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Introduction

Barrow-cum-Denham Parish Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan and this document reports on responses to the Consultation Questionnaire.

Cllrs. Howard & Kronbergs drafted the questionnaire with guidance from planning consultants, Planning Direct. A final draft of the questionnaire was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting on 1 June 2020.

Parish Council Newsletters (Spring & Summer 2020) announced that a consultation would take place within the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation was open to parishioners of 18 years and above and began on 10 June 2020. It was publicised using:

- Parish Council web-site
- Parish Council notice boards
- Multiple Facebook posts (Barrow Life & Barrow Village) including a reminder shortly before the survey closed
- A leaflet posted to households in the parish
- Word of mouth to elderly or infirm parishioners by Barrow Good Neighbours.

Hard copies of the questionnaire were distributed by the Parish Clerk, Barrow Post Office and Barrow Good Neighbours volunteers. Electronic submissions were made using the on-line service, Survey Monkey.

The consultation closed at midnight on 6 August 2020.

375 responses were received, 337 electronically and 38 in hard copy. 3 parishioners provided supplementary information (2 by email, 1 by hard copy) for their responses to questions requiring descriptive text.

Results were collated by the author and a draft report reviewed by Cllr. Zigurds Kronbergs. The data and report were audited by the Parish Clerk prior to issue. The Parish Council reviewed the report prior to issue and agreed to publication at PC Meeting of 1 February 2021.

The Questionnaire was split in 5 parts and the same structure is followed in this report:-

- 1. Demographic information
- 2. Amenities
- 3. Future development
- 4. The environment
- 5. Infrastructure.

1. Demographic Information

Question 1 - Please provide your email address or telephone number.

Number of responses = 360, skipped = 15.

This information is not published to ensure anonymity.

Question 2 - Please provide your postcode

Number of responses = 355, skipped = 20.

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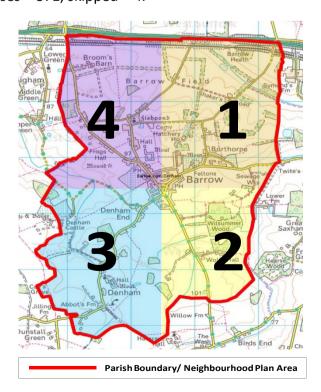
Question 3 - Please refer to the map. Which sector of the parish do you live in?

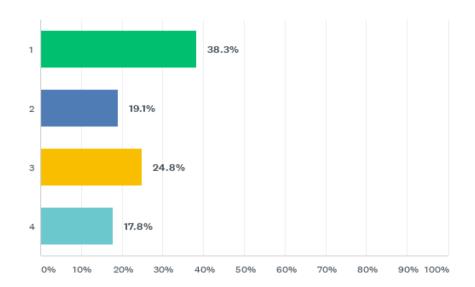
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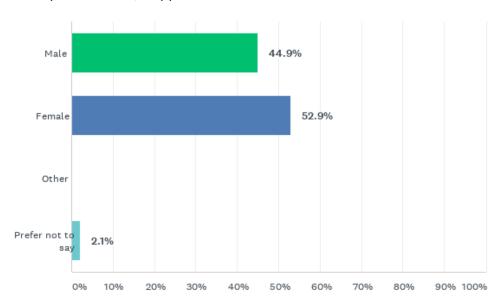




Comment – The sectors are centred on the war memorial and are of unequal area and population. Accordingly, equal numbers of responses from each sector are not expected. If the population in the sectors is estimated from the number of dwellings on a satellite image of the parish, then sector 1 is the most populous sector.

Question 4 - What is your gender?

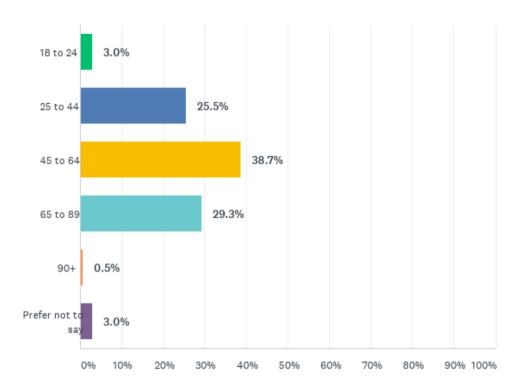
- Male
- Female
- □ Other
- □ Prefer not to say



Question 5 - Which age group do you belong to?

- □ 18 to 24
- □ 25 to 44
- □ 45 to 64
- □ 65 to 89
- □ 90+
- □ Prefer not to say

Number of responses = 372, skipped = 3.



Comment – At first sight, it may appear that there are few 18-24 year-old respondents, but the age ranges are unequal.

Question 6 - Which of the following best describes you?

 □ In education
 □ Retired

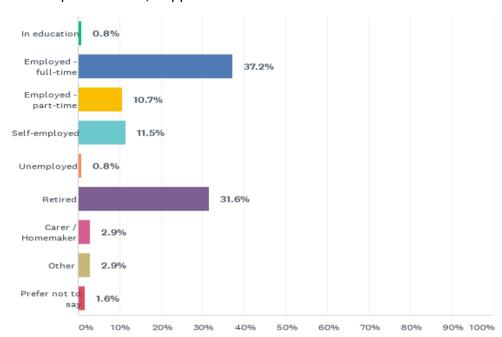
 □ Employed - full time
 □ Carer / Homemaker

 □ Employed - part time
 □ Other

 □ Self-employed
 □ Prefer not to say

 □ Unemployed

Number of responses = 374, skipped = 1.

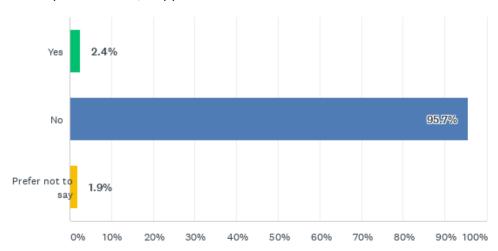


Question 7 - Are you registered disabled?

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□ No

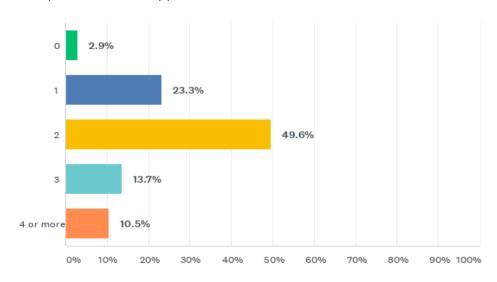
□ Prefer not to say



Question 8 - How many vehicles do you have at your address?

