

Collingham Neighbourhood Plan

RESIDENT SURVEY FEEDBACK



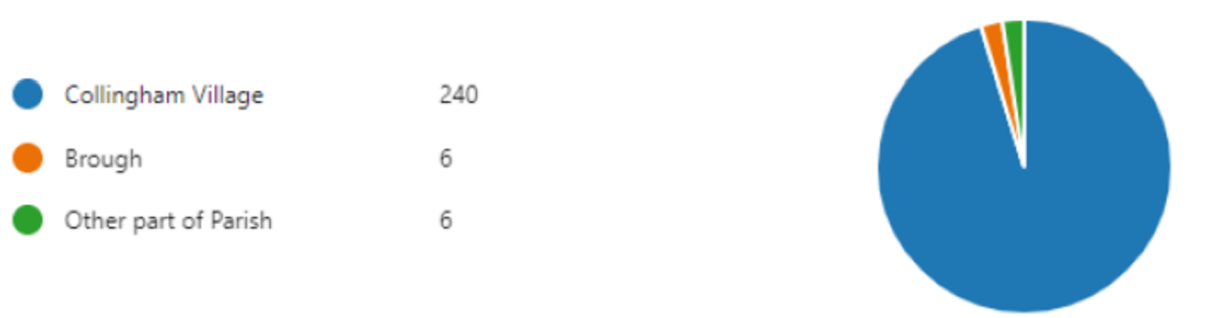
Resident Survey

During October and November 2023, the Parish Council conducted a survey of the residents in Collingham and asked questions on a variety of subjects relating to life now and in the future in the village.

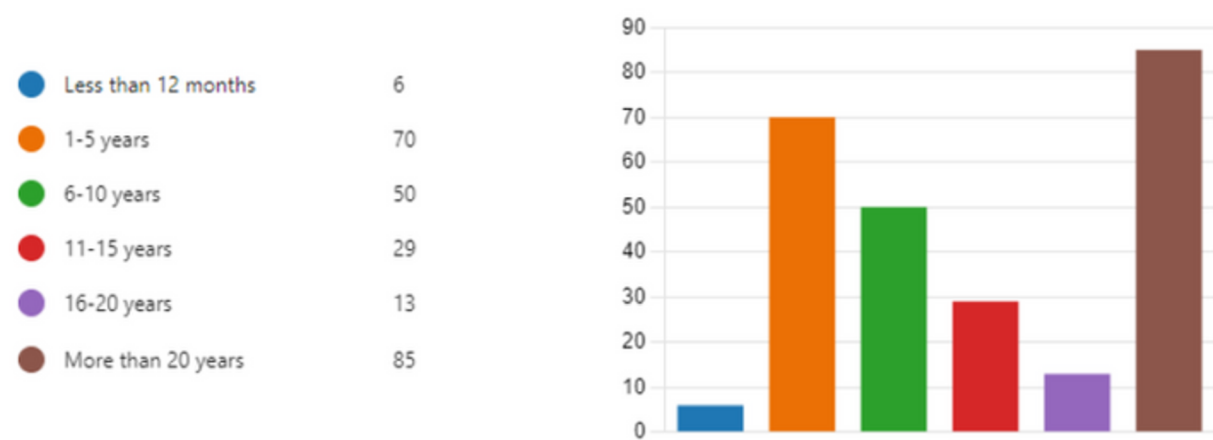
The survey was advertised on social media, in The Fleet magazine and on village notice boards. It attracted 253 household responses from a diverse mix of the local community.

The results are outlined below.

Question 1 & 2 - Please indicate where you live.



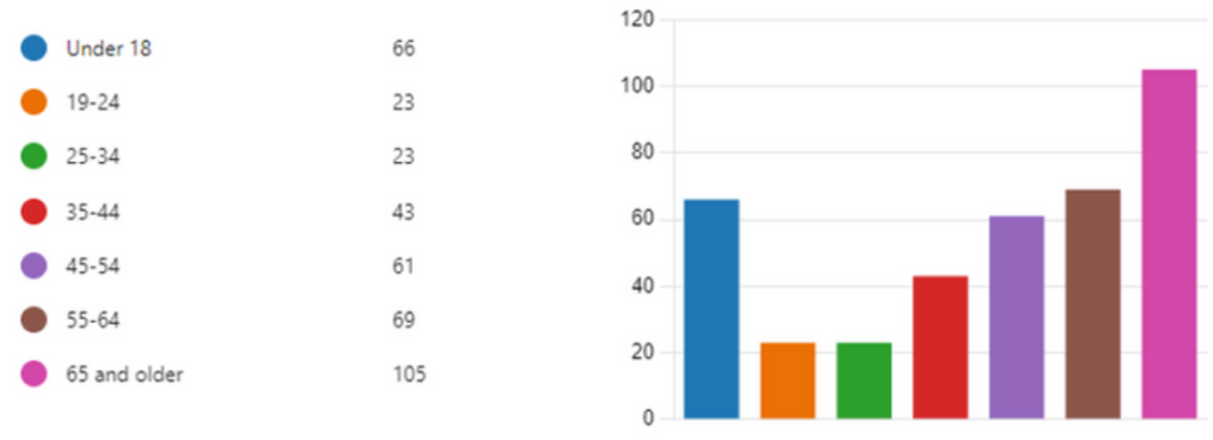
Question 3 - How long have you lived in the Parish?



