

Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan

School students' survey: analysis of responses

April 2020

Agenda

- Survey scope
- Who completed the questionnaire?
- Analysis of responses

Schools Survey covered most of topics included residents' survey

Questions covered

- Likes and dislikes about the school location
- How much they value semi-rural character and green spaces
- Attitudes to selected local amenities
- Views on future development in parish and energy conservation

Additional section on travel to/from school and choice of mode – to help understand Church Road traffic issues

Approach

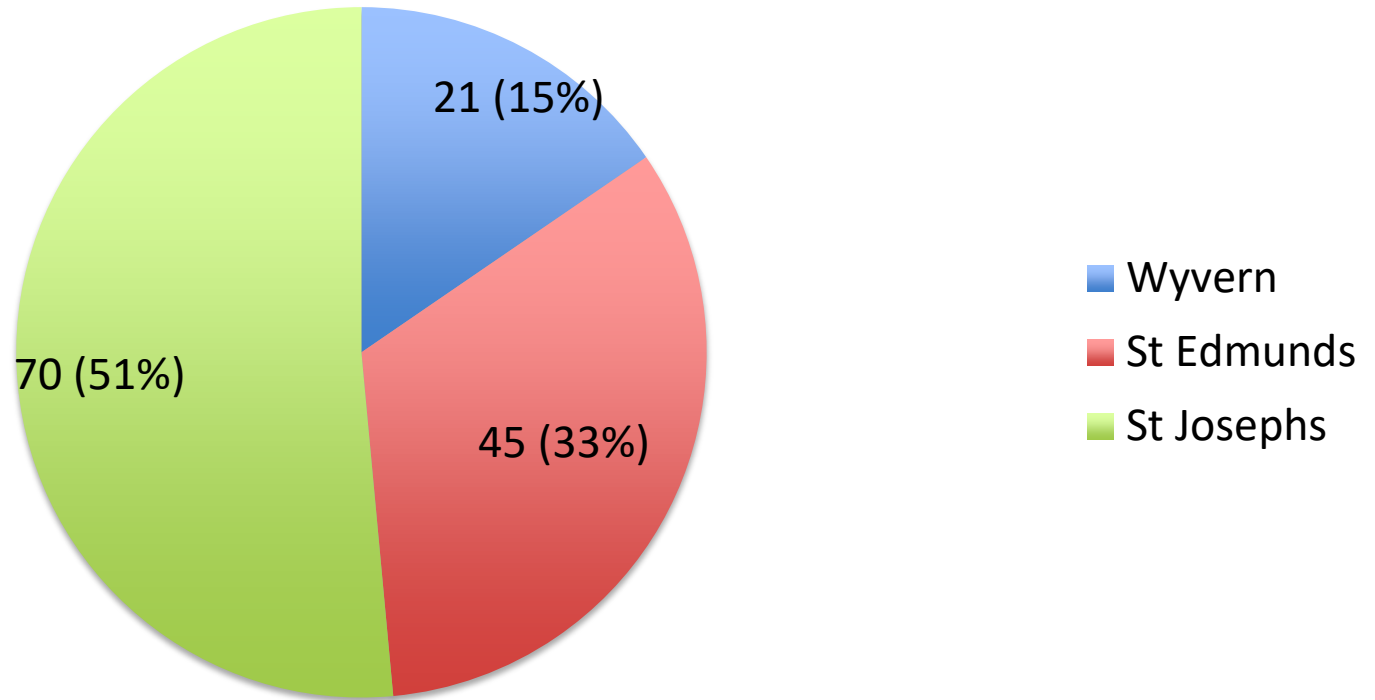
- The three secondary schools located in the parish (Wyvern, St Edmund's and St Joseph's) agreed to participate
- Our intention was to survey students in Year 11 (15-16 year olds), but the schools were initially keen to include other age groups
- quantitative survey: enables systematic estimation of strength of response on specific areas/issues
- Online questionnaire - completed by students primarily during school time during Autumn term, 2019

