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In total 60 questionnaires were returned, providing a good number of responses to the questions asked which will help greatly in ascertaining the direction of Willoughton's Neighbourhood Plan.

A breakdown of those responses as a guide to the general themes found is set out below.

Please note that not all respondents completed the whole survey or whole questions.

As a guide to the demographic of respondents, age and sex responses have been set out below.

Age

20 respondents answered with a tick to indicate they were 16+.

27 respondents wrote their age in the box and they were as follows:

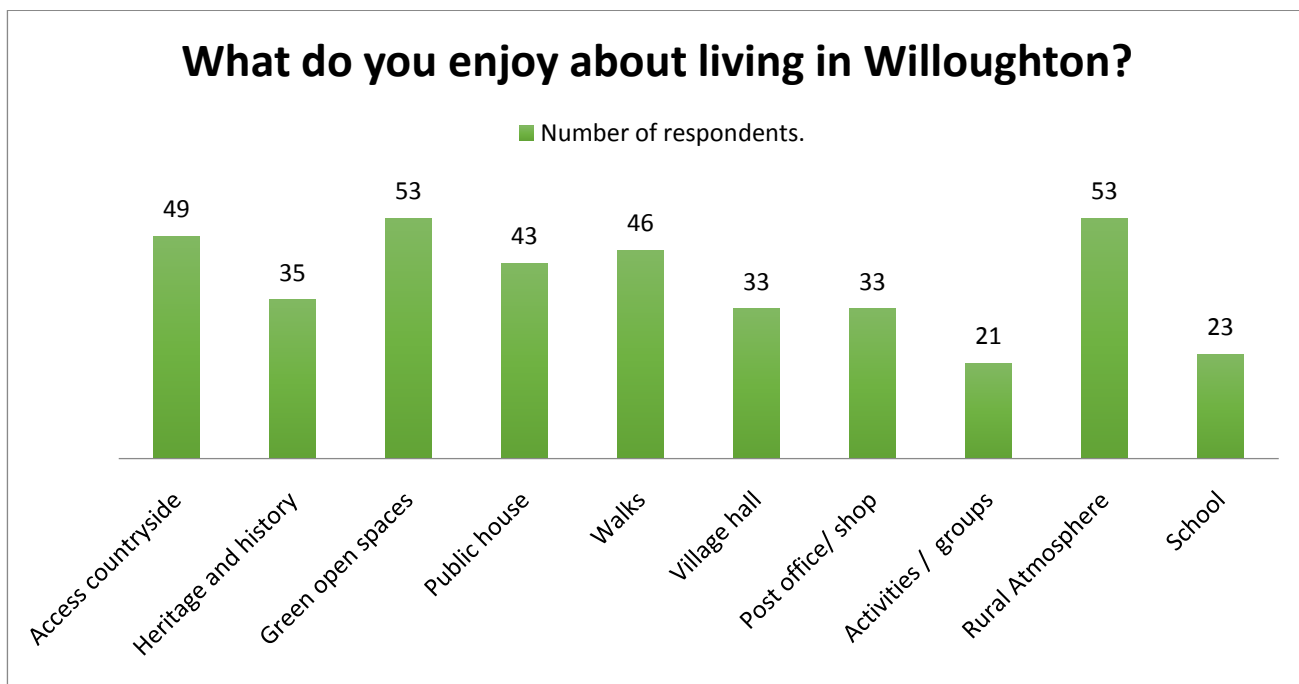
19, 40, 41, 44, 45, 47, 51, 52, 52, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 61, 62, 62, 64, 65, 68, 68, 69, 69, 70, 76, 76.

Sex

Of those that responded, 27 were male and 28 were female.

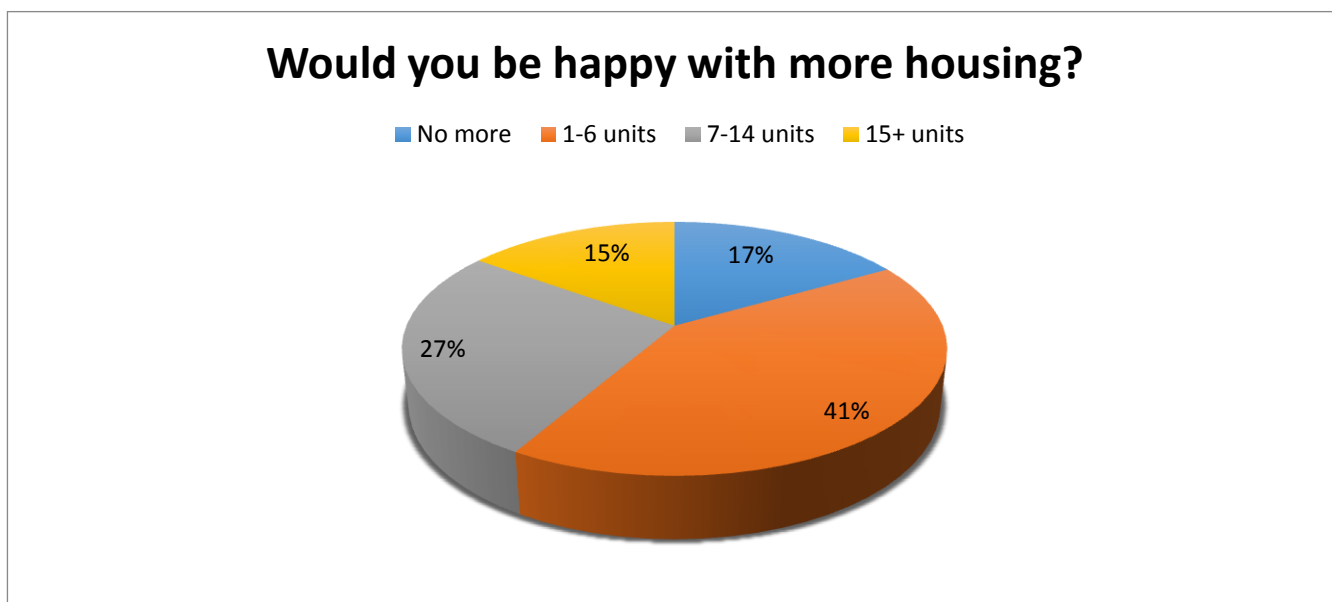
1 What do you enjoy about living in Willoughton?			
Easy access to the countryside	49	Village hall	33
Heritage and history	35	Post office/ shop	33
Green open spaces	53	Village activities / community groups	21
Public house	43	Rural Atmosphere	53
Walks	46	School	23

