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Hoby with Rotherby Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire

The Results

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Residents Survey

1) Introduction

The Neighbourhood Development Plan process will provide residents, businesses, service providers and local organisations with a unique opportunity to help guide development within the designated area, plan the future delivery of local services and facilities, and ensure that Hoby with Rotherby Parish remains a vibrant and sustainable place to live, work, and do business.

To support the successful development of the Hoby with Rotherby Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland) supported Hoby with Rotherby Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group to undertake a consultation with households in the designated area.

2) Survey Methodology

A questionnaire was developed by the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group in conjunction with the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland). The final version of the questionnaire (see Appendix 1) and the basis of this report, was delivered to every person on the electoral register. This was 16 sides of A4 in length including the instructions, guidance notes providing further background and context and a map of the designated area.

463 surveys were delivered to electors in the designated area during March 2017 by members and volunteers of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group and included an envelope into which the completed questionnaires could be returned when collected by Working Group members.

The Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland) received all the returned envelopes from the Parish Clerk. These completed questionnaires were then uploaded onto a survey software system for analysis by the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland).

3) Results

Response to the survey

The total number of completed Questionnaires returned and submitted onto the survey software system was 377. This equates to an 81% response rate of the questionnaires distributed.

Presentation of the results

This report includes tables and charts which describe the results of the survey.

The tables show the number and percentage of respondents who selected each option. The percentages are calculated as a proportion of the number of respondents to the survey as a whole.

This report summarises the responses to the open text questions. A sample of the comments is also included to illustrate the points being made. A full list of these comments is available along with all other data in a separate excel spreadsheet.

4) Summary

About our community

Positive features:

The majority of respondents agree or strongly agree that the top 3 positive features for the community are:

- *Open and green spaces*
- *The rural character of the parish*
- *Access to the countryside*

Some respondents also stated that they enjoy a quite Rural agricultural environment with low traffic and pollution a mix of housing and easy access.

Negative features:

The top 3 negative features of the community that respondents agree or strongly agree with include:

- *Mobile signal*
- *Weak broadband*
- *Speed of traffic*

Respondents also highlighted other negative issues in relation to the Environment (*noise and light pollution*) and Traffic & Transport (*bus services, car parking, pedestrian safety and cyclists*).

About building developments

Housing need and type

The majority of respondents don't think there is a need for new houses within the parish, but if new housing were to be built, then family homes, starter homes and homes for local people/people with local connections are the popular choices with most respondents in favour of housing being for sale on the open market.

Affordable homes for young people, young families or farming families and homes for the elderly/retirees is also a key feature, although a smaller number of respondents did not support such development, citing poor public transport, a lack of local amenities, affordability issues and the lack of local connections due to low employment opportunities.

Level of development

The majority of respondents consider that one or two dwellings, filling gaps between houses in existing built-up areas would be appropriate to accommodate new homes, with only a small number considering larger developments of (more than 3 units). Respondents also highlighted their concerns in relation to what level of development would be appropriate to accommodate new homes, including concerns about inadequate infrastructure, loss of open spaces through small scale building in gardens and the need for development to be a part of the parish and not in isolation.

Development features

A high number of respondents indicated that they prefer any development to be on sites within existing village envelopes and on brownfield sites.

The top 3 features that respondents would want to see incorporated if new houses were to be built in the parish included:

- *Have off street parking*
- *Complementing the existing street-scene*
- *Have a garden*

The most popular issue amongst the written responses was the need for development to be sensitive in design and in keeping with the current makeup of the parish. The need to embrace Modern Design and technology was also highlighted with suggestions as to how such technology can be incorporated while preserving the street scene.

Spinney development

A majority of respondents are aware that Brooksby Melton College has applied for planning permission at its Spinney site. (43%) of respondents indicated that they object to the planning application, with (27%) of respondents in favour and (30%) expressing no opinion.

The junction/A607 access and traffic volume/speed is the biggest issue for those objecting, followed by the proposed size of the development and the lack of infrastructure.

Some respondents expressed their support for the application on condition that it would provide housing for young families' local people/ people with local connections and no executive housing, and some respondents while supportive of the application still expressed concerns about traffic, particularly the junction and A607 access.

Business and the local economy

The majority of respondents indicated that they do not work in the parish and that they travel to work or training from the parish by car.

Support for business development:

The majority of respondents indicated that they do not expect to be requiring a Workshop/studio, Private office, Flexible/shared office or Garage in support of their experience of working, training or studying, but a small number did identify a need, with all four options being chosen. The majority of respondents also indicated that Faster broadband and Improved mobile reception would both help to improve their experience of working, training or studying.

The top 3 businesses that respondents would support the establishment or development of within the parish include:

- *Agriculture related*
- *Small scale horticulture*
- *Domestic and garden services*

About transport

Road traffic and road use concern:

The majority of respondents indicated that 'Traffic speed' was an aspect of road traffic and road use within the parish that gave them most concern. Volume of traffic, cyclists, vehicle size and pedestrian safety are also key issues for some respondents.

Traffic use management solutions:

Respondents indicated their support for all but one of the possible solutions to traffic use management, which included *20 mph speed limits in villages - Electronic speed signs - Single lane passing points - Ramps/speed bumps*. The majority supported 20 mph speed limits in villages, while Ramps and/or speed bumps received the highest objection.

A607 Brooksby Junction:

The majority of respondents indicated their support for the three possible solutions to the A607 Brooksby junction traffic issue, which included *Reduce speed limit - Traffic lights - Redesign junction* with both 'Reducing the speed limit' and 'Redesigning the junction' receiving the most support.

Restricting roadside parking:

The majority of respondents indicated their objection for the suggested proposals of *Yellow lines - Designated parking permits - 'No Parking' signs* to restrict car parking on the roadside in the parish. A number of respondents stated that parking issues were not really a problem and that introducing such restrictions would impact on the parish with more signage in the parish and potentially restricting the use of Hoby and District Village Hall.

Local bus services:

The majority of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with the list of suggestions in relation to local bus services. For those that did agree or strongly agree, the suggestions listed are in order of popularity:

- *Bus and train times should be co-ordinated*
- *Car share and other community schemes should be supported*
- *Existing bus services should increase in frequency*
- *Additional routes are needed*

About our natural environment

Accessing the countryside:

The majority of respondents indicated that the *state or conditions of footpaths - a lack of footpaths - a lack of signage or information boards or inaccessibility because of stiles or gates* does not prevent them from accessing the countryside. For those that did indicate access problems, concerns expressed included bulls in some fields, poor maintenance of stiles, some stiles not being dog friendly, misuse of footpaths and access problems at stiles for the less abled bodied.

Footpaths or bridleways that are problematic:

The majority of respondents indicated that they do not know of any existing footpaths or bridleways within the parish that are problematic to use for part of the year, although 32 responses have been provided with details of where these are located.

Additional footpaths or bridleways:

The majority of respondents indicated that they do not know of anywhere where there is a need for an additional footpath or bridleway within the parish, although 32 responses have been provided with suggestions of where these should be located.

Flooding:

The majority of respondents indicated that they are not concerned about flooding within the parish, although 32 responses have been provided detailing their concerns and location within the parish.

Community use of green spaces and open areas:

The top 4 green spaces or open areas within the parish that respondents support for community use are:

- *Local wildlife habitats*
- *Nature lagoons and reed beds*
- *Allotments*
- *Community orchard*

Those receiving the least support included 'Sports facilities' followed by 'Burial ground'

The top 3 green spaces or open areas within the parish that respondents object to for community use are:

- *Wind turbine*
- *Solar farm*
- *Car parking*

Protecting green spaces and open areas:

Although just over half of respondents indicated that they do not know of any existing green space or open areas within the parish that should be protected from development, (46%) of respondents indicated that they did know, with 159 responses being provided, detailing where these are located.

Views and vistas:

The majority of respondents indicated that they do know of a particular view or vista within the parish that should be protected from development, with 197 responses being provided, detailing where these are.

Mitigating the loss of wildlife habitats:

All respondents support the suggestions to mitigate for the loss of wildlife habitat when considering new building works within the parish. The top 3 are:

- *Tree planting*
- *Hedgerow planting with trees*
- *Maintain and enhance wildlife corridors throughout the parish*

In addition, a number of respondents highlighted the importance of Tree maintenance and replacement, maintaining and establishing Wildlife habitats, better maintenance of the River and maintaining the Bat population.

Impact on the environment:

The majority of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should have policies for minimising the carbon footprint and should have policies to support renewable energy. In addition, a number of respondents stated their opposition to Wind turbines, while recognising the current Solar farm as being a significant renewable energy source and the location of any renewable energy was highlighted as a deciding factor for any future project.

About facilities and services

Meeting the current and future needs of the parish:

Although a higher number of respondents chose 'No Opinion' on the facilities and services listed, which might reflect their non-use. The majority of those that did rate the facilities and services, rated them as good or adequate, apart from Rotherby Pond which was highlighted as 'Needs improvement'

New facilities within the parish:

The two facilities Respondents are most keen to see in the parish are *Benches and/or seating throughout the parish* and *Observation points on nature and wildlife*. Both the *Outdoor sports facilities* and *Tourist information points* received a similar level of Support.

Current participation in local activities, groups and societies:

The top three local activities, groups and societies that respondents participate in are:

- *Open Gardens/Fete*
- *Church/Chapel Community Events*
- *Village Walks*

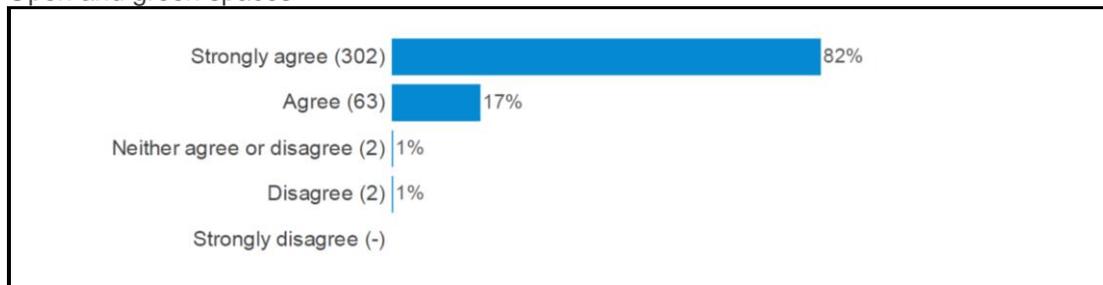
The least three local activities, groups and societies that respondents participate in are:

- *Art Group*
- *Internet Café*
- *Bell Ringing – Hobby*

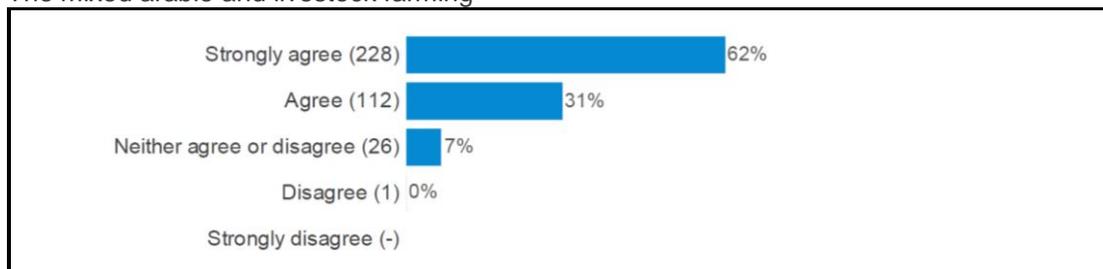
ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

Q1	To what extent do you agree that the following are positive features of our community? <i>Please tick one box in each row</i>	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	Open and green spaces	302 (82%)	63 (17%)	2 (1%)	2 (1%)	0 (0%)
	The mixed arable and livestock farming	228 (62%)	112 (31%)	26 (7%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0%)
	The rural character of the parish	287 (78%)	75 (20%)	5 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Local wildlife and habitats	271 (75%)	84 (23%)	9 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Sense of community	212 (58%)	105 (28%)	38 (10%)	9 (3%)	2 (1%)
	Friendly and safe environment	240 (66%)	104 (29%)	19 (5%)	2 (1%)	0 (0%)
	Hoby & District Village Hall	187 (52%)	129 (36%)	40 (11%)	5 (1%)	2 (1%)
	The varied street-scene in our villages	180 (49%)	111 (30%)	65 (18%)	8 (2%)	1 (0.3%)
	Blue Bell pub	207 (57%)	114 (31%)	37 (10%)	7 (2%)	1 (0.3%)
	The Chapel, Churches and churchyards	204 (56%)	112 (31%)	44 (12%)	6 (2%)	1 (0.3%)
	Neighbourliness	196 (53%)	124 (34%)	37 (10%)	8 (2%)	2 (1%)
	Access to the countryside	288 (78%)	72 (20%)	7 (2%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0%)
	Trees in our landscape	269 (76%)	76 (21%)	10 (3%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0%)
	<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>	19 comments				

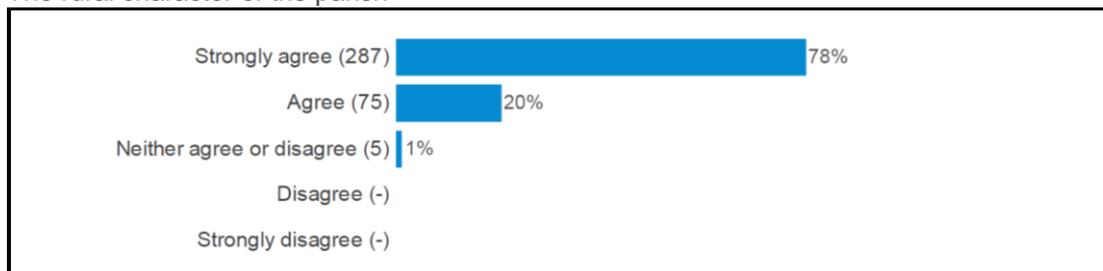
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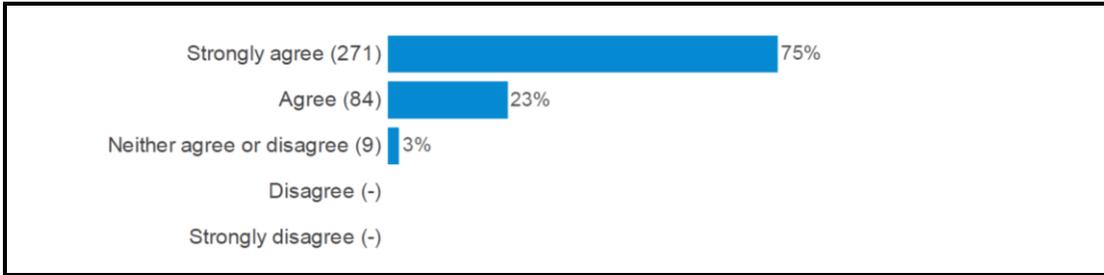
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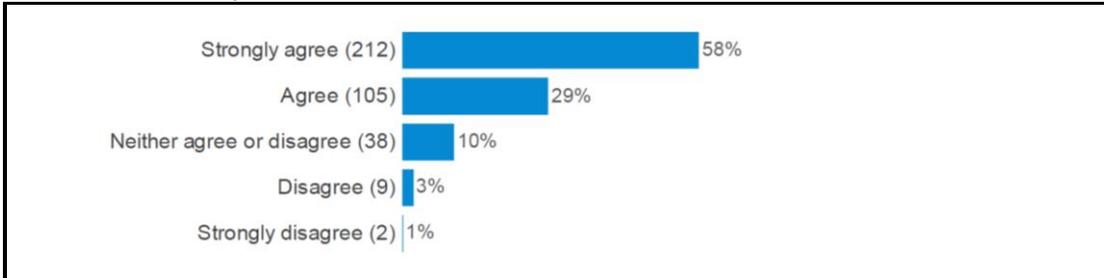
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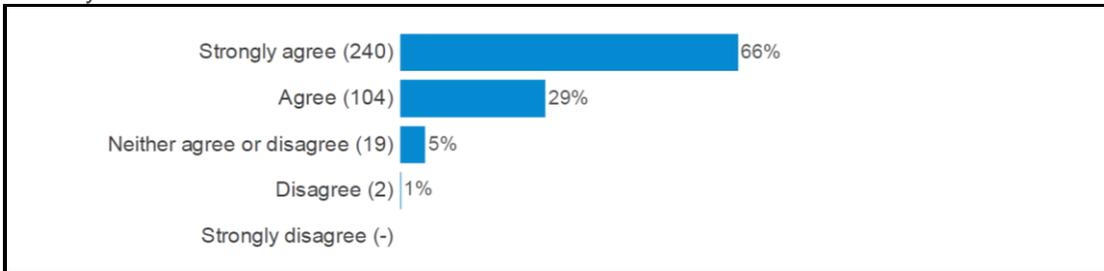
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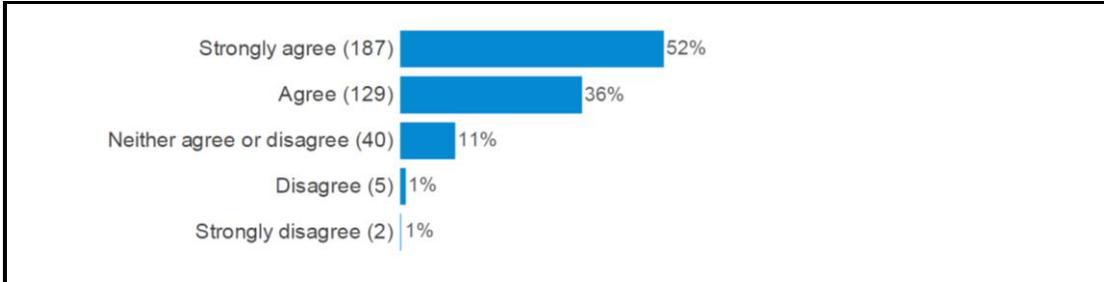
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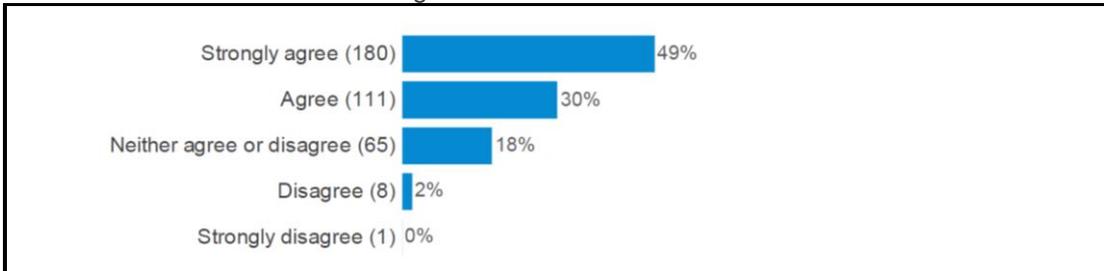
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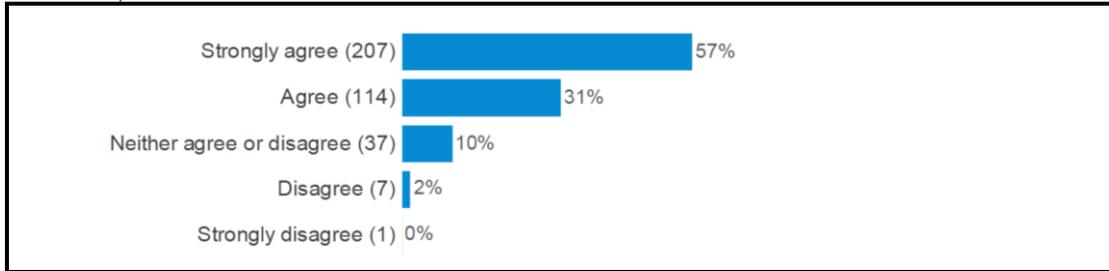
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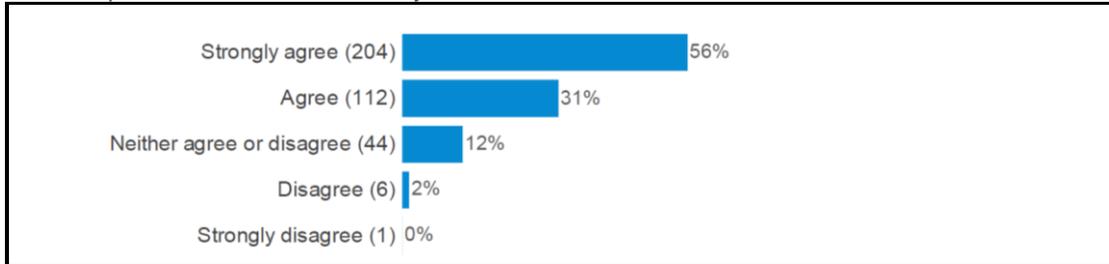
The varied street-scene in our villages



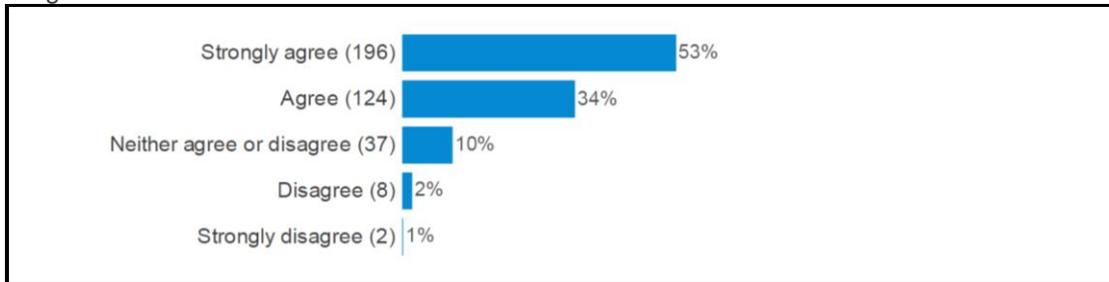
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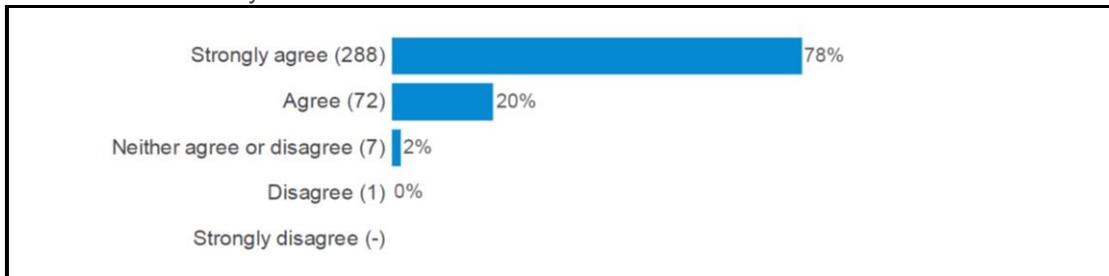
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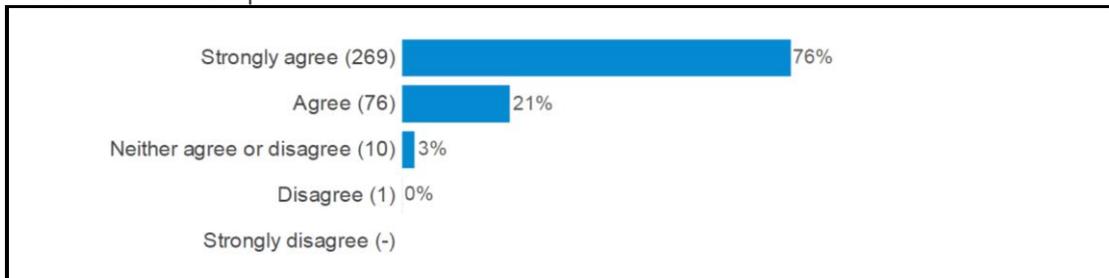
Neighbourliness



Access to the countryside



Trees in our landscape



The majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the list of positive features for the community, with the following being the top 3 positive features:

- *Open and green spaces*
- *The rural character of the parish*
- *Access to the countryside*

A small number of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that the following are positive features of the community:

- *The varied street-scene in our villages*
- *Sense of community*
- *Neighbourliness*

Something else? Please let us know

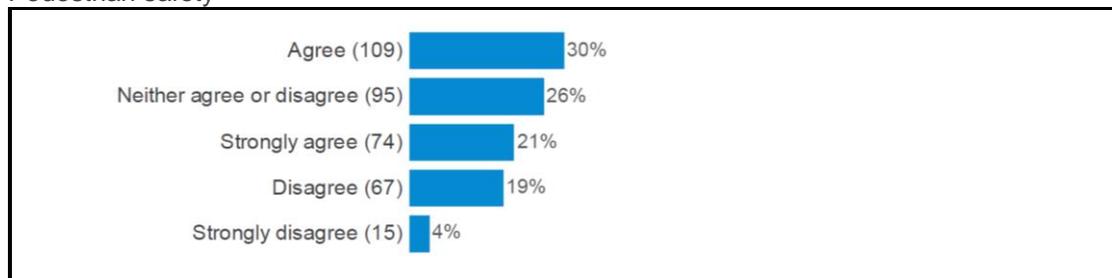
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Example comments:

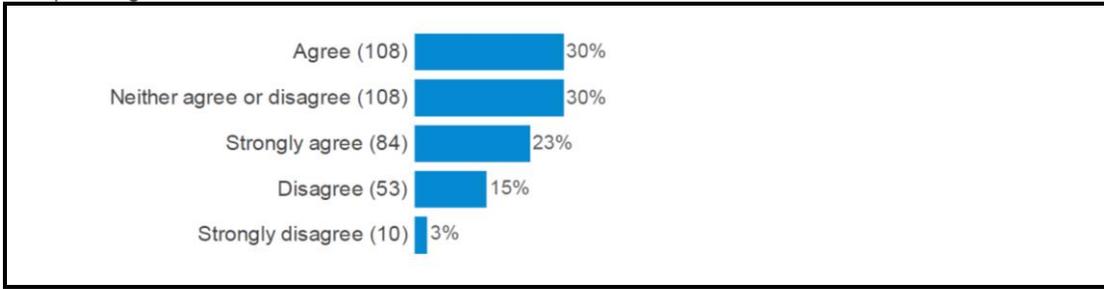
- *Quite environment.*
- *Mixed size houses.*
- *Easy access to the two main cities.*
- *Lots of healthy walks available due to the nature of the agriculture, there are fewer trees than there could be*
- *Quiet, relaxing environment where birds sing & people enjoy the outdoors. More trees would be good*
- *Low levels of traffic & traffic noise and pollution*

Q2	Consultations have indicated the following are negative features of our community. To what extent do you agree that they are a problem? <i>Please tick one box in each row</i>	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	Pedestrian safety	74 (21%)	109 (30%)	95 (26%)	67 (19%)	15 (4%)
	Car parking	84 (23%)	108 (30%)	108 (30%)	53 (15%)	10 (3%)
	Volume of traffic	98 (27%)	111 (30%)	94 (26%)	55 (15%)	8 (2%)
	Speed of traffic	168 (46%)	103 (28%)	66 (18%)	29 (8%)	3 (1%)
	Litter	89 (25%)	123 (34%)	93 (26%)	51 (14%)	7 (2%)
	Dog fouling	95 (26%)	95 (26%)	113 (31%)	55 (15%)	6 (2%)
	Light pollution	48 (13%)	60 (17%)	137 (38%)	95 (27%)	19 (5%)
	Aircraft noise	58 (16%)	85 (24%)	123 (34%)	81 (22%)	15 (4%)
	Weak broadband	205 (56%)	87 (24%)	54 (15%)	14 (4%)	8 (2%)
	Mobile signal	200 (54%)	103 (28%)	46 (13%)	17 (5%)	3 (1%)
	Bus frequency	101 (28%)	93 (26%)	127 (36%)	27 (8%)	8 (2%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		42 comments				

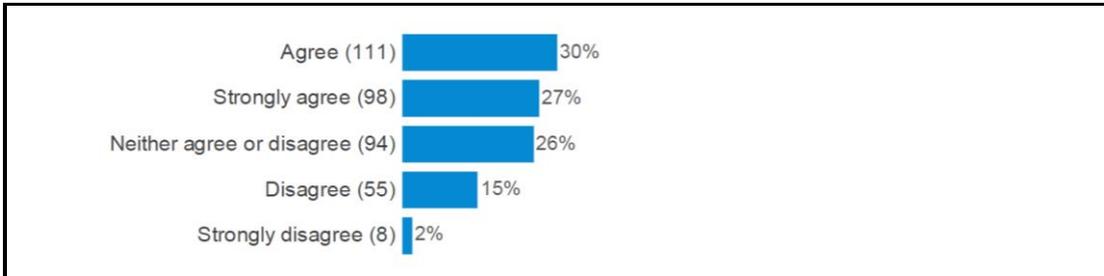
Pedestrian safety



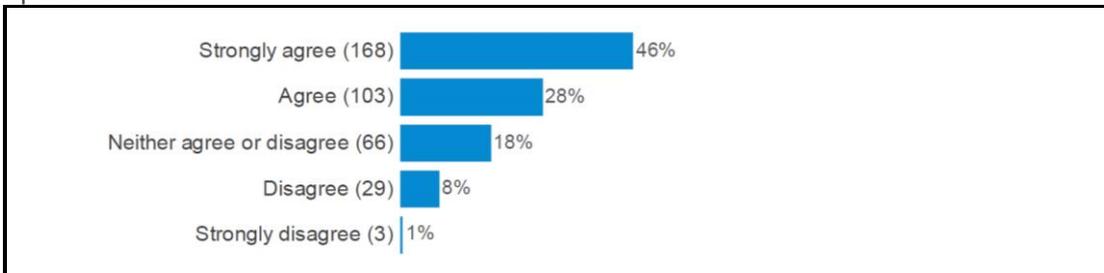
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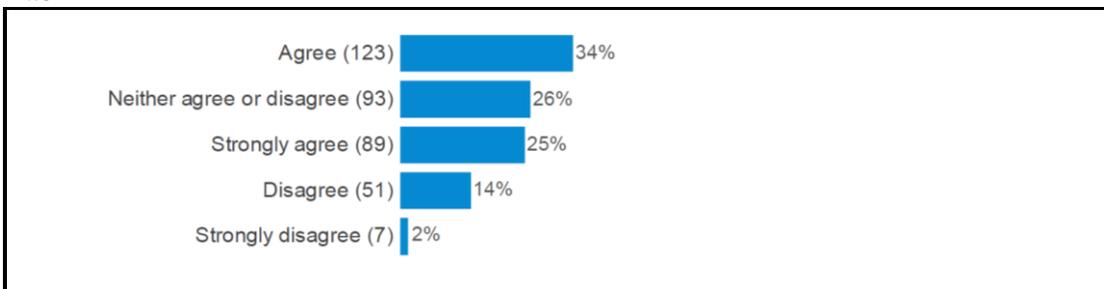
Volume of traffic



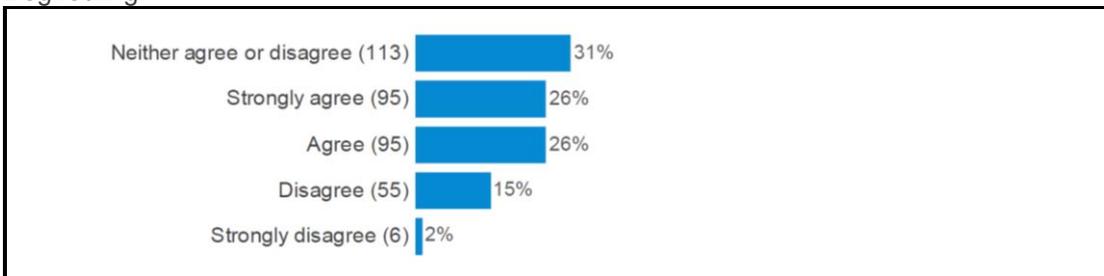
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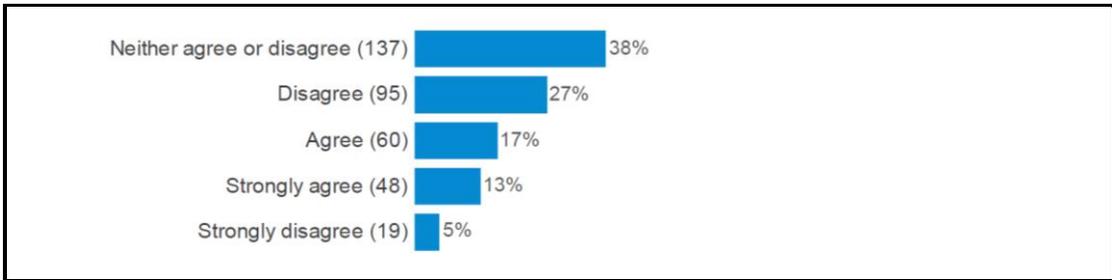


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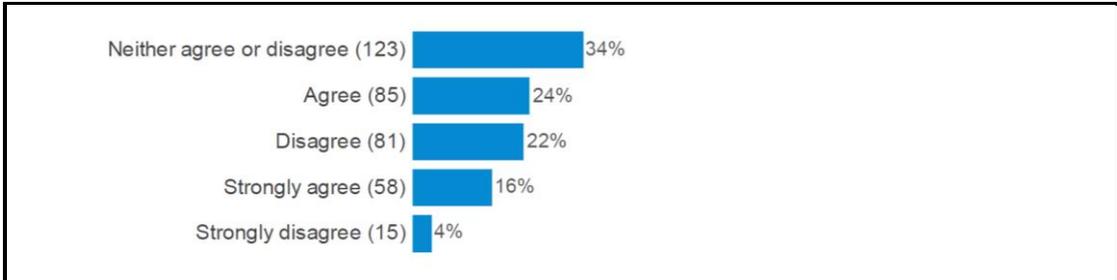


Dog fouling

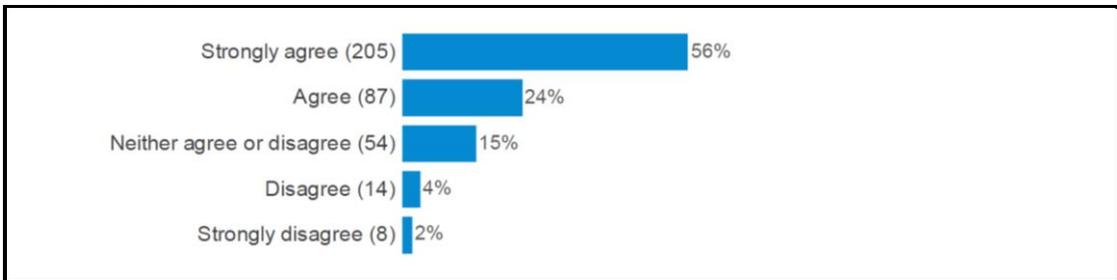




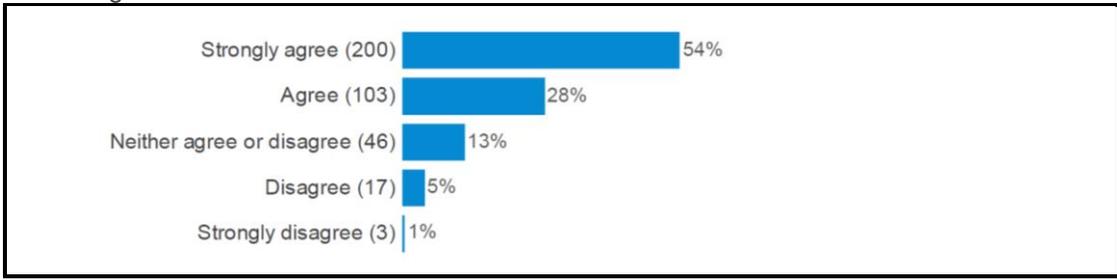
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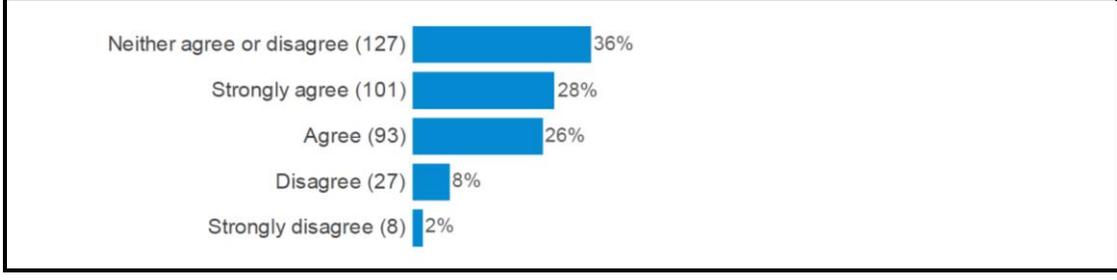
Weak broadband



Mobile signal



Bus frequency



The top 3 negative features of the community that respondents agreed or strongly agreed with include the following:

- *Mobile signal*
- *Weak broadband*
- *Speed of traffic*

A slightly higher number of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that 'Light Pollution' is a negative feature of the community.

Something else? Please let us know

42 additional comments were provided in relation to negative features of the community. The top negative issues are around the 'Environment' followed by 'Traffic & Transport'

Environment:

- Noise pollution
- Visual eyesore
- Light pollution
- Litter

Traffic & Transport:

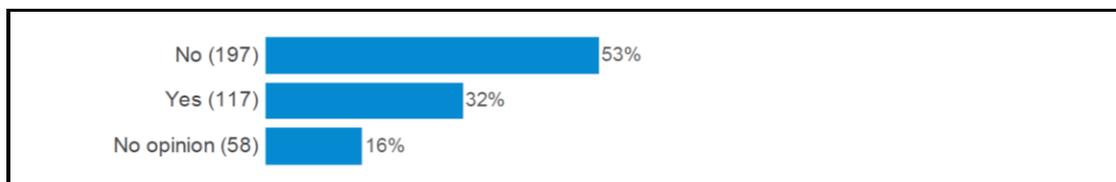
- Bus service
- Speeding
- Car parking
- Pedestrian safety
- Cyclists

Example comments:

- Train increase and volume of freight trains in last 2-3 years - with noise
- Farm equipment spread out into fields and left there. Untidy pony paddocks, Brooksby Road and the washstones past the unmanned level crossing and old chantry field at Rotherby.
- Light pollution lights and ornamental floodlighting of trees in garden
- Litter, approaching the village from the Melton Road A607 past Brooksby College from the main road down to the 'first' car park in particularly
- Bus frequency is ridiculous that we can get into Leicester/Melton for leisure activities at night but cannot get home!
- Speed of traffic travelling through Ragdale village is dangerous and unacceptable. Traffic calming measures urgently required
- Parking in Main Street Hoby is the most annoying
- Being a student at Brooksby College and have to cross the main road over to the dairy is very dangerous due to the volume of traffic.
- Cyclists travelling through Ragdale in large groups at high speed. they take up the whole width of the road and are oblivious to pedestrians, expecting them to get out of the way. It's only a matter of time until a nasty accident happens

ABOUT BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Q3 Do you think there is a need for new homes within the Parish?		
Yes.....		117 (32%)
No		197 (53%)
No opinion.....		58 (16%)

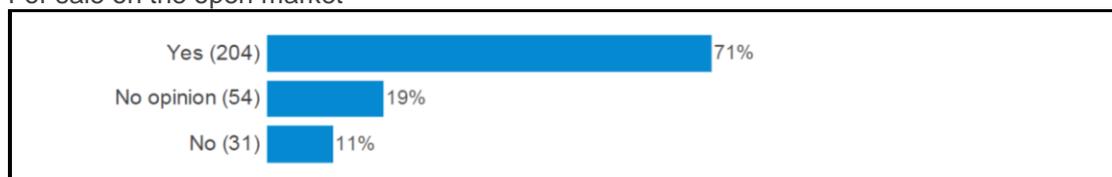


A majority 197 (53%) of respondents don't think there is a need for new houses within the parish.

Q4 If there were to be new housing within the parish what type of housing should be built?

	Yes	No	No opinion
For sale on the open market	204 (71%)	31 (11%)	54 (19%)
Affordable (Low cost for purchase or rent) to meet local needs	184 (61%)	66 (22%)	53 (18%)

For sale on the open market

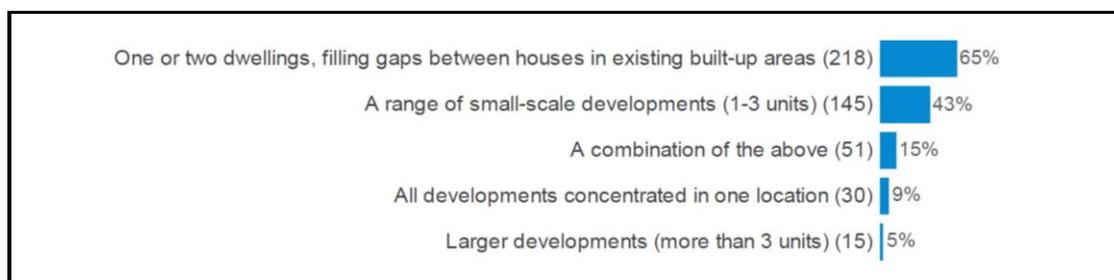


Affordable (Low cost for purchase or rent) to meet local needs



The majority of respondents are in favour of housing for sale on the open market, if new housing were to be built within the parish.

Q5	What level of development would be appropriate to accommodate new homes? <i>Please tick those that apply</i>	
	One or two dwellings, filling gaps between houses in existing built-up areas.....	218 (65%)
	A range of small-scale developments (1-3 units)	145 (43%)
	Larger developments (more than 3 units)	15 (5%)
	A combination of the above	51 (15%)
	All developments concentrated in one location.....	30 (9%)
	Something else? Please let us know	38 Comments



A majority 218 (65%) of respondents consider that one or two dwellings, filling gaps between houses in existing built-up areas would be appropriate to accommodate new homes, with only 15 (5%) of respondents would consider larger developments of (more than 3 units).

Something else? Please let us know

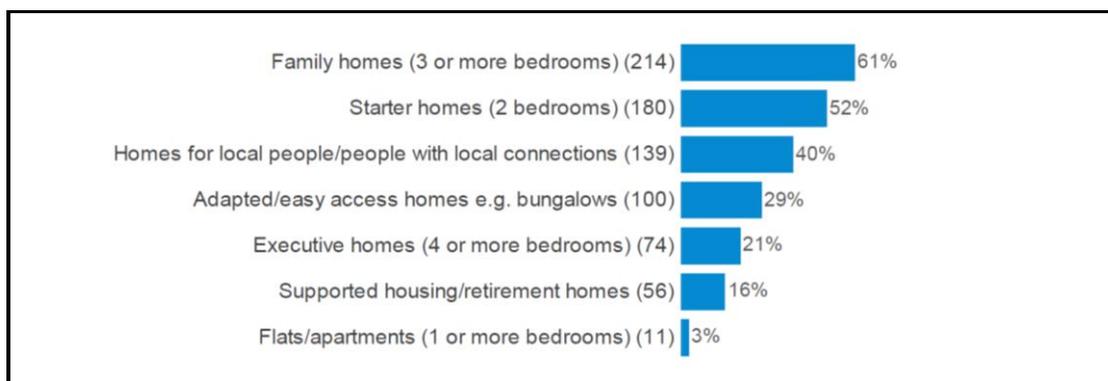
38 additional comments were provided, a number of which included 'No development' and highlighting the inadequate infrastructure. Most statements reflected a mixture of concerns and suggestions in relation to what level of development would be appropriate to accommodate new homes. Concerns were expressed about the loss of open spaces through small scale building in gardens and the need for development to be a part of the parish and not in isolation.

The objection to large scale developments, but support for small scale developments was reinforced, highlighting that small-scale development would be in keeping and in scale with the current housing mix. Suggestions were also put forward in terms of where small scale development could take place.

Example comments:

- *It depends on the location. Too much building in an existing village of Hoby (e.g. peoples back gardens, selling off land etc) just adds more problems with parking etc and makes the village too built up, thus losing its village charm, which is the reason many people move here.*
- *No large developments that are out of character with the surroundings.*
- *Developments should not be concentrated on large sites, but rather should be smaller so as not to unduly impact the surrounding area*
- *If it was to be built it should fit in with the atmosphere and the other housing.*
- *Use of land on west corner of Ragdale turn at end of north side of village, small field at southern end on Thrussington Road.*

Q6 If new homes were to be built in the parish, which size or type of homes should they be? Please tick those that apply	
Starter homes (2 bedrooms)	180 (52%)
Family homes (3 or more bedrooms).....	214 (61%)
Executive homes (4 or more bedrooms)	74 (21%)
Adapted/easy access homes e.g. bungalows.....	100 (29%)
Flats/apartments (1 or more bedrooms).....	11 (3%)
Supported housing/retirement homes.....	56 (16%)
Homes for local people/people with local connections	139 (40%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i> 33 Comments	



Family homes, Starter homes and Homes for local people/people with local connections are the popular choices for respondents in relation to which size or type of homes should be built if the parish was to have more homes.

Something else? Please let us know

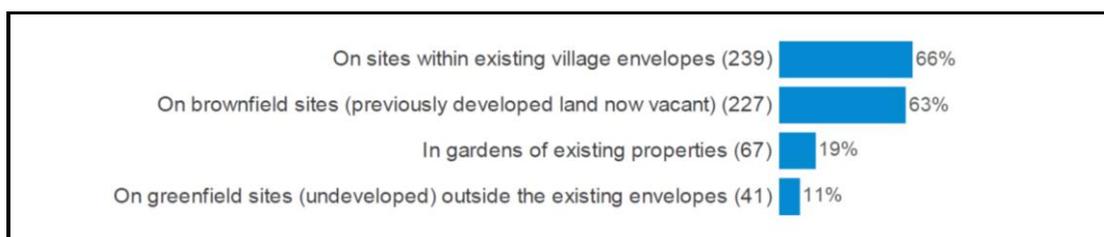
33 additional comments were provided, a slightly higher number of which included ‘No development’ especially larger developments, including an objection to large established homes being further extended. Amongst the other comments, Design was a popular feature, highlighting its importance particularly around homes being in keeping with the rural nature of the parish.

Affordable homes for young people, young families or farming families and homes for the elderly/retirees was also a key feature, although a smaller number of respondents did not support such development, citing poor public transport, a lack of local amenities, affordability issues and the lack of local connections due to low employment opportunities.

Example comments:

- No to new homes
- No more large houses - people seem to be intent of enlarging already sizable properties with no reference to the numbers of resides
- Design of any development should be a traditional form on the outside to enhance rather than detract from the rural nature of the parish.
- You know (developers) what people are asking for. Accommodate for varied range of people, focusing on young and old who struggle to find housing.
- The community requires starter homes to service the housing need and keep the population in the area fresh. In addition, the parish needs to recognise that due to lack of availability of property in some villages (Hoby in particular) people with local connections also need to be accommodated which may be through self-build if suitable property is not available. The community needs to be open to people who want to be a part of it.
- Bungalows and supported housing-These types of home whilst a pleasant area, would not have local amenities to support them and their presumably older occupants.
- Surely starter homes would not be affordable in the parish due to recent house prices.

Q7	If new homes were to be built in the parish, please indicate below what type of sites you feel should be used? Please tick those that apply
	On sites within existing village envelopes 239 (66%)
	On greenfield sites (undeveloped) outside the existing envelopes 41 (11%)
	On brownfield sites (previously developed land now vacant) 227 (63%)
	In gardens of existing properties 67 (19%)



A high number of respondents indicated that they prefer any development to be on sites within existing village envelopes and on brownfield sites.

Q8	Are there any specific locations, which you think are suitable for new houses? Please let us know
	66 Comments

A number of specific locations suitable for new houses within the parish, were put forward by respondents and have been collated below.

<p>Brooksby (Spinney Site) Former nursery site owned by Brooksby College is ideal to bring new houses in and more people to Brooksby. (Spinney Site)</p> <p>Brooksby if developed in keeping with the rural surroundings.</p> <p>Brownfield sites such as the spinney and especially where the proceeds are reinvested for the benefit of younger and future generations.</p> <p>Brooksby</p>
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Brooksby (Spinney Site)

Brooksby - Spinney site

Spinney site at Brooksby

Old Brooksby garden campus

The site where the greenhouses were on Brooksby campus (Spinney site).

Brooksby-Spinney site.

On the side of the building across the A607 from Brooksby College

Brooksby

Asfordby**Melton Town**

Build in Melton, the town needs extra housing, this may help rejuvenate the town centre!

Melton Mowbray

Melton Aerodrome**Rotherby**

Next to the village pond (Rotherby)

LCC Field

LCC field next to pond area

Rotherby-council land

Space between village pond (Rotherby) and 42 main Street.

Between village 'Nature garden & Pond' and former nursery workers houses in Rotherby. Small field opposite former nursery workers houses (Rotherby)

Rotherby-land between cattle grid and first house Brooksby end of village - railway side.

Cattle grid field towards Brooksby Melton College

Ragdale

Paddock adjoining 11 and 21 main street

Ragdale, near cattle grid.

Sewage works Between Hoby Road and. Main street up to cattle grid.

Ragdale-disused parts of Old Hall Farm.

Hoby

Paddock adjoining 12 Hoby Road. This could take at least 4 houses.

The paddock chapel lane.

Paddock next to 10 Brooksby road

Hoby

The paddock on church lane, Hoby. A planning application was recently submitted o Melton Borough Council in respect of his site. The padlock at the junction with Ragdale Road and the Frisby Road, at the left as you drive out of Hoby to Ragdale.

Manor farm

Manor farm.

Manor farm orchard

Area on left when leaving the village over the bridge Thrussington Road, ragdale Road on the left.

Hoby - stretch to Thrussington.

There is a parcel of land, as you drive out of Hoby on the Ragdale road on the left-hand side which houses back on to.

Corner of Ragdale Road, Hoby.