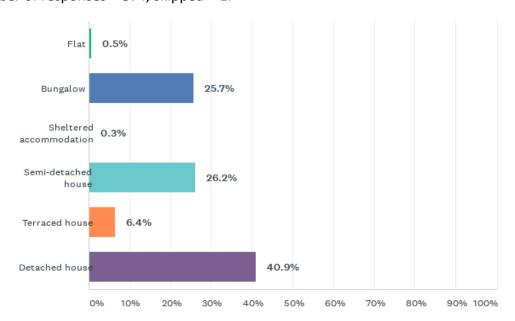


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Question 9 - What type of property do you currently live in?

Flat	Semi-detached house
Bungalow	Terraced house
Sheltered accommodation	Detached house



Question 10 - Is your home

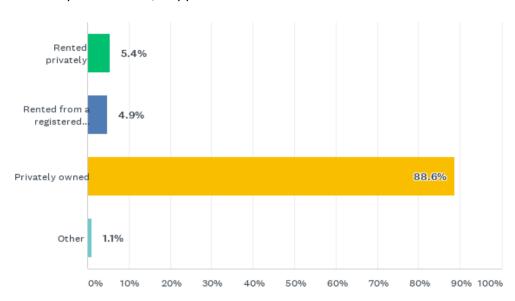
□ Rented privately

☐ Rented from a registered provider of affordable housing

Privately owned

□ Other

Number of responses = 369, skipped = 6.



Question 11 - How many bedrooms do you have?

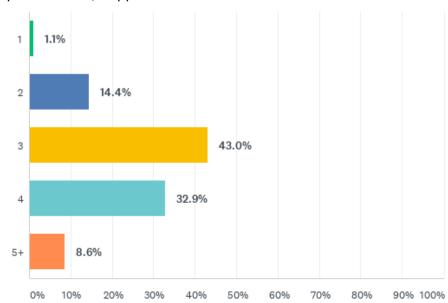
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□ 5+



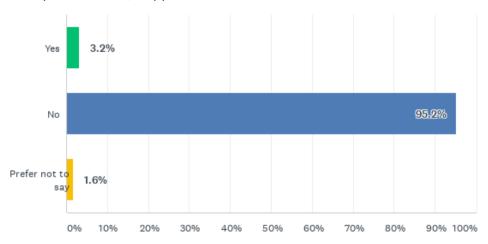
Question 12 - Do you own any properties within Barrow-cum-Denham that are not your usual residence?

Yes

□ No

□ Prefer not to say.

Number of responses = 372, skipped = 3.



Question 13 - How many adults live in your household?

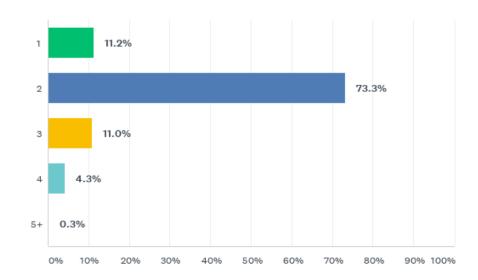
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□ 5+



Question 14 - How many children live in your household?

□ 0

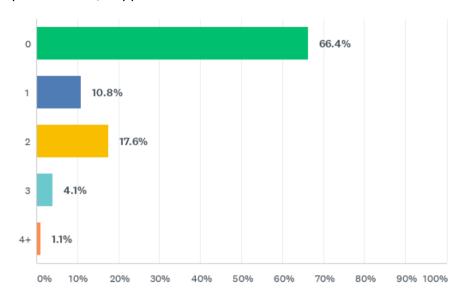
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□ 3

4+

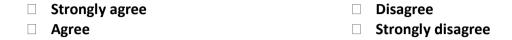
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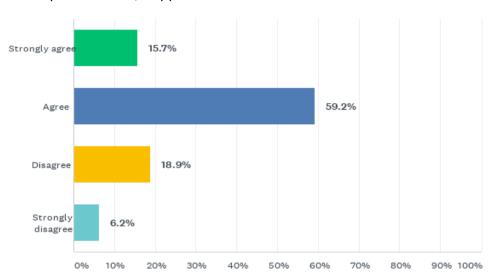
1.1 Comment on demographics – Based on data provided by AECOM (in Barrow-cum-Denham Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Document, 22 July 2020) and data from Planning Direct, the demographic data for the respondent group *generally* accords with demographic data for the parish – albeit that data is used from the 2011 Census.

2. Amenities

Question 15 - Barrow-cum-Denham has sufficient sports & leisure facilities

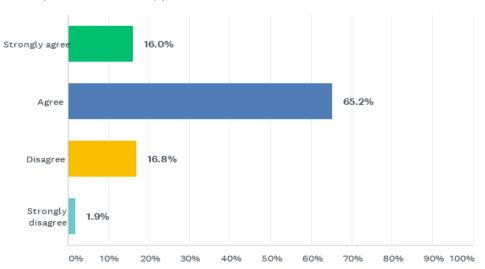


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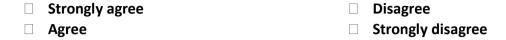


Question 16 - Barrow-cum-Denham has sufficient business premises

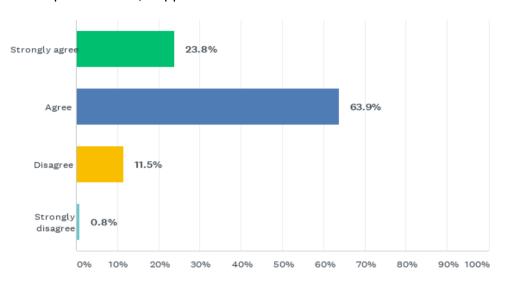
Strongly agree	□ Disagree
Agree	Strongly disagree



Question 17 - Barrow-cum-Denham has sufficient cafes / bars / restaurants / pubs

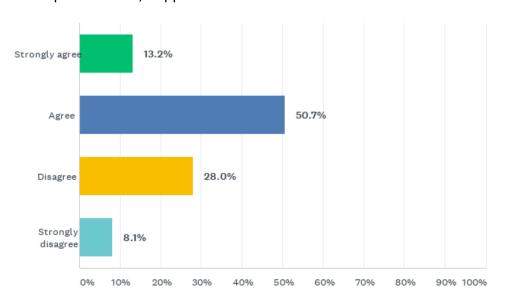


Number of responses = 374, skipped = 1.



