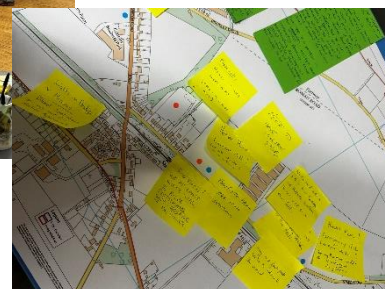
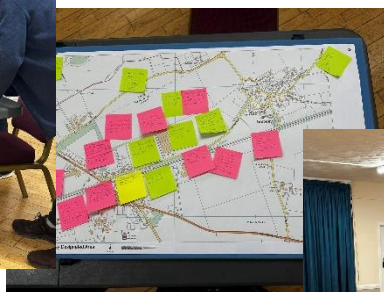


Vision & Objectives survey report



Grateley Neighbourhood Plan

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1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present the key confirmed results from the recent Grateley Village Neighbourhood Plan Vision & Objectives Survey – August/September 2024.

2. Methodology

The aims of this survey were to capture the Vision and Aims for the Village over the next 16 years.

Design

The design of the survey was based on the following;

- Inputs received from the community at various Drop In events and workshops held around the Village since July 2022.
- Initial community questionnaire in October 2022.
- Feedback from regular newsletters in the Village magazine.

From these sessions key themes were identified and from these, objectives were identified.

The survey was developed consisting of the following sections (15 objectives);

- Development & Design – 6 objectives
- Environment & Landscape– 4 objectives
- Infrastructure & Community – 3 objectives
- Traffic & Transport –2 objectives

Respondents

Leaflets advertising a Community Event being held on 3 October 2024 were delivered to c.260 homes in the Parish on 10/11 September 2024. This was followed up after the community event with hard copies of the V&O survey delivered to all homes within in the Parish. Further advertising of the community event and access to the V&O Survey was made available on the Grateley Parish Council Website, local social media, The Parish magazine, Posters and V&O questionnaires placed on noticeboards and bus stops throughout the village.

Distribution

- During 10/11 September the Community Event was advertised via a leaflet drop to c.260 homes in the Parish.
- c.260 paper copies of the V&O survey were delivered to homes in the Parish 19/20 Oct
- SurveyMonkey was open until 31st October.
- The Survey was further advertised on local social media sites, village notice boards and bus stops.

A community event was held on 3ed October to increase awareness of the Grateley Neighbourhood Plan and encourage response to the survey.

The number of surveys returned were;

- 80 via SurveyMonkey
- 27 via paper copies returned completed during community event.
- There are 660 residents within Grateley Village, of which approx. 90% were eligible to respond (8 years old and over). Therefore, the response rate calculates to 18%.

Aggregating all the results

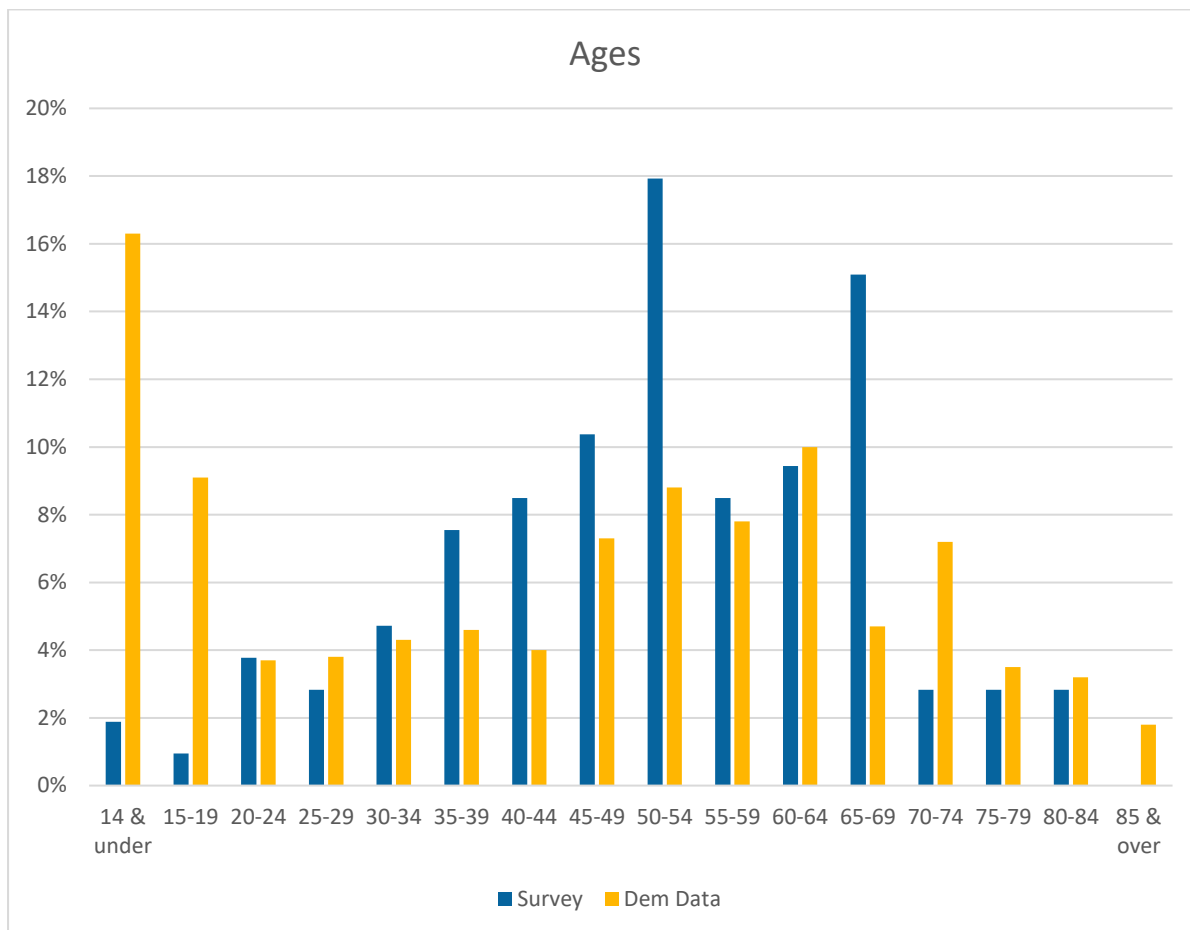
One of the advantages of using SurveyMonkey is that paper copies can be added to the results by entering them manually into the same survey. This means the analysis produced will contain all the responses.

When completing the survey online, using SurveyMonkey, validations can be used to ensure that questions receive a response and that incorrect or illogical answers can be avoided. However, when completing a paper survey there are no validations and responses can be skipped and incorrect answers can be given. This can give rise to corrupted results and analysis. As a result of this when these paper copies were entered into SurveyMonkey incorrect answers were identified and the following adjustments made;

- Where no answers entered – treated as a ‘blank’ answer; these made up less than 1.5% of responses, so have been excluded in all results and analysis.
- Where incorrect answers entered that cannot be made sense of; e.g. where more selections have been made than allowed – also treated as a ‘blank’ question; not counted in any results or analysis
- This is then used to calculate an average figure for the answer, which can be used in graphs etc.

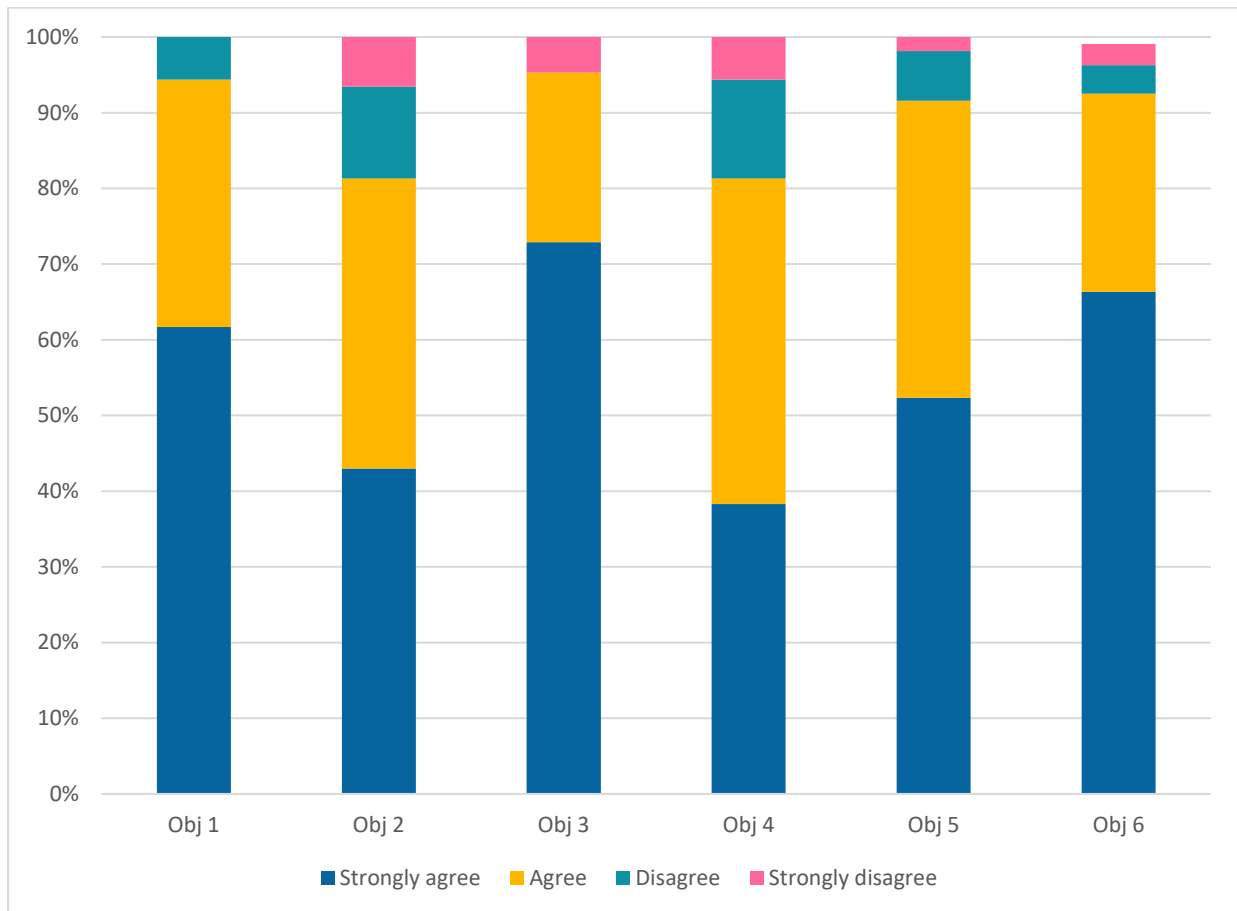
Summary

- 44% of respondents were aged 35-54 years old.
- 107 surveys were returned, equating to just over 18% of the community.
- The objective with the highest ‘strongly agree’ response was ‘Protect and maintain the dark skies in our Parish’ with 81%.
- All objectives except 2 received over 80% support.
- Two objectives received less than 20% support. These were ‘To provide a mix of affordable market homes and smaller houses/flats suited to those wishing to downsize, to secure their first home, or to live in the parish due to local connections’ and ‘To concentrate development within, or immediately adjacent to, existing settlement boundaries’.
- The objective ‘To have a thriving community which values and maintains its heritage assets’ received 106 ‘agree’ or strongly agree’ votes.



