

# HUNSDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY 2019 – INSIGHTS

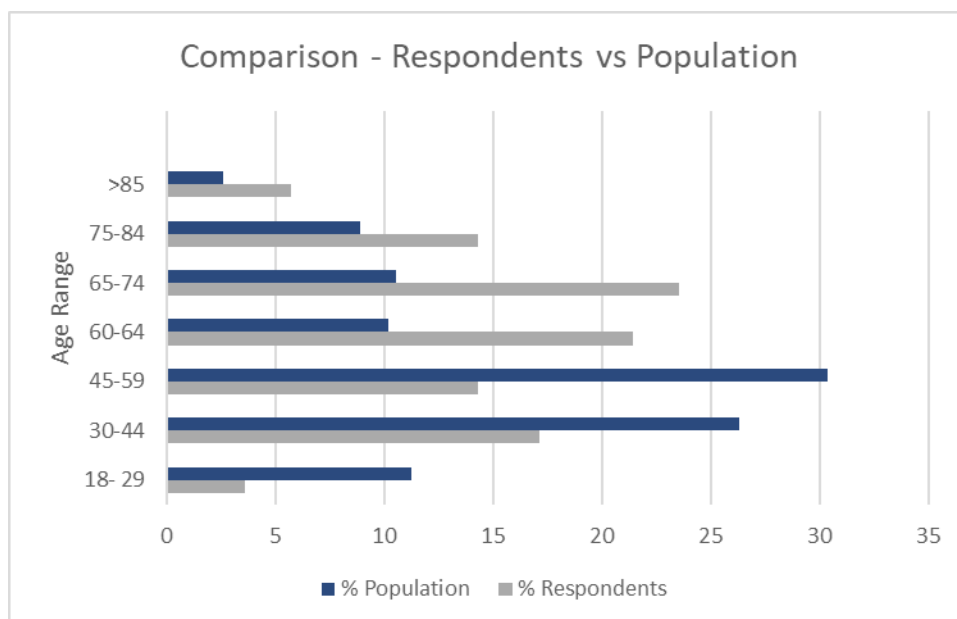
PLUS in red main (i.e. more than 6) comments from Consultation Event of 3 February 2019

## Demographics

147 households completed the survey, representing 335 people.

ONS Census data from 2011 indicates that there were 1080 residents at the time of the census, 856 of whom were over the age of 18.

The chart below shows the age profile of the respondents for each household (some respondents did not complete this question), compared to the age profile of the population in 2011.



The survey is over-represented by people over 65 and under-represented by people under 65, which is fairly typical. Nevertheless, a further attempt could be made to engage with the under-represented group, who represent most of the working-age residents in Hunsdon and may well have different perspectives to the older residents.



## Vision

Residents' priorities for the Hunsdon of 2034 are that it should be:

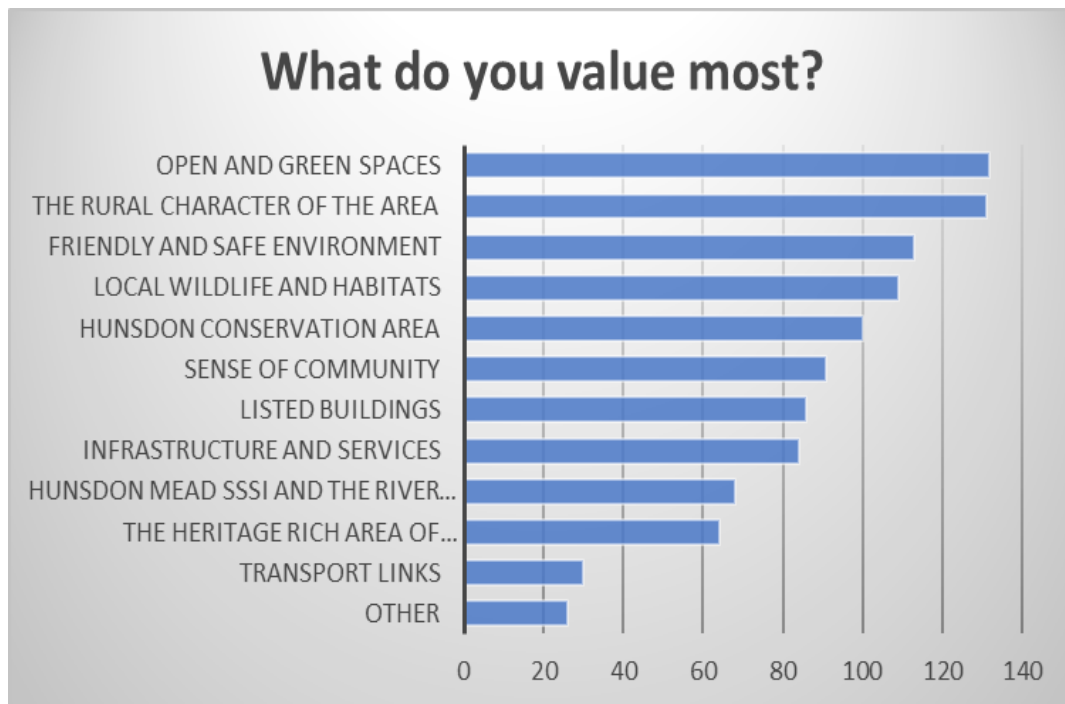
- Green
- Safe
- Friendly
- Tranquil
- Healthy
- Historic

