



Introduction

Why is Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council developing a Neighbourhood Plan? The parish faces considerable development pressure, and the Localism Act 2011 gives communities like Wye the option to influence planning decisions about new housing, commercial and other developments in their area. In July 2012, a team of 53 patch-workers distributed a household questionnaire to each occupied dwelling in the parish. The questions were based on the results and experience gained from the Wye Village Design Statement 2000, the Wye Parish Plan 2007, Wye Housing Needs Survey 2009 and other recent surveys. **Just over 75% of all households in the parish have now responded - THANK YOU.**

The survey produced over 10,000 pages of information, and a great many hand written comments. The Parish Council is still working through all these, but to keep residents informed, it has produced a short leaflet in September to highlight some of the main results. The parish council has now published this more detailed interim report which is available on-line. This report will be displayed in an exhibition at the parish church and in the library. This will guide a series of design workshops and exhibitions this autumn, and these will in turn develop policies for the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council aims to publish the draft Neighbourhood Plan for public consultation in January 2013.

Background

Government guidance states that neighbourhood plans will help communities to:

- Influence the planning of where they live and work;
- Decide where and what kind of new homes, shops, employment opportunities and other development should be built;
- Decide what to do with developed land that is no longer being used;
- Identify and protect important local green spaces and historic buildings;
- Influence what new buildings and other development should look like;
- Influence how S106 funds and Community Infrastructure Levy is spent;
- Contribute to the sustainable development of Wye as a place to live and work;
- As long as the document complies with national and local planning policies.

Next steps

Until Christmas the focus will be on workshops and public exhibitions. The survey results will inform the discussions, and shape the new policies and design guidelines for development in the parish of Wye. These workshops will produce a draft plan for public consultation in January 2013. After amendments, the final draft will then be independently examined. If it passes this and other tests, Wye electors will have a vote in a referendum on whether or not to approve the plan. **For further details please ask your patchworker, or keep an eye on the Parish Council's noticeboards, Wye Library and www.wyeparish.info.**

Note: The percentages quoted in this report are rounded to the nearest whole number. The household samples varied between 730 and 794 replies per question. A further 17 households returned blank forms. These are not included in the total of 974 responses. The data shown as recorded 6th October 2012, and is as yet unaudited.

Figure 1: Summary of the key results of the household survey

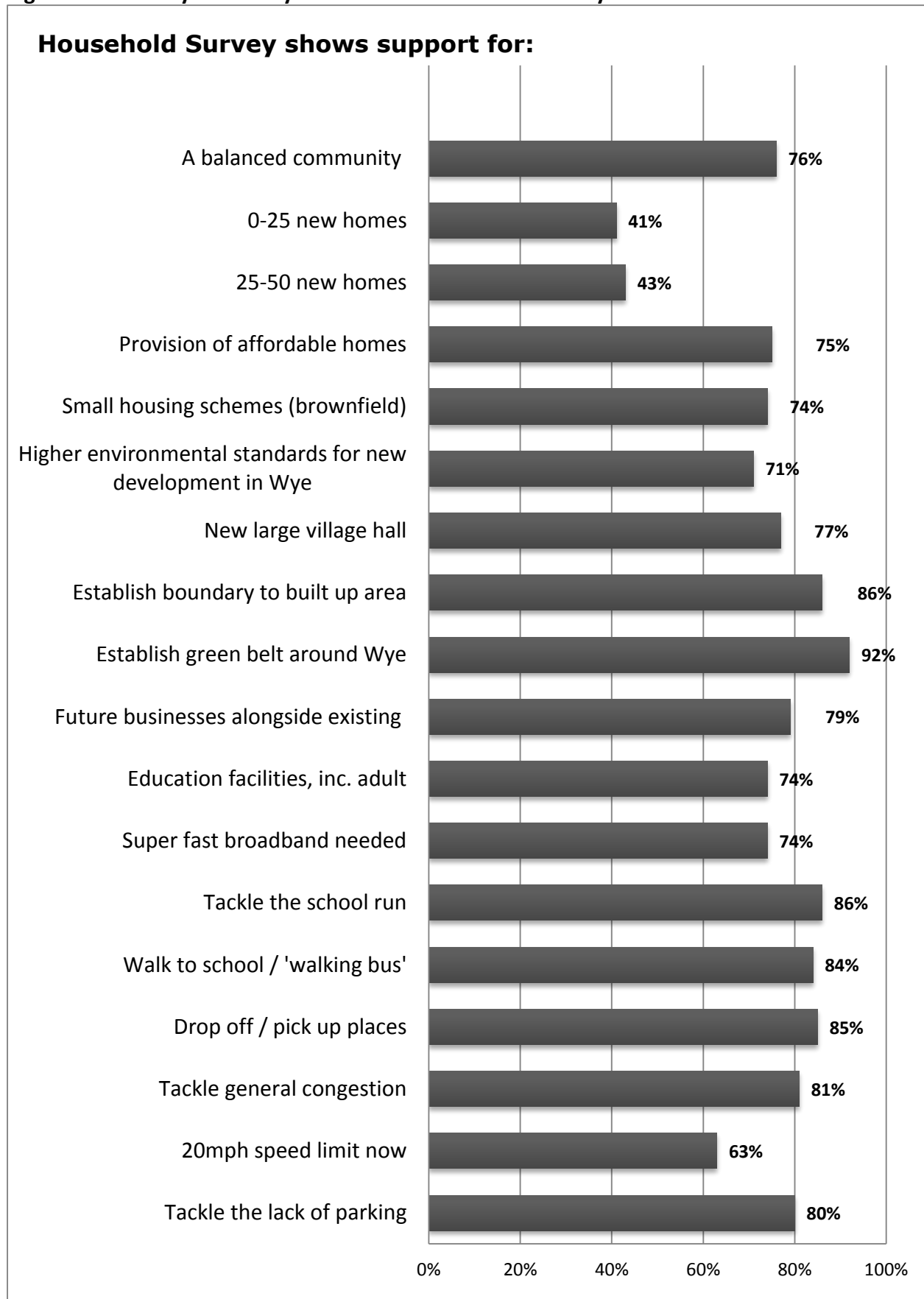


Figure 2: How long have you lived in Wye (744/793¹¹)

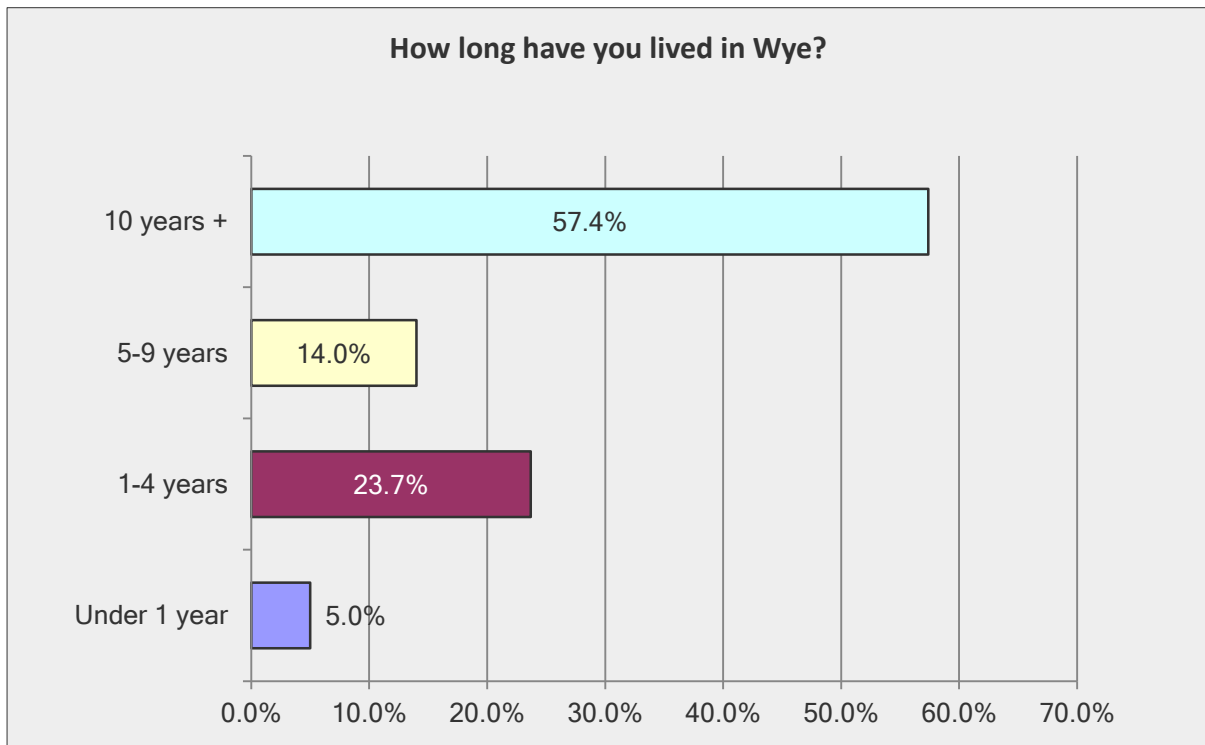


Figure 3: How would you like Wye to develop in the future (768/793)?

¹¹ The numbers in brackets are the total number of people who answered the question set against the total number of people who attempted the questionnaire. The %s are based on the total number who answered the question rather than the total number who attempted the questionnaire.

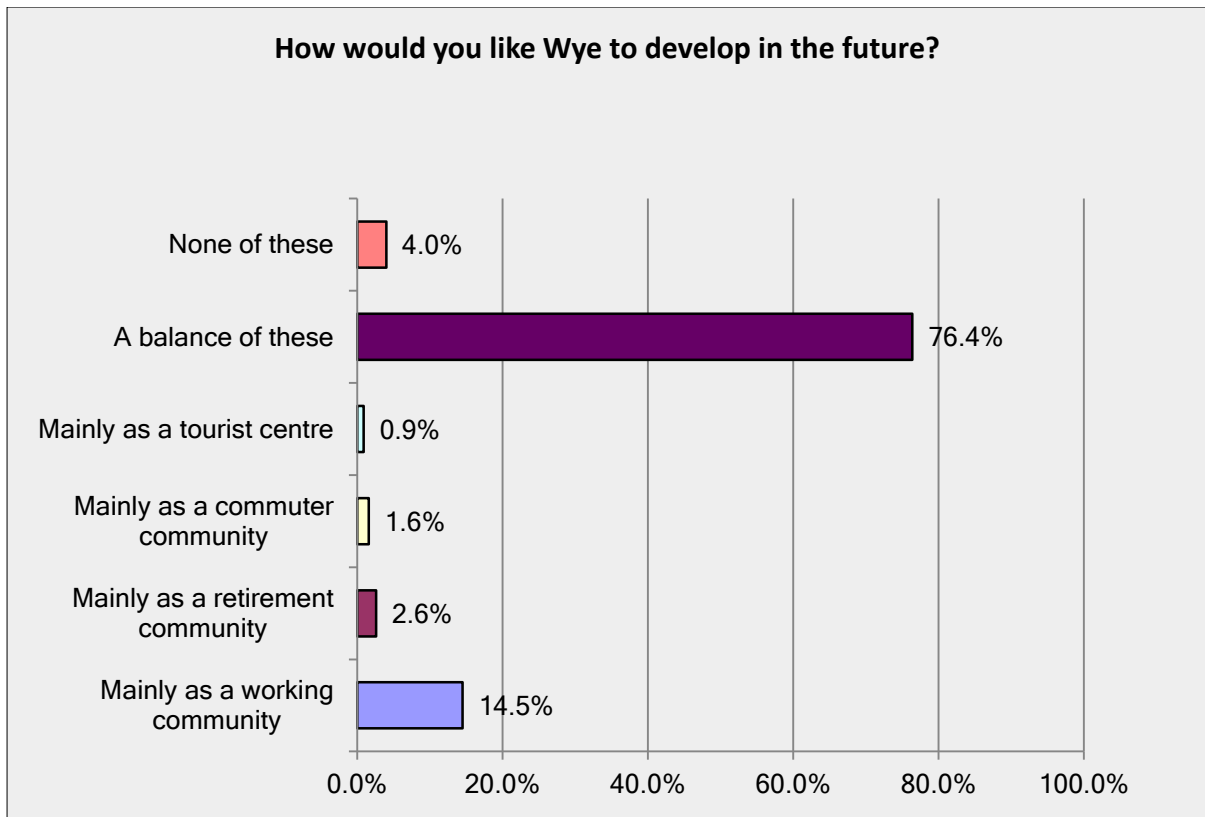


Figure 4: A possible number of additional new homes (irrespective of their type) to be built in Wye between 2016 and 2021 (756/793)

