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# Orleton & Richards Castle Neighbourhood Plan Main Questionnaire Report



## Introduction

Orleton and Richards Castle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are developing a Neighbourhood Plan for both Parishes. This process started in July 2014 when residents were invited to the village halls to give their thoughts and opinions as to how they thought the two villages should be allowed to develop. The comments and ideas from these meetings helped form a questionnaire containing questions about housing, land use and commercial developments over the next few years.

This report presents the basic results from this questionnaire which was conducted during January 2015. The report has been independently produced by Data Orchard CIC, commissioned by the Orleton and Richards Castle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, and based directly on the residents' responses to the distributed questionnaires.

## Version history

Issue 1.0 – Report to the Orleton & Richards Castle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## Presentation of results

This report presents the results of the survey mainly in the form of tables and charts. For the most part the base for each question is the total number of respondents who answered that question. However, when it is helpful for comparison between question elements, all survey respondents has used as base, which is the case for most of these results. Also if 10% or more of the total survey respondents didn't answer a particular question that is applicable to everyone, the base for that question is considered as the 'total survey respondents'. For those questions where a substantial proportion have not answered, it is considered that using the total survey respondents as the base and showing how many did not answer gives a more appropriate representation of respondents' opinions. In this report, an \* indicates the situations where this has been used.

The tables show the number and percentage of respondents who selected each option. When percentages are presented, they are rounded to the nearest whole number. This may give rise to occasions where the total number of respondents sums to just under or over 100%. Note that if respondents could select more than one answer to a particular question, the percentages may add up to more than 100%.

## Survey methodology

During January 2015, questionnaires were hand delivered to all households in the Parishes, with enough questionnaires given out to each household for all residents aged 16 or over to fill one in. Completed questionnaires were collected in a sealed envelope during March 2015. Alternatively residents could return their questionnaire to Orleton Post Office or the Castle Inn in Richards Castle after the closing date.

A copy of the survey can be found in Appendix 1

## Results

### Response to the survey

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According to the 2011 Census, the total number of people aged 16 and over, usually resident in these parishes on 27th March 2011 was 906<sup>1</sup>. Based on this census figure, responses have been received from 66% of residents aged 16 years and over.

Residents who responded to the questionnaire		Census 2011 Resident population	
	Number	Number in parishes	% of population responding
Total respondents	594	906	66%

Note: 24 respondents didn't give their age band.

Response rates from the two Parishes were slightly different, 76% of residents from Richards Castle responded (170 out of 225 residents) whilst 60% of Orleton residents responded (411 out of 681 residents).

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### The survey was divided into the following main sections

- The vision for our two parishes
- Aim 1 – Develop the built environment in a way that maintains and enhances its distinctiveness and attractiveness, whilst catering for the housing needs of all age groups.
- Aim 2 – Encourage successful farming and small businesses, where members of the community can find employment
- Aim 3 – Maintain and enhance the natural environment and the local heritage
- Personal information

### The vision for our two parishes

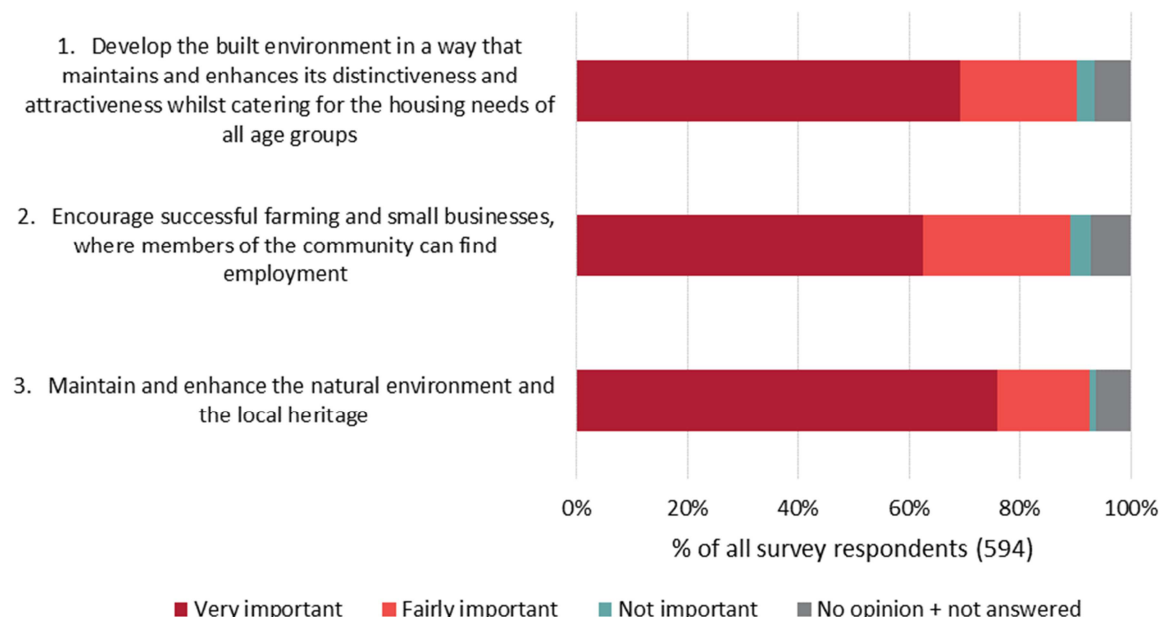
**Q1. The Neighbourhood Plan is intended to contribute to the fulfilment of this Vision by achieving the following three aims. Please rate each of the Aims in terms of its importance to you.**

Q1. Numbers	Very important	Fairly important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
1. Develop the built environment in a way that maintains and enhances its distinctiveness and attractiveness whilst catering for the housing needs of all age groups	411	125	20	8	564	30	594
2. Encourage successful farming and small businesses, where members of the community can find employment	371	158	23	10	562	32	594
3. Maintain and enhance the natural environment and the local heritage	451	99	7	1	558	36	594

Q1. Percentages*	Very important	Fairly important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
1. Develop the built environment in a way that maintains and enhances its distinctiveness and attractiveness whilst catering for the housing needs of all age groups	69%	21%	3%	1%	95%	5%
2. Encourage successful farming and small businesses, where members of the community can find employment	62%	27%	4%	2%	95%	5%
3. Maintain and enhance the natural environment and the local heritage	76%	17%	1%	0%	94%	6%

\* Note: Base is total number who answered the questionnaire (594)

## Q1. Rate each of the Aims in terms of its importance to you.



**Q2. If you think the Vision Statement or the three aims need to change, please add your suggestions in the box below.**

### Vision Statement

There were 29 comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

### Aims

There were 32 comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

**Aim 1 – Develop the built environment in a way that maintains and enhances its distinctiveness and attractiveness, whilst catering for the housing needs of all age groups.**

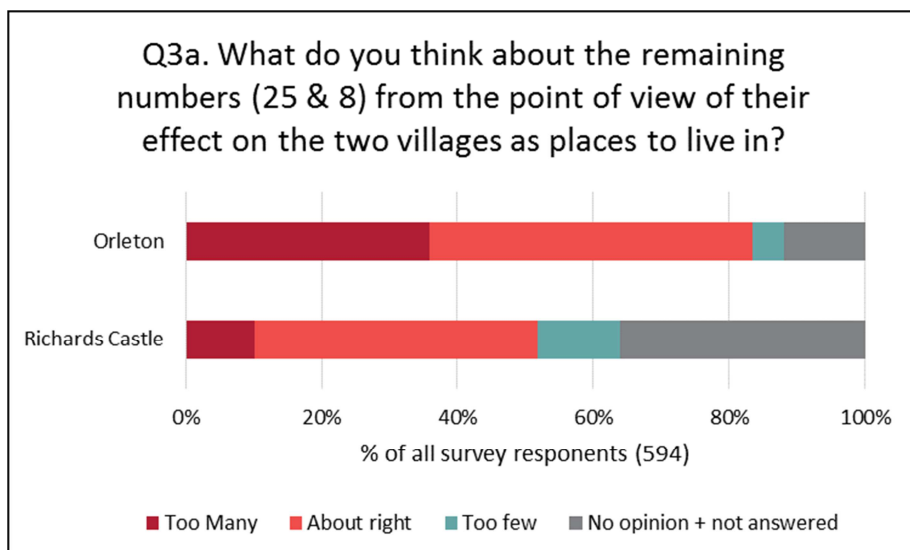
### Numbers of new houses

**Q3a. What do you think about the remaining numbers (25 and 8) from the point of view of their effect on the two villages as places to live in?**

Q3a. Numbers	Too Many	About right	Too few	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Orleton	213	282	28	42	565	29	594
Richards Castle	60	248	72	112	492	102	594

Q3a. Percentages*	Too Many	About right	Too few	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Orleton	36%	47%	5%	7%	95%	5%
Richards Castle	10%	42%	12%	19%	83%	17%

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There were 5 additional comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

**Q3b. If you ticked "Too many" or "Too few" above, please say how many you think are appropriate.**

#### Orleton

There were 202 comments made, a full list of responses are available in Appendix 2

Option	Response range	Most common response	Number of responses
Too many	0-20	10	176
About right	30		1
Too few	30-100	30	25
No opinion	No responses		

Note. There were two responses which ticked too many in Q3a but went on to put higher values in Q3b (30 and 50). These have been left out of the above table.

#### Richards Castle

There were 118 comments made, a full list of responses are available in Appendix 2

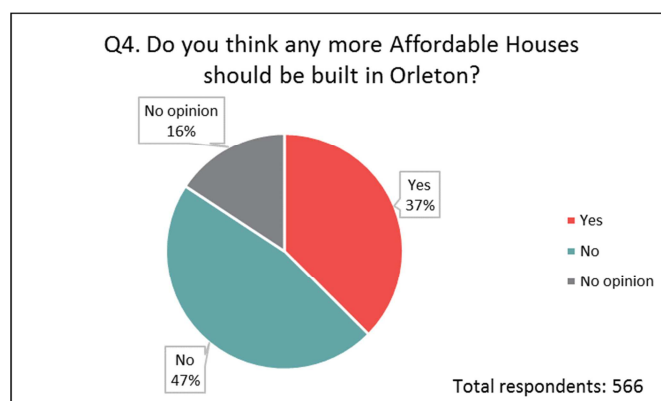
Option	Response range	Most common response	Number of responses
Too many	0-8	0	49
About right	2-20	8	12
Too few	4-50	15	57
No opinion	2-12		2

## The need for Affordable Housing

### Q4. Do you think any more Affordable Houses should be built in Orleton?

Q4. Nos. & Percentages	No.	%
Yes	212	37%
No	265	47%
No opinion	89	16%
Total respondents	566	
Not answered	28	

There were 8 additional comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2

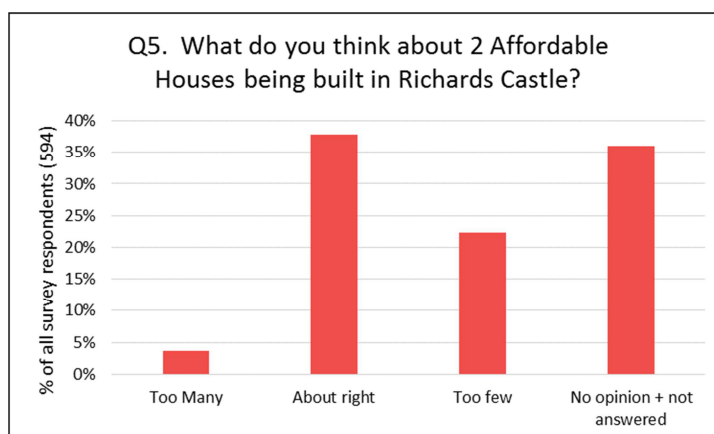


### Q5. What do you think about 2 Affordable Houses being built in Richards Castle?

Q5. Nos. & Percentages*	No.	%	*
Too Many	22	4%	
About right	225	38%	
Too few	133	22%	
No opinion	148	25%	
Total respondents	528		
Not answered	66		
Base*	594		

Note: Base is total number who answered the questionnaire (594)

