

**Rawdon Parish Council
Neighbourhood Plan
Community Consultation**

December 2014

Introduction

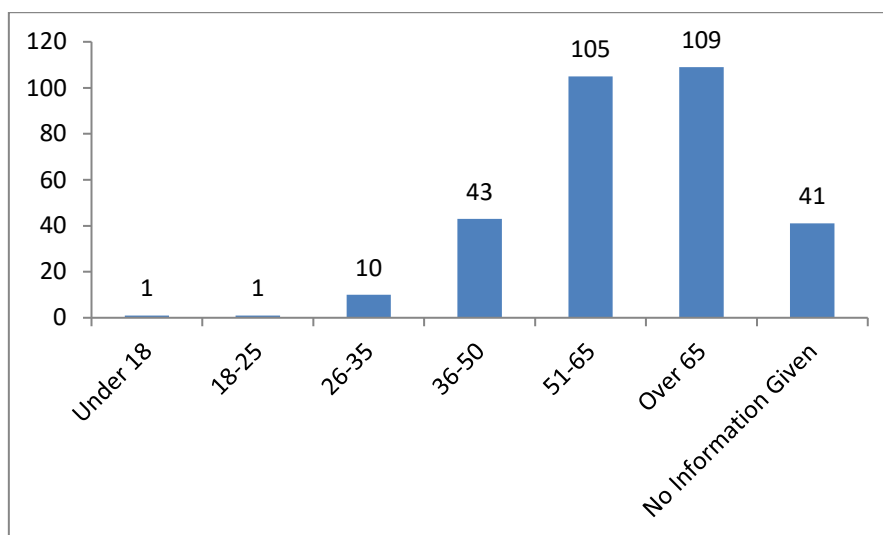
This report contains an analysis of questions and answers posed to the residents of Rawdon. Each analysis for each question contains a graph that best represents the data as well as comments section which contains any other information that we feel is necessary.

Number of Questionnaires Returned Analysed - 310

Number not included – 2

Two questionnaires returned were not included in the analysis. One contained none of the questions answered whilst the other contained answers of a nature not suitable to include.

Below are the details of the age bands of the respondents:



Variables

It was found that the questionnaires were not always completed correctly. Some respondents did not tick any box whilst some ticked more than one box. On the occasion that more than one box was ticked this was included on the analysis as two options selected. Where residents ticked all boxes this was included under the 'All are important' option for questions 1 – 15. For questions 16 onwards all selections were counted individually. A note was made throughout where no answer was selected.

Otherwise, the rest of the data was fairly self-explanatory as can be seen by the graphs below, we believe that with your local knowledge and the information garnered from these questionnaires you will be able to get a vivid picture of what the residents of Rawdon want from the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

Appendices

Appendix A – Contact Spreadsheet

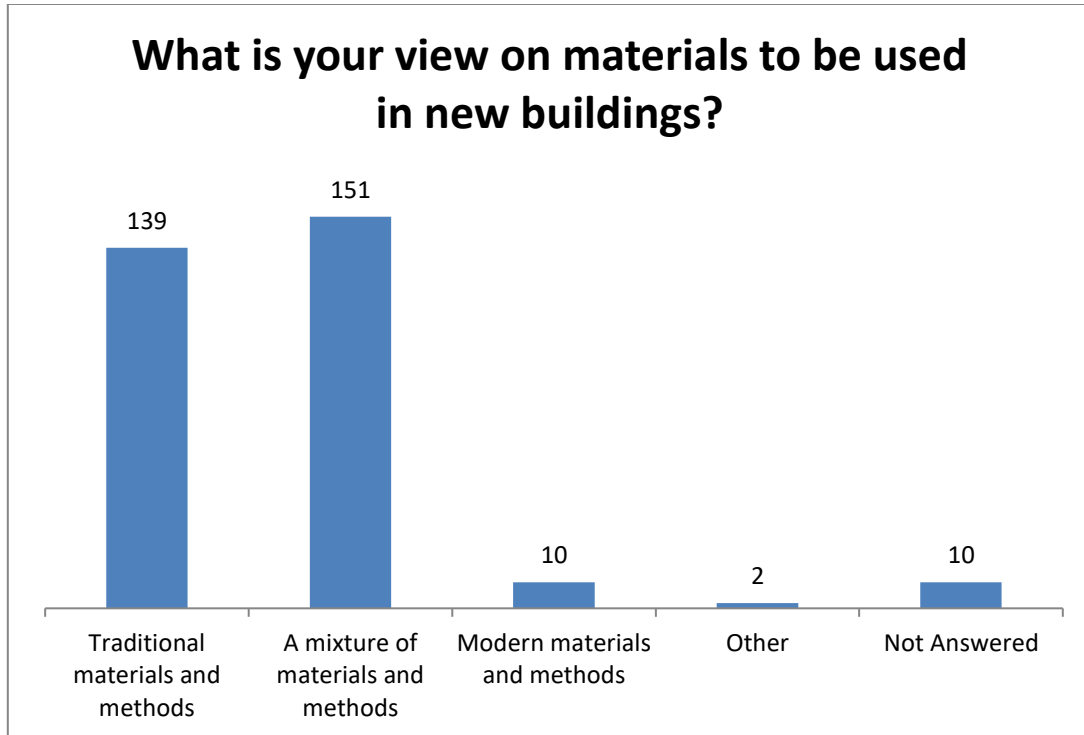
This spreadsheet contains all the collected contact details from the returned questionnaires. All information given was inputted into the spreadsheet regardless of how much was missing.

Appendix B – Raw Data

This spreadsheet contains an individual tab on each question. Contained within are the raw numbers, information on general comments given and the graph produced

QUESTION 1 - Design

What is your view on materials to be used in new buildings?

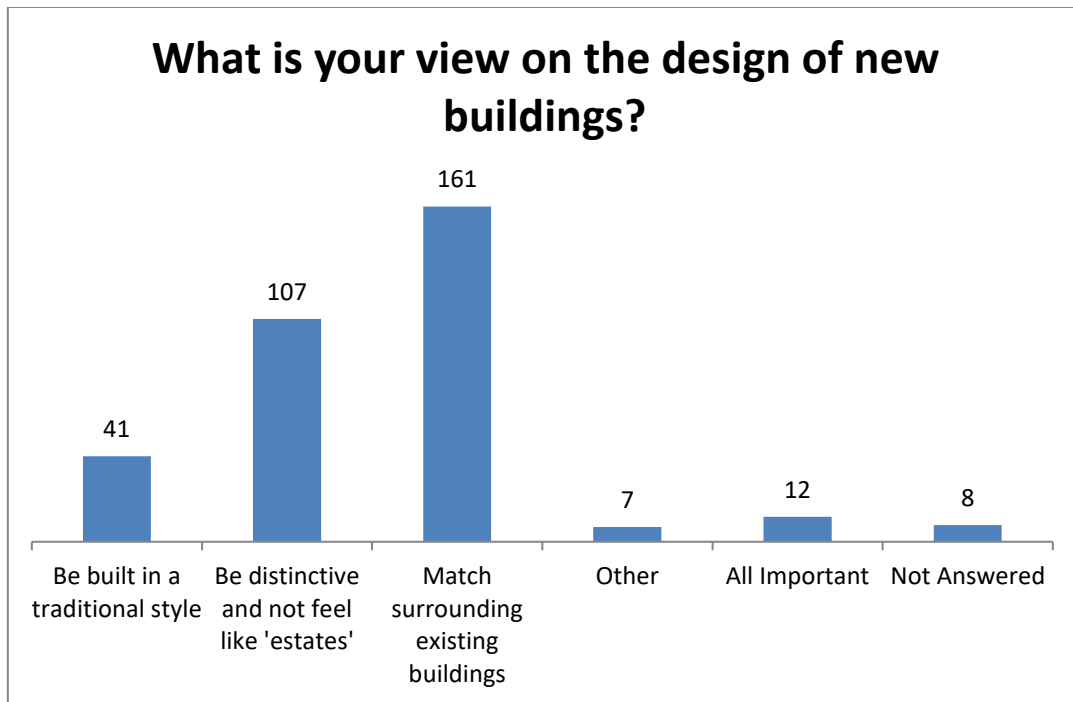


Comments

Although the majority of respondents agreed that a mixture of materials and methods should be used other comments were made such as; it needs to be sustainable, well-built and very presentable. Additionally, residents noted that stone built properties would be desirable and no high rise building should be built.

QUESTION 2 - Design

What is your view on the design of new buildings?



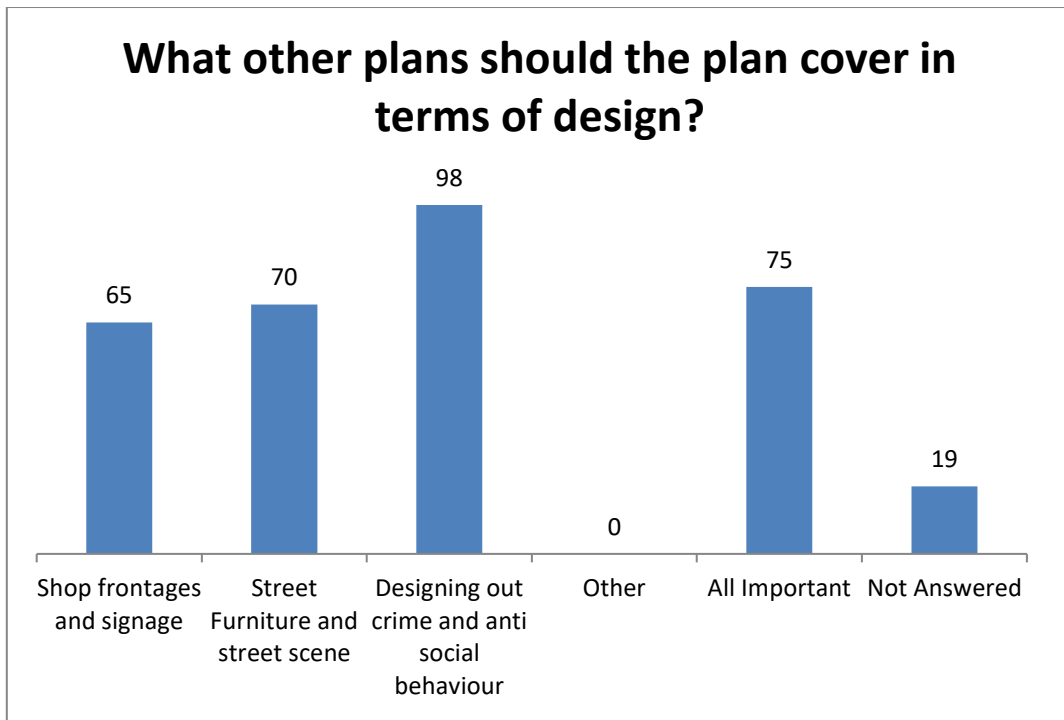
Comments

It was substantially agreed that the design of the building should match the current surroundings but also have a distinctive feel that Rawdon currently possesses without feeling like large estates. High on residents' priorities was to ensure new properties had ample parking as well as looking at the possibilities of more high-tec and eco buildings.

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QUESTION 3 - Design

What other plans should the plan cover in terms of design?

