



Edwardstone Neighbourhood Plan

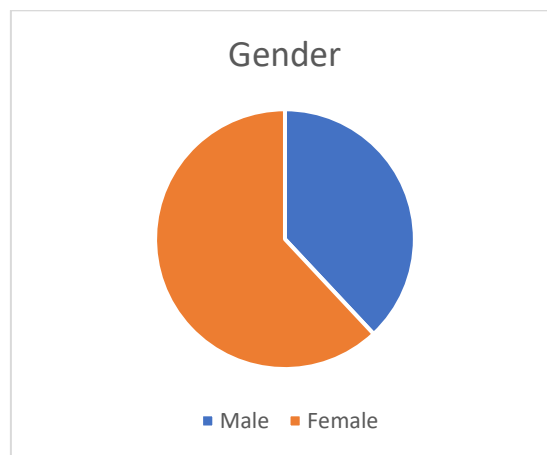
**Edwardstone Neighbourhood Plan
Policy Ideas Exhibitions
Held on 22nd and 24th September 2022**



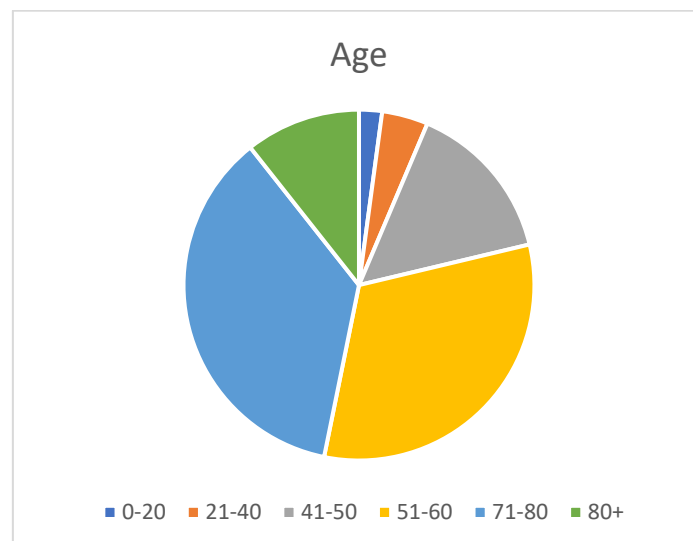
Results

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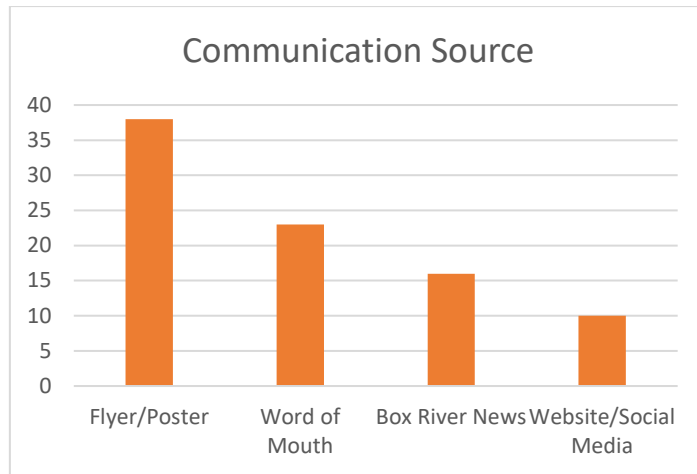
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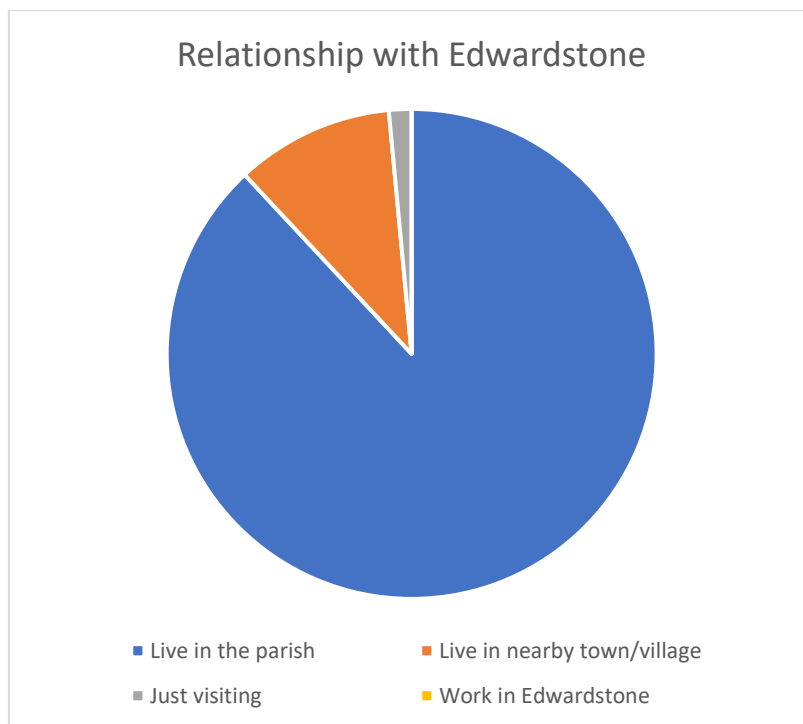
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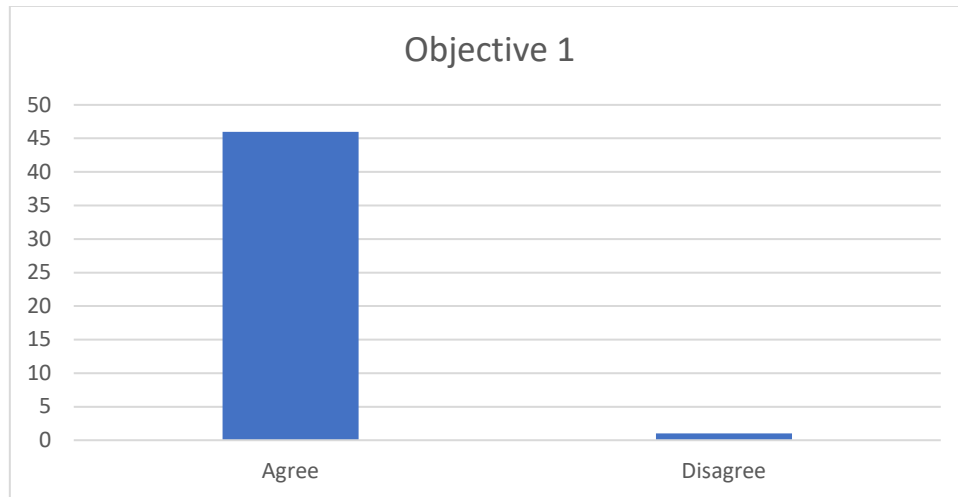


