



Danbury Neighbourhood Plan

Our Parish, Our Future

Adult Questionnaire – Summary of Responses

This document provides the initial results from the Danbury Neighbourhood Plan Adult Questionnaire, published in the summer edition of the Danbury Times and delivered to every household in the Danbury Parish at the end of June 2017.

The closing date for completion was 11th August 2017 and a total of 639 responses were received. According to the 2011 Census, there were 2,036 households in Danbury and we estimate this has increased to approximately 2,100.

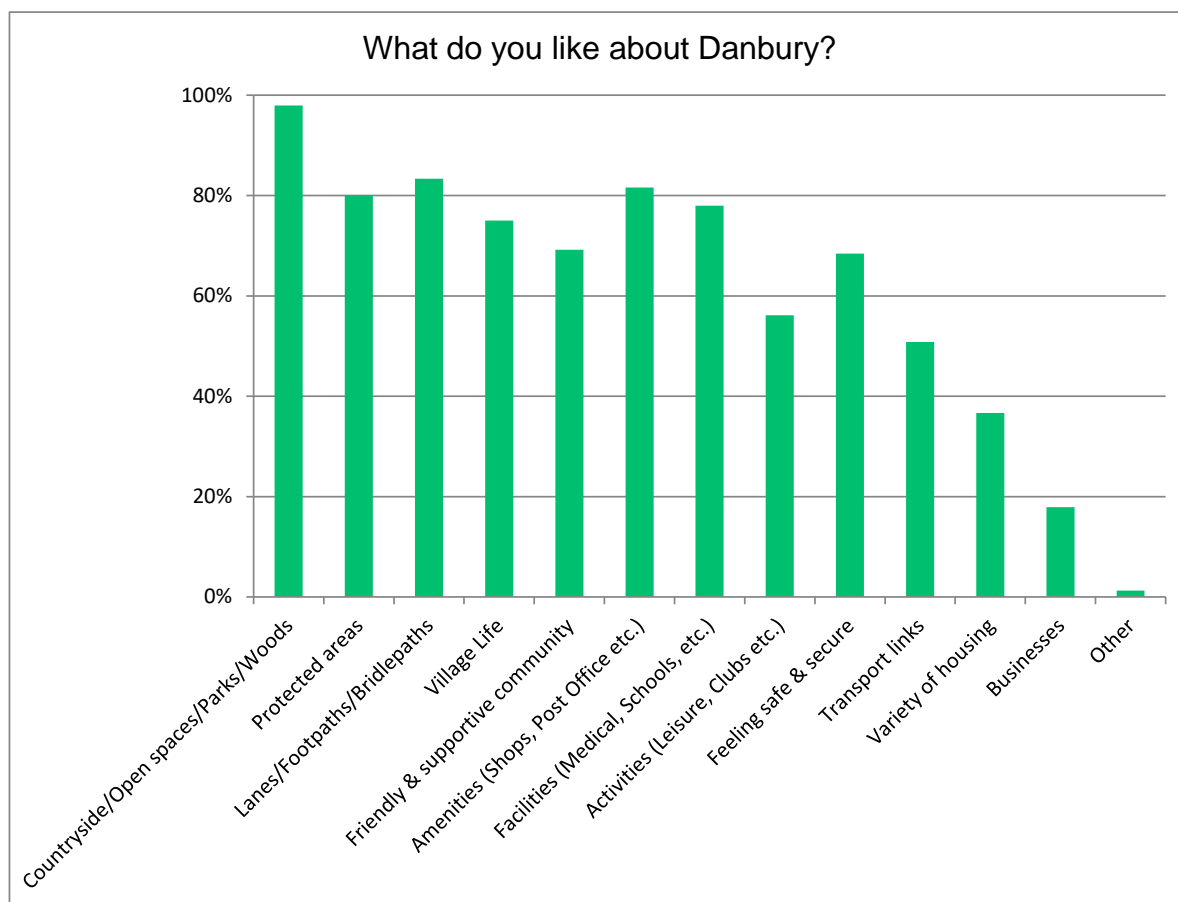
These findings will be the basis of Vision and Objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan.

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16th October 2017

1. What do you like about Danbury?

636 responses were received with 5,063 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



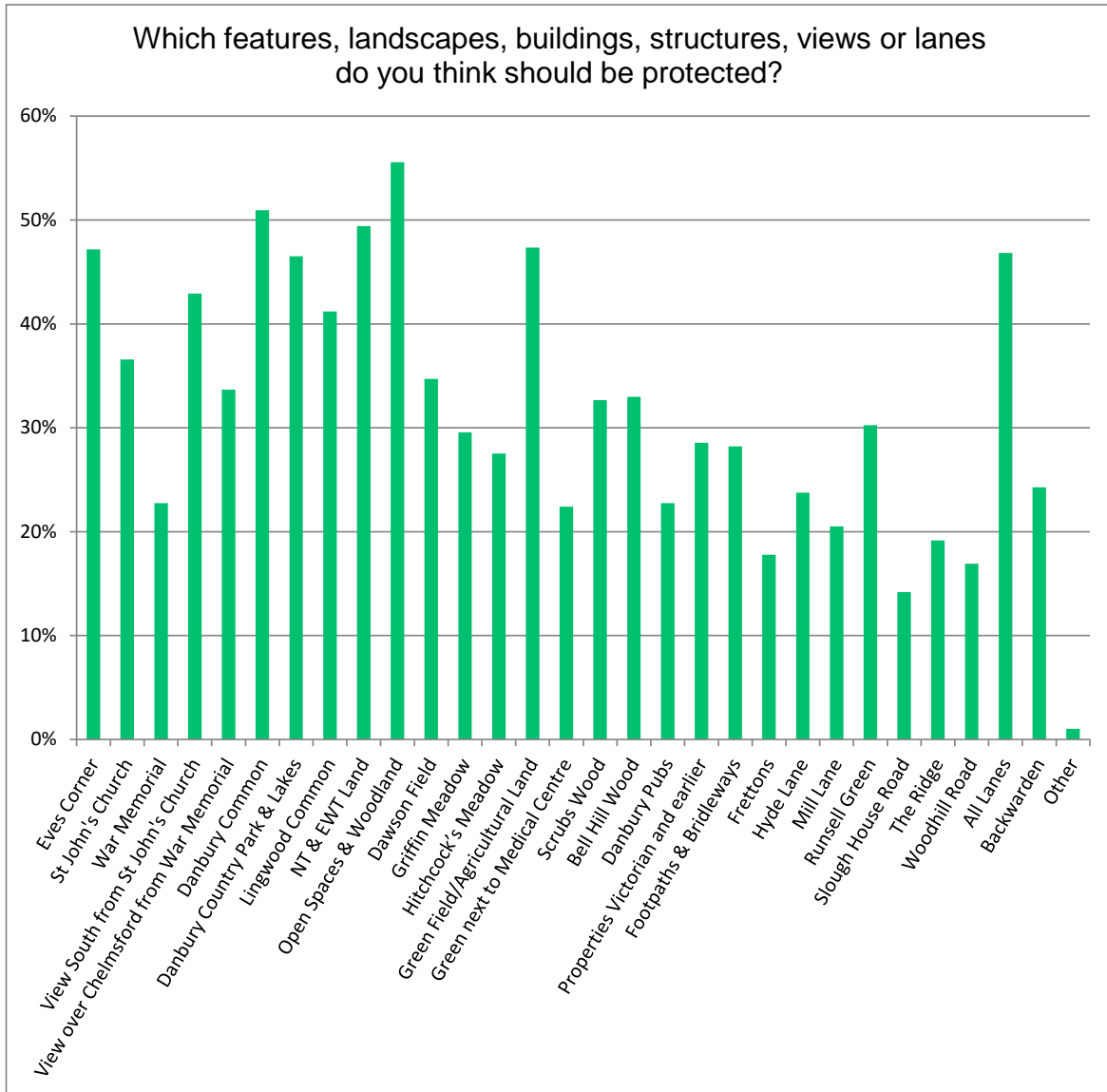
| Answer Choices | Answers |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Countryside/Open spaces/Parks/Woods | 98% 623 |
| Protected areas | 80% 509 |
| Lanes/Footpaths/Bridlepaths | 83% 530 |
| Village Life | 75% 477 |
| Friendly & supportive community | 69% 440 |
| Amenities (Shops, Post Office etc.) | 82% 519 |
| Facilities (Medical, Schools, etc.) | 78% 496 |
| Activities (Leisure, Clubs etc.) | 56% 357 |
| Feeling safe & secure | 68% 435 |
| Transport links | 51% 323 |
| Variety of housing | 37% 233 |
| Businesses | 18% 114 |
| Other | 1% 7 |

Other comments

Danbury should do its bit to provide some affordable housing for young professionals x2
Wildlife - house martins, skylarks, owls, badgers and deer etc
Not footpaths at this time if repaired yes no good for disabled folk
Should be in keeping with existing and not with the latest whim in styling of the RIBA
All
Feeling as though I live in the middle of nowhere but with facilities/road links close by.

