

Long Wittenham

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION AND RATIONALE

Long Wittenham is currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

As part of its evidence gathering process, the Long Wittenham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commissioned Oxfordshire Rural Community Council to conduct a community survey in May 2015. ORCC is a charity that works with and supports communities across Oxfordshire and has long-standing expertise in assisting communities with consultation strategies.

The survey gave all households in the village the opportunity to express an opinion on local facilities, services, and housing development, and to register a housing need, should they have one.

The survey had 6 parts:

- I- Your household
- II- A new Community Hub
- III- Your opinions on housing development
- IV- Living and working in Long Wittenham
- V- Does your whole household or any person/ s in your household need a new home in Long Wittenham?
- VI- Do you know of anyone living elsewhere who wishes to move to Long Wittenham?

DISTRIBUTION AND RESPONSE

- ORCC, liaising with Long Wittenham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG), prepared the survey content
- The NPSG distributed surveys to 353 households in May 2015
- 194 surveys were returned to ORCC in *Freepost* envelopes (or collected by the NPSG): **a response rate of 55%**
- ORCC analysed the returned surveys and prepared this report
- No information is known about the non-respondents, and no assumptions have been made about their housing opinions, needs, or requirements

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The report gives a detailed breakdown of answers to all 42 survey questions. The following is a selection of findings.

PART 1

41 people have left Long Wittenham in the last 5 years

Top 3 reasons for leaving Long Wittenham:

- Employment- 47%
- Further education- 21%
- Lack of suitable housing- 16%

PART 2

72% agree with building a Community Hub on Site 1

74% agree with building a Community Hub on site 2 (if site 1 is unavailable)

PART 3

53% agree with building 30-40 new homes to finance the new Community Hub

Top 3 type of homes that Long Wittenham needs:

- Smaller/ starter homes (1-2 beds)- 71%
- Family homes (3-4 beds)- 51%
- Affordable housing- 48%

PART 4

49% stated that parking is 'never a problem' for them or their visitors

96% support efforts to lobby for a new road-bridge

71% support the removal of all traffic calming

88% support creating a new cycle/ footpath between Long Wittenham and Clifton Hampden

63% would not use a rush-hour bus service to Didcot

Top 3 bus services that should be improved:

- Oxford- 52%
- Didcot- 44%
- Abingdon- 17%

Top 3 things that people like about living in Long Wittenham:

Top 3 things that would improve quality of life in Long Wittenham:

- Quiet and peace- 42%

- Shop and Post Office- 32%

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- Friendly- 30%
 - Neighbourliness/ community spirit- 28%
 - Less traffic- 21%
 - Better public transport- 17%
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PART 5

26 households intend to move to a new home in Long Wittenham in the next 5 years

Top 3 reasons for needing a new home in Long Wittenham:

- Want to start a first home- 42%
- Need a smaller home- 21%
- To be near family- 17%

21 households wish to move to another home in Long Wittenham in the next 5 years but CANNOT

Top three reasons preventing a household from moving within Long Wittenham:

- Unable to afford a new home- 71%
 - Lack of suitable housing- 37%
 - Lack of social housing- 9%
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PART 6

56 households currently living outside Long Wittenham wish to move to the parish in the next 5 years

Top 3 reasons for wishing a new home in Long Wittenham:

- To be near family- 46%
- Want to start first home- 35%
- To give or receive family support- 31%

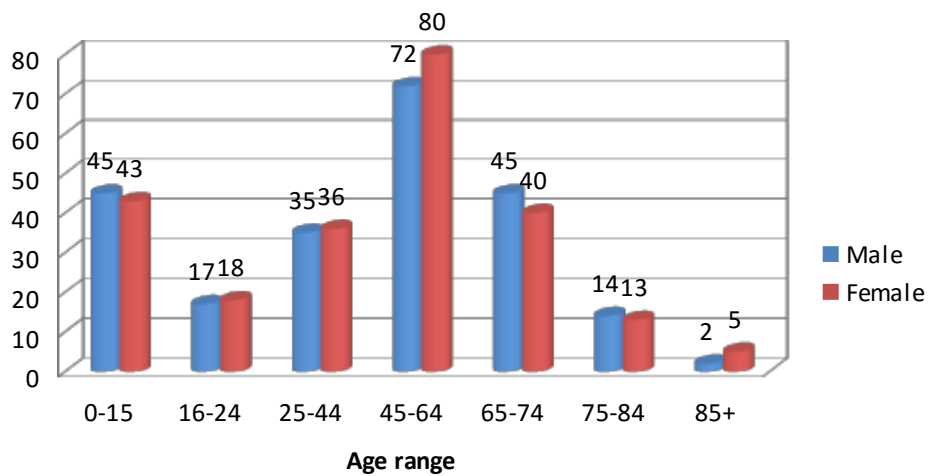
Part One- Your Household

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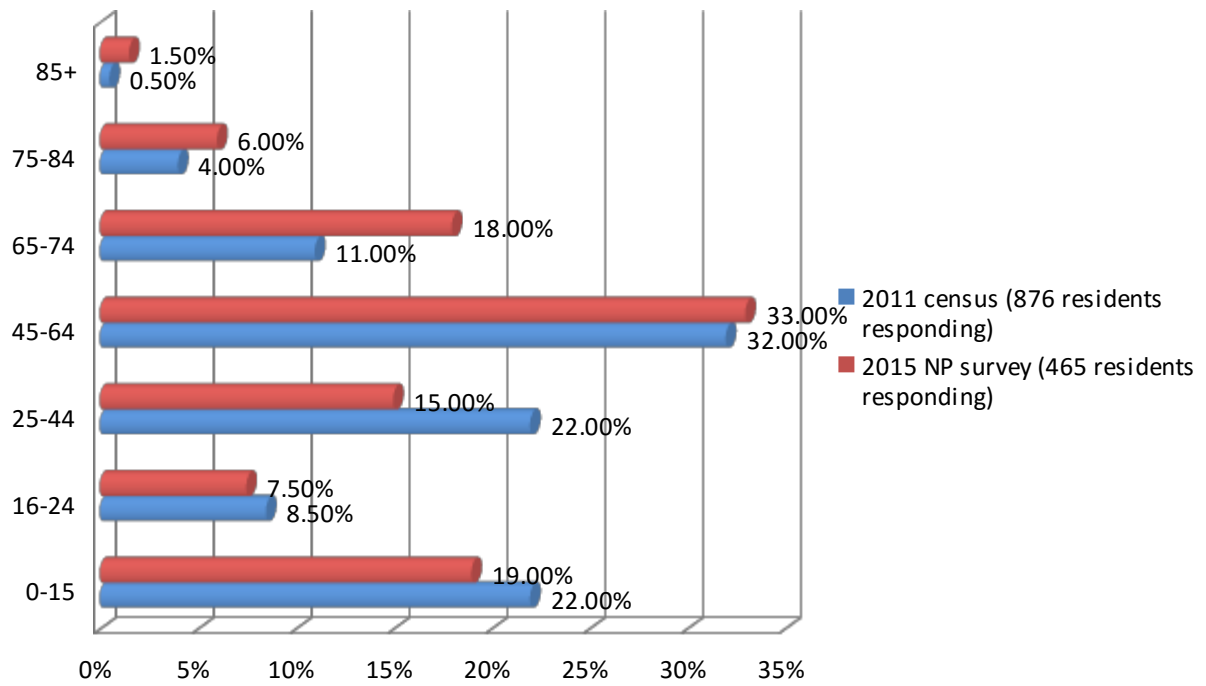
1. How many people of each gender and age live in your household?