Connection to Edwardstone



HOUSING

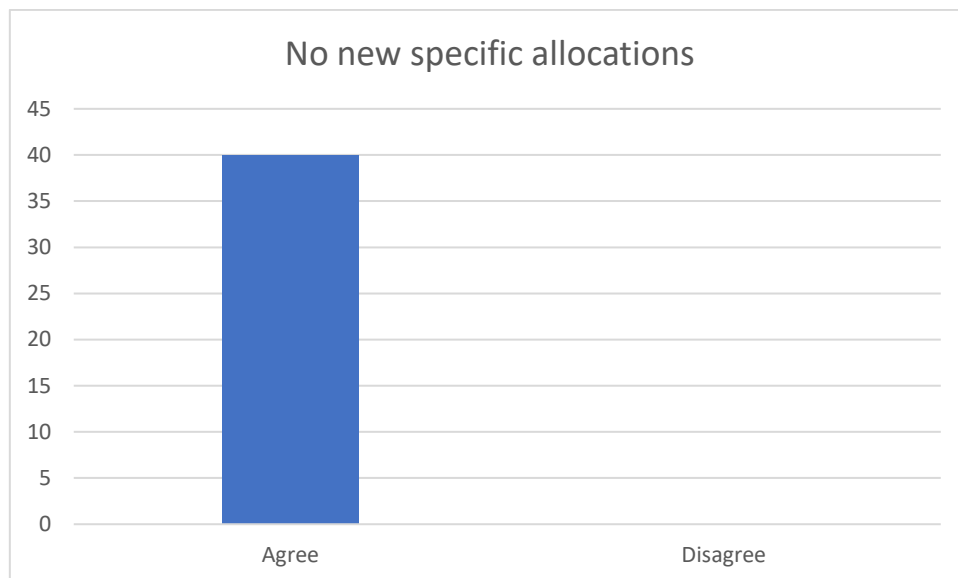
Objective 1 : To ensure that new housing development is sustainable in terms of its scale and location, meets proven local needs and complements the existing character of the parish



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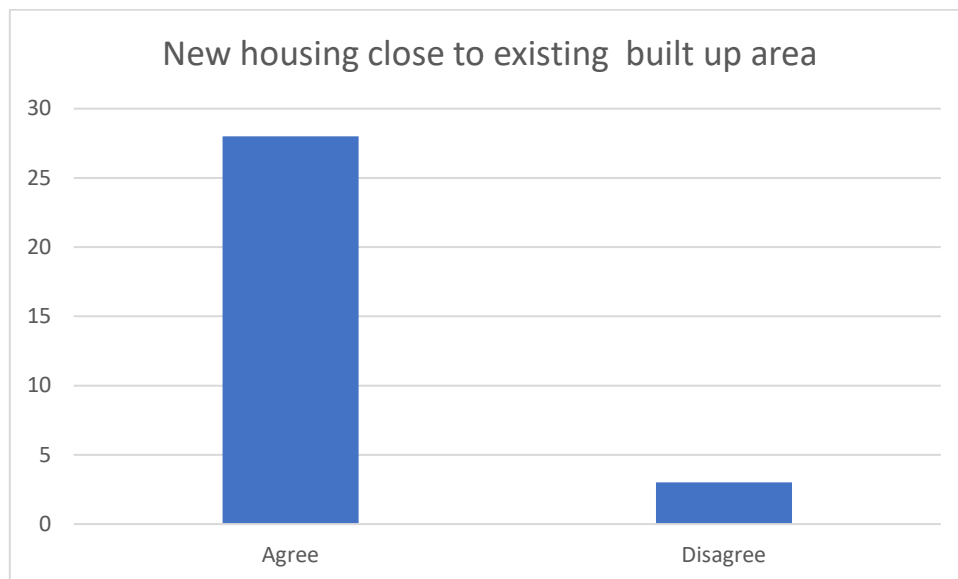
DRAFT POLICY IDEA 1: New Housing

No new specific housing allocations in the Neighbourhood Plan.



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New housing to be located close to existing development (within the existing built-up area)



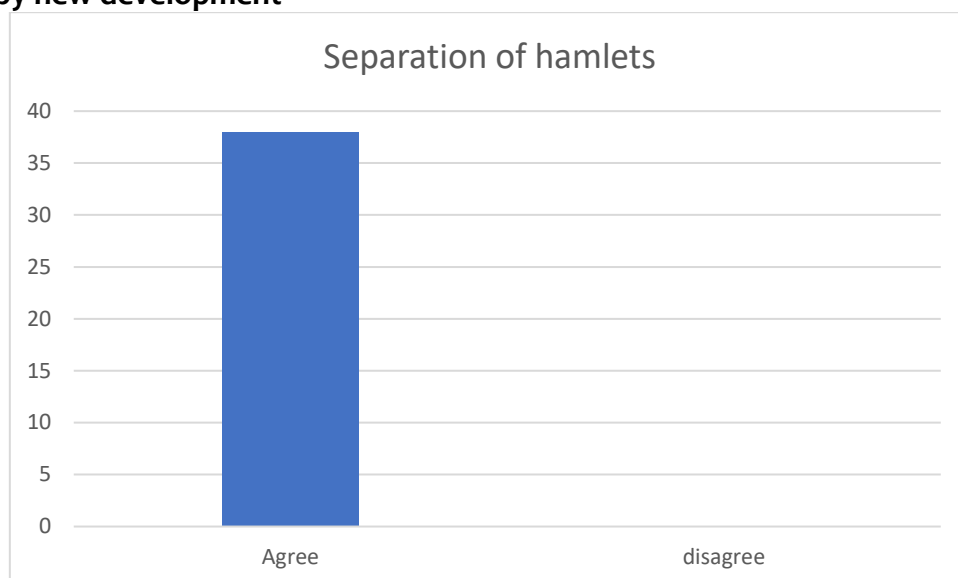
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Comments:

Needs to include people from outside the village as well

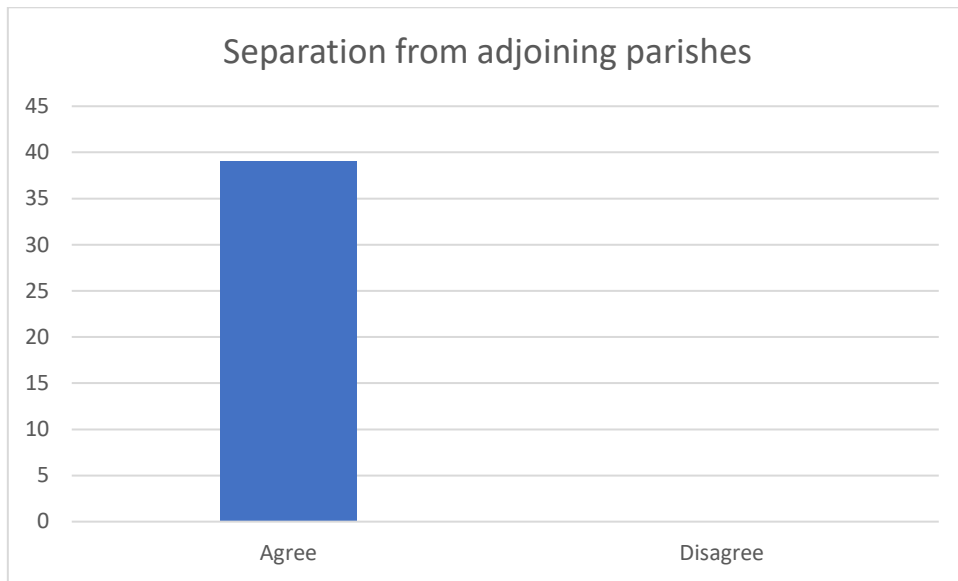
Ribbon development alongside roads is ok but would be nice to keep some green views!