There was 1 additional comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2



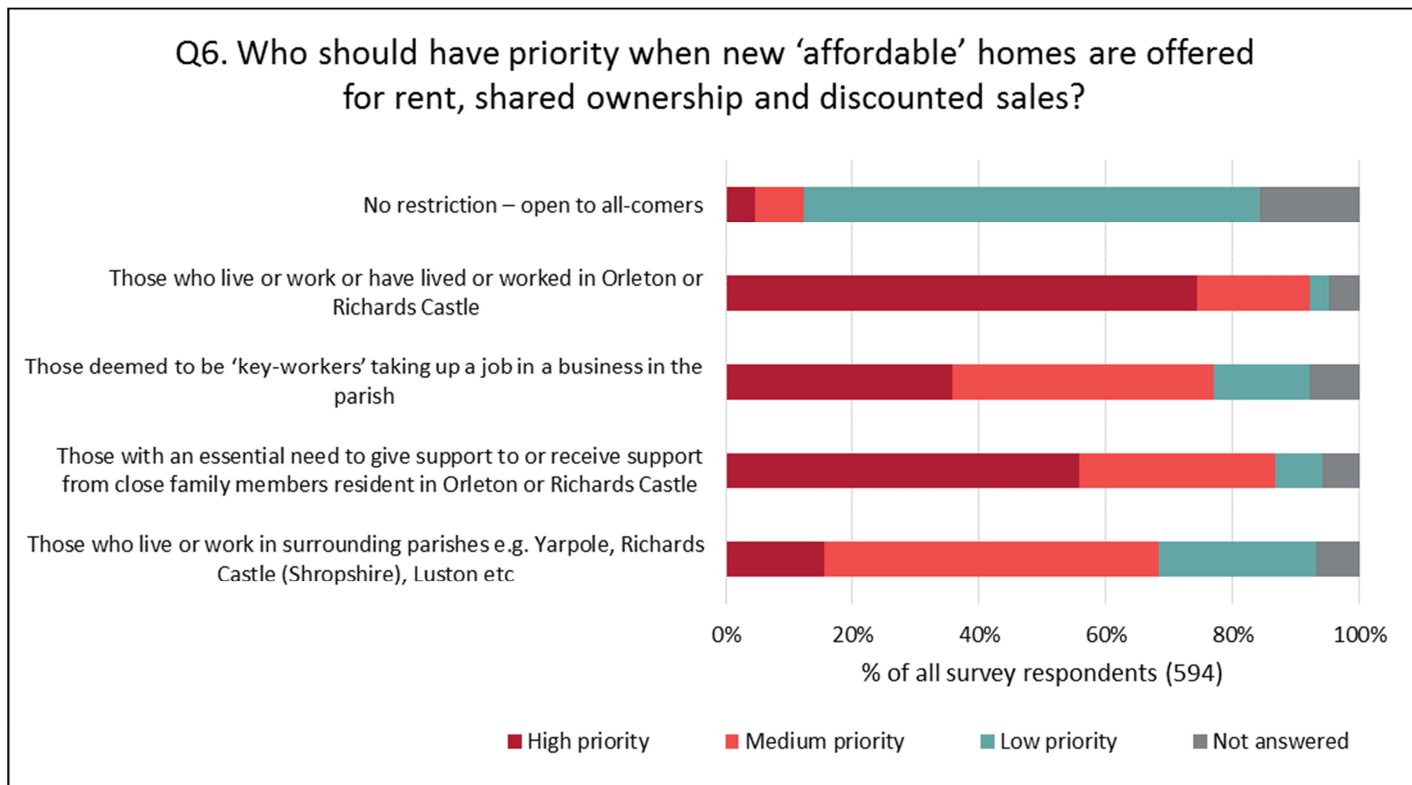
### Q6. Who should have priority when new 'affordable' homes are offered for rent, shared ownership and discounted sales?

Q6. Numbers	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
No restriction - open to all-comers	28	45	428	501	93	594
Those who live or work or have lived or worked in Orleton or Richards Castle	442	105	19	566	28	594
Those deemed to be 'key-workers' taking up a job in a business in the parish	212	245	91	548	46	594
Those with an essential need to give support to or receive support from close family members resident in Orleton or Richards Castle	331	184	45	560	34	594
Those who live or work in surrounding parishes e.g. Yarpole, Richards Castle (Shropshire), Luston etc	93	313	147	553	41	594

There were 10 additional comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2

Q6. Percentages*	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Total respondents	Not answered
No restriction - open to all-comers	5%	8%	72%	84%	16%
Those who live or work or have lived or worked in Orleton or Richards Castle	74%	18%	3%	95%	5%
Those deemed to be 'key-workers' taking up a job in a business in the parish	36%	41%	15%	92%	8%
Those with an essential need to give support to or receive support from close family members resident in Orleton or Richards Castle	56%	31%	8%	94%	6%
Those who live or work in surrounding parishes e.g. Yarpole, Richards Castle (Shropshire), Luston etc	16%	53%	25%	93%	7%

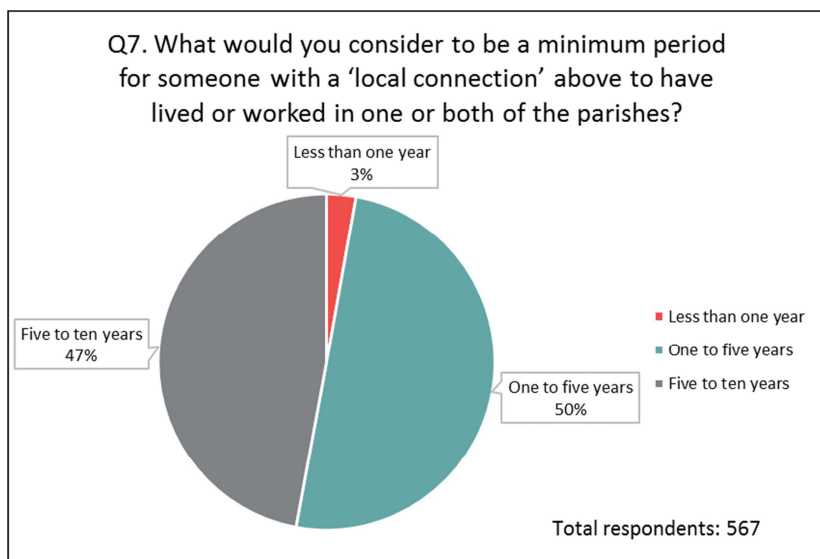
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**Q7. What would you consider to be a minimum period for someone with a 'local connection' above to have lived or worked in one or both of the parishes?**

Q7. Nos. & Percentages	No.	%
Less than one year	16	3%
One to five years	284	50%
Five to ten years	267	47%
Total respondents	567	
Not answered	27	

There were 6 additional comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2



**New housing - appearance and**

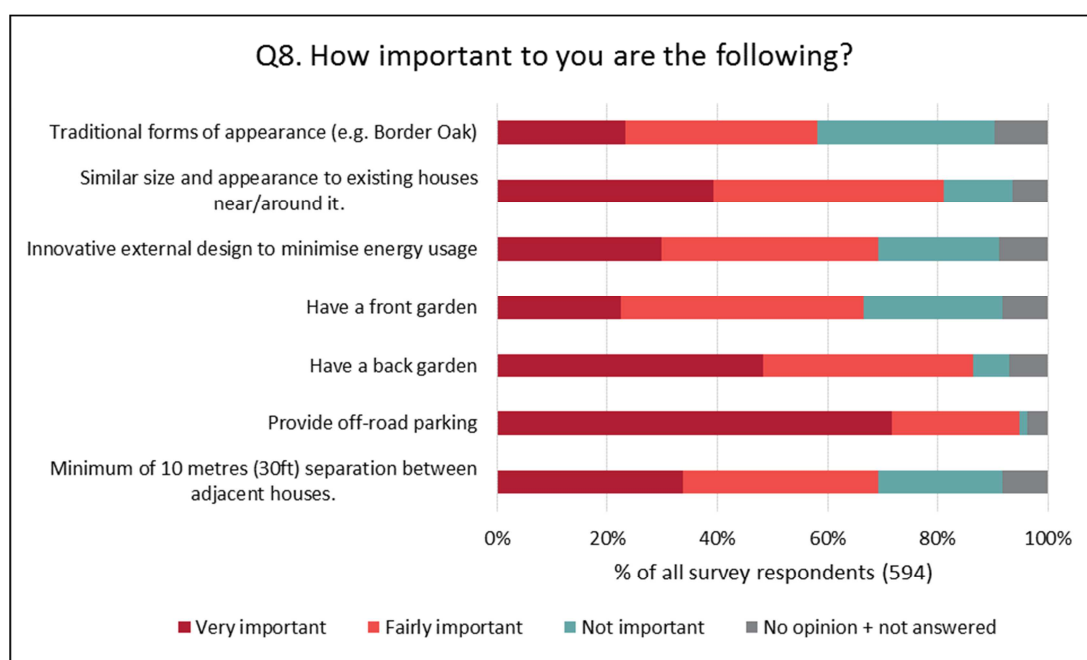
## Q8. How important to you are the following?

Q8. Numbers	Very important	Fairly important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Traditional forms of appearance (e.g. Border Oak)	138	208	191	25	562	32	594
Similar size and appearance to existing houses near/around it.	233	249	74	9	565	29	594
Innovative external design to minimise energy usage	177	234	131	20	562	32	594
Have a front garden	133	262	150	25	570	24	594
Have a back garden	287	227	38	20	572	22	594
Provide off-road parking	426	137	9	3	575	19	594
Minimum of 10 metres (30ft) separation between adjacent houses.	201	210	134	17	562	32	594
Other (please specify)	40	4	0	26	70		

Q8. Percentages*	Very important	Fairly important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Traditional forms of appearance (e.g. Border Oak)	23%	35%	32%	4%	95%	5%
Similar size and appearance to existing houses near/around it.	39%	42%	12%	2%	95%	5%
Innovative external design to minimise energy usage	30%	39%	22%	3%	95%	5%
Have a front garden	22%	44%	25%	4%	96%	4%
Have a back garden	48%	38%	6%	3%	96%	4%
Provide off-road parking	72%	23%	2%	1%	97%	3%
Minimum of 10 metres (30ft) separation between adjacent houses.	34%	35%	23%	3%	95%	5%

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There were 62 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.