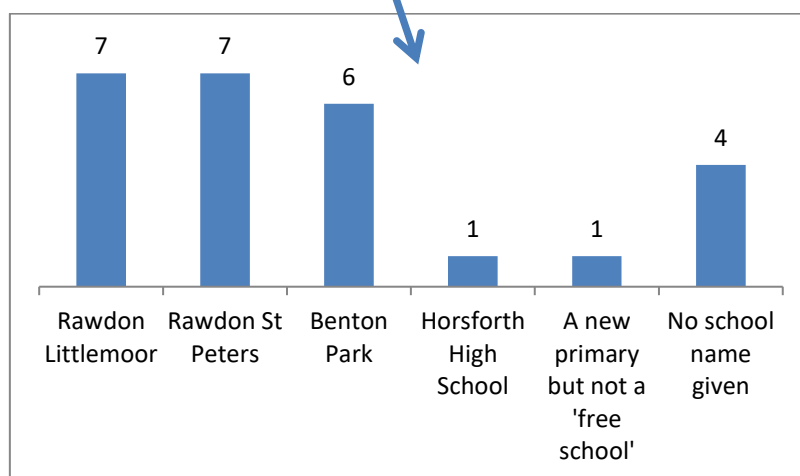
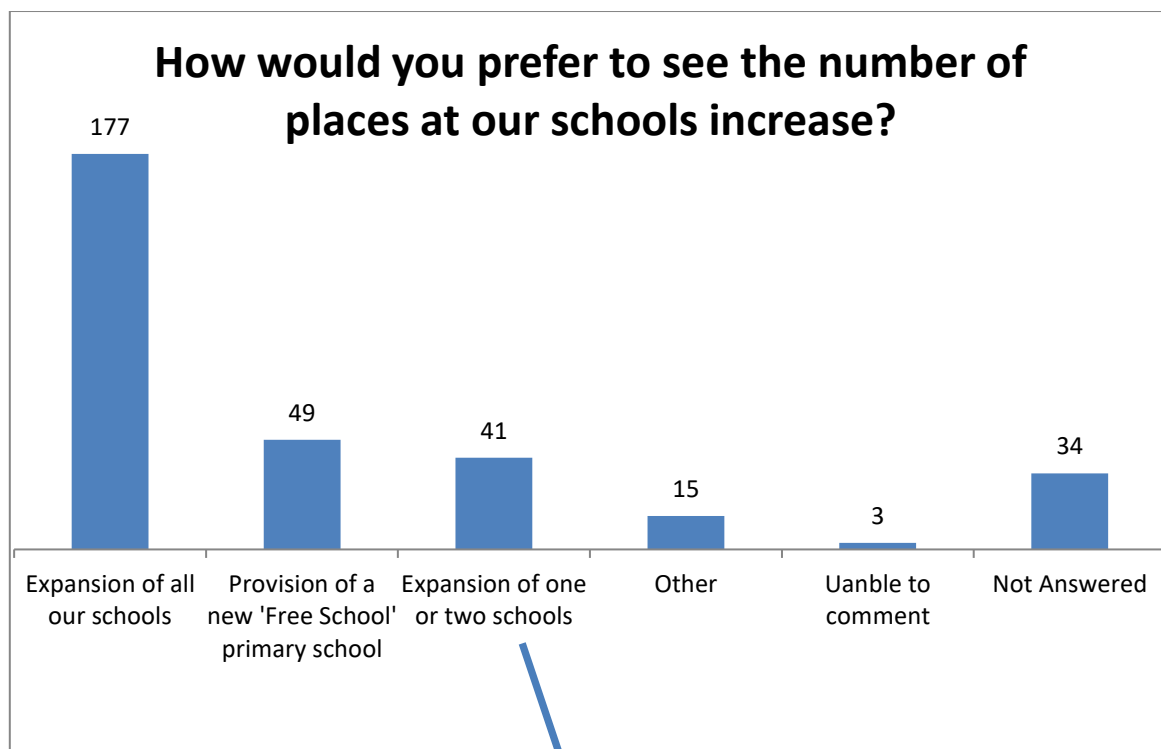


Comments

Again, it was noted that any design plan should include a requirement for ample parking. Moreover, designs should include large open spaces as well as safe play areas whilst some residents stated that there should not be excessive street furniture.

QUESTION 4 - Education

How would you prefer to see the number of places at our schools increase?

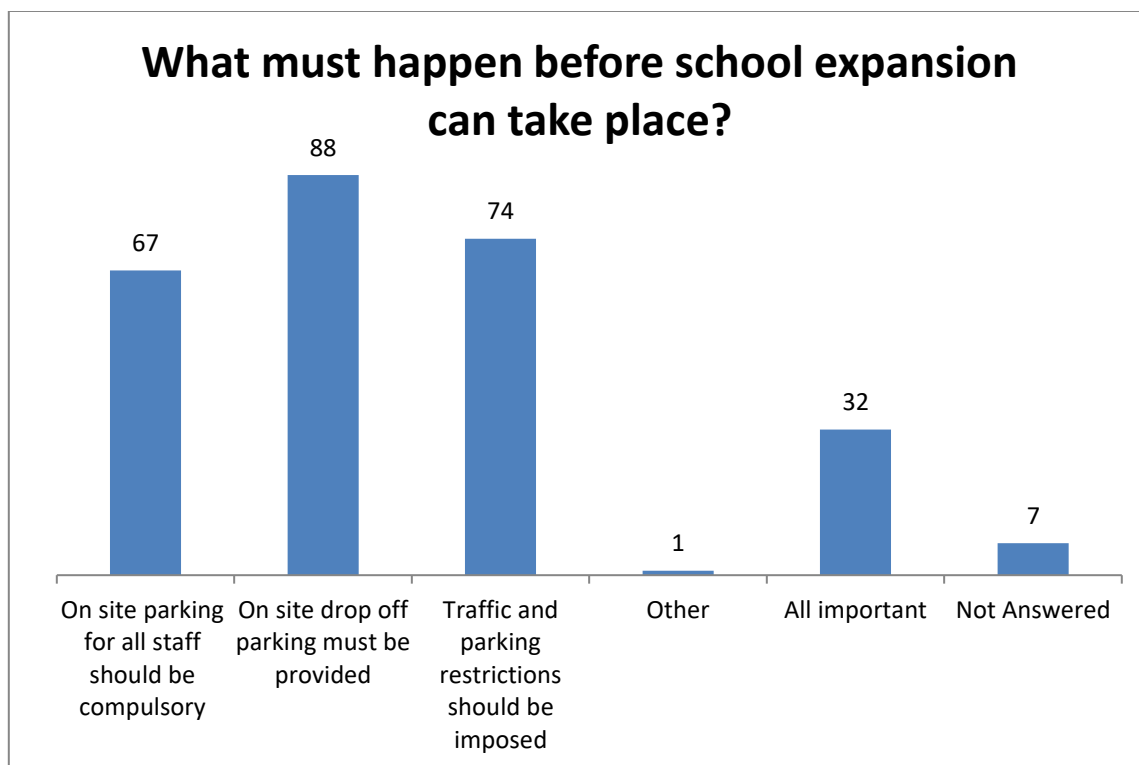


Comments

The respondents stated that although there should be an expansion of all schools in the Rawdon area a small minority (6 in total) stated there should be no expansion at all. Three of those who said there should be a new school noted that this should not be a 'free school'. It was clear that although expansion was desired, this should not be in the form of larger class sizes.

QUESTION 5 - Education

What must happen before school expansion can take place?

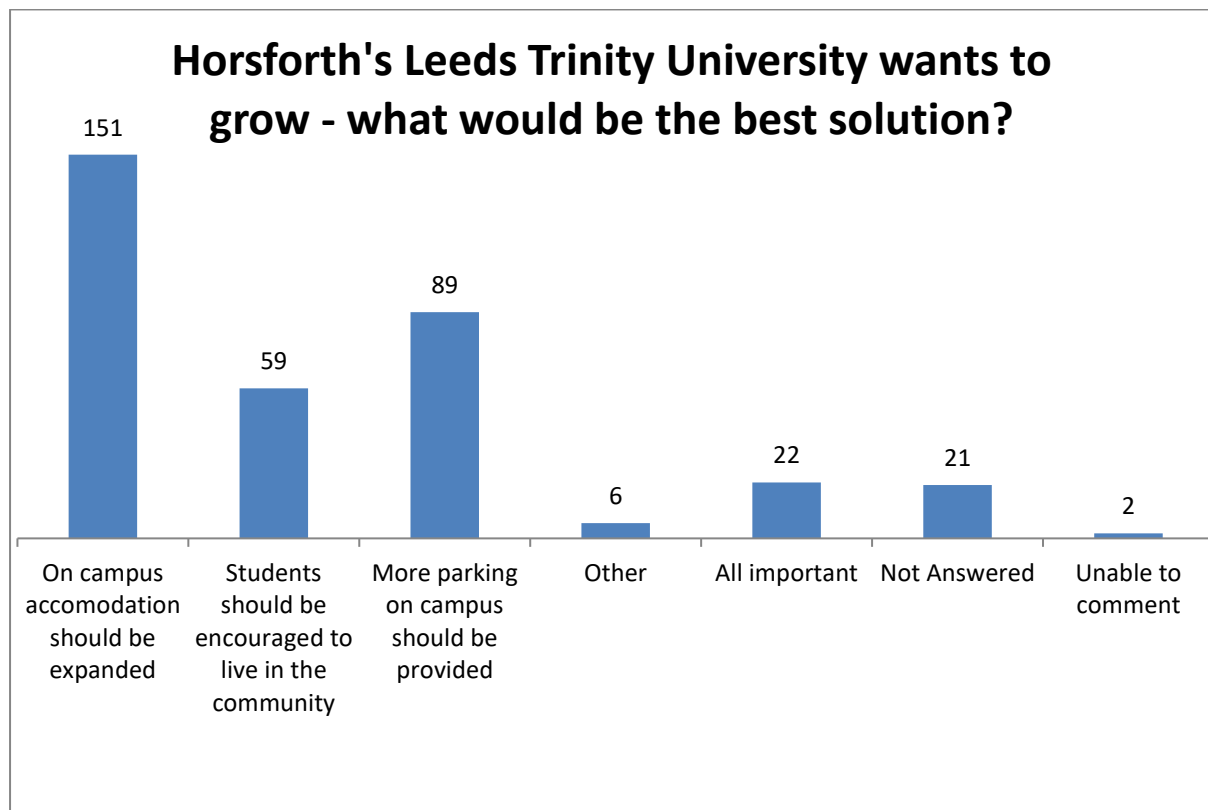


Comments

It was clear that residents of Rawdon felt strongly about what they see as a parking 'problem' around the streets of Rawdon. Many respondents said that other modes of transport should be investigated and encouraged such as buses, cycling and walking. Thirty two said that all the answers were important.

QUESTION 6 - Education

Horsforth's Leeds Trinity University wants to grow - what would be the best solution?

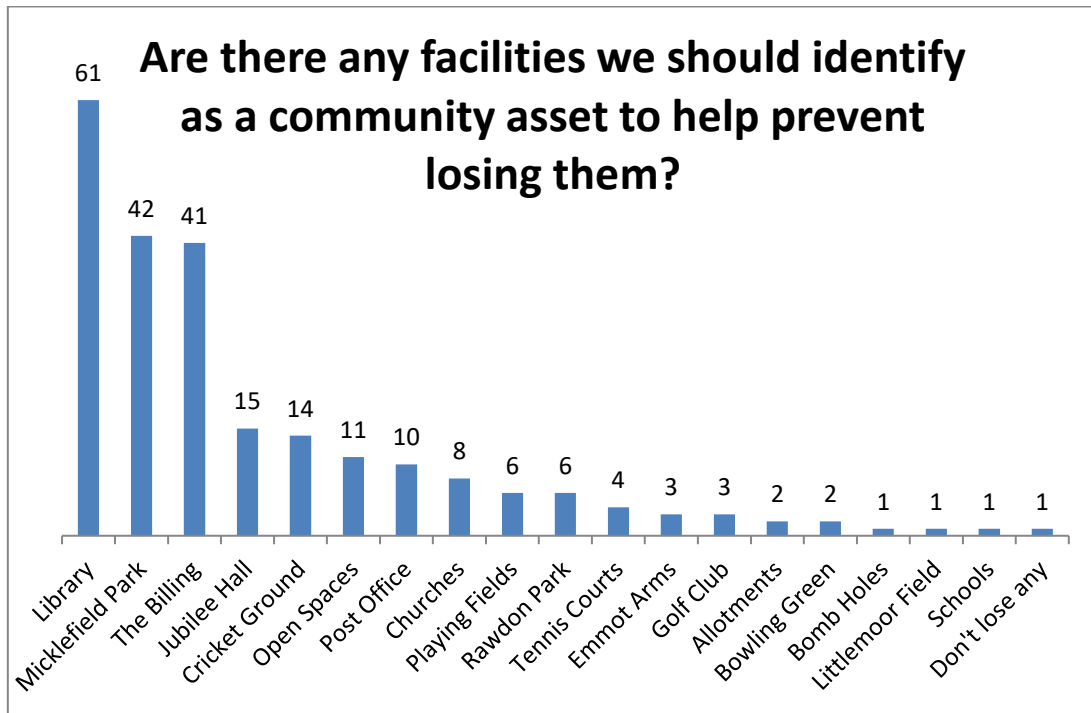


Comments

This was one of the questions that many residents did not answer. It was obvious that residents were not against (five said no growth) expansion of the campus although many said this should include more parking. Residents said areas of the university not used often should be utilised or the creation of a sister site elsewhere should be investigated.