188 respondents – 465 total

individuals

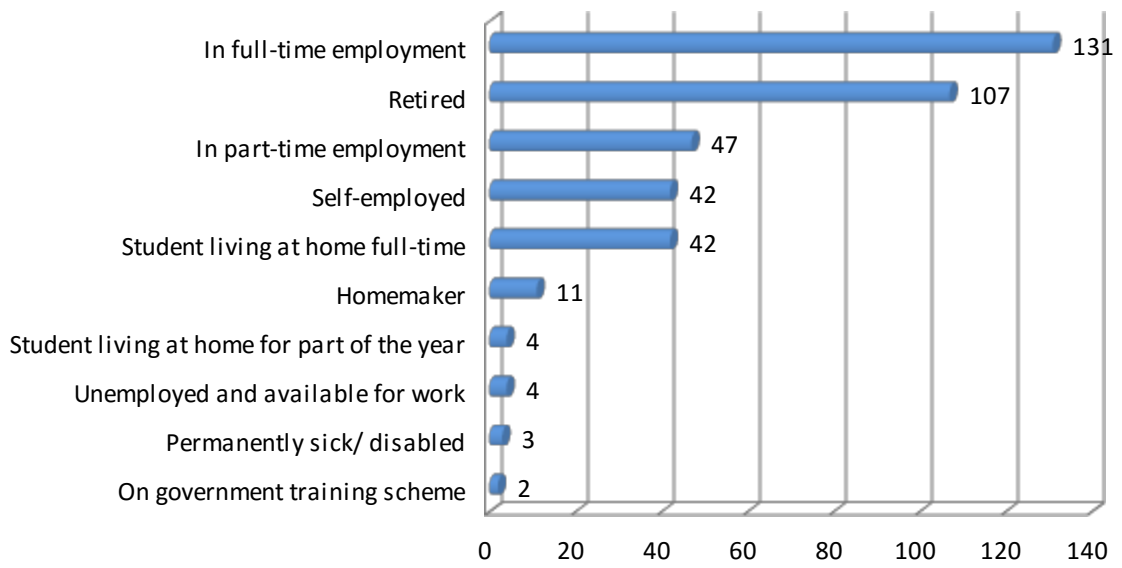


Comparison of survey respondents with 2011 Census:

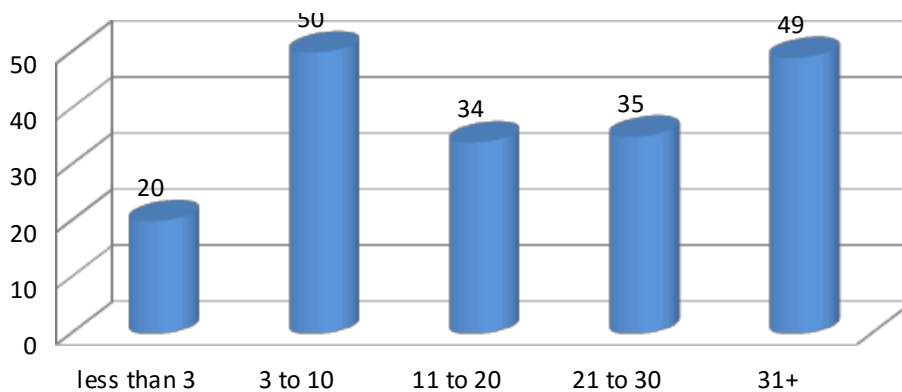


**2. How many people in your household are...?
individuals**

186 respondents – 398 total



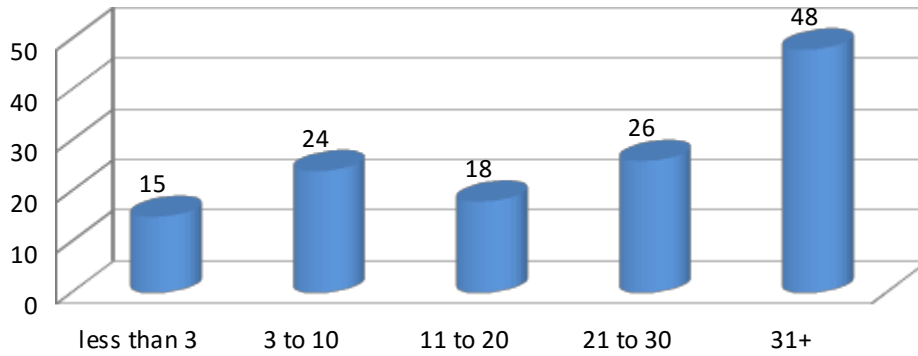
3. How long have you lived in Long Wittenham?



Current

home – 188 respondents

In the parish – 131 respondents

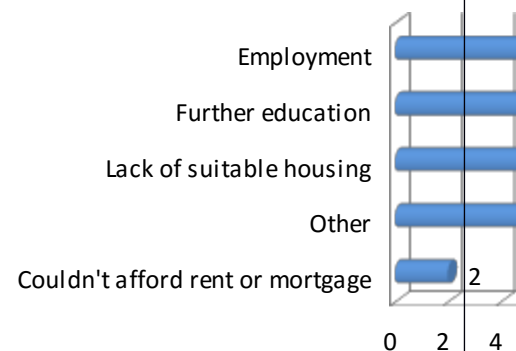


4. Have any members of your household left the parish in the last 5 years?

- **26 respondents** reported in total that **41 people** from their households had left the parish in the last 5 years.

Why did they leave?

43 total reasons



OTHER REASONS

Marriage/ to live with partner	3	Lack of public transport	1
To set up own home	1		

5. How many people have joined your household in the last 5 years?

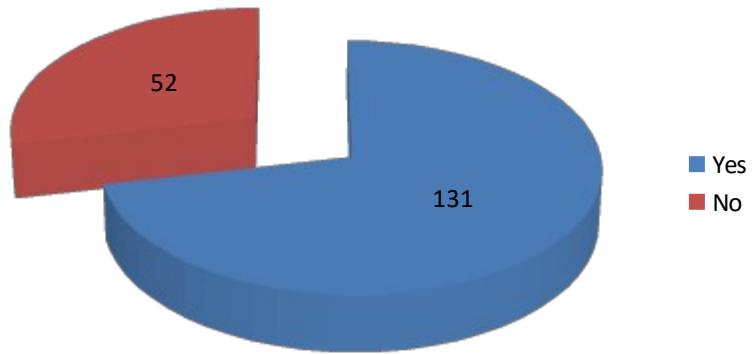
- **16 respondents- 24 new additions to household** (births, marriage, relatives moving in etc.)