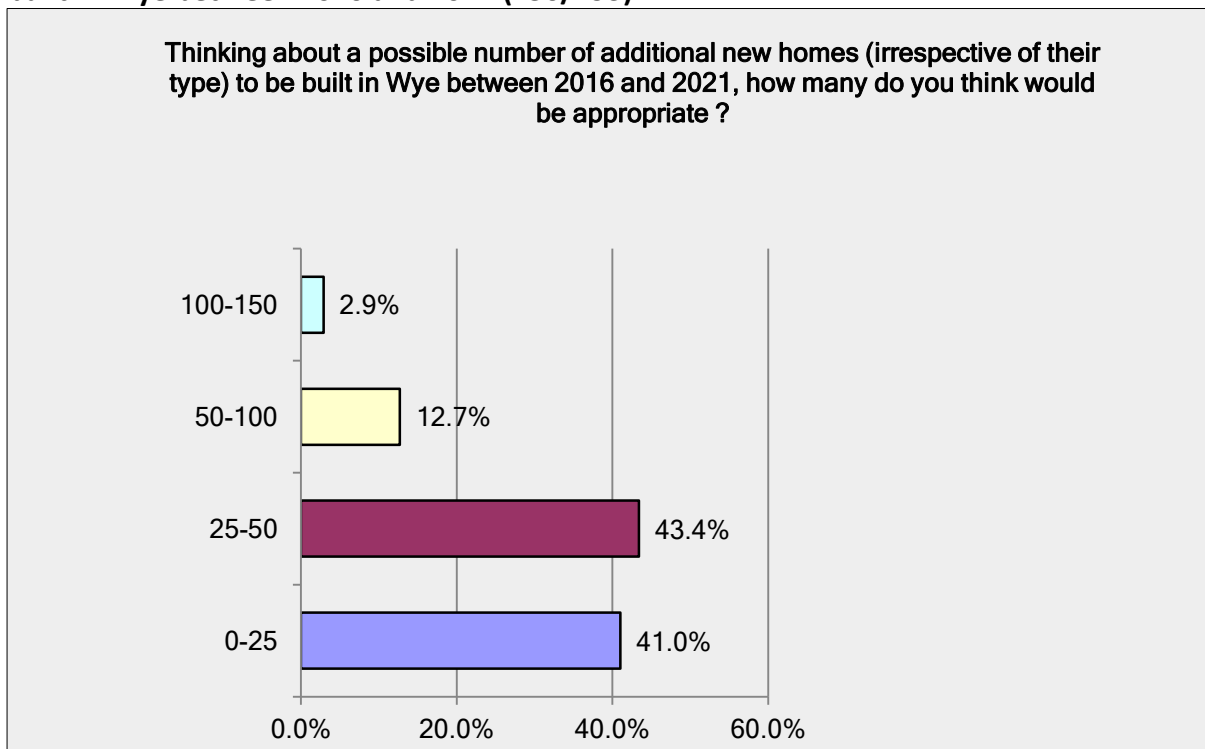


Figure 5: How important is it to provide affordable housing (773/793)

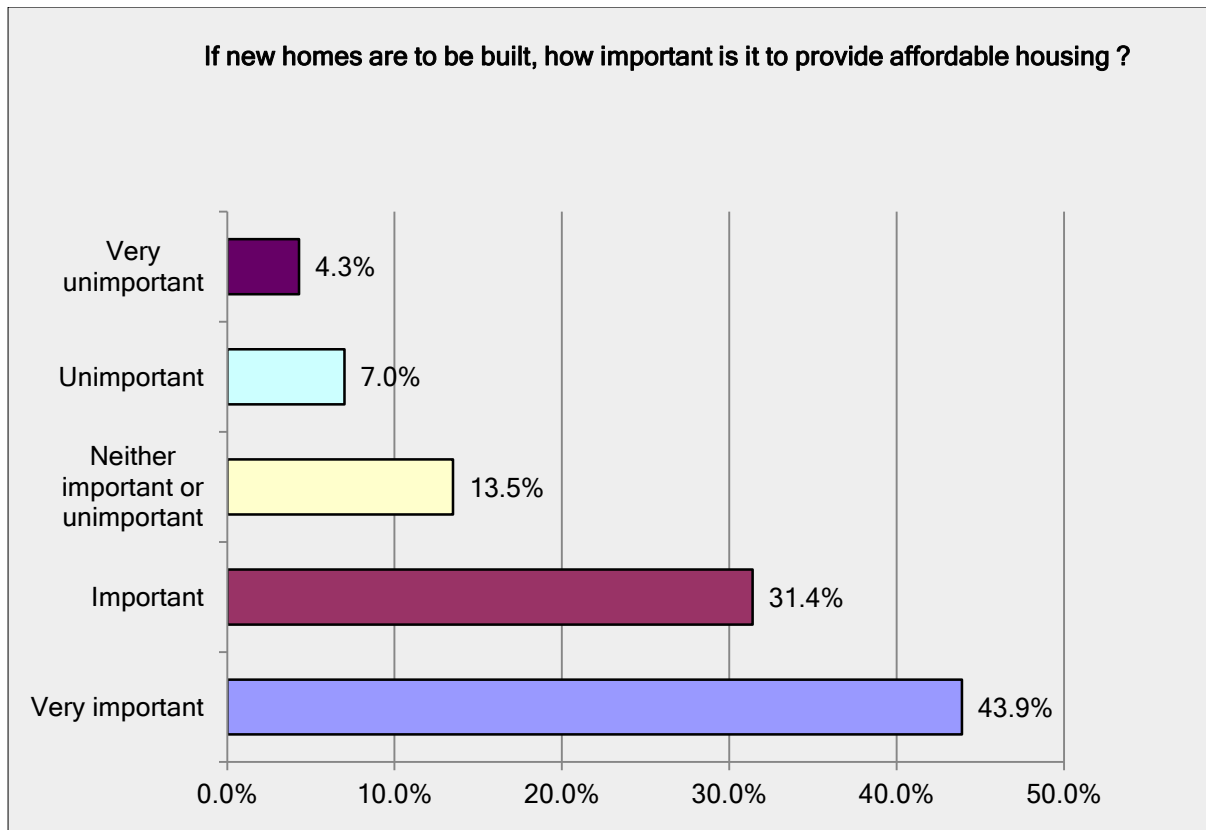


Figure 6: Who should extra housing be provided for (773/793)?

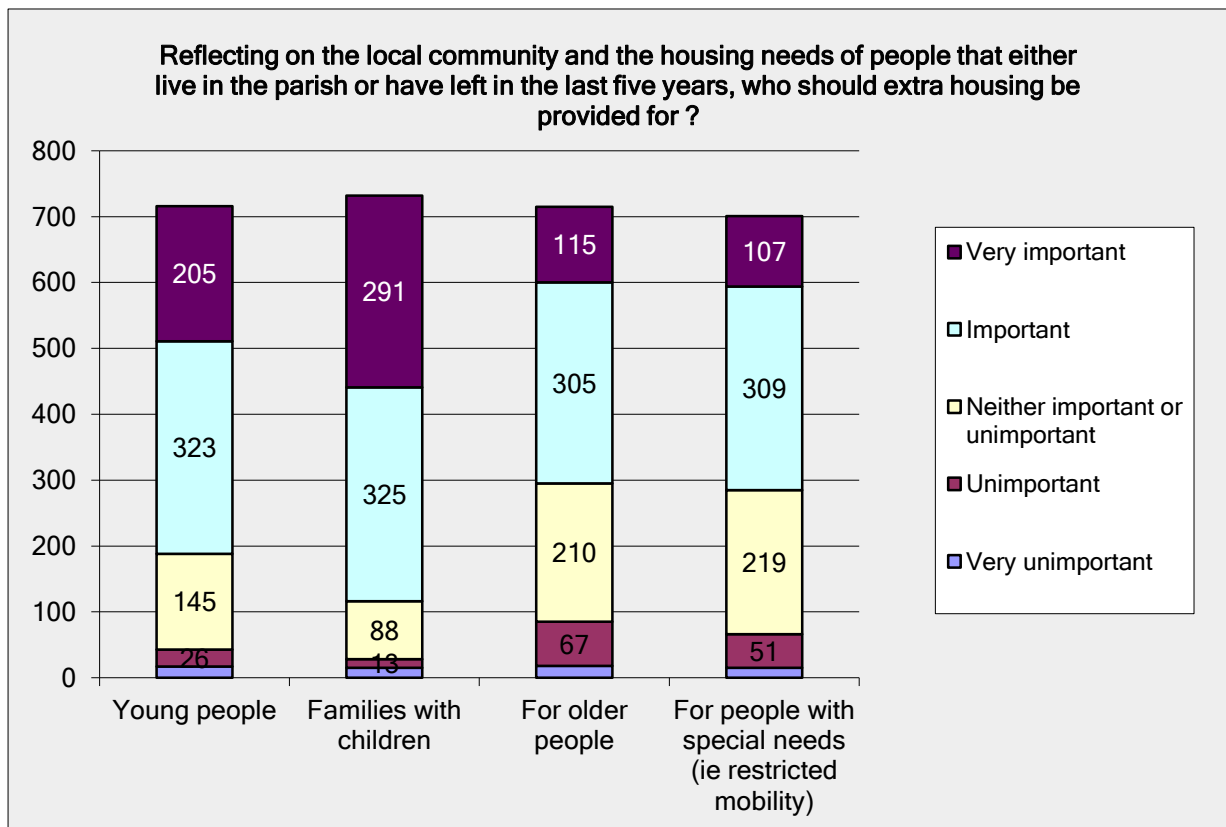


Figure 7: Type of new homes (773/793)