## Environment

The response to "What do you value most" echoes the priorities above

## Community, Health & Wellbeing

Although there were no specific questions in the survey about Health &



Wellbeing, there is clear support for the protection of green spaces. The availability of which is known to contribute to peoples' sense of wellbeing.

Thinking about our green spaces and open areas, rate the importance of each of the following to you.						
	1	2	3	4	5	Response Total
<b>Very important 5 4 3 2 1 not important</b>						
Green spaces (for example: the playing field, the Dell, the Glebe Land, Nine Ashes Fishing Lake and field)	1.4% (2)	0.7% (1)	1.4% (2)	5.6% (8)	90.9% (130)	143
Routes where people walk	3.5% (5)	0.0% (0)	4.2% (6)	18.3% (26)	73.9% (105)	142
Routes where people ride horses	25.5% (36)	19.9% (28)	23.4% (33)	9.2% (13)	22.0% (31)	141
Green spaces between existing developments (for example: the Dell, the Glebe Land)	5.6% (8)	1.4% (2)	4.9% (7)	12.6% (18)	75.5% (108)	143
Allotments	16.4% (23)	9.3% (13)	22.1% (31)	15.0% (21)	37.1% (52)	140
Routes where people cycle	19.9% (28)	14.2% (20)	20.6% (29)	18.4% (26)	27.0% (38)	141
Countryside	2.9% (4)	0.0% (0)	2.9% (4)	4.4% (6)	89.7% (122)	136
Wildlife areas (for example: Hunsdon Mead SSSI, the River Stort, Ancient Woodlands)	4.2% (6)	0.7% (1)	3.5% (5)	12.7% (18)	78.9% (112)	142
					answered	143
					skipped	0

**Do these Hunsdon landmarks do you think contribute to the character and identity of the Area and should be protected? These monuments, green spaces or views. Rate the importance of each of the following to you.**

	1	2	3	4	5	Response Total
<b>Very important 5 4 3 2 1 not important</b>						
Manor House	2.8% (4)	0.0% (0)	2.8% (4)	6.3% (9)	88.0% (125)	142
Manor House: The Fox and Hounds and The Old Rectory	8.5% (12)	2.1% (3)	12.1% (17)	22.0% (31)	55.3% (78)	142
St. Peter's Church and St Francis	17.4% (24)	3.6% (5)	12.3% (17)	15.9% (22)	50.7% (70)	142
Manor House and JMI School	10.6% (15)	4.9% (7)	2.1% (3)	16.9% (24)	65.5% (93)	142
Manor House and Airfield	3.6% (5)	0.0% (0)	4.3% (6)	16.7% (23)	75.4% (104)	142
Manor House and war memorial in the village centre war memorial on Hunsdon	5.0% (7)	1.4% (2)	2.8% (4)	16.3% (23)	74.5% (105)	142
Green spaces (for example: the playing field, the Dell, the Glebe Land, Nine Ashes Fishing Lake and field)	2.1% (3)	0.7% (1)	2.9% (4)	5.7% (8)	88.6% (124)	142

The support for Green and Open Spaces and wildlife was reflected in 40 of the Consultation Comments

There will be a need for some high-quality photographs (suitable for print) of the green spaces nominated for protection.

Seven Consultation comments wanted better GP services in the village.

Nearly 40 Consultation comments wanted better play/sports facilities in the village, especially for the young. This included better playground facilities, better use of the tennis courts, multi-use games area and paying field.

Fourteen Consultation comments desired improved cycle access and nearly 20 sought improved, cleaner, and more footpaths for walking.

Seven Consultation comments wished to encourage greater participation in village events, more generational community involvement and more active communications.

