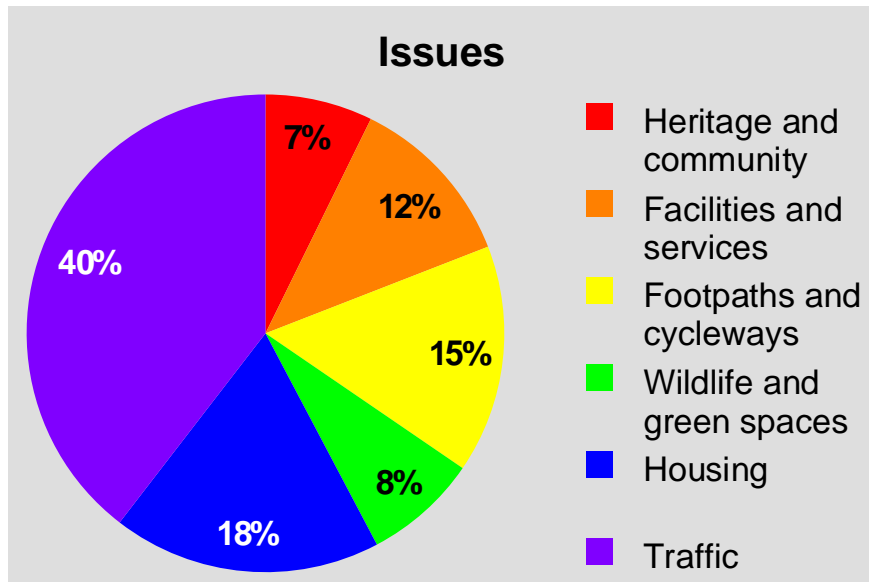


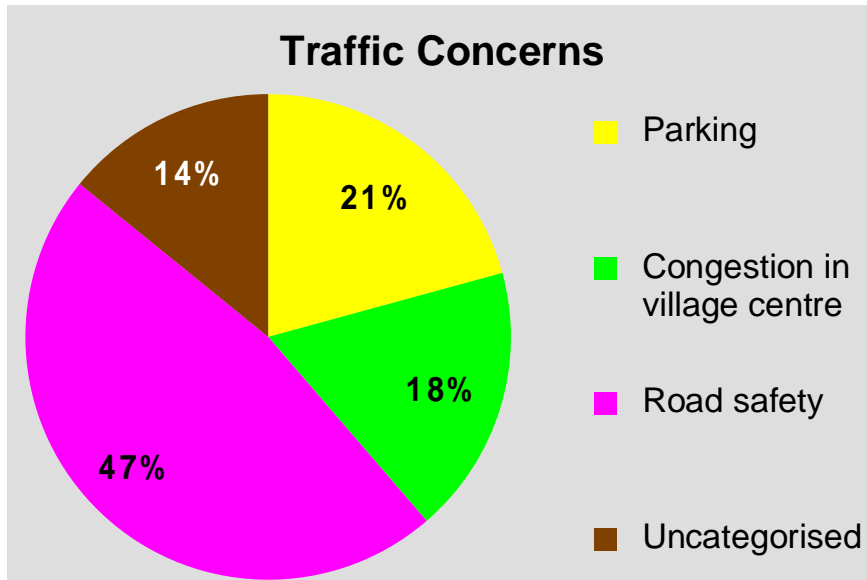
# Community Consultation Interim Findings



We have used our pop-up stand to gather comments from Woolpit residents during the summer.

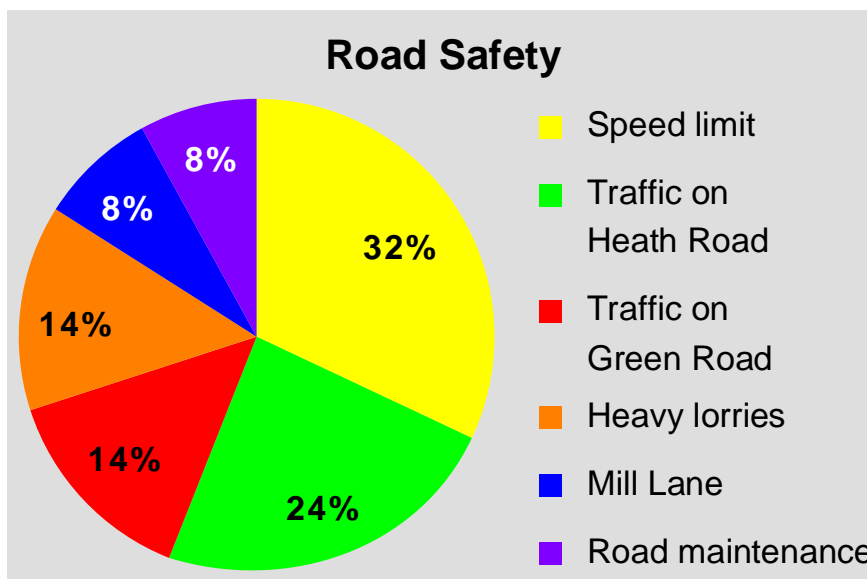
Three issues have emerged as major areas of concern: **Traffic, Housing, and Footpaths and cycleways.**

