

BNP Issues & Options Consultation

Statistics, responses and
comments

1 July 2025

Statistics

- ▶ 153 total responses
- ▶ Roughly a 6.6% response rate

Relevant responses and disagree answers

Policy Option:

- 4
- 12
- 13
- 15

Non-Policy Action

- 1
- 11
- 14
- 15

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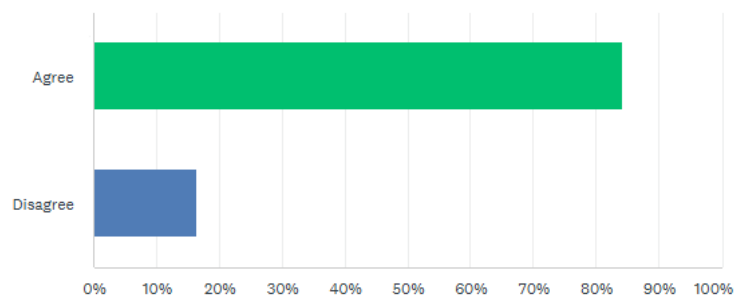


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POLICY OPTION 1: Proposals for an increased housing requirement, in excess of the 500 dwellings allocated in the existing BNP, will need to comply with the criteria specified in the draft Policy identified in paragraph 1.10.

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ANSWER CHOICES

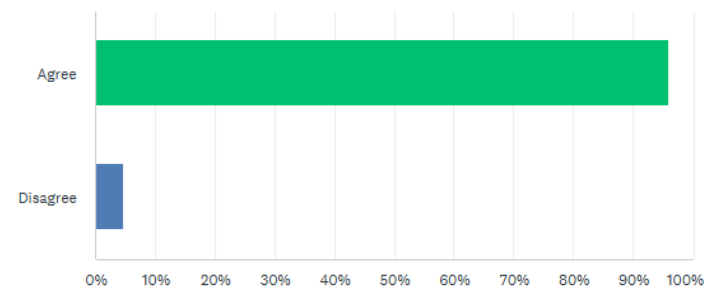
RESPONSES

Agree	84.31%	129
Disagree	16.34%	25

Total Respondents: 153

POLICY OPTION 2: Proposals for new housing development should have regard to the advice in a proposed Village Design Codes in respect of character, design, siting, appearance, layout and other design considerations. Proposals for new development should be sensitively designed and contribute positively to the character and appearance of the village and wider Parish, protecting and enriching the look and feel of the village and ultimately ensuring that the impact of such development on the natural and built environment is minimised. Development within or adjacent to the village conservation area should either preserve or enhance its character and appearance

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ANSWER CHOICES

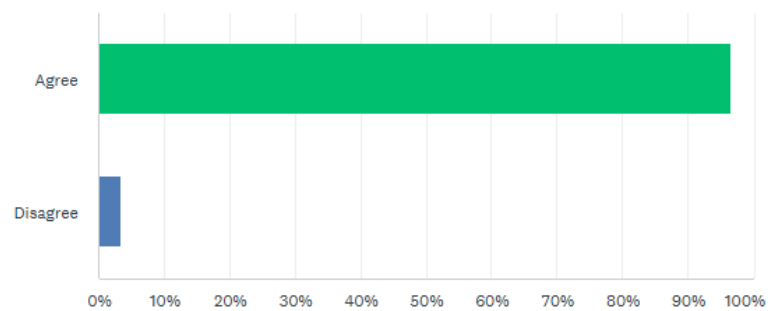
RESPONSES

Agree	96.00%	144
Disagree	4.67%	7

- Design codes mentions low carbon, checklist lacks direct and clear low carbon sustainability goals
- Why are all the parcels of land in the same area? It is not equitable

POLICY OPTION 3: The proposed Village Design Codes should incorporate proposals to improve and enhance at a local level (i) car parking space standards; (ii) amenity space standards; (iii) massing standards (building shape and size); and (iv) external finish standards.

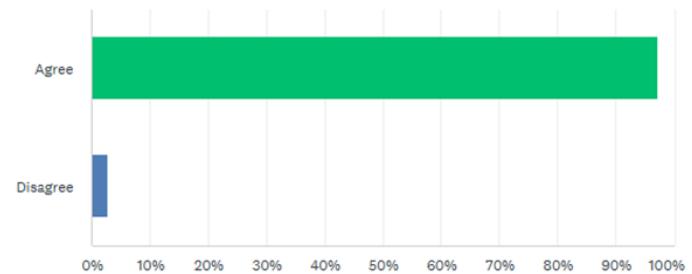
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Agree	96.64%	144
▼ Disagree	3.36%	5
Total Respondents: 149		

POLICY OPTION 4: All new development within the Parish should seek to achieve the highest standards of sustainable design and, in particular, demonstrate in proposals how design, construction and operation, (a) has been designed to improve environmental performance, energy efficiency and adapt to changes of use and a changing climate over its lifetime; (b) makes use of sustainably sourced materials; (c) minimises resource demand and the generation of waste and maximises opportunities for reuse and recycling; (d) is located where services and facilities can be easily accessed by walking, cycling and public transport; (e) maximises use of sustainable building design; and (f) maximises water efficiency and promotes best practice in sustainable drainage.