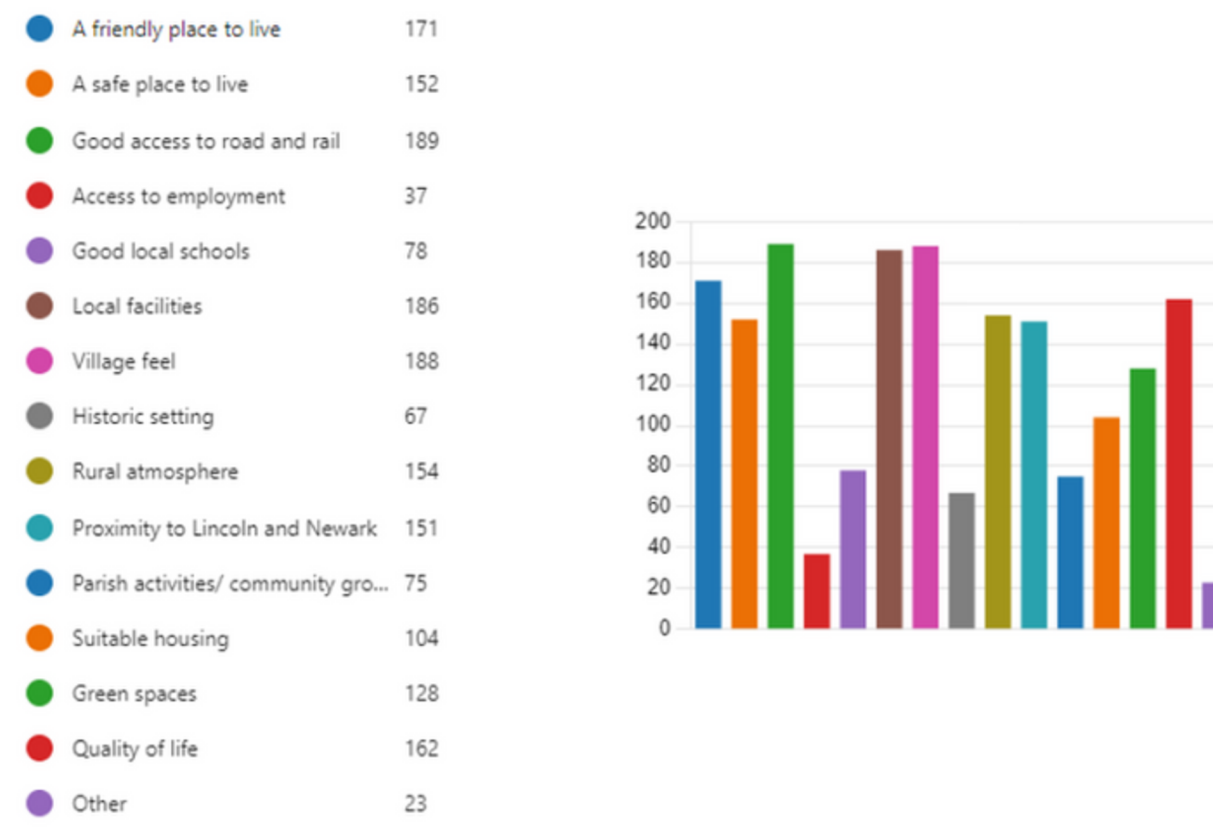
Question 4 - How many people live in your household?



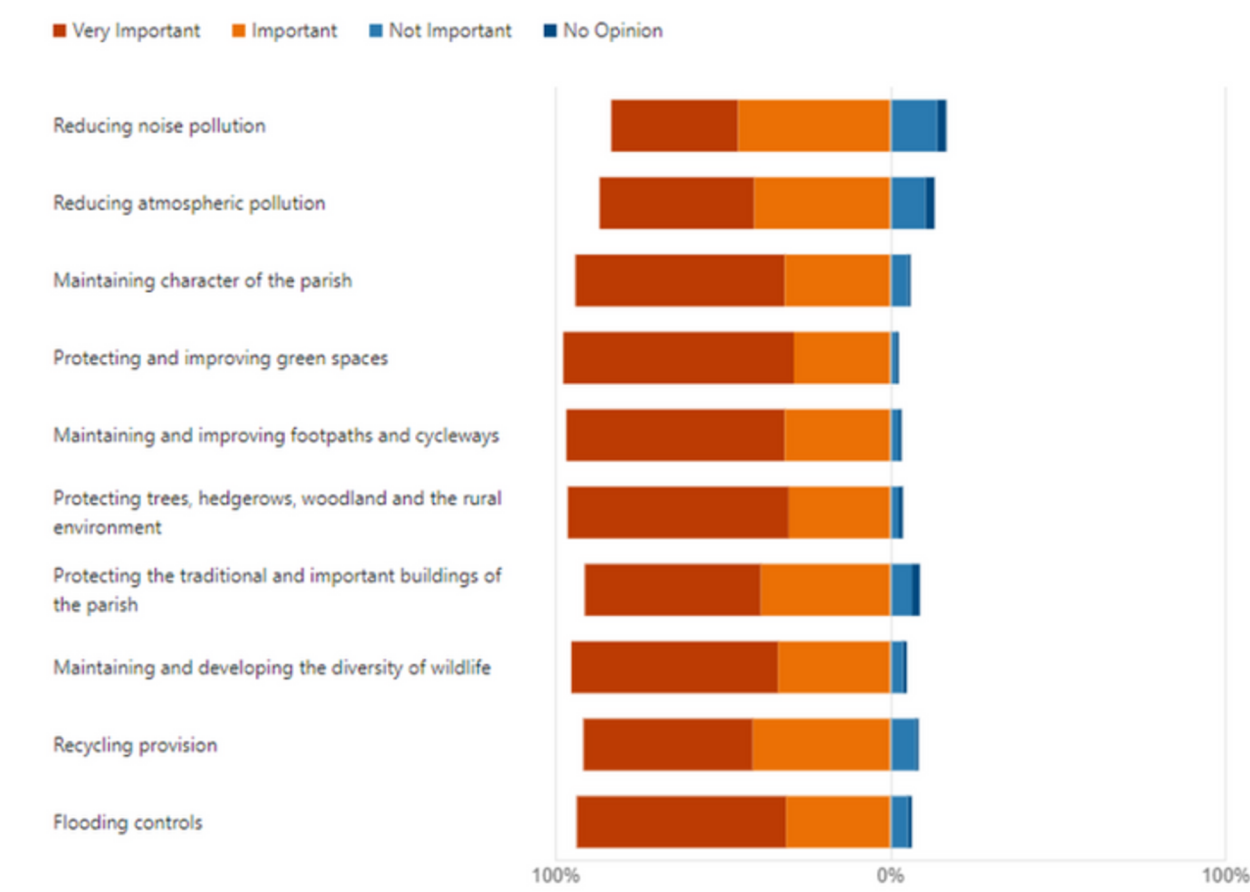
Question 5 - How old are the people in your household?



