

PLAISTOW & IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2021



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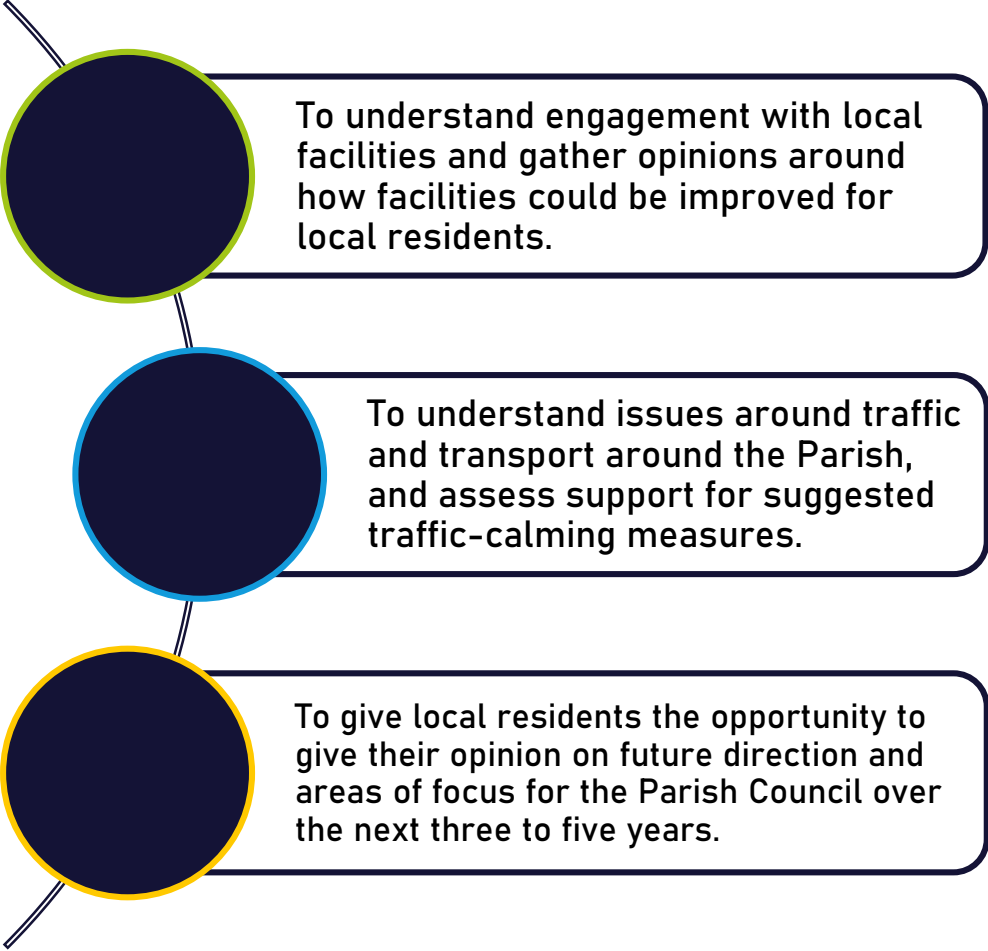
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OBJECTIVES & METHODOLOGY



To understand engagement with local facilities and gather opinions around how facilities could be improved for local residents.

To understand issues around traffic and transport around the Parish, and assess support for suggested traffic-calming measures.

To give local residents the opportunity to give their opinion on future direction and areas of focus for the Parish Council over the next three to five years.

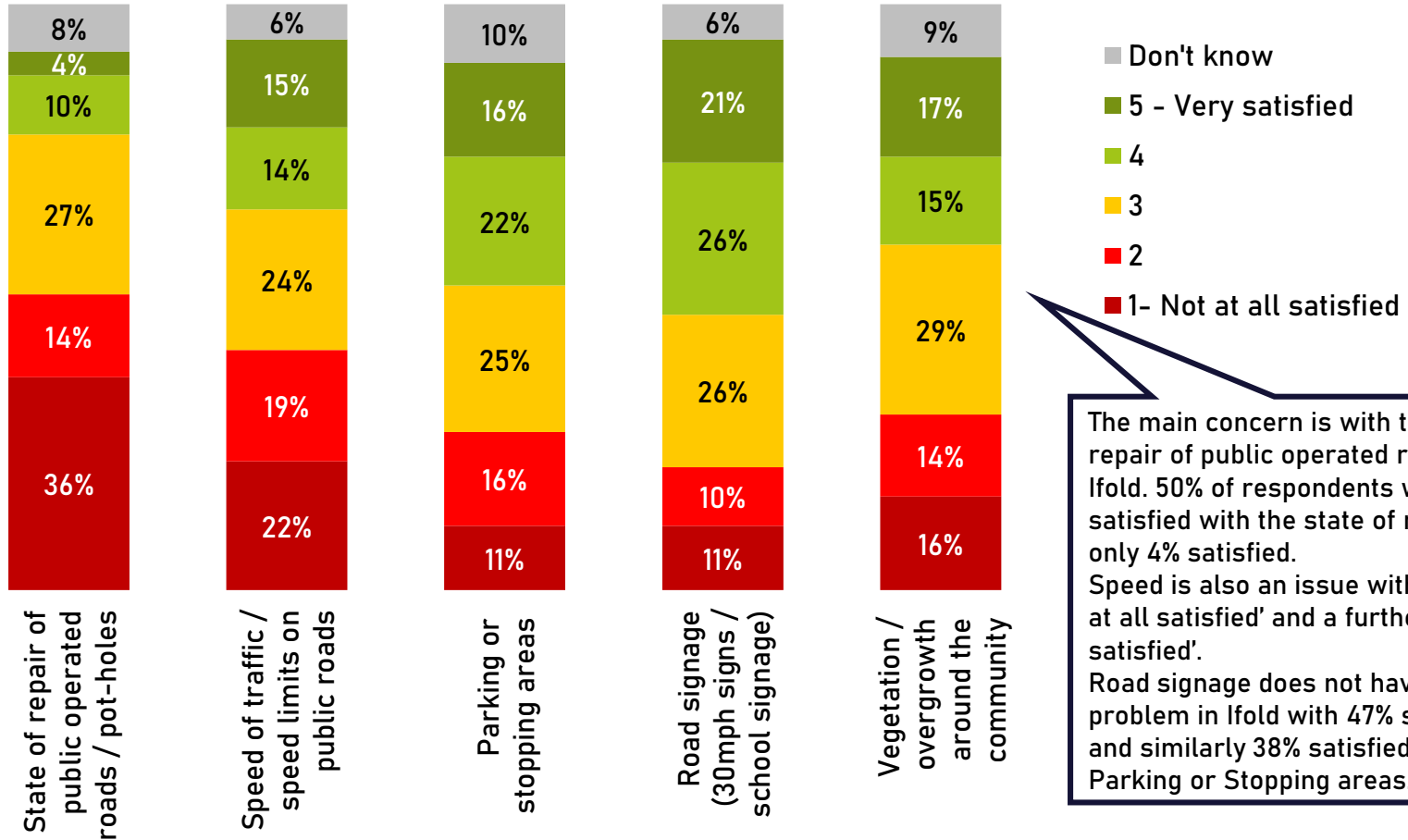
- An online survey was developed by The Parish Council to include questions covering all areas of the Parish Public Consultation, and was made available to complete on the Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council website.
- Provision was also made for respondents to complete the survey using a paper version.
- The Public Consultation and survey were publicised by the Parish Council and members of the parish.
- The survey was available to complete between the 2nd and 21st June 2021, and 134 responses were achieved in total.
- Sports Marketing Surveys provided their expertise to the process and ensured it was GDPR compliant.