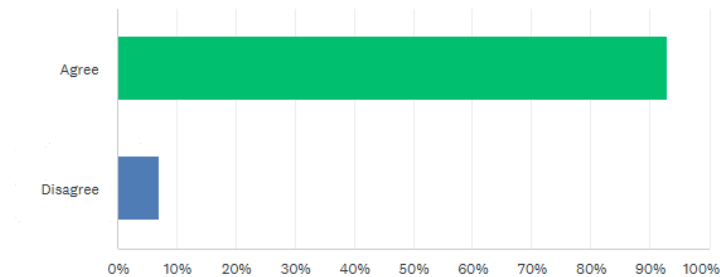
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Agree	97.32%	145
▼ Disagree	2.68%	4
Total Respondents: 149		

POLICY OPTION 5: The following parcels of land – identified on the Map below – will be shown on a Policies Map (that will need to be included in the revised BNP) and will be designated as Local Green Spaces:(a) Salem Thrift County Wildlife Site (CWS) – Map Reference 1(b) Orchard (Northern end of the Parklands Open Space, accessed from Chestnut Avenue) – Map reference 2(c) Parklands Recreation Ground – Map Reference 3(d) Community Orchard (Southern end of Parkland, off Chestnut Avenue) – Map reference 4(e) Bowe Wood CWS – Map Reference 6(f) Molliver’s Wood CWS – Map Reference 8(g) Bromham Village Hall Playing Field – Map Reference 9(h) Bromham Mill Meadow (Bromham Mill) – Map Reference 10(i) Bromham Lake/Local Nature Reserve (Lower Farm Road) – Map Reference 18(j) Bromham Paddock (Oakley Road/Lower Farm Road) – Map Reference 22Development on land designated as Local Green Space will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances where it can be clearly demonstrated that the development will not conflict with the purpose of the designation.

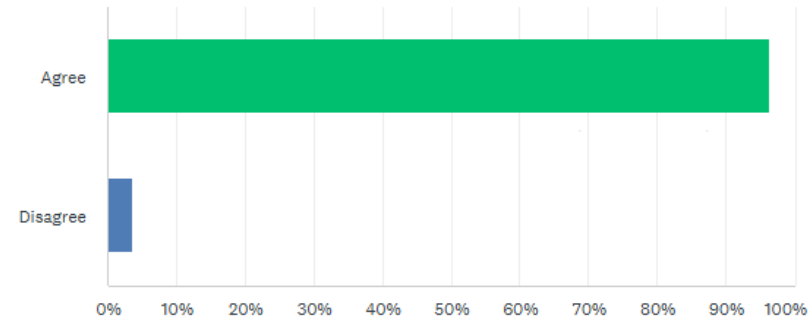
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	92.91% 131
Disagree	7.09% 10

POLICY OPTION 6: The use of boundary features (such as walls and hedges) within any proposed development, including extensions to existing dwellings, should respect local tradition, materials and/or species and/or mixes.

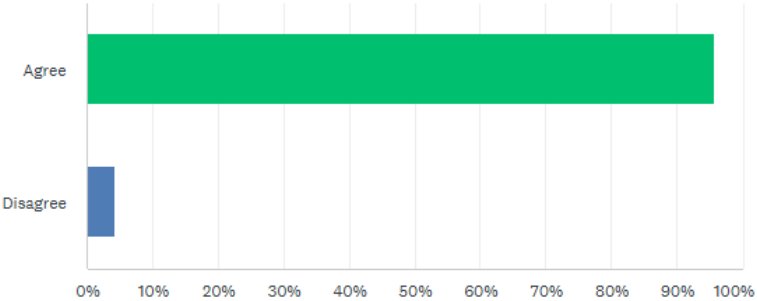
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	96.40% 134
Disagree	3.60% 5
Total Respondents: 139	

POLICY OPTION 7: The BNP should include a policy or policies to address the provision of maps, direction signage and information boards to promote areas of interest in the Village and to ensure that these are informative and helpful whilst not becoming intrusive or detracting from the natural beauty of the area.

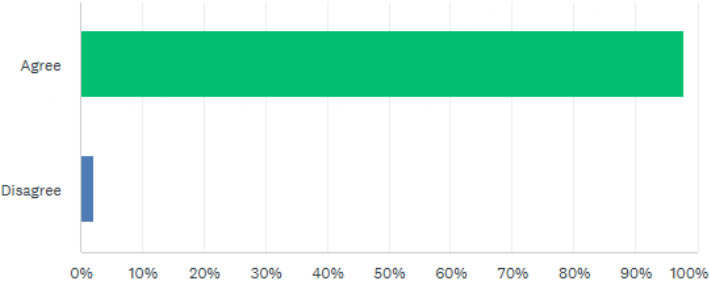
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	95.68%	133
Disagree	4.32%	6

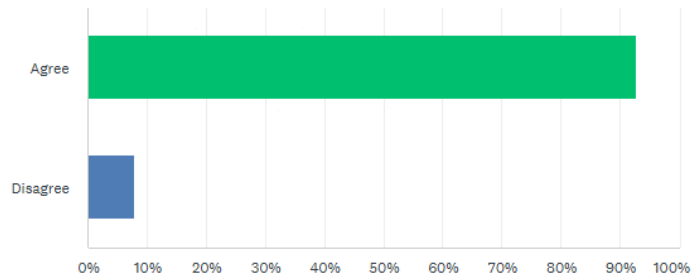
POLICY OPTION 8: Support will be given to proposals that improve or extend the existing footpath network and which provide bridle/cycle paths, allowing better access to the local amenities and services, to green spaces, to any new housing and to the open countryside, subject to compliance with other BNP priorities. The loss of existing footpaths will be resisted.

