

Beacon Villages Residents' questionnaire

Number of Questionnaires sent out	1060
Number of Questionnaires received back	547
% returned	51.6

Q1. Which parish do you live in?

Ditchling	460	%	84.4
Streat	37	%	6.78
Westmeston	48	%	8.8
Total	545		

Q3. In which of these ways does your household occupy your current accommodation?

Owned outright	369	%	70.82
Buying with mortgage	111	%	21.3
Rent from housing association/local council	12	%	2.3
Rented from private landlord	29	%	5.56
Total	521		

Q4 Which of these describes your household type best? (please tick one box)

Single person	139	%	26.22
Single adult with children living at home	13	%	2.45
Single adult with children living away from home most of the	13	%	2.45
Two adults with children living at home	87	%	16.41
Two adults with children living away from home most of the 1	55	%	10.37
Two adults sharing	223	%	42.07
Total	530		

Q5 Which of the following initially attracted you to live in the area? (please tick as many as apply)

			% multiple choice
Other	41	%	7
Strong sense of community	53	%	10
Local sport and recreation facilities	74	%	14
Good school catchment	92	%	17
Local heritage and culture (galleries, museum, societies)	108	%	20
Upkeep and maintenance of the area	125	%	23
Transport links	126	%	23
Location in the South Downs National Park	165	%	30
Quality of the housing	180	%	33
Good local facilities (eg shop, pub, GP surgery)	189	%	35
Easy access to other places [Brighton, London etc]	245	%	45
Attractive historic village environment	257	%	47
Easy access to the natural environment and countryside	322	%	59

Q6 Do the following issues detract from your enjoyment of living in the area?

	1	2	3	4	5 % Detracts a lot	
Poor public transport	86	59	118	54	181	16.89
Traffic congestion	257	89	77	41	50	50.49
Insufficient shops	64	80	155	73	129	12.57
Inadequate broadband	102	69	118	63	122	20.03
Total	509	297	468	231	482	1987

	1	2	3	4	5 % Detracts a lot	
Poor facilities for those aged:						
Under 11	14	11	39	27	169	18.66
11–18	22	22	43	15	145	29.33
19–30	12	15	47	23	152	16
31–64	16	10	45	37	168	21.33
65+	11	23	67	48	226	14.66
Total	75	81	241	150	860	1407

Q7 What do you value about the area covered by the plan and believe should be conserved whatever change takes place?

	1	2	3	4	5 % Value extremely	
Rural identity	11	5	18	49	453	31.06
Public open spaces	15	10	31	75	387	26.54
Pubs, shops etc	18	18	104	89	273	18.72
Public services, eg school, medical centre	17	14	65	71	345	23.66
Total	61	47	218	284	1458	2068

Q8 Do you think the area covered by the plan (Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston) provides a sufficient range of employment opportunities?

Yes	193	% Yes	48.61
No	204	% No	51.38

Q9 Thinking about the business or employment opportunities that people might propose for the plan area, please indicate which of the following you think would be appropriate or inappropriate

	App	% App multiple choice		Inapp	%Inapp (multiple choice)
Mining and quarrying	27	5	Agriculture and related business	2	0
Manufacturing	71	13	Arts and crafts	22	4
Utilities (eg electricity generation, sewage treatm	74	14	Shops	78	14
Transport and distribution services	140	26	Tourism-related	80	15
Financial and information services	179	33	Financial and information services	152	28
Tourism-related	272	50	Transport and distribution services	269	49
Shops	389	71	Utilities (eg electricity generation, sewage treatm	353	65
Arts and crafts	454	83	Manufacturing	363	66
Agriculture and related business	499	91	Mining and quarrying	414	76
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Q10 Should we encourage tourism and tourism-related development?

Yes	354	% Yes	68.87
No	160	% No	31.12
Total	514		

Q11 Does anyone in your household run a business, or provide a service, in the area covered by the plan? (this includes the self-employed such as cleaners, gardeners, carers)

Yes	127	% Yes	23.69
No	409	% No	76.3

Total

536

If yes, is it

From Business premises	23		17.42
From Home	90		68.18
A service provider	19		14.39
Total	132		

Q12 Does your business employ other people in addition to yourself?

Yes	43	% Yes	34.12
No	83	% No	65.87
Total	126		

If yes, how many of your staff work in the area covered by the plan?

