

Village Action Plan Consultation

What did it tell us?

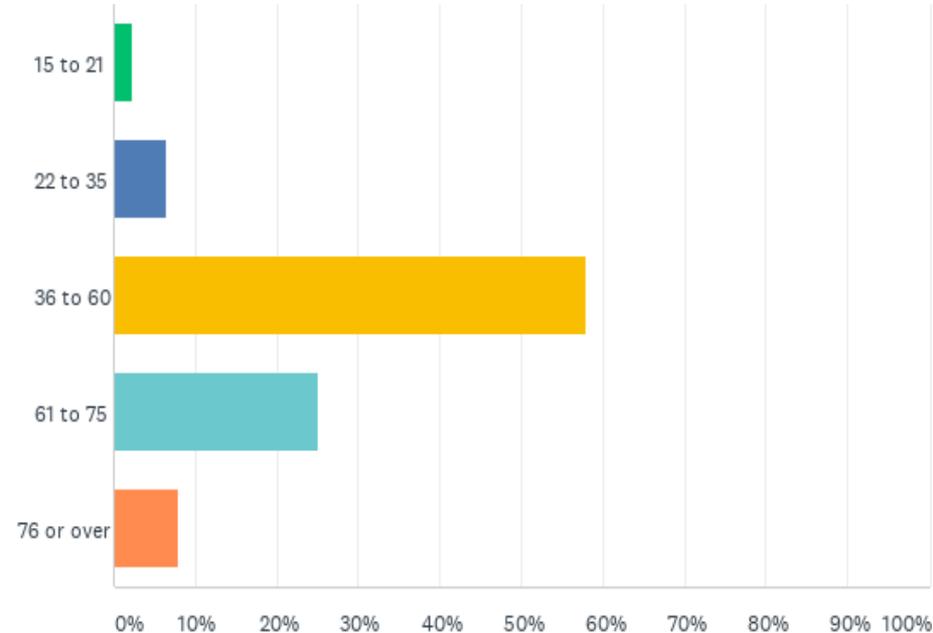




Consultation Results (General)

273 people completed the consultation, that is about 7% of the over 15 population of the village. At this level of response the consultation will show the views of those who care most about specific issues, rather than being representative of all views.

Only 9% were under 35 and only 2% were in the 15- to 21-category. The survey also asked about ethnic origin and mobility issues. In all these cases the numbers were too small to draw firm conclusions, but the responses from all these groups were checked to see if they were markedly different from the average, and they were not.





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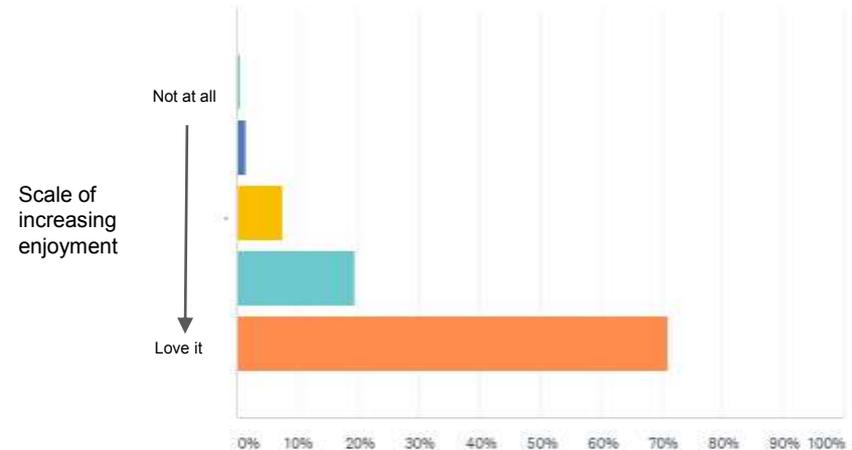
Most people seemed happy with life in Duffield.

Having said that, the consultation produced well over 600 comments and suggestions. Many of these were suggestions for making life better, and we are very grateful to all those who provided these responses.

They contain both new ideas and important detailed perspectives of individuals in the village, for example those with mobility problems or those who live on specific streets.

These comments have all been tagged to understand the main concerns, and will be considered individually as new projects are developed.

Q4 Do you enjoy living in Duffield?