TRANSPORT



TRANSPORT | Ifold

Q. How satisfied are you with the following factors in...

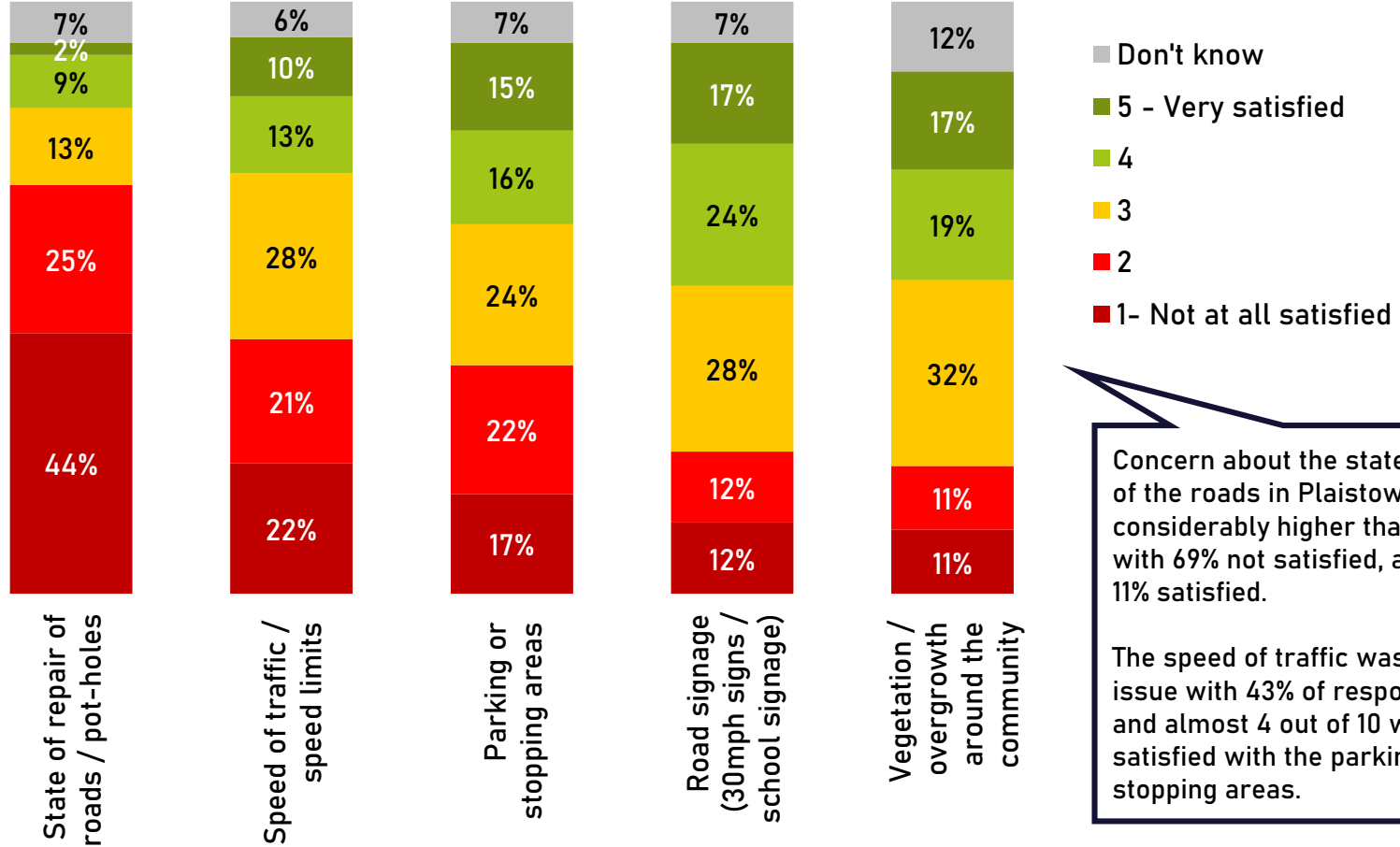


The main concern is with the state of repair of public operated roads in Ifold. 50% of respondents were not satisfied with the state of repair, and only 4% satisfied. Speed is also an issue with 22% 'not at all satisfied' and a further 19% 'not satisfied'. Road signage does not have a problem in Ifold with 47% satisfied, and similarly 38% satisfied with Parking or Stopping areas.

Base: 118

TRANSPORT | Plaistow Village

Q. How satisfied are you with the following factors in...



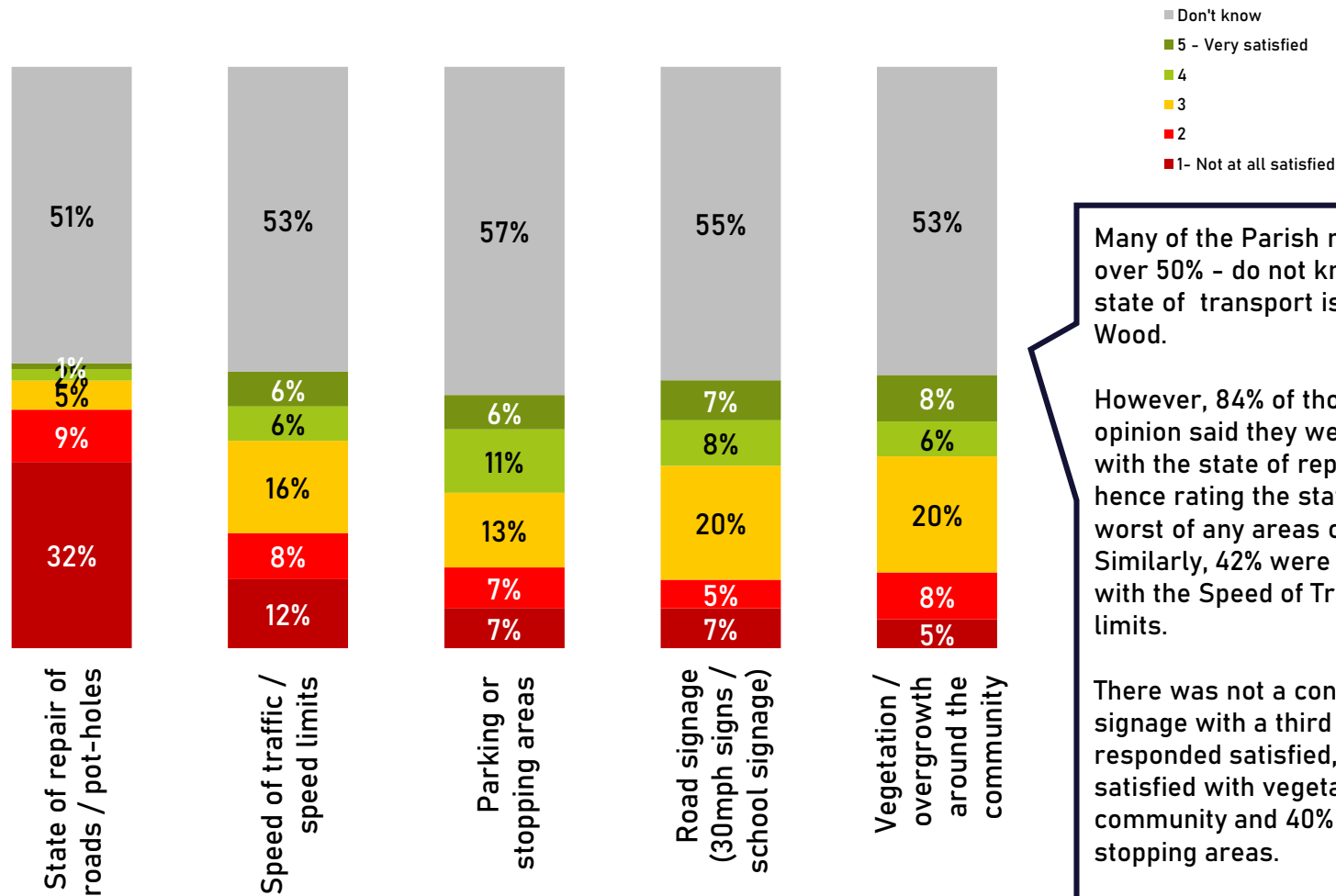
Concern about the state of repair of the roads in Plaistow was considerably higher than Ifold – with 69% not satisfied, and only 11% satisfied.

The speed of traffic was also an issue with 43% of respondents – and almost 4 out of 10 were not satisfied with the parking or stopping areas.

Base: 115

TRANSPORT | Durfold Wood

Q. How satisfied are you with the following factors in...



Many of the Parish respondents – over 50% – do not know about the state of transport issues in Durfold Wood.

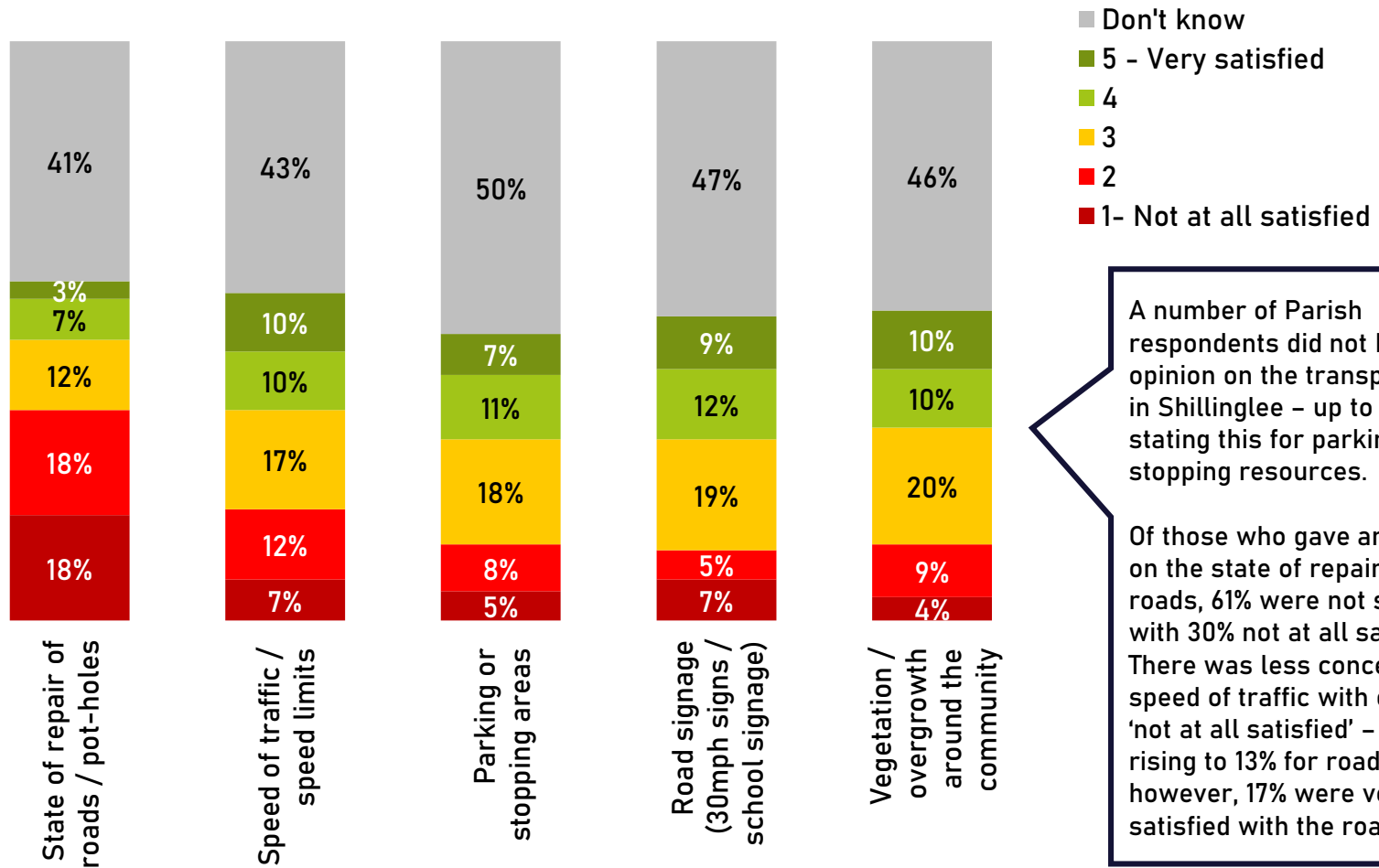
However, 84% of those who gave an opinion said they were not satisfied with the state of repair of roads – hence rating the state of repair the worst of any areas of the Parish. Similarly, 42% were not satisfied with the Speed of Traffic or speed limits.

