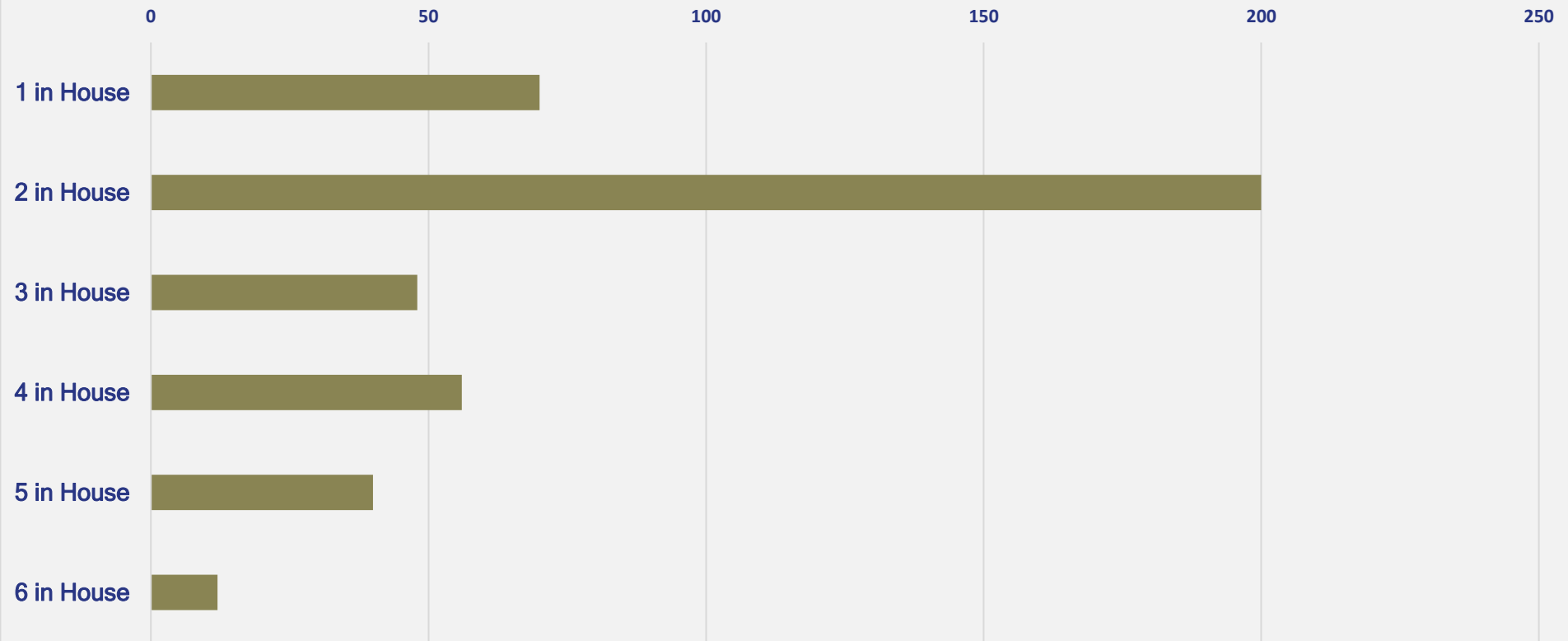
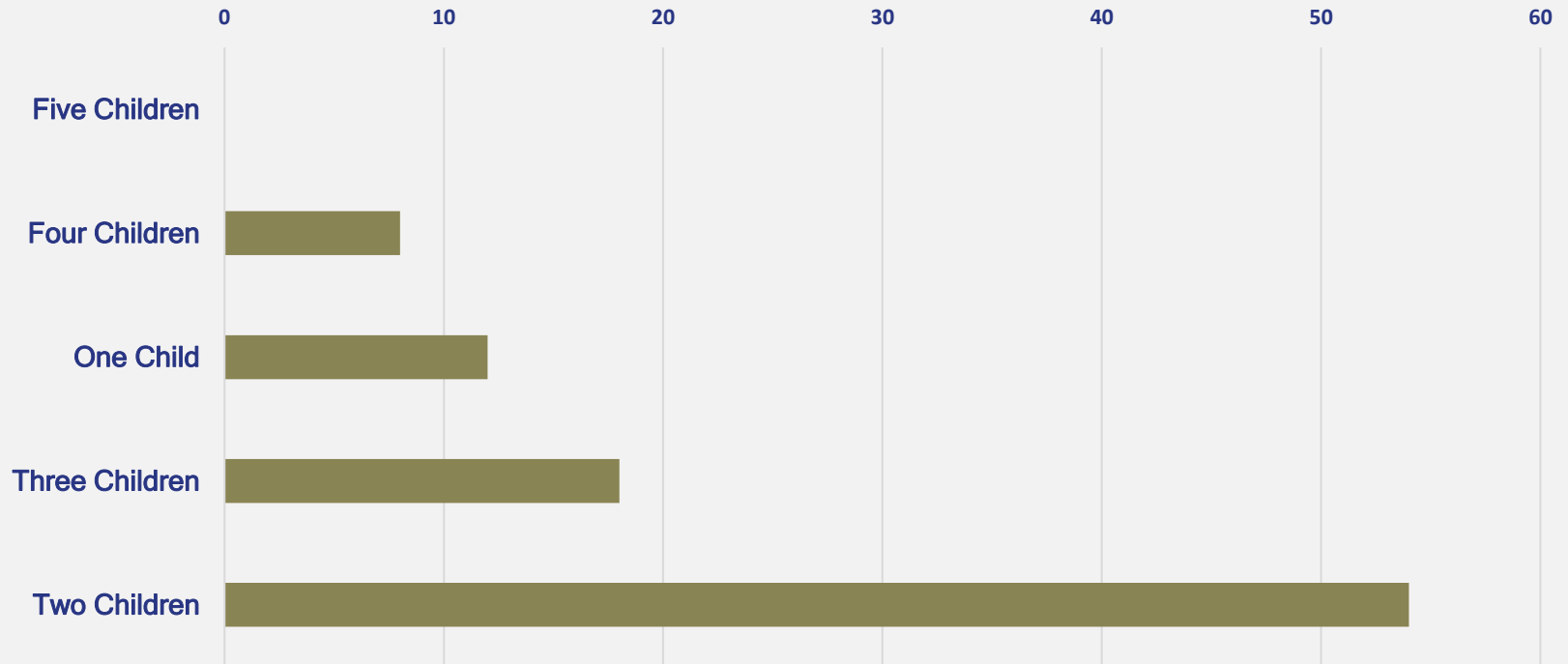


Number of people in the house (14 years or older)



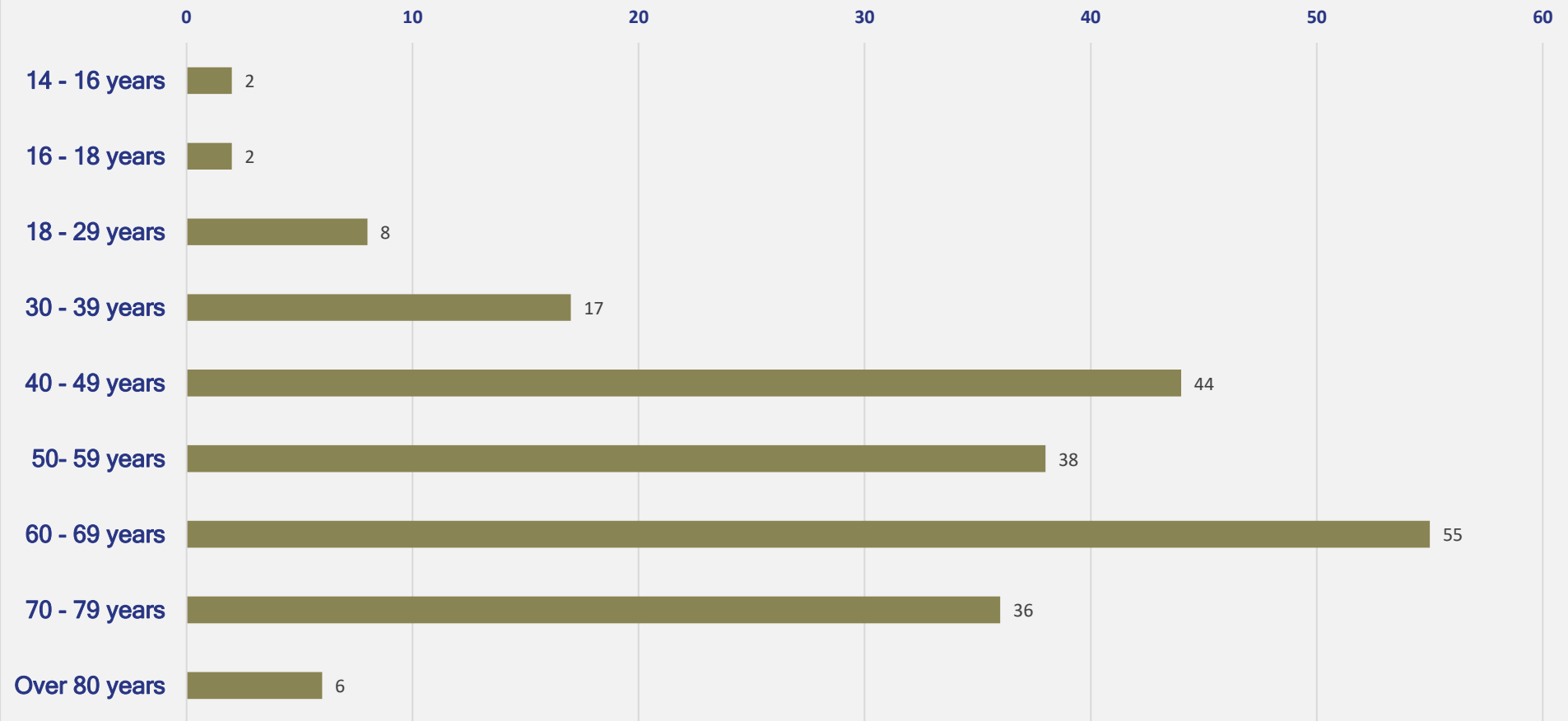
NUMBERS AT HOME

Number of children in the house (under 14 years)



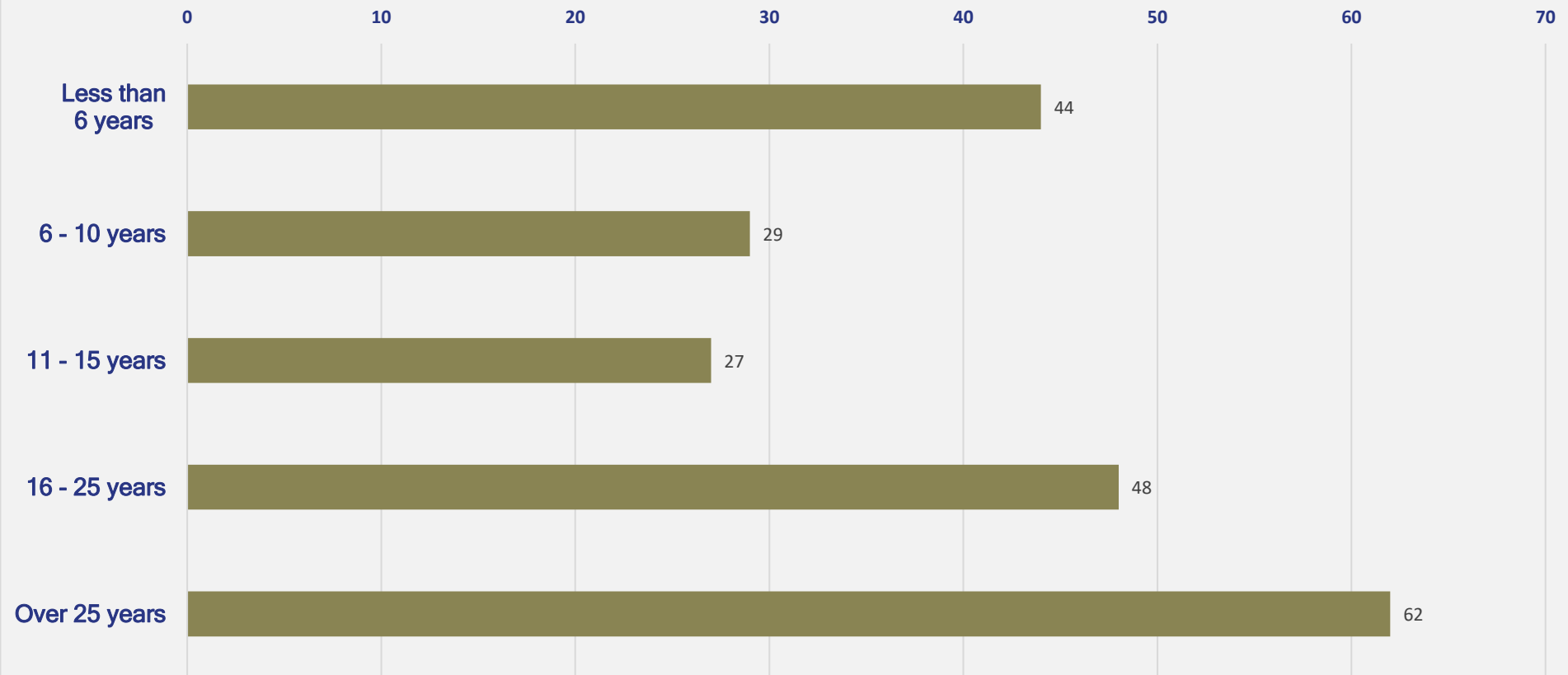
NUMBER OF CHILDREN

Please indicate age group of individual or parent completing this questionnaire



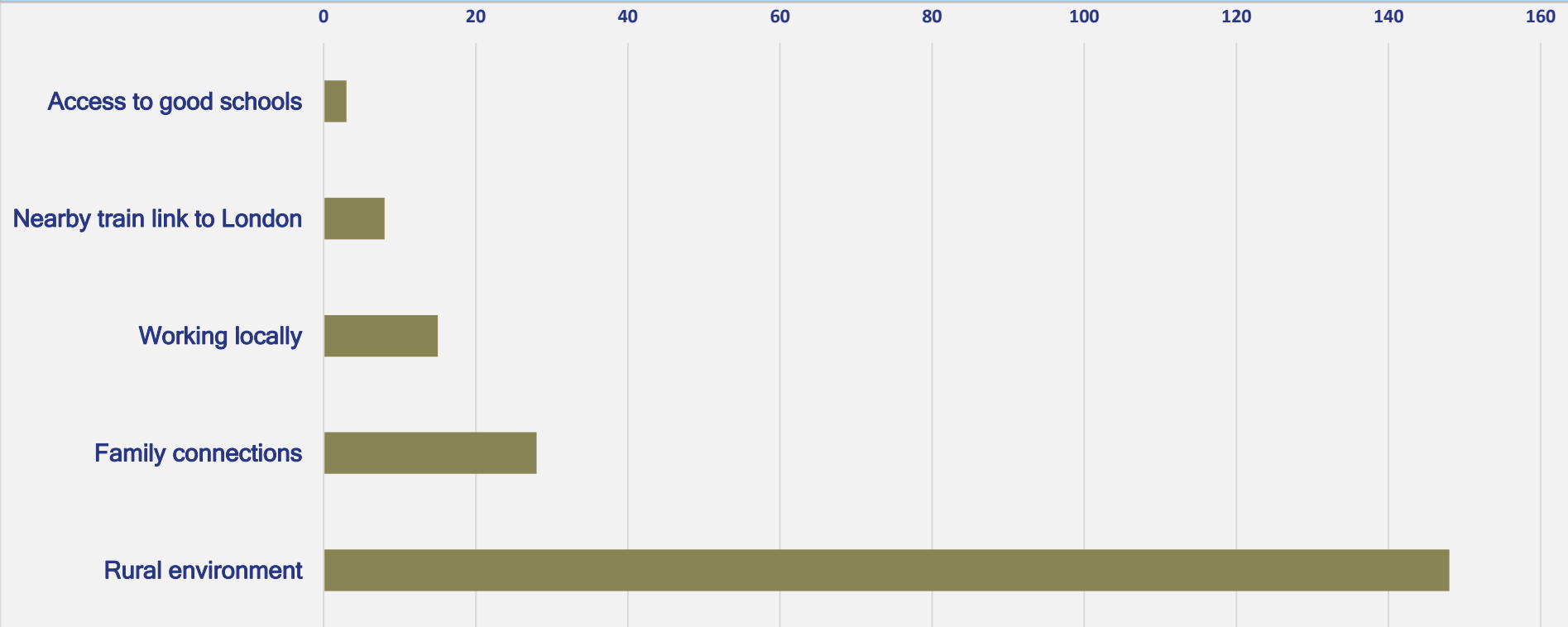
AGE DISTRIBUTION

How long have you lived in the Parish of Horsmonden?