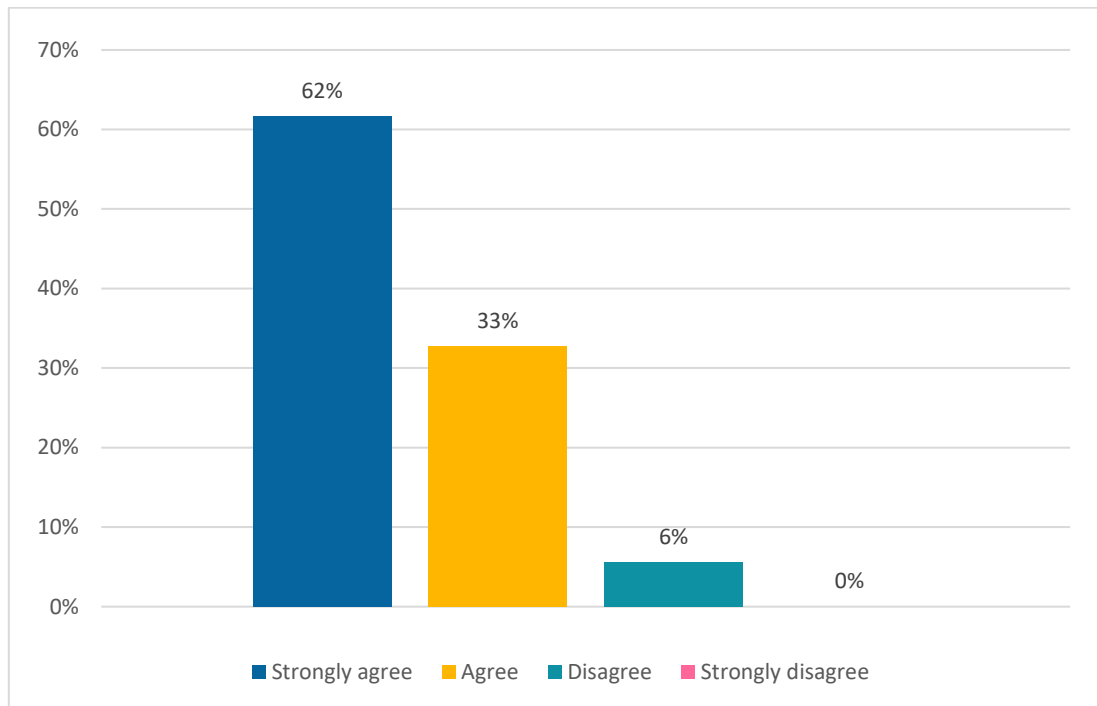
The survey was open to anyone aged 8 or over. The graph above shows the percentage split of ages at the last census (2021) and the age split of the respondents to the survey. Nearly 45% of survey respondents were aged 35-54 or above. In comparison to the 2021 census data, this age bracket makes up 29% of the parish population. There is also a noticeable difference in the 65-69 age group, with 15% of respondents falling into this age category compared to the same age demographic contributing only 5% to the census data. The Steering Group needs to investigate ways of engaging with the younger age groups, to ensure they capture the thoughts and wants of the whole community.

Development & Design

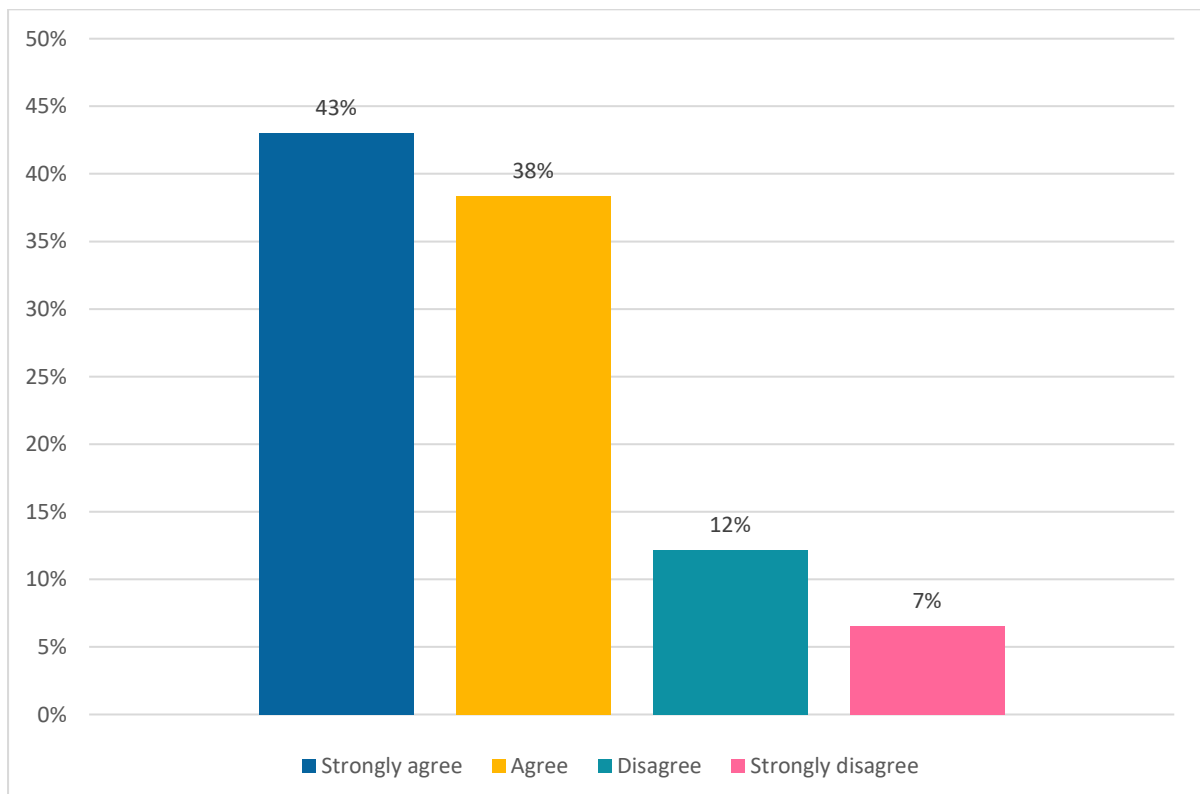


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1	Use land efficiently to preserve high quality agricultural land
2	To provide a mix of affordable market homes and smaller houses/flats suited to those wishing to downsize, to secure their first home, or to live in the parish due to local connections
3	Ensure development is in keeping with the local area and does not detract from the rural nature of its surroundings
4	To concentrate development within, or immediately adjacent to, existing settlement boundaries
5	Wherever possible, decarbonising energy supplies through the introduction of energy efficient housing
6	Ensure that where removal of boundaries is necessary, they are replaced with native species