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	97.84%	136
Disagree	2.16%	3
Total Respondents: 139		

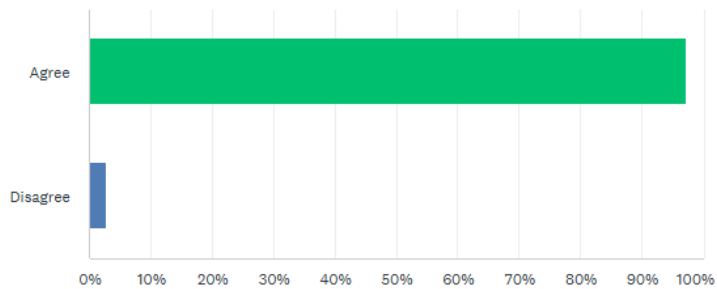
POLICY OPTION 9: 1. The following community facilities will be retained and planning applications that result in either the loss of, or significant harm to, will be resisted, subject to (2) below: (a) Bromham Lower School (b) Bromham Library (c) Bromham Village Hall (d) Bromham Park (e) Bromham Mill (f) Churches in Bromham (g) Bromham Pharmacy (h) Local Shops (i) Post Office (j) Bromham Medical Centre (k) Public Houses (l) Nursery Schools 2. Development that would result in the loss of or significant harm to these community facilities will not be supported unless the following can be demonstrated:(a) the proposals include alternative provision, on a site within the Settlement Policy Area of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling and have adequate car parking, or(b) satisfactory evidence (including independently marketed for at least 12 months) to demonstrate that there is no longer an economic justification to protect the asset, or(c) that the proposal would be of benefit to the local community and would outweigh the loss of the existing facility.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	92.81% 129
Disagree	7.91% 11
Total Respondents: 139	

POLICY OPTION 10: Proposals that diversify or enhance the range of community facilities will be supported provided that the development:(a) Will not result in unacceptable traffic movements, noise, fumes, smell or other disturbance to residential properties.(b) Will not cause harm to the significance of Bromham’s heritage assets.(c) Will not generate a need for parking that cannot be adequately catered for; and (d) Is of a scale appropriate to the needs of the locality and conveniently accessible for residents of the village wishing to walk or cycle.In terms of location, any proposals for recreational or amenity provision on land outside the Settlement Policy Area will need to demonstrate that the proposed use is sustainable and will not have an adverse impact on the rural landscape character.

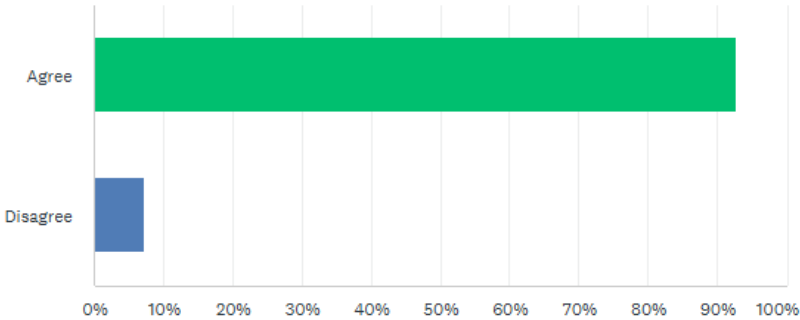
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	97.12% 135
Disagree	2.88% 4

POLICY OPTION 11: Proposals to improve the viability of a community asset or facility by way of the extension or partial replacement or redevelopment of buildings, structures and land, will be supported provided that the design of the scheme respects the village character in general, and that the resulting increase in use is appropriate in design terms and will not have a negative impact on the amenities of adjoining residential properties.

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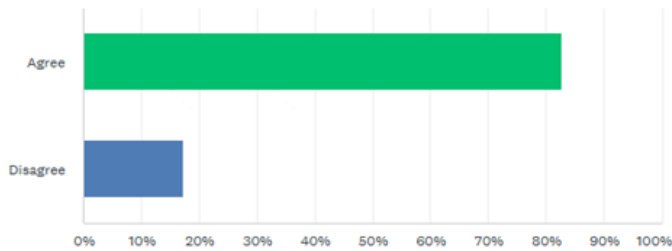
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	92.81%129
Disagree	7.19%10
Total Respondents: 139	

-Need to keep the dealership in Bromham

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POLICY OPTION 12: Proposals to respond to parking concerns caused by the location of the car showroom in Stagsden Road, Bromham will be encouraged, including support for proposals to relocate the business to a more suitable location that could deal with existing parking non-conformance, subject to proper consideration of the impact of the proposed alternative location.