Almost all who completed the questionnaire were from Year 9

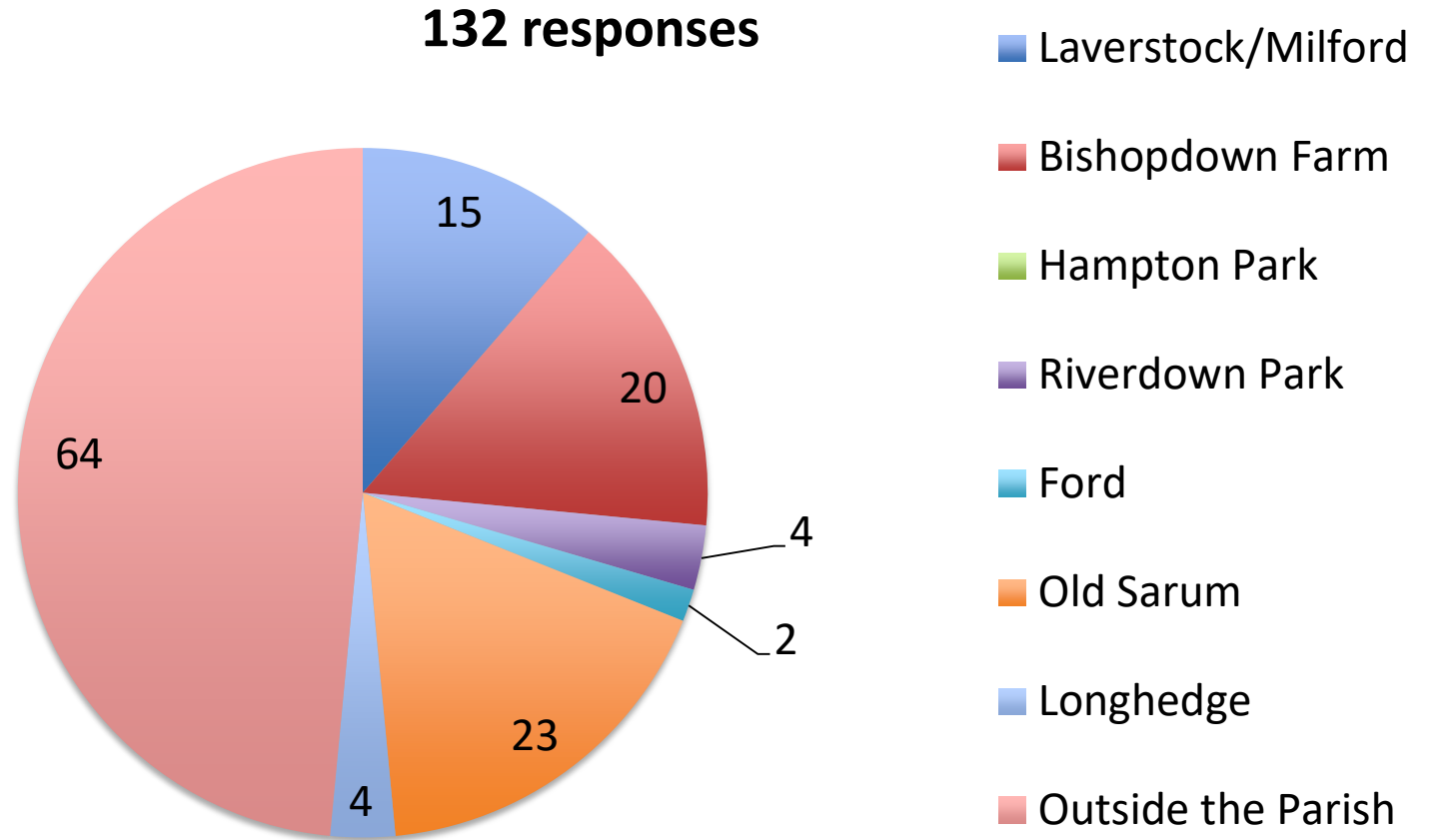
- 136 completed questionnaires
 - 133 from Year 9
 - 3 from Year 11