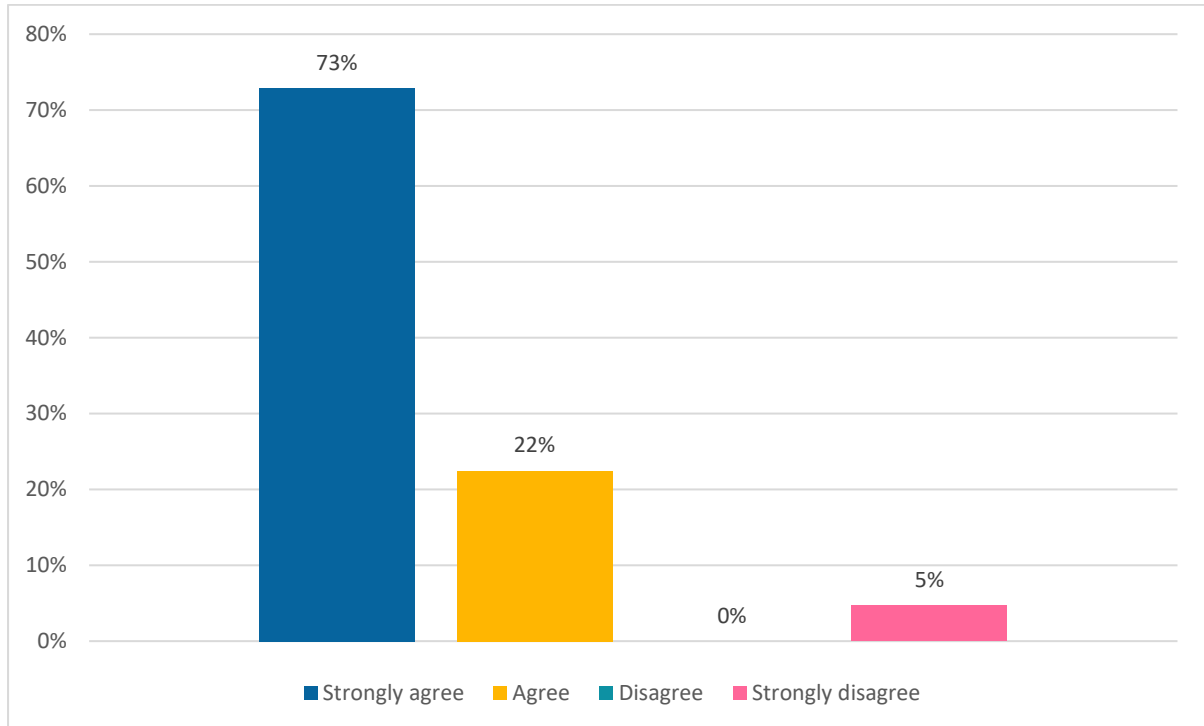
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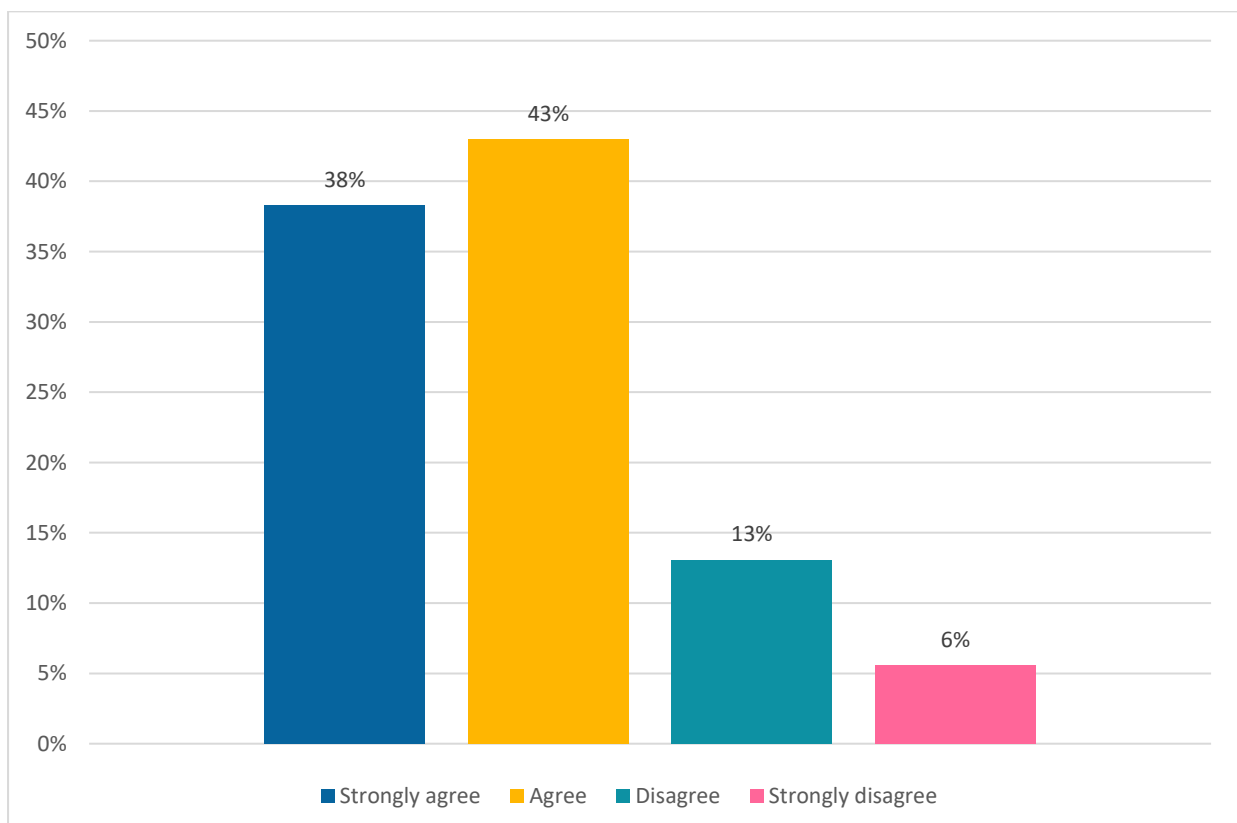
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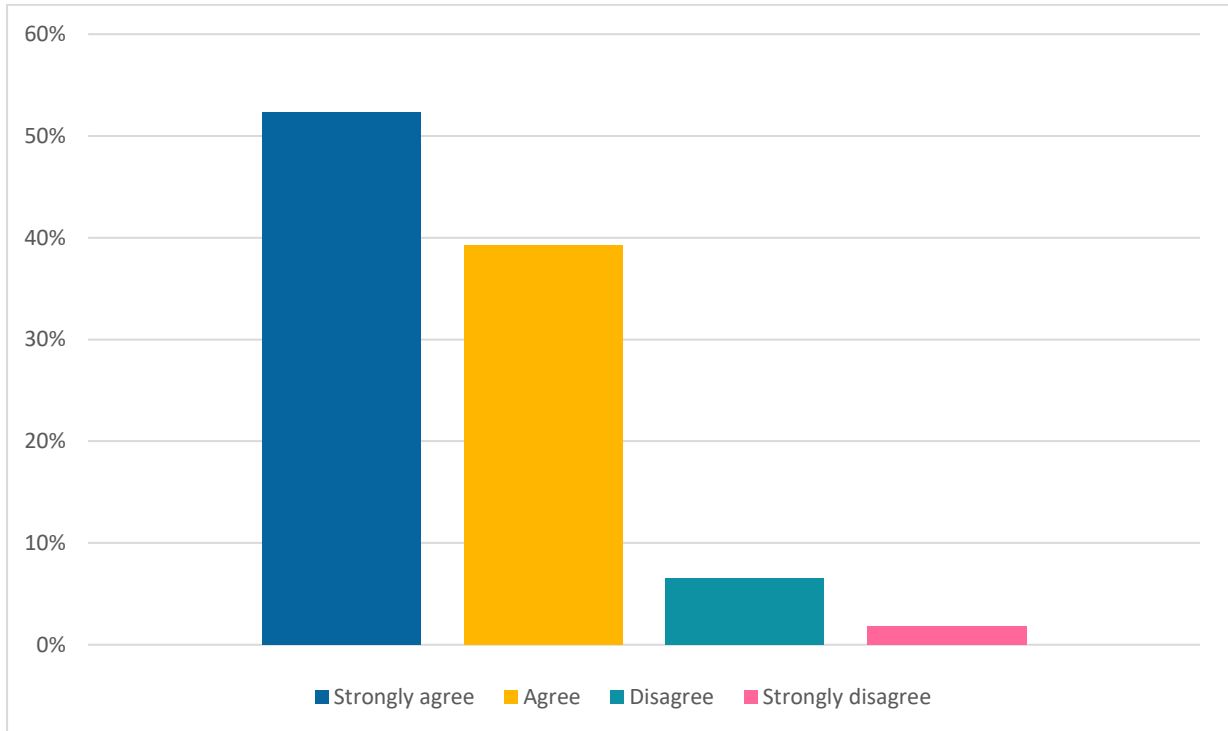
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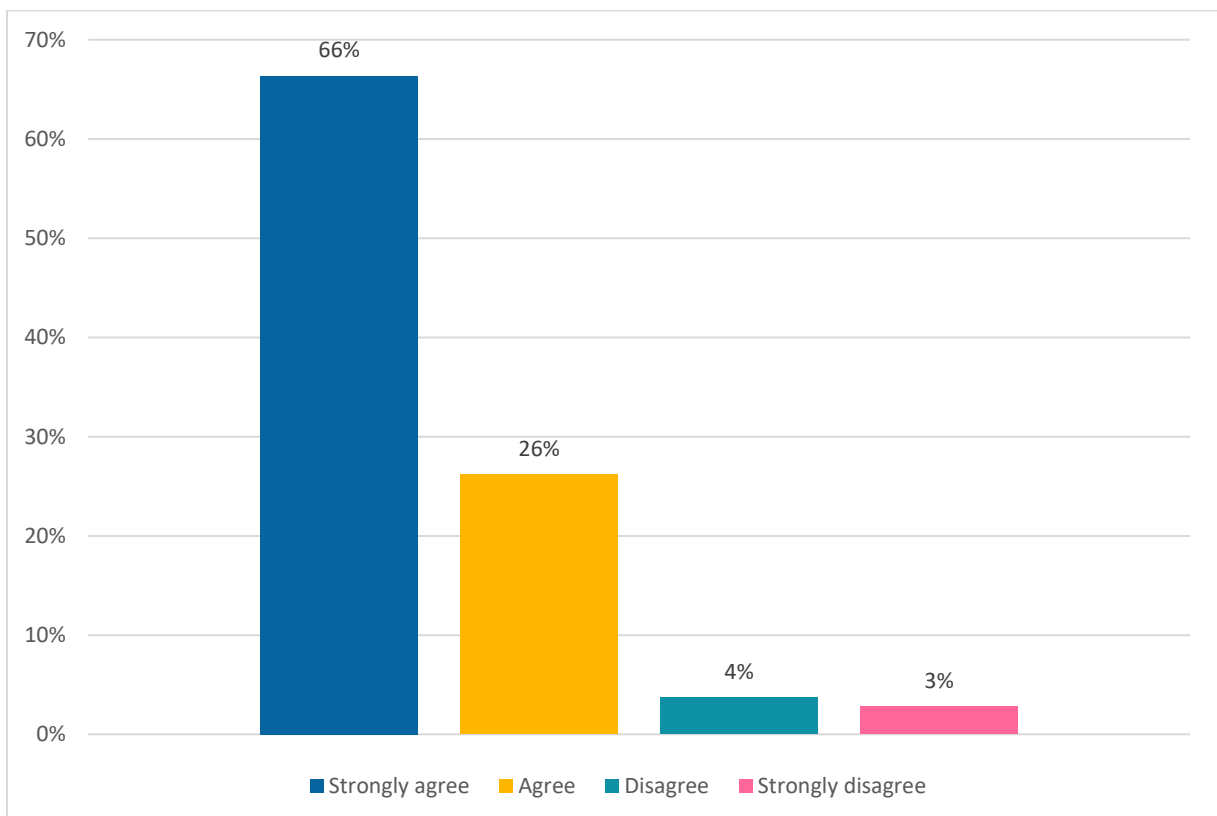
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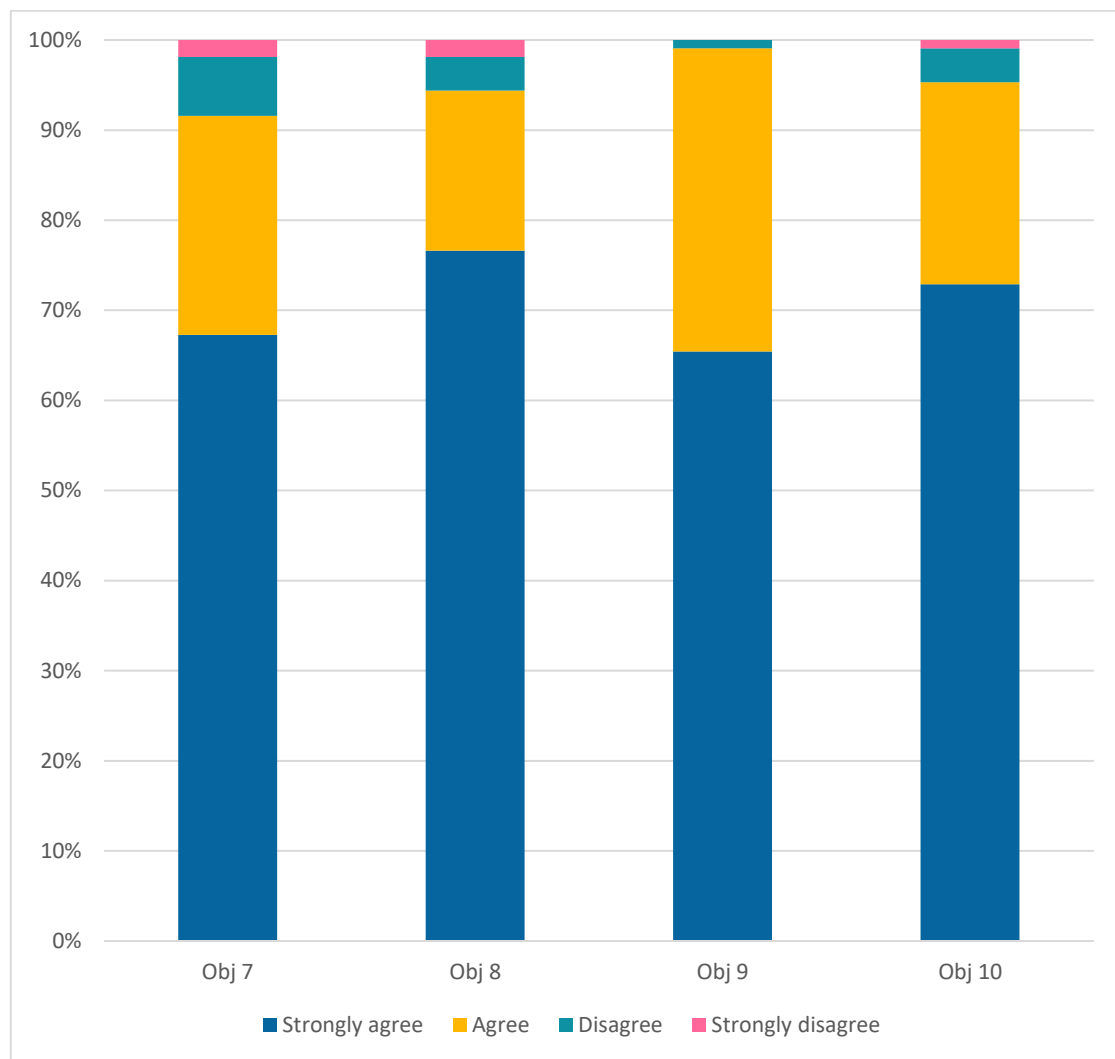
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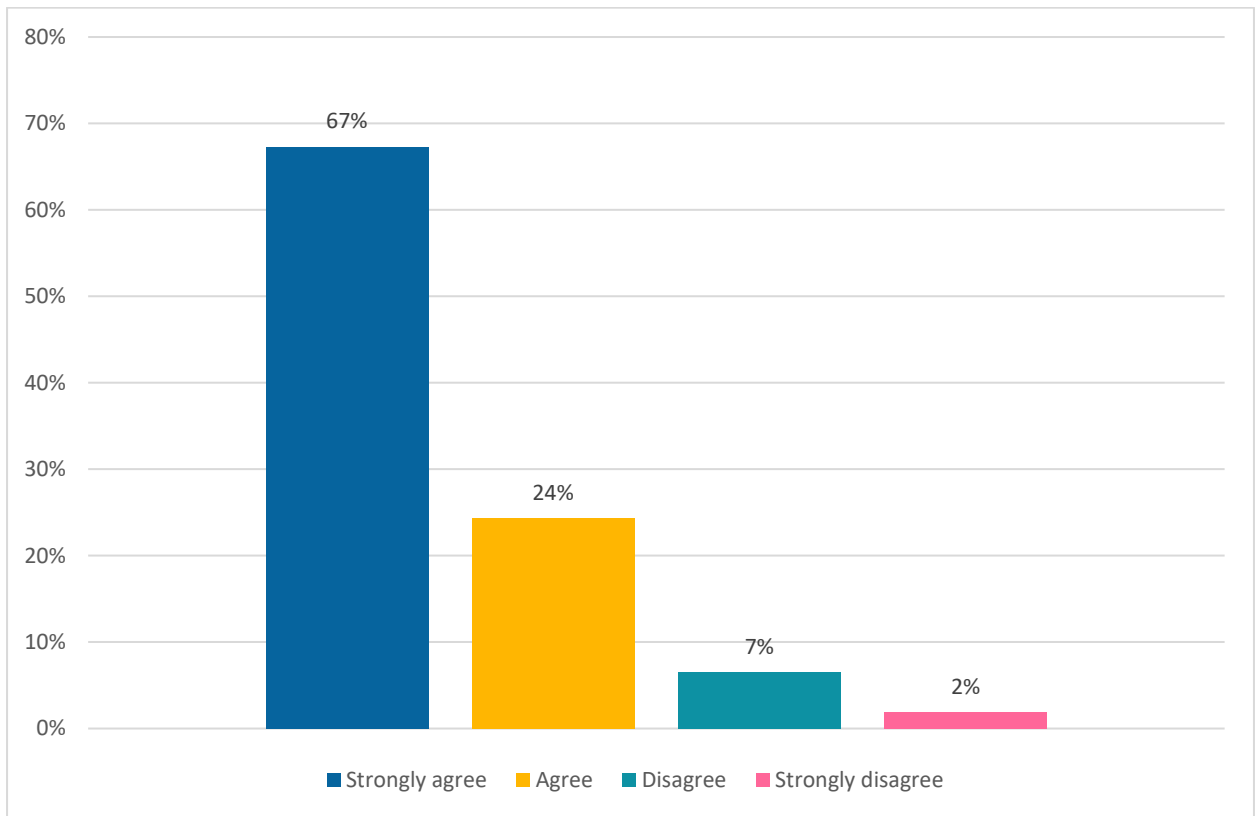