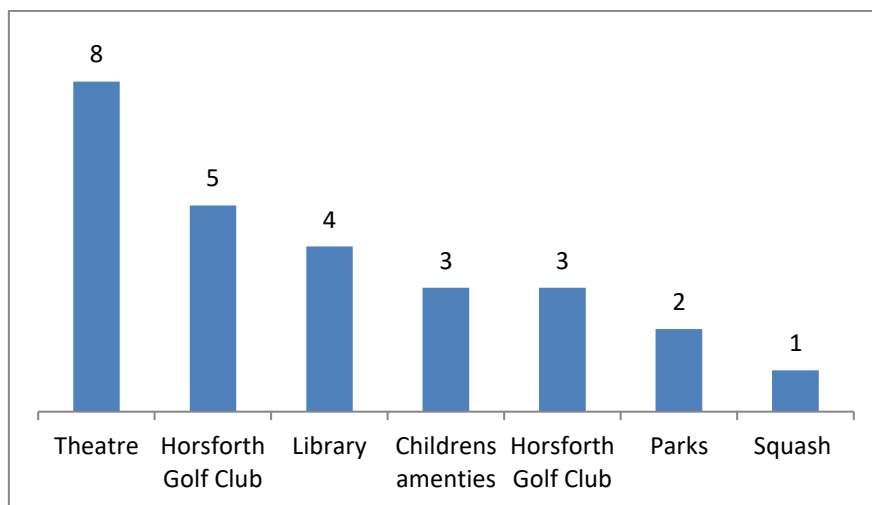
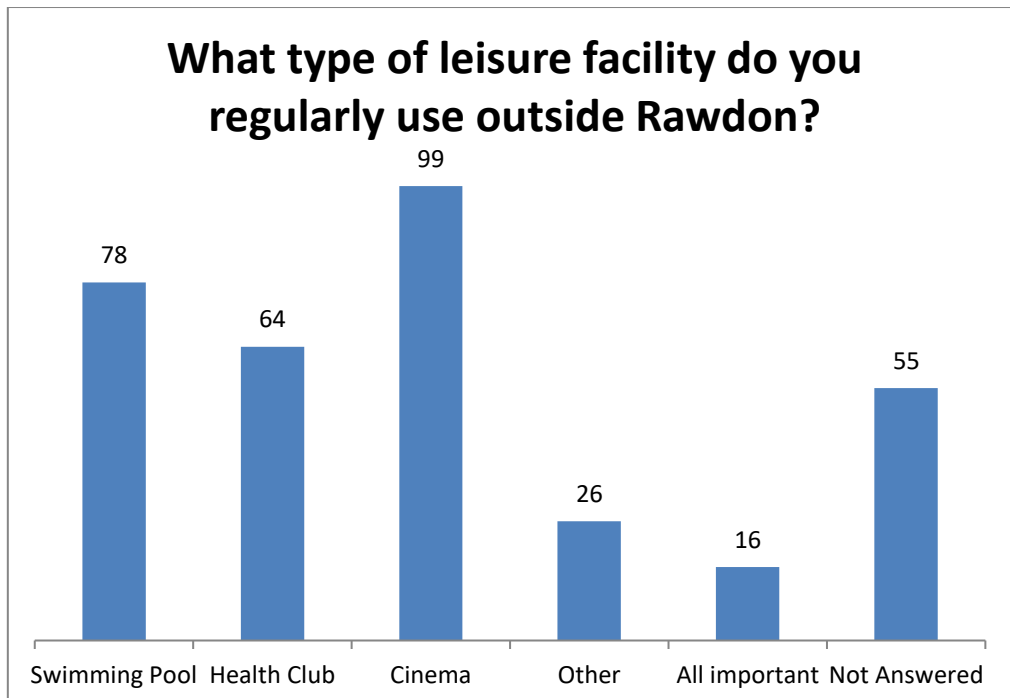
QUESTION 7 - Leisure

Are there any facilities we should identify as a community asset to help prevent losing them?



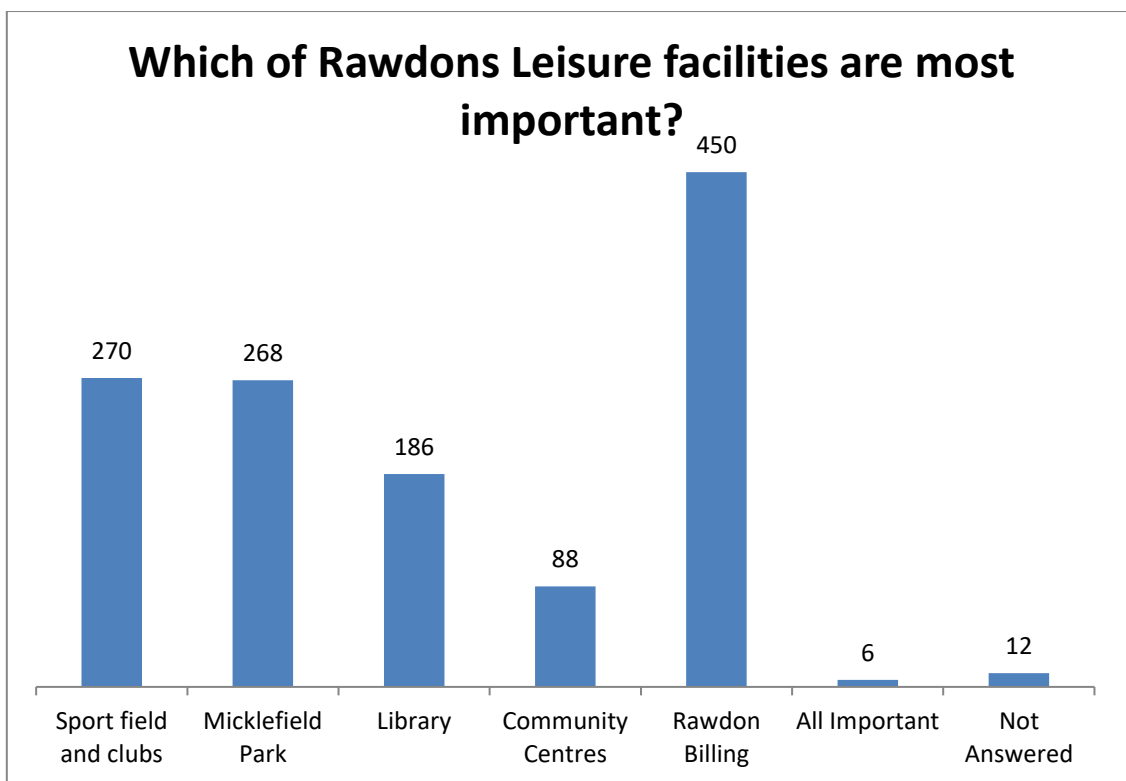
QUESTION 8 - Leisure

What type of leisure facility do you regularly use outside Rawdon?



QUESTION 9 - Leisure

Which of Rawdon's Leisure facilities are most important?

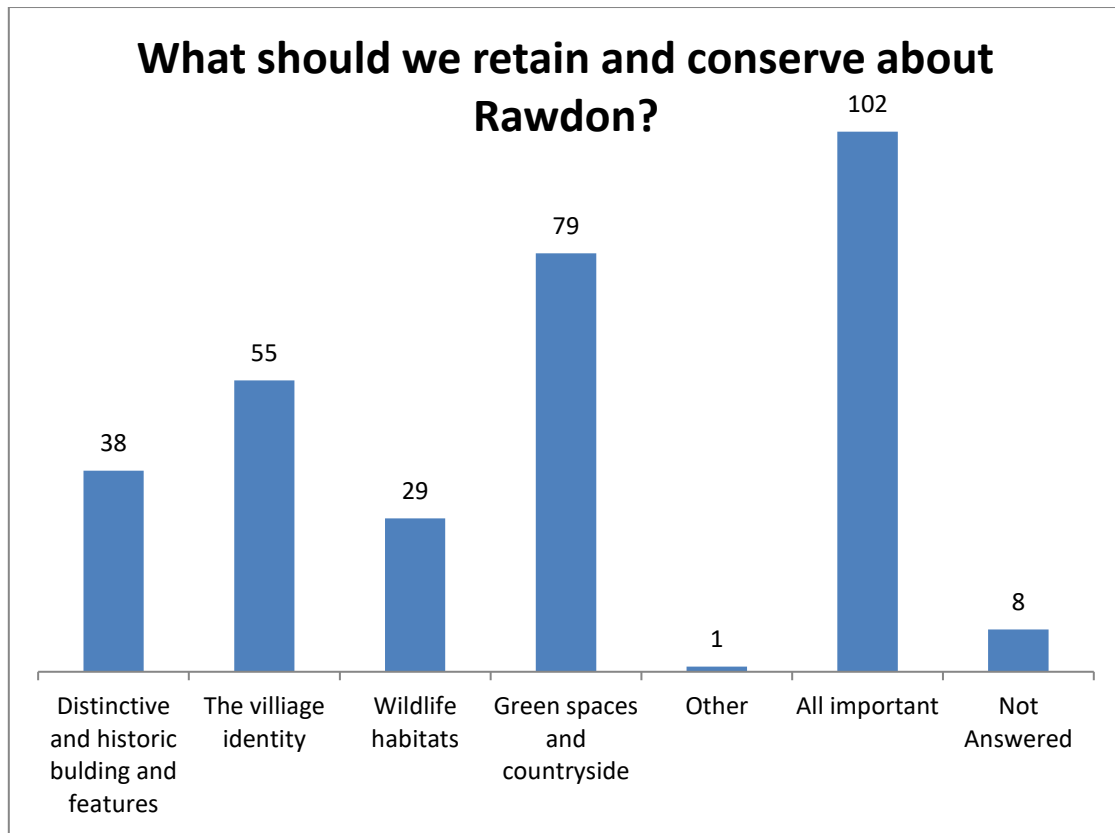


Comments

This question required participants to rank the leisure facilities that they feel are most important from 1st to 3rd. Therefore, a 1st place rank meant they received 3 points, 2nd place 2 points and 3rd place one point. Rawdon Billing was unanimously voted as the most important.

QUESTION 10 - Conservation

What should we retain and conserve about Rawdon?

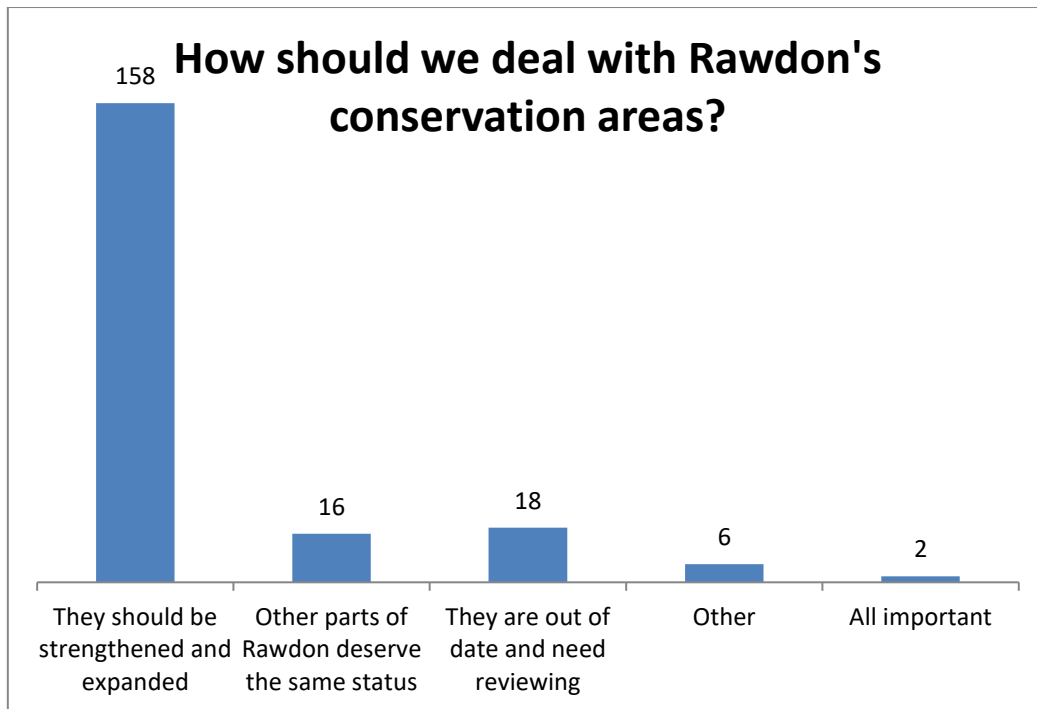


Comments

Although many residents felt like the green spaces and countryside are most important to conserve 102 participants said they felt every aspect of Rawdon was important.

QUESTION 11 - Conservation

How should we deal with Rawdon's conservation areas?