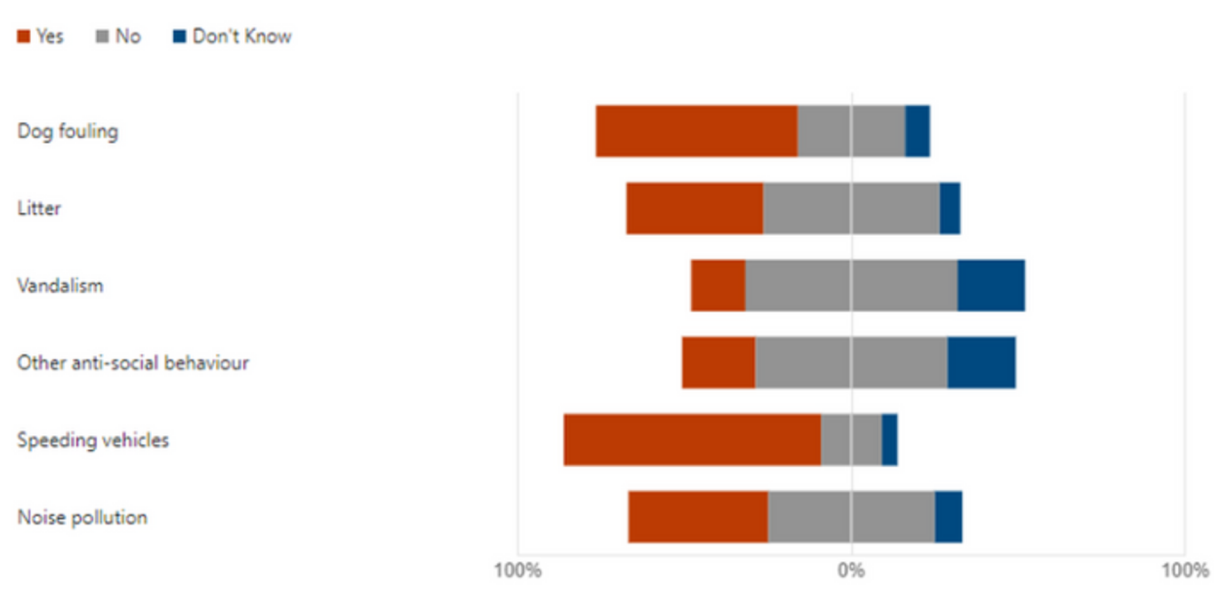
Question 6 - What attracted you to the village? (tick all that apply)



Question 7 - Thinking about the environment, how important are the following to you?



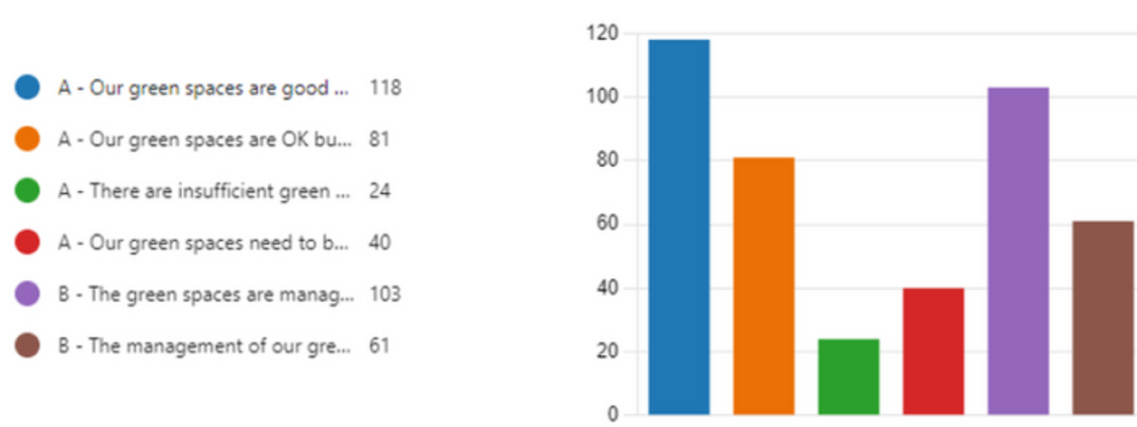
Question 8 - Do you consider any of the following are issues in the village?



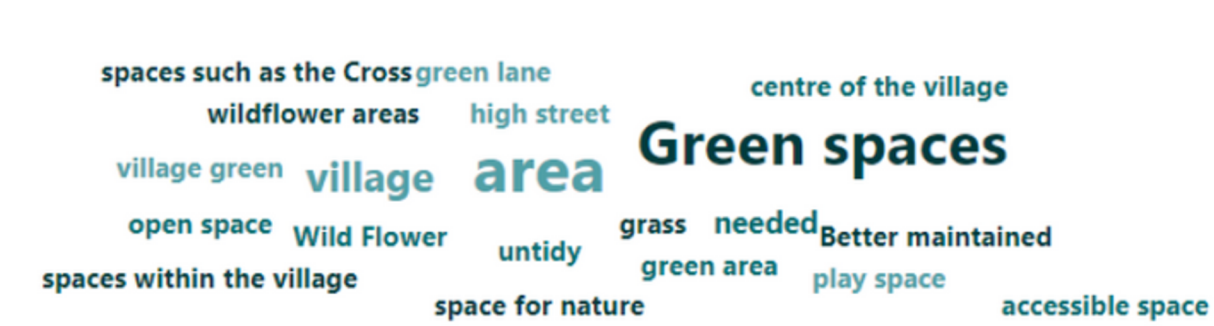
Question 9 - Do you think the Conservation Area boundary should be amended?



Question 10 - What are your views on our green spaces?



