

Dorney Parish Neighbourhood Plan- Consultation Statement



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Dorney Neighbourhood Plan

CONSULTATION STATEMENT

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Background and Contents

This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as Amended) in respect of the Dorney Neighbourhood Plan (DNP).

The legal basis of the Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:

- a. contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- b. explain how they were consulted;
- c. summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- d. describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

Introduction

Communication strategy , as well as fulfilling the planning regulations, was considered by the Dorney Neighbourhood Plan Committee(DNPC) as critical for the plan's production and ultimately, it's success.

To do this, it was necessary to inform them about the plan, engage them with its production and, most importantly, seek their views on the priorities for Dorney Parish going forward.

A communication strategy was developed to ensure that at every stage there was significant involvement of all residents.

The main elements of the strategy were: -

- High profile within the Dorney Parish News
- Online and paper-based questionnaire to seek views from the residents
- A flyer to be delivered to all residents highlighting the plan
- Changes to the Dorney Parish website to ensure that the front page reflected the plan
- Highlighting the plan at the Annual General Meeting
- Sessions with residents to gain live feedback
- Communication with residents to gain approval for the plan's contents

Consultation Process

Initially there was some focus alerting readers to the plan's production using articles and editorials in the Dorney Parish News. This is a local magazine produced monthly and delivered to residents within the parish.

A questionnaire was developed and approved by the Dorney Parish Council and was web-based using Survey King. The software was intuitive, provided an excellent information suite and was at a reasonable cost. It was decided that some residents may not feel comfortable with an on-line approach and therefore a paper version was also produced which would be sent out by the Parish Clerk on request.

The questionnaire was launched with a flyer, approved by the Dorney Parish Council, which informed residents of the plan and the questionnaire and it provided the information required to access the questionnaire through the website or where to get a paper copy. 400 flyers were produced and delivered to all households by the end of April 2023. (Appendix 4)

The April edition of the Dorney Parish News was produced with further articles and an editorial raising the profile of the questionnaire.

The Homepage of the Dorney Parish website was changed to reflect the importance of the questionnaire with a link for residents to access it.

After 2 weeks we had achieved 57 partially or fully completed questionnaires, which although encouraging was less than we had hoped for.

The plan was raised at the Dorney Parish Council AGM ensuring that the profile of the questionnaire was raised.

A further series of articles was placed in the June edition of the Dorney Parish News.

Although a follow up flyer to emphasize the need to complete the questionnaire was considered, it was decided to use the "Next Door" website to remind residents of the questionnaire. Due to the way this website operates it was possible just to target those members that have a Dorney address.

The results were very successful and by the closing date of the questionnaire 113 residents had visited the site and 102 questionnaires had been completed.

Two meetings available to Dorney Residents were arranged for June 20th and July the 18th to seek further face to face feedback and to provide progress reports. "Next door" was again used to publicise the meetings.

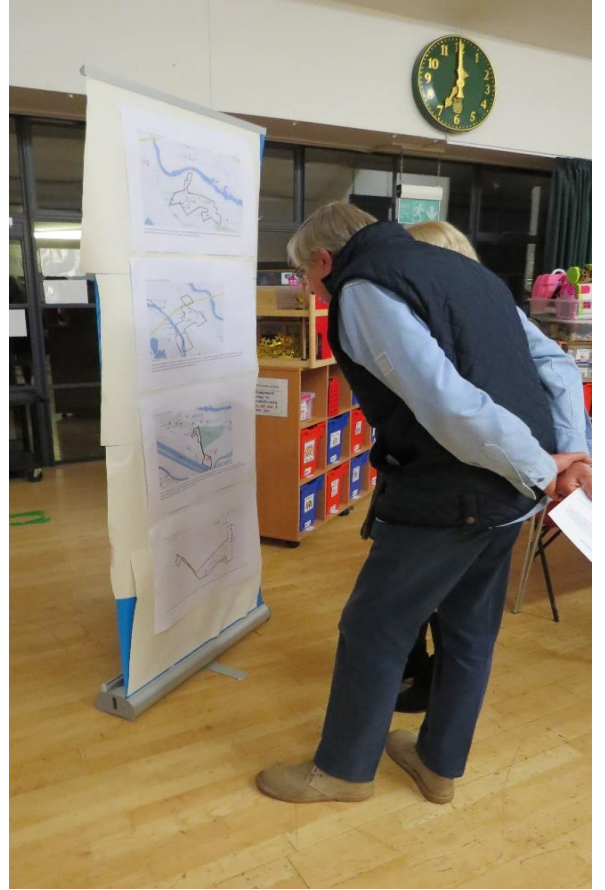
At the foot of the questionnaire, we asked residents to provide us with their emails if they wished to be informed about progress on the plan. We obtained 55 email addresses and used them for the first time to communicate the 18th of July meeting.

A further article was published in the July edition of the Dorney Parish News.(Appendix 1)

Although the first meeting had a small attendance, the 18th of July meeting was well attended with some good interaction. We also managed to get some further email addresses bringing the total to 65.

In addition, due to a request from the floor we agreed to publish the full results of the questionnaires and our milestones for the project on the Parish website, providing further information for the residents.

A further meeting was organised for the 12th of October. The residents were presented with the four proposed settlement areas but in graphic and descriptive terms. A small presentation was made and positive and constructive feedback was received from the residents. We also managed to get some further email addresses bringing the total to 70.



Residents Meeting in Dorney School 12th of October 2023



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A further article was provided to the Dorney Parish News (Appendix 4) providing an update on progress so far. This was replicated and sent to the email list and also placed within Next Door.

Key Findings of the Questionnaires application to the Neighbourhood Plan

The full survey results can be seen in the Appendix 16.A. All percentages quoted relate to the number of people that answered that question and where top items are quoted, it does not mean that other answers did not get support.

Housing and Development

This part of the questionnaire was fundamental in developing the DNP by collecting resident's views on how development should proceed over the next 15 years within the Parish

Although a high percentage of residents did not want to have further development, during the meetings there was a more realistic approach. The DNPC explained that the numbers were for small developments and over a relatively long period there was much greater acceptance. In the DNP it restricts the development to 20 properties over the 15-year period and specifies small developments to ensure proportional building over the period.

