



**Barton under Needwood Parish Survey 2024
Provisional Results**

Introduction:

Strategy Consultation - April 2024

A very big...

Thank you... !

... to all the 340 people who completed the Parish Survey this month.

The Survey covered a wide range of topics that we believe are of concern to villagers and we invited people to comment on these, and to raise other issues as well.

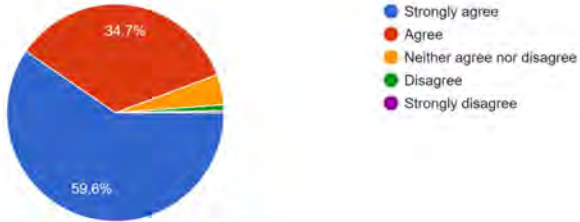
The detailed analysis of all the results will take some time but we are able to present here a 'first pass' to show the main themes that are emerging.

The returns represent up to 17% of households in the village and compares favourably with a typical Local Authority Survey return rates of 3.0 - 10% (and sometimes as low as 1% !)

Environment 1 - Flood Risk

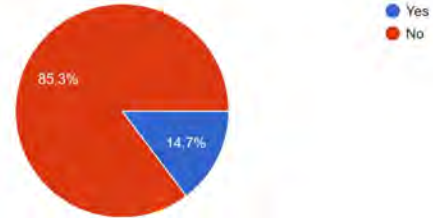
Is reduction in flood risk within Barton Parish important to you?

334 responses



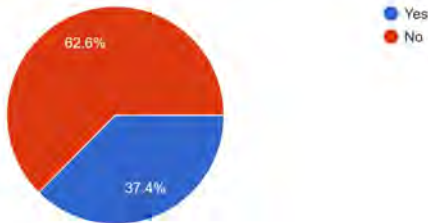
Have you suffered from flooding?

333 responses



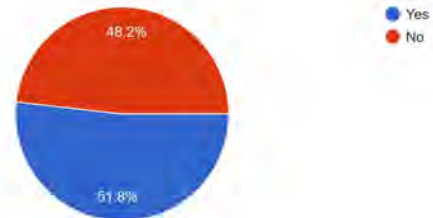
Are you concerned that you may be affected by flooding where you live?

334 responses



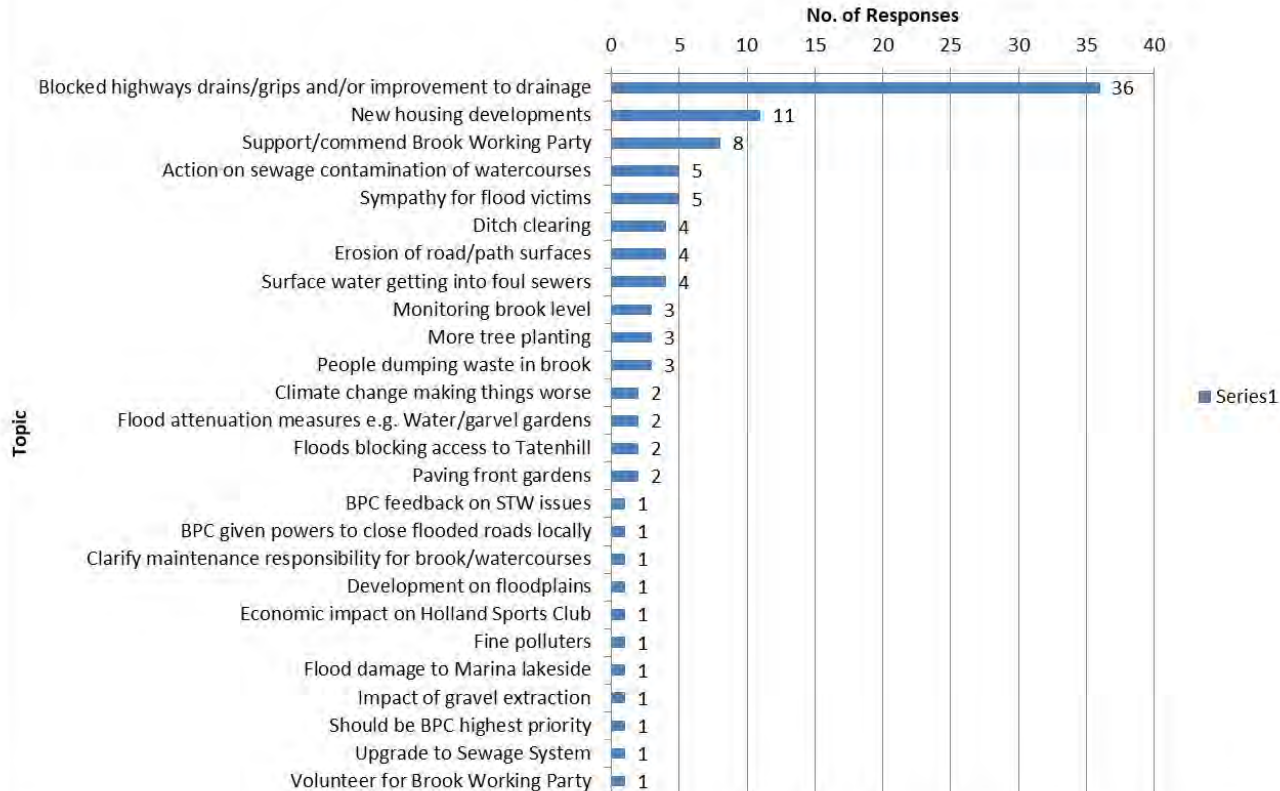
Are you aware that the Barton Brook within the village gets contaminated with sewage during storm events?

334 responses



Environment 1 - Flood Risk - cont'd

Comments on Flood Issues - of 105 no.



Barton Sewage Treatment Works discharged sewage overflow in to the Barton Brook for 1,473 hours (61 days) in 2023; which flow runs into the ... Would you support a local campaign on this issue?
332 responses



Some of the comments received (of 338 No.):

"All the drains are blocked with silt and leaf debris. These need to be cleaned out annually to ensure they're fit for purpose."

"I think new housing is at least partly to blame, increasing runoff and usage and very restricted new houses outside immediate village envelope is needed. Get the developers to pay for improvement of systems prior to building."

"Barton brook sewer issue is problem caused by storm water entering sewer system ,that cannot cope with this demand. Survey required to check house holder's storm water goes to waterways (not foul sewer)"

"Although my family isn't affected by flooding I feel very much for those that have been and would support campaigning on this issue. The release of sewage into the waterway is news to me and very upsetting so again would be happy to see change here."

"Think we need to look at how the BPC and communities can implement nature based solutions and rainwater attenuation to help adapt and acclimatise to future weather realities."

"Genuinely concerned about growing risk."

"Having lived in the village nearly 50 years, the flooding in Efflinch Lane is worse than it ever has been. This situation noticeably worsened with the further housing developments in recent years."

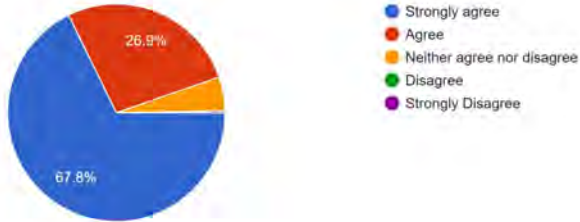
"It also affects Holland Park sports club greatly and greater defence there is needed as the club relies on games being on as an asset facility to the village as well as Mill lane."

"This is a significant concern. The villagers who go into the Brook to clear away green debris are amazing, our thanks to them as this undoubtedly makes a difference."

"The impact of flooding on the road surfaces i.e. potholes and removal of tarmac on Efflinch lane between Mill Lane and Captains Lane."

Environment 2 - Green Spaces

Access to a network of high quality green spaces is important to me for my quality of life.
338 responses



Some of the comments received (of 247 No.): (Other valued green spaces)

"The marina and pathways behind Bellway estate."

"The Waterfront Marina lakes"

"The green area alongside the brook on Park Road"

"The field and paths accessible from Dunstall Rd and behind the village hall (The Radhurst)"

"Being able to access the fields from Dunstall Rd/Crowberry Lane. Enjoy walking around the marina too."

"Park Road open space and Barton Brook 'corridor'; Barton Marina lakes; open land to north of village where open access is permitted."

"Holland sports club playing fields, the marina lakes and Dunstall fields."

"We love all the green spaces in the village. We use Collinson and Ash Tree Road Park at least once every week. We also enjoy walking/cycling along the paths at the new estate off Efflinch Lane."

"Holland sports club."

"Canal pathway."

"All public footpath routes in and around the village including towpaths."