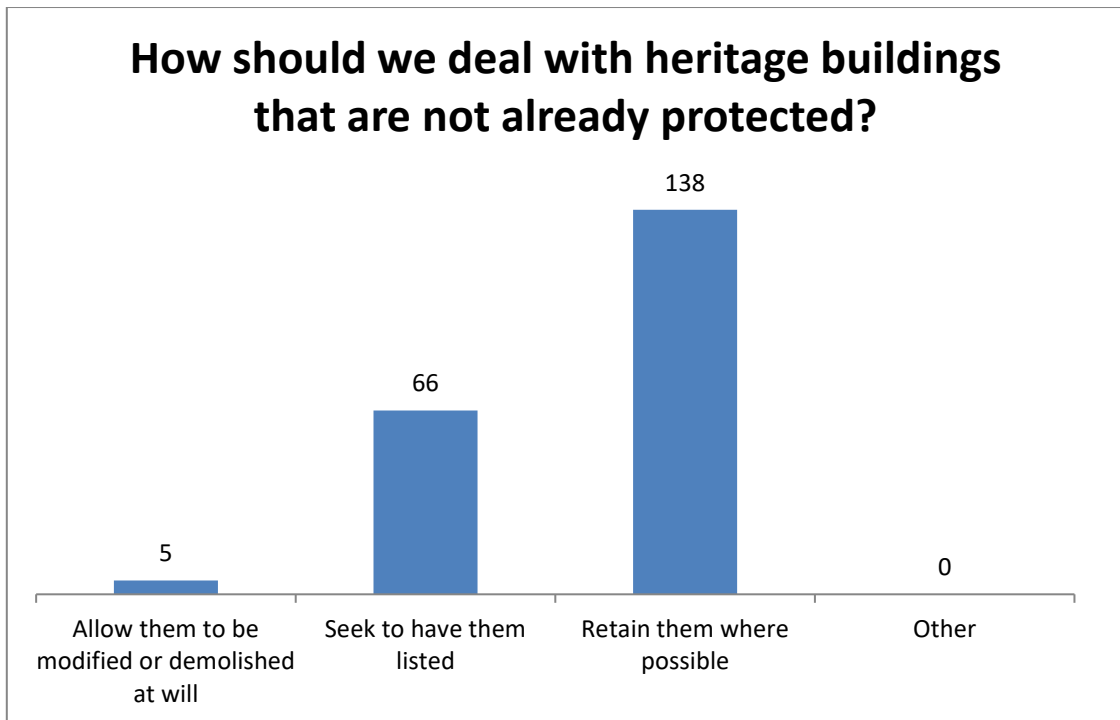


Comments

It was obvious from the results that the vast majority of residents felt that Rawdon's conservation areas should be strengthened and expanded. Only a small number of residents felt that they are out of date whilst eighteen felt that other areas (such as the Town Street and St Peters Church) should also be considered for conservation.

QUESTION 12 - Conservation

How should we deal with heritage buildings that are not already protected?

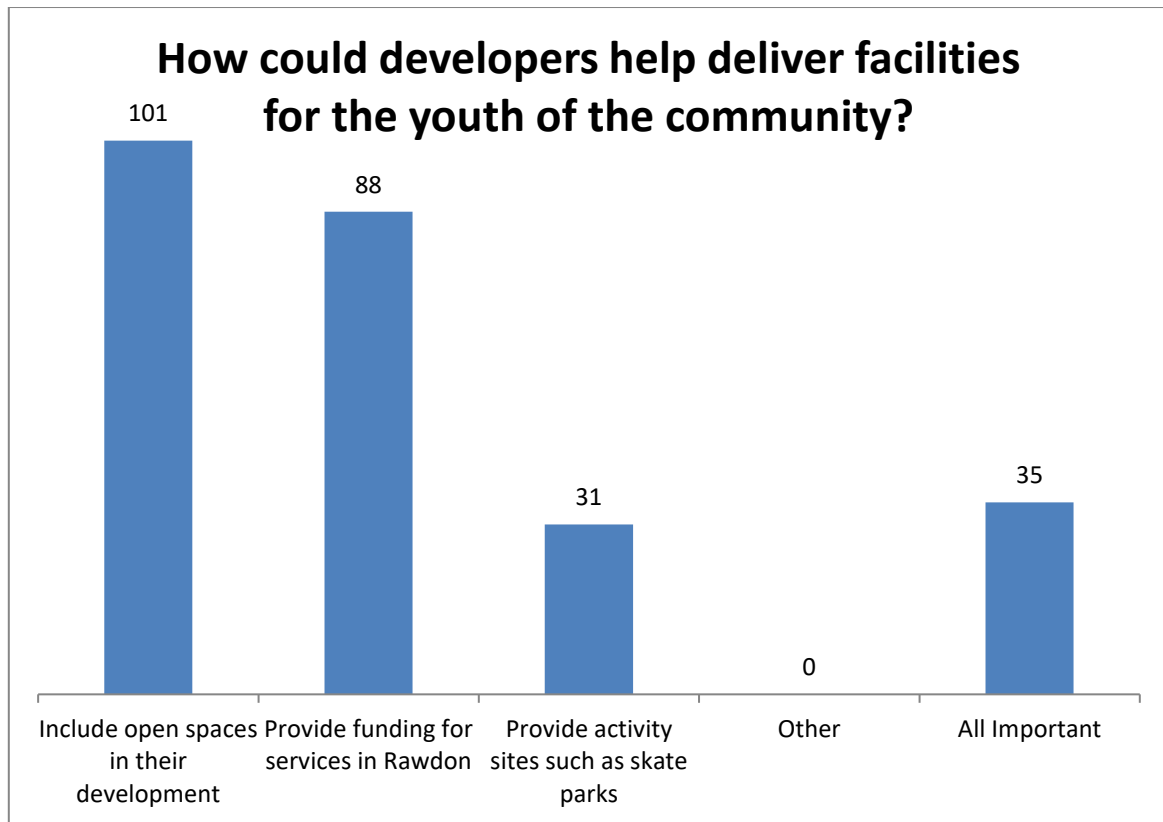


Comments

Although respondents felt that heritage buildings should be retained where possible, they also felt that they should also be listed. Residents responded that sympathetic and sustainable renovation should be used and the possibility that these building could be used for youth activities and projects should be investigated.

QUESTION 13 – Youth and Retired

How could developers help deliver facilities for the youth of the community?

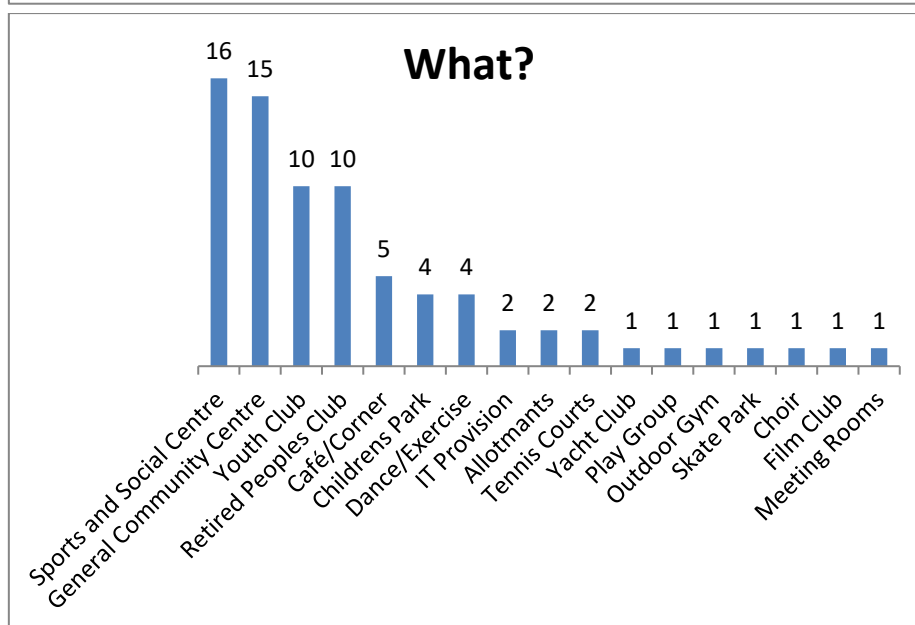
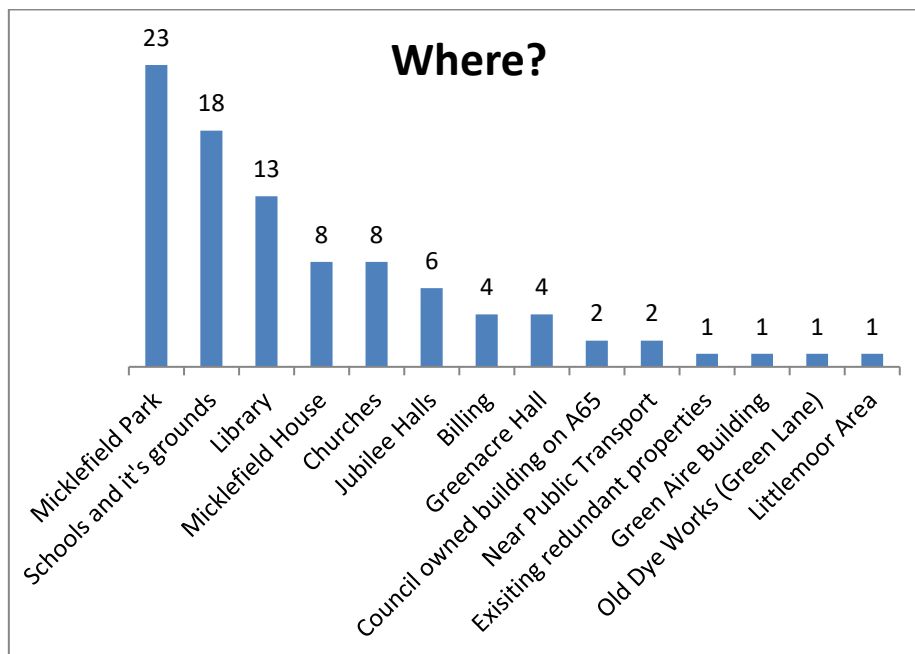


Comments

Participants responded that developers should include all options in their developments with many commenting that the idea that funding should be provided by them was a good idea. Many residents felt there should be detailed consultation with youth and those who were likely to use the services as well as schools. Another resident noted that the park and green spaces around the back of the church should be renovated for use.

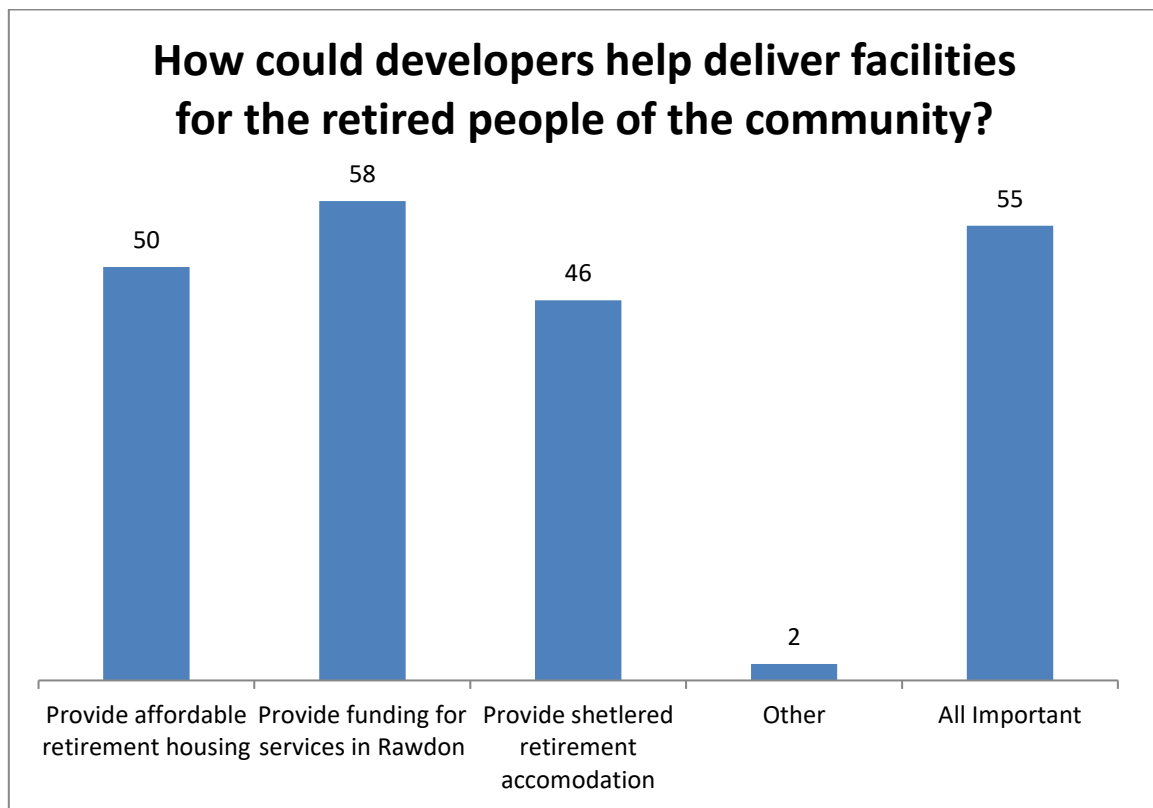
QUESTION 14 – Youth and Retired

Can you suggest where facilities for youth and retired people could be provided?