Part Two: A New Community Hub

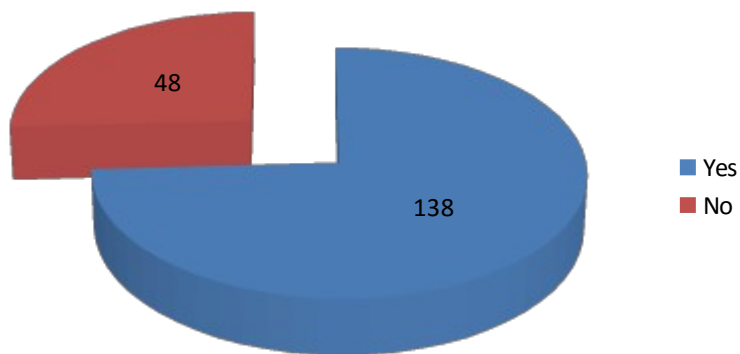
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6. Do you agree with building a Community Hub on Site 1?

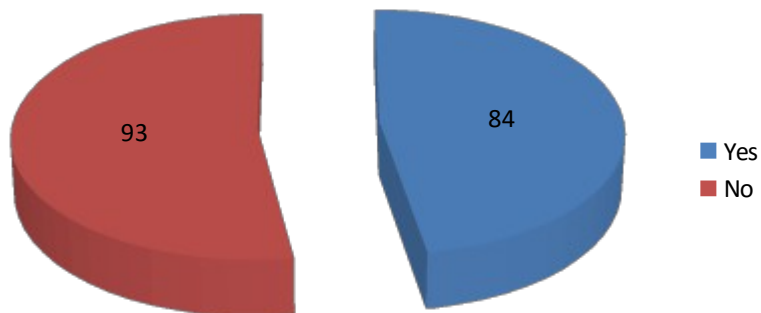
183 respondents



7. If Site 1 is not available for development, do you agree with building a Community Hub on Site 2? *186 respondents*



8. If Sites 1 and 2 are not available for development, do you agree with building a Community Hub on Site 3? *177 respondents*

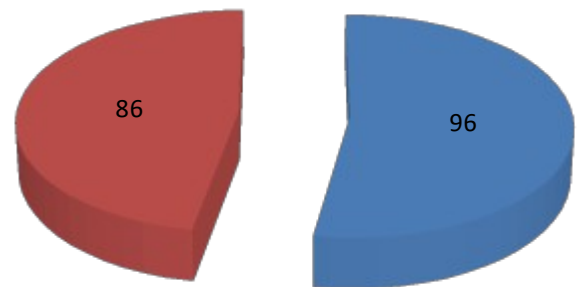


Part Three: Your Opinions on Housing Development

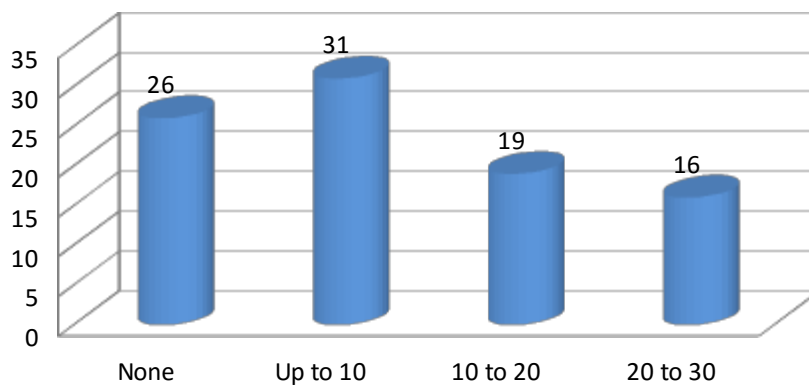
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9. 30-40 new homes may be required to finance the new Community Hub. Do you agree with the building of these homes?
respondents

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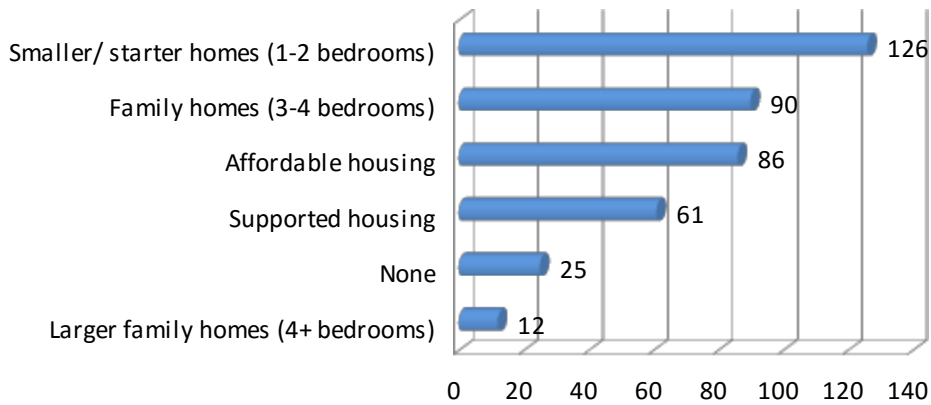


10. If you DO NOT AGREE with the building of 30-40 new homes, how many new homes would you support being built in Long Wittenham?
92 respondents