2. Which features, landscapes, buildings, structures, views or lanes do you think should be protected?

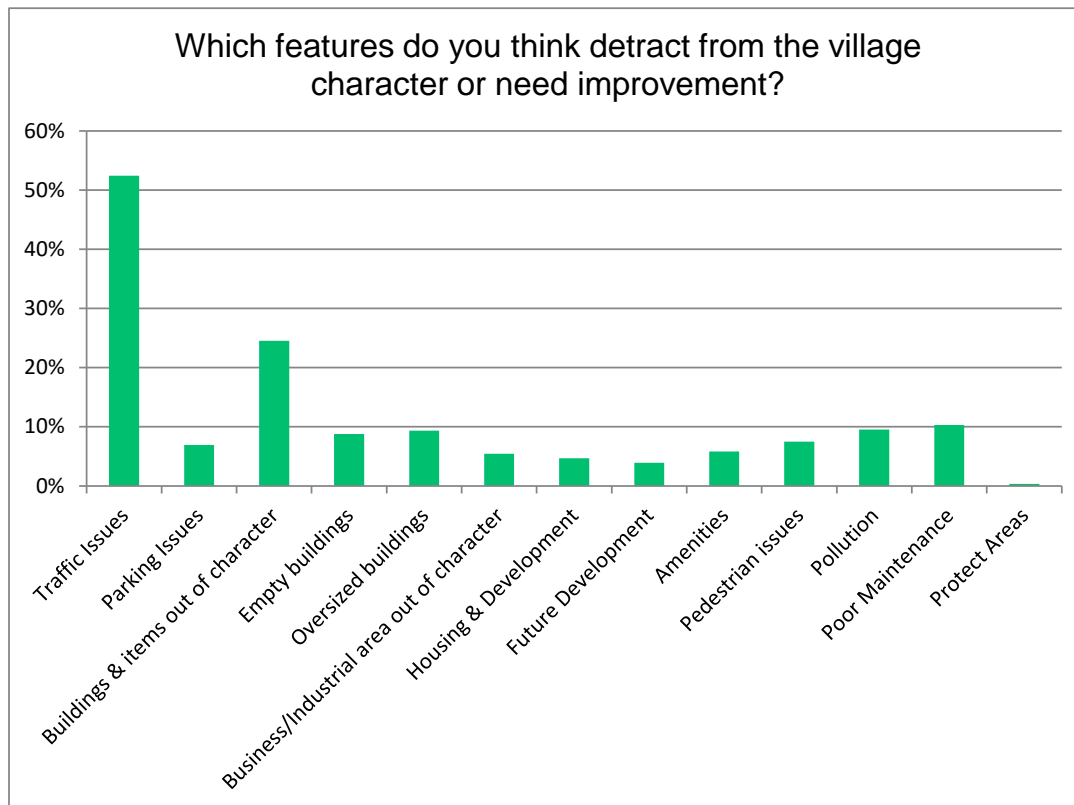
585 responses were received with 5,546 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



| Answer Choices | Answers | |
|---|---------|-----|
| Eves Corner | 47% | 276 |
| St John's Church | 37% | 214 |
| War Memorial | 23% | 133 |
| View South from St John's Church | 43% | 251 |
| View over Chelmsford from War Memorial | 34% | 197 |
| Danbury Common | 51% | 298 |
| Danbury Country Park & Lakes | 47% | 272 |
| Lingwood Common | 41% | 241 |
| NT & EWT Land | 49% | 289 |
| Open Spaces & Woodland | 56% | 325 |
| Dawson Field | 35% | 203 |
| Griffin Meadow | 30% | 173 |
| Hitchcock's Meadow | 28% | 161 |
| Green Field/Agricultural Land | 47% | 277 |
| Green next to Medical Centre | 22% | 131 |
| Scrubs Wood | 33% | 191 |
| Bell Hill Wood | 33% | 193 |
| Danbury Pubs | 23% | 133 |
| Properties Victorian and earlier | 29% | 167 |
| Footpaths & Bridleways | 28% | 165 |
| Frettons | 18% | 104 |
| Hyde Lane | 24% | 139 |
| Mill Lane | 21% | 120 |
| Runsell Green | 30% | 177 |
| Slough House Road | 14% | 83 |
| The Ridge | 19% | 112 |
| Woodhill Road | 17% | 99 |
| All Lanes | 47% | 274 |
| Backwarden | 24% | 142 |
| Other | 1% | 6 |
| Other comments | | |
| Village boundary x2 | | |
| village as a whole with organic development | | |
| Mission Church & new Medical; Centre | | |
| URC | | |
| Change must happen, management is the key | | |

3. Which features do you think detract from the village character or need improvement?

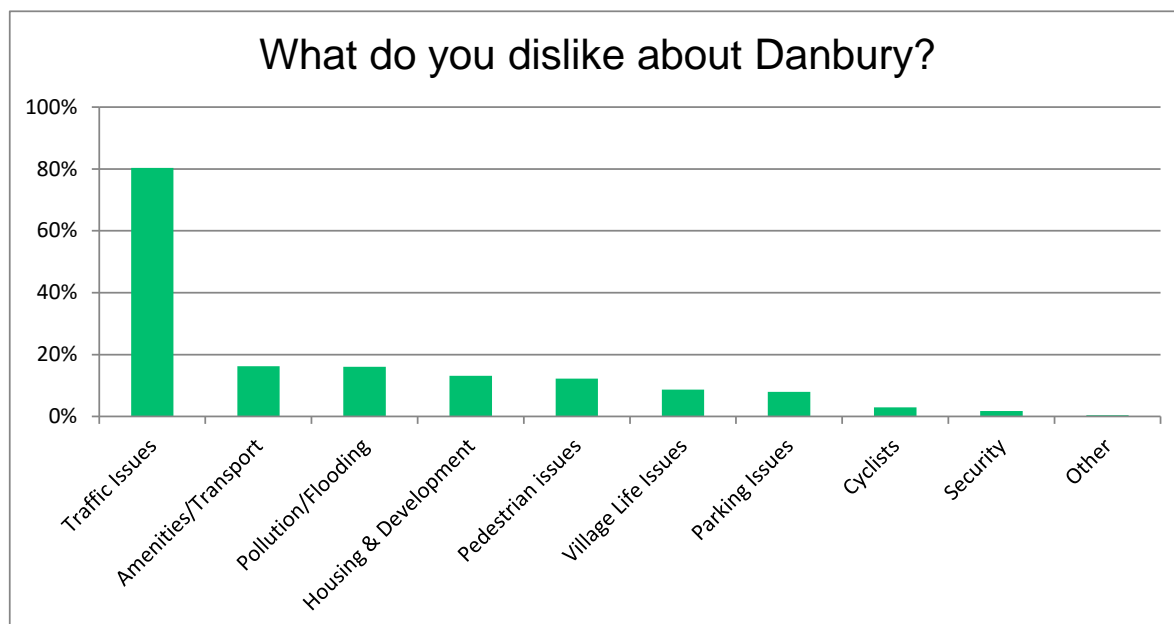
534 responses were received with 799 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



| Answer Choices | Answers | |
|---|---------|-----|
| Traffic Issues | 52% | 280 |
| Parking Issues | 7% | 37 |
| Buildings & items out of character | 25% | 131 |
| Empty buildings | 9% | 47 |
| Oversized buildings | 9% | 50 |
| Business/Industrial area out of character | 5% | 29 |
| Housing & Development | 5% | 25 |
| Future Development | 4% | 21 |
| Amenities | 6% | 31 |
| Pedestrian issues | 7% | 40 |
| Pollution | 10% | 51 |
| Poor Maintenance | 10% | 55 |
| Protect Areas | 0% | 2 |

4. What do you dislike about Danbury?

579 responses were received with 924 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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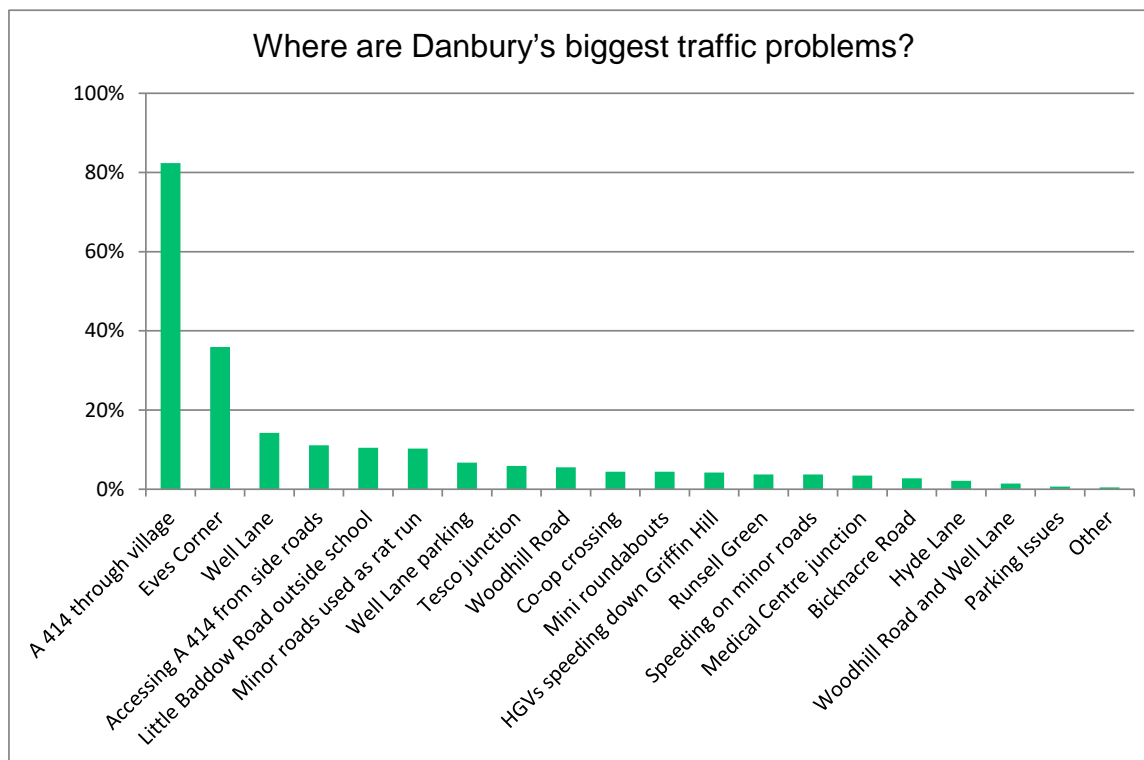


| Answer Choices | Answers | |
|-----------------------|---------|-----|
| Traffic Issues | 80% | 465 |
| Amenities/Transport | 16% | 94 |
| Pollution/Flooding | 16% | 93 |
| Housing & Development | 13% | 76 |
| Pedestrian issues | 12% | 71 |
| Village Life Issues | 9% | 50 |
| Parking Issues | 8% | 46 |
| Cyclists | 3% | 17 |
| Security | 2% | 10 |
| Other | 0% | 2 |

Other comments
Council Tax Rates
I don't dislike anything

5. Where are Danbury's biggest traffic problems?

612 responses were received with 1,310 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers

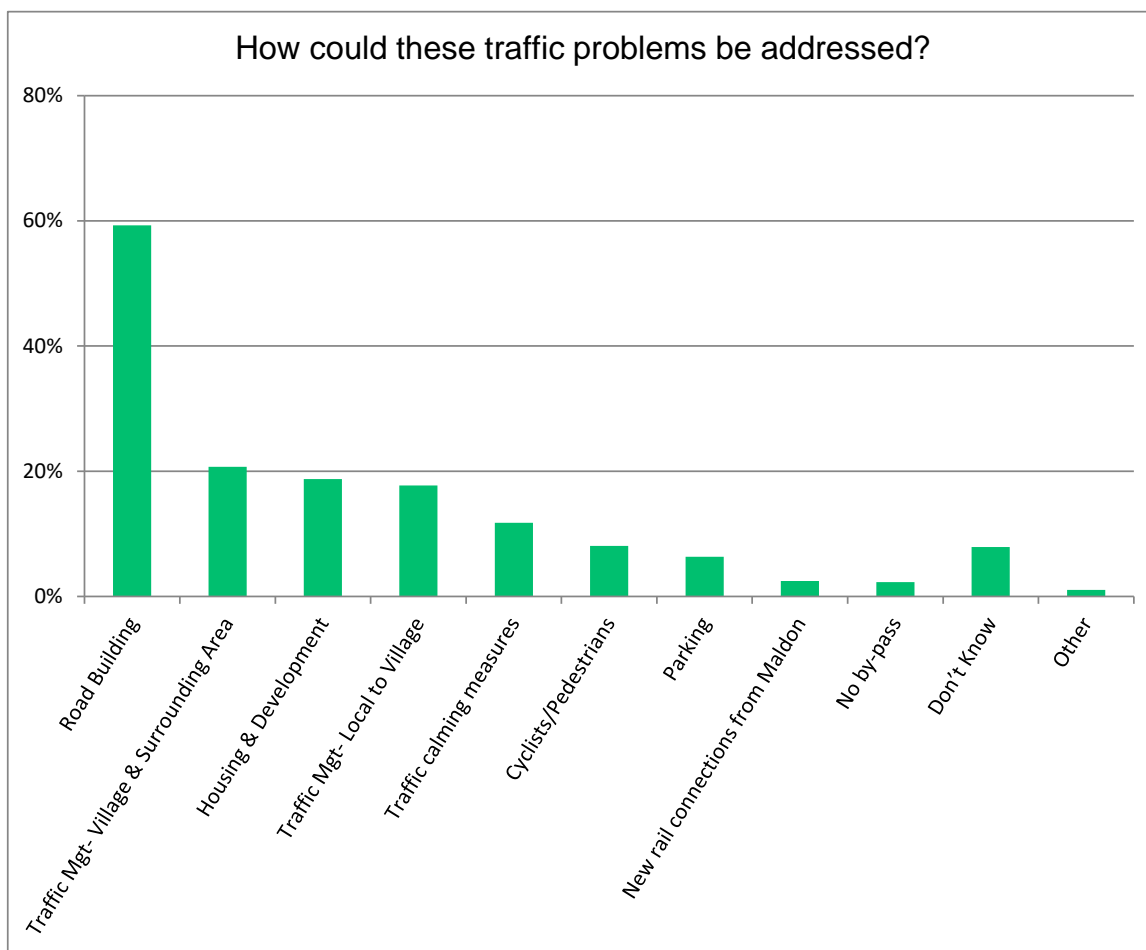


| Answer Choices | Answers |
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| A 414 through village | 82% 504 |
| Eves Corner | 36% 220 |
| Well Lane | 14% 87 |
| Accessing A 414 from side roads | 11% 68 |
| Little Baddow Road outside school | 10% 64 |
| Minor roads used as rat run | 10% 63 |
| Well Lane parking | 7% 41 |
| Tesco junction | 6% 36 |
| Woodhill Road | 6% 34 |
| Co-op crossing | 4% 27 |
| Mini roundabouts | 4% 27 |
| HGVs speeding down Griffin Hill | 4% 26 |
| Runsell Green | 4% 23 |
| Speeding on minor roads | 4% 23 |
| Medical Centre junction | 3% 21 |
| Bicknacre Road | 3% 17 |
| Hyde Lane | 2% 13 |
| Woodhill Road and Well Lane | 1% 9 |
| Parking Issues | 1% 4 |
| Other | 0% 3 |

Other comments
 Road signs hidden by hedges
 Bin collection causes extra difficulty on A414
 Flows smoothly most of the time

6. How could these traffic problems be addressed?

570 responses were received with 891 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



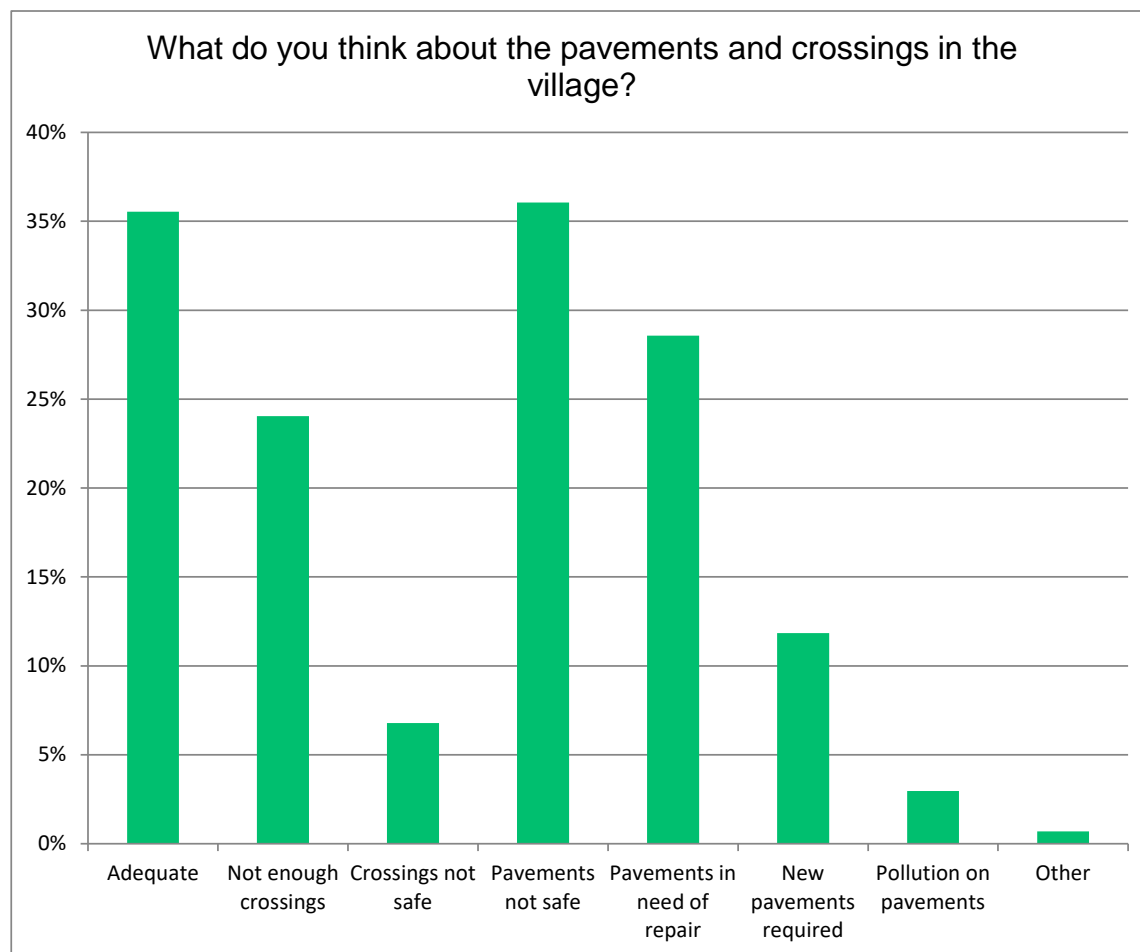
| Answer Choices | Answers |
|---|---------|
| Road Building | 59% 338 |
| Traffic Mgt- Village & Surrounding Area | 21% 118 |
| Housing & Development | 19% 107 |
| Traffic Mgt- Local to Village | 18% 101 |
| Traffic calming measures | 12% 67 |
| Cyclists/Pedestrians | 8% 46 |
| Parking | 6% 36 |
| New rail connections from Maldon | 2% 14 |
| No by-pass | 2% 13 |
| Don't Know | 8% 45 |
| Other | 1% 6 |

Other comments

- common sense
- A&E in Maldon
- Encourage car sharing
- More police presence
- Development will provide S106 contributions to tackle traffic problems
- Be more patient

7. What do you think about the pavements and crossings in the village?

574 responses were received with 841 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