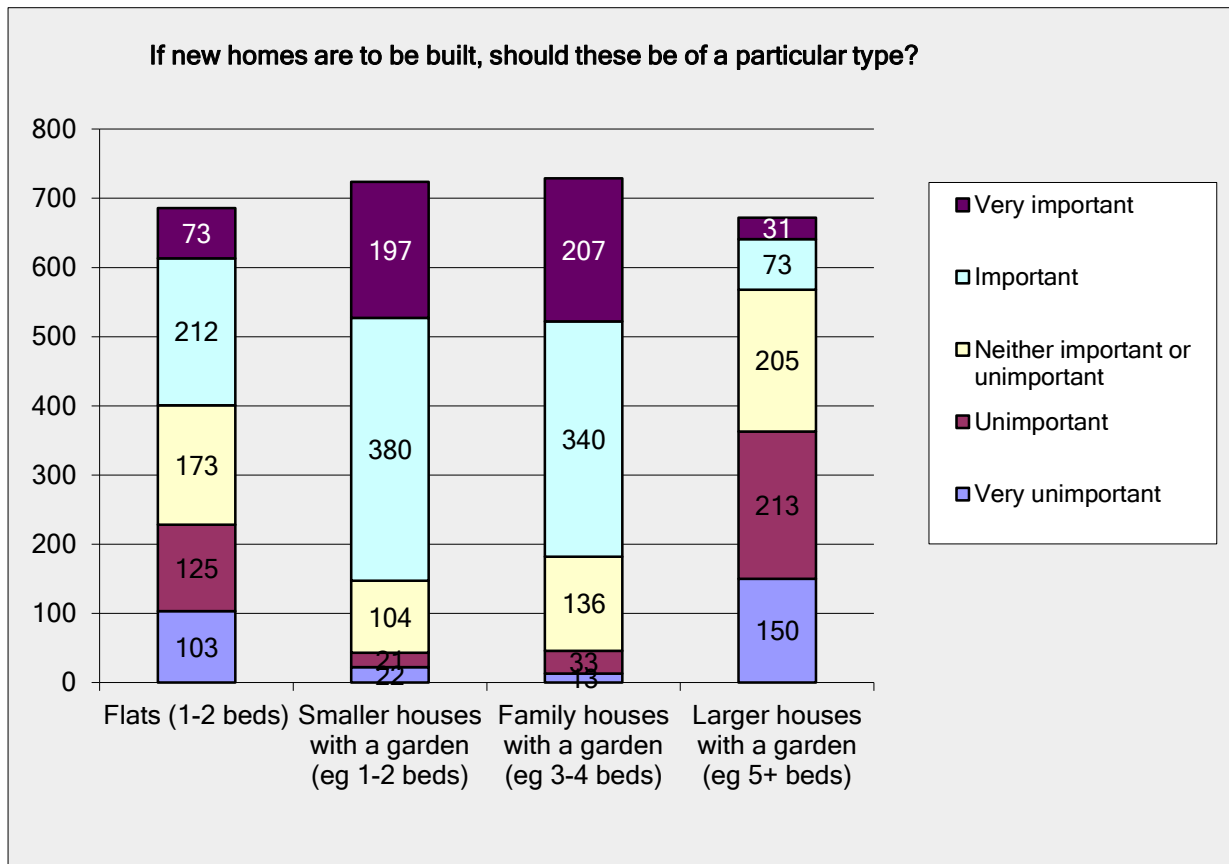


Figure 8: Layout of new homes (774/793)

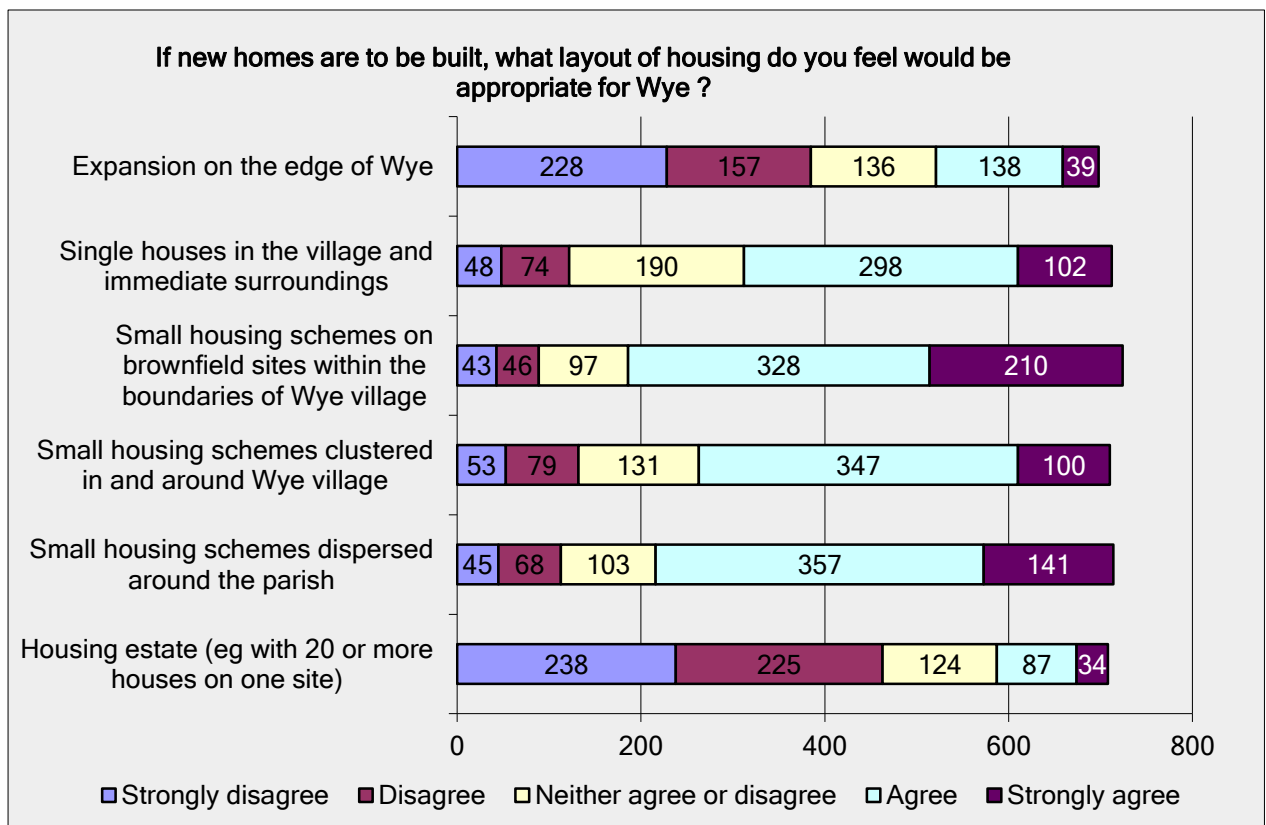


Figure 9: Location of new businesses (765/793)

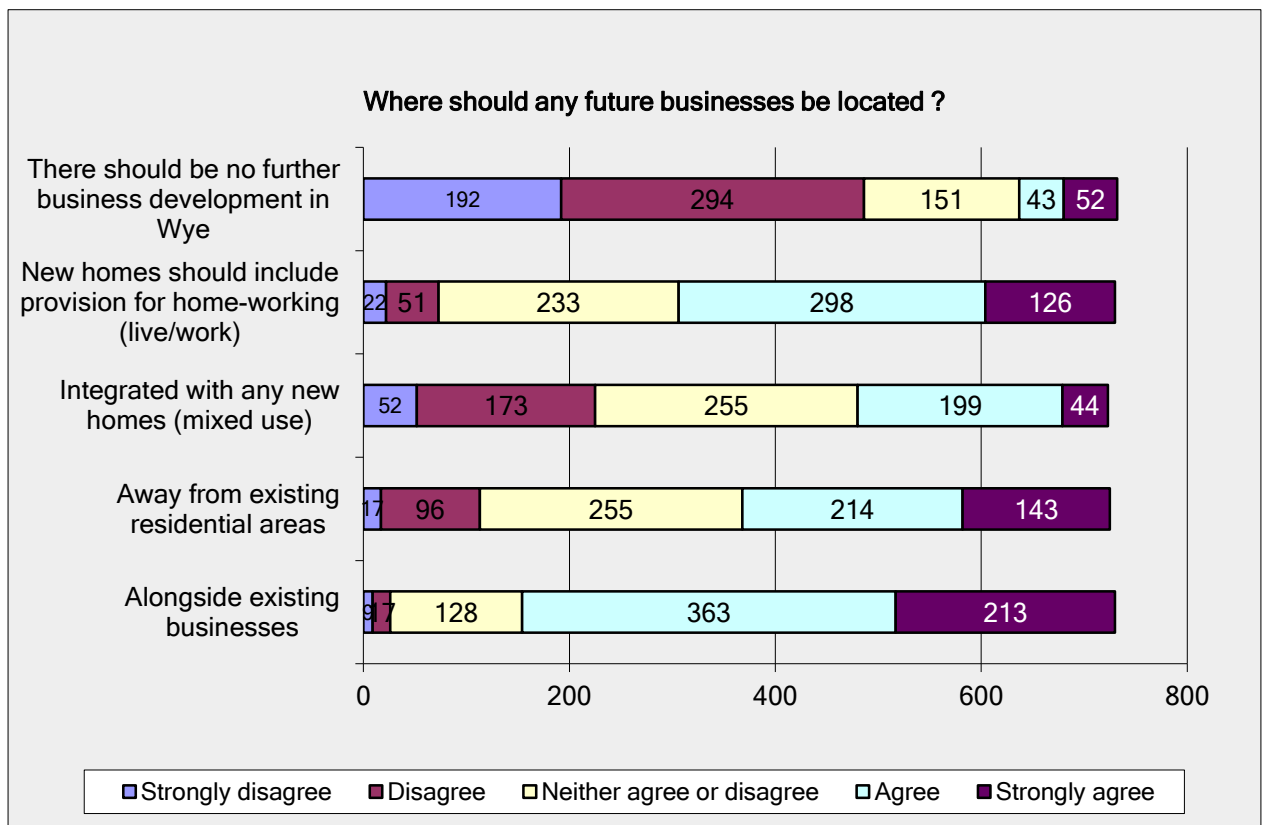


Figure 10: Village Design Statement 2000 principles still relevant (773/793)

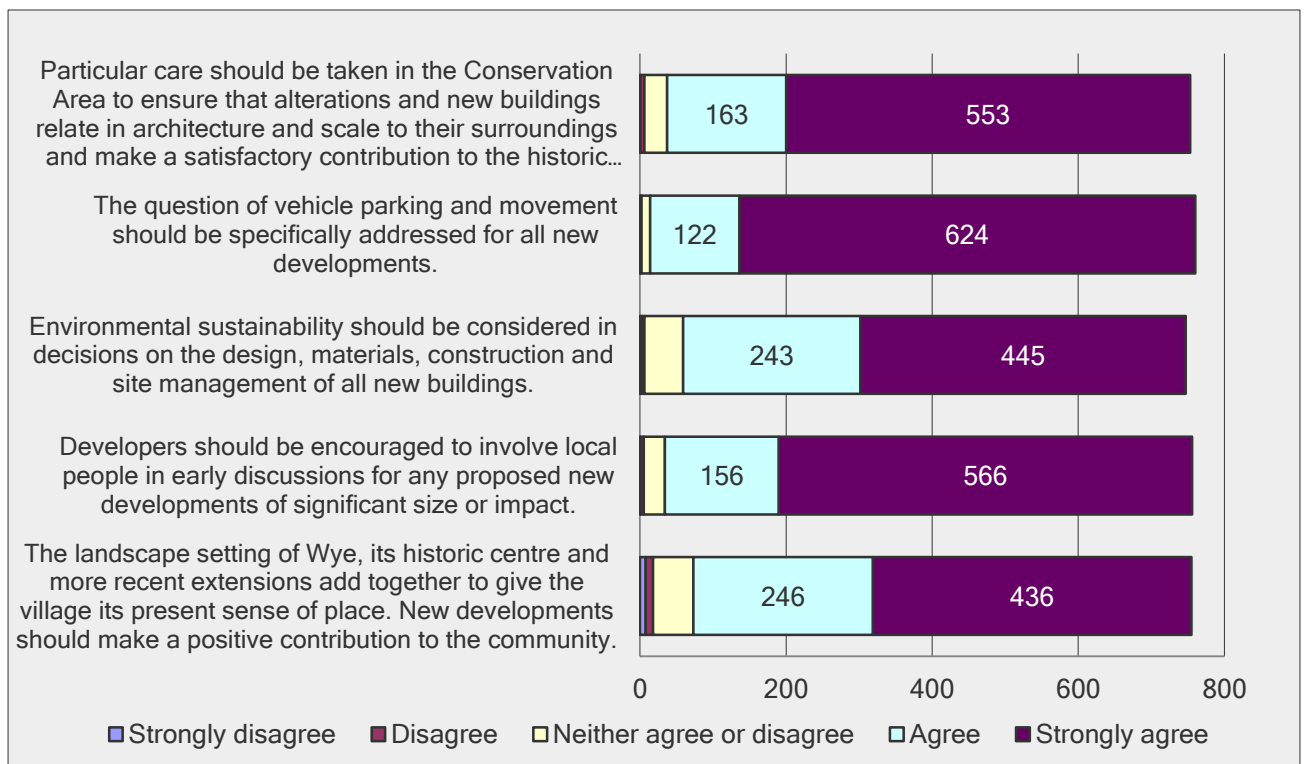


Figure 11: New objectives, for inclusion in the new Neighbourhood Plan (765/793)