Question 18 - The health centre / surgery facilities in Barrow-cum-Denham are adequate for the current population

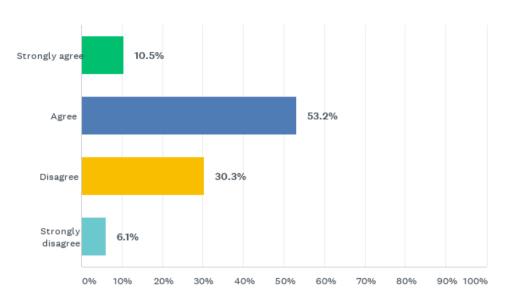
Strongly agree	□ Disagree
Agree	Strongly disagree



Question 19 - Having local employment opportunities is important to me

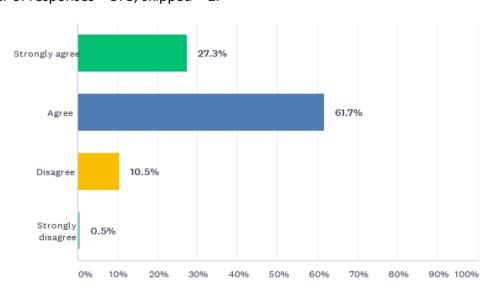
Strongly agree	□ Disagree
Agree	☐ Strongly disagree

Number of responses = 363, skipped = 12.



Question 20 - There are enough shops in Barrow-cum-Denham

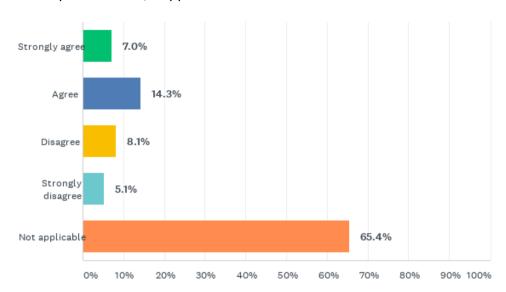




Question 21 - The schools in Barrow-cum-Denham are adequate and meet my needs

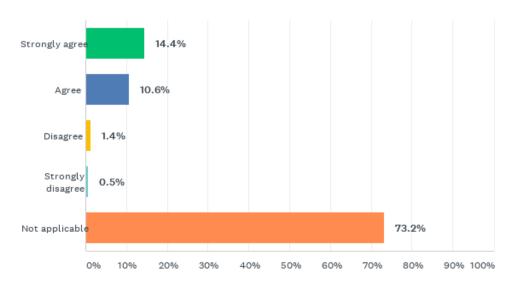
□ Strongly agree□ Agree□ Disagree□ Disagree

Number of responses = 370, skipped = 5.



Question 22 - I like to be able to walk my children to school.

□ Strongly agree□ Agree□ Disagree□ Disagree



Question 23 - The Village Hall is important to Barrow-cum-Denham

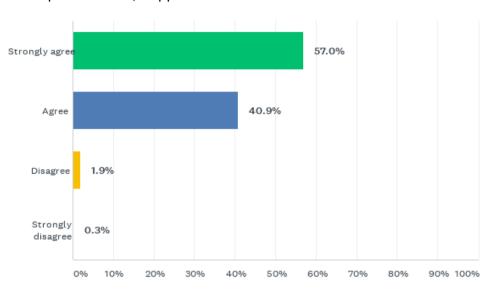
☐ Strongly agree

□ Agree

Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree.

Number of responses = 372, skipped = 3.



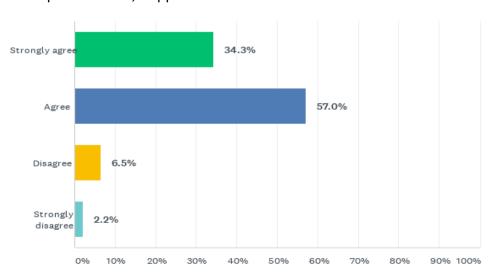
Question 24 - The Church and Chapel are important to Barrow-cum-Denham

☐ Strongly agree

□ Agree

□ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree.



Question 25 - Barrow-cum-Denham has sufficient play areas for children.

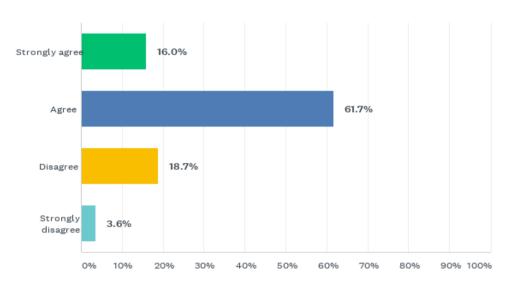
☐ Strongly agree

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□ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree.

Number of responses = 363, skipped = 12.



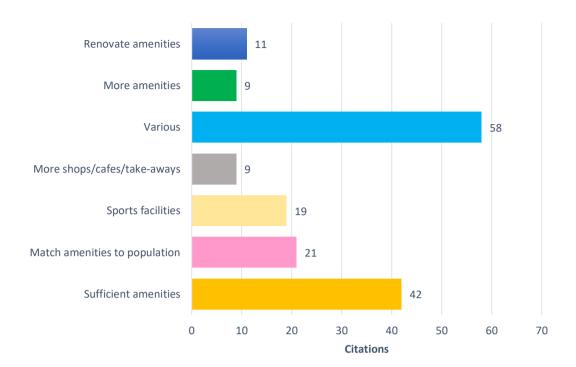
Question 26 - Do you have any comments regarding amenities in Barrow-cum-Denham?

Number of responses = 108, skipped = 267.

Comment - Most respondents skipped this question. Responses should be considered with those of Q15-25 (where relatively few questions were skipped).

The 108 responses covered a wide range of subjects — not all of which strictly relate to amenities. Some responses were short and focussed on one subject while others were longer and covered multiple subjects. 3 respondents provided supplementary information for this question by email or hard copy. Summarising such a large volume of data, while still capturing the nuances of every view is not possible. The following is intended as a quantitative, easy to understand summary. It is produced by counting the number of citations of subjects from each response — for example, 'sports facilities'; 'renovate amenities' etc.

'Sufficient amenities' refers to a group of responses which typically contained a comment such as "Barrow has good facilities for the size of village" or "What more amenities do we need?". This group was the single most frequent group of comments and the second most frequent group was — 'match amenities to population'. In this group, comments were typically used with the first group - for example, "Barrow has good facilities for the size of village but we'd need more if the village expanded".



'Sports facilities' groups a range of comments about either improvements to or new sports amenities:- basketball court [2]; BMX/skate park [3]; bowling green [1]; outdoor gym equipment/trail [1]; ski slope [1]; swimming pool [1]; cricket/football/sports/multi-use pitches & pavilions/changing rooms [10].