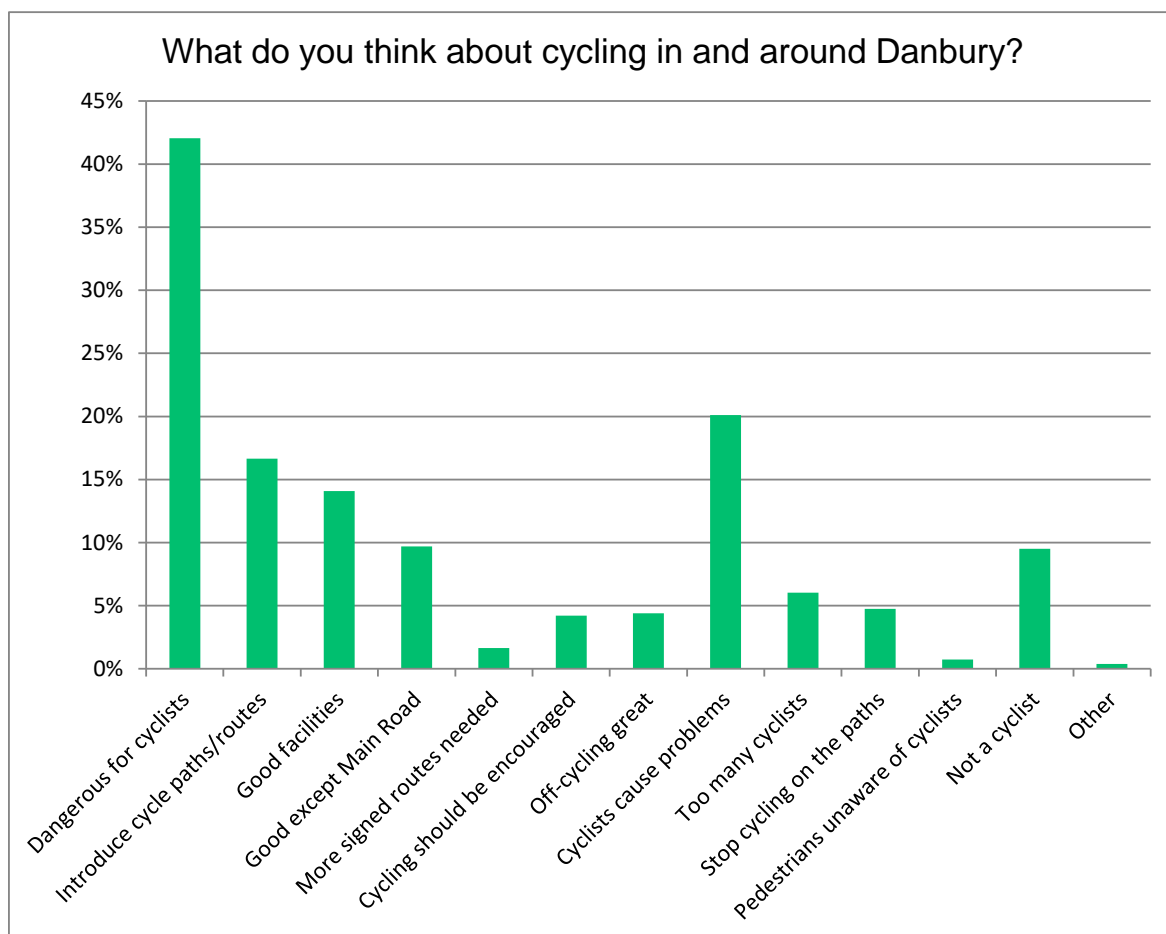
| Answer Choices | Answers | |
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| Adequate | 36% | 204 |
| Not enough crossings | 24% | 138 |
| Crossings not safe | 7% | 39 |
| Pavements not safe | 36% | 207 |
| Pavements in need of repair | 29% | 164 |
| New pavements required | 12% | 68 |
| Pollution on pavements | 3% | 17 |
| Other | 1% | 4 |

Other comments

parking on pavements x3
crossings worsen traffic flow

8. What do you think about cycling in and around Danbury?

547 responses were received with 734 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



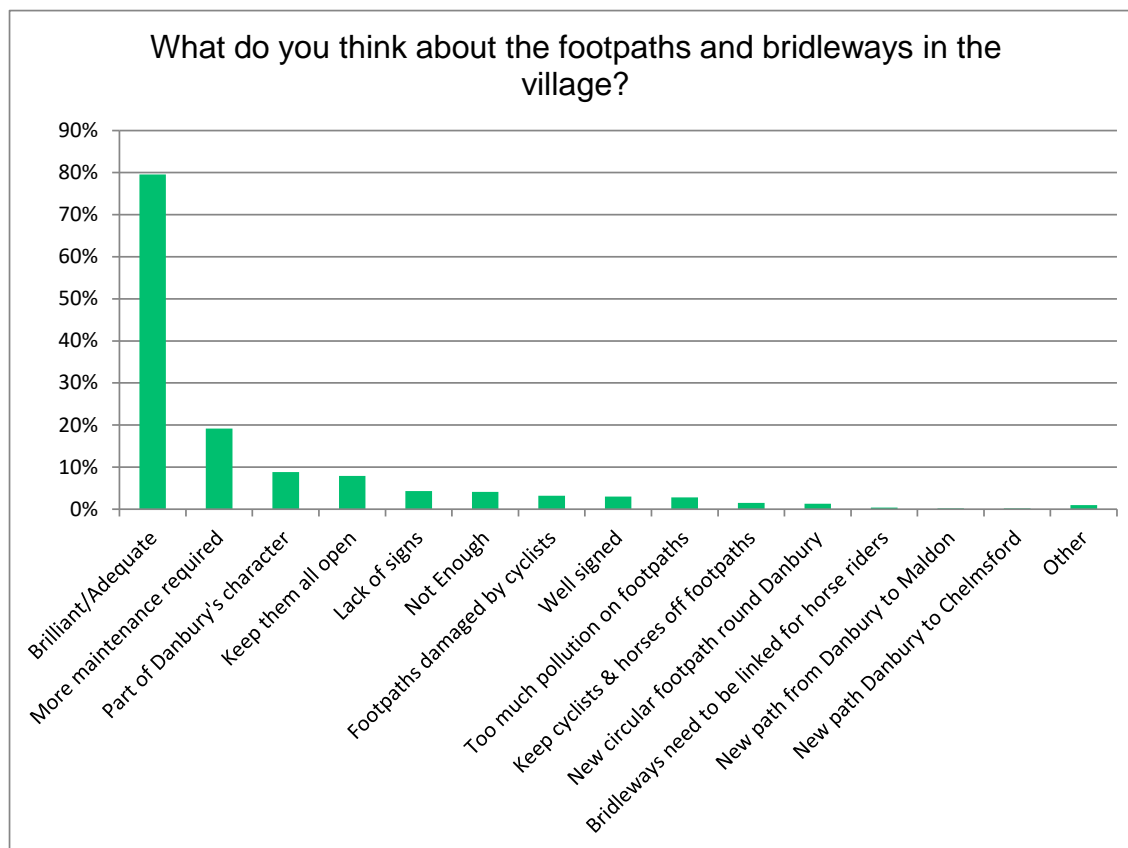
| Answer Choices | Answers | Percentage |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Dangerous for cyclists | 230 | 42% |
| Introduce cycle paths/routes | 91 | 17% |
| Good facilities | 77 | 14% |
| Good except Main Road | 53 | 10% |
| More signed routes needed | 9 | 2% |
| Cycling should be encouraged | 23 | 4% |
| Off-cycling great | 24 | 4% |
| Cyclists cause problems | 110 | 20% |
| Too many cyclists | 33 | 6% |
| Stop cycling on the paths | 26 | 5% |
| Pedestrians unaware of cyclists | 4 | 1% |
| Not a cyclist | 52 | 10% |
| Other | 2 | 0% |

Other comments

Motorists need to be more patient
most cyclists are good and keep in single file

9. What do you think about the footpaths and bridleways in the village?

533 responses were received with 732 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



| Answer Choices | Answers | |
|---|---------|-----|
| Brilliant/Adequate | 80% | 424 |
| More maintenance required | 19% | 102 |
| Part of Danbury's character | 9% | 47 |
| Keep them all open | 8% | 42 |
| Lack of signs | 4% | 23 |
| Not Enough | 4% | 22 |
| Footpaths damaged by cyclists | 3% | 17 |
| Well signed | 3% | 16 |
| Too much pollution on footpaths | 3% | 15 |
| Keep cyclists & horses off footpaths | 2% | 8 |
| New circular footpath round Danbury | 1% | 7 |
| Bridleways need to be linked for horse riders | 0% | 2 |
| New path from Danbury to Maldon | 0% | 1 |
| New path Danbury to Chelmsford | 0% | 1 |
| Other | 1% | 5 |

Other comments

Trees & shrubs are a walker's nightmare
Some have disappeared
Nowhere to park horsebox

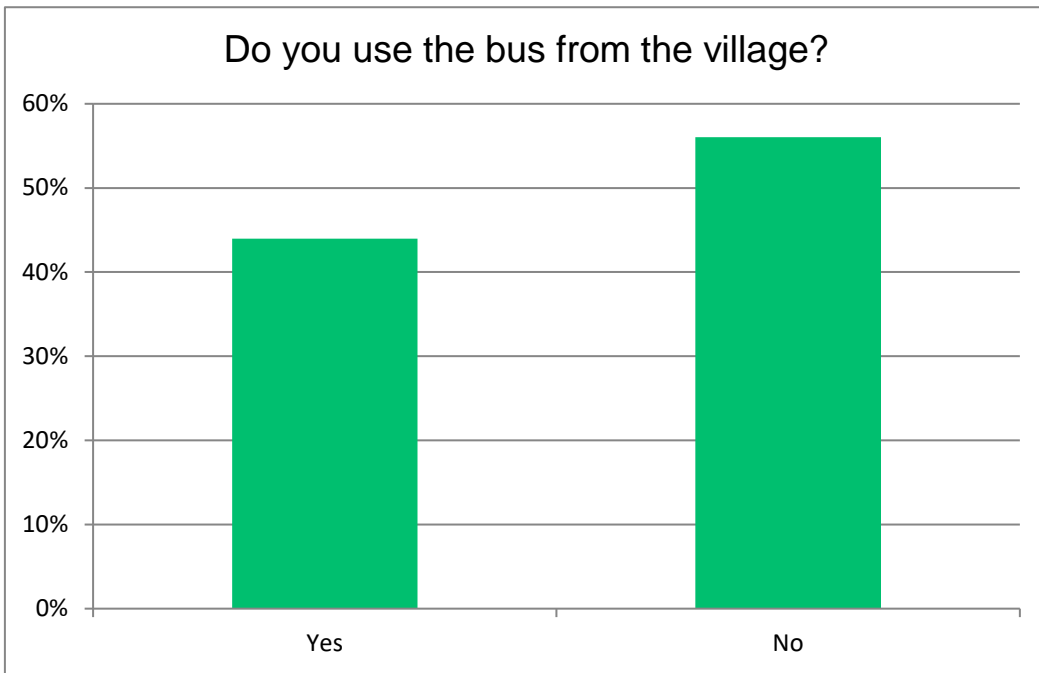
Footpaths too uneven for people with disabilities

10. Do you use the bus from the village?

598 responses were received.