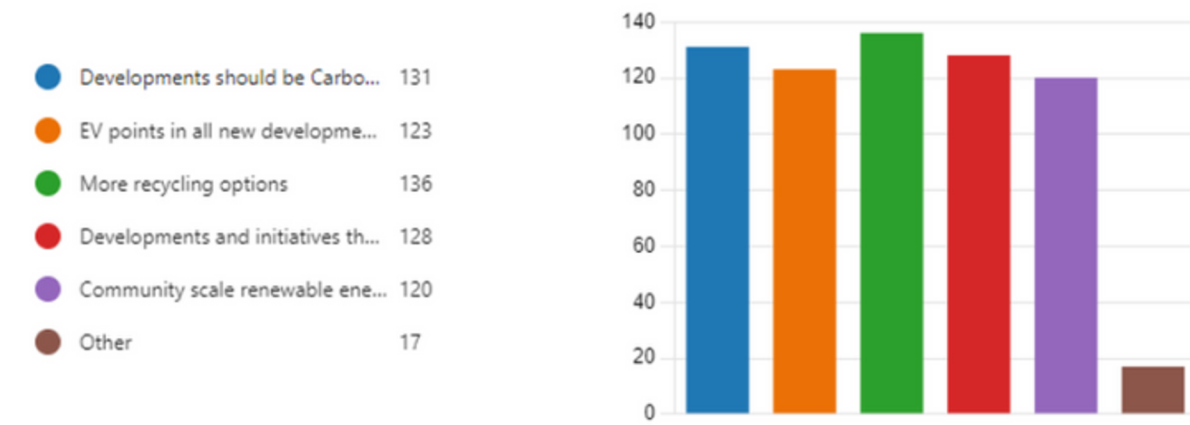
Question 11 - What improvements can be made to our green spaces?



Question 12 - Should the NP support efforts to combat climate change at a local level?



Question 13 - What effort could be made to help combat climate change?



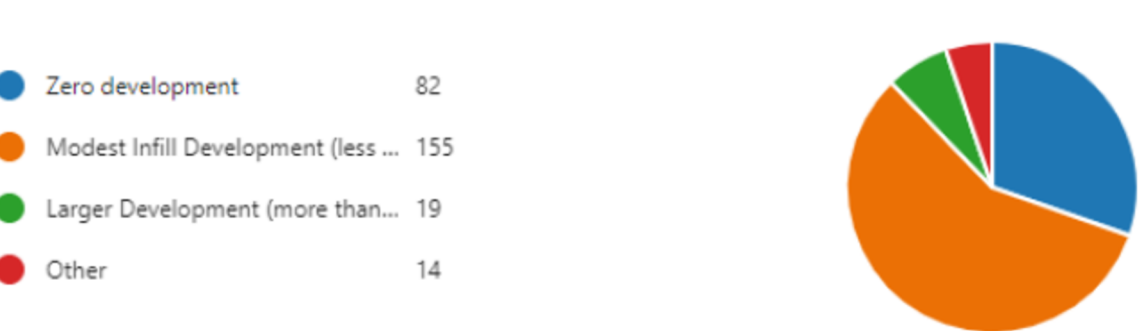
Question 14 - If you are looking to stay in the Parish, would you or your family have different housing needs in the next 12 years?



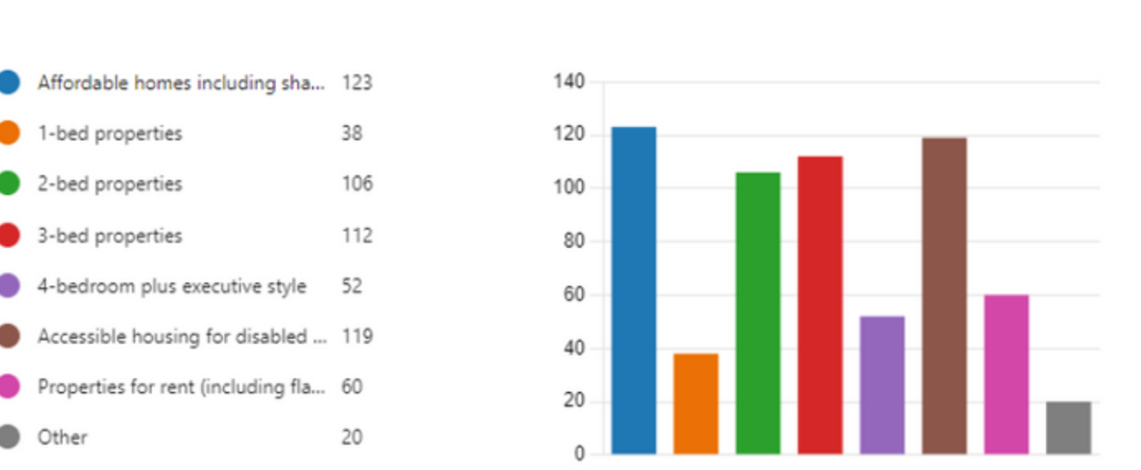
Question 15 - If yes, what would you consider the main reason?



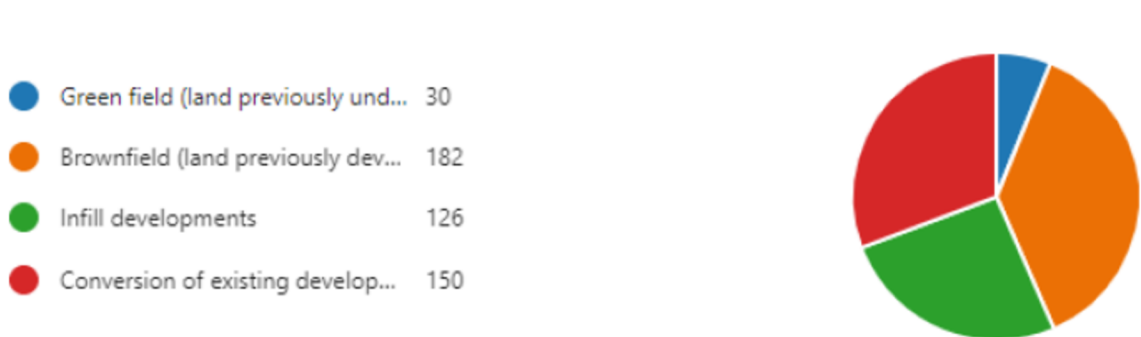
Question 16 - With respect to new housing, what is your view on how many new homes should be created for the wellbeing of the village?



