

Qorder QUESTION 1a To what extent are the following important to you?	Very Important	Important	%	Not that important	Not at all important	Don't know
a That we should promote and enhance biodiversity(wildlife, flora and fauna) in the Parish	94	45	93	9	0	2
b That we should protect existing trees and hedgerows	107	35	95	5	0	3
c That we should plant more trees and hedgerows	72	57	86	12	6	3
d That we should create more wildlife corridors	76	48	83	19	1	6
e That we should protect our natural landscape, open views and environment	113	30	95	4	2	1
f That we should identify further local areas where biodiversity could be improved	66	56	81	20	3	5

QUESTION 1a - To what extent are the following important to you?	Very Important	Important	%
That we should protect our natural landscape, open views and environment	113	30	95
That we should protect existing trees and hedgerows	107	35	95
That we should promote and enhance biodiversity(wildlife, flora and fauna) in the Parish	94	45	93
That we should plant more trees and hedgerows	72	57	86
That we should create more wildlife corridors	76	48	83

**Overall, the clear majority of respondents want to protect and preserve the environment.  
Those responding Very Important / Important on options A to F amounted to 88.78% of the total.**

**Calculation:**

$799/900=88.78\%$

Where 799 = sum of very important or important

900 = 6 options x 150 questionnaires

Order	QUESTION1c	Very Important	Important	%	Not that important	important	Don't know
a	All new building developments to fully comply with current legislation on Fuel and Power Conservation	92	46	92	5	3	4
b	The development of a community energy scheme, e.g. solar panel array, in the Parish	30	49	53	38	13	20
c	The provision of public EV charging points within the Parish	31	36	45	51	25	7
d	The installation of ground mounted solar panels, heat pumps, wind turbines etc. on existing buildings	32	48	53	33	25	12

QUESTION1c - Mitigating Climate Change- Which of these would you support?	Very Important	Important	%
All new building developments to fully comply with current legislation on Fuel and Power Conservation	92	46	92
The installation of ground mounted solar panels, heat pumps, wind turbines etc. on existing buildings	32	48	53
The development of a community energy scheme, e.g. solar panel array, in the Parish	30	49	53
The provision of public EV charging points within the Parish	31	36	45

**Overall, the clear majority of respondents want to ensure that we mitigate climate change. Those responding Very Important / Important on options a to d amounted to 60.67% of the total. It should be noted that ensuring all new building developments fully comply with current legislation on Fuel and Power Conservation received a 92% Very Important or Important response, whereas the provision of public EV charging points within the Parish received only 44.67% support. The remaining options received just over 50% of Very Important or Important responses.**

Calculation  
 $364 / 600 = 60.67\%$

Qorder QUESTION 2a	Strongly Agree	Agree	%	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	%	Don't know
a That Heritage assets in the Parish need to be maintained and enhanced	73	65	92	6	0	4	6
c That there is a need for new affordable houses, especially for those with	41	54	63	30	15	30	10
f That there is a need for new small houses (1or2 bedrooms)	24	60	56	29	21	33	16
e That there is a need for Bungalows	20	45	43	45	14	39	26
<b>b That there is a need for new homes in the Parish</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>21</b>
d That there is a need for new Retirement or Sheltered Housing	13	38	34	46	20	44	33
h That there is a need for new buildings that are for rent	5	37	28	49	34	55	25
g That there is a need for new large houses (3+ bedrooms)	1	15	11	66	53	79	15

QUESTION 2a - To what extent do you agree with the following?	Strongly Agree	Agree	%
That Heritage assets in the Parish need to be maintained and enhanced	73	65	92.00
That there is a need for new affordable houses, especially for those with a local connection	41	54	63.33
That there is a need for new small houses (1or2 bedrooms)	24	60	56.00

QUESTION 2a - To what extent do you agree with the following?	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	%
That there is a need for new large houses (3+ bedrooms)	66	53	79.33
That there is a need for new buildings that are for rent	49	34	55.33
That there is a need for new homes in the Parish	48	27	50.00

This question split opinion where 50% of respondents Strongly Disagree or Disagree that there is a need for new homes in the Parish and only 36% Strongly Agree or Agree. The majority, 79.33%, Strongly Disagreed or Disagreed that there is a need for new large houses (3+ bedrooms). 55% of respondents Strongly Disagree or Disagree that there is a need for new buildings that are for rent. A huge 92% Strongly Agree or Agree that the Heritage assets in the Parish need to be maintained and enhanced.

