

Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan consultations combined results

Rowney Green in black. **The Lounge** in red. **The Baptist Hall -Alvechurch** in blue. **AVS & APM (Village Society & Annual Parish meeting)** in green. and **Hopwood** in purple.

NB The number of people responding is given in each section: it doesn't always match the number of ticks as some people just made a comment. All the Lounge respondents filled in every question. The format used here did not encourage comment so much.

Business and Jobs

1. We need more business to come into the parish to give greater local employment opportunities

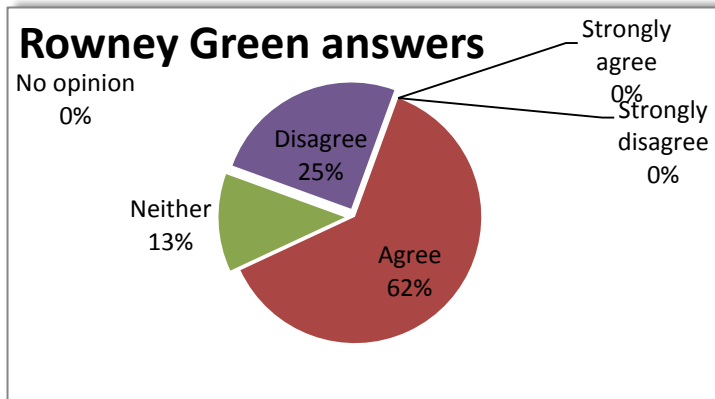
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Rowney Green answers (8)		5	1	2		
Lounge answers (23)	9	7	3	2	2	
Baptist Church answers (23)	3	14	4	1	1	
AVS & APM answers (11)	4	3	1	2	1	
Hopwood (3)		1	2			
Total (68)	16	30	11	7	4	

Comment: 1 - many businesses here already. 1 - especially cottage industries

1 –many small businesses fold quickly leaving empty properties

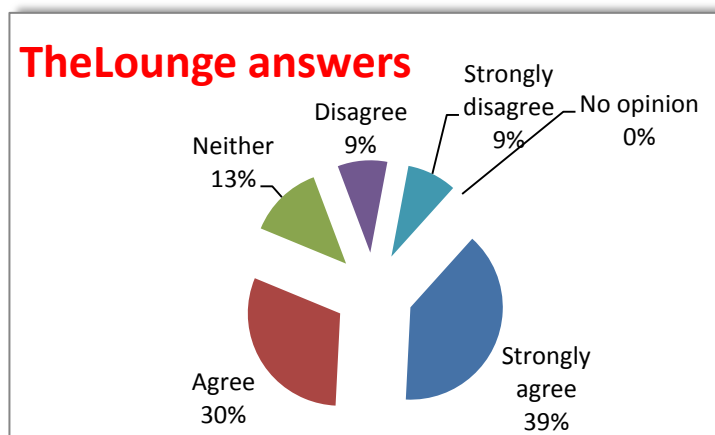
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	5
Neither	1
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	8



The Lounge

Strongly agree	9
Agree	7
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	2
No opinion	0
Total	23



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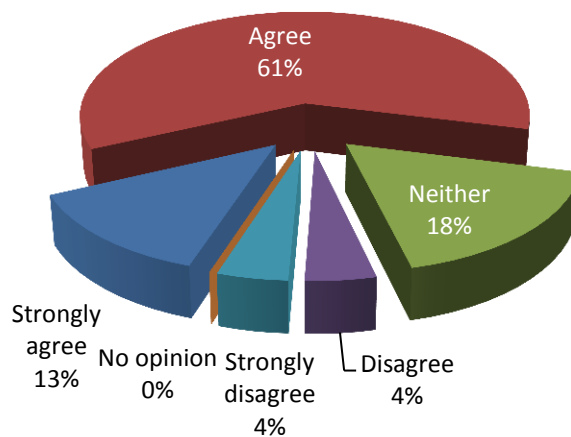
Business and Jobs

1. We need more business to come into the parish to give greater local employment opportunities

Baptist Hall

Strongly agree	3
Agree	14
Neither	4
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
	23

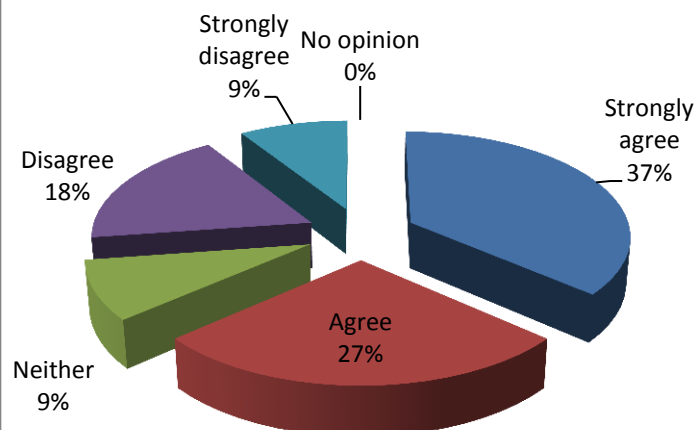
Baptist Hall answers



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	4
Agree	3
Neither	1
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
	11

AVS&APM



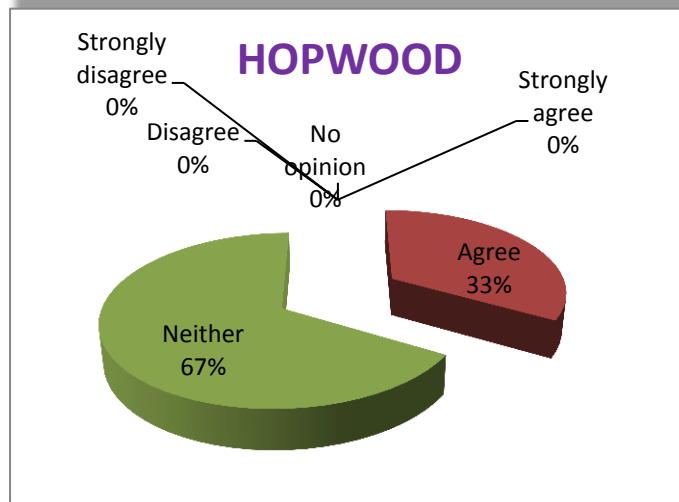
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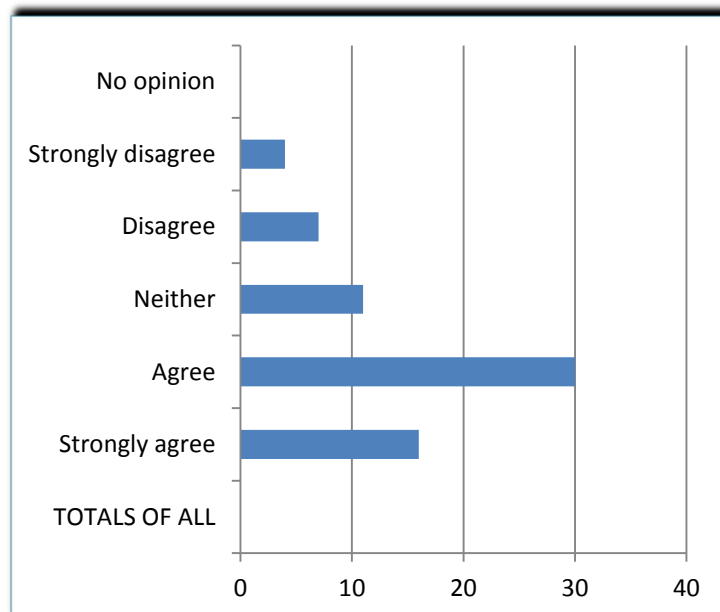
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	0
Agree	1
Neither	2
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
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TOTALS OF ALL

Strongly agree	16
Agree	30
Neither	11
Disagree	7
Strongly disagree	4
No opinion	0
	68



Business and Jobs

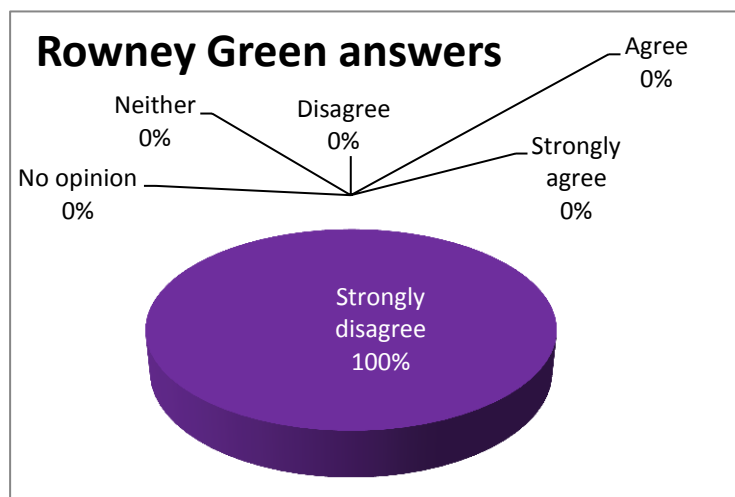
2. To increase the number and type of jobs available we should be prepared to give up some green belt and other sites for business

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (5)					5	
Lounge answers (23)	1	10	5	3	4	
Baptist Church answers (23)	2	5	2	9	5	
AVS & APM answers (10)			2	4	4	
Hopwood (3)		2		1		
TOTAL (64)	3	17	9	17	18	

Comment: 3 saying that green belt should be preserved if possible. 1 saying land to be split equally between housing and business, i.e. instead of some housing not as well as. 1 saying no building in green belt

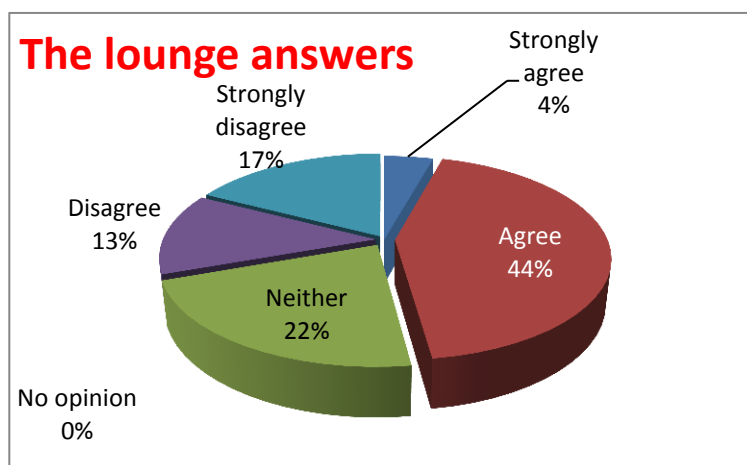
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	0
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	0
Total	5



The Lounge

Strongly agree	1
Agree	10
Neither	5
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	4
No opinion	0
Total	23



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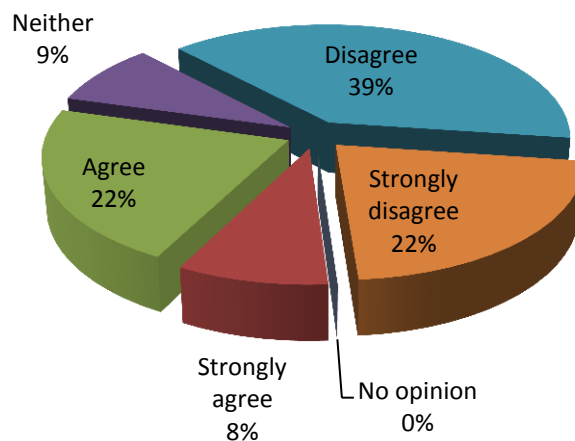
Business and Jobs

2. To increase the number and type of jobs available we should be prepared to give up some green belt and other sites for business

Baptist Hall

Strongly agree	2
Agree	5
Neither	2
Disagree	9
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	0
	23

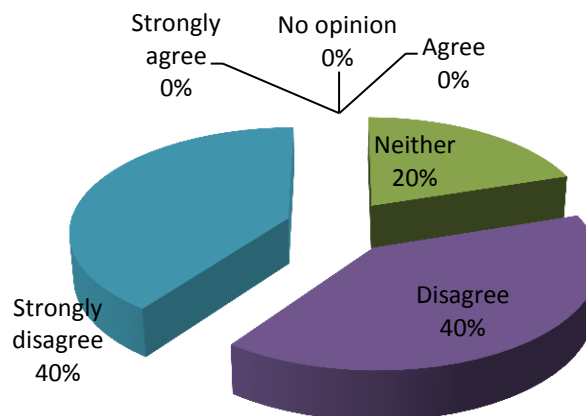
Baptist Hall answers



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	0
Agree	0
Neither	2
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	4
No opinion	0
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AVS&APM

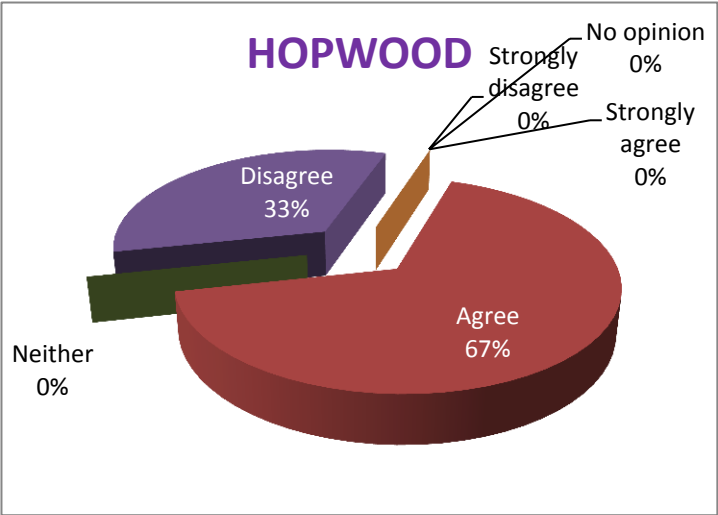


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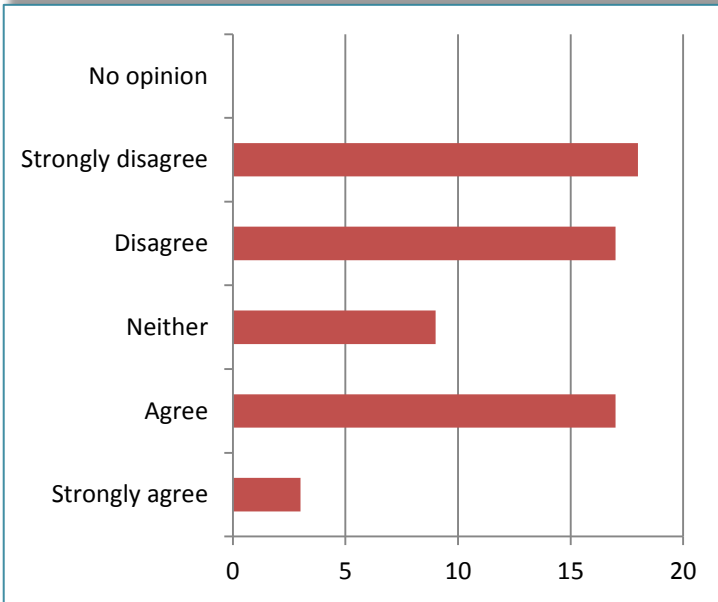
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	0
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



TOTAL OF ALL 5

Strongly agree	3
Agree	17
Neither	9
Disagree	17
Strongly disagree	18
No opinion	0
	64



Business and Jobs

3. Alvechurch village centre would benefit from its own business development plan with options of some pedestrianisation and corresponding road changes round The Square and The Precinct

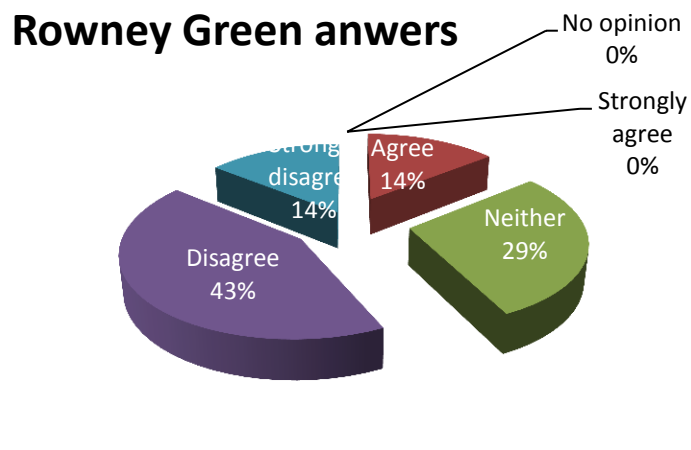
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Rowney Green answers (7)		1	2	3	1	
Lounge answers (23)	6	11	3	2		1
Baptist Church answers (23)	4	13	1	3	2	0
AVS & APM answers (10)	2		1	5	2	
Hopwood answers (3)	2		1			
Total (66)	14	25	8	13	5	1