There was not a concern about road signage with a third of those who responded satisfied, and 30% satisfied with vegetation in the community and 40% with parking or stopping areas.

Base: 106

TRANSPORT | Shillinglee

Q. How satisfied are you with the following factors in...



A number of Parish respondents did not have an opinion on the transport factors in Shillinglee – up to 50% stating this for parking or stopping resources.

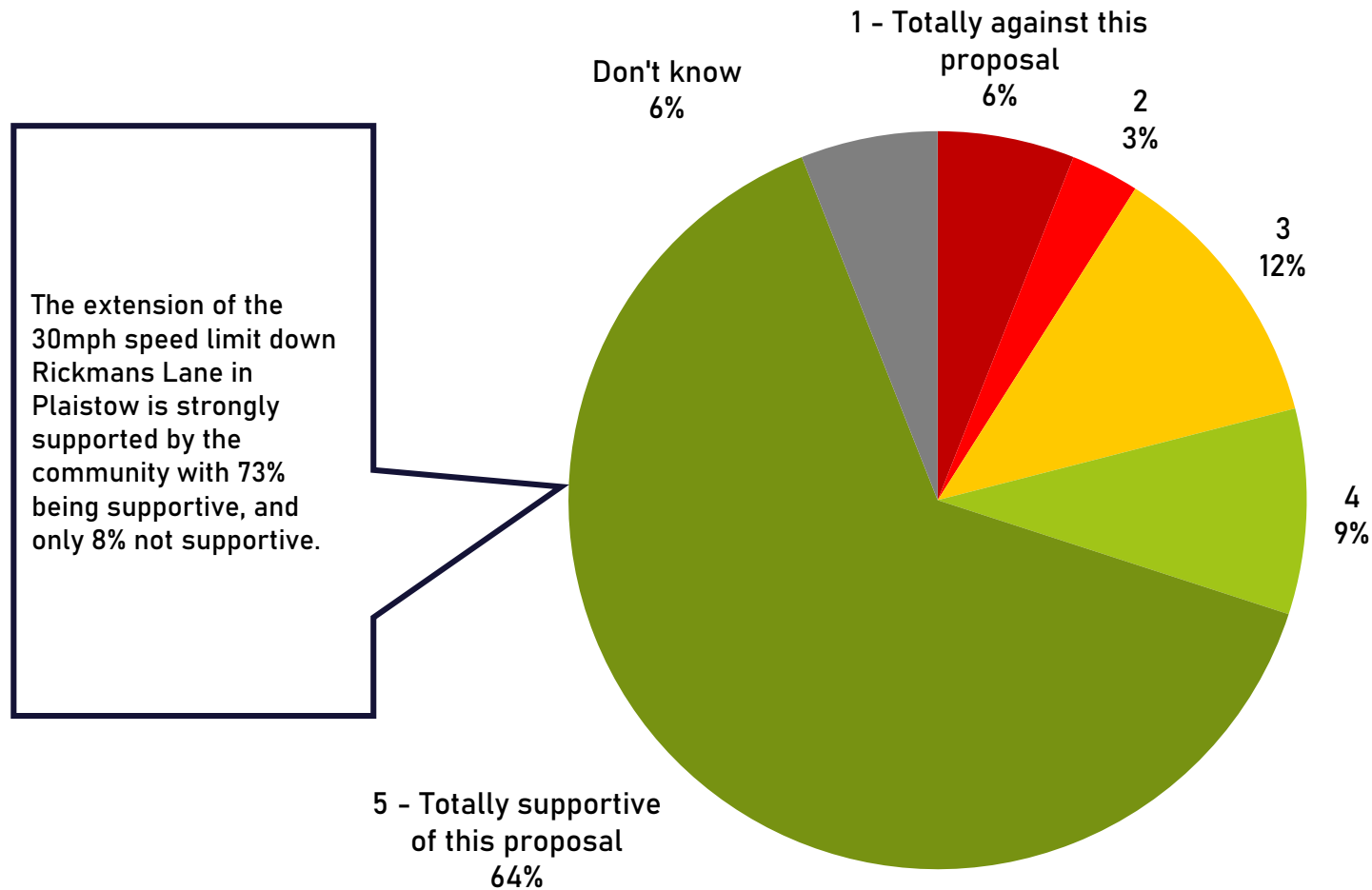
Of those who gave an opinion on the state of repair of the roads, 61% were not satisfied – with 30% not at all satisfied. There was less concern about speed of traffic with only 12% 'not at all satisfied' – with this rising to 13% for road signage – however, 17% were very satisfied with the road signage.

Base: 98

TRANSPORT | TRO Extension of 30mph Rickmans Lane

Q. Your Parish Council also has the opportunity to lobby West Sussex County Council Highways Department for any improvements or changes the community would like actioned. To do this requires community evidence to support any proposed changes.

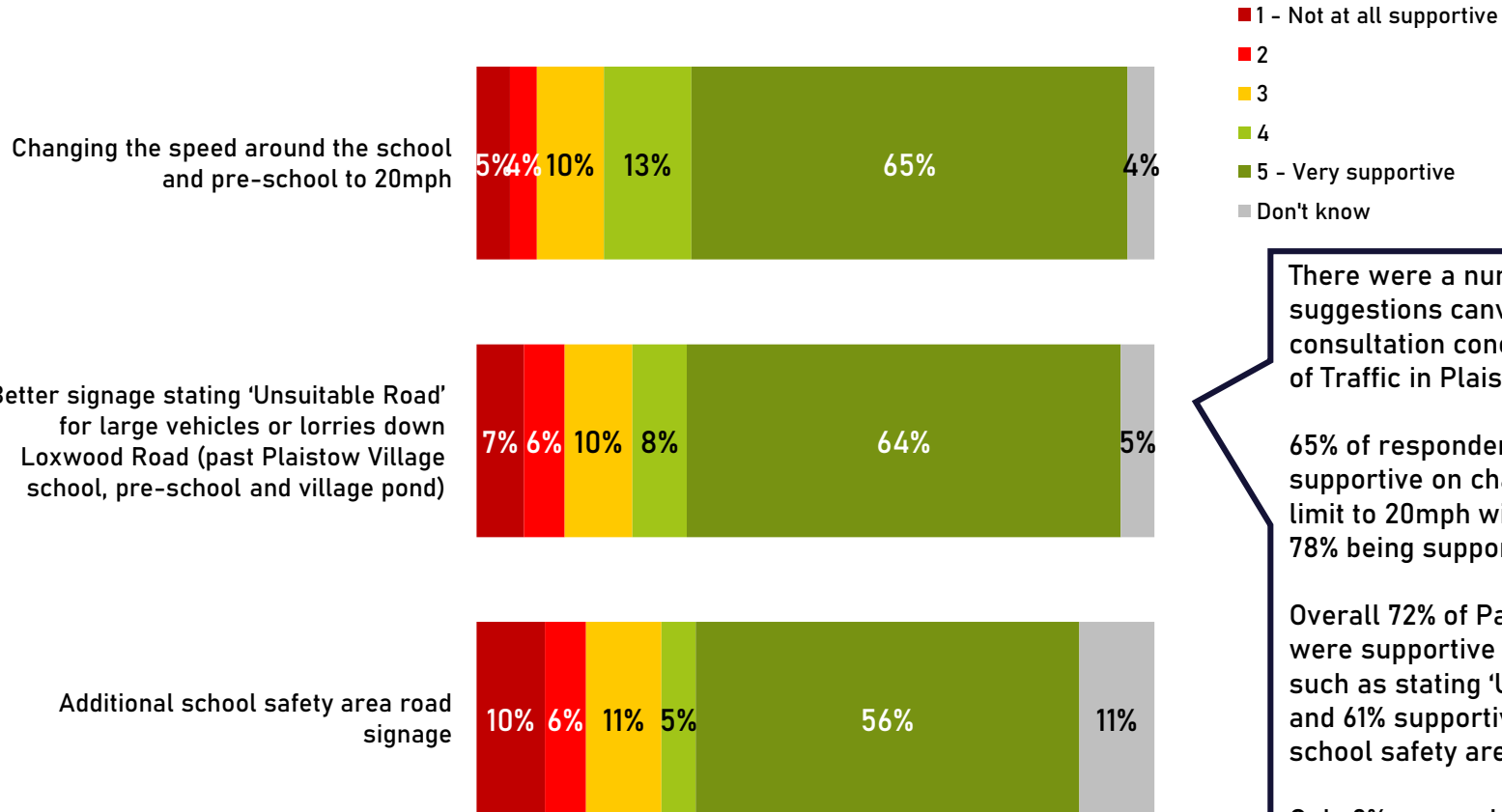
We would like to gauge levels of support for the following road and traffic topics.