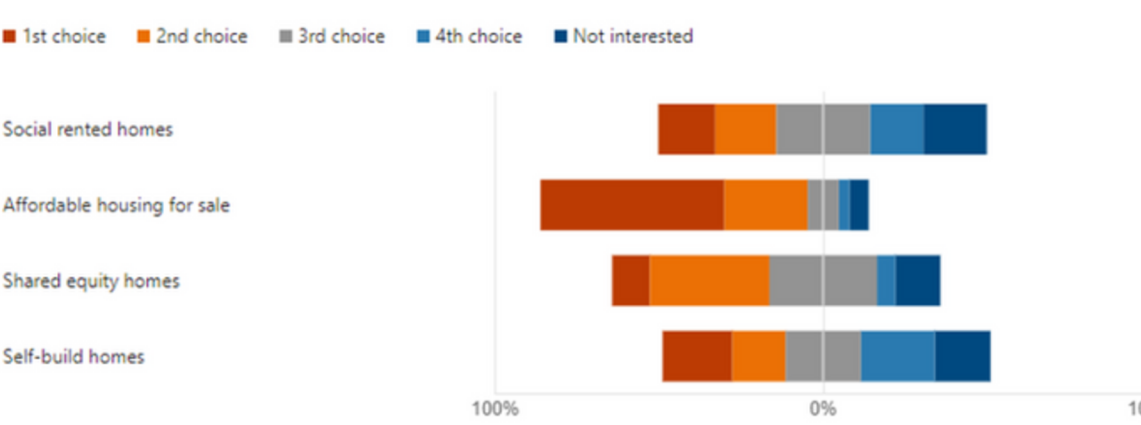
Question 17 - If housing was to be developed in the Parish, what type of housing would you think is suitable?



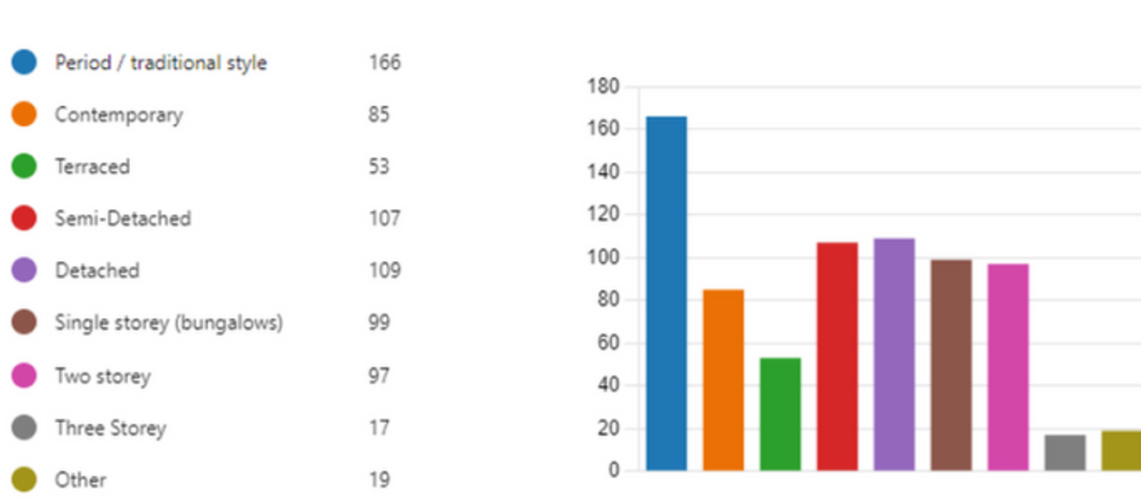
Question 18 - Where would you prefer to see future development within the Parish if it occurred?



Question 19 - What types of Affordable Housing do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should plan for?



Question 20 - What style of housing would you like to see in any new housing within the Parish?



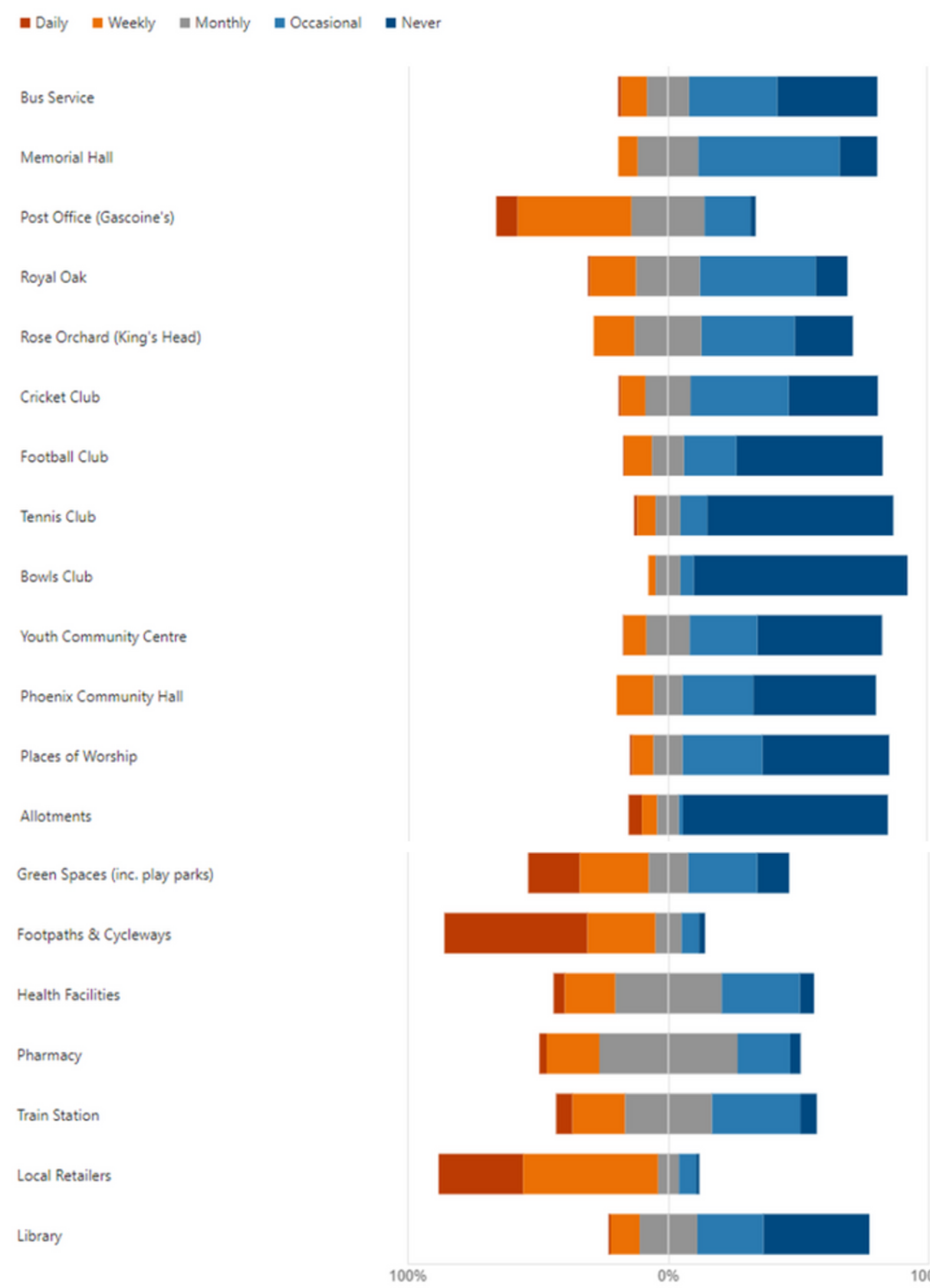
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Question 21 - Which community/local facilities do you use in the Parish, and how often?