QUESTION 15 – Youth and Retired

How could developers help deliver facilities for the retired people of the community?



Comments

Residents felt that better transport should be provided around Rawdon (such as a little hopper bus that can run through the day time to allow older people to run errands). Additionally, some raised the idea that more housing should be provided but retirement homes are not the answer. Rather, small detached properties should be developed that would mean residents can downsize.

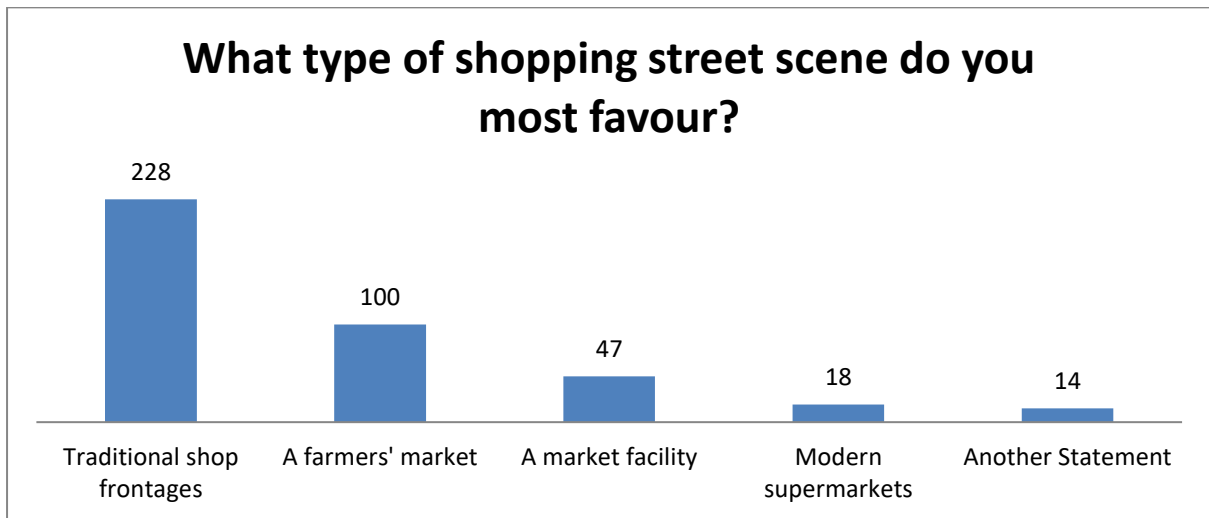
Notes on questions 16 through to 28

For some of the graphs below, in examples where a huge array of answers was given by the residents, I have only included those which have 2 or more examples (or in the case of question 25, 9 or more). E.g. in question 19 regarding infrastructure where individuals were asked to provide examples of infrastructure issues I have only included those in which 2 or more people highlighted this as an issue. There are a further 28 examples where only one resident has picked this and I felt that in analysis this information is not as important for comparison sake. Please note that all data including figures for non-answered questions is contained in the accompanying spreadsheet.

For question 22 where the residents were given a choice of three answers depending on how important they felt the answer was I had to interpret some of the answers given following trends I had noted, as not all people answered this correctly (i.e. instead of listing the choices in order of preference 1, 2 and 3, they just ticked one or maybe two or three selections. Where this was the case, I took their selection and interpreted what order I thought their choice was in using answers given by other residents (e.g. where there was two ticked boxes, I looked to see which of the two was the most popular choice and marked that as a 1, and the remaining one as a 2). Where the resident ticked all the boxes, I marked this as not answered and these results can be seen in the accompanying spreadsheet.

QUESTION 16 - Retail

What type of shopping street scene do you most favour?



Comments

For the question regarding what shopping street scene the residents of Rawdon prefer the majority favoured traditional shop frontages with 56% of all answers given choosing this. Second favoured was a farmers' market with 24.6%. Most residents did not wish to see modern according to this question. Of the remaining 14 who chose 'another statement' 2 chose 'Traditional.'

Question 17 – Retail

How can we best help preserve independent shops?

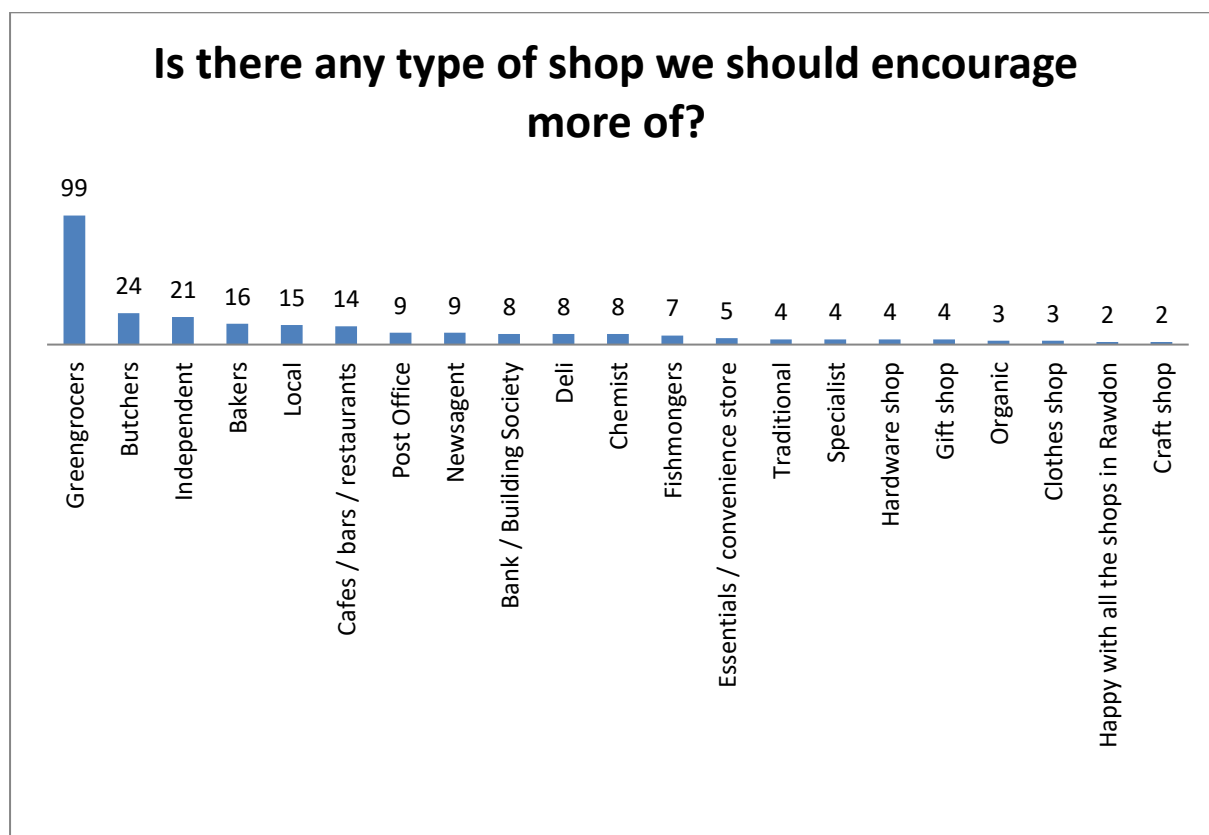


Comments

For the question regarding how independent shops in Rawdon can best be preserved, The most popular answer was greater parking provision in shopping areas with 44.3% of all answers given choosing this. Second favoured was planning restrictions on the use of shops with which was chosen by 118 of the residents. Third with 72 was to have more time restrictions to prevent all day parking. Of the 25 who chose another statement the three most popular suggestions with 3 each were more parking, reduction of rent on shops, and a limit on the development of supermarkets (this last choice mirrors the low selection in favour of supermarkets in question 16 along with a further suggestion of no supermarkets whatsoever). There were also 5 other suggestions pertaining to parking which again reflects the number one suggestion in the choices given.

Question 18 – Retail

Is there any type of shop we should encourage more of?

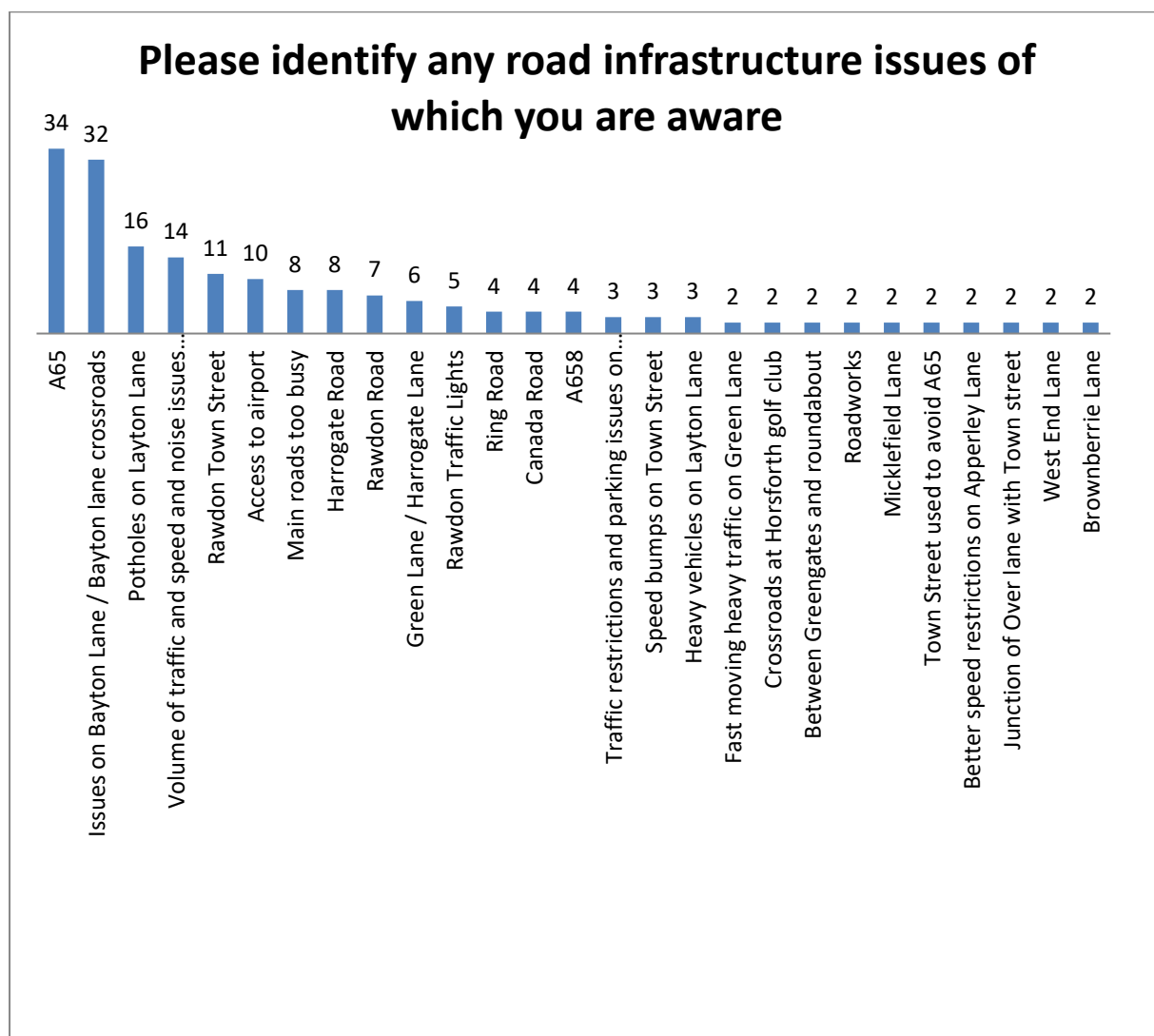


Comments

Of the 284 suggestions put forward by residents regarding what types of shop which should be encouraged 99 chose Greengrocers, which equates to 34.9% of all suggestions. 2nd, 4th, 10th and 12th were also suggestions for Butchers, Bakers, Delis and Fishmongers which suggests fresh food outlets are a priority for many of the residents. 21 residents feel that Independent stores should be encouraged which stays in line with shops such as Greengrocers and Butchers, as does the 15 who selected local. Other notable suggestions include cafes/bars/restaurants, Post offices, newsagents and chemists.

Question 19a – Infrastructure

Please identify any road infrastructure issues of which you are aware.

