

**APPENDIX VI - NP EVIDENCE BASE  
LAMERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NOVEMBER 2023 QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS**



**LOOKING TO  
LAMERTON'S  
FUTURE**

## **Lamerton Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation November 2023**

### **A Shared Vision for the Parish of Lamerton:**

The Neighbourhood Plan Group have considered all the comments from the March 2023 Survey and have formulated this **Vision** statement:-

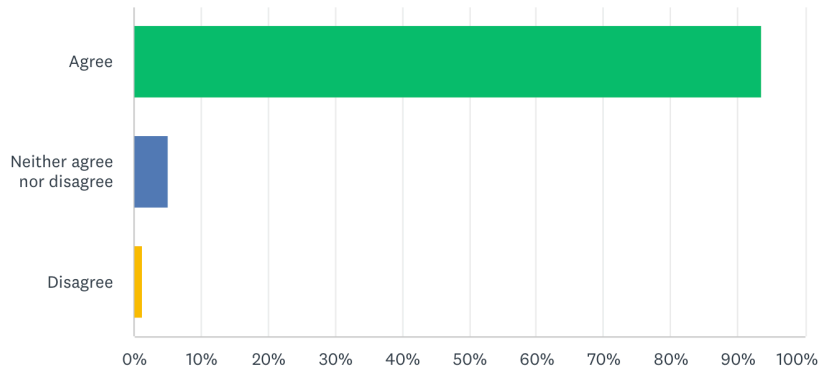
The Neighbourhood Plan Group have considered all the comments from the March 2023 Survey and have formulated this **Vision** statement:-

**The Shared Vision for Lamerton is to secure a strong future for our parish by supporting:-**

- ***sustainable development*** that meets the *needs of the current and future residents; BUT*
- without detriment to the unique and highly prized landscape and environment; and
- without jeopardising the strong community feeling that exists; and
- that maintains the feeling of safety and security that residents value

## Do you agree with the Vision Statement

Answered: 79 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	93.67% 74
Neither agree nor disagree	5.06% 4
Disagree	1.27% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

## Comments

**If you do not agree with the Vision Statement, tell us what you think should be Lamerton's shared Vision for the future**

Priority should be on sustainable development and the landscape	1 comment
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## Other comments

Not specific enough to Lamerton	1 comment
Capable of manipulation on this point/question	1 comment

## **Priority Aims to deliver the shared visions~:**

In order to deliver the Shared **Vision** through the Neighbourhood Plan, the following issues were highlighted as Residents' priority

- **Housing development and the environment**
- **Heritage, Green spaces and the environment**
- **Employment, the local economy and the environment**
- **Low carbon development and the environment**
- **Community and wellbeing**

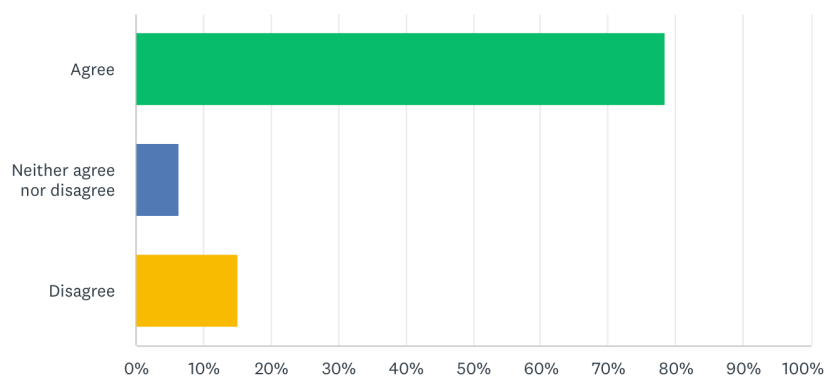
## Housing development and the environment

The **Aims** identified in relation to Housing development are

- to support and facilitate provision of suitable housing to meet current and future housing needs of residents of the Parish
- to keep housing development to a small scale to retain the essential character of the Village and within or adjacent to the core settlement to prevent sprawl
- to ensure that any new developments are designed to integrate with adjacent buildings by appropriate design, materials and layout with the following **Objectives** :-
- To support a limited amount of new housing to meet assessed local needs including a range of affordable housing within the re-defined settlement boundary.
- To provide a mix of housing types including affordable housing for rent and low-cost homes for ownership varying from one to three bedroomed properties.
- To encourage sensitive development with reference to a Village Design Statement to reinforce local distinctiveness.
- To ensure that development is located away from flood risk area.
- To support energy conservation in design and incorporate energy production within the home.
- To ensure any new development is safe and walkable to its immediate neighbourhood facilities.