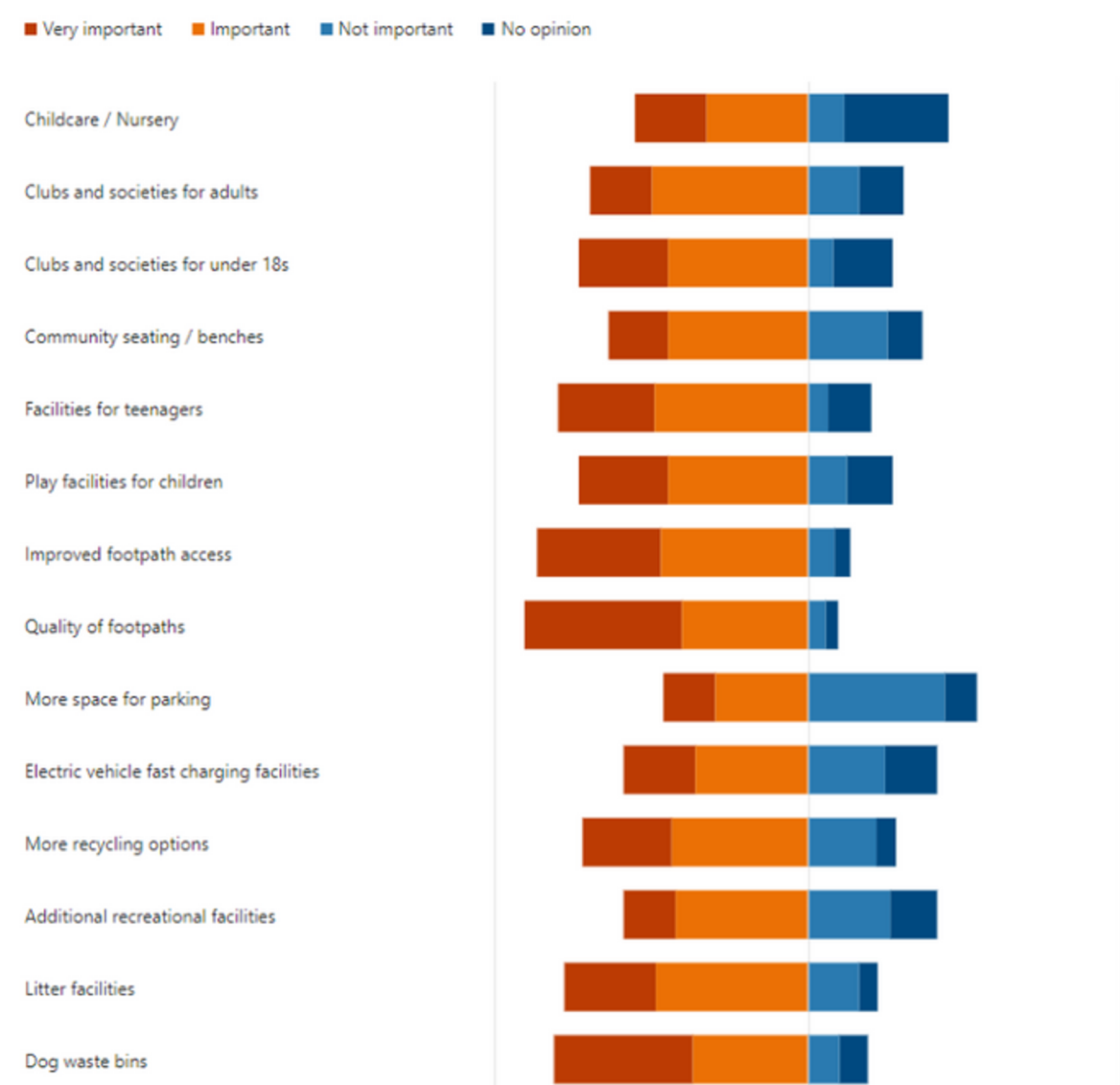
Question 22 - How satisfied are you with local services and amenities in Collingham?



Question 23 - What improvements can be made?



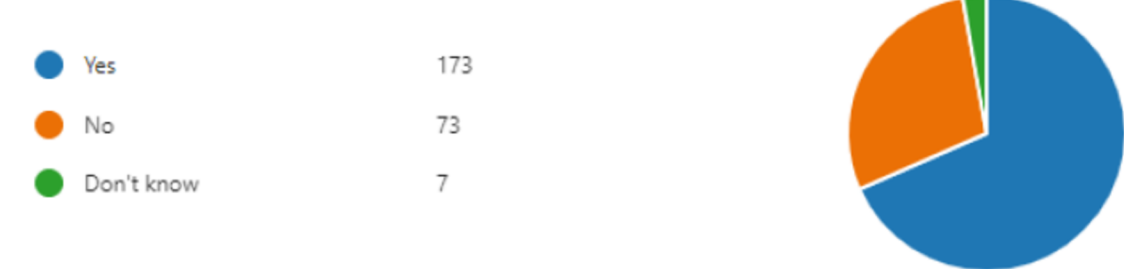
Question 24 - Do you feel there is a need for the following additional or improved community facilities in the Parish?