Order Question 2b	Strongly Agree	Agree	%	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
e The integration of green spacing and landscaping	88	59	98	3	0	0
h That they are sympathetic to surrounding countryside and buildings	98	49	98	4	0	0
f That they are of a sustainable and energy efficient design	89	56	97	1	1	3
c That the height and scale is in proportion to existing buildings	86	56	95	5	2	1
d The preservation of historic landmarks	91	49	93	6	1	3
g That natural hedgerow/hedging is used	86	54	93	4	0	6
a The architectural style and character	50	69	79	14	1	16
b The use of local, natural materials (e.g. stone, wood, slate not brick)	44	66	73	23	4	13

<b>Question 2b - Which of these features do you consider are crucial for new development design</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>%</b>
The integration of green spacing and landscaping	88	59	98
That they are sympathetic to surrounding countryside and buildings	98	49	98
That they are of a sustainable and energy efficient design	89	56	97
That the height and scale is in proportion to existing buildings	86	56	95
The preservation of historic landmarks	91	49	93
That natural hedgerow/hedging is used	86	54	93

**Overall, the clear majority of respondents consider all options are crucial for new development design. Those responding Strongly Agree / Agree on options A to H amounted to 90.83% of the total.**

Calculation

$$1090 / 1200 = 90.83$$

Order	Question2c	Very Concerned	Quite Concerned	%	Not very Concerned	Not at all Concerned	Don't know
a	Environment aspects e.g. Flooding, Drainage	102	39	94	8	2	0
c	Adequacy of existing facilities and services	96	42	92	8	3	1
b	Access and safety problems associated with additional traffic on the existing local and trunk roads	94	43	91	13	2	0
f	Loss of rural identity	81	45	84	17	7	0
d	Construction Traffic	68	42	73	30	8	2
e	Pressure on school places	39	36	50	31	18	26

Question2c - 2c.How concerned are you about the consequences of new housing developments?	Very Concerned	Quite Concerned	%
Environment aspects e.g. Flooding, Drainage	102	39	94
Adequacy of existing facilities and services	96	42	92
Access and safety problems associated with additional traffic on the existing local and trunk roads	94	43	91
Loss of rural identity	81	45	84
Construction Traffic	68	42	73

**Overall, the clear majority of respondents are concerned about the consequences of new housing developments. Those responding Very Concerned / Quite Concerned on options A to F amounted to 80.78% of the total.**

Calculation  
 $727 / 900 = 80.78$

Order Question 2d	Strongly Agree	Agree	%	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	%	Don't know
g By conversion of existing properties	22	99	81	11	3	9	15
By conversion of existing agricultural f buildings	21	91	75	18	8	17	12
d On "Brownfield" sites	29	80	73	17	13	20	11
<b>a On Sites within the existing Settlement Boundary</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
h On land of existing properties	17	66	55	42	13	37	12
e On any "infill" site available between existing built up areas On sites noted by Northumberland County Council Strategic Housing Land b Availability Assessment	16	59	50	38	22	40	15
c On "Greenfield" sites based on 150 Questionnaires	3	10	9	40	88	85	9

<b>Question 2d - How and where should new building developments be located?</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>%</b>
By conversion of existing properties	22	99	81
By conversion of existing agricultural	21	91	75
On Sites within the existing Settlement Boundary	52	57	73
On "Brownfield" sites	29	80	73
On land of existing properties	17	66	55

**Overall, the clear majority of respondents are opposed to locating new building developments on Greenfield sites with 85.33% Strongly Disagree / Disagree.**

**72.67% Strongly Agree / Agree that new building developments should be on sites within the existing settlement boundary with the same percentage of Strongly Agree / Agree that new building should be on brownfield sites.**

**The other area where a majority responded Strongly Agree / Agree was conversions with existing properties scoring 80.67% and existing agricultural buildings scoring 74.67%**

Order	Question 3a - Do you feel that the following are a positive feature of our Community and should be supported/encouraged	Strongly Agree	Agree	%	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
e	Access to the countryside	105	47	100	0	0	0
d	Friendly and safe environment	115	35	100	0	0	0
a	The rural character of the Parish	99	49	99	2	0	0
b	Open and Green Spaces	103	45	99	2	1	0
i	Local wildlife and habitats	99	49	99	0	0	2
c	Sense of Community	84	60	96	1	0	5
g	Social Facilities (Club, Hall, Playground, Tennis Courts etc.)	90	54	96	4	0	2
h	Location (access to major towns and road/rail work)	70	68	92	10	1	1
f	Schooling	76	60	91	2	0	12