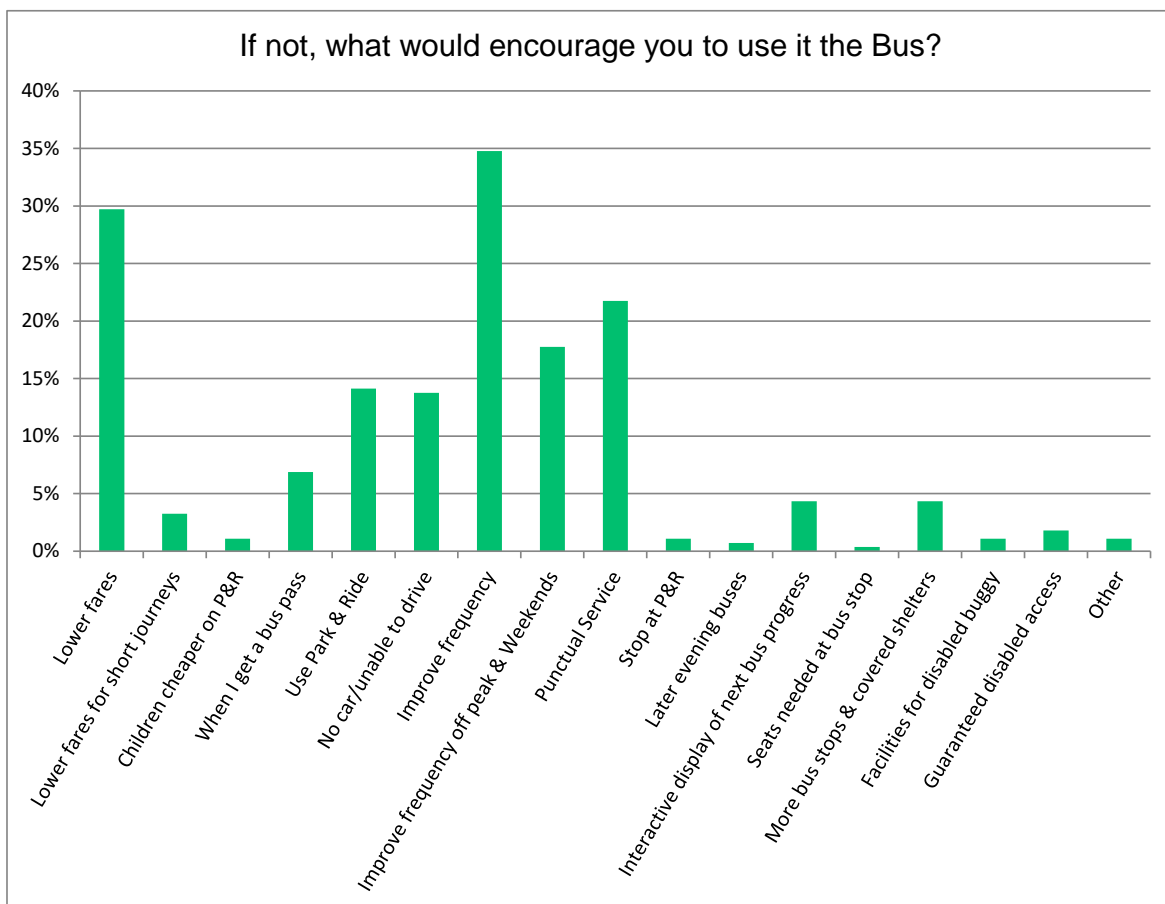
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers

| Answer Choices | Answer | |
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| Yes | 44% | 263 |
| No | 56% | 335 |



11. If not, what would encourage you to use the Bus?

276 responses were received with 436 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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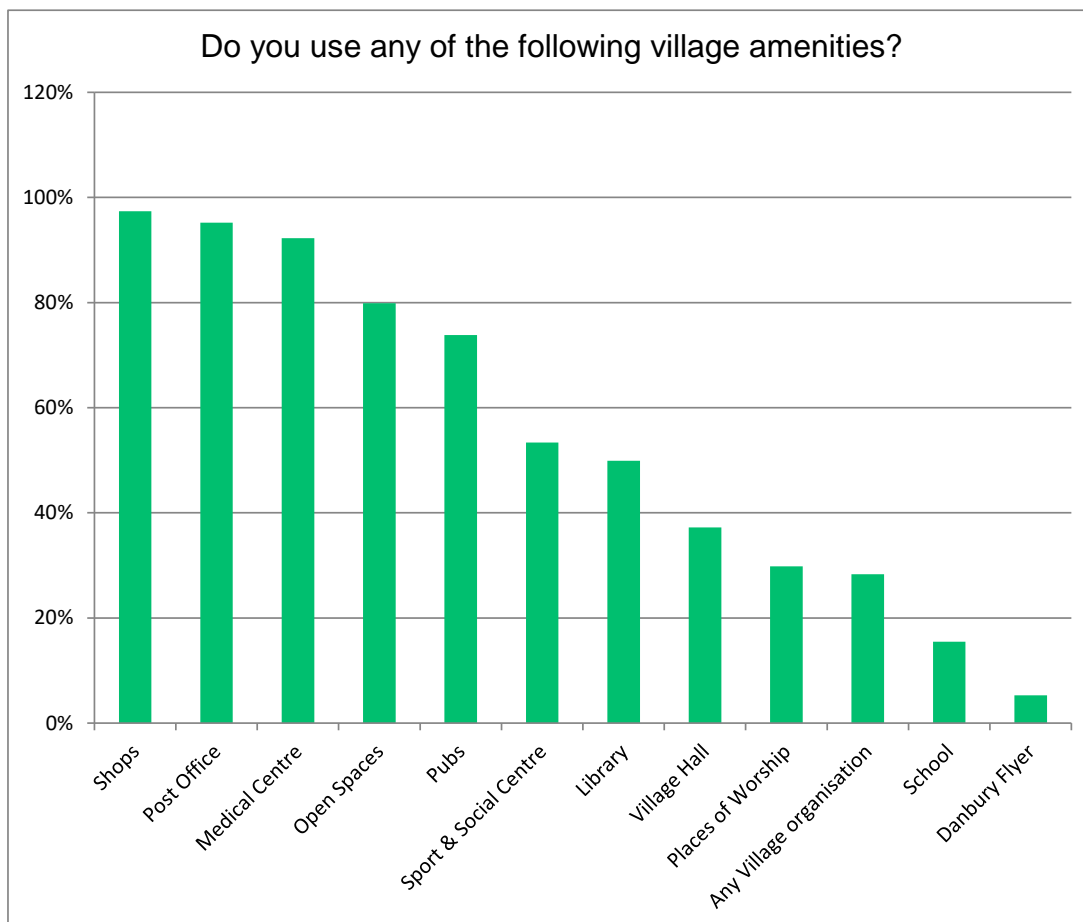


| Answer Choices | Answers |
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| Lower fares | 30% 82 |
| Lower fares for short journeys | 3% 9 |
| Children cheaper on P&R | 1% 3 |
| When I get a bus pass | 7% 19 |
| Use Park & Ride | 14% 39 |
| No car/unable to drive | 14% 38 |
| Improve frequency | 35% 96 |
| Improve frequency off peak & Weekends | 18% 49 |
| Punctual Service | 22% 60 |
| Stop at P&R | 1% 3 |
| Later evening buses | 1% 2 |
| Interactive display of next bus progress | 4% 12 |
| Seats needed at bus stop | 0% 1 |
| More bus stops & covered shelters | 4% 12 |
| Facilities for disabled buggy | 1% 3 |
| Guaranteed disabled access | 2% 5 |
| Other | 1% 3 |

Other comments
More routes
EV charging point
Loss of park & ride

12. Do you use any of the following village amenities?

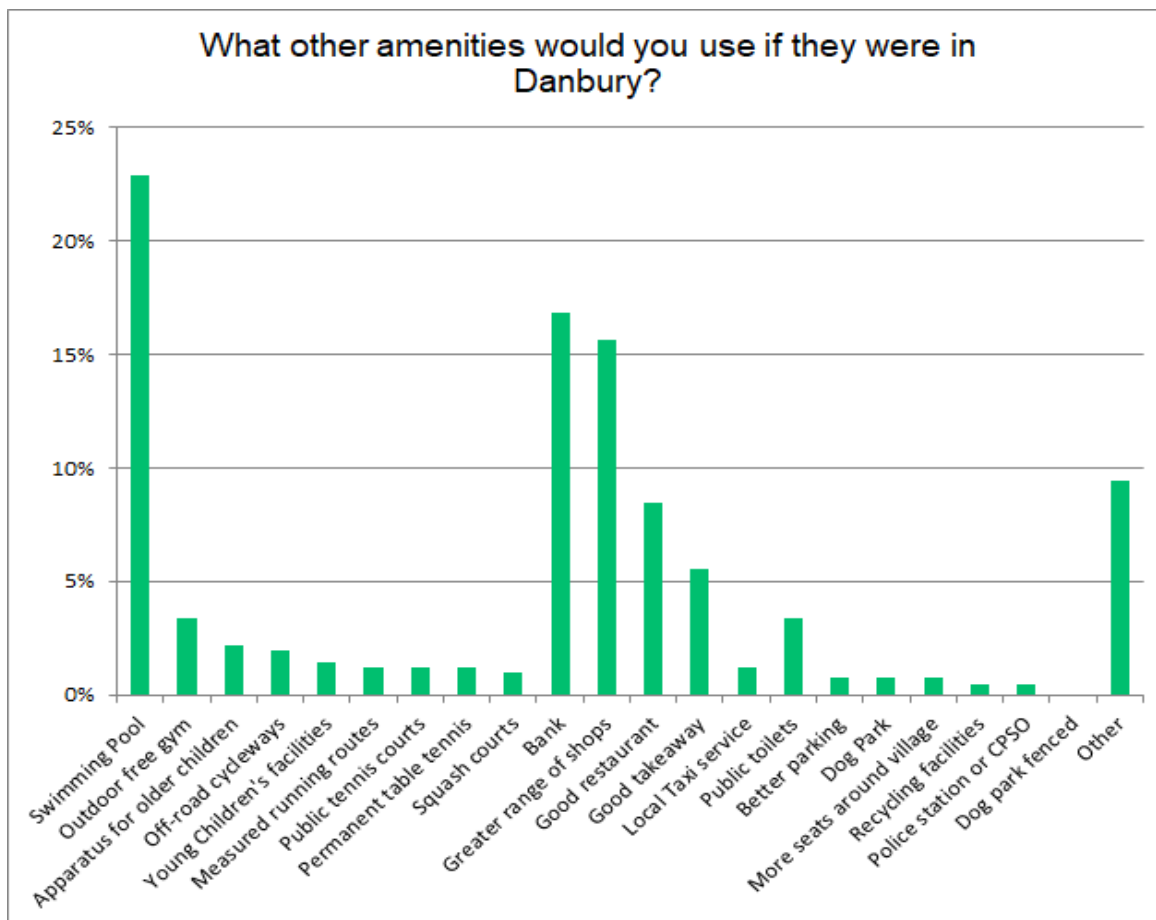
607 responses were received with 3,994 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



| Answer Choices | Answers | Percentage |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| Shops | 591 | 97% |
| Post Office | 578 | 95% |
| Medical Centre | 560 | 92% |
| Open Spaces | 485 | 80% |
| Pubs | 448 | 74% |
| Sport & Social Centre | 324 | 53% |
| Library | 303 | 50% |
| Village Hall | 226 | 37% |
| Places of Worship | 181 | 30% |
| Any Village organisation | 172 | 28% |
| School | 94 | 15% |
| Danbury Flyer | 32 | 5% |

