

BODDINGTON PARISH PLAN SUMMARY REPORT

Questionnaires were delivered to all parishioners over the age of 18. Of the 635 questionnaires that were sent out, 343 were returned with around 1/3 online. This is a return of 54% overall which is an excellent return for this type of questionnaire.

	<i>Total Sent</i>	<i>Total Valid Returned</i>	<i>% Valid Returns</i>
Total	635	343	54%
Upper Boddington	385	235	61%
Lower Boddington	224	100	45%
Outlying Areas (UB & LB)	26	8	31%

KEY RESULTS

The questionnaires covered a wide range of topics but some of the areas are considered more important for the community and in determining the actions for the Parish Council and its preparation of a Parish Plan. This Summary Report focusses on these key issues. The full results will be available in a separate report, which will be available shortly.

JUBILEE FIELD

A key issue for the Parish was the views of the parishioners regarding the future of Jubilee Field. The results in the questionnaire reflected the significant divergence of opinion in the community, with 47% agreeing or strongly agreeing that it should be used for housing, with 44% disagreeing or strongly disagreeing. There was a much greater level of consensus that Jubilee Field should not be used as a site for offices or light industry.

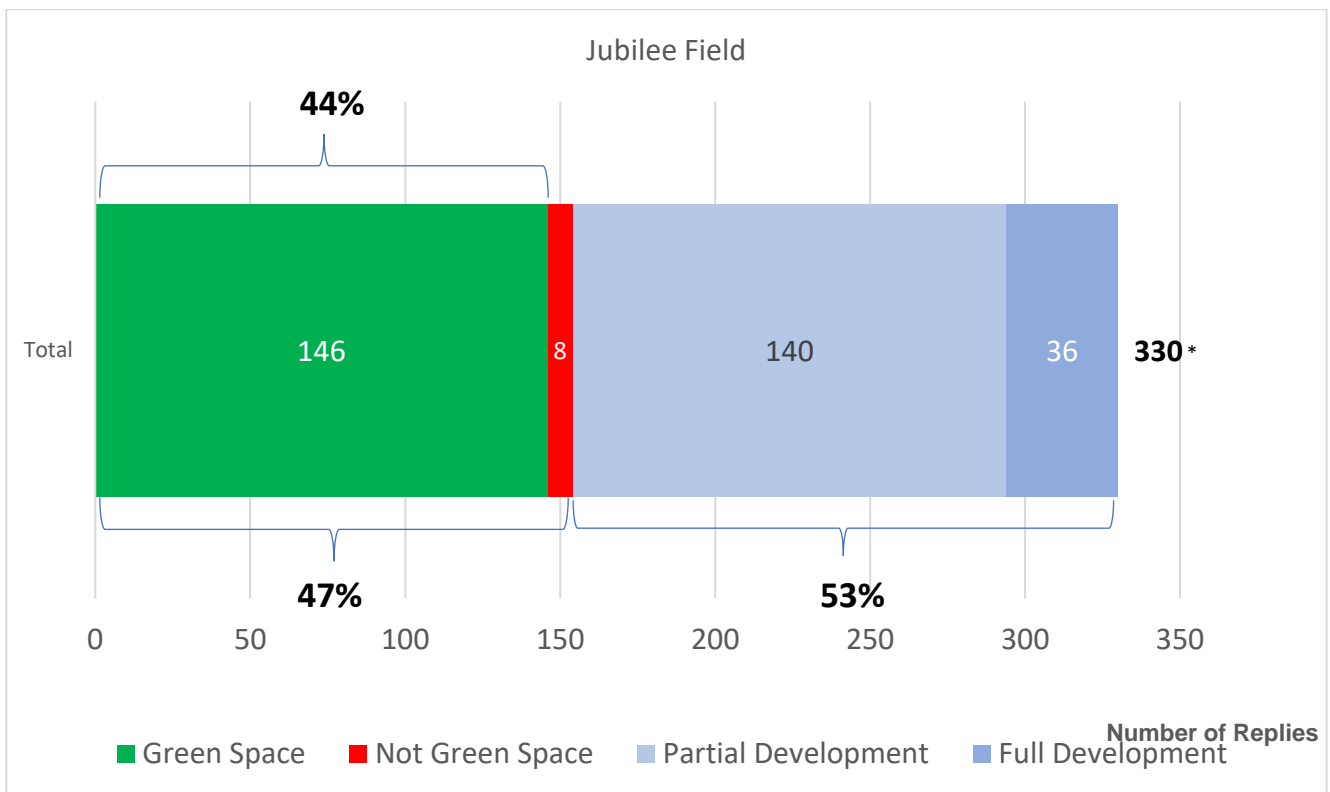
<i>Numbers of Replies</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Particular Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Total Responses</i>
Housing	112	42	30	20	124	328
	47%			44%		
Offices/Light Industry	25	24	46	53	181	329
	15%			71%		

