



Chidham & Hambrook  
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# Parish resident research

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# Introduction

## Chidham and Hambrook Parish resident research

During summer 2020 every occupied home and accessible house in Chidham and Hambrook Parish received a questionnaire, designed to be used in support of a plan for the future of the community – our Neighbourhood Plan. This plan, once complete, will look to the next fifteen years, and is being put together by volunteer residents working alongside the Parish Council. In total, 1,001 survey questionnaires were prepared and 552 (55%) returned. This document now presents the findings of that survey.

The big issue is housing. Chidham, Hambrook and Nutbourne East is under threat from numerous developers wishing to build a vast number of houses on sites of their choice, and to their own chosen layout. You, the residents, have told the Parish Council that, whilst the need for more housing is accepted, a number above 200 would be seen as unacceptable, as would large scale developments. Chichester District Council (CDC), while wishing to see a more controlled number of houses, currently sets a figure of 400 houses to be built over the next 15 years, but it could end up being even more.

This creates an immediate conflict between the Parish and CDC, which requires that the Parish should accept their figure of 400 houses, which the Parish has already fought to reduce from 500. If we don't accept 400, they will step in and select the sites for us. This means that the Parish Council has a tough fight on its hands, as we are committed to supporting Parish residents in meeting their wishes, not meeting the demands of the District Council.

Your survey responses showed that, if too many houses are built, you had concerns this would create danger from increased traffic (85%), would have a negative impact on wildlife (84%), increase levels of pollution (80%) and make our community feel more urban (76%). There were also concerns about loss of agricultural land (69%) and loss of the iconic views of the South Downs National Park (61%), as well as reducing our environmental sustainability. Respondents also said that the Parish would lose its identity (61%) and become a more insular and less friendly place to live in (39%).

Philip MacDougall, Chair, Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council

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# Chidham, Hambrook and Nutbourne East



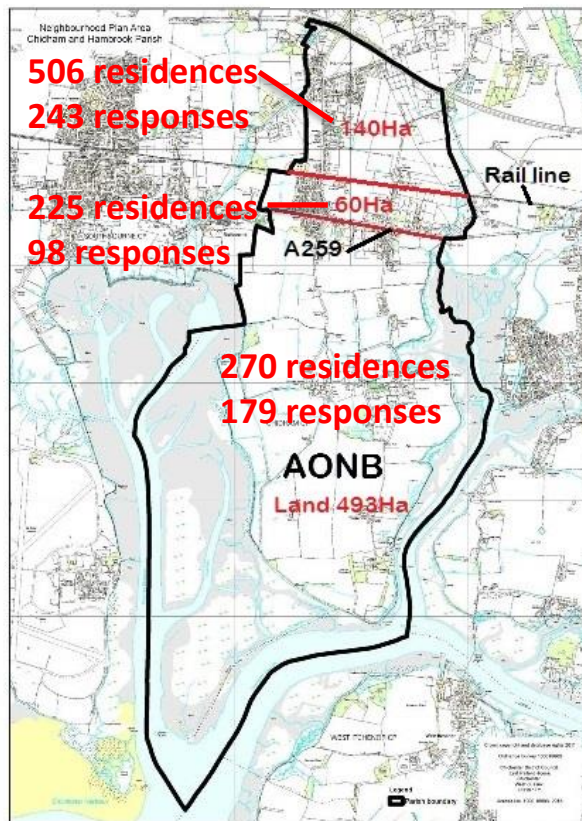
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- ***2,400 residents live in just over 1,000 homes in the three villages that make up our rural Parish***
- *Traditionally we have been a community of families, farmers and local and home workers*
- *Our three villages are served by the A259, which has become much busier, with heavier traffic too*
- *We have limited infrastructure within the Parish*
- ***253 new houses built in the Parish since 2011***



## Resident research

- *Questionnaires delivered to residents in 2020*
- *55% of residents responded to the survey to help develop the Parish Neighbourhood Plan*
- *Our parish has over 70% area in the AONB*
- *As CDC views the AONB as not being suitable for housing development, that puts pressure on all the remaining area North of the A259*
- *CDC has said if the Parish does not plan for their given 15 year housing allocation it will be forced on us, and CDC will decide which sites to build on in our Neighbourhood Plan*

