



Questionnaire analysis complete

637 people responded to the survey, which asked a range of questions under the headings of Housing; Roads, Footpaths and Cycleways; Community; Facilities and Services; Shopping; and Environment.

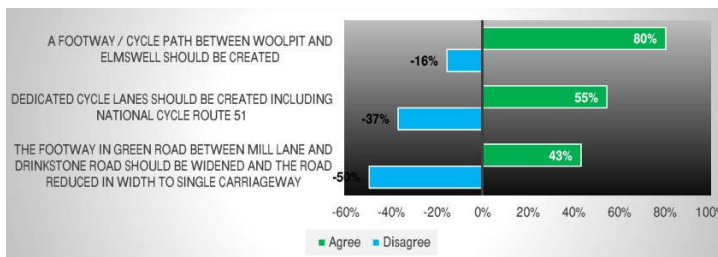
A high degree of unanimity was noted on some issues, such as *Woolpit should remain a village*. On others, such as the use of parking restrictions in the centre of the village, opinions were much more evenly divided.

On some of the questions where respondents could write their own remarks, we received in excess of 200 comments per question!

After much hard work, the analysis of the Questionnaire has been completed, and a final report written. The Steering Group has reviewed and approved the report, which you can read by downloading it from the Newsletters & reports page:

www.woolpit.org/WNP/reports.html

The high response rate to the Questionnaire means that the feelings it reflects can be given more weight when it comes to formulating the policies for the Neighbourhood Plan. It is a piece of evidence we can rely on.



A graph from the analysis report

Results display

The analysis of the Questionnaire is to be displayed at an exhibition in the Institute, on Saturday 3 February. It will be open from 10 am to 4 pm.

There will also be a presentation by consultants Alison Farmer & Associates, on the Landscape Sensitivity Study (see report to the right).

Draft Housing policies

Housing policies, drafted by the Policies working group, have been reviewed and approved by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. We were fortunate to be able to consult Ian Poole, our ‘critical friend’ assigned to us as an adviser by Mid Suffolk District Council. The policies cover five aspects of housing development:

- Location and scale of new housing developments
- Housing type
- Affordable homes
- Housing design and character
- Housing for the elderly

Policies on Business / Economic Development, and Environment are to follow in January to February.

Progress of the Landscape Sensitivity Study

We were successful in obtaining a grant to allow us to commission a Landscape Sensitivity Study (reported on in June). A preliminary meeting was held with the chosen consultancy, Alison Farmer & Associates, which expects to complete the study by the end of January.

This is a key piece of the jigsaw, as the government now expects neighbourhood plans to allocate sites for future development. In order to select sites which are the most appropriate and will have the least negative impact on Woolpit’s heritage, infrastructure, traffic flows etc, we need an expert to assess the potential sites. These sites have been identified by MSDC in the Joint Local Plan Consultation document.