## Heritage

With the exception of Briggens House & Parkland, and possibly Hunsdon Garage, most of the village landmarks are considered worthy of protection. No mention is made in the survey of The Village Pump, which should also be considered a local landmark. Ten Consultation Comments mention the historic nature of the village centre its surroundings and listed buildings

This list should contribute to the identification of village assets to be protected.

These too, should be illustrated with high-quality photographs suitable for print.

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ortant 5 4 3 2 1 not important						
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lon Shop and Post Office	5.7% (8)	1.4% (2)	1.4% (2)	7.1% (10)	84.3% (118)	
ns House and Parkland	23.4% (33)	13.5% (19)	22.0% (31)	22.0% (31)	19.1% (27)	
lon Garage	20.7% (29)	11.4% (16)	14.3% (20)	20.0% (28)	33.6% (47)	
ver Stort and Hunsdon Mead SSSI	10.7% (15)	4.3% (6)	13.6% (19)	25.7% (36)	45.7% (64)	
otments	13.8% (19)	8.0% (11)	19.6% (27)	21.7% (30)	37.0% (51)	
lon House and the historic area of lonbury	11.3% (16)	4.3% (6)	12.1% (17)	19.1% (27)	53.2% (75)	
rvation area and listed buildings	6.3% (9)	0.7% (1)	6.3% (9)	19.0% (27)	67.6% (96)	
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## Infrastructure, Roads & Transport

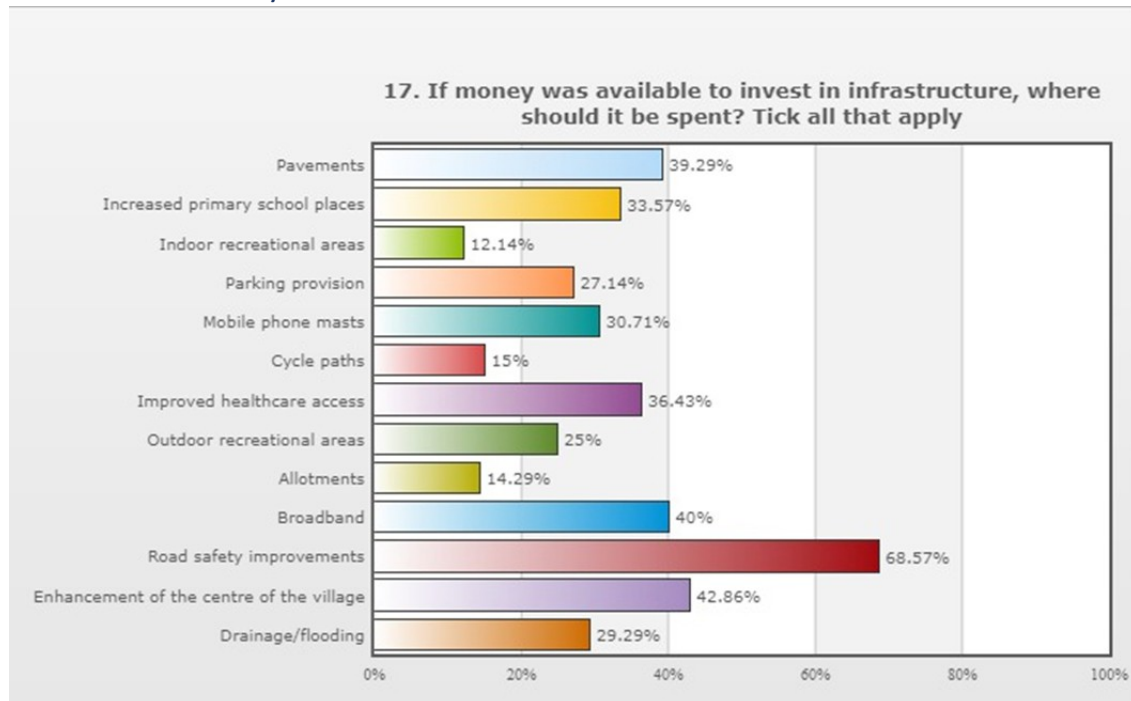
Three of the top four bugbears about living in Hunsdon centre are the problems with traffic.