13. What other amenities would you use if they were in Danbury?

324 positive responses were received with 416 suggestions (multiple answers per individual possible) The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



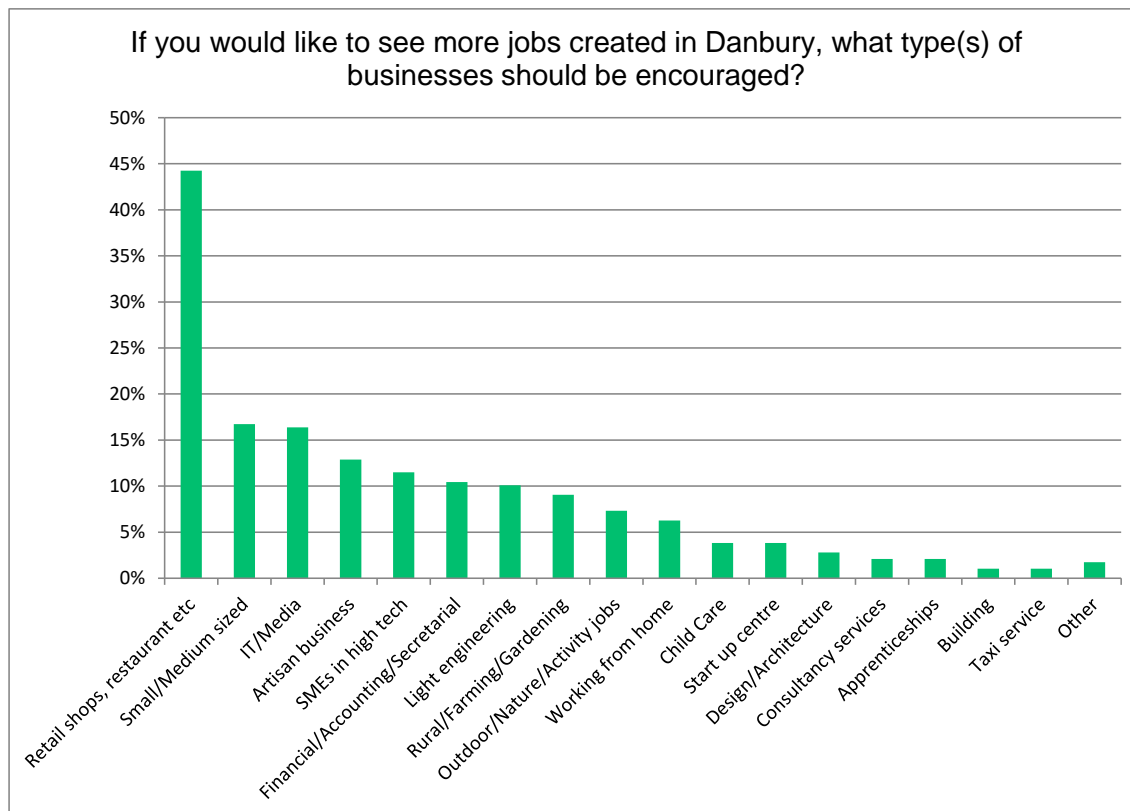
| Answer Choices | Answers | Percentage |
|------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Swimming Pool | 95 | 23% |
| Outdoor free gym | 14 | 3% |
| Apparatus for older children | 9 | 2% |
| Off-road cycleways | 8 | 2% |
| Young Children's facilities | 6 | 1% |
| Measured running routes | 5 | 1% |
| Public tennis courts | 5 | 1% |
| Permanent table tennis | 5 | 1% |
| Squash courts | 4 | 1% |
| Bank | 70 | 17% |
| Greater range of shops | 65 | 16% |
| Good restaurant | 35 | 8% |
| Good takeaway | 23 | 6% |
| Local Taxi service | 5 | 1% |
| Public toilets | 14 | 3% |
| Better parking | 3 | 1% |
| Dog Park | 3 | 1% |
| More seats around village | 3 | 1% |
| Recycling facilities | 2 | 0% |
| Police station or CPSO | 2 | 0% |
| Dog park fenced | 1 | 0% |
| Other | 39 | 9% |

Other comments

facilities for telescopes or skywatching
museum x2
train x2
hospital x2
EV charging point
cinema x2
NT Visitor Centre
better pubs
history centre
extend library opening hours x3
car wash x2
bowling alley
farm shop
community co-working hub
tourist office
village hall to show films
community events, old people's activities
managed campfires
art studio, Sunday P&R
clubs for over 50s
railway station
small cafes, coffee shops
theatre x2
arts and crafts
Youth Club
Hospital
Cycling through the woods
Disabled Parking
Walking club
U3A group x2

14. If you would like to see more jobs created in Danbury, what type(s) of businesses should be encouraged?

290 responses were received with 472 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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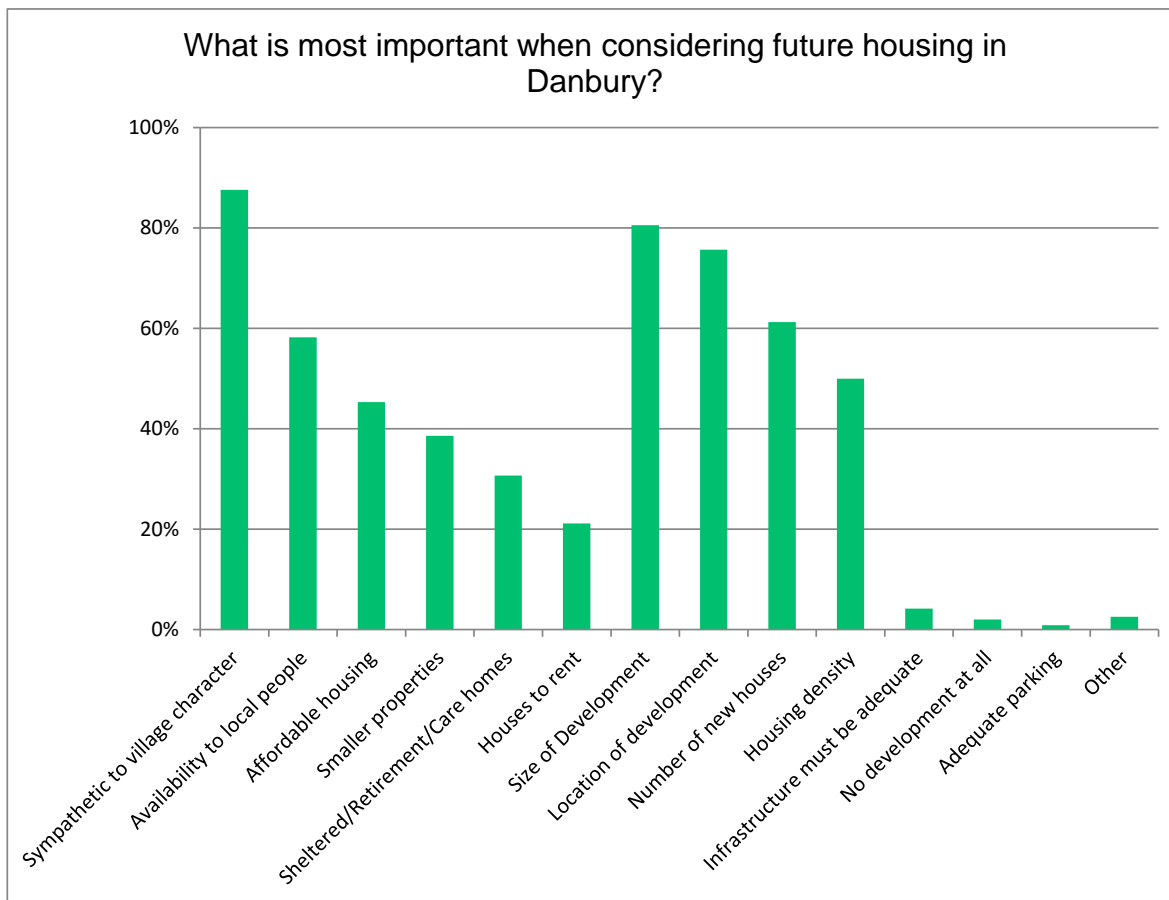
| Answer Choices | Answers |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Retail shops, restaurant etc | 44% 127 |
| Small/Medium sized | 17% 48 |
| IT/Media | 16% 47 |
| Artisan business | 13% 37 |
| SMEs in high tech | 12% 33 |
| Financial/Accounting/Secretarial | 10% 30 |
| Light engineering | 10% 29 |
| Rural/Farming/Gardening | 9% 26 |
| Outdoor/Nature/Activity jobs | 7% 21 |
| Working from home | 6% 18 |
| Child Care | 4% 11 |
| Start up centre | 4% 11 |
| Design/Architecture | 3% 8 |
| Consultancy services | 2% 6 |
| Apprenticeships | 2% 6 |
| Building | 1% 3 |
| Taxi service | 1% 3 |
| Other | 2% 8 |

Other comments

- not requiring HGVs x2
- Employment for local people
- Cleaning business x3
- Police
- None