1 to 5	31	%	81.57
6 to 15	6	%	15.78
16 plus	1	%	2.63
Total	38		

Housing

Q15 Do you agree that there is a need for more than 25 new houses in the area over the next 15 years?

Strongly agree	53	%	9.83
Agree	105	%	19.48
Neither agree nor disagree	88	%	16.32
Disagree	112	%	20.77
Strongly disagree	122	%	22.63
Not sure/don't know	59	%	10.94
Total	539		

Q16 If you think more than 25 additional houses are needed, what number do you think would be appropriate?

26 – 40	74	%	65.48
41– 60	22	%	19.46
more than 60	17	%	15.04
Total	113		

Q17 If new houses are built in the area, should these be of a particular type?

Affordable housing for rent, eg housing association for people from our community

Strongly agree	164	%	32
Agree	188	%	37
Disagree	44	%	9
Strongly disagree	61	%	12
Not sure/don't know	48	%	10
Total	505		

Housing for rent

Strongly agree	64	%	14.54
Agree	159	%	36.13
Disagree	69	%	15.68
Strongly disagree	71	%	16.13
Not sure/don't know	77	%	17.5
Total	440		

Retirement or sheltered housing

Strongly agree	71	%	15.4
Agree	187	%	40.56
Disagree	73	%	15.83
Strongly disagree	60	%	13.01
Not sure/don't know	70	%	15.18
Total	461		

Care home(s)

Strongly agree	18	%	4.33
Agree	129	%	31.08
Disagree	115	%	27.71
Strongly disagree	69	%	16.62
Not sure/don't know	84	%	20.24
Total	415		

Smaller houses for purchase (eg 1 – 2 beds)

Strongly agree	127	%	27.78
Agree	238	%	52.07
Disagree	34	%	7.43
Strongly disagree	20	%	4.37
Not sure/don't know	38	%	8.31
Total	457		

Larger houses for purchase (eg 3+ beds)

Strongly agree	26	%	5.92
Agree	168	%	38.26
Disagree	113	%	25.74
Strongly disagree	75	%	17.08
Not sure/don't know	57	%	12.98
Total	439		

Bungalows

Strongly agree	54	%	12
Agree	179	%	39.77
Disagree	76	%	16.88
Strongly disagree	59	%	13.11
Not sure/don't know	82	%	18.22
Total	450		

Q18 Having regard to the character of the area, what size of development do you think is appropriate to accommodate new houses?

A combination of the above	137	%	10.84	% multiple choice	25
A few larger developments (>10 units)	22	%	1.74		4
Concentrate all development on one site	26	%	2.05		5
Small-scale developments (4-10 units)	205	%	16.23		37
Infill development (<4 units).	268	%	21.21		49
Conversion of agricultural buildings	282	%	22.32		52
Incremental in-fill	323	%	25.57		59

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(eg single new houses built on existing garden plots)

Q19 In which general location do you think it would be acceptable to provide for appropriately scaled housing development?

Ditchling:

				%multiple choice
Greenfield sites outside existing village boundary	56	%	6.55	10
Brownfield sites	215	%	25.17	39
Sites within existing village boundary	282	%	33.02	52
Small scale infill sites	301	%	35.24	55
Total				

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Streat:

Small scale infill sites	216	%	96
Other	9	%	4

Westmeston:

Small scale infilling	200	%	96.61
Other	7	%	3.38

Q20 What principles should influence the design and location of new houses?

				% multiple choice
Other	6	%	0.36	1
Be near a main highway	40	%	2.46	7
Be limited to 3 storeys	356	%	21.89	65
Eco-friendly and energy efficient	372	%	22.87	68
Be in the local style	413	%	25.39	76
Have sufficient off-street parking	439	%	26.99	80

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Question 21 Please list any sites in the area covered by the neighbourhood plan that you think would be appropriate for building new houses

Top Three:

Ditchling nursery site, Beacon Road	58 residents	10.60%
Garage site, bottom of Nye Lane	15 residents	2.70%
Jointure land, bottom of South Street	9 residents	0.60%

NB: The fact that respondents identified these top three choices in no way implies that they are available, or that planning permission would be granted, or that the neighbourhood plan will ultimately allocate these sites for development. When the time comes to consider appropriate sites a range of criteria will apply to determine suitability. Ultimately the draft plan will be subject to consultation with residents before submission to the SDNPA & Lewes District.

Recreational and social facilities

Q22 Thinking about how well the social and recreational facilities of the area meet your needs, how adequate are they?