Comment: 6, most saying that business development plan OK but not pedestrianisation. 4, one saying yes to business plan but not pedestrianisation, one saying try Shared Space, one suggesting one-way streets and changof junction, one

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	1
Neither	2
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
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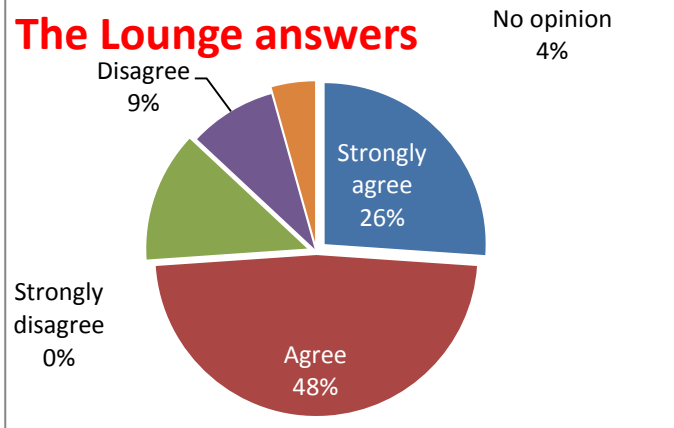
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	6
Agree	11
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
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The Lounge answers



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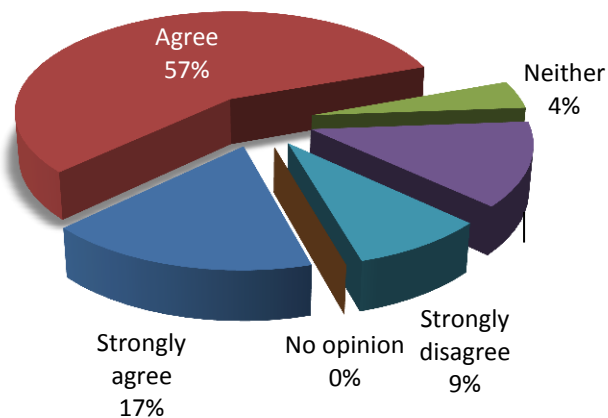
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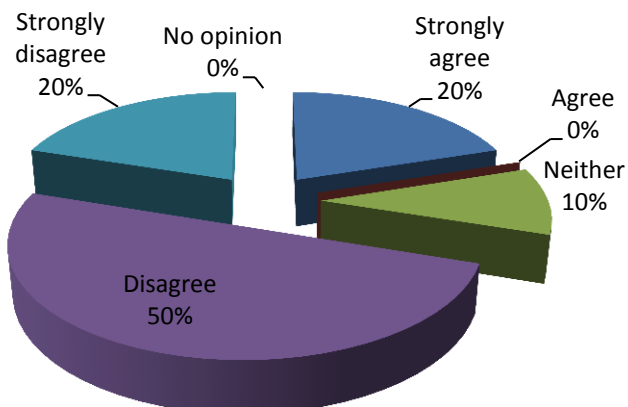
Baptist Hall answers



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	2
Agree	0
Neither	1
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	2
No opinion	0
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AVS&APM



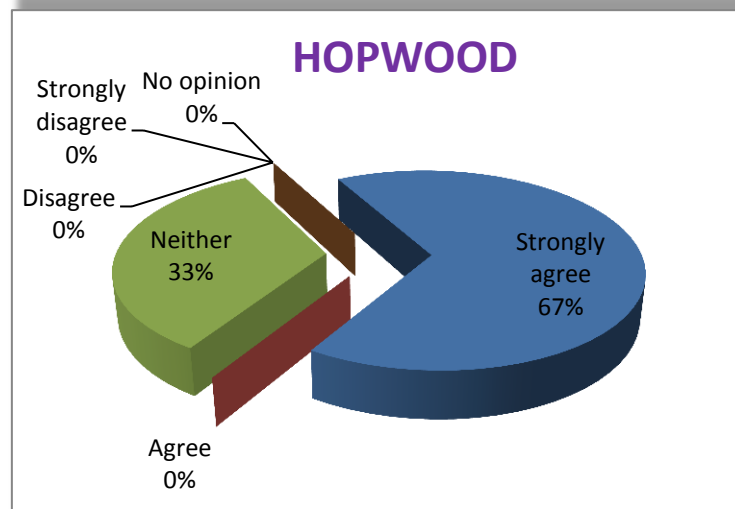
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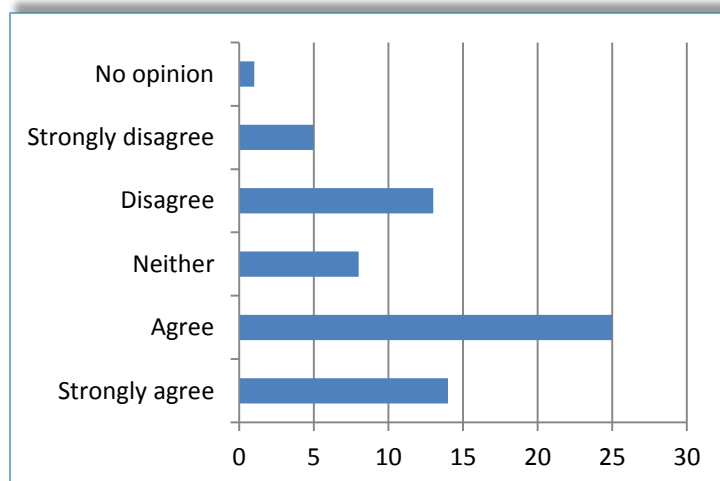
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	2
Agree	0
Neither	1
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
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TOTAL OF ALL 5

Strongly agree	14
Agree	25
Neither	8
Disagree	13
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	1
	66



Business and Jobs

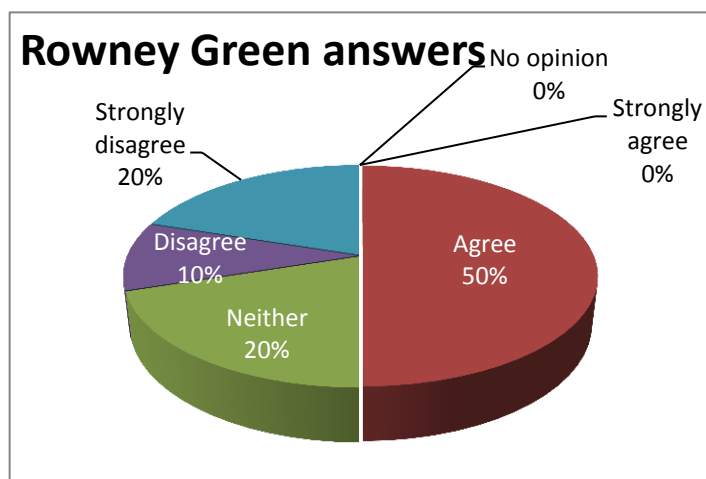
4. Small scale rural employment should be encouraged in the small settlements: Bordesley, Hopwood, Rowney Green, Weatheroak and Withybed Green

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (10)		5	2	1	2	
Lounge answers (23)	8	12	2	1		
Baptist Church answers (23)	3	15	2	2	1	0
AVS & APM answers ((11)	3	7		1		
Hopwood (3)		3				
Total (70)	14	42	6	5	3	0

Comment: 2, saying business and buildings must be appropriate to the area

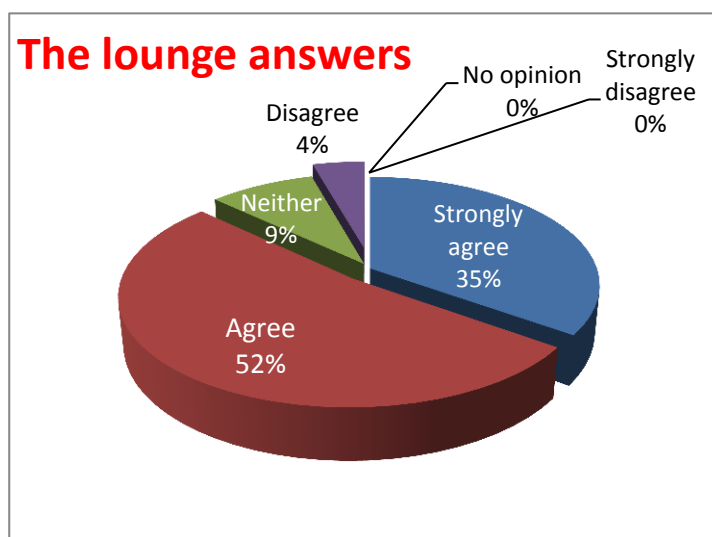
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	5
Neither	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	2
No opinion	0
Total	10



The Lounge

Strongly agree	8
Agree	12
Neither	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23

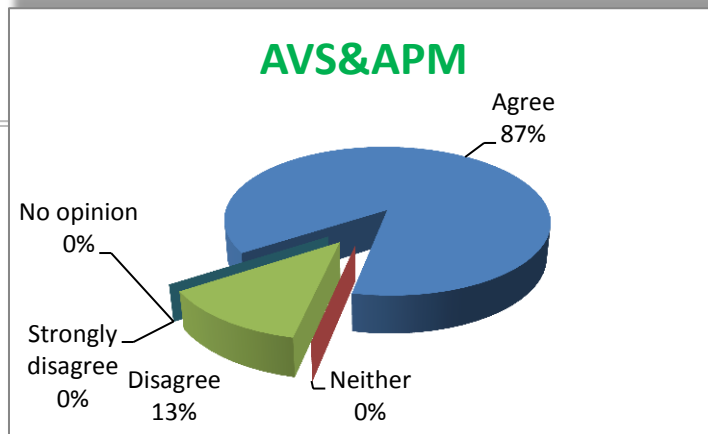


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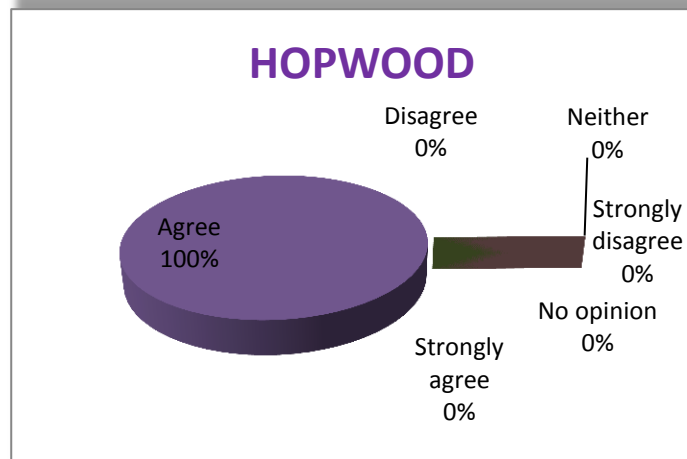
AVS&APM

Agree	7
Neither	0
Disagree	1
Strongly di	0
No opinior	0
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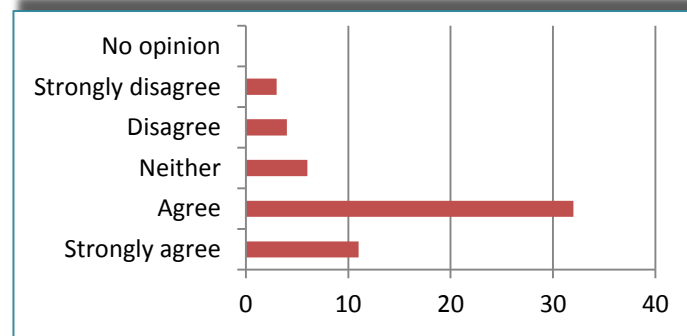
HOPWOOD

Strongly aę	0
Agree	3
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly di	0
No opinior	0
TOTAL	3



TOTAL OF ALL `5

Strongly agree	11
Agree	32
Neither	6
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	3
No opinion	0
TOTAL REPLYs	56



Conclusion: There is some support for increasing local business even in small settlements however there is no agreement that any green belt land should be used. Rowney Green residents who commented do not support pedestrianisation in Alvechurch. **Some Lounge customers are more positive about business development generally, especially in rural settlements, but results show a spread. They are very interested in the suggested pedestrianisation/ development of the centre of Alvechurch Village.** The Baptist Church group had similar responses to the Lounge, except they were more against giving up any green belt land for business.

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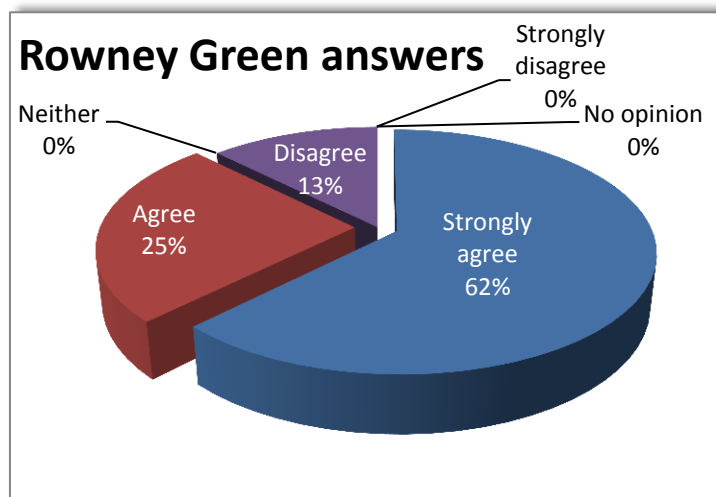
1. Development first on existing ADRs –further growth after 2030 on green belt immediately adjacent to existing settlements

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney green answers (8)	5	2	0	1	0	0
Lounge answers (23)	11	7	3	2	0	0
Baptist Church answers (23)	6	15	1	1	0	0
AVS & APM answers (11)	4	5		1	1	
Hopwood (3)	-	2		1		
Total 68	26	31	4	6	1	0

Comment: 4 saying protect all green belt, one saying “this part” of green belt is very valuable, one saying no decisions about post-2030 should be made, one that access to amenities and public transport are essential, one that brownfield sites should all be used first. **One saying scale and type important .1 patchworking had advantages.**

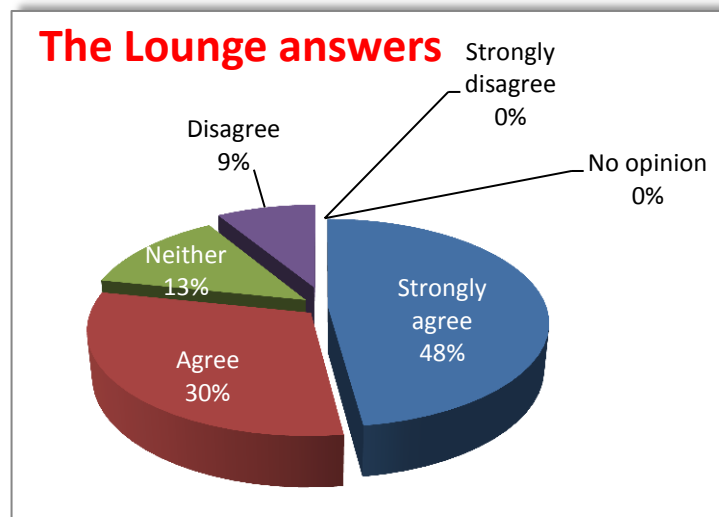
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	5
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	8



The Lounge

Strongly agree	11
Agree	7
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23



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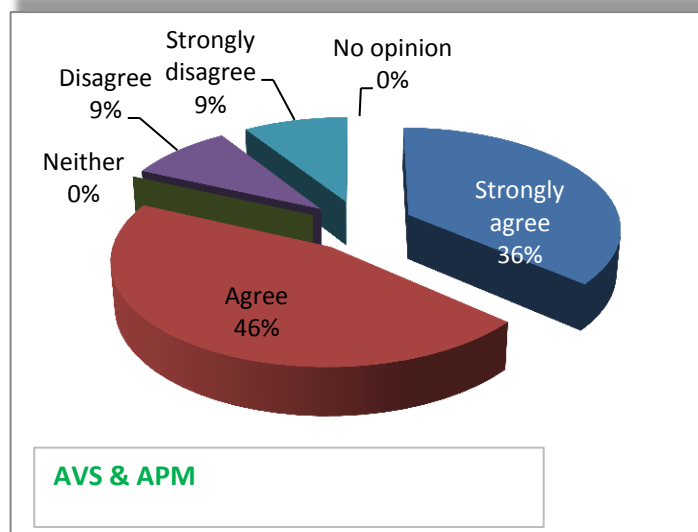
Baptist Hall