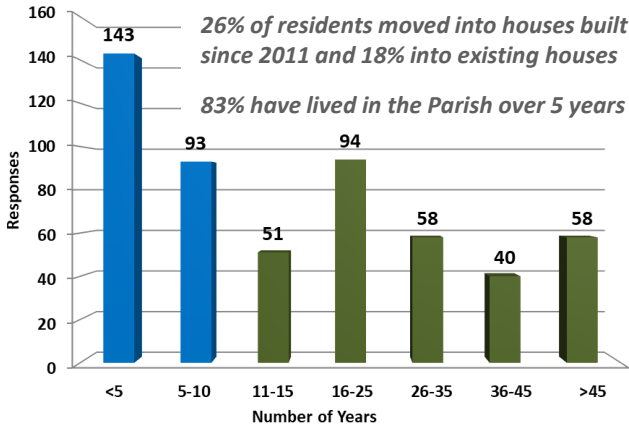


# Residences and resident profiles



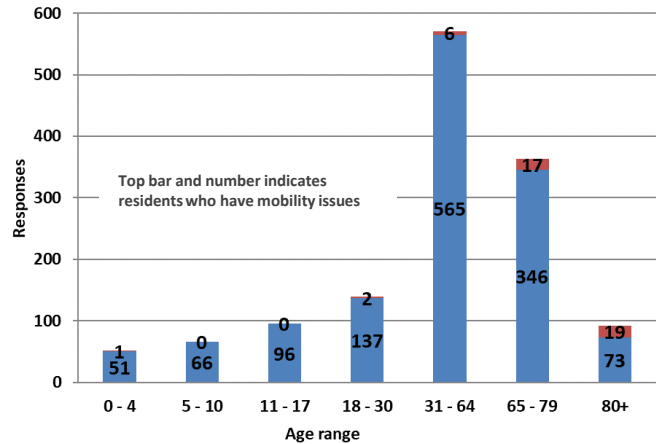
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### How long have you lived in the Parish?



*56% have lived in the Parish over 10 years  
26% of houses were built since 2011 (253)*

### Age range of people living in the Parish



*74% of Parish residents are over 30  
3.3% said they had mobility issues*

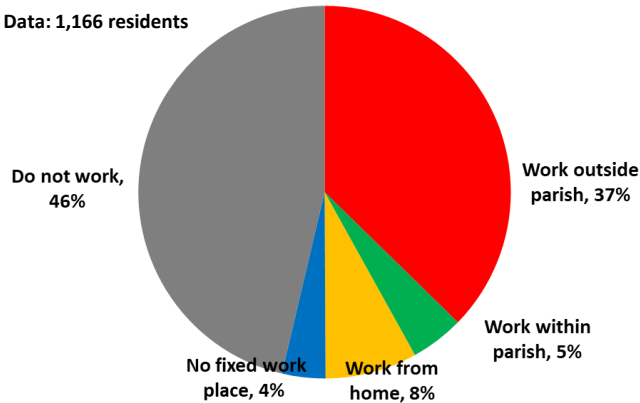
# Work and employment



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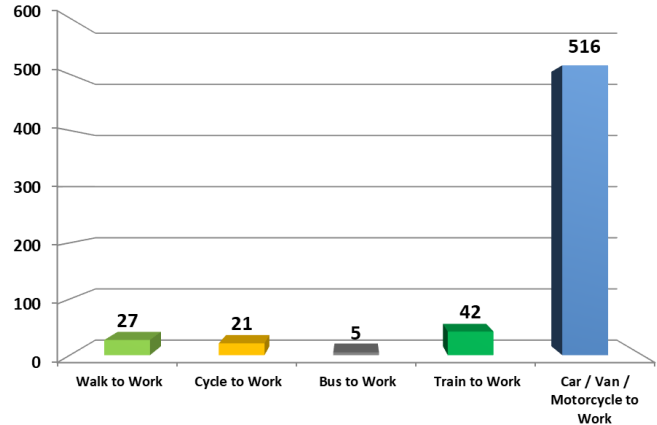
Where do members of your household normally work?

