

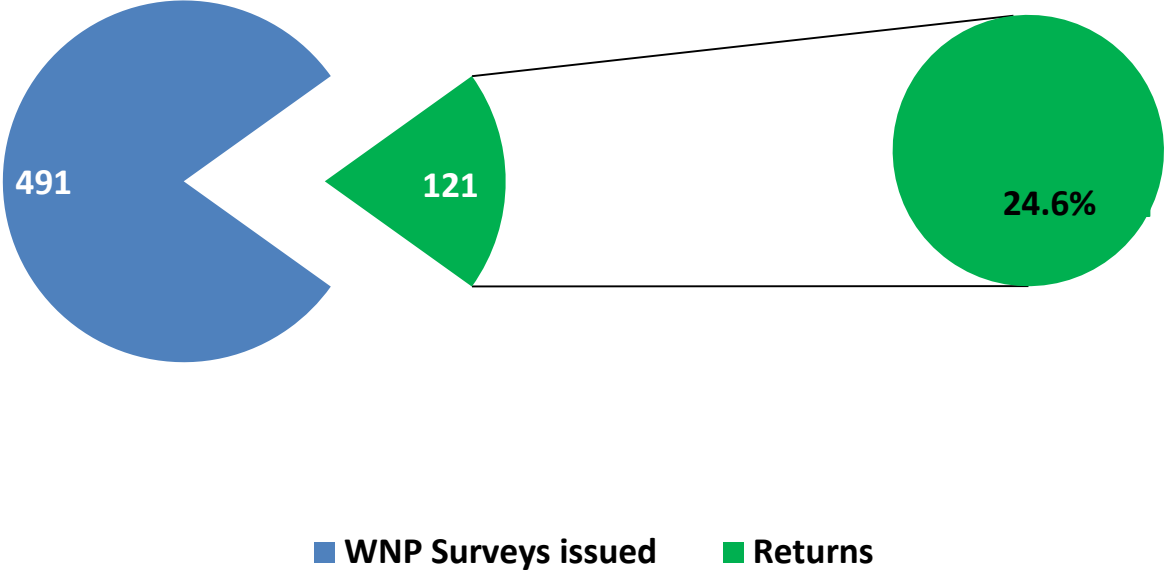


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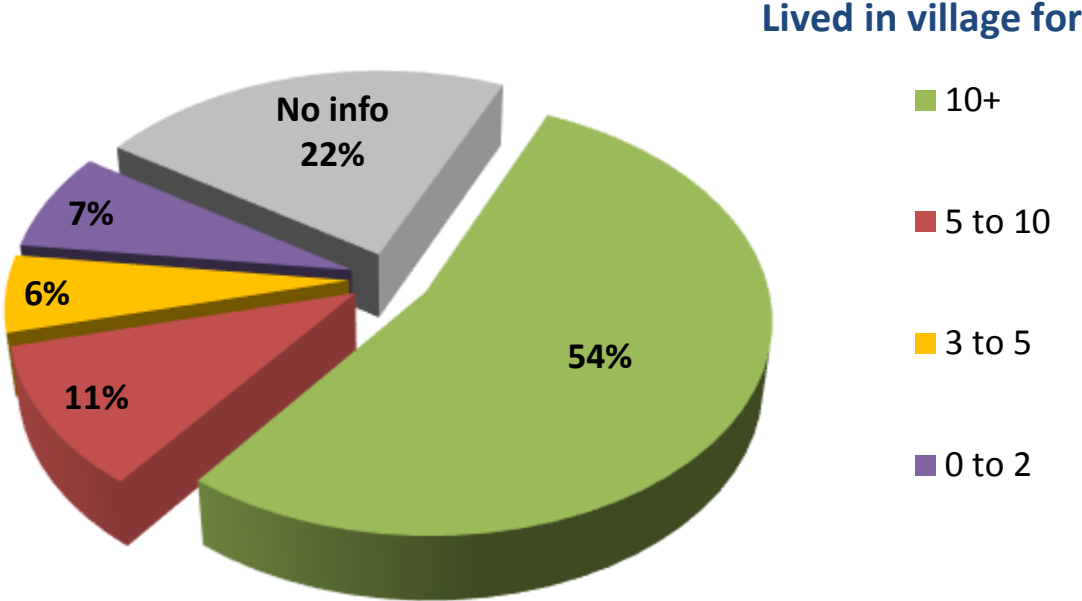
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## Response Rate



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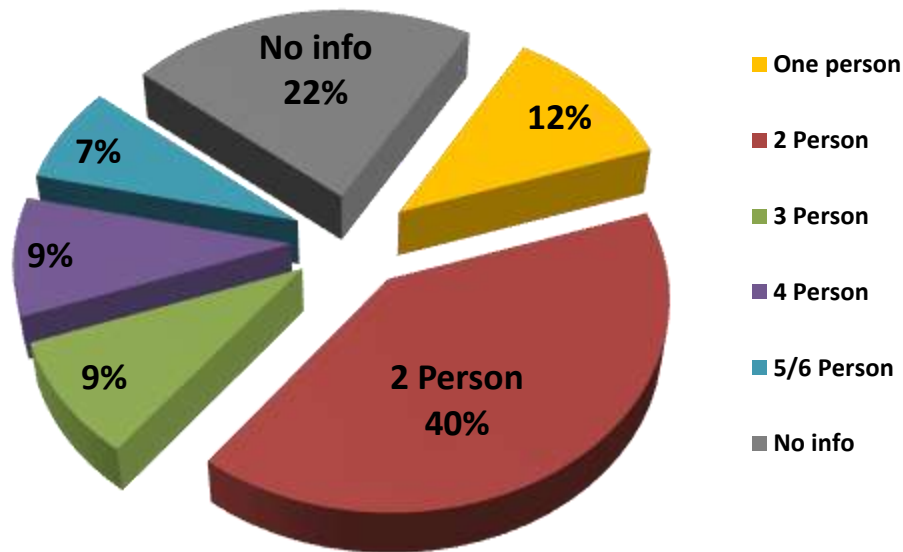
## About You: How long have you live in Welland?



*88% of respondents Own their home*

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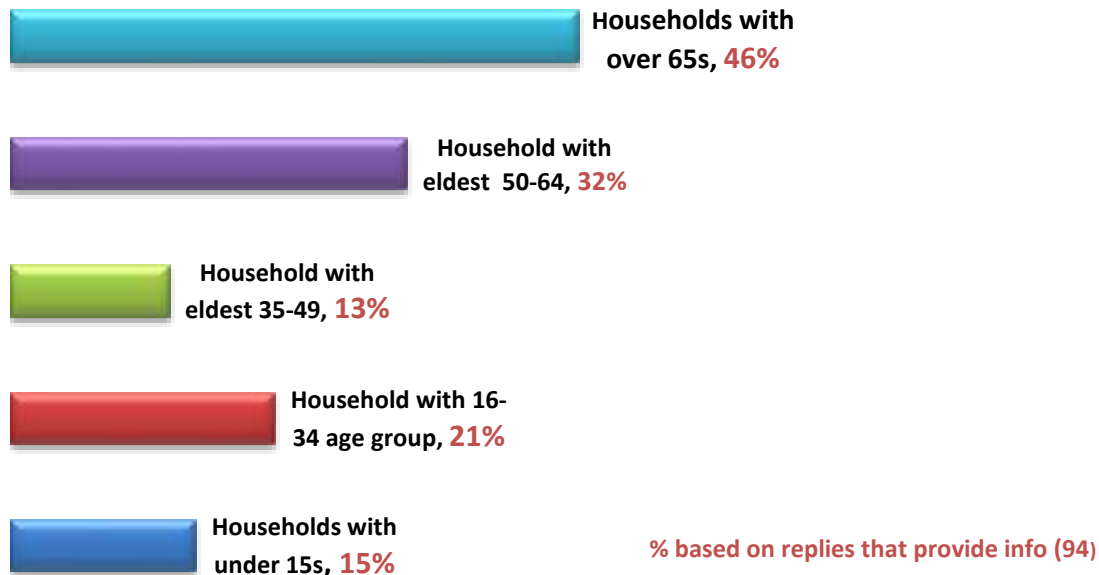
## About You: Household size