Strongly agree	6
Agree	15
Neither	1
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23



AVS & APM answers

Strongly agree	4
Agree	5
Neither	0
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
Total	11

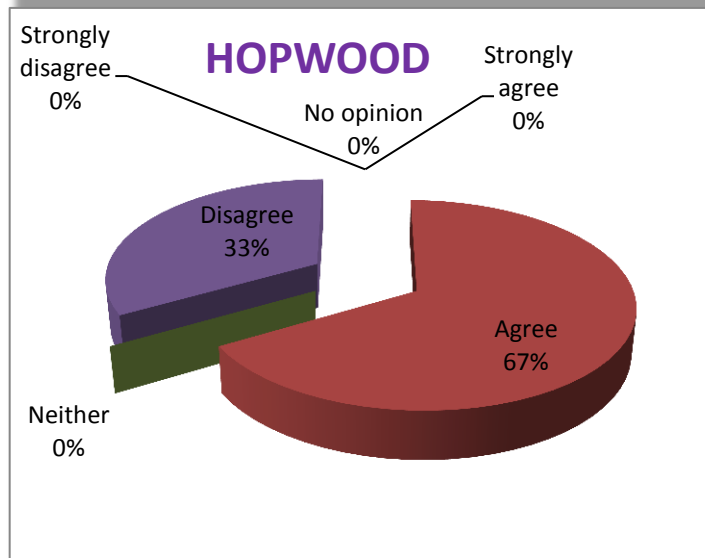


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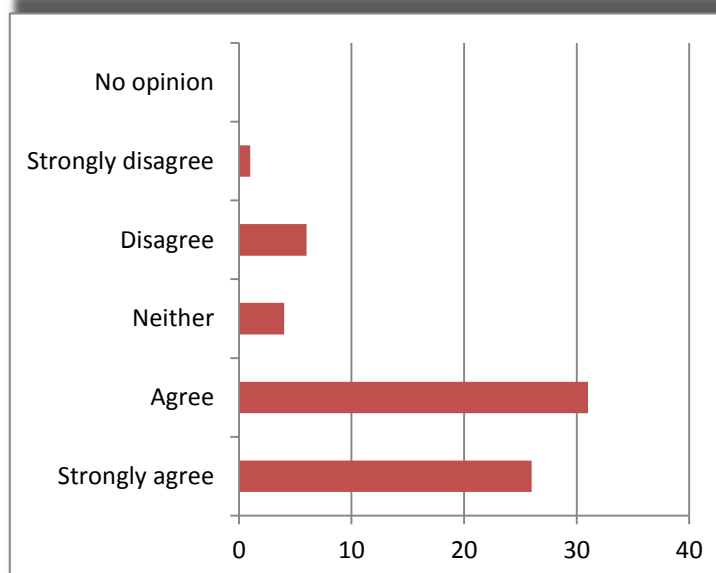
Hopwood

Strongly agree	0
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



ALL 5 RESULTS

Strongly agree	26
Agree	31
Neither	4
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
	68



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2. Further parish growth should be apportioned equally across the settlements on limited green belt sites

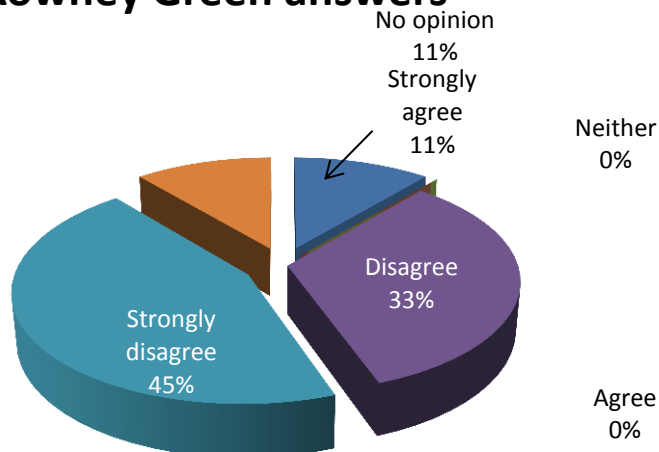
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Rowney Green answers (9)	1	0	0	3	4	1
Lounge answers (23)	5	6	6	5	1	
Baptist Church answers (23)	3	11	2	3	3	1
AVS & APM answers (10)	2	5	0	2	1	
Hopwood (3)				3		
Total 68	11	22	8	16	9	2

Comment: 5 saying green belt should be fully protected, 2 saying appropriate infrastructure is needed. **One saying this will keep our environment as rural as possible. 1 No building on Green belt**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	1
Agree	0
Neither	0
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	4
No opinion	1
Total	9

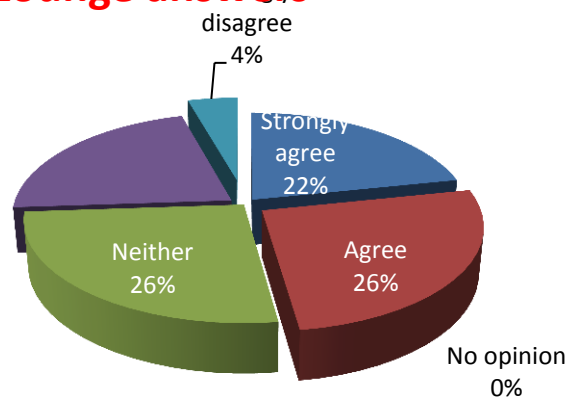
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	5
Agree	6
Neither	6
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
Total	23

The Lounge answers



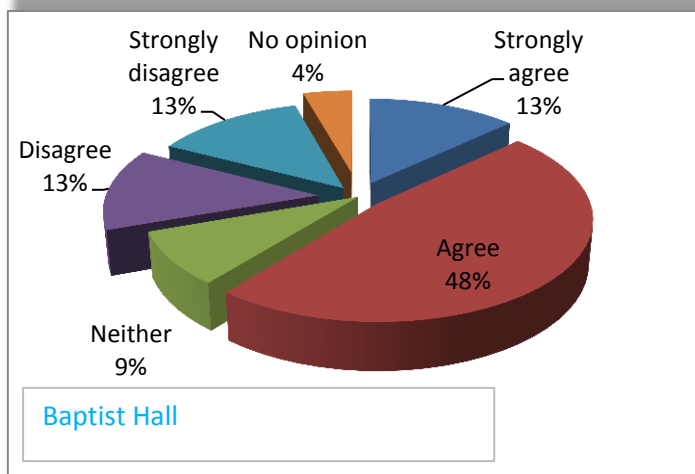
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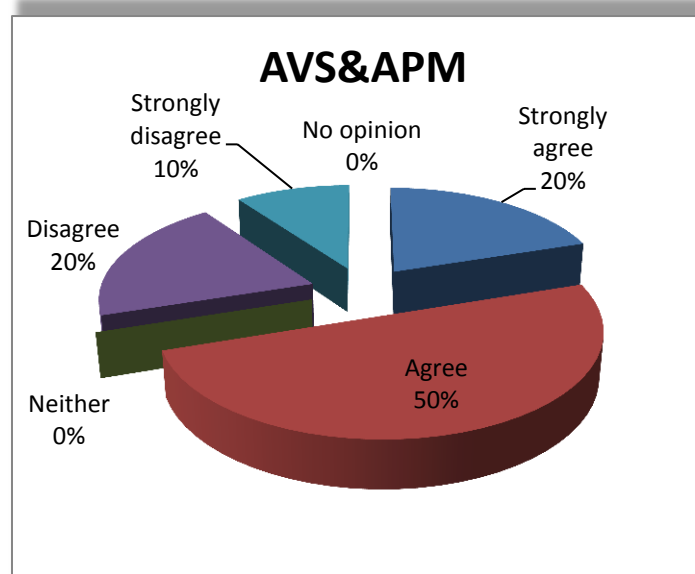
Baptist Hall

Strongly agree	3
Agree	11
Neither	2
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	3
No opinion	1
Total	23



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	2
Agree	5
Neither	0
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
Total	10



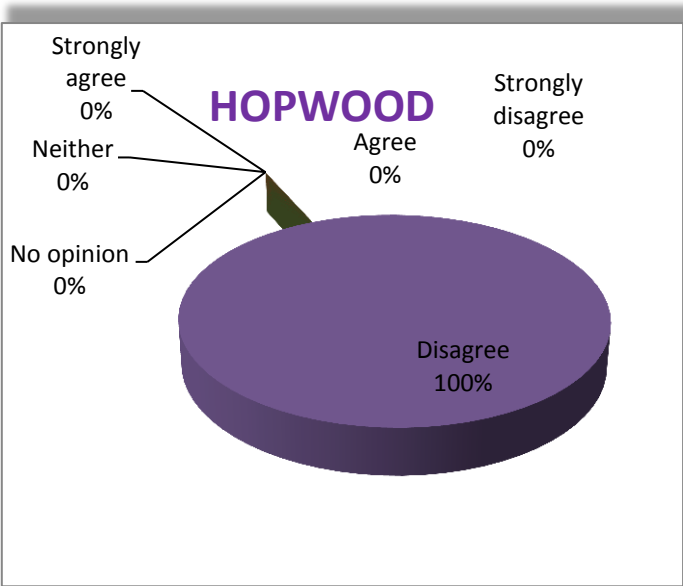
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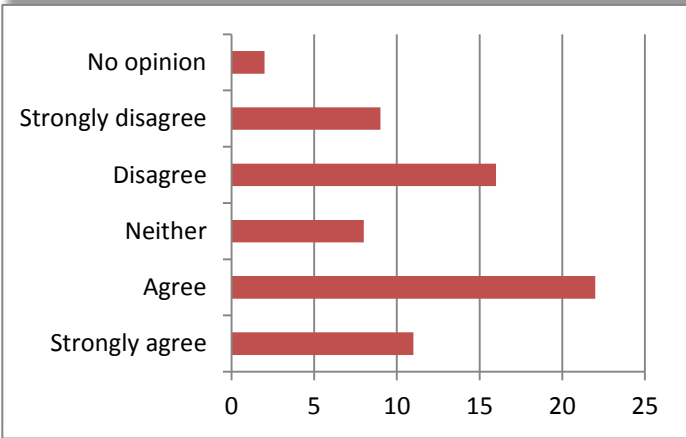
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Hopwood

Strongly agree	0
Agree	0
Neither	0
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	3



ALL 3 RESULTS	
Strongly agree	11
Agree	22
Neither	8
Disagree	16
Strongly disagree	9
No opinion	2
	68



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3. Greenbelt land released for future need should be mainly round the edges of Alvechurch village

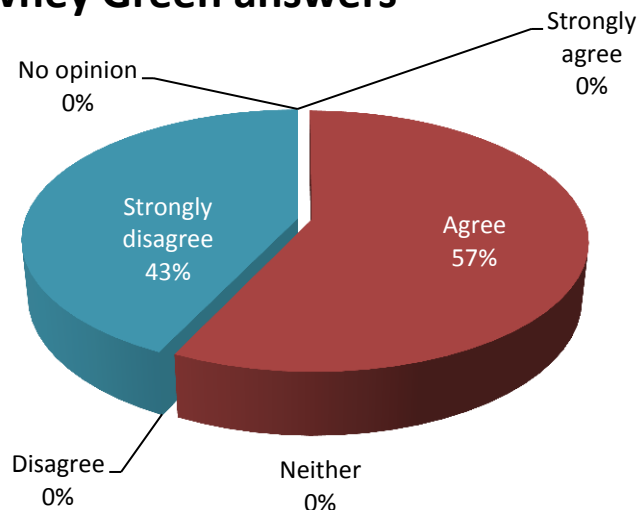
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Baptist Church answers (23)	1	9	3	5	5	
AVS & APM answers (9)		3		4	2	
Hopwood (3)	2			1		
Total (65)	7	20	9	14	15	

Comment: 5 saying green belt should be fully protected, 2 saying appropriate infrastructure is needed. One saying this will keep our environment as rural as possible. 1 where will we find sufficient land? 1, 1 no building on green belt.

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	4
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	3
No opinion	0
Total	7

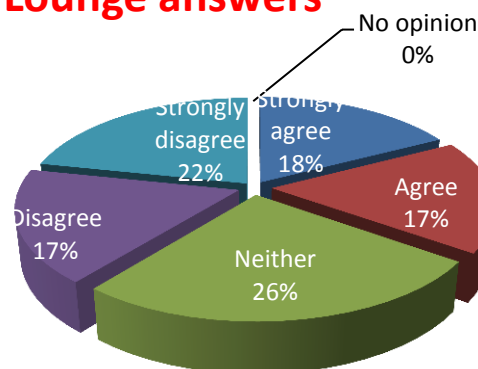
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	4
Agree	4
Neither	6
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	0
Total	23

The Lounge answers



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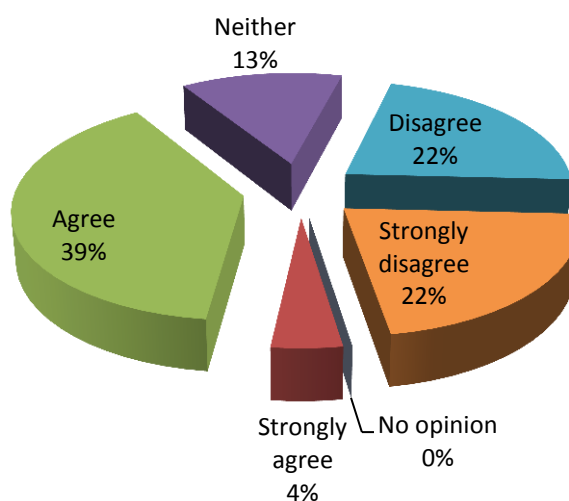
HOUSING

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Baptist Hall

Strongly agree	1
Agree	9
Neither	3
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	0
Total	23

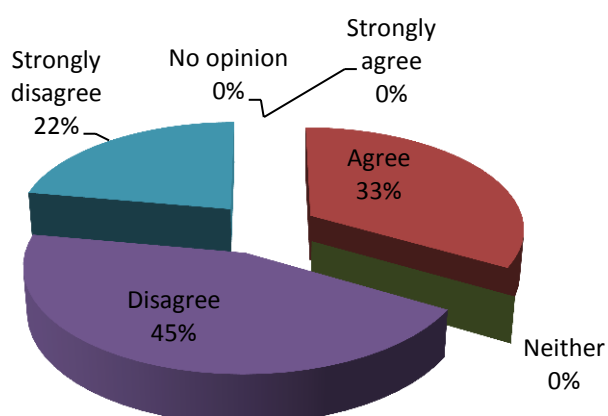
Baptist Hall answers



AVS & APM answers

Strongly agree	0
Agree	3
Neither	0
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	2
No opinion	0
Total	9

AVS&APM



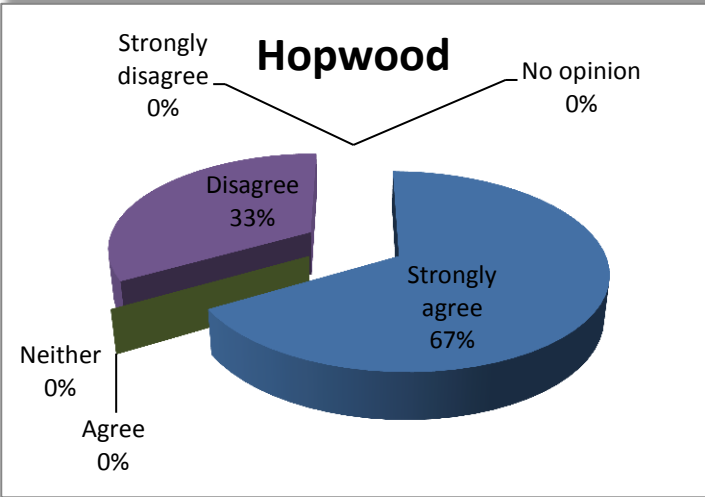
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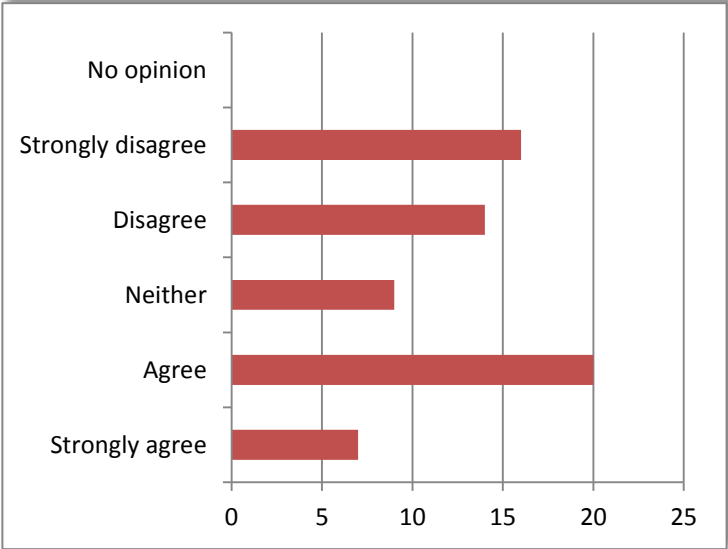
Hopwood

