



Danbury Neighbourhood Plan

Our Parish, Our Future

Adult Questionnaire – Summary of Responses

This document provides the initial results from the Danbury Neighbourhood Plan Adult Questionnaire, published in the summer edition of the Danbury Times and delivered to every household in the Danbury Parish at the end of June 2017.

The closing date for completion was 11th August 2017 and a total of 639 responses were received. According to the 2011 Census, there were 2,036 households in Danbury and we estimate this has increased to approximately 2,100.

A final report will be issued once the remainder of the analysis is complete.

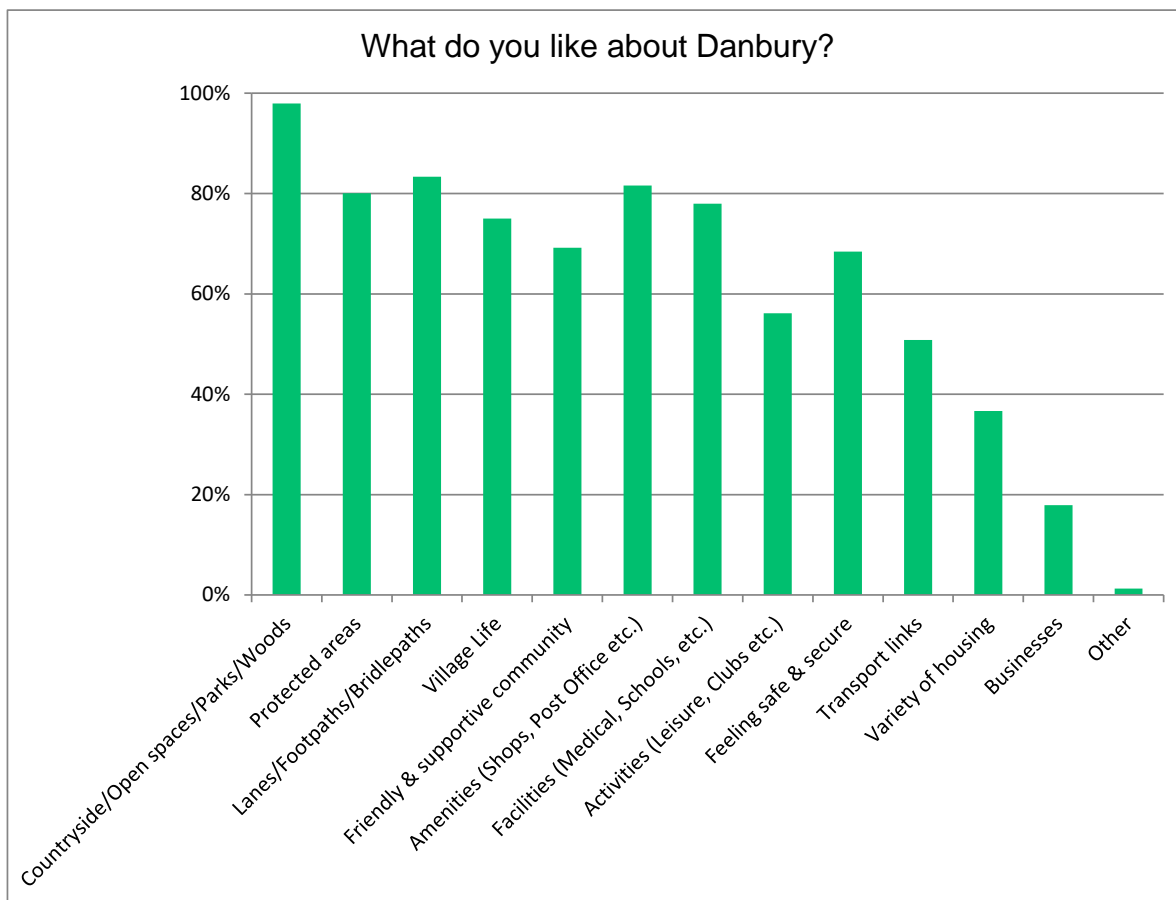
These findings will be the basis of Vision and Objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan.

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16th October 2017

1. What do you like about Danbury?

636 responses were received with 5,063 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



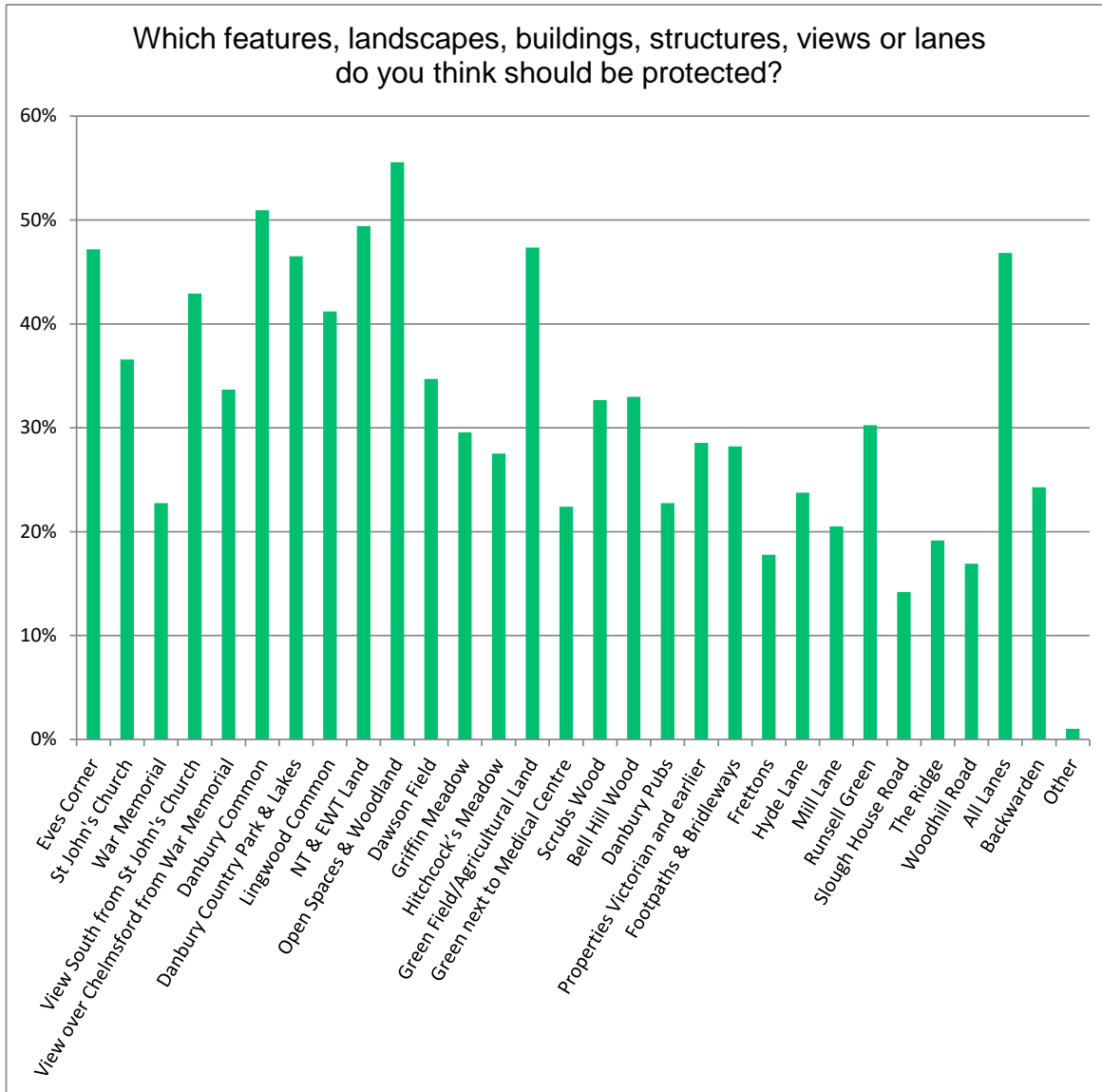
Answer Choices	Answers
Countryside/Open spaces/Parks/Woods	98% 623
Protected areas	80% 509
Lanes/Footpaths/Bridlepaths	83% 530
Village Life	75% 477
Friendly & supportive community	69% 440
Amenities (Shops, Post Office etc.)	82% 519
Facilities (Medical, Schools, etc.)	78% 496
Activities (Leisure, Clubs etc.)	56% 357
Feeling safe & secure	68% 435
Transport links	51% 323
Variety of housing	37% 233
Businesses	18% 114
Other	1% 7

Other comments

Danbury should do its bit to provide some affordable housing for young professionals x2
Wildlife - house martins, skylarks, owls, badgers and deer etc
Not footpaths at this time if repaired yes no good for disabled folk
Should be in keeping with existing and not with the latest whim in styling of the RIBA
All
Feeling as though I live in the middle of nowhere but with facilities/road links close by.