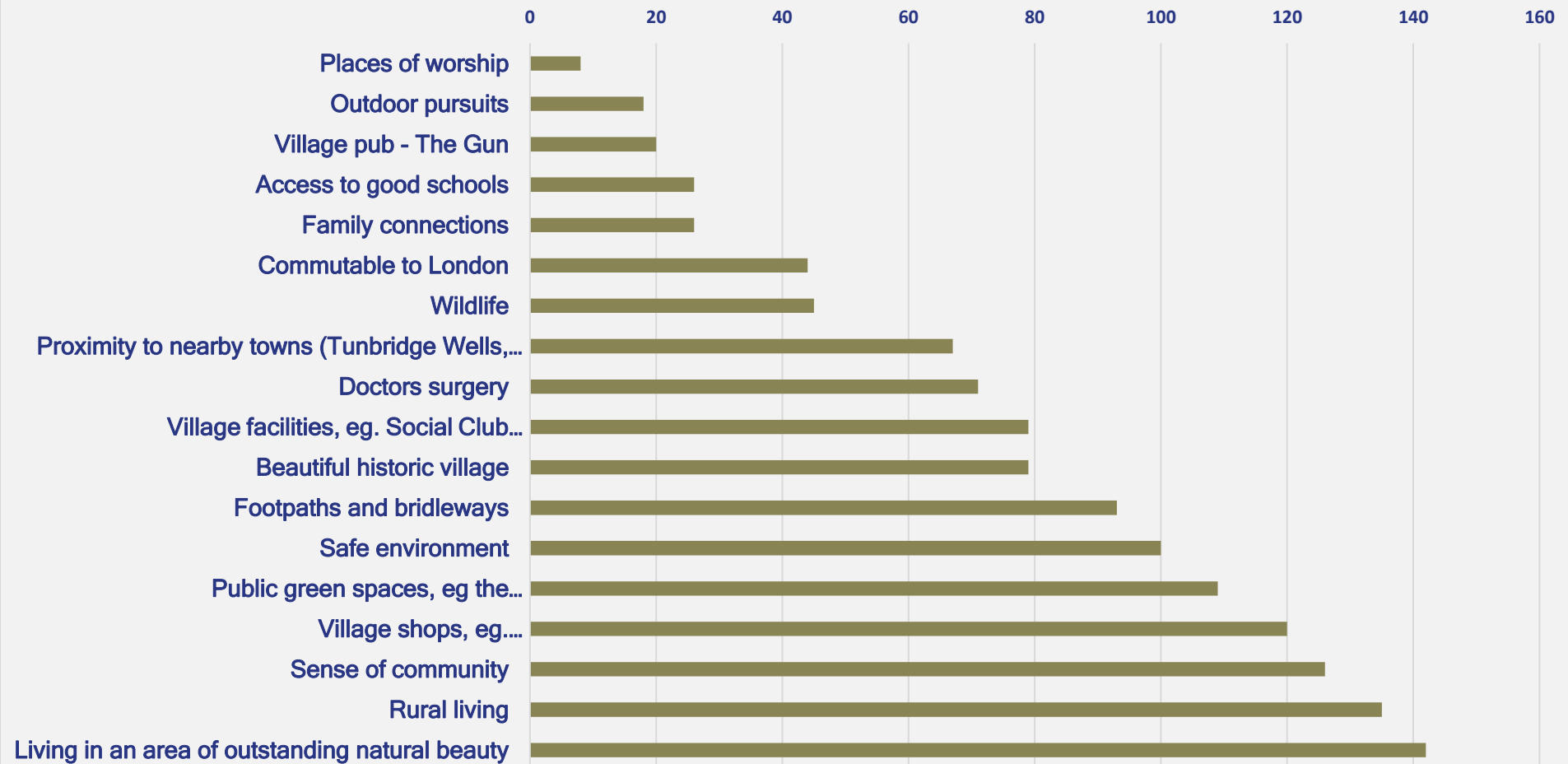
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE

What is your main reason for living here?



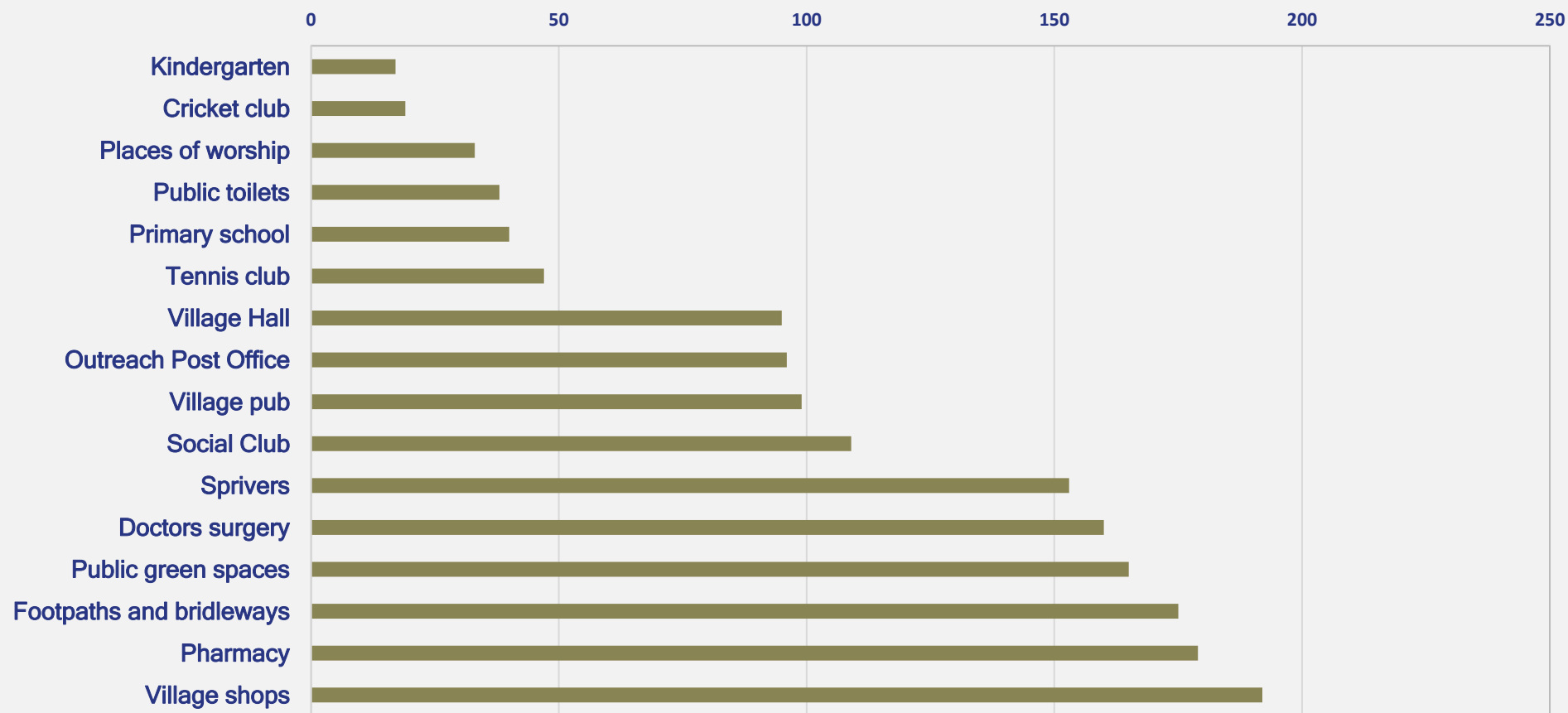
REASONS TO LIVE HERE

What do you most value about living in the Parish?



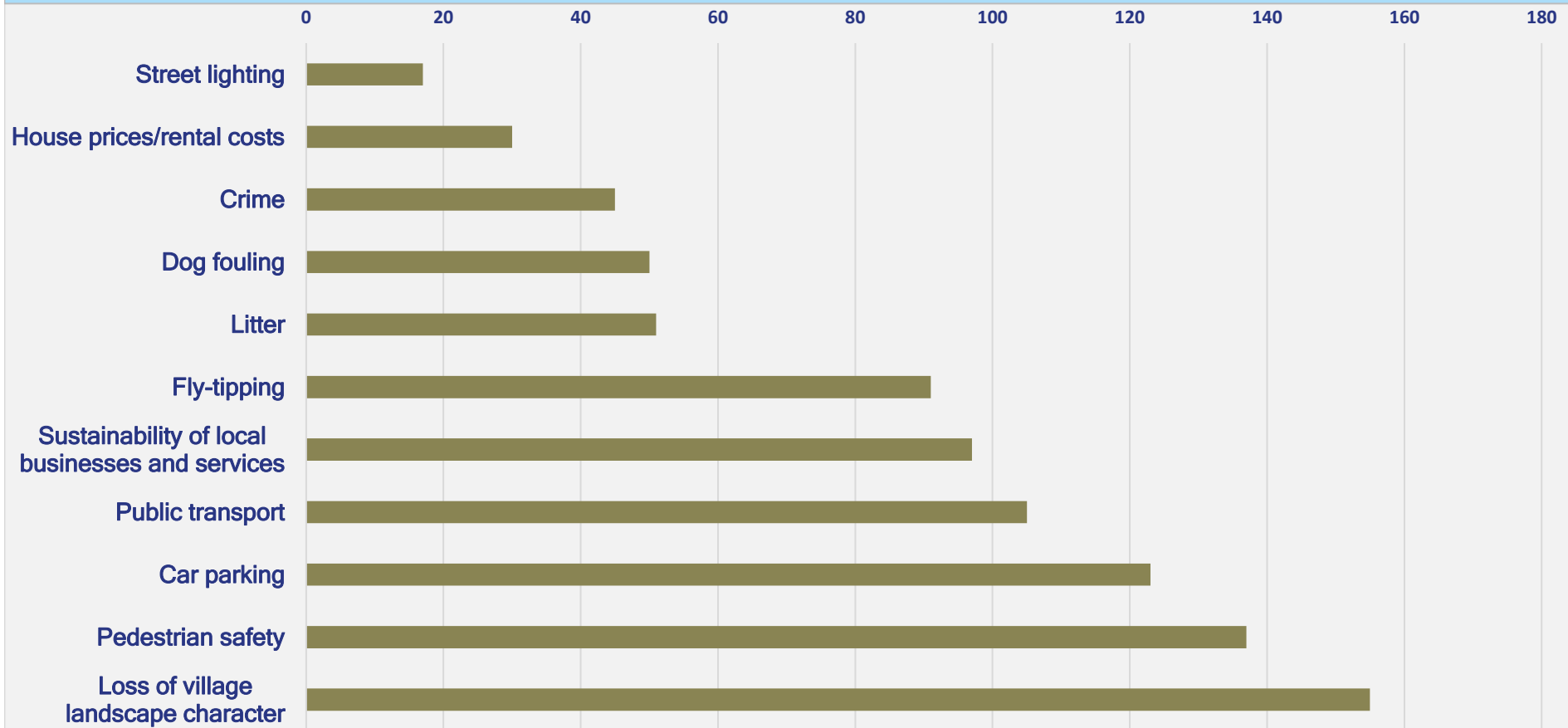
LIVING IN THE PARISH

Which of the following amenities in the Parish do you use?



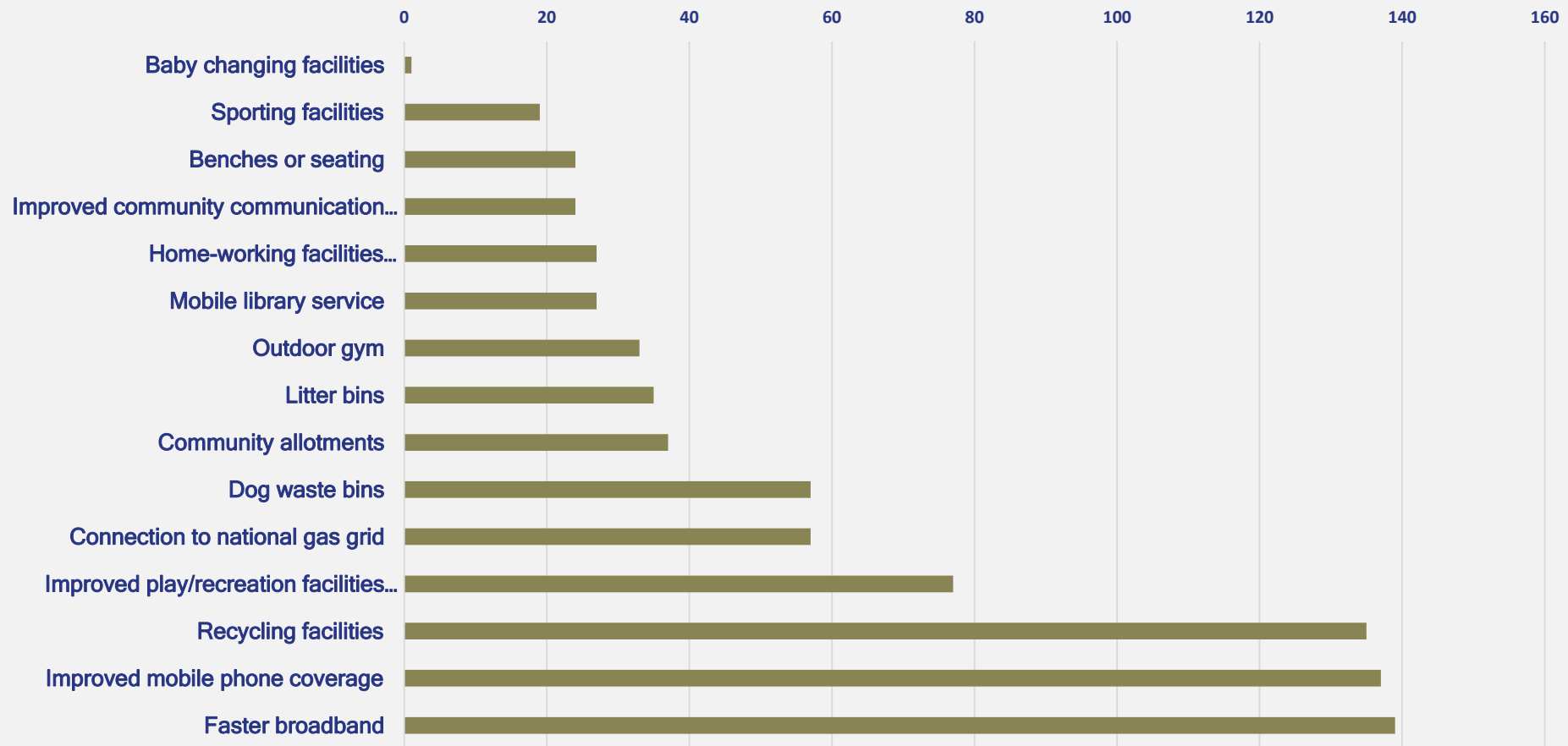
PARISH AMENITIES

Other than traffic, do any of the following concern you?