Data: 1,166 residents



*41% commute outside the Parish to work  
47 said they would consider a business unit*

Primary means by which household members travel to and from work

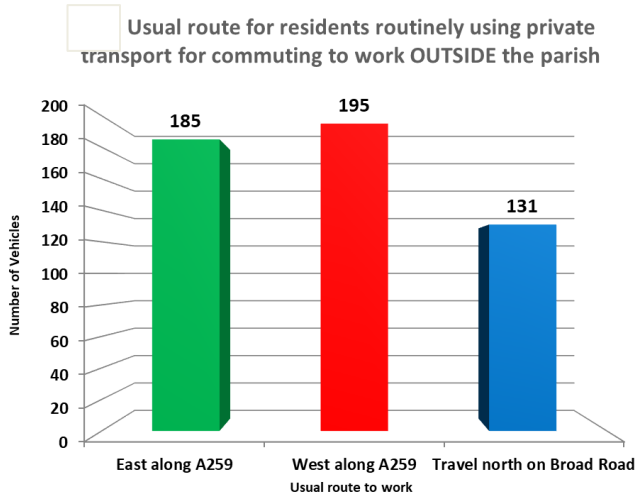


*84% use a motorised vehicle to get to work  
Challenge is point-to-point public transport*

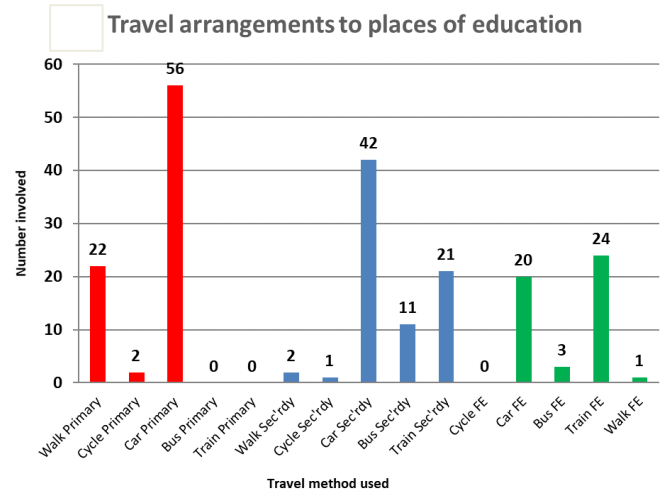
# Travel and commuting



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***A27 is almost equidistant E & W (4 miles)  
74% commute East & West along the A259***