2. Which features, landscapes, buildings, structures, views or lanes do you think should be protected?

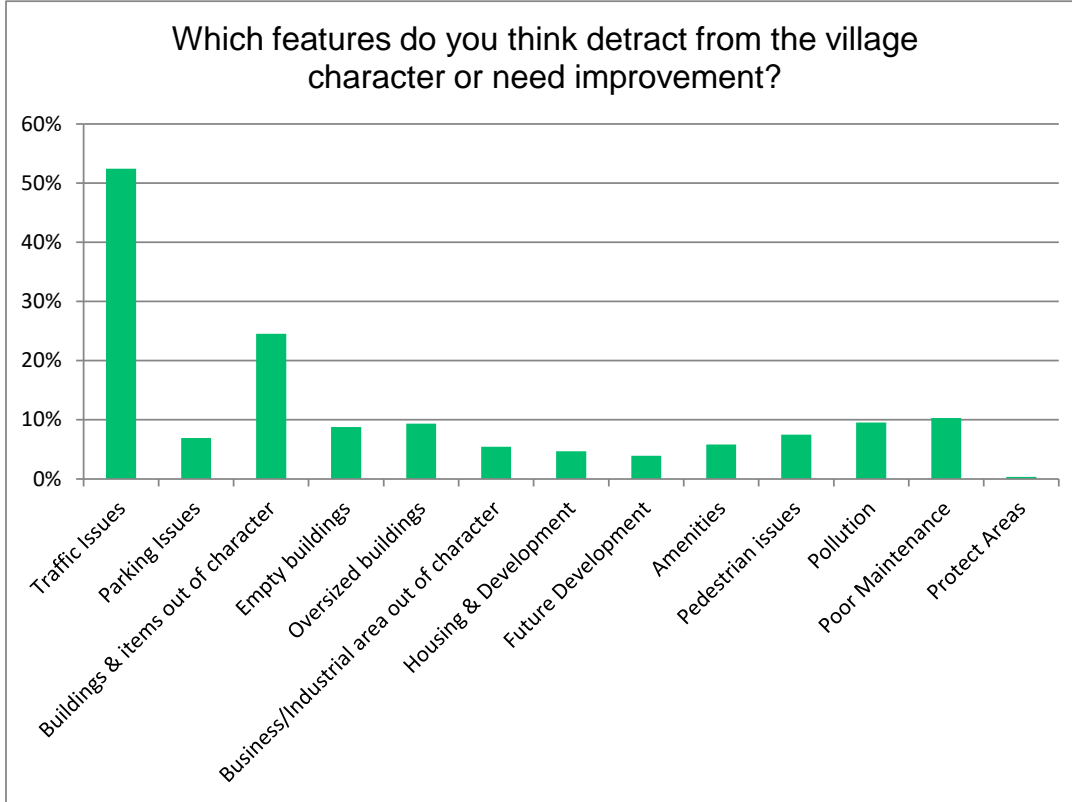
585 responses were received with 5,546 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



Answer Choices	Answers	
Eves Corner	47%	276
St John's Church	37%	214
War Memorial	23%	133
View South from St John's Church	43%	251
View over Chelmsford from War Memorial	34%	197
Danbury Common	51%	298
Danbury Country Park & Lakes	47%	272
Lingwood Common	41%	241
NT & EWT Land	49%	289
Open Spaces & Woodland	56%	325
Dawson Field	35%	203
Griffin Meadow	30%	173
Hitchcock's Meadow	28%	161
Green Field/Agricultural Land	47%	277
Green next to Medical Centre	22%	131
Scrubs Wood	33%	191
Bell Hill Wood	33%	193
Danbury Pubs	23%	133
Properties Victorian and earlier	29%	167
Footpaths & Bridleways	28%	165
Frettons	18%	104
Hyde Lane	24%	139
Mill Lane	21%	120
Runsell Green	30%	177
Slough House Road	14%	83
The Ridge	19%	112
Woodhill Road	17%	99
All Lanes	47%	274
Backwarden	24%	142
Other	1%	6
Other comments		
Village boundary x2		
village as a whole with organic development		
Mission Church & new Medical; Centre		
URC		
Change must happen, management is the key		

3. Which features do you think detract from the village character or need improvement?

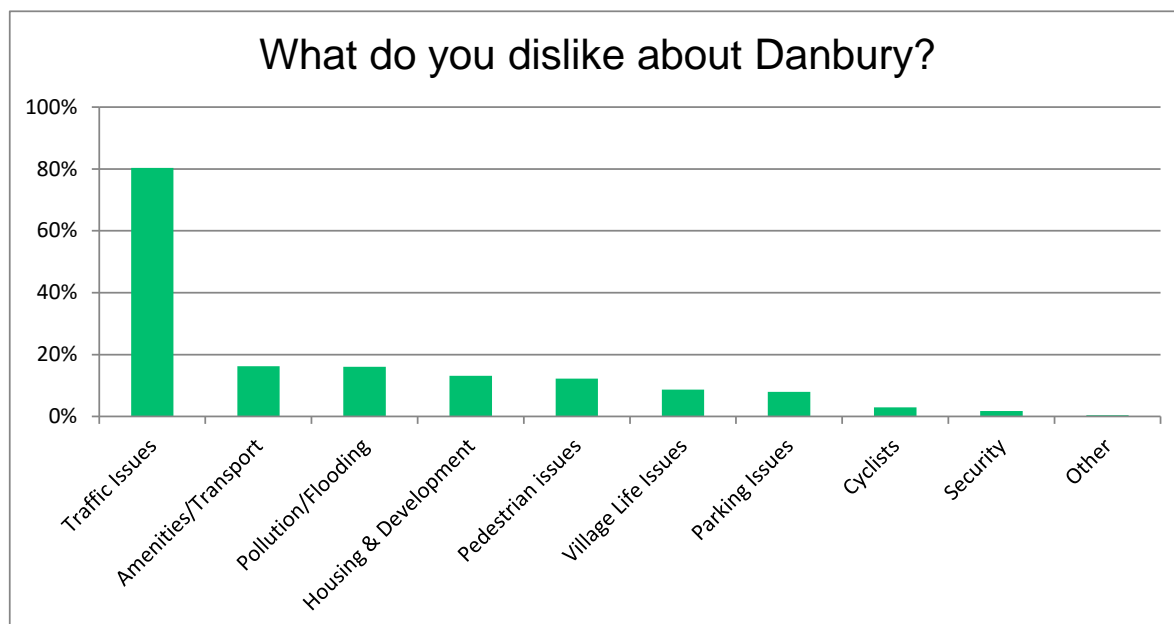
534 responses were received with 799 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



Answer Choices	Answers	
Traffic Issues	52%	280
Parking Issues	7%	37
Buildings & items out of character	25%	131
Empty buildings	9%	47
Oversized buildings	9%	50
Business/Industrial area out of character	5%	29
Housing & Development	5%	25
Future Development	4%	21
Amenities	6%	31
Pedestrian issues	7%	40
Pollution	10%	51
Poor Maintenance	10%	55
Protect Areas	0%	2

4. What do you dislike about Danbury?

579 responses were received with 924 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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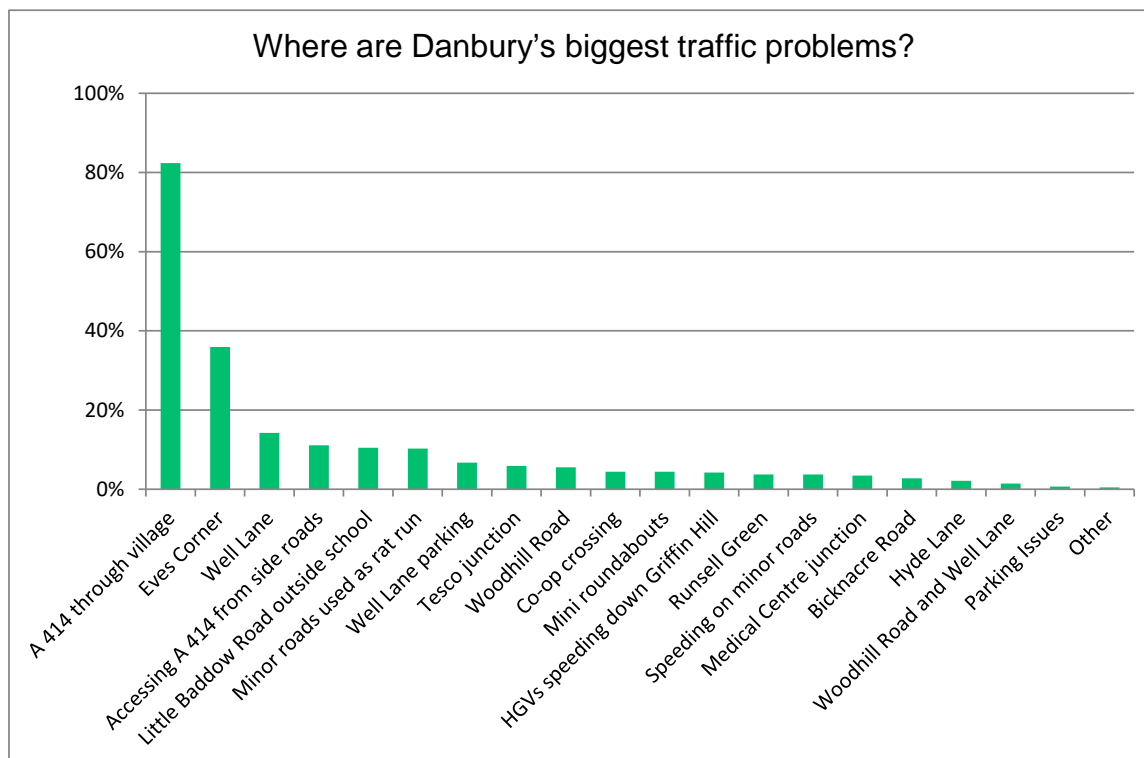


Answer Choices	Answers	
Traffic Issues	80%	465
Amenities/Transport	16%	94
Pollution/Flooding	16%	93
Housing & Development	13%	76
Pedestrian issues	12%	71
Village Life Issues	9%	50
Parking Issues	8%	46
Cyclists	3%	17
Security	2%	10
Other	0%	2