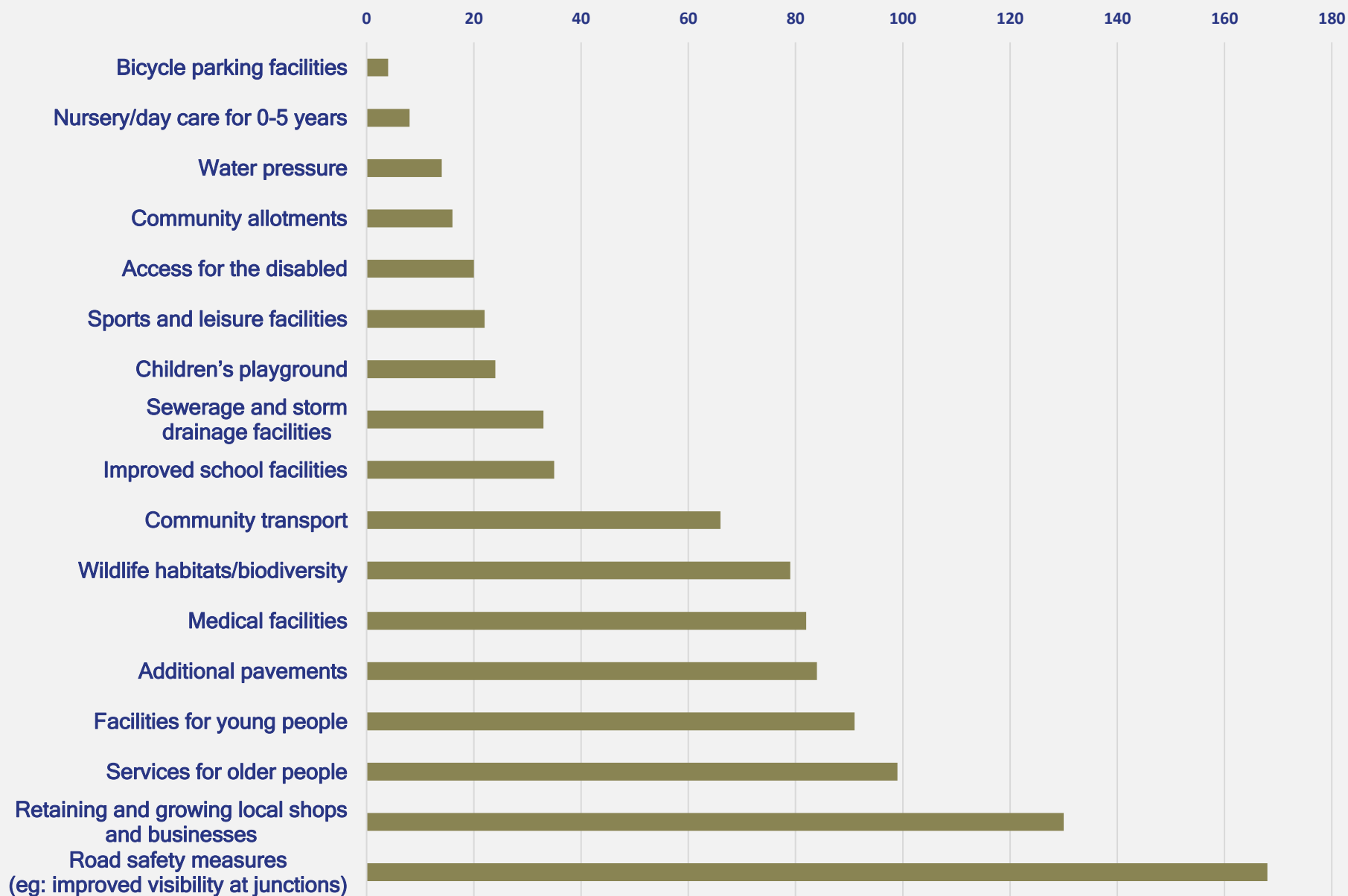
CONCERNS

Which facilities or services would you like to see developed or improved in the Parish?

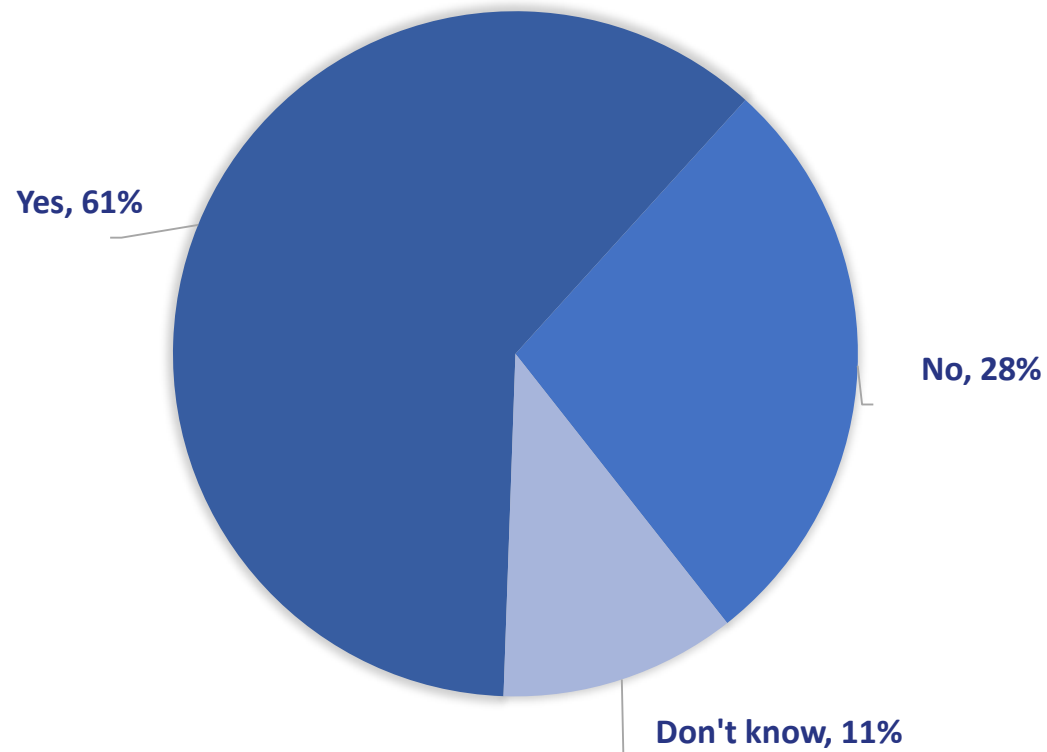


FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Thinking of the Parish over the next ten years, which of the following should be a priority?

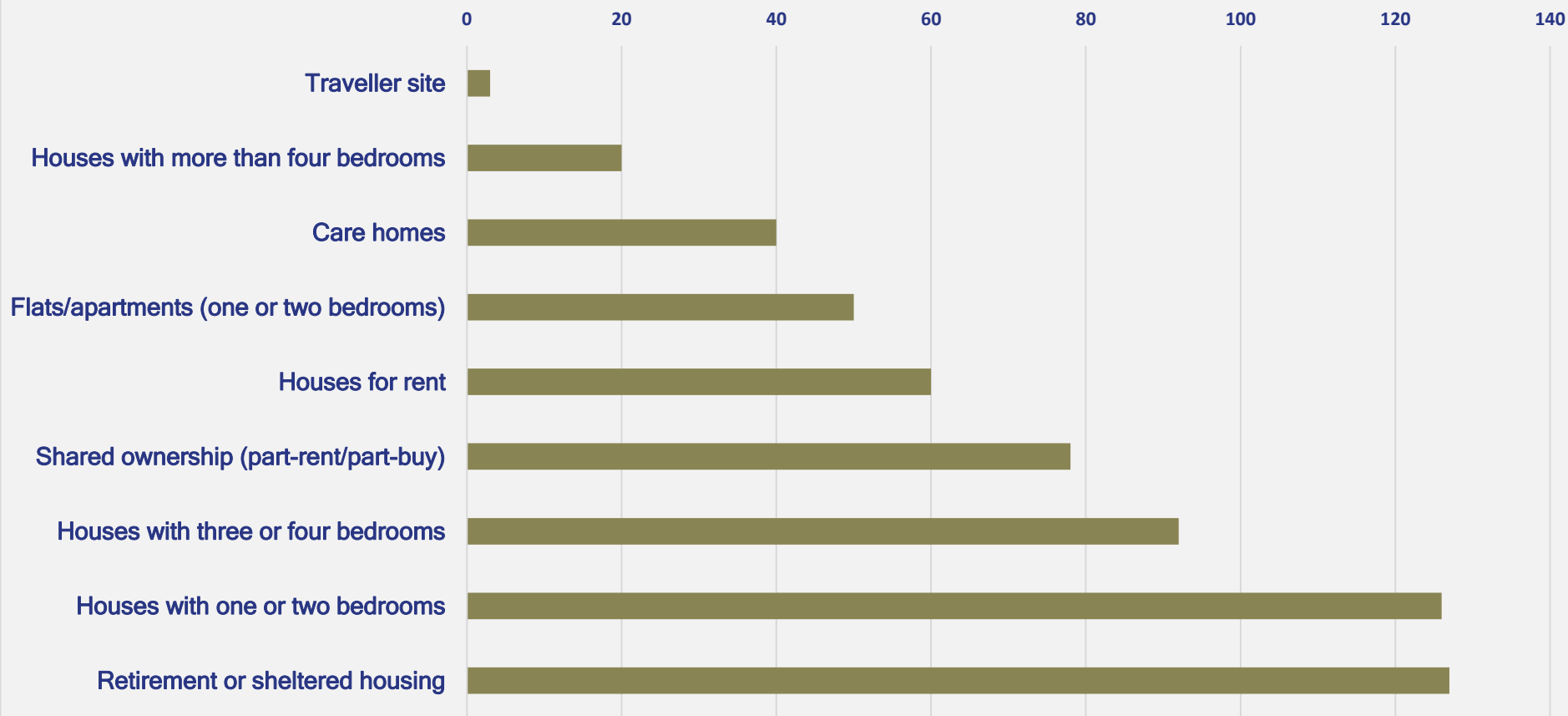


DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS A NEED FOR NEW HOMES IN THE PARISH?



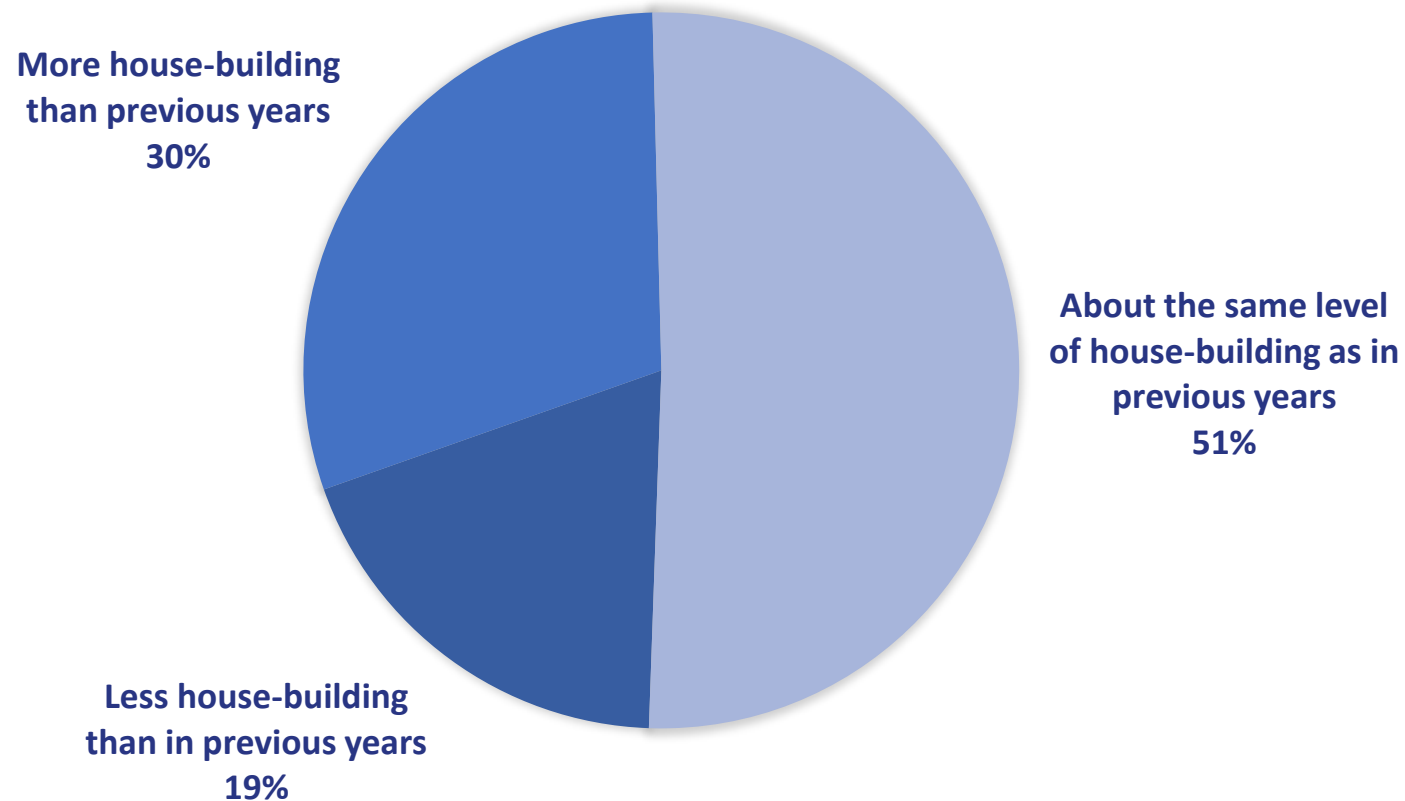
HOUSING

WHICH TYPES OF NEW HOMES DO YOU THINK ARE MOST NEEDED IN THE PARISH?



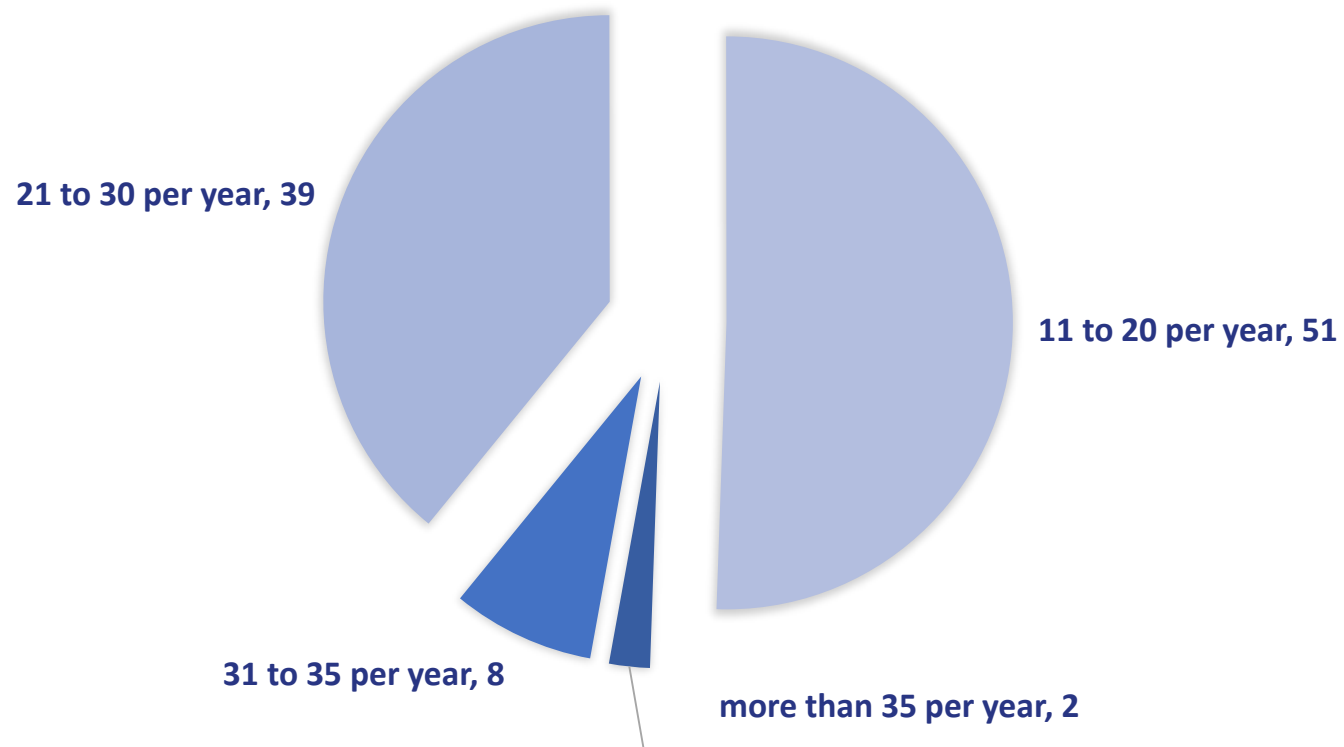
HOUSING

Since 2006 an average of 11 new homes have been built in the Parish per year. In view of the national housing shortage, it is likely that more homes will need to be built in the village as part of the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan. What level of housing growth do you feel that the village can absorb without losing its character?