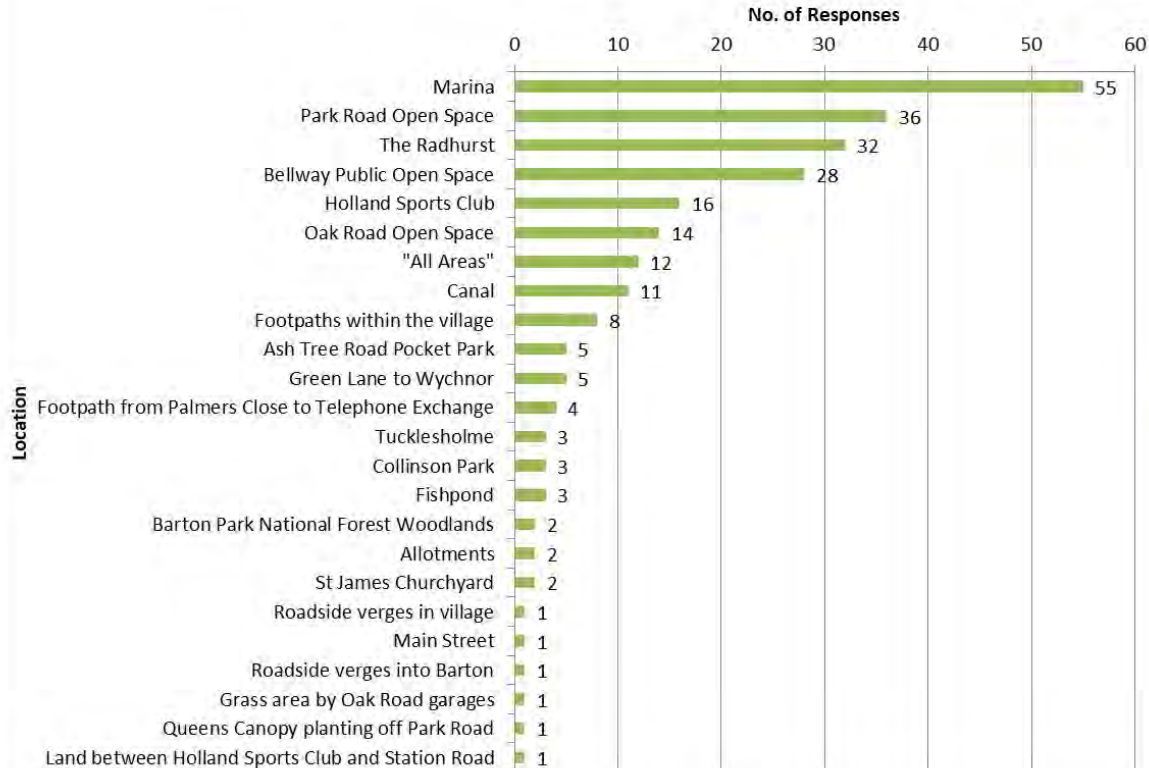
"The park by the Oak Road shops."

"The field at side of Park Road and the track from Dogshead down to Wychnor. Also the fields behind the Coop."

"the future use of the land down Mill Lane/ behind the Bellway as the football and rugby club desperately need more space."

Environment 2 - Green Spaces

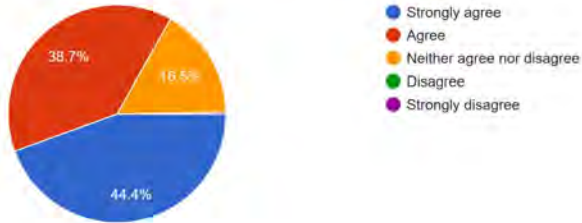
Other locations of green space of importance - of 247 responses



Environment 3 - Sustainability

Issues of local sustainability are important to me.

333 responses



Some of the comments received (of 333 No.):

"Encouraging independent shops and restaurants , supporting village groups, continuing to support village hall events."

"If the parish council used local businesses to maintain and help growth within the village would help on all levels as the big companies(amey and other companies) don't care about their job or impact on the people whereas people that live in the village care and will and do make extra efforts, it's important for all wildlife that there are more areas with wild flowers hidey-holes, and capacity for water etc etc

"Sustainability and the environment has been my profession for 25+ years. However I am also realistic. Implementing sustainability comes at a cost. Starter and downsizer homes should have been built (or should be built) instead of the new housing estate to keep younger generations within the village. Encouraging small businesses in the village can enable both younger and older residents to remain in their community, as well as encourage new residents to move into the village. Further to this, wider community benefits such community orchards and allotments, along with new village facilities can all be provided as part of any new development."

"Providing facilities in the village for recycling - apart from the clothes recycling bin near Londis (which is always full) the nearest facilities are Morrisons in Burton."

"Recycling initiatives, power parish properties and amenities using solar /wind, car charging points."

"Keeping the village litter free."

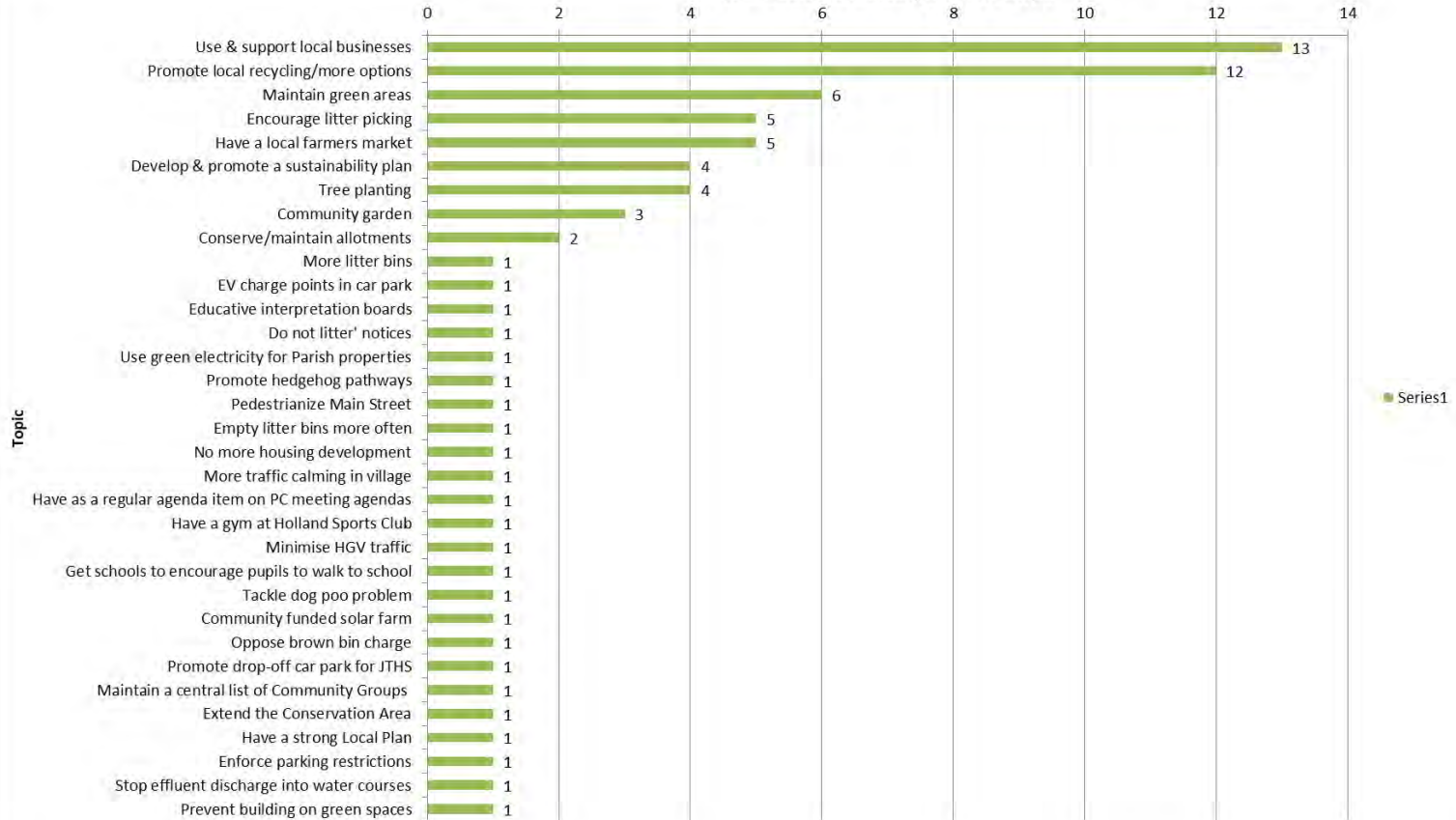
"Organise a Monthly Farmers/Craft market selling local products and close off Main Street on that day from 10 until 4pm."

"Thinking maybe a community garden type thing where fruit trees and vegetables could be planted. Maintained by the community to be used and consumed by the community."

"Perhaps more local clean ups/litter picks. Local planting, keeping your street clean schemes."

Environment 3 - Sustainability

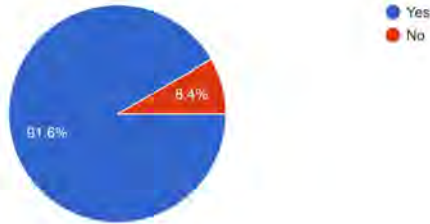
Comments on Sustainability of 78 no. on topic



Road & Public Rights of Way

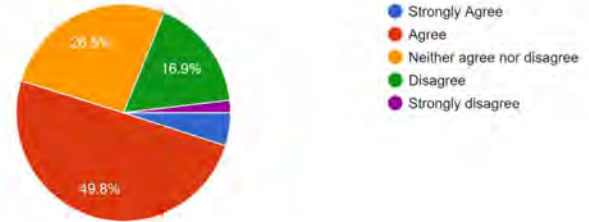
Barton is also very well connected by footpaths and bridle ways within the village which give access to the wider country-side. Do you use local rural paths and bridleways?