Existing physical separation between the distinct hamlets to be maintained and not eroded by new development



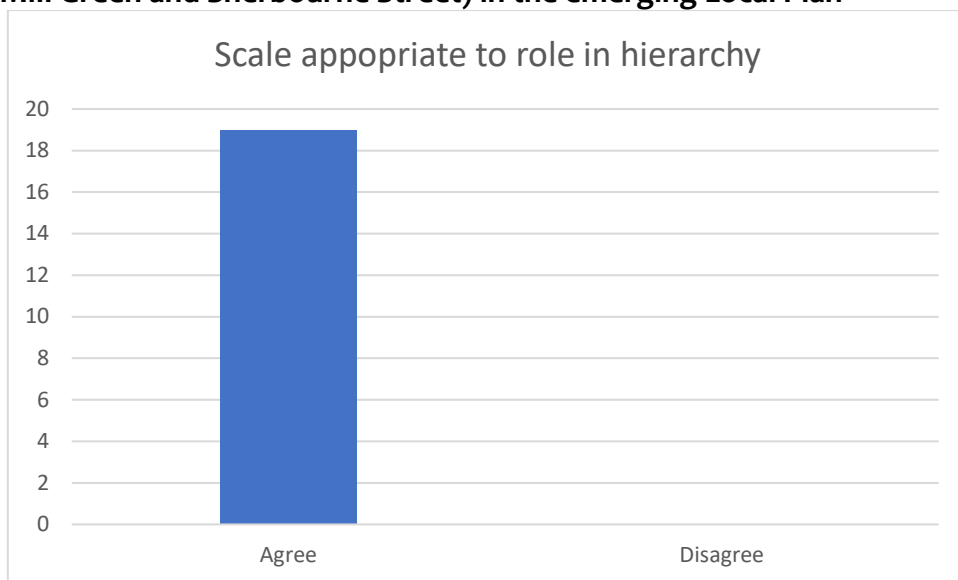
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Separation between existing built development in Edwardstone and adjoining parishes to be maintained



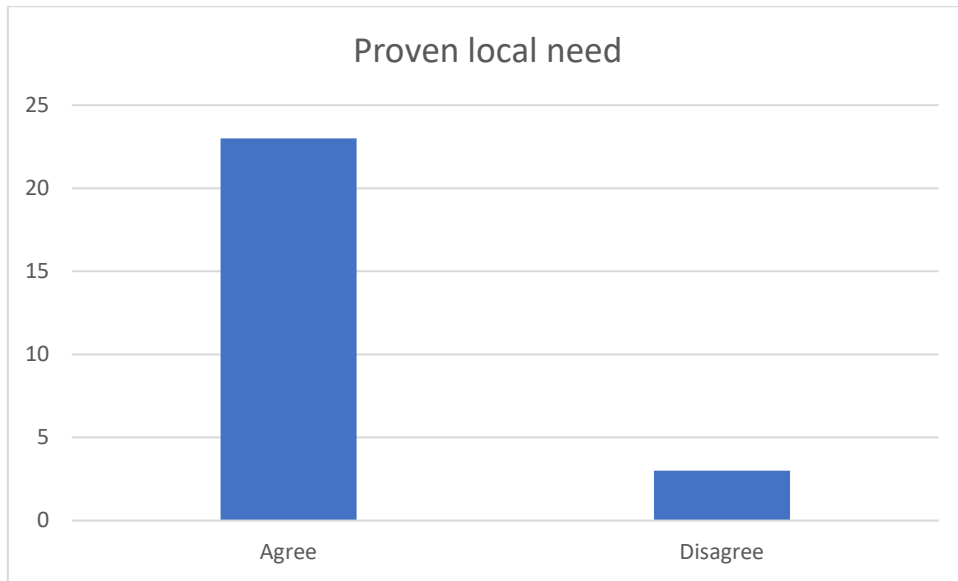
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Scale of development in the parish to be commensurate with its identification in the Local Plan settlement hierarchy e.g., Hinterland village in adopted Core Strategy and 2 x hamlet (Mill Green and Sherbourne Street) in the emerging Local Plan



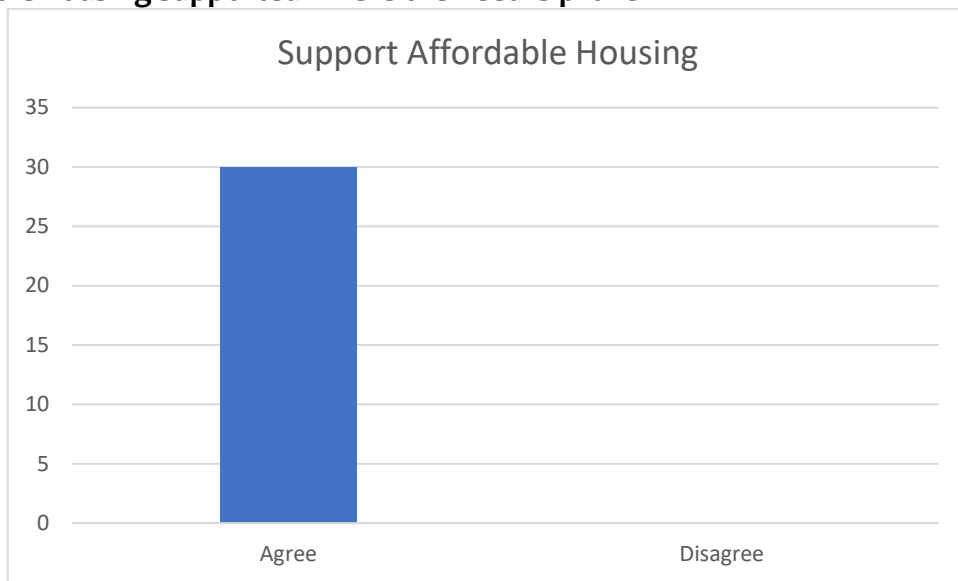
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New housing development to meet the identified/proven needs of the parish



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Affordable housing supported where the need is proven

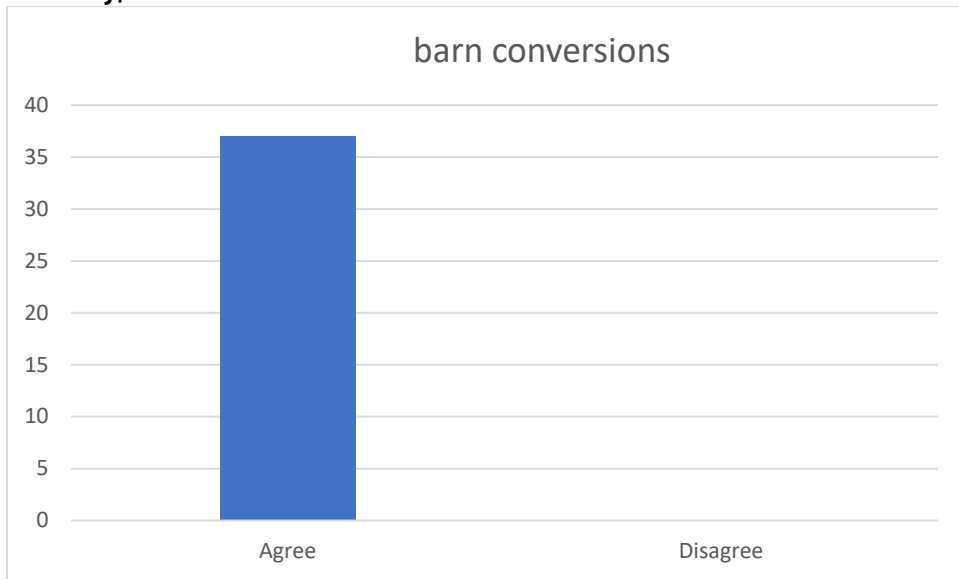


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Comment:

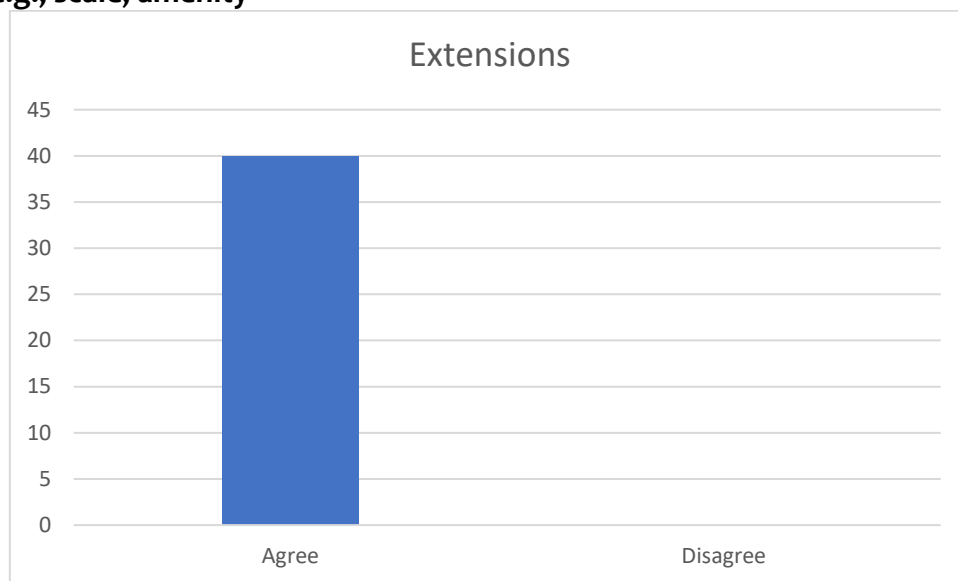
We need new houses but a better infrastructure first +1

Conversions of barns supported subject to criteria governing impact e.g., amenity/traffic



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Extensions (where permission is required) supported subject to criteria governing impact e.g., scale, amenity

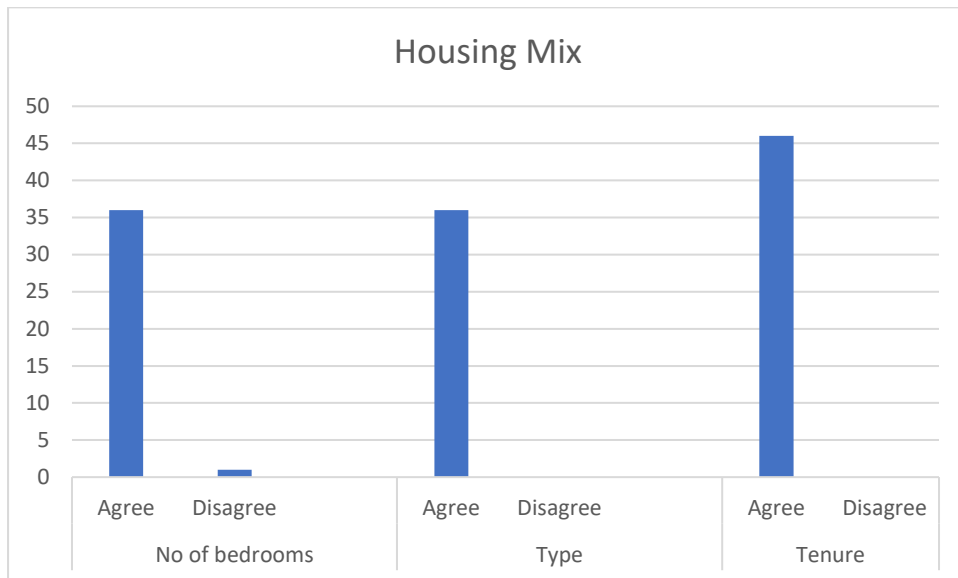


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DRAFT POLICY IDEA 2: Housing Mix (size, type/tenure)

Policy to cover the following elements:

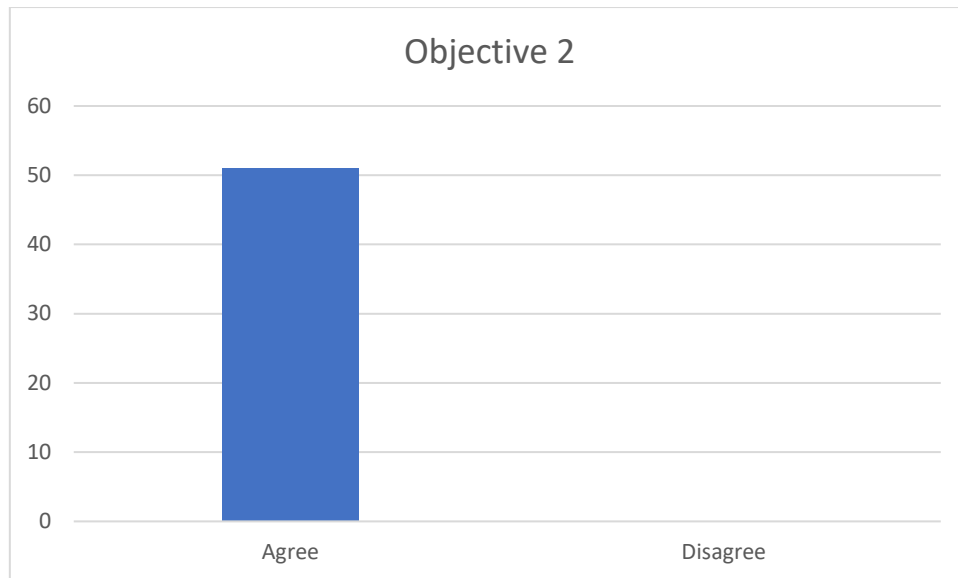
- size of housing e.g. no of bedrooms (37 dots)
- type e.g. bungalows, flats, housing with care, sheltered housing etc (36 dots)
- Tenure – open market/affordable/rented (40 dots)



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ENVIRONMENT

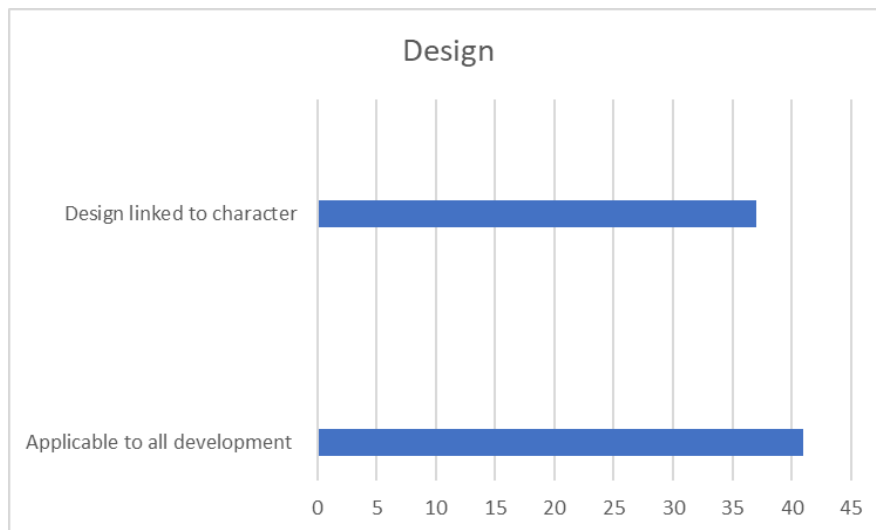
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DRAFT POLICY IDEA 3: Design