The main requirement was for family homes with starter homes a second choice. There was a minimal response to flats and maisonettes. In the DNP we have specified new developments to be of mixed dwellings.

When considering what things should be key in any development the top three things were construction and building materials in keeping with the area, off street parking and fibre internet. There was also strong interest water pressure, solar panels, street lights and pavements

In the DNP under sustained development, it is stated that:-

- any new development achieves high quality design and environmental standards whilst also being sympathetic to housing stock in the area In addition,
- that existing key utilities, including fibre-optic broadband, are efficient and available or are enhanced prior to construction
- it will be of contemporary construction requiring energy efficiency and water management to be adhered to.

There was an extremely high percentage that wished for green spaces, green belt, farms, fields and grazing areas to be protected from development and that current vistas also needed protection.

Nearly 100% thought development should be restricted to brown field sites.

In the DNP it is stated that housing development within the Parish should be :-

- constructed on brown field sites or infill plots as a priority
- able to protect, conserve, and enhance the quality of its environment including designated heritage assets and their settings

The main thrust of the proposals within the DNP is that a settlement approach should be taken rather than specific planning locations as it was felt that this approach would support the key requirements of the residents of the Parish.

Finally, 66% of the questionnaires showed a preference for extending the conservation area.

In section 5. of the DNP there is a proposal for the extension of the conservation area to the east of Dorney Village.

Use of local facilities

This part of the questionnaire was to understand how people used the local facilities and what their requirements would be going forward. This was to assist the DPC in relation to future planning.

The highest percentage requirement was for a surgery within the village.

There were comments suggesting that residents should have special access arrangements to Dorney Lake which is owned by Eton School.

Over 50% of the responses indicated use of the children's playground and the Village Hall situated in Trumper's field.

Transport

This part of the questionnaire was designed to understand how people used local transport and what their requirements were regarding road management.

Only 10% used the bus service, whilst nearly 80% used the Elizabeth line. 56% cycled.

Although many people thought the traffic volume had increased there was a lower inclination to change the speed limit with a 60/40 for vote. There was a much higher vote for restricting the speed limit on the common when the cattle were grazing.

A high percentage of people wished to restrict high tonnage HGVs from the parish and thought there should be increased parking restrictions on the busier roads.

The requirement to introduce traffic management on the busier roads received a much weaker response with a near 50/50 split.

In section 5. of the DPN it is suggested that there be some revisions to the speed limits on some roads and that there be some further management of parking on the major roads especially during the summer when more people come into the Parish. The DPC will take this forward.

In the sustainable development section of the DPN it states that there is a need for development to contribute to the quality of life for residents, including healthy lifestyles, green open spaces, safe places for active play, and to be accessible by walking and cycling.

This supports the high use of cycling within the area and the use of the rivers and lakes.

In the Design codes in the DPN it suggests the need for cycle parking to be included.

Appendix

1. Article in July Dorney Parish News

Proposed DPN July edition article.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The first stage of the consultation with residents using the questionnaire has now been completed and the committee is delighted with the number of questionnaires that have been completed.

We set ourselves a challenging target of 100 replies, which would represent over 25% of the households, and we achieved 113 responses. This shows how passionate Dorney people are about the area they live in and how they wish to ensure that many of the qualities they love about Dorney are preserved.

So what's next?

Although the questionnaires are the backbone of the plan, we also wish to hear resident's thoughts directly and would like to explain how we are intending to move forward.

So, there are to be two meetings, one on the 20th of June, which at the time of publication will have taken place, and another on the 18th of July, where we would like as many of you to attend as possible. They will be held at Dorney School, Harcourt Road, at 18.30 for an hour. Any feedback from these meetings will be considered for incorporation into the plan, together with the opinions expressed via the questionnaire.

Once we have finished capturing all the feedback from you, we will start to produce the actual Neighbourhood Plan. Hopefully, we will be able to feedback our progress on this next stage of the process to you in September.

Thank you once again for your commitment to the plan

2. Article in September Dorney Parish News

Dorney Neighbourhood Plan

You may already be familiar with the Dorney Neighbourhood Plan through previous editions of the Dorney Parish News, however, if this has somehow passed you by there is a wealth of information available on the Dorney Parish website under Planning/Neighbourhood plan. Alternatively, you can put the link below in your browser and it will take you straight there.

<https://dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-plan/neighbourhood-plan/>

Progress has continued at a pace since our last update in the Dorney Parish News. We've successfully conducted two productive residents' meetings, where some excellent suggestions and feedback have been incorporated into the planning process. The Background and Procedures as well as the Visions and Objectives documents are nearing completion thanks to your input.

We are now pleased to invite you to the upcoming Dorney Neighbourhood Plan Meeting. This meeting marks a key moment in shaping the future of our community and is your final chance to make a difference.

Join us on Sunday, October 8th, 2023, at 6pm, at the Dorney Village Hall where we will present our plan, seek final feedback and look for your acceptance in order to submit it to Bucks Council.

Your presence is vital as we complete the crucial next steps in completing the Neighbourhood Plan, a document that will be presented to Bucks Council for approval.

The key areas covered will be housing development, roads/traffic, environment, and welfare, so it is really important that we gain your commitment.

Although our original plan was to hold this meeting in September, unforeseen commitments compelled us to reschedule it to October 8th. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

With your continued support, we will move forward to the finalisation of the draft document that will be presented to Bucks Council.

Please be a part of this important project and attend the meeting on the 8th of October, 6pm at Dorney Village Hall.

Your input really does matter

If you have any queries or wish to be kept up to date by email, please send your request to

dorneyneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Dorney Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

3. Article in October Dorney Parish News

Dorney Neighbourhood Plan – Urgent News Change of Date and Venue

We hope you managed to read our progress to date in the September Issue of the Dorney Parish News.

We are very excited to tell you where we have got to so far and receive your input and response to our proposals.

Unfortunately, due to issues outside of our control, the Dorney Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has had to change the date and venue for our final residents meeting but not by much!!

We are really sorry to mess you about and we do hope you will be able to attend the new meeting which will be held on Thursday the 12th of October between 7pm and 9pm, just a few days later than the previous meeting.

The venue has changed as well and it will now be held at Dorney School rather than the Village Hall.