335 responses



If you use local paths do you agree that they are sufficiently well signed and maintained?

325 responses



Some of the comments received (of 567 No.):

"Potholes are a major issue and cheap quick fixes do not solve the problem because the potholes return"

"Potholes are dangerous to cars and cyclists, especially as car owners are swerving to miss them. They need fixing. The way they are currently corrected is ridiculous. A partial fill fixes the matter for just a few months."

"Large numbers of large trucks travelling through the village that are well over the restricted weight"

"I feel that gutter sweeping could be done more regularly to prevent drain blockage and flooding"

"Pavements are in a very poor state eg Captains Lane and are difficult for people to negotiate safely."

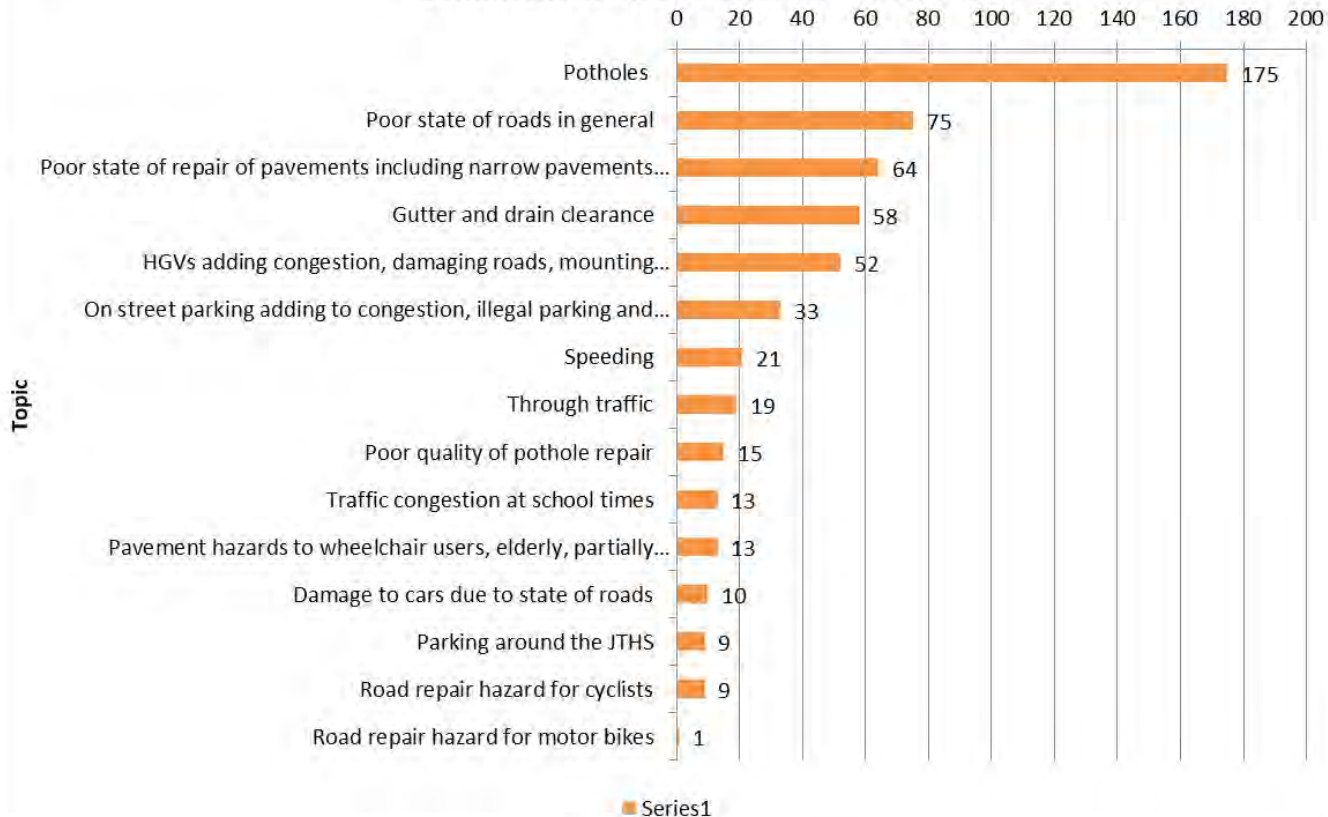
"Pavements are problematic particularly where large vehicles including school buses mount the pavements. Very dangerous for children walking to school"

"No cycleways or decent pavements for mobility scooters, parking on pavement not helping this."

"Hats off to the people who clean the streets, empty litter bins and maintain the church yard."

Road & Public Rights of Way - cont'd

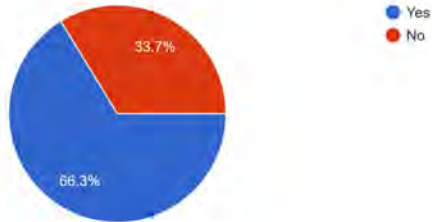
Comments on Roads & PROW - of 567 No.



Transport and Traffic

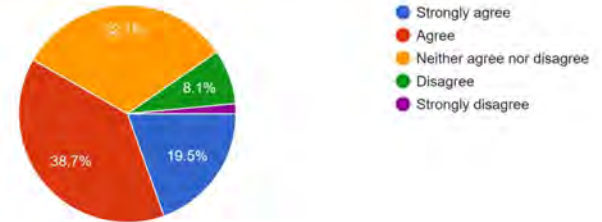
Do transport and traffic issues affect you?

332 responses



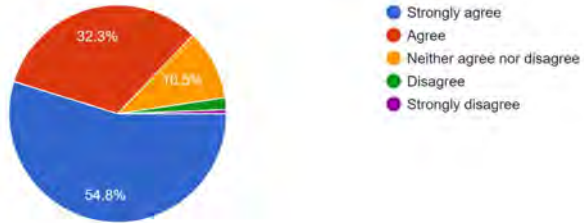
Public transport e.g. Bus and Train services are important to me

333 responses



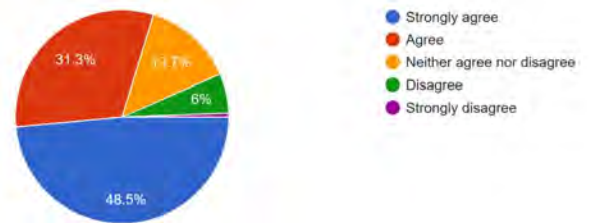
Speeding traffic is a concern for me

334 responses



Illegal parking is a concern for me

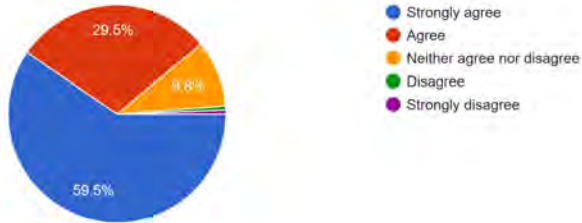
336 responses



Transport and Traffic - cont'd

The amount and type of HGV traffic is a concern to me

336 responses



Some of the comments received (of 199 No.):

"Parking - There are regular (mainly school children) that drive to Barton that attend JTHS and use local side roads to leave cars all day. Makes it difficult for locals to park near their houses and leave cars on paths and park Inconsiderate at times.

Used to be great having a walking bus to the infants and juniors which helped with traffic and reduced traffic through the village at main times. Not sure why this stopped. Busses struggle to get out of certain roads when cars are park in silly places. Eg, top of captains junction to the green. The cars are parked so close to the junction you can't see left to turn."

"Parking on pavements is an issue, and there is a lot of speeding in the village."

"HGVs cutting through when A38 is blocked doesn't help with condition of roads. I'm not aware of illegal parking, though some people remove their brain before choosing a spot. Speeding down Wales Lane and onto The Green is an issue."

" Speeding along Station Road/Main street has become much more prevalent during the last 12 months, would support speed cameras to counteract this trend. Re HGVs through the village, other than access to Blakenhall Park, there is no reason at all for them to be using the village roads, the danger associated with them doing so is exacerbated by the narrow pavements and school pedestrian traffic - at some point there will be an accident."