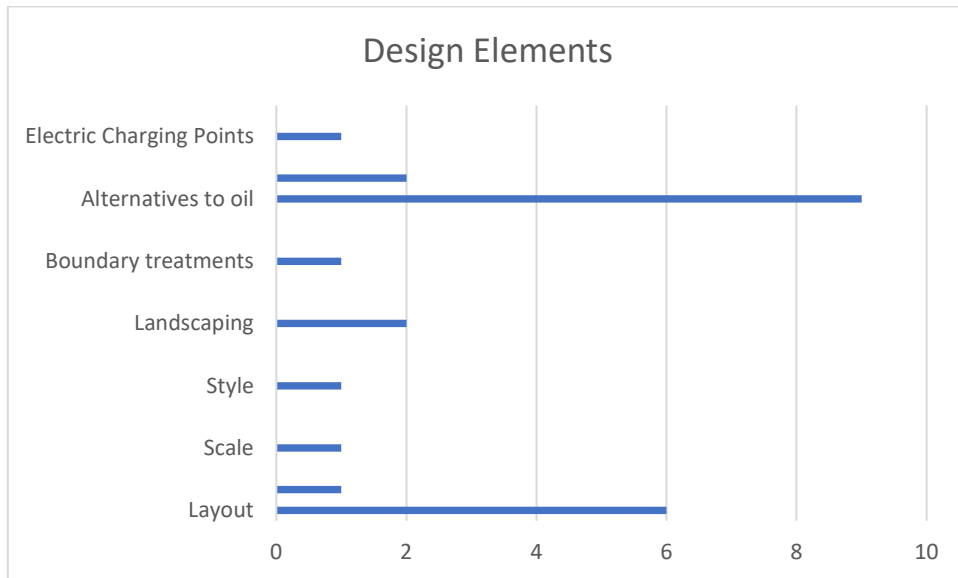
Policy applicable to all forms and all scales of development e.g., housing, barn conversions, extensions, annexes, employment, and commercial development



(57 dots)

Policy seeks to generally raise the standard of design of new development in the parish and ensure that new development enhances the character of the area

Detailed criteria covering design elements:



Comments:

Must include sufficient parking

Protection for existing trees - TPOs to be included

Criteria too restrictive - unacceptable to enforce boundary treatments or energy alternatives +1

Realistic car parking important i.e. no presumption that one space sufficient

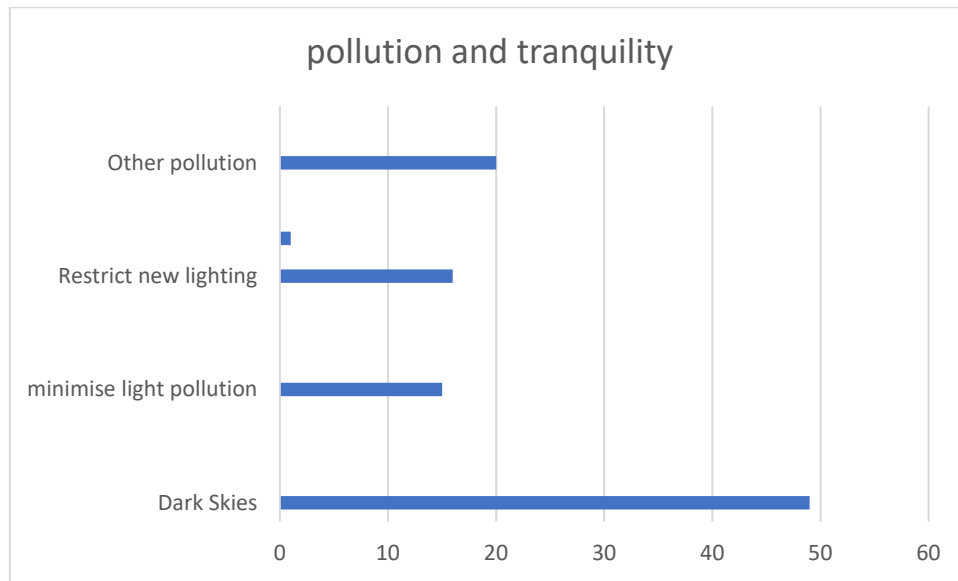
Ensure choice of fuel is maintained. Do not insist on oil alternatives only +2

Solar panels on all new builds +1

Renewable energy not always practical

DRAFT POLICY IDEA 4: Pollution and Tranquility

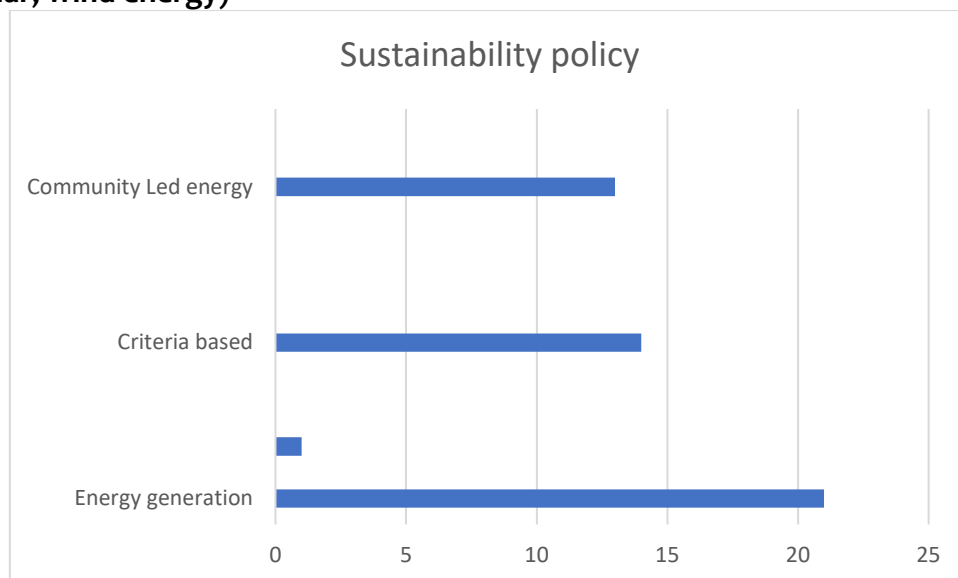
Policy seeking to protect dark skies of the parish and general tranquility



DRAFT POLICY IDEA 5:

Sustainability and climate change

Policy setting out criteria for governing proposals for energy generation (renewable (e.g., solar, wind energy))