Strongly agree	2
Agree	0
Neither	0
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
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ALL 5 RESULTS

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Agree	20
Neither	9
Disagree	14
Strongly disagree	16
No opinion	0
	66



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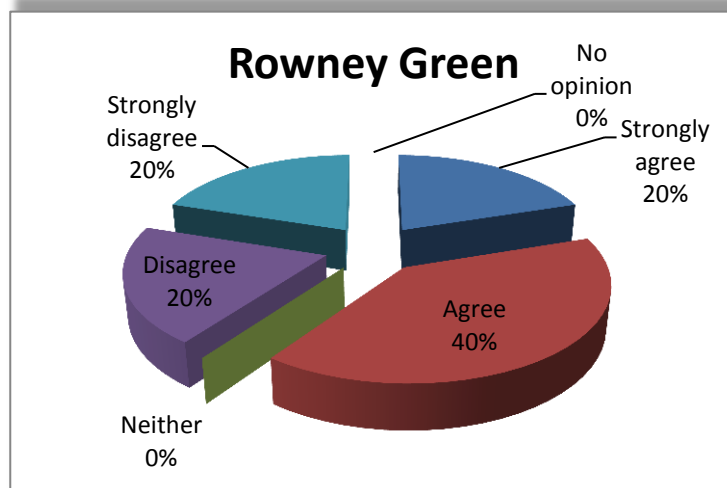
4. Additional housing limited to small inexpensive houses if green belt has to be used

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
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Lounge answers (23)	9	7	5	1	1	
Baptist Church answers (23)	6	12	1	0	4	0
AVS & APM answers (10)	2	4	1	1	2	
Hopwood (3)				3		
Total (64)	18	25	7	6	8	

Comment: 3 saying not on green belt. One saying housing should be appropriate to need. One saying this "very definitely". 1 a mix is better.

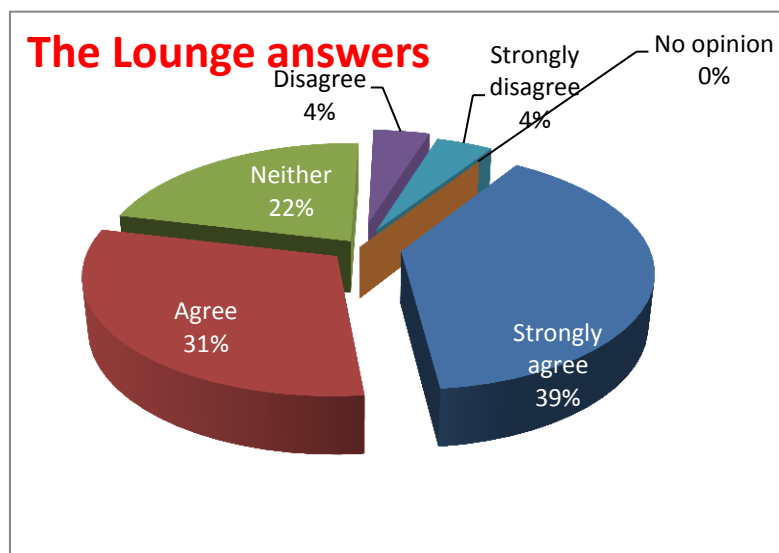
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
Total	5



The Lounge

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Agree	7
Neither	5
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
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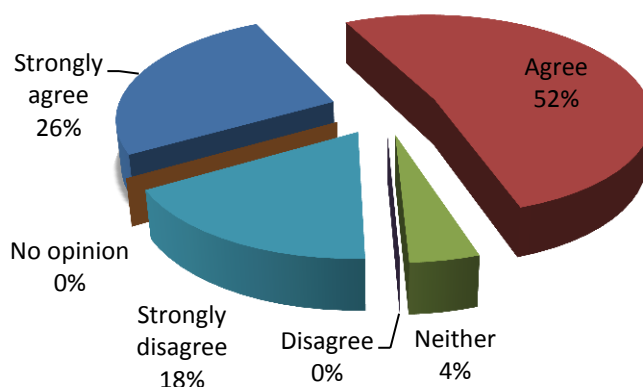
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Baptist Hall

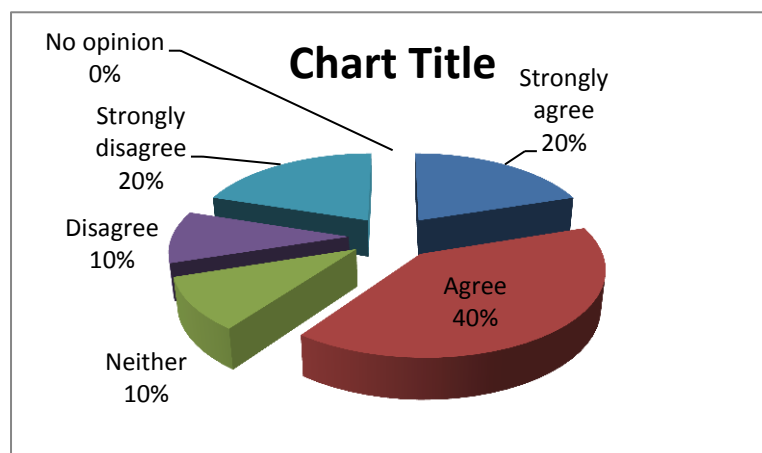
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Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	4
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Baptist Hall answers



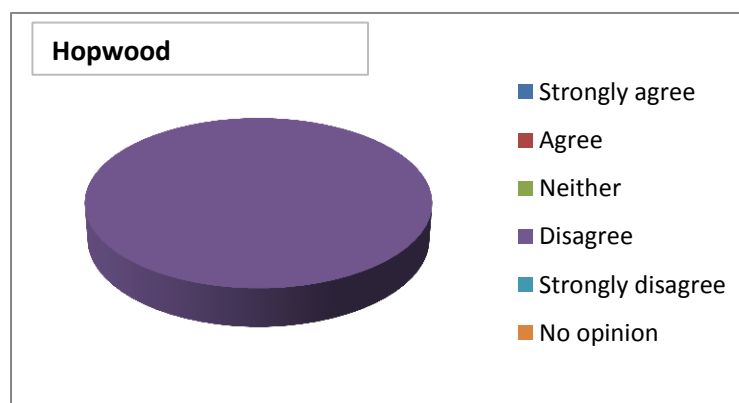
AVS & APM

Strongly agree	2
Agree	4
Neither	1
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	2
No opinion	0
Total	10



Hopwood

Strongly agree	0
Agree	0
Neither	0
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	3



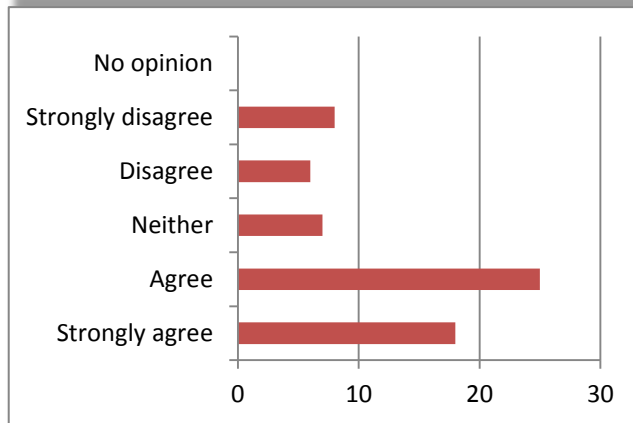
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HOUSING

4. Additional housing limited to small inexpensive houses if green belt has to be used

TOTAL OF 5 RESULTS

Strongly agree	18
Agree	25
Neither	7
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	8
No opinion	0
	64



There were several “unattached” comments on this section. One says that it is a done deal that Redditch will expand into the sites adjacent to the A441 in exchange for building the Bordesley bypass (not the case)

There is one separate comment saying that house building in Alvechurch is spoiling the traditional aura of the village, especially affordable housing and the people who live there. Another says the national housing shortage needs action.

Several participants at the Baptist Church sessions stressed the need for housing for the elderly, as did some in discussion at APM.

Conclusion

Many people do not accept the premise that some green belt land may have to be released and just repeat that it should be preserved. Some do not realise we don't have brown field sites. However, there is some indication that limited development around settlements may be acceptable. There is strong support for this to be small inexpensive houses (except at Hopwood!). There were comments in some sessions about housing for the elderly,

There was one pair of options that we have not communicated clearly. These were that:

2. Further parish growth should be apportioned equally across the settlements on limited green belt sites

3. Greenbelt land released for future need should be mainly round the edges of Alvechurch village
Several respondents ticked both of these, whereas they are really mutually exclusive. These responses need to be treated with caution.

The general antagonism to using green belt, and the confusion about the two options above, means that neither option 2 nor 3 has a majority in favour, despite there being a good majority for option 1.

The Lounge customers have a wide spread of views about housing, but many support building small houses. The Baptist Church ones are similar, and specifically mention housing for the elderly.

A separate comment is concerned that it is a done deal that Redditch will expand into the sites adjacent to the A441 in exchange for building the Bordesley bypass.

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Countryside environment

1. Environment should be managed in the best way for wildlife as well as people

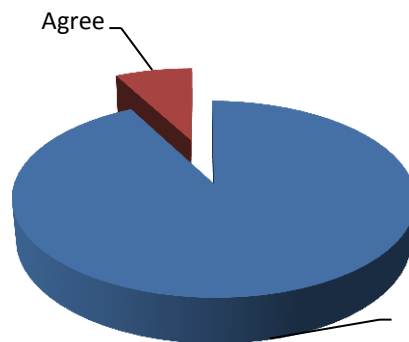
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Rowney Green answers (12)	12	1				
Lounge answers (23)	12	10	1			
Baptist Church answers (23)	10	10	2	1	0	0
AVS & APM answers (11)	5	6				
Hopwood (3)	1	2				
Total (73)	40	29	3	1	0	0

Comment: 2 emphasising the importance of habitat and ecology, 3 preserving the green belt (not the question!) 1 don't we already?

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	12
Agree	1
Neither	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	13

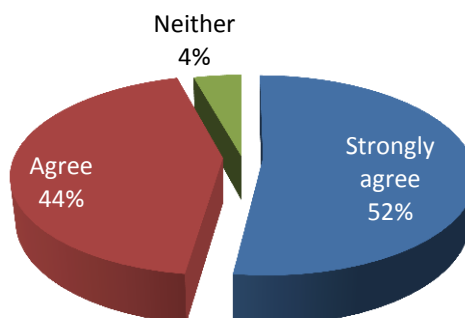
Ropwney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	12
Agree	10
Neither	1
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	23

The Lounge answers



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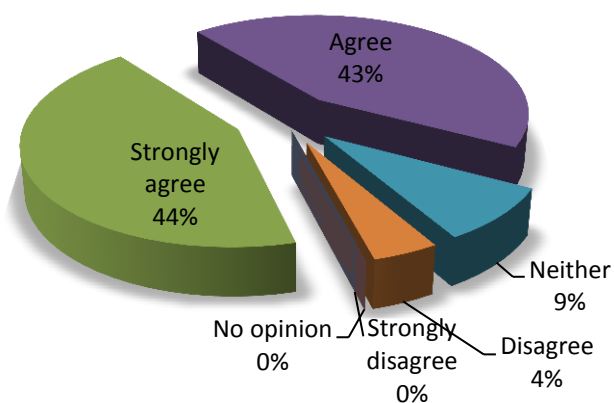
Countryside environment

1. Environment should be managed in the best way for wildlife as well as people

Baptist Hall

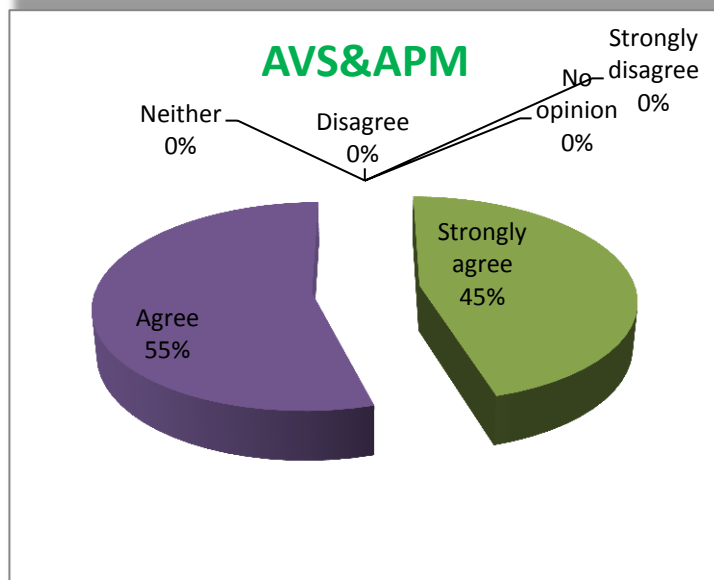
Strongly agree	10
Agree	10
Neither	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23

Baptist Hall answers



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	5
Agree	6
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	11



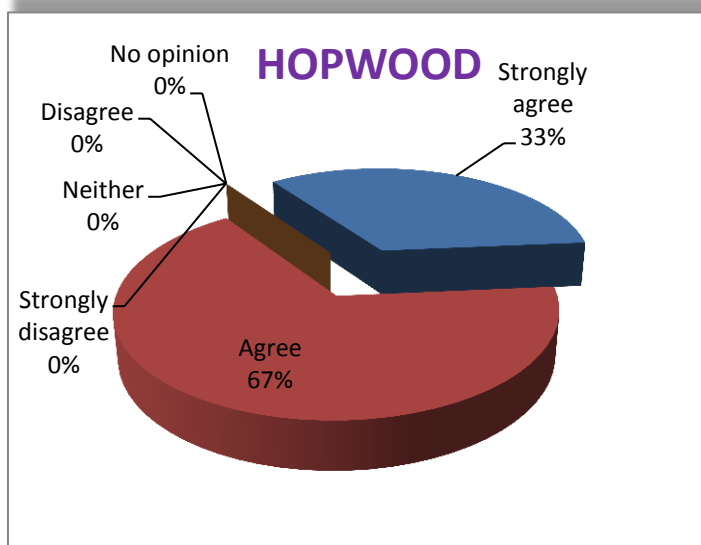
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Countryside environment

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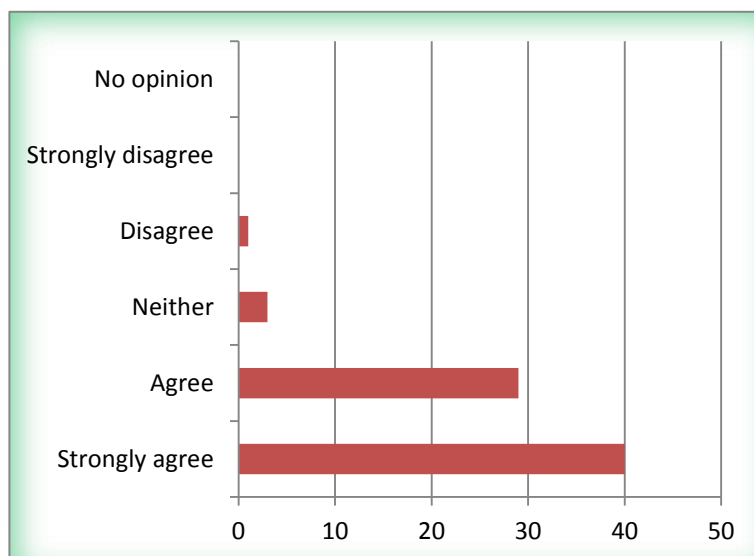
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