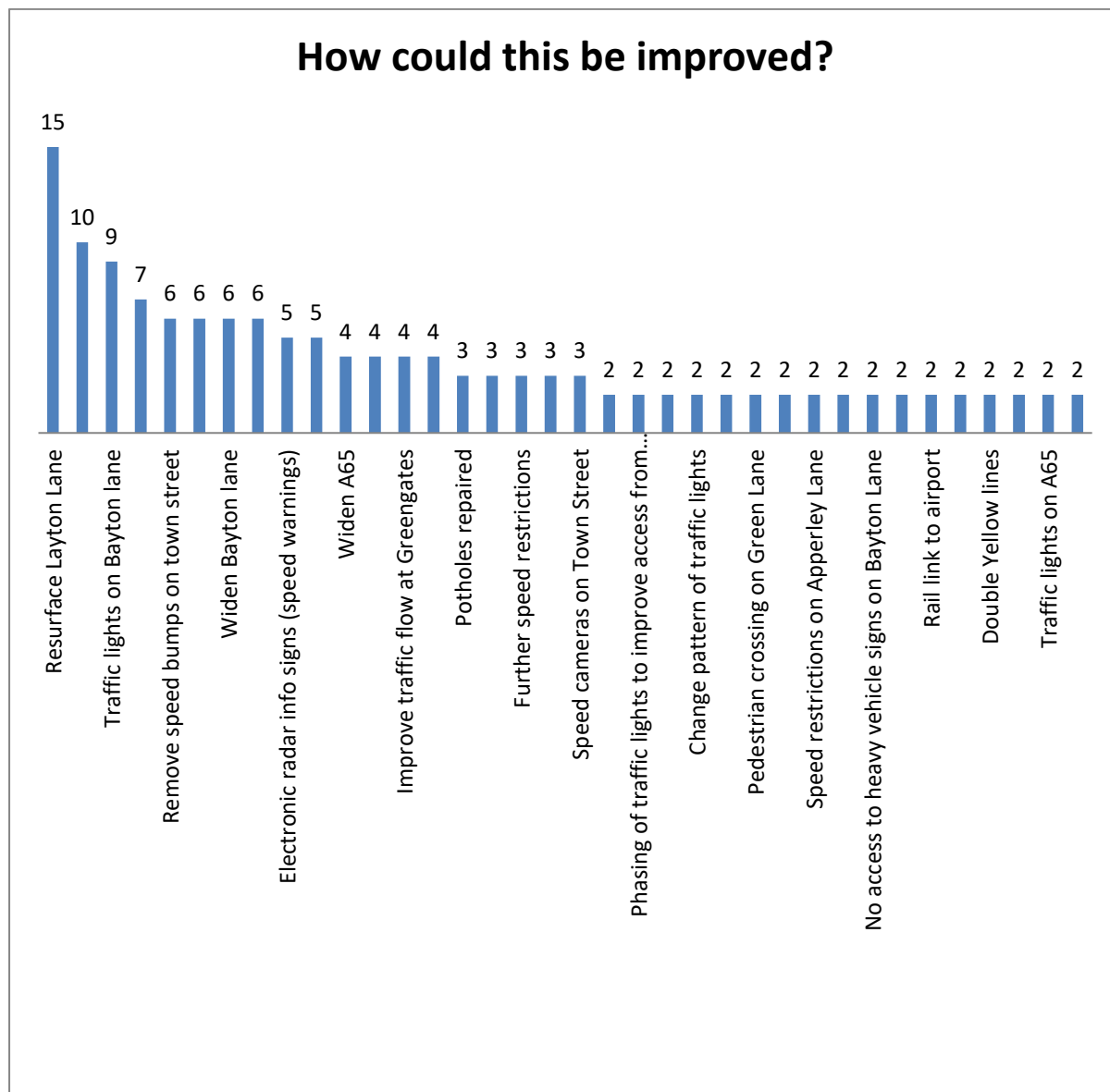


Comments

Two major areas of discontent amongst residents were the A65 and Bayton Lane with 30% of all answers given being these two roads. The condition of Layton Lane and the volume of traffic on Apperley Lane were also regularly mentioned with the remainder of selections being a great variety of areas and issues which are all listed in the accompanying spreadsheet.

Question 19b – Infrastructure

How could this be improved?

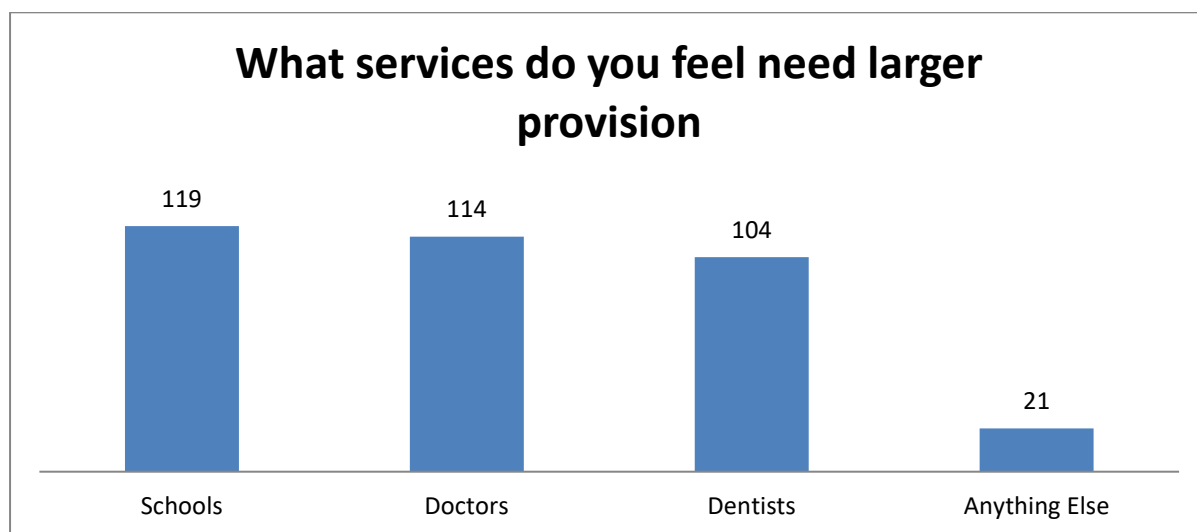


Comments

The majority of people who raised potholes on Layton Lane as an issue have also suggested resurfacing Layton Lane as an improvement (15). There are also suggestions to widen both the A65 (4) and Bayton lane (6) and also to install traffic lights on Bayton Lane which again is in keeping with the two major issues highlighted by residents. Speed calming measures are also highlighted in several suggestions (speed warning signs – 5, speed restrictions – 3, speed cameras on Town Street – 2, speed restrictions on Apperley Lane – 2). The remainder of suggestions are of great varieties which are all listed in the accompanying spreadsheet.

Question 20 – Infrastructure

What services do you feel need larger provision?

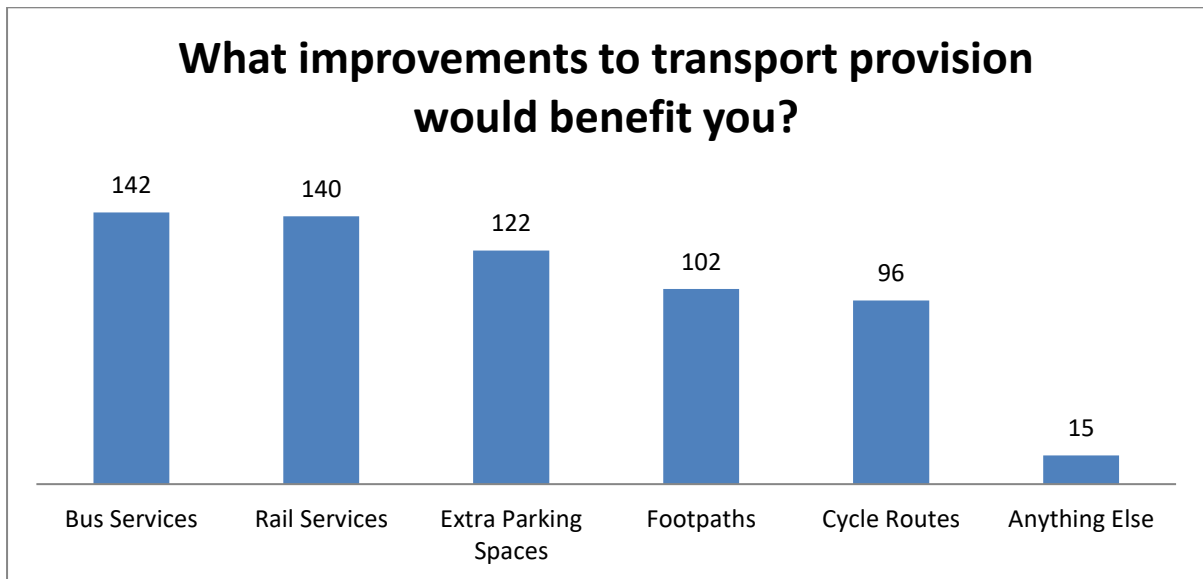


Comments

For the question regarding which services need larger provision, the selection was fairly even across the board with Schools only edging Doctors by 5 selections, and Dentists only 10 behind. This shows that general feeling is that the three given choices are all of fairly equal importance to the community and residents would be interested in investment in all areas. Of the 21 selections of other options, 4 people felt there were enough services in Rawdon already with youth services, chemists and a rail service having 2 selections each.

Question 21 – Infrastructure

What improvements to transport provision would benefit you?

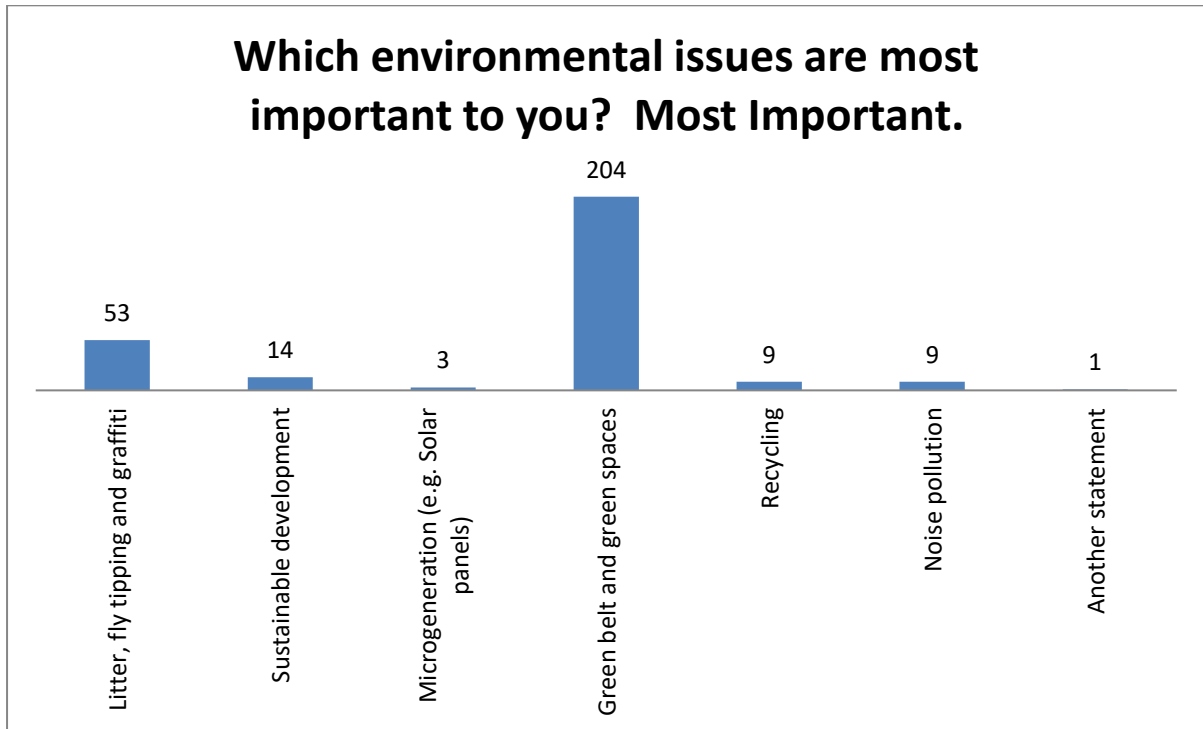


Comments

When asked about improvements to transport provision the majority of residents focussed on public transport with improvements in bus and rail services the main concern and both having a near equal selection by residents who answered. However all options were well represented with extra parking spaces not far behind, and the improvement off footpaths and cycle routes also receiving fairly equal selection by residents.