The parishioners’ views on Jubilee Field were further elaborated by asking whether, if they didn’t want to see any development, then did they want to see it designated as a green space. Conversely, if they did want to see development, did they want to see it wholly developed or partially developed.

A total of 146 parishioners wanted Jubilee Field designated as a green space, out of the 330 that responded to these questions. A further 8 respondents did not want it designating as a green space but also did not want it to be developed. Therefore, most of the respondents who did not want Jubilee Field developing, wanted it protected as a green space.

Conversely 176 parishioners wanted the field developed, with 140 wanting Jubilee Field to be partially developed and 36 wanting it to be fully developed.

In percentage terms, 53% of parishioners responding to these questions want Jubilee Field to be developed, and 47% do not want to see Jubilee Field developed, with 44% wanting to see it designated as a green space.

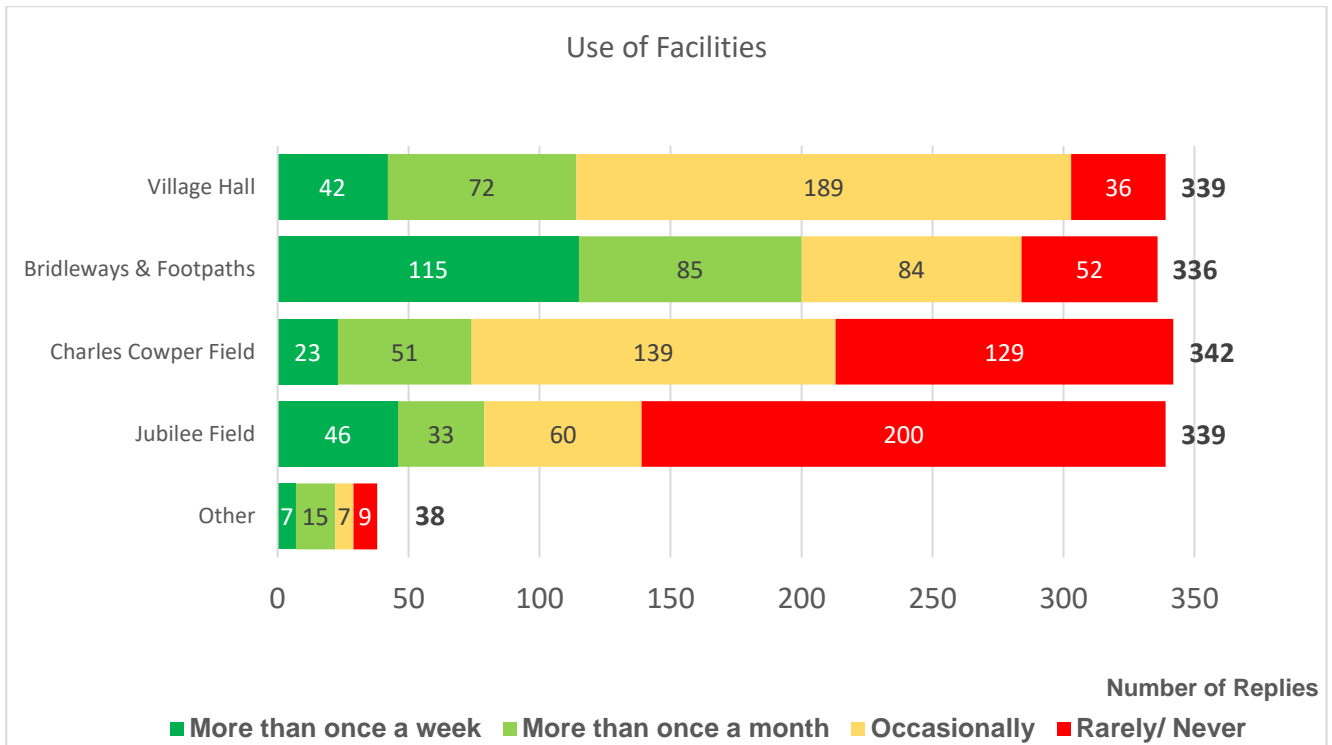


* 3 parishioners chose both green space & partial development

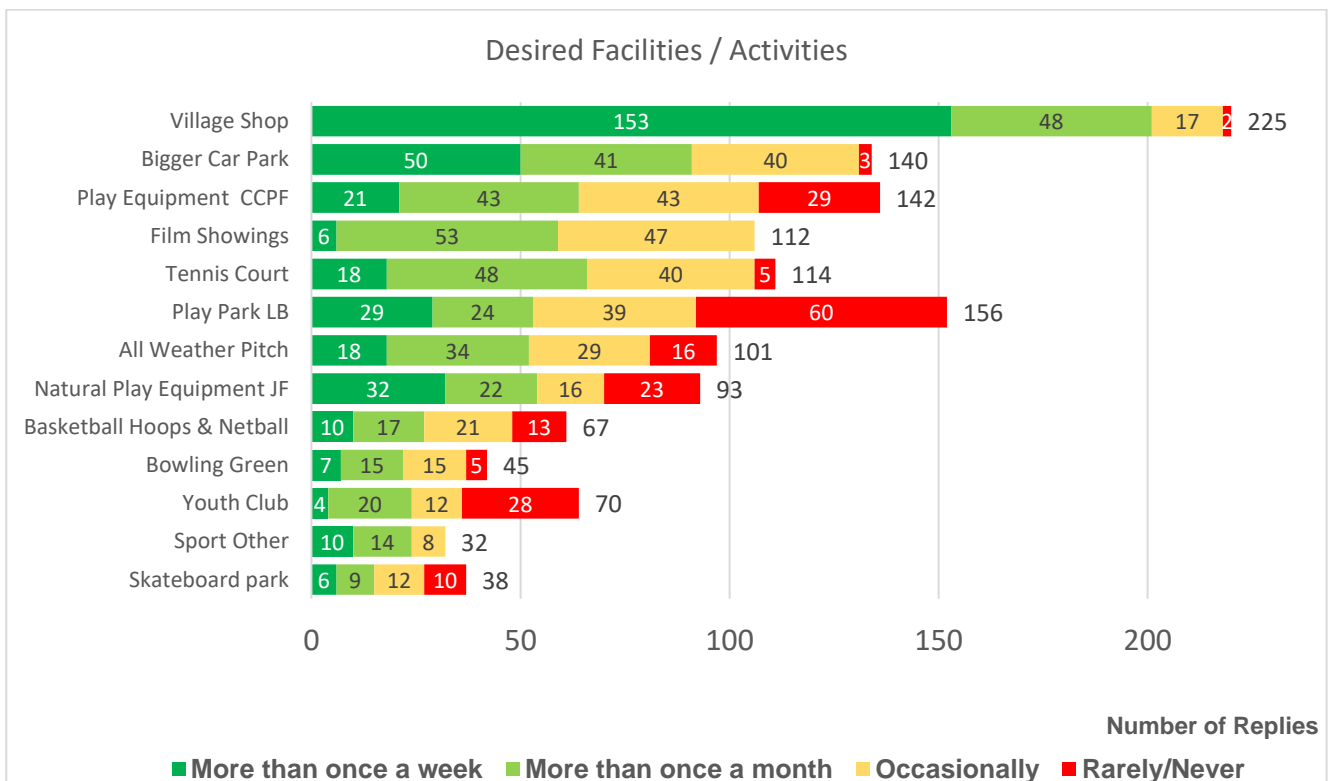
Although the majority of the respondents want Jubilee Field to be developed, a significant proportion of the community also wants it to be maintained as it is and protected. The Parish Council faces a significant challenge to find a compromise that would meet the needs of the community. It is likely that a section of the community will be dissatisfied with decisions to be made by the Parish Council.