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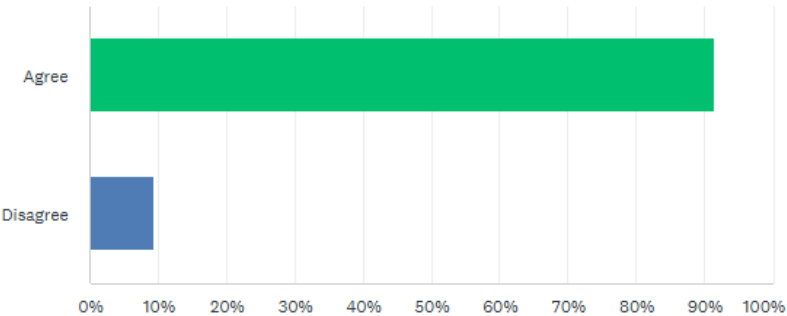


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	82.73%115
Disagree	17.27%24
Total Respondents: 139	

-Yes to health but no to retail expansion X2

POLICY OPTION 13: To encourage opportunities to expand local facilities with a presumption in favour of specifically identified uses (e.g. Doctors surgery and dental care facility). Proposals for a permanent Doctors surgery in the Village, dental care provision and the expansion of retail capacity will be supported by the Parish Council if they are appropriately located and do not cause harm, or where the harm caused it is outweighed by other benefits.

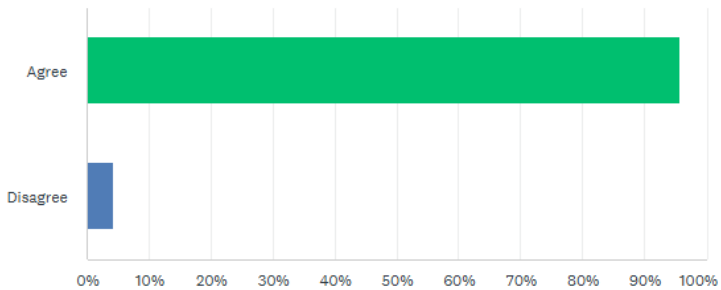
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	91.37%127
Disagree	9.35%13

POLICY OPTION 14: There is significant support for the provision of adequate services to meet expectations for modern living (including telephone land line and next generation broadband services). All new residential, commercial and community buildings should, therefore, be served by a superfast broadband (fibre-optic) connection to premises unless it can be demonstrated, through consultation with Next Generation Access (NGA) Network providers, that this would not be either possible, practical or economically viable. In this case, sufficient and suitable ducting should be provided within the site and to the property to enable installation at a future date. The development of new communications infrastructure to serve the villages of Bromham will be supported where the siting and appearance of the proposed apparatus and associated structures seek to minimise impact on the visual amenity, character or appearance of the surrounding area.

Answered: 139 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	95.68%133
Disagree	4.32%6
Total Respondents: 139	

Over-developed' too subjective. Focus should be on space for use by residents, rather than attracting from outside village.

Fine as is.

A very different approach to the one the PC took prior to submitting the application in 2022. And in the new application, nothing in the above statement supports extending the Mill House for commercial reasons. It needs refurbishing but there are better alternatives. And in pursuing the extension, this brings a conflict with policy option 10(c). The current parking is over capacity as it is and the new application does not create any more spaces

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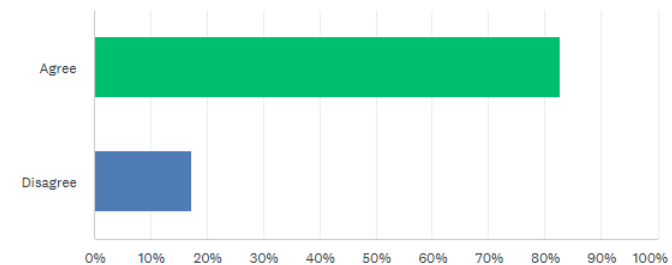


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POLICY OPTION 15: There is significant support for Bromham Mill as a key recreational asset but much concern to ensure that it is not over-developed and that it retains its strong heritage value. It is proposed, therefore, to formally recognise, by policy, the aspirations for Bromham Mill and the commitment to the sympathetic and sensitive refurbishment of the Mill that will enhance the recreational and educational asset, transform Bromham Mill into an exciting (but not over-developed) community facility and visitor attraction and to create the location as a key, vital and vibrant leisure, and cultural destination.

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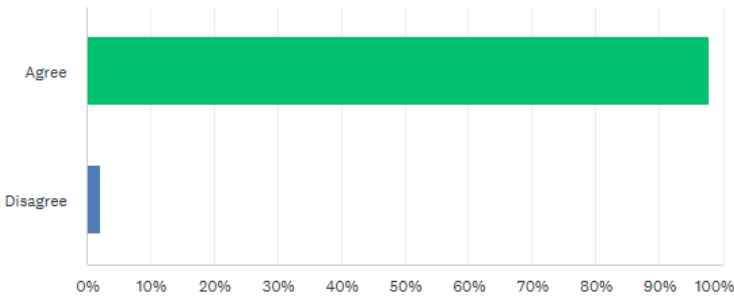
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Agree	82.73%	115
Disagree	17.27%	24
Total Respondents: 139		