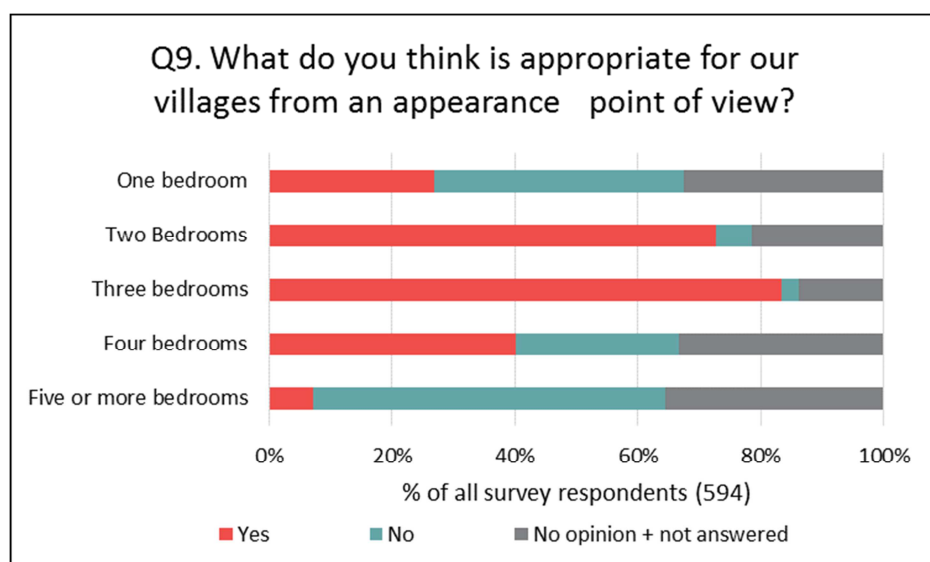
## New housing - size of houses

### Q9. What do you think is appropriate for our villages from an appearance point of view?

Q9. Numbers	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
One bedroom	159	242	106	507	87	594
Two Bedrooms	432	35	70	537	57	594
Three bedrooms	496	16	48	560	34	594
Four bedrooms	239	157	115	511	83	594
Five or more bedrooms	42	341	118	501	93	594

Q9. Percentages*	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
One bedroom	27%	41%	18%	85%	15%
Two Bedrooms	73%	6%	12%	90%	10%
Three bedrooms	84%	3%	8%	94%	6%
Four bedrooms	40%	26%	19%	86%	14%
Five or more bedrooms	7%	57%	20%	84%	16%

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There were 10 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

## Size of new housing developments

### Q10. What do you think is appropriate for any one housing development in our villages?

#### Orleton

Q10. Numbers for Orleton	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
One house	219	114	127	460	134	594
Two houses	258	83	121	462	132	594
Three houses	268	77	119	464	130	594
Four houses	270	92	109	471	123	594
Five houses	233	133	106	472	122	594
Six to ten houses	173	212	103	488	106	594
More than ten houses	59	313	91	463	131	594

Q10. Percentages for Orleton*	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
One house	37%	19%	21%	77%	23%
Two houses	43%	14%	20%	78%	22%
Three houses	45%	13%	20%	78%	22%
Four houses	45%	15%	18%	79%	21%
Five houses	39%	22%	18%	79%	21%
Six to ten houses	29%	36%	17%	82%	18%
More than ten houses	10%	53%	15%	78%	22%

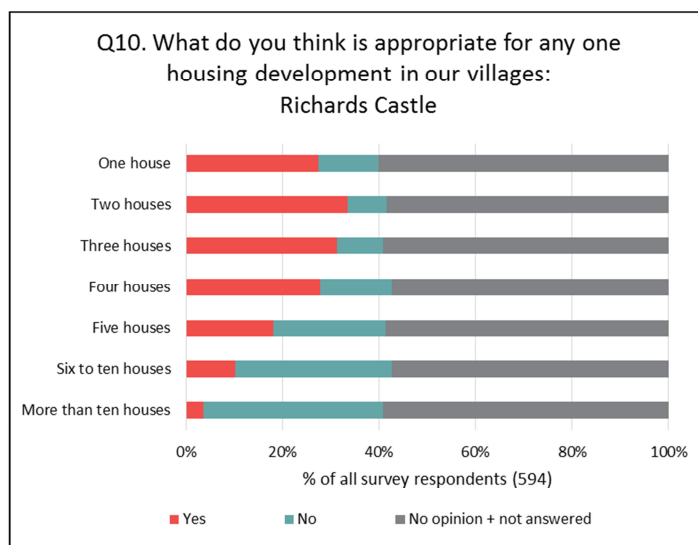
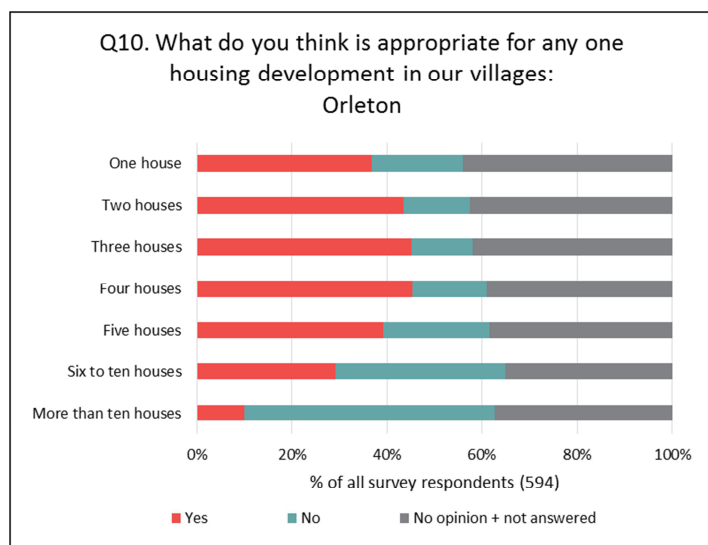
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## Richards Castle

Q10. Numbers for Richards Castle	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
One house	163	74	178	415	179	594
Two houses	199	48	174	421	173	594
Three houses	186	56	174	416	178	594
Four houses	165	88	167	420	174	594
Five houses	107	139	173	419	175	594
Six to ten houses	61	192	169	422	172	594
More than ten houses	22	220	168	410	184	594

Q10. Percentages for Richards Castle*	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
One house	27%	12%	30%	70%	30%
Two houses	34%	8%	29%	71%	29%
Three houses	31%	9%	29%	70%	30%
Four houses	28%	15%	28%	71%	29%
Five houses	18%	23%	29%	71%	29%
Six to ten houses	10%	32%	28%	71%	29%
More than ten houses	4%	37%	28%	69%	31%

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There were 9 additional comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

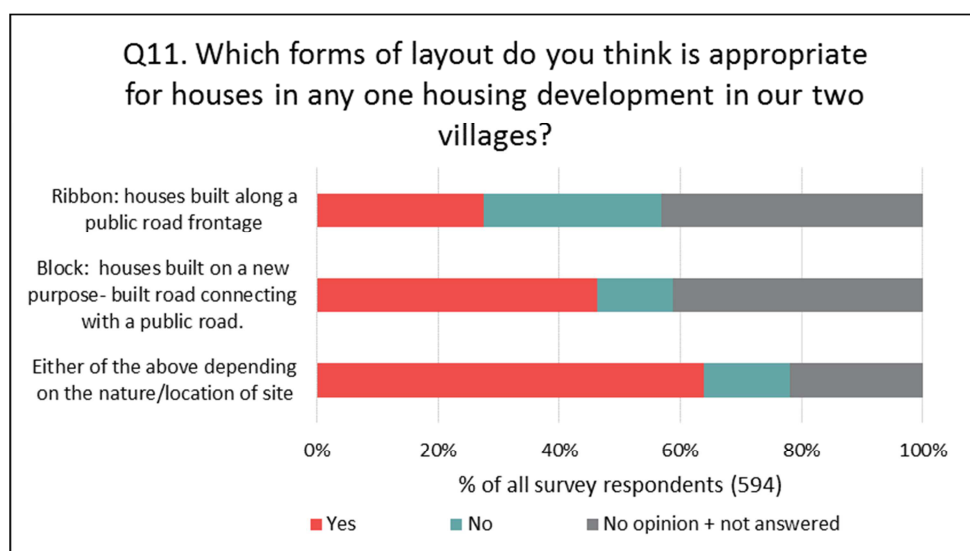
## Layout of new housing developments

**Q11. Which forms of layout do you think is appropriate for houses in any one housing development in our two villages?**

Q11. Numbers	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Ribbon: houses built along a public road frontage	163	175	100	438	156	594
Block: houses built on a new purpose- built road connecting with a public road.	275	74	95	444	150	594
Either of the above depending on the nature/location of site	380	84	50	514	80	594

Q11. Percentages*	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Ribbon: houses built along a public road frontage	27%	29%	17%	74%	26%
Block: houses built on a new purpose- built road connecting with a public road.	46%	12%	16%	75%	25%
Either of the above depending on the nature/location of site	64%	14%	8%	87%	13%

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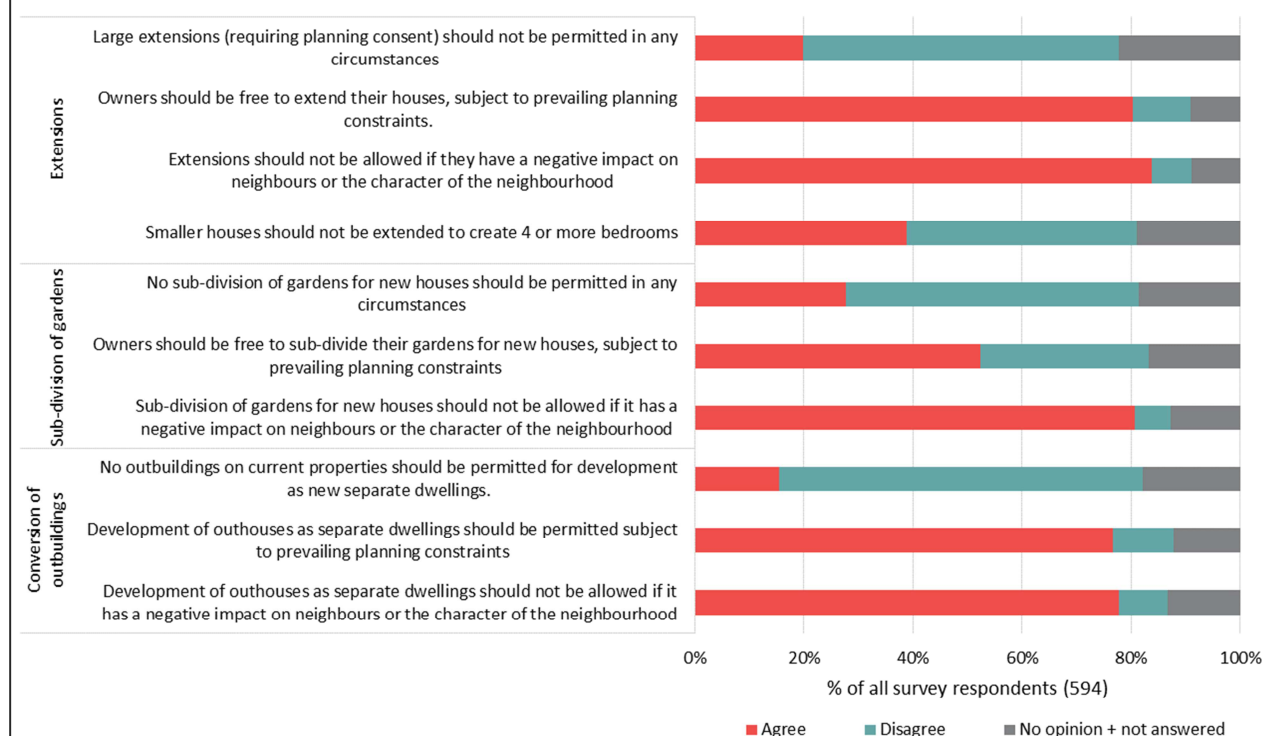
## Acceptability of extensions, conversions and additions

**Q12. What are your views on extensions to existing houses, sub-division of gardens to create new houses, or conversion of outbuildings into new dwellings?**

Q12. Numbers		Agree	Dis- agree	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Extensions	Large extensions (requiring planning consent) should not be permitted in any circumstances	118	344	85	547	47	594
	Owners should be free to extend their houses, subject to prevailing planning constraints.	477	63	24	564	30	594
	Extensions should not be allowed if they have a negative impact on neighbours or the character of the neighbourhood	498	43	27	568	26	594
	Smaller houses should not be extended to create 4 or more bedrooms	231	251	72	554	40	594
Subdivision of gardens	No sub-division of gardens for new houses should be permitted in any circumstances	164	320	62	546	48	594
	Owners should be free to sub-divide their gardens for new houses, subject to prevailing planning constraints	311	184	58	553	41	594
	Sub-division of gardens for new houses should not be allowed if it has a negative impact on neighbours or the character of the neighbourhood	479	39	48	566	28	594
Conversion of outbuildings	No outbuildings on current properties should be permitted for development as new separate dwellings.	92	396	55	543	51	594
	Development of outhouses as separate dwellings should be permitted subject to prevailing planning constraints	455	67	33	555	39	594
	Development of outhouses as separate dwellings should not be allowed if it has a negative impact on neighbours or the character of the neighbourhood	462	53	38	553	41	594

There were 6 additional comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

**Q12. What are your views on extensions to existing houses, sub-division of gardens to create new houses, or conversion of outbuildings into new dwellings?**