FACILITIES & LEISURE

Facilities in and around Boddington are used currently extensively by parishioners.



Parishioners were asked to prioritise up to 6 new or improved facilities. Other than for Play equipment there was considerable consensus over the preferred location.



Natural Activities/Facilities, Allotments, BBQ Picnic areas, adult education and more events were also suggested. Other Sports included cricket nets, fitness, outside cross trainers, walking/running/cycling track including improved facilities (toilets etc). See the full report for more information.

A Village Shop was the most preferred facility, and although most parishioners had opted for the Village Hall as the preferred site, a significant number indicated that they had no preference as to where it was, just as long as there was one.

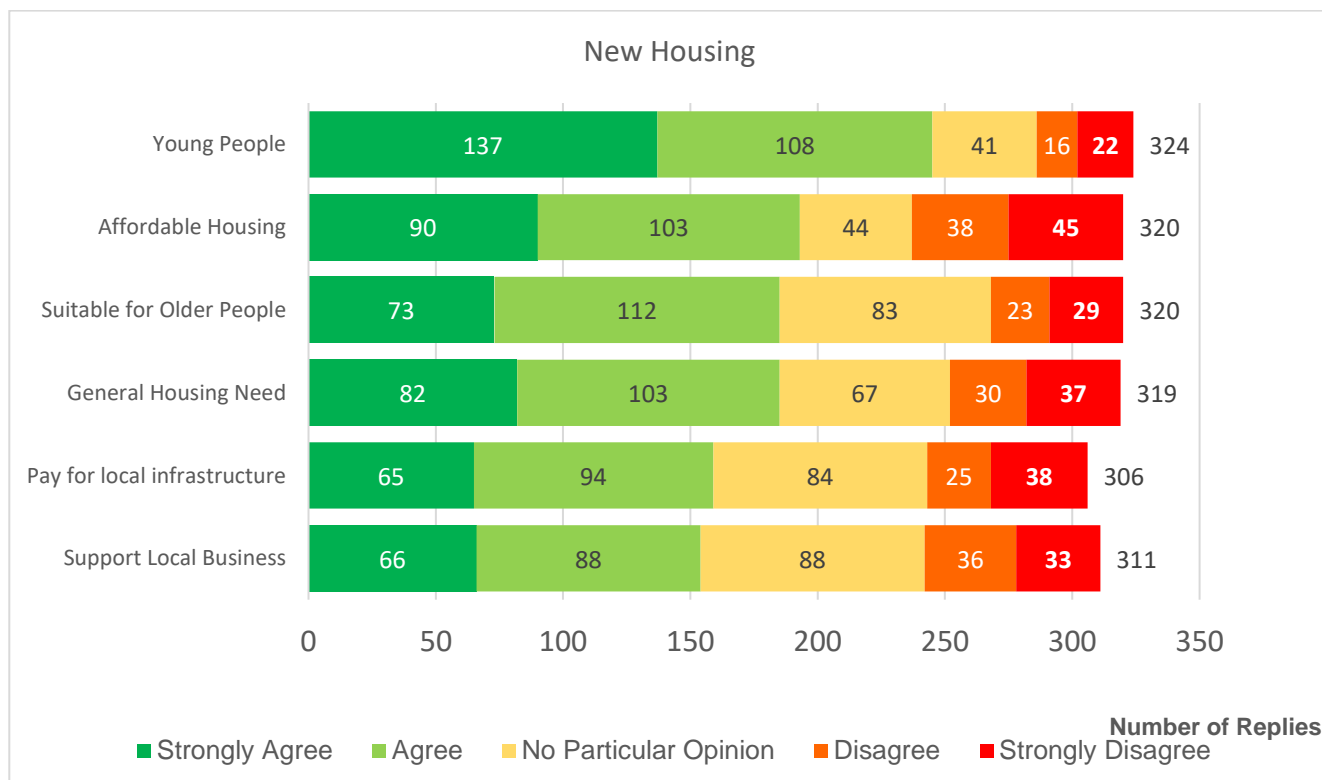
Play equipment was a significant priority for parishioners – but there was a considerable difference in views as to location. A new play park in Lower Boddington was the most preferred, followed in overall terms by improved facilities at the Village Hall/Charles Cowper Field. Natural Play Equipment was often given a high priority by those that chose it, however in overall terms it sits below Tennis Courts, and All Weather Pitch on CCPF.