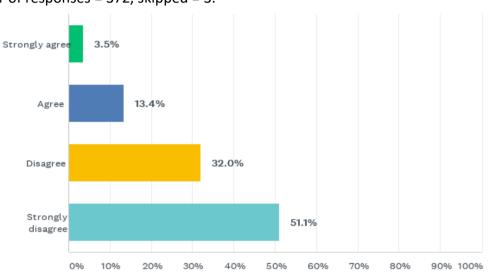
'Various' responses includes a wide assortment of comments (in alphabetical order):-affordable housing [2]; amenities are entrepreneur driven [1]; community accommodation [2]; community orchard/farm [1]; cycle paths [3]; doctors capacity/facilities [4]; embrace new homes and use money from developers for amenities [2]; footpath improvements [2]; improve parking [2]; improve roads [1]; lack of police presence [1]; mobile phone reception [1]; more bins [1]; new village hall [5]; nursery facility/ capacity [5]; play areas on new developments [2]; retain amenities [2]; revive village commerce [1]; school facilities/capacity [6]; school parking [1]; seating on the green [1]; shop opening times [1]; traffic calming [2]; (various) village hall improvements [8]; woodland play area [1].

3. Future Development

Question 27 - I think Barrow-cum-Denham needs more housing

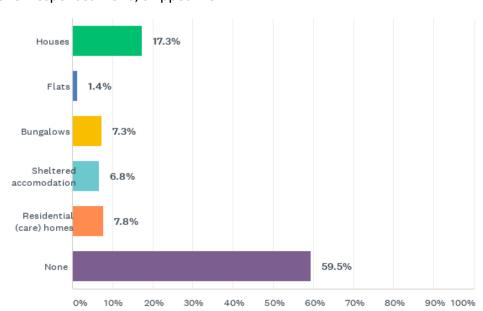
Strongly agree	Disagree
Agree	Strongly disagree

Number of responses = 372, skipped = 3.



Question 28 - What type of property do you think is most needed in Barrow-cum-Denham (please choose 1 answer)?

Houses	Sheltered accommodation
Flats	Residential (care) homes
Bungalows	None



Question 29 - What size of new home is most needed in Barrow-cum-Denham (please choose 1 answer)?

□ 1 bed

□ 2 bed

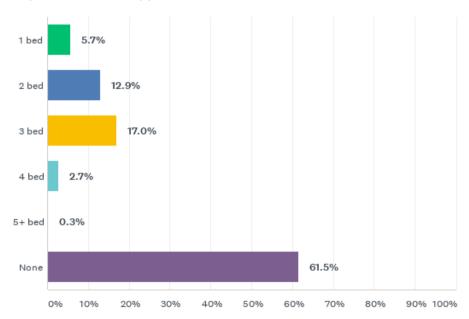
☐ 3 bed

☐ 4 bed

□ 5 bed +

□ None

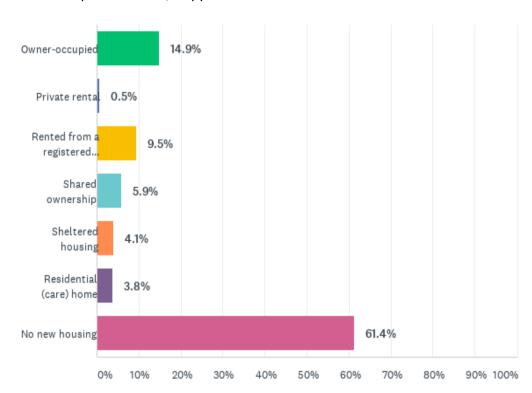
Number of responses = 371, skipped = 4.



Comment – Clearly, most respondents chose 'None' – corresponding to their preference in Q27. Nevertheless, where a size of new home was chosen, it is notable that the profile is for homes which are smaller than the profile of respondents' homes (see Q11) with only 3% respondents selecting homes with 4 or more bedrooms.

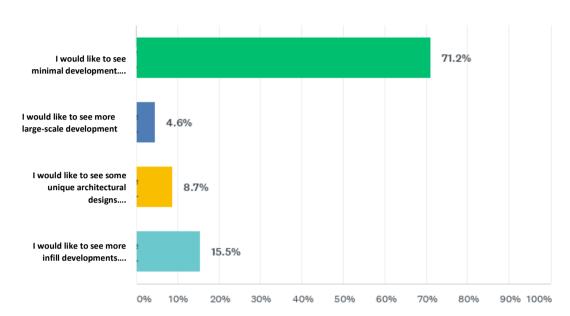
Question 30 - What housing tenure do you think is most needed (please choose 1 answer)?

- ☐ Owner-occupied
- □ Private rental
- ☐ Rented from a registered provider of affordable housing
- ☐ Shared ownership
- ☐ Sheltered housing
- □ Residential (care) homes
- □ No new housing



Question 31 - Choose the best option:

- ☐ I would like to see minimal development in Barrow-cum-Denham within the next 10 years
- ☐ I would like to see more large-scale development
- ☐ I would like to see some unique architectural designs in Barrow-cum-Denham
- ☐ I would like to see more infill developments (1 or 2 houses).



Question 32 - Please refer to the map. If more homes had to be built in the parish, in which of the sectors would you prefer that they were built?

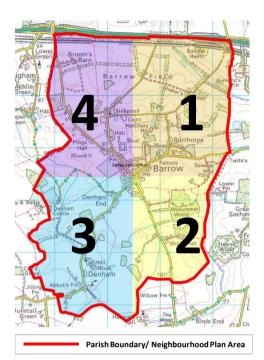
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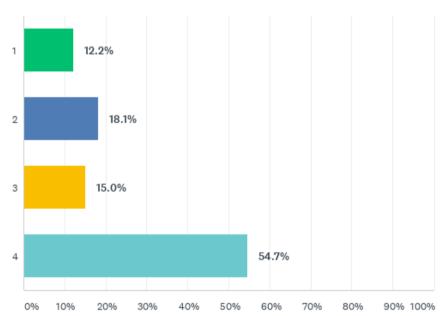
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□ 4

Number of responses = 320, skipped = 55.





Comment: Responses to Q32 should be considered with those of Q27-31. The wording of the question '....If more homes <u>had</u> to be built....' should also be noted.

The question refers to a parish map divided in to 4 sectors, centred on the village war memorial. The sectors are of unequal population, unequal area and differing characteristics. If all things *were* equal, then statistically, respondents would be expected to prefer a sector other than their own in about 75% of instances. The data shows that 89.5% of respondents to Q32 preferred a sector other than their own and this may be explained by:-

- respondents preferring any new homes to be built away from their home
- a large preference for one particular sector.