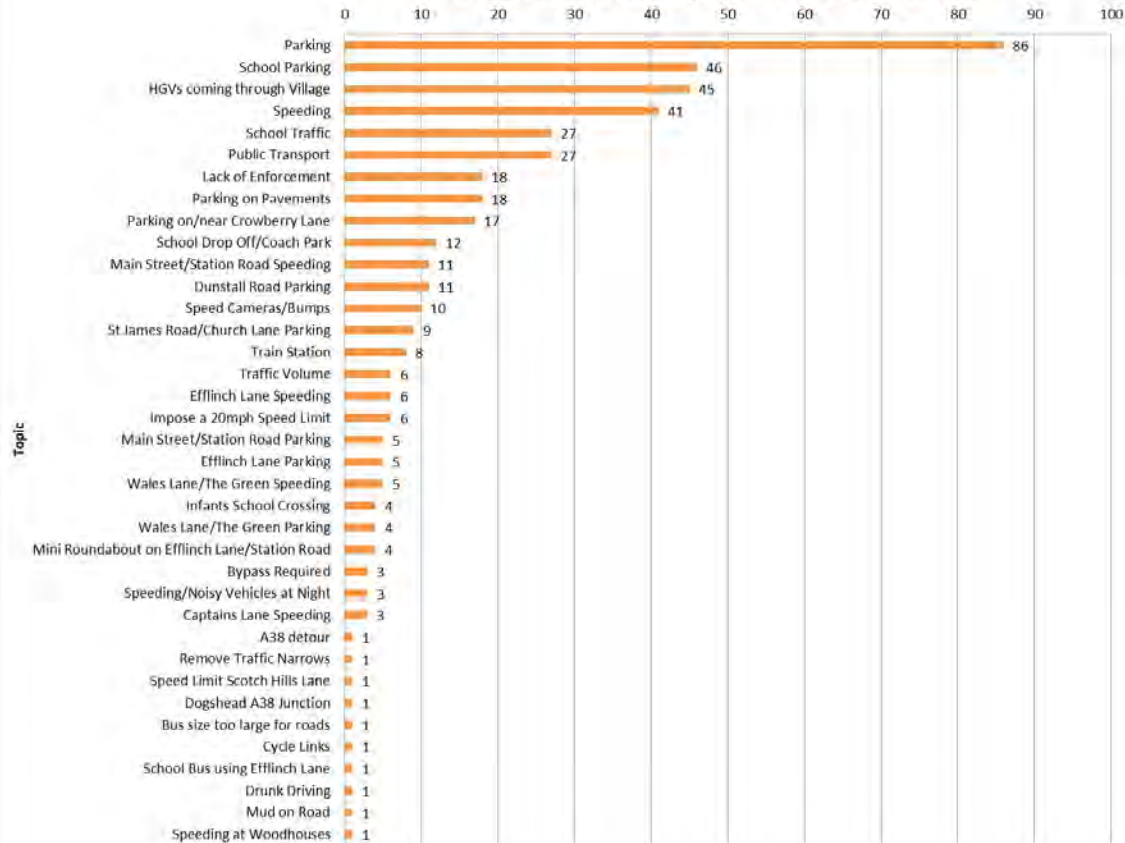
"If you don't have a car and are reliant on public transport you will find there is no public transport on a Sunday and the last bus back from Burton on other days is far too early. No public transport on Bank Holidays so if you don't have a car you are stuck in the village. An hourly service is not good for getting to hospital appointments/ linking to railway etc."

"More, or even some, parking enforcement in village."

"Enforce no parking on zigzags by pedestrian crossing. Is there any possibility of reintroducing the plan to create coach parking and car parking at the back of John Taylor to ease the gridlock through the village and people parking illegally and inconsiderately in order to pick up students."

Transport and Traffic - cont'd

Comments on Transport and Traffic - of 199 No.

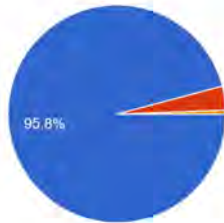


Village Services

Barton has historically been a centre for a wide range of services as listed below. For each of these services, do you agree that these are important for the village?

GP practice & health services

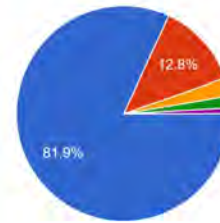
337 responses



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Pharmacy

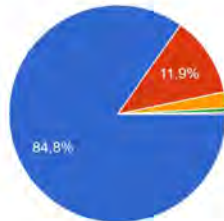
337 responses



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Post Office

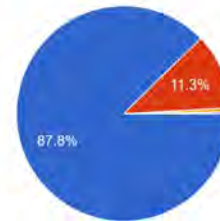
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Shops

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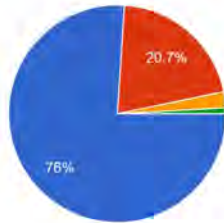
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Village Services - cont'd

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Pubs & cafes

338 responses



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Schools

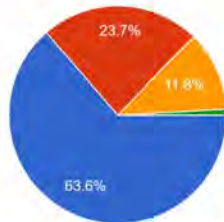
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Library

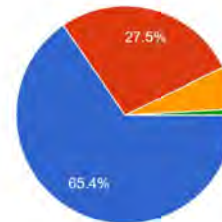
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Village Hall

335 responses



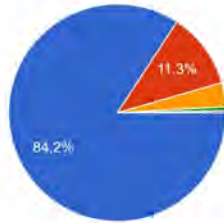
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Village Services - cont'd

Barton has historically been a centre for a wide range of services as listed below. For each of these services, do you agree that these are important for the village?

Mobile phone service

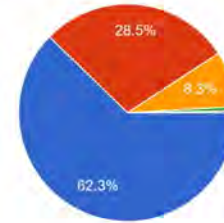
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ATM cash machine

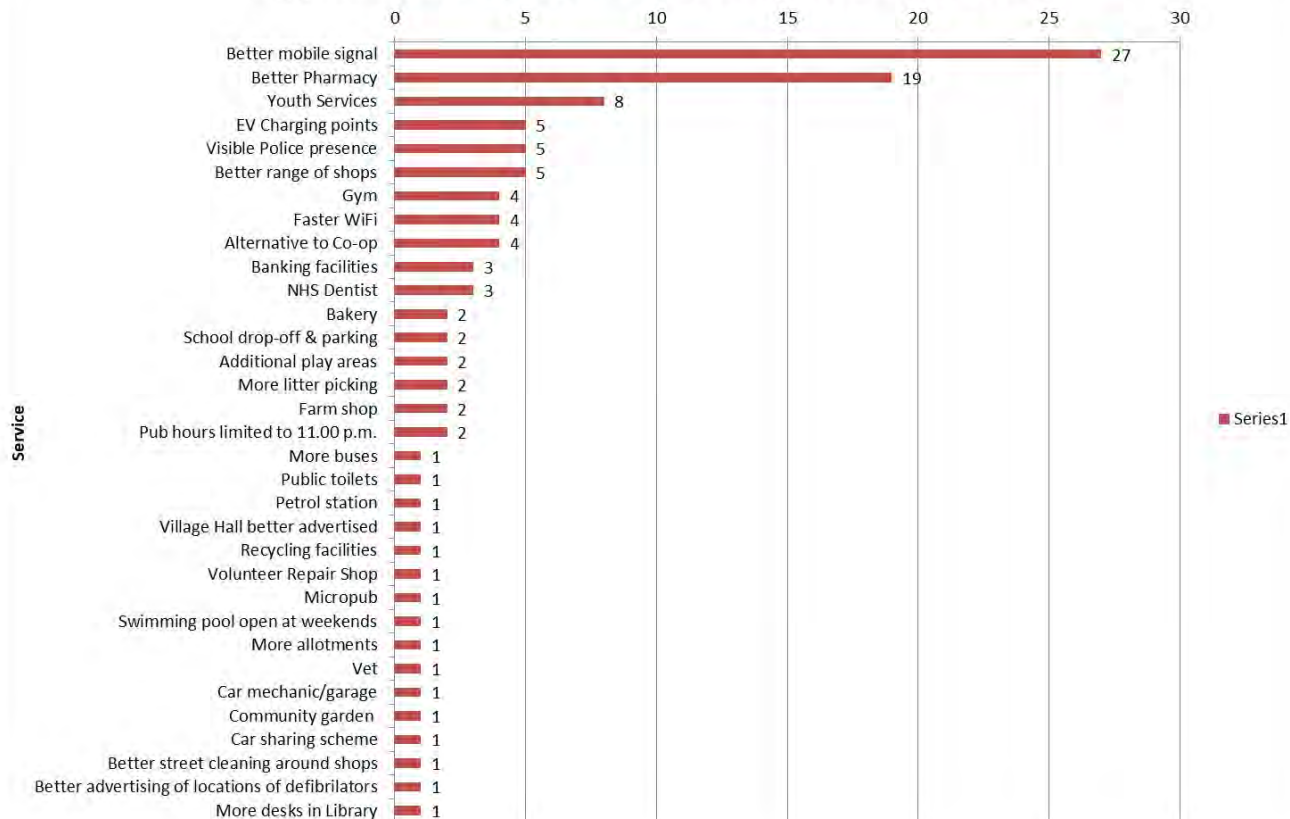
337 responses



- Strongly agree
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Village Services - cont'd

Suggestions for improvements to village services - of 115 no.



Village Services - cont'd

Some of the comments received (of 115 No.):

"Mobile phone signal is atrocious and needs sorting, I have tried multiple networks and none are better!"

"The internet speed is shocking and mobile phone signal is extremely poor in many areas. I can barely use my mobile in my own home and rely upon it for my business. With so many small businesses and people working from home surely we must be due to upgrade to mega high speed internet like many other areas."

"Mobile signal is an issue, coverage varies between poor - no service."