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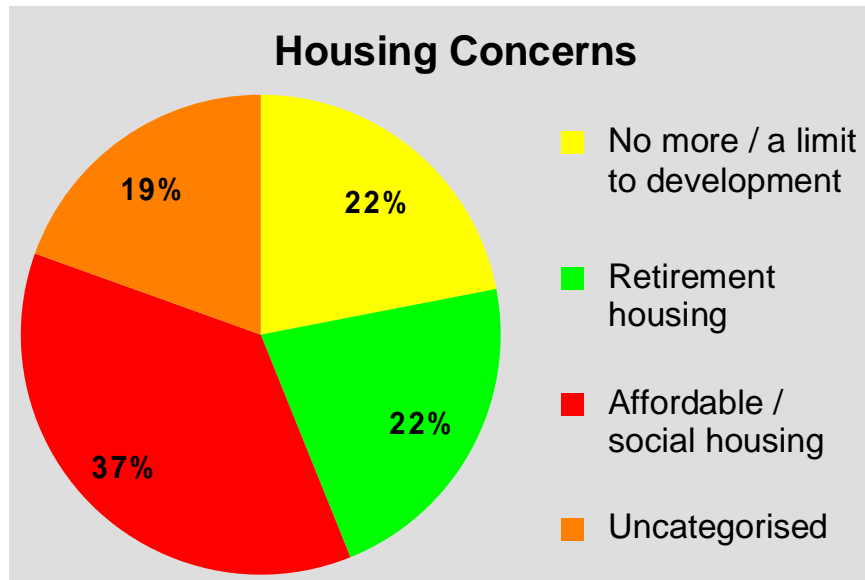


Traffic is the major issue. In this category, most comments focus on **road safety, parking, and congestion in the village centre.**

Of road safety comments, 32% are about vehicle speeds. Also important are the volume of traffic (especially on Heath Road), and heavy lorries.



# Community Consultation Interim Findings



In the Housing category, many comments urge setting **a limit to new development**, but many more focus on the need for **affordable housing**. Less expected was the demand for **retirement housing**: bungalows and flats, so that older residents can downsize but still remain in the village.

## Footpaths and cycleways

About 8% of all comments say that we need wider, safer, better maintained footpaths and pavements, including a footpath all the way to Elmswell.

Cyclists want clear and safe cycling routes. This would encourage more people to walk or cycle to the station; and we need a safe route for year 5 and 6 children to cycle to the school.

# Why services are not a critical concern in Woolpit

Source: Suffolk Rural Services Review 2016

## Health

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Doctor's surgery	Yes	16%
Pharmacy	Yes	10%
Dentist	Yes	7%
Alternative therapies	Yes	6%

## Education & childcare

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Pre school playgroup	Yes	23%
Childcare after school club	No	13%
Childcare breakfast club	Yes	9%
Childcare holiday club	Yes	6%

## Crime & environment

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Neighbourhood watch scheme	Yes	39%
Bottle bank	Yes	48%
Allotments	Yes	31%

## Shops

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Banking facility	Yes	40%
General store	Yes	26%
Post Office	Yes	28%
Cash machine	Yes	12%
Newsagent	Yes	14%
Farm shop	Yes	9%
Butcher	Yes	10%
Chemist	No	8%
Greengrocer	No	5%
Baker	Yes	7%
Other shops	Yes	12%

## Pubs & cafes

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Pub serving food	Yes	38%
Pub providing overnight accommodation	Yes	12%
Café	Yes	17%

# So where are we not doing so well?

## Recreation

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Children's play area	Yes	52%
Sports field	Yes	44%
Social events	Yes	49%

## Older people

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Residential home	No	14%
Sheltered housing	No	10%
Lunch club	Yes	19%

## Community

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Meeting rooms - village hall	Yes	67%
Village newsletter	Yes	70%
Mobile library van	Yes	48%
Village website	Yes	66%
Church/chapel with resident minister	Yes	19%
Community council	Yes	20%

## Telecommunications

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Good mobile phone coverage	?	10%
Good broadband coverage	?	15%

The standard of provision of services in Woolpit remains high compared with most other rural parishes in Suffolk.