Do you agree with these Housing Aims & Objectives

Answered: 79 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	78.48% 62
Neither agree nor disagree	6.33% 5
Disagree	15.19% 12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

## Comments

**If you do not agree with the Aims & Objectives to deliver Housing Development whilst protecting the Environment, tell us what you would prioritise in relation for housing**

### General

No more houses should be built; concerns of overdevelopment	2 comments
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### Affordable Housing

Concerns about the true affordability of them. The types of tenure (ownership/rental); querying the amount of housing and why this is not stated; concern about the potential for anti-social behaviour in new developments; concern regarding future needs.	9 comments
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### Location

Comments include location of sites “adjacent” to existing settlement; preference for developments in outlying parts of the Parish / hidden locations away from centre of village; larger developments should be away from the settlement area; sites that can’t expand; preference for housing located close to the centre and village facilities.	6 comments
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### Design

No bungalows shown in designs; questioning need for “mix of housing types”; affordability and designs for lower cost housing; a preference for traditional style limits innovation; location of development should influence design; need for parking.	4 comments
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**A**



**B**



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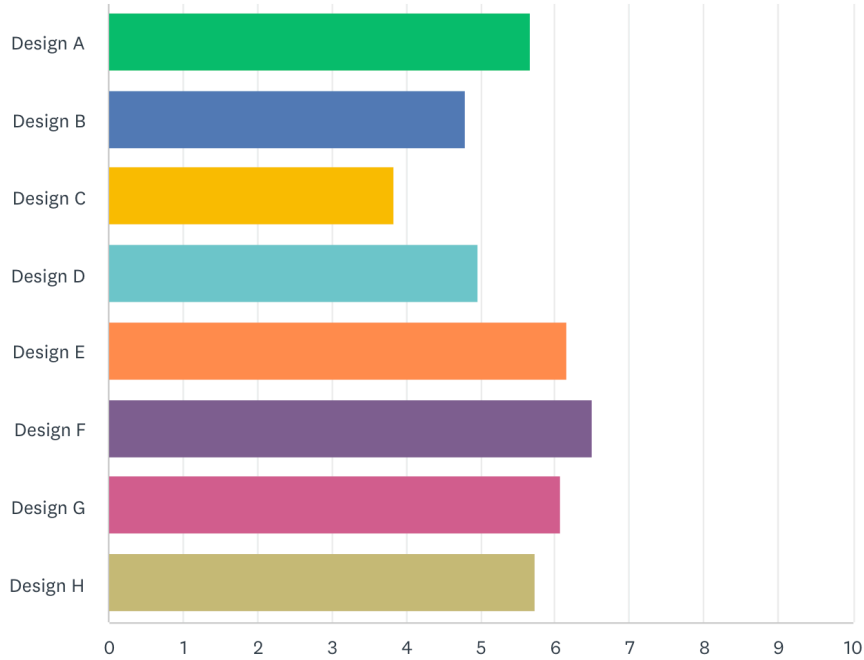
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Do you think any of these Designs would be appropriate in Lamerton? Rank these designs according to those you think will blend best with existing traditional housing scoring your first choice 1 and least suitable 8

Answered: 78 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Design A <a href="#">Responses</a>	6	437	77
Design B <a href="#">Responses</a>	5	364	76
Design C <a href="#">Responses</a>	4	299	78
Design D <a href="#">Responses</a>	5	388	78
Design E <a href="#">Responses</a>	6	469	76
Design F <a href="#">Responses</a>	7	494	76
Design G <a href="#">Responses</a>	6	468	77
Design H <a href="#">Responses</a>	6	436	76
<b>Total Respondents: 78</b>			

## Heritage, Green Spaces and the Environment:

The responses to the March 2023 Survey demonstrated strong support for the benefits to the Community, Wildlife and the Environment, of retaining unspoilt areas of countryside, mature trees as well as older buildings and facilities within the Parish.

We have identified the following **Aim**:

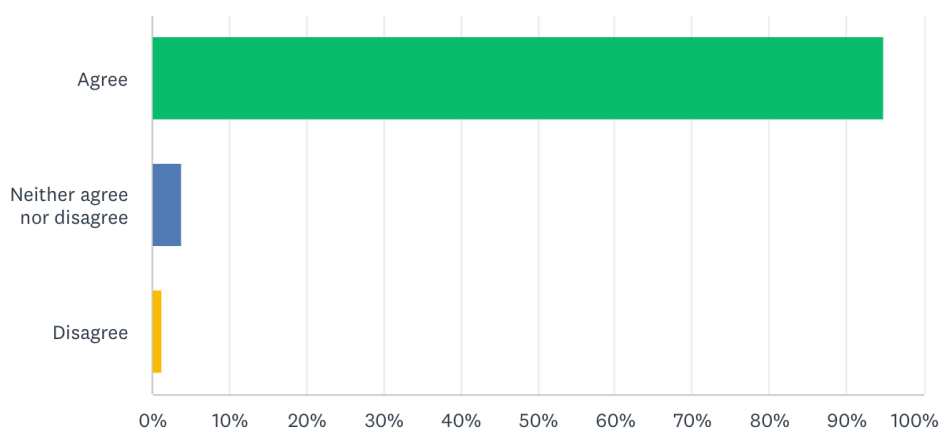
**To conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity, natural habitats and cultural heritage of the Parish through sensitive design that protects and enriches the landscape and built environment by identification of key landscapes, views and heritage assets.**

The Heritage and Green Spaces **Objectives** that follow from this are:

- **To protect and enhance the village open spaces.**
- **To ensure policies minimise negative impact on the high quality of the natural environment with its protected wildlife interests.**
- **To ensure policies protect and enhance the historic environment and heritage assets.**
- **To work with WDBC and Historic England to ensure the heritage setting of St Peters Church Conservation Area is preserved.**

Do you agree with this Aim and Objectives for Heritage, Green Spaces and the Environment?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	94.94% 75
Neither agree nor disagree	3.80% 3
Disagree	1.27% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

## Comments

**If you don't agree with the Aim and Objectives to protect Heritage, Green Spaces and Environment please tell us what you think**

To upkeep these areas is important. Being sensible and pragmatic about protecting wildlife, without preventing development	2 comments
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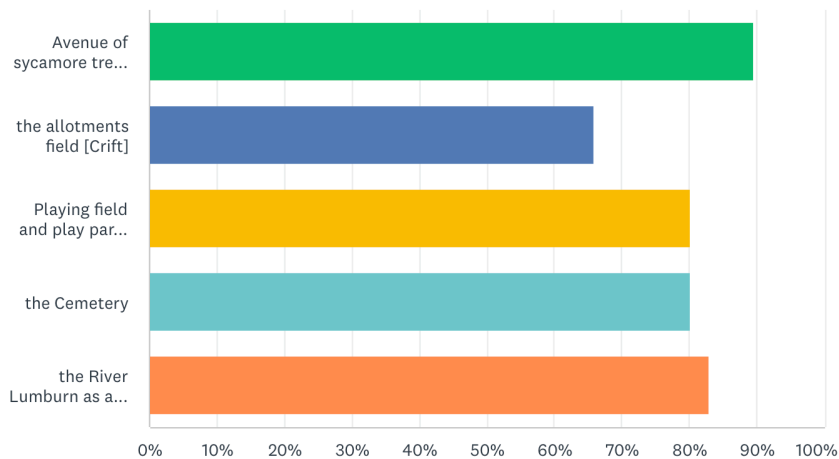
**Local Green Space Designation** can only be made where there is evidence to support proper green space provision, not as a device to stop development

Designation should only be used where the space is:

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife; and
- is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land [blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate]

Five possible sites for designation have been identified from the March 2023 Survey (images below). Which, if any, do you consider suitable for designation [subject to consultation with landowners and occupiers]:-

Answered: 76 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Avenue of sycamore trees southern portion of Green Hill	89.47% 68
▼ the allotments field [Crift]	65.79% 50
▼ Playing field and play park at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre	80.26% 61
▼ the Cemetery	80.26% 61
▼ the River Lumburn as a wildlife corridor where it is in immediate proximity to any proposal for new development	82.89% 63
<b>Total Respondents: 76</b>	

In considering the evidence in support of designation, regard must be taken of the quality and condition of the space and the value and benefit to the community.

**Heritage:** Our Parish is blessed with a number of attractive and historic properties that are protected either by statute (Listed Buildings, Ancient Monuments etc) or by being located in a Conservation Area. Collectively, these are known as “designated heritage assets”. A third option is for the community to compile a list of local non-designated heritage assets known as a *Local Heritage List*. The Lamerton Neighbourhood Plan provides an opportunity to assess other assets for inclusion in a new *Local Heritage List* for the Parish.

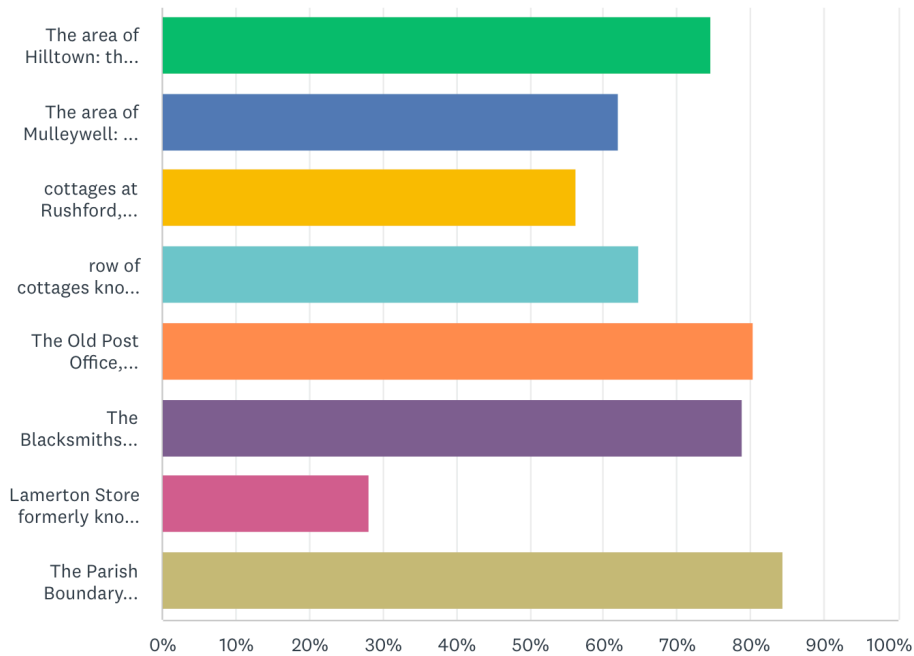
The process of preparing a *Local Heritage List* allows all of us, in partnership with the local planning authority, to identify local heritage that we would like recognised and protected.









