital , very high priority</p>
<p>Again, re-organisation of local government to allow bottom tier - i.e., Parish Councils - to be able to determine what is provided and to have the financial ability to implement improvements etc.</p>
<p>Yes. A local government system that gives local councils statutory powers subject to criteria to establish their competence to discharge them. They have no such powers at present. All the brilliant aims of this survey can, and, unfortunately, will, be ignored by MSDC and WSCC unless it suits their book to acknowledge - and take the credit - for them</p>
<p>Police, or similar, visibility on a regular basis. Car Parking in the street to be monitored and illegal/thoughtless parking to have more prevention. A focus on general tidiness, safety of pavements and footpaths would be much appreciated.</p>
<p>Parking near the station is increasingly challenging - in particular inconsiderate parking in adjacent roads, which blocks access to delivery and emergency vehicles. This must be better controlled.</p>
<p>Parking management Visible policing Petty theft and petty vandalism around schools</p>
<p>Making the centre of Hassocks a little more beautiful. Remove parking. Prioritise pedestrians. Create a boulevard feel. Create an attractive centre.</p>
<p>To make available affordable housing i.e.: council housing for 50+ people who have disabilities and chronic health problems who are in the rented sector there's nothing or not enough. Also, to provide homes in Parklands Road parking permits for the public carpark by the Age Concern as I am really worried that several times this year our EMERGENCY SERVICES were unable to get through our street, is it going to take people dying before something is done because I'm disabled so help quickly is a priority not a death sentence!!!</p>

<p>I see cars parked on double yellow lines all day. Stanford Ave-make it a one-way system and slow the traffic. The speed some of the cars come along the that road is scary. Some of the trees are in a dangerous condition and damaging the footpath making them both a hazard to the young and old. Large branches are falling off these trees it is only a matter of time before some is badly hurt or worse. The new double yellow lines are a joke and has only served to exacerbate the inconsiderate parking by those who for some did not get them. For example, my neighbours had the double yellow lines painted and they stop exactly where my property begins. The reason being. the reason I was told was to provide passing bays. When I asked how does allowing cars to park at a junction provide passing bays. Got no answer. I since had a white line painted over my drive and that was to include my other neighbours. They lost the job card so will only do my drive and not theirs.</p>
<p>Finally the tree outside our house, the roots keep lifting the pavement. Last year my granddaughter tripped feel and luckily suffered only minor injuries. \i phoned the council and they said they will lay a new path. \i explained that there was no point as the roots will lift the pavement again. That is exactly what has happened. \the first time I called I had an angry lady what do you want us to do" cut the tree down" \I said you could do that or wait for some elderly person to get seriously injured. Well, the tree is still there, \due to the tree the footpath is uneven. I guess we will have to wait until someone is seriously injured or worse before the right thing is done. The other point is the tree of that size is too close to property, drainage etc.</p>
<p>More parking for cars and remember not everyone can afford a new electric car, so stop punishing those who need a car, but still have petrol. Please do not make recharging points take away existing parking. They must be available for poor people too.</p>
<p>Minimise new housing developments on green and farming spaces, utilise any brown field sites instead.</p>
<p>Where is the comment about no building on green field sites and no more big house building projects</p>
<p>Stop building on every square inch of our green space! Hassocks needs to be more green, more vibrant, and more protective of our open green spaces!</p>
<p>Whilst, if development occurs it should be to the standards listed above, Development should take place on brownfield sites and not on green land</p>
<p>Stop building houses on our fields. The roads and amenities can't cope, and it will bring more flooding as reducing drainage and flood plains</p>
<p>A place fit for community sport events. Football is routinely cancelled in Adastra Park due to drainage. A Park Run course would be welcomed too.</p>
<p>Improvement of road maintenance. Maintenance of strategic gaps between villages and Burgess Hill.</p>
<p>Maintaining roads and pavements e.g., filling potholes and gritting pavements, maintaining footpaths (e.g., Cinder Path), keeping paths open! Limiting the expansion of the "village".</p>
<p>Proper maintenance and repair of roads and pavements</p>
<p>A better road system for entering and leaving the village without having to resort to rat runs. A total halt on turning yet more unspoilt countryside into housing. An explanation of what 'community building' is supposed to mean. Get all the potholes filled in properly for once. More community Police visible and accessible.</p>
<p>Tidier and cleaner roads and pavements. The village and surrounds (especially the London Road end are a disgrace.</p>

No more housing development in the area after that already planned. Improve the existing road surfaces especially those near the new housing developments as the road surfaces have taken a hammering due to the very large vehicles involved.
Get rid of the Tyre Centre and have a nice village square joining up with Age Concern Grounds! Please not anymore new estates. The one coming off Ockley Lane is already causing chaos with the buses and other traffic. The road is too narrow for all the lorries etc.
Provision of shops/restaurants that attract people to the village. Outdoor seating space.
Increased enforcement of speed restrictions especially through the High Street - West Sussex Council to fulfil obligations for safe road surfaces
I'm not sure why a fully staffed station office and maintaining train levels are grouped together. I think maintaining frequency of trains is important but less concerned with a fully staffed station office.
Question S - that's two questions - not worried about staff as much as rail service.
Coordinated volunteering opportunities within the village
Rather than build new homes, make better use of existing housing stock Any new developments should be required to be net zero I have ticked 5 for anything related to new developments as any new development will inevitably impact adversely on wildlife and biodiversity, air quality, flooding risk etc
Greater focus on the diversity of shops and dining venues rather than continued proliferation of beauty shops and solicitors.