The most popular choices to this question were 'green open spaces' and 'rural atmosphere' each with 53 selections, followed in descending order by 'easy access to the countryside' with 49 people selecting this, 'walks' with 46 people, 'public house' with 43, 'heritage and history' with 35, 'village hall' and 'post office / shop' each had 33 selections, 'school' had 23 and 'village activities / community groups' had 21 selections.



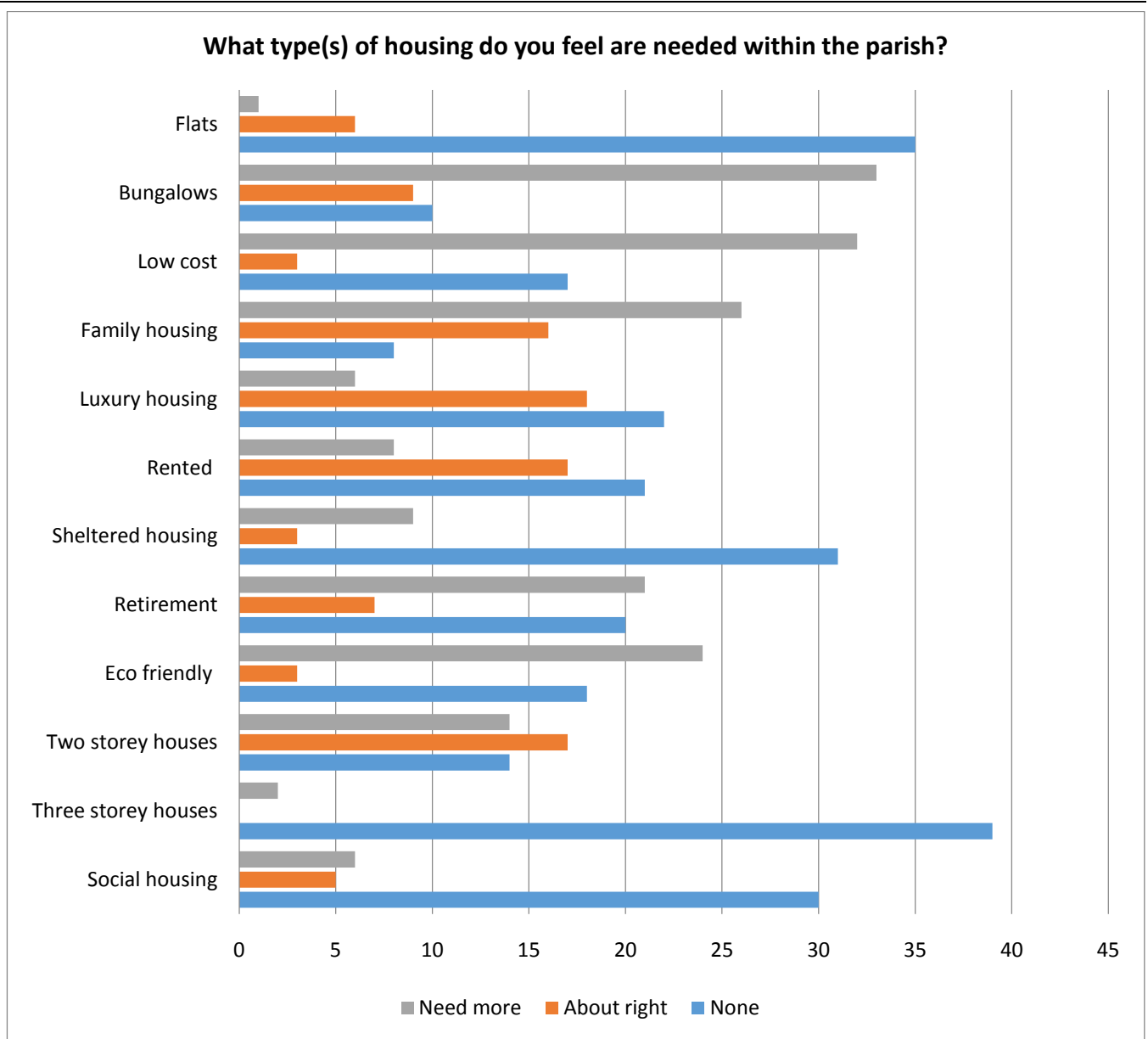
2 Would you be happy with more housing?			
No more	10	1-6 units	25
7-14 units	16	15+ units	9

25 respondents (41%) said they would be happy with 1- 6 new housing units, 16 respondents (27%) said 7- 14 units, 10 respondents (17%) said they did not want to see any new housing units and 9 respondents (15%) said they would be happy with 15+ new housing units.