Importance of each of the following to you.						
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Quality of transport links	18.4% (26)	5.7% (8)	17.0% (24)	19.1% (27)	39.7% (56)	
Volume of traffic	4.3% (6)	3.5% (5)	5.0% (7)	17.0% (24)	70.2% (99)	
Availability of car parking	28.1% (39)	12.9% (18)	13.7% (19)	18.0% (25)	27.3% (38)	
Speed of traffic	7.9% (11)	2.1% (3)	6.4% (9)	15.7% (22)	67.9% (95)	
Availability of affordable housing	27.3% (38)	12.9% (18)	19.4% (27)	17.3% (24)	23.0% (32)	
Volume of traffic	6.4% (9)	3.5% (5)	14.9% (21)	15.6% (22)	59.6% (84)	
Speed of traffic	19.3% (27)	7.9% (11)	23.6% (33)	17.1% (24)	32.1% (45)	
Availability of mobile signal	12.7% (18)	6.3% (9)	23.9% (34)	15.5% (22)	41.5% (59)	
Availability of broadband choice	16.4% (23)	10.7% (15)	20.7% (29)	15.7% (22)	36.4% (51)	
Volume of traffic	2.9% (4)	2.2% (3)	4.3% (6)	10.1% (14)	80.4% (111)	
Availability of recreational facilities	23.0% (32)	13.7% (19)	33.8% (47)	12.2% (17)	17.3% (24)	
Availability of bicycle facilities/lanes	32.1% (45)	15.0% (21)	26.4% (37)	10.7% (15)	15.7% (22)	
Proximity of Hunsdon Parish by the A414	37.4% (52)	15.8% (22)	18.0% (25)	11.5% (16)	17.3% (24)	
Availability of primary school places	28.1% (39)	11.5% (16)	19.4% (27)	13.7% (19)	27.3% (38)	
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					answered	
					skipped	

43 of the Consultation Comments were concerned with the speed of traffic through the village and on parish roads. Another 13 were worried about the A414/Church lane junction

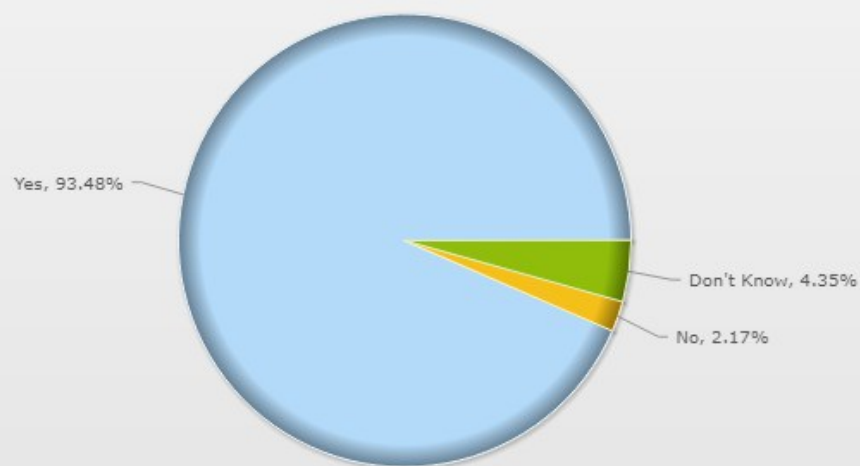


And the overwhelming priority for an expenditure would be on road safety..



The focus of these road safety improvements would be outside Hunsdon JMI School, the "Rosella" bend and Church Lane junction

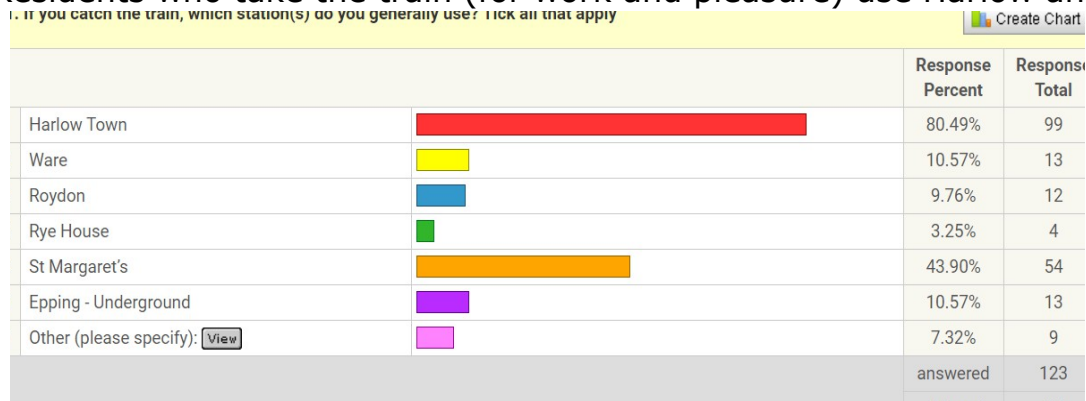
**25. Would you support improved and better-enforced vehicle weight restrictions in the village?**



There is clear support for vehicle weight restrictions to alleviate the problem with HGVs moving through the village and the perceived safety issues with the volume and speed of HGVs. The largest number of single objections in the Consultation comments (48) were about the Heavy Goods traffic through the village and parish roads and advocated its abolition or reduction.