TOTAL OF 5 RESULTS

Strongly agree	40
Agree	29
Neither	3
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	73



Countryside environment

2. Improve public access to the countryside including for people with limited mobility

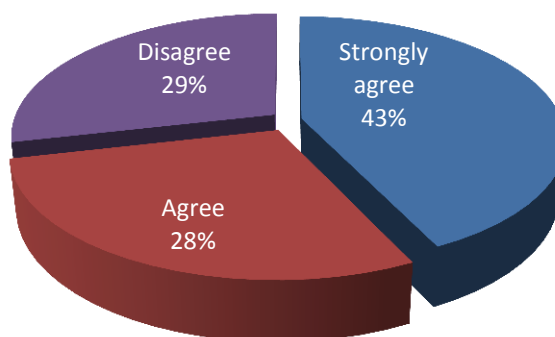
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Rowney Green answers (7)	3	2		2		
Lounge answers (23)	5	15	1	2		
Baptist Church answers (23)	5	15	2	0	0	1
AVS & APM answers (11)	1	5	2	1		2
Hopwood (3)	1	2				
Total (67)	15	39	5	5	0	3

Comment: one suggesting it would make wild countryside too country-park like. **One** saying specific appropriate routes eg towpath

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	3
Agree	2
Neither	
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	7

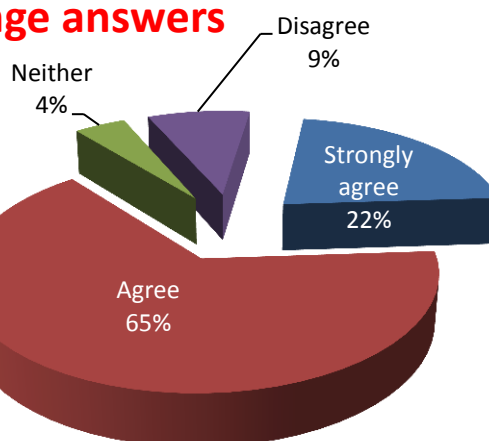
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	5
Agree	15
Neither	1
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	23

The Lounge answers



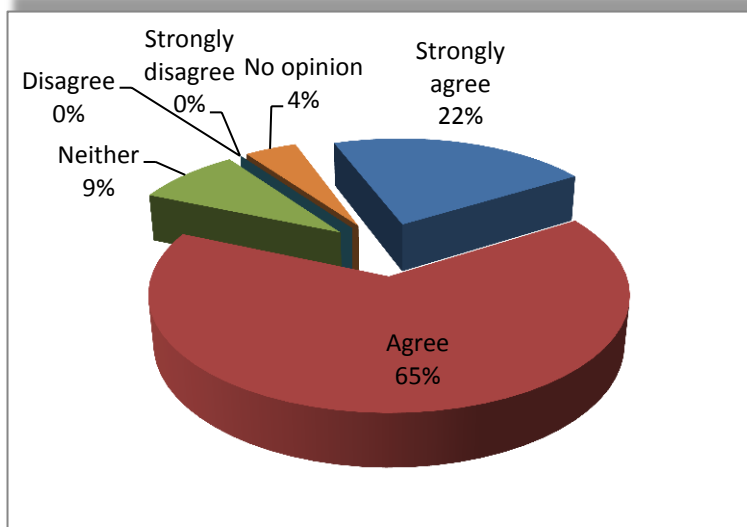
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Countryside environment

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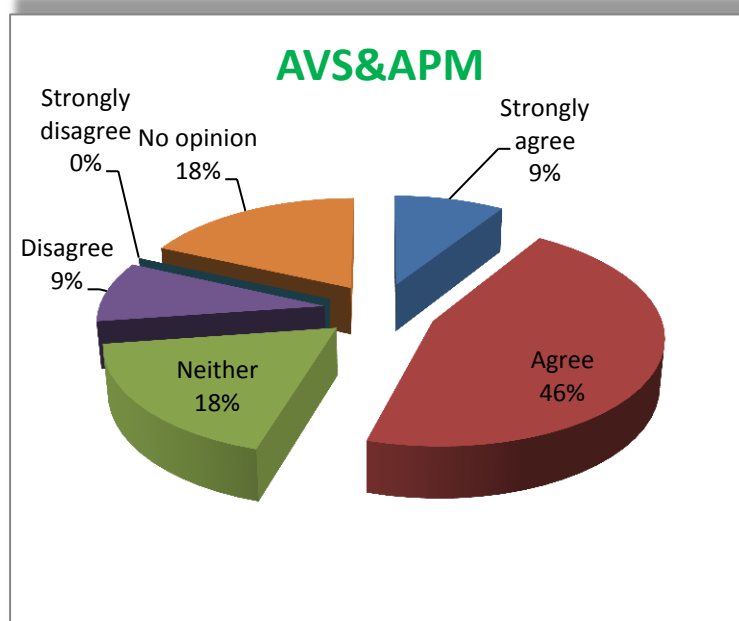
Baptist Hall

Strongly agree	5
Agree	15
Neither	2
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
Total	23



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	1
Agree	5
Neither	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	2
Total	11



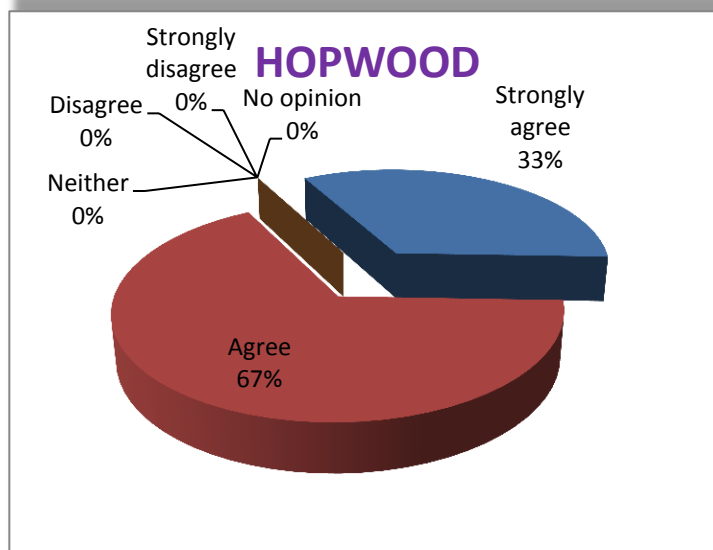
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Countryside environment

2. Improve public access to the countryside including for people with limited mobility

HOPWOOD

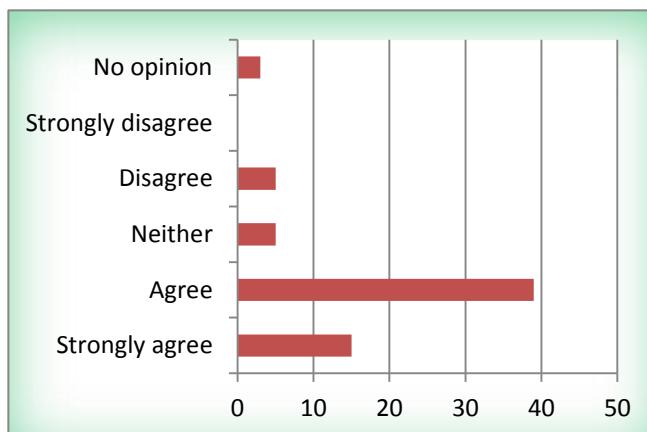
Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



TOTAL OF ALL RESULTS

Strongly agree	15
Agree	39
Neither	5
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	3

TOTAL 67



Countryside environment

3. We should use the countryside productively for farming, sport or tourism

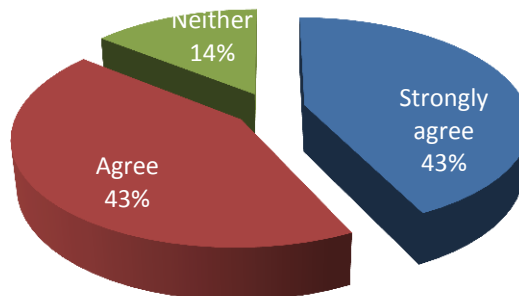
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (7)	3	3	1			
Lounge answers (23)	5	9	5	4		
Baptist Church answers (23)	9	10	4	0	0	
AVS & APM answers (11)	2	8	1			
Hopwood (3)		3				
Total (67)	19	33	11	4	0	

Comment: 2 saying that proper development of land in a balanced way is important, one saying yes but not tourism. One saying maintain current balance, one saying "definitely". 1, cycle paths needed

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	3
Agree	3
Neither	1
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	7

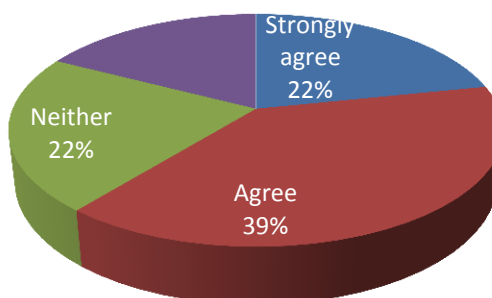
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	5
Agree	9
Neither	5
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	23

The Lounge answers



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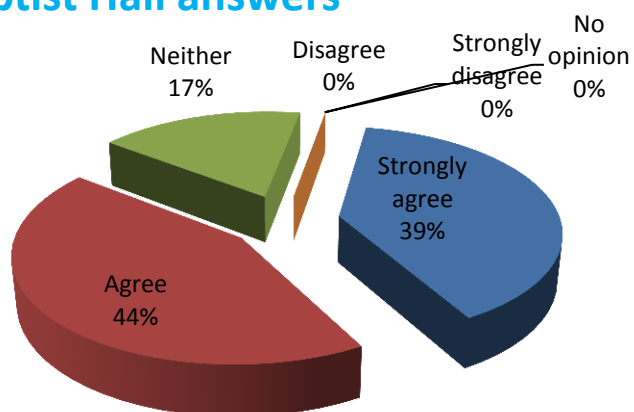
Countryside environment

3. We should use the countryside productively for farming, sport or tourism

Baptist hall

Strongly agree	9
Agree	10
Neither	4
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23

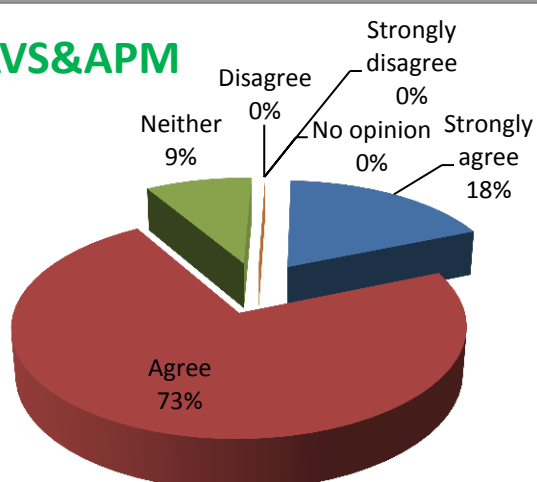
Baptist Hall answers



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	2
Agree	8
Neither	1
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	11

AVS&APM



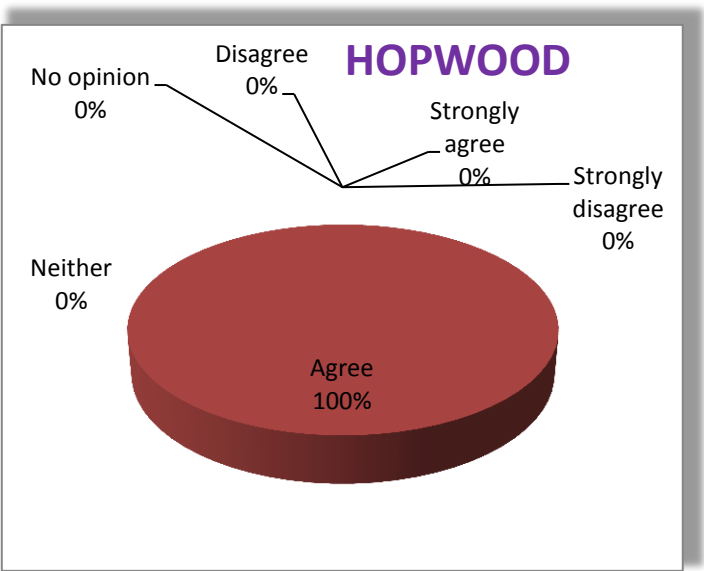
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Countryside environment

3. We should use the countryside productively for farming, sport or tourism

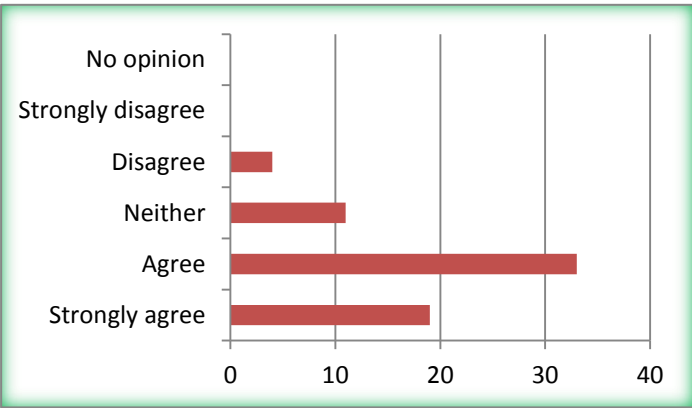
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	0
Agree	3
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



Results of all 5 venues

Strongly agree	19
Agree	33
Neither	11
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	67



Countryside environment

4. More use of green and environmental technologies/ energy conservation

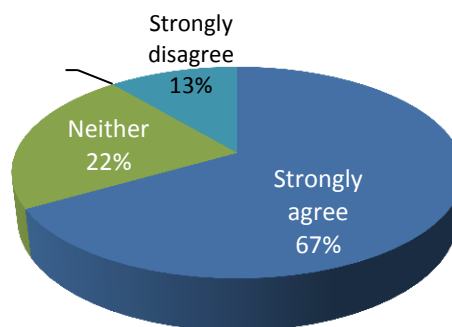
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Rowney Green answers (9)	6	0	2	0	1	
Lounge answers (23)	9	7	4	2	0	1
Baptist Church answers (23)	5	12	3	1	0	2
AVS & APM answers (11)	2	7	0	2	0	0
Hopwood (3)	1	2				
Total (67)	23	28	9	5	0	

Comment: 3 emphasising the importance of this, one saying but solar panels contradict design statement. One saying yes but not wind or solar power! **One with reservations re scale; 1 our stewardship of the planet is at stake**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	6
Agree	0
Neither	2
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	
Total	9

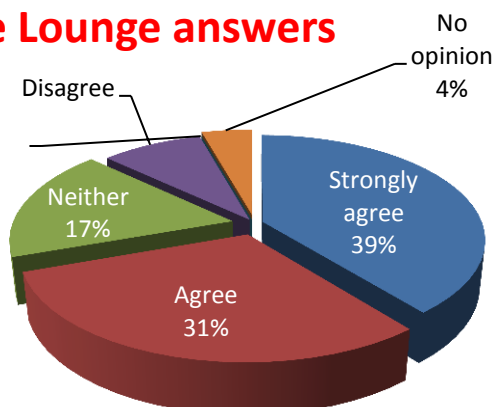
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	9
Agree	7
Neither	4
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
Total	23

The Lounge answers



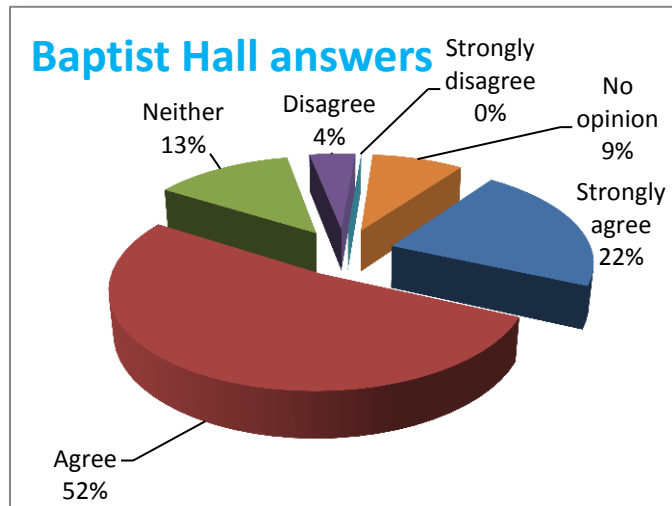
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Countryside environment