Base: 112

TRANSPORT | Support for proposed solutions

Q. Speed of Traffic in Plaistow Village around the Church / The Sun Inn and the school and pre-school during peak times. The roadside parking, levels of traffic travelling both ways and signage around the school and pre-school in Plaistow have historically caused considerable concern amongst the community. The Parish Council needs community support to enable changes to be considered by West Sussex County Council Highways Department and other affected authorities.



There were a number of suggestions canvassed in the consultation concerning the Speed of Traffic in Plaistow Village.

65% of respondents were very supportive on changing the speed limit to 20mph with this rising to 78% being supportive overall.

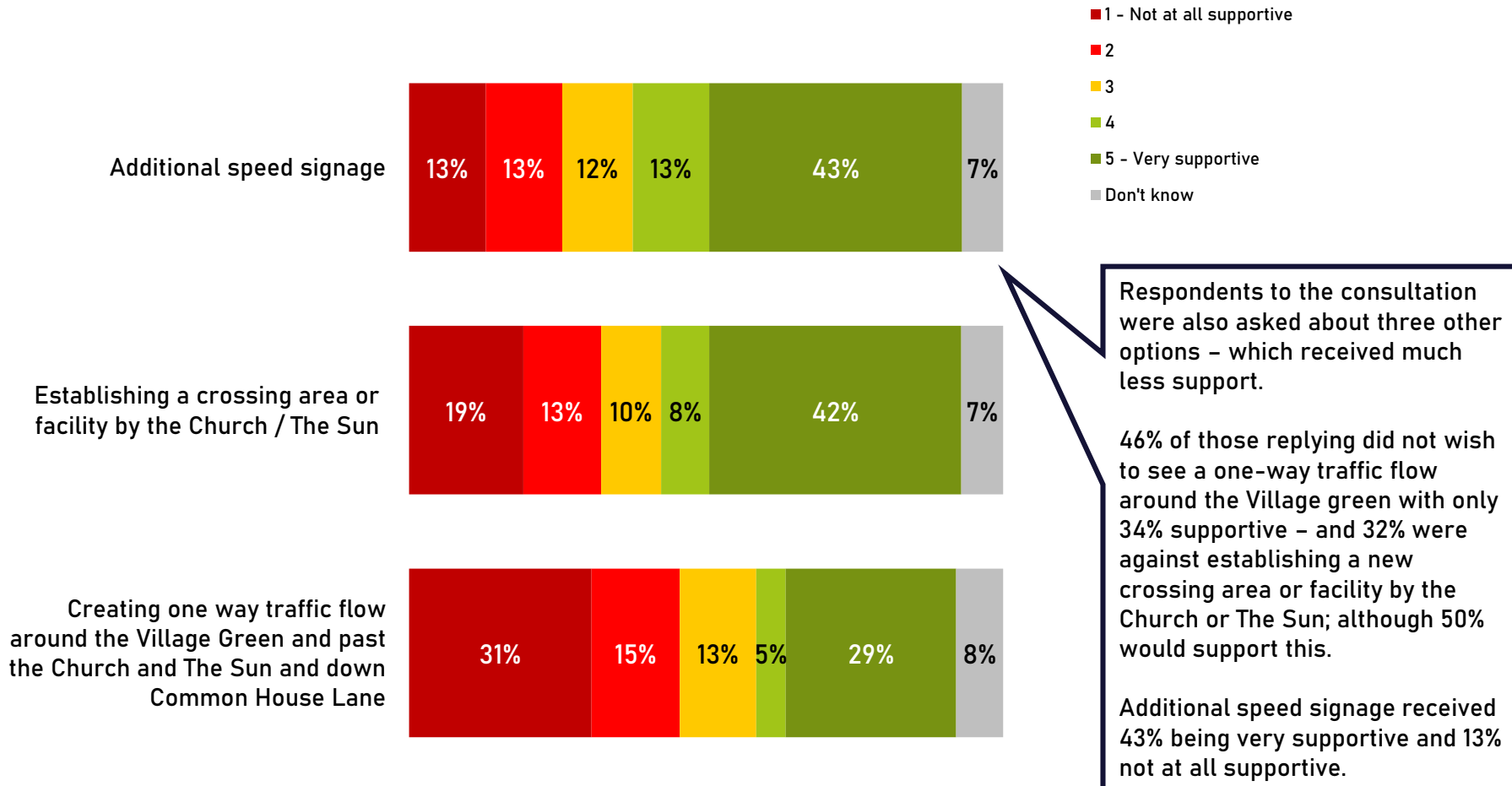
Overall 72% of Parish responses were supportive of better signage such as stating 'Unsuitable Road' and 61% supportive of additional school safety area road signage.

Only 9% are against changing the speed limit around the school to 20mph.

Base: 104 to 111

TRANSPORT | Support for proposed solutions

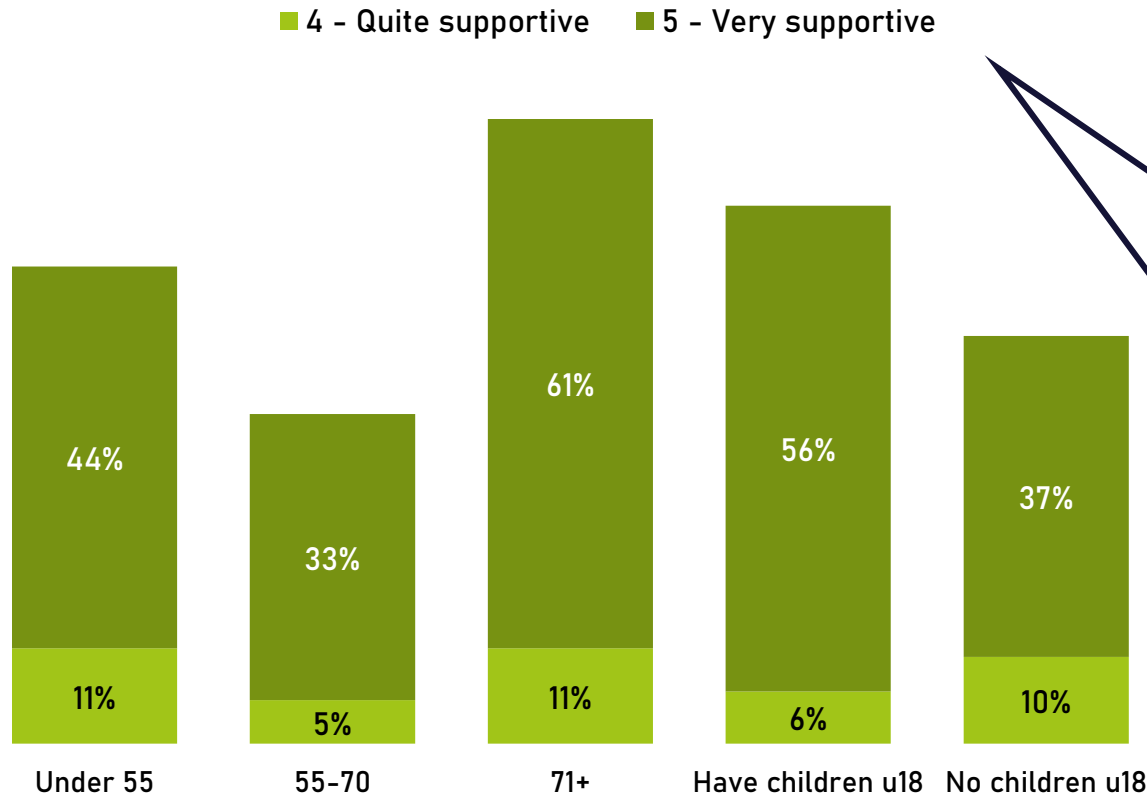
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Base: 104 to 111

TRANSPORT | Support for crossing area by the church

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When looking at the level of support for establishing a crossing area by the Church or The Sun – it is clear to see that whereas 50% overall were supportive – this rose to 72% of those aged over 71 – and was 56% amongst the under 55s' who may be more likely to have younger families.

Certainly, of those who have children under 18, 62% of respondents were supportive.