**Overall, the clear majority of respondents feel that all options are a positive feature of our Community and should be supported/encouraged**

**Those responding strongly Agree / Agree on options A to I amounted to 96.89% of the total.**

Calculation

$$1308 / 1350 = 96.89$$

Order Question 3b	Strongly Agree	Agree	%	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	%	Don't know
g Crime and vandalism	10	22	21	72	24	64	22
b Feeling isolated	6	42	32	69	18	58	15
h Lack of street lighting	34	31	43	54	27	54	4
j General tidiness (e.g. grass cutting, gutters, weeds etc.)	23	48	47	64	7	47	8
f Dog fouling	39	51	60	42	2	29	16
a Pedestrian Safety	41	61	68	39	3	28	6
e Litter/fly-tipping	47	62	73	32	2	23	7
c Increase in volume of traffic	58	55	75	31	1	21	5
d Speed of traffic	63	55	79	28	3	21	1
i Increase in second homes/holiday caravans	85	32	78	17	9	17	7
k Lack of public transport	85	45	87	14	5	13	1

<b>Question 3b - Do you feel that the following are a negative feature of our Community and concern you</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>%</b>
Lack of public transport	85	45	87
Speed of traffic	63	55	79
Increase in second homes/holiday caravans	85	32	78
Increase in volume of traffic	58	55	75
Litter/fly-tipping	47	62	73

**Overall, respondents feel that the majority of options are a negative feature of our Community and concern them.**

**Lack of public transport received 86.67% of Strongly Agree / Agree responses with Speed of traffic at 78.67%, Increase in second homes/holiday caravans at 78%, Increase in volume of traffic at 75.33% and Litter / fly-tipping at 72.67%**

**Pedestrian safety received 68% of Strongly Agree / Agree and Dog Fouling received 60%**

**General tidiness was split equally between the those strongly Agree / Agree and those Strongly Disagree / Disagree**

**Of those options where the majority response was Strongly Disagree / Disagree, Crime and vandalism received 64%, Feeling isolated 58% and Lack of street lighting 54%**

Order	Question 3d	Strongly Agree	Agree	%	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	%	Don't know
h	I regularly feel lonely and isolated	0	3	2	66	74	93	7
b	It is easy to access an NHS dentist	9	18	18	51	42	62	30
a	GP and Health care appointments are easy to access where necessary	9	50	39	48	35	55	8
i	I do voluntary work in the Parish Community	15	44	39	52	18	47	21
e	There is adequate provision of clubs and entertainment for young people	2	17	13	40	15	37	76
f	There are plenty of clubs and activities that allow me to socialise	7	95	68	24	6	20	18
g	There is a need to improve disabled access with the Parish	12	41	35	24	1	17	72
c	There are plenty of easily accessible green spaces in which to walk	46	89	90	12	1	9	2
d	There are adequate local childcare facilities	5	14	13	7	2	6	122

Question 3d - Community Well-being – Please tell us if you agree /disagree with the following	Strongly Agree	Agree	%
There are plenty of easily accessible green spaces in which to walk	46	89	90
There are plenty of clubs and activities that allow me to socialise	7	95	68

Question 3d - Community Well-being – Please tell us if you agree /disagree with the following	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	%
I regularly feel lonely and isolated	66	74	93
It is easy to access an NHS dentist	51	42	62
GP and Health care appointments are easy to access where necessary	48	35	55

**This question around Community Well - Being had two areas with a clear Strongly Agree / Agree response. 90% for "There are plenty of easily accessible green spaces in which to walk" and 68% for "There are plenty of clubs and activities that allow me to socialise".**

**There was a clear Strongly Disagree / Disagree response for "I regularly feel lonely and isolated" at 93.33%, "It is easy to access an NHS dentist" at 62% and "GP and Health care appointments are easy to access where necessary" at 55.33%**

Order	Question 4a	Strongly Agree	Agree	%	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	%	Don't know
e	There are public bus links to railway stations	0	2	1	22	122	96	4
d	There are regular, reliable public transport links to local villages and major towns in the Parish	4	1	3	22	117	93	6
a	The current local roads are suitable for increased traffic flows due to new developments	5	9	9	50	84	89	2
h	There are sufficient safe cycle ways	6	18	16	50	49	66	27
f	There are sufficient local EV charging points	4	9	9	37	60	65	40
b	The current main & trunk roads are suitable for increased traffic flows due to new developments	5	48	35	34	60	63	3
g	That you prefer to use public transport but can only commute to your place of work by car	28	35	42	25	16	27	46
c	The need for enforced 20mph Speed Limit in selected locations	51	61	75	26	9	23	3