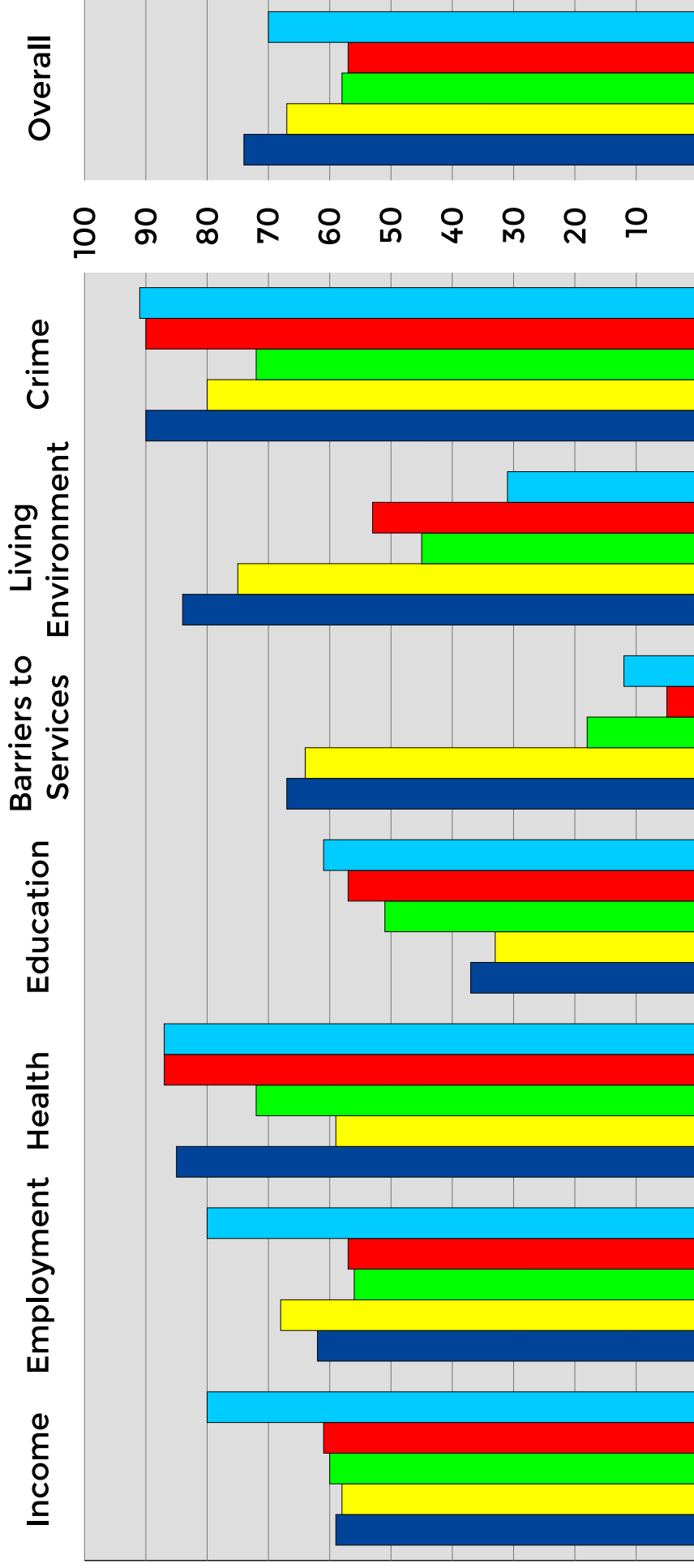
However, since 2012 services are in decline right across the county. Bus services and adult education classes have been the hardest hit. Slightly more parishes have post offices and residential care or facilities for older people than in 2012.

## Public transport

	Woolpit	Suffolk villages
Bus services	Yes	53%
Railway station within 5 miles	Yes	45%

Source: Suffolk Rural Services Review 2016, carried out by Community Action Suffolk

# How good is living in Woolpit? What could we do better?



These scores are based on the government's Indices of Deprivation. These rank every neighbourhood in England on the different criteria shown above. We have used the rankings to give a score to Woolpit and the surrounding villages.

Source: English indices of deprivation 2015 (Department for Communities and Local Government)