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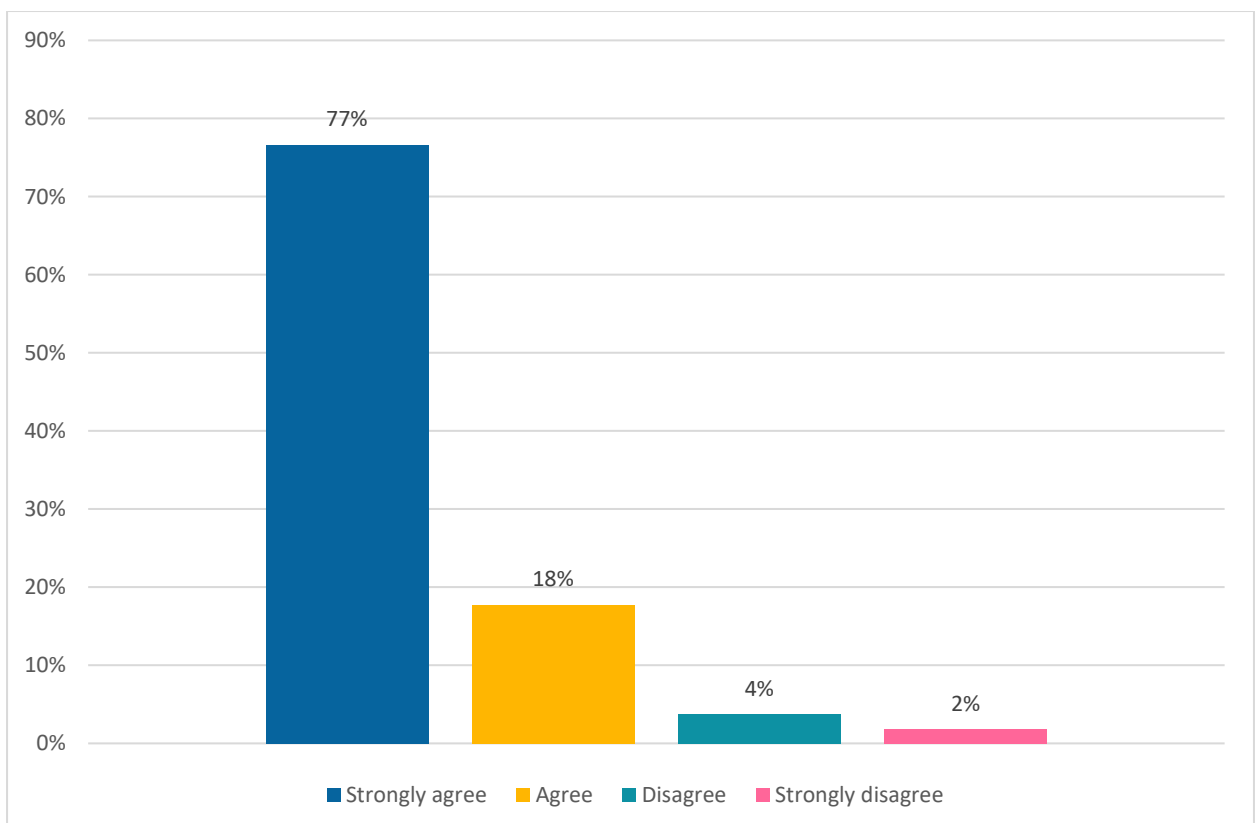