*"We are lucky to have a good range of shops and services.
Concerns -*

- 1. Long-term future of Post Office - particularly important as it provides banking services.*
- 2. Low standard of service offered by Pharmacy/whether owners have long-term commitment to this location."*

"The ongoing issues with the pharmacy worry me. We have an ageing population in the village and the inability of the pharmacy to provide a reliable service is a genuine safeguarding issue."

"I no longer use the pharmacy in the village due to how unreliable it became. If it got better I would use it again."

"There doesn't seem to be much provision for youth services, a youth club for them to go and meet with things to do might help so they're not hanging around the parks getting into mischief which also must be cold and dull. A better ran pharmacy and better mobile phone signal."

"EV charging points."

"Car park for school buses, electric charging for cars."

"Banking for those who cannot do this online. EV charge points."

"Mobile bank services."

"Hardware store, local farm shop, banking (the post office is limited), a volunteer led pop up Repair shop, e.g. in village or community hall, as seen in other local communities."

"A service that I would love to see in Barton is a farmers' market, where local farmers and food producers could sell direct to the public."

"An NHS dentist. Public toilets."

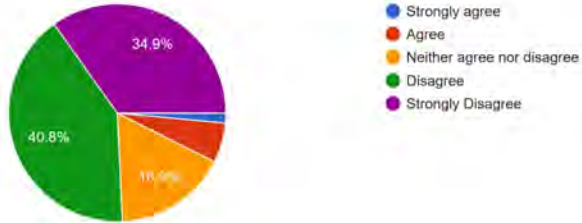
"A bakery on the high street would indeed make the village perfect!"

"It was worth moving to Barton under Needwood for the Family Practice alone. Compared to the 'service' in our previous address, it is superb. We are very lucky. The carpet shop is super and we use the florist too. I always try to use local amenities. The pharmacy is dreadful though."

Policing

Do you agree or disagree that the current level and frequency of police presence is sufficient for our village which is the third largest settlement in East Staffordshire.

338 responses



Some of the comments received (of 364 No.):

“Stolen vehicles of my neighbour, attempted burglaries of roads off mine are a cause of ongoing concern.”

“My garage was burgled, the police came and gave me a lot of time to “check I was ok” but I would prefer if they had put those resources to actually catching the culprits....especially as the whole thing was caught on camera including the car and registration plate.”

“Attempted break in on not only our house but others, with intent to steal cars.”

“We are entirely policed by response teams. No Neighbourhood policing in the village & given broader challenges of Staffs Police resourcing 24/7 response this makes BuN particularly vulnerable to vehicle crime & burglars particularly at night where there is minimal policing across the county. A beat bobby presence (not a PCSO with no powers) at least some days of the week until at least midnight dedicated to the village would help - accepting that we will never get a 24/7 police presence in the village.”

“Increased level of vandalism since reduction of PCSO input.”

“Drug dealing around the Mill Lane area and across the wildlife area on the new estate. Daily dealers waiting around the bridge over the canal by Dogshead Lane. Blatantly dealing and no obvious sign of police interest.”

“At least one visit a day from PCSO.”

“Increased patrols on foot, better response to reported crimes.”

“Managing antisocial behaviour and burglaries.”

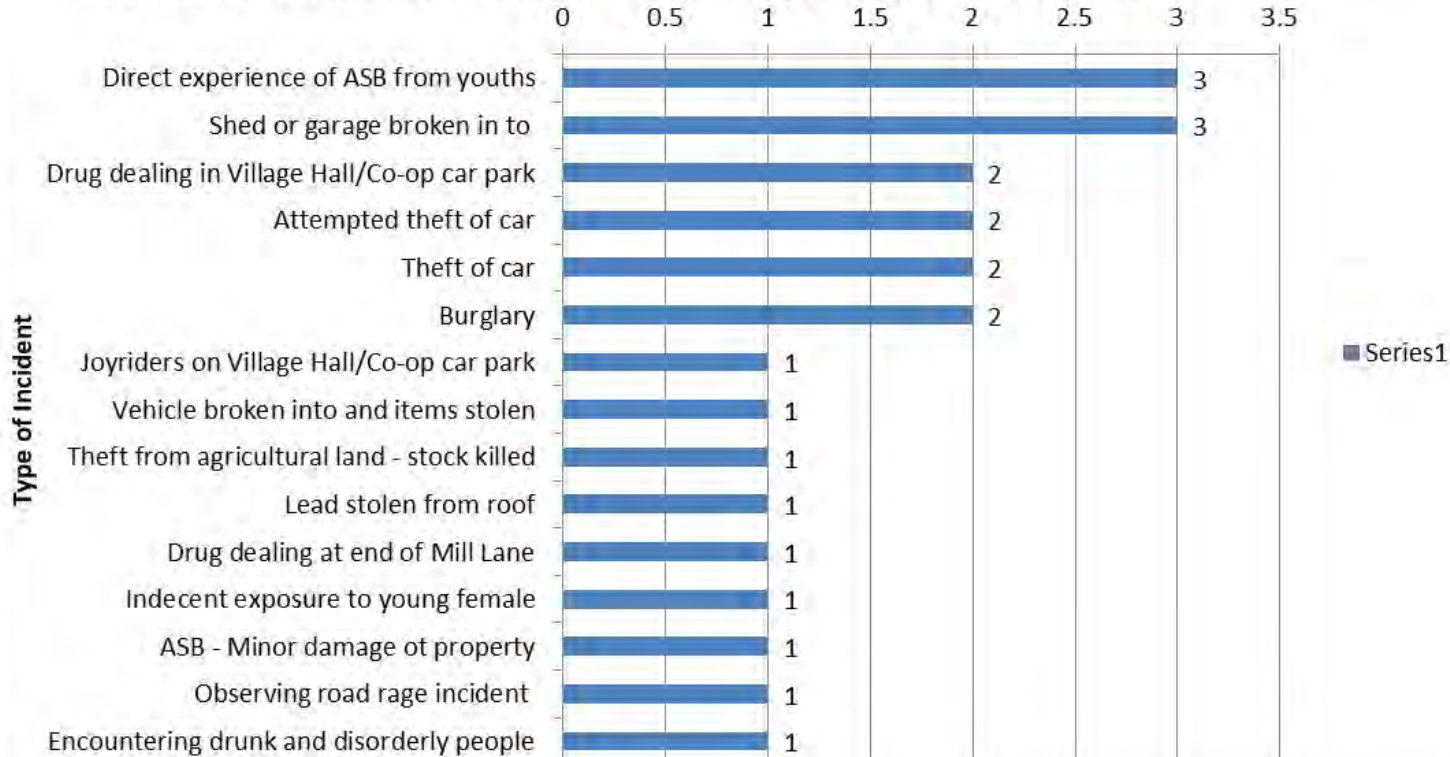
“A police presence eg a PCSO who knows the area and is seen around the village.”

“Presence to deter offences. Contact with schools, particularly secondary. Enforcement of traffic regulations.”

“A visible presence in the village would act as a deterrent. Thefts and burglaries within the village yet nothing seems to be done about it. More proactive approach would be better.”