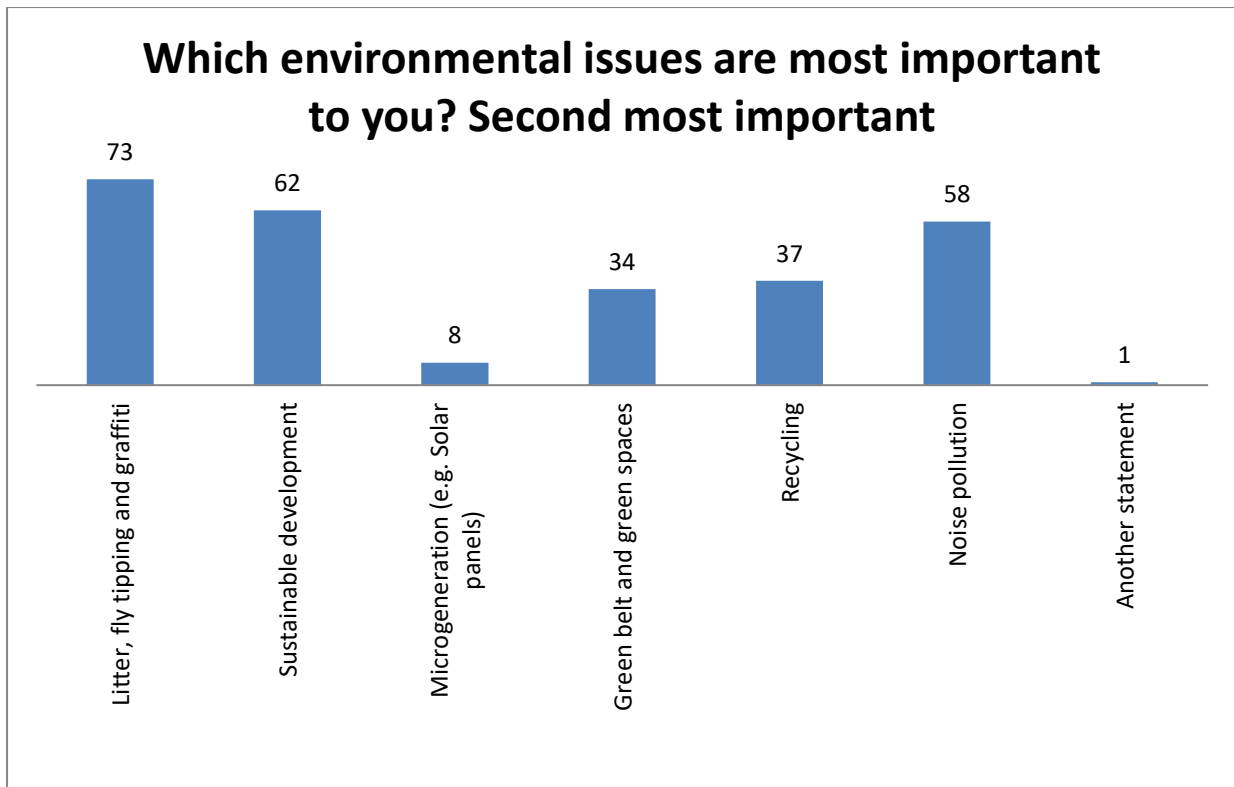
Question 22 – Infrastructure

What improvements to transport provision would benefit you?



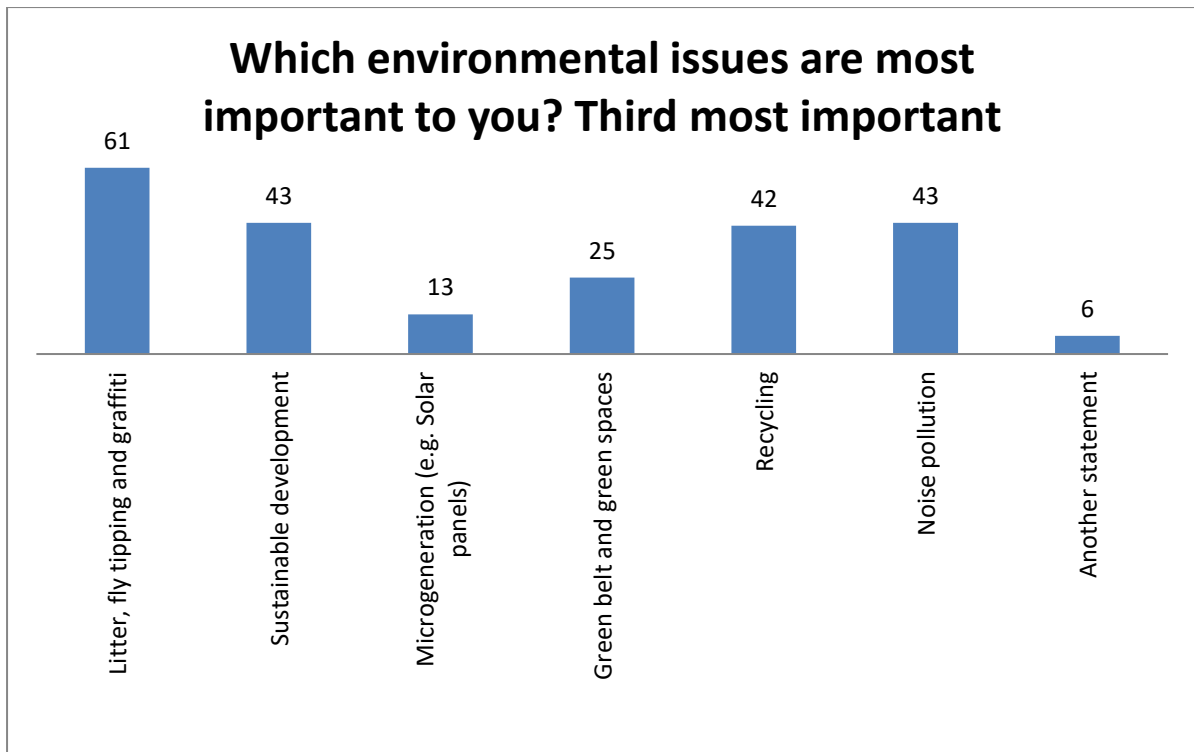
Comments

Residents by far chose green belt and green spaces as the most important environmental issue to them. The second most chosen number one environmental issue was that of Litter, fly tipping and graffiti which received an equal representation throughout this question.



Comments

The second most important issue was Litter, fly tipping and graffiti, but for the number 2 issue there was also a good representation for Sustainable development and Noise pollution (which when read in conjunction with question 19 could be in reference to traffic). Green belt and green spaces does have some second choices showing it is a concern across the board and recycling also shows it is a concern for residents. Microgeneration as with choice 1 has very little representation and this seems to suggest it is not seen as a pressing concern for many of the residents.



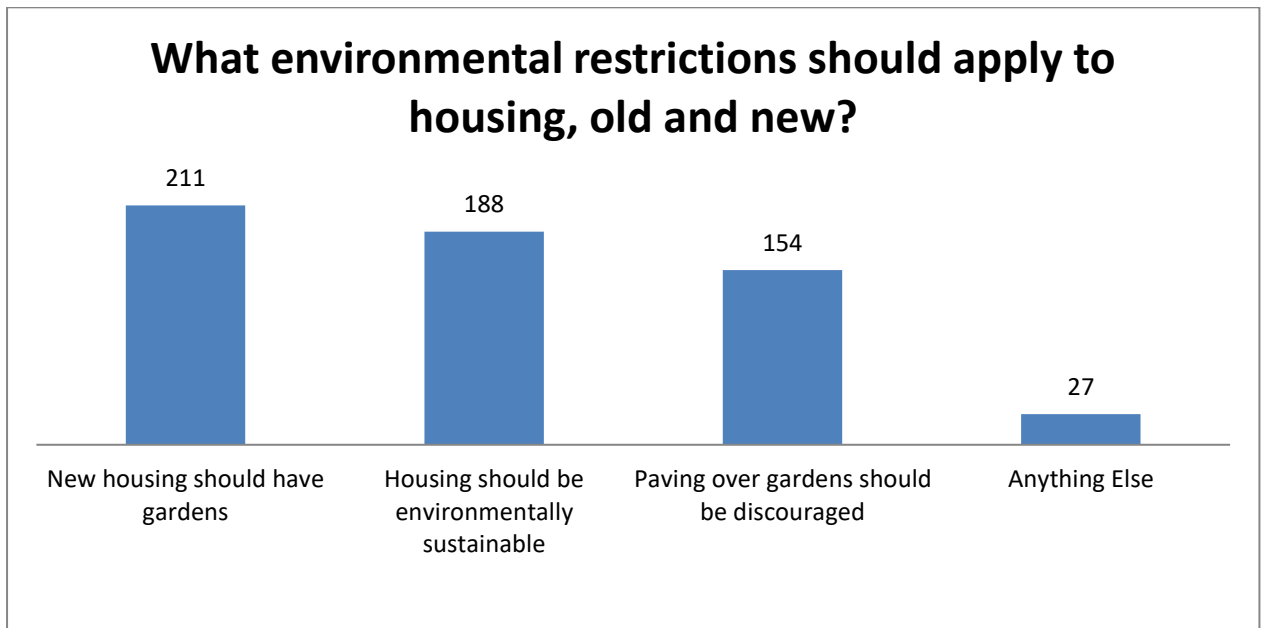
Comments

The third most important environmental issue for residents is a fairly similar result to the previous choice with Litter, fly tipping and graffiti proving to be the major concern. Sustainable development, Noise pollution and recycling again all have very even representation among residents.

In conclusion for this question, Green belt and green spaces are the most pressing environmental concern with Litter, fly tipping and graffiti the second most pressing concern. Sustainable development is the third most pressing issue, but this is very closely followed by both noise pollution and recycling. Overall Microgeneration has some representation but is not really a major concern for the residents. Of the people who chose another statement, 2 of these were with regards to smells from the abattoir

Question 23 – Environment

What environmental restrictions should apply to housing, old and new?

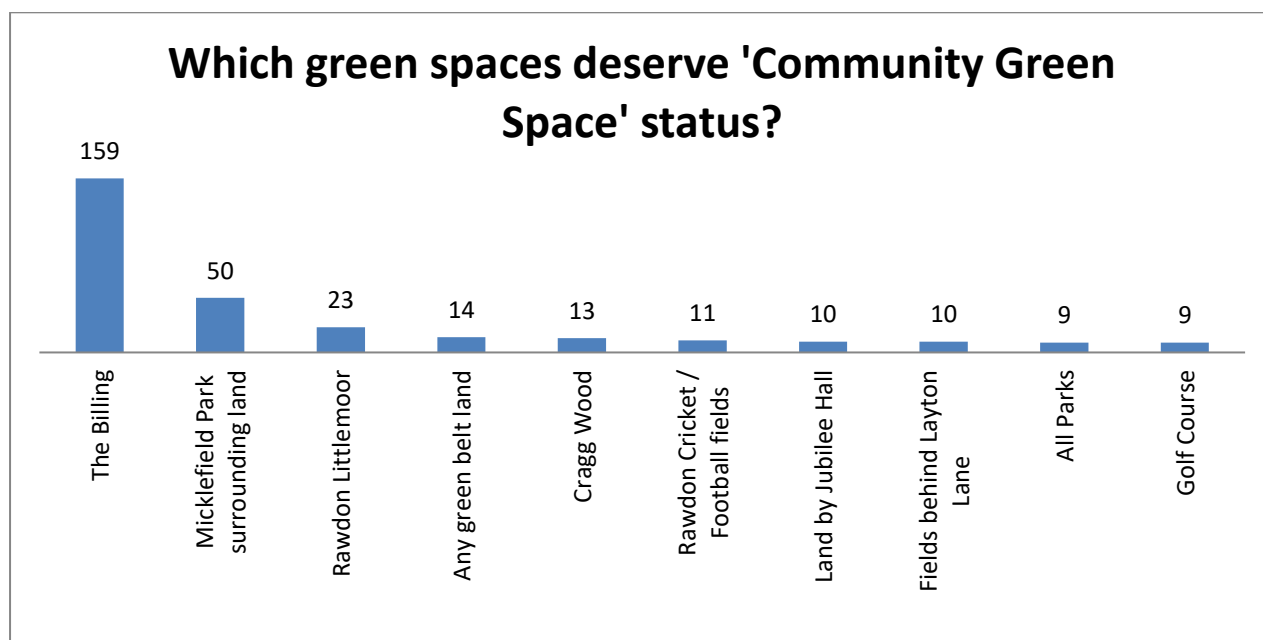


Comments

As can be seen in the above graph, the spread between the three choices was a fairly steady curve with a well-defined first, second and third choices. The most popular choice was that all new housing should have gardens. Still popular but behind the first choice was that all new housing should be environmentally sustainable and although third, it was still a popularly held belief that paving over gardens should be discouraged. It should be noted that many of the residents selected all three as choices.