Outdoor playing space provision (playing fields, play facilities for children etc)

Very adequate	214	%	39.41
Reasonably adequate	217	%	39.96
Neither adequate nor inadequate	37	%	6.81
Fairly inadequate	20	%	3.68
Totally inadequate	4	%	0.73
Not sure/don't know	51	%	9.39
Total	543		

Footpaths, bridleways and cycleways

Very adequate	193	%	36.62
Reasonably adequate	231	%	43.83
Neither adequate nor inadequate	26	%	4.93
Fairly inadequate	32	%	6.07
Totally inadequate	18	%	3.41
Not sure/don't know	27	%	5.12
Total	527		

Community facilities and meeting places

Very adequate	103	%	23.14
Reasonably adequate	262	%	58.87
Neither adequate nor inadequate	33	%	7.41
Fairly inadequate	12	%	2.69
Totally inadequate	6	%	1.34
Not sure/don't know	29	%	6.51
Total	445		

Pubs, cafes and restaurants

Very adequate	197	%	36.48
Reasonably adequate	267	%	49.44
Neither adequate nor inadequate	39	%	7.22
Fairly inadequate	19	%	3.51
Totally inadequate	4	%	0.74
Not sure/don't know	14	%	2.59
Total	540		

Allotments

Very adequate	76	%	14.47
Reasonably adequate	166	%	31.61
Neither adequate nor inadequate	34	%	6.47
Fairly inadequate	15	%	2.85
Totally inadequate	7	%	1.33
Not sure/don't know	227	%	43.23
Total	525		

Q23 Do you think the neighbourhood plan should aim to protect green spaces within the parishes?

Strongly agree	445	%	78.62
Agree	97	%	17.13
Neither agree nor disagree	18	%	3.18
Disagree	0	%	0
Strongly disagree	3	%	0.53
Not sure/don't know	3	%	0.53
Total	566		

Q24 Are there any social or recreational facilities not currently provided locally that you would like to be provided?

Yes	83	% Yes	18.86
No	357	% No	81.13
Total	440		

Q25 Much of the plan area is in the South Downs National Park. Do you use the National Park as a recreational facility (eg for walking, cycling)?

Yes	432	% Yes	81.5
No	98	% No	18.49
Total	530		

Infrastructure

Q27 Thinking about these issues, please indicate which of the following you think might apply in our area?

Local shops

We need more of this now without new development	211	%	43.95
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	135	%	28.12
We will not need anymore of this with development	102	%	21.25
Don't know	32	%	6.66
Total	480		

Local school

We need more of this now without new development	18	%	4.18
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	165	%	38.37
We will not need anymore of this with development	93	%	21.62
Don't know	154	%	35.81
Total	430		

Built leisure facilities

We need more of this now without new development	51	%	11.67
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	100	%	22.88
We will not need anymore of this with development	189	%	43.24
Don't know	97	%	22.19
Total	437		

Parks and play areas

We need more of this now without new development	26	%	5.89
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	148	%	33.56
We will not need anymore of this with development	209	%	47.39
Don't know	58	%	13.15
Total	441		

Local health (eg GP) facilities

We need more of this now without new development	102	%	21.56
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	223	%	47.14
We will not need anymore of this with development	94	%	19.87
Don't know	54	%	11.41
Total	473		

Broadband

We need more of this now without new development	262	%	57.45
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	86	%	18.85
We will not need anymore of this with development	41	%	8.99
Don't know	67	%	14.69
Total	456		

Parking capacity

We need more of this now without new development	348	%	67.18
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	114	%	22
We will not need anymore of this with development	35	%	6.75
Don't know	21	%	4.05
Total	518		

Road capacity

We need more of this now without new development	155	%	42.93
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	97	%	26.86
We will not need anymore of this with development	70	%	19.39
Don't know	39	%	10.8
Total	361		

Bus services

We need more of this now without new development	271	%	56.45
We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	100	%	20.83
We will not need anymore of this with development	43	%	8.95
Don't know	66	%	13.75
Total	480		

The Lewes District Plan specifically defines Ditchling village as a 'rural services centre'

Q28 Does Ditchling need more facilities to support this role?

Yes	225	% Yes	46.58
No	258	% No	53.41
Total	483		

Q29 How important is it to you to have a Post Office in Ditchling to provide the following services?