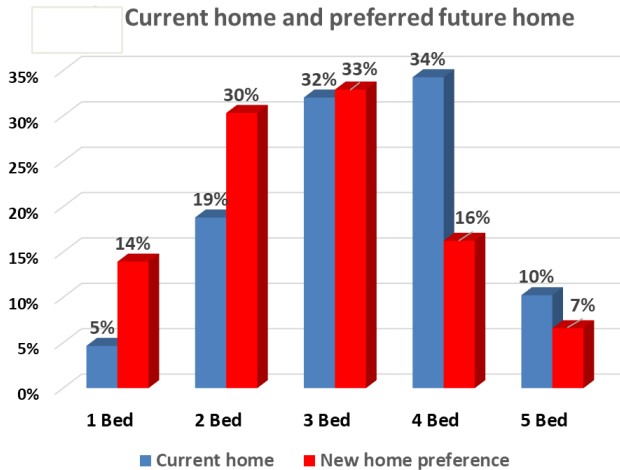


***58% use a car and 29% use public transport  
13% either walk or cycle to school or college***

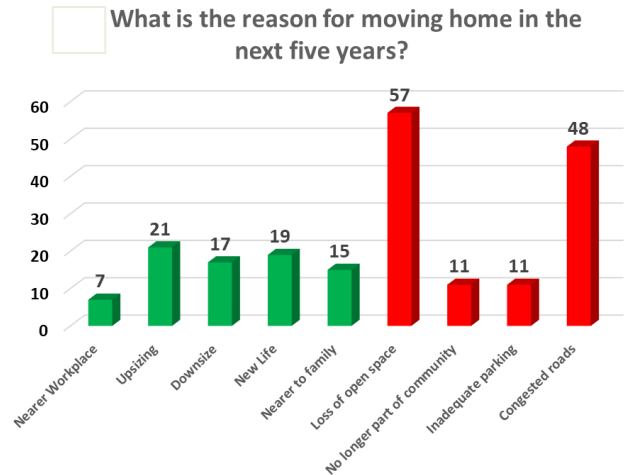
# Housing needs



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*76% live in a three, four or five bedroom home  
77% are seeking a home with one, two or three bedrooms and / or looking to downsize*



*38% plan to leave our Parish within 5 years  
with 62% of those saying they will leave due to the effects of new housing developments*

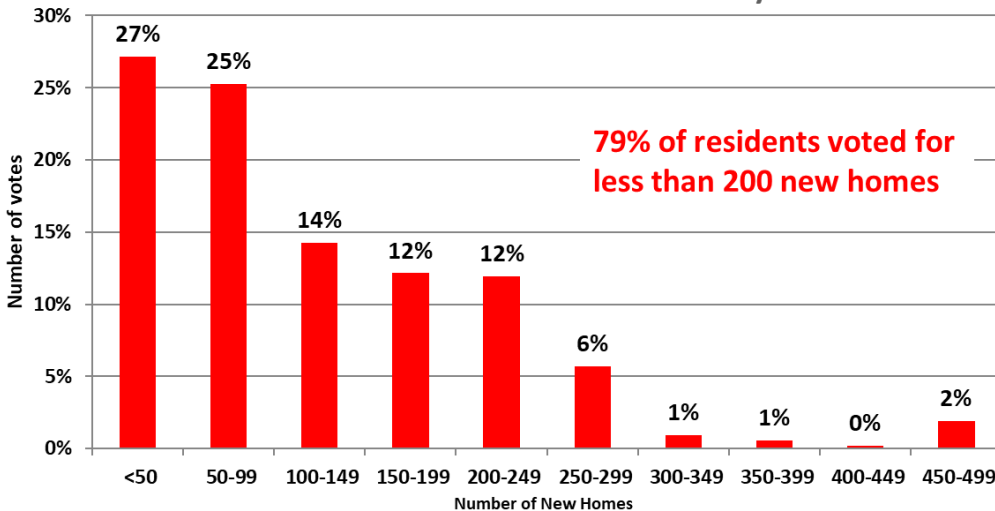


# Parish housing allocation



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How many homes would you regard as a fair allocation for the Parish in the next 15 years?



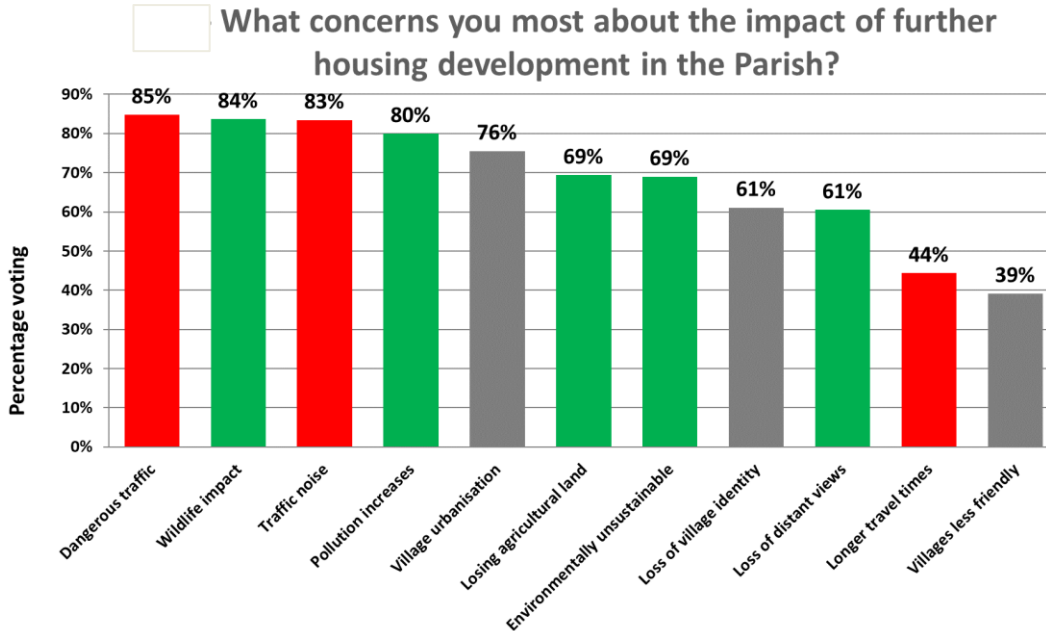
***CDC allocation of over 200 houses makes it highly unlikely that the Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan would get approved by our Parish residents***