Q12. Percentages*		Agree	Dis-agree	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Extensions	Large extensions (requiring planning consent) should not be permitted in any circumstances	20%	58%	14%	92%	8%
	Owners should be free to extend their houses, subject to prevailing planning constraints.	80%	11%	4%	95%	5%
	Extensions should not be allowed if they have a negative impact on neighbours or the character of the neighbourhood	84%	7%	5%	96%	4%
	Smaller houses should not be extended to create 4 or more bedrooms	39%	42%	12%	93%	7%
Subdivision of gardens	No sub-division of gardens for new houses should be permitted in any circumstances	28%	54%	10%	92%	8%
	Owners should be free to sub-divide their gardens for new houses, subject to prevailing planning constraints	52%	31%	10%	93%	7%
	Sub-division of gardens for new houses should not be allowed if it has a negative impact on neighbours or the character of the neighbourhood	81%	7%	8%	95%	5%
Conversion of outbuildings	No outbuildings on current properties should be permitted for development as new separate dwellings.	15%	67%	9%	91%	9%
	Development of outhouses as separate dwellings should be permitted subject to prevailing planning constraints	77%	11%	6%	93%	7%
	Development of outhouses as separate dwellings should not be allowed if it has a negative impact on neighbours or the character of the neighbourhood	78%	9%	6%	93%	7%

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## Local housing need

**Q13. More generally, what sizes of new housing do you think are needed to meet housing need in our two parishes?**

### Orleton

Q13. Numbers for Orleton	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
1-2 bedroom	353	46	116	515	79	594
3-4 bedroom	385	42	94	521	73	594
More than 4 bedrooms	43	303	139	485	109	594
1-2 bedroom sheltered housing for older or special needs people	348	59	106	513	81	594

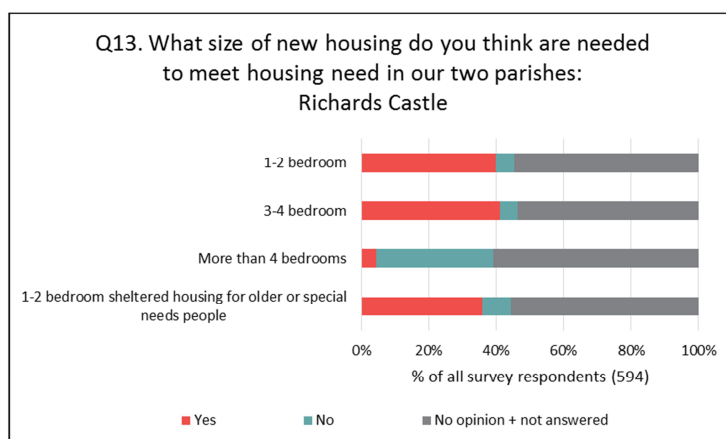
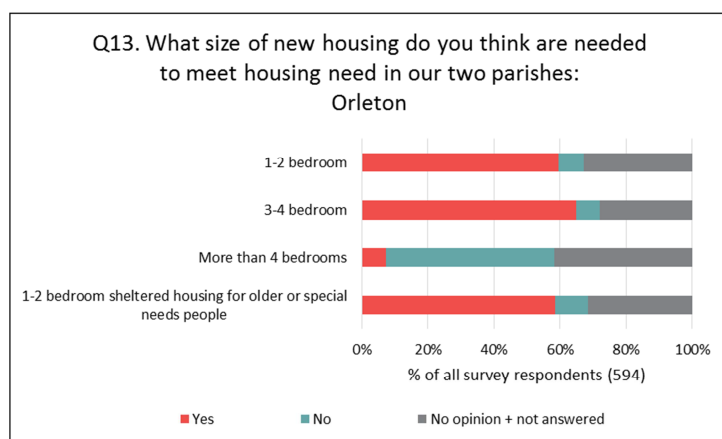
Q13. Percentages for Orleton*	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
1-2 bedroom	59%	8%	20%	87%	13%
3-4 bedroom	65%	7%	16%	88%	12%
More than 4 bedrooms	7%	51%	23%	82%	18%
1-2 bedroom sheltered housing for older or special needs people	59%	10%	18%	86%	14%

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Q13. Numbers for Richards Castle	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
1-2 bedroom	237	33	190	460	134	594
3-4 bedroom	244	32	182	458	136	594
More than 4 bedrooms	26	206	204	436	158	594
1-2 bedroom sheltered housing for older or special needs people	213	50	177	440	154	594

Q13. Percentages for Richards Castle*	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
1-2 bedroom	40%	6%	32%	77%	23%
3-4 bedroom	41%	5%	31%	77%	23%
More than 4 bedrooms	4%	35%	34%	73%	27%
1-2 bedroom sheltered housing for older or special needs people	36%	8%	30%	74%	26%

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There were 11 additional comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

## Community assets

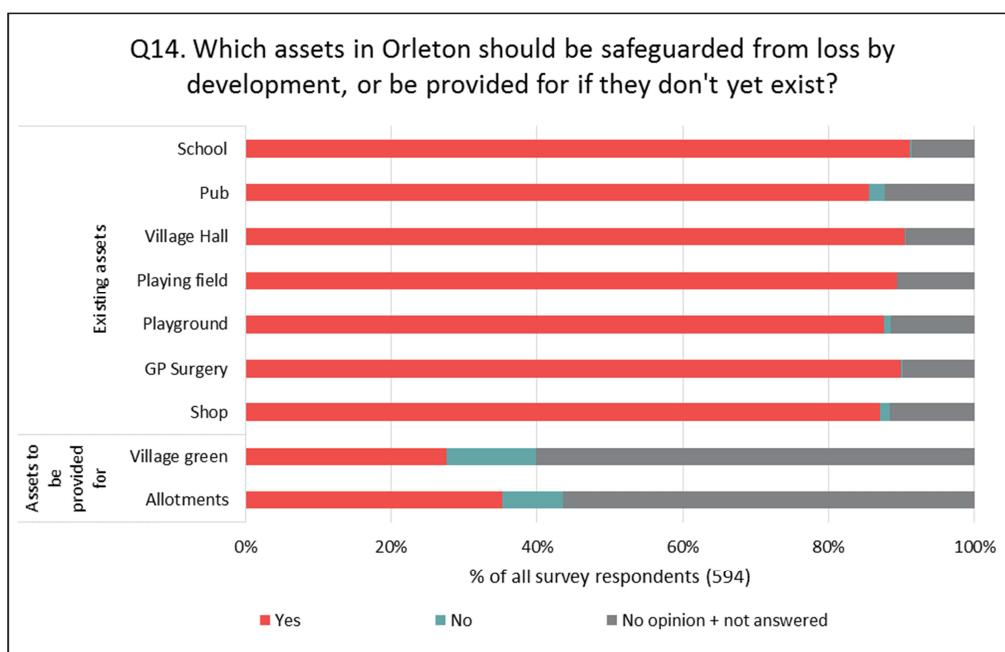
**Q14. Which assets in Orleton should be safeguarded from loss by development, or be provided for if they don't yet exist?**

Q14. Numbers for Orleton		Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Existing assets	School	541	2	12	555	39	594
	Pub	508	13	28	549	45	594
	Village Hall	537	1	15	553	41	594
	Playing field	531	0	18	549	45	594
	Playground	520	6	18	544	50	594
	GP Surgery	534	2	16	552	42	594
	Shop	517	8	22	547	47	594
Assets to be provided for	Village green	164	73	116	353	241	594
	Allotments	209	50	103	362	232	594
	Other	50					

Q14. Percentages for Orleton*		Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Existing assets	School	91%	0%	2%	93%	7%
	Pub	86%	2%	5%	92%	8%
	Village Hall	90%	0%	3%	93%	7%
	Playing field	89%	0%	3%	92%	8%
	Playground	88%	1%	3%	92%	8%
	GP Surgery	90%	0%	3%	93%	7%
	Shop	87%	1%	4%	92%	8%
Assets to be provided	Village green	28%	12%	20%	59%	41%
	Allotments	35%	8%	17%	61%	39%

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There were 53 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.



**Q15. Which assets in Richards Castle should be safeguarded from loss by development, or be provided for if they don't yet exist?**

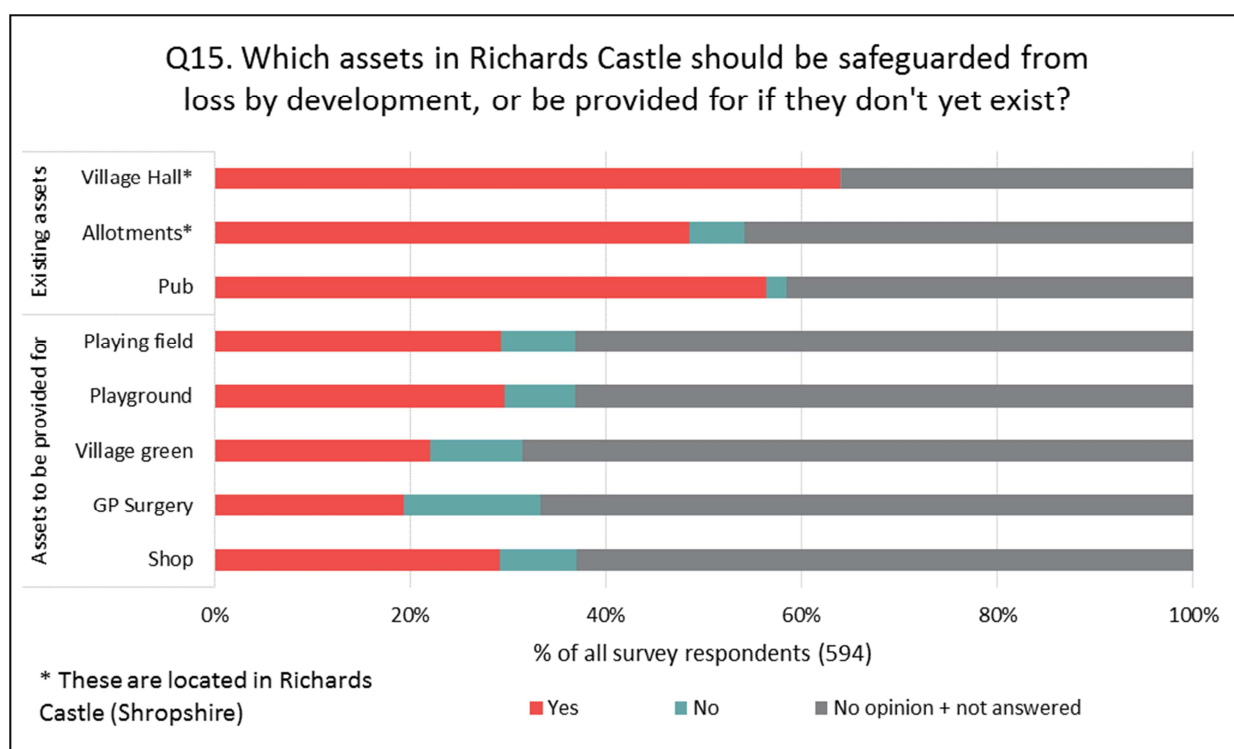
Q15. Numbers for Richards Castle		Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Existing assets	Village Hall <sup>#</sup>	380	1	90	471	123	594
	Allotments <sup>#</sup>	288	34	137	459	135	594
	Pub	335	12	115	462	132	594
Assets to be provided for	Playing field	174	45	177	396	198	594
	Playground	176	43	174	393	201	594
	Village green	131	56	201	388	206	594
	GP Surgery	115	83	195	393	201	594
	Shop	173	47	173	393	201	594
	Other	5					

Q15. Percentages for Richards Castle*		Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Existing assets	Village Hall <sup>#</sup>	64%	0%	15%	79%	21%
	Allotments <sup>#</sup>	48%	6%	23%	77%	23%
	Pub	56%	2%	19%	78%	22%
Assets to be provided for	Playing field	29%	8%	30%	67%	33%
	Playground	30%	7%	29%	66%	34%
	Village green	22%	9%	34%	65%	35%
	GP Surgery	19%	14%	33%	66%	34%
	Shop	29%	8%	29%	66%	34%

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<sup>#</sup> These are located in Richards Castle (Shropshire)

There were 4 comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.