3 What type(s) of housing do you feel are needed within the parish?			
	Need more	About right	None
Flats	1	6	35
Bungalows	33	9	10
Low cost / affordable / starter homes	32	3	17
Family housing	26	16	8
Luxury housing	6	18	22
Rented accommodation	8	17	21
Sheltered housing	9	3	31
Retirement housing/apartments	21	7	20
Eco friendly housing	24	3	18
Two storey houses	14	17	14
Three storey houses	2	0	39
Social housing	6	5	30

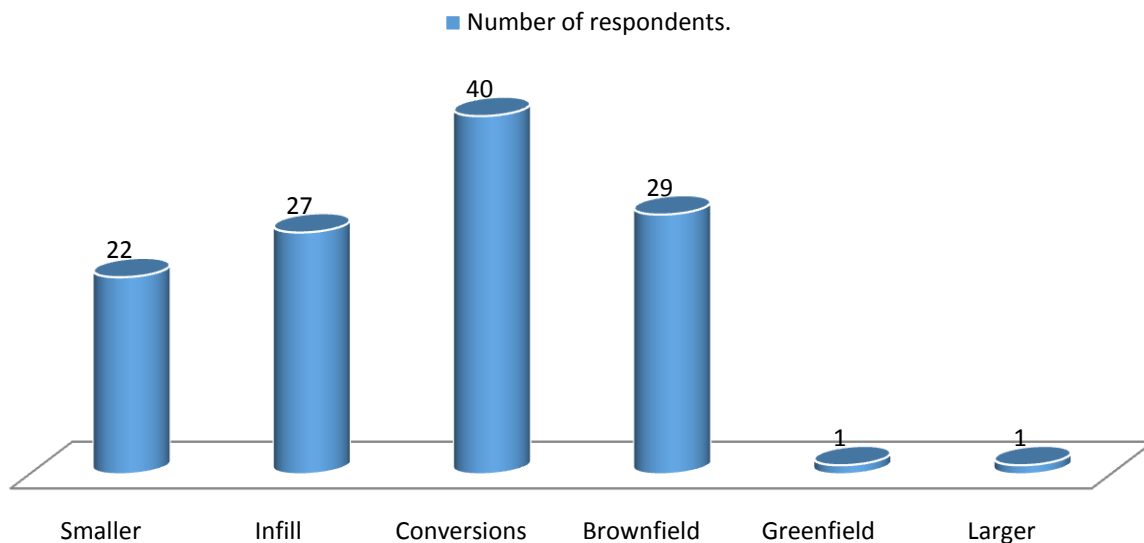
Of flats, 1 respondent selected 'need more', 6 said 'about right' and 35 said 'none'. For bungalows, 33 respondents selected 'need more', 9 said 'about right' and 10 said 'none'. Low cost / affordable / starter homes, 32 respondents selected 'need more', 3 said 'about right' and 17 said 'none'. Of family housing 26 respondents selected 'need more', 16 said 'about right' and 8 said 'none'. Luxury housing, 6 respondents selected 'need more', 18 said 'about right' and 22 said 'none'. Of rented accommodation, 8 respondents selected 'need more', 17 said 'about right' and 21 said 'none'. With regards to sheltered housing, 9 respondents selected 'need more', 3 said 'about right' and 31 said 'none'. For retirement housing / apartments, 21 respondents selected 'need more', 7 said 'about right' and 20 said 'none'. Eco friendly housing, 24 respondents selected 'need more', 3 said 'about right' and 18 said 'none'. Of two storey houses, 14 respondents selected 'need more', 17 said 'about right' and 14 said 'none'. Three storey houses, 2 respondents selected 'need more', 0 said 'about right' and 39 said 'none'. Of social housing, 6 respondents selected 'need more', 5 said 'about right' and 30 said 'none'.



4 Where would you prefer to see future development within the Parish?			
A number of smaller developments	22	Brownfield (land previously developed)	29
Infill developments	27	Greenfield (land previously undeveloped)	1
Conversion of existing buildings	40	Larger developments	1

When asked where they would prefer to see future development within the Parish, respondents most popular selection was 'conversion of existing buildings' with 40 people selecting this, followed by 'Brownfield' with 29 selections, 'infill developments' with 27 selections, 'a number of smaller developments' had 22 selections, 'Greenfield' and 'larger developments' each received a single selection.

Where would you prefer to see future development within the Parish?



What areas would you like to remain free from developments?