The effect of some respondents preferring a sector other than their own is generally mutual – in other words, respondents in sector x prefer sector y but respondents in sector y prefer sector x etc. The overall effect is that a higher degree of preference is generated for those sectors that provided fewer responses (sectors 2, 3 & 4 - see Q3).

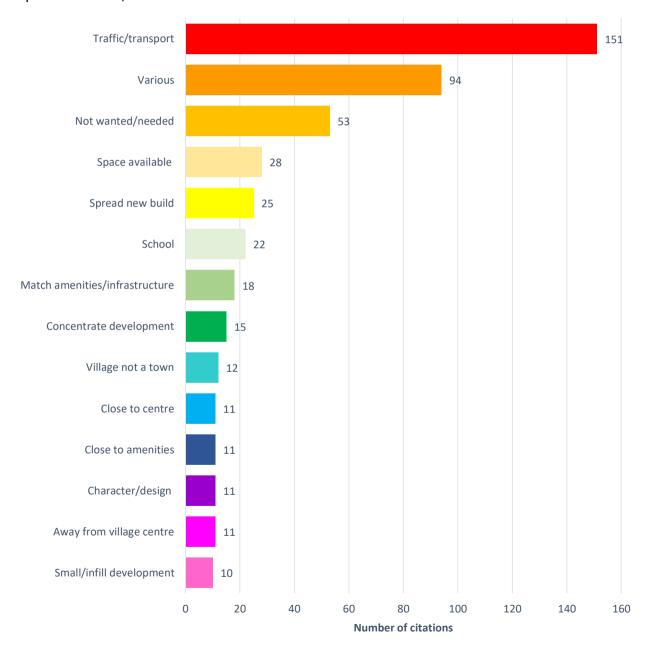
Sector 1 is the most populous, providing more responses than other sectors (see Q3) and this may, at least partly, explain why it is the least preferred of the 3 less preferred sectors.

The magnitude of preference for sector 4 cannot be explained simply by respondents' preference for a sector other than their own. Q33 provides further data on the reasons for sector preferences.

Question 33 - Please explain your choice in Question 32 and tell us what you think about the future development of Barrow-cum-Denham.

Number of responses = 280, skipped = 95.

Notably, the question is in 2 parts – reason for preference of sector in Q32 and thoughts about future development. Responses covered a wide range of views. Some responses were short and focussed on one subject while others were longer and covered multiple subjects. 3 respondents provided supplementary information for this question by email or hard copy. Summarising such a large volume of data while still capturing the nuances of all views is not practical. The following is intended as a quantitative, easy to understand summary. It is produced by counting the number of citations of subjects from each response – for example, 'space available'; 'close to amenities' etc.



The most frequent reasons for preferring a sector and thoughts on future development were (in order of frequency):-

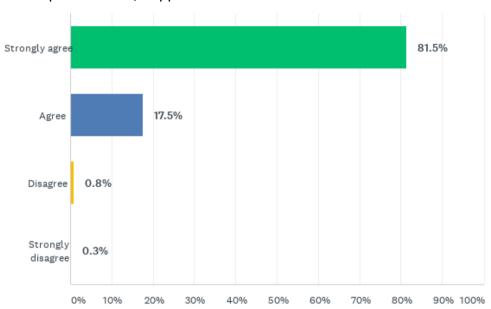
- Traffic/transport 151 citations. Responses in this category typically included a phrase such as "Minimises traffic through the village"; "Close to transport links"; "Close to main commuter routes" or "Close to A14". Of these responses, 85% preferred sector 4 in Q32; 6% made no selection; 5% preferred sector 1; 2% preferred sector 2 and 2% preferred sector 3.
 - 1 respondent cited proximity to A34 as a reason for their preference, but this as taken as typographical error for A14 and is included within 'Traffic/transport'. (The A34 runs south of Oxford.)
- Various includes a wide variety of responses, each with <10 citations 94 total citations:- "2" written in [1]; affordable housing [8]; all 4 sectors [1]; ancient monument proximity [1]; "No" written [1]; biodiversity gain [2]; brownfield site [2]; build near playing field [1]; close to church [2]; cycle ways [4]; Denham population maintenance or expansion [7]; Denham is countryside [2]; drainage [2]; embrace new homes [9]; few constraints [2]; footpaths [2]; far away from respondent's home [5]; green energy generation/eco homes [3]; isolated location [2]; just picked any [2]; no option for none [9]; avoid becoming a retirement or 2nd home settlement [1]; parking [1]; pavements [1]; phase developments over time [7]; protect flora & fauna [8]; refurbish rather than build new amenities [1]; finance from developers to improve amenities/infrastructure [3]; sheltered accommodation [1]; tree planting [2]; maintain countryside views [4].
- Not wanted/needed 53 citations. Responses in this category typically included a phrase along the lines of "We don't want any more new houses" or "There's already been too much development".
- **Space available** 28 citations. Respondents typically wrote that space was available in their preferred sector. (The corresponding responses in Q32 covered all sectors).
- **Spread new build** 25 citations. Respondents typically wrote that any new development should be away from recent developments. This compares to the opposite view of **Concentrate new build** with 15 citations.
- **School** 22 citations. Responses typically referred to the following topics school capacity; school facilities; proximity of any new development to school so as to enable walking to school; traffic or parking near the school.
- Match amenities/infrastructure 18 citations. Responses typically commented that infrastructure or amenities should be expanded to match any increase in population.
- Village not a town 12 citations. Reponses typically included comments along the lines that Barrow-cum-Denham is a rural not an urban community and that there should be no or limited development so that the village remains a village rather than a town.

4. The Environment

Question 34 - Hedgerows and trees need to be preserved

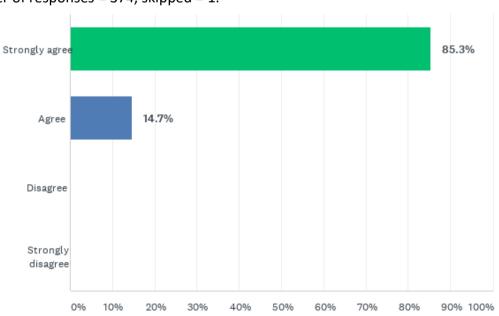
Strongly agree	Disagree
Agree	Strongly disagree

Number of responses = 372, skipped = 3.