Other comments
Council Tax Rates
I don't dislike anything

5. Where are Danbury's biggest traffic problems?

612 responses were received with 1,310 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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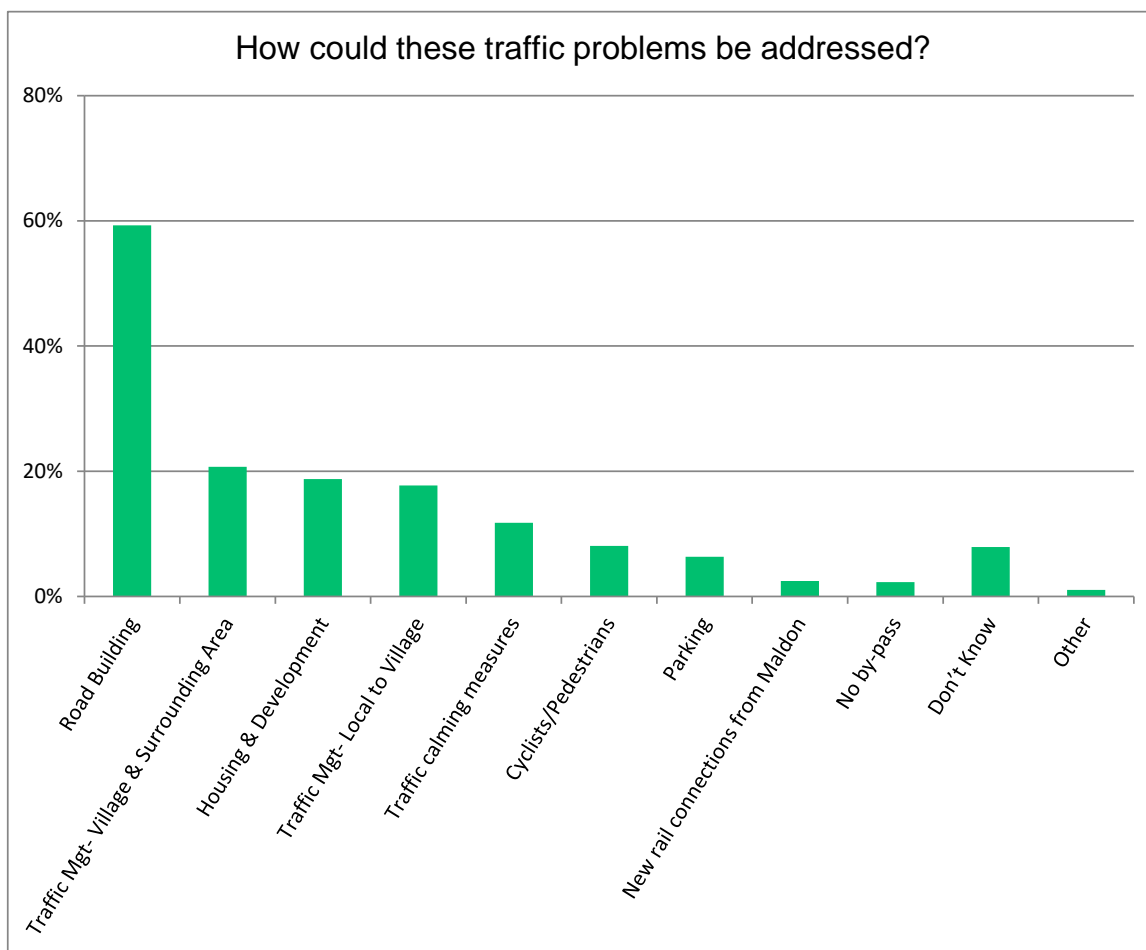


Answer Choices	Answers
A 414 through village	82% 504
Eves Corner	36% 220
Well Lane	14% 87
Accessing A 414 from side roads	11% 68
Little Baddow Road outside school	10% 64
Minor roads used as rat run	10% 63
Well Lane parking	7% 41
Tesco junction	6% 36
Woodhill Road	6% 34
Co-op crossing	4% 27
Mini roundabouts	4% 27
HGVs speeding down Griffin Hill	4% 26
Runsell Green	4% 23
Speeding on minor roads	4% 23
Medical Centre junction	3% 21
Bicknacre Road	3% 17
Hyde Lane	2% 13
Woodhill Road and Well Lane	1% 9
Parking Issues	1% 4
Other	0% 3

Other comments
 Road signs hidden by hedges
 Bin collection causes extra difficulty on A414
 Flows smoothly most of the time

6. How could these traffic problems be addressed?

570 responses were received with 891 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



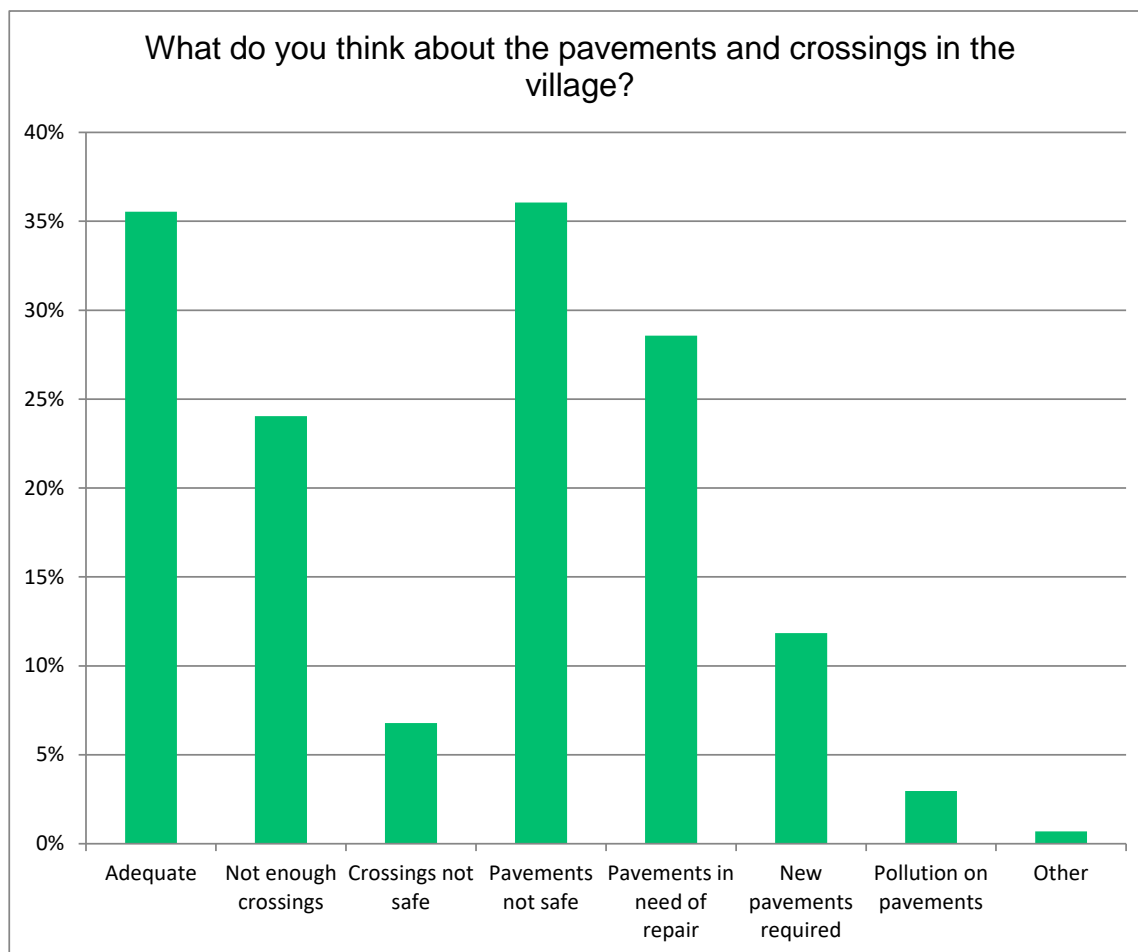
Answer Choices	Answers
Road Building	59% 338
Traffic Mgt- Village & Surrounding Area	21% 118
Housing & Development	19% 107
Traffic Mgt- Local to Village	18% 101
Traffic calming measures	12% 67
Cyclists/Pedestrians	8% 46
Parking	6% 36
New rail connections from Maldon	2% 14
No by-pass	2% 13
Don't Know	8% 45
Other	1% 6

Other comments

- common sense
- A&E in Maldon
- Encourage car sharing
- More police presence
- Development will provide S106 contributions to tackle traffic problems
- Be more patient