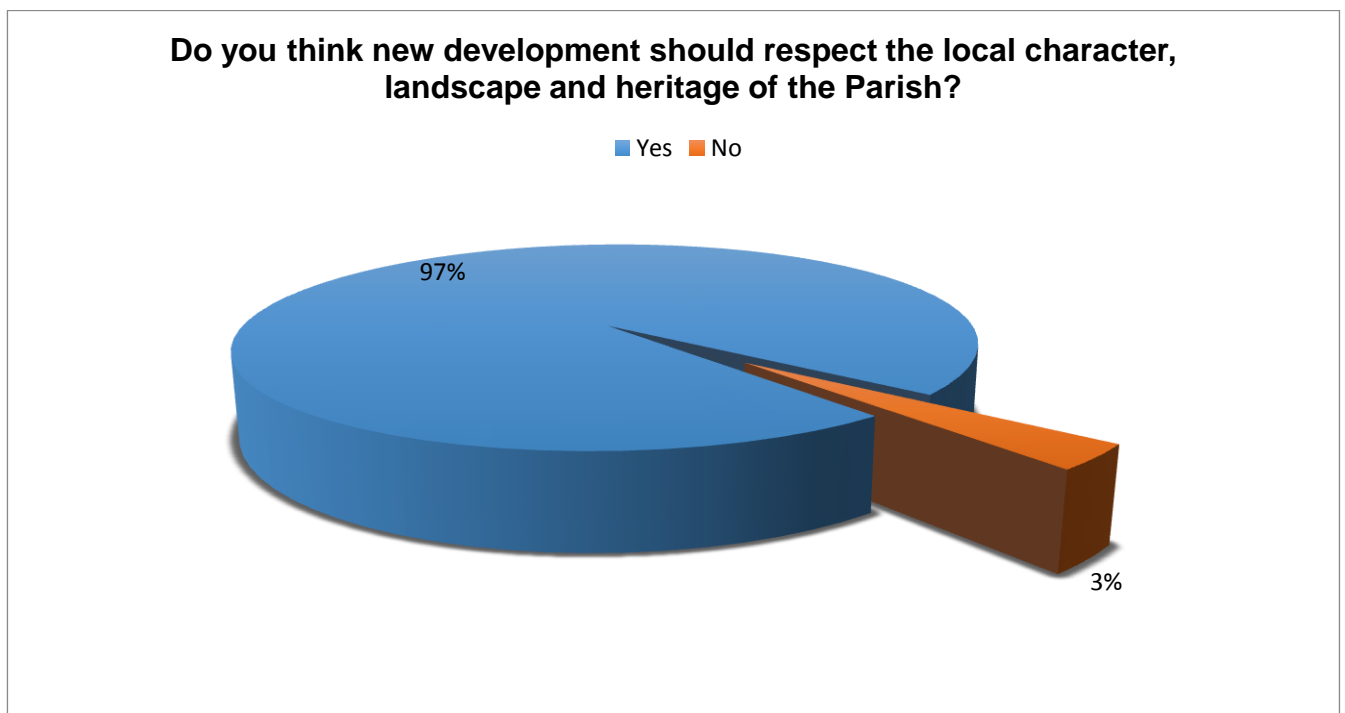
- Areas of historical importance.
- Green fields.
- Centre.
- Everywhere.
- All
- Greenfield land.
- The field right by the bungalows on Vicarage Road.
- Most of the village.
- North side of Church St. Vicarage Rd from old vicarage to boundary.
- The playing field. The area near the village hall.
- The playing field. The football pitch. The green spaces in the centre of the village.
- Green spaces – sports field and football pitch.
- Around the church. The back and front of the vicarage.
- Anywhere that is outside the existing built boundaries of the village.
- The playing field and near the bus shelter.
- Open spaces such as the wood yard off Hollowgate Hill.
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- Greenfields.
- I think the village green should remain an obvious focal point, playing field and football pitch. Grazing land surrounding Monks Garth.
- Greenfield.
- The present green areas in the village.
- The Triangle Long Lane.
- All pasture lands currently surrounding the village.
- Greenfields.
- Greenfield. Village limits should not be expanded.
- All fields and areas surrounding the village.
- Greenfield.
- Agricultural land. Woodland.
- The park. Land that is prone to flooding. There are still spaces for infill in the village. Archaeological sites including Monks Garth and Temple Garth.
- No development is required other than improvements to existing properties.
- Retain present boundaries.

5 Do you think new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the Parish?

Yes	56	No	2
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Of those that answered this question, 56 respondents (97%) said yes, and 2 (3%) said no.



5a What local features are particularly important to you?

- Green fields. Walks. Quiet rural setting.
- Rural area, countryside, community, public house.
- Community spirit, public house, rural area, wildlife, countryside.
- Being able to sit and watch the cows in the field, being disabled it's one of the only pleasures we get for free. Listening to the birds and the peace and quiet. Peace and quiet is the most important to me.
- Templar site. Monk Garth site. General openness of developed sites and mix of property types.
- Landscape. Heritage.
- Landscape generally.
- The local pub. Village hall.
- The compact nature of the village. Little or no through traffic. No 'estate' type developments. Awareness of the surrounding open countryside. Feeling of community that comes from living in a small, compact village; this would be lost if large scale developments were allowed.
- Maintaining a 'village' feel. Keeping open spaces as existing. Retaining a peaceful and tranquil environment in which to reside.
- Open spaces and views not spoiled by horrible fast built housing. Retain a rural and quiet atmosphere. Maintain a village feel. Keep local wildlife and habitat.
- Open fields and wooded walks. Places to walk / go dog walking.
- Church. The old smithy / green. Temple Garth. Primitive Chapel. 7 Northfield Lane. Old stone cottages on Middle St. Post office. Pavilion. Trees on hillside and Gainsborough Lane. Footpaths. Views of open countryside. Monks Garth. Stew pond.
- The rural environment. Village hall important.
- Church.
- Public footpaths. Public house. Post office. Villager hall.
- Rural feel of the village. New housing only in infill areas, e.g. Middle St, Hollowgate Hill.
- Quiet rural village with beautiful surroundings and church.
- Church. Limestone built house. Escarpment. Historic earthworks.
- The facilities within the village; shop, village hall, school, pub, church, park, walks around the village.
- I am happy with the village as it is.
- Limestone Rangers football pitch.
- This is a working farming village. Agricultural buildings are therefore part of it and should be retained. The church is an important feature. Many existing dwellings could be improved. Generally preserve village as it is with only modest housing development.