Half the respondents were from St Joseph's

Responses: total = 136



Only about half the respondents lived within the parish



Analysis of responses

- School location – analysis of responses from all school students (136 persons)

Wide range of likes about school location, but none with majority support

All school students

Likes	Frequency of Mentions
Convenience store nearby	38%
Attractive views of countryside	37%
Playing fields adjoin site	35%
On bus route home	32%
Within walking distance of home	29%
Within cycling distance of home	21%

Traffic congestion was by far the main dislike about schools' location

All school students

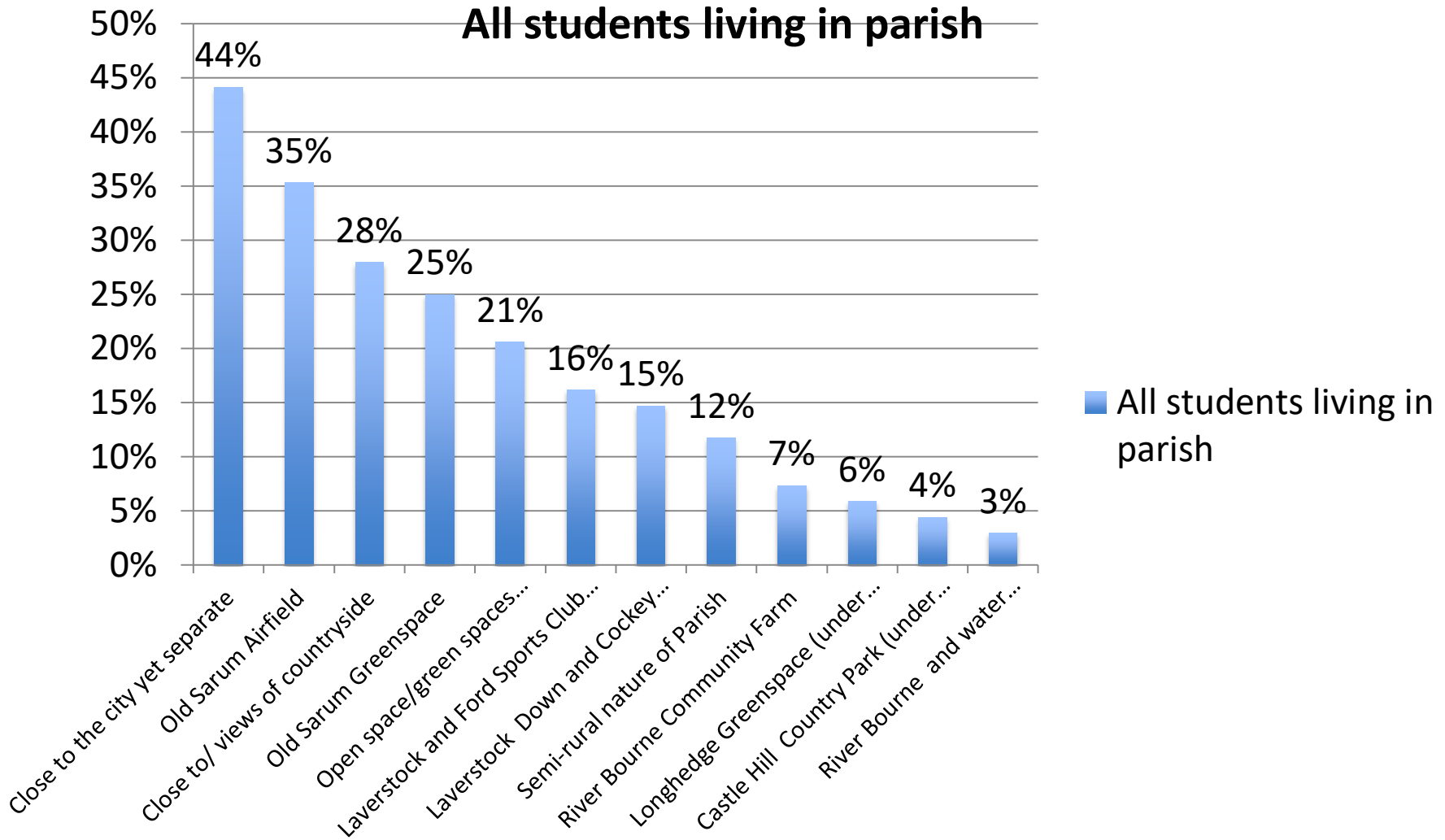
Dislikes	Mentions
Traffic congestion at arrival and leaving times	67%
Long journey to school	36%
No convenient walking route to school	13%
No direct bus to school	10%
No convenient cycle route to school	10%
Other (please specify)	10%