**AY2:** Number of people in your household, including you?

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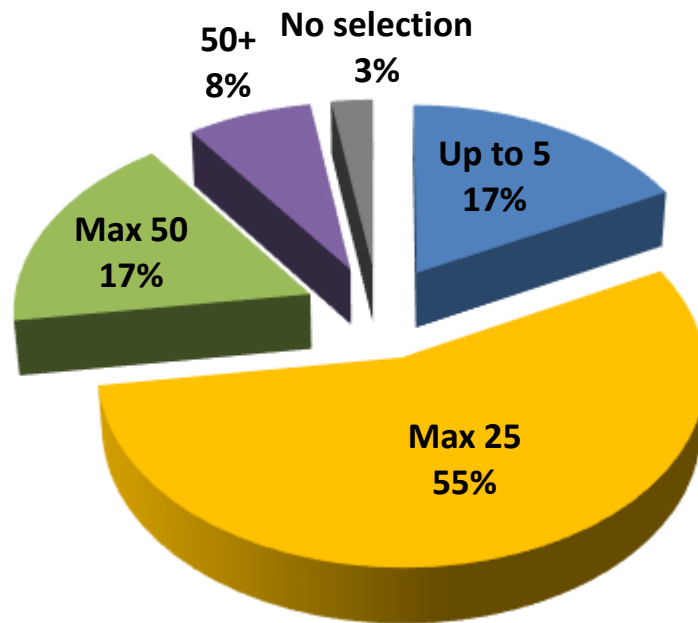
## About You: Household Age profile



**AY2:** Number of people in your household, including you, by age group

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## A1:Housing development size

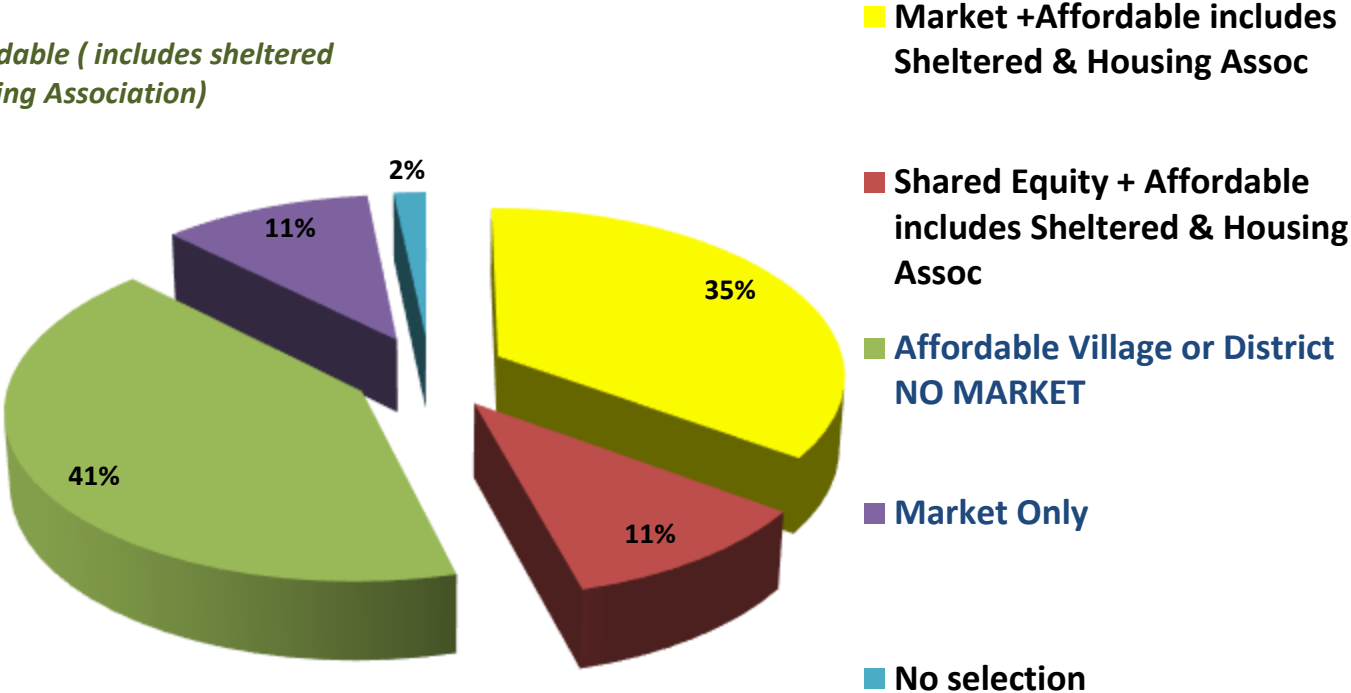


**A1:What size of housing development schemes in Welland should be given priority between now and 2030?**

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## A2: Type of housing

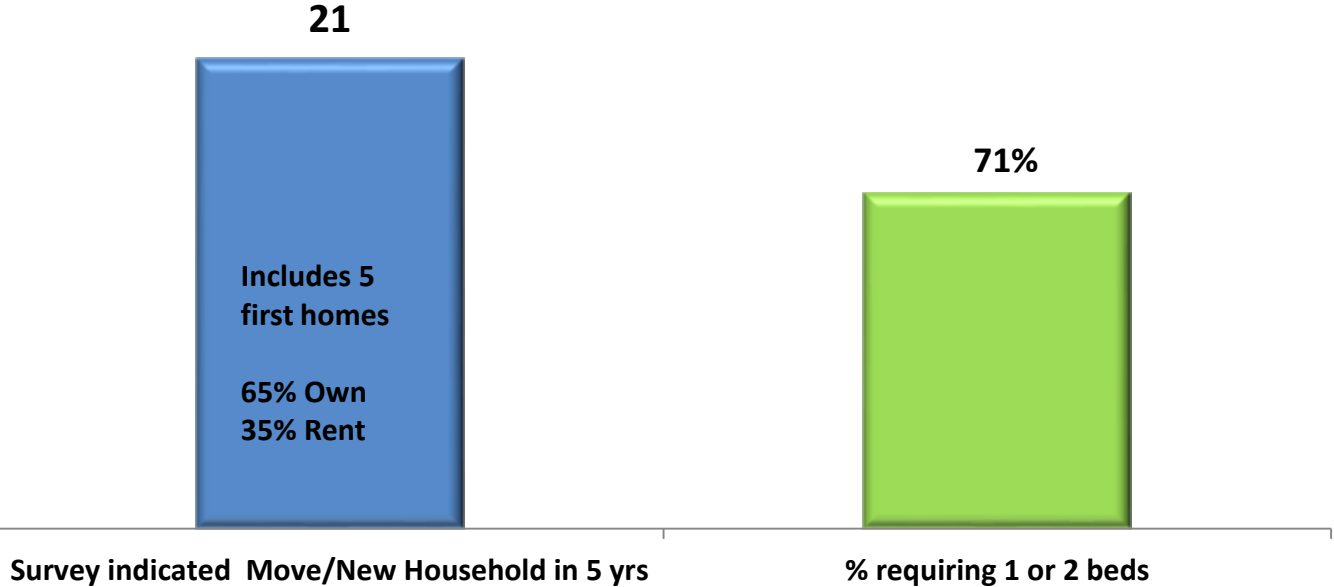
*87% for Affordable ( includes sheltered and, or Housing Association)*



**A2: What type of homes should be given priority? ( tick those that you think are most important**

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## Move/New Households in next 5 years - Welland