Ragdale Road

Only areas that are within Hoby. No countryside developments.

Parcel of land at the bottom of church lane.
Lower part of church lane.

Church Lane.

Fields opposite the blue bell pub - set back!

The fields between Thrussington and Elms Farm Cottage Hoby

Asfordby Road.

Near the village park.

The gap in Hoby.

Spread

If there do need to be more homes built, then a spread of locations would be my preference

If there do need to be more, then a spread so that the parish remains relatively unchanged

Good examples

Supportive of developments such as Glebe Farm-Sites with good access

Bad examples

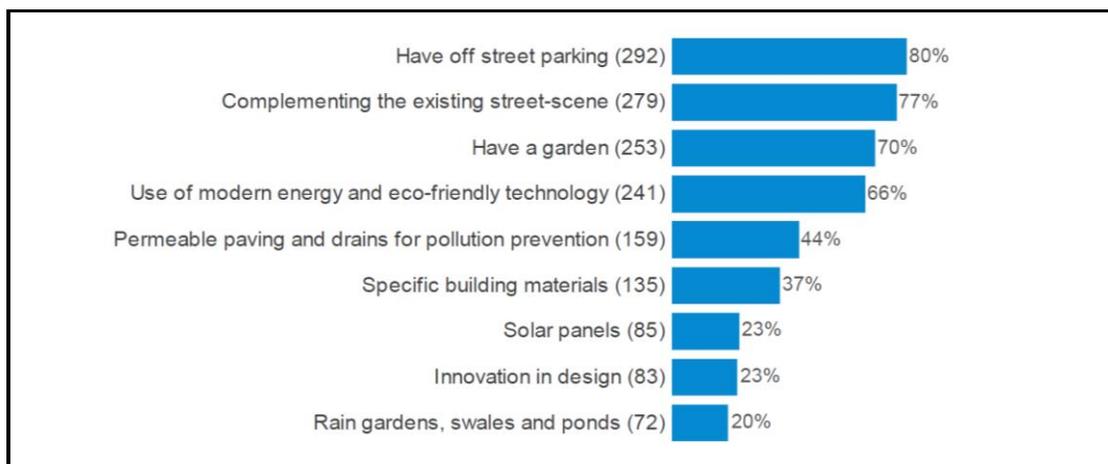
The homestead
development looks crammed in and out of character with street scene.

Not on greenfield sites

I strongly think that one of the best assets of our villages is the open space and green areas.
Building on greenfield sites would ruin this.

<p>Where not to build Not in 'old' village</p>
<p>Agricultural buildings/Land/Barns Unused barns with character.</p> <p>When a farm plus outbuildings become redundant perhaps.</p> <p>Agricultural dwelling on agricultural land or buildings</p>
<p>Garden Village There is mention of a possible garden village at Six Hills, this would be a good idea.</p>
<p>Other land areas Between Hoby and Ragdale or between Hoby and Asfordby.</p> <p>Field opposite Jean Morris house</p> <p>The end of the villages.</p> <p>Land between Hoby & Ragdale</p> <p>Inevitably along existing roads towards Frisby & Ragdale</p> <p>Surrounding land, don't cram houses on houses that leaves no drives so cars park on the roadside.</p> <p>Outskirts of most villages</p>
<p>No No, I think the village is a good size.</p> <p>no suitable locations</p> <p>As far away from Hoby as possible.</p> <p>None - Hoby is already narrow with several 90% bent and parking is an immense problem. The traffic moves dangerously fast.</p> <p>No to new homes</p> <p>None in Rotherby</p>
<p>Other comments Having lived here for a year and witnessed the traffic on the main road past the Six Hills Golf Club, I could only see transport problems arising. Furthermore, having retired, the internet, mobile connection isn't as vital as it would have been. The weak signal for the internet, mobile phone is frustrating.</p> <p>I think the Hoby village plan will be seen by some as a tool to stifle development and thus would be a mistake. the village needs to remain open minded and flexible and discuss each case on its merits.</p> <p>Not that I am aware of at the moment.</p> <p>Demolish bungalows, build proper houses on their site!</p>

Q9	If new houses were to be built in the parish, what features should be incorporated? <i>please tick those that apply</i>	
	Use of modern energy and eco-friendly technology	241 (66%)
	Specific building materials	135 (37%)
	Have off street parking	292 (80%)
	Innovation in design	83 (23%)
	Complementing the existing street-scene	279 (77%)
	Solar panels	85 (23%)
	Have a garden.....	253 (70%)
	Rain gardens, swales and ponds	72 (20%)
	Permeable paving and drains for pollution prevention.....	159 (44%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		30 Comments



The top 3 features that respondents would want to see incorporated if new houses were to be built in the parish included the following:

- *Have off street parking*
- *Complementing the existing street-scene*
- *Have a garden*

Something else? Please let us know

30 additional comments were provided, reflecting on the features listed, including Materials Broadband and mobile signal connectivity and Off road parking. The most popular issue amongst the written responses was the need for development to be sensitive in design and in keeping with the current makeup of the parish. The need to embrace Modern Design and technology was also highlighted with suggestions as to how such technology can be incorporated while preserving the street scene.

Example comments:

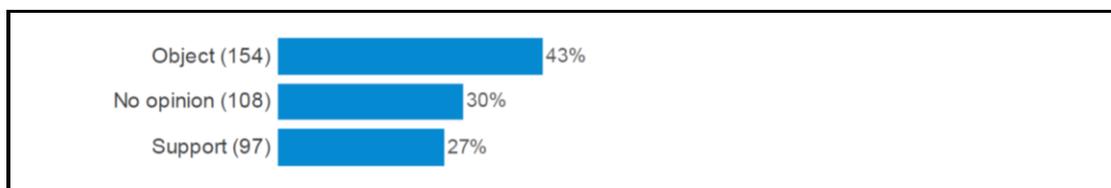
- *Good quality developer, good quality materials are key to success! NO CHEAP HOUSING.*
- *Fibre optic broadband connectivity.*
- *They shouldn't detract from the rural dwelling already in place. Sensitive design rather than bold statement.*
- *Solar panels should not be visible from the front of property. This would preserve the character of the street scene. Solar panels should be a requirement for all new builds and major refurbishments.*

Q10	Are you aware that Brooksby Melton College has applied for planning permission to build 70 new homes, 2 employment units and a small shop, at its Spinney site, adjacent to its quarry on the A607?	
	Yes	312 (83%)
	No	63 (17%)



A majority 312 (83%) of respondents are aware that Brooksby Melton College has applied for planning permission at its Spinney site.

Q11	Do you support the planning application referred to in Q10?	
	Support	97 (27%)
	Object.....	154 (43%)
	No opinion	108 (30%)
<i>Please let us know if you have anything to say about this application</i>		99 Comments



154 (43%) of respondents indicated that they object to the Brooksby Melton College planning application, with a smaller number 97 (27%) of respondents in favour.

Please let us know if you have anything to say about this application

From the 99 additional comments provided, 59 were objection statements, with the junction/A607 access and traffic volume/speed being the biggest issue, followed by the proposed size of the development and the lack of infrastructure.

13 comments were supportive of the application, but with concerns about traffic, particularly the junction and A607 access. 7 comments wholly supported the development and in addition 6 comments were supportive on condition that it would provide housing for young families' local people/ people with local connections and no executive housing.

9 comments expressed a mixed opinion, again with concerns on traffic and also the size of development. The remaining comments were in related to poor design and layout, the preference for industrial/business use and the suggestion of expanding the current villages.

Example comments:

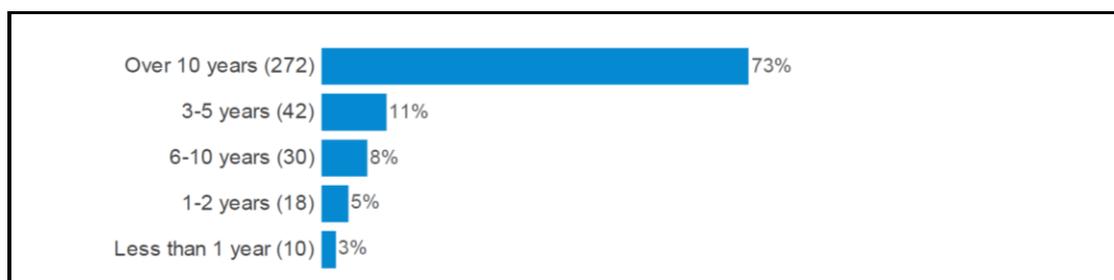
- *Traffic is difficult to negotiate now at the junction with Brooksby Road and A607. If there was a shop, students from the college might be tempted to cross the road causing more problems. the A607 already provides a barrier and buses to and from the college present difficulties at the narrow junction, more traffic from 70 houses would add to this. Employment units would in all likelihood add more traffic congestion around junction.*
- *The number of houses are out of proportion to the number of existing houses in Brooks-by. This number will cause problems of congestion of traffic and rat runs through local villages to reach Brooksby College. The development with workshop units and a shop mirrors a development similar to East Goscote, out of place in this area.*

- Since new housing is needed, the developments of an entire village in Brooksby seems reasonable. A small shop would probably be used by the Parish. Junction at A607 will need looking at since it is already dangerous with coaches for students
- Any residential development at Brooksby is likely to ensure that commercial development of industrial units does not become an issue. the residential development would have a positive influence on future consideration of the gravel quarry and make the site use for landfill most unlikely.
- Provided there are homes available within this proposed development for local people/ people with local connections.
- Mixed opinion - concerned about traffic impact on Hoby, Brooksby and Ragdale. Support more people being able to live in a country community.

A Housing Needs Survey Questionnaire is being prepared to identify those living or working in the area whose needs are not currently being met or might change during the life of the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be circulated during April 2017.

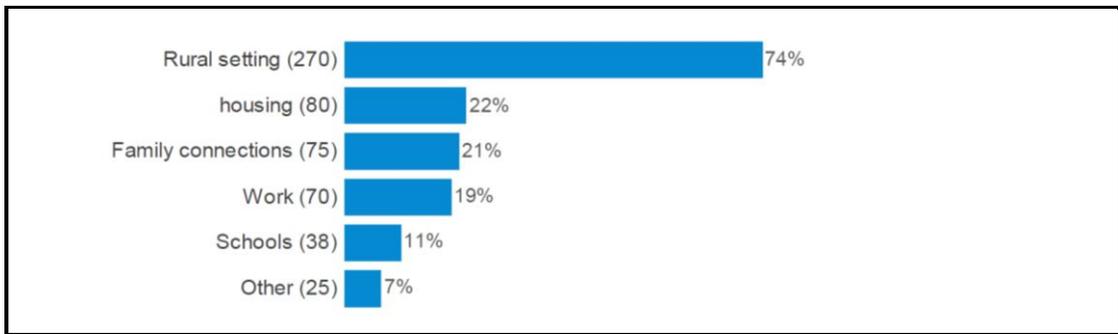
In the meantime, we would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions.

Q12 How long have you lived in the parish? Please tick one year group	
Less than 1 year.....	10 (3%)
1-2 years	18 (5%)
3-5 years	42 (11%)
6-10 years	30 (8%)
Over 10 years	272 (73%)



A majority 272 (73%) of respondents have lived in the parish for over 10 years.

Q13 Please indicate below the reason/s why you moved into the parish. Please tick those that apply	
Family connections.....	75 (21%)
Work	70 (19%)
housing	80 (22%)
Schools	38 (11%)
Rural setting	270 (74%)
Other.....	25 (7%)
<i>If other, please let us know</i> 63 Comments	



A majority 270 (74%) of respondents indicated that the reason they moved into the parish was because of the rural setting offered.

If other, please let us know

63 additional comments were provided, the majority of which reflected a family connection with the parish, with ‘born here’ or ‘brought up here’, being common. A number of comments reflected on the peaceful rural setting and a liking for the village, followed closely by the sense of community and friendliness.

Other popular comments highlighted ‘house type’ and road access/location to nearby towns as reasons for moving to the parish.

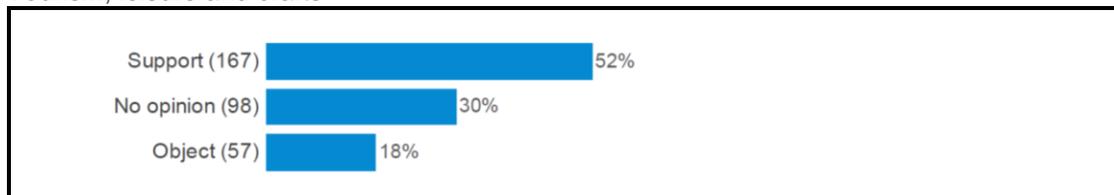
Example comments:

- *My family have lived and worked in the parish for over so many years, me and my immediate family were therefore born in the parish*
- *Rural character of the Parish*
- *Lived here before, really like it!*
- *Neighbourliness sense of community*
- *Because of the bungalow where we now live, it met our needs exactly. We have always lived in the countryside.*
- *Ease of access to A46 for travel north and south. Half way between*

BUSINESS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Q14 Would you support the establishment or development of the following businesses within the parish?				
		Support	Object	No opinion
	Tourism, leisure and crafts	167 (52%)	57 (18%)	98 (30%)
	Agriculture related	273 (80%)	18 (5%)	50 (15%)
	Food and drink production	135 (43%)	96 (31%)	82 (26%)
	Community services (e.g. Chidcare/after school club)	190 (60%)	31 (10%)	97 (31%)
	Pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops	206 (63%)	67 (21%)	53 (16%)
	Professional offices/web-based services	112 (36%)	102 (33%)	97 (31%)
	Small scale horticulture	234 (72%)	24 (7%)	69 (21%)
	Equestrian services	175 (55%)	52 (16%)	92 (29%)
	Domestic and garden services	212 (69%)	20 (7%)	75 (24%)
Something else? Please let us know		13 Comments		

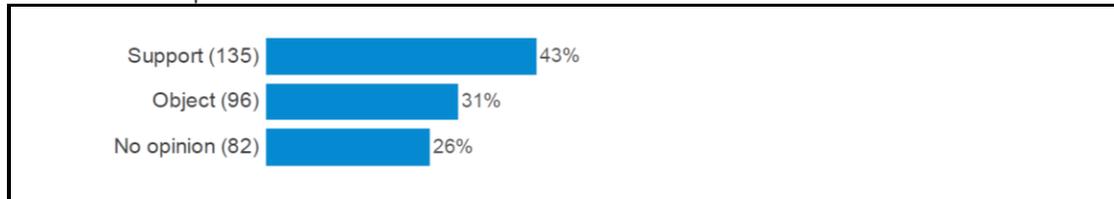
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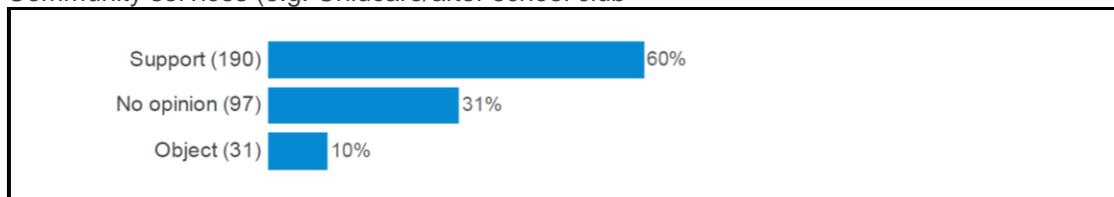
Agriculture related



Food and drink production



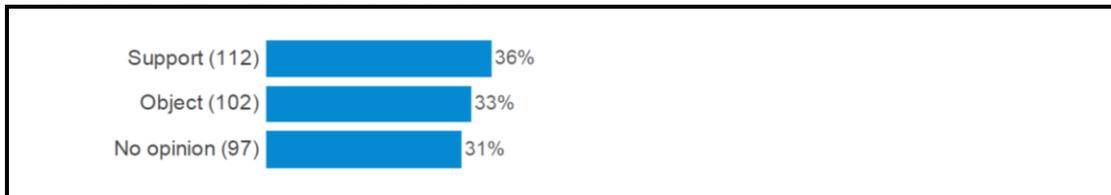
Community services (e.g. Chidcare/after school club)



Pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops



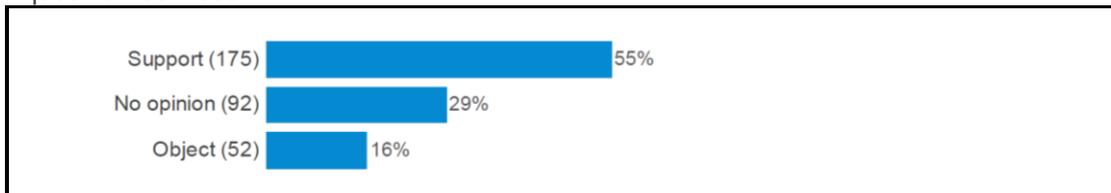
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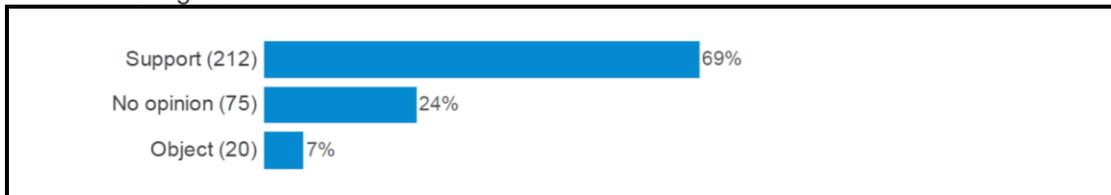
Small scale horticulture



Equestrian services



Domestic and garden services



The top 3 businesses that respondents would support the establishment or development of within the parish included:

- *Agriculture related*
- *Small scale horticulture*
- *Domestic and garden services*

Something else? Please let us know (All 13 comments)

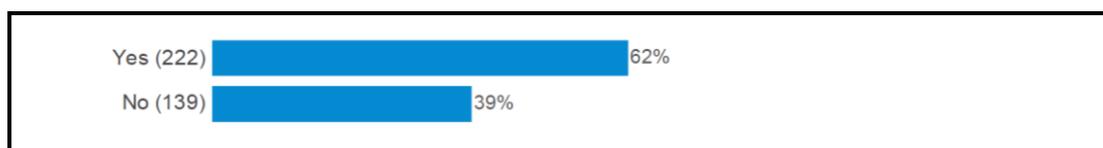
- *On a very small scale, but our parish is too small for any businesses.*
- *I could have no objection as long as they are on a small scale.*
- *I would only support these suggestions if they made use of existing buildings in context with their surroundings, all possibly on the spinney site. Pub and restaurants not appropriate but cafe with conditions it remains a cafe and does not become a restaurant.*
- *Unfortunately, the lack of space and parking facilities mean that I cannot support any developments which increase the level of traffic.*
- *Care providing - children/ elderly/ disabled/ leaning disability*
- *We should be encouraging business within the parish*
- *Visual / performance arts workshops*
- *Training course facilities retreat facilities see leisure & crafts e.g. woodcraft*
- *I would support having a general shop.*
- *Small cottage industry could be accommodated, but nothing that would generate traffic*
- *There is no need for any of these. I might object to any development that is inappropriate.*
- *Degree of support/ acceptability would depend on the type, scale and location of the business*
- *We already have enough.*

Q15	Do you work within the parish?	
	Yes	65 (18%)
	No	299 (82%)



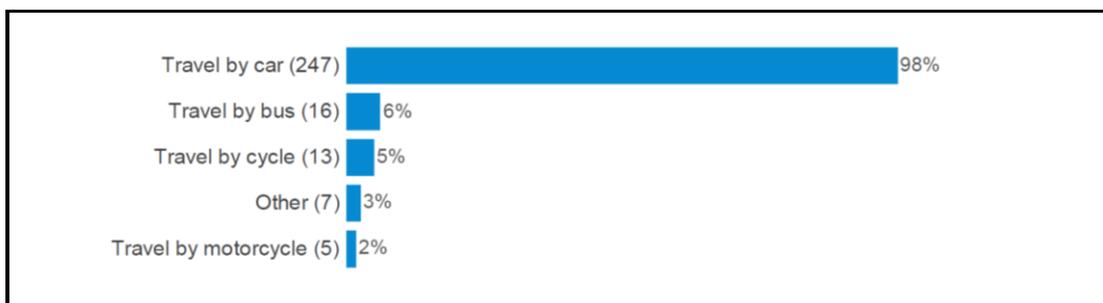
A majority 299 (82%) of respondents indicated that they do not work in the parish.

Q16	Do you travel to work/training from the parish?	
	Yes	222 (62%)
	No	139 (39%)



A majority 222 (62%) of respondents indicated that they travel to work or training from the parish.

Q17	If you travel to work/training from the parish, how do you travel?	
	<i>Please tick all those that apply</i>	
	Travel by car	247 (98%)
	Travel by bus	16 (6%)
	Travel by cycle	13 (5%)
	Travel by motorcycle	5 (2%)
	Other	7 (3%)
<i>If other, please let us know</i>		16 Comments



From those respondents that indicated they travel to work or training from the parish, the majority 247 (98%) indicated that they travel by car.

Something else? Please let us know (All 16 comments)

- Rail
- Van
- Walk
- Sometimes by train
- Walk
- Bicycle
- Train from Syston occasionally

- Do not travel to work but if going out of the village I have to use a car
- Have travelled previously to work into both Nottingham and Leicester over 11 years
- I use a car and occasionally the bus as a local resident visiting out, though not for work
- I have cycled to work but the lack of cycle paths and narrow roads makes this unsafe
- People do regularly leave the parish for reasons other than work/training, more so in my case
- Tractor
- Day courses away from the village
- Retired
- By train from Syston

Q18 Do you expect to be requiring any of the following?			
		Yes	No
Workshop/studio		16 (5%)	306 (95%)
Private office		23 (7%)	302 (93%)
Flexible/shared office		6 (2%)	311 (98%)
Garage		33 (10%)	287 (90%)
Something else? Please let us know		9 Comments	

Workshop/studio



Private office



Flexible/shared office



Garage

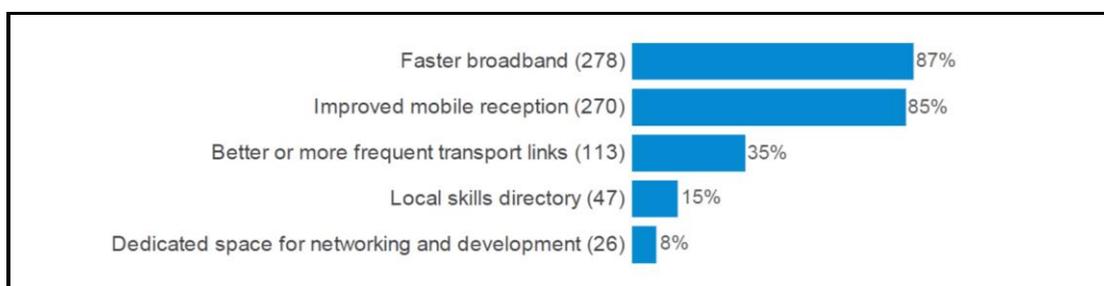


The majority of respondents indicated that they do not expect to be requiring any of the proposed business facilities, but a small number did identify a need, with all four options chosen.

Something else? Please let us know (All 9 comments)

- Funeral Director!
- Larger driveway for off-street parking.
- Greenhouse.
- Would like a shop, cafe.
- Not needed. This sort of development would also open the door to unwanted housing.
- Livestock buildings
- Extra garden space
- Already have a home office
- Agricultural support unit or associated buildings

Q19	Would any of the following help to improve your experience of working, training or studying? <i>Please tick those that apply</i>	
	Faster broadband	278 (87%)
	Improved mobile reception	270 (85%)
	Better or more frequent transport links	113 (35%)
	Dedicated space for networking and development	26 (8%)
	Local skills directory	47 (15%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		17 Comments

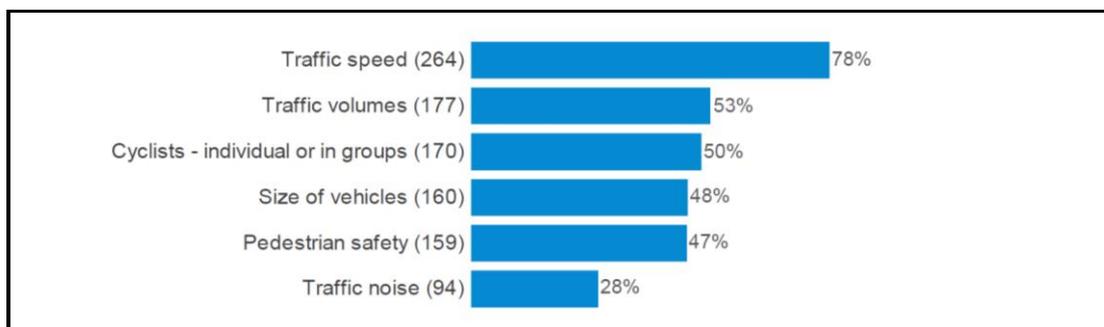


Respondents indicated that Faster broadband and Improved mobile reception would both help to improve their experience of working, training or studying.