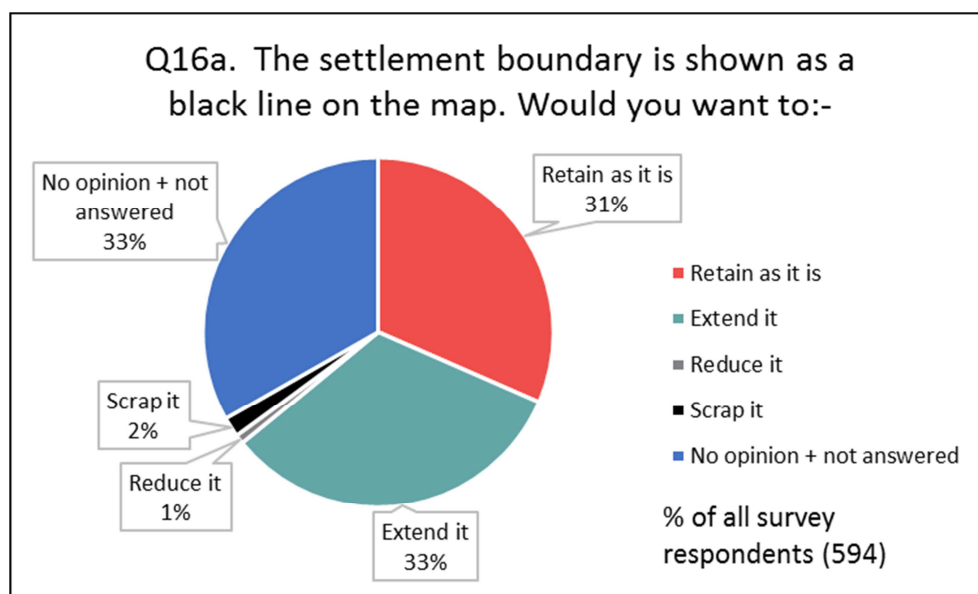
## Possible locations for new housing development in and around Orleton village

**Q16a. The settlement boundary is shown as a black line on the map. Would you want to:-**

Q16a. Numbers and Percentages	No.	%
Retain as it is	187	31%
Extend it	194	33%
Reduce it	5	1%
Scrap it	11	2%
No opinion	101	17%
Total respondents	498	84%
Not answered	96	16%
Base*	594	

There were 12 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

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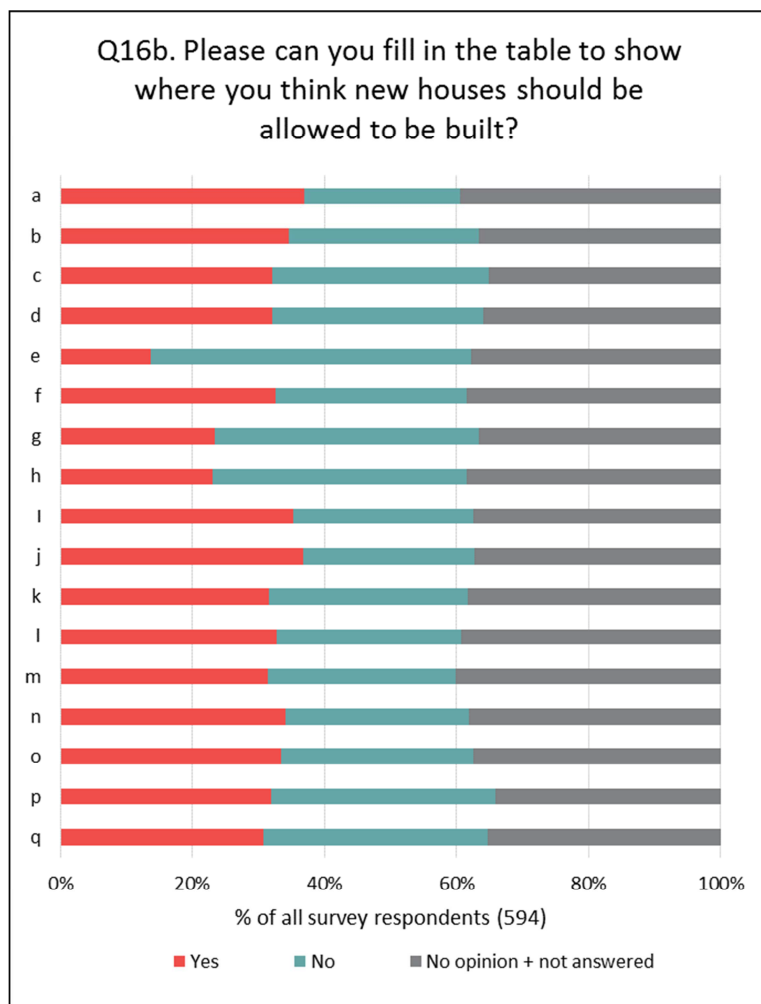
**Q16b. Please can you fill in the table to show where you think new houses should be allowed to be built?**

Q16b. Numbers	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
a	220	140	133	493	101	594
b	206	171	121	498	96	594
c	191	194	121	506	88	594
d	191	190	122	503	91	594
e	81	289	125	495	99	594
f	194	172	127	493	101	594
g	139	238	123	500	94	594
h	137	229	130	496	98	594
i	210	162	128	500	94	594
j	219	154	126	499	95	594
k	188	179	126	493	101	594
l	195	166	130	491	103	594
m	187	169	138	494	100	594
n	203	165	127	495	99	594
o	199	173	125	497	97	594
p	190	201	115	506	88	594
q	183	201	112	496	98	594

Q16b.	Yes %*	No	No opinion	Total residents	Not ans.
a	37%	24%	22%	83%	17%
b	35%	29%	20%	84%	16%
c	32%	33%	20%	85%	15%
d	32%	32%	21%	85%	15%
e	14%	49%	21%	83%	17%
f	33%	29%	21%	83%	17%
g	23%	40%	21%	84%	16%
h	23%	39%	22%	84%	16%
i	35%	27%	22%	84%	16%
j	37%	26%	21%	84%	16%
k	32%	30%	21%	83%	17%
l	33%	28%	22%	83%	17%
m	31%	28%	23%	83%	17%
n	34%	28%	21%	83%	17%
o	34%	29%	21%	84%	16%
p	32%	34%	19%	85%	15%
q	31%	34%	19%	84%	16%

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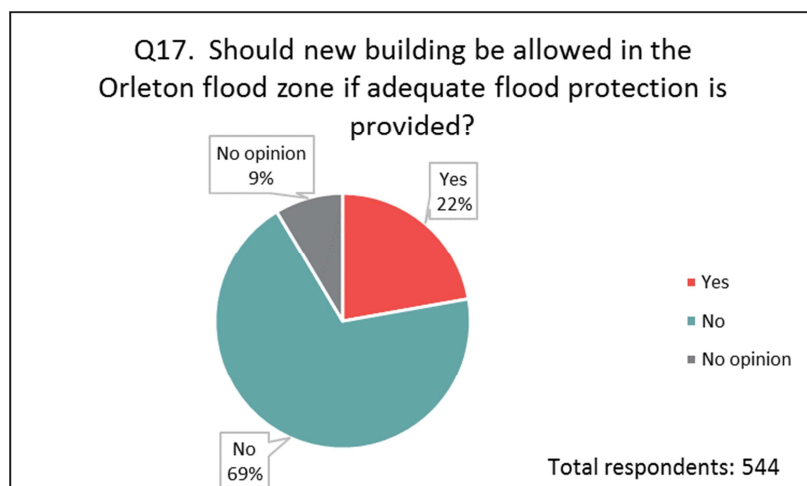
There were 25 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.



### Q17. Should new building be allowed in the Orleton flood zone if adequate flood protection is provided?

Q17. Numbers and Percentages	No.	%
Yes	121	22%
No	376	69%
No opinion	47	9%
Total respondents	544	100%
Not answered	50	

There were 9 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.



## Possible location of new housing developments in and around Richards Castle village

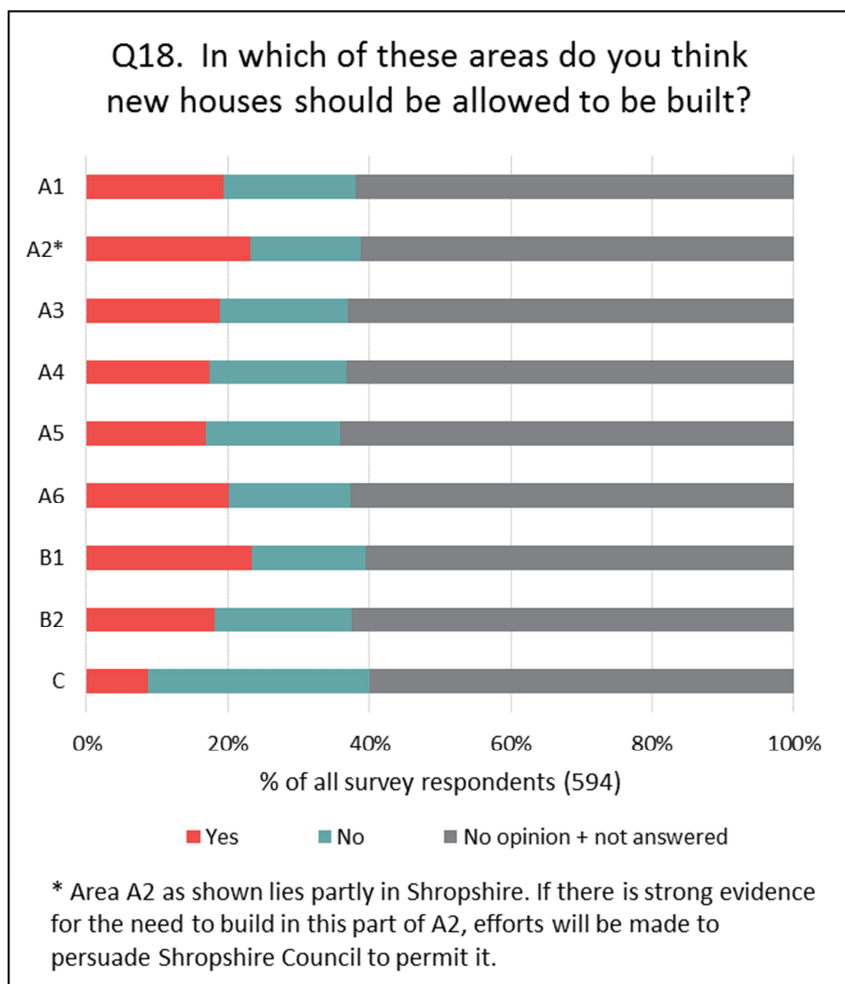
### Q18. In which of these areas do you think new houses should be allowed to be built?

Q18. Numbers	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
A1	115	111	229	455	139	594
A2 <sup>#</sup>	138	92	225	455	139	594
A3	112	108	232	452	142	594
A4	103	116	232	451	143	594
A5	100	113	235	448	146	594
A6	119	103	227	449	145	594
B1	139	96	223	458	136	594
B2	108	115	231	454	140	594
C	52	186	209	447	147	594

<sup>#</sup> Area A2 as shown lies partly in Shropshire. If there is strong evidence for the need to build in this part of A2, efforts will be made to persuade Shropshire Council to permit it.