***Evidence from multiple sources indicates 200 houses is the maximum number the Parish can handle before 2037***

# Future housing development



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*Residents have multiple concerns about new housing*

*Green are environmental concerns*

*Red are traffic concerns*

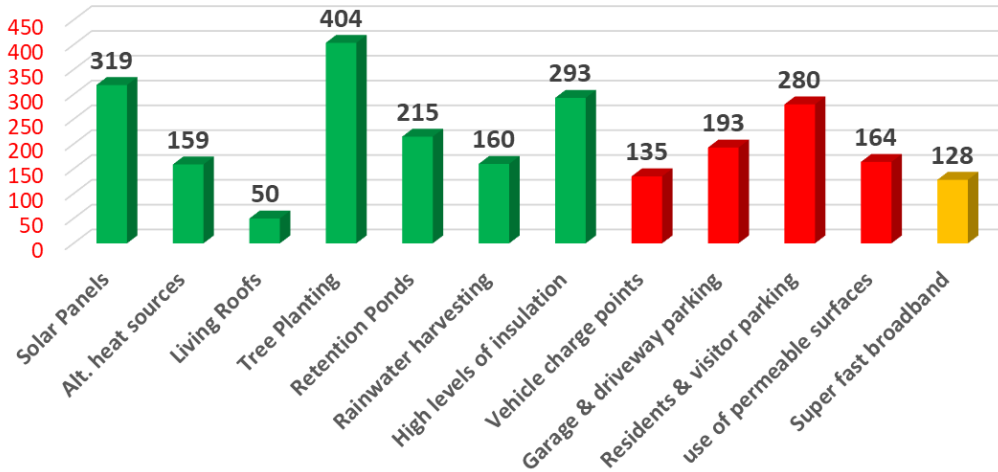
*Grey are Parish identity concerns*

# Housing development design



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What type of site design layout would you prefer to see on new development sites? (mentioned in responses)