As the chart indicates, some parishioners have indicated that whilst they would not use some specific facilities they also recognise the importance of those facilities to the community as a whole, for example a play park in Lower Boddington.

The cost of some of the facilities will be significant, and the challenge for the Parish Council will be to identify sources of funding as well as considering how best to deliver the projects.

HOUSING

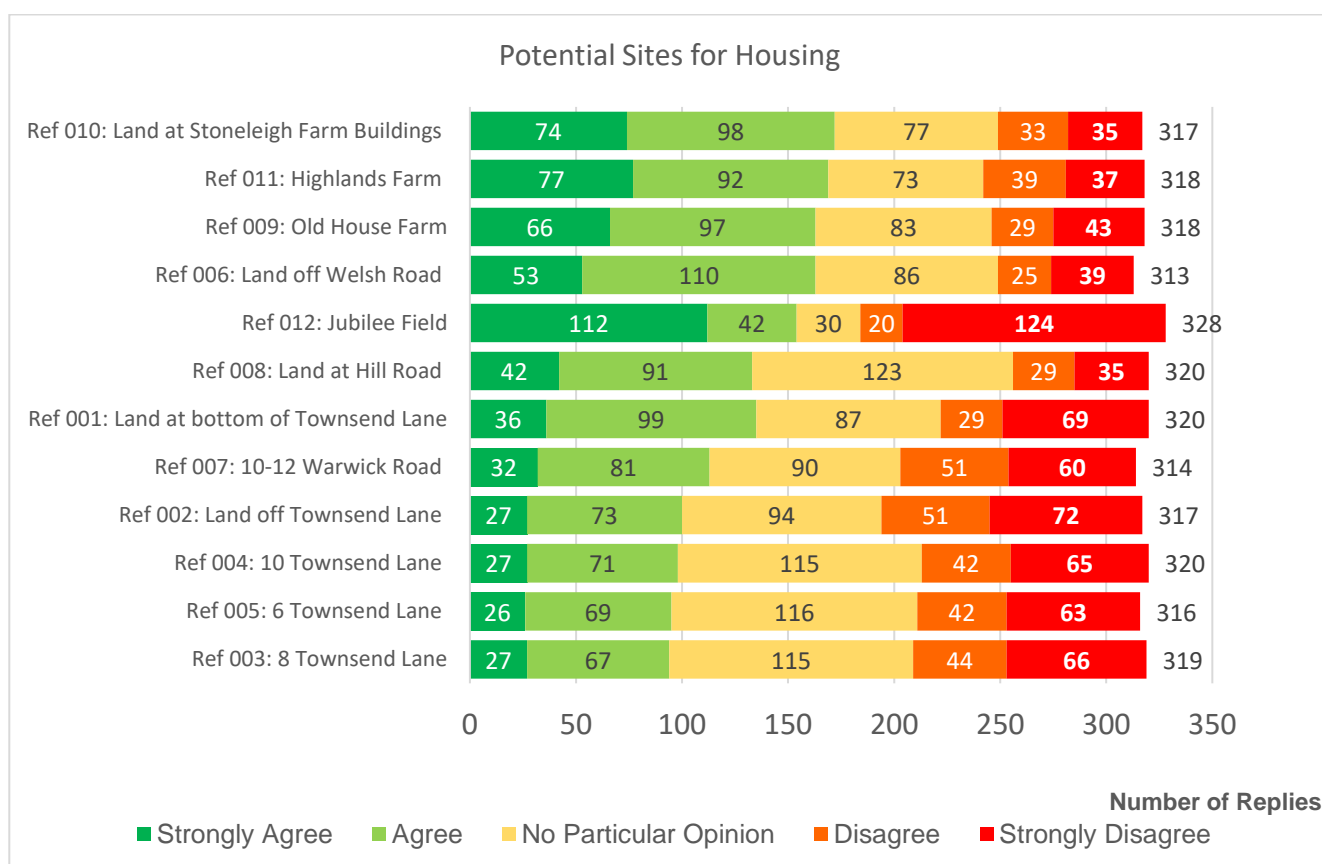
Both the general need for housing and views on specific locations were explored in the questionnaire.