	1	2	3	4	5	% of Extremely important	% multiple choice
Lottery Tickets	192	34	80	122	111	6	20
Gas and Electricity	146	31	60	27	125	6.76	23
Mobile Phone	139	35	67	44	172	9.3	31
Bill Payment	14	24	59	44	183	9.89	33
Foreign currency	100	43	89	37	201	10.87	37
Pension and other benefit collections	121	24	46	26	255	13.79	47
Banking (cash withdrawal etc)	52	20	42	44	355	19.19	65
Stamps, parcel mailing etc	26	3	15	31	447	24.17	82

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Transport, traffic and parking

Q30 Thinking about public transport, do you think it:

Connects to the destinations people need?

Yes	198	% Yes	47.48
No	219	% No	52.51
Total	417		

Could be improved in the daytime?

Yes	373	% Yes	88.38
No	49	% No	11.61
Total	422		

Could be improved in the evenings?

Yes	306	% Yes	79.89
No	77	% No	20.1
Total	383		

Could be improved at the weekend?

Yes	349	% Yes	88.13
No	47	% No	11.86
Total	396		

Q31 Would you use community transport (car share schemes, community 'on demand' bus)?

Yes	234	% Yes	46.89
No	265	% No	53.1
Total	499		

Q32 What other transport do you use?

Bike	159	%	29
Taxi	258	%	47
Private car	504	%	92

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Q33 Do you think additional off-street parking provision is needed for residents and visitors?

Yes	428	% Yes	83.59
No	84	% No	16.4
Total	512		

Q34 How much does traffic in, and passing through, the area impact on your quality of life?

A huge impact	204	%	37.7
Quite an impact	193	%	35.67
Not much of an impact	98	%	18.11
Little or no impact	43	%	7.94
Not sure/don't know	3	%	0.55
Total	541		

Q35 Do you support, in principle, the idea of traffic calming measures?

Yes	476	% Yes	93.88
No	31	% No	6.11
Total	507		

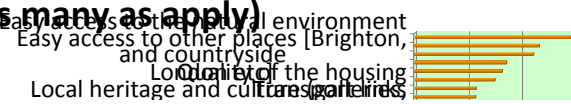
If yes, which if any of the following measures would you support

				% multiple choice
Make Beacon Rd 'no through rd' at Ditchling Beacon	188	%	9.14	34
pedestrianisation schemes	204	%	9.92	37
cycle paths	297	%	14.44	54
'quiet' roads where motor traffic is restricted	299	%	14.54	55
20mph speed limits	323	%	15.71	59
physical measure to reduce speed and volume	343	%	16.68	63
more restrictions on commercial vehicles	402	%	19.55	73

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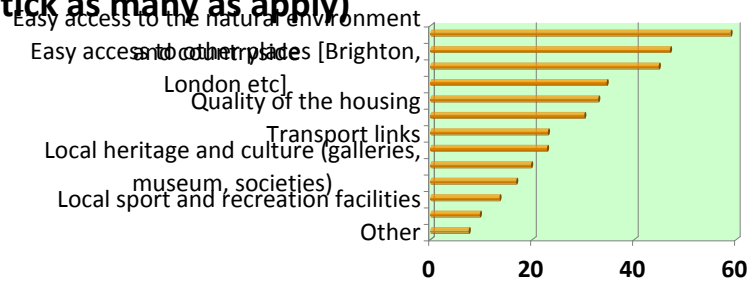
Q5 Which of the following initially attracted you to the area?

(tick as many as apply)