The following criteria are recommended against which properties, structures, sites etc should be assessed for inclusion in a *Local Heritage List*:

- **Age** – should more recent properties be considered alongside the older ones?
- **Rarity** – how does it stand relative to local character
- **Group Value** – is there a clear visual design or historic relationship?
- **Architectural interest** – is the design and/or aesthetic value reflective of local characteristics?
- **Historic interest** – is there a significant historical association of local or national note?
- **Landmark status** – does it have strong communal or historic associations or aesthetic value?

The following have been identified from the responses of residents in the March 2023 Survey for possible inclusion in the Local Heritage List. Which, if any, of these do you consider suitable to be included on a Local Heritage List (subject to consultation with property owners and occupiers)

Answered: 71 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
 The area of Hilltown: the historic centre of the village;	74.65% 53
 The area of Mulleywell: the cluster of older buildings just below Hilltown	61.97% 44
 cottages at Rushford, Lamerton Village.	56.34% 40
 row of cottages known as Duke of Bedford Cottages, Ottery	64.79% 46
 The Old Post Office, Lamerton Village.	80.28% 57
 The Blacksmiths Arms	78.87% 56
 Lamerton Store formerly known as Carrs Garage.	28.17% 20
 The Parish Boundary Stones- heritage features marking the perimeter of the parish.	84.51% 60

Total Respondents: 71

## Comments

If you wish to suggest other properties you think should be protected, please give details below, including why you think the feature satisfies the criteria outlined above for inclusion in the List

The School	1 comment
Green field site in front of church	2 comments
Belgrove House, Lamerton	2 comments
Court Barton	1 comment
The clapper bridge over the River Lumburn	1 comment
Church	3 comments
Rushfields, near Hurdwick	1 comment
Priest's House	2 comments
Church Avenue	1 comment
Court Barton Mews	1 comment
Bridge Cottage, Greenhill, Lamerton	1 comment
Ottery House, Ottery	1 comment

## Employment, the Local Economy and the Environment

Employment within the Parish is essential for the continued vitality and sustainability of the Parish. However, it is clearly important to many people that the Environment should be protected whilst promoting a strong Local Economy.

It is suggested that our **Aim** should be:-

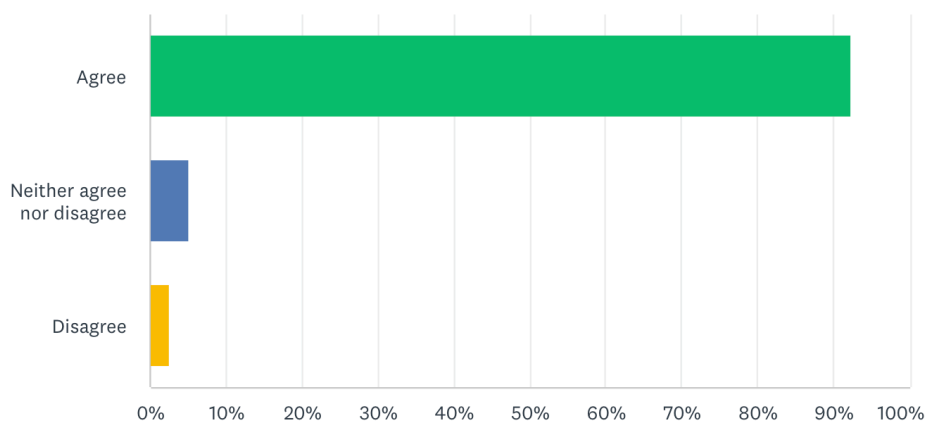
**to promote the Local Economy through support for traditional types of rural employment (such as farming and related practical skills) and other forms of small scale independent businesses appropriate to the location.**

The following **Objectives** are proposed:

- **To ensure policies support local commercial enterprises.**
- **To support initiatives that reduce the need to travel.**
- **To seek on-going improvements to digital connectivity, which is beneficial to all enterprises, especially those working from home.**
- **To ensure, through policies, that development has minimal impact on the landscape.**

Do you agree with the Aim and Objectives identified to grow the Local Economy whilst protecting the environment?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Agree	92.31% 72
▼ Neither agree nor disagree	5.13% 4
▼ Disagree	2.56% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>