Q18. Percentages*	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
A1	19%	19%	39%	77%	23%
A2 <sup>#</sup>	23%	15%	38%	77%	23%
A3	19%	18%	39%	76%	24%
A4	17%	20%	39%	76%	24%
A5	17%	19%	40%	75%	25%
A6	20%	17%	38%	76%	24%
B1	23%	16%	38%	77%	23%
B2	18%	19%	39%	76%	24%
C	9%	31%	35%	75%	25%

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There were 6 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

## Dealing with the unforeseen

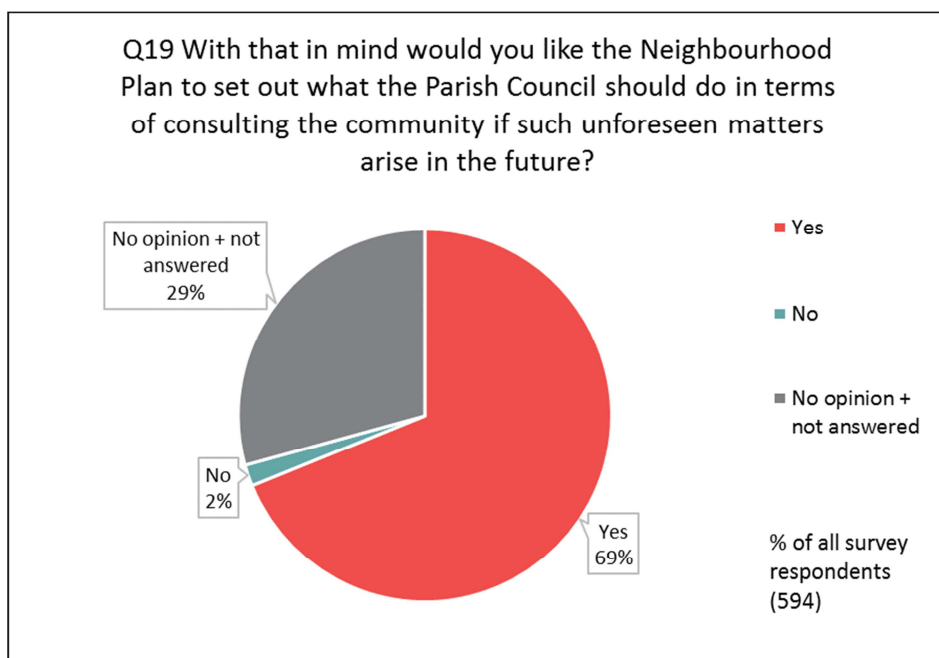
Proposals may come forward during the life of the Neighbourhood Plan that are not covered by its policies or vary from it, e.g. development in areas we have not covered or more housing than the plan proposes. Furthermore some of our policies may confine themselves to setting broad guidance on planning issues but the community might wish to be consulted further on the details of some specific future development proposals.

**Q19 With that in mind would you like the Neighbourhood Plan to set out what the Parish Councils should do in terms of consulting the community if such unforeseen matters arise in the future?**

Q19. Numbers and Percentages*	No.	%
Yes	409	69%
No	11	2%
No opinion	78	13%
Total respondents	498	84%
Not answered	96	16%
Base*	594	

There were 2 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2

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## Aim 2 – Encourage successful farming and small businesses, where members of the community can find employment

### Acceptable business development within or adjacent to our two villages

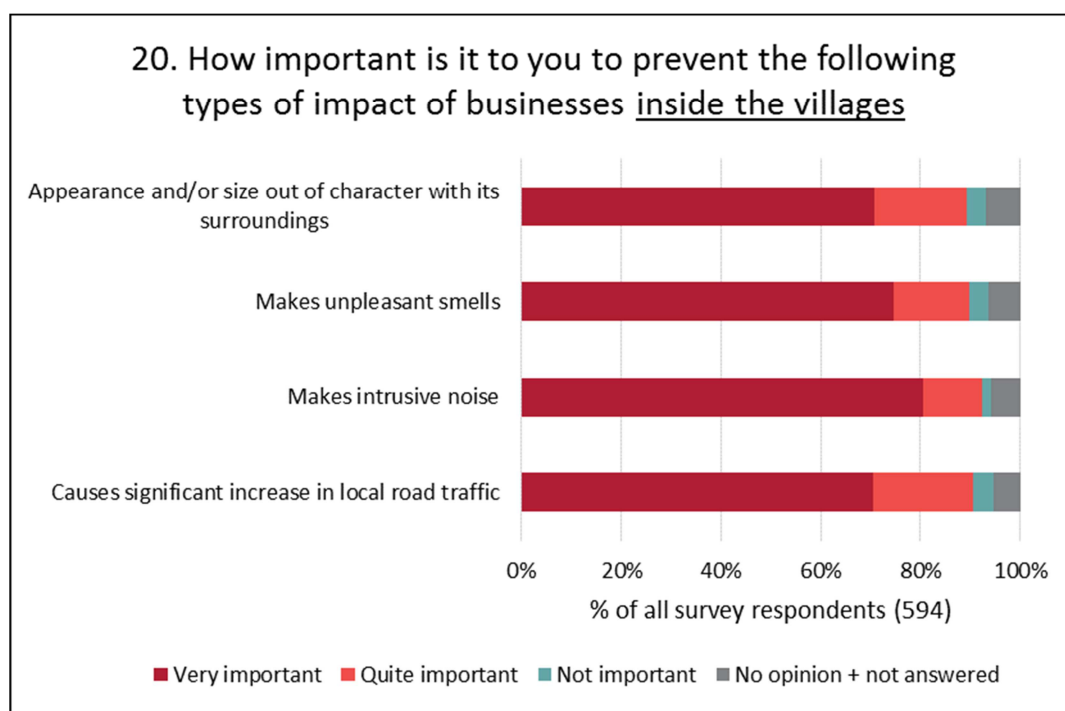
Some business operations or premises produce impacts of varying degrees of unacceptability on those that live near them. It is the degree of impact which decides whether they are acceptable or not.

#### Q20. How important is it to you to prevent the following types of impact of businesses inside the villages

Q20. Numbers	Very important	Quite important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Appearance and/or size out of character with its surroundings	420	110	23	13	566	28	594
Makes unpleasant smells	443	90	23	8	564	30	594
Makes intrusive noise	478	70	12	5	565	29	594
Causes significant increase in local road traffic	419	119	24	4	566	28	594

Q20. Percentages*	Very important	Quite important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Appearance and/or size out of character with its surroundings	71%	19%	4%	2%	95%	5%
Makes unpleasant smells	75%	15%	4%	1%	95%	5%
Makes intrusive noise	80%	12%	2%	1%	95%	5%
Causes significant increase in local road traffic	71%	20%	4%	1%	95%	5%

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There were 3 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2

## Acceptable business development in the countryside outside the two villages

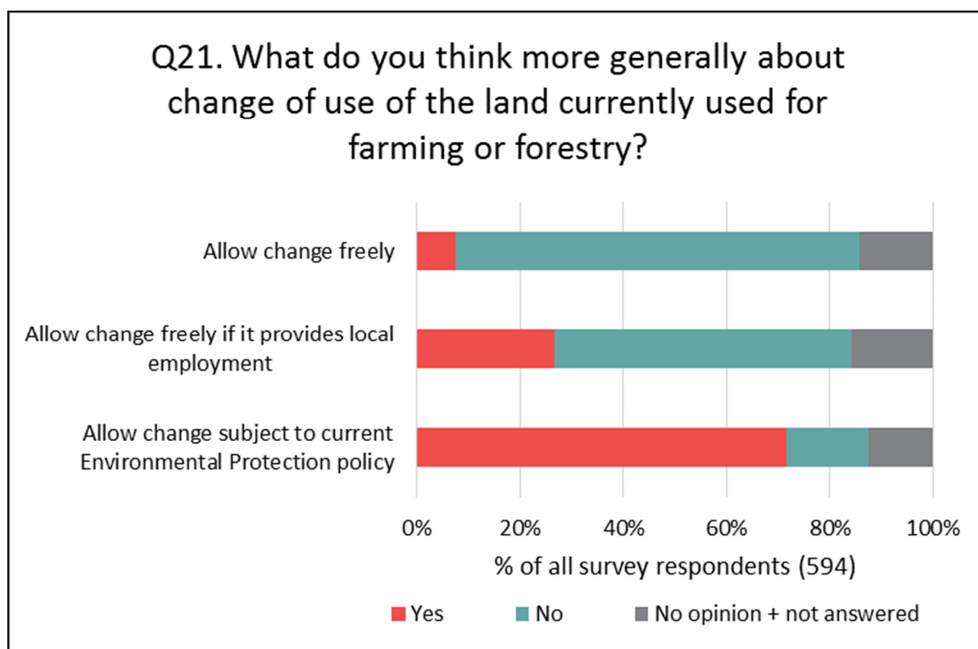
Herefordshire Council has a set of policies for protecting the environment and its ecology which are judged to be sufficient for preventing most forms of development which would 'spoil' the countryside. Note that neither the Council nor the parishes are empowered to prevent quarrying, mining, oil/gas drilling or fracking), although there is no indication that any of these are likely in the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### Q21. What do you think more generally about change of use of the land currently used for farming or forestry?

Q21. Numbers	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Allow change freely	45	465	32	542	52	594
Allow change freely if it provides local employment	159	342	40	541	53	594
Allow change subject to current Environmental Protection policy	425	95	35	555	39	594

Q21. Percentages*	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Allow change freely	8%	78%	5%	91%	9%
Allow change freely if it provides local employment	27%	58%	7%	91%	9%
Allow change subject to current Environmental Protection policy	72%	16%	6%	93%	7%

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There were 12 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2

## Q22. What do you think of the following forms of business development in the countryside?

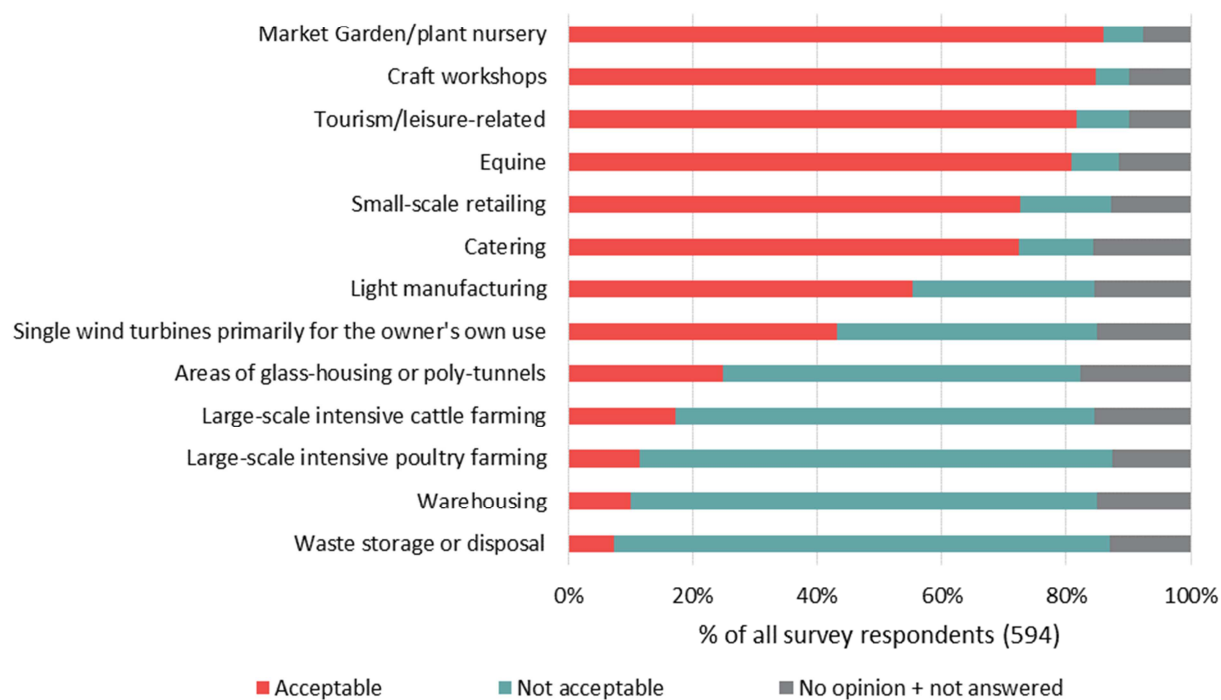
Q22. Numbers	Acceptable	Not acceptable	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Craft workshops	503	32	32	567	27	594
Light manufacturing	329	173	53	555	39	594
Tourism/leisure-related	485	50	32	567	27	594
Equine	480	45	38	563	31	594
Small-scale retailing	431	87	42	560	34	594
Catering	430	71	59	560	34	594
Market Garden/plant nursery	511	37	16	564	30	594
Large-scale intensive cattle farming	102	400	57	559	35	594
Large-scale intensive poultry farming	68	451	41	560	34	594
Warehousing	60	445	51	556	38	594
Areas of glass-housing or poly-tunnels	147	342	67	556	38	594
Single wind turbines primarily for the owner's own use	256	248	59	563	31	594
Waste storage or disposal	43	474	34	551	43	594
1.Other (please specify)	34	22	0	56		
2.Other (please specify)	17	5	0	22		
3.Other (please specify)	5	4	0	9		