NPA's

Unless also addresses concerns about speed, no

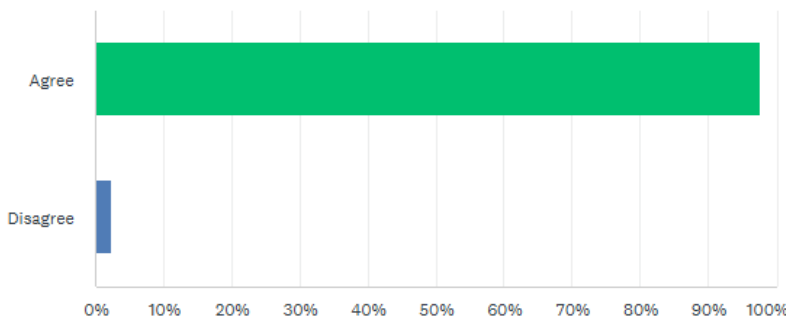
NPA1: The Parish Council will work together with the Highway Authority and residents to develop measures to manage car movement into and out of, as well as in and around the village to mitigate both current problems and the impact of further development on the community.

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NPA2: The Parish Council will work with the local school to create and enhance 'Safer Routes to Schools' schemes.

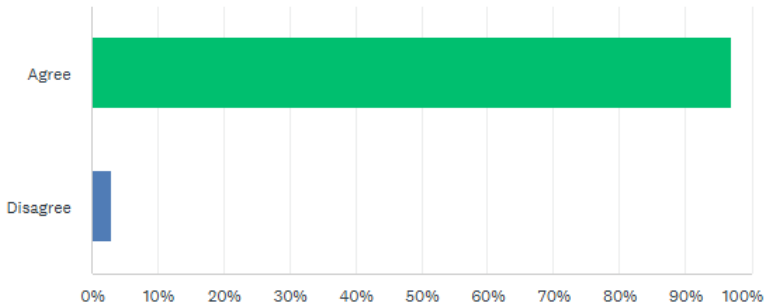
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	97.73%129
Disagree	2.27%3
Total Respondents: 132	

NPA3: The Parish Council will work with relevant stakeholders to assist in alleviating school traffic congestion, in particular in regard to existing conditions in Grange Lane.

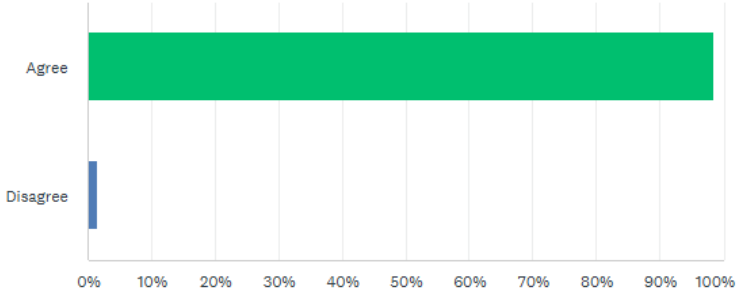
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	97.08%	133
Disagree	2.92%	4
Total Respondents: 137		

NPA4: The Parish Council will work together with the Highway Authority and other relevant agencies to develop a long-term sustainable strategy for improvements to the existing highway network to: alleviate local traffic congestion, provide safer routes in order to create a safer environment for all, in particular pedestrians and cyclists.

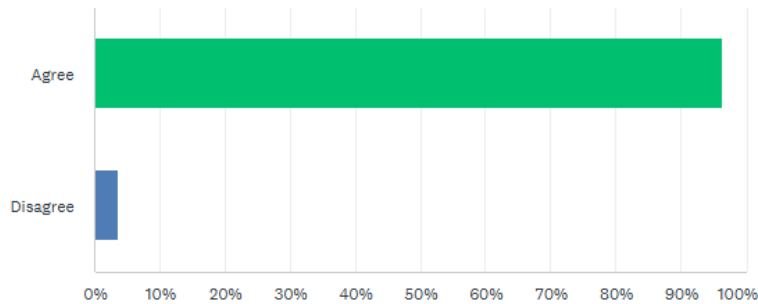
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	98.55%	136
Disagree	1.45%	2
Total Respondents: 138		

NPA5: The Parish Council will work with the Highway Authority to respond to the continued problem of speeding throughout the village and to secure and enhance traffic calming measures in the Parish.

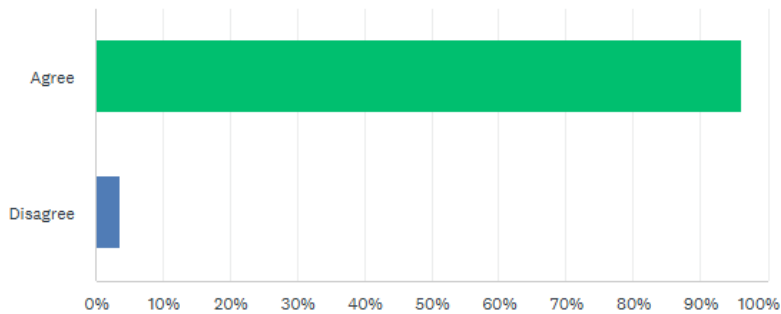
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Agree	96.38%	133
▼ Disagree	3.62%	5
Total Respondents: 138		

NPA6: The Parish Council will work to create more formal and informal green spaces in the village and to ensure the better landscaping of public areas.