Something else? Please let us know (All 17 comments)

- *Public transport is very poor in Rotherby non-existent through village, quarter mile walk to stop.*
- *Definitely Broadband.*
- *Faster broadband is needed whether one works or not!*
- *More study space / quiet areas. Free car parking for students at Melton Library.*
- *Hedges cut back on roads.*
- *Broadband is horrendously slow, impact on business.*
- *All of these as a local resident not for work purposes.*
- *Less intermittent electricity supply.*
- *Most rural bus services are unsustainable and not cost effective.*
- *My children (now in their 30's) regularly work remotely from my property in the parish and in particular would benefit from the above. In addition, no space for networking more should be done to nurture business links within the parish through local groups.*
- *Train travel from villages*
- *Village hall and Melton BC provide great networking experience. Do not destroy the character of the village by homogenisation. I loved the fact there was only one street light when I moved here 25 years ago.*
- *Local skills directory would improve experience of living here but not working, so haven't ticked it.*
- *Would like it to exist.*
- *To include electricians, plumbers, odd-job person*
- *Don't work, train or study.*
- *Not working, but mobile reception is poor.*
- *A train station at Brooksby with a parking facility on site could be a great benefit to anyone travelling by rail.*

Q20	Do any of the following aspects of road traffic and road use within the parish give you concern? Please tick those that apply	
	Traffic volumes.....	177 (53%)
	Traffic speed.....	264 (78%)
	Size of vehicles.....	160 (48%)
	Traffic noise.....	94 (28%)
	Pedestrian safety.....	159 (47%)
	Cyclists - individual or in groups.....	170 (50%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		54 Comments



The majority 264 (78%) of respondents indicated that 'Traffic speed' was an aspect of road traffic and road use within the parish that gave them most concern. Volume of traffic, cyclists, vehicle size and pedestrian safety were also key issues for between 159 (47%) – 177 (53%) of respondents.

Something else? Please let us know

54 additional comments were provided. The most popular issue amongst the written responses was in relation to speeding in Hoby, Ragdale and on the A607. This was followed by HGV vehicles with a near equal number of comments on both lorries using the parish roads as a cut through and buses being too large. Other issues highlighted were cyclists, particularly when in large groups including cycle speeds. Car parking issues mainly relating to Hoby and the concerns about the danger of the Brooksby/A607 junction.

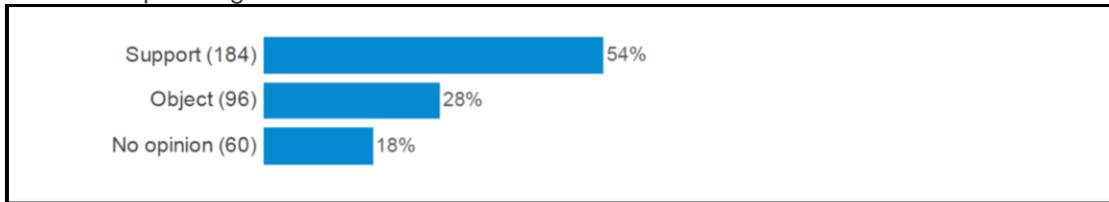
Example comments:

- *A607 is an accident hotspot. there needs to be speed cameras to stop boy racers and others*
- *Heavy vehicles using country lanes and small village roads as a cut through e.g. lorries /coaches*
- *Groups of cyclists and cycle racers are dangerous, especially cycle races.*
- *On road parking in Hoby. Church Lane, Chapel Lane, Main Street always a problem.*
- *There needs to be traffic lights at the junction from Brooksby College to Melton Rd. We avoid using this junction and go down the Thrussington/ Rearsby to avoid emerging onto the A607. Death trap potentially*

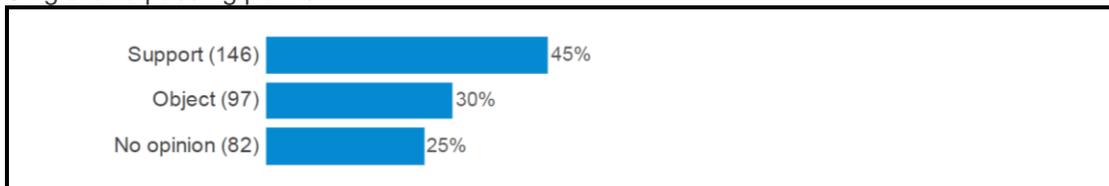
Q21	Do you support any of the following possible solutions to traffic use management?		
		Support	Object
	20 mph speed limits in villages	276 (77%)	44 (12%)
	Electronic speed signs	184 (54%)	96 (28%)
	Single lane passing points	146 (45%)	97 (30%)
	Ramps/speed bumps	74 (23%)	208 (65%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		36 Comments	



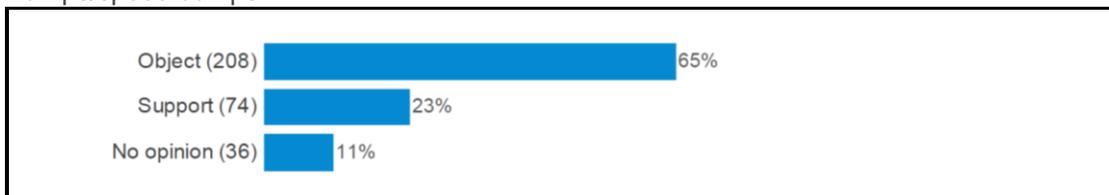
Electronic speed signs



Single lane passing points



Ramps/speed bumps



Respondents indicated their support for all but one of the possible solutions to traffic use management, with the majority 276 (77%) of respondents supporting 20 mph speed limits in villages. The majority 208 (65%) of respondents objected to Ramps and/or speed bumps as a possible solution.

Something else? Please let us know

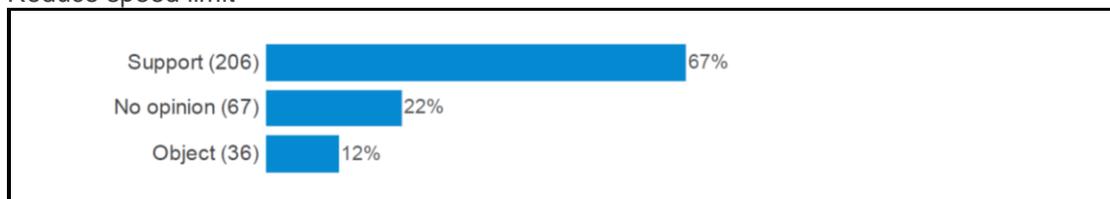
36 additional comments were provided, most of which have put forward suggestions for traffic calming including gated entries, warning signs and traffic lights, with a number suggesting the siting of speed cameras, particularly on Thrussington Road. Other key comments related to the objection of speed bumps and an increase in urban signage.

Example comments:

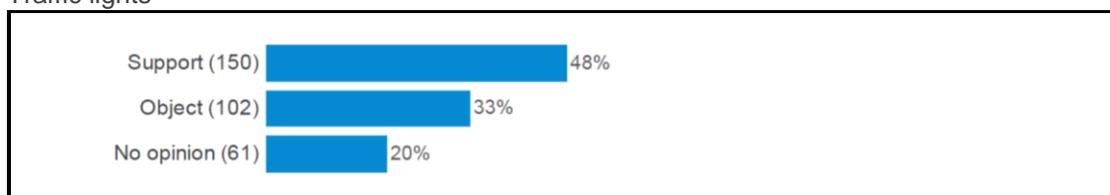
- *Mark down signs near to the village warning drivers they are entering a 30mph zone. Currently driven only brake (if at all) when they are well into the village*
- *There are enough bends in the village to slow traffic down with the exception of Thrussington Road where traffic does have a tendency to speed up. Perhaps an electronic speed sign would help*
- *Speed bumps and ramps are not a good idea in villages like ours, nor are speed signs, they add clutter alongside the signs that would be needed for passing places.*

Q22 From our consultations to date, some residents have identified a particular concern about the A607 Brooksby junction. Would you support any of the following possible solutions?				
		Support	Object	No opinion
	Reduce speed limit	206 (67%)	36 (12%)	67 (22%)
	Traffic lights	150 (48%)	102 (33%)	61 (20%)
	Redesign junction	211 (64%)	43 (13%)	74 (23%)
Something else? Please let us know		60 Comments		

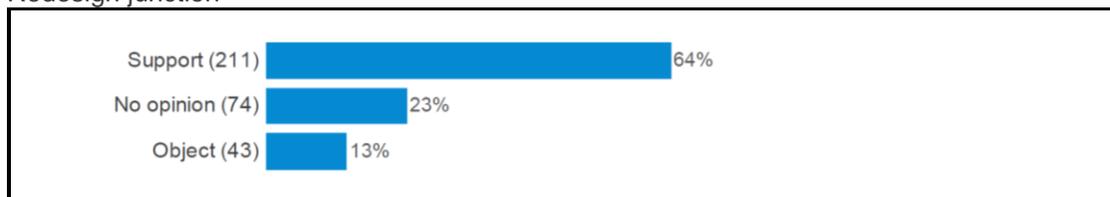
Reduce speed limit



Traffic lights



Redesign junction



The majority of respondents indicated their support for the three possible solutions to the A607 Brooksby junction traffic issue, with both 'Reducing the speed limit' and 'Redesign the junction' receiving the most support.

Something else? Please let us know

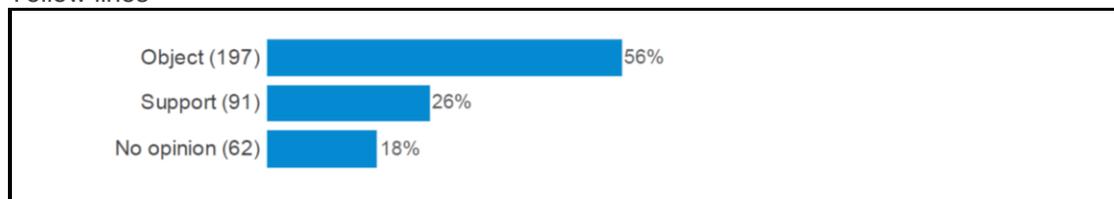
60 additional comments were provided, with a number of comments reiterated concerns about the junction. Popular solutions put forward included installing a roundabout in addition to road widening, installing a pedestrian crossing on the A607 and changing the Brooksby College entrance.

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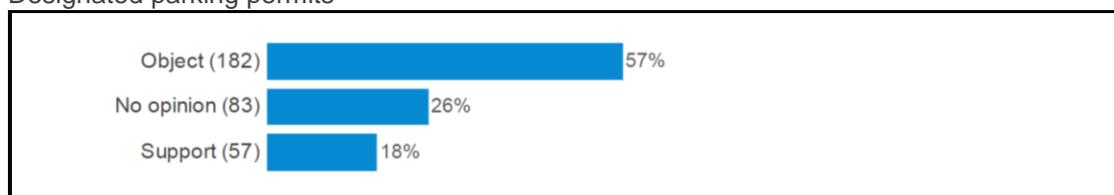
- *This is becoming a busy and dangerous junction. With the new housing properties, a redesign of junctions will be required to be in place before further developments process.*
- *Brooksby junction is very dangerous, but the safest exit from Rotherby needs traffic lights or island there to reduce excessive speed, vehicles accessing A607 to be safe*
- *A widening of junction would assist.*
- *Redesign junction/ Brooksby Spinney Planning/ Development Goes ahead*
- *Main problem is for pedestrians e.g. students crossing to bus stop. So, pedestrian crossing lights?*

Q23 Should car parking on the roadside in our parish be restricted by any of the following?				
		Support	Object	No opinion
	Yellow lines	91 (26%)	197 (56%)	62 (18%)
	Designated parking permits	57 (18%)	182 (57%)	83 (26%)
	'No Parking' signs	77 (24%)	154 (48%)	87 (27%)
Something else? Please let us know		45 Comments		

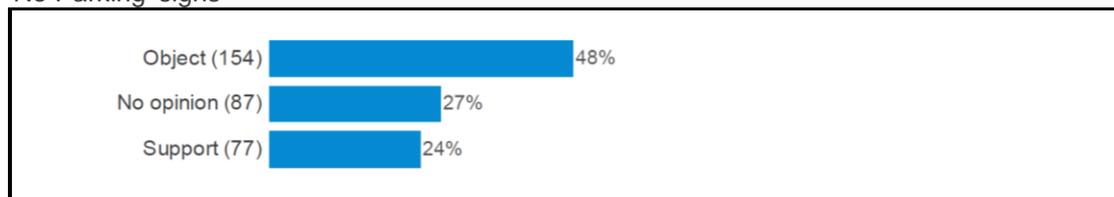
Yellow lines



Designated parking permits



'No Parking' signs



The majority of respondents indicated their objection for the suggested proposals to restrict car parking on the roadside in the parish.

Something else? Please let us know

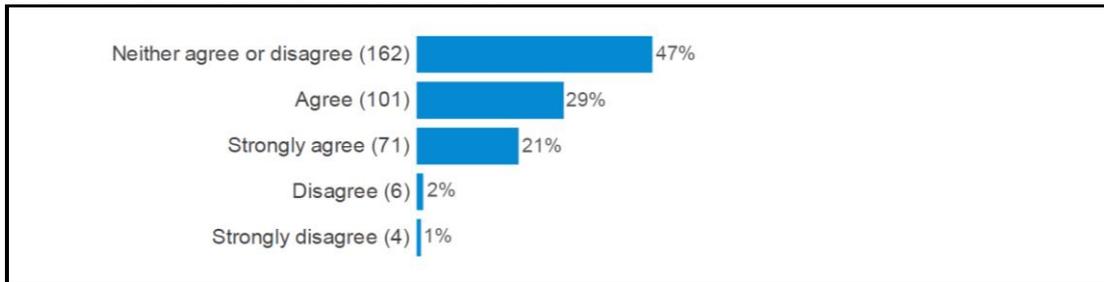
45 additional comments were provided, the majority of which reflected the reasons for objecting, in that parking issues were not really a problem and introducing such restrictions would impact on the parish with a forest of new road signs and restrict use of Hoby and District Village Hall. Other comments included suggestions of where to place any yellow lines if these were to be introduced and highlighting the problems of parking on footpaths/pavements and verges.

Example comments:

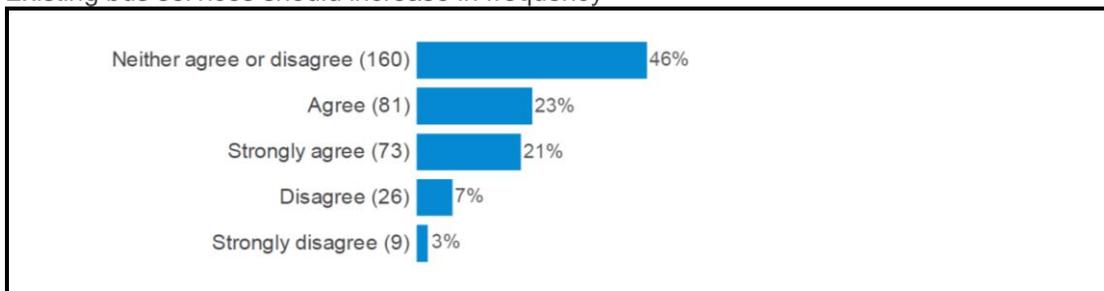
- *This is entirely unnecessary at present. There is no problem with car parking in our parish. These measures are not suitable or required for such a small, rural community.*
- *Parking near Hoby church makes it very dangerous to drive as on coming vehicles and cars from the opposite direction both believe that they have right of way. Double yellow lines could help / parking permits*
- *People should be more aware of the damage parking on the verge causes to grass and wildflowers on Brooksby Road.*
- *This would not work in Hoby as there is not enough parking for events at the village hall already. If there were parking restrictions, this would put people off using it.*
- *I would not like to see a large increase in street furniture, signs etc. There is more than enough already and it greatly detracts from the rural feel.*

Q24 Thinking about local bus services, to what extent do you agree with the following suggestions? <i>Please tick one box in each row</i>						
		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	Bus and train times should be co-ordinated	71 (21%)	101 (29%)	162 (47%)	6 (2%)	4 (1%)
	Existing bus services should increase in frequency	73 (21%)	81 (23%)	160 (46%)	26 (7%)	9 (3%)
	Additional routes are needed	45 (13%)	67 (20%)	191 (56%)	27 (8%)	9 (3%)
	Car share and other community schemes should be supported	42 (12%)	128 (38%)	145 (43%)	19 (6%)	5 (2%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		40 Comments				

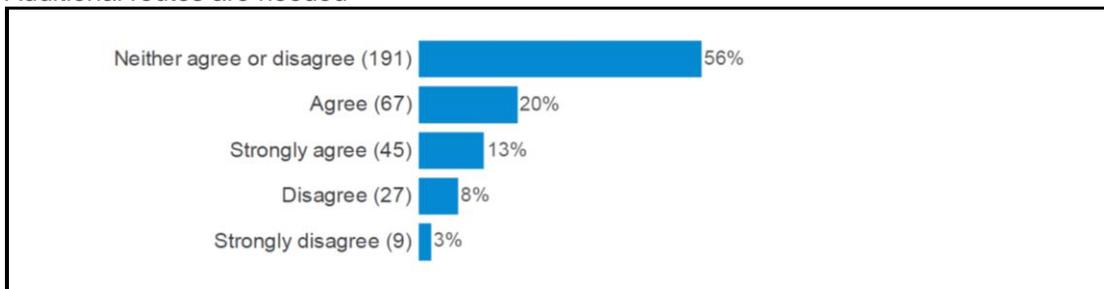
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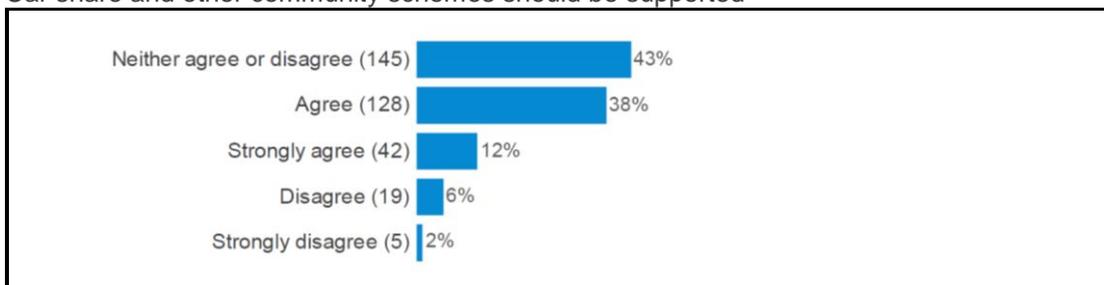
Existing bus services should increase in frequency



Additional routes are needed



Car share and other community schemes should be supported



The majority of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with the list of suggestions in relation to local bus services. For those that did agree or strongly agree, the following suggestions are listed in order of popularity:

- *Bus and train times should be co-ordinated*
- *Car share and other community schemes should be supported*
- *Existing bus services should increase in frequency*
- *Additional routes are needed*

Something else? Please let us know

40 additional comments were provided, the majority of which highlighted the need for the current bus service to run later. The need for a bus service to serve Ragdale was another key feature along with support for a community bus/car share scheme to serve the parish. Other comments related to the idea of opening up a train stop at Brooksby and the suggestion of having smaller buses.

Example comments:

- *The daytime services are frequent enough, but the last bus from Melton or Leicester leaves about 19.15 making it impossible to go out for a day anywhere other than locally.*
- *There is no bus service in Ragdale.*
- *Ragdale needs a bus service perhaps one that goes to Loughborough, would be useful for Hobby as well.*
- *Since one would have to travel between 5 to 7 miles to any train station service linking with that would be imperfect. Car sharing could be a very useful idea.*
- *Train station at Brooksby. A local train service might be better than a bus service.*
- *The buses need not be the capacity of the current model. A mini-bus would better for the lanes and number of passengers*

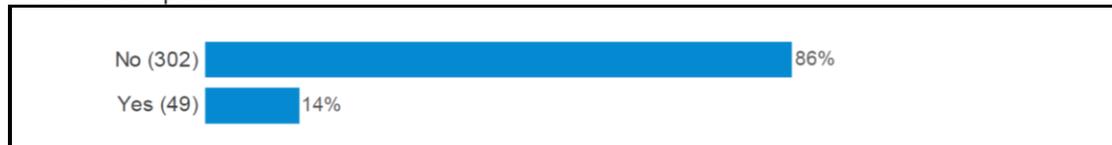
ABOUT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Q25 Do any of the following prevent you from accessing the countryside?			
		Yes	No
	The state or conditions of footpaths	49 (14%)	300 (86%)
	A lack of footpaths	49 (14%)	302 (86%)
	A lack of signage or information boards	44 (13%)	301 (87%)
	Inaccessibility because of stiles or gates	50 (15%)	289 (85%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		29 Comments	

The state or conditions of footpaths



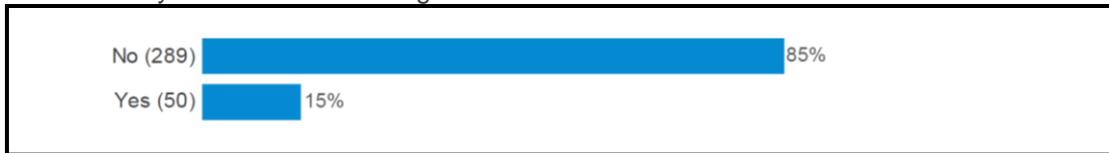
A lack of footpaths



A lack of signage or information boards



Inaccessibility because of stiles or gates



The majority of respondents indicated that none of the above listed issues prevents them from accessing the countryside. For those that did indicate access problems, all four listed issues were of similar concerns.

Something else? Please let us know

The 29 additional comments provided included a mixture of concerns including bulls in some fields, poor maintenance of stiles, some stiles not being dog friendly, misuse of footpaths and access problems at stiles for the less abled bodied.

Q26	Do you know of any existing footpaths or bridleways within the parish that are problematic to use for part of the year?	
	Yes	80 (22%)
	No	279 (78%)
<i>If you answered Yes, please state which footpath or bridleway and what the problem is</i>		72 Comments



The majority 279 (78%) of respondents indicated that they do not know of any existing footpaths or bridleways within the parish that are problematic to use for part of the year.

If you answered Yes, please state which footpath or bridleway and what the problem is
72 responses were provided which are listed below.

FOOTPATH/BRIDLEWAY	PROBLEM
Access from Rotherby to footpath road from village (gated) to Brooksby	due to mud and cattle (Frisby end) pot holes and mud.
Brooksby where the new footpath is,	nettles make it impassable.
The footpath that runs out the back of the Brooksby Melton College farm up to the bridge on the Hoby Road	becomes completely overgrown and impassable in summer.
The path to the rear of the Blue Bell from 56 Main Street down the narrow path to the lower fields to the river	overgrown and in recent times appears to have been made more difficult to use on purpose.

FOOTPATH/BRIDLEWAY	PROBLEM
The Hoby Rotherby loop	<p>can flood when the wreake breaks its banks. The bottom of the lane and footpath are sometimes difficult if the gate is tied/wired.</p> <p>not clear where the footpath is</p> <p>footpath can get very muddy in wet conditions</p>
Between Ragdale and Hoby	No footpath along the road.
Hoby to Ragdale path footpath between Hoby and Ragdale (H51)	some sections almost disappear in summer, due to vigorous hedge growth and ploughing right up to field edge. Lack of permanent grass cover (due to regular ploughing) also causes path to become waterlogged in wet weather.
Footpath from Ragdale to Hoby	<p>overgrown in the summer in middle of route. Also, there's a point where it is unclear which way to go.</p> <p>is not very usable in winter. There needs to be a pedestrian route between the two villages.</p> <p>very muddy and unusable in winter</p> <p>Lack of signs and muddy.</p> <p>Occasionally this footpath is problematic, either ploughed over or overgrown and impassable</p> <p>walks only possible at certain times of year when dry and paths behind the Grange in Hoby overgrown. Not overgrown or ploughed up in summer.</p> <p>is very muddy</p> <p>path mostly less than single file with rabbit holes and barbed wire. Bulls often in fields most are not separate and gates are very hard to use.</p> <p>both difficult to follow and un-maintained at Ragdale end</p> <p>gets narrow and difficult over some sections due to ploughing into the edge of the field and evergreen hedges. also gets wet and muddy in the winter.</p>
Manor Farm, Hoby to Ragdale	footpaths poorly maintained, ploughed up, sown with crops.
Footpath to Thrussington	way markers unclear
Footpath from Ragdale to Thrussington	lack of signage, way markers
Footpath from Ragdale to Thrussington near to Thrussington	there are aggressive horses in the field where the footpath runs through.
On agricultural land to the south and west of Ragdale	some paths too narrow and ploughed up for part of the year

FOOTPATH/BRIDLEWAY	PROBLEM
Top of Main Street Ragdale, turn right to Ragdale Hall	problematic during wet weather - field ploughed to near edge.
Footpath from bottom of Church Lane to Ragdale	ploughed up during winter and not reinstated until spring of following year. Ploughed at times making it impossible to walk on/ follow as there is no footpath towards the Asfordby turn in Hoby Bottom of Church Lane first field, planted over footpath for 3 months and bottom of field is not wide enough to walk on.
Footpaths between Rotherby, Brooksby, Hoby	through the flood plain in winter.
Bridleway at Ragdale	often inaccessible.
Ragdale Hall bridle way	farmers field which can flood
Field by Hoby Poultry shed	Cattle in field can present a danger.
Around Rotherby	when flooded, near river.
Footpath directly behind the Grange and the Homestead from Back Lane	it's an assault course not a footpath.
Top of Chapel Lane	If stiles are not dog friendly they can act as a barrier
Back Lane	continuation behind the grange Hoby and other houses is very awkward and become very overgrown on Harvey's land last year.
The Bridleway from Hoby to Shoby	can become very overgrown. This requires regular maintenance.
The footpath at the top, north end of Rotherby where it goes down the field to the railway. Around the gate and just into this field	is very muddy around the trough.
The 'Boardwalk' between Rotherby and Hoby	in winter becomes very slippery. It needs treating as wood can turn slimy.
Beyond Back Lane towards Tennis Courts and on to Main Road towards Frisby	Barbed wire, rubbish, nettles and overgrown
Machin's Loop (permissive right of way between Hoby and Frisby)	poorly maintained stiles in dilapidated and dangerous condition
Footpath to Ragdale	is difficult to traverse
Hoby to Frisby footpath	after crossing the railway and heading across the middle of the following field, diagonally. It's usually ploughed and difficult to use in winter
Ragdale via Church Lane	Part of the footpath to is ploughed up. Stiles in Machin's are broken.