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7	To preserve important views within the Parish
8	Protect and maintain the dark skies in our Parish
9	To have a thriving community which values and maintains its heritage assets
10	Protect and enhance areas of Local Green Space that are of significance to the community including the identification of new community spaces

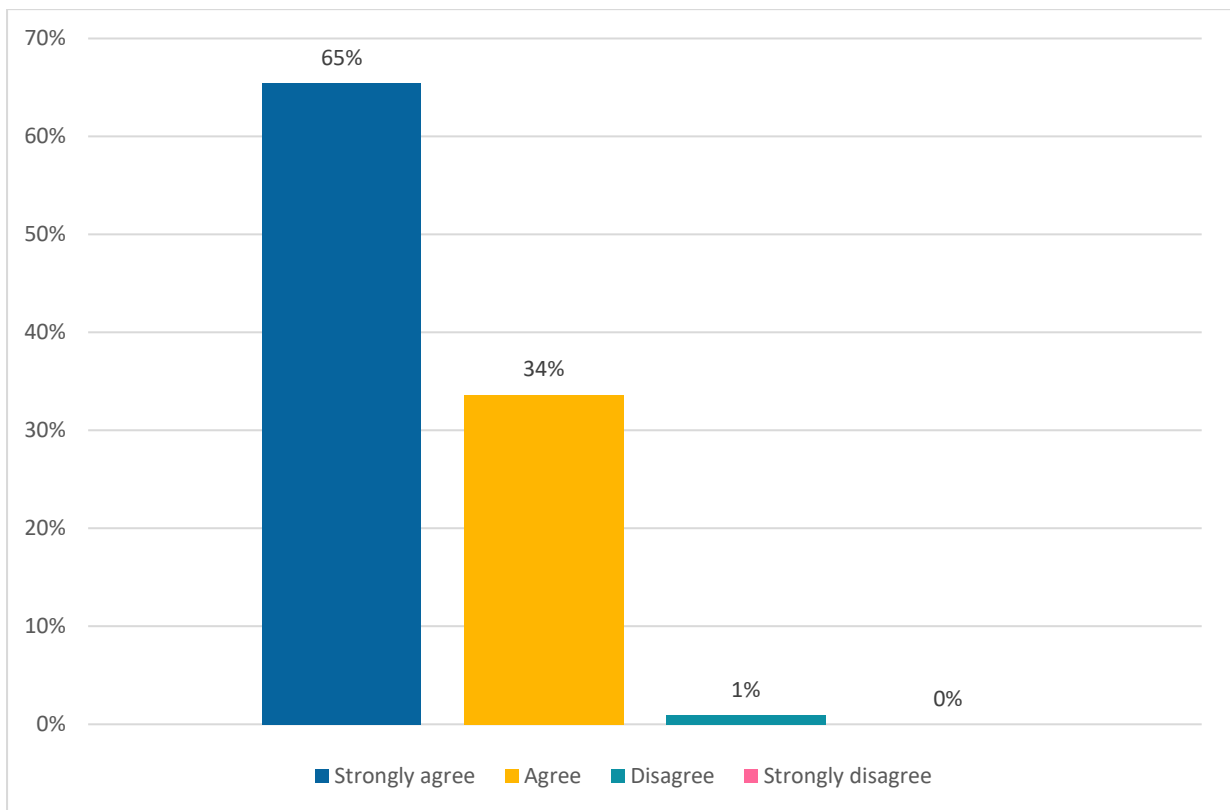
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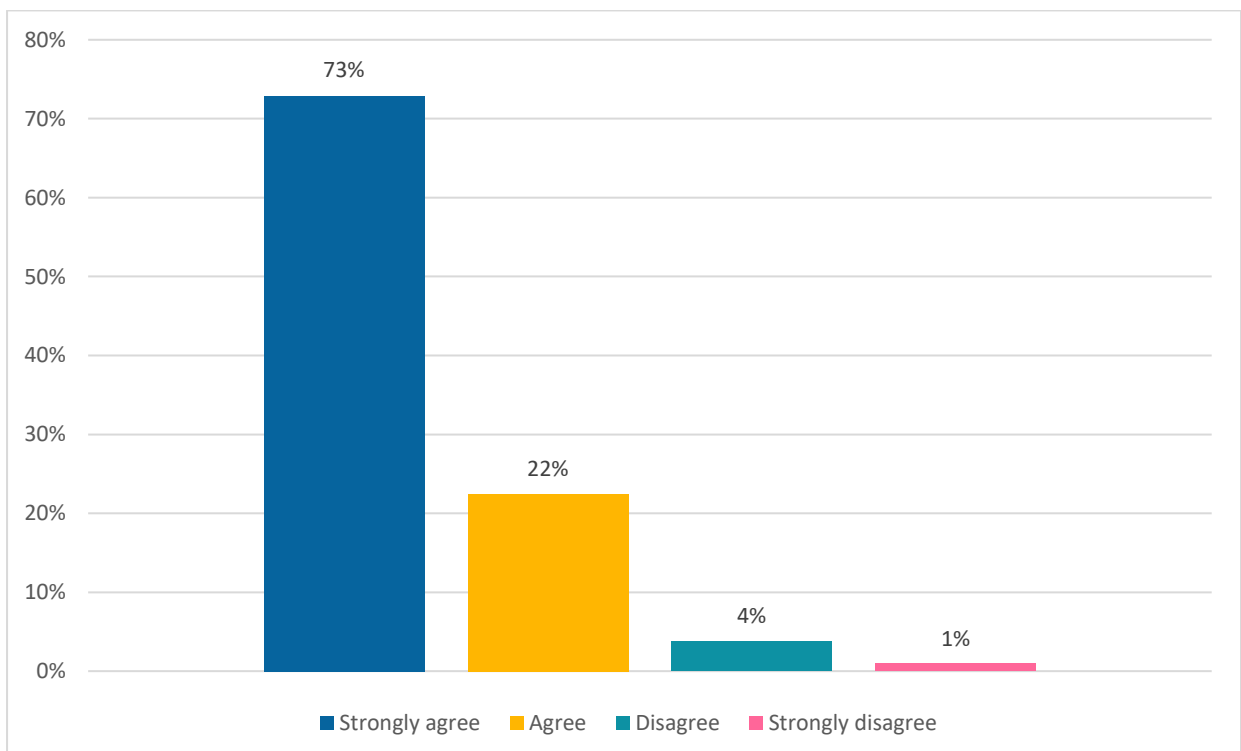
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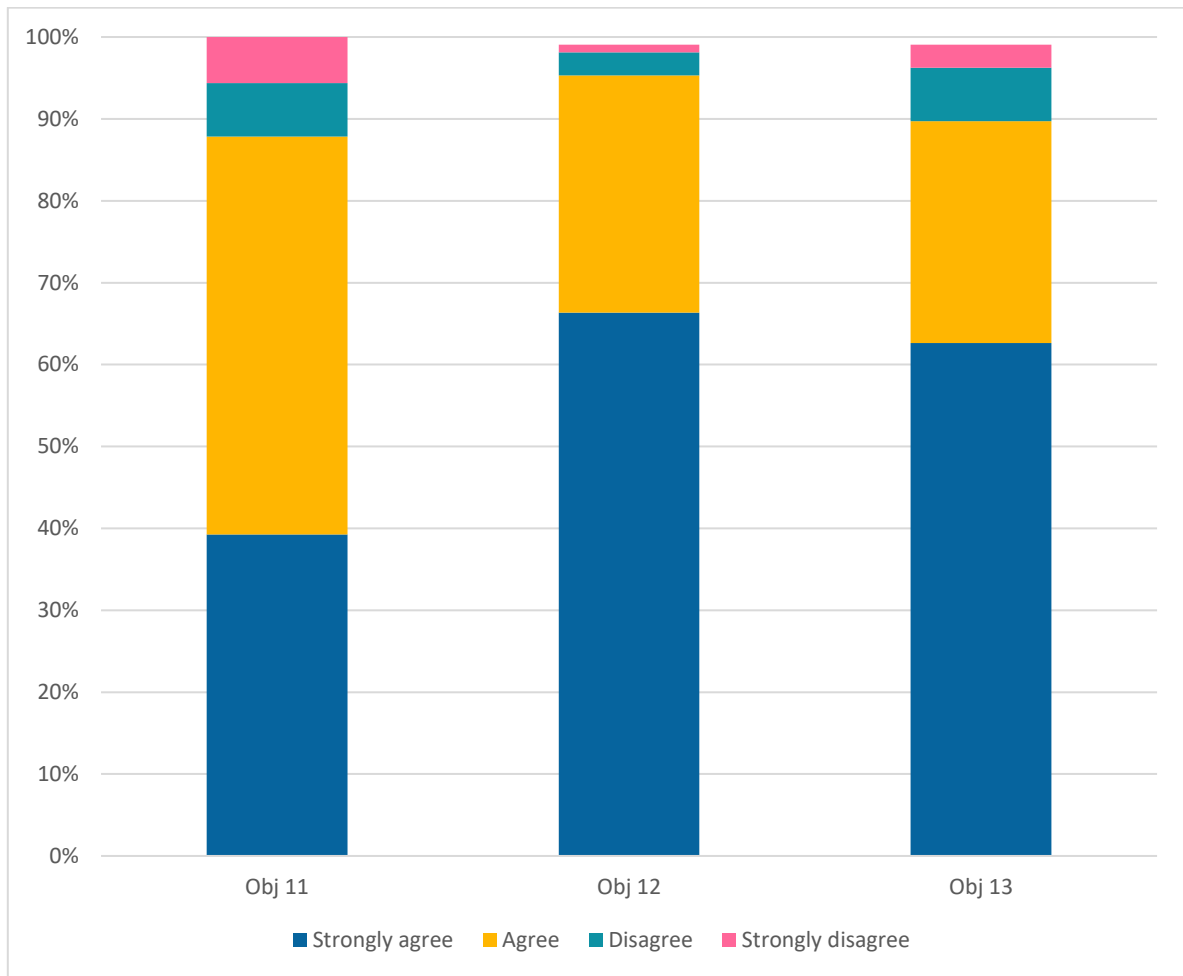
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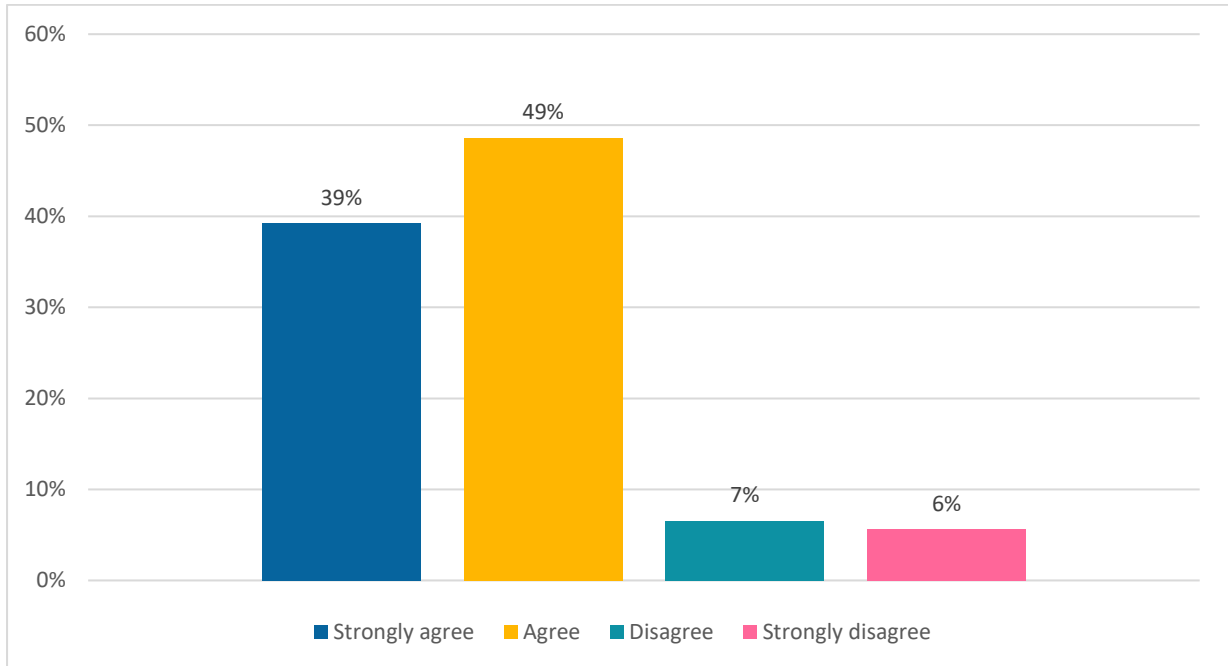