7. What do you think about the pavements and crossings in the village?

574 responses were received with 841 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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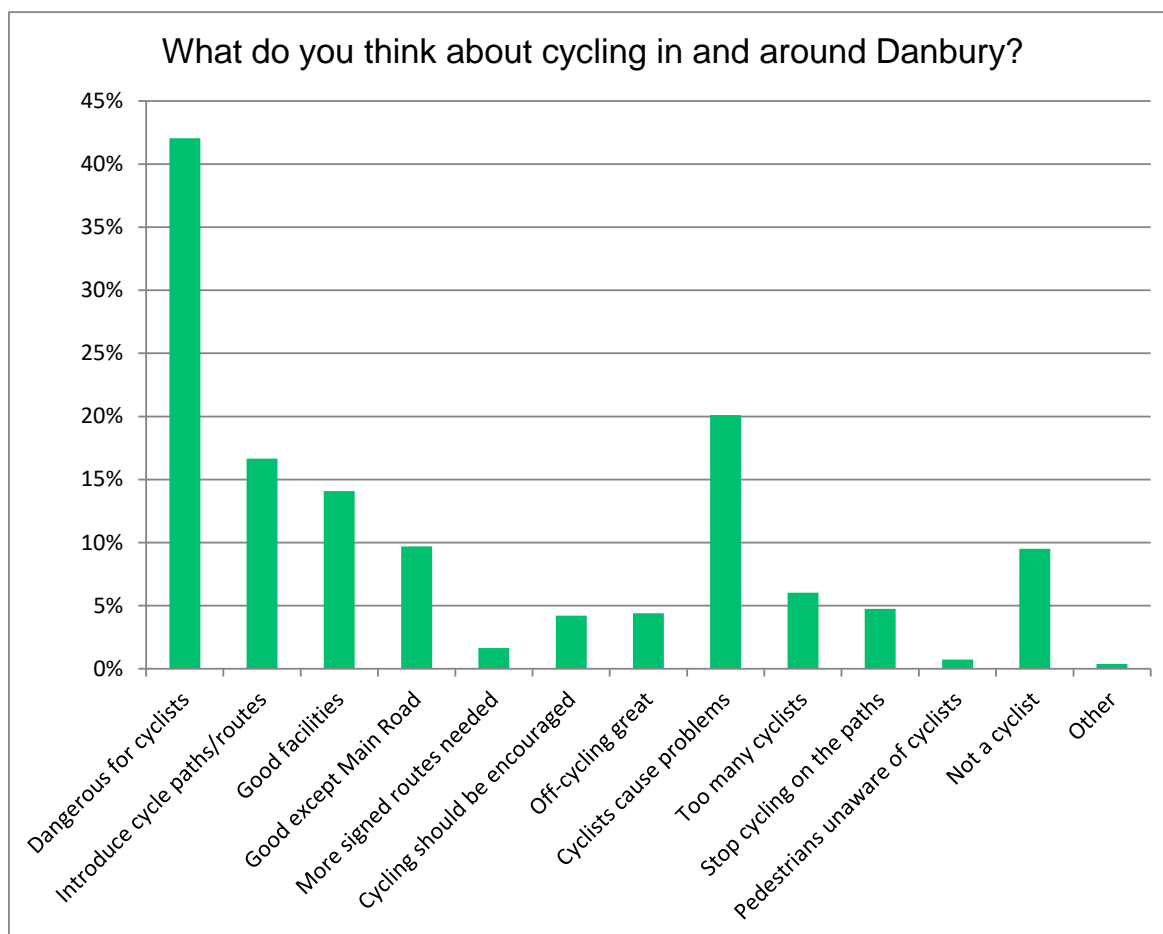
Answer Choices	Answers	
Adequate	36%	204
Not enough crossings	24%	138
Crossings not safe	7%	39
Pavements not safe	36%	207
Pavements in need of repair	29%	164
New pavements required	12%	68
Pollution on pavements	3%	17
Other	1%	4

Other comments

parking on pavements x3
crossings worsen traffic flow

8. What do you think about cycling in and around Danbury?

547 responses were received with 734 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



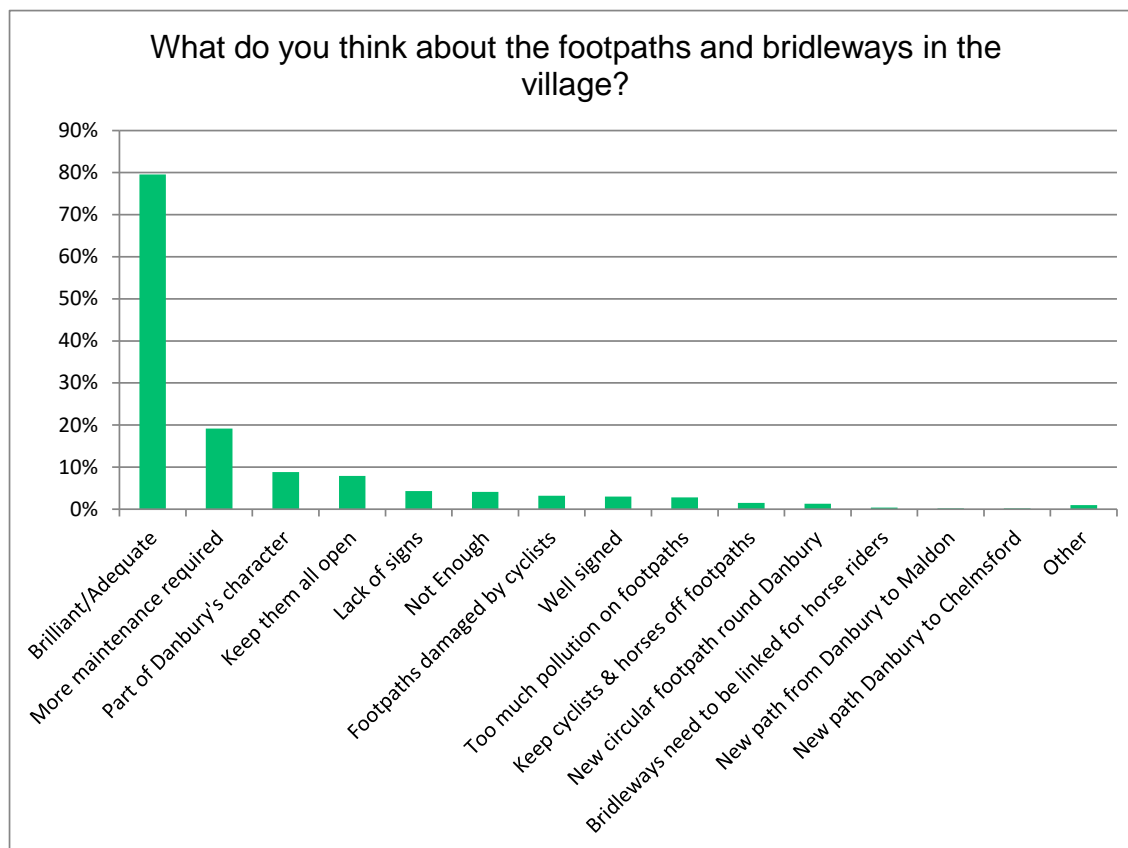
Answer Choices	Answers	Percentage
Dangerous for cyclists	230	42%
Introduce cycle paths/routes	91	17%
Good facilities	77	14%
Good except Main Road	53	10%
More signed routes needed	9	2%
Cycling should be encouraged	23	4%
Off-cycling great	24	4%
Cyclists cause problems	110	20%
Too many cyclists	33	6%
Stop cycling on the paths	26	5%
Pedestrians unaware of cyclists	4	1%
Not a cyclist	52	10%
Other	2	0%

Other comments

Motorists need to be more patient
most cyclists are good and keep in single file

9. What do you think about the footpaths and bridleways in the village?

533 responses were received with 732 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



Answer Choices	Answers
Brilliant/Adequate	80% 424
More maintenance required	19% 102
Part of Danbury's character	9% 47
Keep them all open	8% 42
Lack of signs	4% 23
Not Enough	4% 22
Footpaths damaged by cyclists	3% 17
Well signed	3% 16
Too much pollution on footpaths	3% 15
Keep cyclists & horses off footpaths	2% 8
New circular footpath round Danbury	1% 7
Bridleways need to be linked for horse riders	0% 2
New path from Danbury to Maldon	0% 1
New path Danbury to Chelmsford	0% 1
Other	1% 5

Other comments

Trees & shrubs are a walker's nightmare
Some have disappeared
Nowhere to park horsebox

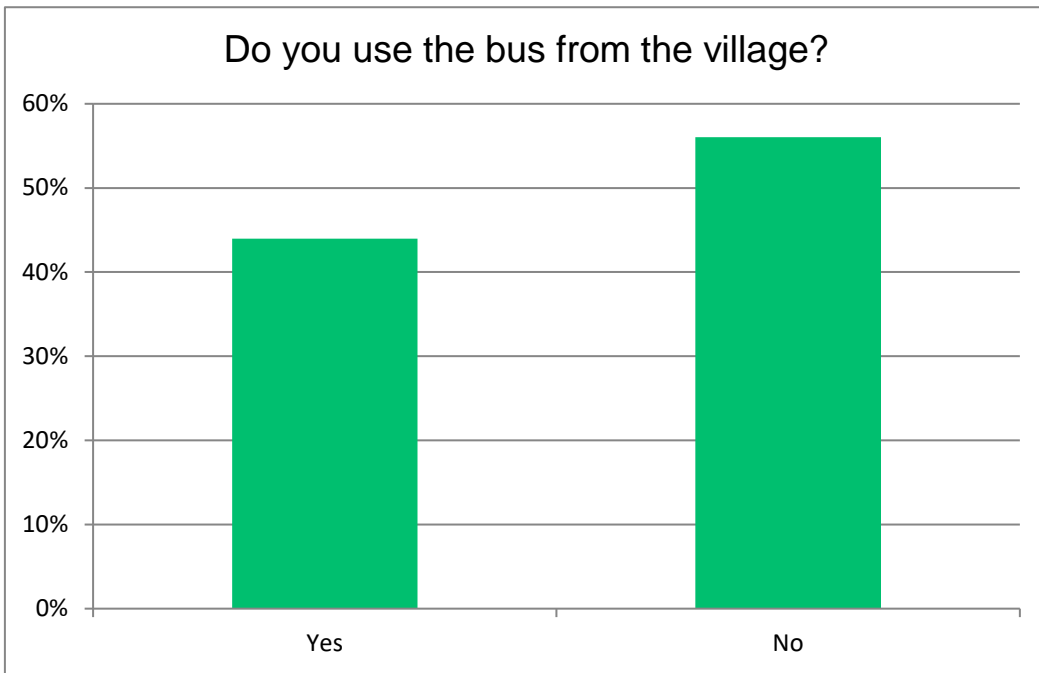
Footpaths too uneven for people with disabilities

10. Do you use the bus from the village?

598 responses were received.