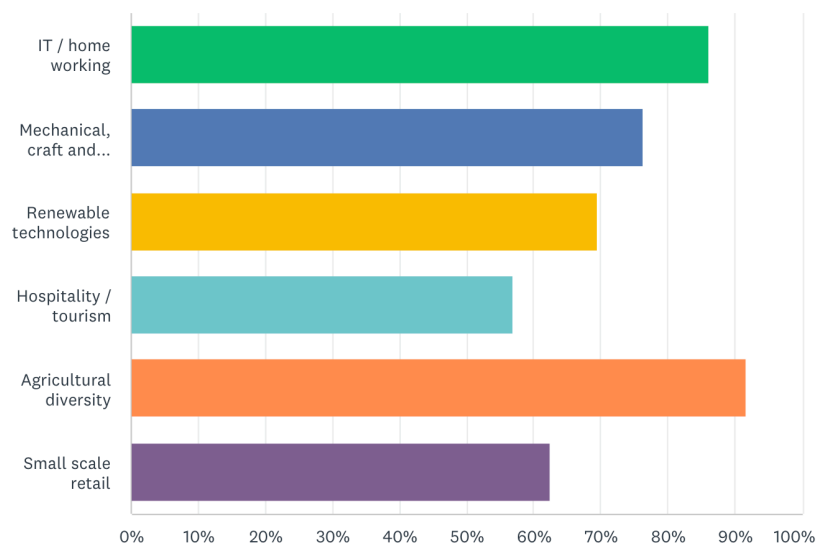
## Comments

If you don't agree with the Aim and Objectives for Employment and Local Economy, please tell us what you think

Jobs and diversity are important and welcome in any community	2 comments
Point 3 doesn't look relevant in this section	2 comments

The March 2023 Survey identified potential new types of employment to be encouraged in the Parish to include the following: tick those with which you agree

Answered: 72 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
IT / home working	86.11% 62
Mechanical, craft and skills workshops	76.39% 55
Renewable technologies	69.44% 50
Hospitality / tourism	56.94% 41
Agricultural diversity	91.67% 66
Small scale retail	62.50% 45
<b>Total Respondents: 72</b>	

Other comments

Lack of local employment so transport (car) is essential	1 comment
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### Low Carbon Development and the Environment

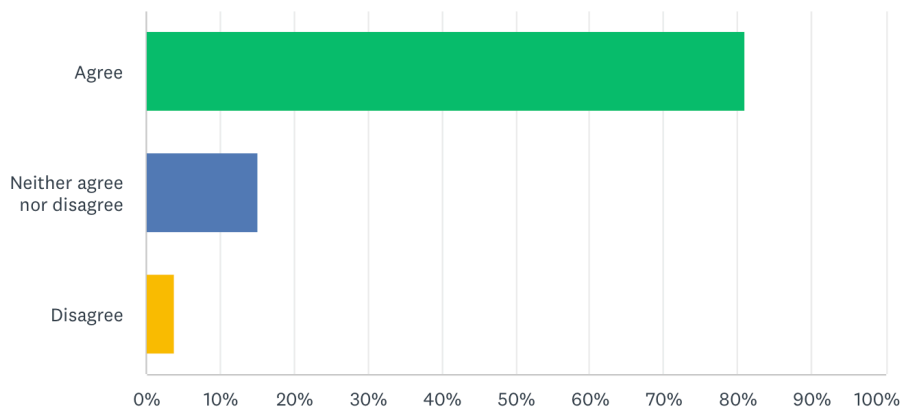
If we are to protect our special environment, that includes using more "green" and "renewable" forms of energy.

Our identified **Aim** is:

**To encourage small-scale renewable energy production in new developments, on or within the home, and in the existing built environment where location and design are sensitive both to the local environment and to residential amenity.**

Do you agree with the Low Carbon Aim and Objectives ?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	81.01% 64
Neither agree nor disagree	15.19% 12
Disagree	3.80% 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

This can be achieved by meeting the following **Objectives**

- **To support microgeneration whilst ensuring minimal impact on landscape.**
- **To encourage new developments to incorporate energy conservation measures through housing and business policies.**
- **To encourage provision for electric charging vehicles.**
- **To encourage a dark skies policy to minimise light pollution.**

## Comments

If you don't agree with the Aim and Objectives for Low Carbon Development please tell us what you think

### Low Carbon Generation

Communal generation project such as wind turbines to meet the needs of the Parish and to export energy which would be able to financially contribute to funding a lot of the aims of the vision	2 comments
Electric the only suitable alternative. Government desire for heat pumps is useless and misguided	1 comment
No wind farm or solar farm in Lamerton	1 comment

### Dark Skies comments

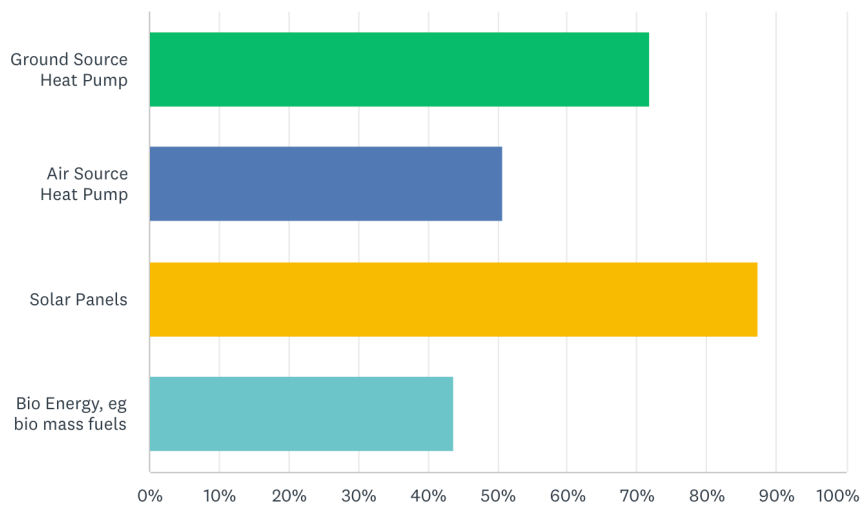
Still require street lighting for safety when out at night	2 comments
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### Other comment