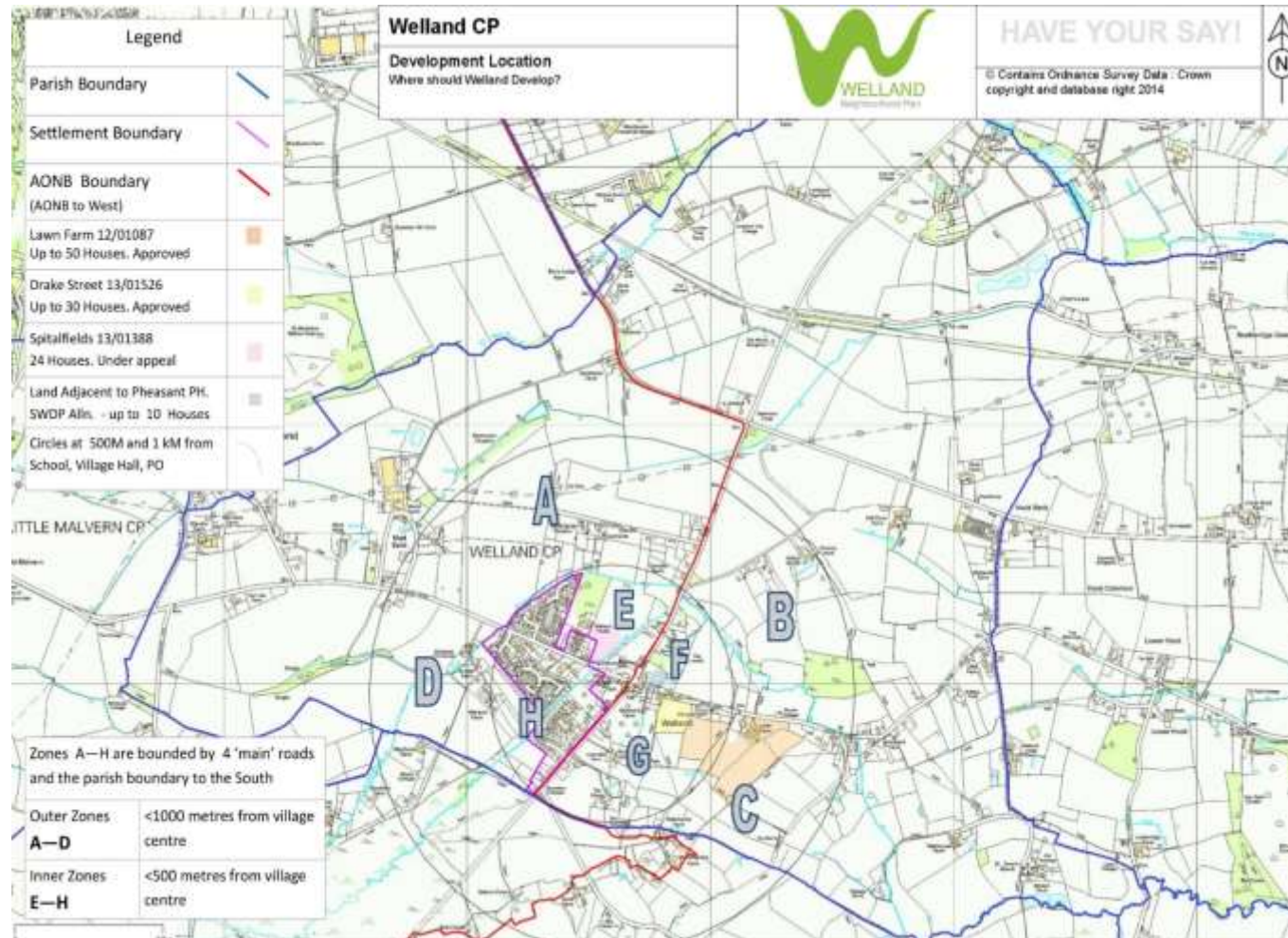


**Part 2 HN: Do you or a member of your household need a bigger/smaller home in the next 5 years? (selecting within Welland Parish)**



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## A3: New Housing – which locations?

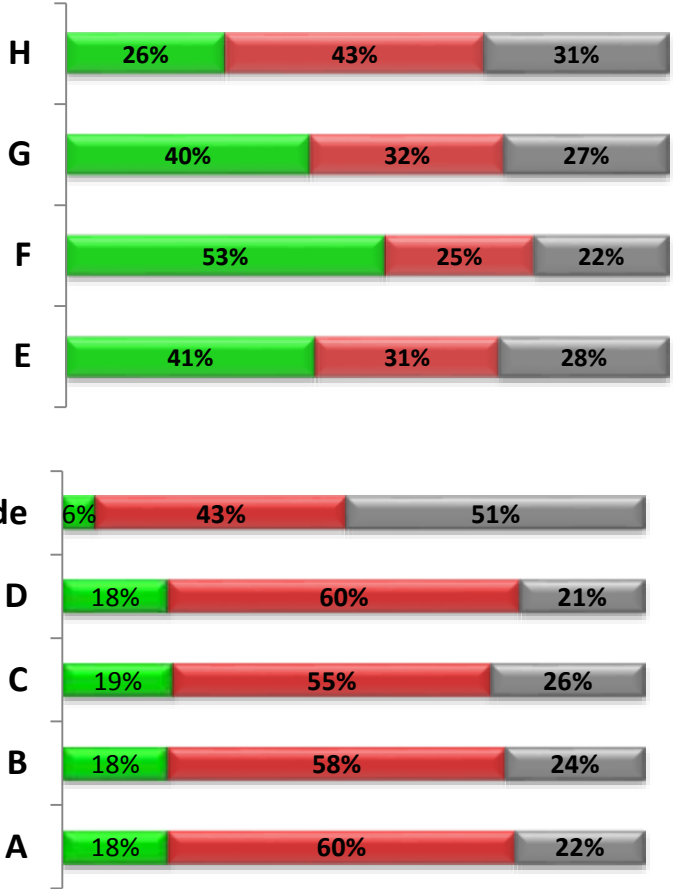


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## A3: Zones suitable for development

Preferred sites  
(suitable for development)

Sites  
unsuitable for development



### A3: Which locations do you think are suitable for new housing ?

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## A4 & 5 Housing Comments

In the Housing comments sections A4 and A5, respondents expressed their views about the suitability for development of particular zones and about housing development in general. Those 150 comments can be grouped into a number of broad topics, some of which overlap.

Key Topic	No Comments
The scale and quantum of new housing development	47
The number of houses approved already; the need for more -	17
Where should development take place	42
Encroachment of building on landscape, open countryside and the AONB:-	41
Discouraging sprawl; keeping development close to the heart of the village and helping accessibility to services.	37
The adequacy and development of infrastructure in and around the village:-	21
What sort of housing? How big, what sort of tenure, what design features?	15
The look and feel of the village; would it be put at risk by development:-	16

**A4: If you marked 'No' ( to a zone) please let us know why the are is not suitable for new housing**

**A5: The space is for any other comments of housing. If you think that no new houses of any sort should be built in Welland over the next 15 years please say so here**

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## A4 & 5 Housing Comments- Scale of Development

### The scale and quantum of new housing development

There were many comments supporting the choices of residents on the preferred maximum size of Future developments: -

- *New housing up to 25 houses is required but no more. We do not have the infrastructure to cope.*
- *Infill the small areas (like the old garage) is fine, extending in the envelope, like the Pheasant site, also enhances not destroys.*
- *Sensitive small developments allow for natural growth of the village, not the large scale developments approved/proposed in recent weeks, particularly identical mass-production housing*
- *Eco development should surely be given preference & reiterate the importance of small scale*
- *Small developments in areas already containing housing make far more sense.*
- *Infill should be considered. Small developments of the type in Chapmans Orchards Hanley Swan.*
- *The village needs to house new generations in affordable or housing association dwellings of 2 to 4 bedrooms*

Many also commented on the cumulative scale of housing development in the village:-

- *Do we need any more than 114 that are already in the pipeline? This already means a 20% increase in the size of the village, that surely is enough.*
- *The proposed housing & the Pheasant should be enough for 15 years*
- *I don't think Welland would benefit from new housing as the amount of housing being proposed is likely to more than double the current population without considering turning Welland into a town, does not have the amenities or the infrastructure to support such an increase*

***Also see related Key Concerns: C5 Drainage and D4 Road Safety***

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## A4 & 5 Housing Comments- Number of Houses

**The number of houses approved already; the need for more.**

Only one respondent suggested that there are enough houses now and one more expressed a view that may be more widely held but, if so, has not emerged from the data collected.

- *We would prefer there is no building but realise that this is perhaps selfish and untenable view.*

Only 17 people commented that sufficient houses were in the pipeline

- *Permission has already been granted for at least 80 new homes in Welland. This figure is likely to rise significantly if developers maximise the number of units built on the land they have purchased. On appeal the land off Marlbank Road will also be given over to developers to build new houses. So it is likely that somewhere between 104 and 250 new houses will be built in Welland in the next 3 to 4 years. Why do we want or need any more?*

Only 2 respondents advocated more housing without qualification:

- *We definitely need more housing in Welland. There are many young families who would love to live here. The school needs more 'village children' and the pre-school needs more local children. We have a good bus service that is always in jeopardy and a great doctors' surgery which is losing significant funding. More families using these amenities would help secure their future. It would ensure Welland thrived and didn't die.*
- *We need more housing*

The majority of comment acknowledged that there would be continuing development and sought to suggest a framework that could be useful in directing that development for the benefit of the village.

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## A4 & 5 Housing Comments – Place of Development

### Where should development take place?

- There were many statements in support of the choices expressed in section A3 which expressed a strong preference for development locations within 500 metres of the Parish Hall. Comments are collected into two groups, the first concerned with encroachment into the countryside and the second with the 'shape' of the village.

#### **Encroachment of building on landscape, open countryside and the AONB**

- Of the 41 comments concerning landscape and countryside, 14 referred specifically to the AONB. All 14 considered that zones A and D were unsuitable while 3 were undecided about E and H and 6 more thought that both E and H were suitable zones for development.
- A,B,C,D, Unsuitable Open Countryside
- It is agricultural / countryside land
- Avoidance of ribbon development which could damage the natural beauty of the area and just 'individual' houses would not address the housing needs
- A & D These are areas of outstanding natural beauty
- New houses are needed but should be concentrated around the village to limit the spread into the beautiful countryside which is one of the assets of the area

#### **Discouraging sprawl; keeping development close to the heart of the village and helping accessibility to services.**

- There was a significant weight of comment advocating the maintenance of settlement boundaries, minimising the spread of development in principle and ensuring convenient access to village amenities in support of the preference for locating future development close to the 'centre of the village.
- Outside settlement boundary
- New housing should be within or contiguous with existing village envelope so that village centre is accessible on foot.
- Huge village sprawl which would take away from our village center & feeling of community
- Village should grow from centre
- E & H should be developed it tidily fills in the other areas developed in a neat and tidy manner
- Development should be within the inner zone before other development takes place in the outer zone. This does not mean all land within the inner zone should be developed. The orchard land next to the Church (Zone G) should be preserved along with the playing fields
- A&H are inside the AONB and have been little spoilt so far. B&C remain rural at present. Better that development is nucleated rather than spread out. Easier to provide services.