Question 35 - I value the wildlife in and around Barrow-cum-Denham

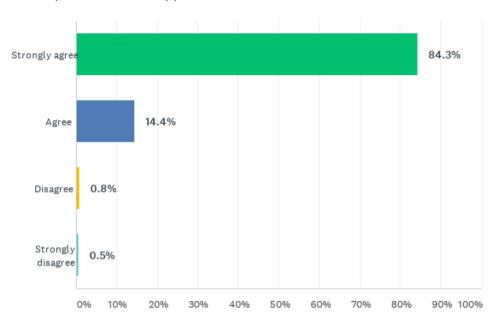
Strongly agree	Disagree
Agree	Strongly disagree



Question 36 - Open views across the fields and woods are important to me

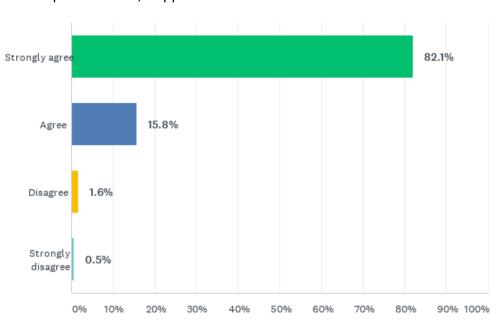
□ Strongly agree□ Agree□ Strongly disagree.

Number of responses = 375, skipped = 0.



Question 37 - Barrow-cum-Denham and its various settlements should retain their individual and rural character

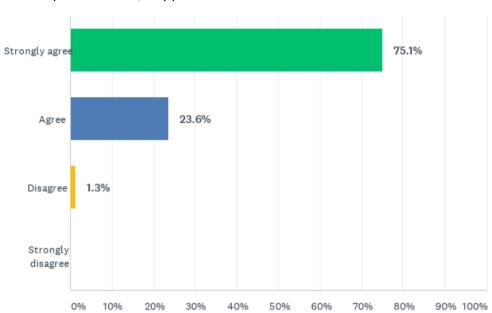
Strongly agree	Disagree
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Question 38 - I value the historic buildings and their settings in Barrow-cum-Denham.

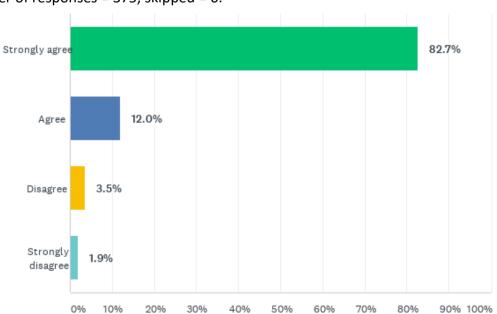
□ Strongly agree□ Disagree□ Strongly disagree.

Number of responses = 373, skipped = 2.



Question 39 - Rural footpaths should not be destroyed or altered in order to build new housing developments

☐ Strongly agree☐ Disagree☐ Strongly disagree.



Question 40 - Green spaces around Barrow-cum-Denham should be protected from development

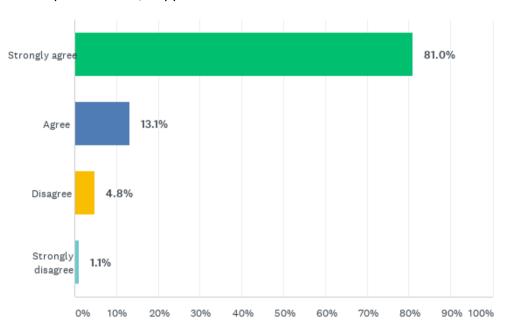
☐ Strongly agree

□ Agree

Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree.

Number of responses = 373, skipped = 2.



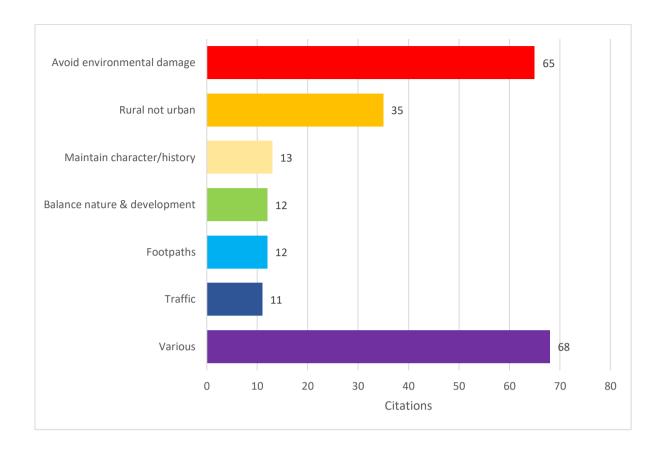
Question 41 - Do you have any comments regarding the environment?

Number of responses = 151, skipped = 224.

Most respondents skipped this question and the 151 responses covered a wide range of views. Some responses were short and focussed on one subject while others were longer and covered multiple subjects. 3 respondents provided supplementary information for this question by email or hard copy. Summarising such a large volume of data while still capturing the nuances of all views is not possible. The following is intended as a quantitative, easy to understand summary. It is produced by counting the number of citations of subjects from each response – for example, 'footpaths' or 'traffic'.

The most frequent comments about environment were:-

- **Avoid environmental damage** 65 citations. Responses in this category typically included a comment about protecting the environment; protecting the local countryside or avoiding damage to flora and/or fauna.
- **Rural not urban** 35 citations. Responses in this category typically included a comment about "we're village not a town" or the appropriateness of housing developments in a rural than an urban area.



• Various includes a collection of responses, each with <10 citations – 68 total citations:
"No" written in [7]; biodiversity gain [8]; cycle paths [5]; environmentally sensitive design of new developments [2]; drainage [6]; eco-friendly housing [4]; finance from developers to mitigate or improve the environment [3]; more green space [5]; more snow [1]; no more development [7]; noise/peacefulness [4]; play areas [2]; problem ducks [2]; fly tipping [1]; protect agricultural land [1]; public transport [2]; spread new build [1]; tree planting [5]; views [6]; residents are fortunate to live here [2].

Comment on the Environment Section – Notwithstanding the wide variety of comments to Q41, there is a high degree of consensus in responses to the Environment Section of the questionnaire. This is shown by:-

- an average of 97.5% of respondents either agreeing or agreeing strongly with the (environmentally protective) statements in Q34-40
- an average of 81.7% of respondents agreeing *strongly* with the (environmentally protective) statements in Q34-40.