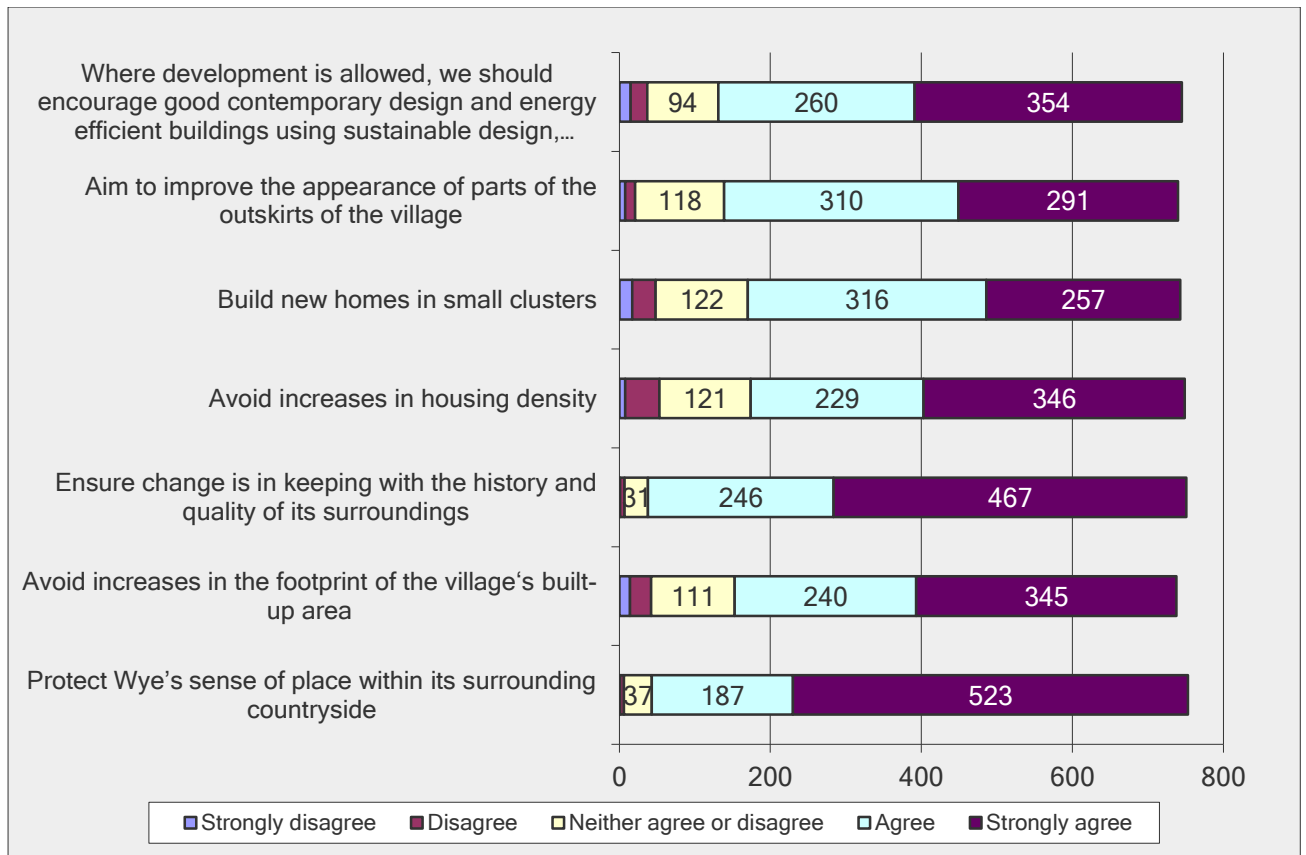


Figure 12: What additional businesses does Wye need (766/793)

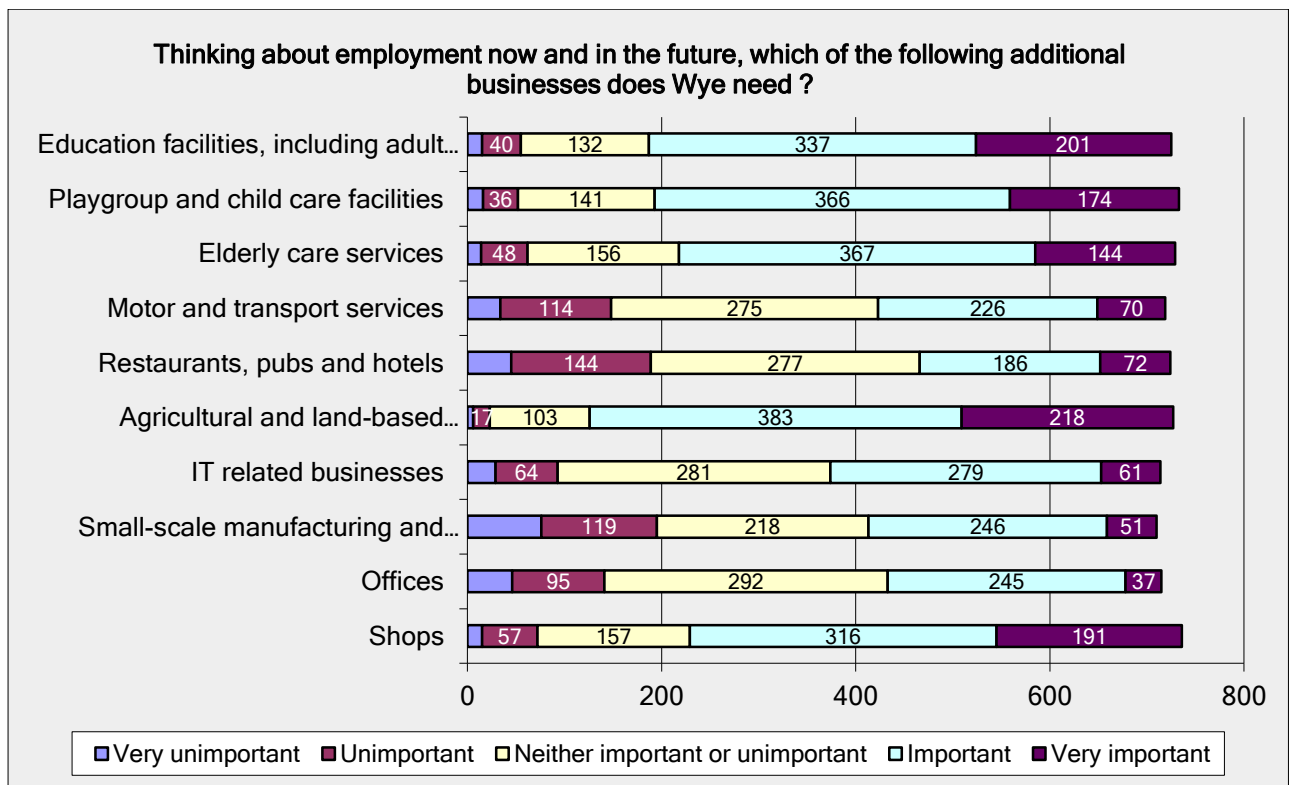


Figure 13: Support for superfast broadband (745/793)

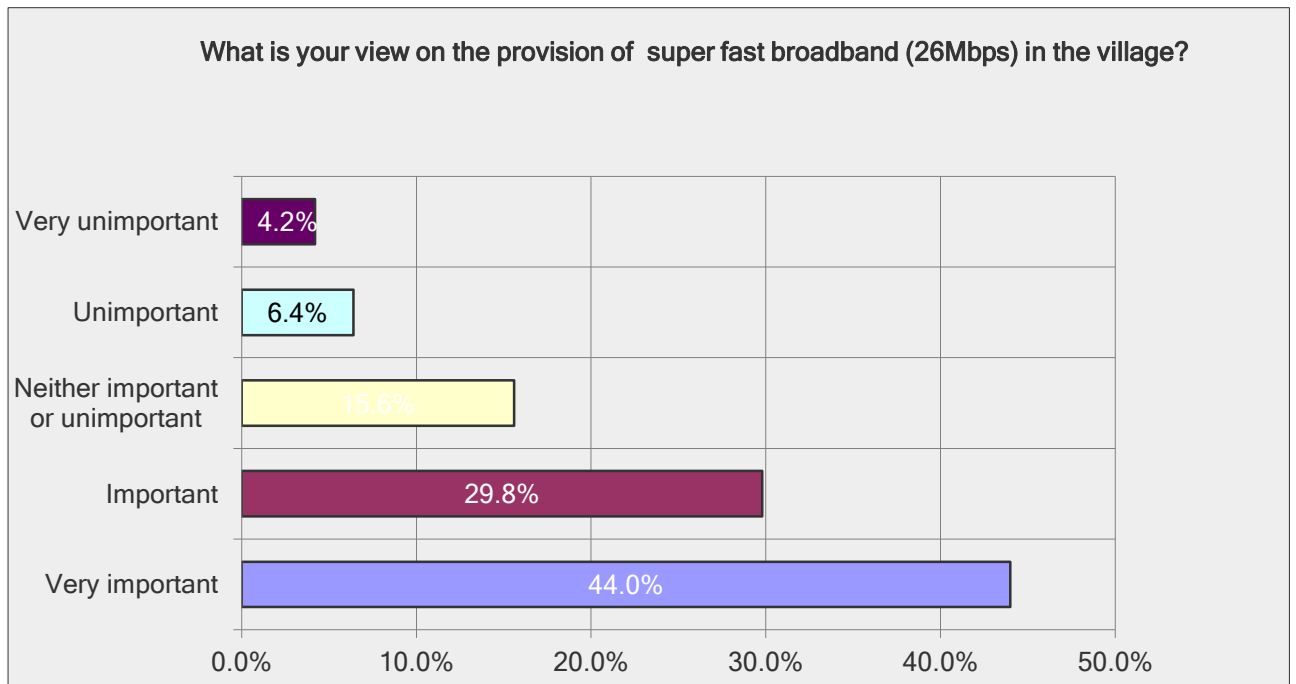


Figure 14: To be designated as Local Green Space and protected (774/793)