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## A4 & 5 Housing Comments - Infrastructure

### **The adequacy and development of infrastructure in and around the village**

Several comments asserted that elements of infrastructure such as roads and transport and services like schools were inadequate to support substantial population growth. Some comments suggested that housing development should therefore be constrained, others highlighted the need to enhance the infrastructure to support future growth. The traffic impact was a particular concern that was highlighted in section D

- We currently have over 15% agreed. There is no gas, suitable shop. No garage and threatened bus service.
- If the village does grow as indicated there will need to be expansion of the school and other support services. Also will infrastructure be able to cope?
- Until drainage and sewerage problems are dealt with extra housing will cause considerable problems
- This is a rural area and as such the infrastructure of this village cannot support excessive housing estates. Where will people work in this area? The roads would not take the additional traffic. For every house multiply that by two for vehicles
- If new houses are built then we need more shops and amenities
- The provision of adequate roads; services etc must NOT be overlooked

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## A4 & 5 Housing Comments - Type/Design of Development

### **What sort of housing? How big, what sort of tenure, what design features?**

While not representing the clear expression of Housing Need that may come from Part 2 of the survey, several comments in this section provide a qualitative insight into the ideas of the respondents. In particular, the expressed requirement for smaller homes is a recurring theme.

- If new houses are built then we need more shops and amenities. Housing for locals to downsize and rentable housing for elderly and first time buyers
- Would like to see subsidised/sheltered housing for local people including the elderly.
- The village needs to house new generations in affordable or housing association dwellings of 2 to 4 bedrooms. The development of executive detached houses does little to provide affordable living in order for the village to thrive
- Any future development should be in the form of sheltered housing there is sufficient market and affordable housing being built
- Style of housing should be appropriate to the village
- No more than say 4 houses in any development to have the same architectural design
- We believe that environmentally responsible developments ( those with least impact or those which have sustainable and environmental off setting criteria) should have preference



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## A4 & 5 Housing Comments - Look and Feel

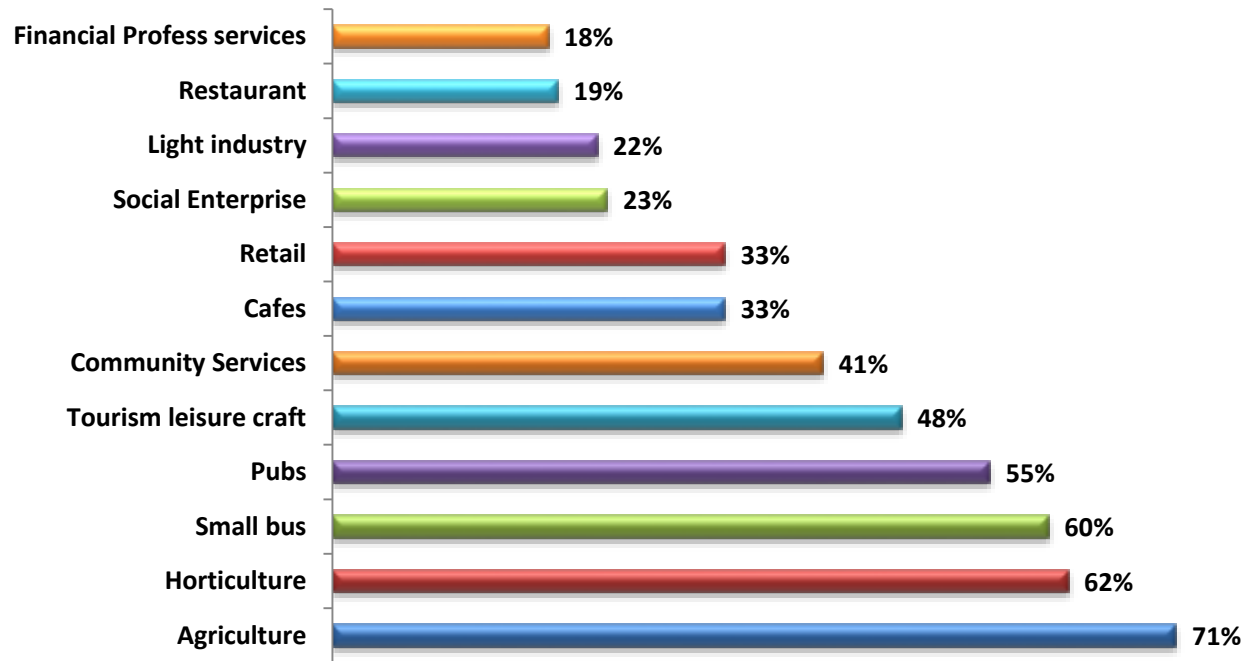
### **The look and feel of the village; would it be put at risk by housing development?**

Sixteen comments related to the look and feel of the village, most anticipating that housing development would bring a risk of some deterioration in those local assets.

- To maintain the integrity of the village and not grow into a town.
- If you keep building in the center of the village you will take away the look and feel of the village
- I think it is important to try and keep a village atmosphere, and not to turn Welland into some sort of Town
- Local demand does not appear to require over development within the boundary of this village of Welland. Residents live within this village because of offering a small community and NOT that of a town. Development seriously needs to be controlled or I fear many residents will move away this would be a great shame for this friendly community.

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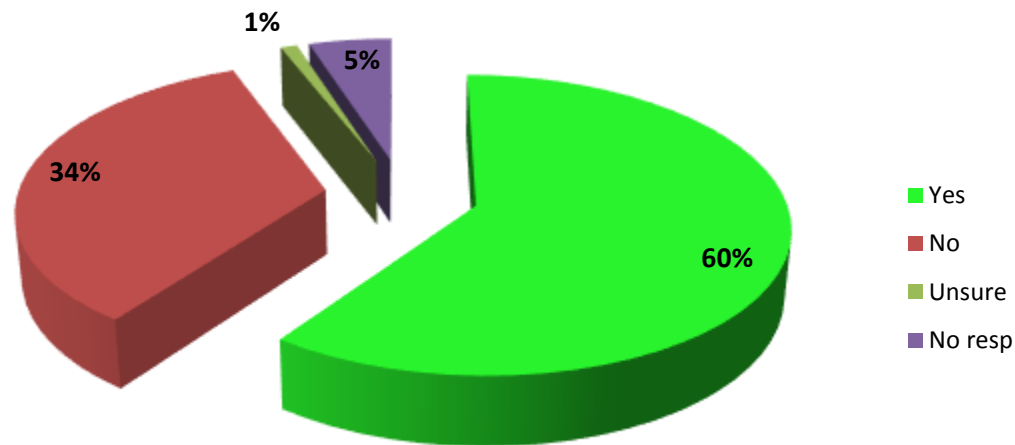
## B1 Type of employment



**B1: What types of employment should the plan encourage?  
( tick any that you would support)**

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## B2: Allocate Land for employment?



**B2: Should the Neighbourhood Plan seek to allocate land to encourage employment?**

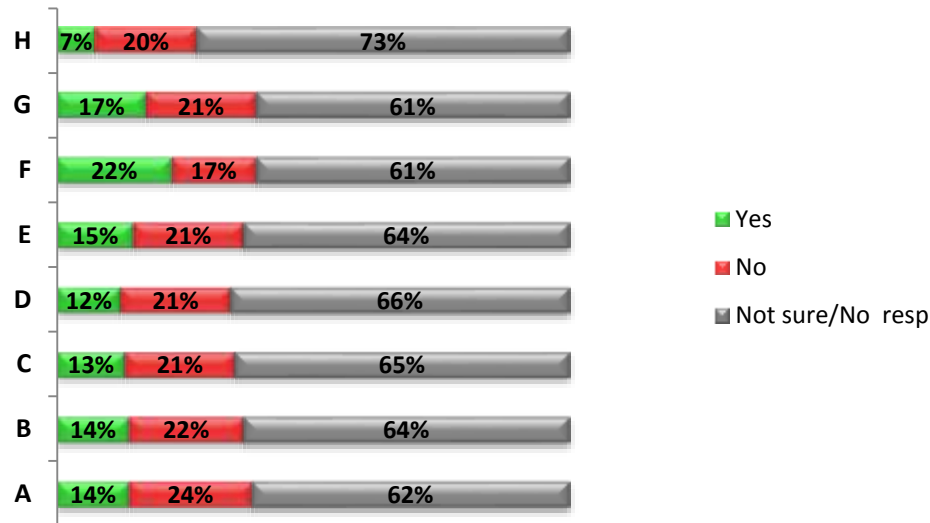
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## B3: Where should employment land be located