Problems but no footpath/bridleway stated

Cattle:

Cows in field.

Walking with a dog when cattle are out in the fields.

Any footpaths where cattle are when dog walking.

Bulls in fields on public footpaths.

cattle are a problem - bulls & cows with calves are a problem. Dogs off leads and not on footpaths are a problem

cattle in fields is one thing, but putting in bulls & young cattle with associated warning signs, is intimidating & puts people off using those footpaths e.g. near the Water House during summer months' footpath at the end of back lane which has been fences off is now very overgrown, especially in summer

Hoby due to cows

Cows are a problem

can be issues by being chased with cows especially when running

Some bridleways have gate, barbed wire, and younger cattle - Ragdale is a problem.

Dogs:

traversing agricultural land pose problems for owners when people do not control dogs

Crops:

Footpaths overgrown by crops particularly oil seed rape in general arable areas.

Some field routes in summer - crops.

Footpath through fields of oil seed rape.

Water/Flooding:

remember this is riverside grazing land which is of seasonal use

Northern footpaths as above How do you get from Hobby to Frisby then Ashfords or to Ratcliffe

usually un-managed and very (Boggy) for want of a better word

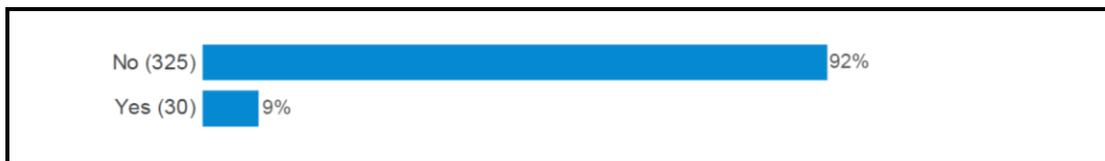
some areas of footpaths that are ploughed to near in winter towards Ragdale make it very difficult to walk in the mud

only due to clay

only due to clay

only because of the floodplain which is a blessing and a curse

Q27	Do you know anywhere where you think there is a need for an additional footpath or bridleway within the parish?	
	Yes	30 (9%)
	No	325 (92%)
If you answered Yes , please state if this is a footpath or bridleway and where this should be		32 Comments



The majority 325 (92%) of respondents indicated that they do not know of anywhere where there is a need for an additional footpath or bridleway within the parish.

If you answered Yes, please state if this is a footpath or bridleway and where this should be
32 responses were provided which are listed below.

Footpath or bridleway	Where should this be
Footpath/pavement	<p>Footpath from Hoby to Ragdale is not very usable in winter. There needs to be a pedestrian route between the two villages.</p> <p>Along the road between Ragdale and Hoby.</p> <p>Walking along the road between Ragdale and Hoby is not safe. The condition of the edge of the road could cause someone to trip and this is whilst a car is passing this could result in death. Could the road be widened or at least the pot holes at the edge of the road filled?</p>
Footpath	<p>On roads between the villages, so pedestrians and cyclists can walk alongside the road away from the traffic.</p> <p>A footpath between road and Hoby/Ragdale footpath would give circular walk for Ragdale residents.</p> <p>Footpath from Hoby to Ragdale Road to join existing footpath from Hoby to Ragdale-permissive path along Hoby to Ragdale.</p> <p>Spinney village towards Thrussington</p> <p>Spinney village towards Hoby via old footpath, before it was diverted.</p> <p>From behind Ragdale church.</p> <p>Across the fields from the back of Church Lane towards Ratcliffe.</p>

Footpath or bridleway	Where should this be
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<p>Footpath</p>	<p>Hoby to Ragdale bottom of Church Lane.</p> <p>Connecting existing parallel footpaths between Hoby and ragdale to form a circuit where path crosses stream near old barn.</p> <p>Between Hoby & Melton Road junction</p> <p>Brooksby rd - to Hoby</p> <p>From bridge on Thrussington Road, Hoby to Mill Lane.</p> <p>Footpath on Brooksby Road as you leave Hoby.</p> <p>By the river wreake so that there is a continuous footpath through the parish</p>
<p>Bridleway</p>	<p>If one of the footpaths between Hoby and Ragdale became a bridleway then this would give an option to ride between the villages and join the Leicestershire Round with less distance on the busy road between the villages.</p> <p>Link up Hoby, Shoby, Ragdale bridleway, to link up to Hoby from Ragdale.</p> <p>Bridleway between Hoby and Ragdale, to complete a triangular off road route using the existing BWs Hoby-Shaly (H29 Midshves Way) and Sholy-Ragdale (H28) The road between Ragdale and Hoby and Hoby is narrow, quite busy, and potential refugees for horses and being chased of as farmers block the many farmer open access points to fields</p> <p>Bridleway needed between Ragdale and Hoby to complete a triangulation off road riding route – Hoby - Shoby - Ragdale - Hoby.</p>
<p>No new paths</p>	<p>No new paths required, however keep under review with a view to open old tow path between Brooksby Bridge and Water House Bridge.</p> <p>No, because you can't get more without avoiding vehicles going too fast.</p>

Other comments

Could we create a Hoby Round?

Footpath in Ragdale, although short, is not maintained by the council.

In the area where the footpath heads to Frisby opposite nursery cottages. this is complicated by gates and very muddy areas.

Field down from Back Lane.

The permissive footpath runs from the old mill to the railway line following the river and the line of the railway track.

There are insufficient bridleway in the wreake valley area, particularly between Hoby & Thrussington. However this is a nice to have and is not necessary.

On the road from last bond towards Asfordby. Footpath needed to ensure pedestrian safety on sharp turn to Asfordby in Hoby

More 'circular' walls would be great to avoid 'tuning round & repeating' routes

It would be nice to have more circular walls from our villages

Need to maintain and enforce existing walkways. some walks previously enjoyed are now blocked
Brooksby gate padlocked making bridle path unusable.

Q28	Are you concerned about flooding within the parish?	
	Yes.....	52 (14%)
	No	313 (86%)
<i>If you answered Yes, please state how and where this is</i>		41 Comments



The majority 313 (86%) of respondents indicated that they are not concerned about flooding within the parish.

If you answered Yes, please state how and where this is

41 responses were provided which are listed below.

How are you concerned about flooding	Where does the flooding take place
created by poor attention to surface water drainage from relatively new house developments.	Surface water in the centre of village (Rotherby) between former post office and ex nurseries
Need to be kept clear to prevent repeated flooding in Holmfield and Thrussington Road	All bridges on the brook crossing Thrussington Road
If the Environment Agency flood prevention scheme at Asfordby lakes works OK, then I'm not concerned! If a sluice fails, then flooding will occur.	Around the Waterhouse.

<p>There is a culvert that goes under main Street (by notice board). It never seems to get cleared. the centre of the village has been flooded more than once and at least 2 houses have been badly affected. One property has been inundated twice. All the roads meet at the bottom of steep hills.</p> <p>Unclear as to who is responsible for clearing the stream that runs parallel to Six Hills Road and the culvert under the road near to the village notice board. Obstruction of these has led to significant flooding in the past and could do so again. Problem could be cheaply and easily prevented by an annual clear out.</p>	<p>The centre of Ragdale where main Street, Hoby Road and Six Hills Road meet</p>
<p>A pond which overflows during rainfall. If this area was developed there maybe flooding of Church Lane Street.</p>	<p>Paddock opposite Hoby House</p>
<p>Become impassable - occasional flooding</p>	<p>Hoby, Asfordby and Frisby. Roads</p>
<p>The concern we have has activated local residents to devote an annual day to manually clearing any potential hazards or debris, to allow water to get clear away.</p>	<p>Stream along Holmfield and Brooksby Road requiring annual cleaning and relies on the flood defences downstream being managed properly</p> <p>Stream at Holmfield has to be kept clear by residents</p> <p>Small brook by holmfield & brooksby road</p> <p>Holmfield Hoby having flooded once (20 years) ago brook needs monitoring and cleaning annually - done by residents</p> <p>Stream adjacent and extending beyond Holmfield - particularly 'bridges' that have been consumed to access horse fields that are below the height of 'road bridges'</p> <p>Thrussington road and Holmfield -at risk from the brook which passes under the road here. This has not been a problem since 1999, due to replacement of two culverts and major brook clearing. But it needs continued vigilance to keep the brook clear over the most vulnerable section. Also these should be restrictions on major building or changes of land use in the vulnerable areas and the catchment and drainage areas.</p>

Areas of flooding concern

Outside my front door, near Ragdale Hall.

Ragdale.

Brooksby playing fields.

Around the river wreake.

The field has been flooded on more than one occasion as has part of Thrussington Road.

The stream needs looking after to ensure it does not flood again.

Thrussington Road Hoby.

Brooksby Road

Asfordby road from Hoby

Near the river, meadows floods frequently and gets close to the white house

Other comments

Even the river does not flood adjacent fields like it used to.

Think they should clean out road drains in the village (Rotherby), more in the winter.

If they build houses where it already floods as done in Hoby.

Housing should not be placed on flood plains.

It has been OK in recent years but needs monitoring.

At the moment flood prevention measures upstream work well in the flood plain around the Waterhouse, but it will always be a concern.

Poor maintenance of drains, culverts etc.

Surface water flooding.

No current major flood risk as brooks kept clear by residents of Hoby.

Additional housing must not be built on the flood plain! Clean the street sewage drains more often.

As landowners we are aware of this impact that flooding may have on animals grazing & for soil

It protects the environment for wildlife

BUT flooding of agricultural land may be necessary on flood plains. However, flooding can also be a problem for agricultural animal management

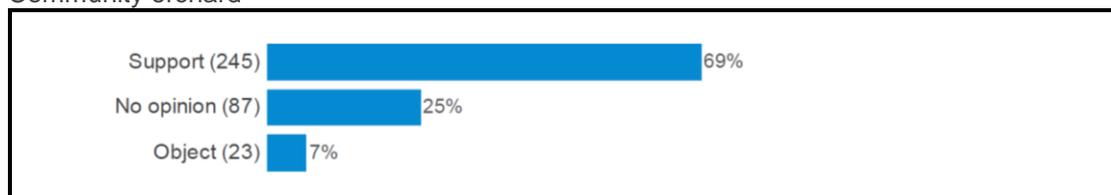
Land owners to clear and maintain brooks/ river annually from fallen tree branches etc

not sure where/ when it occurs, or indeed IF it does. But if it floods, there ought to be something done to fix it

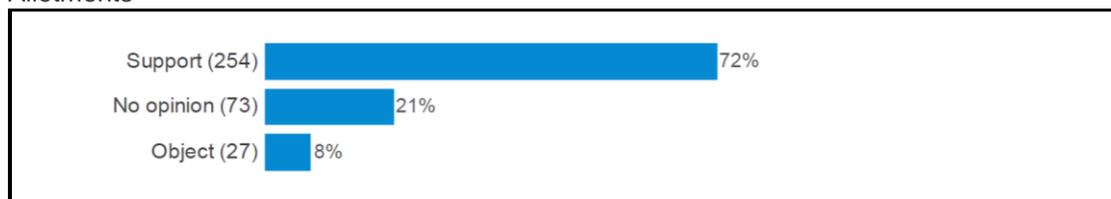
No - but maybe if planning permission for 70 homes was granted.

Q29	Would you support the use of green spaces or open areas within the parish for the following community uses?	Support	Object	No opinion
	Community orchard	245 (69%)	23 (7%)	87 (25%)
	Allotments	254 (72%)	27 (8%)	73 (21%)
	Solar farm	66 (20%)	199 (59%)	72 (21%)
	Wind turbine	49 (14%)	250 (73%)	45 (13%)
	Local wildlife habitats	321 (89%)	9 (3%)	30 (8%)
	Nature lagoons and reed beds	264 (76%)	24 (7%)	60 (17%)
	Burial ground	144 (42%)	66 (19%)	137 (40%)
	Sports facilities	132 (39%)	106 (31%)	101 (30%)
	Car parking	100 (30%)	145 (43%)	89 (27%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i> 33 Comments				

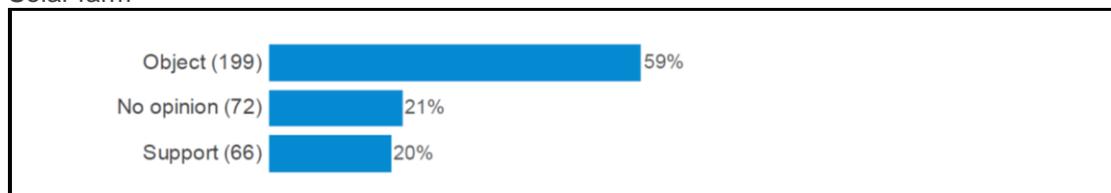
Community orchard



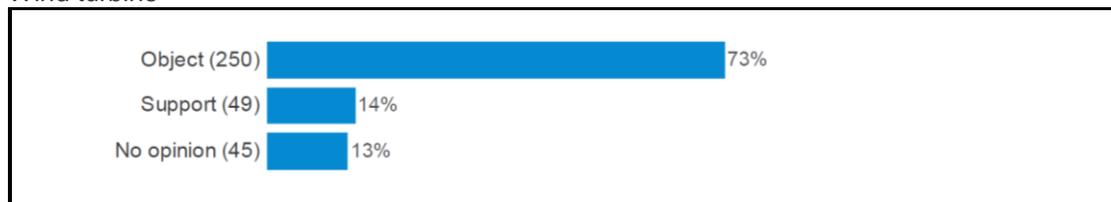
Allotments



Solar farm



Wind turbine



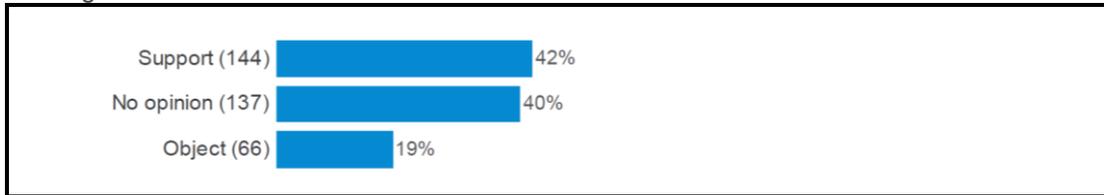
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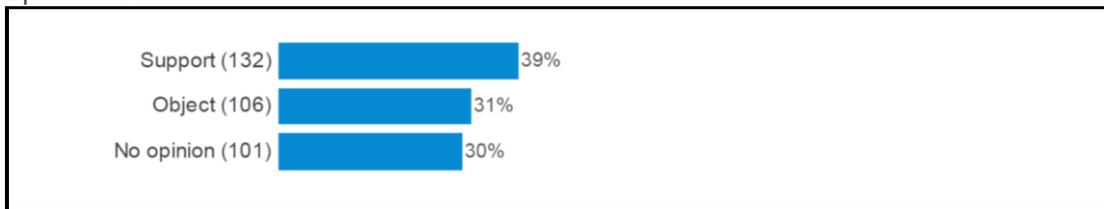
Nature lagoons and reed beds



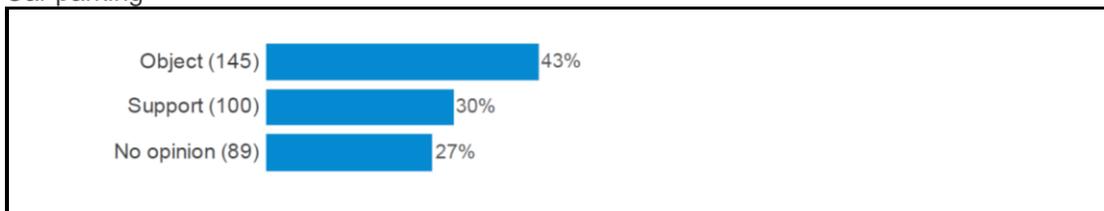
Burial ground



Sports facilities



Car parking



The top 4 green spaces or open areas within the parish that respondents support for community use are:

- *Local wildlife habitats*
- *Nature lagoons and reed beds*
- *Allotments*
- *Community orchard*

Those receiving the least support included 'Sports facilities' followed by 'Burial ground'

The top 3 green spaces or open areas within the parish that respondents object to for community use are:

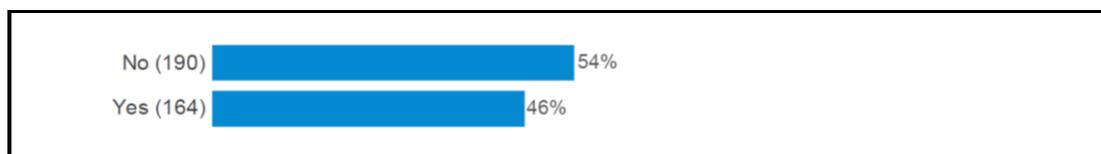
- *Wind turbine*
- *Solar farm*
- *Car parking*

Something else? Please let us know

33 additional comments were provided. The majority related to the better use and access use of Brooksby college sports facilities, followed by a near equal number of comments in support or objection to further renewable energy projects. There was also a near equal number of comments in support or objection to a new car park facility for the parish.

Other suggestions for green spaces or open areas within the parish for community uses included dog walking/agility areas, a tennis court, and a village green.

Q30	Do you know of any existing green space or open areas within the parish that should be protected from development?	
	Yes	164 (46%)
	No.....	190 (54%)
<i>If you answered Yes, please state where this is</i>		159 Comments



Although just over half 190 (54%) of respondents indicated that they did not know of any existing green space or open areas within the parish that should be protected from development, 164 (46%) of respondents indicated that they did not know. From the 159 responses provided, these areas are listed below.

<p>Everywhere All green spaces/ open areas Most of the parish, there are few parishes in the east midlands that are as green as ours. We should maintain as much of that as possible All green space within the parish should be protected Most of it! All of them All existing green space Open farmland All of them ALL existing green spaces. As many as possible! Development should be hidden & landscaped if possible Nearly all the green spaces/ fields are needed to retain the village ideal. Green fields surrounding each village. I like the current arrangements of fields surrounding the village. I dislike urban 'sprawl' The hedges surrounding all field margins, ideally farmers should be encouraged to increase 'set aside' land for wildlife. All open spaces outside of the main villages. All countryside around the parish All areas from Hoby to ragdale.</p>
<p>Maintain village envelopes. that outside village envelope The boundaries that already exist with present housing should ideally be kept to maintain the village character. All areas outside of the village (Brooksby) envelope. Anything outside the existing village limits Anywhere on the fringes of the village. The villages otherwise lose their compactness and become sprawling with no centre. The extent of housing shouldn't increase (in radius) away from the village centres further than they already are.</p>
<p>Land adjacent to Manor Farm Hoby. Spaces around Manor Farm. Open space opposite Manor Farm. Field opposite manor Farm, Hoby Field opposite Manor Farm Field opposite manor farm overlooking the wreake valley</p>

Paddocks

The last few remaining paddocks in the village(Hoby)

Paddock at end of Church Lane

Paddock back of Hoby House on Chapel Lane.

Church Lane paddock.

Church lane Hoby, the paddock at the end.

Paddock opposite 16 & 18 Church Lane Hoby

Chapel Lane paddock.

Church Lane paddock.

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Paddock next to Chapel Lane Hoby

Paddock at Main Street

Paddock opposite Manor Farm, Hoby.

paddock opposite manor farm

Paddock opposite Manor Farm.

Paddock opposite manor farm

Warner's paddock

Paddock opposite Hoby House, Church Lane.

Paddock opposite Hoby House.

The 2 paddocks next to 10, Brooksby Road, Hoby

The paddock between S.Warner Harveys

The Paddock next to the Hornestead main street, Hoby.

Manor farm paddock

Manor farm paddock at end of chapel have opposite no's 2-4-6-8

Paddock opposite Manor Farm, main Street Hoby

Paddock between Church lane and Chapel Lane

Paddock off Chapel Lane

Paddock opposite Hoby House

Paddock opposite housing on Chapel lane, Hoby.

Main Street between the Paddocks. Paddock opposite manor Farm looking over valley.

The paddock opposite manor farm

Glebe

Glebe land with pond

Glebe land on entry to the village.

Glebe field.

The Glebe Field.

Fields of glebe land around the lake playground area & adjacent field

Field in front of Glebe farm field,

Chapel Lane

Land at end of Chapel Lane

Land at end of Chapel Lane

Chapel lane Hoby

Green spaces in and around Hoby such as chapel lane.

Chapel Lane Hoby looking towards Ragdale.

Field at end of Church Lane

Land opposite Manor Farm

Field opposite manor farm on main street, Hoby

Fields on Brooksby Road. land opposite the Manor.

Field opposite Manor Farm.

Paddock in front of Ragdale parish church.

Fields either side of Hoby, Ragdale Road.

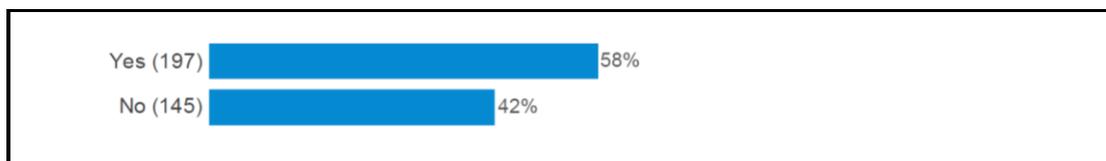
Brooksby

Brooksby

Spinney Village - original compulsory purchase for agricultural use, not for quarrying or new houses.
Land in front of 14-18 Church Lane and Chapel lane Hoby.
Brooksby Top Parks and Arboretum.
Land on Rotherby Road on left leaving village.
Land next to the Homestead.
<p>Orchard Green space surrounding the farm orchard. Orchard at Manor Farm Orchard adjacent to Manor Farm, Hoby. Morris Orchard The Morris Orchard. The orchard attached to the farm Orchard adjacent to manor Farm, Hoby. The orchard opposite blue bell pub The orchard adjoining main st farm Manor Farm Orchards Orchard at back of Manor Farm. Manor Farm Currently 'manor farm' - central to the rural character of the village Manor Farm main street, Hoby Orchard at manor farm Manor farm orchard The orchard at Manor Farm, Hoby – These are important green sites at the heart of the Hoby Village. Orchard of Manor Farm. Orchard opposite Blue Bell in Hoby Ancient orchard on main street, Hoby Manor farm orchard Fields and orchards Orchard on corner of Chapel Lane Manor farm orchard Manor Farm orchard (old orchards should be protected) Orchard off Chapel Lane. Key fields / orchards in the centre of Hoby</p>
<p>Church Lane. Church Lane, Hoby. Manor Street Pond in Church lane Church lane, main st Green spaces in and around Hoby such as church lane Church lane Hoby - pasture containing protected wildlife (great crested newts) and other Vulnerable flora and fauna. Church lane Pond field Church Lane, Hoby. Bottom of Church Lane Field os 7952 church lane Hoby Field off Church lane with Dew Pond.. Field between Chapel Lane and Manor Farm. Church land adjacent to Thrussington Road. The pond in Church Lane has Great Crested newts and therefore needs protection.</p>
Field between Brooksby Road and Water House.
Roadfields/farming land.
Garden of village hall. Village Hall garden

<p>Play area/ ragdale Children's playground and games field (brooks Rd) Play area field in Hoby</p>
<p>The Valley overlooking Rotherby (fields between Hoby and Roherby) part of street which provides views over the Wreake</p>
<p>Morris's garden Field opposite Jean's farm Possible the space opposite Jeans farm house don't think this will happen sadly Land around the Morris farm on main Street, Hoby. Field in front of Jean Morris' house farm.</p>
<p>Blue Bell Pub The land in front of the pub and past the pub to the right. Opposite the Bell Pub If ever development then the green space opposite the pub should be protected Land opposite pub Space at rear of blue bell All grounds of blue bell Inn The fields after the bluebell pub as you go towards the Ragdale end of the village</p>
<p>Holmfield The space (Field) bordering the west side of the stream flowing along Holmfield. This indeed is wild life rich and provides homes for birds, water voles and pheasants/ rabbits and small creatures. Sheep field opposite Holmfield</p>
<p>The field opposite our house on Brooksby Road! The field opposite our house on Brooksby Road. The 2 plots of land in front of the Sherriff development on Brooksby Road Fields on Brooksby Road.</p>
<p>Church yard & cemetery</p>
<p>Any fields that have ridge and furrow: that is our heritage Ridge/ Furrow field</p>
<p>Fields that open onto narrow country lanes</p>
<p>Fields that have local wildlife</p>
<p>Rotherby wildlife area</p>
<p>Some of the existence of mature hedgerows and trees</p>
<p>Bott Hole, Foister Field, Long Field in front of back lane - all subject to flooding Bott hole field, near main st Hoby</p>
<p>The field to the left as you enter Hoby with the lake in</p>
<p>The fields surrounding the bridge & river between Hoby & Rotherby Land up from the river to the village Whole area leading down to river from Brooksby Rd</p>
<p>The field from the thatched cottage to cattle grid and waterhouse. Wreake valley south of the village Many are protected already but it is a landowners prerogative We are motoring them already</p>

Q31	Do you know of any particular view or vista within the parish that should be protected from development?	
	Yes	197 (58%)
	No.....	145 (42%)
<i>If you answered Yes, please state where this is</i>		197 Comments



The majority 197 (58%) of respondents indicated that they do know of a particular view or vista within the parish that should be protected from development. From the 197 responses provided, these views or vistas are listed below.