*Over 80% want better housing developments*

*Green are all environmental aspects*

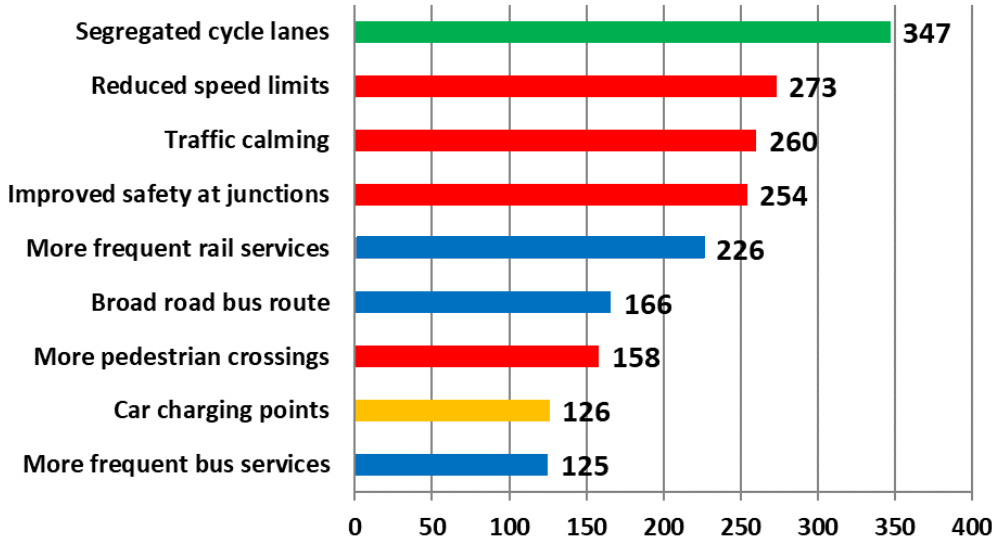
*Red are vehicle and parking aspects*

*Orange are technology needs*

# Housing development infrastructure



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*New homes built since 2011, mainly in Nutbourne East, are causing multiple concerns over increasing traffic dangers*

*68% want segregated cycle lanes but shared routes with pedestrians are not ideal*

*Better and more frequent public transport required*

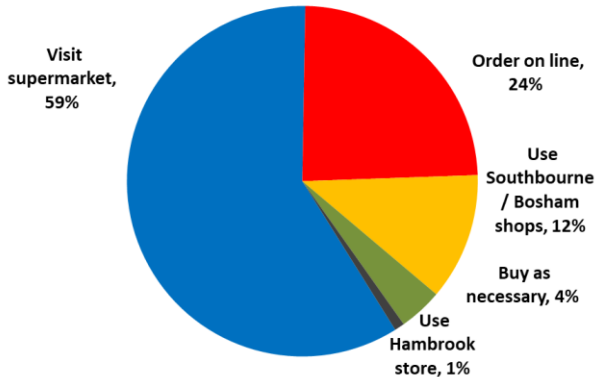
*Electric car charging wanted*

# Retail and shopping



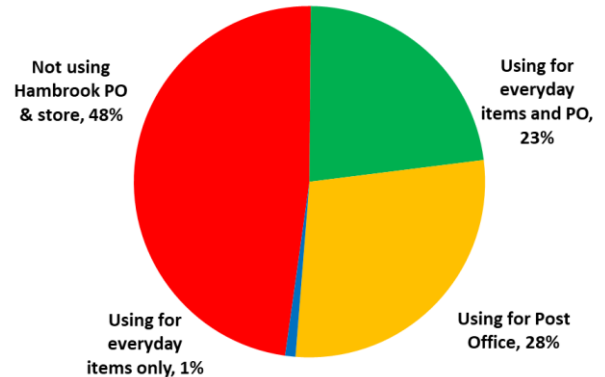
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What is the primary method you use for the 'weekly' household shop?



*71% of residents do their weekly shopping outside of the Parish and 24% shop online*

Do you routinely use the Store and Sub Post Office in Hambrook?



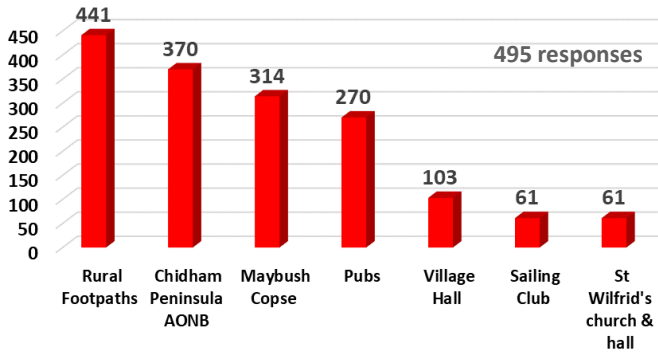
*52% of residents use the Hambrook store for the Post Office and for 'top-up' items*