No consensus emerged as to where employment land should be located

(Low 'complete' response to this question e.g. High rate of "unsure/gaps" in replies)

Further investigation will be required to include this dimension in the WNP

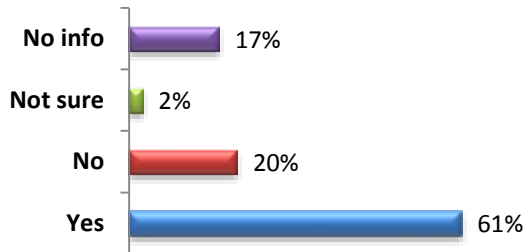


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## B4,5,6 Jobs and economy in the Parish

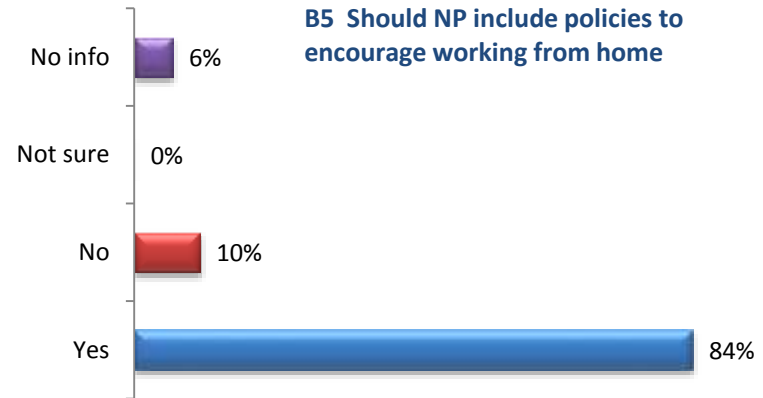
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**B4 should employment sites be protect employment sites**



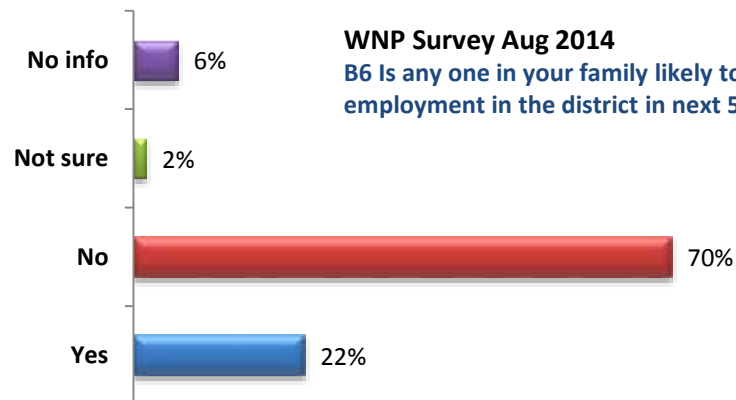
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**B5 Should NP include policies to encourage working from home**



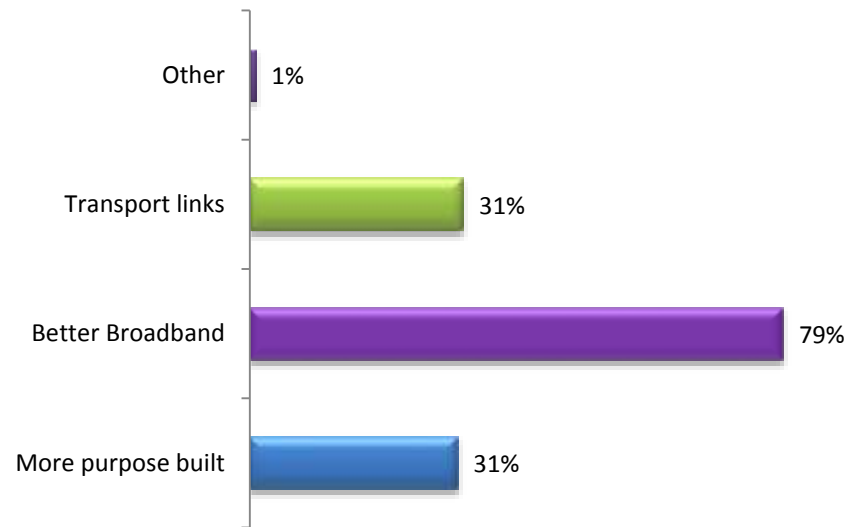
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**B6 Is any one in your family likely to seek employment in the district in next 5yrs**



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## B7 New business within Welland



### B7: What would encourage new businesses to locate in Welland Parish

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## B8: comments on jobs and local economy?

In Section B8, respondents expressed their views about Jobs and the Local Economy. The comments related to the following broad and overlapping topics.

Key Topic	No Comments
That the Neighbourhood Plan should not encourage development for business	10
That the village should plan for encouraging development for employment and the local economy	28
That Small Scale business units are preferred	7
That Agriculture and Farm Diversification should be supported	4
That the economy and employment should be supported by improved mobile phone and broadband services	8
Pheasant Site development. employment units/ better shop/cafe	7

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## B8: comments on jobs and local economy?

### Encouraging Development

Only 10 respondents commented against the encouragement of business and employment opportunities, the recurring theme being the threat to the rural village feel of the locality

- *We don't want to spoil the village as it is*
- *New business are not welcome to Welland. This is a quiet village not a commercial industrial site*
- *Welland is close to major employment areas such as Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester & Malvern. The neighbourhood plan does not need to focus on employment within the Welland boundaries.*

The majority of comments in this section were, however, supportive of planning for more and improved job and commercial opportunities with emphases on:-

### The scale of development for employment and business

- *Any jobs that are created need to be in keeping with the environment (i.e., it is a small village wouldn't want big factories or that type of thing)*
- *All employment & contribution to the local economy must be encouraged providing it fits in with the existing types in the area ( i.e. small/medium)*

### The potential for farm diversification

- *On-line sales allows a variety of businesses to thrive in rural areas. Skilled artisans may be able to work within the village if the right premises were available. Could it be possible for some farms to further diversify the use of their buildings?*
- *Farm out buildings could be developed into small units as in Hanley Swan. Part of the Pheasant site could be developed similarly*

### The importance of mobile and broadband communication

- *Employment needs to be flexible and technology is growing so in a rural area like ours the technology facilities should be encouraged - clean efficient ways of working.*
- *Improved mobile phone signal*
- *Current broadband service is totally unsuitable for business*



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## B8: comments on jobs and local economy?

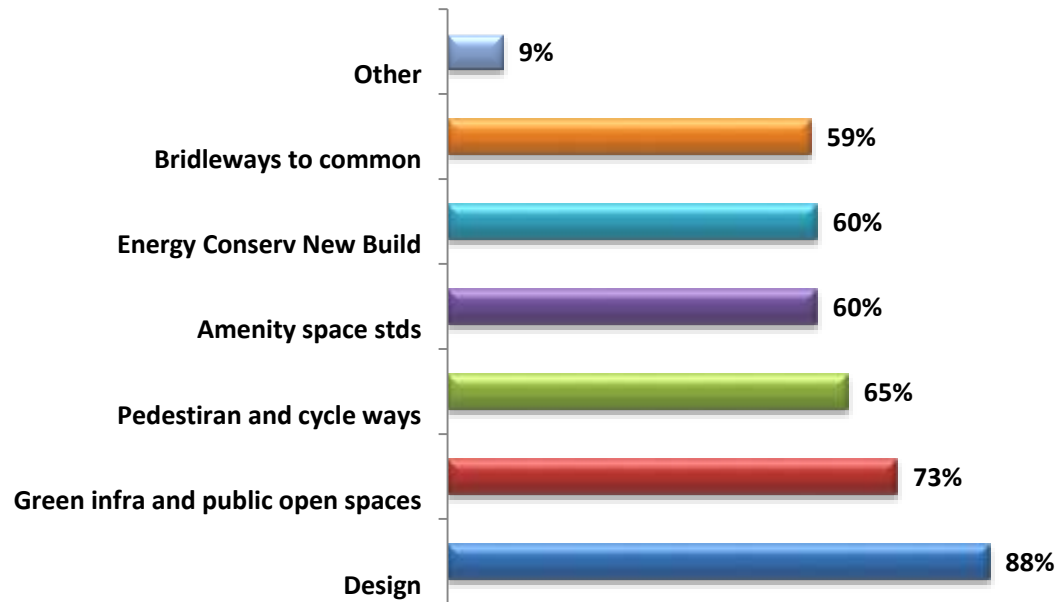
### The Pheasant

7 people took the opportunity in this Jobs and Economy section to comment on local shopping facilities and/or the future of the Pheasant

- *The village would benefit from a decent small/medium sized shop/supermarket. The 'post office' shop does not provide suitable items for a growing population.*
- *A better shop open in the evenings would be useful but would need to have parking for passing trade*
- *There is a desperate need for a public house within the village centre this would also provide employment for the villagers and provide another social area.*

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## C1 Protect & Enhance Built Environment by promoting ?