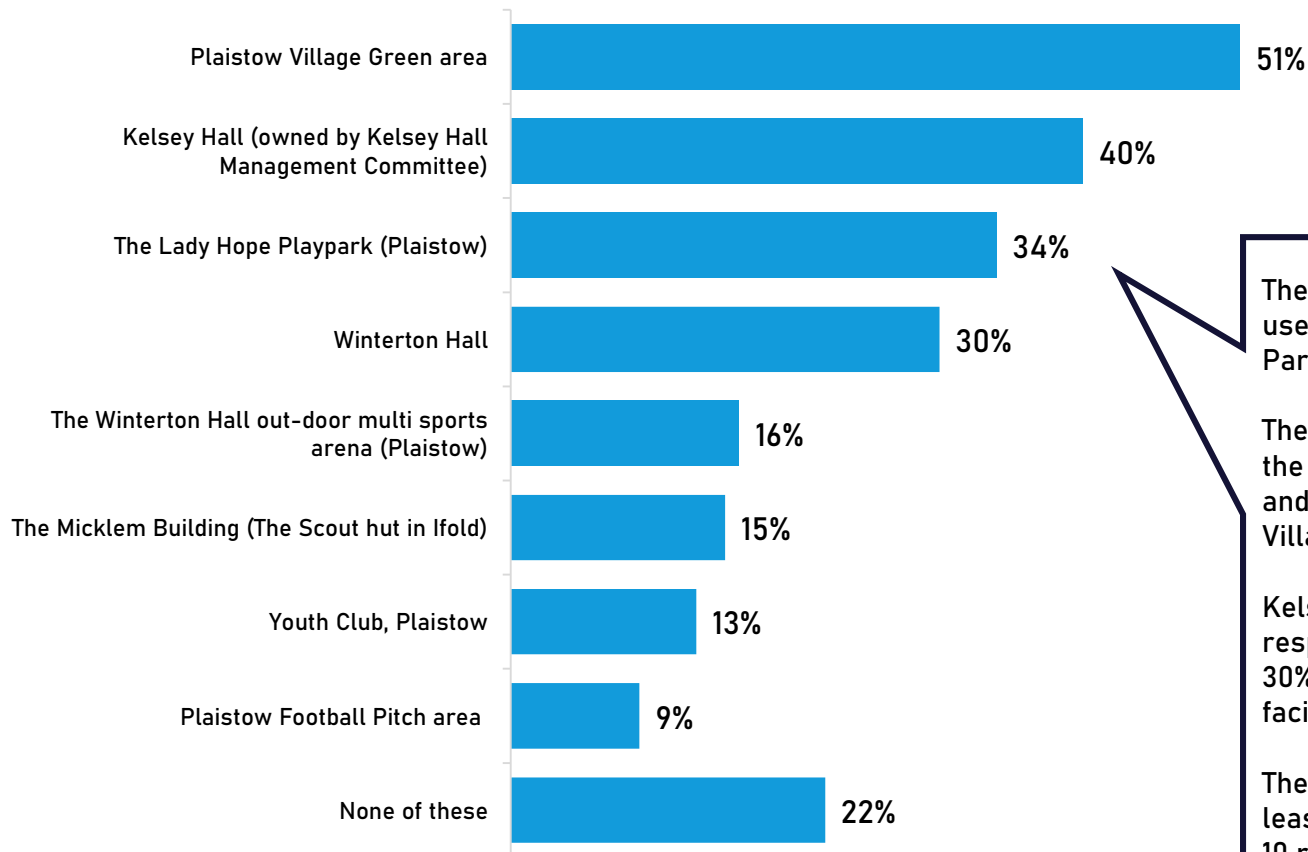
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RECREATION



RECREATION | Use of facilities

Q. Which of the following recreational facilities do you or your family living with you use?



There was a strong response to the use of the recreational facilities in the Parish jurisdiction.

The Plaistow Village Green area was the most used by 51% of respondents, and The Lady Hope Playpark on the Village Green by 34%.

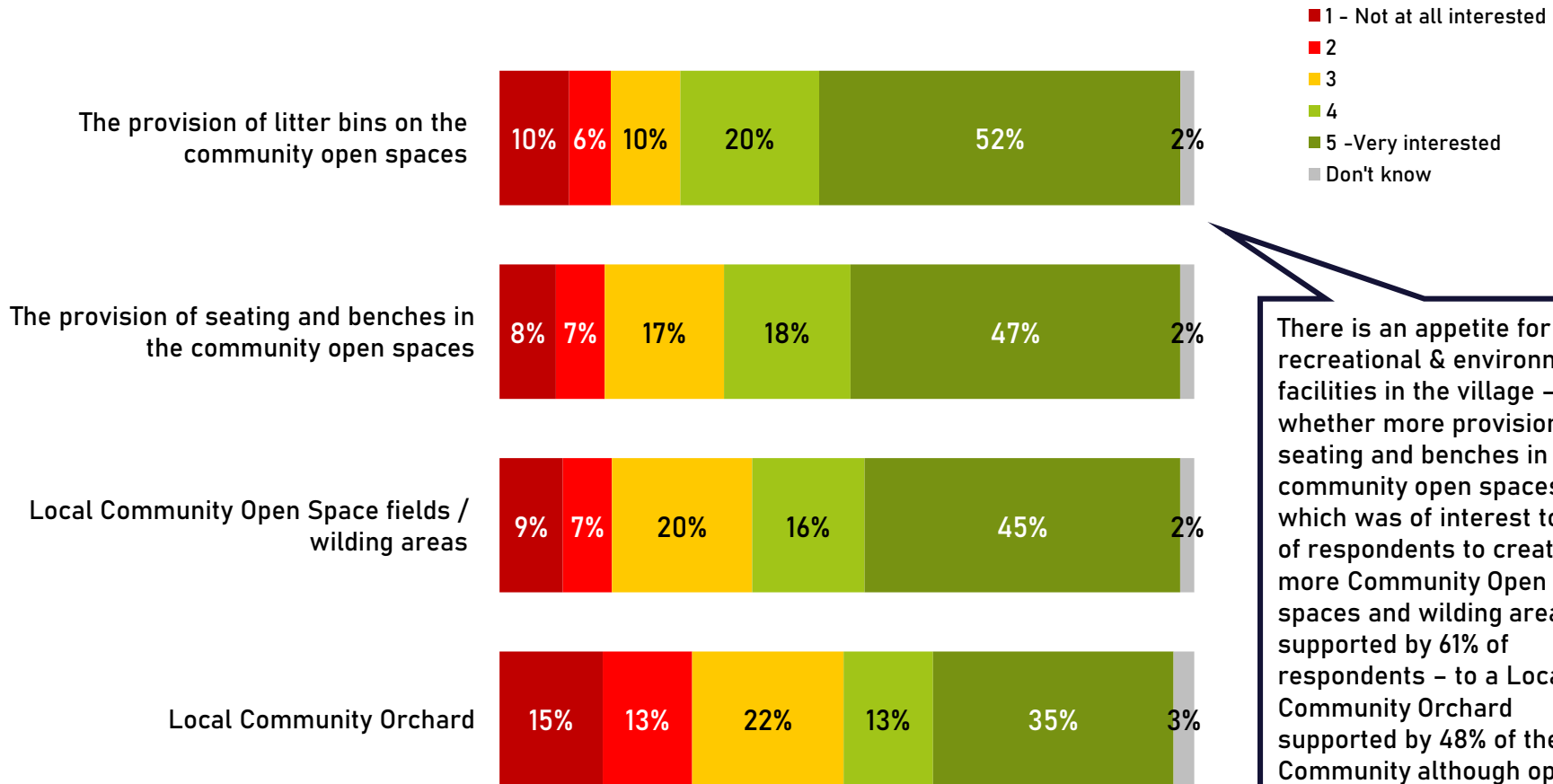
Kelsey Hall was used by 40% of respondents and Winterton Hall by 30% showing good usage of our hall facilities.

The Plaistow Football pitch area was least used – but even here almost 1 in 10 respondents use the area.

Base: 134

RECREATION | Interest in additional facilities

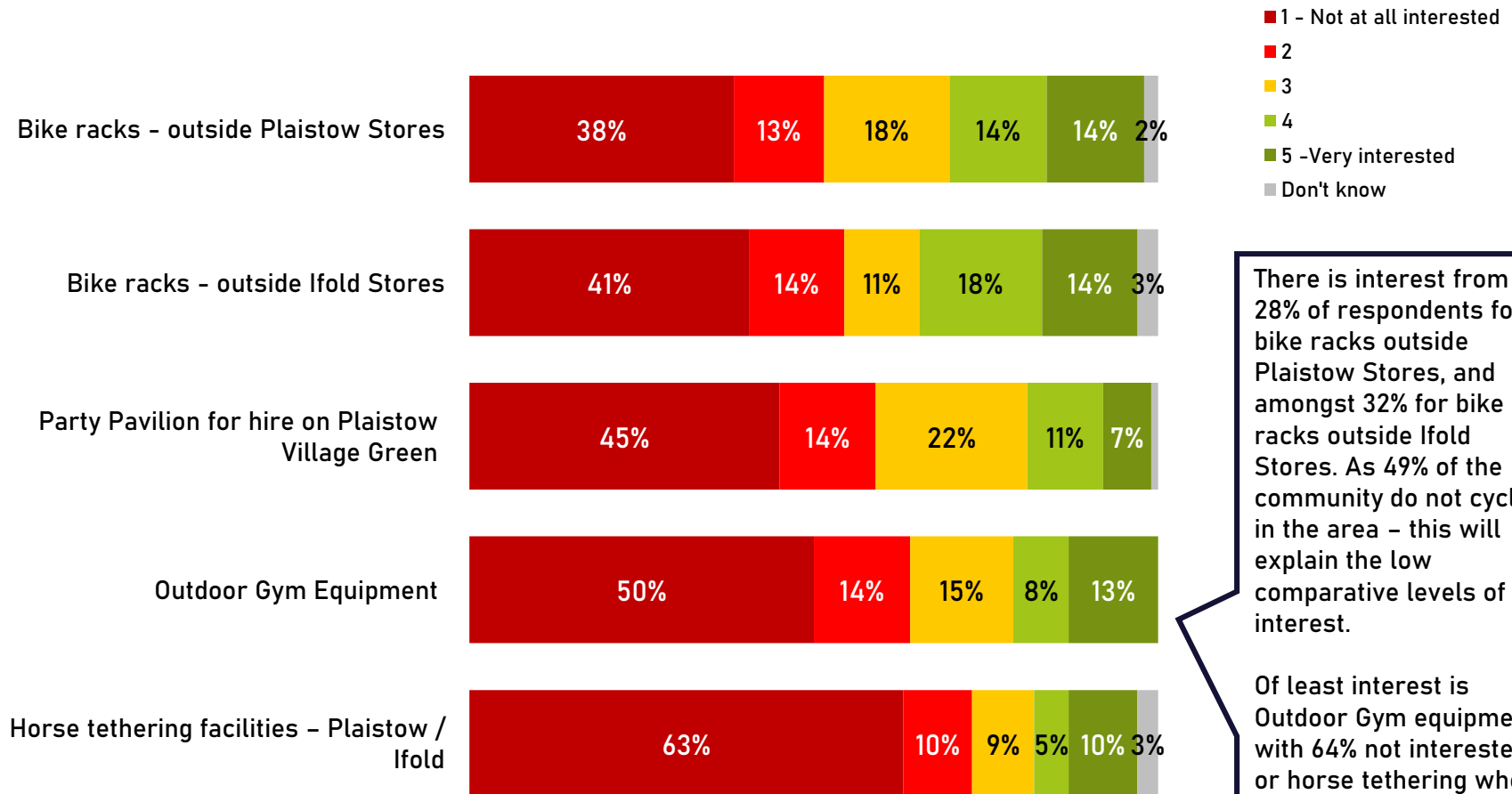
Q. How interested would you be in the following additional facilities being provided?