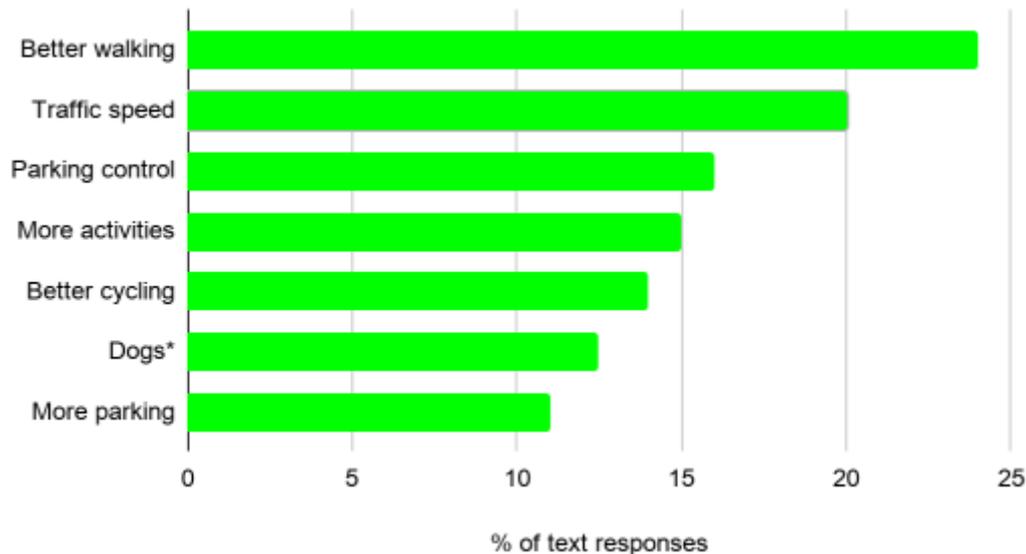


Topics Mentioned

Question 5 asked the open question 'Is there anything that could be done locally to make life more enjoyable for you. 168 people provided written responses. They were tagged according to their topics.

The most mentioned area was walking, and how to make it easier, safer, cleaner and more pleasant. Traffic speed was normally mentioned in this context.

*Most comments about dogs related to dog mess, calling for more bins or greater discipline from owners in picking it up.





Results - Community and Culture

Gray Rec.. The consultation said that the community wants to develop Gray Rec as area where a family can enjoy time together. Useful information was gathered on the types of equipment and facilities that the community would like to see there.

Eyes Meadow facilities - many suggestions were provided. They were wide ranging and some were relatively costly and longer term. Feasibility assessment and costing are needed

Village activities were generally well liked and seen as contributing to village life. Of the activities suggested a food/craft market and open-air theatre were the most popular.

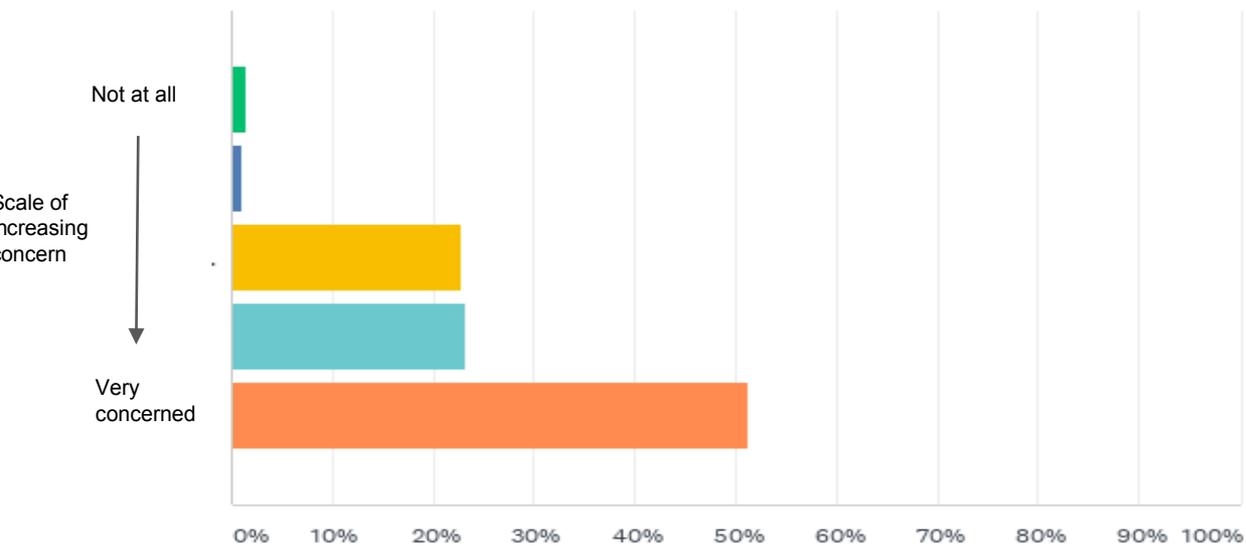
These results will be assessed in detail to help in forming future plans.