Analysis of responses

- School location
- Parish and its setting –
 - analysis of responses from school students living in the parish (68 persons)

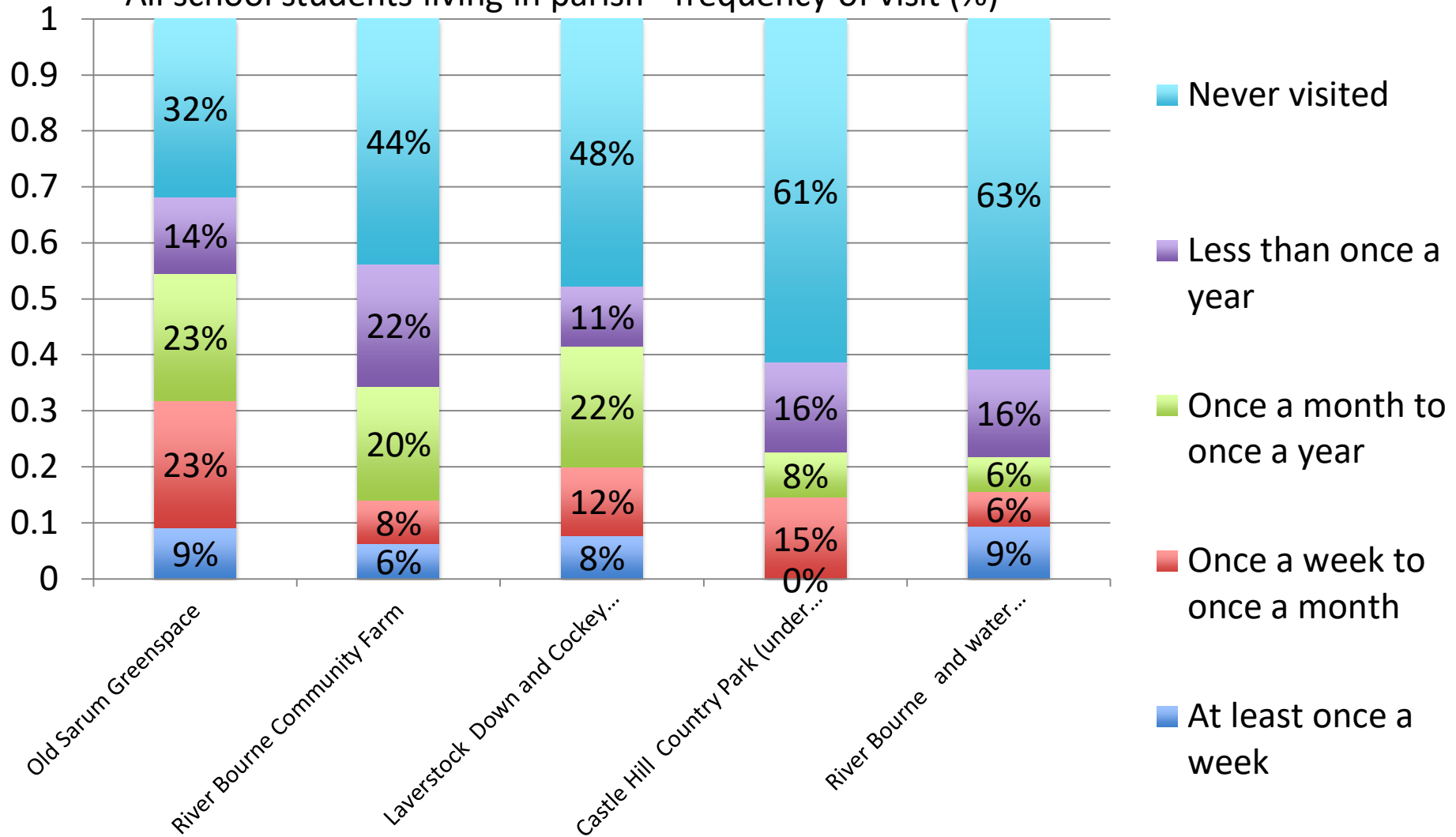
Proximity to city is attribute valued most highly by school students from the parish