Energy conservation measures to include insulation of houses	1 comment
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There are different types of renewable energy. Some are more suitable for residential use. Tell us which of the following you would support in new homes:

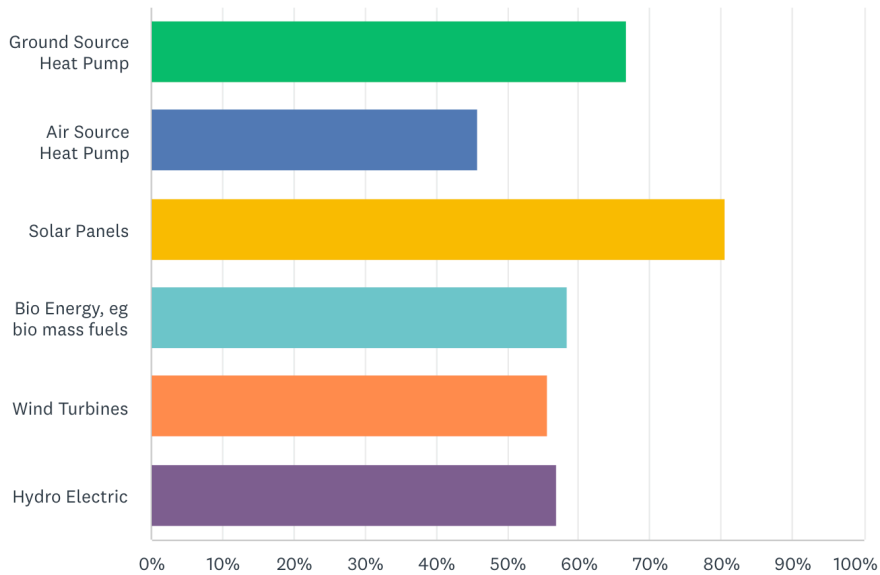
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Ground Source Heat Pump	71.83% 51
Air Source Heat Pump	50.70% 36
Solar Panels	87.32% 62
Bio Energy, eg bio mass fuels	43.66% 31
<b>Total Respondents: 71</b>	

There are different types of renewable energy. Some are more suitable for agricultural and commercial use. Tell us which of the following you would support for these uses:

Answered: 72 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Ground Source Heat Pump	66.67% 48
▼ Air Source Heat Pump	45.83% 33
▼ Solar Panels	80.56% 58
▼ Bio Energy, eg bio mass fuels	58.33% 42
▼ Wind Turbines	55.56% 40
▼ Hydro Electric	56.94% 41
<b>Total Respondents: 72</b>	

## Community and Wellbeing

In the Survey of March 2023 many people indicated how important a sense of Community is for their wellbeing as well as having access to the countryside and open spaces in the village.

Our **Aim** is:

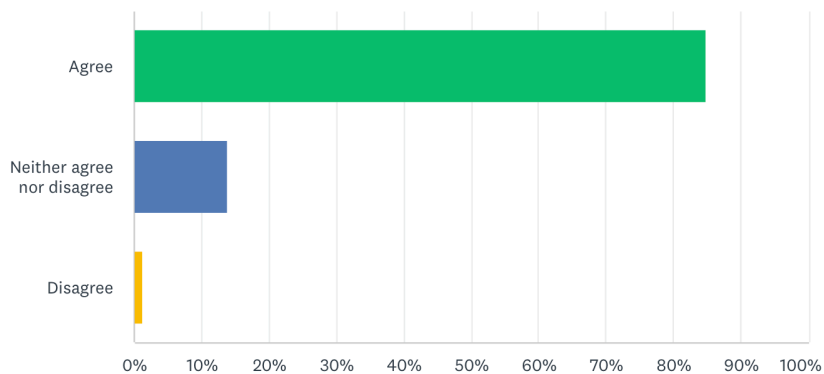
**to conserve and enhance educational, social, cultural and recreational facilities in the Parish, including communal open spaces, footpaths and cycle paths.**

Through this the following **Objectives** have been identified:

- **To protect existing facilities where possible.**
- **To sustain and improve local facilities for existing and new residents.**
- **To identify appropriate planning criteria that will enhance the quality of development by mitigating adverse effects on community facilities.**
- **To encourage less use of a car by walking, cycling or public transport.**

Do you agree with the Community and Wellbeing Aim and Objectives ?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	84.81% 67
Neither agree nor disagree	13.92% 11
Disagree	1.27% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

## Comments

If you don't agree with the Aim and Objectives for Community and Wellbeing, please tell us what you think