15. What is most important when considering future housing in Danbury?

596 responses were received with 3,629 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



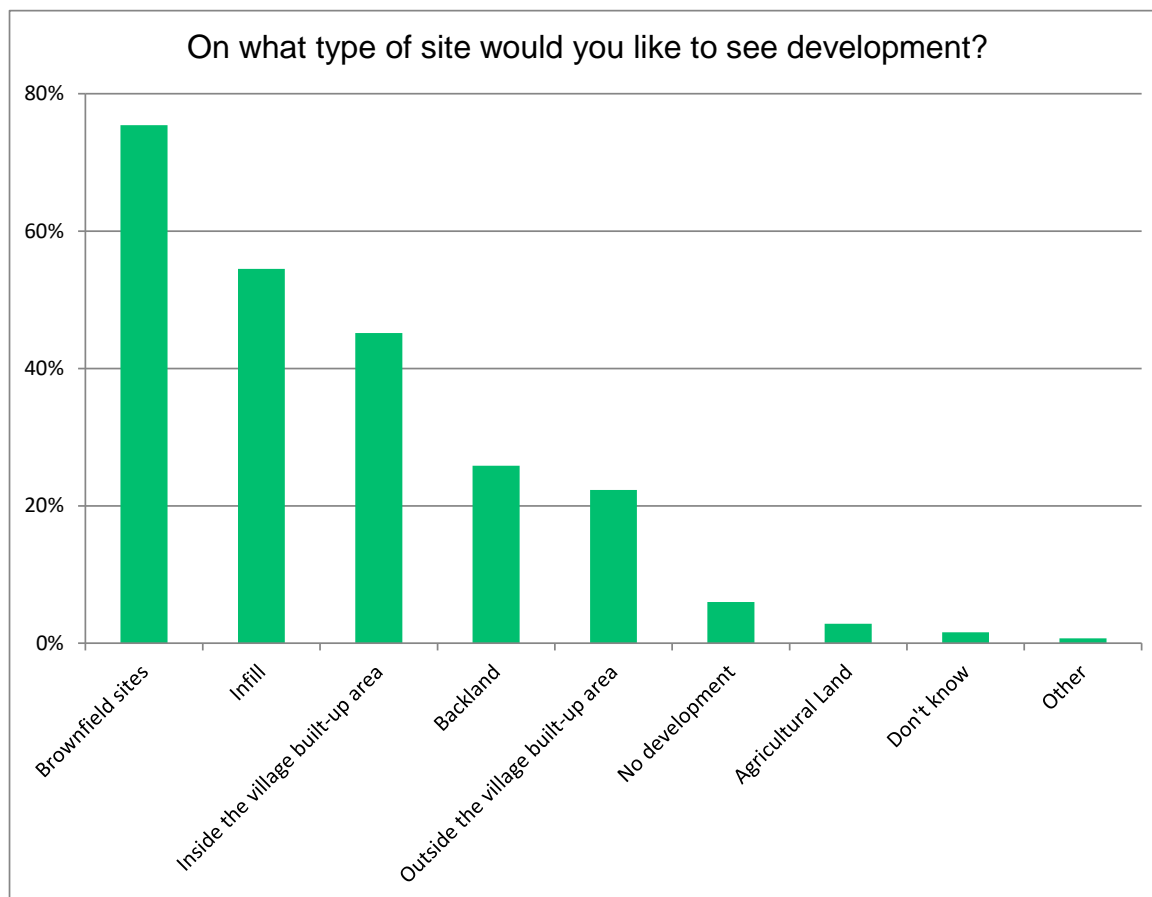
| Answer Choices | Answers |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Sympathetic to village character | 88% 522 |
| Availability to local people | 58% 347 |
| Affordable housing | 45% 270 |
| Smaller properties | 39% 230 |
| Sheltered/Retirement/Care homes | 31% 183 |
| Houses to rent | 21% 126 |
| Size of Development | 81% 480 |
| Location of development | 76% 451 |
| Number of new houses | 61% 365 |
| Housing density | 50% 298 |
| Infrastructure must be adequate | 4% 25 |
| No development at all | 2% 12 |
| Adequate parking | 1% 5 |
| Other | 3% 15 |

Other comments

Further analysis of these comments will be undertaken

16. On what type of site would you like to see development?

569 responses were received with 1,333 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



| Answer Choices | Answers | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----|
| Brownfield sites | 75% | 429 |
| Infill | 54% | 310 |
| Inside the village built-up area | 45% | 257 |
| Backland | 26% | 147 |
| Outside the village built-up area | 22% | 127 |
| No development | 6% | 34 |
| Agricultural Land | 3% | 16 |
| Don't know | 2% | 9 |
| Other | 1% | 4 |

Other comments

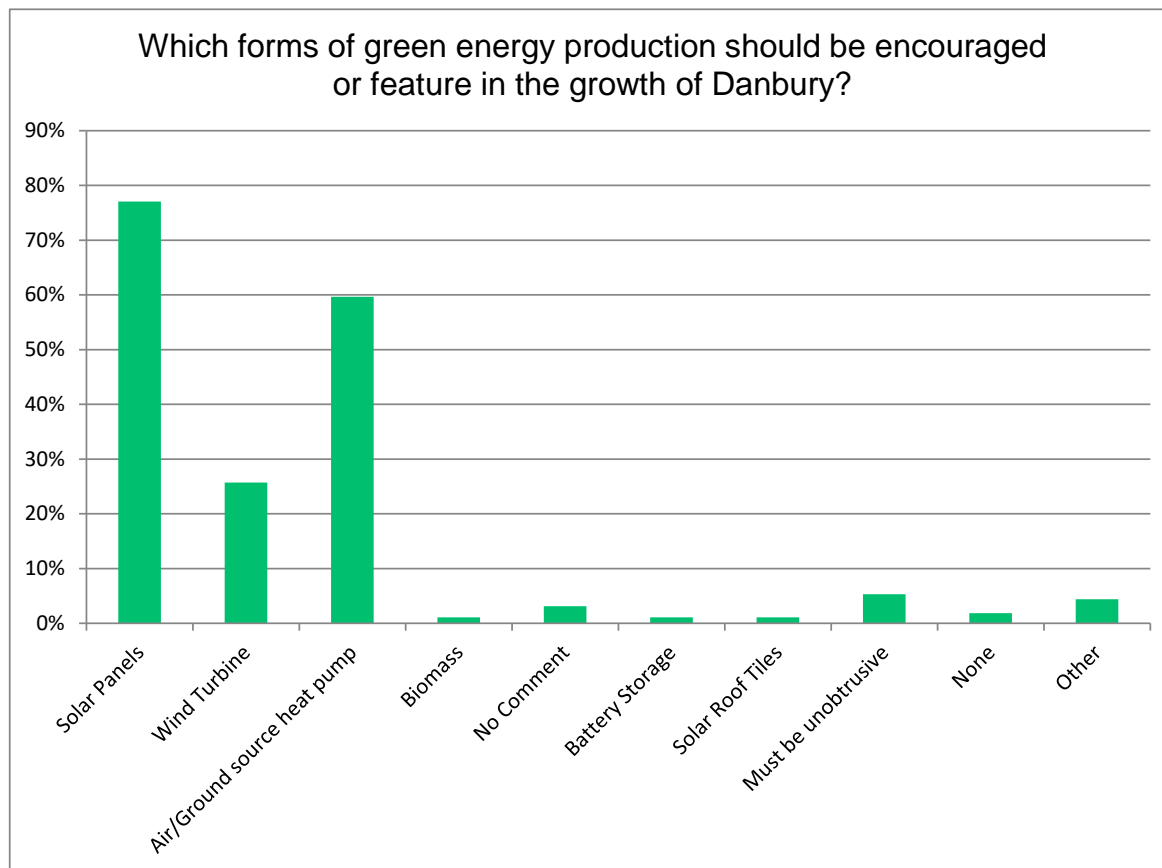
Green areas within development
ecologically sound, (energy conservation design principles)
Pull down big empty houses
We need housing

17: Please comment or suggest suitable locations for new houses in the village

The replies to this question will be considered within the work on site selection and published later

18. Which forms of green energy production should be encouraged or feature in the growth of Danbury?

545 responses were received with 983 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
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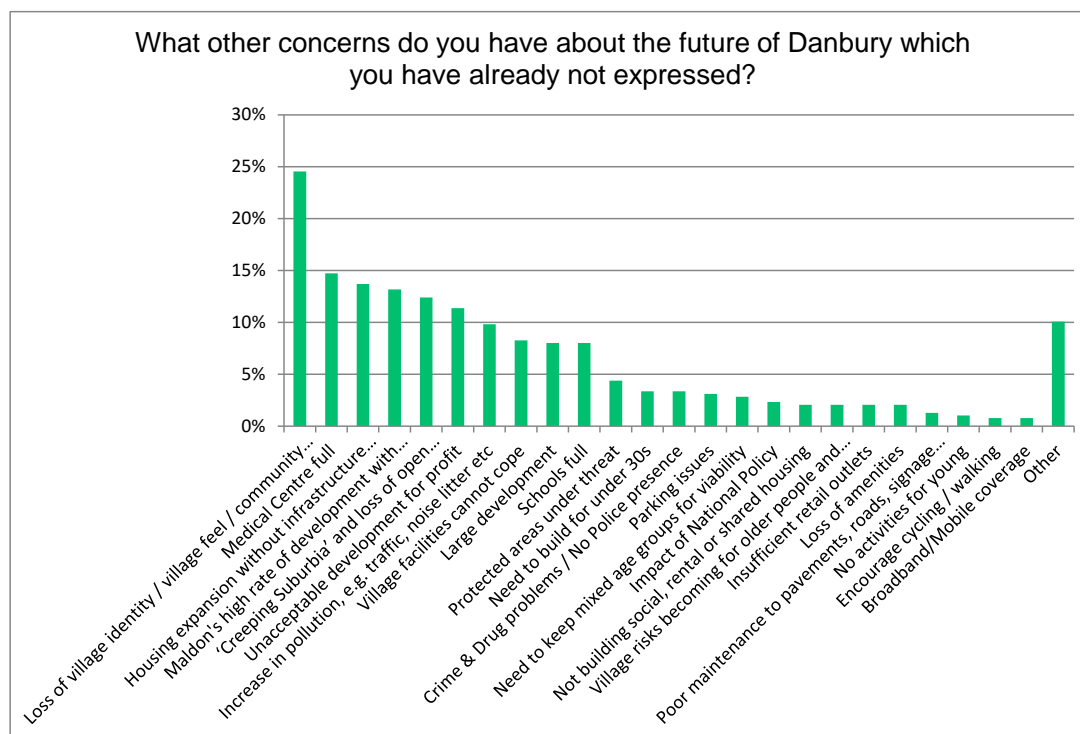
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|-----------------------------|---------|-----|
| Solar Panels | 77% | 420 |
| Wind Turbine | 26% | 140 |
| Air/Ground source heat pump | 60% | 325 |
| Biomass | 1% | 6 |
| No Comment | 3% | 17 |
| Battery Storage | 1% | 6 |
| Solar Roof Tiles | 1% | 6 |
| Must be unobtrusive | 5% | 29 |
| None | 2% | 10 |
| Other | 4% | 24 |