4. More use of green and environmental technologies/ energy conservation

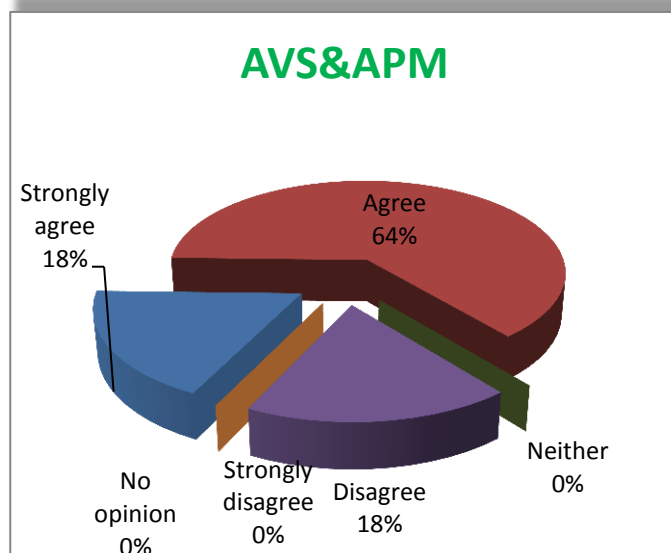
The Baptist hall

Strongly agree	5
Agree	12
Neither	3
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	2
Total	23



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	2
Agree	7
Neither	0
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	11



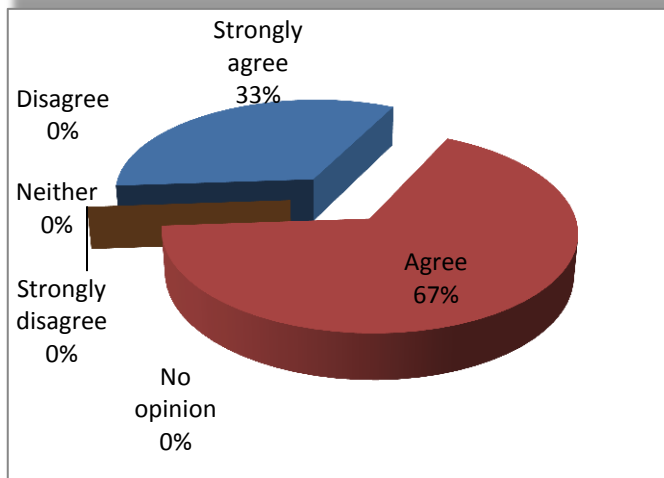
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Countryside environment

4. More use of green and environmental technologies/ energy conservation

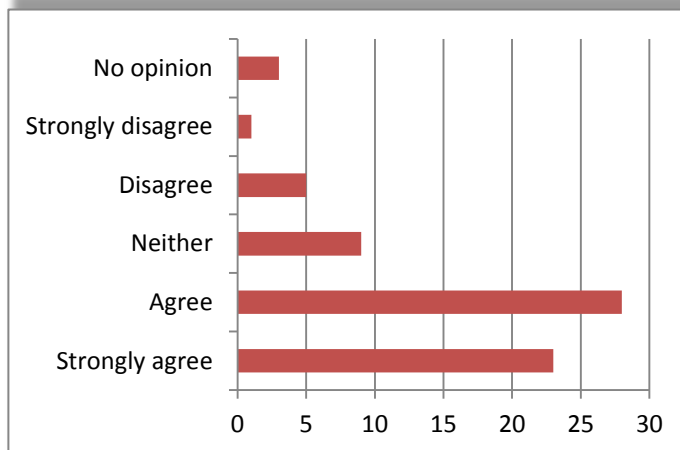
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



Results of all 5 venues

Strongly agree	23
Agree	28
Neither	9
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	3
	69



Conclusion: All the responses in this section show a majority in agreement. There is overwhelming support for keeping the countryside wildlife-friendly, with a high proportion “strongly agreeing”, though some people confuse this with green belt. Generally people support farming and other appropriate use, improving access to the countryside, and more use of green technology and energy conservation. Where people are not in favour they have tended to not disagree either but remain neutral. There is such a generally positive response that it may be an issue which options are preferred when there is a clash of uses, for example between wildlife and leisure use, or farming and access. The answers from the Lounge are more mixed, though more positive about disability access. Most support more use of green technology and using the countryside productively.

The Baptist Church responses are similar, but with stronger support for using the countryside productively, and there is not quite such overwhelming support for wildlife.

Transport

1. Public transport needs improvement through better co-ordination of all transport methods

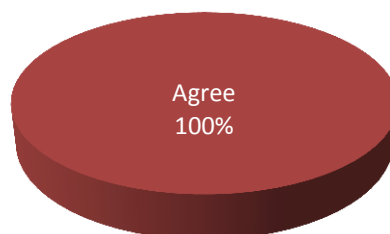
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (4)		4				
Lounge answers (23)	14	8				1
Baptist Church answers (23)	13	10				
AVS & APM answers (11)	4	7				
Hopwood (3)		3				
Total (67)	31	32				

Comment: 8, 4 emphasising need to link bus with rail services. One saying already being addressed. Bus could be replaced by taxi firm offering more flexible service. More than one bus a day needed. Give priority to improving rail services. (some of these comments were in the wrong section) **One saying we don't need more, but better.**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	
Agree	4
Neither	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	4

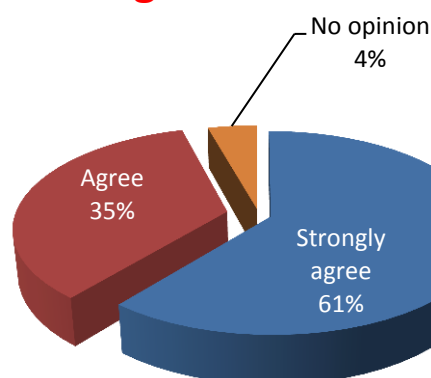
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	14
Agree	8
Neither	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	1
Total	23

The Lounge answers



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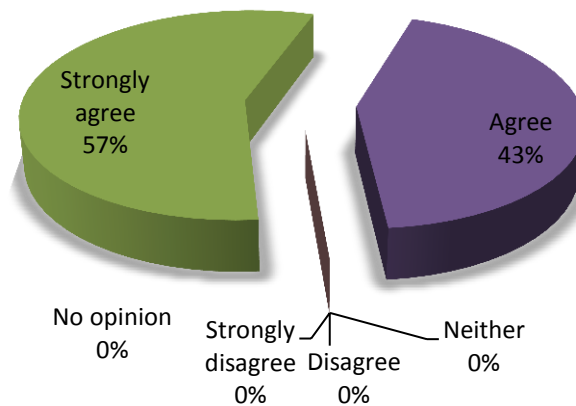
Transport

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Baptist Hall

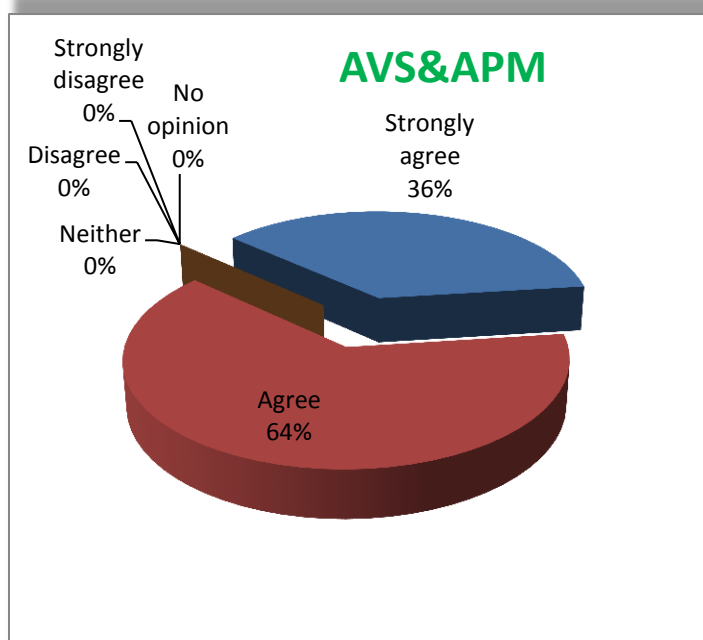
Strongly agree	13
Agree	10
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23

Baptist hall answers



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	4
Agree	7
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	11



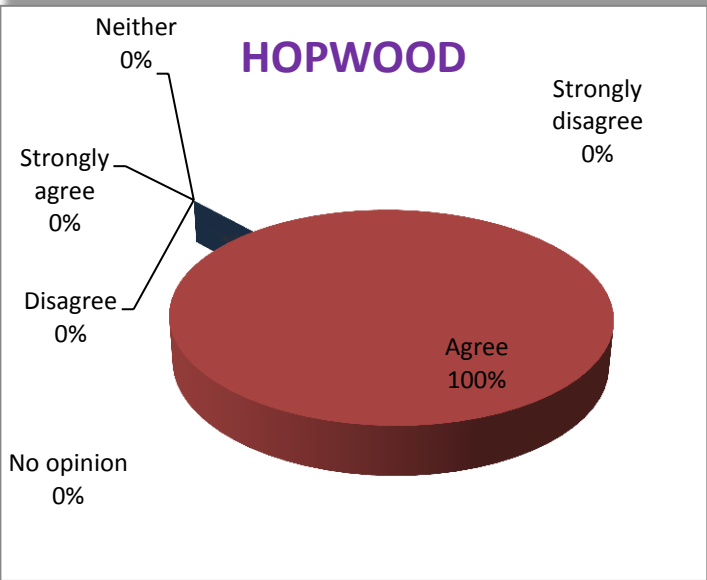
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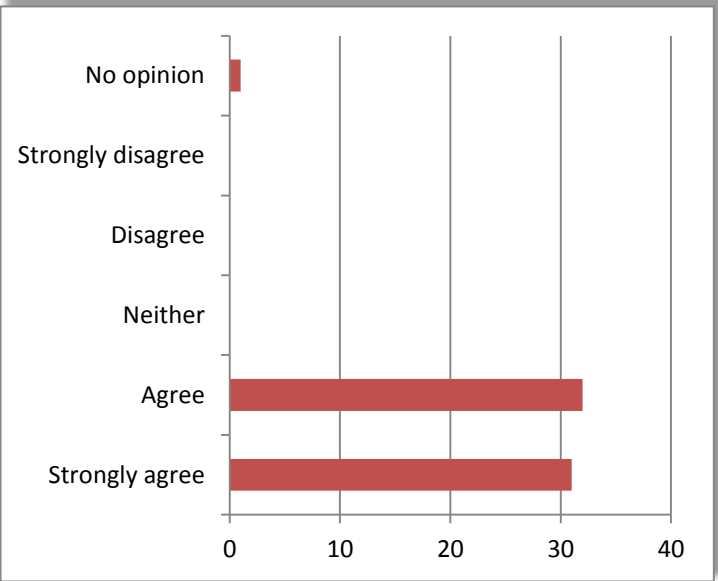
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	0
Agree	3
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



Result from all venues

Strongly agree	31
Agree	32
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
	64



Transport

2. Car parking in Alvechurch village centre needs review

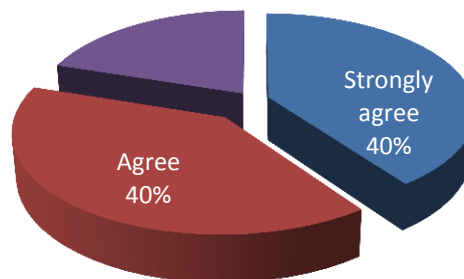
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (5)	2	2		1		
Lounge answers (23)	8	6	7	1		1
Baptist Church answers (23)	4	12	6	1		
AVS & APM answers (10)	3	4	3			
Hopwood (3)		3				
Total (64)	17	27	16	3		1

Comment: 3, saying restrictions need to be enforced, security improved, and another car park would help, one saying it works OK. 1 expanding parking space is needed.
1 fortunate in car parks available.

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	2
Agree	2
Neither	
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	4

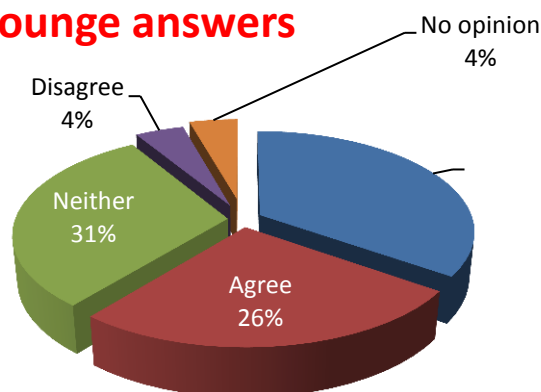
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	8
Agree	6
Neither	7
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	1
Total	23

The Lounge answers



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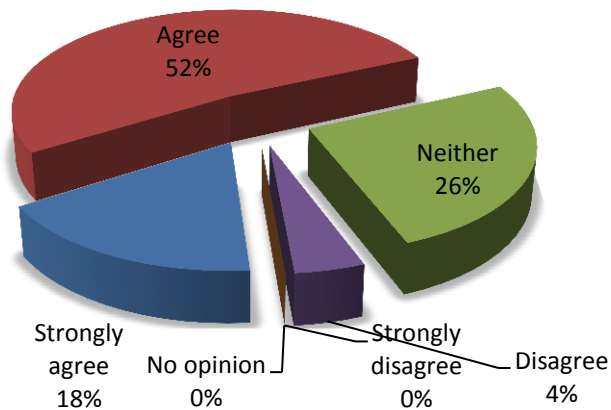
Transport

2. Car parking in Alvechurch village centre needs review

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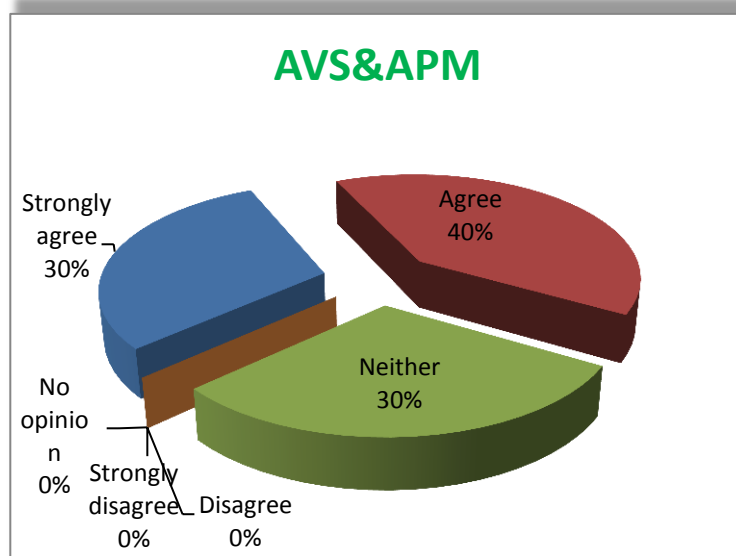
Strongly agree	4
Agree	12
Neither	6
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23

Baptist Hall answers



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	3
Agree	4
Neither	3
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	10



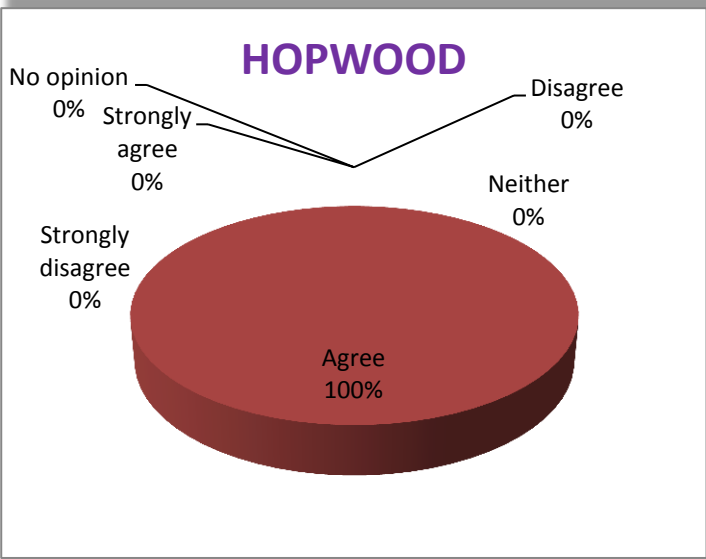
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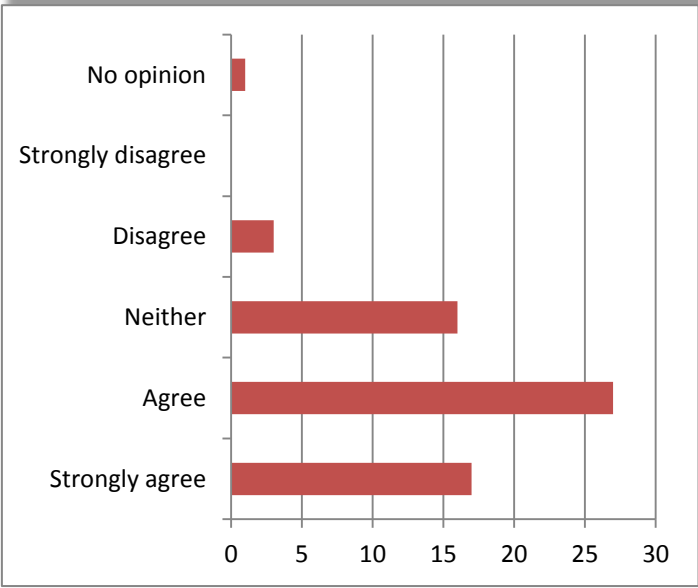
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	0
Agree	3
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