**C1: Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to protect and enhance the built environment by promoting the following? ( tick those you consider important)**

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## C1: Protect & Enhance Built Environment by promoting

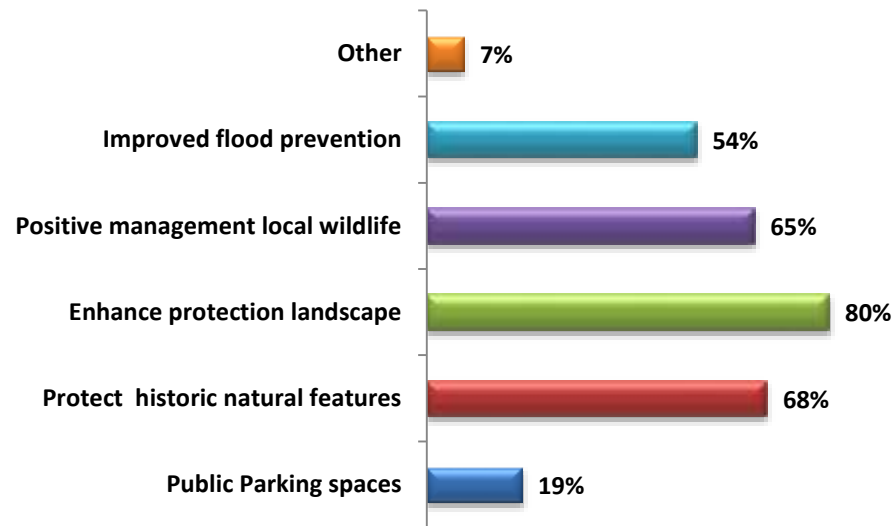
Analysis of 'Other' category

<b>Other</b> 9%	Maintain existing hedgerows
	Better pedestrian connections most important
	Zebra crossings, pavements
	Appropriate management of vehicles
	Facilities for/use of low emission vehicles esp electric cars
	Sustainable urban drainage systems
	keep the green space and open fields
	It should protect all green spaces and land
	Also water conservation / recycling
	more bus stops
	No street lighting allowed

C1: Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to protect and enhance the built environment by promoting the following? ( tick those you consider important)

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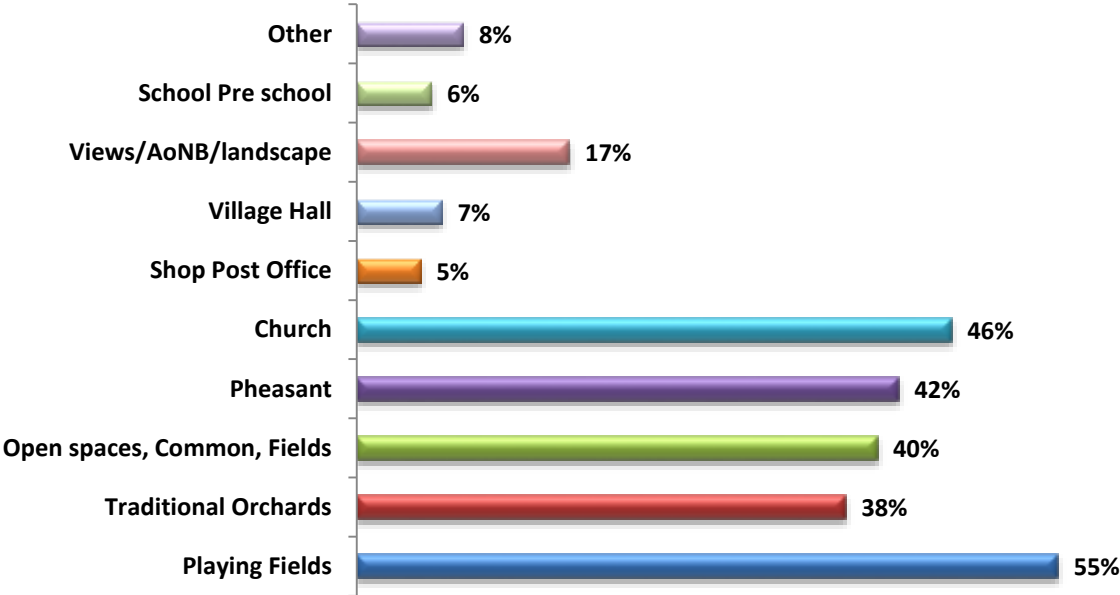
## C2 Protecting our Environment



C2: Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to promote the following. ( tick those that you consider important)

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## C3 Important buildings, spaces or views?



**C3: Are there important buildings, spaces, or views that you believe should be protected?**

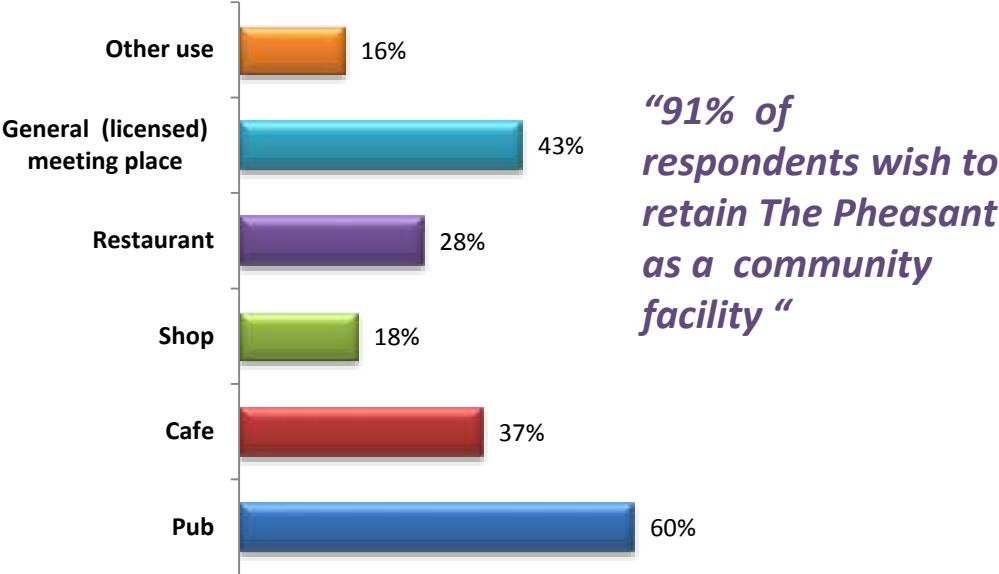
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## C3 Important buildings, spaces or views?

Other	It is important that any development does not takeaway any of the natural village environment
	,hedges, woods/trees
	All areas of the village as it should be protected. The current situation with the Pheasant should be avoided in future if possible. We are fortunate that the land has not been vandalised or invaded by travellers
	Marlbank pub Garage
	Little Malvern Priory. The appearance and feel of drake st, windy road + pretty houses. Marlbank rd, the beautiful cornfields going up the hill towards Little Malvern
	Lawn Farm's land
	The village as a whole should be protected in the way it looks, The views kept as they are, we are lucky to have such amazing views, why spoil that. WE SHOULD WANT TO STAY AS A VILLAGE NOT STRIVE TO BECOME A TOWN
	cemetery
	Would have like to have kept the Pheasant but I think its is now beyond saving. No Longer a loss to the community
	Pursers orchards next to church ALL land that has not already had planning permission for building

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## C4 What community facility at the Pheasant?



**C4: The SWDP proposes developing part of the Pheasant site for housing while retaining the historic building as a community asset. What community facility at the Pheasant would benefit the village?**

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## C5: Protecting the environment

In Section C5, 38 respondents expressed their views about Protecting the Environment. The comments related to the following broad and overlapping topics

Key Topics	No Comments
Preserving Open Spaces	12
Managing Flood Risk	16
Minimise Light Pollution	2
Remove Street Clutter	2



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## C5: Protecting the environment

### Preserving Open Spaces

Respondents expressed concerns and suggestions for the maintenance and promotion of green, open spaces for reasons of biodiversity, landscape and recreational amenity.

- *The vistas around the Church and approaches to the village and out of the village towards the hills need protecting*
- *If the remaining green spaces are not protected Welland will become even more a small dormitory town*
- *We should just want to protect a lovely part of the country we live in*
- *No sites which are important for wildlife such as semi-improved or unimproved grasslands, orchards etc. should be developed*
- *Open spaces on approved housing schemes to be owned and managed by the Parish Council with funds provided by householders.*

### Flooding and Drainage

More specific comment was recorded about flooding and drainage.