Question 24 – Environment

Which green spaces deserve 'Community Green Space' status?

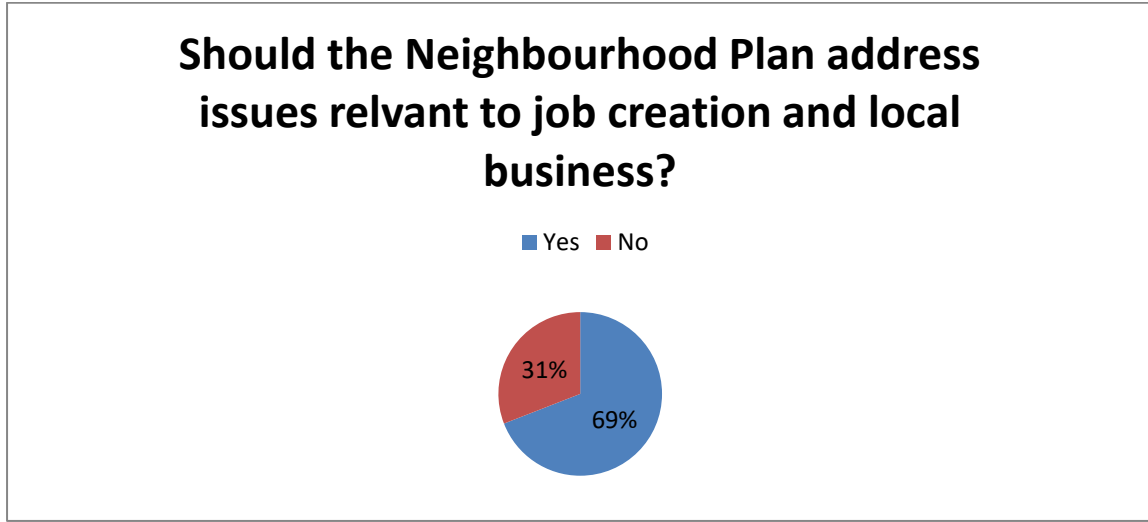


Comments

As can be seen above, the most popular green space within Rawdon is the Billing with 159 people advising they would be against any development taking place there. Second was the area surrounding Micklefield Park followed by Rawdon Littlemoor. Many of the residents chose several places they wished to be noted and this is reflected in the high numbers of choices, even though 94 chose not to give any answer at all.

Question 25 – Employment

Should the Neighbourhood Plan address issues relevant to job creation and local business?

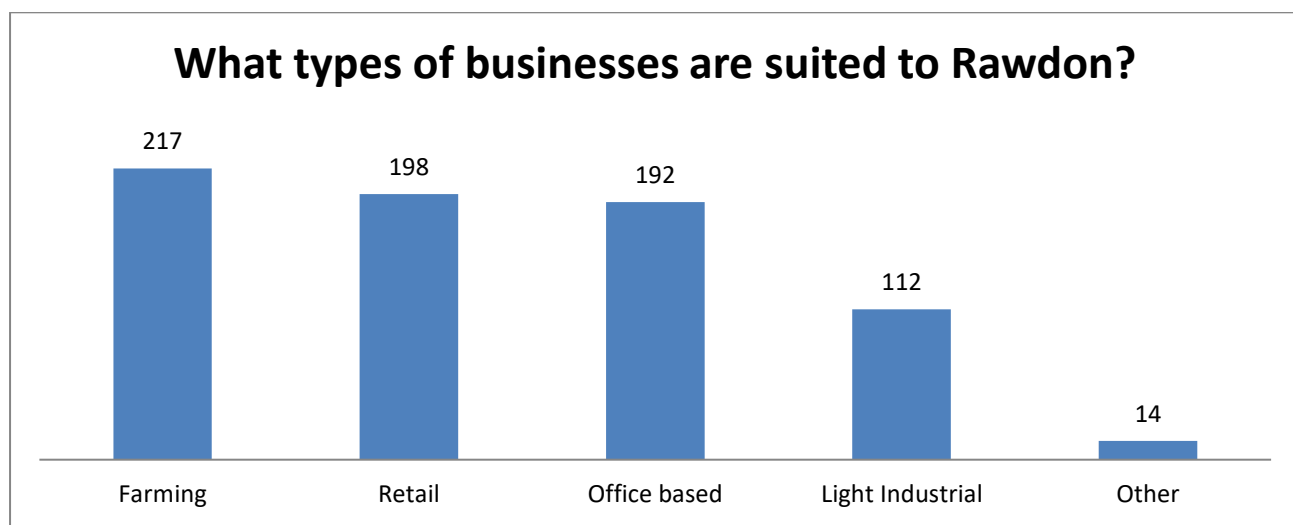


Comments

For question 25 regarding whether the neighbourhood plan should address issues regarding job creation there was a large majority of residents who answered who feel that it is part of the role of the Neighbourhood Plan to look to bring new employment opportunities into the area with over two thirds choosing yes. It should be noted though that 75 residents chose not to answer the question at all meaning that the total of residents who chose yes is actually nearer to half, with the remainder either not wanting employment to be an issue, or maybe not feeling it is relevant to them.

Question 26 – Employment

What types of businesses are suited to Rawdon?

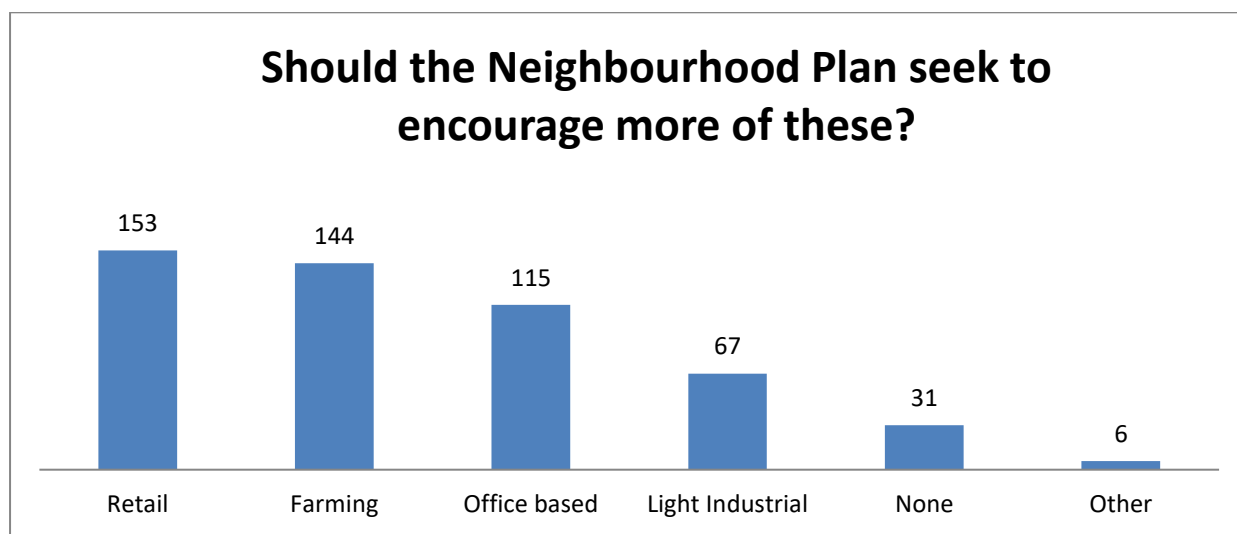


Comments

The overriding opinion on which businesses are suited to Rawdon is that farming is best suited to the area. This reflects the residents' environmental concerns of green belt and green land being the most important issue. Many of the residents however also feel that retail and office based businesses also fit in to the area. The least popular choice is that of light industrial which again reflects the green belt / green land concern, and also the previously mentioned issues of heavy vehicles on the roads in question 19.

Question 27 – Employment

Should the Neighbourhood Plan seek to encourage more of these?

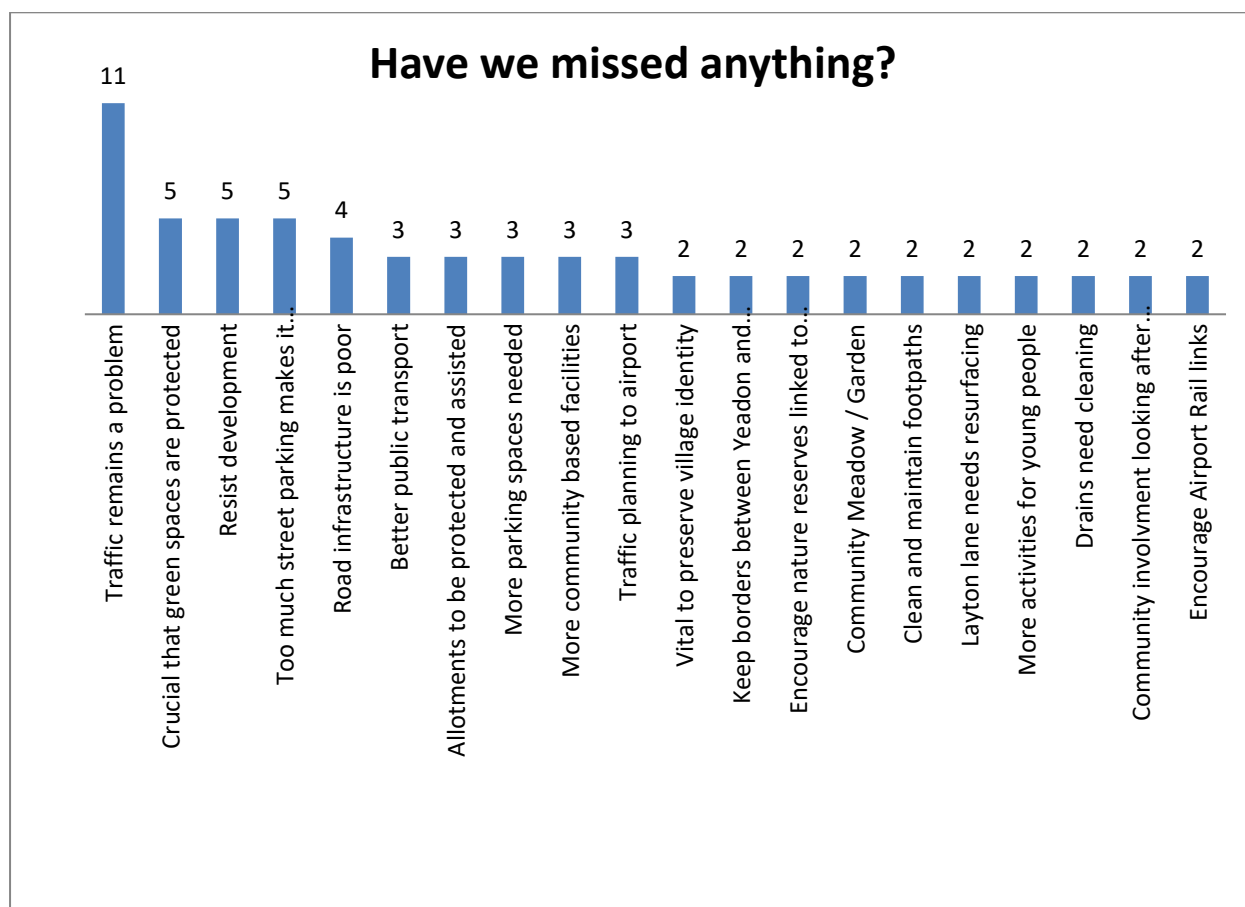


Comments

The question of whether Rawdon should encourage new businesses into the area almost reflects the previous questions results but with retail being narrowly the most popular choice of new business to bring into the area. Farming again would be encouraged, but it should also be noted that 31 people feel that there should be no new business encouraged to move into the area. This alongside the 49 people who failed to answer may suggest that there is also a sense of a notable portion of the community who are happy with what Rawdon has already.

Question 28 – Employment

Have we missed anything?



Comments

Overall, the final question asking residents whether anything was missed was construed as an opportunity to air opinions or reiterate previously outlined issues. The vast majority (210) of residents chose not to add anything as they were happy with the content of the questionnaire. Of those who did answer there was a great disparity of opinions which can be seen in the accompanying spreadsheet. By far the main issue raised in this section was that of traffic in the area which seems to be a real bugbear for some residents. This was also echoed with mentions of parking making it dangerous for pedestrians crossing the road, the road infrastructure being poor and traffic planning for the airport needed. The scope of answers is so broad though that other than traffic, parking and resisting development / maintaining the village identity, there was not really a single common thread.