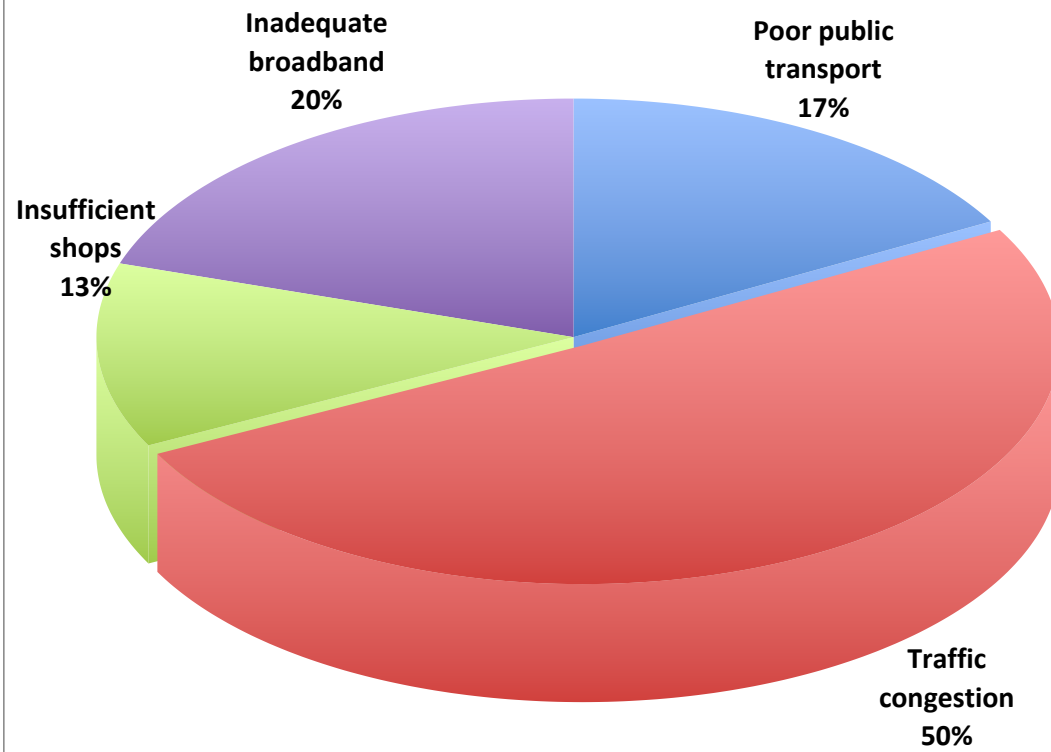
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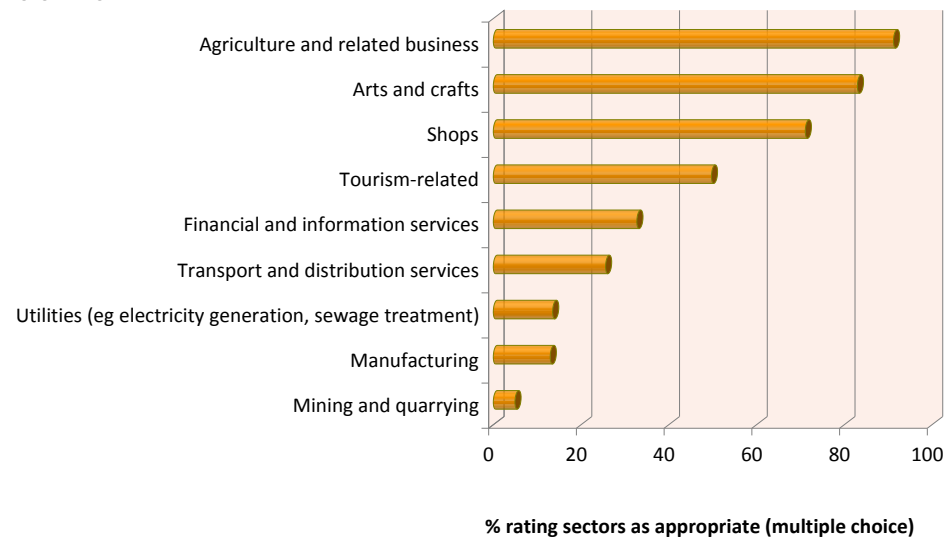
% (multiple choice)

Q6 Do the following issues detract from your enjoyment of living in the area?