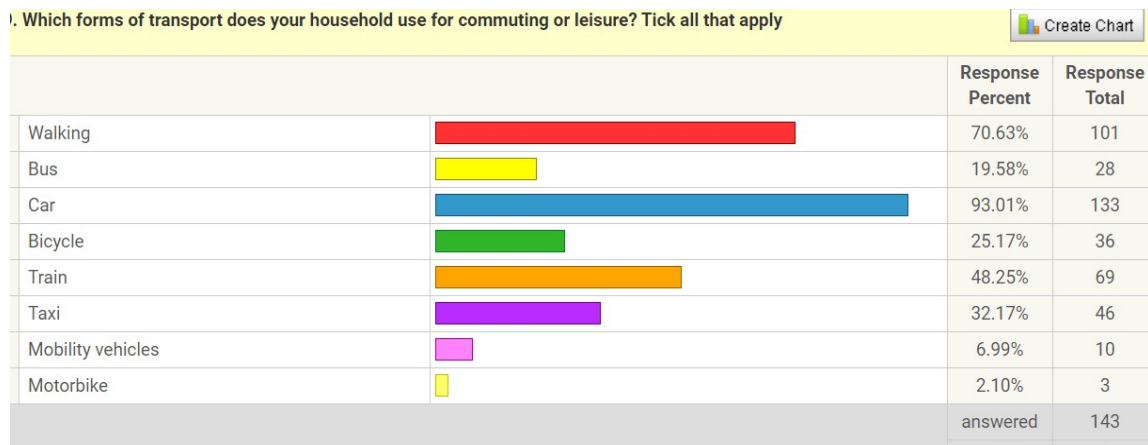
Q19 asked about forms of transport used for commuting and leisure. It may be useful to have a further breakdown of each transport mode for each travel purpose, to get a more precise idea of which mode is used for what purpose.

### Residents who take the train (for work and pleasure) use Harlow and St.



Margaret's

Car ownership is high - only four respondents had no vehicle at all (these are additional to the people who skipped this question).



14 vehicles are parked on the street, more than half of these belong to households with more than one vehicle, so one is parked on the premises and one in the street.

transport facilities		Response Percent	Response Count
Good		1.5%	1
Acceptable		20.7%	10
Poor		77.8%	39
		answered	50

road condition		Response Percent	Response Count
Good		5.9%	3
Acceptable		53.3%	27
Poor		40.7%	21
		answered	51

broadband		Response Percent	Response Count
Good		19.8%	10
Acceptable		32.8%	17
Poor		47.3%	25
		answered	52

car parking		Response Percent	Response Count
Good		7.6%	4
Acceptable		47.3%	25
Poor		45.0%	24
		answered	53

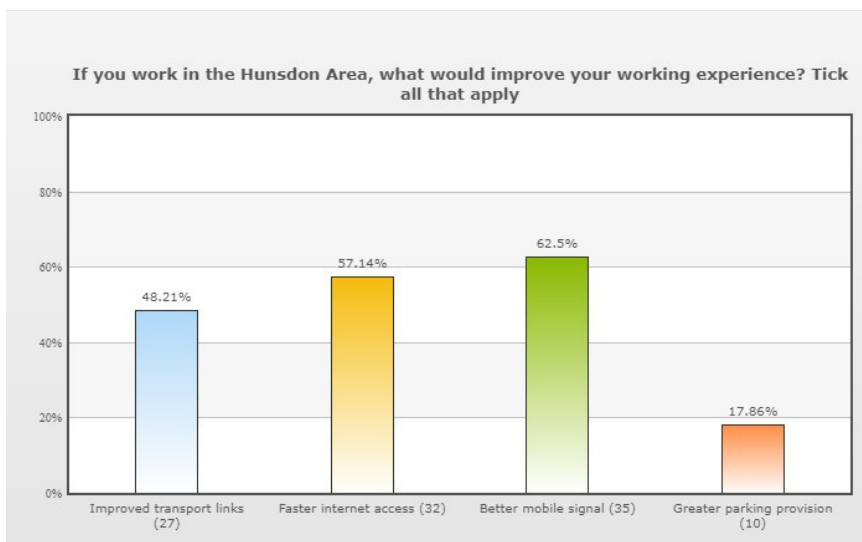
phone signal		Response Percent	Response Count
Good		5.9%	3
Acceptable		32.6%	17
Poor		61.5%	32
		answered	52

Thirty Nine Consultation comments bemoaned the lack of public transport especially bus services to Harlow, other centres and stations. Eleven mentioned parking problems.