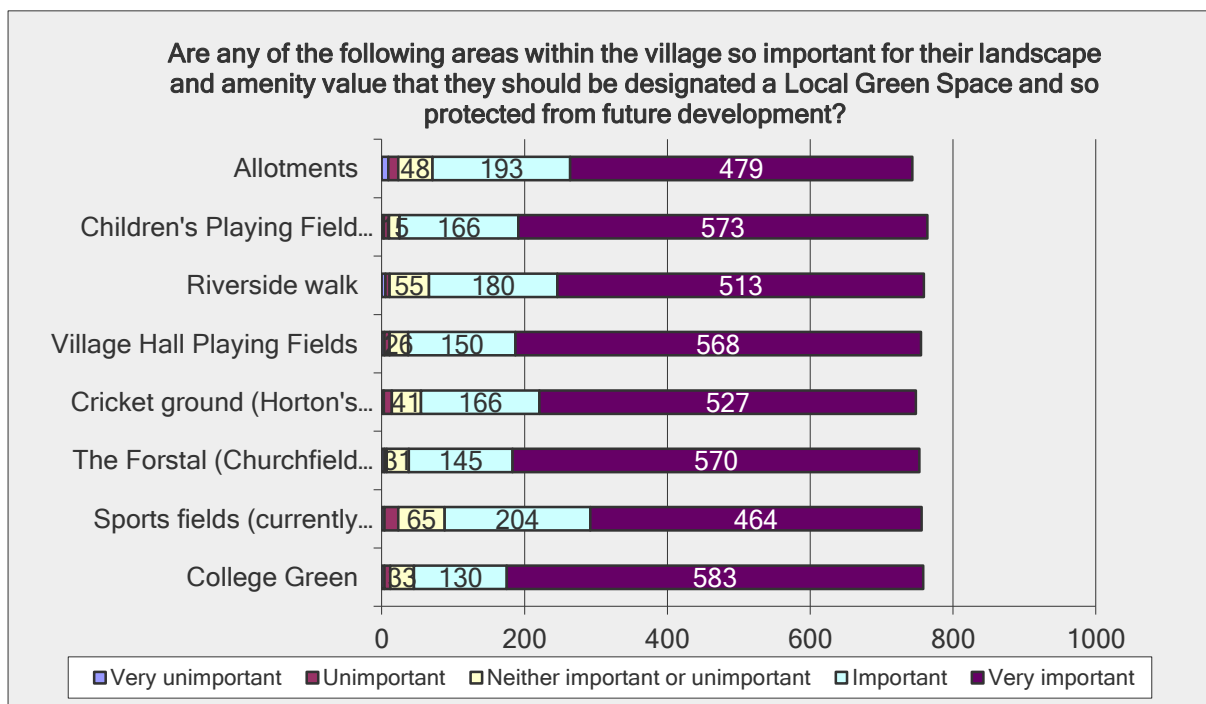


Figure 15: Establish a Green Belt (772/793)

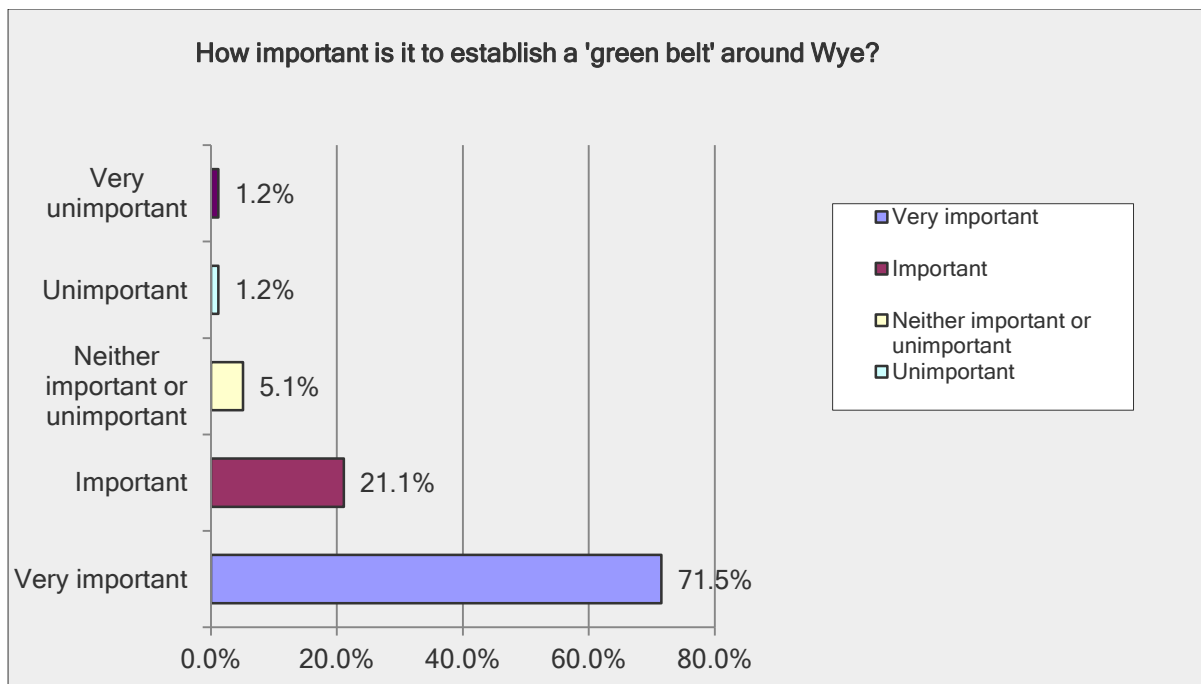


Figure 16: Establish a clear boundary (766/793)

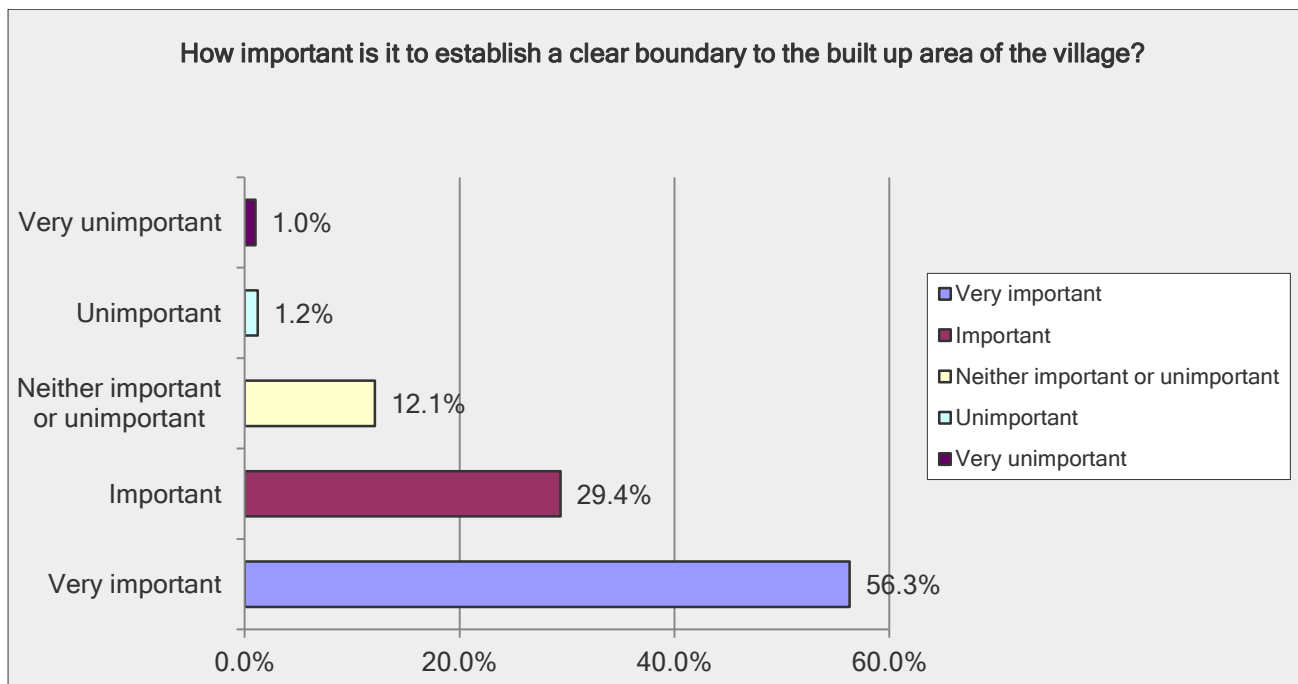


Figure 17: Development of existing Village Hall

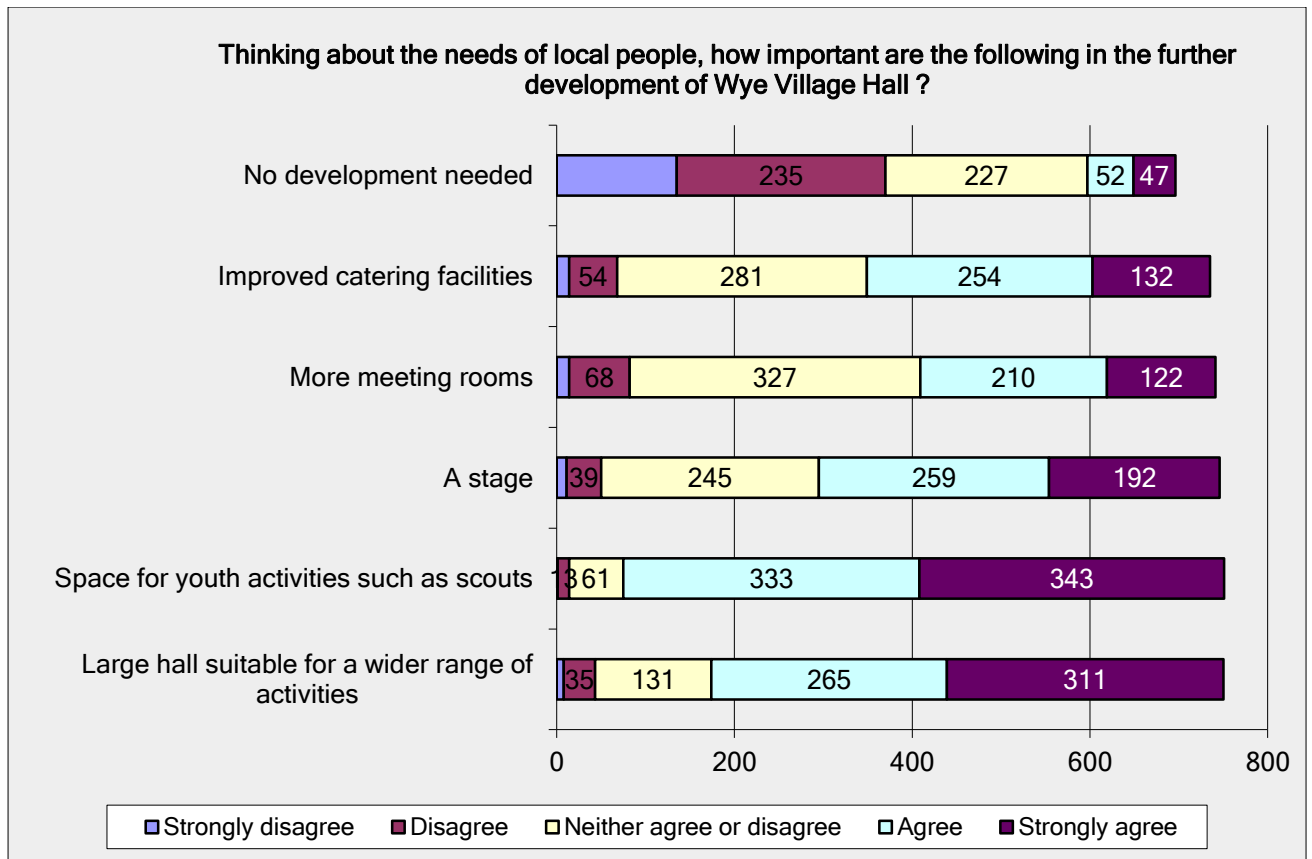


Figure 18: Surrounding countryside and landscape (772/793)