# Leisure and recreation



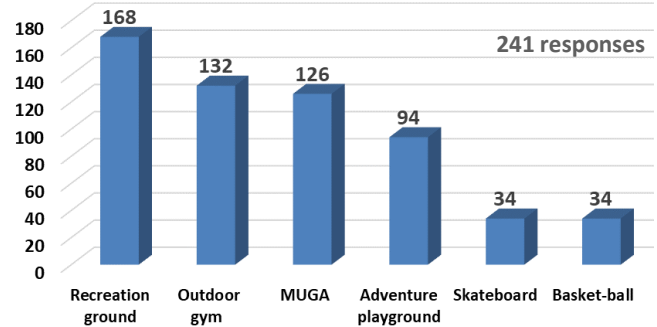
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What current leisure facilities do you use?



*Local residents value our open spaces most, including Maybush Copse, the Chidham AONB and the rural footpaths for walking and leisure*

What new leisure facilities would you use?



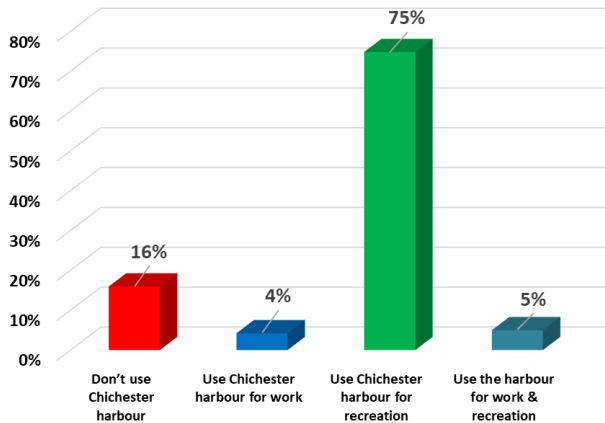
*Key are green spaces for outdoor recreation and an outdoor multi access gym area, but 55% did not see need for any new facilities in the Parish*

# Chichester Harbour concerns



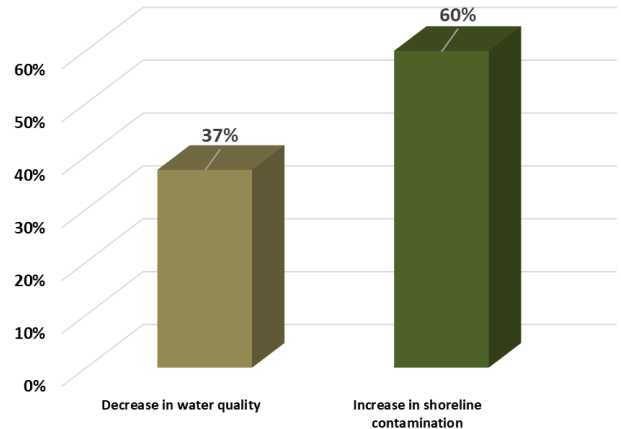
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### Parish resident use of Chichester Harbour



*84% of Parish residents use Chichester Harbour for both recreation and work*

### Resident concerns about Chichester Harbour



*Increasing levels of harbour pollution as well as decline in water quality mentioned*

# Infrastructure improvement needs



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*A wide range of infrastructure improvements is required, mostly roads and transport, but also better roadside maintenance, parking, lighting and improved drainage and sewage capacity*