As we mentioned before your presence is vital as we complete the crucial next steps in completing the Neighbourhood Plan, a document that will be presented to Bucks Council for approval.

We look forward to seeing you on the new date and we thank you in advance for your patience.

Just to remind you:-

THE MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON THE 8TH OF OCTOBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL HAS NOW BEEN CHANGED TO

12TH OF OCTOBER AT 7.00PM AT DORNEY SCHOOL.

If you require any further information then please go to the website below

<https://dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-plan/neighbourhood-plan/>

or email dorneyneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Thank you

Dorney Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

4. Article in March Dorney Parish News

Update from the Dorney Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Firstly, apologies for the lack of communication since September of last year. I can assure you that the Dorney Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has been working hard on your behalf.

Towards the end of last year, we submitted our draft plan to the Bucks team that deals with Neighbourhood plans. We then had a useful meeting with them at the end of November which required some considerable changes to the original submission.

We have, at last, completed those changes and will submit those changes to Bucks County Council in March. They will review the documents over a six week period and let us know of any further changes that may be required.

Once we have made any required alterations, we will then have a special Parish Council meeting for the Councillors to consider and approve the plan.

At this point the plan is publicised to you, the residents, and anyone who works or runs a business within the Parish. This consultation will last for a further six weeks and will allow for feedback to be made and where appropriate applied to the plan.

The plan will then be resubmitted and a review will be undertaken by an independent assessor. Depending on the outcome of this review further steps will be decided.

Well, nobody thought this would be a speedy exercise and it is meeting expectations.

We will update you at regular intervals, but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on dorneyneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Dorney Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

5. Flyer sent to all residents

Keep Dorney Special

We are sure you appreciate the history and the distinctive nature of the Dorney Parish. In order to preserve the unique character of the parish your Dorney Parish Council (DPC) is sending out a questionnaire in April to all parishioners to obtain your views on the future requirements for the Parish.

One area of concern is the future housing needs within the parish. Eton College's two planning applications to convert old farm buildings into accommodation plus new houses, which would double the residential housing in the Boveney hamlet, so has prompted concern with our parishioners.

As you may be aware, DPC was granted Neighbourhood Plan (NP) designation status in September 2022, which gives us the ability to produce our own village design scheme (VDS). Should our VDS be approved by Buckinghamshire County Council, then it would be the housing design and layout that a future developer would have to adhere to.

This questionnaire is the opportunity for all parishioners to consider the important issues that need to be addressed by DPC. Therefore, we need your views. Over the next two months we will invite different areas of the parish to attend meeting groups to discuss their requirements for the future prosperity of Dorney Parish.

In order to assist us we have produced a NP questionnaire for you to complete prior to the individual meetings. The questionnaire will be available to every adult parishioner at the web address below or by hard copy on request.

The questionnaire is available on the Dorney Parish website www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk and on: <http://surveyking.com/w/ei5sf5w>


If you require a hard copy then please email Parish Clerk at clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone her on 07769704010.

It is really important that you give us your feedback. Therefore in order to assist us, please let us know your concerns and requirements.


This questionnaire will provide the basis for DPC's future planning within the Parish and therefore it is vital that you provide us with feedback via the questionnaire, so that you have an impact on the future of Dorney Parish.

For further information, please see the Dorney Parish website www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk

6. Questionnaire results



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Introduction

After close of business on the 16th of June, we had 113 responses to the questionnaire. Not all of those responding completed all of the questionnaire so it is difficult without a great deal of analysis to work out who did what.

The website suggests that 101 respondents completed the questionnaire. So target met.

Although the website provides a download of data which is now available. This is in spreadsheet format and the graphics available on the website provide a far better presentation of the results.

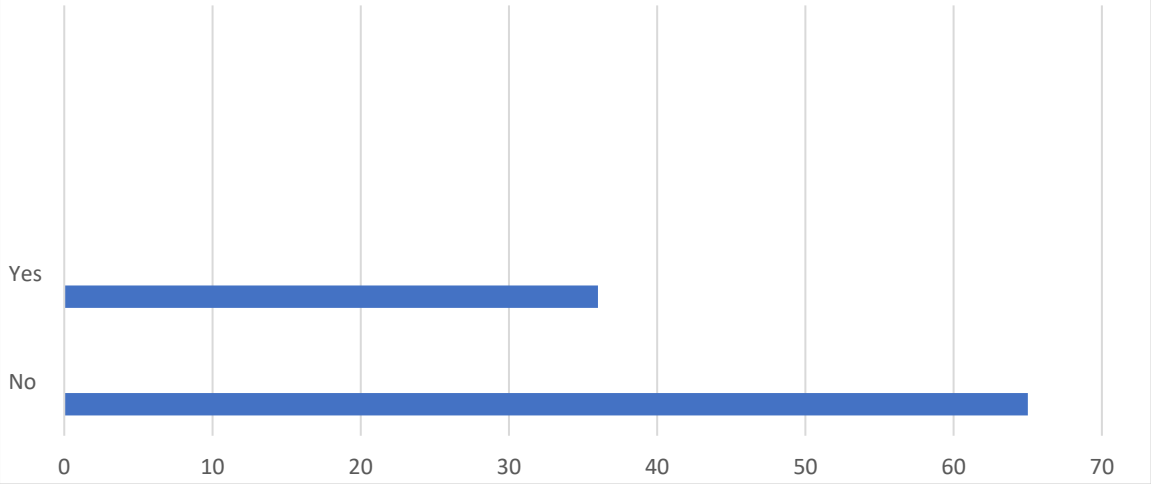
Unfortunately, they are not available for download, so in the enclosed document I have done my best to replicate them.

The spreadsheet is available if required.

The document is in two parts. Firstly the results on each question in graphic and table format. Secondly the comments made under each of the headings.