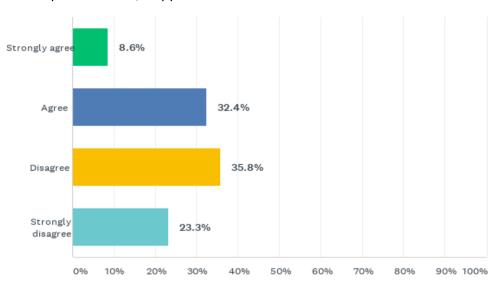
This suggests a widespread and deep feeling from the respondents about the environment.

5. Infrastructure

Question 42 - The roads in & around Barrow-cum-Denham are adequate for current levels of traffic.

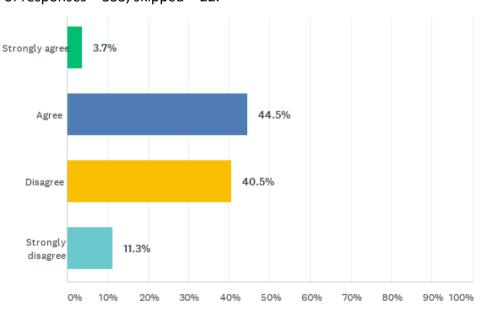
Strongly agree	Disagree
Agree	Strongly disagree.

Number of responses = 374, skipped = 1.



Question 43 - The frequency & times of buses in and out of Barrow-cum-Denham are adequate.

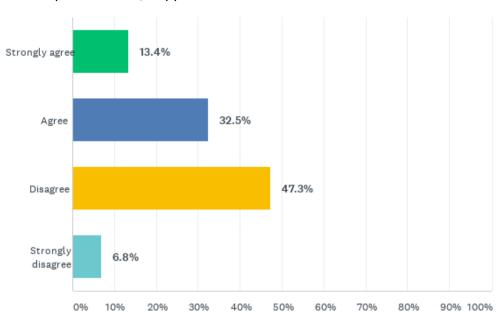
Ш	Strongly agree	□ Dis	agree
	Agree	□ Str	ongly disagree.



Question 44 - Traffic congestion is an issue in Barrow-cum-Denham.

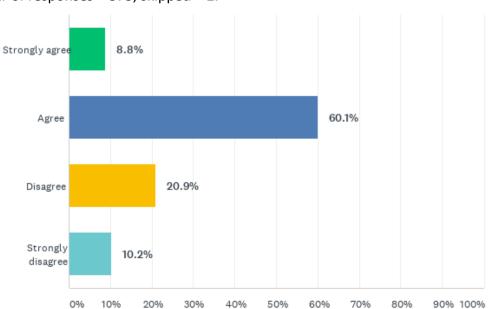
Strongly agree	Disagree
Agree	Strongly disagree

Number of responses = 366, skipped = 9.



Question 45 - The speed limit on the roads in Barrow-cum-Denham is acceptable

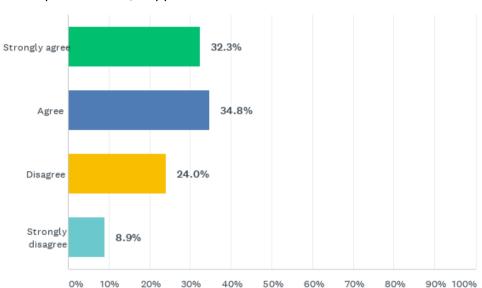
Strongly agree	Disagree
Agree	Strongly disagree.



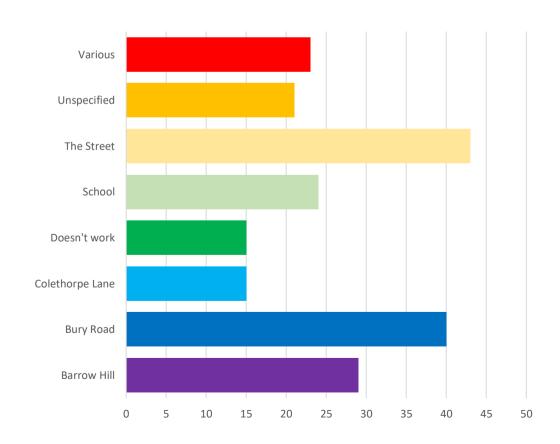
Question 46 - Traffic calming along the main roads in Barrow is required

□ Strongly agree
 □ Agree
 □ Disagree
 □ Disagree
 □ Strongly disagree
 □ Please state where, if appropriate:

Number of responses = 371, skipped = 4.



135 respondents stated a location for traffic calming:-



'Various' includes a variety of responses each of <10 citations:- Denham Lane [3]; HGV traffic limit [1]; Matt's Stores [3]; not road humps [2]; OK as is [3]; pedestrian crossing [1]; permanent cameras [1]; Simpson Way [1]; speed limits [3]; The Green [4]; within 30mph zone [1].

Doesn't work. 15 respondents commented that traffic calming did not work. Whilst relatively few in number, the responses were notable in that they were cogent and well-argued, claiming that well-intentioned road calming measures might not necessarily produce the intended result. 2 of these respondents cited the example of Westley (a nearby village, east of Barrow) where, it was argued, measures to reduce speed had exacerbated congestion, noise and pollution for Westley residents.

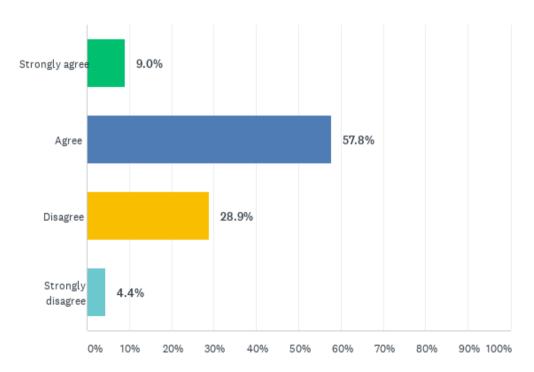
Question 47 - Barrow-cum-Denham has sufficient car parking spaces.

☐ Strongly agree

□ Agree

Disagree

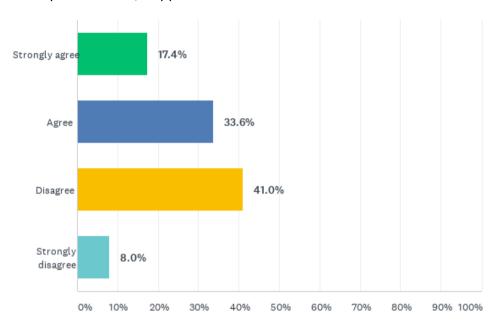
☐ Strongly disagree.