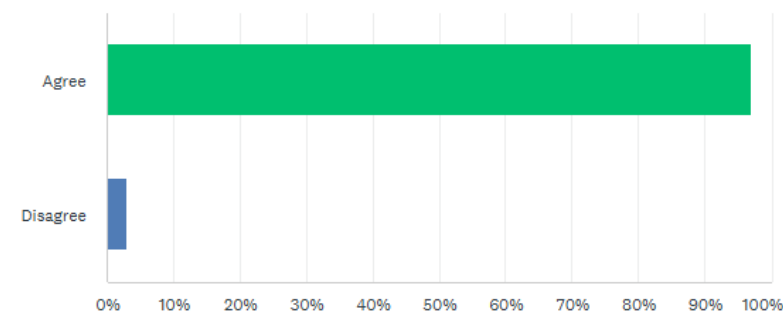
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Agree	96.27%	129
▼ Disagree	3.73%	5
Total Respondents: 134		

NPA7: The Parish Council will identify areas of land for new tree planting in the Parish.

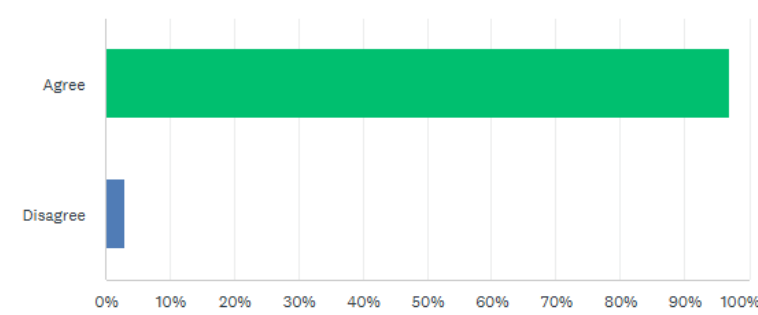
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Agree	97.04%	131
▼ Disagree	2.96%	4
Total Respondents: 135		

NPA8: The Parish Council will seek to encourage the protection of locally designated and non-designated wildlife sites/areas and habitats and will support the development of wildlife corridors; the extension of green space and new nature conservation sites wherever possible.

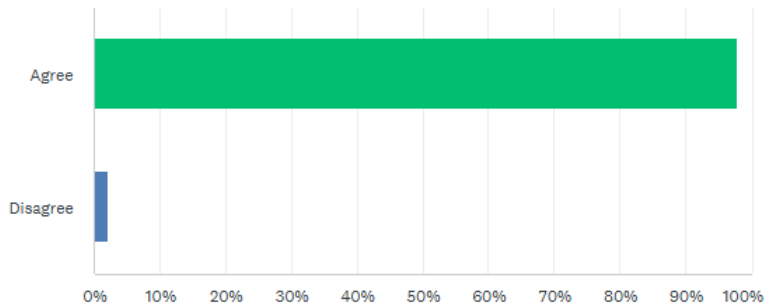
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Agree	96.99%	129
▼ Disagree	3.01%	4
Total Respondents: 133		

NPA9: The Parish Council will expect new developments to demonstrate connectivity to the existing Public Rights of Way network and to provide new footpaths and cycle paths (where appropriate), allowing improving access to the local amenities and services, to green spaces and to the open countryside.

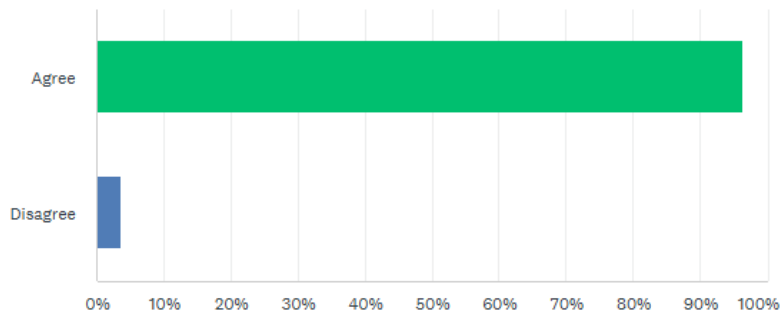
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	97.78%	132
Disagree	2.22%	3
Total Respondents: 135		

NPA10: The Parish Council will work with Bedford Borough Council to promote and enhance the existing network of Parish Walks through signage and environmental improvements to improve accessibility for all.

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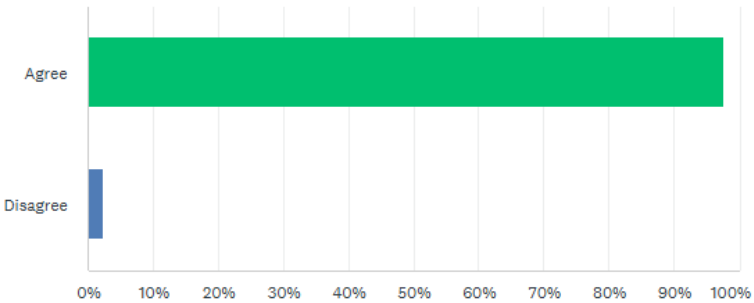


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	96.32%	131
Disagree	3.68%	5
Total Respondents: 136		

This is incomprehensible jargon/ nonsense

NPA11: Local facilities and services will be protected and supported by the Parish Council in accordance with policies in the Neighbourhood Plan that seek to ensure the continued viability of the rural economy and that endeavour to support the sustainability of local services.