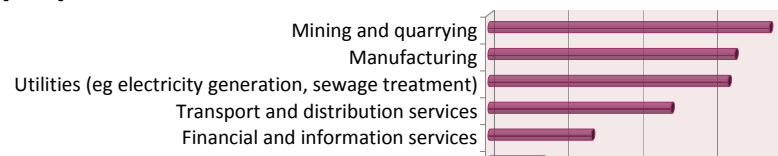


**Traffic
congestion
50%**

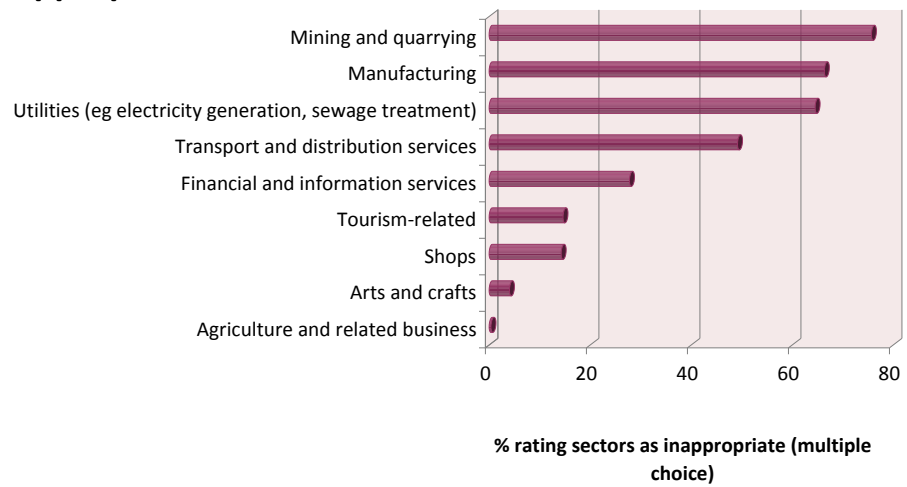
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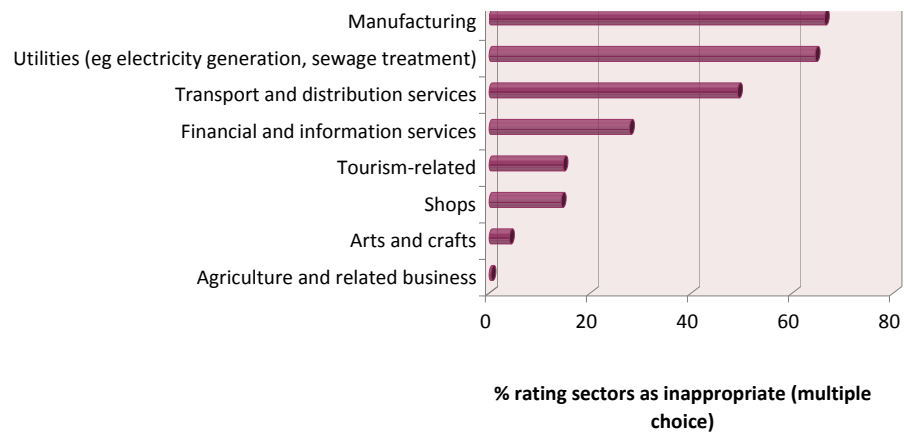


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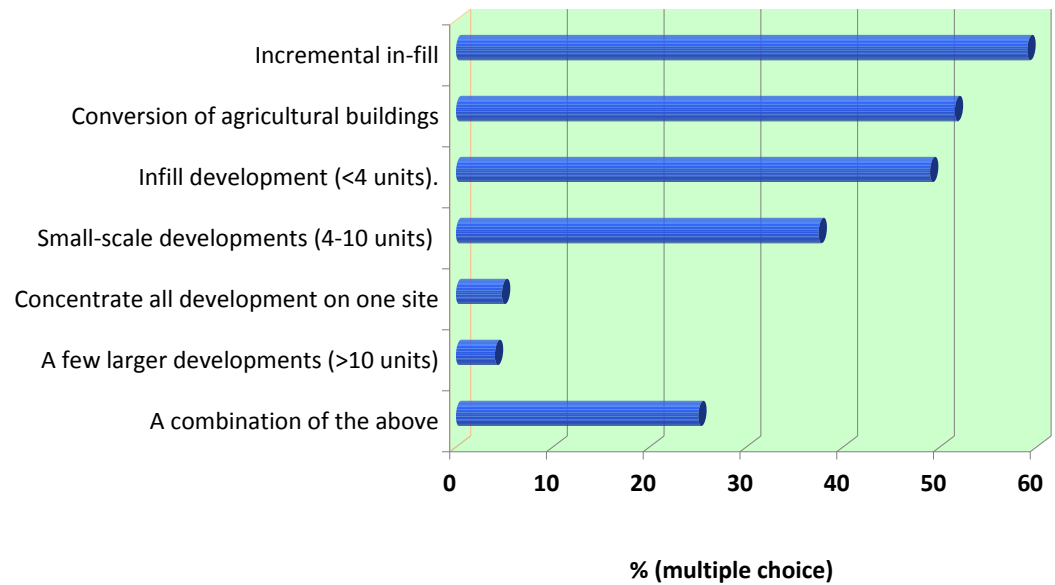