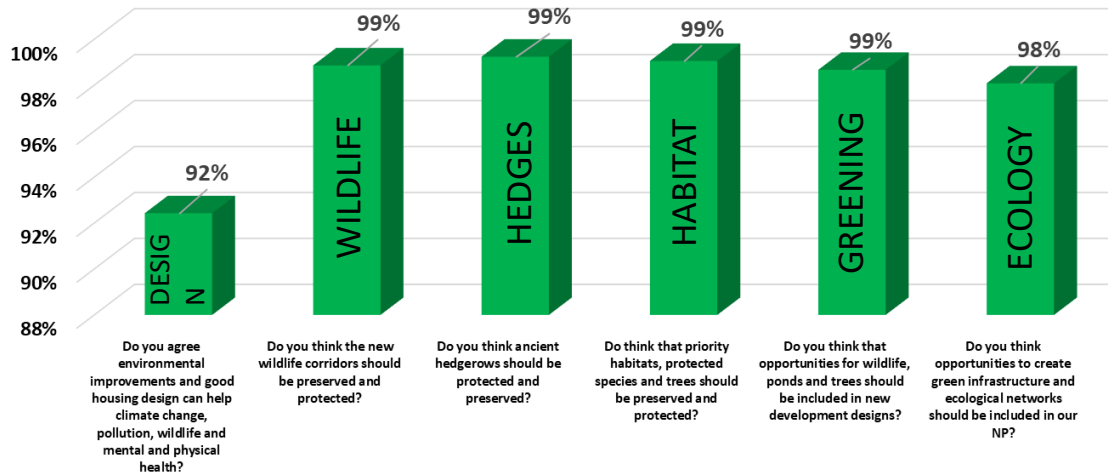


# Environmental improvement needs



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## Views on Parish environmental improvements



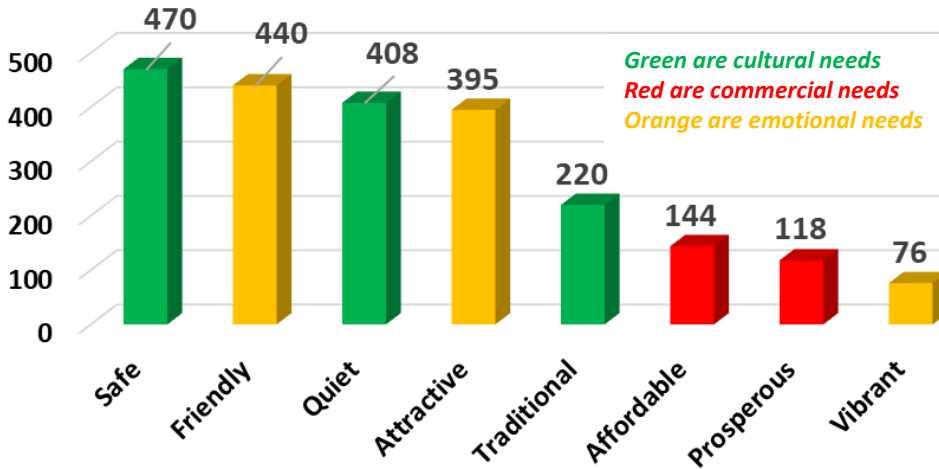
*Valued strongly are: climate change initiatives, wildlife corridor protection, ancient hedgerows, habitat and protected species preservation, greener housing development & ecological networks*

# The future of our Parish



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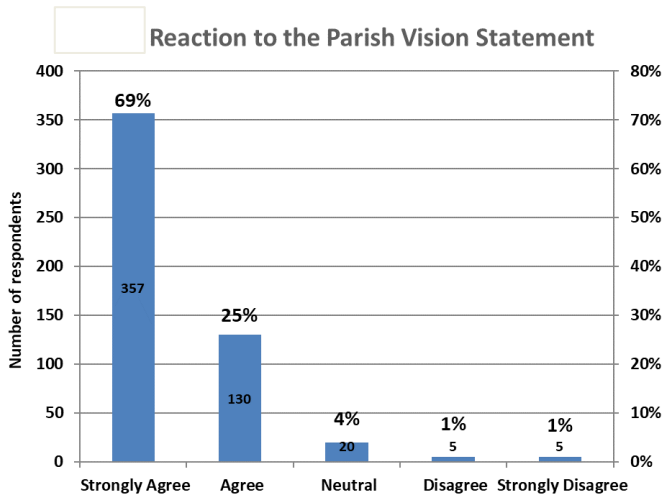
## How would you like the parish to be described in 15 years' time?



# Neighbourhood Plan vision



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*“Chidham, Hambrook and Nutbourne East will remain a beautiful harbour-side Parish with the environment and a close, supportive community at its heart”*

*94% agree with the Parish Vision Statement*

# Queries about the Parish research or new housing?

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