- *Ensure that housing development design plans have a robust approach to flood prevention and any knock on impacts on the wider drainage & sewerage systems within the village*
- *Flood prevention is key in this area especially taking care not to increase run off into the Marlbrook and its tributary*
- *As the village potentially develops flood prevention and drainage will no doubt need to improve*

### Lighting

Comments in favour of no street lighting appeared here as in other sections

- *Ensure light pollution is kept to a minimum*

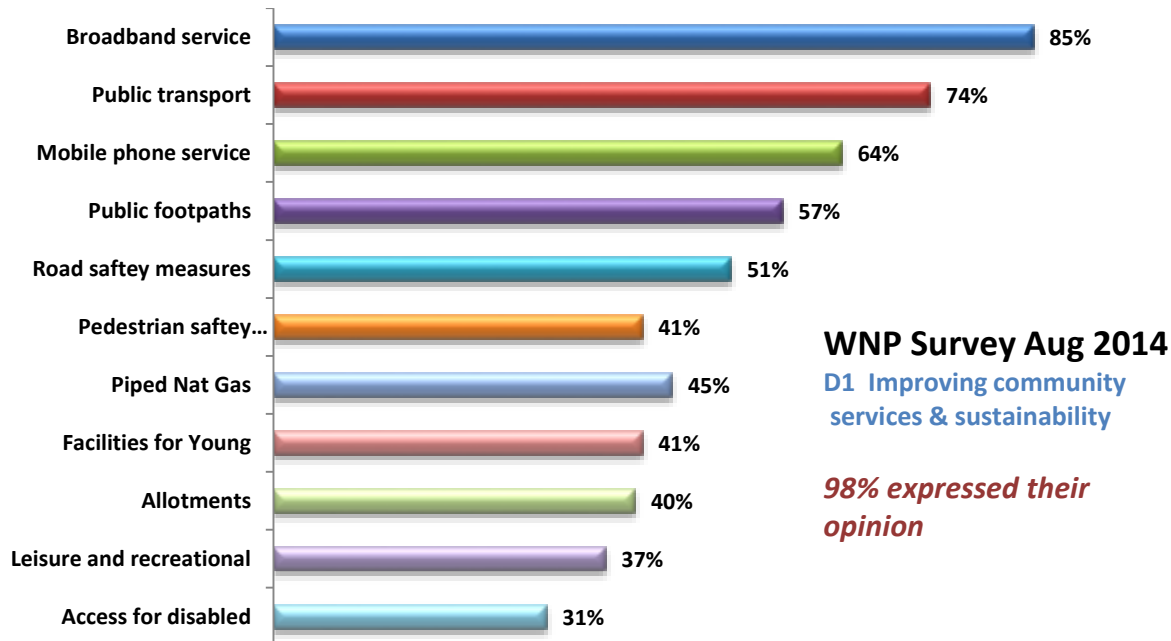
### Road Clutter

Two respondents commented about street furniture

- *No urban street furniture e.g. Bus stops, speed bumps, traffic lights, street lights.*
- *Removal of any unnecessary road signs which have resulted in visual blight throughout the village*

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## D1 Improving community services and sustainability



DI: Which of the following do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should aim to encourage?

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## D2: Leisure and recreation facilities

In Section D2, 39 respondents expressed their views about Leisure and Recreation Facilities. The comments related to the following broad and overlapping topics.

Key Topics	No Comments
More facilities should be provided	12
Preserve and maintain what we have	13
Footpaths, Bridleways and safe access	4

**D2: If you think that better leisure facilities ( for example green spaces, sports and play areas etc) are needed , please tell us how and where this could be achieved?**

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## D2: Leisure and recreation facilities

### More and Improved Sports Facilities

Respondents suggested enhancements to present facilities such as a skate park, updated play equipment and a climbing wall while others proposed a wide range of additional sports facilities such as:-

- Tennis Courts
- Bowling Green
- Cricket Pitch
- Fitness Centre
- Swimming Pool

Several respondents linked the funding of facilities to housing developers' obligations

- *106 money to incorporate facilities to be built at same time as the developments ( small fitness center for example)*
- *Skate park could be added on part of the pavilion playing field*
- *The field behind Spitalfields would be a great addition to Welland Junior football club*
- *A green space for sports ( may be tennis) could be incorporated into the Lawn Farm development*

### Maintain what exists

Several respondents commented that Leisure and Recreation facilities were adequate now but a number emphasised the need for ongoing maintenance.

- ***We feel with the open space all around and the sports field it is an adequate amount of space***
- *Current leisure and recreational facilities meet the needs of the village, If public transport were improved facilities in Malvern could be more accessible for all*
- *Maintain playing fields as now but encourage wider use and more diverse activities*

### Footpaths, Bridleways and safe access

Four respondents proposed improvements in safe access facilities.

- *Good footpaths & footways. Cycle routes and Bridle ways to improve access to all parts of the village and existing facilities*
- *Creating a green/wildlife corridor through the Lawn Farm & Old Post Office development to link with the area around the Church making this safe for children to use as a play area / route to the school*

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## D3: Facilities for the Young

In Section D3, 31 respondents expressed their views about Facilities for the Young. The comments related to the following broad and overlapping topics.

Key Topics	No Comments
A Youth Club	9
Further Consultation	4
Play Facilities	6
Transport	3

**D3: If facilities for the young need improving say how and where this could be achieved**

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## D3: Facilities for the Young

### Further Consultation

Several respondents expressed the view that young people should be consulted on their preferences

### A Youth Club

Respondents suggested the need for a youth club that could be arranged at the village hall or as part of the Pheasant development or indeed at a new location.

Several respondents linked the funding of facilities to housing developers' obligations

- *The Pheasant - A Youth club once a week Pool, Table Tennis, Darts etc.*
- *Dedicated youth building may be with help from YMCA*
- *A youth club at the village Hall*
- *The Church holds many events for children throughout the holidays. Perhaps the Pheasant reopened could incorporate something similar there.*
- *Again use 106 money from housing developments to build something where young people can go ( youth centre )*

### Play Facilities

A number of respondents restricted their comments to considering play areas for younger children

- *A new playground area, updated with safer equipment & to be maintained properly in the existing position next to the Welland primary*

### Transport

Three respondents commented on the continuing need for transport to other centres of leisure and education.

- *Realistically most young people want to travel to larger towns and cities for their recreation*

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## D4: Road Safety and road traffic

In Section D4, more than half of respondents (68) expressed views about Road Safety and Road Traffic. Outside of the section on housing, comments on road safety and traffic substantially outweighed all other topics. The comments related to the following broad and overlapping areas.

Key Topics	No Comments
Concerns about safety / vehicle speed	48
Speed Limits and Enforcement	30
Other Speed Management Techniques	18
Pedestrian Crossings, Footways and cycle paths	14
Improve Parking Behaviour	7
Traffic Volume and Flow	6

**D4: If you consider road safety and road traffic in Welland a concern what would you suggest the Plan should do to improve the situation**

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## D4: Road Safety and road traffic

### Concerns about Safety / Vehicle Speed

A large majority of the comments concerned suggestions for reducing the speed of vehicle passing through the village, primarily as a safety strategy

- 30 responses suggested reducing speed limits and or intensifying enforcement activity
- *20 mph speed limit in village centre, particularly if expansion takes place, to ensure children are able to walk/cycle safely to school*
- *Reducing the speed limit from 30 to 20 mph and regular police patrols*
- *Average speed camera system between entry and exit points of the village*
- *Speed limits vigorous enforcement round the clock*

18 responses proposed other traffic slowing strategies including chicanes, speed bumps, active signs, cattle grids and visual calming features.

- *Vital: sleeping policemen on Drake Street: Road narrows on Gloucester Rd*
- *Speed bumps on roads into the village, esp off castlemorton common*
- *Traffic calming solar powered speed indicator signs work well; 'gate' to give visual effect & slows traffic etc. - Cotswold villages are expert at this.*
- *Village friendly traffic calming such as trees to reduce forward visibility and green build outs*
- *Flashing 30 mph signs on all routes coming into the village*
- *Chicanes at all four entrances of the village to slow traffic down*



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## D4: Road Safety and road traffic

### **Pedestrian Crossings Footways and Cycle Paths**

13 people advocated improvements to footways and the introduction of cycle paths in addition to crossing facilities adjacent to the village hall and the school. Several comments included proposals for funding from housing developments for this purpose

- *A pedestrian crossing outside the school and between church and village hall*
- *Better separation of pedestrian & bike traffic from cars/lorries*
- *Maintain and create appropriate footpaths e.g. Re developments*
- *As there is increasing development to the east of the village a crossing over the Gloucester Road towards the school , village hall, playing fields will be necessary*

### **Improve Parking Behaviour**

Suggestions for restricting parking and for providing more parking to avoid road and footway congestion came from 7 respondents.