There is an appetite for recreational & environmental facilities in the village – whether more provision of seating and benches in community open spaces which was of interest to 65% of respondents to creating more Community Open spaces and wilding areas supported by 61% of respondents – to a Local Community Orchard supported by 48% of the Community although opposed by 28%.

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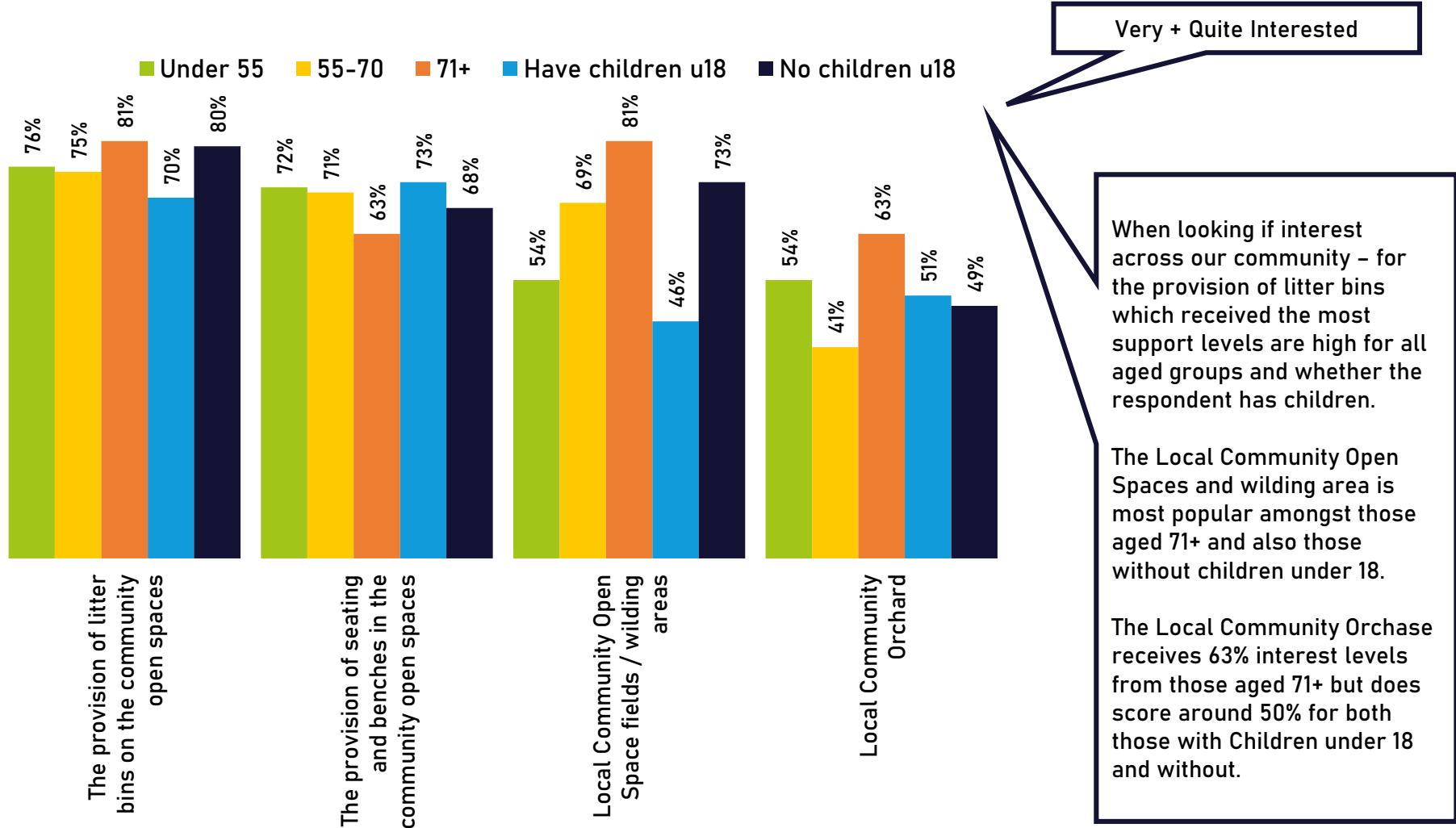
There is interest from 28% of respondents for bike racks outside Plaistow Stores, and amongst 32% for bike racks outside Ifold Stores. As 49% of the community do not cycle in the area – this will explain the low comparative levels of interest.

Of least interest is Outdoor Gym equipment with 64% not interested, or horse tethering where 73% are not interested.

Base: 105 to 120

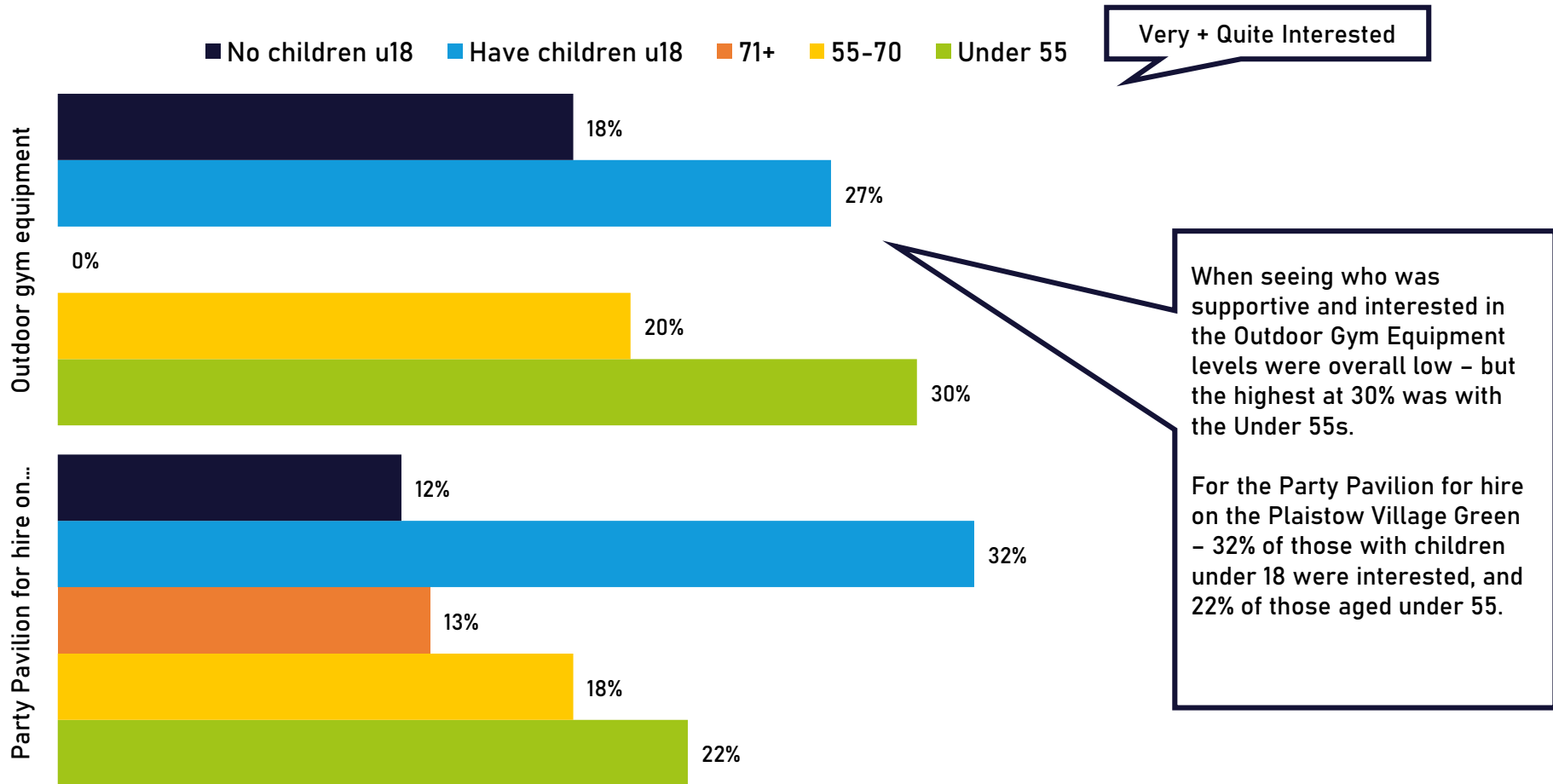
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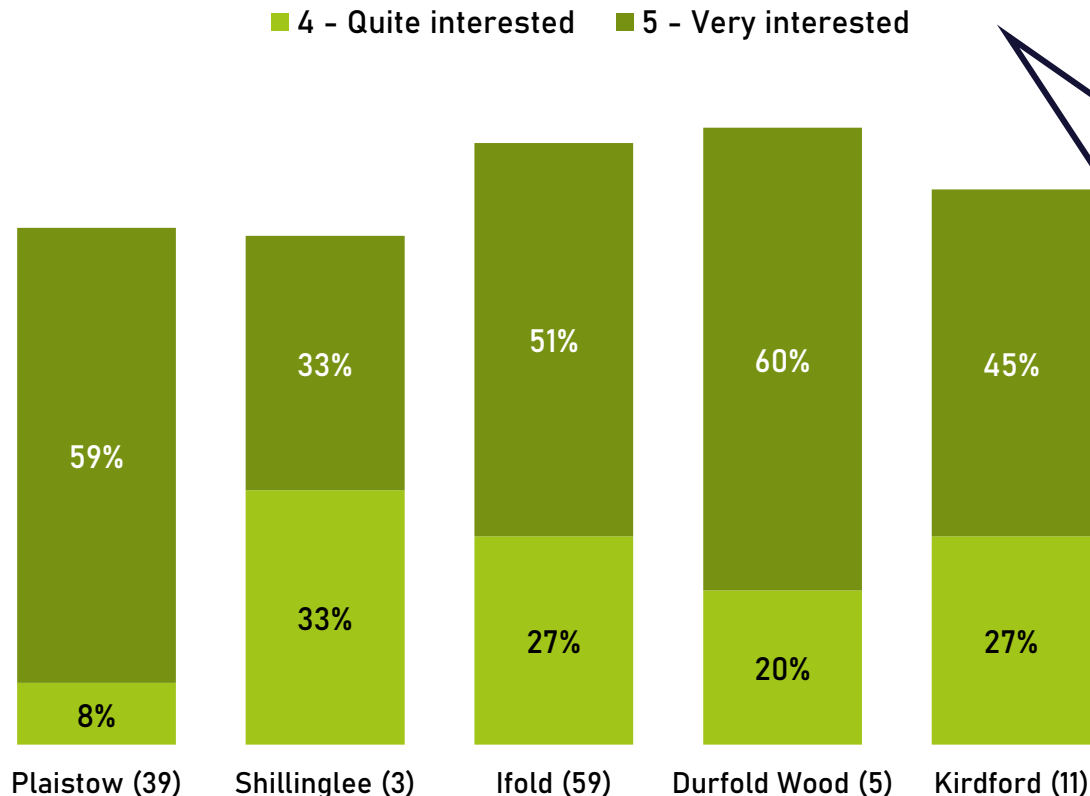
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RECREATION | Interest in litter bins on community open spaces