Other comments

Further analysis of these comments will be undertaken

19. What other concerns do you have about the future of Danbury which you have already not expressed?

387 responses were received with 747 answers (multiple answers per individual possible)
The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



| Answer Choices | Answers |
|---|---------|
| Traffic congestion | 27% 106 |
| Loss of village identity / village feel / community spirit | 25% 95 |
| Medical Centre full | 15% 57 |
| Housing expansion without infrastructure upgrade | 14% 53 |
| Maldon's high rate of development with consequential impact | 13% 51 |
| 'Creeping Suburbia' and loss of open spaces/woods etc | 12% 48 |
| Unacceptable development for profit | 11% 44 |
| Increase in pollution, e.g. traffic, noise litter etc | 10% 38 |
| Village facilities cannot cope | 8% 32 |
| Large development | 8% 31 |
| Schools full | 8% 31 |
| Protected areas under threat | 4% 17 |
| Need to build for under 30s | 3% 13 |
| Crime & Drug problems / No Police presence | 3% 13 |
| Parking issues | 3% 12 |
| Need to keep mixed age groups for viability | 3% 11 |
| Impact of National Policy | 2% 9 |
| Not building social, rental or shared housing | 2% 8 |
| Village risks becoming for older people and stagnating | 2% 8 |
| Insufficient retail outlets | 2% 8 |
| Loss of amenities | 2% 8 |
| Poor maintenance to pavements, roads, signage etc | 1% 5 |
| No activities for young | 1% 4 |
| Encourage cycling / walking | 1% 3 |
| Broadband/Mobile coverage | 1% 3 |
| Other | 10% 39 |

Other comments

Further analysis of these comments will be undertaken

20. : Thinking about the village, how would you like Danbury described in 2036 (the end of the Plan)?



21. What is your Postcode?

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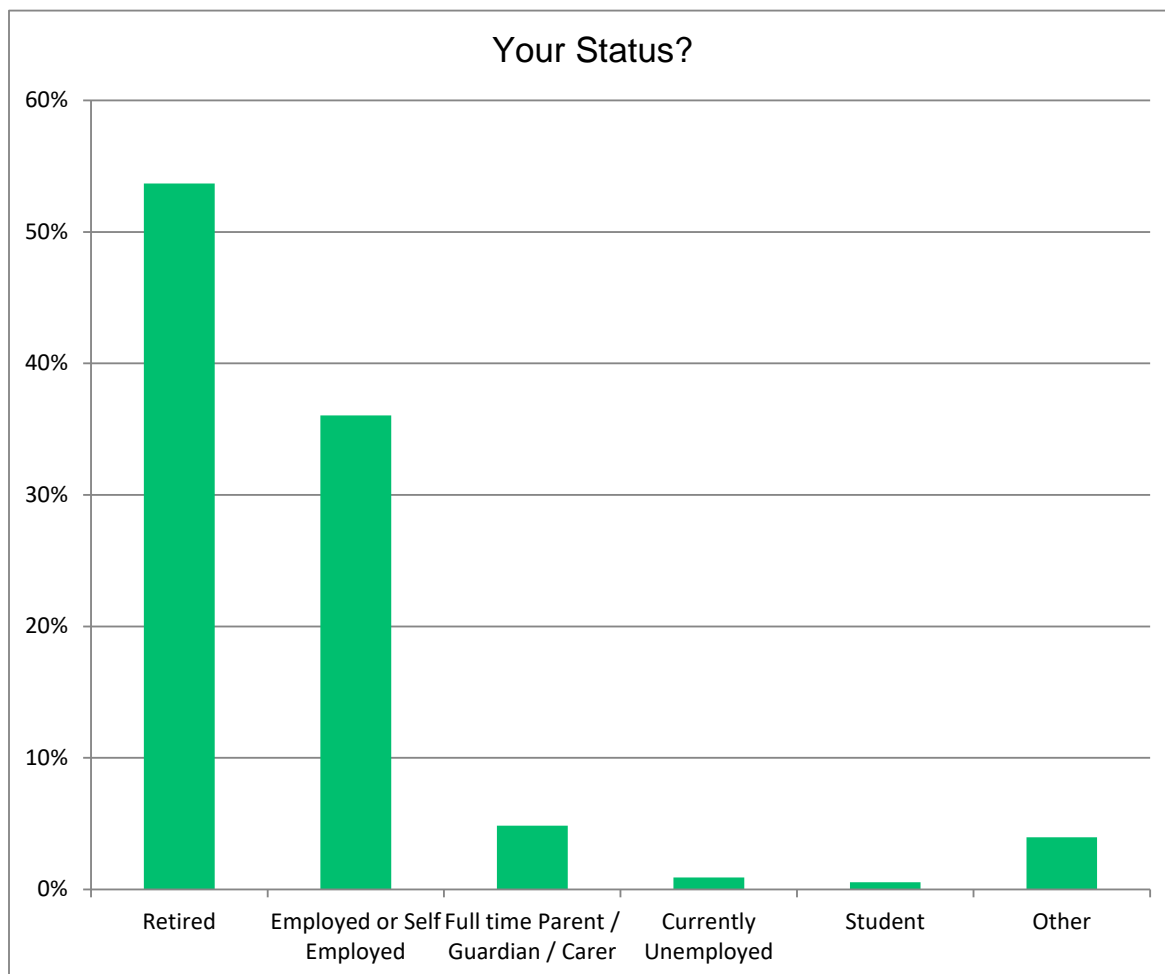
22. If you would like us to contact you by email please provide your email address

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23. Your status?

555 responses were received

The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



| Answer Choices | Answers | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| Retired | 54% | 298 |
| Employed or Self Employed | 36% | 200 |
| Full time Parent / Guardian / Carer | 5% | 27 |
| Currently Unemployed | 1% | 5 |
| Student | 1% | 3 |
| Other | 4% | 21 |

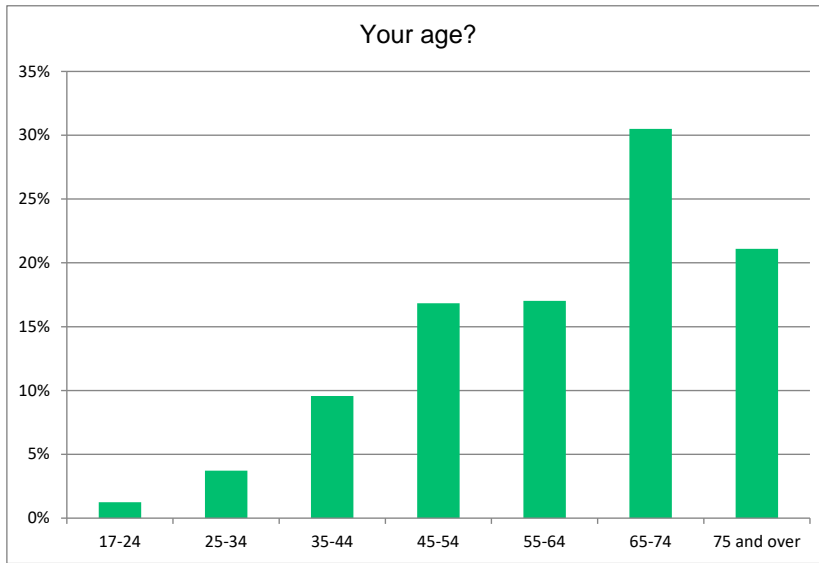
Other comments

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24. Your age

564 responses were received

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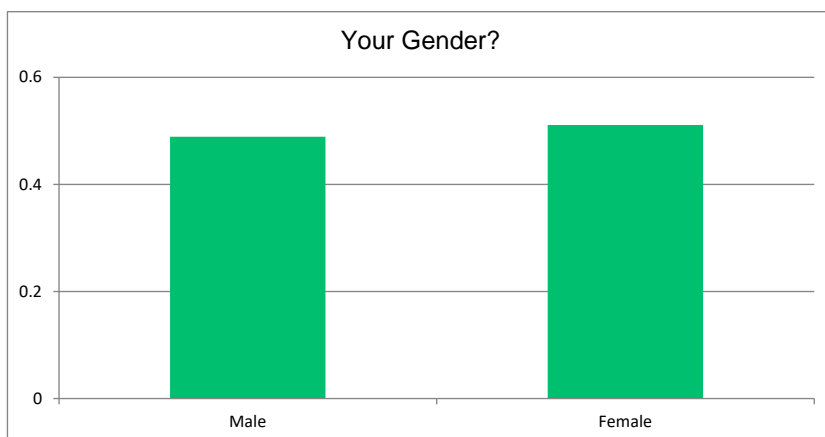


| Answer Choices | Answers |
|----------------|---------|
| 17-24 | 1% 7 |
| 25-34 | 4% 21 |
| 35-44 | 10% 54 |
| 45-54 | 17% 95 |
| 55-64 | 17% 96 |
| 65-74 | 31% 172 |
| 75 and over | 21% 119 |

25. Your Gender

450 responses were received

The chart below shows the distribution of the answers



| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|-----------|
| Male | 49% 220 |
| Female | 51% 230 |

26. Do you have any other comments?

Analysis of these comments will be undertaken