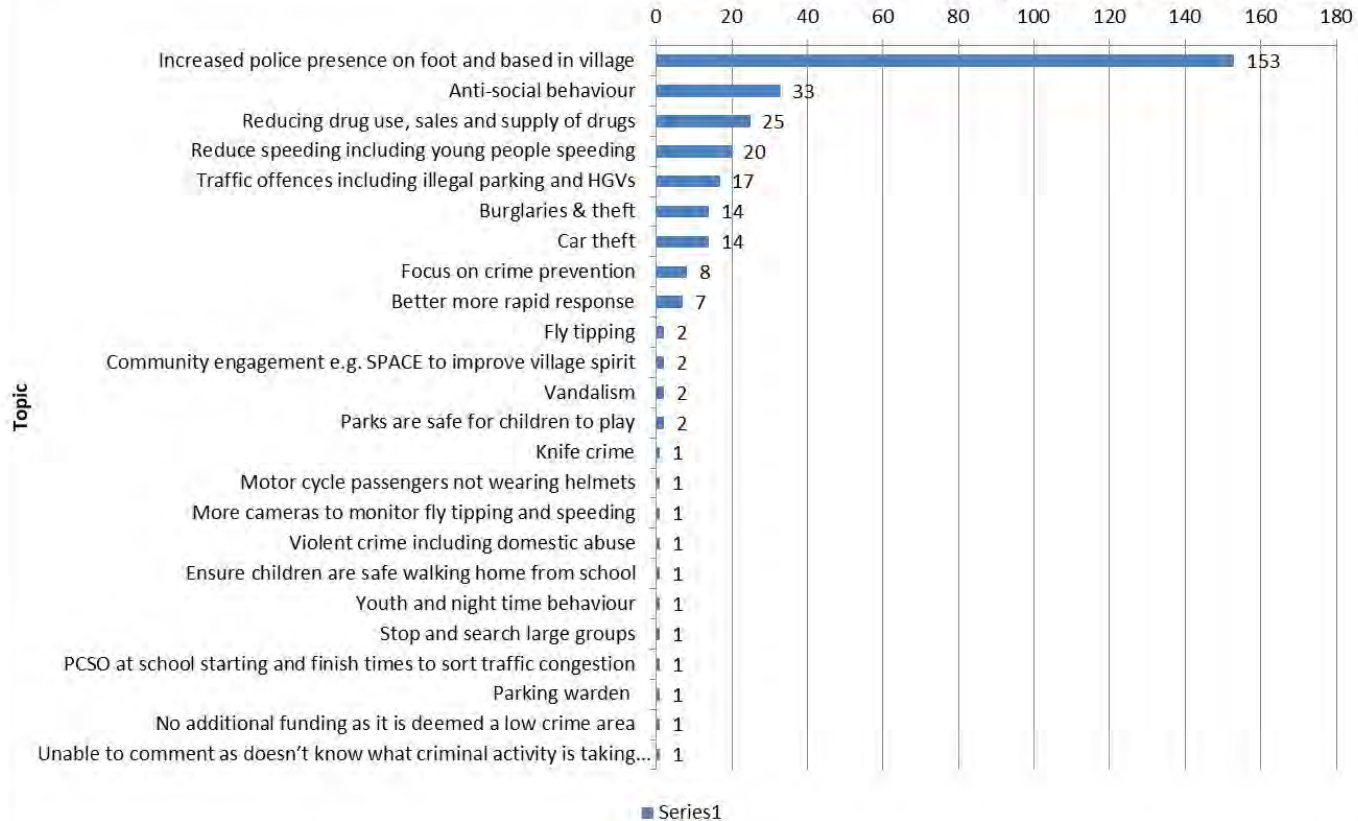
Policing - cont'd

Number of incidents where person directly affected - of 23 responses



Policing - cont'd

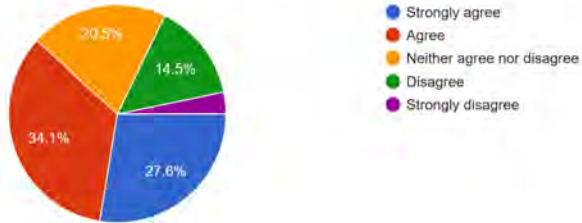
Comments on Policing Priorities - of 219 No.



Planning

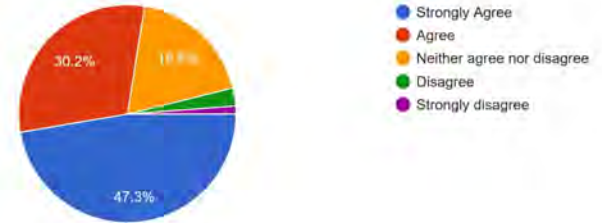
Housing Provision: Do you agree or disagree that there is a sufficient variety of housing types available to buy or to rent in the village and wider Parish?

337 responses



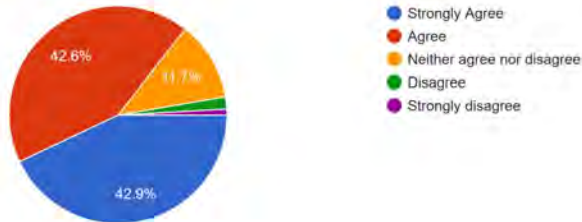
The allocation of new housing (number and whereabouts of any new housing that may be proposed to be built) is of concern to me

334 responses



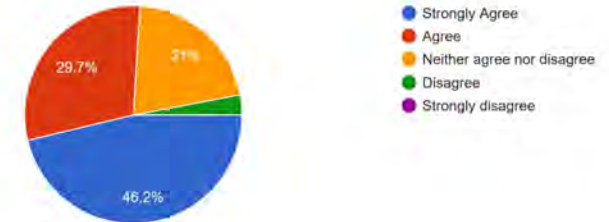
Myself and my family's housing needs are being met

333 responses



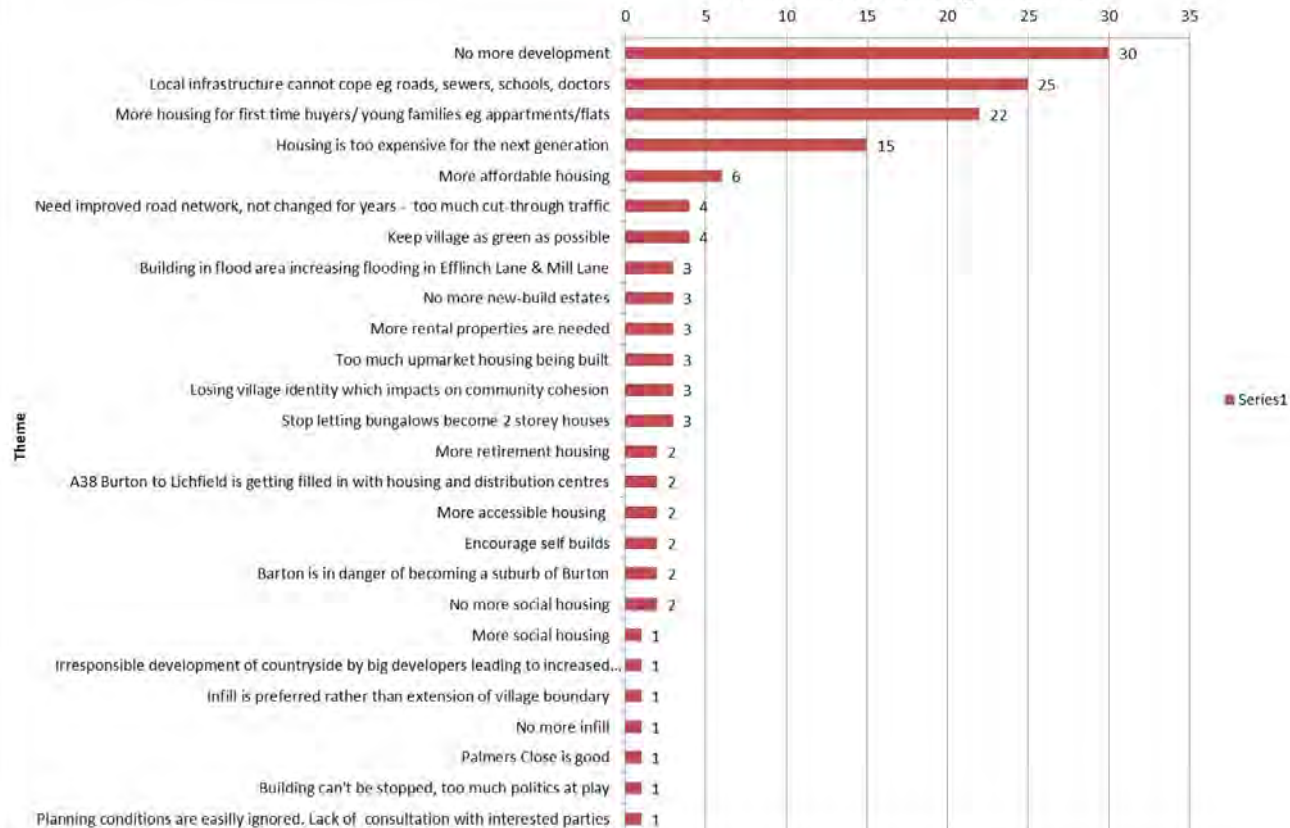
The type and location of any new commercial developments (e.g. retail, industrial, warehousing/storage) is of concern to me

333 responses



Planning - cont'd

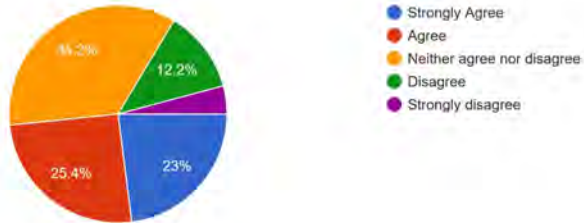
Comments on Housing - of 143 no.



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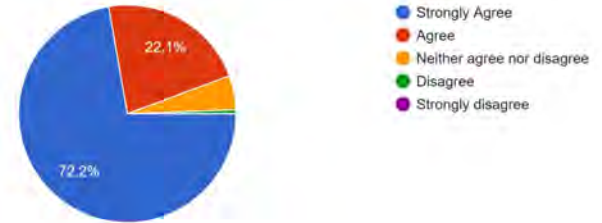
The eventual closure of the burial ground for further burials due to the lack of space is of concern to me.