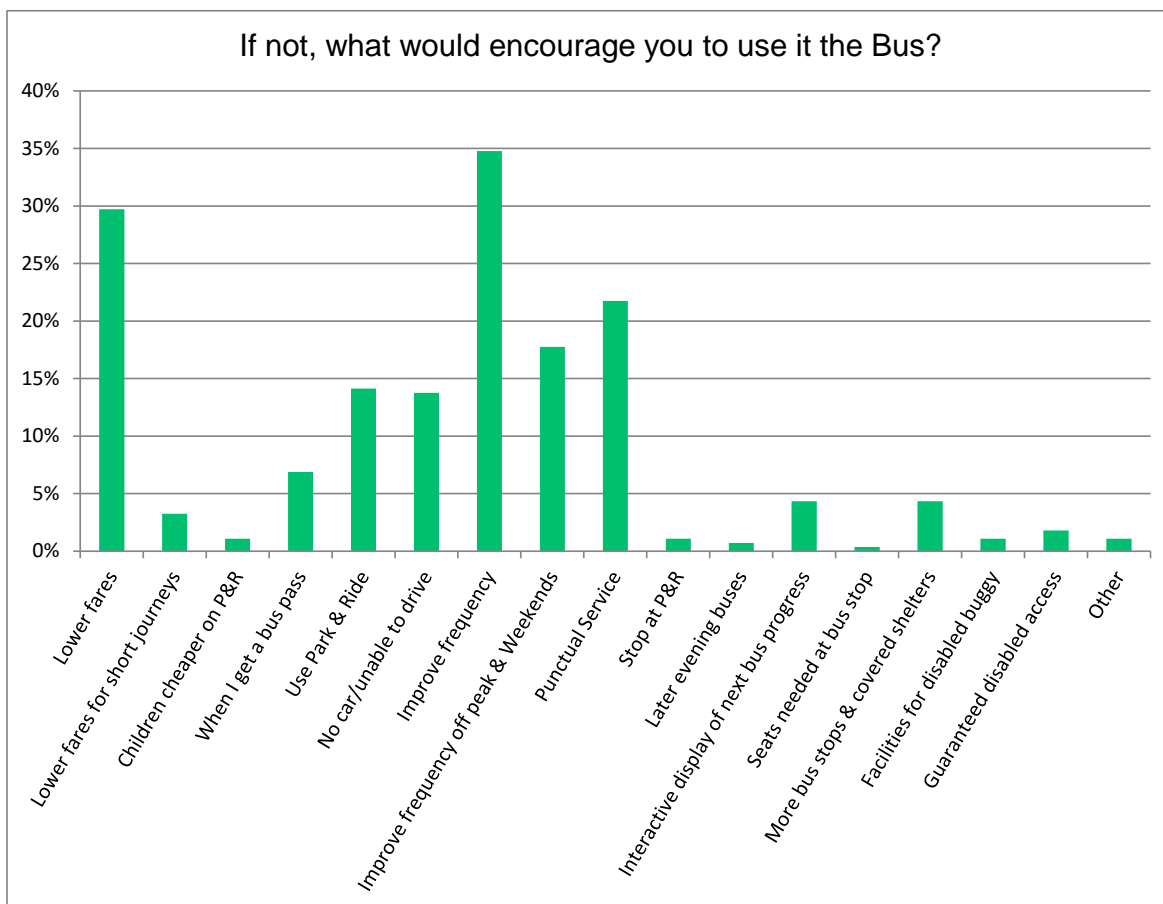
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers

Answer Choices	Answer	
Yes	44%	263
No	56%	335



11. If not, what would encourage you to use the Bus?

276 responses were received with 436 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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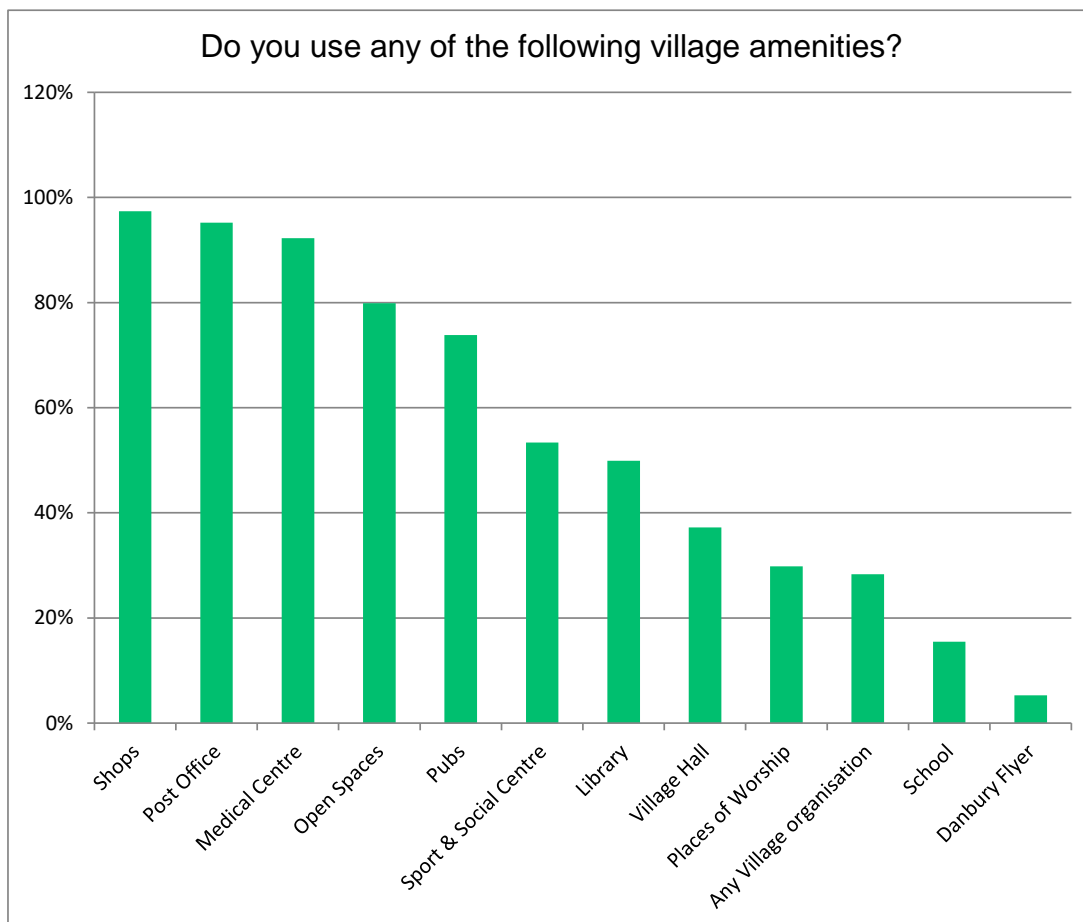


Answer Choices	Answers
Lower fares	30% 82
Lower fares for short journeys	3% 9
Children cheaper on P&R	1% 3
When I get a bus pass	7% 19
Use Park & Ride	14% 39
No car/unable to drive	14% 38
Improve frequency	35% 96
Improve frequency off peak & Weekends	18% 49
Punctual Service	22% 60
Stop at P&R	1% 3
Later evening buses	1% 2
Interactive display of next bus progress	4% 12
Seats needed at bus stop	0% 1
More bus stops & covered shelters	4% 12
Facilities for disabled buggy	1% 3
Guaranteed disabled access	2% 5
Other	1% 3

Other comments
More routes
EV charging point
Loss of park & ride

12. Do you use any of the following village amenities?

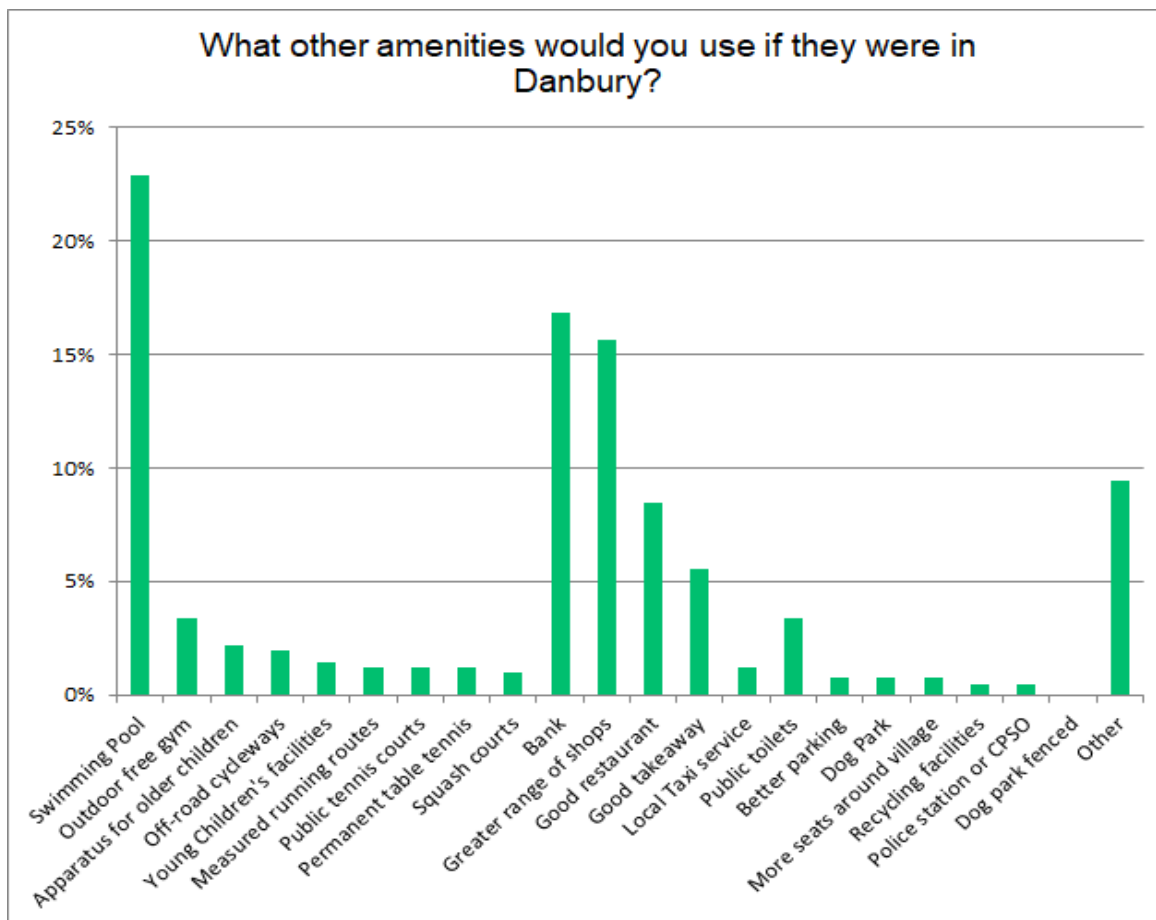
607 responses were received with 3,994 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