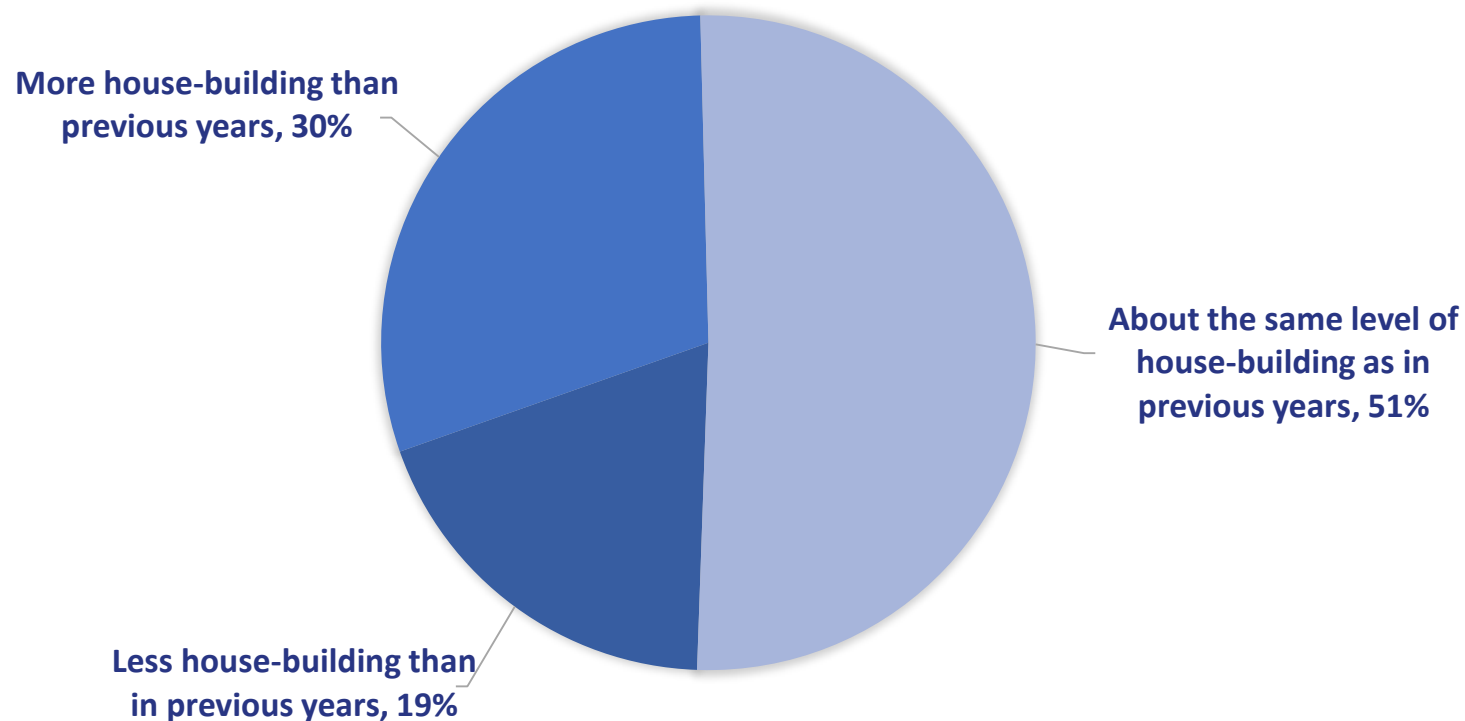
HOUSING

What would you consider to be the right number of new houses each year?



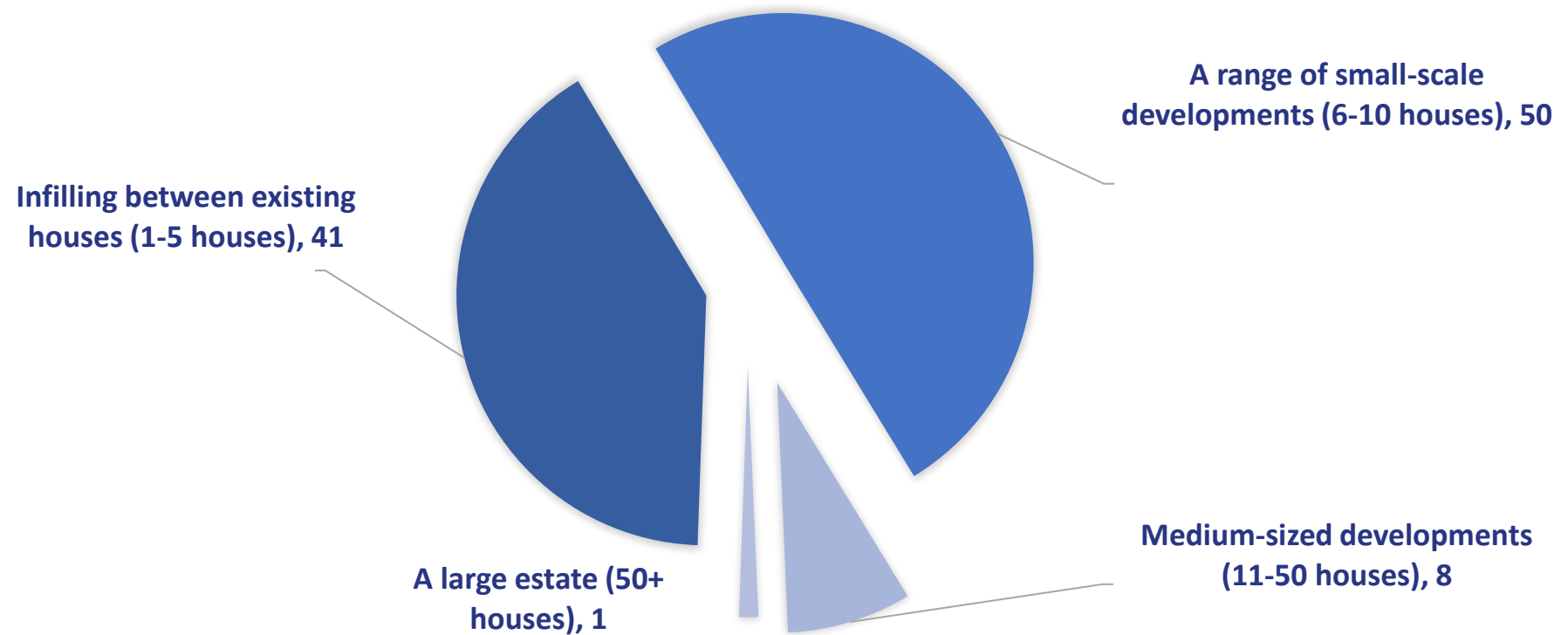
Housing

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HOUSING

What type of development is appropriate to accommodate new homes in the Parish?

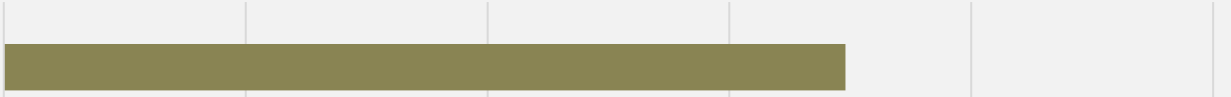


HOUSING

Which areas of housing would you support?

Would you support housing for people on low income with local connections?

Yes



No

Should our Plan have a policy which encourages and supports self-build homes for local people?

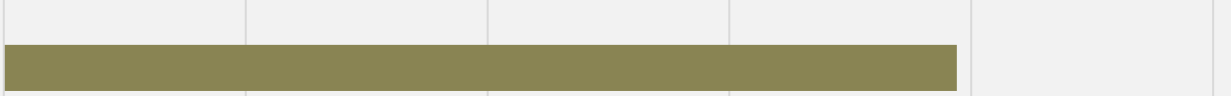
Yes



No

Should our Plan have a policy which encourages buildings with a low carbon footprint whilst still maintaining

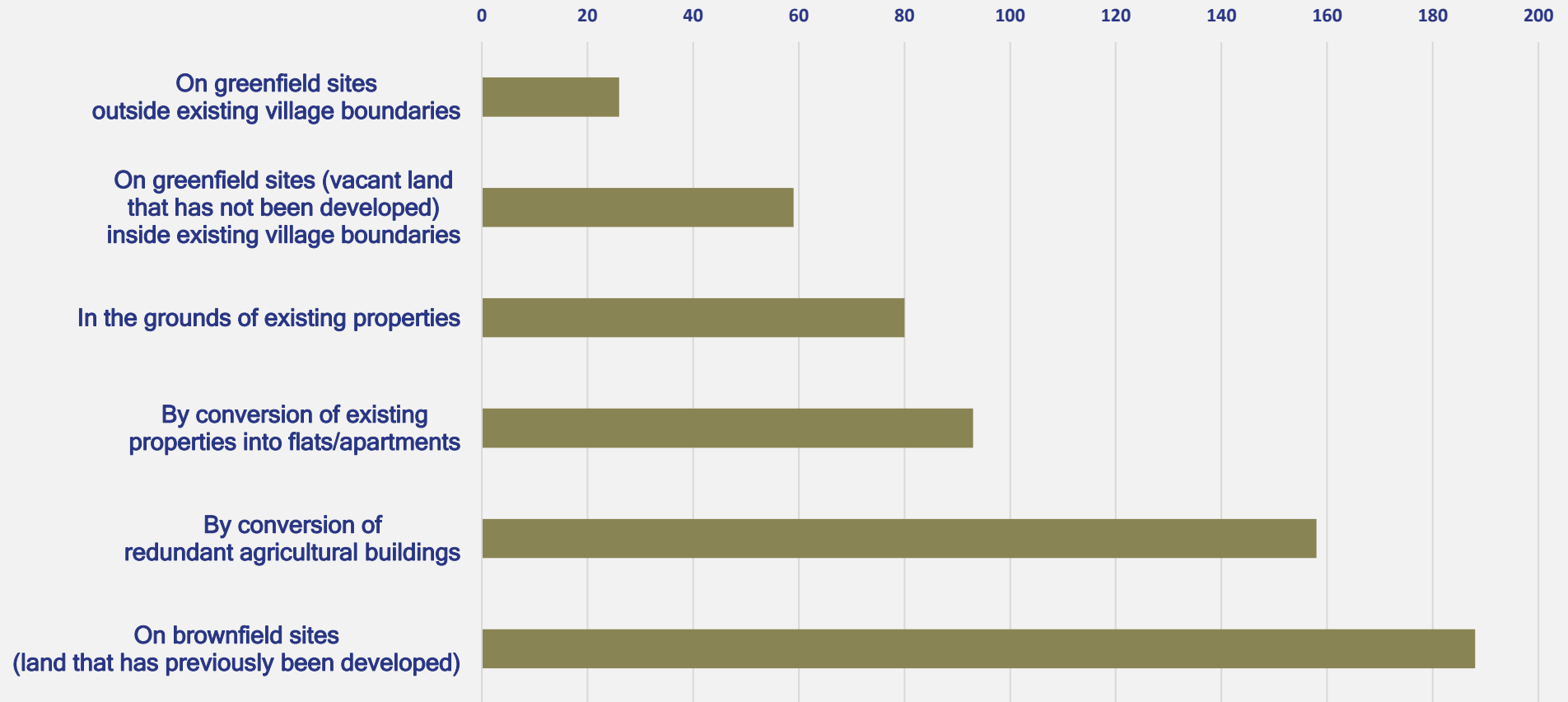
Yes



No

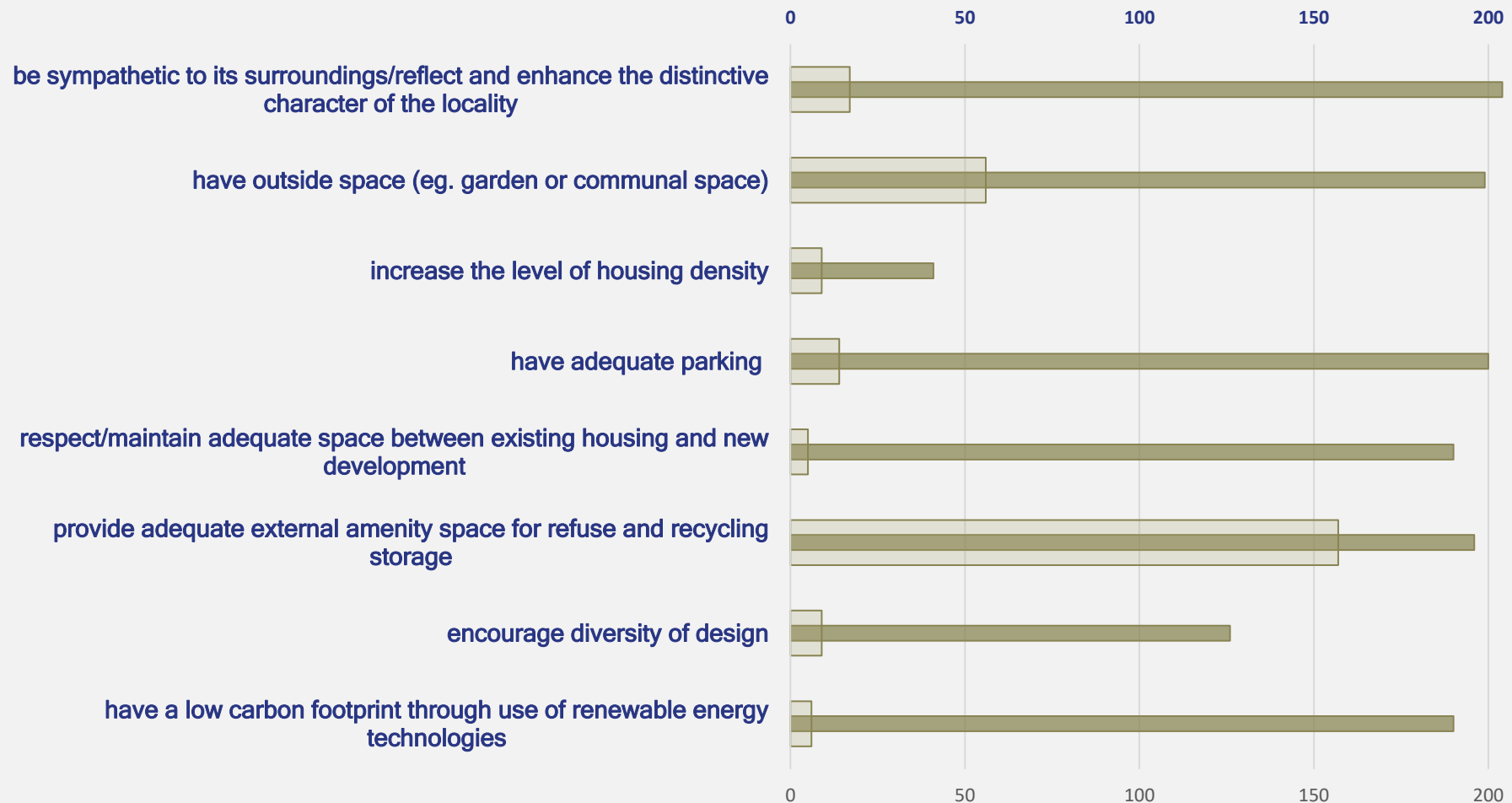
HOUSING

Where should any building development be located?



NEW HOUSING

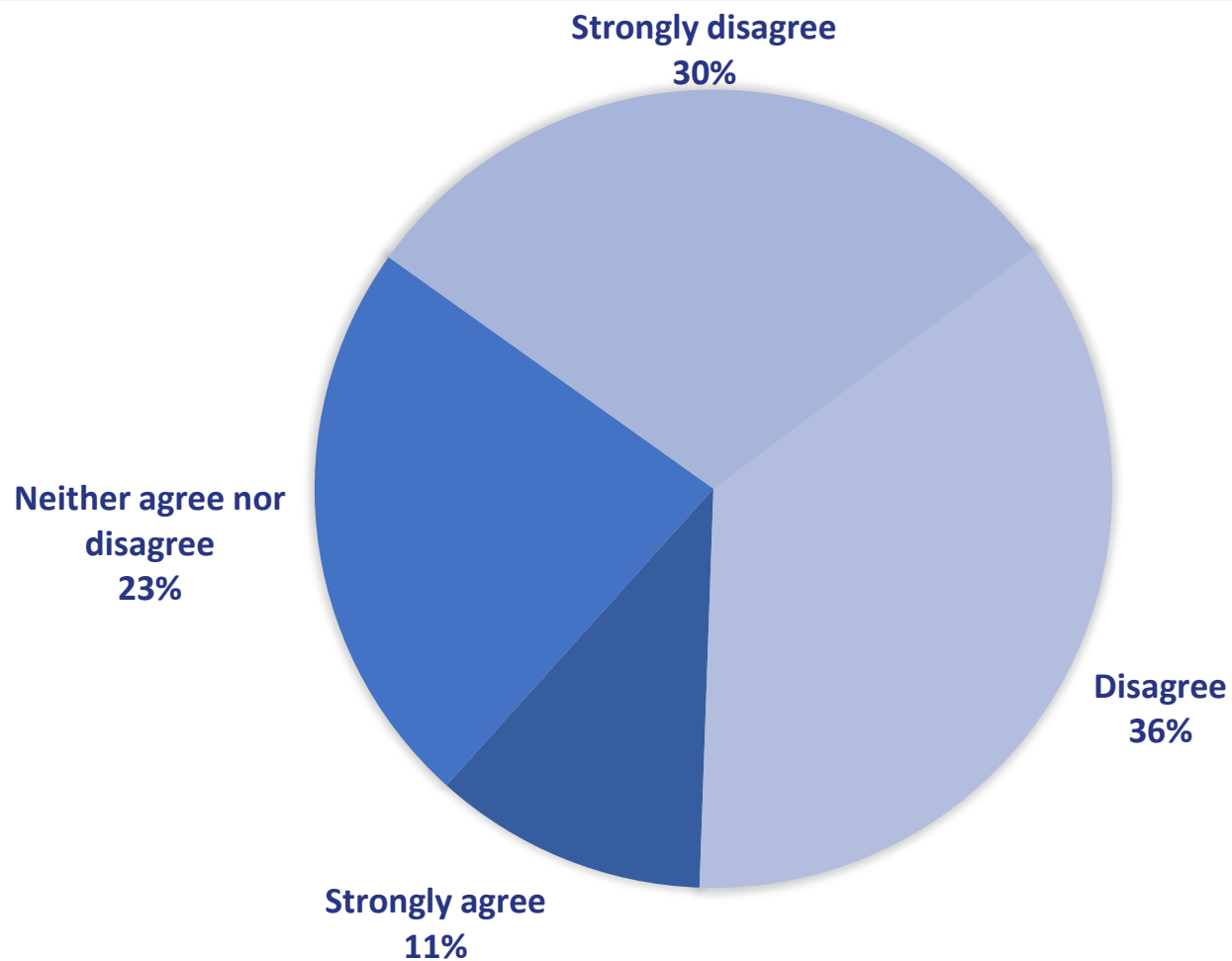
What principles should influence the design of new homes in the Parish?