335 responses



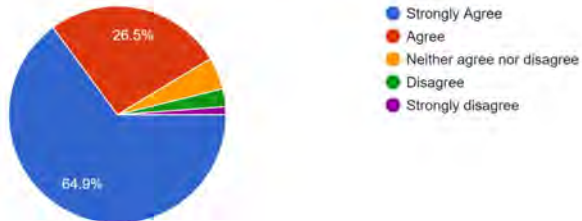
The protection of Barton's Conservation Area is important to me

335 responses

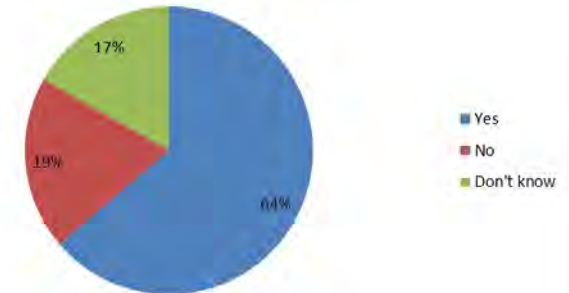


I would support the development of a Country Park on the outskirts of the village

336 responses

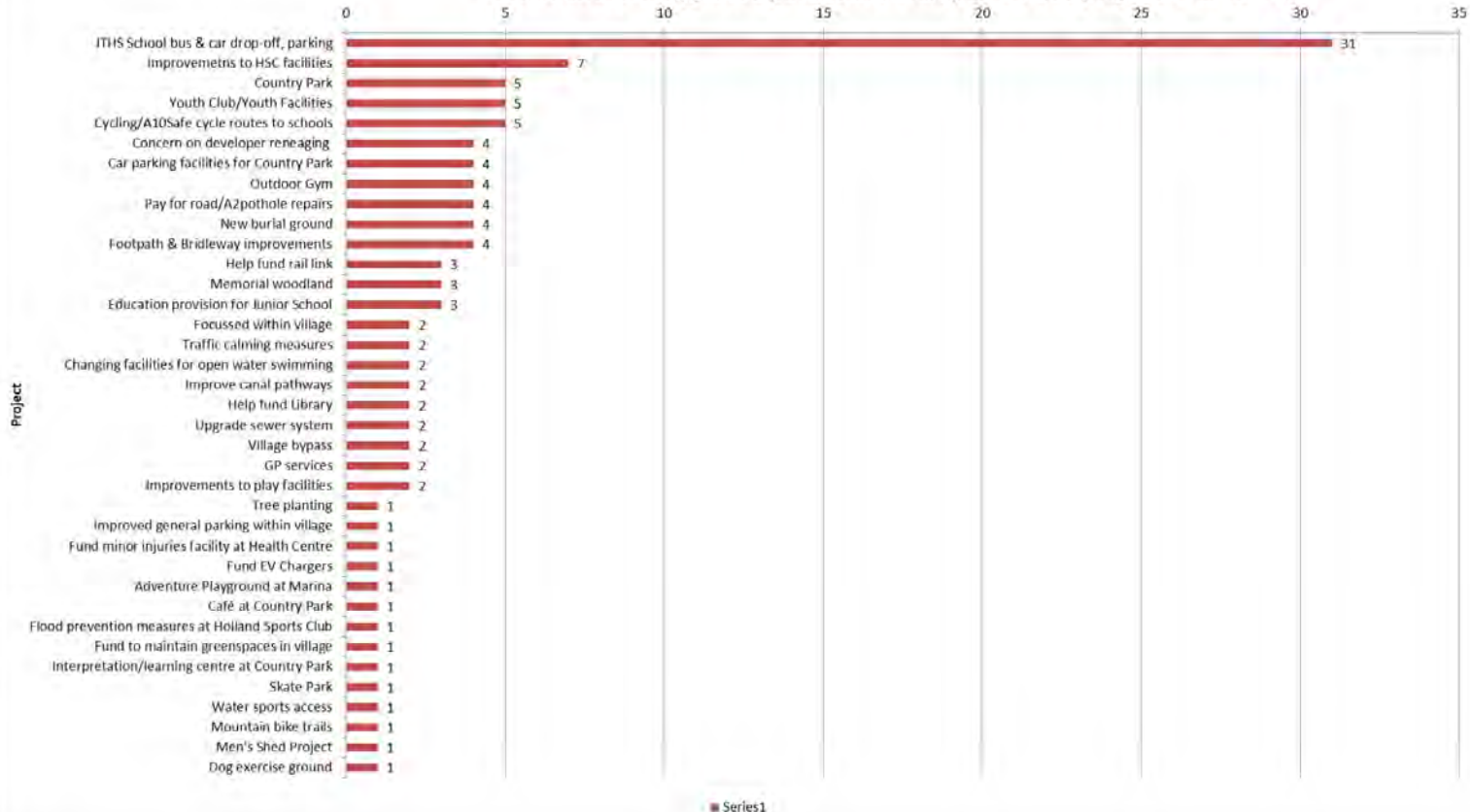


Do you think there may be developer-funded project opportunities for our village? - 159 No. comments



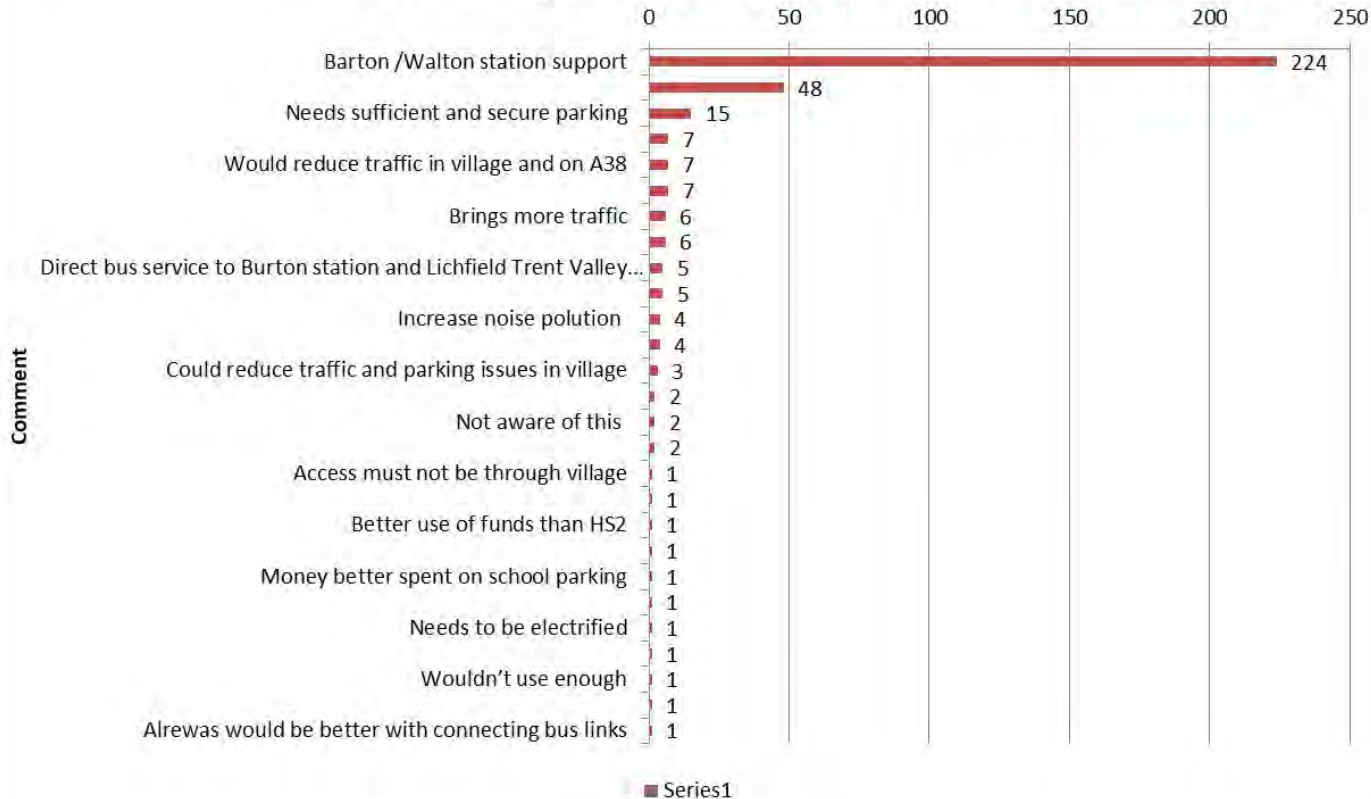
Planning - cont'd

Comments on suggested potential developer-funded projects - of 119 no.



Planning - cont'd

Comments on re-opening of Barton & Walton Railway Station - of 358 no.



Planning - cont'd

Some of the comments received (of 620 No.):

"I am worried about future building within our village. I am also concerned that the conservation area isn't taken seriously enough. I see upvc windows being put into historic properties, trees being taken down without permission or consideration. This shouldn't be happening within the conservation area, and is not helping to preserve what should be a beautiful street scene."

"Planning should take into account infrastructure- doctors, road use, school numbers etc. Cannot just build houses and expect the other aspects of life just 'be dealt with."

"As a village don't think we need any more housing been built, due to more traffic , schools can't take more children and the Dr's seem already stretched."

"Make sure affordable housing is available in Barton and not just wider East Staffs area."

"The planners need to actually enforce their own rules properly instead of letting developers build what they want and offset their affordable house requirement to somewhere else."

"Vital that surrounding green spaces and conservation area preserved ..really make village special."

"Parking and coach pick up point behind John Taylor school, would make a dramatic difference to the village as chaos at school drop off and pick up times. Village becomes completely gridlocked."

"A bus access to the back of JTHS would be a good plan! Money to upgrade road sewers and drains would help!"

"Developer funding for the improvement of the facilities at the Sports Club and schools."

"Youth club for teenagers."

"A new burial ground would seem to be a particular priority. In addition a memorial woodland area as part of the Newbold Quarry restoration would be a good addition to the village."