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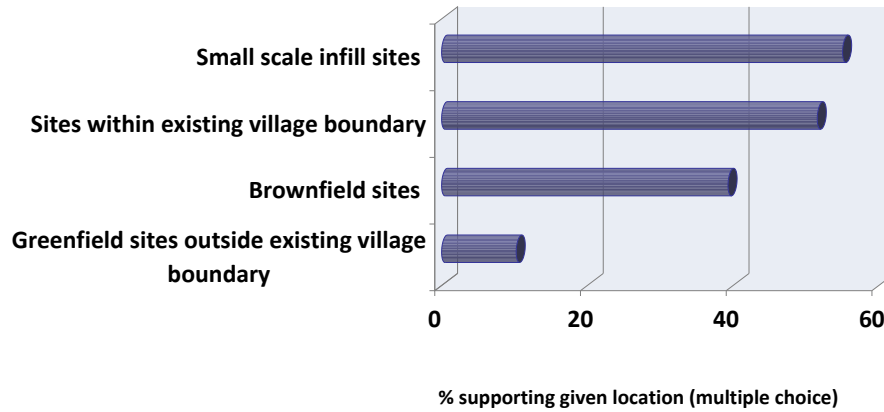


Q18 What size of development do you think is appropriate for new homes?



Q19 General location of sites for new building

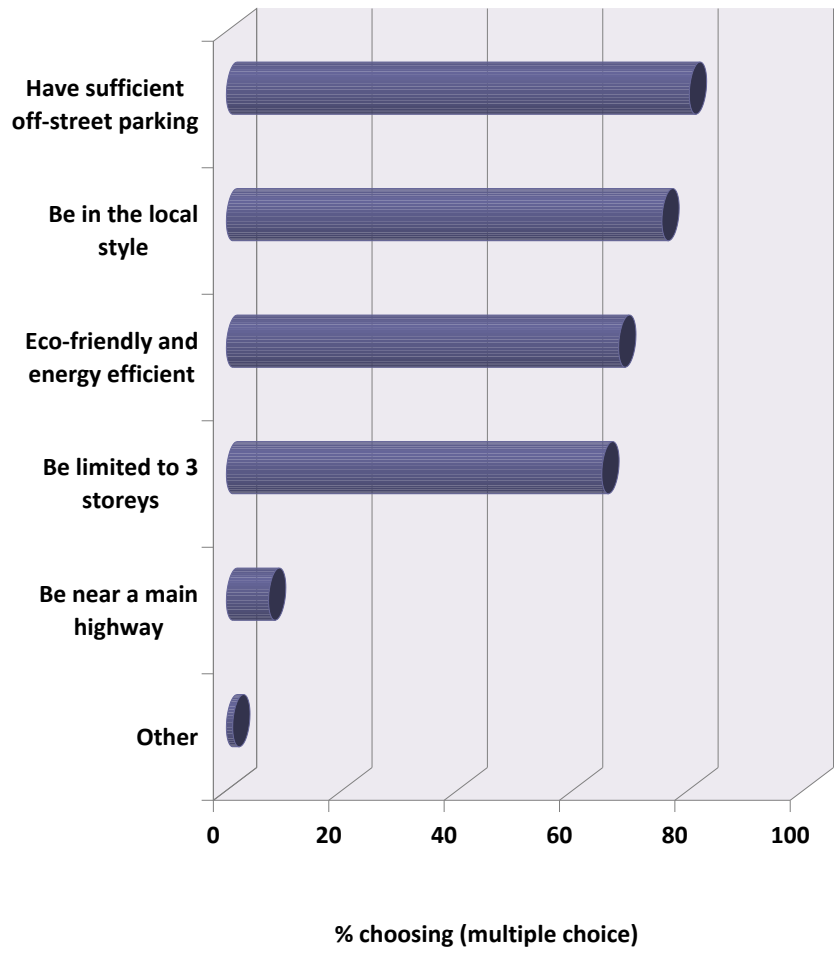
Q19 General location of sites for new building (Ditchling)