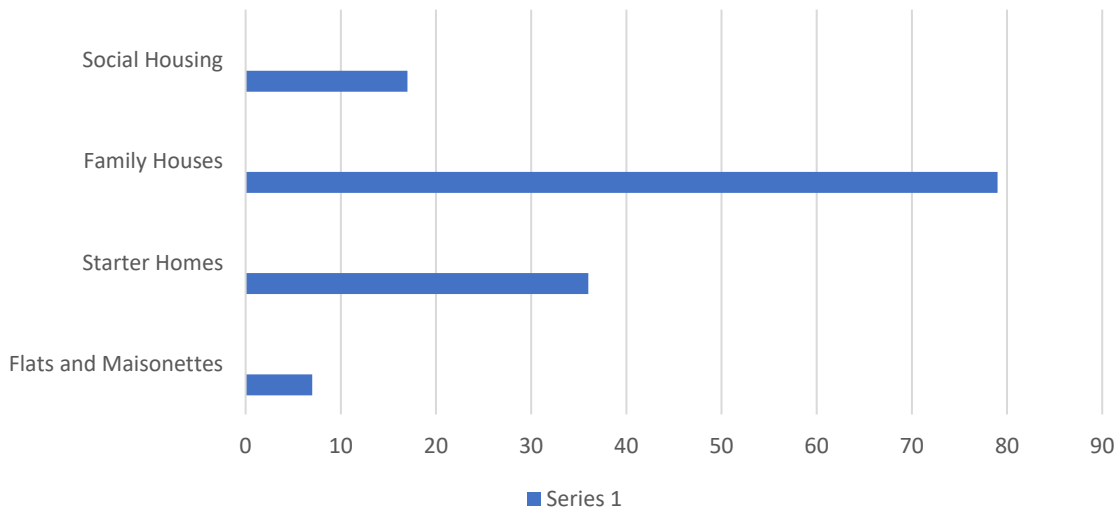
55 people provided their emails for updates and therefore the system for communicating with them needs agreement.

Do you think Dorney should accommodate further development in the future?



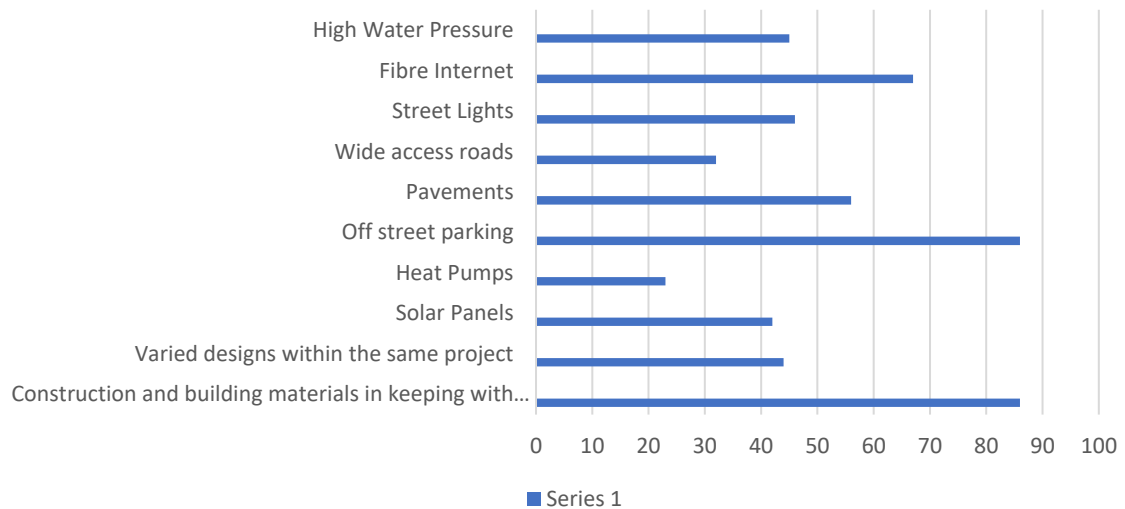
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Yes	36	36%
No	65	64%
Totals	101	100%

If there were to be further development, what form do you think it should take?

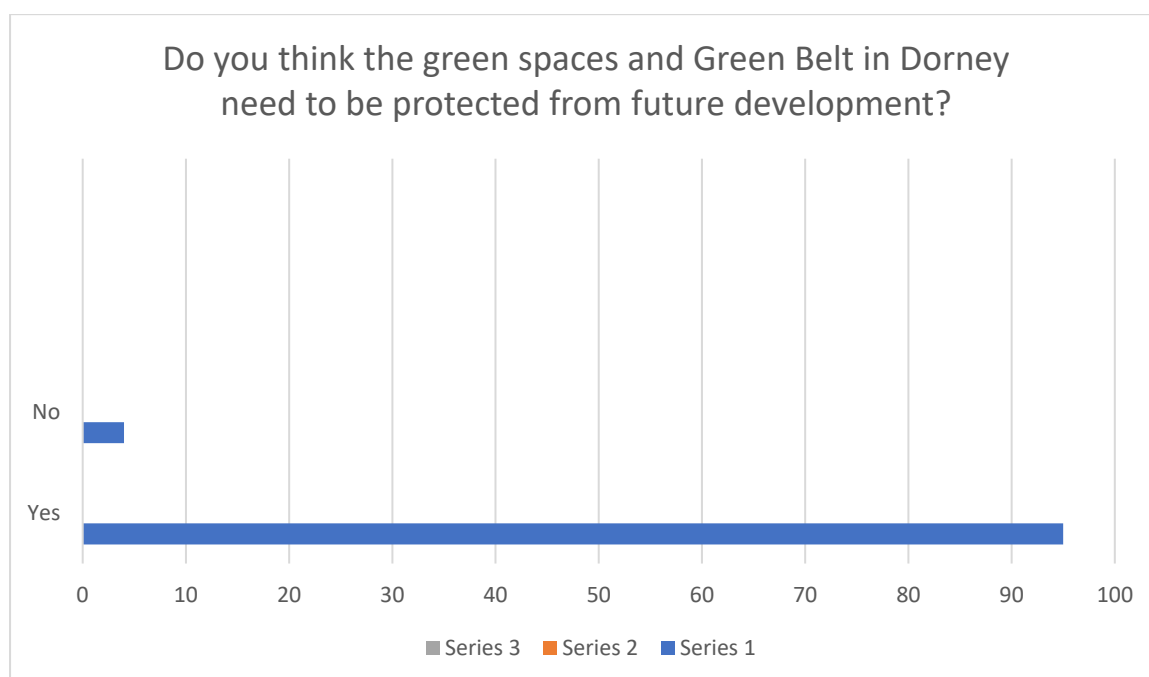


Flats/Maisonettes	7	5%
Starter Homes	36	26%
Family Houses	79	57%
Social Housing	17	12%
Totals	139	100%