Responses to question: which of the following do you value?



Green spaces in parish – other than Old Sarum Greenspace - tend to be visited very infrequently, if at all

All school students living in parish - frequency of visit (%)



More than half respondents never visited River Bourne/water meadows or Castle Hill Country Park

Analysis of responses

- School location
- Parish and its setting
- **Local amenities**
 - analysis of responses from school students living in the parish only

Majority of school students from parish rated selected local amenities as good or adequate

Respondents expressing opinion

	Good	Adequate	Poor
Bus links to the city	56%	42%	2%
Convenience stores	49%	44%	7%
Footpath network	45%	43%	13%
Recreational and leisure facilities	33%	49%	18%
Cycle path network	22%	51%	27%

But minority rated cycle path network as poor

Analysis of responses

- School location
- Parish and its setting
- Local amenities
- Future development
 - analysis of responses from school students living in the parish only

Majority qualified support for priority to nurturing wildlife habitats, no more large housing estates and more cycle ways, but overall very high proportion of neutral opinions

	Strongly/ somewhat agree	Neutral	Strongly/ somewhat disagree
Priority should be given to nurturing habitats for wildlife in our parish	55%	40%	4%
No more large housing estates (eg 400 houses, which would cover an area twice the size of all the Laverstock schools site and playing fields) should be built in the parish	54%	43%	3%
There should be more cycle ways for easier and safer journeys to school and city centre	54%	39%	7%
The water meadows along the River Bourne should be protected against any type of development	48%	48%	3%
The community owned open spaces, such as Castle Hill Country Park, should be legally protected from future development	41%	49%	10%
New business premises should be built within the parish to provide more job opportunities close to home	36%	58%	6%
Laverstock Down and Cockey Down should be protected from any type of development	34%	60%	6%
Wherever possible new housing should be built within the existing built up areas of the parish (e.g. using vacant spaces or replacing one old house with two new ones)	34%	52%	13%
A single, larger housing estate would be preferable to several smaller ones	33%	46%	21%
Any further development should not fill in the space between the various communities in the parish and must remain separate from development in Salisbury city	33%	61%	6%

Very little disagreement with any statement except that favouring single large development

Qualified majority support for all energy conservation statements, but around a third of respondents neutral

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neutral
Solar panel farms should be permitted	35%	32%	27%
Wind turbines should be permitted	33%	27%	36%
All future houses/offices should have an electric vehicle charging facility	31%	31%	36%
Any future buildings should be designed for zero net energy usage	28%	31%	33%
More commercial buildings should be built to allow more local people to work closer to home	24%	38%	29%