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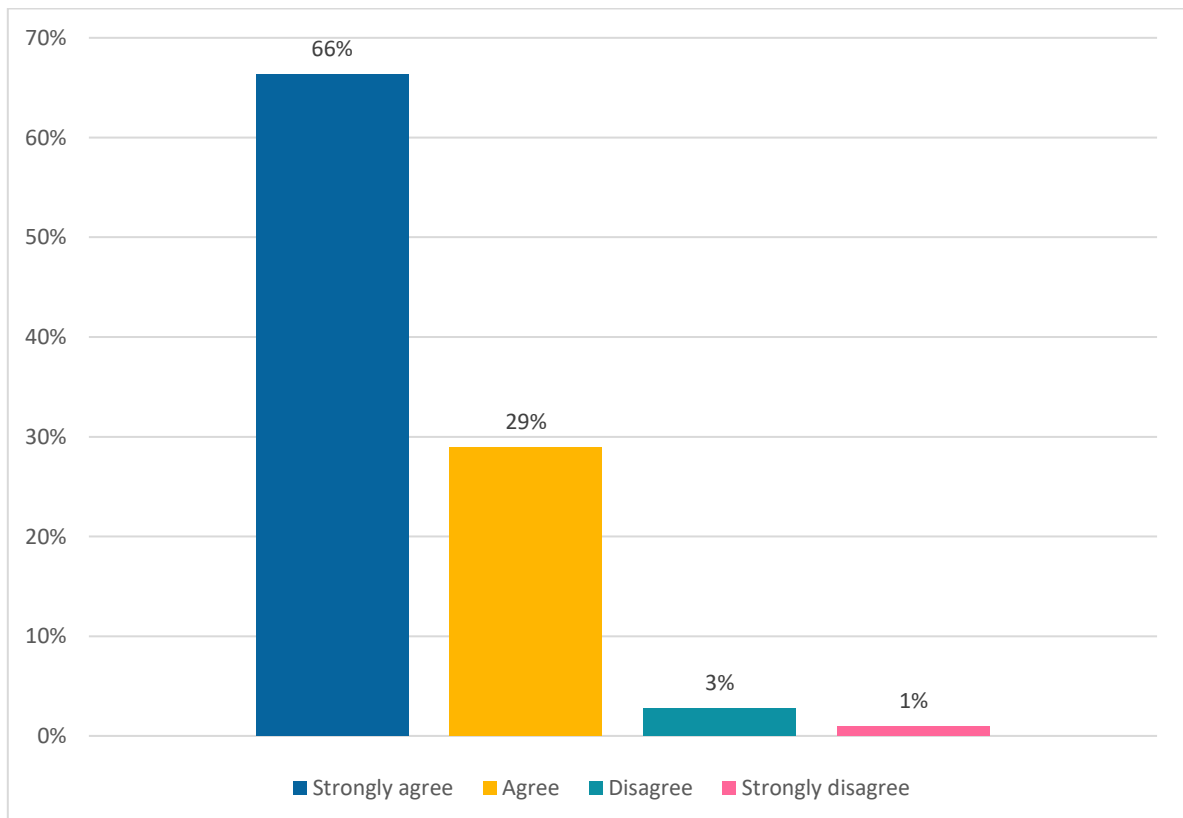