Across the 6 reasons that had previously been identified for new housing, 59% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the parish needed additional housing, with 20% disagreeing or strongly disagreeing. The most strongly supported reason was for young people to move to or remain in the parish.

A significant proportion of respondents were concerned about the impact of housing on the rural nature of the parish and on open spaces within the parish. This was also reflected in the fact that most respondents wanted housing to fit in with the look and feel of the parish, to have gardens, off street parking and be less than 2 storeys high.

As far as potential sites for housing was concerned, the most preferred sites were Highlands Farm, Stoneleigh Farm in Upper Boddington and the Old Farm House in Lower Boddington. It is worth noting that these three, together with the Land off Welsh Lane all have more overall positive support, and less negative views than Jubilee Field. Therefore, if only siting of housing was concerned (and not the parish council ownership of Jubilee Field which impacts on funding or controlling the type/amount of housing that could be built), then more favourable sites exist which could better take into account parishioners' views as a whole.



Post code analysis of the replies to this question are available in the full report.

OTHER CONCLUSIONS

There are several other key conclusions from the questionnaire, further details are available in the full report.

ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES

A range of detailed questions were asked about how the surrounding rural environment could be improved, how access to the countryside could be improved, impact of HS2, forms of energy in the parish and the condition and location of roads and pavements. The detailed report provides more detail on these findings. In summary