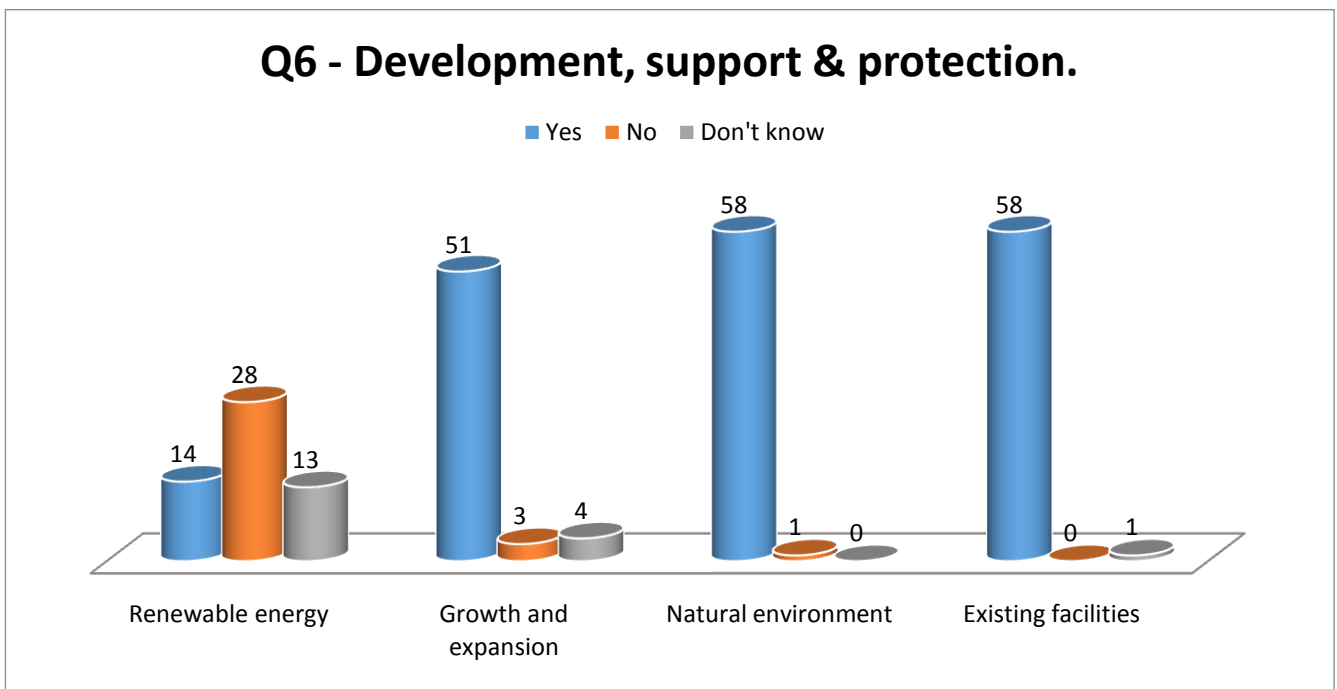
6 Please answer the following			
	Yes	No	Don't Know
Should areas be developed for renewable energy?	14	28	13
Do you support the growth and expansion of existing local businesses within the Parish such as existing farms, the public house?	51	3	4
Should we protect our natural environment such as important trees, hedgerows, verges, local habitats and wildlife?	58	1	0
Should we protect our existing community facilities and green spaces like the village Hall, the public house, school and our recreational grounds?	58	0	1

When asked 'Should areas be developed for renewable energy?' 14 respondents said 'Yes', 28 said 'No' and 13 said 'Don't know'.

When asked 'Do you support the growth and expansion of existing local businesses within the Parish such as existing farms, the public house?' 51 respondents said 'Yes', 3 said 'No' and 4 said 'Don't know'.

When asked 'Should we protect our natural environment such as important trees, hedgerows, verges, local habitats and wildlife?' 58 respondents said 'Yes', 1 said 'No' and none said 'Don't know'.