Answer Choices	Answers	Percentage
Shops	591	97%
Post Office	578	95%
Medical Centre	560	92%
Open Spaces	485	80%
Pubs	448	74%
Sport & Social Centre	324	53%
Library	303	50%
Village Hall	226	37%
Places of Worship	181	30%
Any Village organisation	172	28%
School	94	15%
Danbury Flyer	32	5%

13. What other amenities would you use if they were in Danbury?

324 positive responses were received with 416 suggestions (multiple answers per individual possible) The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



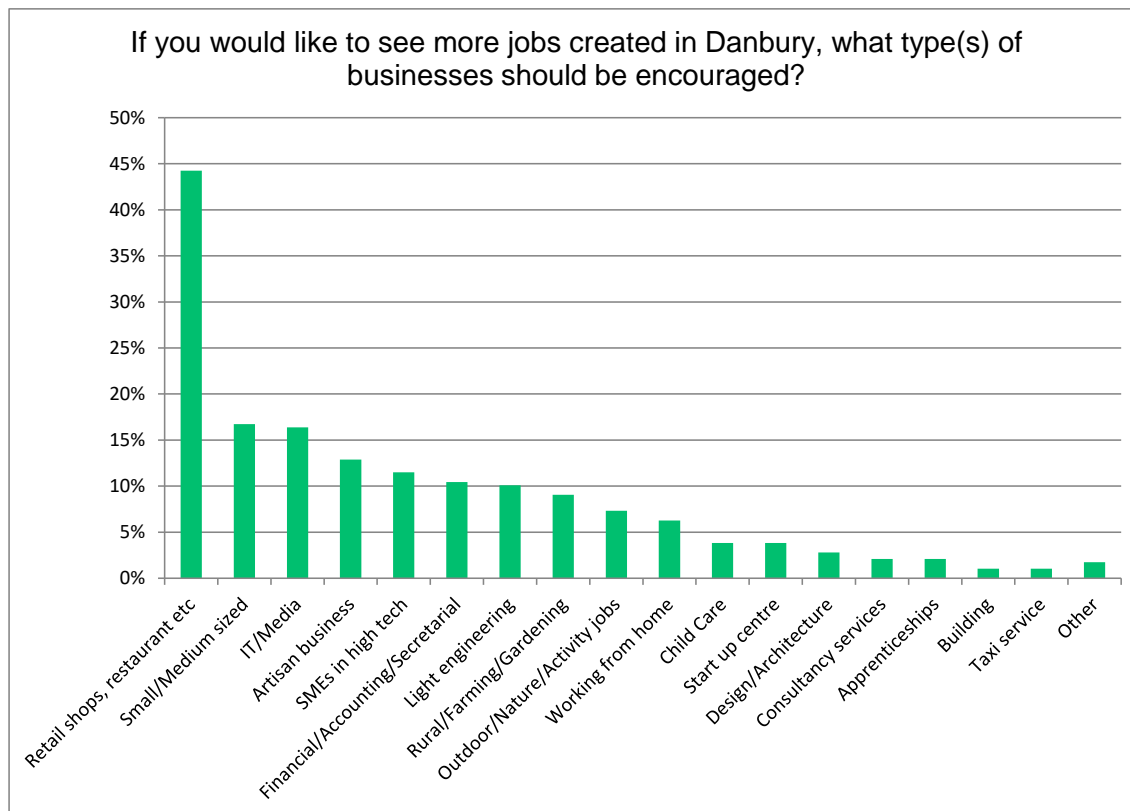
Answer Choices	Answers	Percentage
Swimming Pool	95	23%
Outdoor free gym	14	3%
Apparatus for older children	9	2%
Off-road cycleways	8	2%
Young Children's facilities	6	1%
Measured running routes	5	1%
Public tennis courts	5	1%
Permanent table tennis	5	1%
Squash courts	4	1%
Bank	70	17%
Greater range of shops	65	16%
Good restaurant	35	8%
Good takeaway	23	6%
Local Taxi service	5	1%
Public toilets	14	3%
Better parking	3	1%
Dog Park	3	1%
More seats around village	3	1%
Recycling facilities	2	0%
Police station or CPSO	2	0%
Dog park fenced	1	0%
Other	39	9%

Other comments

facilities for telescopes or skywatching
museum x2
train x2
hospital x2
EV charging point
cinema x2
NT Visitor Centre
better pubs
history centre
extend library opening hours x3
car wash x2
bowling alley
farm shop
community co-working hub
tourist office
village hall to show films
community events, old people's activities
managed campfires
art studio, Sunday P&R
clubs for over 50s
railway station
small cafes, coffee shops
theatre x2
arts and crafts
Youth Club
Hospital
Cycling through the woods
Disabled Parking
Walking club
U3A group x2

14. If you would like to see more jobs created in Danbury, what type(s) of businesses should be encouraged?

290 responses were received with 472 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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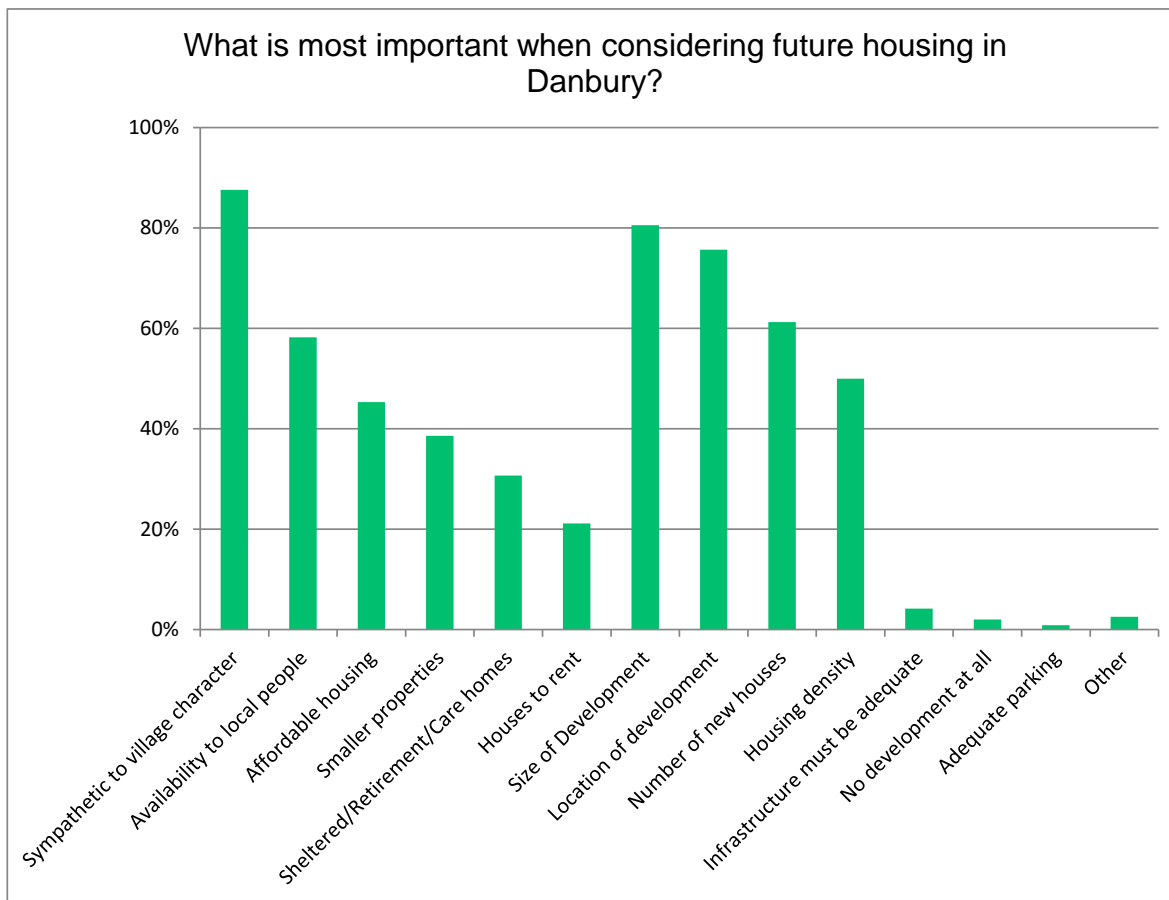
Answer Choices	Answers
Retail shops, restaurant etc	44% 127
Small/Medium sized	17% 48
IT/Media	16% 47
Artisan business	13% 37
SMEs in high tech	12% 33
Financial/Accounting/Secretarial	10% 30
Light engineering	10% 29
Rural/Farming/Gardening	9% 26
Outdoor/Nature/Activity jobs	7% 21
Working from home	6% 18
Child Care	4% 11
Start up centre	4% 11
Design/Architecture	3% 8
Consultancy services	2% 6
Apprenticeships	2% 6
Building	1% 3
Taxi service	1% 3
Other	2% 8