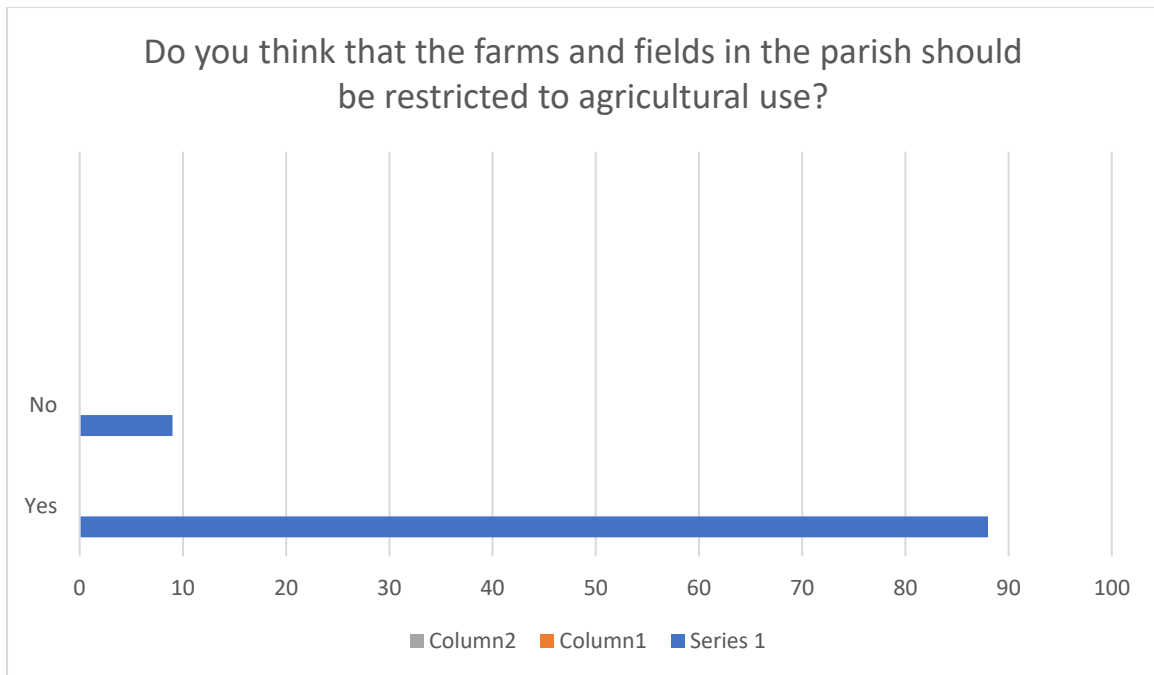
If there were to be further development, what things should be included as key in the construction?



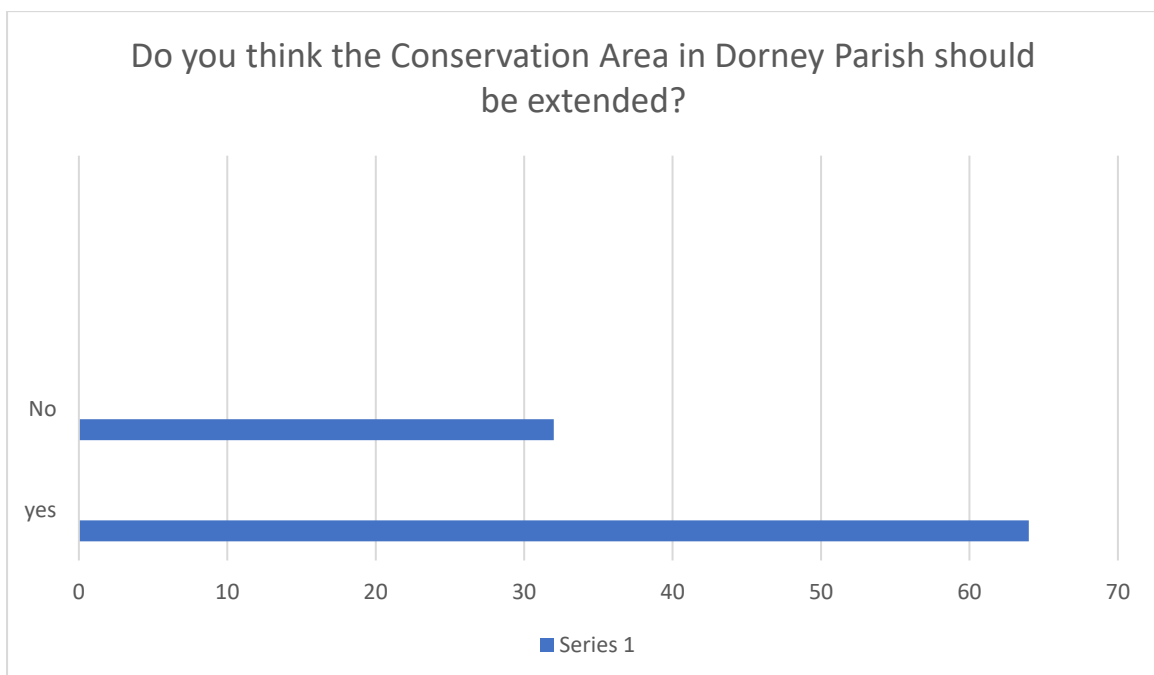
Answer	Responses	Percent
Construction and building materials in keeping with the area	86	16%
Varied designs within the same project	44	8%
Solar Panels	42	8%
Heat Pumps	23	4%
Off street parking	86	16%
Pavements	56	11%
Wide access roads	32	6%
Street Lights	46	9%
Fibre Internet	67	13%
High Water Pressure	48	9%
Totals	530	100%