All 5 venues results

Strongly agree	17
Agree	27
Neither	16
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
	64



Transport

3. More cycleways and footways between the settlements

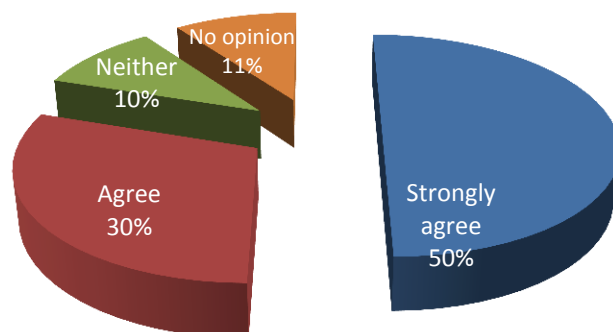
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (10)	5	3	1			1
Lounge answers (23)	6	12	4	1		
Baptist Church answers (23)	7	13	2			1
AVS & APM answers (11)	1	5	1	1	1	2
Hopwood (3)		1	2			
Total (64)	19	34	10	2	1	4

Comment: 2 saying cycling should be encouraged, 3 saying footpaths need improving. 1 especially keen to see improved cycleways and footways. 1 mothers and children should walk to school

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	5
Agree	3
Neither	1
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	1
Total	10

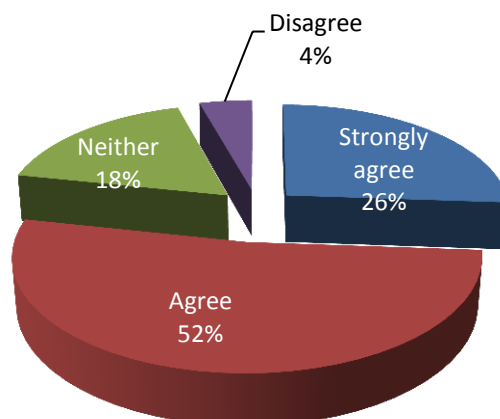
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	6
Agree	12
Neither	4
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	23

The Lounge answers



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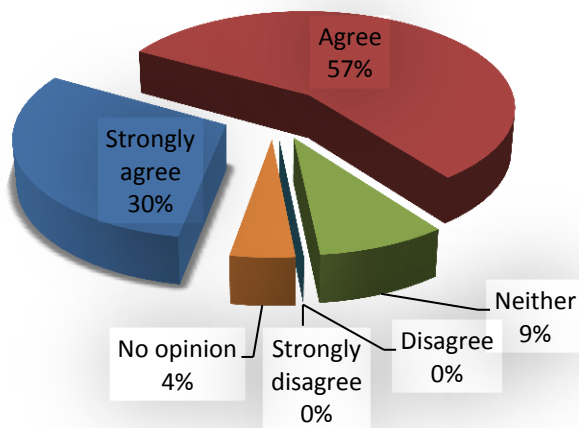
Transport

3. More cycleways and footways between the settlements

Baptist Hall

Strongly agree	7
Agree	13
Neither	2
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
Total	23

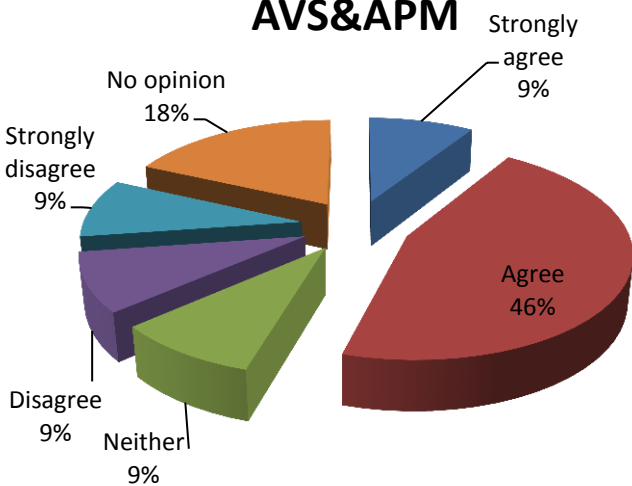
Baptist hall answers



AVS & APM

Strongly agree	1
Agree	5
Neither	1
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	2
Total	11

AVS&APM

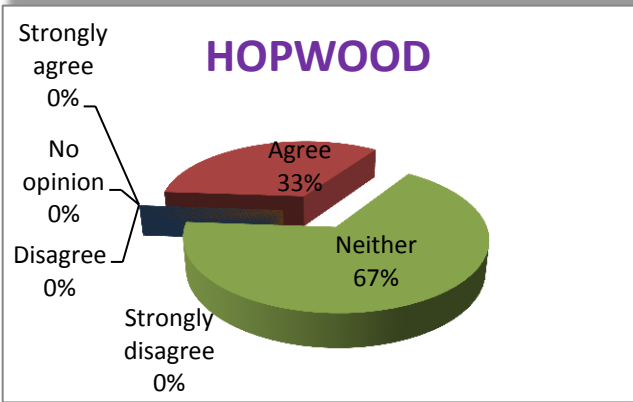


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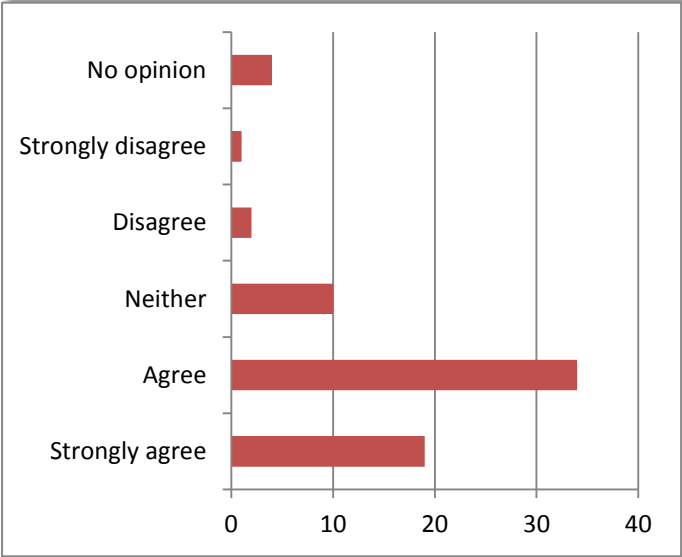
HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	0
Agree	1
Neither	2
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	3



All 5 results

Strongly agree	19
Agree	34
Neither	10
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	4
	70



Transport

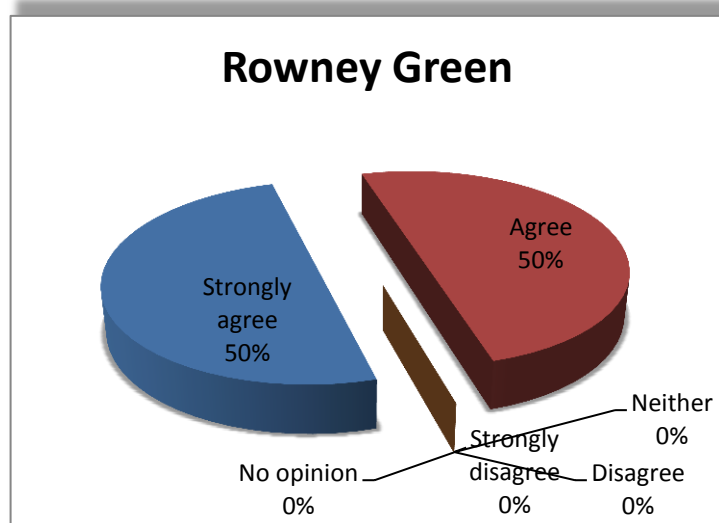
4. Traffic management across the parish needs improving

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (4)	2	2	0	0	0	0
Lounge answers (23)	5	12	3	2	0	1
Baptist Church answers (23)	8	10	3	2	0	0
AVS & APM answers (11)	2	7	1	1	0	0
Hopwood (3)	2	1	0	0	0	0
Total (64)	19	32	7	5	0	1

Comment: traffic calming needed in Rowney. Speed restrictions needed in Rowney and Grange Lane. Redditch Road needs to be slowed down and have better footpath. Stop HGV using Holloway. One saying difficult to see how. (Some comments in this section have been moved to (1) above as they are about public transport.) **One:** not to improve, but we still need a plan. **1,** seems generally in order. **1,1** stressed the need to stop speeding.

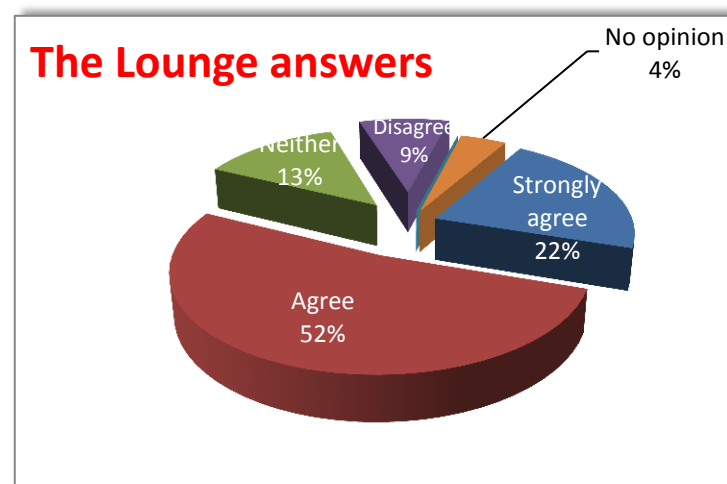
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	2
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	4



The Lounge

Strongly agree	5
Agree	12
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
Total	23



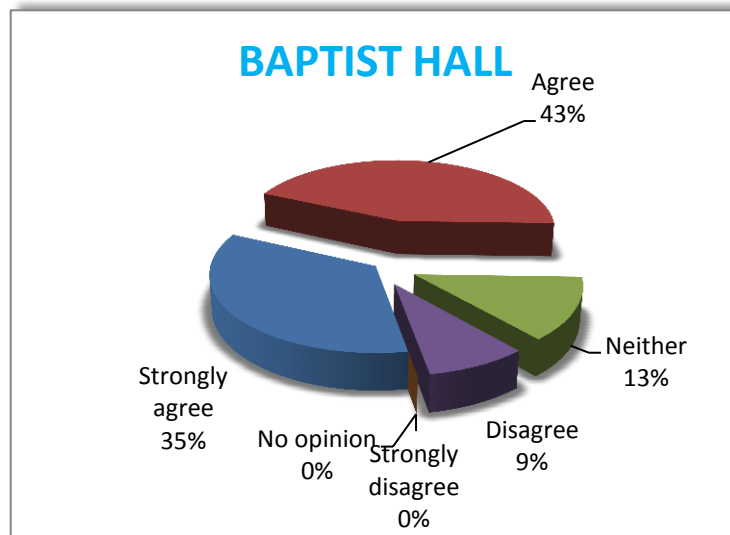
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Transport

4. Traffic management across the parish needs improving

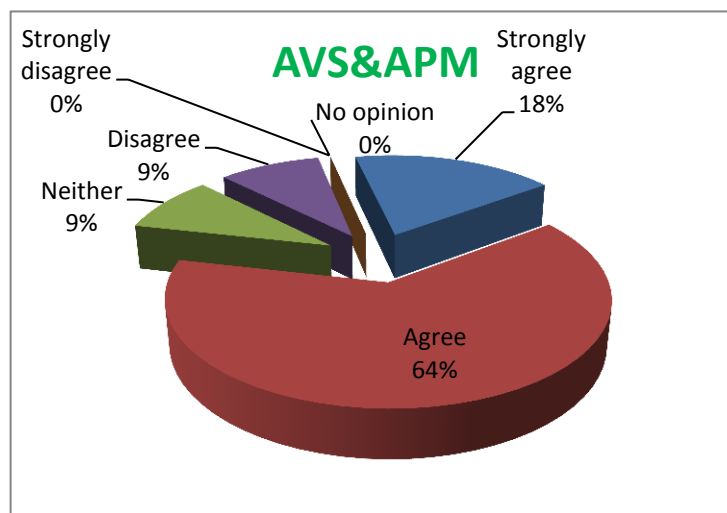
Baptist Hall

Strongly agree	8
Agree	10
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	



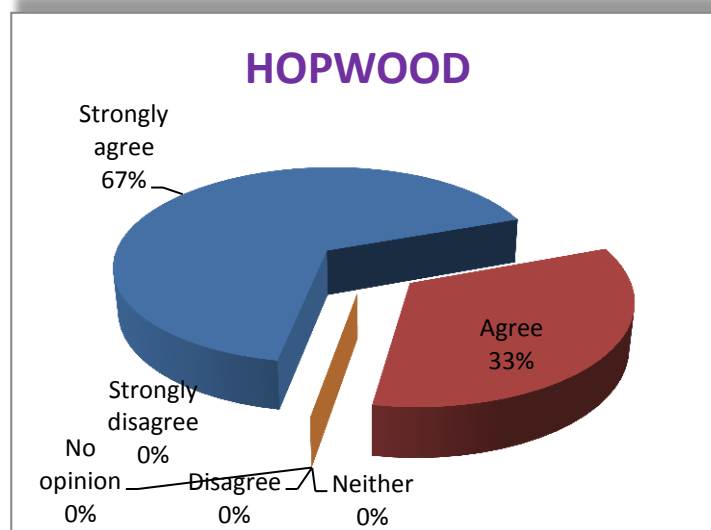
AVS & APM

Strongly agree	2
Agree	7
Neither	1
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	11



HOPWOOD

Strongly agree	2
Agree	1
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	3



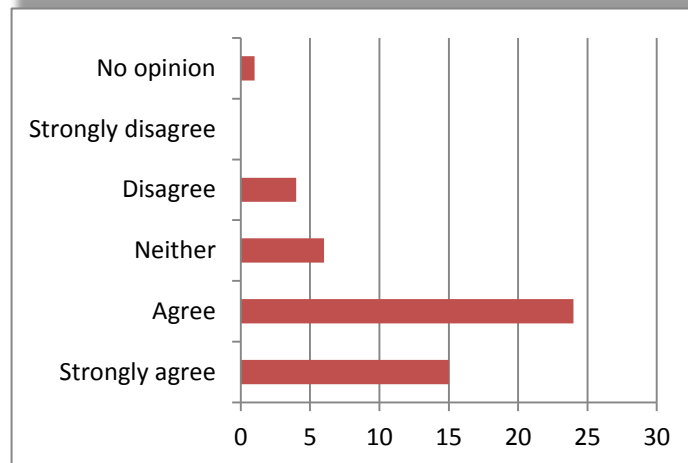
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Transport

4. Traffic management across the parish needs improving

All 5 results

Strongly agree	15
Agree	24
Neither	6
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
	50



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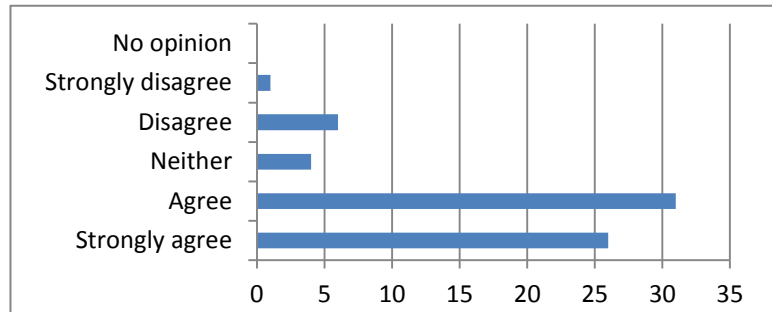
There is clear evidence of respondents' agreement on some issues, for example protection of the countryside and improving public transport. There is less agreement on some issues, especially in the development of housing, but the responses here give a good basis for further consultations.