	Total number	Parked on your property	Parked on street	Response Total
cars	48.1% (137)	42.1% (120)	9.8% (28)	285
tricycles	42.9% (12)	28.6% (8)	28.6% (8)	28
bicycles	46.7% (21)	31.1% (14)	22.2% (10)	45
motorbikes	46.4% (13)	28.6% (8)	25.0% (7)	28
motorhomes/caravans	50.0% (13)	26.9% (7)	23.1% (6)	26
			answered	139
			skipped	4

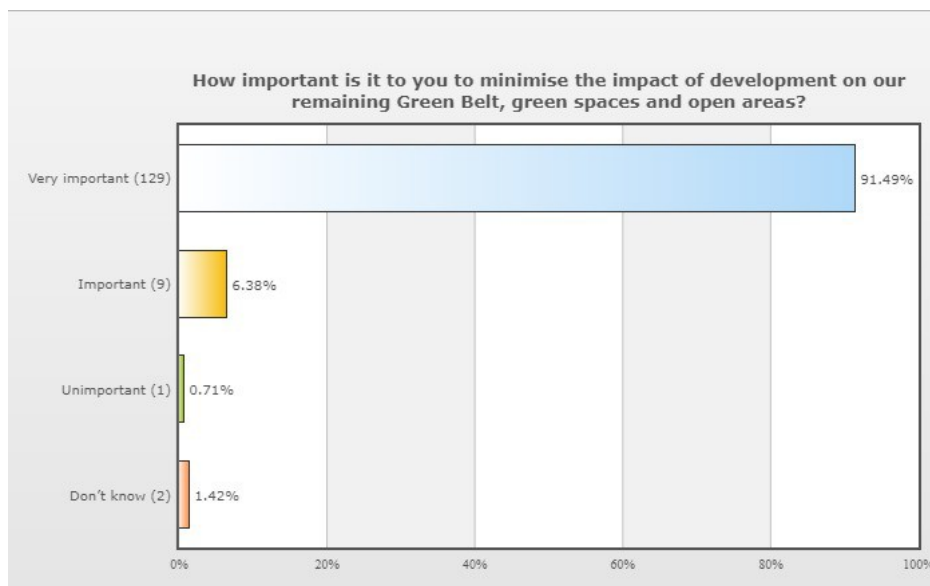
As far as other infrastructure is concerned, transport facilities and phone signal are all considered "Poor" by more respondents than think they are "Good" or "Acceptable" 9 of the Consultation Comments wanted better broadband and mobile phone services

As only two businesses responded to the business section of the survey, the respondents to Q16 must apply to people who occasionally work from home but are office-based. It may be useful to obtain more detail on these residents.



## Housing & Development

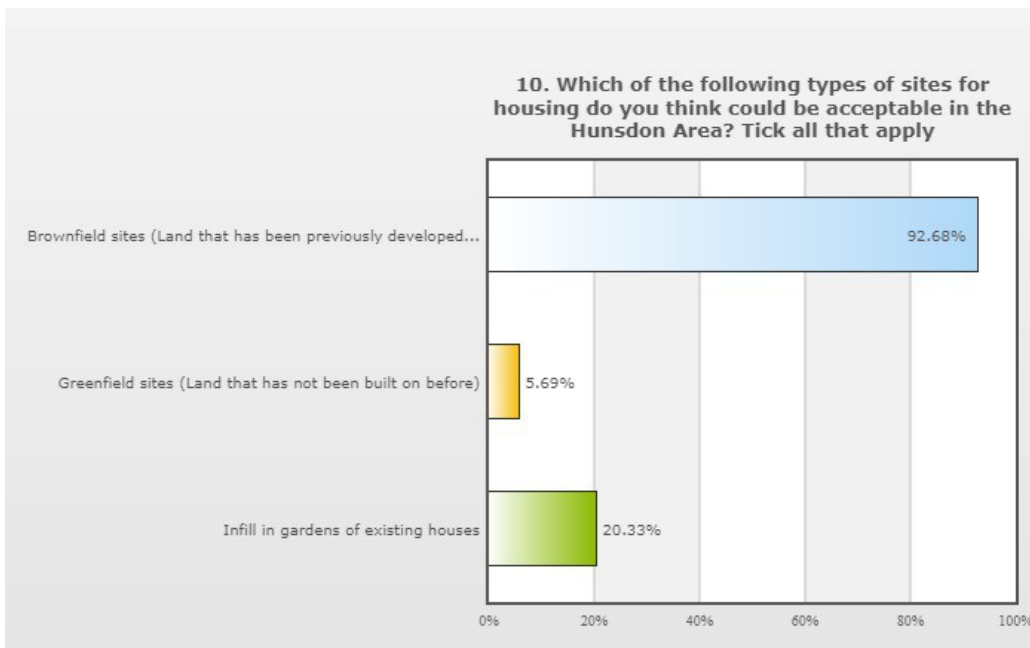
Protection of the Green Belt is seen as Important or Very Important by 97.87% of people.