Yes	95	95%
No	5	5%
Totals	100	100%

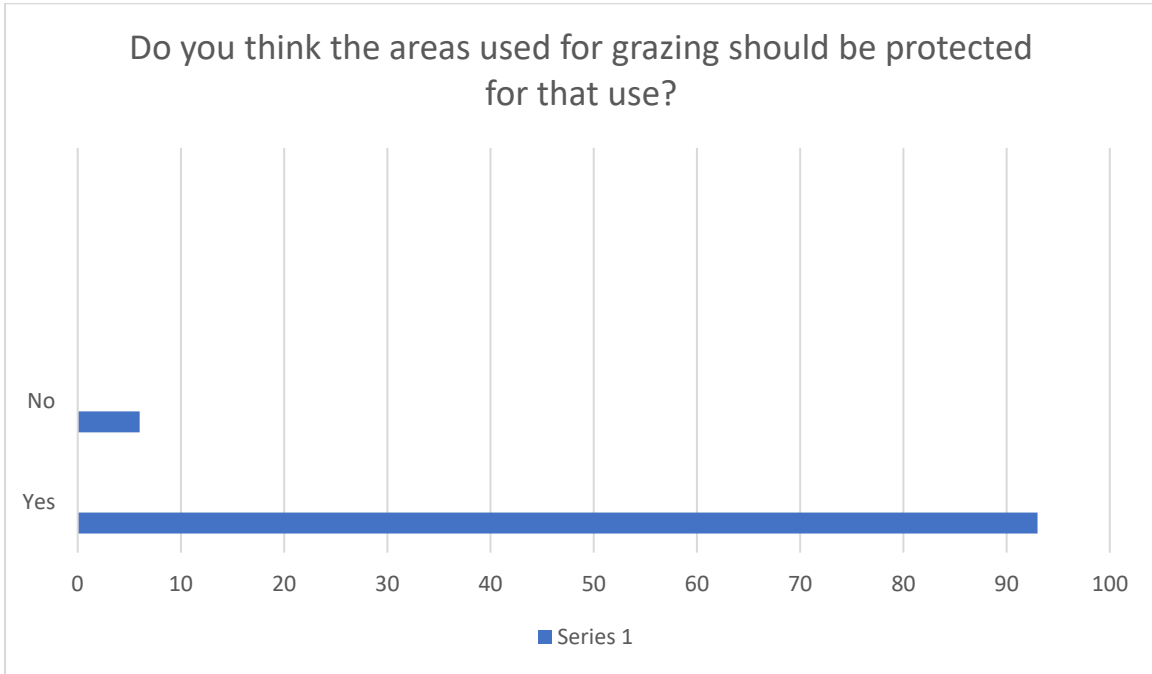


Yes	88	90%
No	10	10%
Totals	98	100%

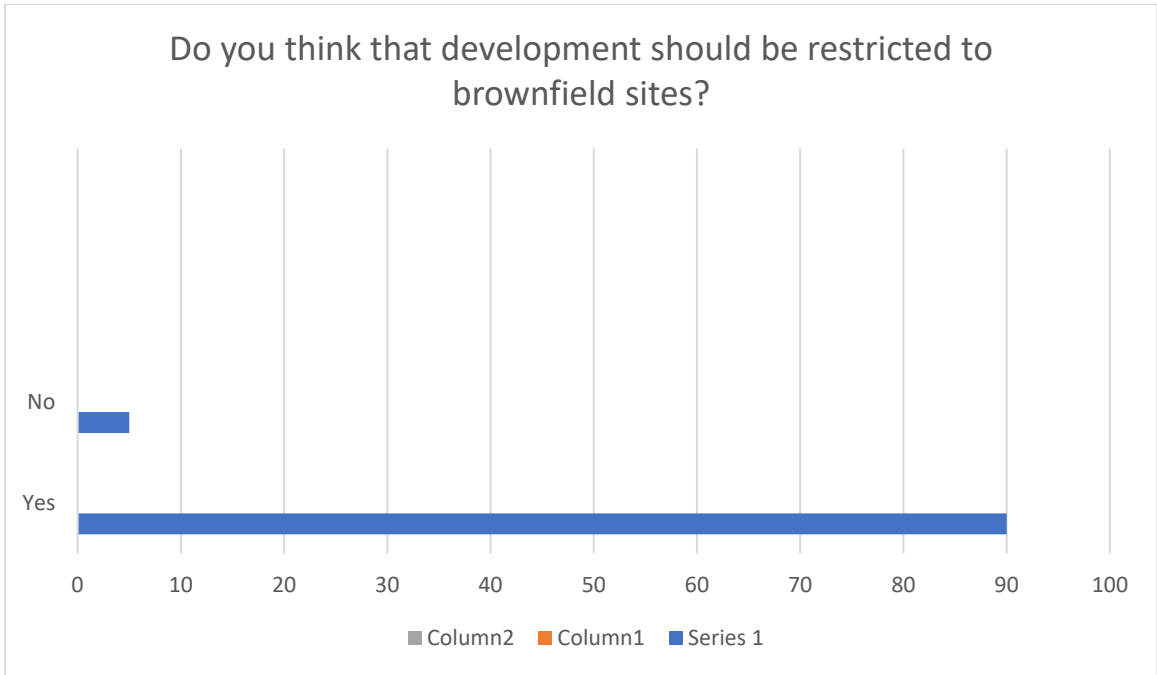


Yes	64	66%
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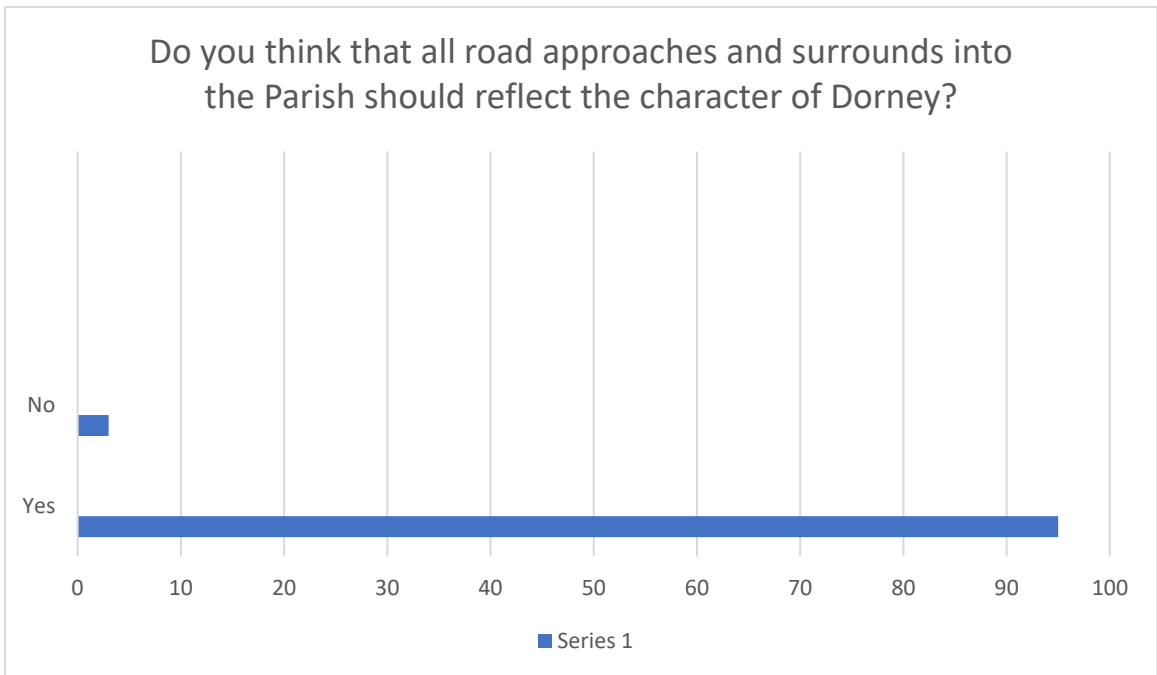