"Upgrade the canal pathways. Links through to Branston Water park, good parking so that parking is not in the village."

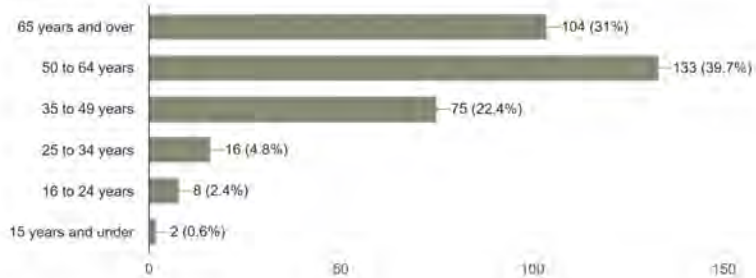
"Station re-opening - I think if this is economically viable it would be an extremely good addition to the village, and could reduce traffic and parking issues.."

"Station re-opening - Would be beneficial as parking at Burton or Lichfield stations are hard and expensive."

General Comments

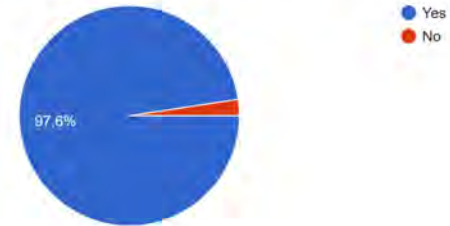
Please tick the box indicating the age range that applies to you.

335 responses



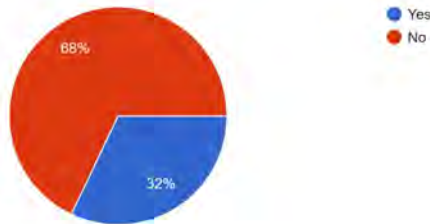
Do you live in the Parish of Barton under Needwood?

336 responses



Would you like to be involved in supporting the work of the Parish Council?

231 responses



Some of the comments received (of 160 No.):

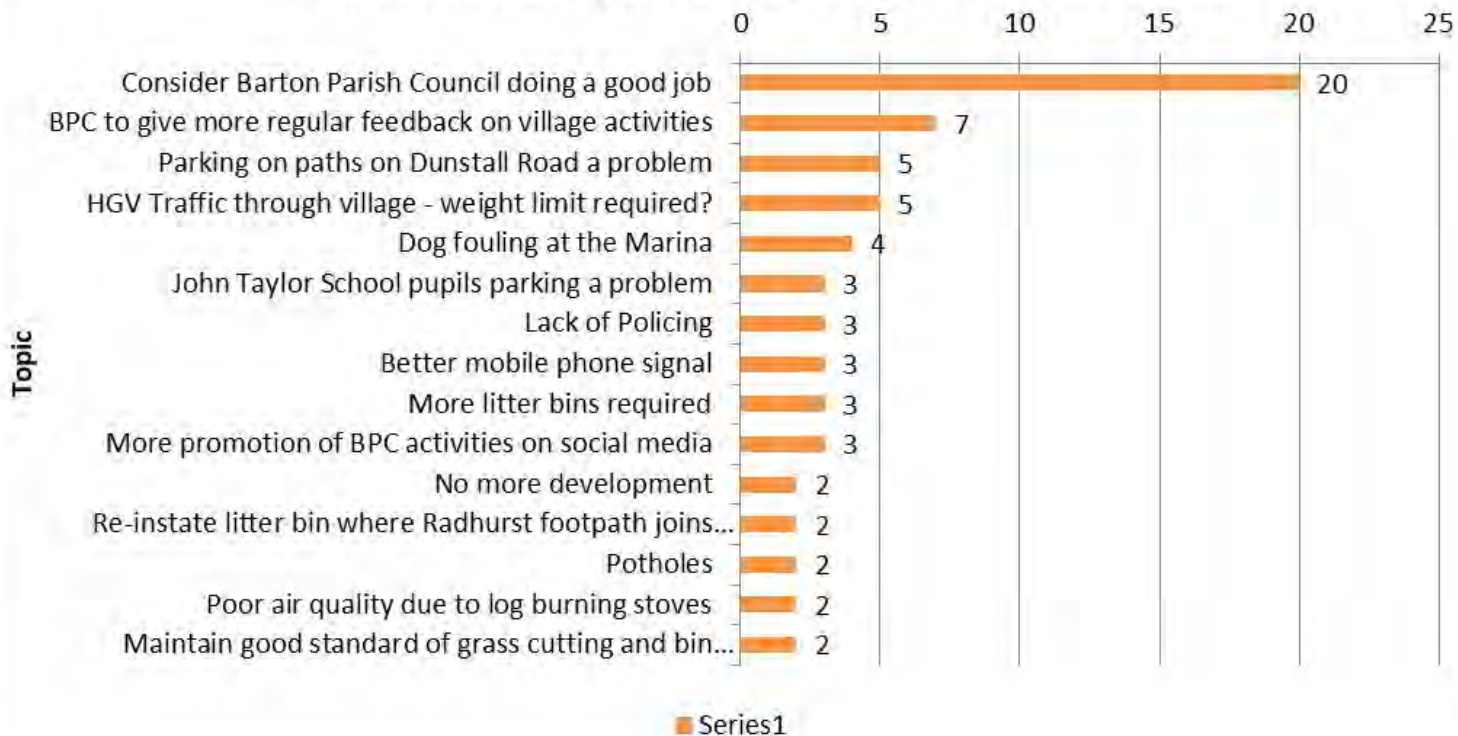
“Thank you for giving residents the opportunity to comment on village issues.”

“Feedback on things the council is doing needs to be much better reported and the opportunity for feedback welcomed and acted upon.”

“Just to thank the Council for the work they do, Barton is a lovely place to live.”

General Comments (- full list to be presented when final version of Survey Results published)

Number of general comments where more than one person mentioned a topic - 66 no. out of 160 no. for this question



General Comments - cont'd

Some of the comments received (of 160 no.):

"I think the Parish Council do a fantastic job on our behalf and I'm very grateful for the time and effort they invest in our community."

"More engagement and updates from the Parish Council about what is happening and plans for the future."

"Keep the notice boards up to date and tidy. They often look scrappy and out of date. I like living in Barton under Needwood and appreciate the work done by councillors and volunteers."

"This is a great opportunity to have my say and be involved, will be great if you keep up the good work and are transparent about how the info collected during this survey and event will be used to inform council decisions. Please keep parishioners informed and offer more opportunities to get engaged!"

"Pavement parking needs addressing, JTS needs an area for parking to avoid parking on Dunstall Road and St James Rd too."

"School parking on the roads during the daytime has always been an issue, this includes the daytime parking on Dunstall Road all day."

"Could there be a weight limit on HGVs through the village?"

"Littering/dog poo problem around Barton Marina."

"The Parish Council does a good job with limited resources and reliance on volunteers. I am sometimes concerned that too much time is spent on subjects that are someone else's responsibility - currently, potholes are an example of this. People need to be educated to take their concerns to the right body - in this example, Staffs CC."

"Many thanks for the superb work the parish do. Especially the renovation of the local parks !"

"More of these surveys please.."

"Policing and anti social behaviour is a priority."

"Continue to engage the younger members of Barton with decision making/idea gathering. There is the risk of the village growing stagnant if people feel that they are not part of the local community. Don't just focus on the negatives of the younger generations, rather embrace what they could bring/do for the local community."

"Mobile phone signal, needs sorting.."

"Please keep cutting the grass areas and emptying dog poo bins."

"I think you've covered a lot of topics. I'm not able to attend in May so this has been really helpful to feel included. Thank you."

Next Steps:

This document shows the Provisional Results from the Parish Survey.

We will look again through all the comments received in more detail and then as a Parish Council discuss the themes that are coming out of the work and compare that to the themes that came out of our own Strategy Workshop that we ran in February.

From this we hope to develop a plan for what the Parish Council needs to be concentrating on to serve the Community in the short, medium and long term.

The more detailed review will take at least a month to carry out; so look out for notices sometime in July that the Full Survey Report is published.

It will be available to download from our PC website, and we will place copies on deposit at e.g. the Library and elsewhere in other establishments in the village who may like to take copies for customers to read - over a coffee or a beer for example... :

The survey has identified a number of areas of clear concern to residents - but for which the Parish Council has no legal responsibility, e.g. Policing, Highways (potholes!), sewers, flood protection, grant of planning permissions, etc.

However in each case we will continue to do what we have always done - use personal and professional relationships developed over time with these various agencies to lobby for action on behalf of villagers.

We can also join with other Parish Councils in East Staffordshire to work together to affect decisions being made elsewhere. For example as the replacement East Staffordshire's Local Plan starts to be developed we can, as a group, meet with Officers and Cabinet members to represent the views of our community.

We can also undertake to provide more and better information to villagers on where to go if they do have a problem that is not our responsibility to fix.

The Parish Council would like to coordinate with local residents and interest groups for the benefit of our community.

And we can use all the various media channels to keep you informed of our activities on your behalf.

Thank you again if you took part in the Survey.

By doing so you are helping us all work to keep Barton the special place we all want it to be.