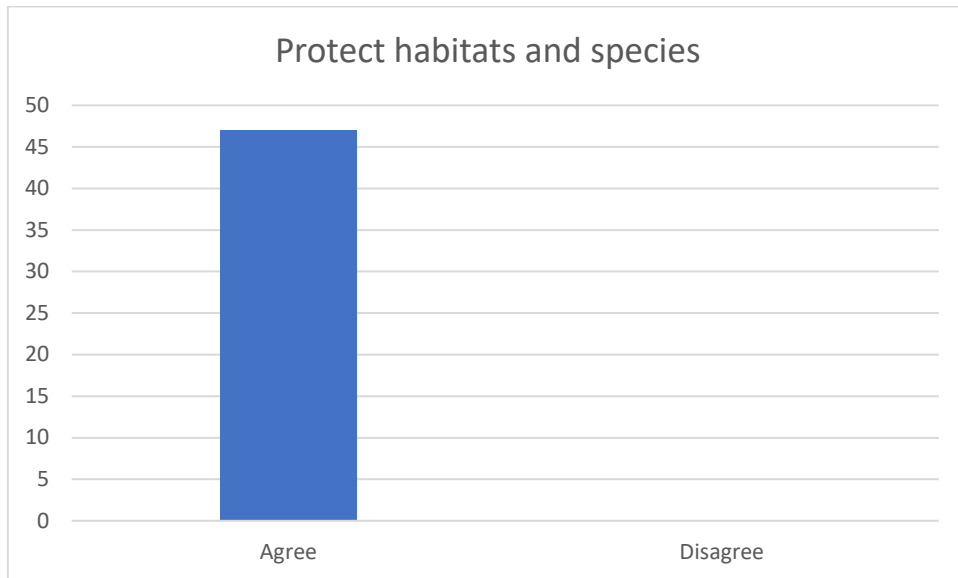
Comments:

Agreement depends upon the criteria - I agree!

Renewables covered by government policy

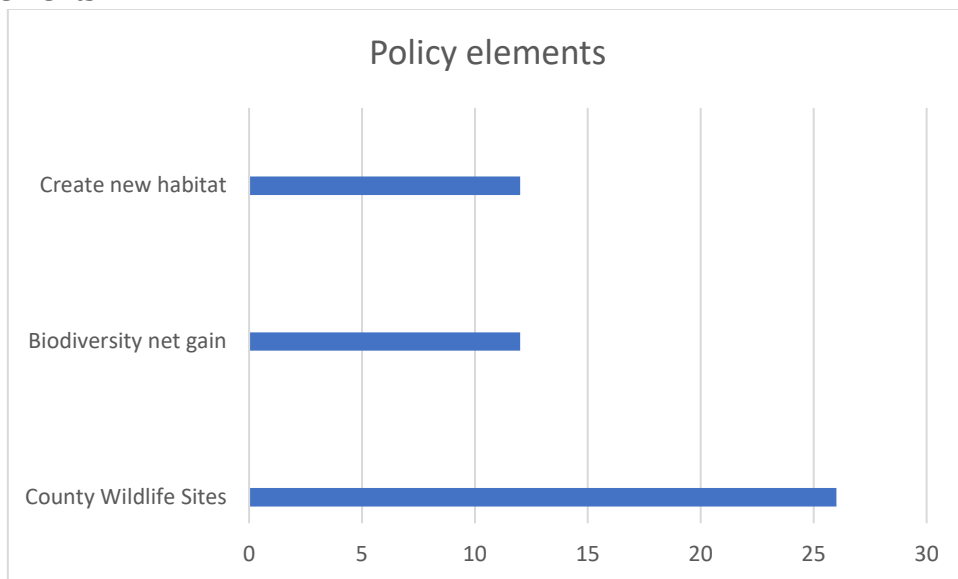
DRAFT POLICY IDEA 6: Nature conservation and wildlife

Protection of existing wildlife in the parish including habitats and species e.g., woodlands, ponds, hedges, tree lines, etc



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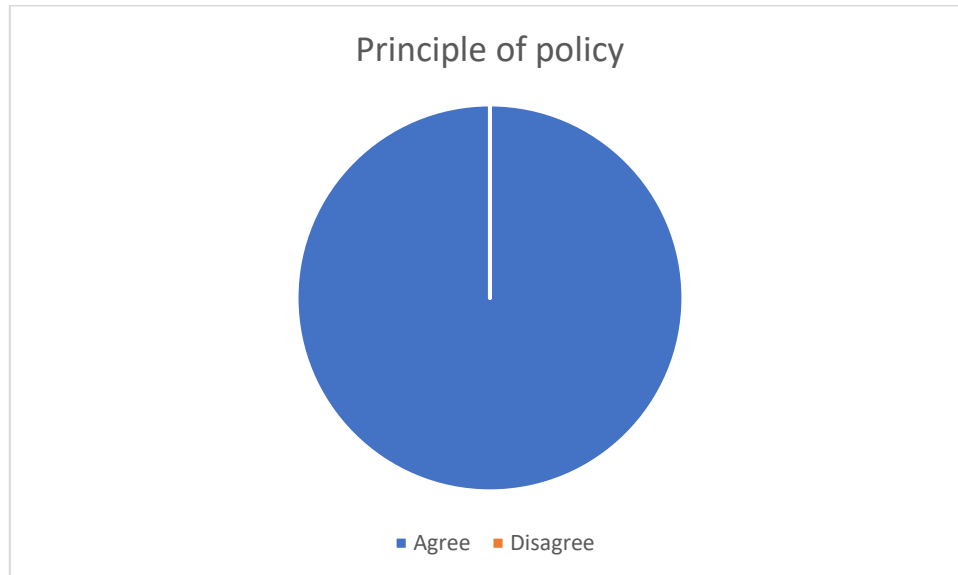
Policy elements



DRAFT POLICY IDEA 7: Non-Designated Heritage Assets

Policy protecting heritage of the parish generally

Identifies specific buildings/structures within the parish as being important locally in terms of their heritage contribution to the local character of the area



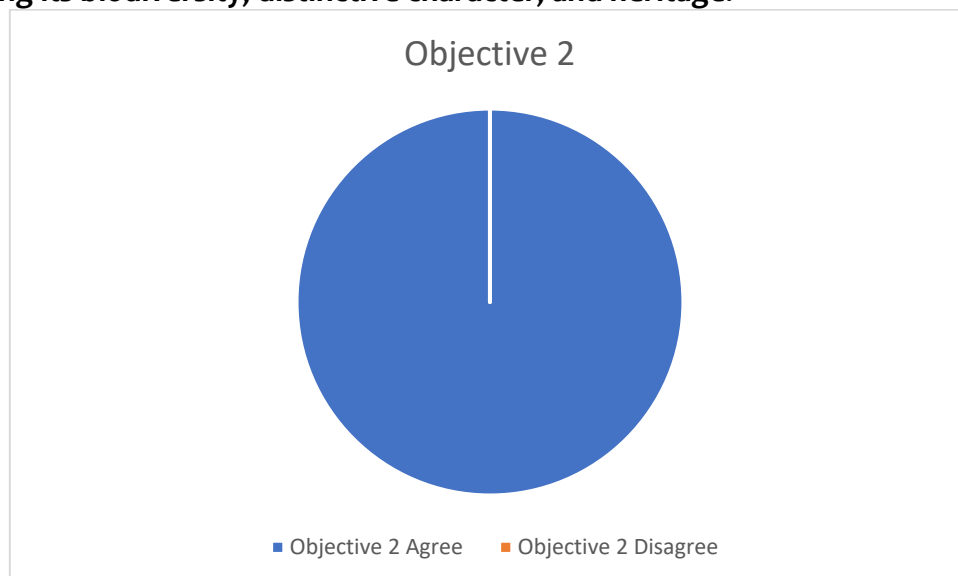
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Comments:

Consider the protection of Edwardian/Victorian buildings within the village

Landscape

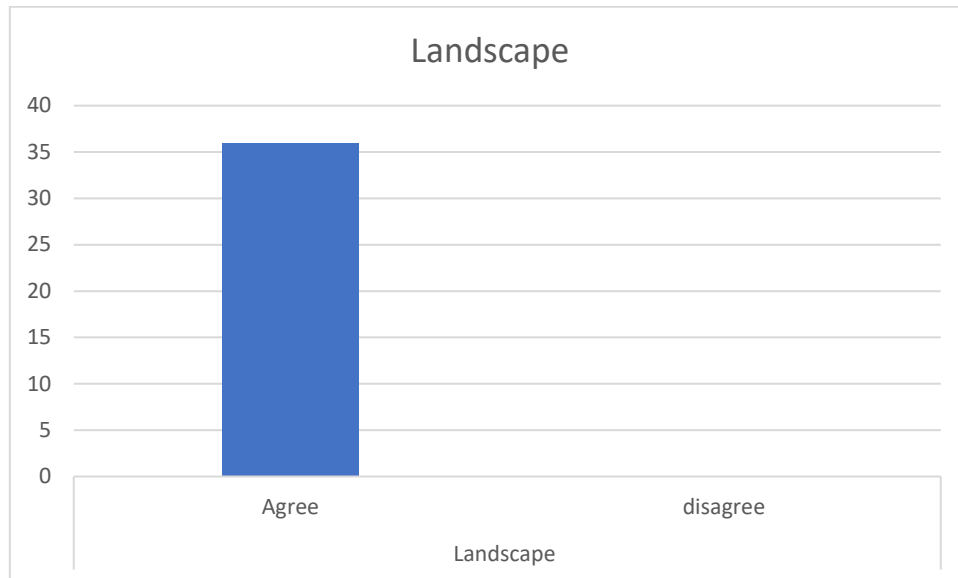
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DRAFT POLICY IDEA 8 : Landscape

Policy protecting the landscape setting and quality of the landscape of the parish as a whole; Retention of a designation covering the most special areas of landscape in the parish (the former Special Landscape Area - see Map) as an Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity – consistent with other Babergh Neighbourhood Plans



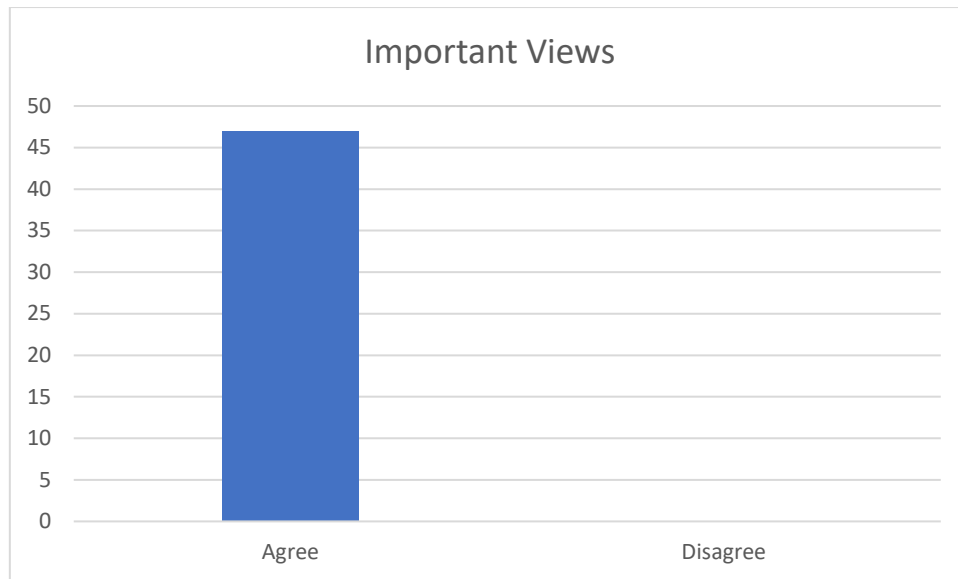
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Comment:

As long as the policy doesn't rule out the installation of renewable energy farms i.e. solar and wind

DRAFT POLICY IDEA 9: Important Public Local Views

Policy that identifies the most important public views in the parish and seeks to protect them from development that would adversely affect their character and value



(47 dots)

Are there any important public local views within the parish that you would like to nominate for protection?

1. War memorial +2
2. View to and from our Grade I listed church+1
3. Views surrounding Edwardstone Church +4
4. triangle before Mill green
5. Millennium Green
6. Hideaway Corner
7. From road through Round Maple to north
8. towards Millennium green including view s towards Groton Woods

9. Protect views to and from War memorial +5
10. Protect view to and from church+5
11. Millennium Green
12. Farmland around Smalls Farm towards Boxford Wood

Access and Community

Objective 3: To protect the parish's existing community facilities and green spaces and to improve pedestrian accessibility both within Edwardstone and with neighbouring parishes

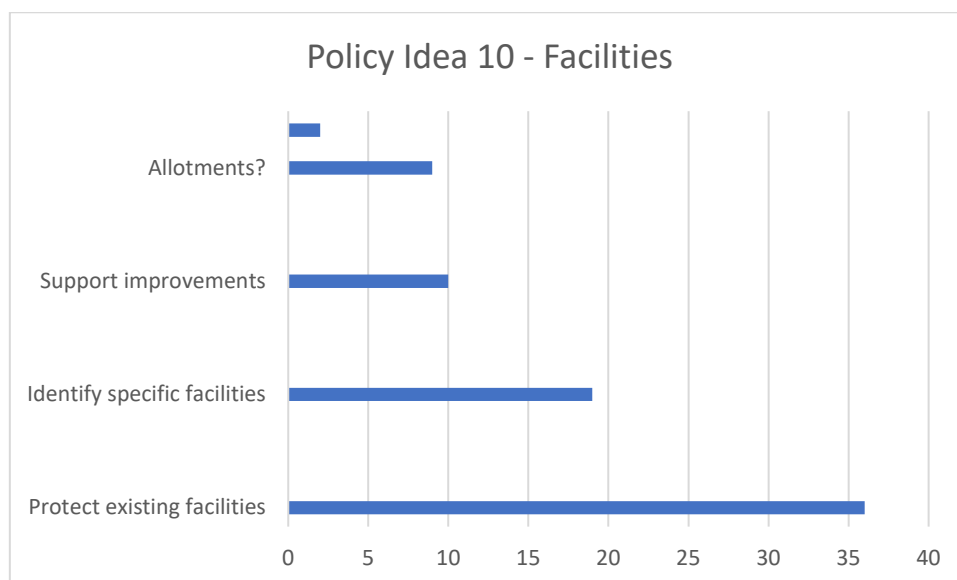
DRAFT POLICY IDEA 10: Community Facilities

Policy that protects the existing community facilities of Edwardstone from development (including change of use) that would reduce or remove their value to the community