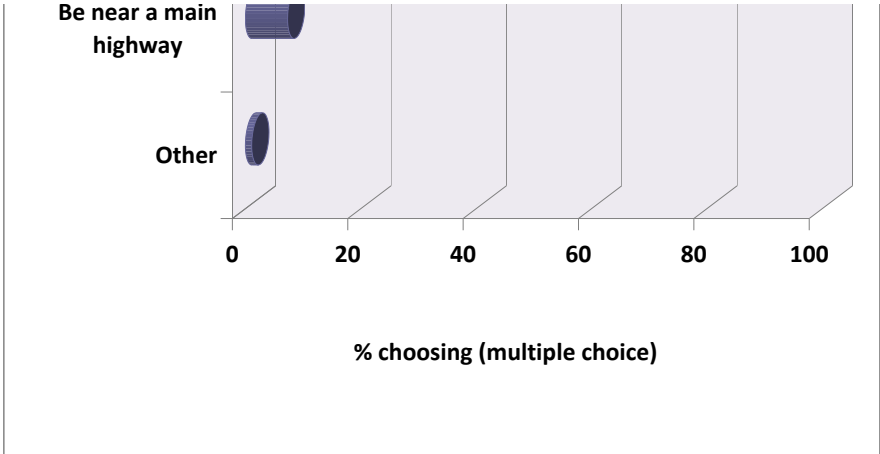


Q20 Principles influencing new housing design and location

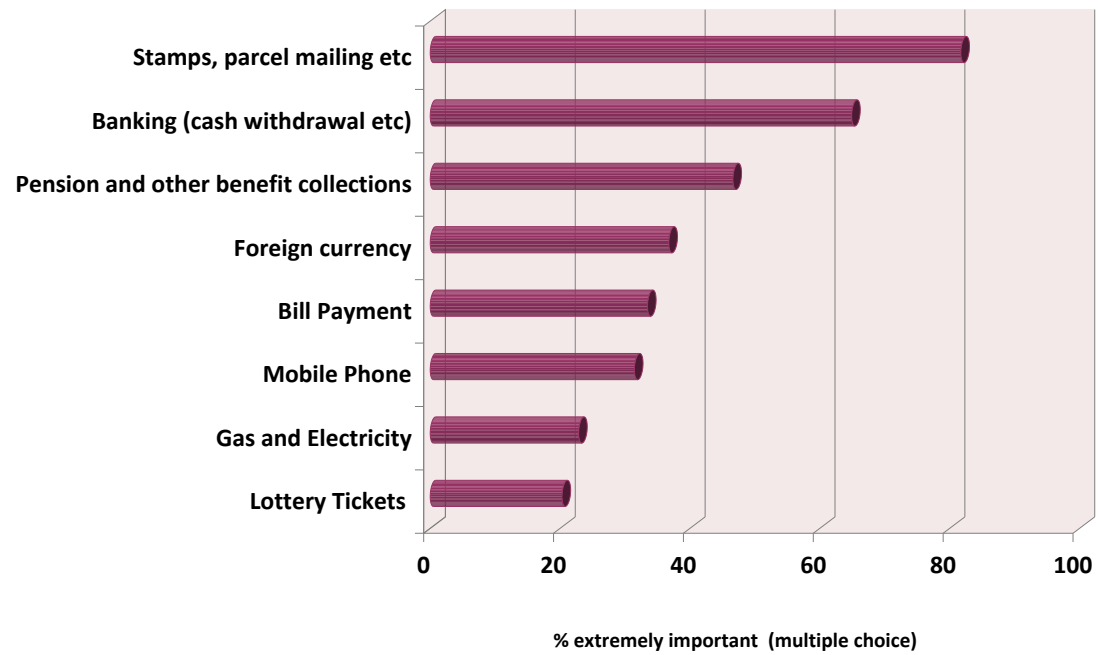


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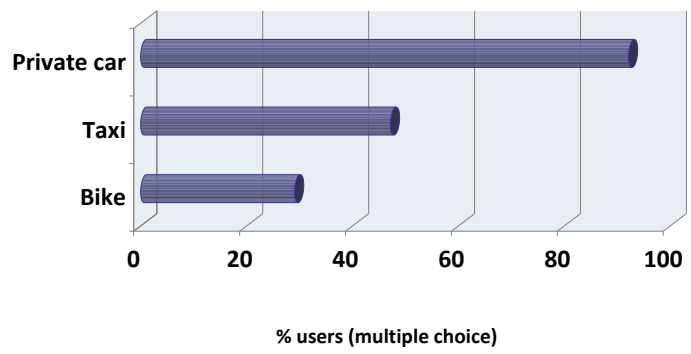




Q29 How important is it for the Post Office to offer the following services?



Q32 What forms of transport do you use?



Q35 What traffic calming measures would you support?