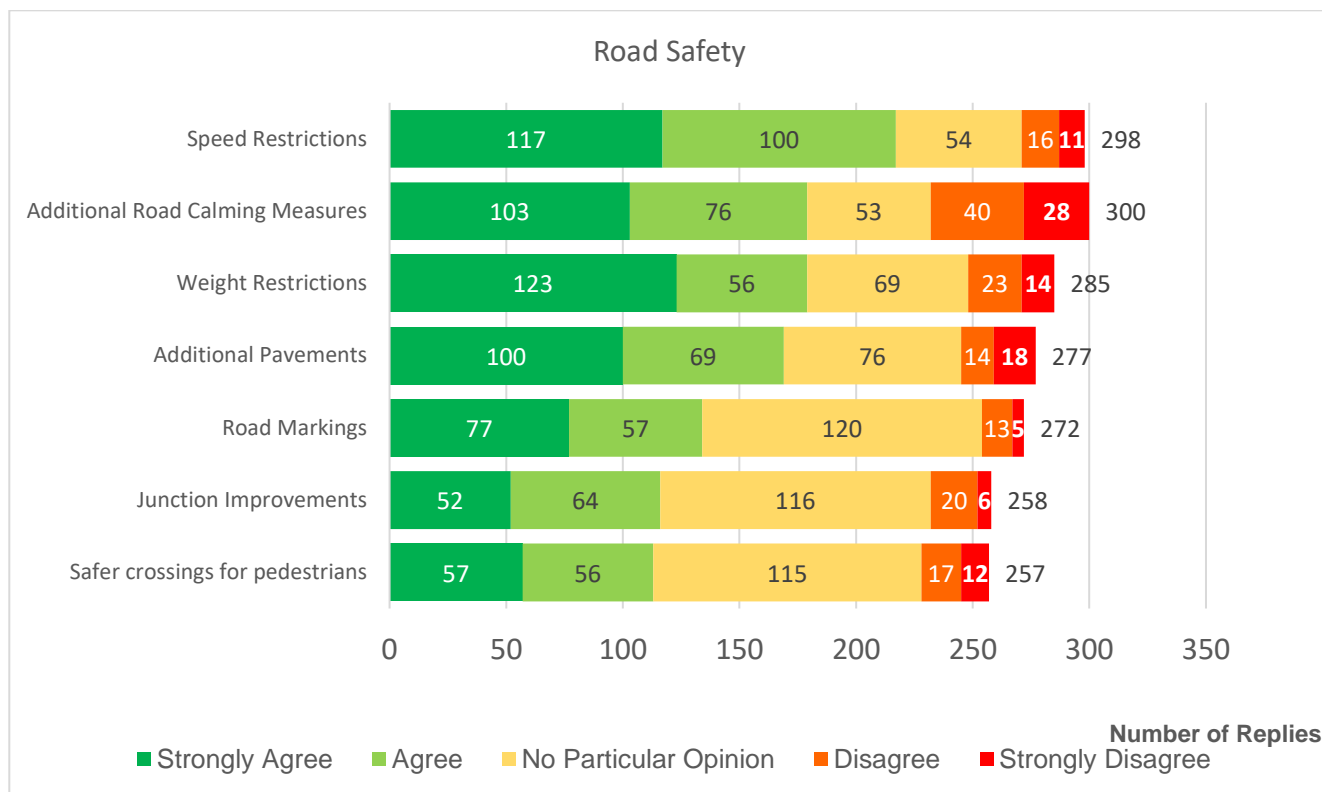
- Less litter and fly tipping and landscaping of public areas (in addition to play areas already discussed) would enhance parishioners' views of the surroundings;
- Keeping footpaths and bridleways clear of obstacles and some information or guided walks would also improve access;
- HS2, unsurprisingly, concerned parishioners a lot, with most parishioners being concerned about access during construction, the noise and loss of views of the countryside; and
- There is majority support for solar powered or LED street lighting, support for solar panels and mains gas, but disagreement over Wind Turbines.

Parishioners were asked to highlight areas where they had concerns over the conditions of the roads and pavements. Key problem areas identified were on both main roads outside the villages. In addition, Townsend Lane, particularly at the bottom was highlighted as a priority as well as Welsh Road and Banbury Road within Lower Boddington. The state of the Buckle was identified as the main problem for existing pavements. As far as new pavements are concerned, parishioners particularly highlighted Warwick Road (near the Village Hall, in the middle near Clattercote House, and opposite the Plough to Welsh Road) and Church Road outside the School to the Church.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Parishioners were very concerned over the speed of traffic through the villages, large vans and lorries passing through the parish and inconsiderate parking. Of slightly less concern, although still a concern for a majority of respondents, was the lack and narrowness/poor quality of pavements, school run traffic and parking and general lack of off road parking.

When thinking about road safety parishioners believed that speed restrictions, weight restrictions, road calming and additional pavements should be encouraged, although some disagreed with road calming measures.



Parishioners were asked about buses, and there was a clear preference for a service to Banbury as opposed to Daventry or Southam.

The most popular time was in the morning (9am -noon), and then fairly consistently through the rest of the day with less in the evening and night. However, only 33% of respondents across all potential services said that they would use it more than once a month.