HOUSING DESIGN

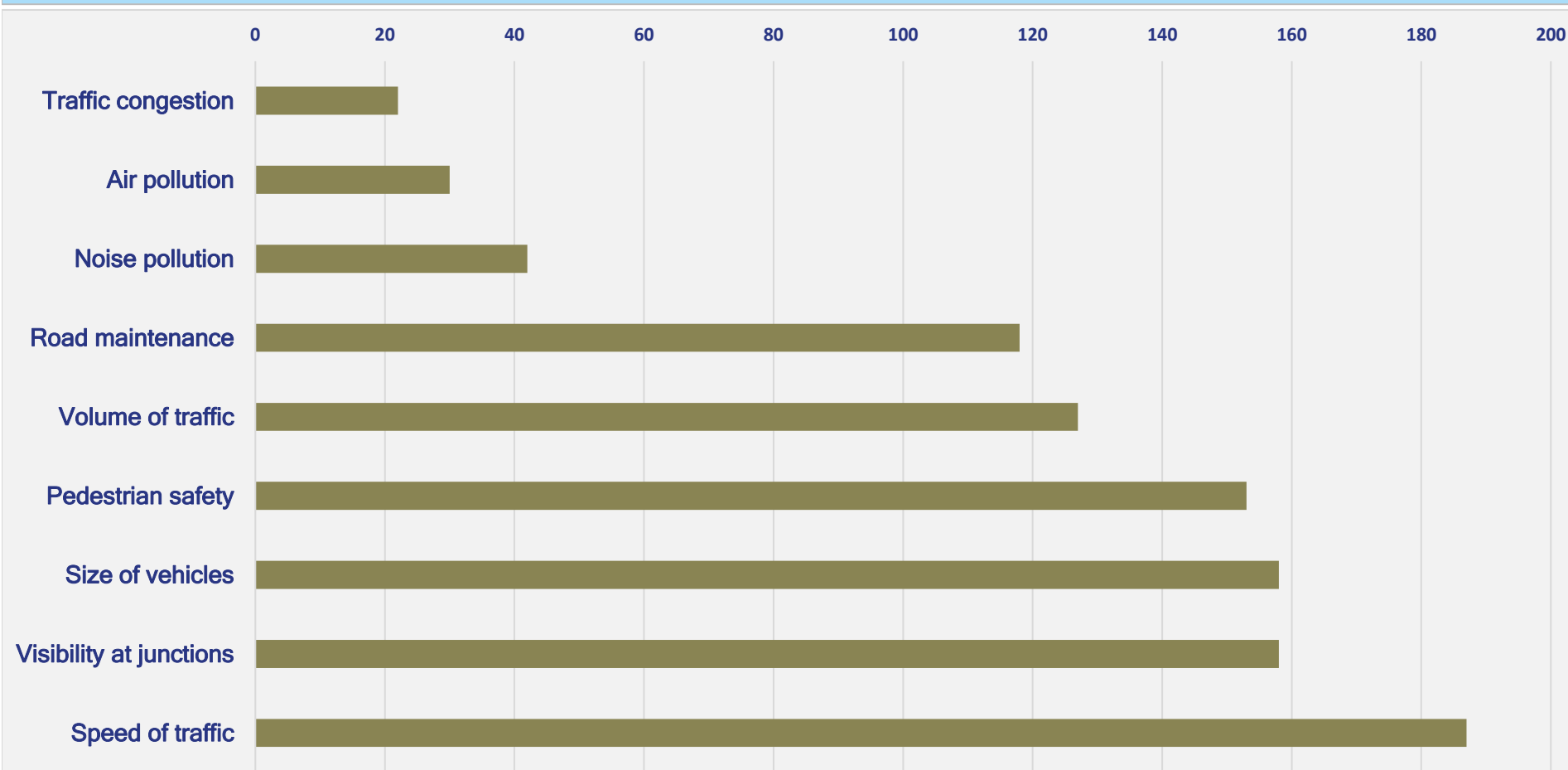
AGREE
DISAGREE

Roads through the Parish are adequate for the traffic now using them. Do you?



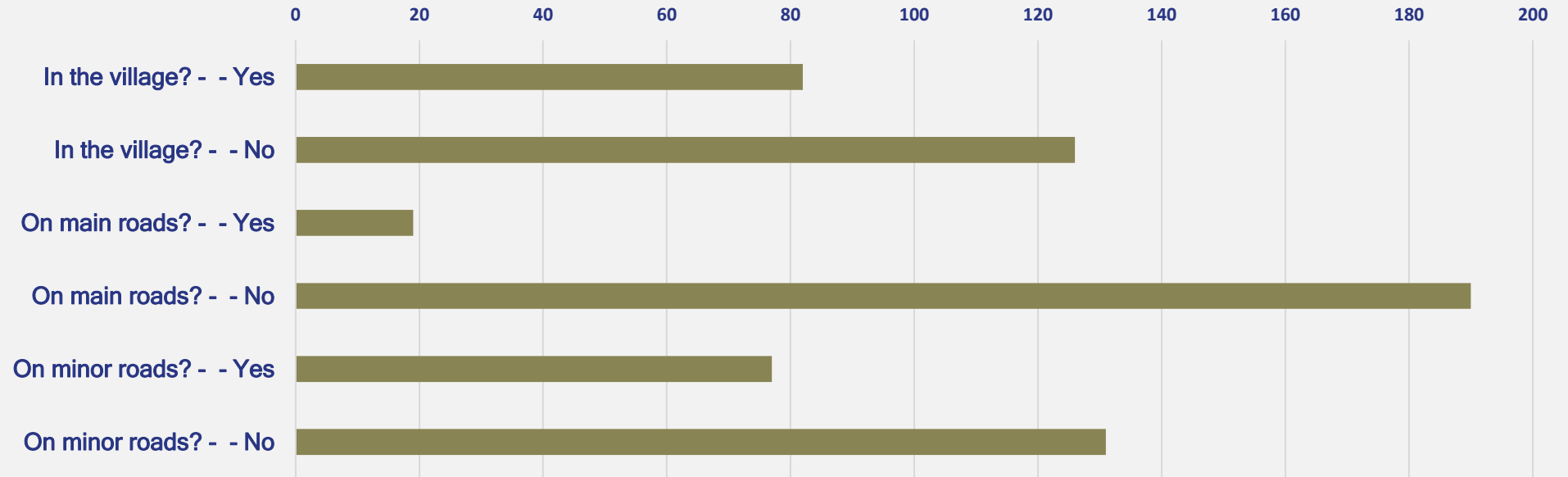
TRAFFIC

Which, if any, of the following aspects of traffic throughout the Parish are you concerned about?



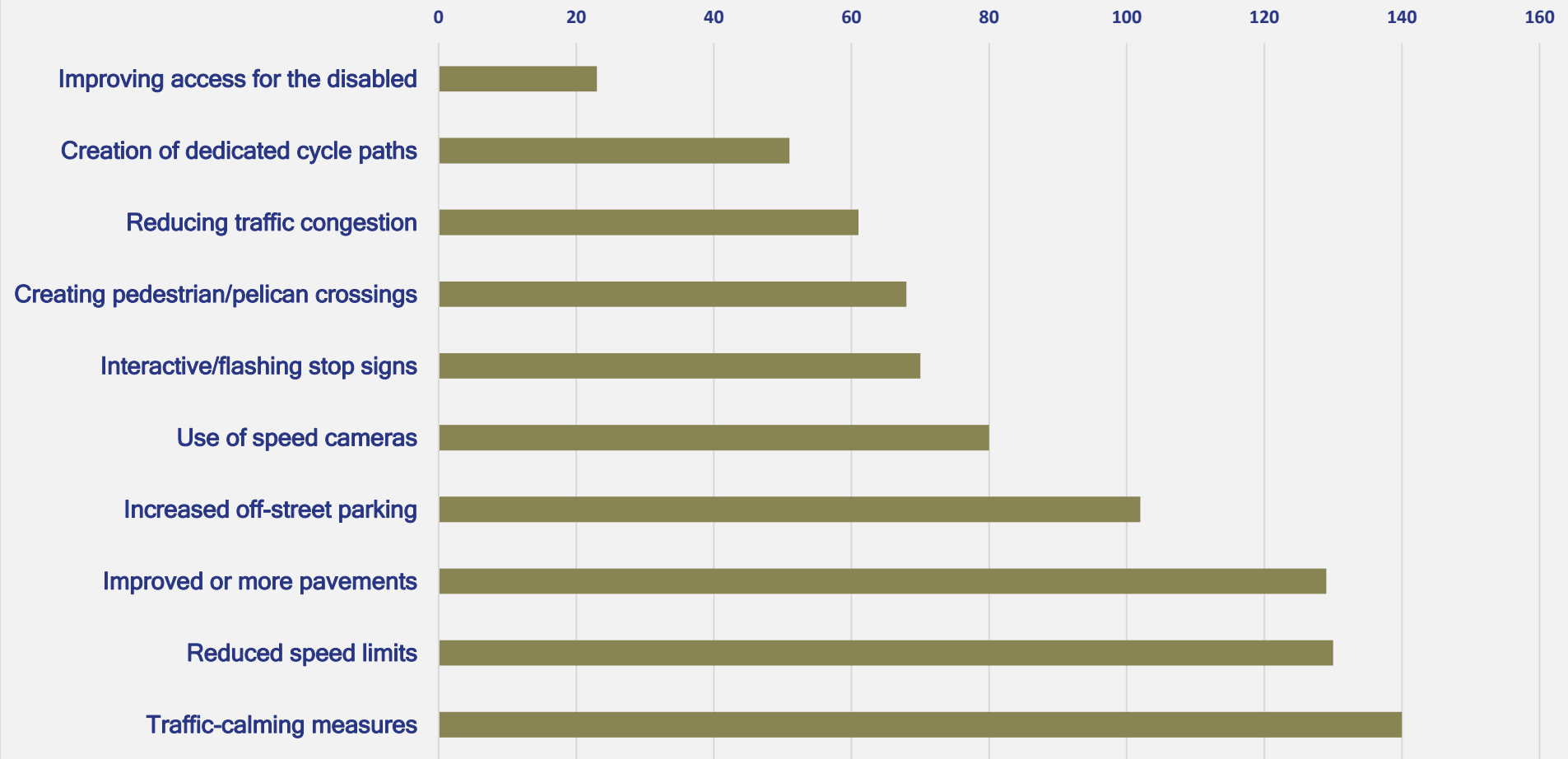
TRAFFIC

Do you think that people living in, or visiting, the Parish can walk, cycle or ride a horse safely?



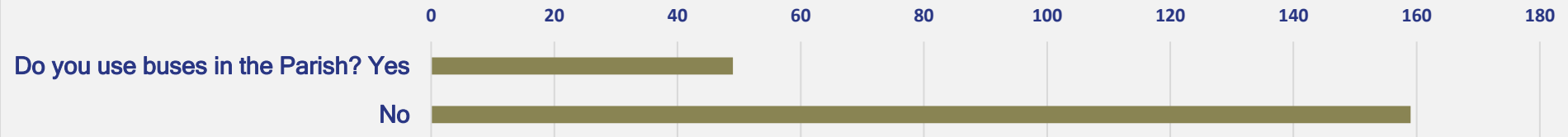
SAFE USE OF ROADS

If you have answered “No” to any of the previous, which of the following do you think might improve safety?