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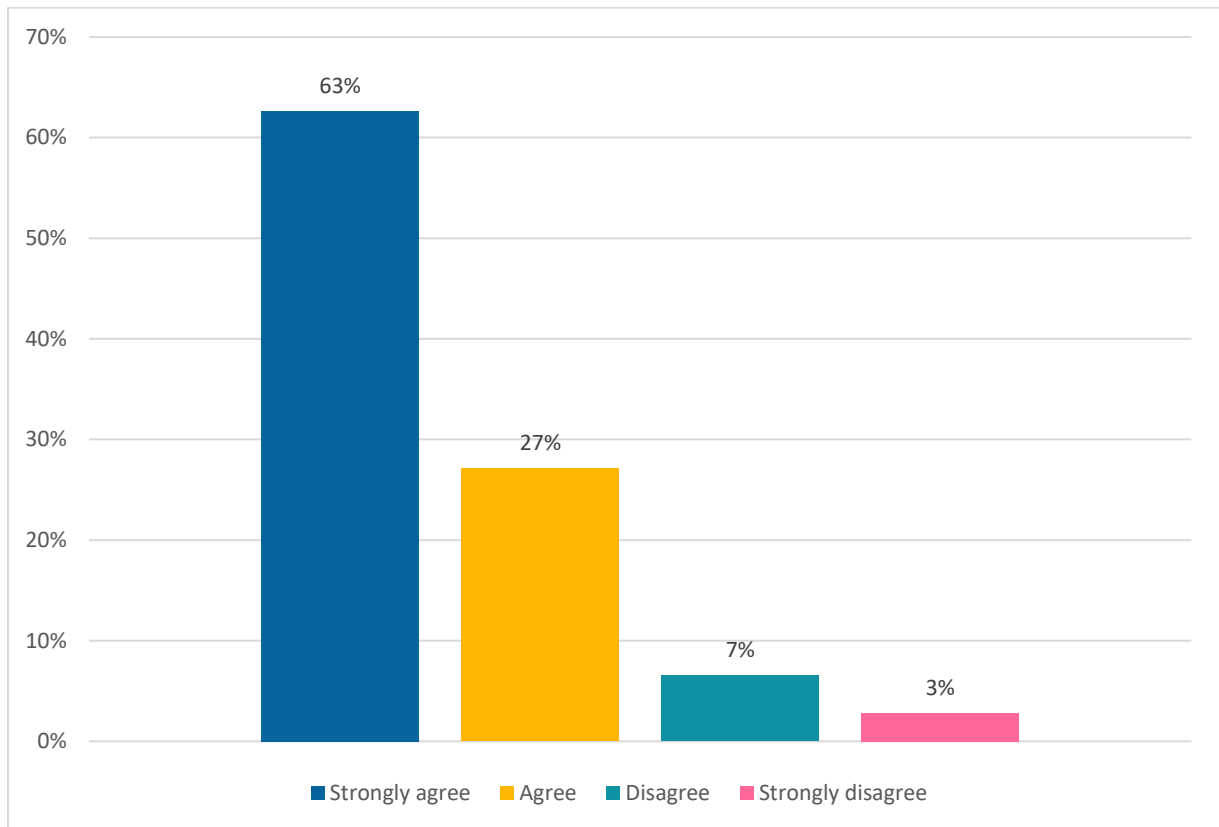
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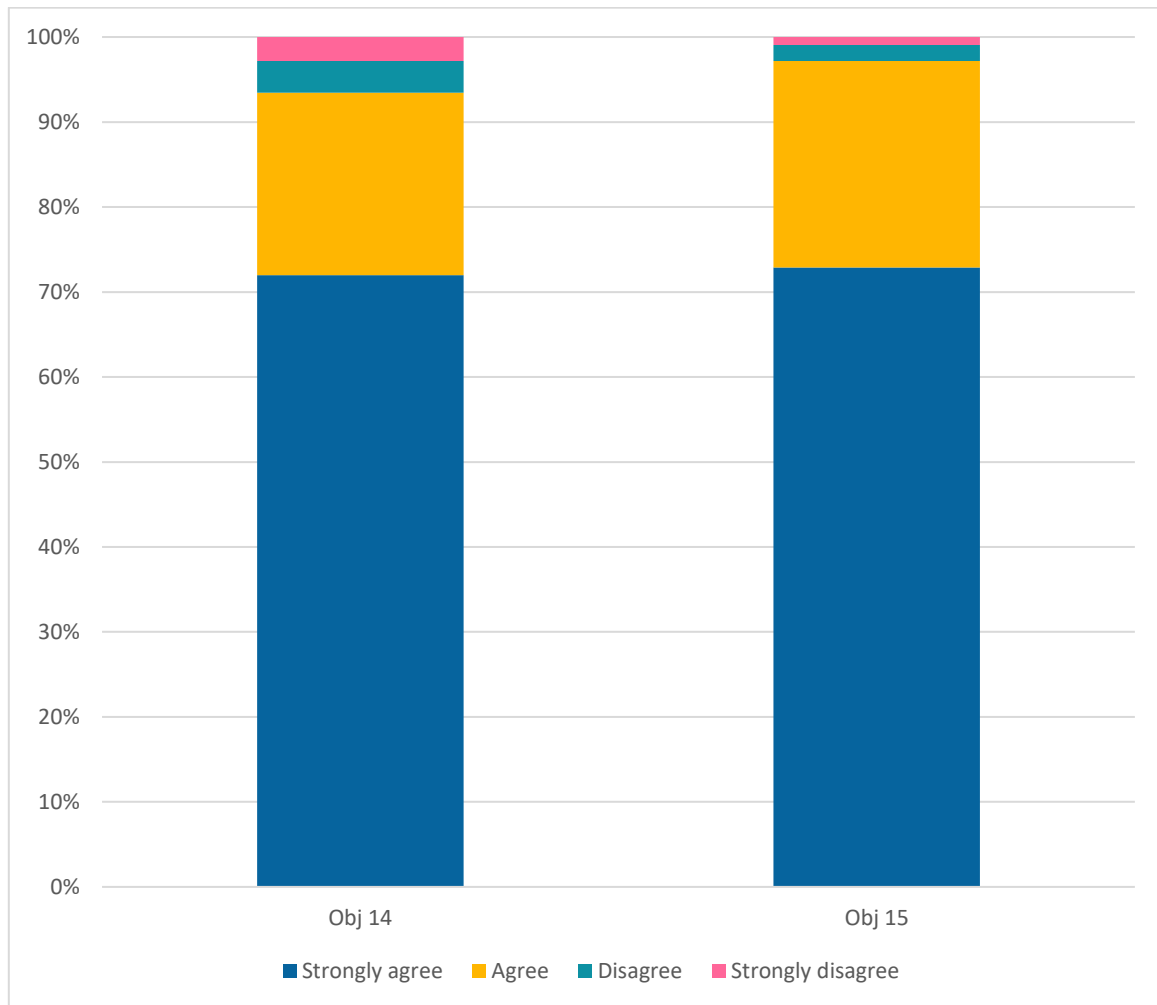
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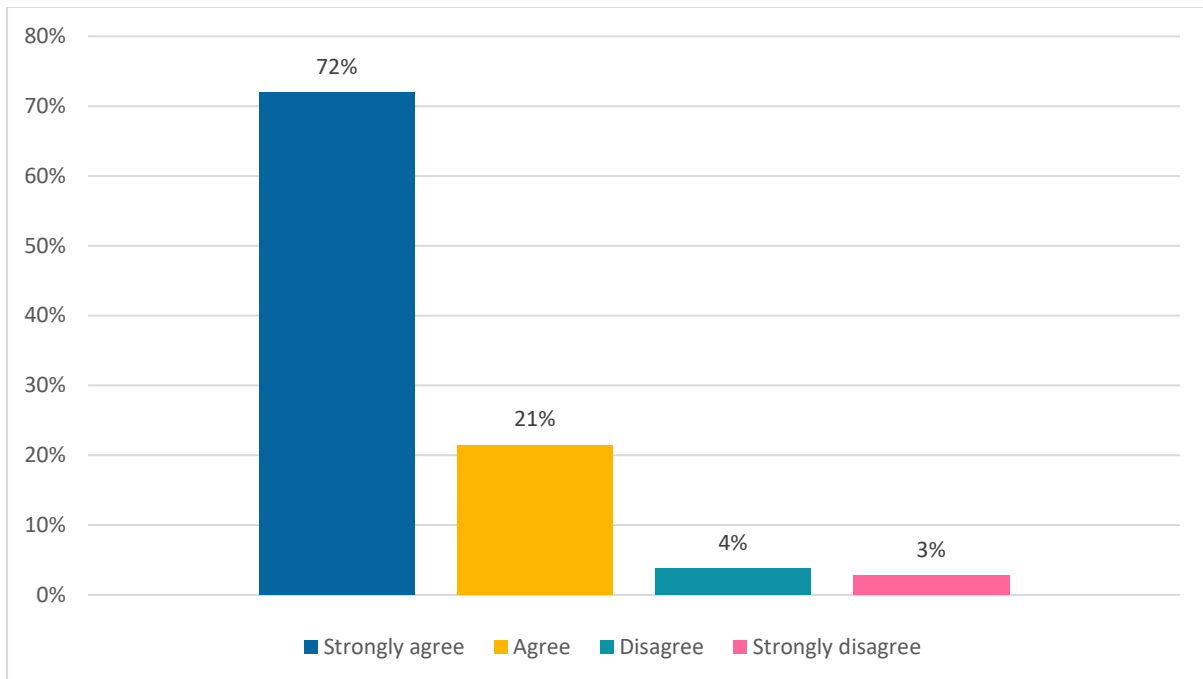


Travel & Transport

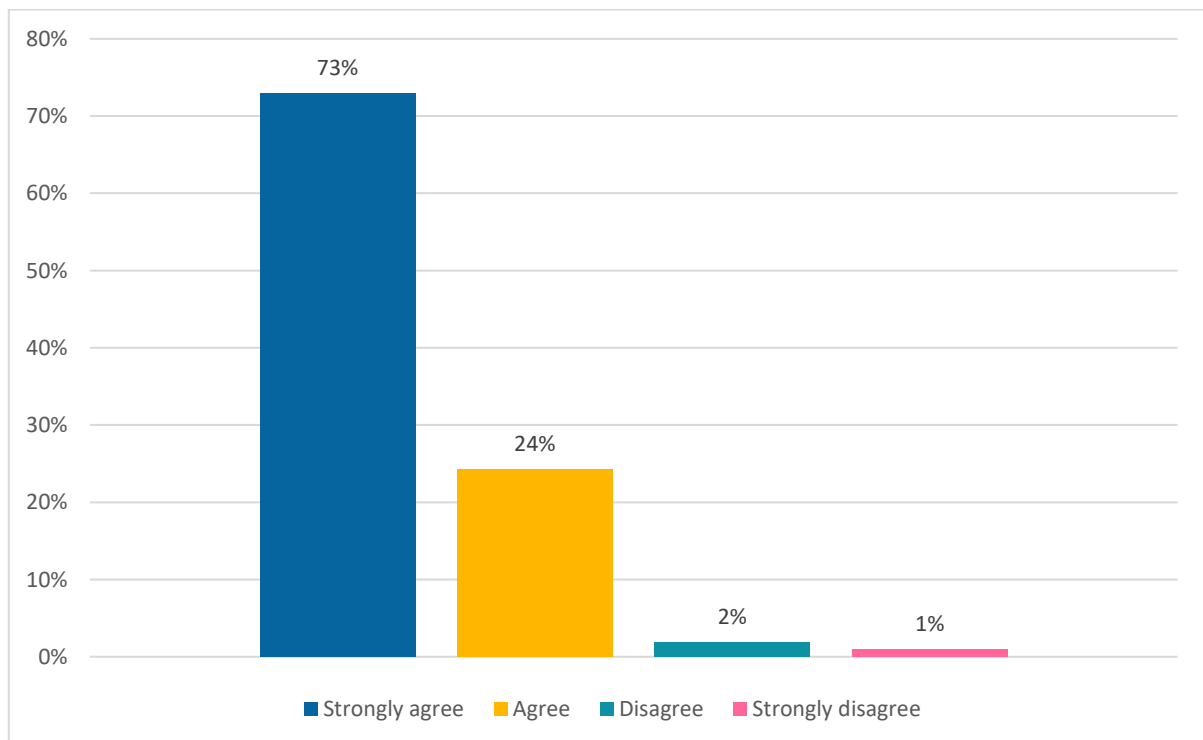


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Comments



COMMENTS FROM V&O SURVEY

Comment on Q10 - Too late - Climate change requires us to plant species that will survive in the long term. Comment on Q12 - Greater parking restrictions needed near the primary school to ensure safety for all and that access is maintained for non-school traffic. Parents often park either end of the S-bend literally on the bend, making it tricky for others to navigate through. Comment on Q14 - Would like to see pavement/pathway from the Plough to the train station to allow safer access for pedestrians, particularly at night/dark mornings.

I am against the planning of homes behind my property for all reasons already submitted to tvbc. All these houses being built are causing damage to the environment our birds and nature is being destroyed.

Thank you!

Thank you

Questionnaire doesn't allow for "No opinion". 2 half questions don't allow for agreeing with one and disagreeing with another.