Other comments

- not requiring HGVs x2
- Employment for local people
- Cleaning business x3
- Police
- None

15. What is most important when considering future housing in Danbury?

596 responses were received with 3,629 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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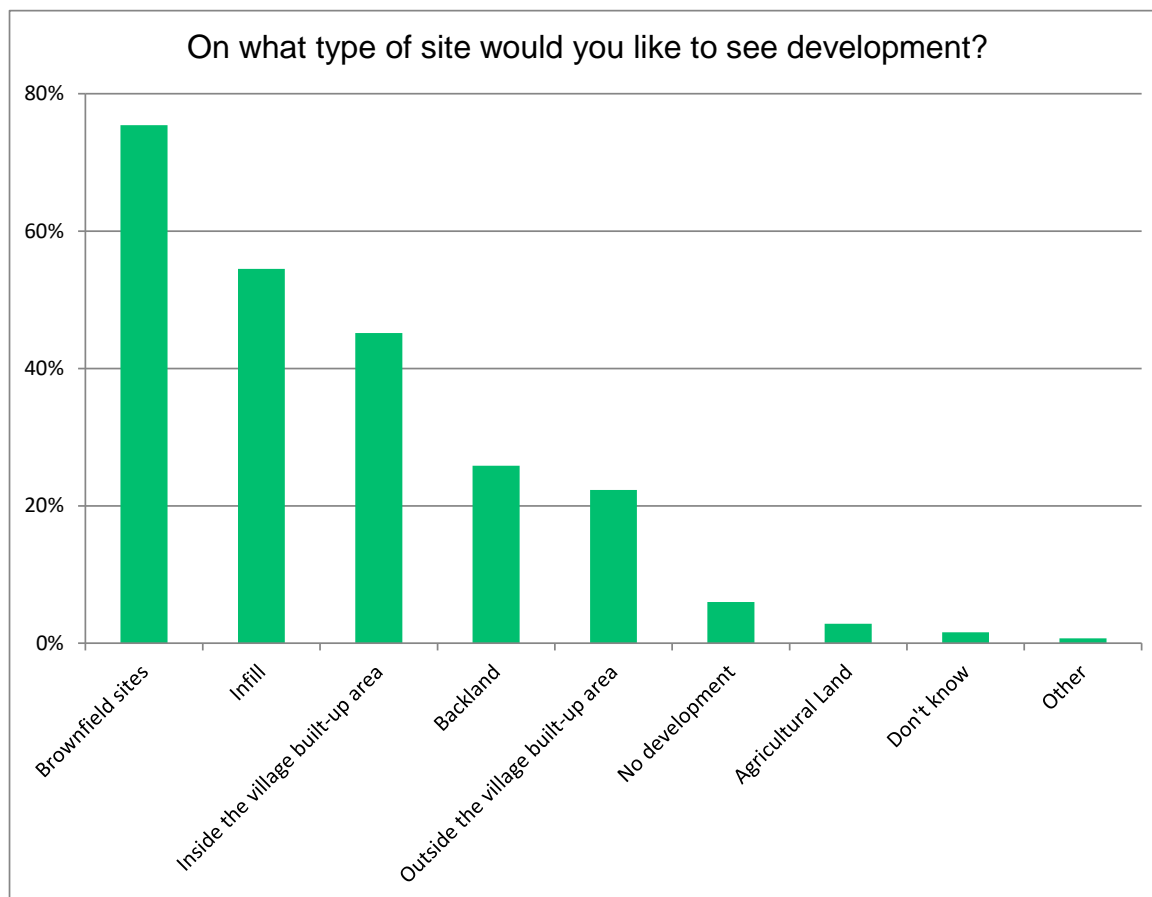
Answer Choices	Answers
Sympathetic to village character	88% 522
Availability to local people	58% 347
Affordable housing	45% 270
Smaller properties	39% 230
Sheltered/Retirement/Care homes	31% 183
Houses to rent	21% 126
Size of Development	81% 480
Location of development	76% 451
Number of new houses	61% 365
Housing density	50% 298
Infrastructure must be adequate	4% 25
No development at all	2% 12
Adequate parking	1% 5
Other	3% 15

Other comments

Further analysis of these comments will be undertaken

16. On what type of site would you like to see development?

569 responses were received with 1,333 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



Answer Choices	Answers	
Brownfield sites	75%	429
Infill	54%	310
Inside the village built-up area	45%	257
Backland	26%	147
Outside the village built-up area	22%	127
No development	6%	34
Agricultural Land	3%	16
Don't know	2%	9
Other	1%	4

Other comments

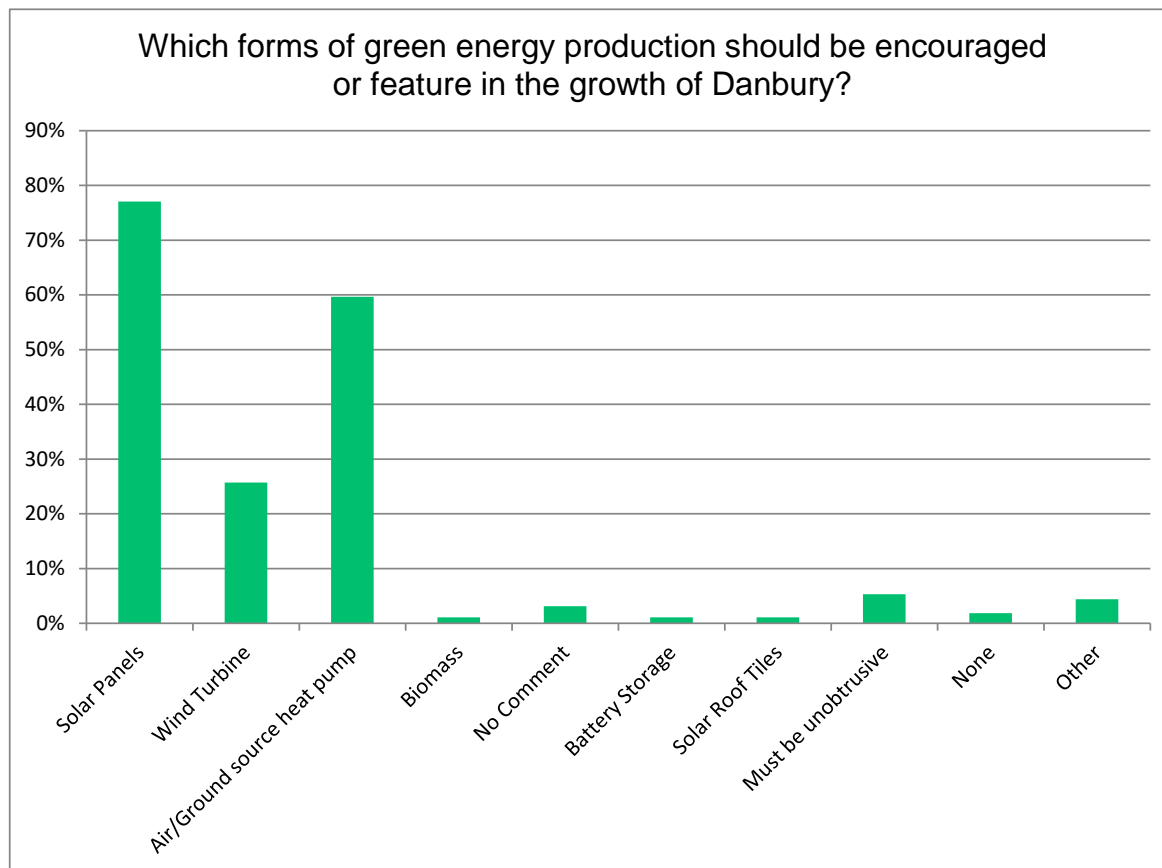
Green areas within development
ecologically sound, (energy conservation design principles)
Pull down big empty houses
We need housing

17: Please comment or suggest suitable locations for new houses in the village

The replies to this question will be considered within the work on site selection and published later

18. Which forms of green energy production should be encouraged or feature in the growth of Danbury?

545 responses were received with 983 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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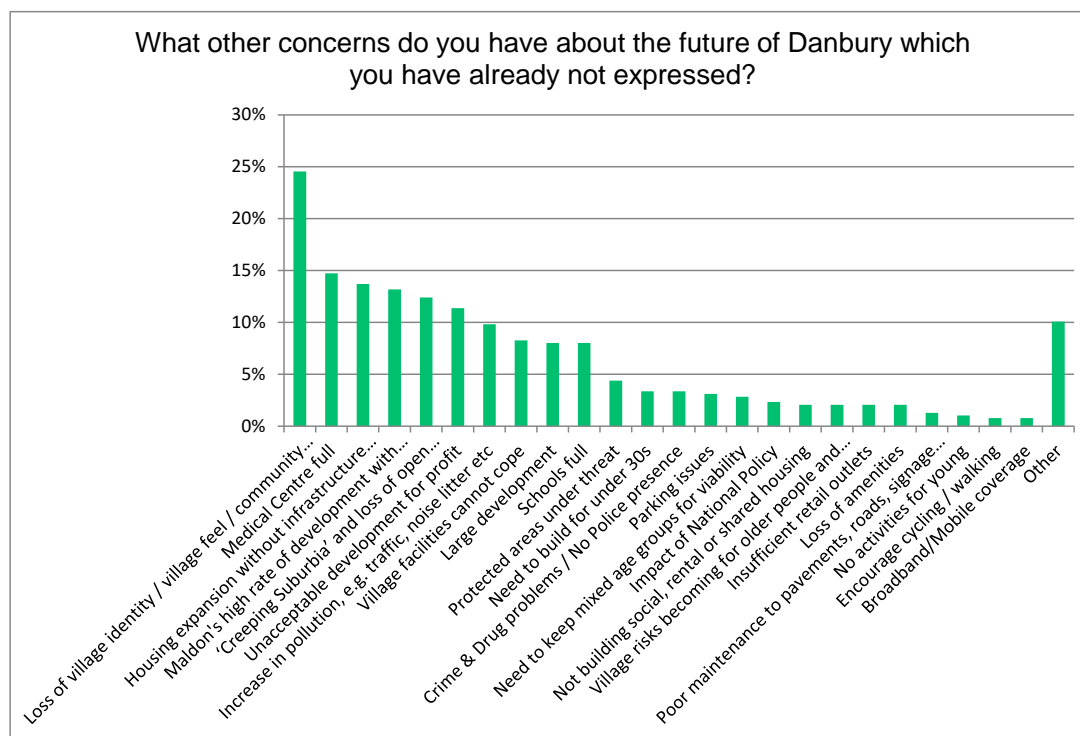
Answer Choices	Answers	
Solar Panels	77%	420
Wind Turbine	26%	140
Air/Ground source heat pump	60%	325
Biomass	1%	6
No Comment	3%	17
Battery Storage	1%	6
Solar Roof Tiles	1%	6
Must be unobtrusive	5%	29
None	2%	10
Other	4%	24