		Response Percent	Respon Total
Yes		14.60%	20
No		80.29%	110
Don't Know		5.11%	7
		answered	137

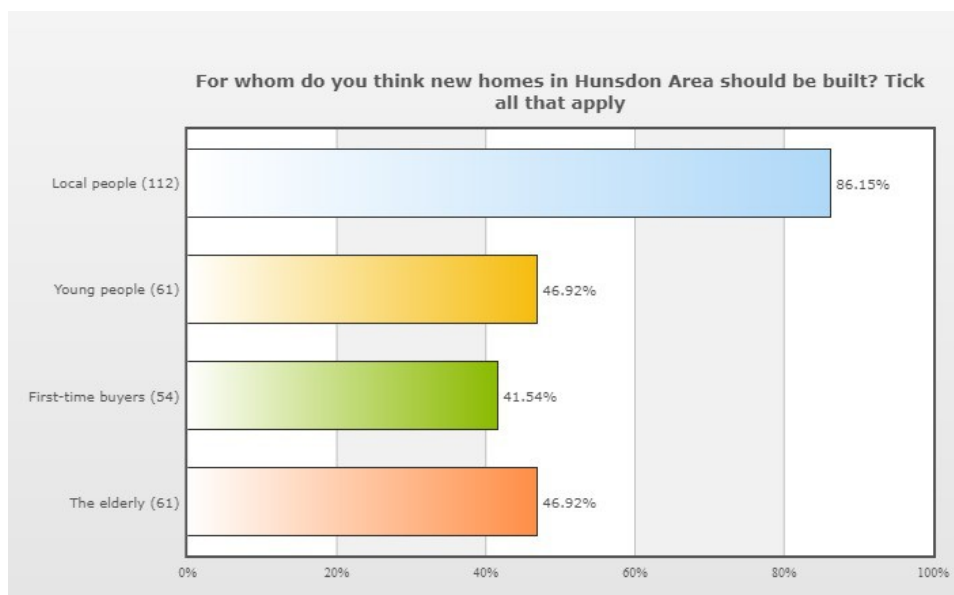
110 people said NO to further housing in the Hunsdon Area as did nearly 40 of the Consultation Comments. Of the 20 people who answered "Yes" to this question, half were in favour of developments limited to 1-5 homes and most of the rest wanted to stay within a range of 10-20.

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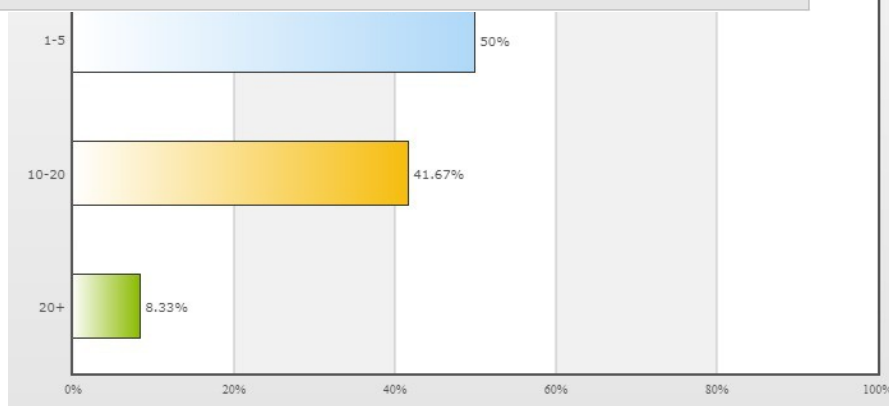


Brownfield sites are the

overwhelming preference for any development.