11. What type of accommodation do you think Long Wittenham needs?

178 respondents – 400 total choices

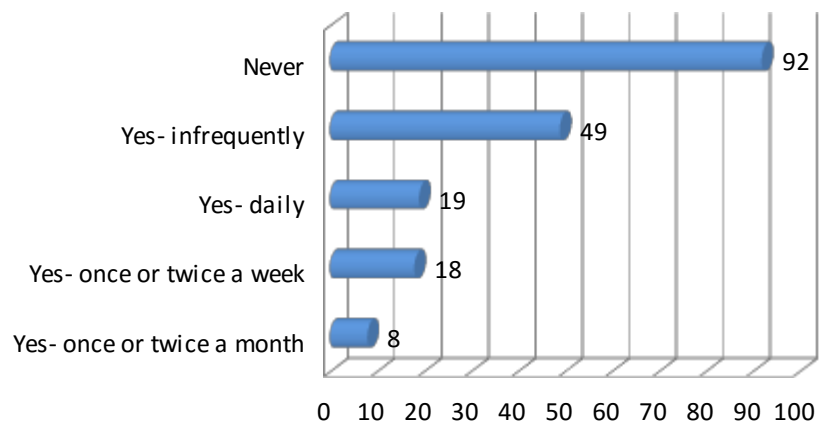


Part Four: Living and Working in Long Wittenham

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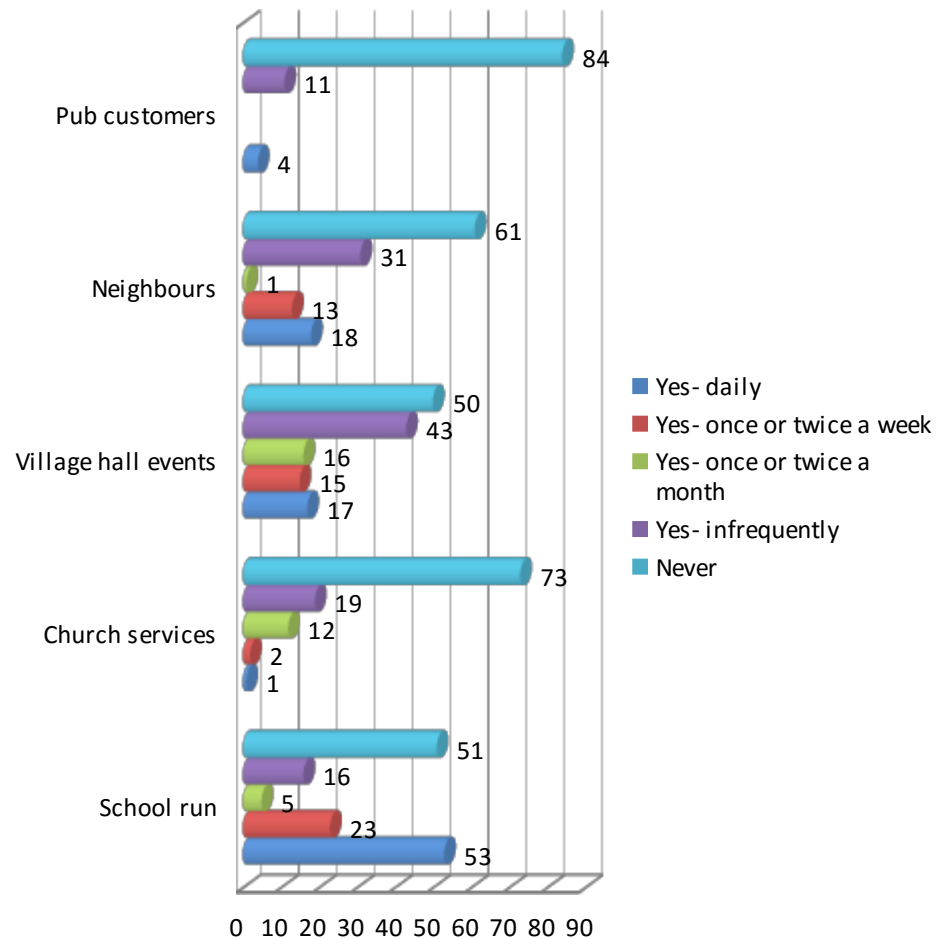
12. Is parking a problem for you and your visitors?

100 respondents



13. Is other people's parking a problem for you?

176 respondents

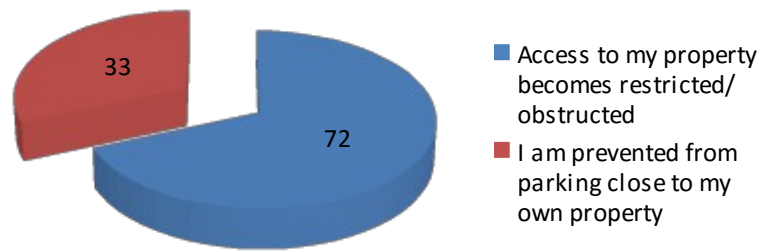


OTHER REASONS

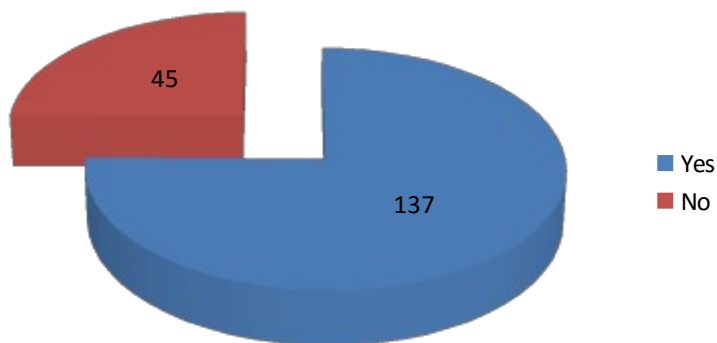
Pendon Museum open days	5	Fishermen/ walkers	2
Parking on pavements	1	Visitors	1

14. If you answered 'yes' to the question above, please tick if the following happens.

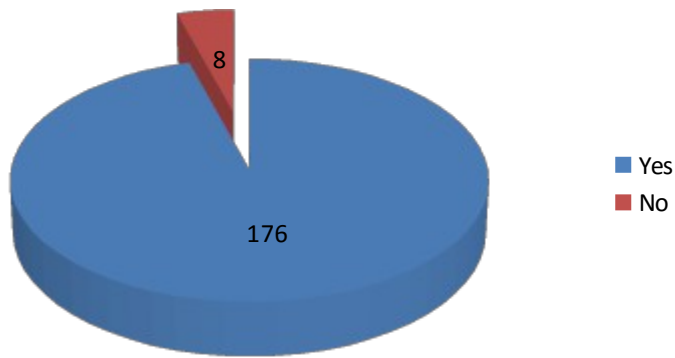
91 respondents- 105 choices given in total



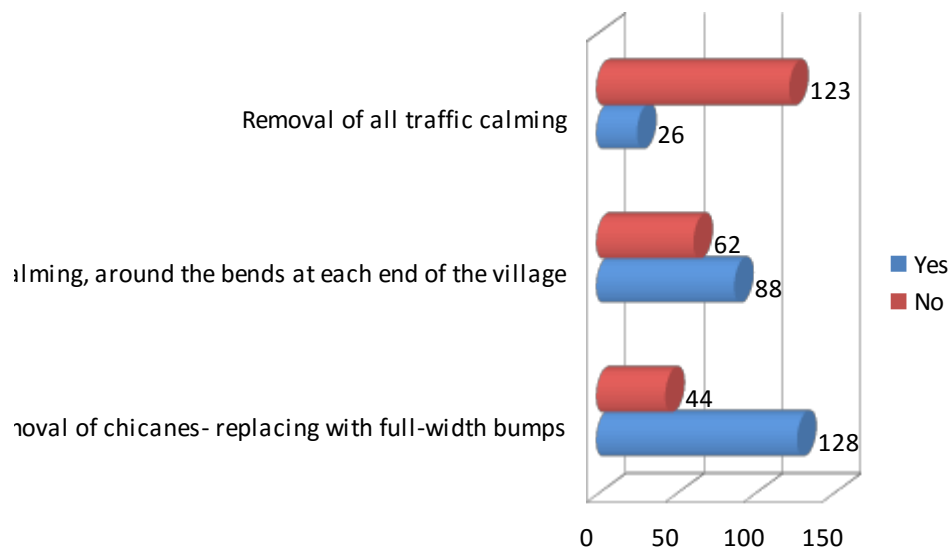
15. Do you support investigations into the creation of a village car park? 182 respondents