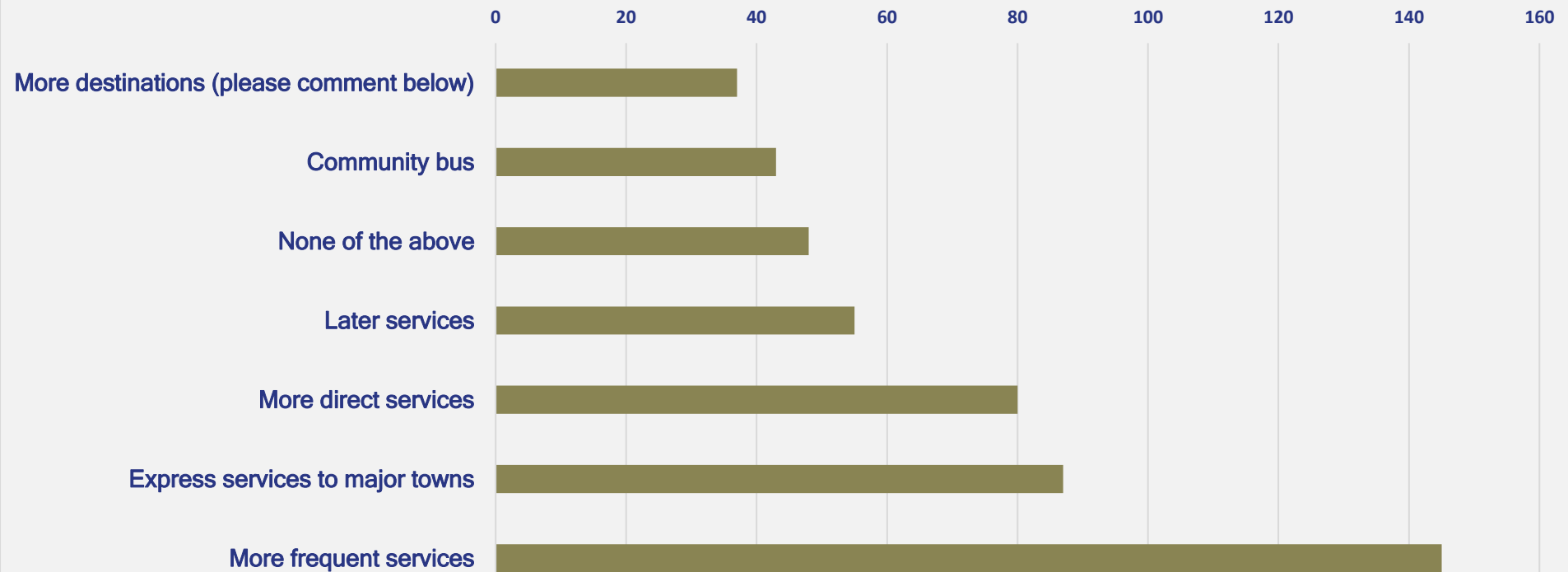


ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

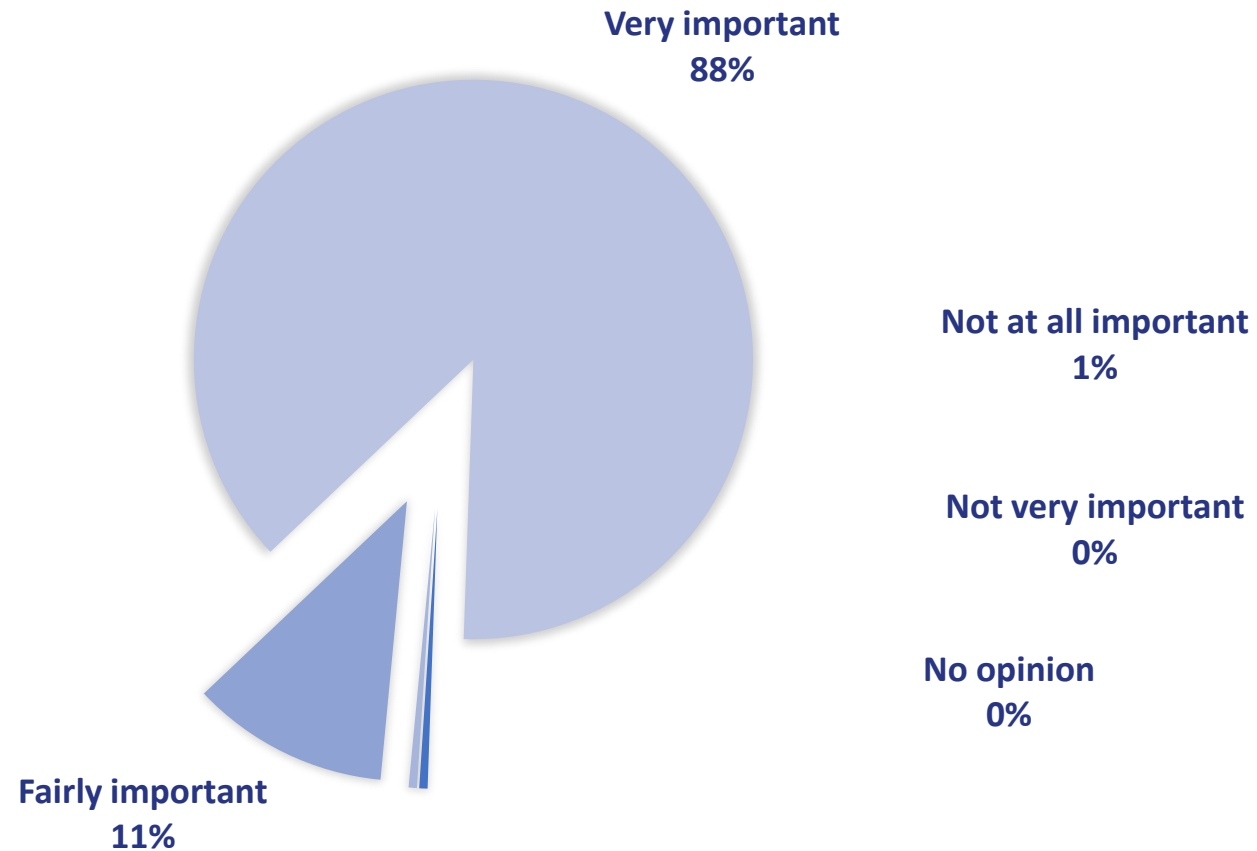
Use of local buses



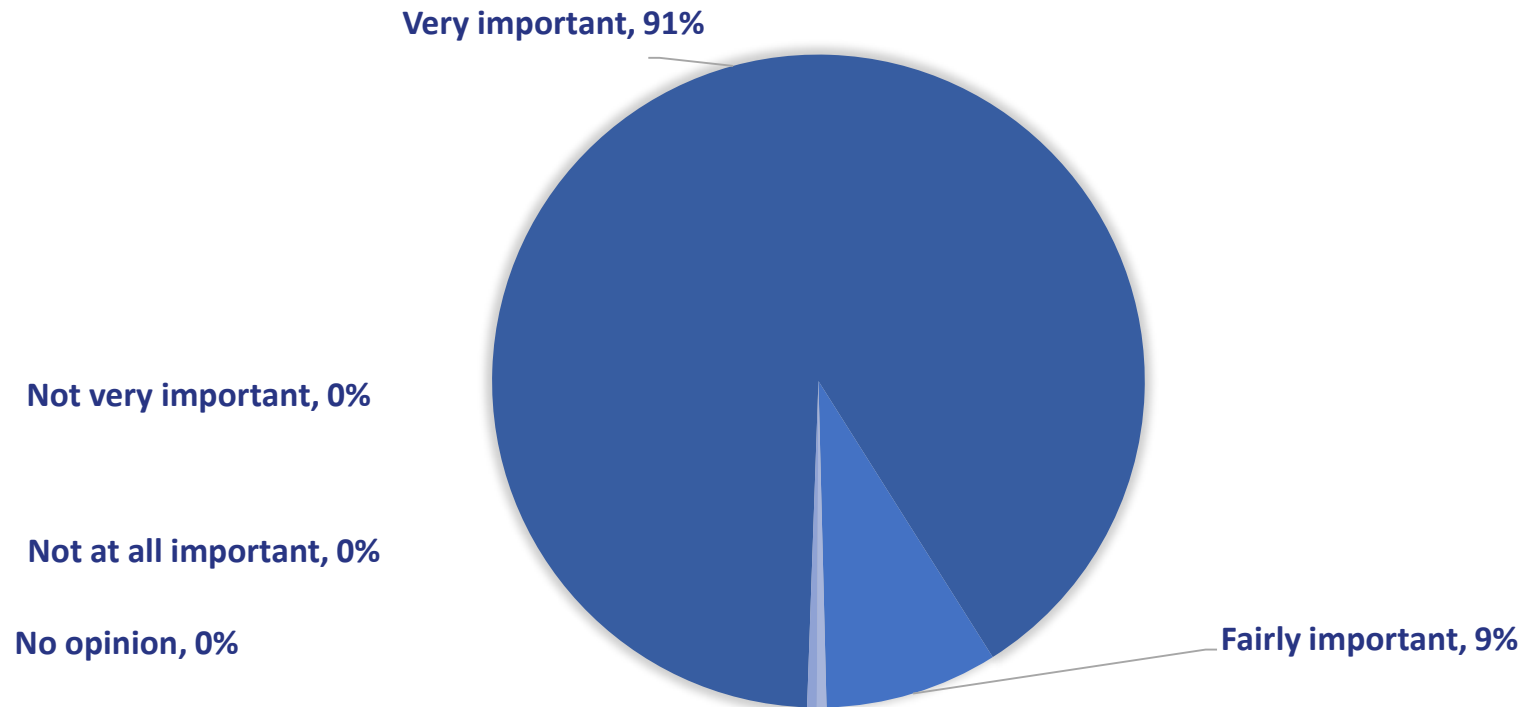
Would any of the following encourage you to use buses or increase your use of buses?



How important to you is the preservation of the existing landscape?

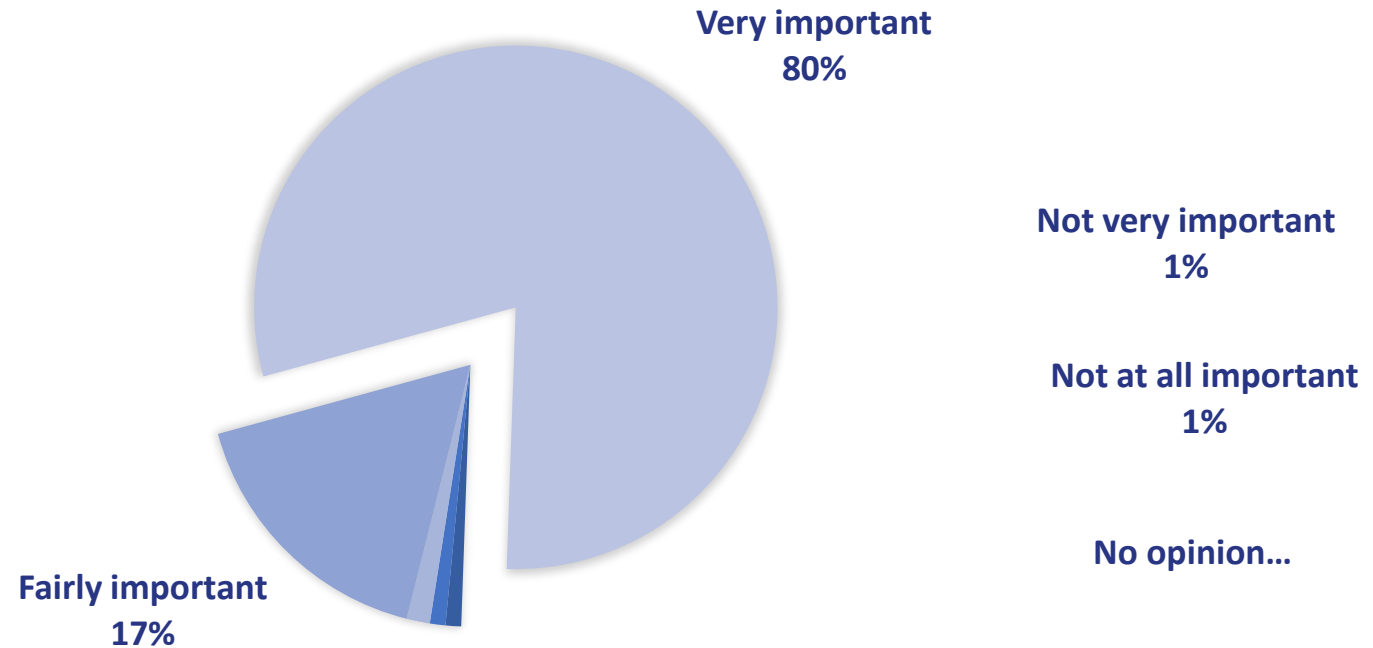


How important is it that green spaces within the Parish should be kept for community enjoyment/recreation?



PRESERVE GREEN SPACE

How important is it that historic buildings and sites across the Parish are protected from future housing development?

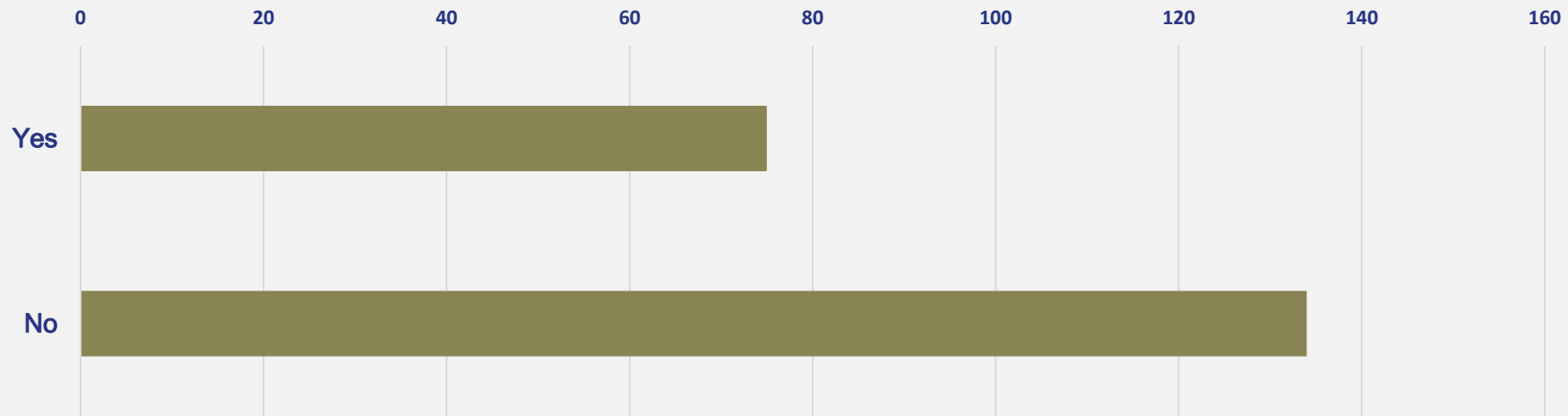


HISTORIC BUILDINGS

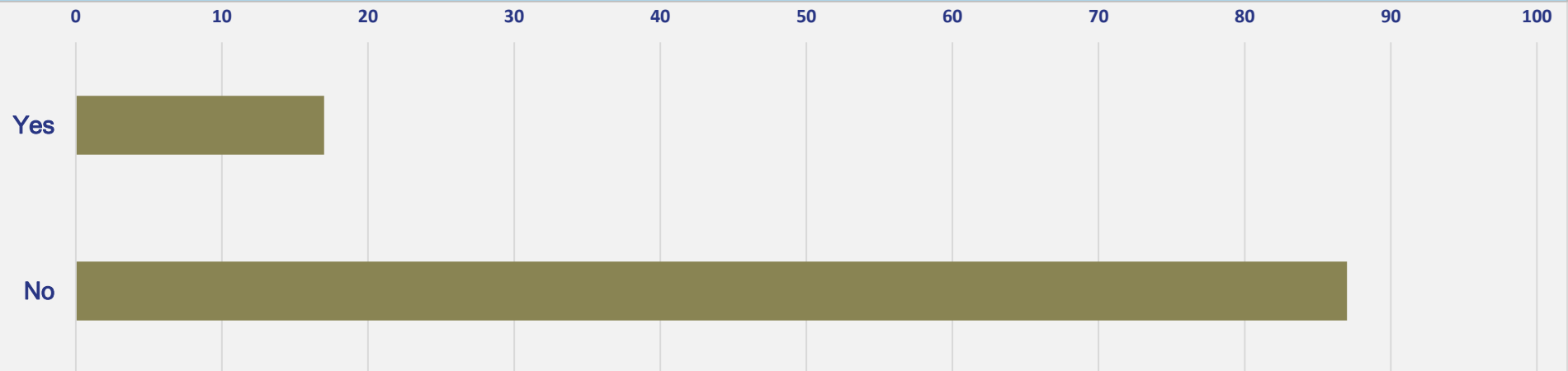
Please indicate employment status. If you are answering on behalf of a family, please answer for each person, aged 14 and over

Residents	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Retired/not employed
Person 1	92	35	2	75
Person 2	35	44	5	38
Person 3	4	5	28	4
Person 4	4	1	18	3
TOTAL	135	85	53	120
				393

Do you run a business from home or work from home?



If your answer to question 35 is “Yes” then, in the next five years, do you expect your home business to require additional business premises within the Parish?



COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS.

Duplicated responses have been removed to save space

Which facilities or services would you like to see developed or improved in the Parish? (NB: Transport is covered in a later section of the questionnaire)

1. Bus services 2. Static library as we once had before the council closed it in collusion with the school headmaster.

A stance against housing developments which will threaten the close community village life brings, severely damage wildlife and risk our area becoming an urban sprawl.

Better transport and bus links

Coffee shop/cafe is really needed

Electric charging points for transport

Extended pavements throughout the village

I personally don't want to see too much development or urbanisation, so it's hard to say what I want to see "developed"!

Pavements

Residential care for the elderly

Space for new businesses, not necessarily office space. If someone wants to open a retail outlet or desperately needed coffee shop, all the commercial buildings have been bought and changed into private homes.

Virgin media

Youth club

Thinking of the Parish over the next ten years, which of the following should be a priority?

Affordable Housing

Broadband

Bus services

Husband wants additional pavements (for child safety), but i disagree as it spoils 'rural' look!

I don't want to see trees and hedgerows removed.

Improved condition of local roads (eg repair of potholes).

Improved road infrastructure and capacity.

Maintaining the places of worship - St Margaret's church and hall, Methodist church

More parking in the village

New services - opticians, veterinary care.

Residential Home/Nursing Home to keep older people close to their friends

Speed restrictions (20 mph) throughout the village

The options are too vague. What exactly do you mean by "facilities for young people", "services for older people" or "medical facilities"? Also, retaining businesses is different from growing them. For example, we love the village shop and pharmacy so retaining is important but don't want to grow into a town the size of Paddock Wood. If more houses are to be built, then depending on the numbers built the priorities would be different. Eg. if many more houses are built the capacity of the school, roads, broadband, public transport etc becomes even more important. If the population doesn't increase substantially then other things may take priority.

Which types of new homes do you think are most needed in the Parish?

1. Affordable housing for young families.... not part rent part buy. Maybe a 'buy half a house's scheme as seen in other parts of the world. 2. A small number of social housing for local youngsters, if it is possible to have that criteria.

Affordable homes.

Affordable houses

Affordable housing for locals who have lived in village for at least 10 years

Affordable housing suitable for uptake by local / rural working families.

Affordable, if any

Affordable houses to buy for people who work within 10 miles of the village or working in the rural economy

As noted in question 12 I don't believe the village requires more housing. Increasing housing will increase traffic, pressure on local facilities and change the character of the village. A small expansion of the most recent developments would be reasonable and limit the impact on the current village boundaries and natural environment as well as limiting the impact on animal life. If required the small expansion on the most recent development should include a mix of houses but primarily larger four bed plus to retain the village mix. Further the school, medical and other village amenities including recycling should be made a part of this. I see no argument for starting new developments when recent ones can be expanded and have appropriate road and infrastructure

Bungalows

Bungalows for elderly/disabled

Don't know

Don't know enough to comment?