Identify the specific facilities e.g., church, parish hall and the public house

Support for development that would improve or extend the community value of existing facilities

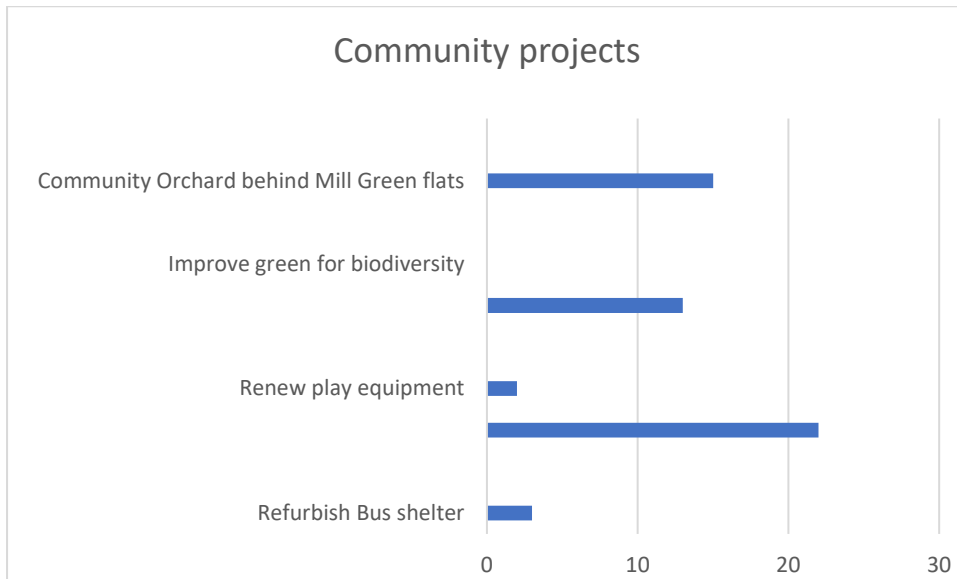
Is there a need for allotments?



Comments

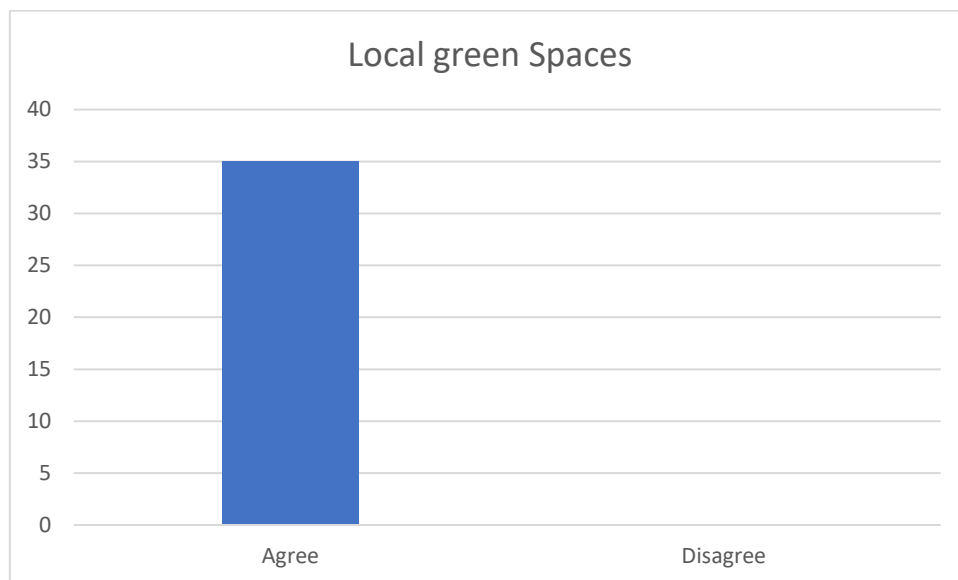
1. Church to be used as a venue . A lovely building that could be more used+2
2. The pub used to be the hub of the village. Would be nice to see again as it's a sorry state +2
3. It would be good to see the public house become the lively hub it once was +2
4. White Horse should be protected and not allowed to be developed for housing.
5. Keep as a pub and include camping ground+1
6. Allotments - I don't know - survey needed +3
- 7.
8. Agree again that the White Horse was once a huge asset that appears to be struggling. Very sad
9. White Horse much improved with the new publicans

Community Projects



DRAFT POLICY IDEA 11: Local Green Spaces

Policy that protects existing green spaces within the parish.
Policy will list all relevant spaces



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Are there any green spaces in the parish that you believe should be protected from development?

1. Millennium Green
2. Play Area

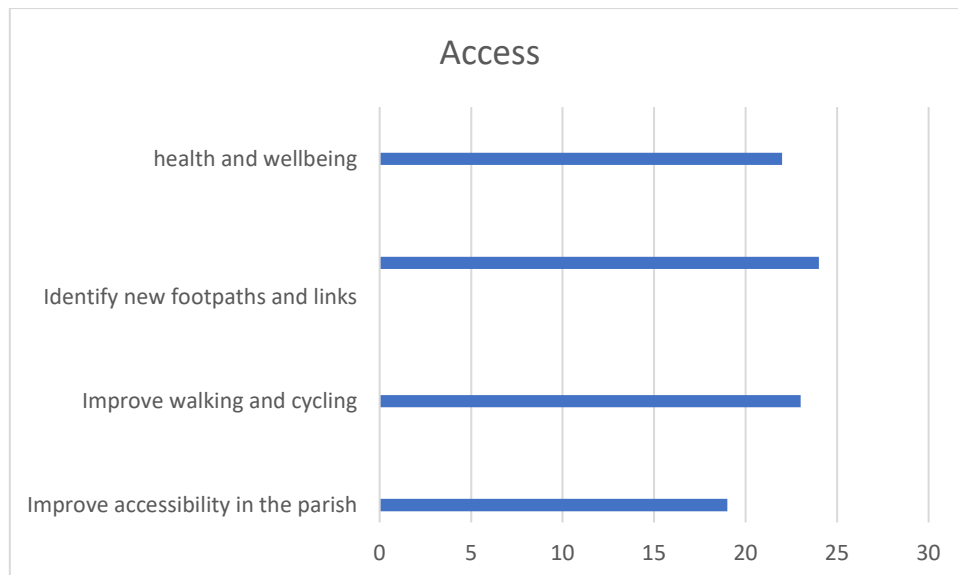
3. War memorial
4. Groton Woods

See also Map

DRAFT POLICY IDEA 12: Access

Policy that seeks to improve accessibility in the parish and non-vehicular connections with other parishes ; policy elements can include :

- Support for improvements to walking and cycling
- Protection of existing footpaths
- Identification of extensions/links to existing footpaths that would create a more joined up network
- Support for the health and well-being benefits of improved levels of walking and cycling



Comments:

1. Speed of traffic is alarming. Would love to reduce limit to 30mph
2. A local bus service?
3. Seek control of speed of traffic, especially for Round Maple. Dangerous speeds experienced whilst walking (no footpaths) +2
4. Very pleased that health and well-being is included in relation to footpaths and walking. When footpaths inaccessible you can feel very cut off. We can walk to Boxford from Edwardstone
5. Agree with somehow addressing speed on lanes and danger on corners i.e. Tye West Corner