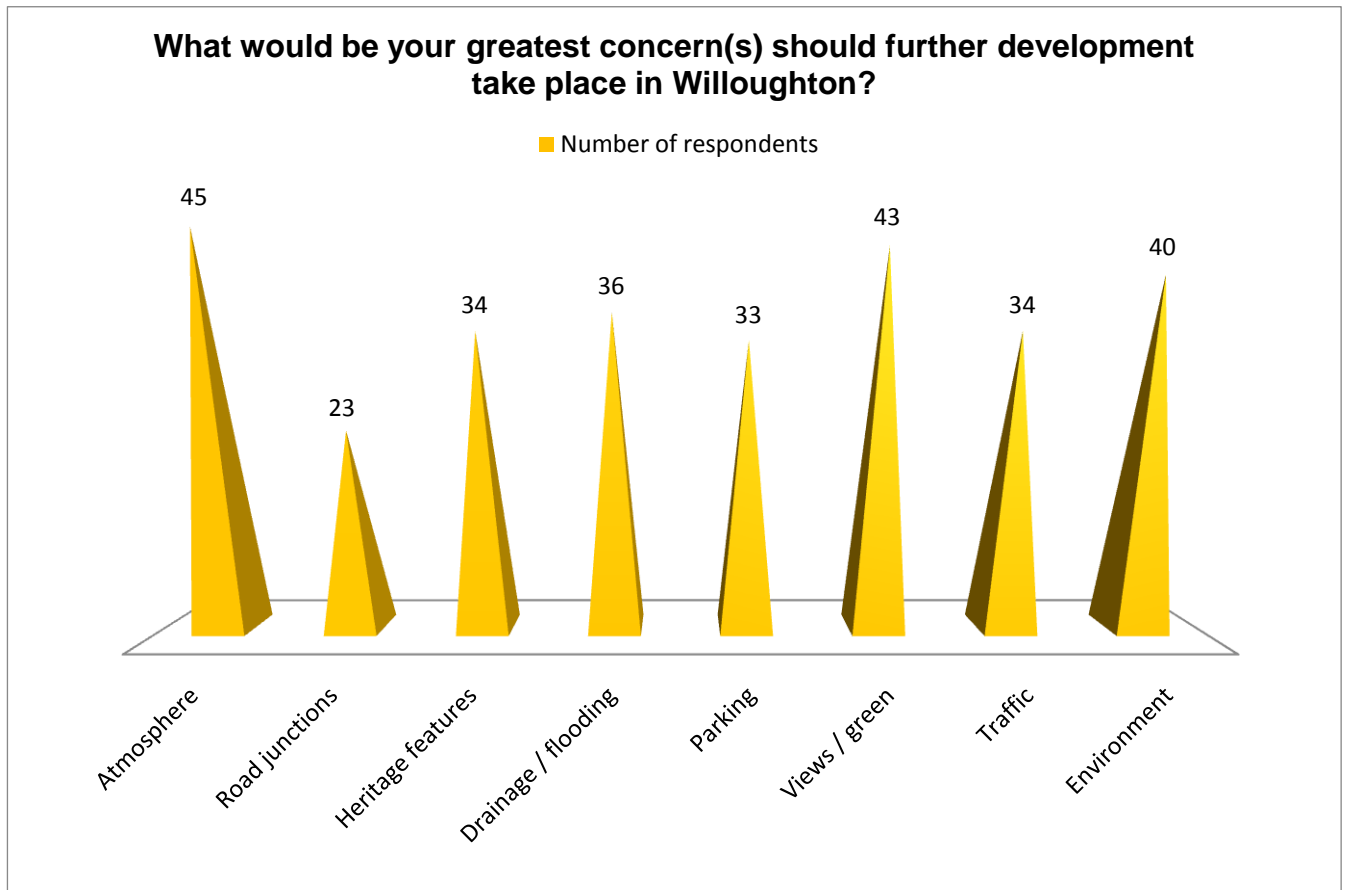
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7 What would be your greatest concern(s) should further development take place in Willoughton?

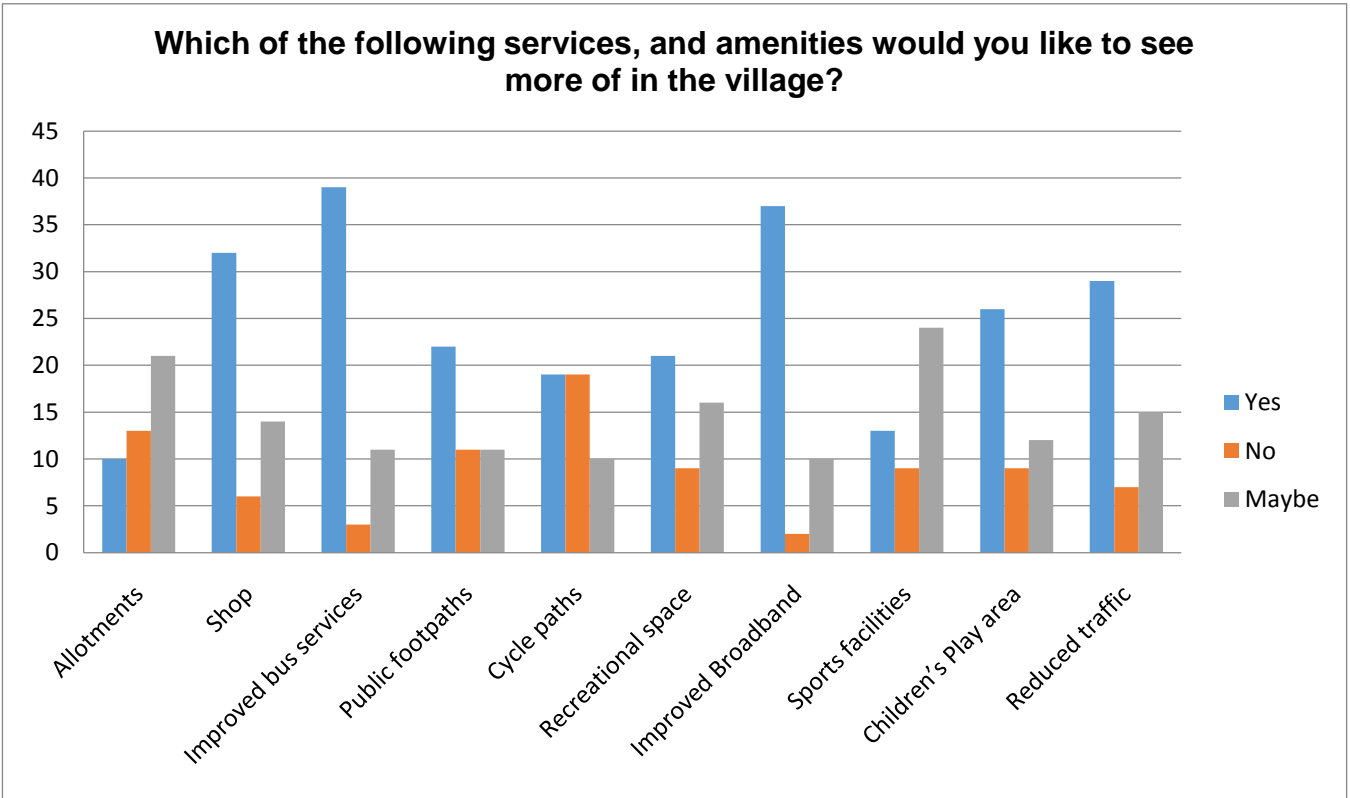
Change to village atmosphere	45	Effect on parking	33
Effect on road junctions	23	Loss of views / green spaces	43
Potential loss of heritage features	34	Effect on traffic	34
Impact on drainage and flooding	36	Impact on the natural environment	40