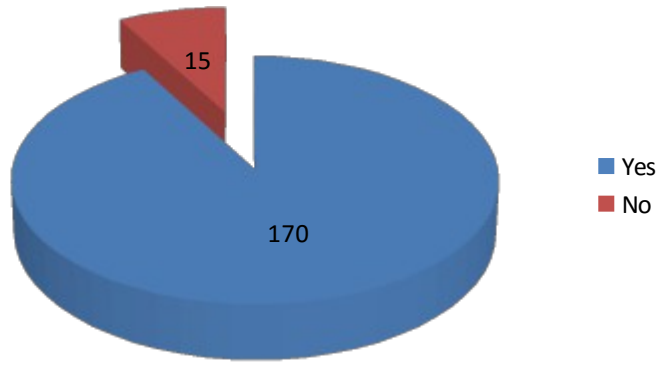
16. Do you support efforts to lobby for the building of a new road-bridge to bypass the village (a new river crossing between Appleford and Long Wittenham is being discussed at county level)? 184 respondents



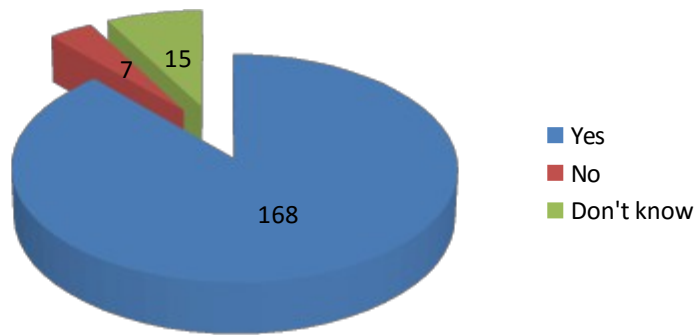
17. There are several possible options to change or improve traffic calming in the village- which would you support? *172 respondents*



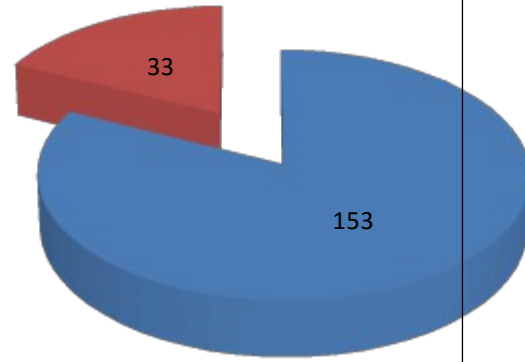
18. Do you support the creation of a link from Long Wittenham to the Thames Path by opening up a footpath over the weir? *185 respondents*



19. Do you support creating a new cycle path/ footpath between Long Wittenham and Clifton Hampden? *190 respondents*

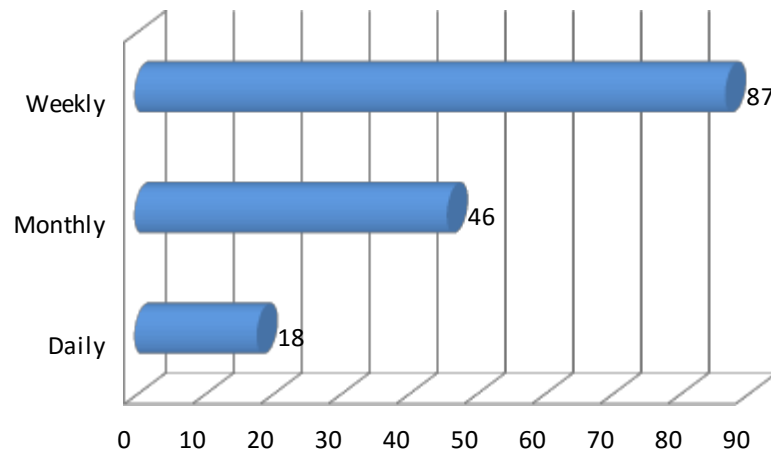


20. Would you use this cycle/ footpath? *186 respondents*



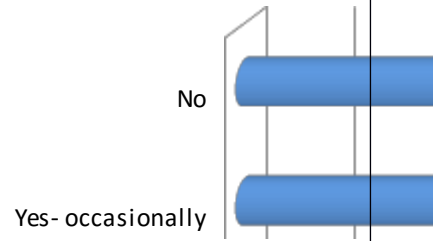
21. If so, how often would you use this cycle/ footpath?

151 respondents



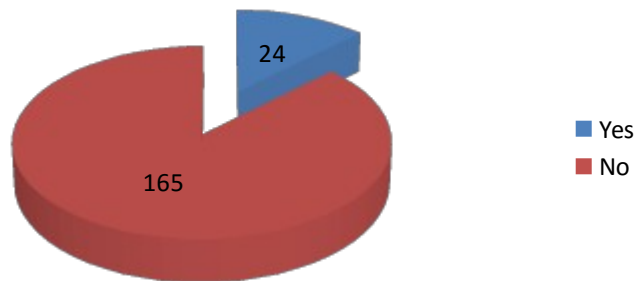
22. If there was a morning and an evening rush-hour bus service to Didcot, would you use it?

189 respondents



23. Do you use the current bus service to Didcot?

189 respondents



24. If you could improve local bus services, where would a bus run and on what days?

89 respondents

Destination	Total choices	Specific service improvements
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		suggested	
Oxford	46	Regular/ hourly	11
		Morning	5
		Mid-morning	3
		Twice daily	3
		Twice weekly	3
		Improved weekend service	3
		Evening	1
		Mid-afternoon	1
Didcot	39	Regular/ hourly	15
		Morning	8
		Early evening	4
		Late evening	3
		Mid-afternoon	2
		Daily	1
		Mid-morning	1
		Saturday evening	1
		Twice daily	1
Abingdon	15	Regular/ hourly	6
		Morning	4
		Late-afternoon	2
		Twice daily	1
Wallingford	14	Regular/ hourly	4
		Weekdays	2
		Morning	2
		Late night	1
Newbury	2	Mid-morning	1
		Occasionally	1
Berinsfield	1	Regular/ hourly	1

25. What do you like about living in Long Wittenham?

161 respondents

Quiet and peaceful	67	Friendly	49	Neighbourliness/ community spirit	45
Rural location	17	Proximity to towns and cities	15	Village/ social life	16
Pubs	13	School	11	Walks	11
Safe	7	Community activities	7	Proximity to the river	5
Views	3	Church	3	Near railway	3
Nothing	2	Local amenities	1	History	1
Little new	1				

26. What don't you like about living in Long Wittenham?

151 respondents

Traffic (volume)	75	Lack of a shop/ Post Office	51	Poor public transport	25
Traffic (speed)	17	Parking	12	Traffic calming	8
Extent of coming local development	6	Flooding	6	Low-flying aircraft	4
Poor broadband	4	Lack of teenager activities	4	Poor footpaths/ cycle-paths	3
Poor community spirit	3	Not enough social activities	3	Potholes	2

27. What would improve your quality of life in Long Wittenham?

141 respondents

Shop/ Post Office	45	Less traffic	30	Better public transport	24
Road by-pass	12	Cycle path to Clifton Hampden	11	Better broadband	8
Cafe	8	New road-bridge	7	No chicanes	6
Solve parking problems	6	Central Community Hub	6	Better children's play area	5
Less aircraft noise	4	Better community	4	Footpath to Appleford and	3