Genuinely affordable homes for local people

Houses with 2/3 bedrooms

Houses with one or two bedrooms for first time owners or downsizers.

I don't believe more houses are needed.

I don't want to see more houses built.

I don't know but I expect houses with one, two, three or four bedrooms.

None

Pre fabricated to cover all of the above

self build, custom build

Social housing

Truly affordable housing to allow young people that have lived in the village all their lives have an opportunity to continue to live in the locality as adults. This allows for more cohesive communities as family support structures can be leveraged more easily.

Unless the infrastructure in terms of roads and the access to GP surgery appointments is improved, increasing the number of houses/population will put unsustainable pressure on the local area.

Where should any building development be located?

Any vacant run down properties should be pursued first through out the borough

Around the village core to maintain a sense of the village centre, not ribbon development eg along Maidstone Road, nor a "new village" on site 144

As far as is possible any development outside existing village boundaries should abut the existing boundary, not in outlying areas.

Depends on the evidence

Focus on redundant land and building.

Greenfield sites which do not detract from the amenity or views around the village.

Its important that the village develops in a coherent and sustainable manner so that it's possible for all residents to access the shops, safely on foot, within a maximum 15 minute (half mile) walk.

Keep traffic out of village and lanes so build on outskirts of village

Not plot 144! or 378

Site 144 outside village boundary with new road to Paddock Wood.

There are vacant sites around the village, that have been previously unused, and could be built on

There is plenty of land, build a complete new village somewhere within the parish with all amenities why ruin this village.

Which, if any, of the following aspects of traffic throughout the Parish are you concerned about?

Accident blackspot at main crossroads

All of the above are serious concerns in the village

Clearly issues at the crossroads

Crossroads by shop

Need speed control measure especially in Brenchley

Not fast enough I say. To bloody slow!!

Number of vehicles/lack of affordable efficient public transport

Poor Parking

Road widths too narrow and not enough road capacity and options with two lanes

Roads not wide enough

The village crossroads lack of visible warning signs

Use of minor local lanes by HGVs.

Which roads cause you most concern?

Junction at the shop. Speed of traffic on furnace lane when walking

Lamberhurst/Goudhurst/Maidstone and Brenchley Roads Junction

Maidstone Road, Lamberhurst road

The main crossroads in the village centre. There has been an increase in problems here largely caused, I think, by people following incorrect Satnav information (nothing has physically changed at the junctions nor number of cars parking nearby, so this seems to be the likely culprit)

Crossroads - road leading from Maidstone to Lamberhurst and Road from Goudhurst to Brenchley

Lamberhurst Road, Furnace Lane

Maidstone road & the crossroads

Yew Tree Green Road, Crook Road, Churn Lane, Maidstone Road

Goudhurst to Brenchley Road and Village crossroad safety

Brenchley/Horsmonden/Goudhurst Road

Goudhurst Road and the village crossroads

Brenchley/Goudhurst Road, Spelmonden Road, A21 from Forstal Farm to Blue boys (not strictly in parish but congestion can be terrible and our residents need to use this road)

All the roads that lead into the village meeting at the crossroads

Crossroads in centre, Brenchley Road,

Brenchley Road, Goudhurst Road, Maidstone Road

Maidstone Road

speed on Brenchley Road, crossroads at the green

Maidstone & Brenchley Road

Brenchly road

The cross-roads in the centre of the village; Churn Lane

Crossroads at the green, The goudhurst road

Health Stores cross roads

Brenchley - Goudhurst - Lamberhurst - Maidstone

Maidstone Rd, Lamberhurst Rd

Cross road - Lamberhurst Rd/ Goudhurst/ Maidstone Rd

Junction by Health Stores

Village cross roads

Maidstone road. Haymans hill
Maidstone Rd, Goudhurst Rd, Lamberhurst Rd
Cross road by Health stores and Goudhurst road
Goudhurst Road, Lamberhurst Road, Brenchley Road.
Lamberhurst road - Brenchley/Goudhurst road
Saftey
Maidstone road, Goudhurst riad
Junction at Heath stores
Cross roads by heath stores
Crossroads in village
Lamberhurst road. Maidstone road
Brenchley Road, Furnace Lane, Lamberhurst Road
Lamberhurst Rd
maidstone, lamberhurst, goudhurst and brenchley
Maidstone Road, Churn Lane, Pearsons Green Road, Yew Tree Green Road, Crook Road,
Lamberhurst Road and the Goudhurst Road.
Brenchley road, Furnace Lane
Main road through the village (Brenchley/Goudhurst but also Lamberhurst/Maidstone.
Main crossroads, Maidstone road
Those through the village especially the Maidstone Road
Lamberhurst Rd, Maidstone Rd, Goudhurst Rd.
Maidstone Road and the crossroads by Heath Stores
Central village crossroads area
Crossroads at Lamberhurst Rd and Maidstone Road
Goudhurst Road, Grovehurst Lane/Haymans Hill
The crossroads at Heath Stores
Furnace Lane and crossroads
the cross road near Heath Stores
Furnace Lane, Yew Tree Green Road, Maidstone Road
Crossroads at village green
Maistone Road
lamberhurst rd at heath store corner
Goudhurst/Brenchley Road
Maidstone Road, Lamberhurst Road and Goudhurst Road
Maidstone and Lamberhurst roads
Lamberhurst Road, Brenchley Road, Goudhurst Road, Maidstone Road
Village centre
The two roads at the crossroads
Maidstone Road, Lamberhurst Road, Goudhurst Road, Brenchley Road
Maidstone Road, Lamberhurst Road, Goudhurst Road
Goudhurst Road, Brenchley Road, Maidstone Road, Lamberhurst Road
The junction at the centre of the village by Heath stores
THE VILLAGE JUNCTION WITH LAMBERHURST ROAD
Lamberhurst Road
Goudhurst/Brenchley Roads and Lamberhurst Road crossroads
Crossroads in Horsmonden and pot holes
All in very poor condition with numerous potholes
Goudhurst Road, Maidstone Road, Lamberhurst Road, Brenchley Road
All main roads
Lamberhurst Road, Maidstone Road, Brenchley Road, Goudhurst Road, Furnace Lane

X Roads; Narrow lanes being rat-runs
Cross Roads, Goudhurst Road
Horsmonden crossroads/Maidstone road
Brenchley, Maidstone, Lamberhurst, Goudhurst Roads, and Furnace Lane
Lamberhurst Road, Brenchley Road
Goudhurst/Brenchley/Lamberhurst/Maidstone crossroad junction
lamberhurst road, maidstone road
CHURN LANE AND PEARSON GREEN ROAD
Crossroads in village
Junction by heath stores
Brenchley road, no footpath
Lamberhurst road and junction with Goudhurst rd
No footpath on Brenchley Road
Maidstone road across to Lamberhurst road and the junction by heath stores
Junction centre of village
Maidstone road, lamberhurst road, orchard crescent
All of them! The bloody snobs in the village telling me to slow down when I'm going 50 in my Jag the bloody job worths!!

Brenchley/Goudhurst/Lamberhurst/Maidstone
Maidstone Road, Lamberhurst Road, Brenchley Road
Maidstone Road/Lamberhurst Road & Brenchley Road
Haymans Hill/Grovehurst Lane cut through, Village crossroads, Goudhurst Road (where narrows at bridge)
Goudhurst Road/Brenchley Road
Maidstones Road, Lamberhurst Road.
Furnace Lane, Village Cross Roads
Maidstone road and Brenchley Road
Gibbet lane
Goudhurst Road, Maidstone Road, Lamberhurst Road
junction by shop: Lamberhurst, Maidstone, Brenchley and Goudhurst roads
Lamberhurst Road, Brenchley Road, Maidstone Road, Goudhurst Road, Back Lane
B2162 and Fairmans Lane (especially where footpaths meet the road - no pavement to safely cross, no lighting, 60mph traffic is inappropriate for small road with houses)
X Roads, Furnace Lane, Maidstone Rd, Brenchley Rd
Maidstone road junction b2162
Lamberhurst Road/Goudhurst Road junction
Crossroads in village centre
Maidstone Road, Brenchley/Goudhurst Road, Crook Road
Maidstone road and Goudhurst road
Goudhurst Road, Lamberhurst Road, Maidstone Road
Country lanes where vehicles (especially larger ones) can only pass with extreme care and by slowing down to a crawl or ducking into hedgerows
minor roads/lanes surrounding the village
FURNACE LANE, & MAIDSTONE ROAD
Village cross roads, Furnace Lane, Lamberhurst Rd, Marle Place Rd
Crossroads by Heath Stores
Brenchley Road
Lamberhurst road
Goudhurst rd, lamberhurst rd, maidstone rd
Maidstone road and crossroads in village
Crossroad

Goudhurst Road and the cross roads
Cross road
Goudhurst Road, Lamberhurst Road
All roads in and out of the village
Churn Lane
Brenchley Road. Furnace lane
Goudhurst/Brenchley Rd, Maidstone Rd near school
Cross road centre of village
Cross roads
Goudhurst, Brenchley, Maidstone, Lamberhurst
Goudhurst road, lamberhurst road, brenchley road maidstone road haymans hill grovehurst lane yew tree green road

The Crossroads, Maidstone Road and Goudhurst Road.
Gibbet Lane
Brenchley Road and Lamberhurst Road
The Crossroads
Lamberhurst Road, speed and volume of traffic
Maidstone Road, Goudhurst Road and Lamberhurst road
Furnace Lane, yew tree green road, Maidstone rd, crossroads in centre of village
Lamberhurst rd, Maidstone rd
The crossroads. Also the 40mph zones when leaving the village (Maidstone Road
Maidstone, Lamberhurst, junction at Heath stores
Maidstone road
Maidstone Rd
Horsmonden cross roads
Furnace Lane
Brenchley road, yew tree green road,
Goudhurst Road
Village centre
Maidstone Road, Brenchley Road
Yew Tree Green Road; Brenchley Road; The cross roads in the centre of the village
Brenchley/Goudhurst and Lamberhurst/Maidstone
Heath stores junction
The cross roads
Horsmonden to Matfield- pot holes are terrible
Crossroads, Goudhurst rd, furnace lane, Maidstone rd. Lamberhurst rd, brenchley road.
Maidstone / lamberhurst/ goudhurst road
Crossroads at Heath Stores
Goudhurst Road

Q 26 Do you think that people living in, or visiting, the Parish can walk, cycle or ride a horse safely? If you have answered “No” to any of the options in question 26, which of the following do you think might improve safety?

All roads from Kippings cross to Horsmonden are 50mph or less except our road coming into the village. Reduce speed limit from Brenchley to Horsmonden from 60mph to 40mph. Motorists approach village too fast.

Any traffic calming interventions must be sensitively designed, I do not support additional signage/lighting etc that negatively affects the character of the village and/countryside.

As a walker / dog walker - it's the small minor roads that pose the largest risk. These roads often overlap footpaths. National speed limit (60mph) is too fast for these roads especially since there is no pavement or lighting to help crossing. Fairmans Lane and surrounding roads needs speed control / safety measures, especially since many children walk along here to Brenchley school.

As in Holland and elsewhere in Europe the car should be secondary to the pedestrian and cyclist when entering the built up area. It should be physically impossible to drive fast with chicanes and narrow road widths and the law should enforce this priority ie our highways authority should take a trip abroad for new ideas and change its ethos and approach.

Ban huge lorries from village roads. Don't build hundreds of new houses as each house will have at least one or two cars

Despite my answering Yes to the above, I think interactive/flashing signs leading up to the main crossroads may be helpful

Footpath railings on Goudhurst Road between Back Lane and Orchard Way

Have a bloody cycle free village I say! I will knock one of the rodents off their bike any day now !!

HGV using Lamberhurst road forced to keep further off kerbs as mirrors overhang pavement

Improved pavements in particular to the tennis club

Improved road surface on minor roads

Introduction of "Gateway" features at the entrances to the village on the main roads (at the 30mph speed limits).

Keep HGVs off the lanes unless actually going to specific farms.

More pavements and cycle lanes might simply make roads narrower and less safe so cars spill over onto them. The roads simply aren't wide enough as it is. Better maintenance of road edges would make it safer for cycling: at present the risk posed by potholes is a major deterrent to cycling - if you swerve to avoid them you might get taken out by a car, if you don't you might go head over heels and still get hit by a car!

Parking at crossroads main issue, need to create parking on margin of village green. Not banning parking as need to support local shops.

Put yellow lines on crossroad and make village centre 20mph - soon it will be too late!!

Reducing HGVs using Lamberhurst/ Maidstone roads

Reduction of poor parking along main roads that reduces visibility at junctions.

Road narrowing to restrict HGV

Stop and prosecute those exceeding the speed limits, other options do not seem to be effective

Stop parking at corners of junctions eg X roads

The village traffic problems fall into 2 categories: inconsiderate villagers who should know better, and inconsiderate drivers passing through who know what they are doing and don't care. In the case of the former, peer pressure may improve behaviour, in the case of the latter only effective enforcement will work.

Unsafe for horse riders around any area of Horsmonden/Brenchley due to the speed of cars

Village car Park near to centre

Would any of the following encourage you to use buses or increase your use of buses?

A bus into north farm and Tunbridge Wells would be welcomed

A bus to K & S Hospital would be helpful

A bus to Paddock Wood.

A regular bus to Paddock Wood would be good to connect with station for commuting and a late service for returning home after nights out in local towns/London.

A shuttle bus to Paddock Wood would be good, even if it was just in the busiest periods.

Although there is a bus to Paddock Wood, it is only on certain days. As this has the main line rail station and the nearest key shops a daily and regular bus service should run to and from Paddock Wood.

As so many people in the village depend on train transport to get to work it would be sensible to have connecting services to and from Paddock Wood station in morning and evening. That would take cars off the road in rush hour, making local roads safer.

Bus to Paddock Wood station would be very useful

Bus to PW to connect with train or Marden for same reason

Buses to Tonbridge

Buses to train stations for commuters, cheaper than parking.

Connecting to airport

Frequent bus to Paddock Wood Station. Sunday bus services

Having a bus pass

Hawkhurst

I enjoy driving

I haven't looked at the timetables recently but when I was commuting to London the buses would not have helped at all as they were too late in the morning and too early in the afternoon. When I looked at going to T Wells by bus, I wouldn't have had much time between the bus in and the bus home. BUT I haven't checked lately so this may be unfair

Later bus from pdw

Maidstone

Maidstone

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More bus stops in the parish

Morning 297 bus at 7.19am to get my son to get to school is often late and sometimes doesn't turn up, only one return bus so I have to pick him up if he does a club after school.

No direct buses to Tonbridge and insufficient direct buses to Maidstone. Too few to Paddock Wood. Buses in and out of Tunbridge Wells don't operate at night or late evening or on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Paddock wood

Paddock Wood and Maidstone

Paddock wood. Tunbridge wells

Regular bus service to & from Paddock Wood

Regular Bus service to paddock wood station

Regular Service to Paddock Wood and Tunbridge Wells.

Regular Service to Paddock Wood train station

These services are a lifeline and should be affordable for all

Tonbridge and pwood are a problem. A commuter service may reduce commuter traffic.

Train stations

Tunbridge Wells Paddock wood Maidstone

We live 10 minutes away from a mainline station with direct access to London, but can't get to it using public transport.

Which local landscape or historic features do you value or feel that it is important to preserve?

Sprivers and furnace pond

The Green, The Social Club, Heath Stores

All of the local landscape for the enjoyment of locals and tourists/visitors. This is a stunning part of the world and doesn't need to be concreted over and overpopulated.

The older buildings should be preserved and their character kept intact (including windows that are in-keeping, etc). I wouldn't like to see too much urban road infrastructure introduced, things like traffic lights, pedestrian crossings etc, would be hugely detrimental to the character of Horsmonden as a village. The same goes for inappropriate street lighting and furniture - I live in the countryside to be in the countryside and enjoy the natural rhythm of the day and the seasons. Overly bright and extensive streetlighting would really spoil this. The local landscape mix of woods, farms, etc. is so much a part of what makes living in the village such a delight that this is hugely important. Being able to walk out of your front door and be in fields and woods within minutes is one of the main reasons we live here.

The Hop Gardens.

The green, orchards, footpaths

Architectural consistency and style especially around the centre of the village, typical to the Weald. The village green is also a key feature of the village.

Whole area

The fields surrounding the village

The Village green and St Margaret's church

The village green and buildings around it, St Margaret's Church and area around it

Village green (a pity that the Business Centre is such an eyesore)! The various fetes and events that take place on the village green.