<p>Blue Bell Pub View from bluebell garden. View from blue bell garden overlooking Rotherby View from Hoby Pub View from the Blue Bell pub garden View south from pub in Hoby</p>
<p>View from Main Street opposite manor farm across the Wreake Valley by day, starry skies by night. View from Main Street Hoby across Wreake Valley opposite Manor Farm. View over the valley from opposite Manor Farm main street Paddock opposite Manor Farm which gets on excellent view of the Wreake Valley to Rotherby</p>
<p>Valley overlooking Rotherby. View across the fields to Rotherby. View over Valley to Rotherby Valley southwards (towards Rotherby) Valley views from both Hoby and Rotherby. View from various positions looking across valley to Rotherby (e.g. opposite Woven Farm) Open views across the valley towards Rotherby from the village & down Brooksby Rd Views across the valley from Rotherby View over to Rotherby</p>
<p>View of valley down from Hoby to Rotherby View to Hoby from Rotherby View across from Hoby to Rotherby The valley from Hoby to Rotherby, with the water house and bridge The river valley from Hoby to Rotherby. From Hoby across the valley towards Rotherby.</p>
<p>Churches View of Ragdale church from six little road should be protected In Rotherby, the field next to the church. Views of all churches All of the church land.</p>
<p>Views to the rear of the old rectory towards Thrussington. As you leave the village towards Thrussington the view on the right across fields towards the pond where swans, ducks and geese like to gather. Views from the main street houses to the lake towards Thrussington.</p>

Wreake Valley

View across to the wreake

view across to the wreake

The vista across the wreake valley to Rotherby/ Frisby is from the Blue Bell

Anywhere south of the main road. Hoby that would impede the view of the Wreake Valley

Over the wreake valley, farm field. Thussington Road

Wreake valley from brooksby road

Wreake valley from back lane

The view from Hoby across the Valley

View of wreake valley towards the waton house

View over wreake valley view below Hoby from Thrussington Road

The wreake valley/ river

Views down towards the river

Views of the wreake valley & flood plain

Wreake floodplain area

View of the river

Views of and across the river between Hoby and Rotherby

Views of the wreake valley

View looking south over the wreake valley

All the views across the wreake valley from Hoby

Over the Wreake Valley.

View to the Wreake from the village hall side of main Street

View across wreake valley, Brooksby Road.

Views of the Wreake valley/ meadows.

View across Wreake Valley and across 'sheep field' from Holmfield towards Ragdale

The wreake valley view towards Rotherby/ River

The wreake valley

View across the wreake valley from Hoby

Views along the Wreake.

View across the fields towards the river and the waterhouse.

View of wreake valley from Brooksby Rd,

Those over the Wreake Valley.

View as come into Hoby village from Thrussington

Hoby from Thrussington

View of village entering from Thrussington.

View up to Hoby from Thrussington Road.

Entrance to Hoby from Ragdale and vice versa.

Front lake on way into village from Thrussington.

The beauty of Hoby is best experienced by the views you get of it as you approach the village

along, for e.g. the road from Ragdale, Frisby, Brooksby & Thrussington. New developments

already detract from the views from Thrussington & Brooksby. These views should particularly be

protected where views from Thrussington & Brooksby. These views to/ from listed/ old buildings in

the village are available.

The Glebe field view.

The Glebe

Glebe pond. Thrussington Road

Views across Glebe Field up to Ragdale.

Views from glebe farm down to the river

Field opposite Manor Farm

The field opposite Manor Farm next to the homestead

Field opposite Manor Farm, Main Street Hoby.

The land in front of the **pub** and past the pub to the right.

View east from **Chapel Lane**, Hoby.

Village Hall garden**Paddocks**

Paddock opposite Manor Farm, main Street Hoby.

Paddock opposite Hoby House, Church Lane.

Paddock opposite housing on Chapel lane, Hoby.

Other

Hoby overlooking Rotherby Hoby Ragdale road.

The last bend going 'out' of the village towards Frisby - on both sides of the road.

At number 30 Entry to village from Thrussington, on the left Encourage house surveys with views through their car entrance to share the new by keeping entry open to see through.

Field on left as you leave village on Brooksby Road.

Hoby Village lake.

From hill house looking towards Hoby / x Roads.

Views towards Ragdale and Rotherby Views as you come into the villages from the surrounding lanes.

Views from listed buildings or conservation areas.

Views between Hoby / Rotherby views between Hoby / Ragdale.

View from Hill House Hoby across to Shoby.

Bott Hole, Foister Field, Long Field in front of back lane - Glebe Field.

Possible the space opposite Jeans farm house don't think this will happen sadly.

The small field opposite Warren Farm gives those walking through the village a chance to enjoy the view across the valley and adds to the character of the village.

The view in Holmfield across the fields.

Opposite warren farm a main st, Hoby.

There are many views from the village, all of which should be protected if possible. These views include that from behind homes on Church Lane Hoby and View from Church Lane Hoby towards Thrussington. View from Brooksby Road towards Rotherby.

View from main Street Hoby towards Rotherby.

View from Brooksby Rd.

Farmers field backing onto the church on Thrussington rd, which contains the mini lake/ pond.

The high-level views across the Valley from above Ragdale.

General comments

Everywhere, keep as green as possible.

Anywhere outside the village envelope.

This should be assessed on a case by case basis as planning applications are presented, because the parish and its residents need to be adaptable to change

Hoby & the other villages are surrounded by beautiful vistas.

I think it is important to maintain the existing views the existing views out towards Ragdale, Frisby and Brooksby without these being blighted by the erection of new housing developments. These are often cramped with many houses which would block any existing views towards these other villages.

It's too late really but the planning permission for the extension to the thatched cottage the corner of Main st and Brooksby lane, has totally spoil the best approaching view to the village of Hoby, any similar hopelessly thoughtless planning should be avoided wreake valley.

Any view from Hoby to Rotherby

Views out from each of the villages across fields

Views out from each of the village across fields

Most of it!

All views and vistas.

To keep open spaces within the village.

All of it

All vistas.

All of them

Protect all.

General comments

Sacred cows and self-interest are a terrible combination.
 All of them, everywhere.
 Surrounding countryside, all of it.
 The field opposite our house on Brooksby Road!
 The field opposite our house on Brooksby Road.

Q32	When considering any new building works within the parish do you feel we should mitigate for the loss of any wildlife habitat through any of the following?	Support	Object	No opinion
	Hedgerow planting with trees	321 (90%)	7 (2%)	30 (8%)
	Tree planting	325 (91%)	8 (2%)	25 (7%)
	Maintain ageing trees via pollarding as opposed to removal	275 (78%)	13 (4%)	65 (18%)
	Incorporate rain gardens and ponds for bio-diversity	228 (66%)	18 (5%)	102 (29%)
	Maintain and enhance wildlife corridors throughout the parish	297 (85%)	10 (3%)	44 (13%)
	Maintain and enhance buildings to support nesting sites e.g. Swallows, House Martins	274 (79%)	18 (5%)	54 (16%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		20 Comments		

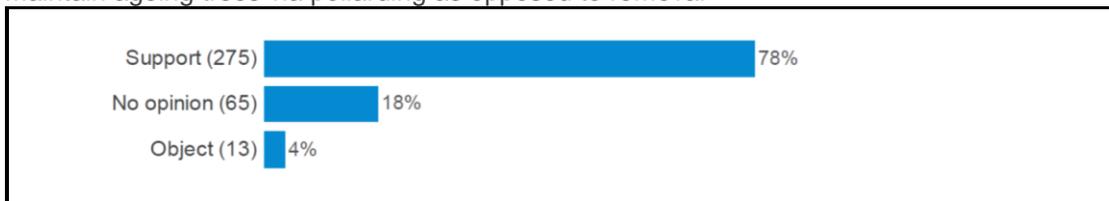
Hedgerow planting with trees



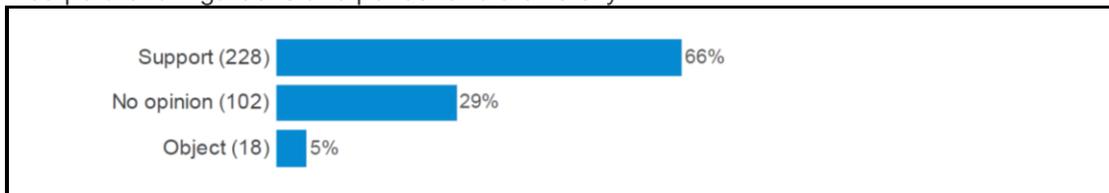
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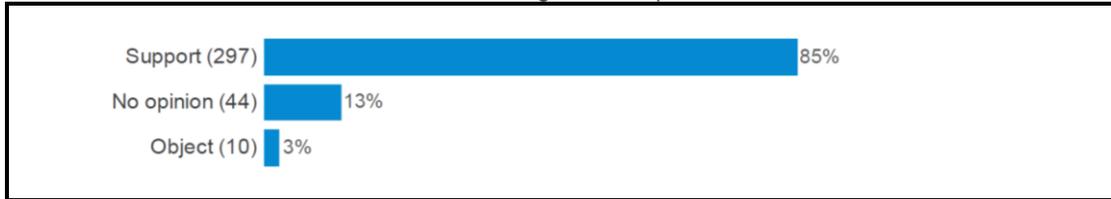
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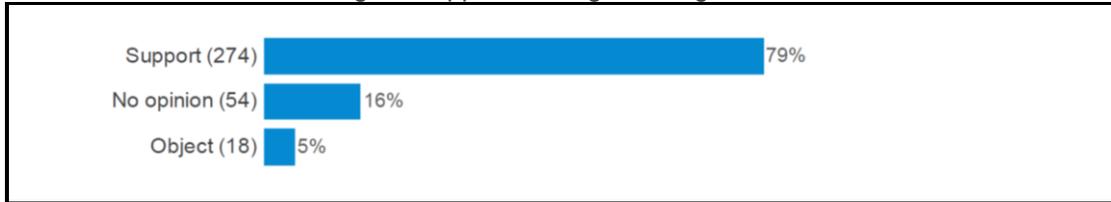
Incorporate rain gardens and ponds for bio-diversity



Maintain and enhance wildlife corridors throughout the parish



Maintain and enhance buildings to support nesting sites e.g. Swallows, House Martins



All respondents support the suggestions to mitigate for the loss of wildlife habitat when considering new building works within the parish. The top 3 are:

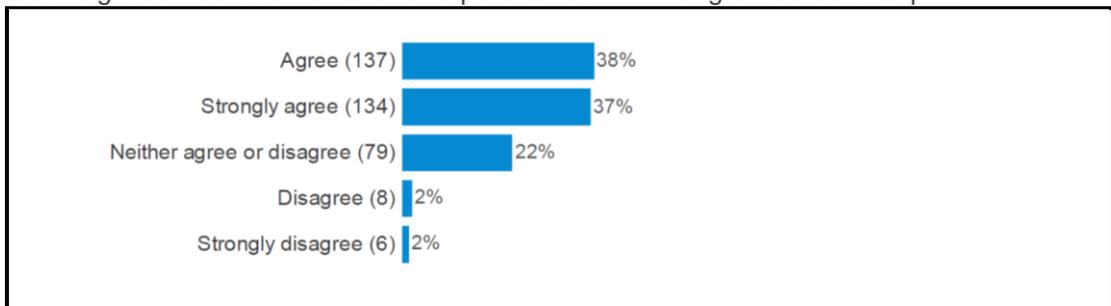
- *Tree planting*
- *Hedgerow planting with trees*
- *Maintain and enhance wildlife corridors throughout the parish*

Something else? Please let us know

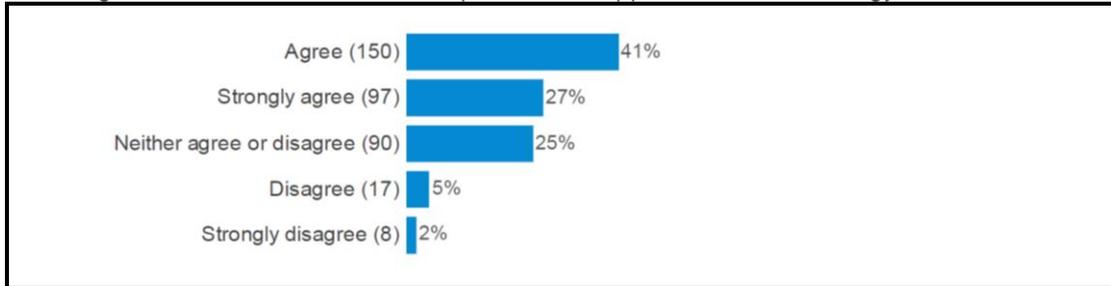
20 additional comments were provided, the majority of which related to the importance of Tree maintenance and replacement, followed by maintaining and establishing Wildlife habitats, better maintenance of the River and maintaining the Bat population.

Q33 Thinking about our impact on the environment, to what extent do you agree with the following suggestions? Please tick one box in each row						
		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	Our Neighbourhood Plan should have policies for minimising our carbon footprint	134 (37%)	137 (38%)	79 (22%)	8 (2%)	6 (2%)
	Our Neighbourhood Plan should have policies to support renewable energy	97 (27%)	150 (41%)	90 (25%)	17 (5%)	8 (2%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		21 Comments				

Our Neighbourhood Plan should have policies for minimising our carbon footprint



Our Neighbourhood Plan should have policies to support renewable energy



The majority of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should have policies for minimising our carbon footprint and should have policies to support renewable energy.

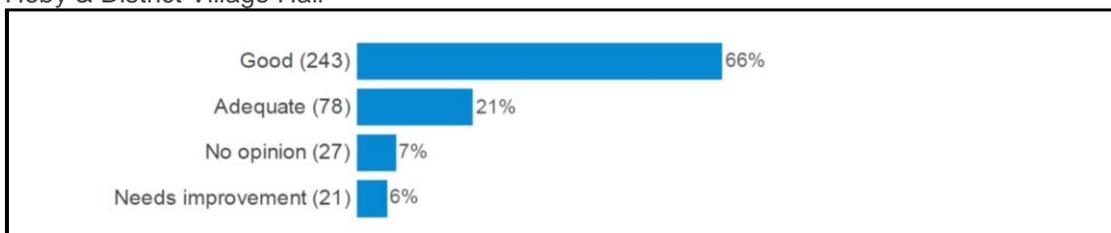
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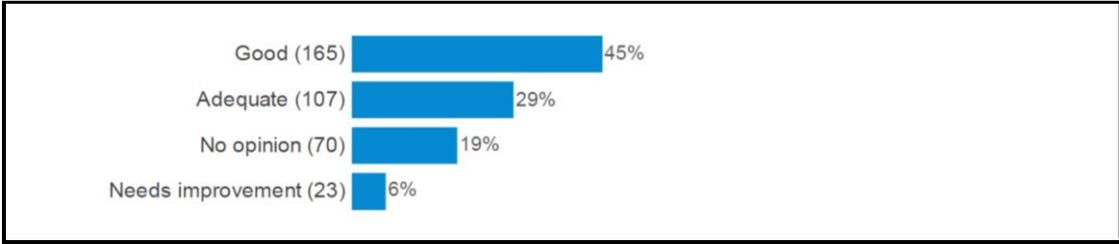
21 additional comments were provided. Most comments oppose the installation of Wind turbines, while the current Solar farm is recognised as a significant renewable energy source. The location of any renewable energy is highlighted as a deciding factor for any future project and minimising the carbon footprint through woodland planting is suggested.

ABOUT FACILITIES AND SERVICES

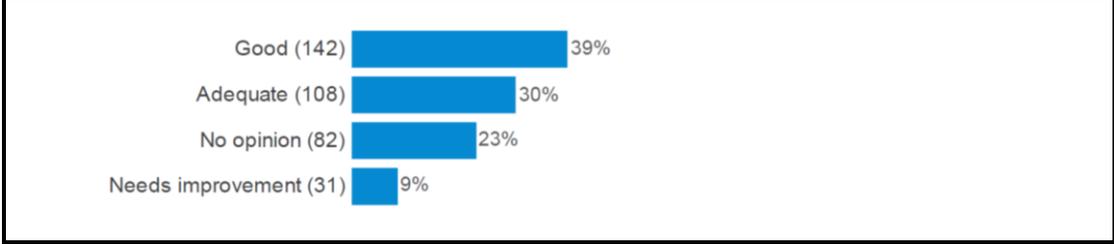
Q34 How would you rate the following in terms of meeting the current and future needs of the parish? Please tick one box in each row					
		Good	Adequate	Needs improvement	No opinion
	Hoby & District Village Hall	243 (66%)	78 (21%)	21 (6%)	27 (7%)
	Children's Play Area – Hoby	165 (45%)	107 (29%)	23 (6%)	70 (19%)
	Playground Field – Hoby	142 (39%)	108 (30%)	31 (9%)	82 (23%)
	Brooksby Church	165 (46%)	57 (16%)	6 (2%)	132 (37%)
	Hoby Chapel	137 (39%)	65 (18%)	7 (2%)	147 (41%)
	Hoby Church	174 (48%)	72 (20%)	11 (3%)	103 (29%)
	Ragdale Church	108 (31%)	59 (17%)	35 (10%)	152 (43%)
	Rotherby Church	132 (37%)	53 (15%)	31 (9%)	139 (39%)
	Ragdale Hall	193 (54%)	46 (13%)	5 (1%)	112 (32%)
	Brooksby Melton College – Brooksby	160 (46%)	54 (15%)	30 (9%)	108 (31%)
	Public footpaths & bridleways	176 (49%)	114 (32%)	45 (13%)	25 (7%)
	Allotments	126 (35%)	94 (26%)	30 (8%)	106 (30%)
	Rotherby Pond	69 (20%)	49 (14%)	95 (27%)	139 (40%)
	Parish/Community Magazine	180 (50%)	81 (23%)	23 (6%)	76 (21%)
	Miles Nurseries	140 (39%)	69 (19%)	10 (3%)	139 (39%)
	Blue Bell Pub	245 (69%)	65 (18%)	20 (6%)	26 (7%)
Other? Please let us know		23 Comments			