Very little disagreement with any statement

Summary - responses

- School students' survey primary objective to gather views on the parish, its green spaces and local amenities and future development in the parish.
- Secondary objective to gather information on their journeys to/from school, in order to provide further insight into the traffic problems around the schools
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- All three secondary schools in the parish participated in the survey
- Survey primarily aimed at Year 11 students (15-16 year olds)
- However of 136 respondents, almost all from Year 9 (13-14 year olds)

Summary – likes and dislikes about school location

- Wide variety of “likes” about school location – most frequently mentioned were proximity to convenience store, attractive views of the countryside and the availability of playing fields on-site – but none were mentioned by majority of respondents
- Traffic congestion around the school was by far the biggest “dislike” of the location

Summary – views on parish setting and local amenities

- There was a wide range of attributes of the parish and its setting which school students from the parish valued, with most frequent mentions for its closeness to the city but separate and Old Sarum Airfield, but none were mentioned by a majority of respondents
- Green spaces in parish – other than Old Sarum Greenspace - tended to be visited very infrequently, if at all
- The majority of respondents rated local amenities such as bus links to the city, sports and recreational facilities, footpath and cyclepath network as good or adequate

Summary – views on future of parish

- In response to a set of statements about the future of the parish, the majority of school students from the parish gave qualified support for :
 - priority to nurturing wildlife habitats
 - no more large housing estates
 - more cycle ways
- but overall there was very high proportion of neutral opinions for all statements.

On energy conservation, the majority of students gave qualified support for all five energy conservation statements

- Any future buildings should be designed for zero net energy usage
- All future houses/offices should have an electric vehicle charging facility
- Solar panel farms should be permitted
- Wind turbines should be permitted
- more commercial buildings should be constructed to allow more local people to work closer to home

Comments

- In many ways, the nature of the response to the questions in this part of the survey is not unexpected.
- For those in their early teens, visiting green spaces is far less attractive than playing computer games, accessing social media or meeting up with friends.
- Changes to settlement patterns and their potential long term impact on the character of the parish are also generally not of great interest to those in their early teens.

Travel survey findings

- analysis of responses from all school students (136 persons)

Journey time to school is typically less than 30 minutes

Only a third of students travel by car

Journey times to school

Time (mins)	All modes	Car	Bus	Cycle	Walk
Less than 10	10%	20%	0%	14%	8%
10-19	36%	33%	30%	43%	46%
20-29	27%	31%	24%	36%	23%
30-44	13%	13%	16%	0%	12%
45-59	6%	2%	12%	7%	0%
60+	9%	0%	18%	0%	12%

Mode of travel to/from school

Mode	To school	From school
Bus	37%	40%
Car/ taxi	33%	26%
Walk	19%	25%
Cycle	10%	9%

Main reasons for going by car - quicker journey and too far to walk/cycle

Reasons for travel by car

Reason given	Frequency of mentions (%)
Much quicker	53%
Too far to walk/cycle	49%
Car travelling near to school on journey elsewhere	27%
Unsafe to walk/cycle	16%
No convenient bus service	16%

Number of other children in car

Number of other children in car	(%)
0	36%
1	22%
2	18%
3+	24%

More than a third of car trips to school carry
only one child

Travel to/from school: key findings

- For the majority of students, the journey to school generally took less than 30 minutes, irrespective of mode of travel.
- Only a third of the students travelled to school by car, and of these a third were the only passenger in the car
- The principal reasons for going by car were
 - shorter journey time
 - too far to walk or cycle
- The lack of a convenient bus service was mentioned by less than a fifth of respondents as a reason for travelling to school by car

Travel to/from school: comments

- Based on survey findings, traffic congestion around the school is largely generated by the minority of school students arriving/departing by car
- For many of these students, there appears to be the option of using the bus, but the car wins on convenience and speed
- However, if only a small proportion could be persuaded to use the bus, this could have a disproportionate impact on traffic congestion