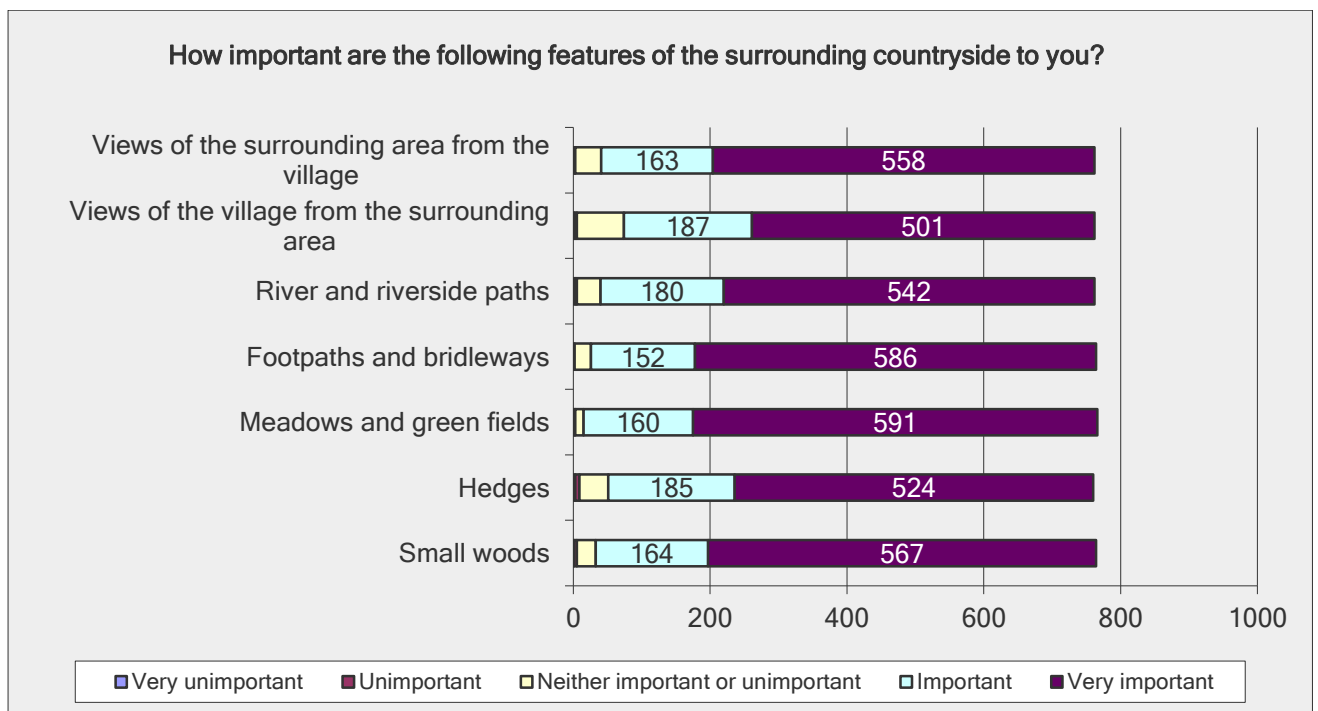


Figure 19: Further development of Wye Village Hall (770/793)

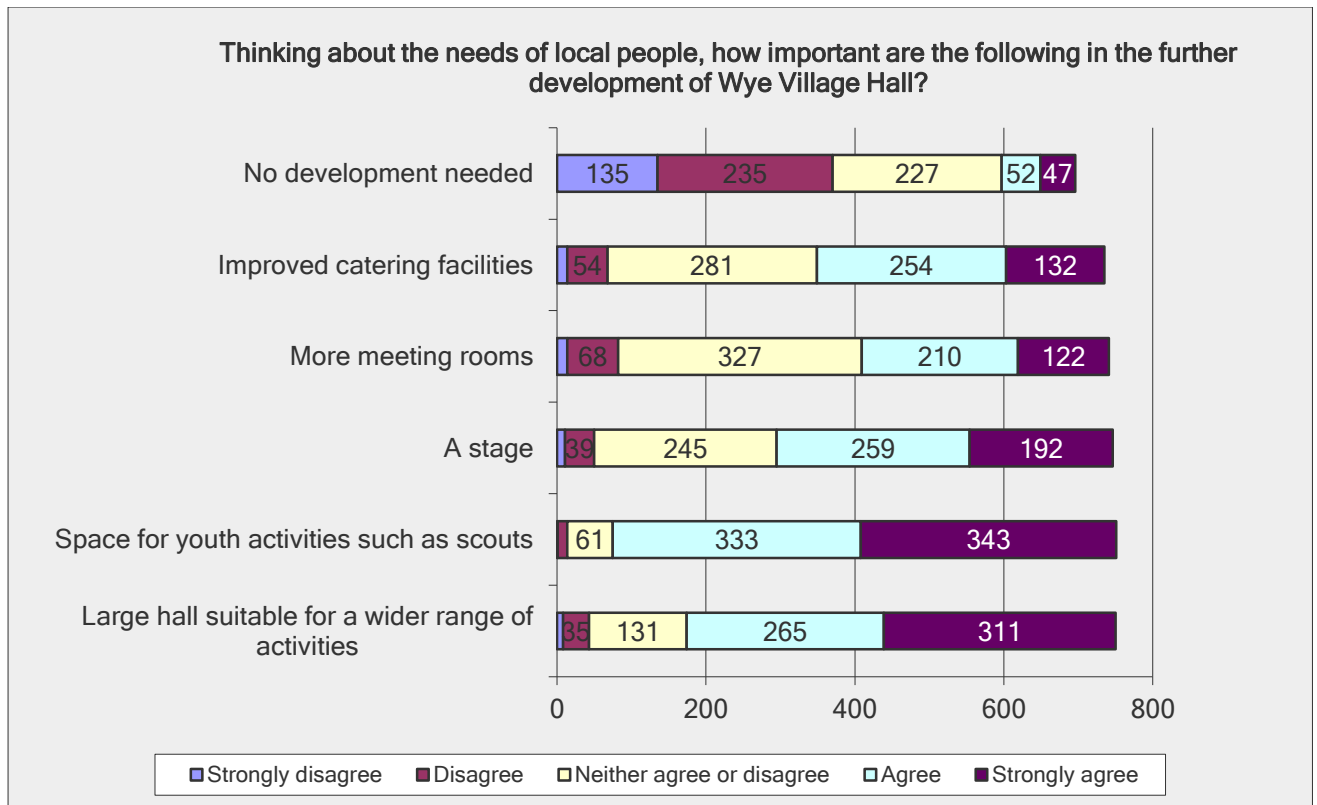


Figure 20: Which of the following other facilities are important to the future development of Wye as a whole (767/793)?

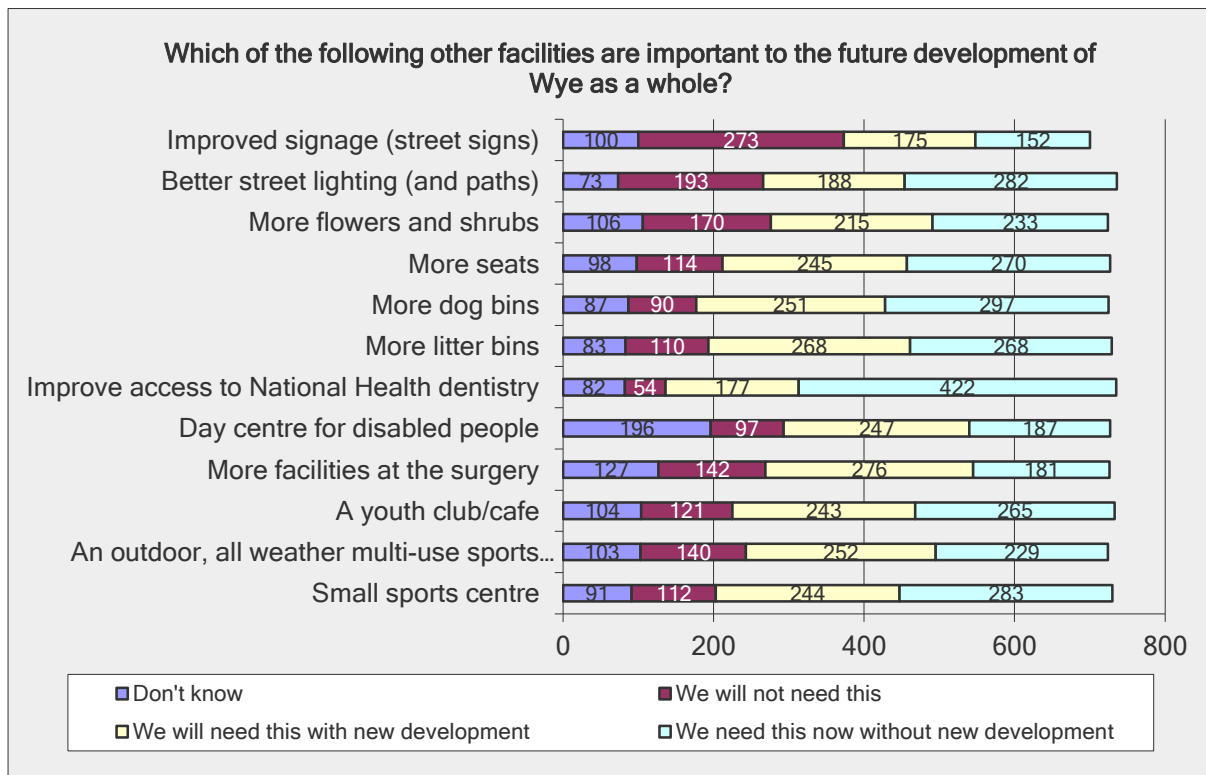


Figure 21: Transport issues to be tackled (765/793)

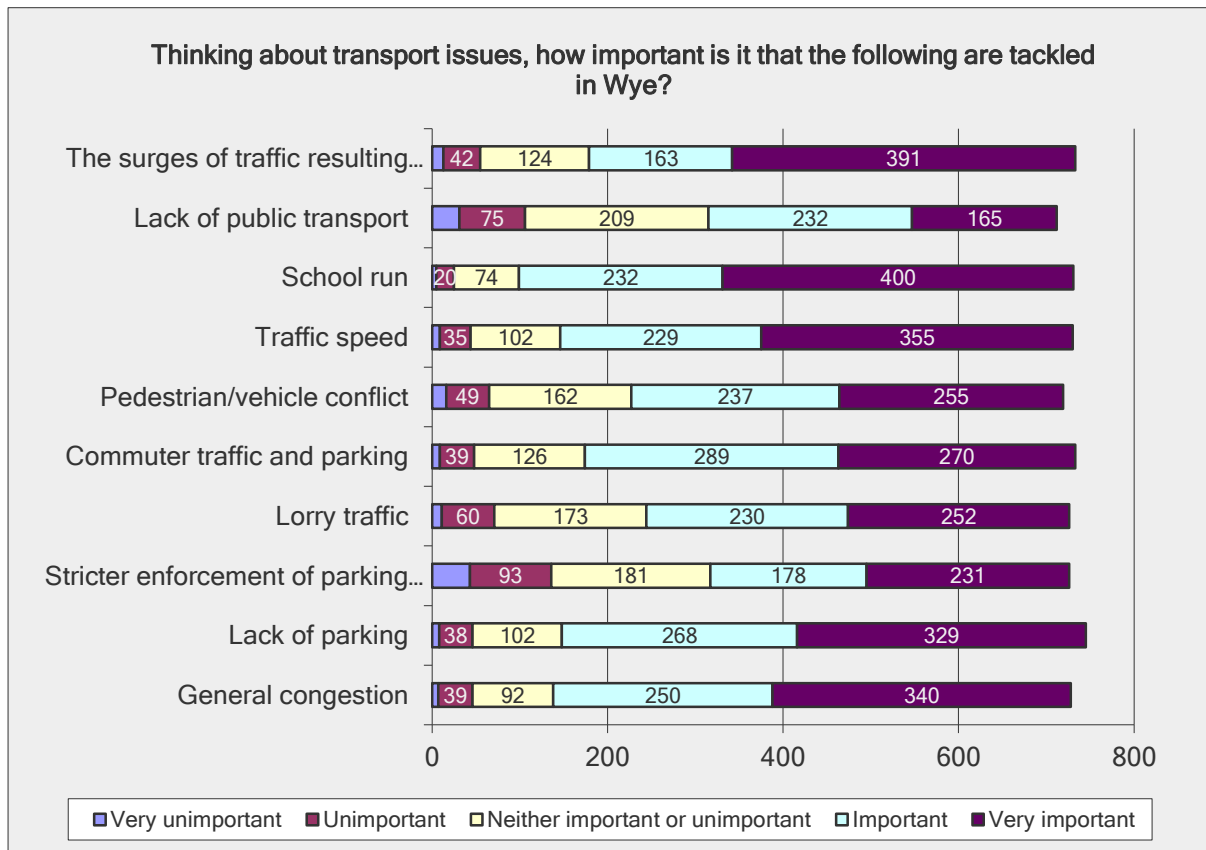


Figure 22: Needs tackling in relation to school run (750/793)