Results - Environment

Q6 Are you concerned about the environment?



Asked whether local action has its part to play in solving environmental problems, 52% agreed strongly and 96% agreed to some extent



Results - Specific Environmental Projects

Several environmental projects were proposed. In order of popularity they were:

1. New wildlife areas - eg trees, wildflowers and walks at Ecclesbourne Meadows. (66% strong support)
2. Tidying the footpath by the Meadows School to Snake lane, (61% strong support)
3. Waste bins with recyclable sections (60% strong support, but the question wasn't entirely clear, it was intended to mean community waste bins but may have been read as domestic bins)
4. Tidying the pavement outside Ecclesbourne School (57% strong support)
5. Traffic calming or pavement widening at the bottom of Wirksworth Road (48% strong support), but 10% were against.
6. Electric car re-charging in the village (32% strong support, 15% against)





Results - Traffic and Parking

Parking was frequently mentioned throughout the consultation,

Most sought more parking or better management of parking so that they could park more easily when they go into the village or outside their homes. Village businesses have also mentioned parking as their greatest concern.

40% said that parking wasn't important to them. 17% said that the lack of available parking totally stopped them shopping in the village. The remaining 43% expressed some degree of parking difficulty when shopping in the village.

Some felt that cars were a nuisance, for example parking on pavements, parking in such a way as to obstruct roads, or using the village as a car park while they commute or go to school. Many responses mentioned the dangers at start and end of the school day, especially at William Gilbert and Ecclesbourne Schools. Specific problem roads were mentioned, notably Holloway Road.

Traffic speed was a frequent concern. The 40 mph limit south of the village centre was often mentioned as being too high.





Consultation Results - Protecting Vulnerable Adults

The survey did not ask whether people considered themselves to be vulnerable.

Obtaining good information from vulnerable people isn't easy, since they often do not self-identify as vulnerable, and because really vulnerable people may not be able to complete a survey.

The survey was however completed by 21 people aged over 75, and 16 people who considered themselves to have mobility issues.

The results will be compared with other recent surveys and discussed with other agencies. Further work may be required to identify and understand the needs of vulnerable adults in Duffield.

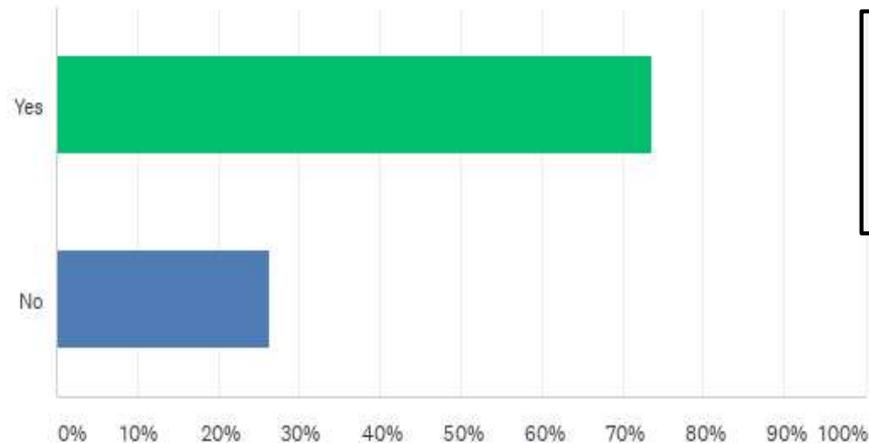




Consultation Results - Verges

Q9 It has been suggested that grass verges might be allowed to re-wild. This would involve fewer cuts and the encouragement of wild flowers. Do you think that this is a good idea?