5.3 [Appendix 3](#) – Postcodes where survey responses were received from.

Postcode	Road/Street/Close	Number of responses
BN6 8DP	Adastra Avenue	2
BN6 8DR	Adastra Avenue	1
BN6 8HP	Bonny Wood Road	3
BN6 8HR	Bonny Wood Road	1
BN6 8EY	Chancellors Park	4
BN6 8EZ	Chancellors Park	5
BN6 8FE	Chestnut Drive	1
BN6 8BN	Church Mead	1
BN6 8BW	Church Mead	4
BN6 8HB	Clayton Avenue	1
BN6 8LR	Dale Avenue	1
BN6 8LS	Dale Avenue	4
BN6 8BH	Damian Way	3
BN6 8HJ	Downs View Road	5
BN6 8HY	Downs View Road	3
BN6 8HJ	Downs View Road	1
BN6 8NR	Farnham Avenue	2
BN6 8NS	Farnham Avenue	4
BN6 8YG	Fox Close	1
BN6 8DD	Grand Avenue	3
BN6 8DG	Grand Avenue	2
BN6 8DE	Grand Avenue	2
BN6 8DG	Grand Avenue	2
BN6 8NH	Mackie Avenue	2
BN6 8NN	Mackie Avenue	1
BN6 8NQ	Manor Avenue	1
BN6 8BQ	Newlands Close	1
BN6 8HS	Ockenden Way	1
BN6 8BA	Ockley Lane	1
BN6 8BB	Ockley Lane	1
BN6 8NX	Ockley Lane	1
BN6 8NE	Ockley Way	3
BN6 8ED	Shepherds Walk	3
BN6 8EA	Shepherds Walk	1
BN6 8JP	South Bank	2
BN6 8JH	Stanford Avenue	1
BN6 8JL	Stanford Avenue	1
BN6 8HW	Station Approach East	1
BN6 8PR	Stonepound Road	2
BN6 8BP	The Quadrant	1
BN6 8BS	The Quadrant	1
BN6 8EJ	The Spinney	2

BN6 8QB	Wilmington Close	5
BN6 8EU	Woodlands Road	1
BN6 8HG	Woodlands Road	3
BN6 8HE	Woodlands Road	1
BN6 9NT	London Road	1
BN6 9EU	Albourne Road	1
BN6 8YF	Badger Close	1
BN6 8EL	Bankside	1
BN6 8RE	Beacon Hurst	1
BN6 9ZR	Campion Close	1
BN6 9PQ	Clayton Hill	1
BN6 8JQ	Clayton Park	1
BN6 9AF	College Lane	1
BN6 9PH	Ditchling Road Clayton	1
BN6 8AU	Elm Tree Close	1
BN6 8FJ	Ewart Close	1
BN6 8PJ	Farm Close	3
BN6 8BU	Fir Tree Way	1
BN6 8BT	Fir Tree Way	1
BN6 8PL	Friars Close	1
BN6 8PT	Friars Oak Road	1
BN6 8PU	Friars Oak Road	1
BN6 8PY	Friars Oak Road	1
BN6 9ZH	Hassocks Gate	1
BN6 9DS	Henfield Road	1
BN6 8LD	Highlands Close	2
BN6 9NJ	Hurst Road	1
BN6 8FH	John Saxby Place	1
BN6 8AN	Keymer Road	1
BN6 8QL	Keymer Road	1
BN6 8QP	Keymer Road	1
BN6 8HA	Keymer Road	1
BN6 8DX	Kings Drive	2
BN6 8DZ	Kings Drive	1
BN8 8DY	Kings Drive	1
BN6 8HZ	Lagwood Close	1
BN6 8NA	Lodge Lane	1
BN6 8LU	Lodge Lane	2
BN6 8NA	Lodge Lane	1
BN6 9NU	London Road	1
BN6 8EH	Meadows	1
BN6 8PP	New Way Lane	1
BN6 8JS	North Court	1
BN6 8YA	Oak Tree Drive	2
BN6 8LF	Parklands Road	1
BN6 8JY	Parklands Road	6
BN6 8JZ	Parklands Road	1
BN6 8NW	Pine Trees	2

BN6 8PS	Priory Road	3
BN6 8DF	Queens Drive	1
BN6 8PB	Ravenswood	1
BN6 8PE	Semley Road	1
BN6 8RD	Silverdale	4
BN6 9QE	St Andrews Place	1
BN6 8QG	Stafford Way	1
BN6 8LZ	Sweetlands	2
BN6 8DN	The Close	1
BN6 8RB	The Crescent	1
BN6 9JU	The Fairway	2
BN6 8NP	The Willows	2
BN6 9PJ	Underhill Lane Clayton	3
BN6		8
BN6 8		1
BN6 8J		1
RH17		1

Map indicating postcode response areas.