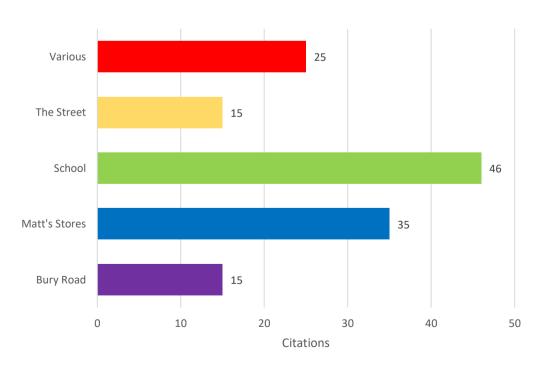
Question 48 - More restriction for on-road parking is required

□ Strongly agree
 □ Agree
 □ Disagree
 □ Disagree
 □ Strongly disagree
 □ Please state where, if appropriate:

Number of responses = 363, skipped = 12.



109 comments were received on the location of on-road parking restrictions. Some responses included a single location and some included multiple locations.

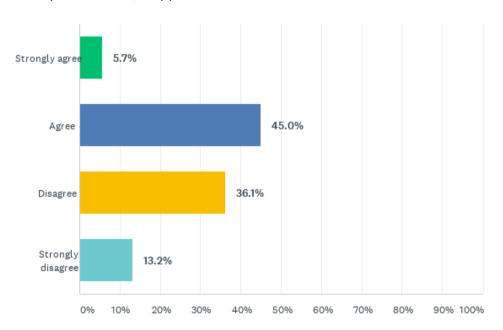


'Various' is a collection of the less frequent citations – chapel [1]; doctors surgery [1]; exacerbated by new homes [4]; junction of Bury Road & The Street [1]; reduced speed rather than more parking restrictions [1]; Ley Road [3]; Lion Green [1]; Mill Lane [1]; parking at people's homes [3]; parking slows traffic [1]; "where is all the traffic going?" [1]; The Green [7].

The School was the most frequently cited location for parking restrictions. Responses typically expressed concerns about road safety and congestion at school pick up and drop off times. It should be noted that this survey was carried out prior to expansion of the school as a result of recent changes to the tier system.

Question 49 - The pavements in Barrow-cum-Denham are adequate.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- □ Agree
- Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree.



Question 50 - There is a need for more cycle paths in and around Barrow-cum-Denham

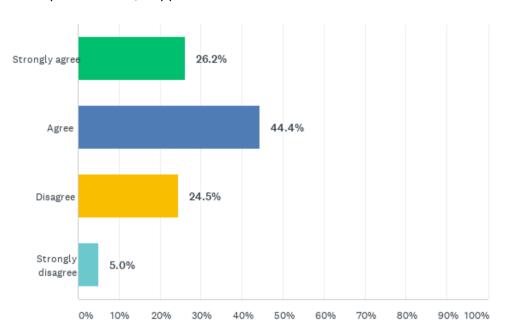
☐ Strongly agree

□ Agree

Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree.

Number of responses = 363, skipped = 12.

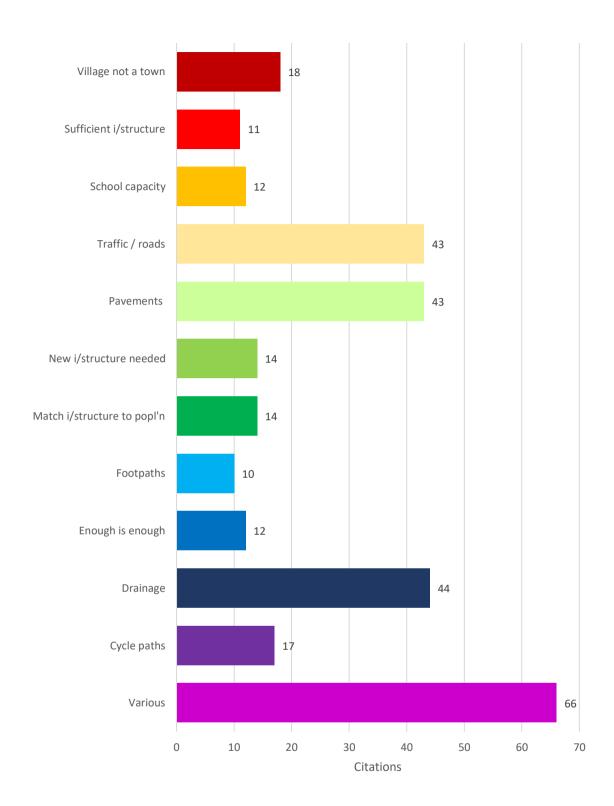


Question 51 - Do you have any comments regarding the village infrastructure?

Number of responses = 179, skipped = 196.

Comment – More respondents skipped Q51 than answered it. Responses should be considered alongside responses for Q42-50.

Q51 is the last question of the questionnaire and some respondents took the opportunity to restate or summarise their earlier responses. Accordingly, responses do not necessarily relate to the specific question being asked on infrastructure and cover a diverse range of subjects. Some responses were short and focused on one subject while others were longer and covered multiple subjects. 3 respondents provided supplementary information for this question by email or hard copy. Summarising such a large volume of data while still capturing the nuances of all views is not practical. The following is intended as a quantitative, easy to understand summary. It is produced by counting the number of citations of subjects from each response – for example, 'drainage' or 'matching infrastructure to population'.



The most frequent citations relate to:

Various. This is the largest category, reflecting the diversity of comments, and contains a wide range of subjects each with <10 citations – "No" written in [9]; absorb recent developments before any more development [2]; affordable housing [6]; bridleways [1]; broadband/mobile coverage [5]; prioritisation of brownfield over greenfield development [1]; criticism of government policy [1]; criticism of

questionnaire [1]; design of new homes in relation to aesthetic or local vernacular [4]; developer payments for infrastructure or amenities [4]; doctors surgery [6]; ecofriendly design of new homes [3]; gas supply [3]; housing for elderly [2]; litter & weed control [1]; mains water pressure [1]; more buses [1]; new homes for sustainability [2]; neighbourhood planning and a holistic strategy [1]; nursery [1]; sports facilities [4]; remove Barrow Ducks signs [1]; retain village centre [3]; sewerage [1]; spread new build [1]; street lighting [2]

- Traffic / roads 43 citations. This category contains comments relating to capacity or suitability of existing roads; traffic issues caused by on-road parking; speeding; traffic calming and the volume of traffic in and around the village.
- **Pavements** 43 citations. This category contains comments relating to what respondents view as the poor state of pavements or pavement maintenance, most also citing drainage within the same response.
- **Drainage** 43 citations. This category contains comments relating to overflowing drains or puddles on roads and pavements in the event of heavy rainfall.

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