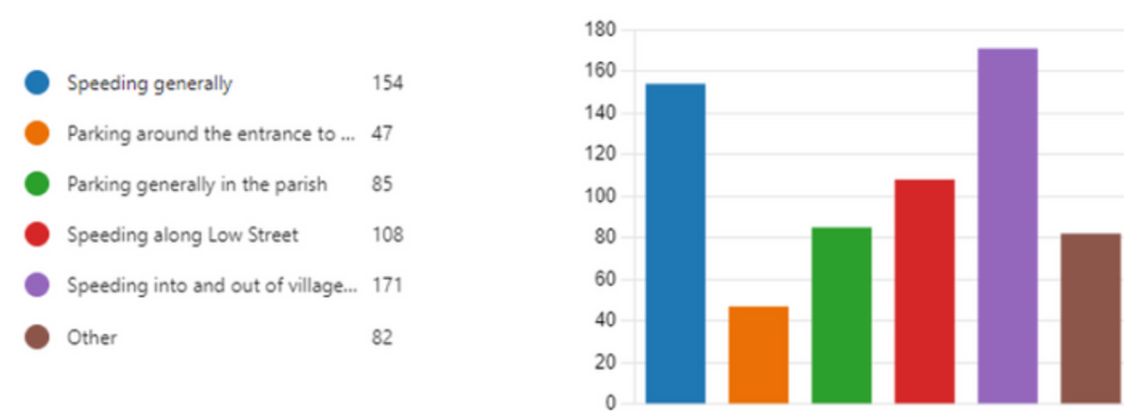
Question 25 - Are there any other amenity improvements that you think will improve life in Collingham?



Question 26 - Do you feel safe walking and cycling around Collingham?



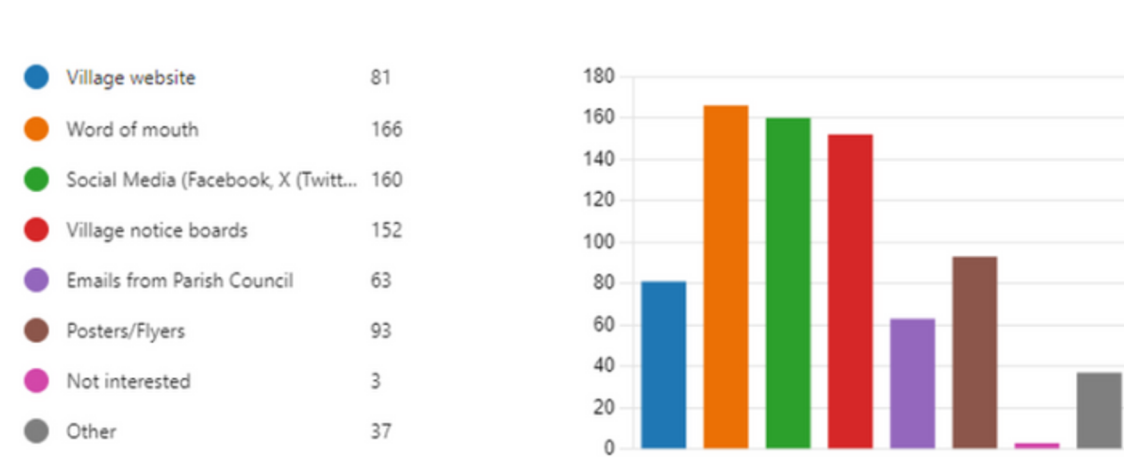
Question 27 - Thinking generally about traffic in the Parish, what/where are your main concerns?



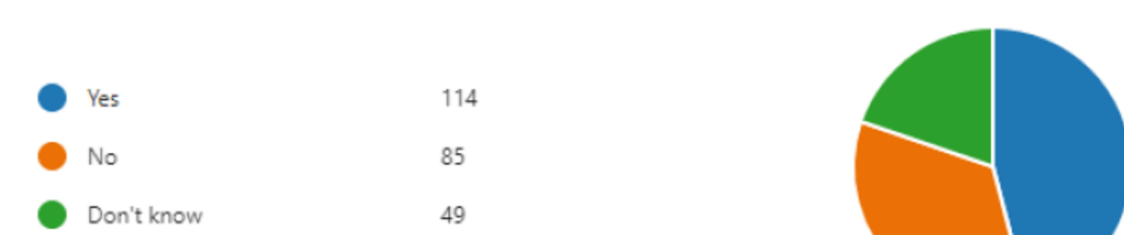
Question 28 - What improvements can be made in Collingham for pedestrians and cyclists?



Question 29 - How do you currently find out about what's happening in your Parish?



Question 30 - Do you feel there is a need for improved communication around the Parish?



Question 31 - If 'Yes', which of these options would you use/access?



Question 32 - In 2036, what kind of place would you like Collingham to be?

"A peaceful, rural village community with an emphasis on supporting local farmers and maximising the green space we have available."

"A thriving village with more independent shops, with parking accessible, weekly/ monthly farmers markets saves travelling into Newark which is always congested"

"Friendly healthy and picturesque "

"A friendly, supportive and inclusive village community where diversity is celebrated."

"Similar to now where facilities are convenient and people are friendly."

"The same as now with infrastructure up dated a bit to keep it's charm without over-populating to maintain its cohesion."

"Retain a village/community feel. To provide locals with suitable affordable housing to rent or buy to be able to remain in the village."

"A loving community village with plenty of residents and new housing for everyone."

"Village that still feels rural, plenty of green spaces, better tree cover. Good facilities including retail and a pub/restaurant. "

"Friendly, diverse village with accessible facilities for all ages and good public transport links to Newark and beyond."