Respondents greatest concern, should further development take place in Willoughton, was a 'change to village atmosphere' with 45 people selecting this, followed by 'loss of views / green space' with 43 selections, 'impact on the natural environment' with 40, 'impact on drainage / flooding' with 36, 'potential loss of heritage features' and 'effect on traffic' each received 34 selections, 'effect on road junctions' was the lowest selected concern, with 23 respondents saying this.



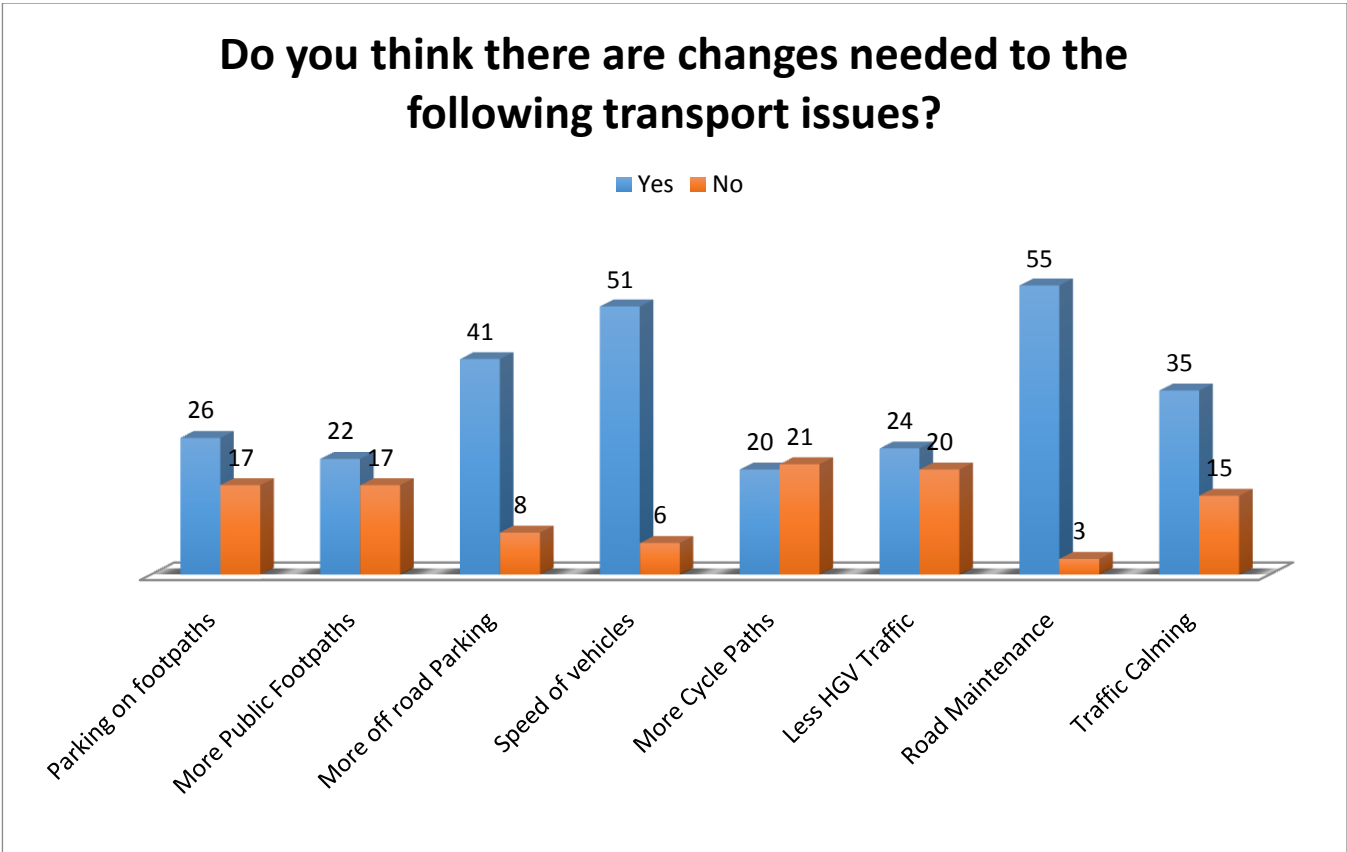
8 Which of the following services, and amenities would you like to see more of in the village?							
	Yes	No	Maybe		Yes	No	Maybe
Allotments	10	13	21	Recreational space	21	9	16
Shop	32	6	14	Improved Broadband	37	2	10
Improved bus services	39	3	11	Sports facilities	13	9	24
Public footpaths	22	11	11	Children's Play area	26	9	12
Cycle paths	19	19	10	Reduced traffic	29	7	15

Of 'allotments', 10 respondents said they would like to see more, 13 said they did not want any more, and 21 said they would maybe like to see more. For 'shop', 32 respondents said they would like to see more, 6 said they did not want any more, and 14 said they would maybe like to see more. For an 'improved bus service', 39 respondents said they would like this, 3 said no, and 11 said maybe. 'Public footpaths', 22 respondents said they would like to see more, 11 said no more and 11 said maybe. 'Cycle paths', 19 respondents said they would like to see more, 19 said no more and 10 said maybe. Of 'recreational space' 21 respondents said they would like to see more, 9 said no more and 16 said maybe. For 'improved broadband', 37 respondents said they would like this, 2 said no, and 10 said maybe. 'Sports facilities', 13 respondents said they would like to see more, 9 said no more and 24 said maybe. Of 'children's play areas', 26 respondents said they would like to see more, 9 said no more and 12 said maybe. For 'reduced traffic', 29 respondents said they would like this, 7 said no, and 15 said maybe.