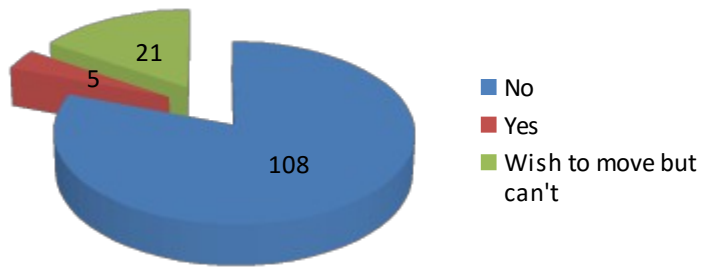
		spirit		Clifton Hampden	
Better community facilities	2	Surgery	2	More traffic calming	2
Sports hall/ facilities	2	Bigger/ improved village hall	2	Youth Club	1
Improved traffic calming	1	Facilities/ activities for teenagers	1	Facilities/ activities for young children	1
More tree and flower planting	1	Safer road crossing	1	Better road maintenance	1
Better social mix	1	Regular clearing of footpaths/ hedgerows	1	Tennis court	1

Part Five: Does your whole household or any person/ s in your household need a new home in Long Wittenham?

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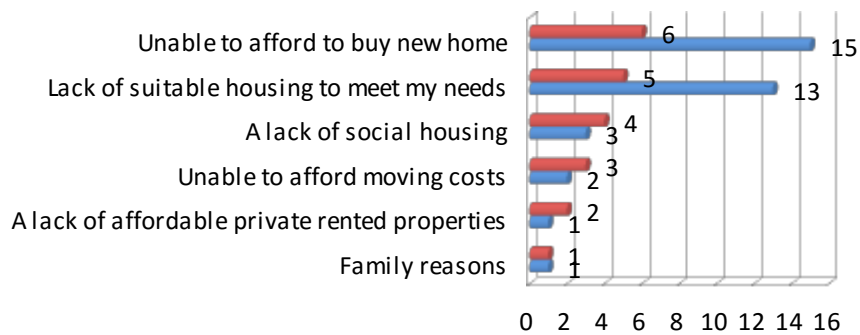
28. Is your household intending to move to another home in Long Wittenham in the next 5 years?

134 respondents



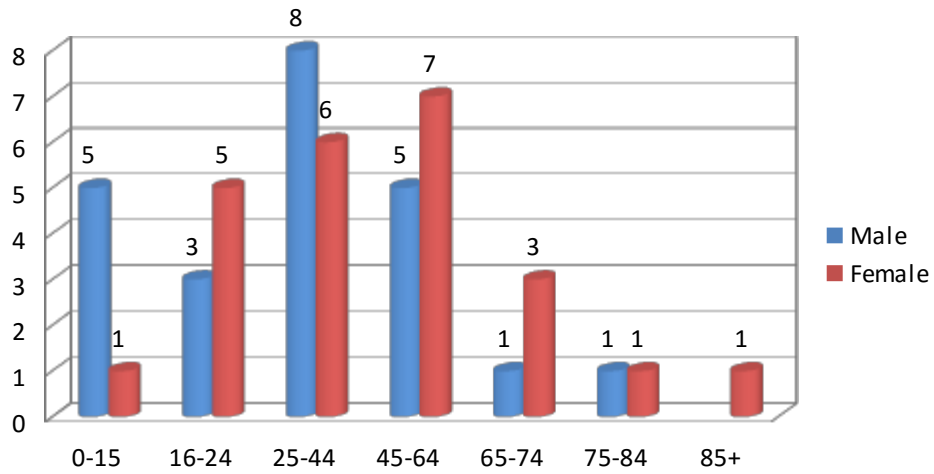
29. If you wish to move but cannot, what are the reasons preventing you?

21 respondents – 35 total reasons



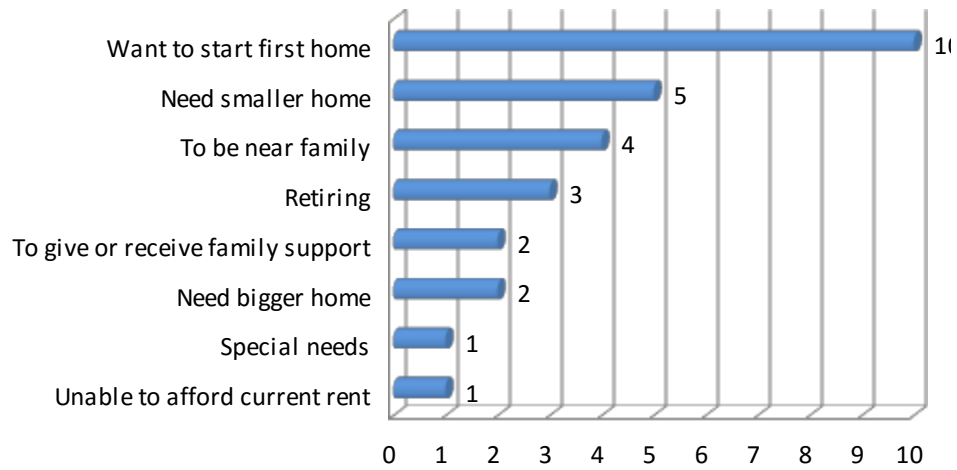
30. How many people of each age group would live in the new home (include carers if support needed to live independently)?

24 respondents – 47 individuals



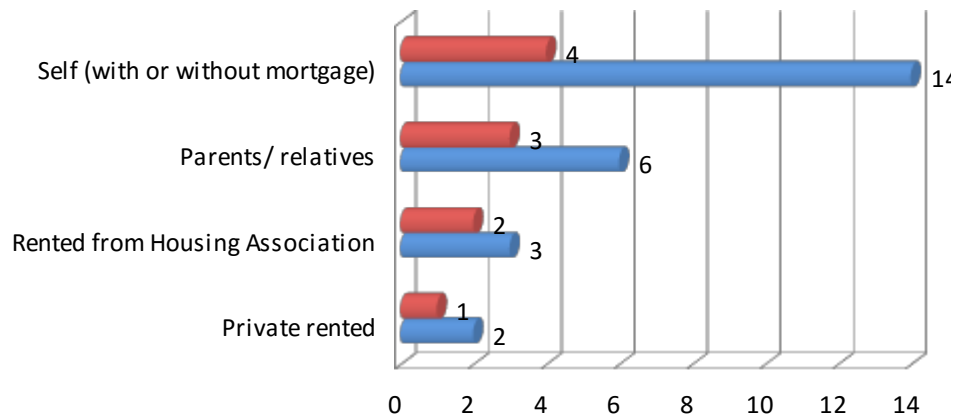
31. Why do you need a new home in Long Wittenham?