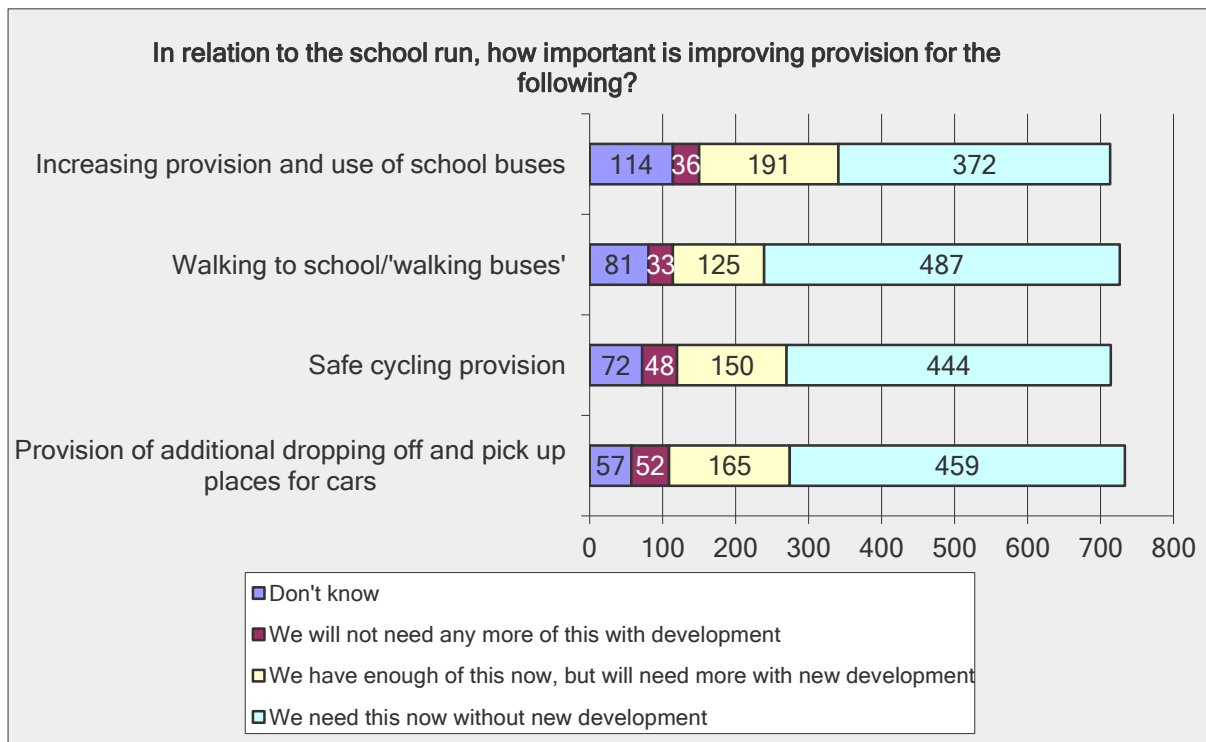


Figure 23: Other traffic measures for Wye (758/793)

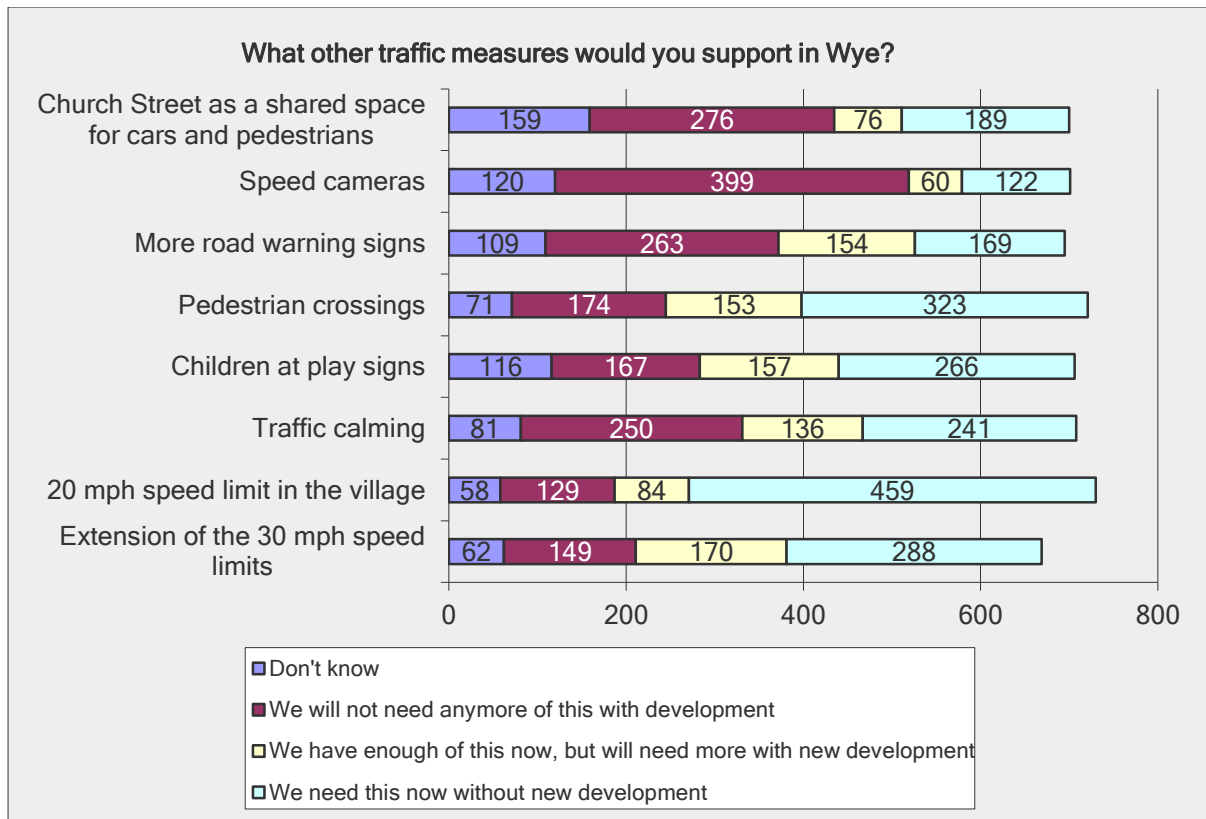


Figure 24: Community owned electricity generation from renewables (748/793)

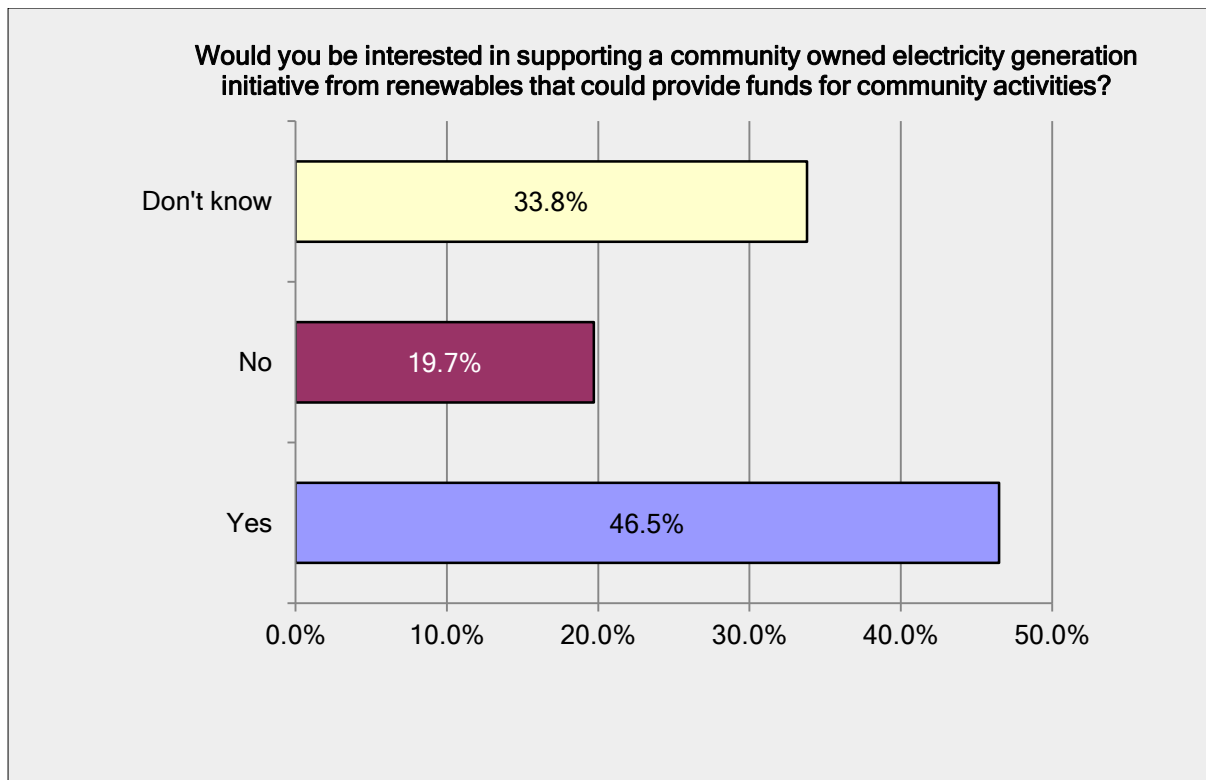


Figure 25: New housing and commercial developments built to high environmental standards (745/793)

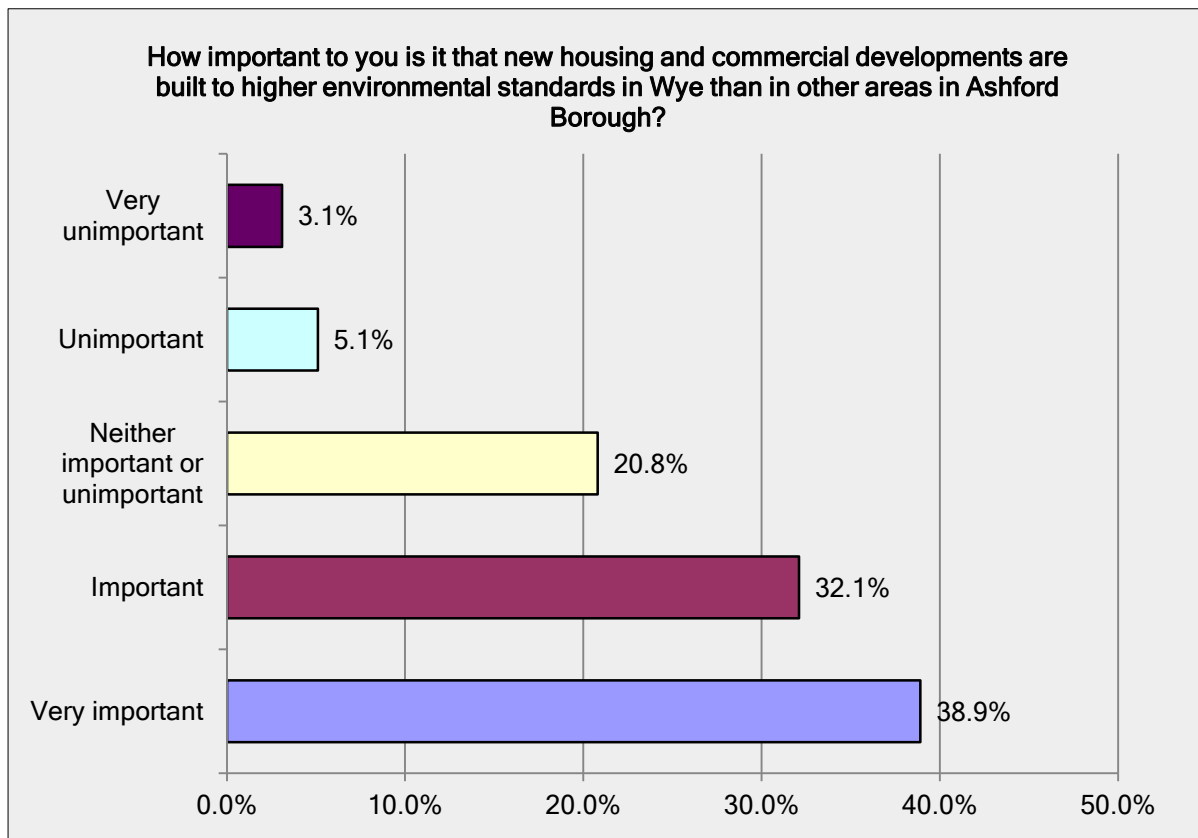


Figure 26: Age group of respondents (762/793)