Q22. Percentages*	Acceptable	Not acceptable	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Craft workshops	85%	5%	5%	95%	5%
Light manufacturing	55%	29%	9%	93%	7%
Tourism/leisure-related	82%	8%	5%	95%	5%
Equine	81%	8%	6%	95%	5%
Small-scale retailing	73%	15%	7%	94%	6%
Catering	72%	12%	10%	94%	6%
Market Garden/plant nursery	86%	6%	3%	95%	5%
Large-scale intensive cattle farming	17%	67%	10%	94%	6%
Large-scale intensive poultry farming	11%	76%	7%	94%	6%
Warehousing	10%	75%	9%	94%	6%
Areas of glass-housing or poly-tunnels	25%	58%	11%	94%	6%
Single wind turbines primarily for the owner's own use	43%	42%	10%	95%	5%
Waste storage or disposal	7%	80%	6%	93%	7%

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There were 95 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

## Q22. What do you think of the following forms of business development in the countryside?



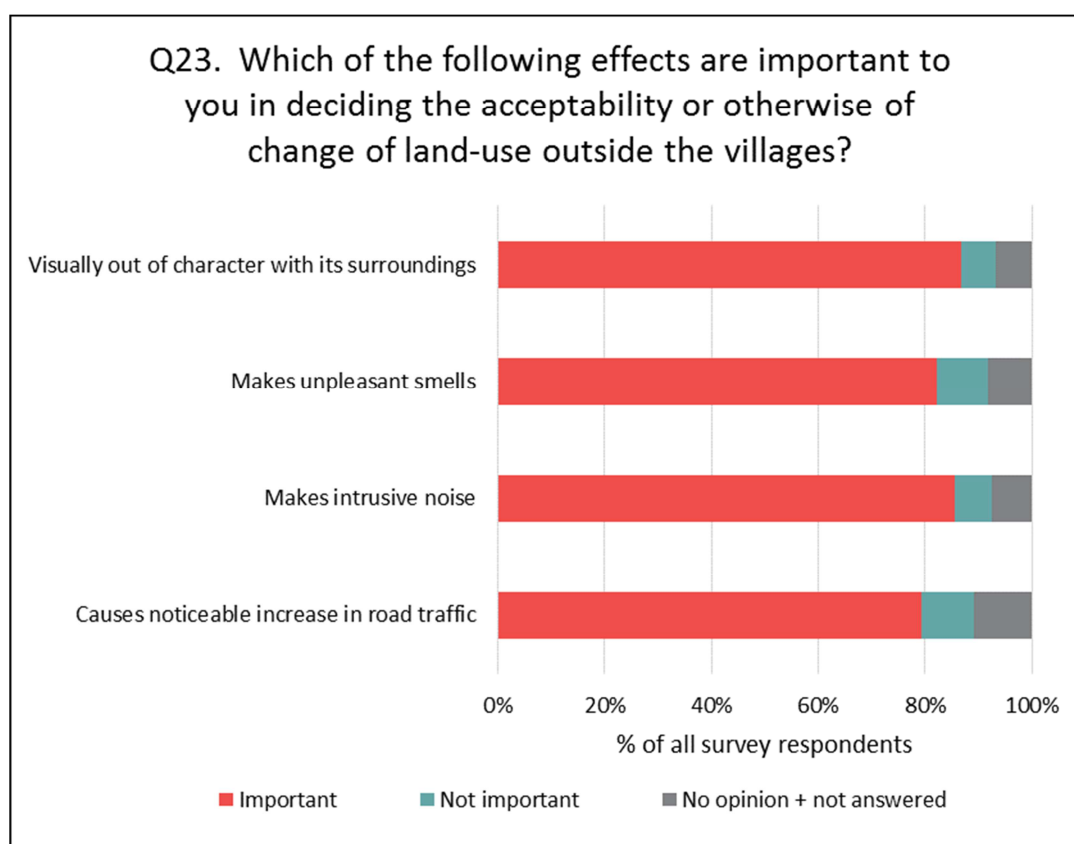
### Q23. Which of the following effects are important to you in deciding the acceptability or otherwise of change of land-use outside the villages?

Q23. Numbers	Important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Visually out of character with its surroundings	516	38	16	570	24	594
Makes unpleasant smells	488	58	22	568	26	594
Makes intrusive noise	508	42	17	567	27	594
Causes noticeable increase in road traffic	472	58	30	560	34	594
Other (please specify)	23	1	30	54		

Q23. Percentages*	Important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Visually out of character with its surroundings	87%	6%	3%	96%	4%
Makes unpleasant smells	82%	10%	4%	96%	4%
Makes intrusive noise	86%	7%	3%	95%	5%
Causes noticeable increase in road traffic	79%	10%	5%	94%	6%

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There were 29 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.



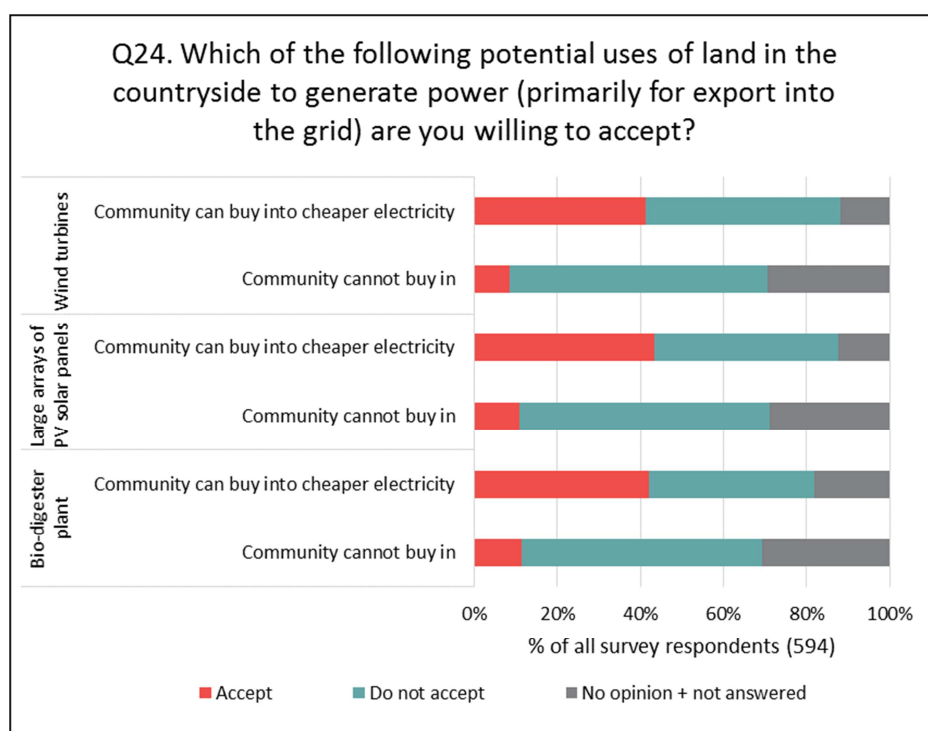
**Q24. Which of the following potential uses of land in the countryside to generate power (primarily for export into the grid) are you willing to accept?**

Q24. Numbers	Accept	Do not accept	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Wind turbines Community can buy into cheaper electricity	245	278	30	553	41	594
Wind turbines Community cannot buy in	51	368	43	462	132	594
Large arrays of PV solar panels Community can buy into cheaper electricity	258	262	35	555	39	594
Large arrays of PV solar panels Community cannot buy in	65	358	42	465	129	594
Bio-digester plant Community can buy into cheaper electricity	250	237	62	549	45	594
Bio-digester plant Community cannot buy in	67	344	56	467	127	594
Other (please specify)	12	7	2	21		

Q24. Percentages*	Accept	Do not accept	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Wind turbines Community can buy into cheaper electricity	41%	47%	5%	93%	7%
Wind turbines Community cannot buy in	9%	62%	7%	78%	22%
Large arrays of PV solar panels Community can buy into cheaper electricity	43%	44%	6%	93%	7%
Large arrays of PV solar panels Community cannot buy in	11%	60%	7%	78%	22%
Bio-digester plant Community can buy into cheaper electricity	42%	40%	10%	92%	8%
Bio-digester plant Community cannot buy in	11%	58%	9%	79%	21%

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There were 28 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.



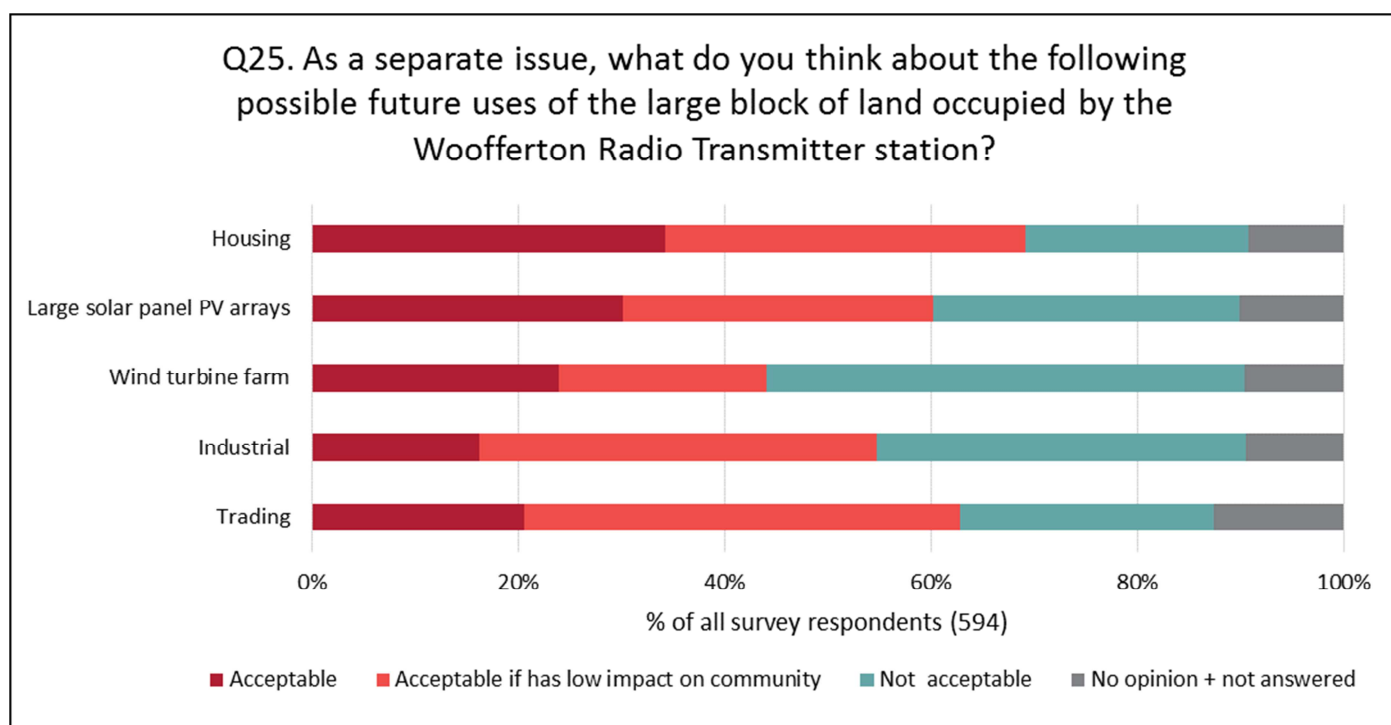
**Q25. As a separate issue, what do you think about the following possible future uses of the large block of land occupied by the Woofferton Radio Transmitter station?**

Q25. Numbers	Acceptable	Acceptable if has low impact on community	Not acceptable	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Housing	203	208	128	15	554	40	594
Large solar panel PV arrays	179	179	176	20	554	40	594
Wind turbine farm	142	120	275	15	552	42	594
Industrial	96	229	213	18	556	38	594
Trading	122	251	146	29	548	46	594
Other (please specify)	36	7	8	19	70		

Q25. Percentages*	Acceptable	Acceptable if has low impact on community	Not acceptable	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Housing	34%	35%	22%	3%	93%	7%
Large solar panel PV arrays	30%	30%	30%	3%	93%	7%
Wind turbine farm	24%	20%	46%	3%	93%	7%
Industrial	16%	39%	36%	3%	94%	6%
Trading	21%	42%	25%	5%	92%	8%

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There were 57 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.