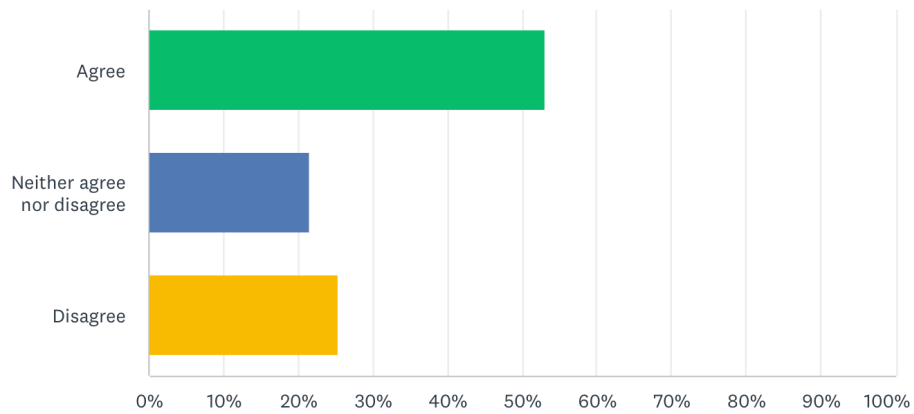
Concern objectives stifle innovation	1
Considers wording too generic	1
Some people will always need to use a car	1
Walking/cycling dangerous on local roads, need for footpaths and cycle routes	5
Point 3 is hard to understand, concern about funding these objectives	1

## Other comments

Reduce speed limit in village boundaries	1
Reduce lights on village hall being on too much	1

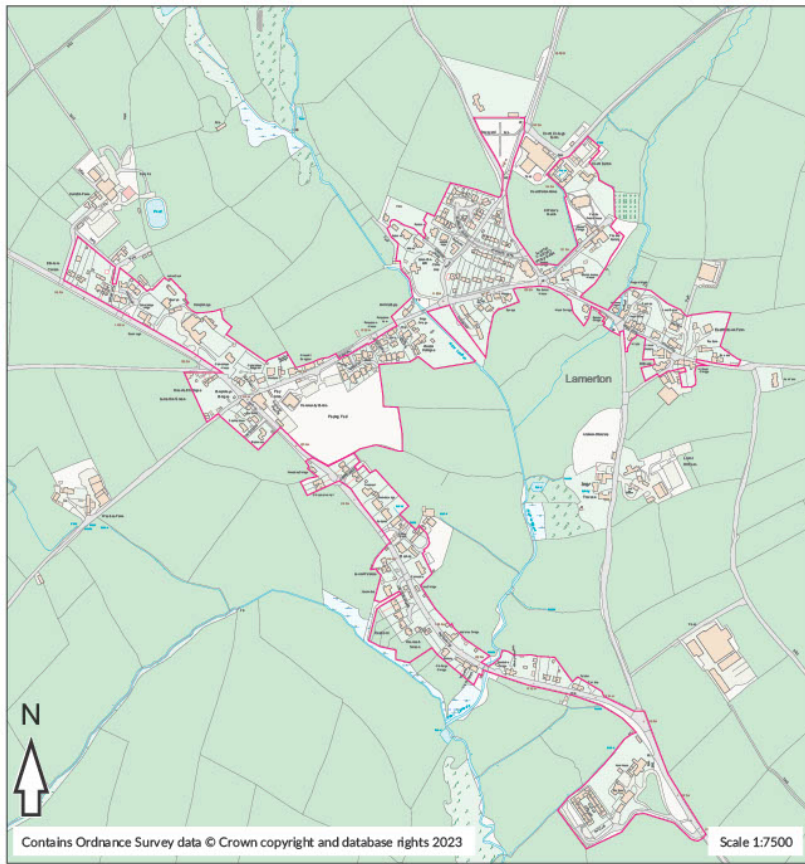
A Dark Skies policy does not mean no street lighting. It is about using light only where and when it is needed and avoiding light sources that shine upwards. Light pollution is responsible for disrupting human sleep rhythms, impacting our mental wellbeing, as well as impacting wildlife adversely How do you feel about adopting a dark skies policy in the village to reduce light pollution

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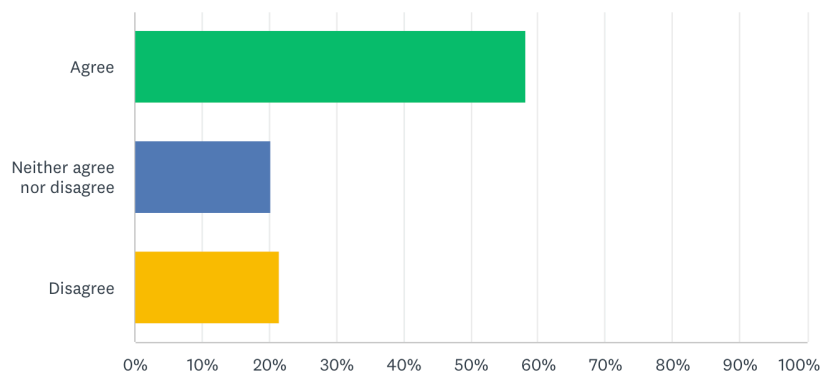
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	53.16% 42
Neither agree nor disagree	21.52% 17
Disagree	25.32% 20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