24 respondents – 28 total reasons



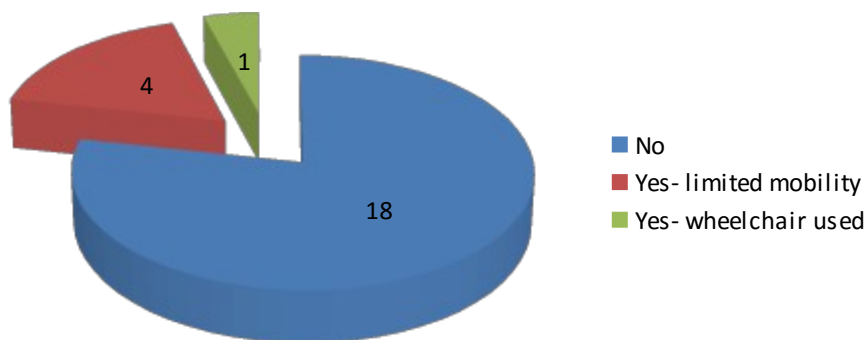
32. Who owns the home live in now?

25 respondents



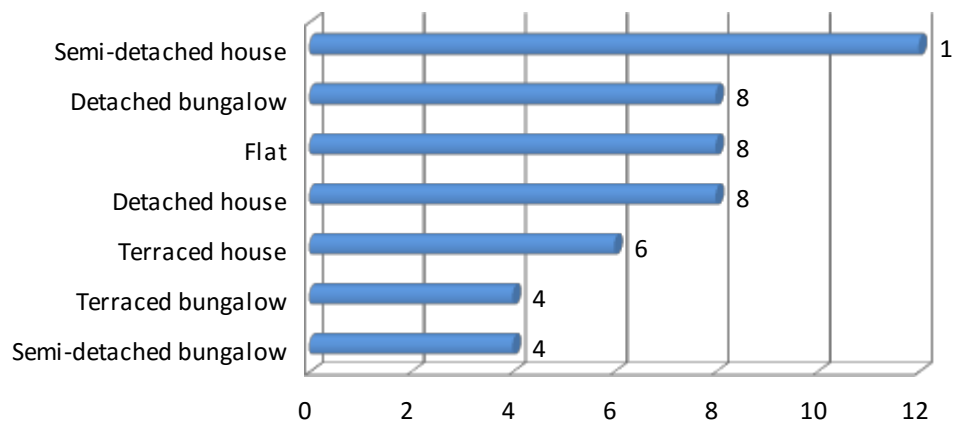
33. Does anything affect the type of home you need?

23 respondents



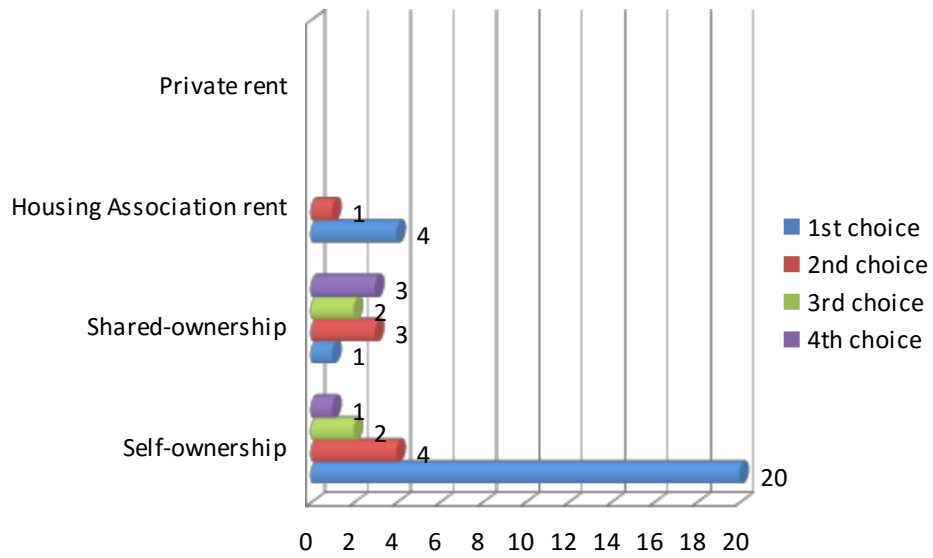
34. What type of home do you need?

25 respondents – 50 total choices

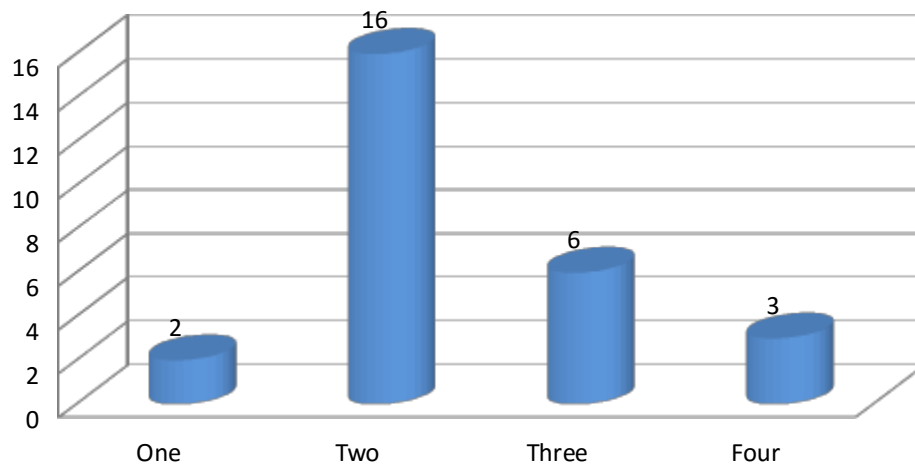


35. What kind of housing would you prefer?

23 respondents



36. How many bedrooms would your new home need? 18 respondents – 27 total choices



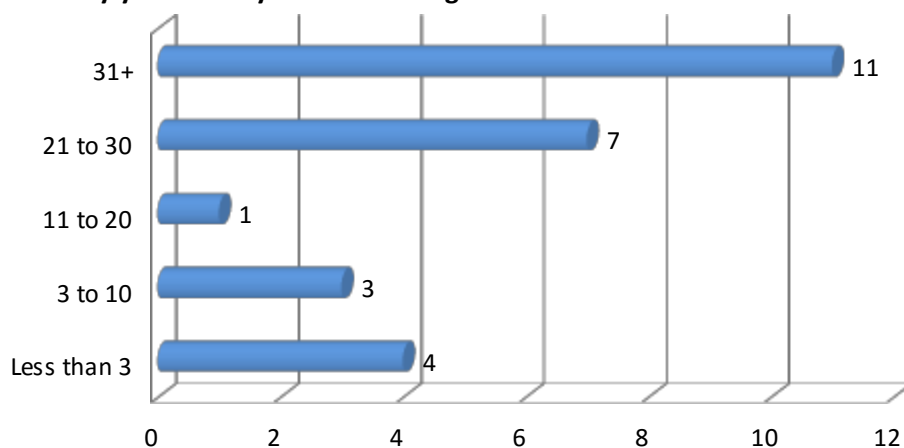
37. Does anyone in your home have a supported housing need?