No	33	34%
Totals	97	100%



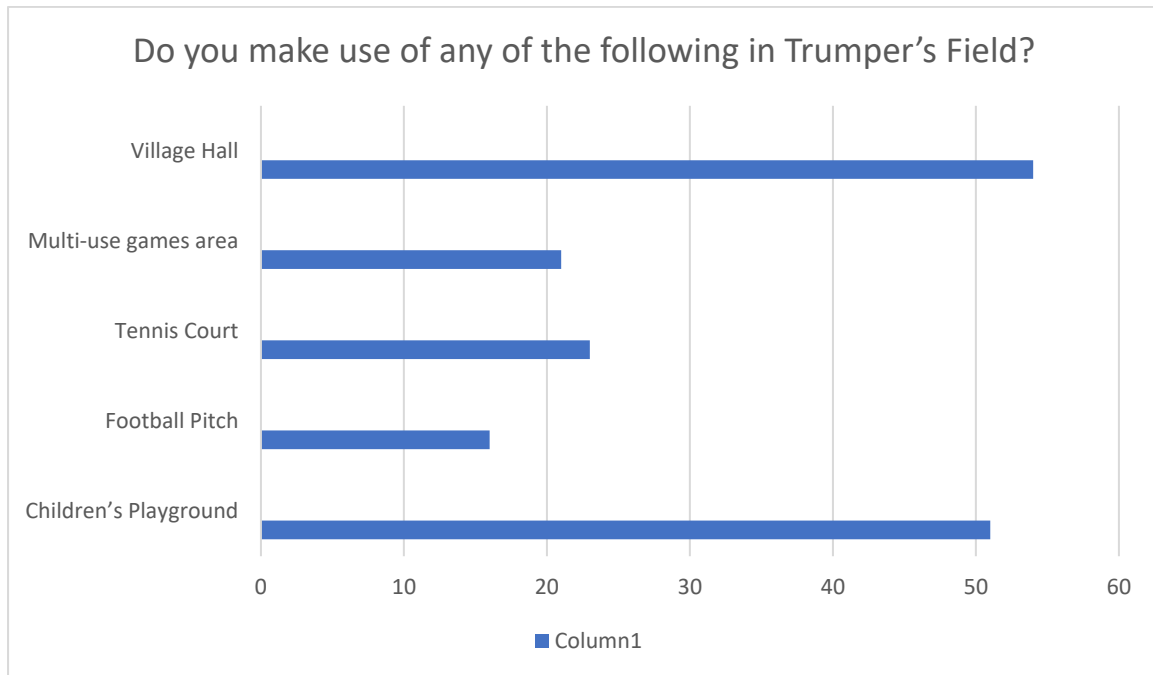
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No	6	6%
Totals	99	100%



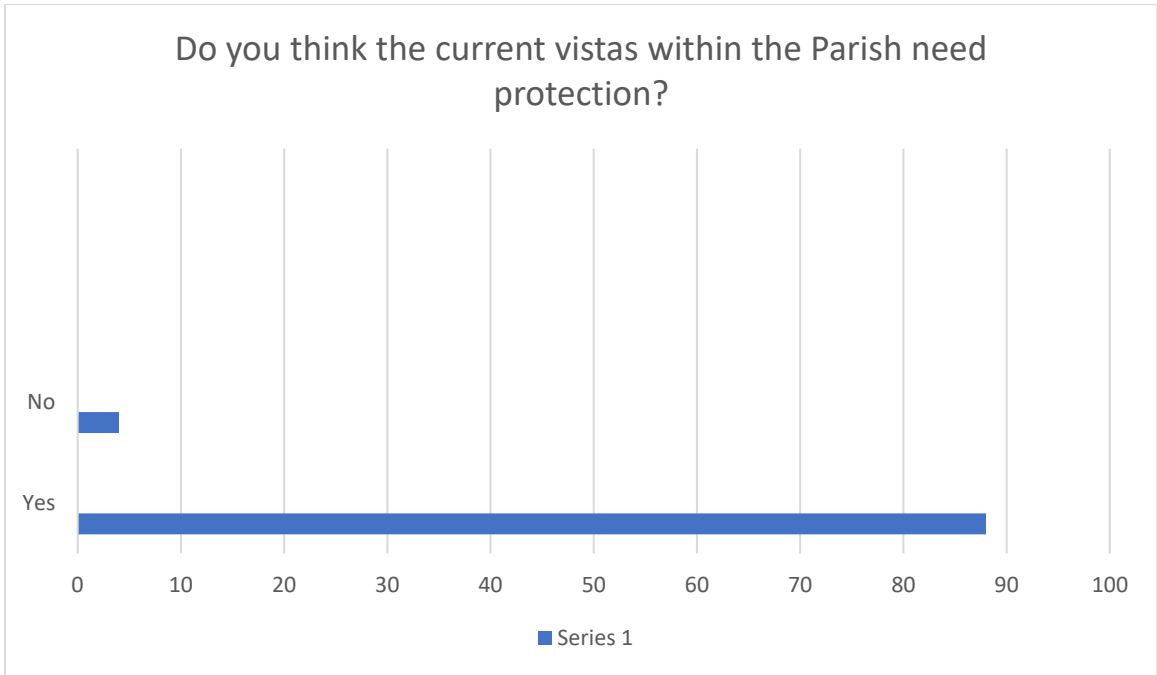
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No	6	6%
Totals	96	100%