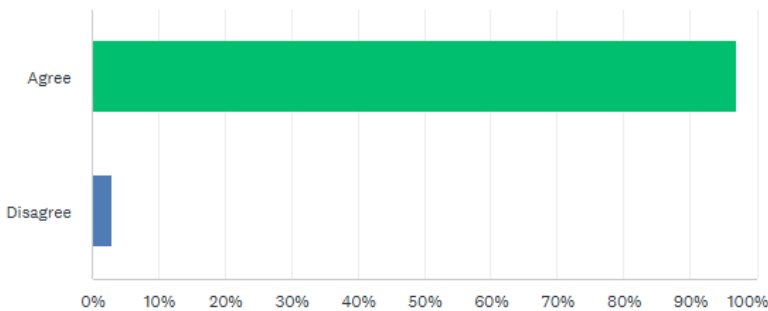
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Agree	97.74%	130
▼ Disagree	2.26%	3
Total Respondents: 133		

NPA12: The Parish Council will support Bromham Lower School to realise its ambitions to be a first-class provider of educational excellence for young people in the village and the immediate locality.

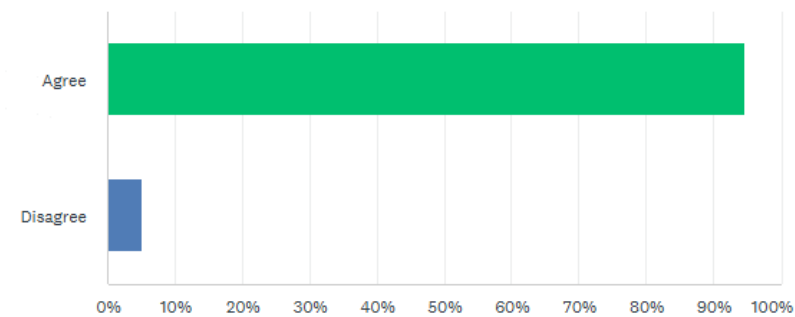
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Agree	97.04%	131
▼ Disagree	2.96%	4
Total Respondents: 135		

NPA13: The Parish Council will work with the Church Authorities and local landowners to identify suitable land for additional cemetery provision to meet the future needs of the community.

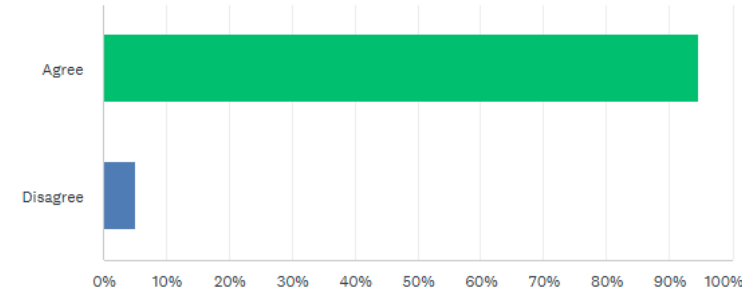
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	94.78% 127
Disagree	5.22% 7
Total Respondents: 134	

NPA14: The provision of new or enhanced recreational facilities in the Parish will be supported, provided that the design and scale are in keeping with the local character and there is no adverse impact on the amenity of surrounding residential properties.

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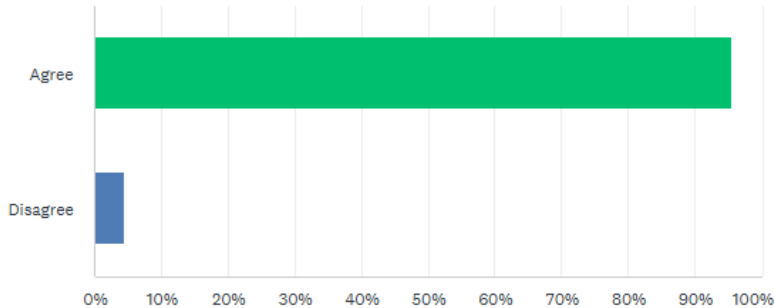


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	94.78% 127
Disagree	5.22% 7
Total Respondents: 134	

14 & 15 Could be incompatible

NPA15: The Parish Council will work with the Bromham Playing Field Association to ensure that the future development of the village fully encompasses the sporting and social requirements of the community.

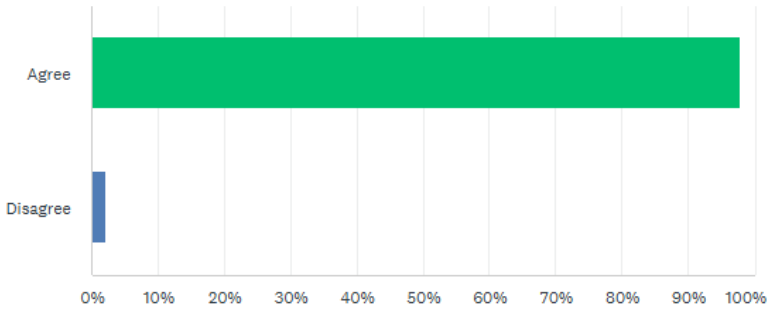
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	95.52%	128
Disagree	4.48%	6
Total Respondents: 134		

NPA16: The Parish Council will continue to support and promote the use of the Village Hall and will support appropriate plans to improve community provision. The Parish Council will also support and promote other existing clubs and facilities in the area and will assist to identify sources of funding available.