- *Parking on pavements is a problem i.e., prams and wheelchairs*
- *Double yellow lines outside the post office to reduce the danger of parked cars to oncoming traffic*
- *Enlarge car parking areas or additional spaces to ensure parking standards improved around village hall/fields*

### **Traffic Volume and Flow**

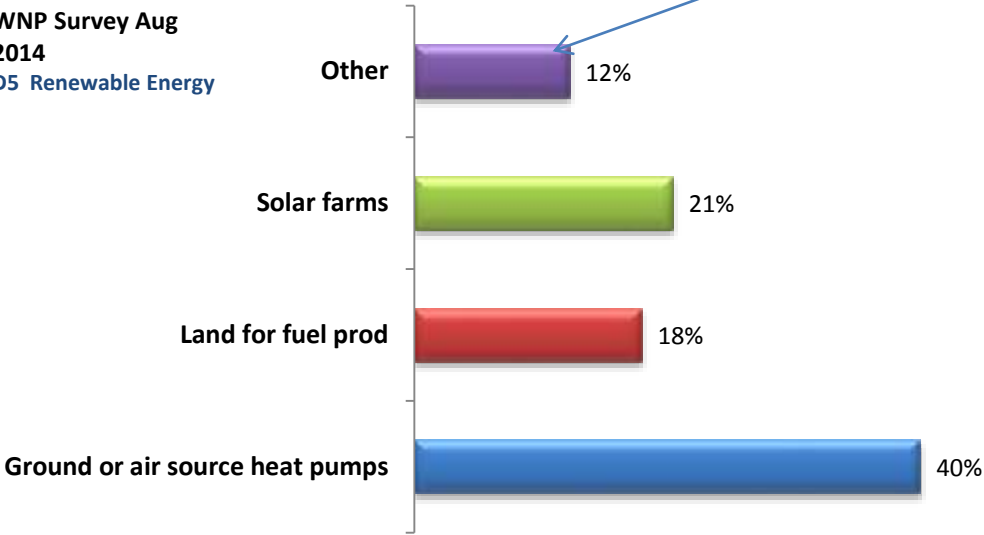
Only 6 of the comments concerned traffic volume and congestion; it seems that the additional traffic from housing developments is perceived more of a safety hazard than an inconvenience

- *Limit amount of housing so as not to increase traffic greatly*
- *Stagger Danemoor cross roads or install roundabout / traffic lights*
- *Welland's roads are particularly busy when anything is on at the Three Countries. Also animals, sheep cows and Tractors add to this. More traffic would make this unbearable.*

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## D5 Renewable energy

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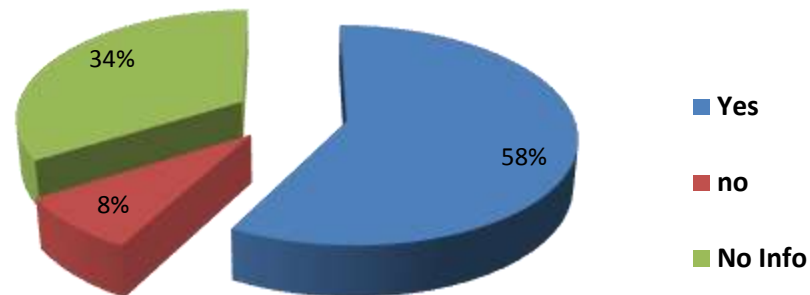


no solar farms
Wind turbine if it was suitable amount of wind
Collecting & storing methane gas from sewage farm
Solar Roof Panels
Air P - not viable economically: insufficient land(biomass) Solar Farms Where?
Other: individuals can have solar panels BUT house owners should benefit from the fit not just the day to ay electricity
Mandate community heating for any development over 5 properties

**D5: Which of the following ways of producing renewable energy should the plan encourage?**

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## D6 Garden Share?



**D6 Should the Plan aim to encourage Garden sharing?**

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## D7: Sustainable community – what it means to You

In Section D7, almost half of respondents (52) expressed views in response to the question “What does a Sustainable Community means to you?” The comments related to the following broad and overlapping areas.

Key Topics	No Comments
A community that grows with an appropriate balance of housing and amenities.	14
A community that is adaptable to an evolving mix of generations and origins in the population.	15
Retaining the current village/rural community scale. Resisting becoming a small town.	7
An active, inclusive and sociable community with a greater degree of self-determination in its future.	29
Energy, food production, waste and low carbon concerns	11

**D7: Can you help us by telling us what a sustainable community means to you**

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## D7: Sustainable community – what it means to You

### **A community that grows with an appropriate balance of housing and amenities.**

Most comments acknowledged the need for growth of housing in the community but were concerned that facilities and infrastructure needed to keep pace

- *A community that is in balance with its infrastructure, facilities & environment where development is led by the local community needs & wants*
- *A place with good transport links, shops to meet local needs, opportunities for employment, good schooling and a pub, leisure facilities , a place where people can interact at a social level*
- *One which can provide amenities for all age groups and that could also offer some employment*
- *Our community can only be sustainable if the number of houses in Welland is kept to present levels. We are now heading towards being a small dormitory town with minimal local facilities - certainly not sustainable*

### **A community that is adaptable to an evolving mix of generations and origins in the population.**

There was a clear acknowledgement that the community needed to be supportive to all ages and to welcome newcomers

- *One which continues to support the evolving lifestyles of its population and delivers benefits that encourage the present residents to stay and new residents to come to the village.*
- *It is a community that adapts to meet the needs of present and future residents*
- *Encouraging young families to stay in the village and having housing suitable for the elderly*
- *Community of likeminded people who want to protect what attracted them to Welland in the first place, who however, appreciate the need for sympathetic growth and development*
- *One where people of all ages can thrive and feel supported, with sufficient community facilities to add a structure to village life.*

### **Retaining the current village/rural community scale. Resisting becoming a small town.**

A minority of comments suggested specifically that growth should be restricted but a number of respondents were concerned about the village growing into a small and under resourced town.

- *Being a small village*
- *One that is stable with a broad age range of residents but is not going into an oversized urban area*
- *It ensures continuation of the village (not a small town).*

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## D7: Sustainable community – what it means to You

**An active, inclusive and sociable community with a greater degree of self-determination in its future.**

A substantial majority of the comments focussed on the social cohesion in a growing and vibrant community.

- *A vibrant community that involves people of all ages & backgrounds. A place where people can live work and play*
- *The village has an active and sustainable community. Encouraging new comers to help with this and , as required, set up new activity groups with villagers*
- *We need to move away from being a dormitory village where people just 'live' in their houses*
- *Getting people involved in local things bring the villagers together more*
- *Encouraging neighbours to mix with others. A scheme where younger villagers are encouraged to support older villagers in whatever way needed. Too many people keep themselves to themselves!*
- *Being able to make own decisions on planning, houses etc.*

**Energy, food production, waste and low carbon concerns.**

Some comment concentrated on environmental sustainability.

- *Energy, food production, waste and low carbon concerns*
- *We should be aiming for zero-carbon development through photovoltaic, ground/air source pumps and design which prioritises insulation and environmental impact.*
- *Utilisation of new technologies e.g., heat pumps, grey water etc. on new builds*
- *The community should be producing as much food and energy as possible within its boundaries for consumption by the community*

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## F1: ...And Finally, Comments

Section F7 invited other comments from respondents and was understandably unstructured. Some 45 comments were registered, many of which covered the topics of previous sections which have been reported separately. Noteworthy topics from the F7 responses included:-

### The Neighbourhood Plan Process

Some comments, including one concerning waste paper, commented on the Neighbourhood Plan process and the survey.

- *Although many object to new housing developments this does not help when they eventually go ahead. Placing effort into strategy like this is of great benefit as it can help shape the areas into ones all the residents can enjoy.*
- *This survey has been produced "after the horse has bolted"; it should have been done much sooner*
- *We feel that it is probably a waste of time asking us to fill forms in that will likely not have a chance of influencing the outcome of developers ideals and wants and that of the broader councils e.g., district and county*
- *More consultation with successful enterprises and experts*

### Infrastructure and funding

Several comments re-enforced the linkage between new housing and infrastructure.

- *These developments obviously bring more people so the developers must play a part in local infrastructure. (School, local shops, Nature reserves/areas, phones/broadband/gas/etc.)*

### Safety Concerns

- *Policing - community support visible*
- *Street Lighting - solar powered - for safety.*

### Economy / Tourism

- *Would the village consider building an area for camper vans to park? These are very popular in France and attract a lot of business to the local pubs/cafes/shops*

### Housing

One comment raised an option that had not been included in the Housing section

- *More Mobile Home residential sites*

**F1: Please use the space if you have any further comments about anything that has not been covered in the survey and please feel free to enclose any other documents or information we should consider**

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## Contact Permissions

	Permission + Contact details	Permission No Part 2	Contact details no permission
MHDC	5	1	5
Updates	35		5
Prize Draw	34		5
Volunteer	4		5

CD1: Please tick if you are providing contact details and are giving permission to the Welland Neighbourhood Plan steering group



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