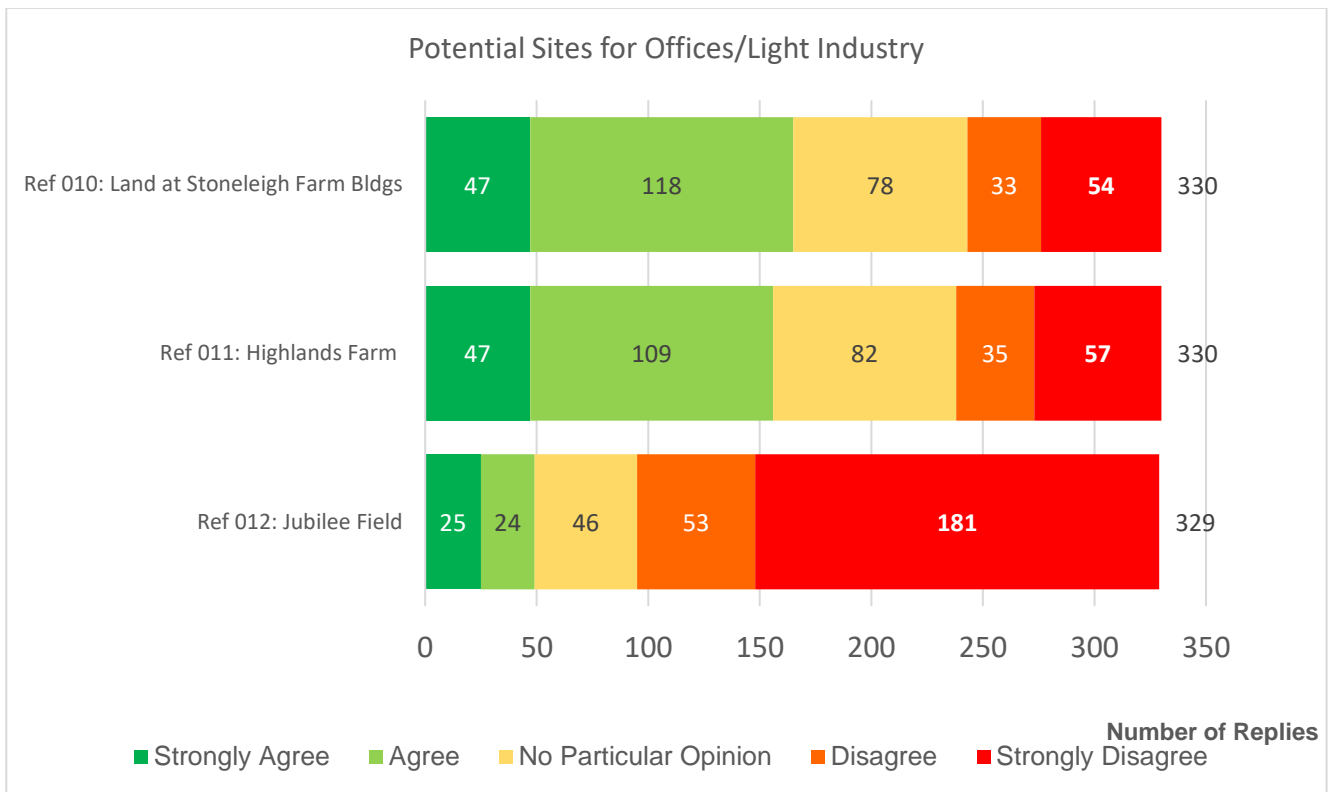
	<i>More than once a week</i>	<i>More than once a month</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Rarely/ Never</i>	<i>Total replies</i>
Frequency	51	44	73	121	289
	18%	15%	25%	42%	

BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT & LAND FOR OFFICES/LIGHT INDUSTRY

Parishioners generally believed that more business should be encouraged within the parish with a preference for retail/shop or office based consultancies or small scale industrial units.

Parishioners were asked about their views on locations for siting some offices or light industrial units. The preference for siting new business developments were at Stoneleigh Farm and Highlands Farm.

As discussed previously 71% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with business or light industrial development of Jubilee Field.



Parishioners still considered that they have difficulty with internet and mobile reception. There is more of a problem with mobile reception with over 91% of respondents stating that they had a problem at home or at work in the parish.

CONCLUSION

Demographic information shows that the survey was well supported and with a good cross-section of the community of all ages taking the time to become involved. It was interesting to note that a large section of the community has lived in Boddington for many years and there is a sizeable older section of the population.

The data that has been captured as part of this process provides the Parish Council with a solid foundation on which to make decisions affecting the future of the parish. Further analysis and information is available in the full report.