HOUSING: Options, results from the 5 consultations

1. Development first on existing ADRs –further growth after 2030 on green belt immediately adjacent to existing settlements

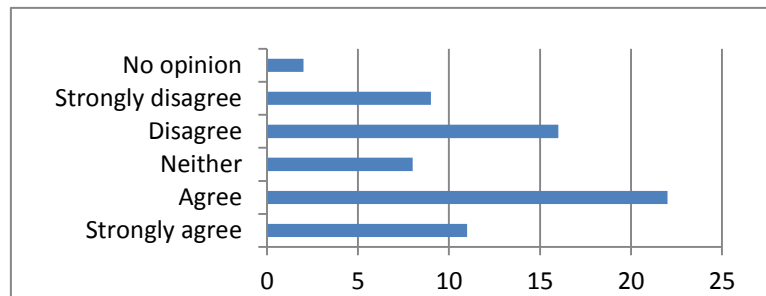
RESULTS from the 5 venues

Strongly agree	26
Agree	31
Neither	4
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
	68



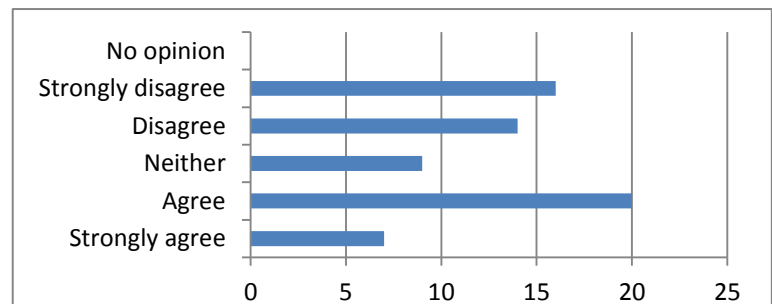
2. Further parish growth should be apportioned equally across the settlements on limited green belt sites

Strongly agree	11
Agree	22
Neither	8
Disagree	16
Strongly disagree	9
No opinion	2
	68



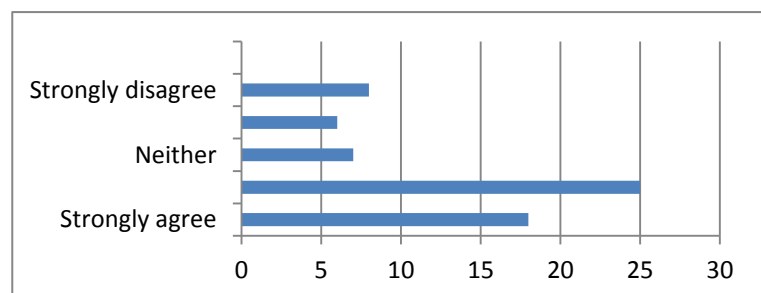
3. Greenbelt land released for future need should be mainly round the edges of Alvechurch village

Strongly agree	7
Agree	20
Neither	9
Disagree	14
Strongly disagree	16
No opinion	0
	66



4. Additional housing limited to small inexpensive houses if green belt has to be used

Strongly agree	18
Agree	25
Neither	7
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	8
No opinion	0
	64

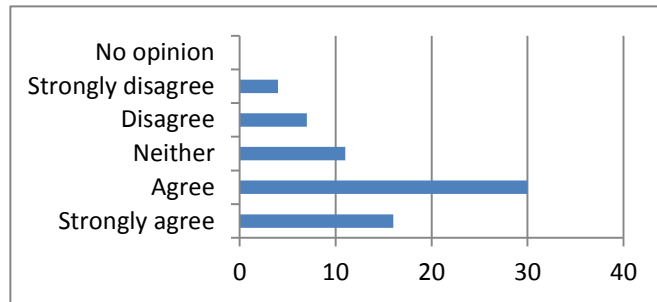


Business and Jobs

1. We need more business to come into the parish to give greater local employment opportunities

TOTALS OF ALL 5

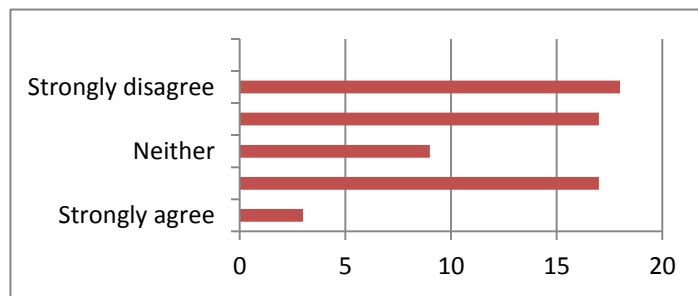
Strongly agree	16
Agree	30
Neither	11
Disagree	7
Strongly disagree	4
No opinion	0
	68



2. To increase the number and type of jobs available we should be prepared to give up some green belt and other sites for business

TOTAL OF ALL 5

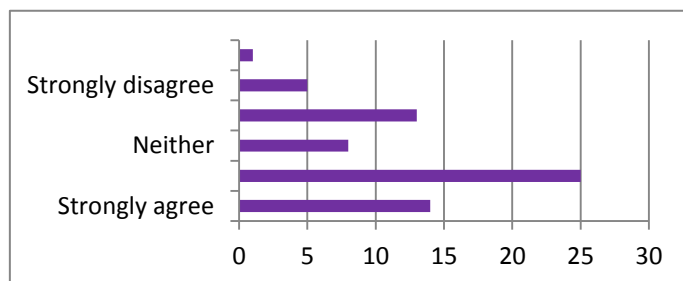
Strongly agree	3
Agree	17
Neither	9
Disagree	17
Strongly disagree	18
No opinion	0
	64



3. Alvechurch village centre would benefit from its own business development plan with options of some pedestrianisation and corresponding road changes round The Square and The Precinct

TOTAL OF ALL 5

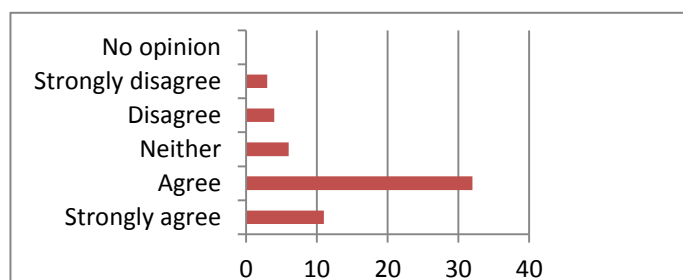
Strongly agree	14
Agree	25
Neither	8
Disagree	13
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	1
	66



4. Small scale rural employment should be encouraged in the small settlements: Bordesley, Hopwood, Rowney Green, Weatheroak and Withybed Green

TOTAL OF ALL 5

Strongly agree	11
Agree	32
Neither	6
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	3
No opinion	0
	56

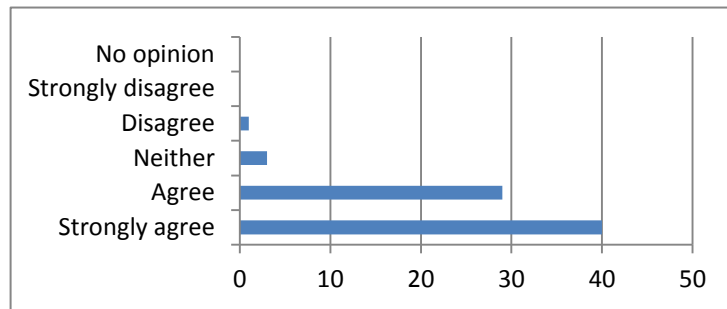


Countryside environment

1. Environment should be managed in the best way for wildlife as well as people

TOTAL OF ALL RESULTS

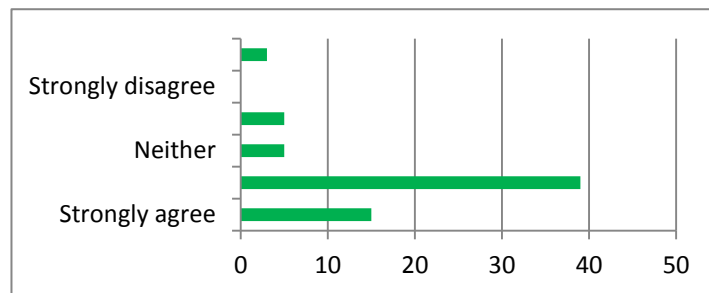
Strongly agree	40
Agree	29
Neither	3
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	73



2. Improve public access to the countryside including for people with limited mobility

TOTAL OF ALL RESULTS

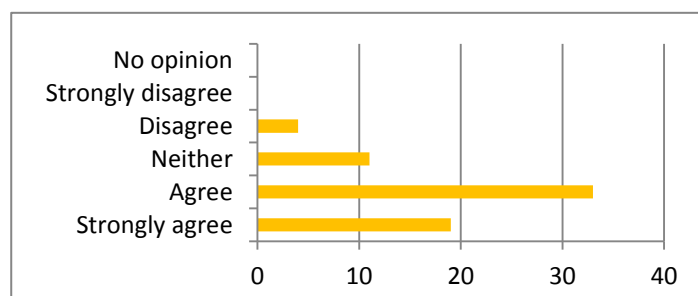
Strongly agree	15
Agree	39
Neither	5
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	3
	67



3. We should use the countryside productively for farming, sport or tourism

Results of all 5 venues

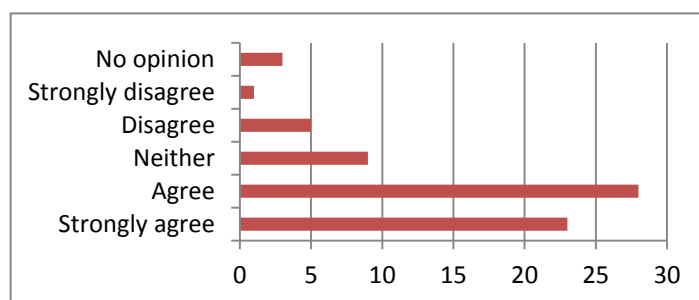
Strongly agree	19
Agree	33
Neither	11
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
	67



4. More use of green and environmental technologies/ energy conservation

Results of all 5 venues

Strongly agree	23
Agree	28
Neither	9
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	3
	69

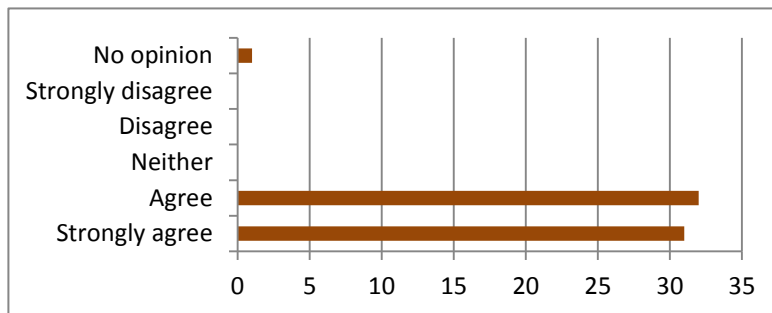


Transport

1. Public transport needs improvement through better co-ordination of all transport methods

Result from all venues

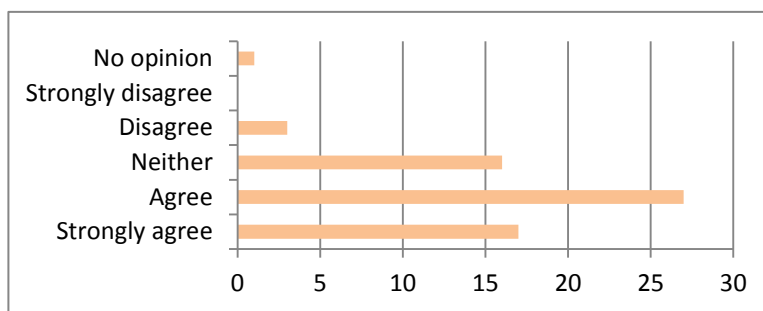
Strongly agree	31
Agree	32
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
	64



2. Car parking in Alvechurch village centre needs review

All 5 venues results

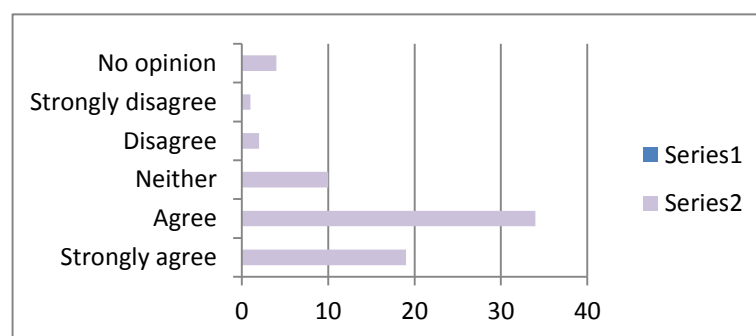
Strongly agree	17
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3. More cycleways and footways between the settlements

All 5 results

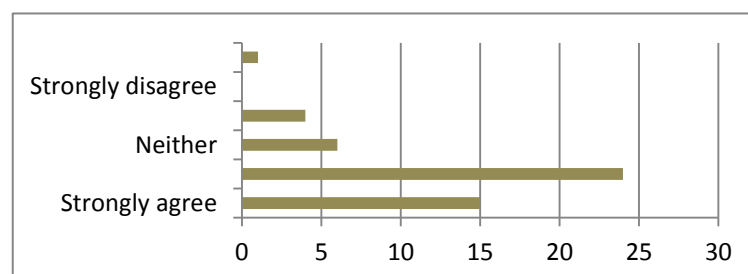
Strongly agree	19
Agree	34
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Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	4
	70



4. Traffic management across the parish needs improving

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Summaries of the Results

BUSINESS AND JOBS

Conclusion:

There is some support for increasing local business even in small settlements however there is no agreement that any green belt land should be used. Rowney Green residents who commented do not support pedestrianisation in Alvechurch. **Some Lounge customers are more positive about business development generally, especially in rural settlements, but results show a spread. They are very interested in the suggested pedestrianisation/ development of the centre of Alvechurch Village.** **The Baptist Church group had similar responses to the Lounge, except they were more against giving up any green belt land for business.**

HOUSING

There were several “unattached” comments on this section. One says that it is a done deal that Redditch will expand into the sites adjacent to the A441 in exchange for building the Bordesley bypass (not the case) There is one separate comment saying that house building in Alvechurch is spoiling the traditional aura of the village, especially affordable housing and the people who live there. Another says the national housing shortage needs action.

Several participants at the Baptist Church sessions stressed the need for housing for the elderly, as did some in discussion at APM.

Conclusion

Many people do not accept the premise that some green belt land may have to be released and just repeat that it should be preserved. Some do not realise we don't have brown field sites. However, there is some indication that limited development around settlements may be acceptable. There is strong support for this to be small inexpensive houses (except at Hopwood!). There were comments in some sessions about housing for the elderly,

There was one pair of options that we have not communicated clearly. These were that:

2. Further parish growth should be apportioned equally across the settlements on limited green belt sites

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Several respondents ticked both of these, whereas they are really mutually exclusive. These responses need to be treated with caution.

The general antagonism to using green belt, and the confusion about the two options above, means that neither option 2 nor 3 has a majority in favour, despite there being a good majority for option 1.

The Lounge customers have a wide spread of views about housing, but many support building small houses. The Baptist Church ones are similar, and specifically mention housing for the elderly.

A separate comment is concerned that it is a done deal that Redditch will expand into the sites adjacent to the A441 in exchange for building the Bordesley bypass.

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Summaries continued

Countryside environment

Conclusion:

All the responses in this section show a majority in agreement. There is overwhelming support for keeping the countryside wildlife-friendly, with a high proportion “strongly agreeing”, though some people confuse this with green belt. Generally people support farming and other appropriate use, improving access to the countryside, and more use of green technology and energy conservation. Where people are not in favour they have tended to not disagree either but remain neutral. There is such a generally positive response that it may be an issue which options are preferred when there is a clash of uses, for example between wildlife and leisure use, or farming and access. The answers from the Lounge are more mixed, though more positive about disability access. Most support more use of green technology and using the countryside productively.

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