"A desirable village to live and settle in with a reduced thoroughfare for traffic."

"A village with a strong community serving the needs of all age groups in a safe and ecologically diverse environment."

"Collingham is already a great place to live. We already have so much good stuff going on. In 12 years time I want to see Collingham retain it's well-served village feel. I would also like to see Collingham have less traffic, with more people walking, cycling and using more regular, appropriate public transport. I hope there will be greater emphasis on green issues and sustainability wherever possible. Continuation of community projects that support well-being and a shared responsibility towards making decisions based on environmental factors, will continue to give residents a real sense of connection to the village. I would like to see more green, well looked after, outside spaces to enjoy within the village boundary - for all, but especially those less mobile. Clear, dedicated footpaths in the surrounding countryside, linking us to our wonderful local nature reserves and surrounding villages will also enhance living here."

"Much the same. Maintain current village atmosphere."

"A vibrant friendly village with good facilities for all. More small local traders, retailers and local businesses to add more directly to the economic benefit of the village and reduce car usage."

"A place that is green, inclusive and well connected with a diverse community that works together."

"To be honest by then I will be 88 and either popped my clogs or not really care. But families are important. "

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CHILDREN’S SURVEY FEEDBACK



Children’s Survey

in January 2024, we asked the children at John Blow Primary school to take part in the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan.

This consultation asked local children to answer three questions:

- What do you love about Collingham?
- If you were in charge, what would you change to make Collingham better or safer?
- Now, imagine you are a grown up. What would you want Collingham to be like then?

The responses provide valuable insight into how younger residents perceive the village and their aspirations for its future.

What our young people love about Collingham.

A strong theme throughout the responses is the community and the facilities available in Collingham. Specifically:

- **The Park:** The park is by far the most popular and often mentioned feature of Collingham. It’s referenced for being "really big," having "lots of fun stuff," and for hosting events. One response even stated, "The park is amazing."
- **Community and People:** The "friendly" nature of the people and the sense of community is highlighted. Some write about enjoying "being happy with everyone" and that "people are very friendly."
- **Sports:** Football and cricket are mentioned specifically, and the sports facilities and clubs were noted as great resources. For example, "I love going to the mugga because it’s a great environment to play football."
- **Local Amenities:** The Co-op, local shops, school and the MUGGA (potentially a multi-use games area?) are consistently mentioned as valued features, demonstrating an appreciation of convenience and accessibility within the village.
- **The location:** The fact that it's in the countryside is cited as being a positive aspect, as well as noting how close everything in the village is together.

How our young people would improve our village.

The responses regarding improvements reveal some clear themes and priorities, many focused on facilities, safety, and environmental issues:

- **Improved Play Areas and Facilities:** Many of the responses wished for an improved park, "add a few more things to the park", "make the park bigger" or "change the tarmac into astroturf or grass". There are also calls for a "pokemon center," "a swimming pool," a "gym," and even a "indoor fun farm thing". This indicates a desire for more varied and better-equipped spaces for play and recreation.
- **More Greenery and Environmentally Friendly Measures:** Several respondents called for "more trees," "more planting," "more greenery," "an eco friendly garden" and for Collingham to be "litter free," indicating a desire for a more green and clean village.
- **Safety:** Concerns about safety are raised, with suggestions for "zebra crossings," "more traffic lights" and even the desire for a "police station". The main road is mentioned as a particular point of concern with one response, stating they want to "change the main road because when I go to secondary school I want it to be safe."
- **Other ideas:** There are more interesting and unique suggestions, such as "lolly pop ladeys," "a bigger MUGGA," "better internet," "a warhammer club" and even a "Fortnite gaming room" show some more individual interests.
- **Bins:** There is a specific mention of having "a bin that would drive round on a truck and pick up all the litter" to solve the problem of litter.

“Lots of nice people. The park, the school, the shops, going on walks.”

“I would make the mugga bigger. I would make a pokemon center.”

"Get more lollipop ladeys and maybe a public greenhouse and more like nice friendly stuff and tree planting."

"I would add a eco friendly garden were you can go to relax and meet friends and have picnics"

"A humble place with nice people and make a few more thing to do for kids."

"The same I like it the way it is I don't want it to get too busy."

What our young people would like Collingham to be in the future.

When imagining Collingham as adults, the respondents reveal a desire for a community that is:

- **Fun and Active:** Many responses use the words “fun” “amazing” and “happy” to describe how they envision Collingham in the future. There is also desire to have more "activities for my children", showing that they hope the positive experiences will still be a part of life.
- **Safe:** The safety theme continues with responses desiring that Collingham is “safe” and a “safe place to live” in the future. There is a feeling that the village should be easy to navigate for children.
- **Community-Focused:** Several responses used the words "kind" "nice" and "friendly" in the third question, showing a strong desire to maintain the community aspect they enjoy.
- **Small and Not Too Busy:** Some want Collingham to stay as it is, emphasising their desire to keep it a "small" and not "busy" village as it continues to develop. One noted that they want it "not much bigger otherwise it would get really busy."
- **Eco Friendly:** There is a general interest in more eco-friendly measures, with "more plants" or "more eco-friendly houses" in the future.

What we have taken into account in the Plan.

These consultation responses provide some useful insights that the Collingham Parish Council can use to guide the future development of the village:

- **Prioritise Park and Recreation:** The park is clearly a vital feature for local children. Any improvements to it should be a priority.
- **Address Safety Concerns:** Steps need to be taken to address the safety concerns, particularly regarding roads and pedestrian crossings.
- **Promote Green Initiatives:** There is a desire for more green spaces and environmentally friendly measures.
- **Balance Growth with Community:** There is some conflict here with some wanting the village to remain relatively small and not too busy, whilst others desire it to be bigger. This demonstrates the need for any growth to be sustainable and considerate of the existing character of the village.
- **Incorporate Unique Ideas:** Where possible, ideas such as the Pokemon centre and the Fortnite gaming room can be incorporated into the plan to show the Parish Council is listening and acknowledging the contributions of the younger members of the community.

The "Letter to the Future" consultation provides valuable insight into the desires and hopes of the younger people in Collingham.