2 respondents – 3 total choices

- 1 respondent stated that they required *independent accommodation with care support*
- 1 respondent that they required *supported living for an adult with learning disabilities who wants to live independently in a home of their own AND independent accommodation with care support*

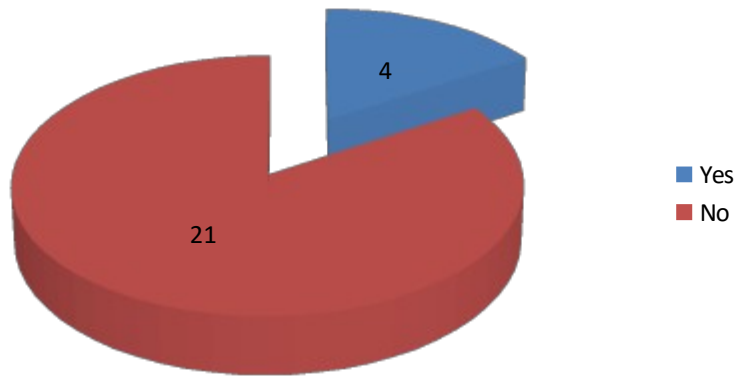
38. How many years have you lived in Long Wittenham?

26 respondents



39. Are you on the South Oxfordshire District Council Housing Register?

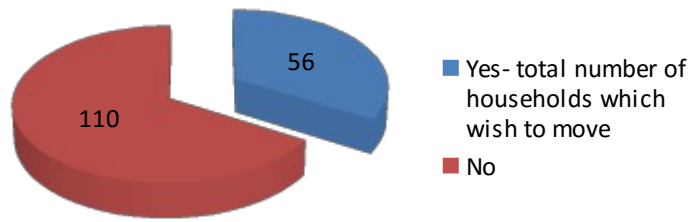
25 respondents



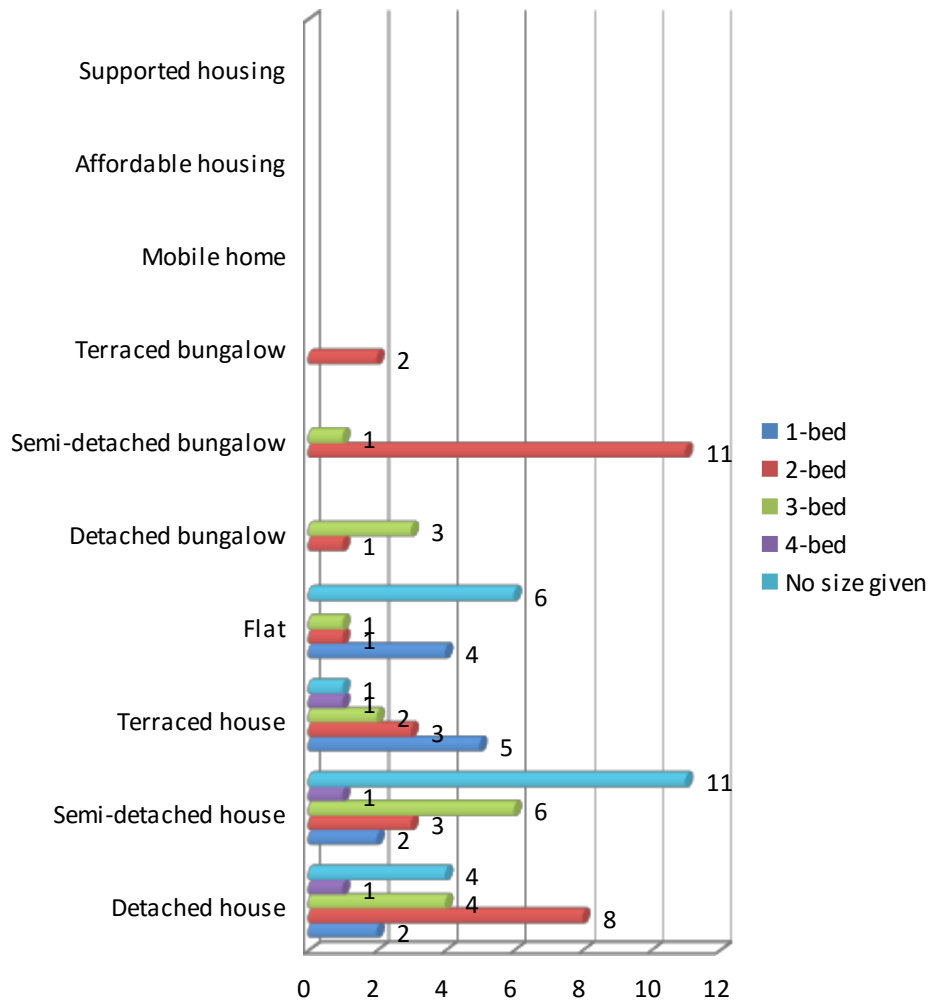
Part Six: Do you know of anyone living elsewhere who wishes to move to Long Wittenham?

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40. Do you know of any households living outside Long Wittenham which wish to move to the parish in the next five years? 139 respondents

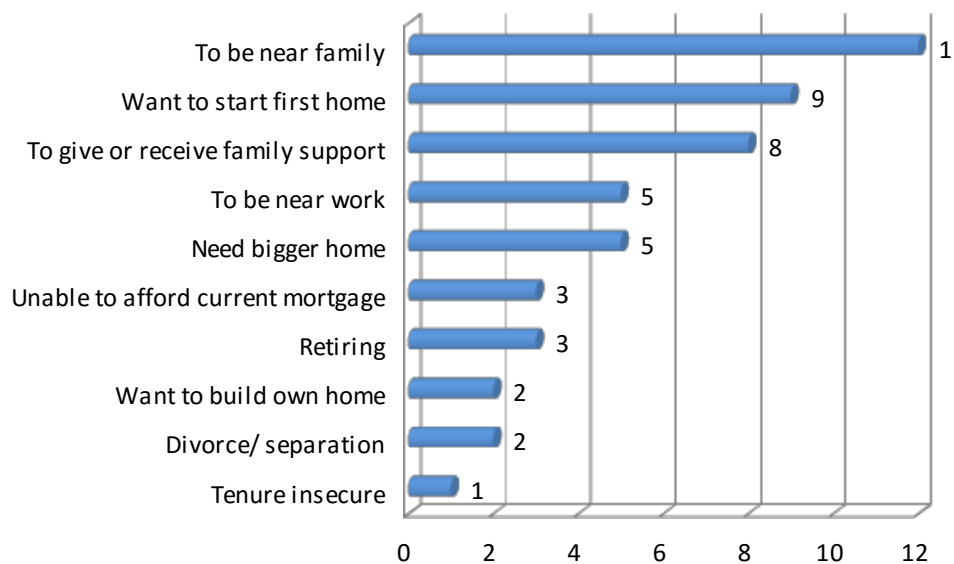


41. What type of home would those households wishing to move to Long Wittenham require?



42. Why do they wish to move to Long Wittenham?

26 respondents – 50 total reasons



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