## Agreeing a future Settlement Boundary



Do you agree that the boundary outlined in red on this map shows the extent of the current built environment of the village [including gardens to the extent of a physical boundary] but excluding land or buildings used for agriculture?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Agree	58.23% 46
▼ Neither agree nor disagree	20.25% 16
▼ Disagree	21.52% 17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

## Comments

If you disagree, please tell us where you think the plan is incorrect

### General

Too many options for new developments close to existing road, not suitable facilities; It encourages infill development and will not prevent expansion	3 comments
Would like to protect green space in front of church and not have houses built there	2 comments
Housing, if needed for young families, should only be built within the red line	1 comment

### Roads

Comments suggesting some stretches of road be excluded from the Plan	4 comments
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### Gardens

Error identified at Fortesque Court; gardens “excluded” but not specified	2 comments
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### Agricultural premises

Comments questioning exclusions of agricultural related premises	4 comments
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### Farm houses and dwellings on periphery of village

Specifically, Court Cottage; New Venn; Trevenn; Frogwell Mead; Lower Hill Farm; allotments	5 comments
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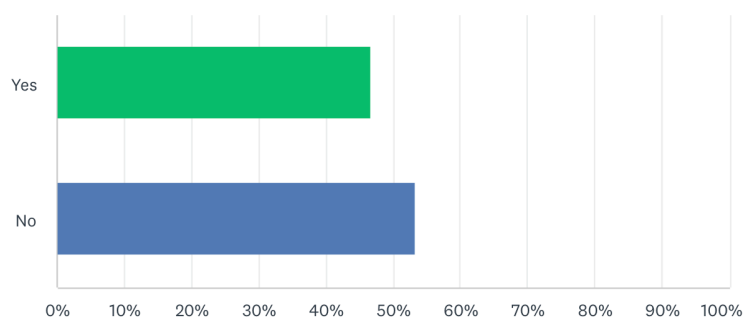
## COMMUNITY ACTIONS

The Neighbourhood Plan may include matters that strictly fall outside the scope of Planning legislation, such as describing **Aspirations, Actions** or **Projects** identified by the Community as important.

These can galvanise community action to deliver things that are otherwise not achievable for example, because they are perceived to be uneconomic or funding is not available. This could include a community shop, a youth or other sports and social groups.

Would you consider becoming a volunteer to help with community projects ?

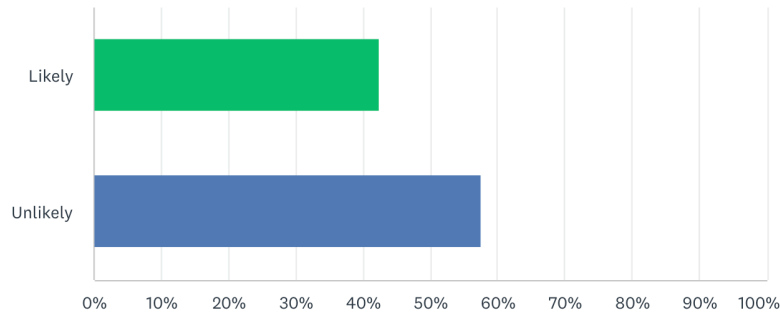
Answered: 75 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	46.67%	35
▼ No	53.33%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>75</b>

Would you consider being involved in finding solutions for issues that concern residents such as :-parking, anti-social behaviour, congestion around the school at peak times, improving pedestrian safety where there are no pavements, speeding.

Answered: 73 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Likely	42.47%	31
▼ Unlikely	57.53%	42
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>73</b>

## Comments

Tell us how we can help each other – please use the comment box below for your ideas

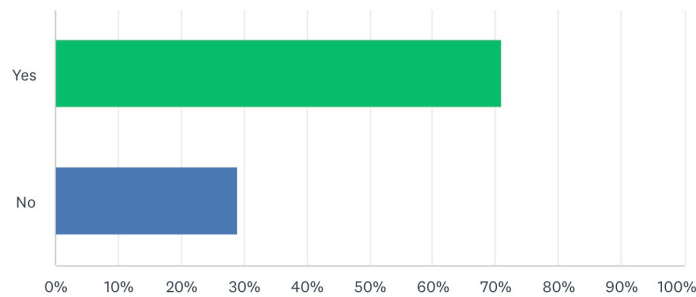
Drive safely and appropriately	1 comment
More meetings, not just Parish Council	1 comment
Regular litter pick in the village and surrounding areas	1 comment
Take care of the footpaths and fields	1 comment
Be more aware of the things happening in the community	1 comment
Younger members of society to be more involved	1 comment
By not building affordable housing - with that will come more anti-social behaviour	1 comment
Better and truthful communication, information and feedback	3 comments
By sorting the issue of housing in the village for the good of the people born here	1 comment

Strive for a kinder, respectful and more constructive kind of interaction between all parties, using measured language; seeking outcomes that unite the community, open and transparent communication including acknowledging conflicts of interest

10 comments

### Did you take part in the March 2023 Survey ?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	71.05% 54
No	28.95% 22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>