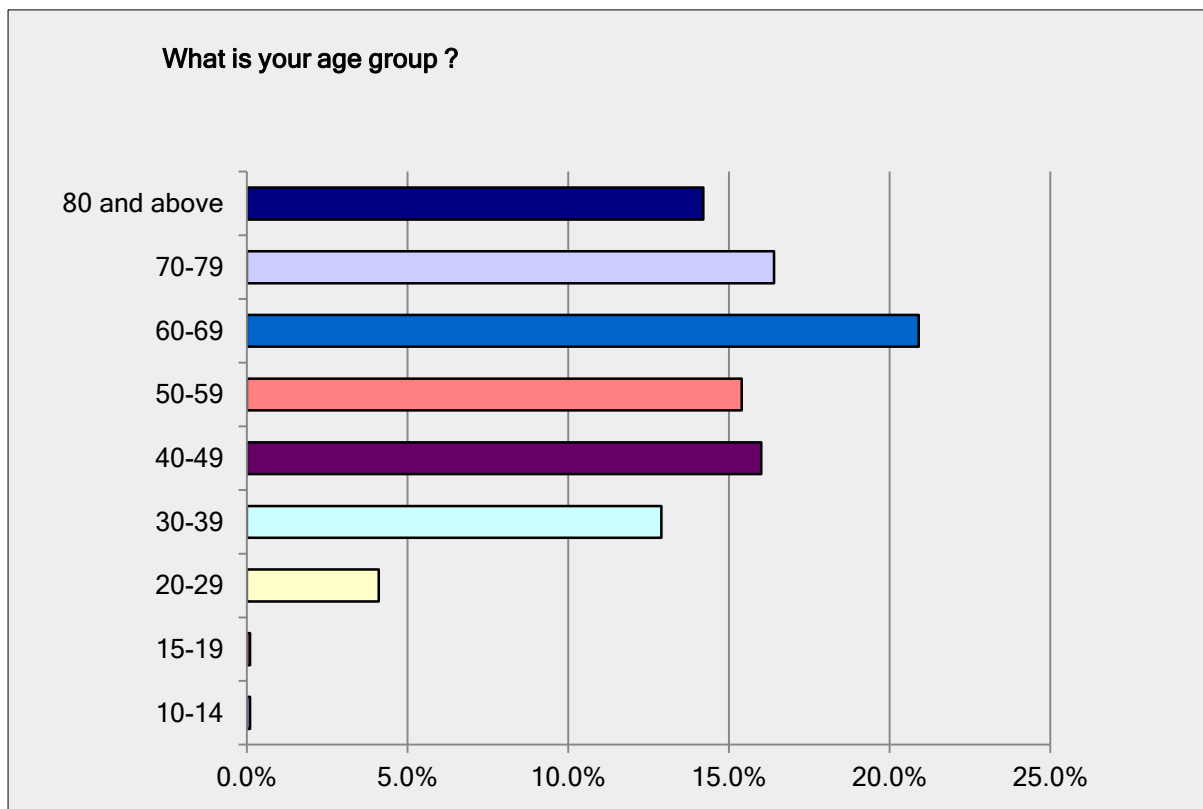


Figure 27: Do people rent or own their homes (767/793)

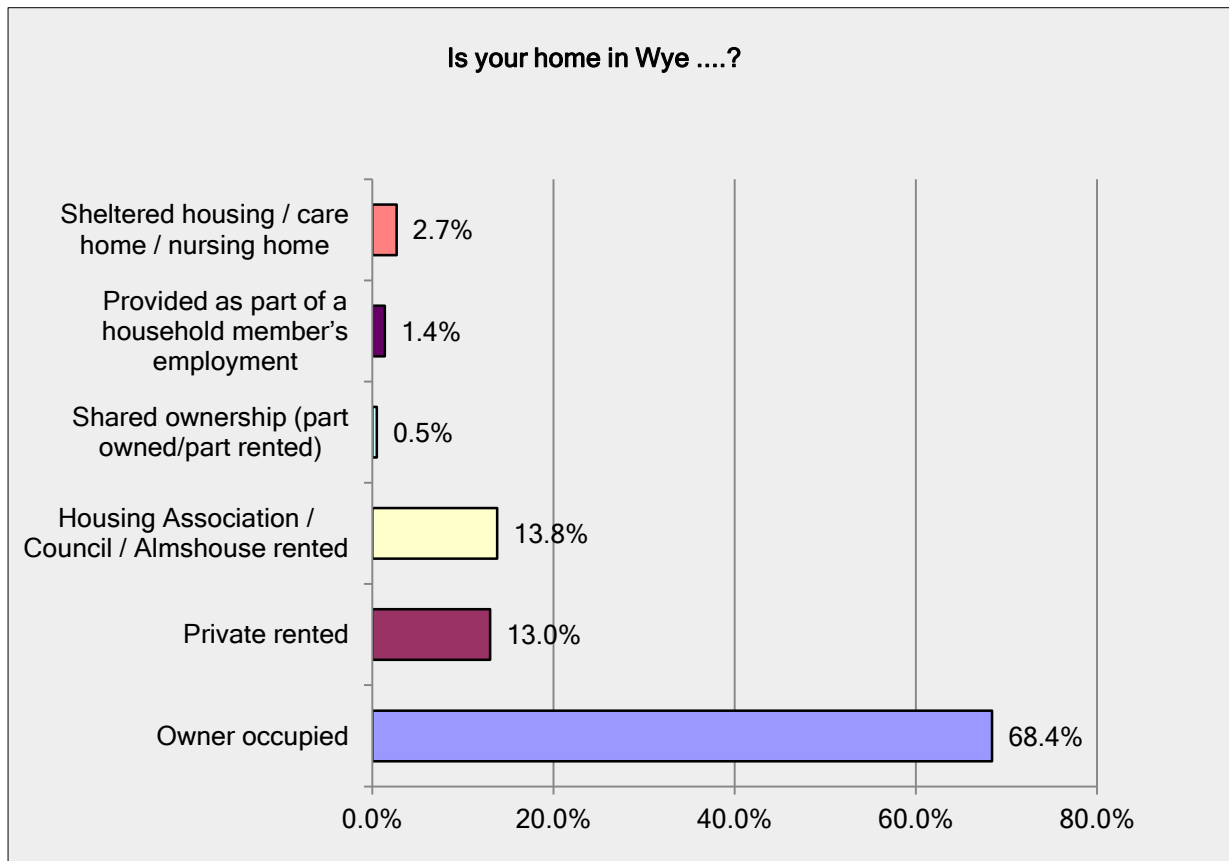


Figure 28: Employment status (766/793)

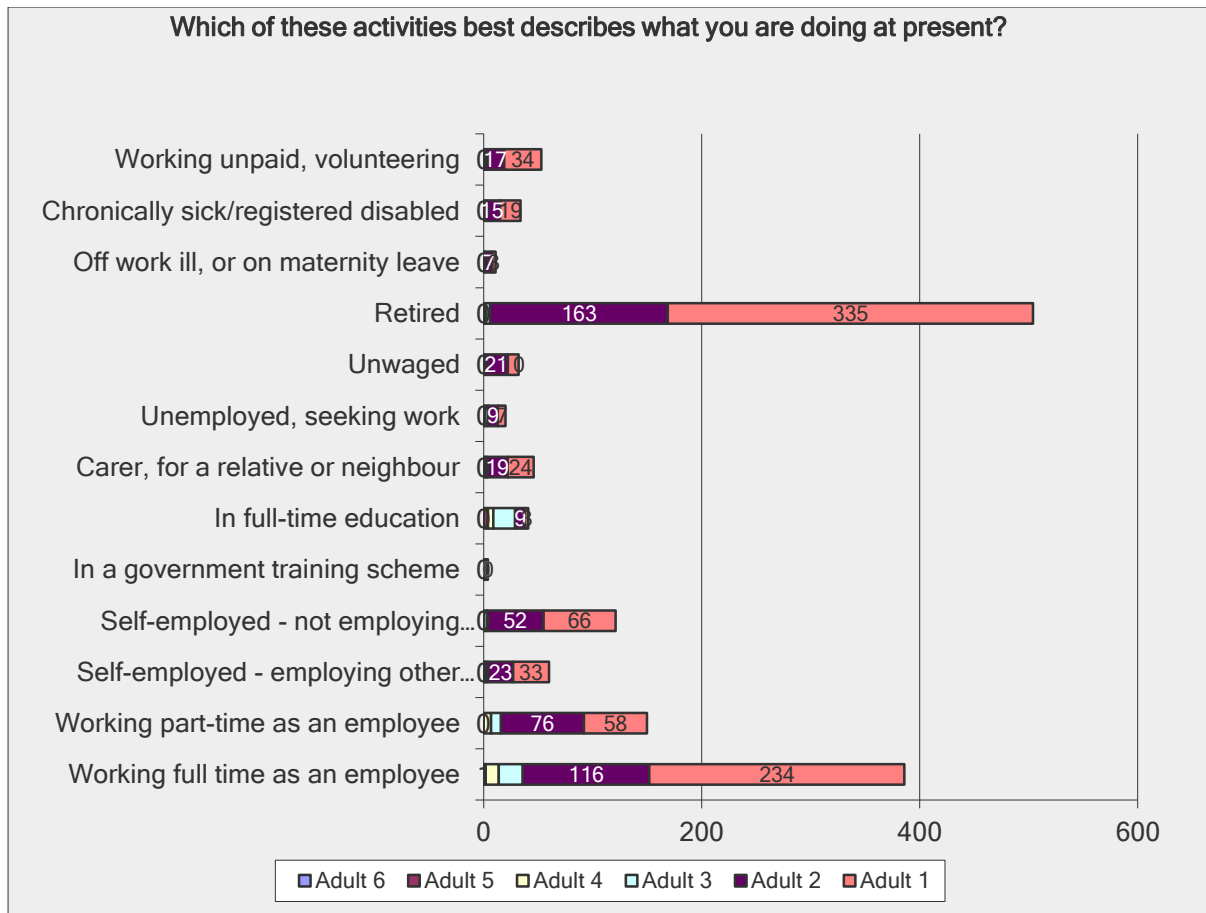


Figure 29: Where Wye residents mainly work – only answered by those in work (413/793)