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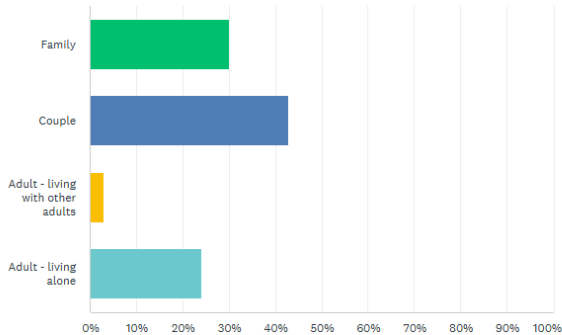


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	97.78%	132
Disagree	2.22%	3
Total Respondents: 135		

Participants stats

6.2 It would also be helpful if you would provide the details requested below so we can see whether we have a good cross-section of responsesHow would you describe your household?

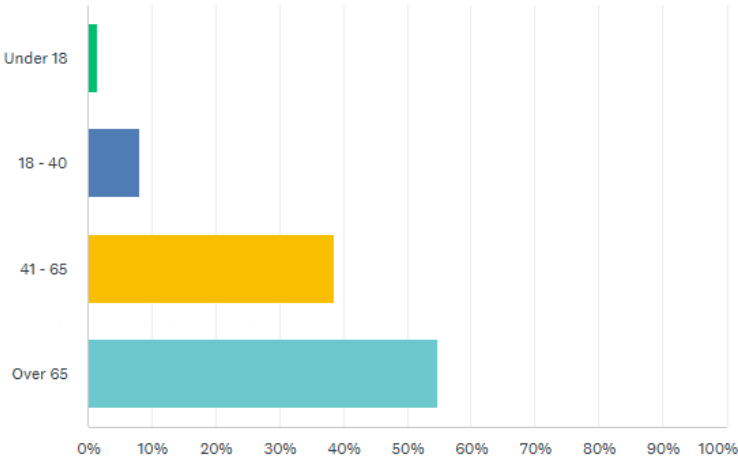
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Family	30.08% 40
Couple	42.86% 57
Adult - living with other adults	3.01% 4
Adult - living alone	24.06% 32
Total Respondents: 133	

Which age group are you in?

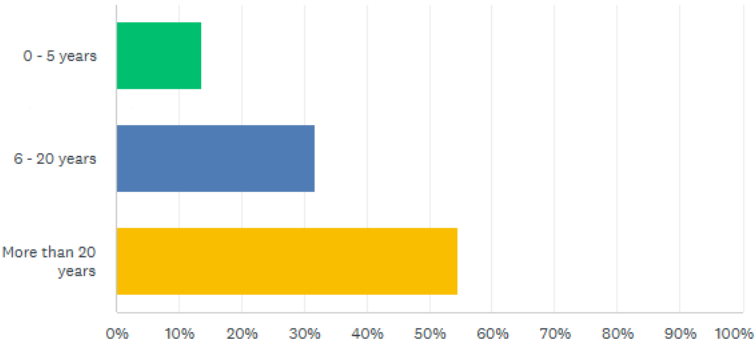
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	1.48% 2
18 - 40	8.15% 11
41 - 65	38.52% 52
Over 65	54.81% 74
Total Respondents: 135	

How long have you lived in Bromham?

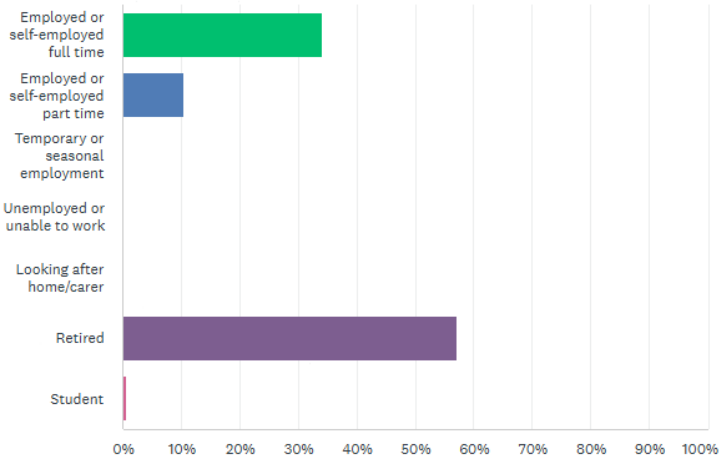
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0 - 5 years	13.64% 18
6 - 20 years	31.82% 42
More than 20 years	54.55% 72
Total Respondents: 132	

What is your current employment status?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Employed or self-employed full time	34.07% 46
Employed or self-employed part time	10.37% 14
Temporary or seasonal employment	0.00% 0
Unemployed or unable to work	0.00% 0
Looking after home/carers	0.00% 0
Retired	57.04% 77
Student	0.74% 1
Total Respondents: 135	