Q. How interested would you be in the following additional facilities being provided?

Q. Where do you live?



72% of the Parish Consultation respondents were interested in litter bins on community open spaces.

The most interest was in Durfold Wood where 80% of respondents were interested.

In Plaistow, 59% were very interested and overall 67% were interested.

In Ifold, whilst only 51% were very interested – overall 78% would like to see additional litter bins on the community open spaces.

Base numbers shown in brackets – beware small base numbers in Shillinglee, Durfold Wood and Kirdford

RECREATION | The call for more play equipment in Ifold

Q. What additional facilities would you like to see considered for the local community?

"Ifold now has many young families living here but there are no play facilities, it would be wonderful if the Parish Council could find an area to buy or rent where a play area could be installed within safe walking distance."

"New play equipment."

"Public open space for Ifold, serviced small pavilion / WC. and children play equipment."

"Play area in Ifold. Plaistow has nearly all the facilities in the Parish, we should try and arrange some more for Ifold."



"Children's play park facilities in Ifold."

"The rejuvenation of the children's play park to be completed as promised some time ago!"

"Play equipment play area in Ifold. Support for teenagers in Ifold."

"Children's play area in Ifold."

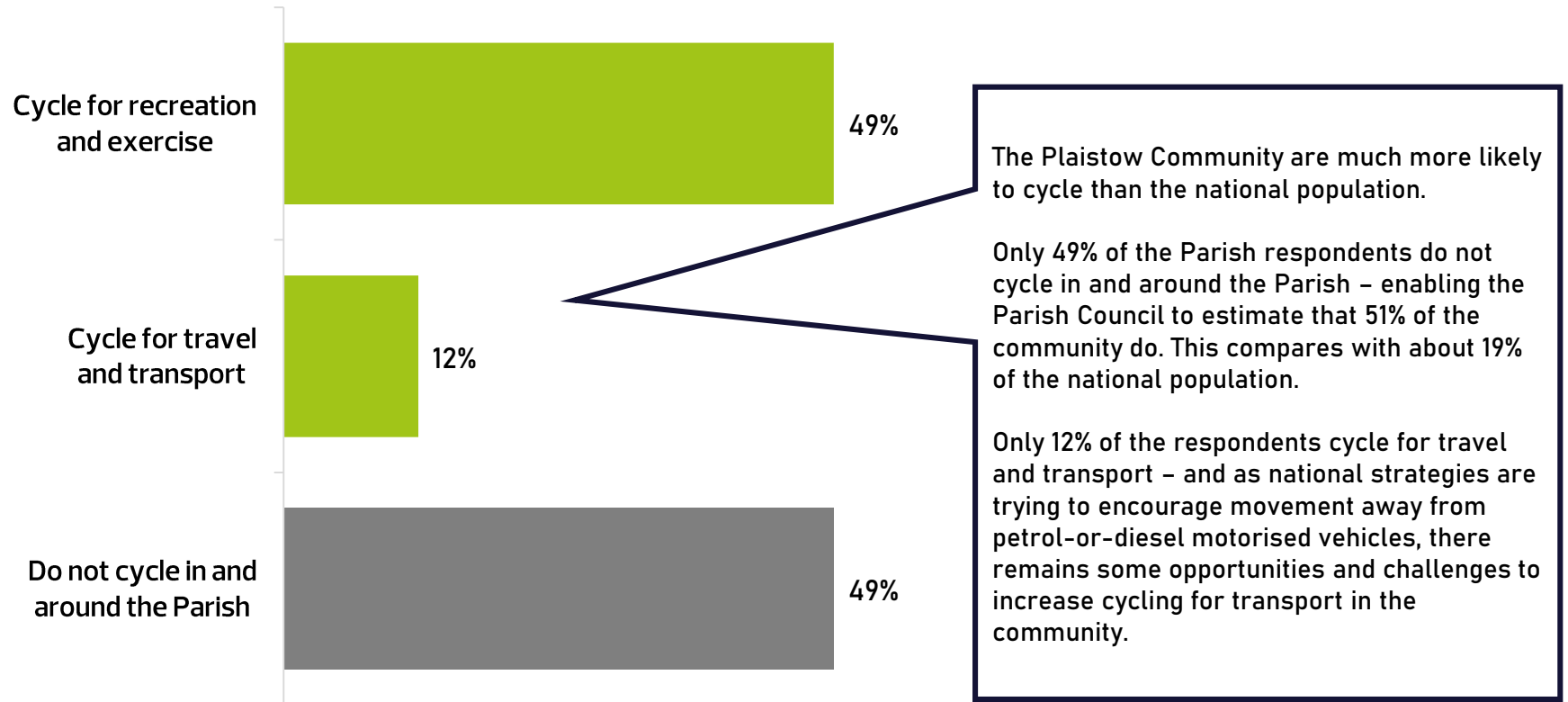
"Children's playground in Ifold would be fantastic especially given the large number of children in the area."

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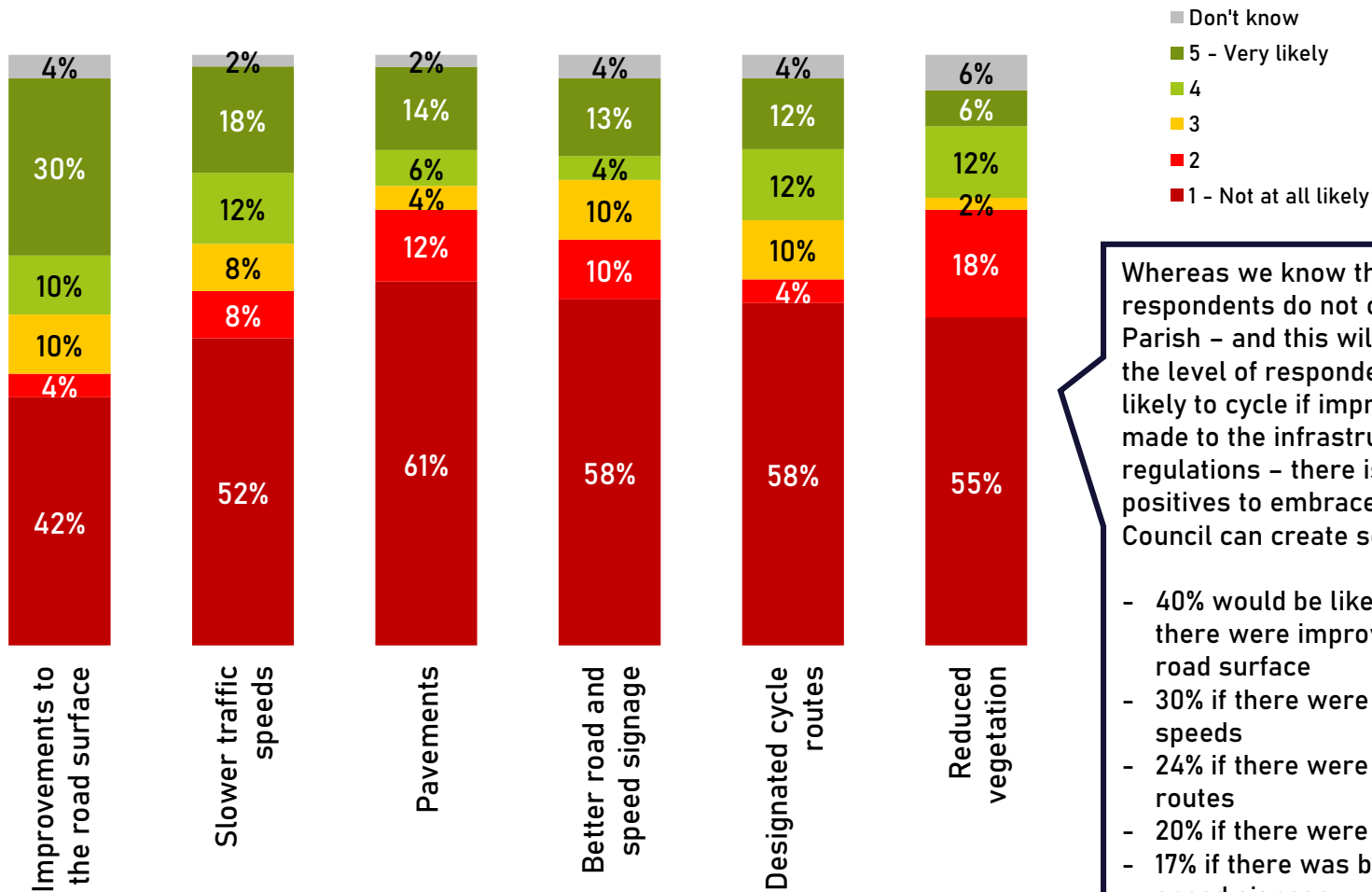
CYCLING | Cycling in and around the Parish