The Heath and surrounding houses. Sprivers. Orchards and hop gardens, Oast houses. Views

The Village Green, local farm land, footpaths through green areas, Sprivers

The old railway cutting , backing onto tucks orchard as it is inhabited by bats

Village green, Locket Green, Sprivers. Social Club,

Agricultural history - hops & orchards. Historic buildings - church, pub & private houses.

The Heath, the Weald of Kent AoNB; Sprivers, parkland

The green and some of the houses with either listed or historic status

Village Green Village shop The Gun

Tennis club and Cricket club

Village Green

Village Green - Parish Church

Open country from north to south of the village

Rural landscape and character of village and surrounding lanes

Village green and all surrounding properties

Remember this is or was the garden of England

Small areas of woodland edge and old orchards is very important for wildlife and wild flowers (bluebells)/ orchards/

Village green/ Overall character of historic village centre/ views towards goudhurst, bedgebury / sprivers.

Village green, footpaths, sports field, historic houses, Sprivers, village shop, orchards.

Green Village Hall Listed buildings Ancient trees and woodland

Green space

The view from top of Willard place looking over the fields. Sprivers is also beautiful as is all the hop fields that are still around.

Social club, Heath Stores, village green, locket green

village centre, views in area of outstanding area of nature beauty

Village Green, Social club, St Margarets church, Sprivers, Furnace Pond, Sports field

sprivers, furnace pond

Village green, sports ground, local apple orchards and hop fields

Village green (But use part of shops parking/bus stop) and sports grounds.

Village green footpaths and surrounding fields and farmland

Sprivers woods and paths.

The orchards, woodlands such as Sprivers and landscape setting to the village all contribute significantly to its character and sense of place

The Green, Sprivers, Orchards, open spaces

Farmland, hop gardens, country footpaths, village green

It's all important

Village green area including the shops; Sports field;

The Green Listed buildings

Houses around the village green

Cricket ground, Sprivers

Green rolling hills and farmland

Village Green, Cricket and Tennis clubs and the open space they have

walking paths and ST Margarets church and orchards

Village centre/Village green

The Green and the orchards, fields and woodland that surround the village.

All local farmland and views across areas of outstanding natural beauty

Hop fields. There are virtually no fields left to preserve the memory of Kent and the Oast houses.

Sprivers, Orchards, Hop fields, Village Green

All of it

The village green and sports field

The village green and the properties surrounding it. Also the church and the area round that part of the village. Any new development should seek to maintain the open, rural aspect & outlook from so many parts of the village particularly high ground and from the church tower for example

The Green, the Sports Ground, Properties around the Green

The village green

The village green. Also open views across fields and orchards from, for example, Lamberhurst Road at Pullens Farm, and from Maidstone Road across to Brenchley.

ALL

Old Post Office (Manchester House) Gun and Spitroast St Margaret's Church War Memorial and Social Club

The area around the Green/Heath, the Social Club, the conservation area in general.

Rural landscape and open, connected wide spaces without interruption with roads gates and housing

They're not making any more land so any green field or woodland that gets built on will never return.

Listed building within the parish, The Green, The Pub, Sprivers, access to orchards/vineyards

The Heath (Village Green) & Sprivers

Village green and surrounding housing. Orchards/hop gardens/vineyards around village.

Orchards, Fields, Sprivers and oasts

The open areas surrounding the village and pedestrian access to them. New developments should not change the wildlife habitats, some of which are already being destroyed to make 'building plots' more attractive to developers.

Village green and sports club. Historic buildings.

Agricultural land, playing fields, the Green, woodland.

The green spaces - Village Green, Locket Green, Recreation Ground etc, plus listed buildings and sites of historic interest such as Furnace Pond.

Swig hole farm Furnace pond

St Margaret's church

sprivers, the church

THE HEATH AND SURROUNDING HOUSES AND SOCIAL CLUB

All of them

Do not build near existing houses

The Church and village hall

Sprivers, St Margarets church, village green

Hop fields. Existing farms. Countryside surrounding the church. Woodlands.

The pub! Do not take away my second home u petty sobs! I tell u one day I'm going to lose it with this council. Council my arse I say

The Heath

Sprivers, Village Hall

The Green, Sprivers

Sprivers & Furnace Lake

Sprivers, Old Railway line (ideally to be used as footpath and cycle route), Village Green

All the buildings that currently give the character and rural feel to the village. And the space between them.

Agricultural land and woods heritage buildings and mimicking character on new builds.

Village Green, Sprivers, Furnace Pond, Hop fields

The village green.

Social club and the Gun should not be turned into houses.

Furnace pond, local walkways and orchards. Village hall.

The Village Green, Social Club (war memorial), Horsmonden Church and surrounding area. Sprivers.

The whole area around the Green

The surrounding orchards and fields which are so much a part of the heritage. They are also vital for wildlife, birds and the quality of air etc.

Sprivers The Green Houses around the green and Heath The sports field The village hall Locket Green The Primary School

Green belt land surrounding the village

Orchards and fields surround footpaths and country walks

Farms around footpaths to maintain country walks

Views from village of the hop gardens and the orchards/vineyards and woodlands

The central area of the village

The Heath, Social Club, Heath Stores building, pub

Sprivers and surrounding areas

The open fields, woodland and hedges that surround the village.

Village Green, historic buildings, views to surrounding countryside from village, mature trees, hedgerows

The Heath, the buildings around it (apart from the business centre!), the small building that was partially knocked down, the cricket pitch, the orchards surrounding the village and the footpaths, Sprivers, Furnace Pond

Orchards, grazing land, vineyards - i.e. open spaces. If buildings are unused and dilapidated there is no point in preserving them unless they can be put to modern day use

there is a double moat at Share Farm, Brick Kiln Lane - this is an English Heritage site which has deteriorated to the point you can't see the moat at all, it is now covered in tall trees and shrubs but it is marked on all local maps so walkers look to see it while walking the footpath and something needs to be done about it.

Village Green Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Sprivers, traditional farms, open pasture, listed buildings, hop gardens Furnace pond, village green, ancient woodland, coppiced woodland, natural waterways

social club, the gun

Sprivers, The Heath

Buildings on the green, churches, train station

Natural valley area of Swigs Hole area and area surround the river Teise

Village centre and all the green spaces around for wildlife and walking etc

The clock

The green, furnace pond, strivers and the sports field

Village centre.

st Margrets church. pre war buildings
The Gun pub
The area around furnace pond and the sports field
The Village Green and surrounding buildings
Village green. Sprivers. Orchards.
Village green school playground cricket and sports ground cemetery and church furnace pond footpath links Sprivers and grounds hops and orchards so near village
The village Green, Sprivers.
Sprivers
Sorry but part of the Heath could be changed into a car park
Village green, Sprivers. Rural paths around the village
St Margarets church Village green
Wide open fields and views across the parish. These are why we moved here.
Sprivers, around the church
The Green
All of them! Places you can take a wander and the dog for a quick walk. This village is too beautiful for a load of new builds to go up anywhere!
The Green
Village green, parkland
The heath. Green. Social club. Orchards
The general nature of the village , not swamping old houses with new
St Margaret's Church Many listed buildings Structure of the village
The heath
Older houses in general. Sprivers.
village green
Village green, sports field, views of open countryside
The village green and the surrounding houses; Furnace pond; Sprivers; All footpaths; Swigs Hole and the railway bridge;
Last houses;
That the village remains a village, and doesn't quietly metamorphose into a town.
Village green
Village green and surrounding buildings
Particularly the green
Pub
The village green
Sprivers, furnace pond, orchards farmland, cricket pitch and central green.
The green / sprivers
The Heath, Sprivers
Orchards, hop gardens and hedges

If you have any additional comments, please feel free to add them here

Although more homes are needed it is a great shame that this village is slowly becoming a town, thats why we love living here the people the views and thats all dying out because more and more of the land is being persued for housing. What about the wildlife? The huge quantity of houses that go up impacts on everyone here, the traffic is already horrendous! Money needs to go into schools and traffic calming measures!!

Answers will differ dependant on "stage of life" our children now grown up but other may have differing needs

Any development must be relevant to the needs of the villagers, homes suitable for downsizing would enable family homes to be freed up. Concerns over make up of planning committee with those putting up land being involved in the decision making?

Centralised green energy for village would be a great development

Conflict of interest - proposer of sites 144 and 378 is also on Borough and Parish Councils

Development within the village can only be undertaken if there is sufficient capacity with schools, doctors surgery etc to meet demand. The roads around the village are dangerous more development puts more pressure on the roads. The rural nature of Horsmonden would be ruined by large-scale development. It is vital to preserve native woodland and agricultural land for the future when the country may need to be more self-sufficient for food and to reduce carbon footprint of food production.

Developments must maintain the village character and thus be contained within a reasonable distance of the village green. Developments must be sympathetic to the landscape and have the minimum visual impact. Creeping ribbon development, such as plots 93, 169, 405, would be harmful, and development of a large plot well outside the village i.e. plot 144, would be highly inappropriate and extremely damaging to the landscape - it is bigger than the existing village!!!

Enough affordable housing is essential to maintain the balance in the community

Green spaces are valued for our rural community

Hoping to recruit people from village into the business so local premises imp.

Horsmonden is a lovely, community spirited and friendly village. There aren't many places like that in the area and that integrity should be maintained. Building houses is necessary but should be done in a way that is respectful of the existing inhabitants and environment. For us that means small, 5-10 house max developments close to amenities, that will be incorporated into the existing village and not separate from it.

Horsmonden is a village and should not be converted to a sprawling town

Horsmonden should not become part of the solution to the alleged 'housing crisis'. A glance at the local papers each week will show numbers of large houses for sale, of which there is clearly no shortage. We need 2/3 bed terrace or semi type developments which genuinely come on the open market for local people to buy. The alleged 'affordable housing' never comes on the market, simply passing, as if by magic, to housing associations. Let us have an appropriate number of village houses for local people.

I am concerned that, at a time when we are being asked to accept significant development of our village, KCC are looking at cutting our bus services, potentially reducing to a community taxi type service. This doesn't make sense and demonstrates a lack of joined up thinking between TWBC, KCC and central Government. If we are to have additional housing development then we need improved public transport services, not amended or reduced services.

I am keen to see the Plan developed using evidence as well as opinion to reach the very best possible outcome

I believe that neighbourhood plan for the parish will be essential.

I feel it is very important to provide affordable facilities for the younger members of the community to encourage a range of families and the livelihood of the village. Affordable housing, better bus services including evening buses, 'wild' areas, extended footpaths and cycle tracks amongst other ideas will all help and also have a knock on positive impact for older residents.

I fully accept that there must be new houses built in the village. It is vital if the village is to thrive and continue to maintain, and hopefully even improve, the facilities available. There should be a good mix of houses included in any new development - small starter homes, larger family homes, homes for older people to be able to live with some degree of independence etc. Developers should be encouraged to be creative in incorporating them as an integral part of the village, rather than bolt-ons or separate enclaves. I believe we should avoid schemes which seek to cram the maximum number of units in the smallest amount of space, often in serried ranks of identical properties. Each development should try to provide some element of 'breathing space'.

I fully understand we need additional housing in our village but I would like it to be proportional. I would prefer smaller groups of houses. We need a good mix of new housing, small houses for first time buyers, family homes, self-build opportunities and retirement homes. But it is hugely important growth is managed according to available village amenities and resources

I have lived in the village for 38 years. In that time it has increased in size but dramatically reduced amenities. The water pressure has reduced, the roads are not maintained but used more. Public transport is under constant threat. Yet in many towns where there are plenty of amenities and good services there are empty/derelict buildings (where extra housing could easily be accommodated)

I think that paving is an issue with in Horsmonden and so only building on smaller sites will just increase the amount of parked cars on the road. There should be a bigger site to build houses with additional parking but they have access to walk into the village.

I was trying to fill in on behalf of Kindergarten but this did not seem appropriate! I have filled in as an individual but it would be nice to see that there was more housing for young families in our village!

If the size of the village is to increase then the local services and infrastructure needs to keep pace. Additionally the village would benefit from a new sports pavilion at The dog house ground to accommodate an larger sized village

It is quite wrong that a small number of absentee landowners who have no commitment to our communities, can have such influence over our future and the future of our villages for our children and grandchildren.

It is vital to protect the countryside and the status of villages and not ruin them by over-development. Too much of our wonderful countryside is being ruined, wildlife put at risk.

New housing area should not exceed the current area of the village

Please preserve the existing rural status of the Parish which helps to strongly support such a caring community

Please will the NP steering group agree and adopt the parish council sustainability policy so that we can influence the ECO credentials of all new housing development. Also, Developers must plan for a recycling hub which is accessible and flexible to meet future needs as the science of recycling evolves.

Preserving the community and the character of the village are in my view very import elements for the neighbourhood plan. Thank you for gathering the village views the output from the April work looks very constructive - could it be included on the NP site?

Rumour was that the triangle at Gibbet Lane was always meant to be homes for the elderly. This has to be the best site for warden assisted homes and a medical centre.

Thanks :)

That village shop defaces your village with their bloody swingers club held in the Gun. I wont have it I'll tell ye. Also increase the speed around the village to slow, keep ur kids on leads, thank you, have a nice day :)

The main concern is managing the new developments to be in keeping with the style and period charm of the village while still taking into consideration the drastic need for small and affordable housing and the horrifically dangerous crossing at the green and the speed some people travel on the main roads

The main problem to me is parking, I think all the roads would be safer if people did not park on the road and so traffic would move more calmly through the village. As for building houses any land not being farmed or can be built on except public areas like the green although I small portion of this could be used for a car park.

The presentation showed the wrong nubber of residents, thatmakes me worried about the accuracy of all the material

The UK's entire housing policy is broken. We should make more use of the brownfield sites already in existence and encourage laugh g where there is already transport infrastructure. We're simply creating one giant urban development in Kent.

There is a great need for sheltered housing so that the village elderly do not have to move away from their friends and support when they cannot live alone rather than more luxury houses

this is a lovely village

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very comprehensive

We are going to have to accept change in the village but any increase in dwellings means more cars, more children, more need for health facilities, school places, public transport and shops. Things are already pressured so any development must bring with it the relevant infrastructure development as a quid pro quo. We need to accommodate young people or the village will die. We need to enable older people to downsize. We do not need 5 bedroomed "executive homes" with pocket handkerchief gardens. Our roads will not take much more traffic, local or through-traffic without the dangers and pollution increasing to unacceptable levels. I don't see an obvious answer to this conundrum but it has to be addressed

We are not averse to small pockets of building that fit in with the village. We really do not want big housing estates that spoil the beautiful landscape.

we live 30 miles from the centre of a MAJOR capital city and more housing with the current shortage as well as our location is inevitable. It's progress

We need more activities for youth engagement in the village. Speed of traffic and incidents on cross roads is a massive concern

We need to take our fair share of development, while keeping in mind what makes people want to live here in the first place. If too much development is forced upon Horsmonden, it will lose its character as a village, thus undermining the very reason we chose to live here! The rural character, the village life, all of this is part and parcel of what makes Horsmonden such a wonderful place to live and must be cherished and protected.

We should cherish our outstandingly beautiful area and resist the greedy desire to make a quick buck selling land for building houses. Marden is a perfect example of a village massively overdeveloped with 'executive' commuters' houses, a large number of which haven't even sold.

We understand there may be a need for more housing but careful thought does need to be given to the existing infrastructure (and how it should be adapted to cater for the increased population) when planning any new developments

What about St Margaret's Church - the old building outside the village? Does that have any place in the plan or is it not important to people here - or the other church buildings and what they offer in terms of meeting places for groups and of course worship, and then weddings, funerals etc? Seems there might be a whole area not addressed by this questionnaire, or would people not mind if there wasn't a church building and we needed to go to Paddock Wood or somewhere. From what I understand, if we want the old church building, we need to find a way of maintaining it which is wider than just those who go there sometimes on Sundays.

Whilst development is inevitable and necessary, it is important to consider how development happens. It is important to consider the tipping point in population which works against the village amenities, for example, the doctors' surgery - too high a population is as untenable as not enough. The village does not have a great capacity for car parking, which limits the ability of the retail and services to support villagers. If there is a large new housing development then it is very likely in my opinion that these new residents, unless they have children, will live very much independently of the village itself. Already it is hard to support local services as car parking and pedestrian safety, particularly in the village itself, is not fit for purpose. I would welcome the addition of small numbers of dwellings which reflect or complement the neighbourhood character and which encourages young people and young families into the village. That said, many people would like to remain in the village in their old age and therefore flats which assist older people to remain independent would also be welcome, freeing up family housing to those further up the housing ladder.

With the trend being towards electric cars in the future some charging places in the village would be good as happens in some small French villages.