9 Do you think there are changes needed to the following transport issues?					
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Less parking on public footpaths	26	17	More Cycle Paths	20	21
More Public Footpaths	22	17	Less HGV Traffic	24	20
More off road Parking	41	8	Improved Road Maintenance	55	3
Speed of vehicles through Willoughton	51	6	Traffic Calming	35	15

When asked 'Do you think there are changes needed to the following transport issues?' of 'Less parking on public footpaths' 26 respondents said 'Yes' and 17 said 'No'. For 'More Public Footpaths', 22 respondents said 'Yes' and 17 said 'No'. 'More off road Parking', 41 respondents said 'Yes' and 8 said 'No'. With regards to the 'Speed of vehicles through Willoughton' 51 respondents said 'Yes' and 6 said 'No'. For 'more cycle paths, 20 respondents said 'Yes' and 21 said 'No'. 'Less HGV traffic', 24 respondents said 'Yes' and 20 said 'No'. For 'improved road maintenance', 55 respondents said 'Yes' and 3 said 'No'. Of 'traffic calming', 35 respondents said 'Yes' and 15 said 'No'.



Please make any other comments.

- Speed of all traffic entering and exiting the village at all times of day and night. If the village was to be expanded this would be of great concern.
- Traffic calming is needed on Hollowgate Hall, children play at the bottom and horses are about. This is an accident waiting to happen.
- More control over who lives in the old peoples bungalows i.e. for local people.
- Would like to see the speed drop on cars that come in village as some come through the village at speed and speed bump is needed. The rest of the village is lovely and nice.
- The traffic near the school when children are going to school and coming home. There is nowhere for the cars to park.
- It would be nice if more facilities were provided for the young people in the village, so that they stop playing on the roads. Parents often block the road outside the school when dropping off / picking up their children from school, this can cause difficulties for local residents.
- I am fed up with the speed of drivers leaving the village toward Blyborough.
- People who have off road parking should use it instead of parking on the roadside.
- Consider the impact of development on the dangerous and unlit road junction at the top of the hill with the B1398. Needs proper street lighting as well as proper traffic calming measures and signage. Ensure that future development is not controlled by one main landowner, and allow sensitive infill conversions where appropriate and to the benefit of villagers.
- To consider road junction at the top of Hollowgate Hill nr B1398. This junction needs some lighting at night. Better speed calming north or south on B1398 approaching Hollowgate Hill junction, i.e. light up slow signs (like Glentworth). Speed calming coming down Hollowgate Hill into the village needs light up signs. Make sure that developments are sympathetic with the local environment, and local landowner does not have total control of the developments.
- Possible speed humps on Hollowgate Hill to stop speeding traffic. Also to deter motorists cutting through village to Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Road.
- No ball games notice on bus shelter, respect it for what it is.
- Q6, I am reluctant to do a box ticking exercise for this question, it would depend on what type of development. Q8, For a village such as ours I think we have an excellent playing field and football pitch. Whilst I am in favour of continually improving and supporting these, I don't think we actually need more of them. Q3, I would like to see more single storey dwellings but not typical bungalows.
- I would like to see the grass verges cut more often and perhaps the road sweeper here more often too. Maybe the return of the rubbish skip we used to have.
- Need a footpath between public house and war memorial. Spring water on Hollowgate Hill needs remedying. Brownfield sites in village need to be developed to improve appearance of village. Village signage (speed signs, Willoughton signs) needs cleaning.
- My impression is that the survey is heavily weighted towards bringing land into use for housing. This ignores the fact there appears to be no demand in Willoughton for new housing construction. Planning permission for sixteen houses was granted in early 2001, only three of which have been built. The three permissions in Northfield lane and nine in Hollowgate Hill / Long Lane have not been started. As the developer has had no confidence to build there cannot

be a demand. In December 2001 WLDC received further planning applications for 16 more houses all on 'windfall' infill sites; planning was refused on many grounds but included the apparent lack of demand as existing permissions had not been built, ample land having been provided for developments which were not taking place. I attach the relevant first eight pages from the planning services report at that time.

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- Footpaths, it would be good if outlying areas of Willoughton such as those on Gainsborough Lane where better linked to the village. Cycle path, it would be nice if Hemswell and Willoughton were linked by a cycle path. The speed of vehicles passing through the village is far too fast, especially when there are children playing and race horses exercising.
- A more coherent public footpath network would encourage wide use without detriment to the farms. For example concession to join Northfield Lane and Westbeck Lane via Huckerby. Northfield Lane to Gainsborough Lane and through to Hemswell.
- I have lived in the village for 30 years. Over that time the number of workers employed on the farm has reduced significantly. That is perhaps inevitable. Unfortunately however it means that now many houses are occupied by people having no real connections with the village. But I cannot see a solution.