Q. Do you cycle in and around the Parish or to get to adjoining Parishes such as Kirdford or Loxwood?



CYCLING | Likelihood to cycle

Q. How likely would you be to cycle in and around the Parish or to get to adjoining Parishes such as Kirdford or Loxwood if there were:



Whereas we know that 49% of respondents do not cycle in the Parish – and this will have influenced the level of respondents for those not likely to cycle if improvements were made to the infrastructure and regulations – there is still some positives to embrace if the Parish Council can create some changes.

- 40% would be likely to cycle if there were improvements to the road surface
- 30% if there were slower traffic speeds
- 24% if there were designated cycle routes
- 20% if there were pavements
- 17% if there was better road and speed signage.

GOING FORWARD – OPPORTUNITY FOR OPEN VIEWS



GOING FORWARD | Future focus

Q. The Parish Council would also like to get your view on other areas of focus for the Council over the next three to five years. What other initiatives would you like the Parish Council to focus their attention on in improving the community services?

- You must be careful you do not get carried away with community services and totally spoil what we already have. People will get carried away with ideas on this subject and before you know it everything has been spoilt and the rural feel will just disappear.
- A green open space for the community in Ifold.
- Public lighting is a must around the village . Take better care and consideration of older people .
- Consideration of community services for other groups in our parish e.g. elderly population and/or carers- e.g. with rising dementia, are there any support facilities/groups? e.g. does the census show rising numbers of people living on own? is this ageing population too? e.g. children and adults with disabilities living in family households
- Lobbying for improvement/retention of bus routes and frequency of buses
- Only when lagoon 3 is gone will our village truly be safe and be able to thrive. Lagoon 3 is an environmental disaster waiting to happen that could for ever change our village. This above anything else should be your main focus and concern. How many more years must we suffer? The footpaths are badly maintained because the one past lagoon 3 has been closed forever. Buy the land, sort out lagoon 3 then turn it into a wilding place with a car park for parents to meet a school bus which will also cure traffic in the village. Saving the day for everyone!



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- Covid has led to isolation for so many. Can we look at some way of embracing the depth of the P&I PC population by actively encouraging events that encourage young people to meet elder people, to encourage more interaction. I have read that the interaction of the younger age groups with older - most benefits the younger. They learn, they embrace, they experience and understand - but I also believe it really helps our elder population. We need an outreach scheme where houses 'adopt' each other so that all benefit from getting to know each other better. It is about building community. A big challenge, but I am confident that the PC can take it on!
- I have a dog. Some footpaths have broken styles so I can't get over or lift my dog over if the fence has no gap. With clay soil, horses hooves imprints create lakes of slippery mud in the winter , and rock hard trip hazards in the summer . Better clearance of vegetation in shady areas can help wet areas dry out , and hard core or similar might help . I use dog poo bags , however reading some moans of the local Facebook suggested owners not picking up . Perhaps a couple more dog poo bins around might help, along with reminder signs of fines due if they don't clear up
- Insisting on more affordable housing for local residents. Given the majority of facilities are in Plaistow currently then the additional housing would need to be there. Support for the Youth Club so the young people have somewhere to go on a regular basis.
- Improved bus services
- Control of Traffic in and through the village

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- The resolution of Crouchlands reservoir which removes the environmental threat and opens up the foot path
- Supporting services for those with mobility restrictions / those living on their own or as carers.
- Outdoor gym and a green space for Ifold
- Not sure it's PC relevant, but can there be a negotiation with cycle clubs with a view to some restriction on how many cycle races are held every weekend without fail.
- Facilities for older children on the Green.
- Sustainability in the villages. Recycling, greening, increasing biodiversity and especially including children; nature walks. Noticeboards with maps and walks (kilometers and times). Considering creating a car share facility on daily basis for shopping, school runs, bank visits etc
- Repairing Maintaining Stiles/ gates on footpaths
- Dog poo bins to be placed in areas that are common for dog walkers such as at the footpath/bridal way on the corner of Rickmans Lane and Plaistow road
- Maybe some education in schools about the highway code relating to walking on roads without footpaths
- A village in bloom type effort would be good, much like Petworth. Or some landscaping.

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- Protection of Ifold Estates roads and pedestrian users by reducing access to large vehicles.
- Volunteers to help with footpath clearance and over-hanging vegetation also to help with vehicle speeding through the villages.
- Replacement of the unattractive utilitarian railings to the village pond with something more sensitive to the location.
- Path between Ifold and plaistow. Be great for joining the communities, providing safe egress between the two villagers for access to park, schools, pub, shop.
- Getting rid off the Ifold Estates council. So far it's proved useless and I'd rather the area was maintained by the council.
- Improve the bridal path area at the end of The Lanes in Ifold and the forestry road area in the direction of Upper Ifold
- WSCC are responsible for the maintenance of Rights of Ways. If the Parish Council were to take this on then we would assume WSCC would release full funding to the PC for the maintenance and also Chichester District Council would need to fund the PC to carry out more Community Services
- To restrict the amount of houses being built in the area, we don't have the facilities or infrastructure to support them.
- Footpaths are decimated by horse riders and we need horses to be restricted to certain paths or parts of paths to allow all users to benefit. Also to manage levels and speeds of cyclists and frequency of organised racing in village



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- Improve the state of our roads across the area and across Sussex in general. Get them to take pride in the roads again rather than being happy sending any old contractor out with a bucket of tarmac that falls out again within 3 months. Fix road potholes before painting the road red (narrow bridge), paint the road markings properly rather than coming out to paint only a metre or so of white line (bottom of Chalk Lane), have a program of road improvement rather than sticking plaster repairs (poor pothole repairs). WSCC need to up their game on road repairs and take pride in them!
- Set up a footpath maintenance volunteerforce....we can keep the paths clear and fill in the potholes on the footpaths - many are not fit for purpose during winter months.
- We must maintain our wonderful 'dark night sky' any initiatives or developments must not have any form off street lighting.
- Roadside littering is a big problem (as elsewhere in the country), e.g. the road from Durfold Wood to Plaistow village. Erection of a few signs with a message such as 'Take your litter home' would have some benefit. On this theme, the occasional use of this, and other local roads by cycling event organisers invariably results in a spate of discarded drinks cans and bottles - when permission to hold such events is given, the Council should be requiring the organisers to undertake a litter collecting party to collect rubbish discarded by their event-entrants.
- As Chichester District Council for reasons of their own, insist on twinning Ifold with Plaistow as a service area I would like the Parish Council to persist in asking CDC to install a plausible, safe off road footpath between Ifold and Plaistow.
- Reduce the hourly hire rate for local residents using the various community halls.
- Traffic speed and poor road surfaces
- As the District Council persists in twinning Plaistow and Ifold as one service village, the Parish Council should continue to press CDC to create a direct off road, plausible and safe footpath and cycle way between the two villages.

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- Relating to the previous question about footpaths ... those we have are generally in a good state, but the verges along the main roads (Plaistow Road, Loxwood Road) are woefully lacking. Some people including school children do need to walk there and it always scares me how hard this must be (uneven surface) and how dangerous. Similarly with cycling. I would cycle my children to school (Ifold to Plaistow) but I have tried it and won't do it again. The main road is too dangerous, and the footpaths that cross fields are not suitable for cycling.
- More police, to stop people smoking cannabis on the bridle path
- Patrols for burglaries and drug selling in bus stops
- Protection from forced development of Plaistow Village whilst providing housing in the Parish.
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition as a crime prevention deterrent to the private roads entering/exiting Ifold.
- WIFI
- Improve the overall community - we are one parish not a collection of 4 settlements, yet there is a palpable strain between some quarters (Plaistow and Ifold specifically)
- Only to encourage parents to put their children on the school buses provided at great cost, thereby causing less traffic/parking problems.
- How can the Parish Council help connect community groups together so it does feel more like a community. Can we create an annual event / celebration /promotion of our lovely villages and the different groups which exist within them

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