**For this question around your views on current transport issues, most options produced a Strong Disagree / Disagree response although we did have two Strongly Agree / Agree options chosen as per the tables below:**

<b>Question 4a - For new residential or commercial developments, some sites would mean additional traffic in the Parish and on the main village through-roads, whatever the vehicle's destination or starting point. We would therefore appreciate your views on current transport issues.</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>%</b>
There are public bus links to railway stations	22	122	96
There are regular, reliable public transport links to local villages and major towns in the Parish	22	117	93
The current local roads are suitable for increased traffic flows due to new developments	50	84	89
There are sufficient safe cycle ways	50	49	66
There are sufficient local EV charging points	37	60	65
The current main & trunk roads are suitable for increased traffic flows due to new developments	34	60	63

<b>Question 4a - For new residential or commercial developments, some sites would mean additional traffic in the Parish and on the main village through-roads, whatever the vehicle's destination or starting point. We would therefore appreciate your views on current transport issues.</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>%</b>
The need for enforced 20mph Speed Limit in selected locations	51	61	75
That you prefer to use public transport but can only commute to your place of work by car	28	35	42

Qorder Question 4b	Strongly Agree	Agree	%	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
a You would walk more locally if there were more footpaths/bridleways	40	58	65	39	6	7
b You would walk more locally if there were safer footpaths/bridleways	37	61	65	37	6	9
c You would walk more locally if there was better promotion of footpaths & Bridleways	33	59	61	40	6	12
d You would cycle more locally if there were cycle ways segregated from the road	30	38	45	39	14	29

<b>Question 4b - To what extent do you agree with the following</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>%</b>
You would walk more locally if there were more footpaths/bridleways	40	58	65
You would walk more locally if there were safer footpaths/bridleways	37	61	65
You would walk more locally if there was better promotion of footpaths & Bridleways	33	59	61
You would cycle more locally if there were cycle ways segregated from the road	30	38	45

**Overall, the clear majority of respondents agreed with the options available.**

**Those responding Strongly Agree / Agree on options A to D amounted to 59.33% of the total.**

Calculation

$$356 / 600 = 59.33$$

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<b>Question 5a -</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Do you think that the introduction of new additional businesses would be beneficial to the Locality?	30	86	77	8	8	19

**77.33% of respondents Strongly Agree / Agree that the introduction of new additional businesses would be beneficial to the Locality.**

**Question 5b - If you are in agreement with introduction of additional businesses, which of the below would you support?**

Order	YES	NO
a Village Shop	111	11
l Taxi service	93	20
i Domestic and garden services	92	17
n Small scale horticulture	92	22
h Care services for the elderly	84	22
b Arts, crafts and creative industries	76	32
d Artisan food and drink production	74	33
c Restaurants and Cafes	71	37
j Pre/After School Club for schoolchildren	66	22
m Small business/start-up units	52	59
e Financial and Professional services	33	72
g Hot food takeaways	29	75
f Offices	12	94
k Caravans/holiday pods	10	101

**From responses to "If you are in agreement with introduction of additional businesses, which of the below would you support?" strong support was received for a Village Shop, Taxi Service, Domestic and garden services, small scale horticulture, care services for the elderly, Arts, crafts and the creative industries, Artisan food and drink production, Restaurants and Cafes and Pre/After School Club for school children.**

**A lack of support was shown for Caravans/holiday pods, Offices, Hot food takeaways, Financial and Professional services and Small business / start up units.**

<b>5c Please tell us your current employment status</b>	<b>Number</b>
Retired	80
In Full time work	22
In Part time work	17
Voluntary Work	17
Working from home regularly	16
At home, not seeking paid work	15
Self- Employed	14
Working from home sometimes	6
Carer	5
Not in education, employment or training	4
Seeking to set up a business	2
Seeking Work	1
In full time education	1
In need of care	0

**As expected following the latest Census results, the vast majority of responders are retired, with a smaller number In full time work**

**Question 6a - To which age group do you belong?**

18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85
2	4	4	15	40	41	24	2

\*107 of 132 respondents are aged 55 and over - 81%

**Question 6b -What is your gender?**

Female	Male	Other	Prefer not to answer
62	63		5

**Question 6c - How many years have you lived in the Parish?**

Less than a year	1 to 5 years	6 to 10 years	Over ten years
1	40	15	69

**81% of responders are aged 55 and over.**

**Responders are split equally between male and female.**

**The vast majority of respondents have lived in the Parish for over 1 year.**