No more housing developments, protect the green space

This is all very vague. I'd prefer to see a set of concrete proposals to vote on.

We want a children's play area. It's a joke that it's taken this long. These kids will have their own kids before we get a park.

I would welcome new housing for new residents in the neighbourhood but feel it's important to build the required infrastructure to support such housing, most importantly a pavement leading from Grateley village to the station for residents to safely access the station and housing in Palestine. Being a young family we would also like to see a playground in Grateley

The speed limit in the village and on surrounding roads is inappropriate for modern large cars. I would support a lower speed limit and appropriate road furniture such that speeds were reduced and active travel, dog walking etc was less intimidating within the village.

Make sure affordable housing is built in the village end next time and stop changing boundaries to suit villagers so all proposed new low cost homes are built up station end. Time to build on old chicken farm near golf range and opposite church and near village hall.

Any housing development should be on a small scale and in keeping with the existing housing.

By 2040, Grateley will be a thriving rural parish that preserves its rich heritage and dual settlement character while embracing sustainable growth. The village will maintain its strong agricultural roots and scenic countryside, enhanced by a network of well-maintained footpaths and driveways. Grateley will offer a high quality of life for residents of all ages, with improved connectivity between the old village and railway settlement, a range of housing options, and expanded local amenities and employment opportunities that respect the village's historic and natural environment. To fully endorse Q2: I would suggest a minor modification: "To provide a mix of affordable and market homes, including smaller houses and flats, suited to those wishing to downsize, to secure their first home, or to live in the parish due to local connections." This slight rewording clarifies that both affordable and market-rate homes are included, and that the mix isn't limited to just smaller properties.

I don't think we need more houses. We need to improve the facilities for the current residents! Like playground for the young and a shop for the elderly mainly. And perhaps a bigger village hall.

Development needs to maintain the character of the village. It would be great to bring back the shop somehow. We do need to do something about traffic calming(speed) of vehicles at the pub end of the village

Win every one in the community over by introducing traffic calming measures around the surrounding areas of Grateley, not just the village
It's really important that the village does not get stuck in the past just because some of the older residents don't want change. We need a vibrant community with affordable living spaces for young couples and families that is within keeping of a modern village because the future is so important.
Encourage residents to Marian trees and hedges within their boundaries rather than just remove them. A lot of trees have been cut down in the last 5yrs in properties in the village changing the views and feel of it.
Questionnaire not well thought out, no button to neither agree or disagree and some topics were combined - one might disagree with one and agree with another e.g. improved public spaces and traffic management.
We have no objection to limited housing within the parish but would like to hope it would not affect the country feel of the village. If development process necessary it should be in keeping. A village shop would be welcome
Ensure playground and areas for the younger members of our parish to meet and play
Any future development should be on a small scale, preserving and enhancing the rural environment.
We have 3 buses a day at really STUPID times. We need a regular service so one can go out etc, might (for example) and get home safely.
Use future development to support and improve current services & assets such as the Primary school, bus provision
No to NIMBYISM - don't think Neighbourhood Plan should have Authority to say yes or no to small development planning.
Please keep our night skies dark.
Improvements to roads, pathways and road safety should be top of the priorities when considering the future of the village. The village is a large mixture of ages, yet there is no area for children to enjoy themselves. So a play area of some kind would be useful. Keeping the village heritage is also very important to me, but also the future of zero carbon with in the village should be a key consideration.
Q4. Whilst significant development should be within or immediately adjacent to the Settlement Boundary, there is no reason why small and appropriate development should not be permitted especially on brownfield/formerly developed sites outside this boundary. Q5. Agree with the provision of energy efficient new homes but could there also be consideration for a Community Heating Scheme to benefit existing housing stock reliant on off grid oil and gas Q8. We would first need to improve our dark skies, in order to protect and maintain them. They are already blighted by excessive levels of light by Grateley School. Q10. Unsure of the connection between public spaces and traffic management in this question - surely we want to improve traffic management everywhere in the parish, not just to public spaces? Q13. If appropriate infrastructure is to be in place before new development is approved, then no new development will occur - it is up to the Planning Authority to ensure that new development is conditional upon the provision of new infrastructure to support it Q15. Why do we not have parking restrictions in the narrow areas of the village (e.g. around the schools) anyway?
Play areas would be good along with more affordable smaller accommodation for those wishing to downsize in the village or for those wishing to remain in the village but starting out on their own.

Obj 2.To fully endorse statement 2, I would suggest a minor modification: "To provide a mix of affordable and market homes, including smaller houses and flats, suited to those wishing to downsize, to secure their first home, or to live in the parish due to local connections." This slight rewording clarifies that both affordable and market-rate homes are included, and that the mix isn't limited to just smaller properties. Obj 4.While concentrating development near existing homes can preserve open spaces and utilise existing infrastructure, Grateley's unique dual settlement character might benefit from a more balanced approach. Consider carefully distributing the 10 required homes across both settlements in small clusters, respecting the village's layout and character. This could maintain the open feel while still making efficient use of land and resources. Obj 11. Supporting local economic development is important, but it's crucial to focus on small-scale, community-oriented businesses that align with Grateley's rural character. Instead of attracting large businesses, we should prioritise improving infrastructure (like telecoms) and supporting local entrepreneurs. Consider initiatives like a community-owned shop/post office, coworking spaces for home-based businesses, or a regular local produce market. These could enhance local services and provide some employment without compromising our village's charm and rural nature.
We would really like to find a way for a village tennis court to be built. If there is a chance there is room in the village for this then I would be very happy to fundraise and look into ways we could access funding from council, any community funds etc
Provision of allotments for local people should be a priority.
Also feel provision of Allotments for local people should be a priority.
COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY EVENT
Speed limit needs to be moved further out i.e driving range before bends at Gunville
Bigger Hall with play area next to it and lager carpark
Infill to existing road network. Low cost/bungalows
Semis and bungalows probably most appropriate all over. Oakleigh farm would be a good plot for several dwellings
Use existing larger roads (already wide enough for two vehicles to pass at a normal speed
Where could development be
We would like doctor surgery, shop, footpath between village and station
Our views are important to us - we need space in the countryside. Undisturbed natural habitats
Dark skies are so important
Houses on Business Park
Police visibility!! Regularly and response in person Why? (possibly written by someone else)
Suggest footpath connecting village and station end of village
The smell from the chicken farm must be a consideration,
Range of houses for all ages.
Housing should be mixed so catering for all age groups living together
Why 10 or 20 new dwellings together? We need infill or one or two houses together. We need a shop, doctors surgery and DECENT BUSES.
Ideally development plot sizes in keeping with the surrounding plots with a minimum of two parking spaces per property, even for one beds

We need a doctor, roads 30 miles an hour. Station Road needs a footpath, There is a need for a doctor, more buses. The houses need not be together but infill. We need a shop.
Please consider making the road safe for walking along 20 or 30 max.
Footpath for Station Road
Possible small number of houses along road
Widen road to join Grateley to Palestine - shop in village if more houses
30 mph for Station Road
Possible village playing field either on village hall side or over the road. Village hall facilities could then be used
What's the best way to hassle the council to stop roads narrowing further through pot hole erosion BAN LARGE CARS
Would love a safe path between village hall and village school. I have seen so many near misses on the bends.
Few houses on old chicken farm
Development needs to be rural and in keeping with the village
Consideration should be made to support and encourage the wildlife, flower and fauna that exists and also encourage those species that we have lost
Infrastructure should be developed to support the existing traffic volumes and also the increased volumes through new development.
Light pollution would need to be minimal to ensure that we keep our dark skies and that wildlife are not disturbed
Any new development should harmonise with the surrounding area, wildlife and fauna. Incorporating wildlife ponds, bat boxes, owl boxes and hedgehog corridors. See RSPB initiative with property developer.
Safer roads and infrastructures are very much needed in our village.
Footpaths should be maintained and in good working order for all using them.
Traffic islands could be used as crossing points and to reduce the speed of traffic along Wallop Road B3084
The infrastructure of our roads in Grateley are not adequate for the volume of large vehicles at present, so further development would enhance the current issue.
Drainage is a problem in our village in multiple areas, constantly flooding. More hardscaping development would increase this problem. There would be nowhere for water to go.
More footpaths please,
Three Acres - Housing to meet local need (subject to improved access)
Lights on bridge or mirrors. Blind spot when coming out of Station Approach
Need to have village shop
Houses here [<i>Area between existing houses and chicken farm on Station Road</i>]. Larger Hall. Footpath all along Station Road
Footpath or at least white line to give pedestrians safe passage to the village
Footpath from Station to village
Widen road with a path to bring Grateley and Palestine together. Houses could go in this field [<i>Fields between chicken farm and village hall</i>]

A footpath that starts at the hall and goes all the way to the station in the fields
Any new footpath needs to continue to the school
Houses here [<i>Fields between chicken farm and village hall</i>]! Community hub or larger hall? Bring the two ends of Grateley together.
Serious consideration of 20 mph speed limit from The Dell through the village to the village hall and High Street
The Cholderton Road, Wallop Road, Old Stockbridge Road should all be 30 mph. The Traffic currently drives at dangerous speeds where there are cyclists, walkers Horse riders and kids on scooters and walkers. It is insane to allow the traffic to drive at such fast speeds
The traffic approaching the railway Grateley and bridge should be slowed to 20 mph on each side
Grateley should be a 30 mph and 20 mph as you leave the station carpark
More footpaths would help a lot
Maintaining current footpaths would be an enormous help
Somewhere for children to play the pub end of the village. Why can't they use the school field
Dangerous for children to get to station/station end park down station road - footpath may help
Play facilities on the school end of the village for under 11's
Yes, more buses at least one an hour.
[<i>Do you think Grateley needs a village shop, would you use it?</i>] Yes, Definitely, Also Yes, Yes , Yes Defo
This would be a good site to develop with a shop needed
Why not have a Community shop in small business unit
Yes village shop
Yes bigger hall and carpark
Small business only. CA Stevens haulage trucks/skip truck and customers - area nightmare