Some were strongly against because they felt that the verges would become untidy

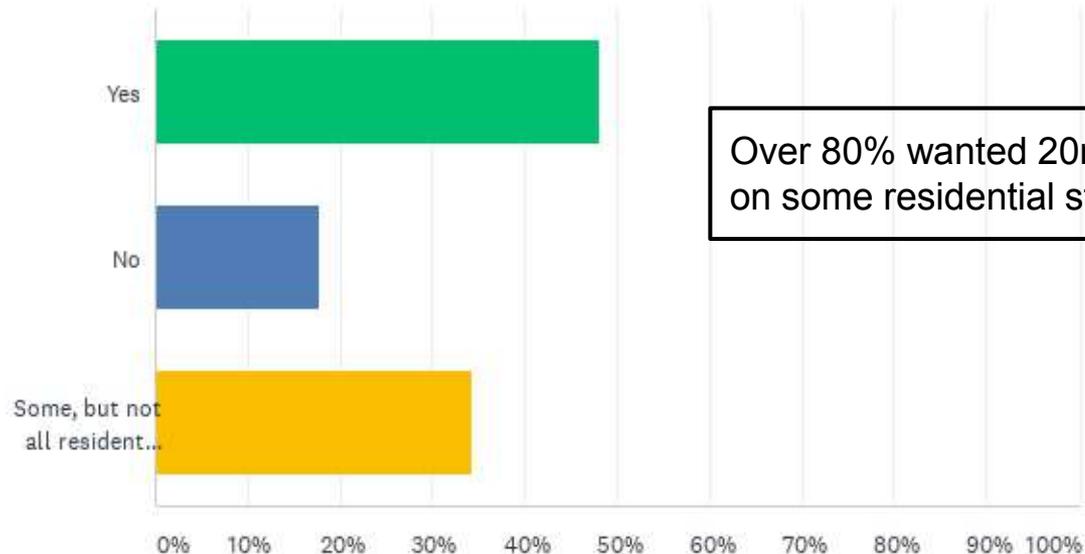


There was a preference (78% v 62%) for rewilding verges on non-residential streets



Results - 20mph Speed Limits

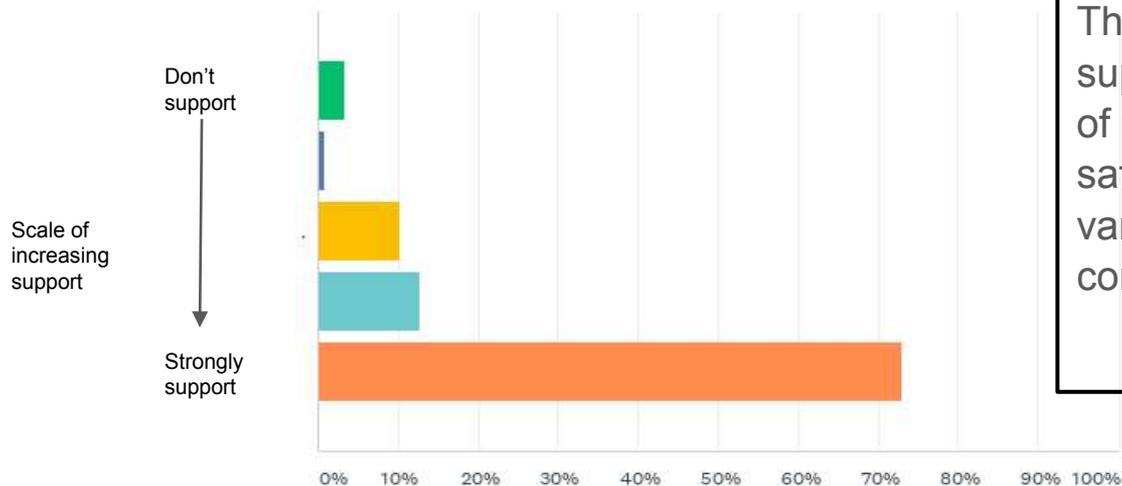
Q19 If it was possible, would you like to see 20mph limits on residential streets in Duffield?





Results - Derwent Valley Cycleway

Q11 Would you support building the Derwent Valley Cycleway (this is a proposed trail passing through Duffield that could be used by cyclists, walkers and wheelchair users)?



There was good support for the idea of making cycling safer, expressed in various ways in the consultation.