## Heritage sites

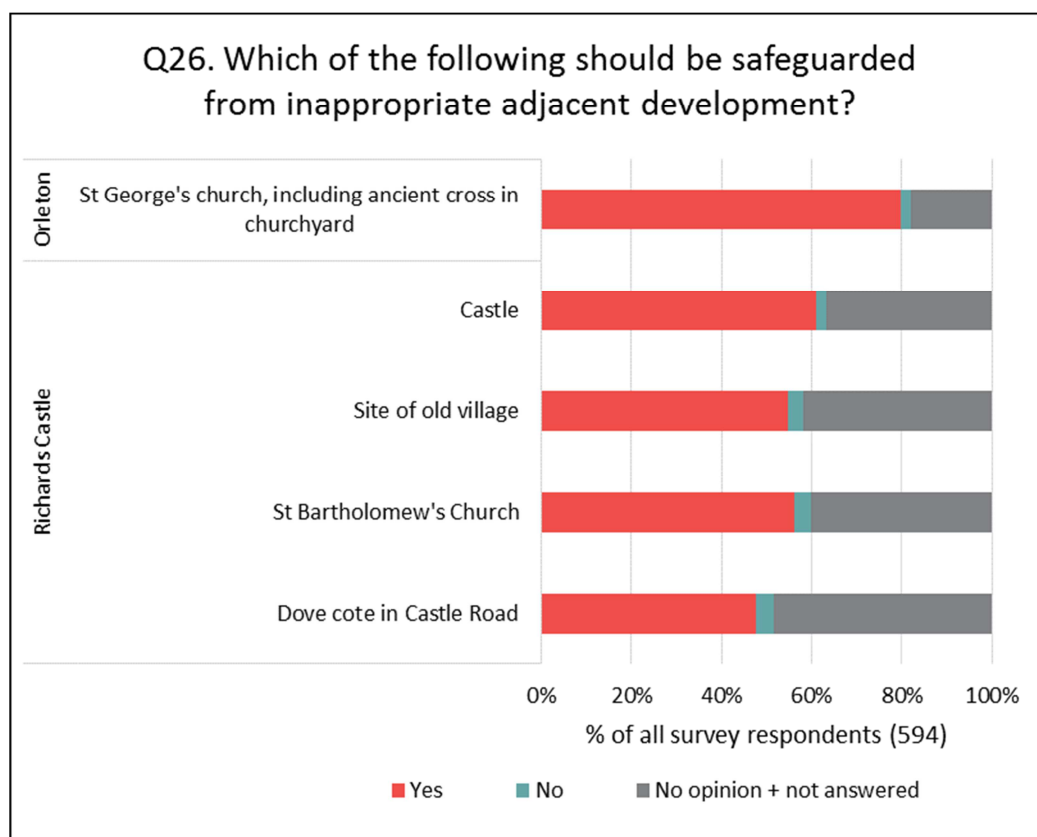
### Q26. Which of the following should be safeguarded from inappropriate adjacent development?

Q26. Numbers		Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base*
Orleton	St George's church, including ancient cross in churchyard	474	13	47	534	60	594
	Other in Orleton	45	0	0	45		
Richards Castle	Castle	362	14	77	453	141	594
	Site of old village	326	20	109	455	139	594
	St Bartholomew's Church	334	22	94	450	144	594
	Dove cote in Castle Road	283	24	135	442	152	594
	Other in Richards Castle	10	0	4	14		

Q26. Percentages*		Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
St George's church, including ancient cross in churchyard		80%	2%	8%	90%	10%
Castle		61%	2%	13%	76%	24%
Site of old village		55%	3%	18%	77%	23%
St Bartholomew's Church		56%	4%	16%	76%	24%
Dove cote in Castle Road		48%	4%	23%	74%	26%

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There were 64 other comments made. For a full list of comments please see Appendix 2.

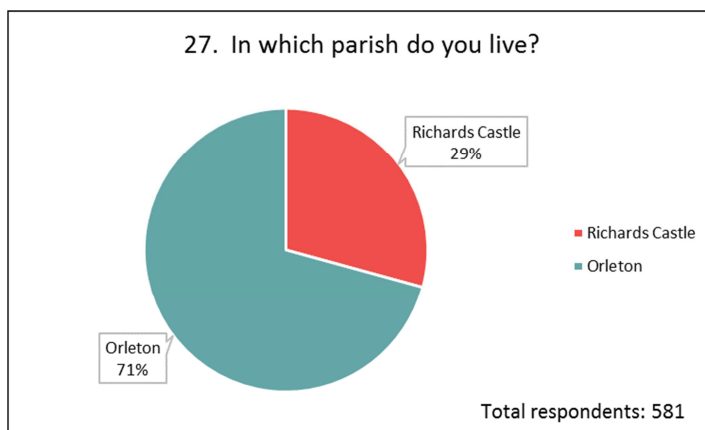


## Personal information

This information will help us to better understand the views of different groups, and, like the rest of your answers, will remain anonymous.

### Q27. In which parish do you live?

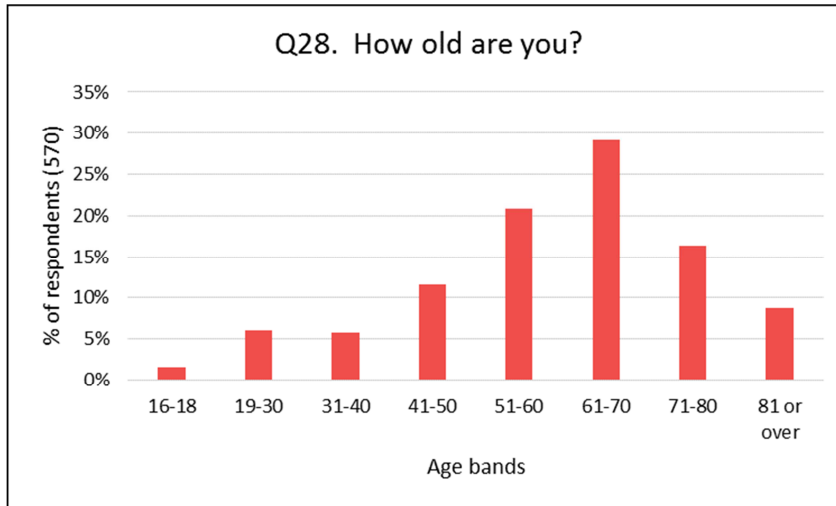
Q27. Numbers and Percentages	No.	%
Richards Castle	170	29%
Orleton	411	71%
Total respondents	581	
Not answered	13	



Q27. Numbers and Percentages	No returning questionnaire	Number resident in parish	% of parish responding
Richards Castle	170	225	76%
Orleton	411	681	60%

### Q28. How old are you?

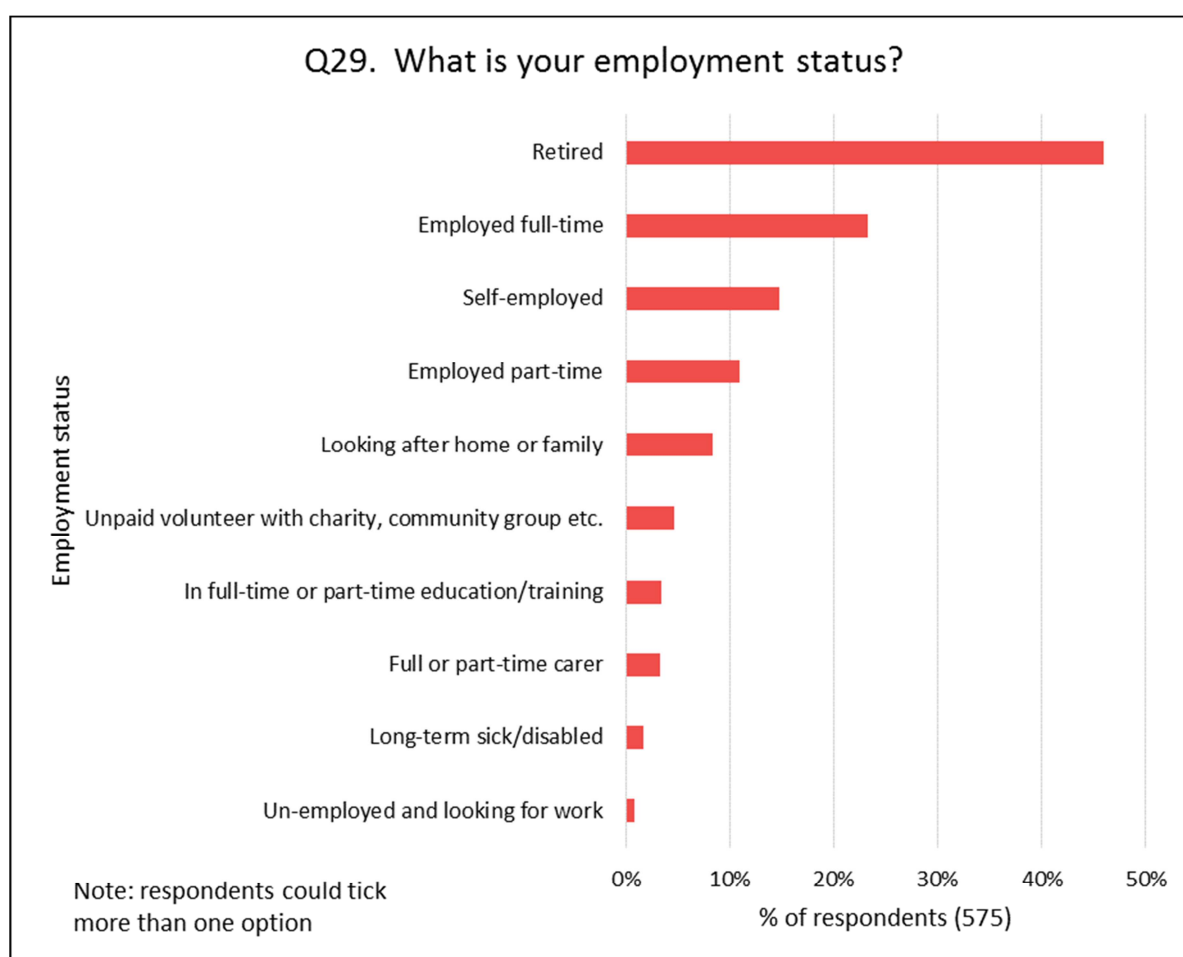
Q28. Numbers & Percentages	No.	%
16-18	9	2%
19-30	34	6%
31-40	33	6%
41-50	66	12%
51-60	119	21%
61-70	166	29%
71-80	93	16%
81 or over	50	9%
Total respondents	570	100%
Not answered	24	



## Q29. What is your employment status?

Q29. Numbers and Percentages	No.	%
Employed full-time	134	23%
Employed part-time	63	11%
Self-employed	85	15%
Un-employed and looking for work	5	1%
In full-time or part-time education/training	20	3%
Looking after home or family	48	8%
Long-term sick/disabled	10	2%
Full or part-time carer	19	3%
Unpaid volunteer with charity, community group etc.	27	5%
Retired	264	46%
Other, please specify	4	1%
Other (please specify)	9	2%
Total respondents	575	100%
Not answered	19	

Note: respondents could tick more than one option.



There were 7 further comments about additional questions which can also be found in Appendix 2.

\*\*\*\*\* End of main body of report \*\*\*\*\*