Other comments

Further analysis of these comments will be undertaken

19. What other concerns do you have about the future of Danbury which you have already not expressed?

387 responses were received with 747 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



Answer Choices	Answers
Traffic congestion	27% 106
Loss of village identity / village feel / community spirit	25% 95
Medical Centre full	15% 57
Housing expansion without infrastructure upgrade	14% 53
Maldon's high rate of development with consequential impact	13% 51
'Creeping Suburbia' and loss of open spaces/woods etc	12% 48
Unacceptable development for profit	11% 44
Increase in pollution, e.g. traffic, noise litter etc	10% 38
Village facilities cannot cope	8% 32
Large development	8% 31
Schools full	8% 31
Protected areas under threat	4% 17
Need to build for under 30s	3% 13
Crime & Drug problems / No Police presence	3% 13
Parking issues	3% 12
Need to keep mixed age groups for viability	3% 11
Impact of National Policy	2% 9
Not building social, rental or shared housing	2% 8
Village risks becoming for older people and stagnating	2% 8
Insufficient retail outlets	2% 8
Loss of amenities	2% 8
Poor maintenance to pavements, roads, signage etc	1% 5
No activities for young	1% 4
Encourage cycling / walking	1% 3
Broadband/Mobile coverage	1% 3
Other	10% 39

Other comments
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21. What is your Postcode?

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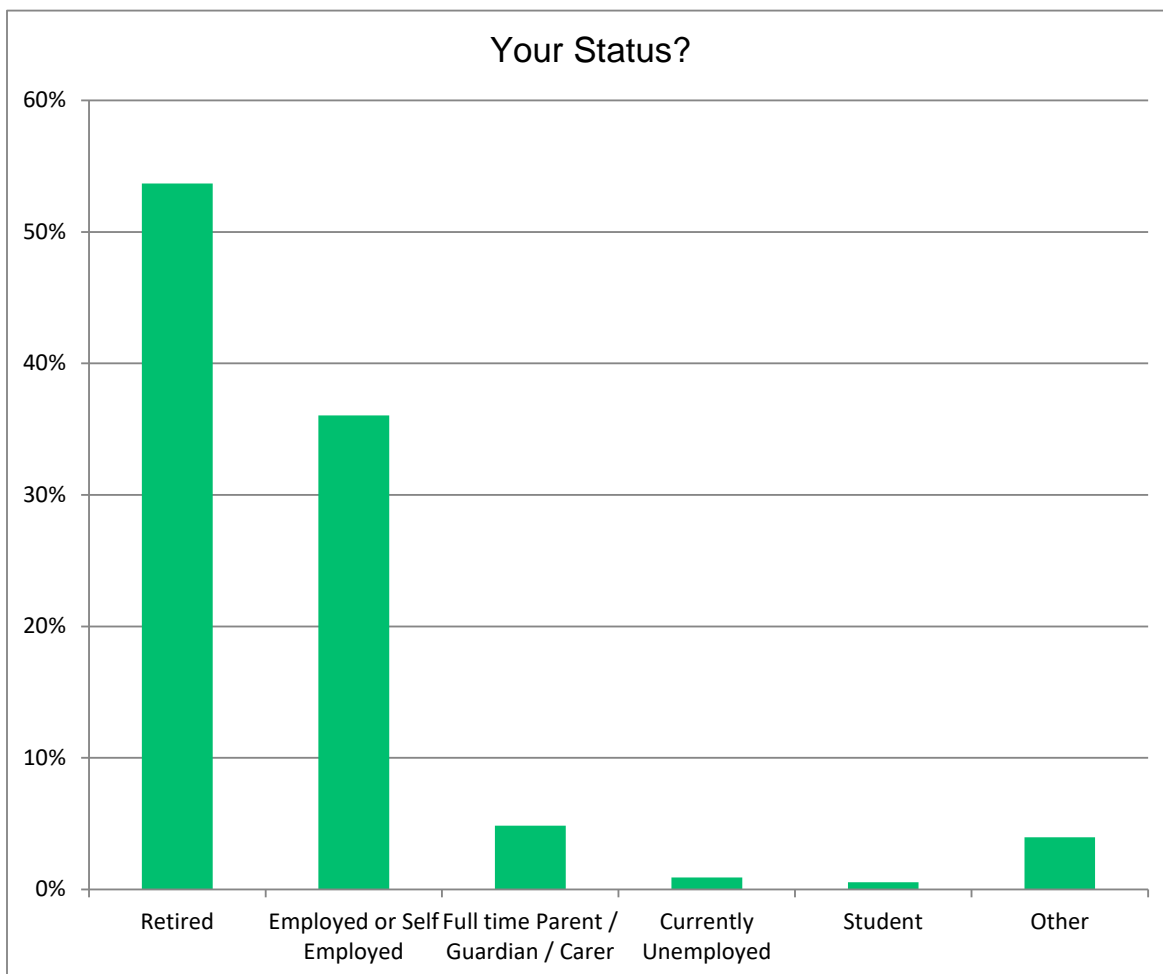
22. If you would like us to contact you by email please provide your email address

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23. Your status?

555 responses were received

The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



Answer Choices	Answers
Retired	54% 298
Employed or Self Employed	36% 200
Full time Parent / Guardian / Carer	5% 27
Currently Unemployed	1% 5
Student	1% 3
Other	4% 21

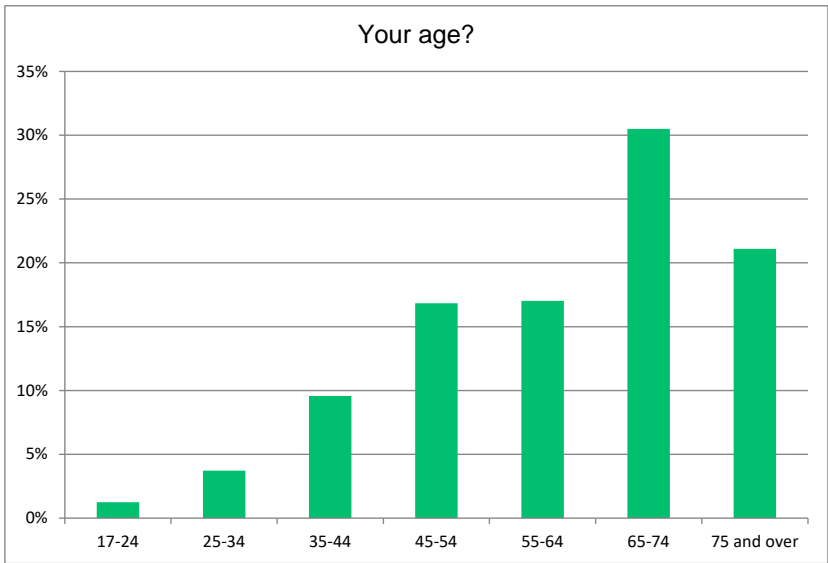
Other comments

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24. Your age

564 responses were received

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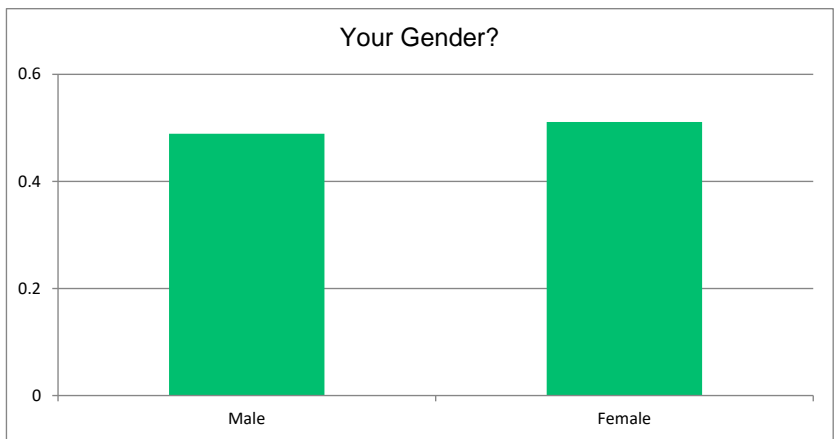


Answer Choices	Answers
17-24	1% 7
25-34	4% 21
35-44	10% 54
45-54	17% 95
55-64	17% 96
65-74	31% 172
75 and over	21% 119

25. Your Gender

450 responses were received

The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



Answer Choices	Responses
Male	49% 220
Female	51% 230

26. Do you have any other comments?

Analysis of these comments will be undertaken