Hoby & District Village Hall

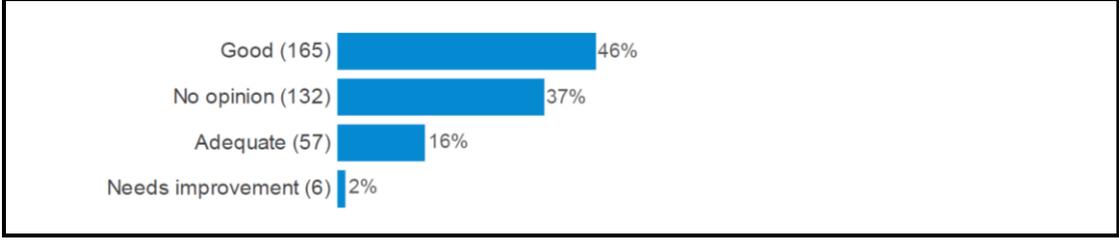




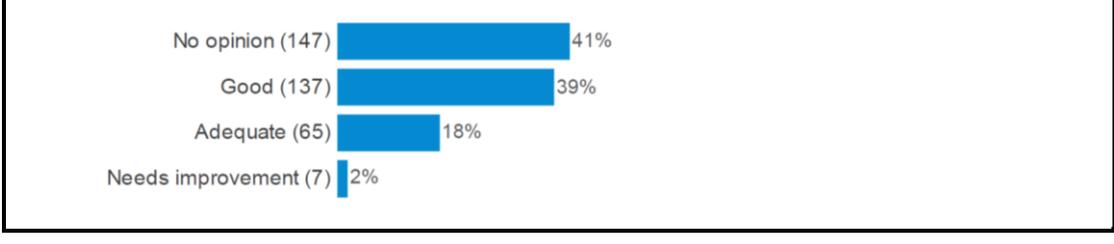
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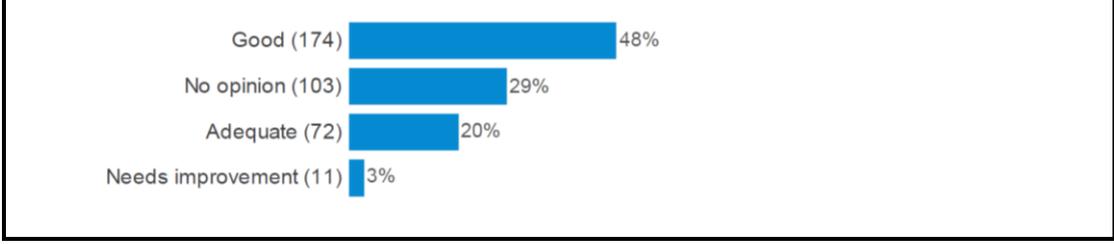
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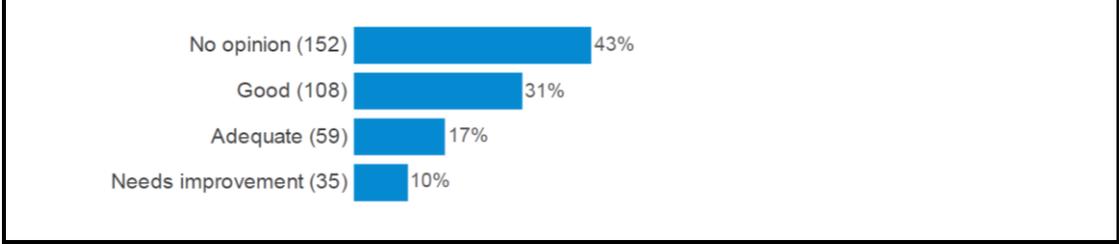
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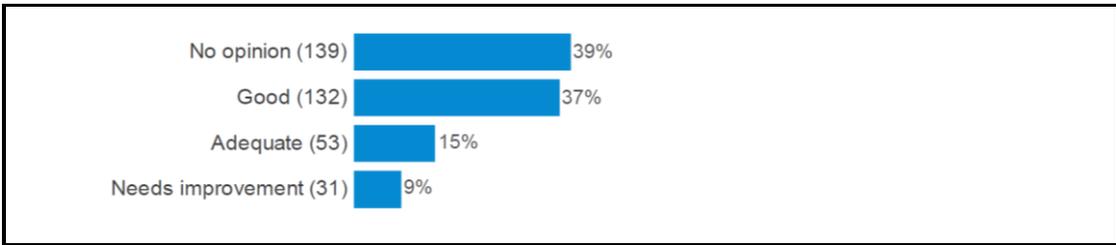
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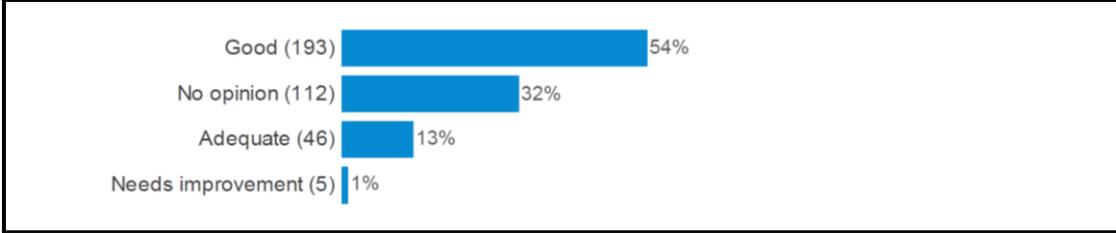
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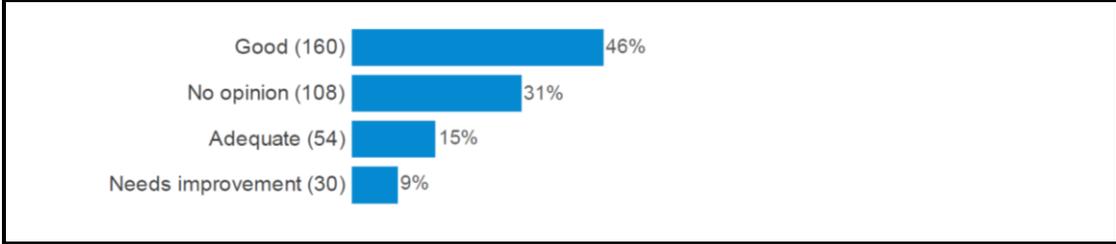
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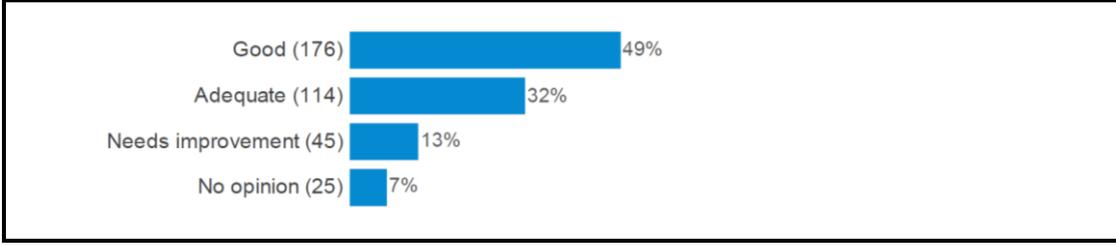
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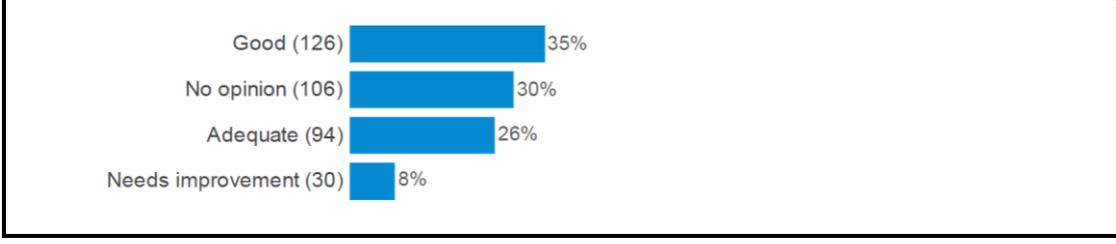
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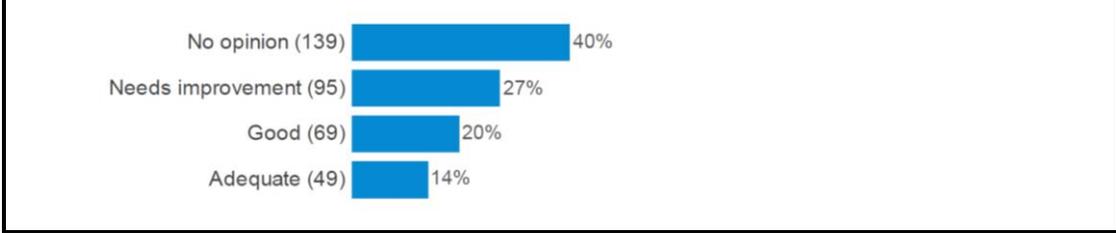
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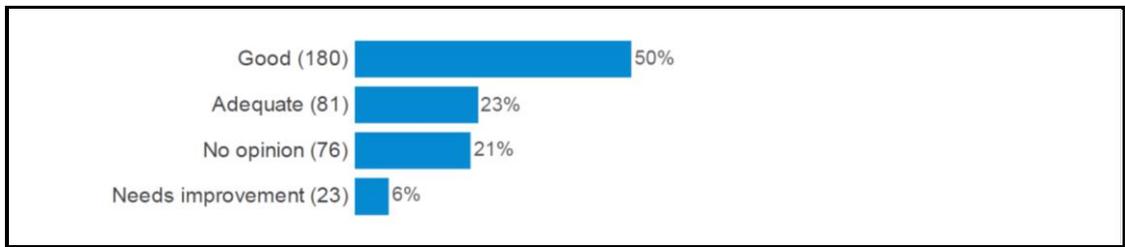


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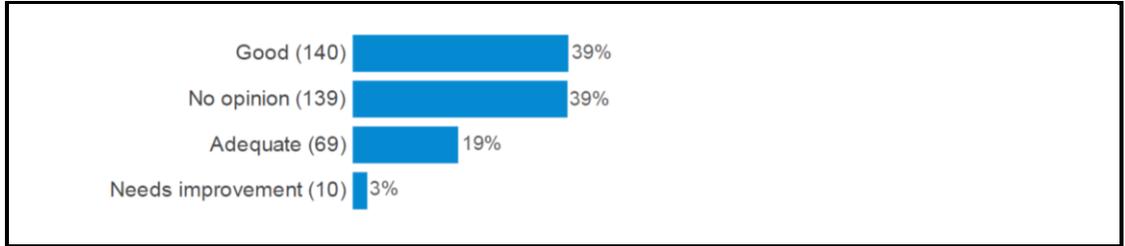


Rotherby Pond

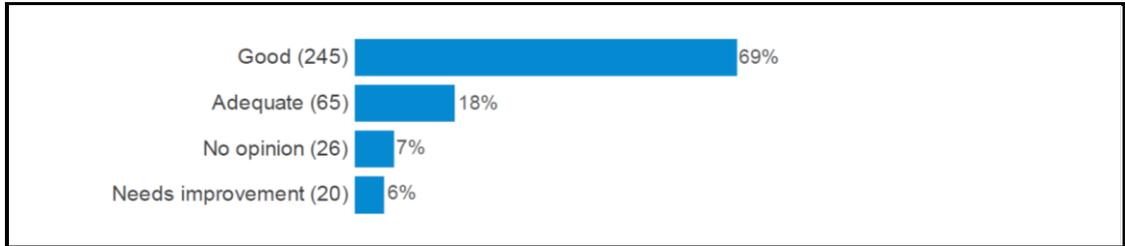




Miles Nurseries



Blue Bell Pub



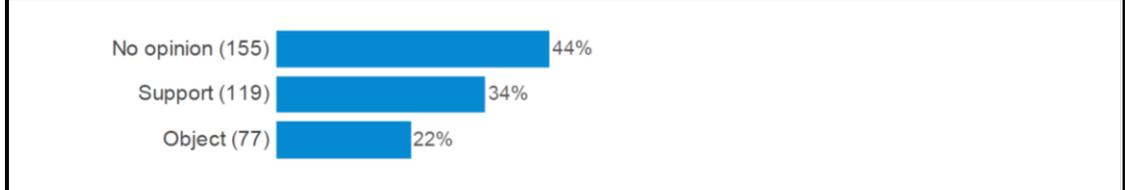
Although a higher number of respondents chose 'No Opinion' on the facilities and services listed, which might reflect their non-use. The majority of those that did rate the facilities and services, rated them as good or adequate, apart from Rotherby Pond which was highlighted as 'Needs improvement'

Something else? Please let us know

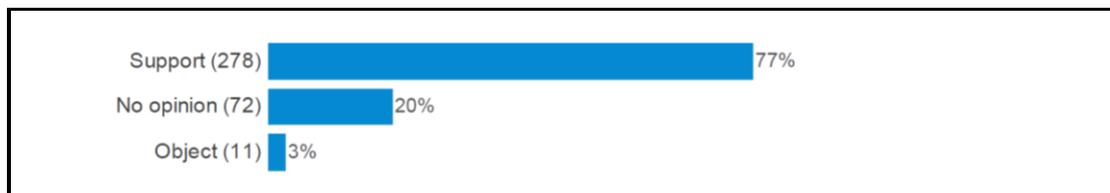
23 additional comments were provided. Key issues included access issues in relation to Brooksby College sports facilities, suggested improvements to the Blue Bell Pub, support for Rotherby and Ragdle church toilet and kitchen improvements to enable better community use and suggestions for a Village shop in Hoby.

Q35 Would you like to see any of the following facilities within the parish?				
		Support	Object	No opinion
	Outdoor sports facilities	119 (34%)	77 (22%)	155 (44%)
	Benches and/or seating throughout the parish	278 (77%)	11 (3%)	72 (20%)
	Observation points on nature and wildlife	232 (65%)	24 (7%)	100 (28%)
	Tourist information points	121 (35%)	72 (21%)	153 (44%)
<i>Something else? Please let us know</i>		18 Comments		

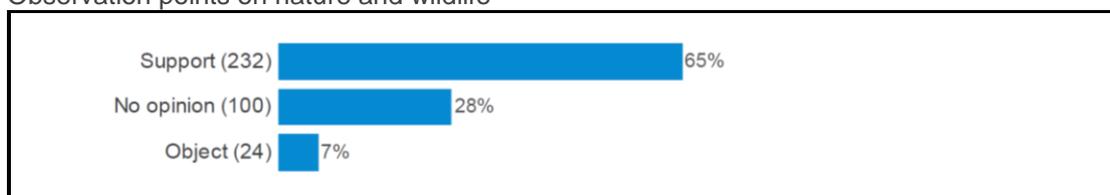
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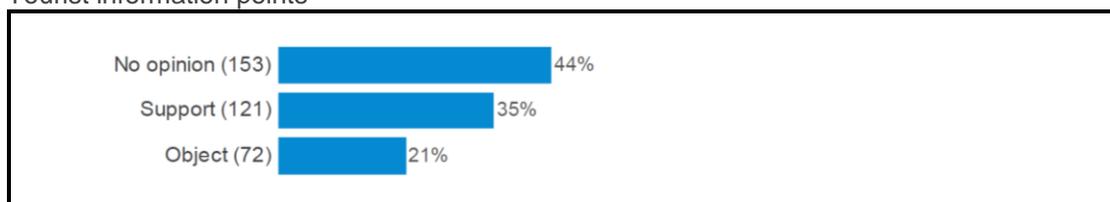
Benches and/or seating throughout the parish



Observation points on nature and wildlife



Tourist information points



The two facilities Respondents are most keen to see in the parish are *Benches and/or seating throughout the parish* 278 (77%) respondents and *Observation points on nature and wildlife* 232 (65%) respondents. Both the *Outdoor sports facilities* and *Tourist information points* receive a similar level of 'Support', 'Objection' and 'No opinion'

Something else? Please let us know (All comments)

Brooksby Melton College

- Use of Brooksby Melton Colleges facilities for free/subsidised rates would satisfy
- Or just access to the facilities at Brooksby college, e.g. gym membership
- Outdoor sports facilities as promised by BMC
- We already have these facilities at Brooksby

Benches/ seating

- Keep nature natural where possible but a village (Rotherby) bench would encourage social interaction.
- benches and seating too much street clutter already, no more required.

Signage

- To many signs in the parish already, however, decorative signs at parish borders would be a good idea.
- Debatable as sometimes these things are vandalised or stolen and always require maintenance.

Nature trails

- In the form of e.g. managed nature trails for the benefit of schools
- We don't need more tourist boards. There is already a designated village walk/trail which can be obtained in the church, or arranged with a guide by prior arrangement

Outdoor sports facilities

- I would support the inclusion of sports facilities within the plans, providing suitable locations could be found.

Additional bridleways

- Anything that enhanced the area is positive. Additional bridleways are a personal wish

Tree planting

- Active tree planting, most existing trees are Ash and at risk from disease

Clutter

- Too much street clutter - applies to observation points, outdoor sports facilities and tourist info

Sports/ outdoor groups

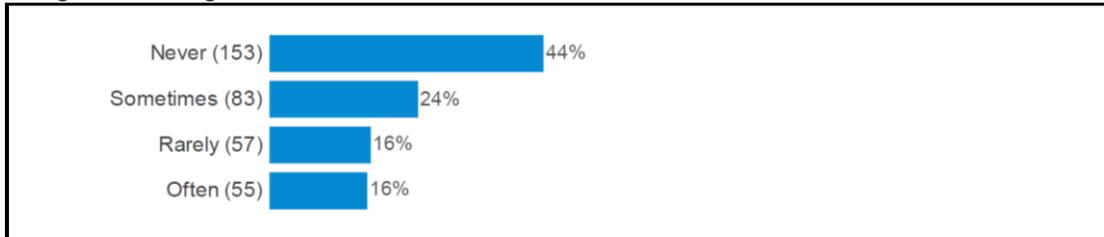
- Cricket teams?
- Wreake ramblers group?

Other

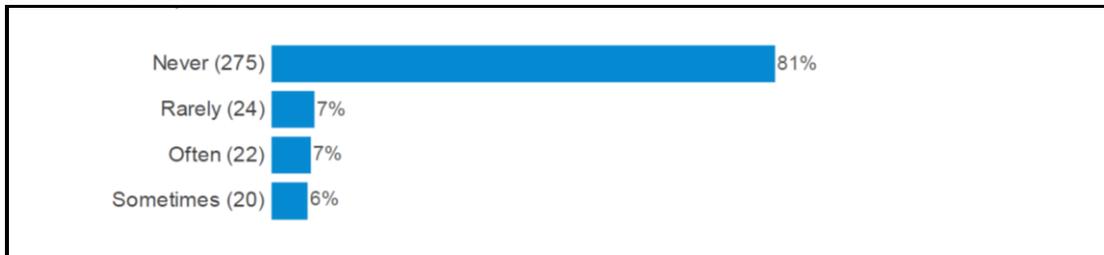
- Cafe/shop
- All the above but only if discreetly implemented and tasteful in keeping with the heritage of the location & offers Treasure what we have here Leicestershire bent kept secret

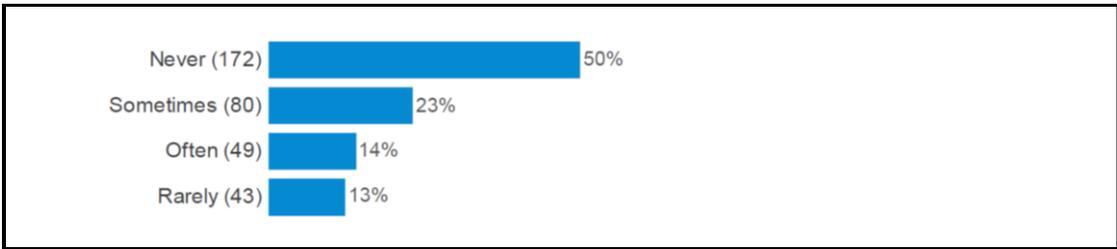
Q36 Do you participate in any of the following local activities, groups, societies?					
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	
Village Hall - Stage & Screen 210	153 (44%)	57 (16%)	83 (24%)	55 (16%)	
Women's Institute 299	275 (81%)	24 (7%)	20 (6%)	22 (7%)	
Horticultural Society/Show 215	172 (50%)	43 (13%)	80 (23%)	49 (14%)	
History Society 278	238 (69%)	40 (12%)	39 (11%)	28 (8%)	
Art Group 331	315 (92%)	16 (5%)	6 (2%)	6 (2%)	
Yoga 318	290 (84%)	28 (8%)	21 (6%)	7 (2%)	
Church/Chapel Community Events 178	108 (30%)	70 (20%)	134 (38%)	44 (12%)	
Open Gardens/Fete	49 (14%)	44 (12%)	121 (34%)	140 (40%)	
Village Walks 187	150 (44%)	37 (11%)	70 (21%)	83 (24%)	
Safari Suppers 267	239 (70%)	28 (8%)	50 (15%)	24 (7%)	
Internet Café 327	309 (90%)	18 (5%)	10 (3%)	6 (2%)	
Petanque, Skittles, darts, Dominos 298	261 (77%)	37 (11%)	27 (8%)	16 (5%)	
Bell Ringing – Hoby 323	318 (98%)	5 (2%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (1%)	
<i>Other? Please let us know</i> 27 Comments					

Village Hall - Stage & Screen



Women's Institute





History Society



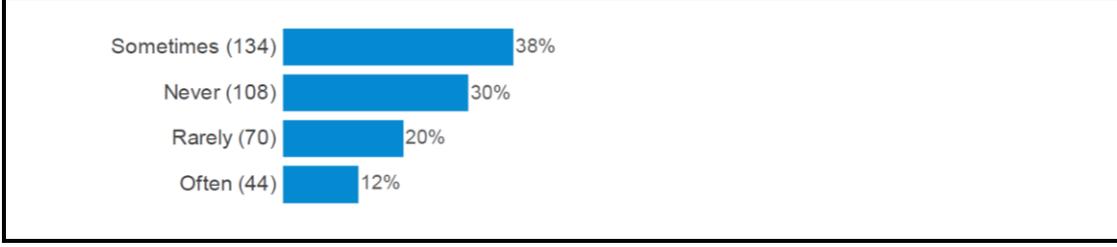
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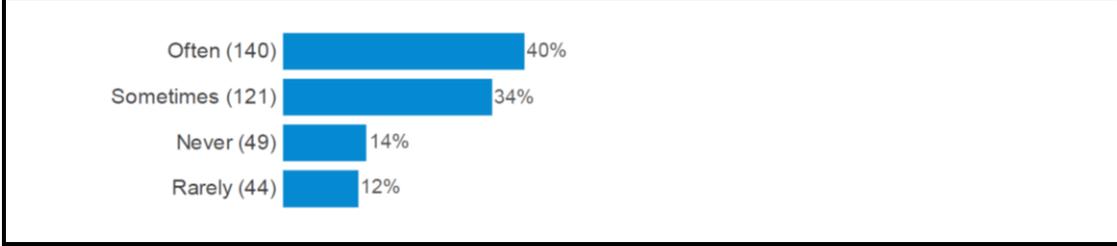
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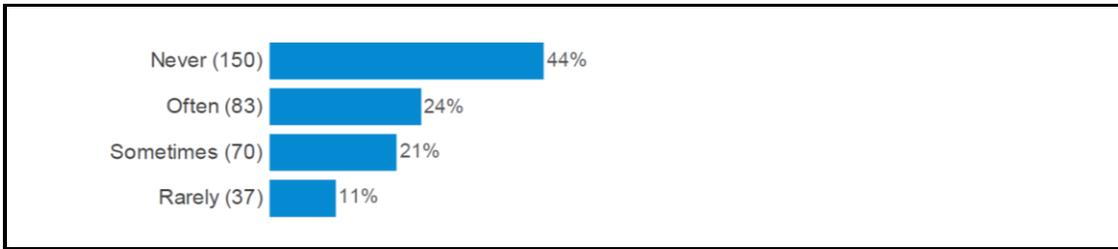


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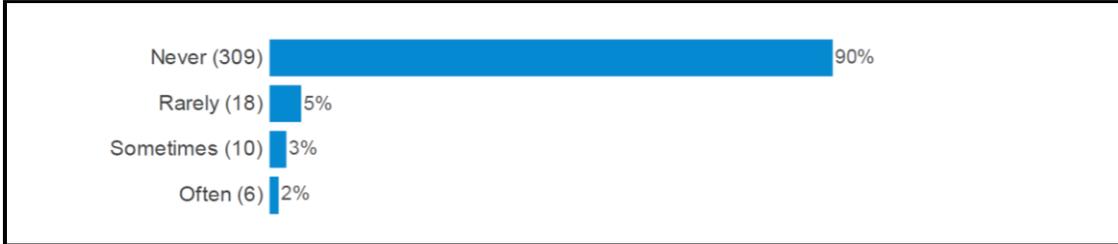




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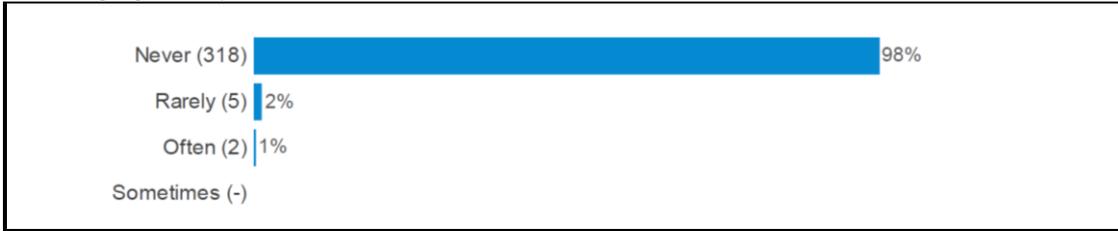
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Petanque, Skittles, darts, Dominos



Bell Ringing - Hobby



The top three local activities, groups and societies that respondents participate in are:

- *Open Gardens/Fete*
- *Church/Chapel Community Events*
- *Village Walks*

The least three local activities, groups and societies that respondents participate in are:

- *Art Group*
- *Internet Café*
- *Bell Ringing – Hobby*

27 additional comments were provided, with a number of respondents indicating that they are unaware of the activities listed, but hope to use them more in the future. Some comments highlighted that there is nothing to go to in Ragdale leaving no community spirit as people travel out of the village to socialise.

Other activities that respondents participate in are:

<i>Book Club</i>	<i>Lunches</i>	<i>Charity Events</i>	<i>Litter picks</i>	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
<i>Flower Club</i>	<i>Pub</i>	<i>Socialising</i>	<i>Badminton-Asfordby</i>	

WHAT DID WE MISS?

Q37	What did we miss? Please use this space for your views on any points not covered in the questionnaire
	68 Comments

Support the village

Too many people love to live in a wonderful village, but some are very reluctant to join in and support the village. Why? We need to find topics of friendship groups etc to help keep village life alive

Churches

I consider there are too many churches in the parish. Trying to keep all of them stretches the energy and resources of the community. i think Ragdale church should be deconsecrated and the building used for other community purposes e.g. A space for villagers to run courses, coffee mornings etc. A space for film nights. A small business could use it - cafe/craft/local produce. Microbrewery - a space for high end craftsmen. Hire it out as a film location for TV companies etc. Offer it to the Landmark Trust. The church has only one service every 2 months and a few people attend. It is a beautiful building that should be maintained. Villagers have NO interest in attending/supporting church related events but happily support charity/secular activities

More community church services to incorporate all faiths and families

Pollution

Light pollution in the parish creating concerns for local residents, as consider Brooksby Melton College should not keep their campus lights lit up every night, all night long! Local NEW residents also affect their neighbours with light pollution by leaving spotlights on all night. Another 70 homes would only increase this problem along with everything else, more traffic etc. So come and stand in my village and experience the wonderful sensation of countryside life, lambs in the field, wonderful views, church bells ringing. Village life needs to be protected for future generations, our children, your children. Once gone, it's gone forever. 70 new builds could turn into 570 new builds, so go build elsewhere, in towns not villages, leave us alone, build elsewhere.

Communications

Can't stress enough how important it is for internet access to be improved. the exchange needs overhauling as a matter of urgency. The pipeline should be extended to bring gas into the villages

I believe the parish holds some fantastic green space and scenery. The internet and mobile signal could be better. Any development should be in keeping with local housing and buildings. It should also keep in mind environmental issues.

Quarry at Brooksby

The quarry at Brooksby has affected local farmers who have lost access to water for their cattle as the amount of water used by the quarry has reduced the water table, dried up the wells and reduced the flow of the brook which runs through the quarry.

The Tarmac Quarry at Brooksby has lowered the water table and dried up all the wells on nearby farms. The brook which runs through the quarry has been affected and the flow reduced which has resulted in cattle not being able to graze in fields the brook flows through in summer.

I have noticed ever since the quarry at Brooksby has started that there has been considerably less water in the Rearsby Brook and it now virtually dries up in the summer which is having a dramatic effect on wildlife

The quarry operation at Brooksby has lowered the ground water table by emptying local wells dramatically reduced the flow of water in the Rearsby Brook which is having a negative impact on local wildlife.

Prior to the commencement of aggregate extraction, Tarmac stated this activity was small scale and anticipated from their survey results the mining would be finished by 2013 when the are would be returned to amenity land status. Subsequently by 2017 this has been to expand threefold beyond what was originally approved. Steps should now be taken to ensure any further mineral extraction be prohibited within the parish.

Six Hills Development

Living on the northern edge of Ragdale I feel that facilities and proposals outside of the parish have much more impact on me than most of the items in this questionnaire, for example Shoby Crossroads, proposed Six Hills Garden Village.

Scoping project at Six Hills Golf Course. I would not support application if planning permission was to be sought for a large number of properties. Conversion of farm buildings for housing

Suggested development near Six Hills Golf Club would have hugely detrimental effect on the parish, in particular Ragdale. It would create a dangerous volume of traffic through the village and also at the Shoby crossroads, already an accident black spot.