112 people in the survey and



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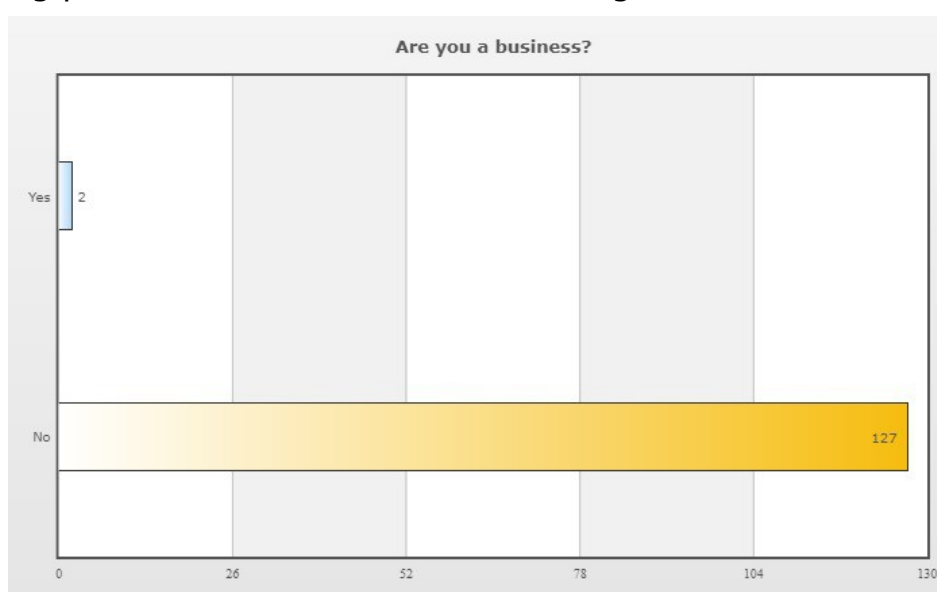
many( over 40) of the Consultation Comments believe that if new homes are to be built they should be built for local people, with priority being given to the young and the elderly



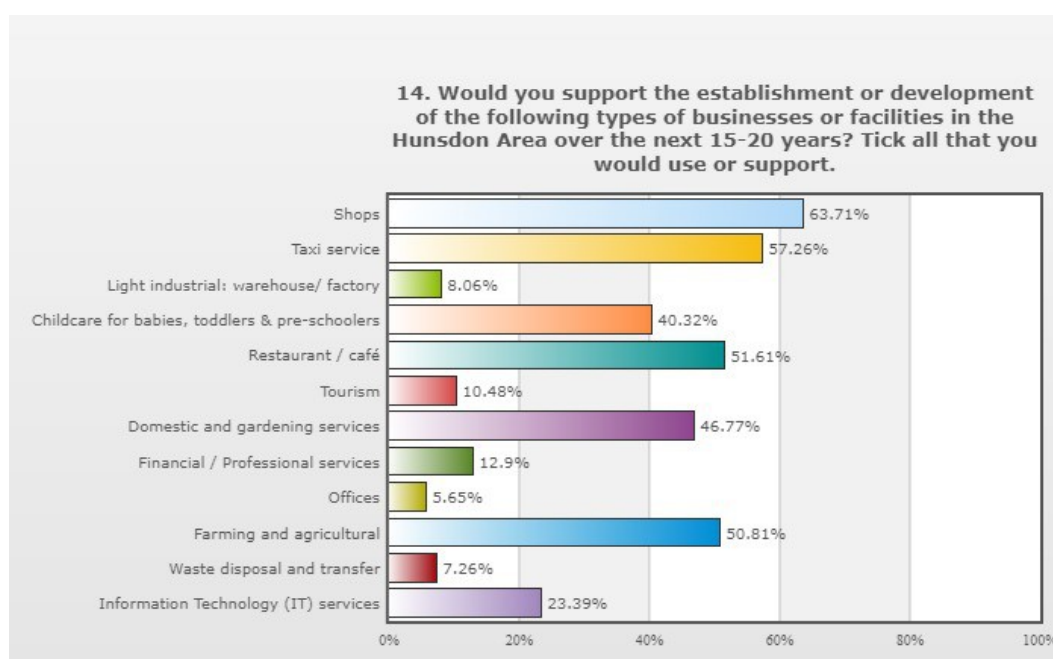
## Employment & Business

Only two businesses responded to the survey. It would improve the evidence base if a separate exercise was conducted to engage other businesses who have physical premises in Hunsdon.

There is support for more shops and a restaurant/café as premises-based businesses. A taxi service would also be welcomed. New businesses requiring premises should either use existing sites or use brownfield sites



for development.



**15. Where do you think these businesses could be accommodated within the Hunsdon Area? Tick all that apply**