Heritage

Heritage: Recognition of all the listed buildings, their history and connection to our communities over the centuries. A policy to ensure their continuity and sustainability into the future. It is this generations responsibility to keep our listed buildings relevant into the future. these are the parish churches, Hoby, Rotherby, Ragdale, Brooksby and also Brooksby Hall.

Community Assets

Community Assets: Creation of community asset registrar with a policy to protect wherever possible these assets for the future. these assets should include open spaces if these are allowed to be included. Protection zones from planning, zones of separation: To stop our communities joining up e.g. ribbon development down the Brooksby Road Hoby, to prevent connecting Brooksby. Pony Paddocks: Pony paddocks are untidy and lead to lots of mess and poorly maintained land, these should be avoided where possible and retained for agricultural use.

Farming

Farming is at the heart of our villages and this should be supported e.g. housing for workers, diversification, solar, wind, food production

Farming: Farms hold majority of land. Current way of life is dependent on farmers who are interested in local community. The plan SHOULD be working to support them.

Would be nice to see a Policeman in the villages every now and then. Rotherby-walk through gate next to the church and you are already in the countryside seconds away from nature, a river, the wildlife, peace, its beautiful. never give it up to concrete jungles

Crime and security. more could be done to deter car crime and burglaries

Lack of sports facilities for younger generations - Hoby is too focused on older generation i.e. Willoughby on the wolds have outdoor gm & better sports field/ children's play area

A pub or shop would be helpful in Rotherby.

Need a pub with more community feel and friendly

Local shop in Hoby

Community meeting space in Rotherby would be beneficial

To keep community/ rural feel Nice to be part of a social community Again, a shop or somewhere selling milk/ bread would be beneficial Please don't build on our land

Would it be practical to have a travelling post office incorporated in the library bus?

No mains gas

No mains gas supply in parish of Brooksby

No main gas supply in parish of Brooksby.

A noticeboard designated for a large waterproof map of the village (like the one in the plan) showing all footpath, bridleways, bridges facilities i.e playgrounds, pubs, churches etc - historical features ideally a photographic key, showing their locations and linking in to already documented places of interest (i.e. bridge across wreek near the waterhouse) perhaps located on the pub corner/ car park - sponsored by Everards?

I think that the villages might benefit from a re-launched web page for sharing community views and information e.g. volunteer opportunities, organised litter picks, general issues such as broadband quality. It could help to build better community spirit.

More activities in Ragdale.

Housing

Personally I feel that any building of new properties will ruin the look and feel of the parish and will also destroy far too much of the local wildlife habitat.

I would like to see new housing built up reduced materials (or natural material) and designs not 'fit' a construction area

Development of new properties should fit the village aesthetic alongside the also should co-exist with the type of properties being built - (no flats, more cottage looking) with extensions

we are privileged to live in such a beautiful parish & maintaining the rural qualities is very important. I think the development of housing off the A607 where it will have little impact on the smaller roads is probably the best way forward if we need it. Otherwise I think that the Agricultural community & newer villages co-exist well

Housing

Hoby in particular is a very stagnant village and needs younger blood. Lack of new homes which young families can afford Hoby does not support new development in the village - why? It's missing out on the younger generations.

Controversial building extensions: where an application for building becomes a controversial issue within a village - could an independent arbitrator, with architectural qualification be employed to give an opinion to both parties. Melton Borough Council work, in my opinion let the Parish down on occasion.

Environment

Any developments need to be in keeping with the village look! There should only be developments on existing plots. All wildlife and land needs more trees planting and as much encouragement for more plants and wildlife to grow. The village needs to be kept small and unique

More protection of trees and development of especially noteworthy properties from vandalism by inappropriate design or function and loss to the local parish of beautiful integral rarities.

The little brook that runs underneath the Rotherby/Gaddesby lane has considerably become drier decreasing its water flow and in the summer it is virtually dry. This seems to have happened since Tarmac started quarrying at Brooksby

The little brook which runs under the Gaddesby lane and through the fields to the quarry now seems to have dried up in the summer time which it never used to.

It is noticeable that in the last few years the water table has reduced considerably in this area. The Reasby Brook which flows through Gaddesby Lane is continually extremely low, which must affect the wildlife over a period of time. It has also been realised that the remaining wells in the Rotherby parish are drying up, which is very unusual, it would be interesting to know if there is a reason why the water table has become so low of late!

The impact that the Lafarge gravel pit is having on the water table. it is noticeable that water courses such as the backwater at Rotherby are very low and in recent years have come close to drying up, also the Reasby Brook which flows by Gaddesby Lane is seriously low as are many of the areas wells. This must be having a serious effect on local wildlife and conservation habitats.

Ridge & Furrow fields should be protected or enhanced please can we not have truck containers stuck in the view from the paddock anywhere else in our conservation village?

Opportunity for a (staffed) country park/ protected woodland area (along the wreake?) to facilitate the exploration study (for children & adults) of flora and fauna, land conservation, history of building & local crafts, sculpture & energy renewal (on the machynlleth model)

I think it would be a nice idea to work with local landowners to transform small dark spinneys into scrub or woodland habitat through volunteer organised work charities

Some of us quietly pull up Ragwort in August can this be encouraged? Poisonous to horses, rabbits or human beings, wear gloves.

Traffic & Transport

Roads are not safe for pedestrians or cyclists as they are narrow, with blind corners and potholes along the edge.

The state of the Main Street and pavements in Rotherby are in a bad condition.

Traffic & Transport

Hoby to Ragdale road - poor condition on edges (massive holes) dangerous for car's passing each other dangerous for cyclists who often get forced towards verges

Issue of excessive traffic on A607 relentless, fast and heavy 24 hours a day. NO quiet surface and no let up at all. This will not only get worse with planned building projects in Melton.

Major problem of A607 which will increase with all the proposed housing in Melton. we have excessive noise 24 hrs per day. There is no quiet surface on the road to mitigate traffic speed and lorry noise is relentless. it is making our lives intolerable!

Just link the road to Brooksby from the A607, needs widening. It's horrendous now getting in and out due to school buses, horse vehicles etc. needs urgent attention

128 bus stops should be better displayed along with information about catching the 5a at Brooksby top & catching connecting trains any chance of sorting out now to Rotherby instead of Hoby & vice versa?

My biggest concern is the 90 degree bend in the centre of Ragdale at the junction with main Street, Hoby Road and Six Hills Road. This is a blind bend which has seen many near misses and accidents over the years. The road between Hoby, Ragdale and onto the Six Hills is used as a rat run now and a main route for employees of Ragdale Hall. My concern is that if the proposed development of the Six Hills Golf Course goes ahead (3000 houses) there would be many more traffic incidents at the Ragdale bend and on the narrow road itself. Any development plan should incorporate a solution to deal with increased traffic on this road.

Six hills new village which could severely affect traffic patterns in parish etc. Condition and lack of care of roads.

General comments

Most relevant items appear to be covered. need to be careful not to 'over improve' villages

Development is inevitable but you shouldn't lose sight that we pay a premium to live in a rural location

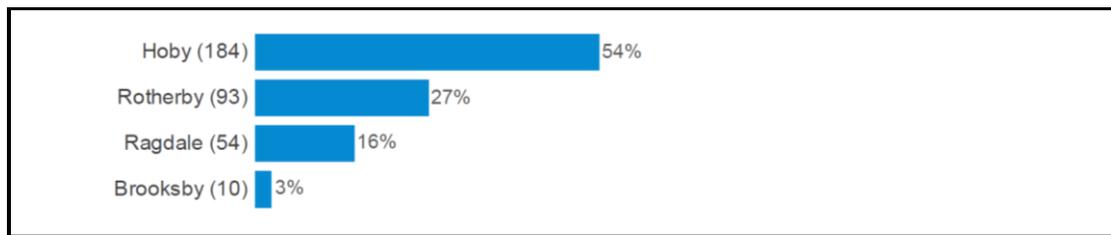
We need to keep the existing character of the parish. If we add too many new facilities, it will encourage more house buildings which is not what I want. While there is no shop, they can't build housing estates - let's keep it that way. No way for tacky electronic speed signs. These have a "council estate" look about them and traffic is already slow due to bends in the roads. I completely support protecting local wildlife. Beautiful village - if it's not "broken", don't "fix" it

Please can we live and let live!

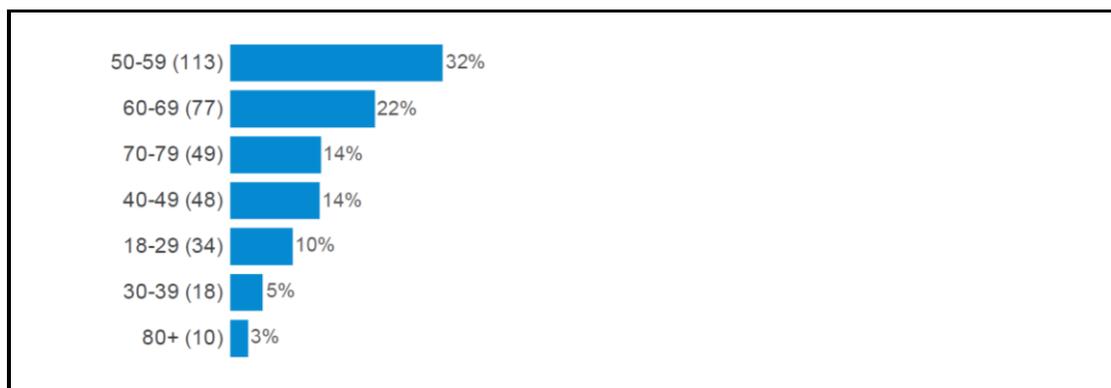
5) Information about the respondent

A majority 270 (74%) of respondents indicated that the reason they moved into the parish was because of the rural setting offered. In addition, a number of respondents expressed a family connection with the parish, with 'born here' or 'brought up here', being common. A number of comments also reflected on the peaceful rural setting and a liking for the village, followed closely by the sense of community and friendliness. Other popular comments highlighted 'house type' and road access/location to nearby towns as reasons for moving to the parish.

Your Village? <i>Please tick</i>	
Brooksby	10 (3%)
Hoby	184 (54%)
Ragdale.....	54 (16%)
Rotherby.....	93 (27%)



Your Age Group? <i>Please tick</i>	
18-29.....	34 (10%)
30-39.....	18 (5%)
40-49.....	48 (14%)
50-59.....	113 (32%)
60-69.....	77 (22%)
70-79.....	49 (14%)
80+.....	10 (3%)





Your Opportunity To Shape Our Future Together

A questionnaire for each resident in the villages of Brooksby, Hoby, Ragdale and Rotherby

for The Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish of Hoby with Rotherby

March 2017

We hope by now you have heard of the Neighbourhood Development Plan [The Plan] for the Hoby with Rotherby Parish, which was launched on 15 February 2016.

**The Plan, containing a range of local policies for the next 20 years, is being drawn up by residents working with your parish councillors.
We want everyone to have their say!**

This questionnaire is the next stage in the programme of public consultation, following the launch events and group sessions held over the past few months. It reflects the inputs and suggestions you have given us.

If there are issues you feel strongly about which are not included, there is space at the end of each section to mention these.

Some questions may concern issues beyond the scope of The Plan. We have included these additional points since they reflect concerns that residents have mentioned to us and feel strongly about.

A focus of The Plan is housing and future development. Our plans should conform with those of our planning authority, Melton Borough Council; its Local Plan is currently being updated.

So far the draft Melton Local Plan has not placed a very big requirement for new housing within our parish – an average of six new homes in each of our 4 settlements over the period of the plan, with no individual development greater than 3 dwellings; however, opportunities could be proposed if there were any changes to land usage.

The future plans of some of the largest enterprises in rural Melton – Ragdale Hall, Brooksby Melton College, Tarmac, PJ Hull – will also impact on the area.

This survey gives you a chance to give your views on all these issues, and we hope you will.

The Plan will help to steer any future development in the parish, its quality, size, design and type, as well as helping us protect important green spaces.

When The Plan has been approved, through a referendum of all residents, it will form part of the Melton Local Plan, and carry the same weight and authority.

We are aiming to distribute paper copies of this questionnaire for all members of your household on the electoral role; we hope everyone will complete it. You can ask for more copies if we have missed anyone, or print one off our website.

Your opinions are confidential

Please return your completed questionnaires by 13 April in the sealed envelope provided, to your Working Group Member. The sealed envelope will then be passed to an independent organisation, which is anonymously collating all responses

All returned envelopes received by Thursday 13 April 2017 will be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win:

£100 CASH; A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE; A MEAL FOR TWO AT THE BLUE BELL, A TREATMENT AT RAGDALE HALL,

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

Your Village?	Brooksby <input type="checkbox"/>	Hoby <input type="checkbox"/>	Ragdale <input type="checkbox"/>	Rotherby <input type="checkbox"/>
Please tick				
Your Age Group?	18-29 <input type="checkbox"/>	30-39 <input type="checkbox"/>	40-49 <input type="checkbox"/>	50-59 <input type="checkbox"/>
Please tick				
	60-69 <input type="checkbox"/>	70-79 <input type="checkbox"/>	80+ <input type="checkbox"/>	

The consultations to date have identified particular features about living in our rural community that people either like or dislike. Please let us know what you think by answering the questions set out below.

Q1 To what extent do you agree that the following are positive features of our community? Please tick one box in each row	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Open and green spaces					
The mixed arable and livestock farming					
The rural character of the parish					
Local wildlife and habitats					
Sense of community					
Friendly and safe environment					
Hoby & District Village Hall					
The varied street-scene in our villages					
Blue Bell pub					
The Chapel, Churches and churchyards					
Neighbourliness					
Access to the countryside					
Trees in our landscape					
Something else? Please let us know					

Q2 Consultations have indicated the following are negative features of our community. To what extent do you agree that they are a problem? Please tick one box in each row	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Pedestrian safety					
Car parking					
Volume of traffic					
Speed of traffic					
Litter					
Dog fouling					
Light pollution					
Aircraft noise					
Weak broadband					
Mobile signal					
Bus frequency					
Something else? Please let us know					

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ABOUT BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

The Melton Local Plan classifies the four villages in the parish as rural settlements (small villages or hamlets that have little or no local services, where residents are entirely dependent upon travelling to a nearby settlement or town or city for work, recreation and service provision). Although no potential sites in our parish are identified within the Melton Local Plan, subject to certain specific conditions, small-scale developments of up to 3 dwellings will be permitted. However, sites could arise through a significant change of land use: Question 10 addresses a current example. Our Neighbourhood Plan will aim to guide land usage, including how many homes are needed, what types of homes are built, and where.

Q3 Do you think there is a need for new homes within the parish?	Yes	No	No opinion
Yes			
No			
No opinion			

Q4 If there were to be new housing within the parish what type of housing should be built?	Yes	No	No opinion
For sale on the open market			
Affordable (Low cost for purchase or rent) to meet local needs			

Q5 What level of development would be appropriate to accommodate any new homes? Please tick those that apply	
One or two dwellings, filling gaps between houses in existing built-up areas	
A range of small-scale developments (1-3 units)	
Larger developments (more than 3 units)	
A combination of the above	
All developments concentrated in one location	
Something else? Please let us know	

Q6 If new homes were to be built in the parish, which size or type of homes should they be? Please tick those that apply	
Starter homes (2 bedrooms)	
Family homes (3 or more bedrooms)	
Executive homes (4 or more bedrooms)	
Adapted/easy access homes e.g. bungalows	
Flats/apartments (1 or more bedrooms)	
Supported housing/retirement homes	
Homes for local people/people with local connections	
Something else? Please let us know	

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Q7 If new homes were to be built in the parish, please indicate below what type of sites you feel should be used? *Please tick those that apply*

On sites within existing village envelopes	
On greenfield sites (undeveloped) outside the existing envelopes	
On brownfield sites (previously developed land now vacant)	
In gardens of existing properties	

Q8 Are there any specific locations, which you think are suitable for new houses? Please let us know

Q9 If new houses were to be built in the parish, what features should be incorporated? *Please tick those that apply*

Use of modern energy and eco-friendly technology	
Specific building materials	
Have off street parking	
Innovation in design	
Complementing the existing street-scene	
Solar panels	
Have a garden	
Rain gardens, swales and ponds	
Permeable paving and drains for pollution prevention	
Something else? Please let us know	

Q10 Are you aware that Brooksby Melton College has applied for planning permission to build 70 new homes, 2 employment units and a small shop, at its Spinney site, adjacent to its quarry on the A607?

Yes	
No	

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Q11 Do you support the planning application referred to in Q10?

Support	
Object	
No opinion	

Please let us know if you have anything to say about this application

A Housing Needs Survey Questionnaire is being prepared to identify those living or working in the area whose needs are not currently being met or might change during the life of the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be circulated during April 2017. In the meantime, we would appreciate if you could answer the following questions

Q12 How long have you lived in the Parish? *Please tick one year group*

Less than 1 year	
1-2 years	
3-5 years	
6-10 years	
Over 10 years	

Q13 Please indicate below the reason/s why you moved into the parish *Please tick those that apply*

Family connections	
Work	
Housing	
Schools	
Rural setting	
Something else? Please let us know	

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BUSINESS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Q14 Would you support the establishment or development of the following businesses within the parish?

	Support	Object	No opinion
Tourism, leisure and crafts			
Agriculture related			
Food and drink production			
Community services (e.g. Childcare/after-school club)			
Pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops			
Professional Offices/web-based services			
Small scale horticulture			
Equestrian services			
Domestic and garden services			
Something else? Please let us know			

Q15 Do you work within the parish?

Yes	
No	

Q16 Do you travel to work/training from the parish?

Yes	
No	

Q17 If you travel to work/training from the parish, how do you travel? *Please tick all those that apply*

Travel by car	
Travel by bus	
Travel by cycle	
Travel by motorcycle	
Other	
If other, please let us know	

Q18 Do you expect to be requiring any of the following?

	Yes	No
Workshop/studio		
Private office		
Flexible/shared office		
Garage		
Something else? Please let us know		

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Q19 Would any of the following help to improve your experience of working, training or studying? *Please tick all those that apply*

Faster broadband	
Improved mobile reception	
Better or more frequent transport links	
Dedicated space for networking and development	
Local skills directory	
Something else? Please let us know	

ABOUT TRANSPORT

Q20 Do any of the following aspects of road traffic and road use within the parish give you concern? *Please tick those that apply*

Traffic volumes	
Traffic speed	
Size of vehicles	
Traffic noise	
Pedestrian safety	
Cyclists – individual or in groups	
Something else? Please let us know	

Q21 Do you support any of the following possible solutions to traffic use management?

	Support	Object	No opinion
20 mph speed limits in villages			
Electronic speed signs			
Single lane passing points			
Ramps/speed bumps			
Something else? Please let us know			

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Q22 From our consultations to date, some residents have identified a particular concern about the A607 Brooksby junction. Would you support any of the following possible solutions?

	Support	Object	No opinion
Reduce speed limit			
Traffic lights			
Redesign junction			
Something else? Please let us know			

Q23 Should car parking on the roadside in our parish be restricted by any of the following?

	Support	Object	No opinion
Yellow lines			
Designated parking permits			
'No Parking' signs			
Something else? Please let us know			

Q24 Thinking about local bus services, to what extent do you agree with the following suggestions? Please tick one box in each row

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Bus and train times should be co-ordinated					
Existing bus services should increase in frequency					
Additional routes are needed					
Car share and other community schemes should be supported					
Something else? Please let us know					

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ABOUT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Q25 Do any of the following prevent you from accessing the countryside?

	Yes	No
The state or conditions of footpaths		
A lack of footpaths		
A lack of signage or information boards		
Inaccessibility because of stiles or gates		
Something else? Please let us know		

Q26 Do you know of any existing footpaths or bridleways within the parish that are problematic to use for part of the year?

Yes	
No	
If you answered Yes, please state which footpath or bridleway and what the problem is	

Q27 Do you know anywhere where you think there is a need for an additional footpath or bridleway within the parish?

Yes	
No	
If you answered Yes, please state if this is a footpath or bridleway and where this should be	

Q28 Are you concerned about flooding within the parish?

Yes	
No	
If you answered Yes, please state how and where this is	

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Q29 Would you support the use of green spaces or open areas within the parish for the following community uses?

	Support	Object	No opinion
Community orchard			
Allotments			
Solar farm			
Wind turbine			
Local wildlife habitats			
Nature lagoons and reed beds			
Burial ground			
Sports facilities			
Car parking			
Something else? Please let us know			

Q30 Do you know of any existing green space or open areas within the parish that should be protected from development?

Yes	
No	
If you answered Yes, please state where this is	

Q31 Do you know of any particular view or vista within the parish that should be protected from development?

Yes	
No	
If you answered Yes, please state where this is	

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Q32 When considering any new building works within the parish do you feel we should mitigate the loss of any wildlife habitat through any of the following?

	Support	Object	No opinion
Hedgerow planting with trees			
Tree planting			
Maintain ageing trees via pollarding as opposed to removal			
Incorporate rain gardens and ponds for bio-diversity			
Maintain and enhance wildlife 'corridors' throughout the Parish			
Maintain and enhance buildings to support nesting sites e.g. Swallows, House Martins			
Something else? Please let us know			

Q33 Thinking about our impact on the environment, to what extent do you agree with the following suggestions Please tick one box in each row

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Our Neighbourhood Plan should have policies for minimising our carbon footprint					
Our Neighbourhood Plan should have policies to support renewable energy					
Something else? Please let us know					

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ABOUT FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Q34 How would you rate the following in terms of meeting the current and future needs of the parish? *Please tick one box in each row*

	Good	Adequate	Needs improvement	No opinion
Hoby & District Village Hall				
Children's Play Area - Hoby				
Playground Field - Hoby				
Brooksby Church				
Hoby Chapel				
Hoby Church				
Ragdale Church				
Rotherby Church				
Ragdale Hall				
Brooksby Melton College - Brooksby				
Public footpaths & bridleways				
Allotments				
Rotherby Pond				
Parish/Community Magazine				
Miles Nurseries				
Blue Bell Pub				
Other? Please let us know				

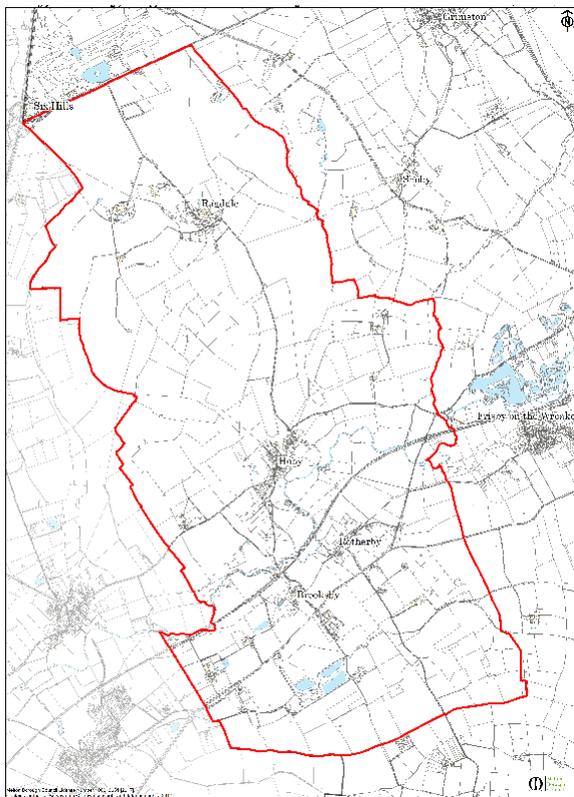
Q35 Would you like to see any of the following facilities within the parish?

	Support	Object	No opinion
Outdoor sports facilities			
Benches and/or seating throughout the Parish			
Observation points on nature and wildlife			
Tourist information points			
Something else? Please let us know			

Q36 Do you participate in any of the following local activities, groups, societies?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Village Hall - Stage & Screen				
Womens' Institute				
Horticultural Society/Show				
History Society				
Art Group				
Yoga				
Church/ Chapel community events				
Open Gardens/Fete				
Village Walks				
Safari Suppers				
Internet Cafe				
Petanque, Skittles, Darts, Dominos				
Bell Ringing - Hoby				
Other? Please let us know				

Q37 What did we miss? *Please use this space for your views on any points not covered in the questionnaire*



What Next?

The results of the Questionnaire will enable the development of Policies that you want for the Parish.

Whilst the policies need to be compatible with those in the overall Melton Local Plan – they should be specific to our views and area.

Looking at other Local Neighbourhood Plans, our plan **might** include policies on:

- Size of future housing development
- Locations of future development
- Building design principles
- Noise mitigation
- Housing mix
- Windfall sites
- Affordable housing
- Traffic management
- Community facilities and amenities
- Protection of local green spaces
- Protection of sites of environmental significance
- Important woodland, trees and hedges
- Biodiversity
- Ridge and furrow fields
- Protection of important views
- Footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways
- Sustainable development
- Areas of separation
- Rivers and flooding

It will be up to each of us

Please complete your questionnaire then place it in the sealed envelope for collection

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