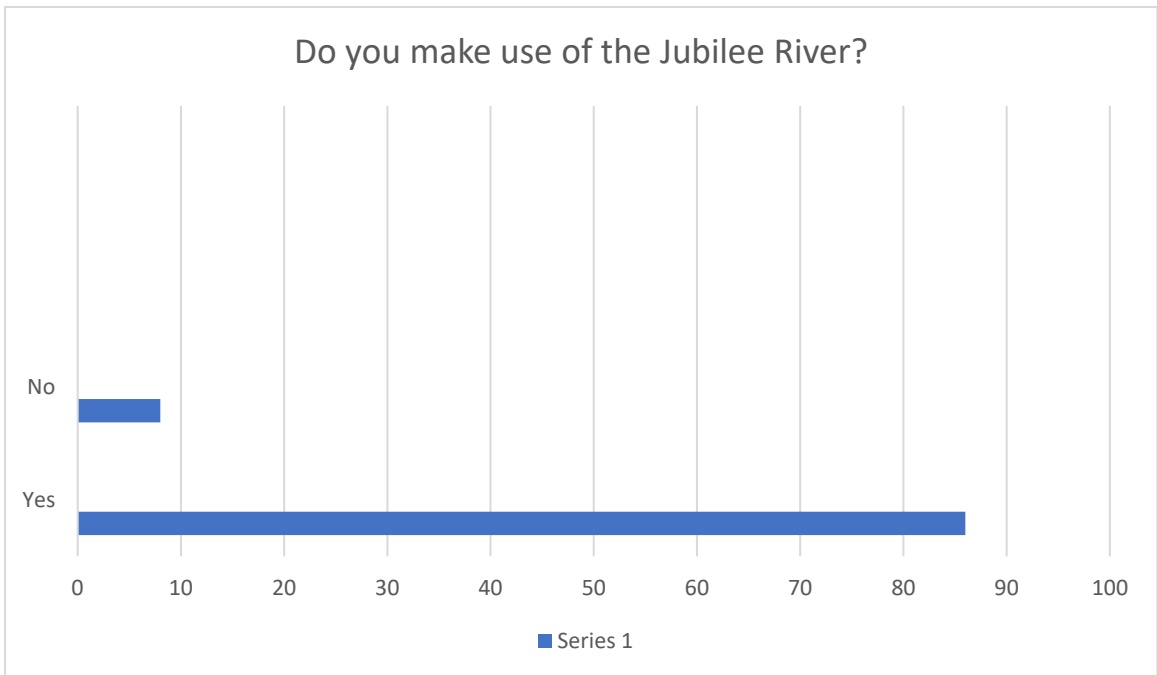
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No	3	3%
Totals	98	100%



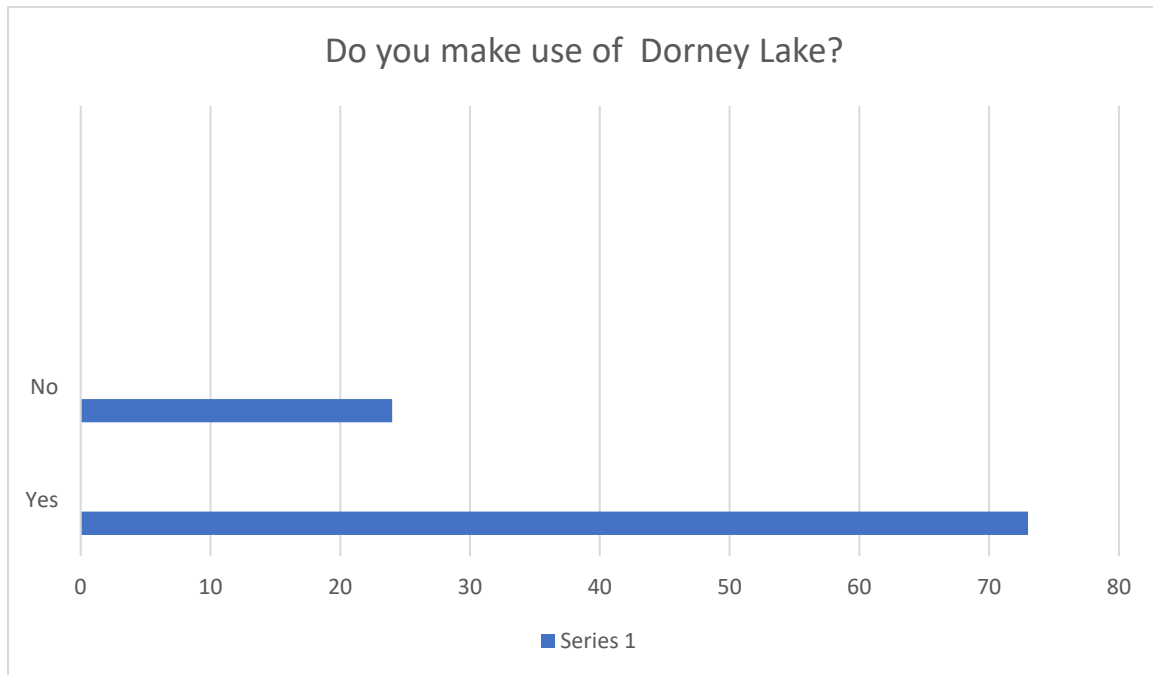
Answer	Responses	Percent
Children's Playground	51	31%
Football Pitch	16	10%
Tennis Court	23	14%
Multi-use games area	21	13%
Village Hall	56	34%
Totals	167	100%



Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	88	96%
No	4	4%
Totals	92	100%

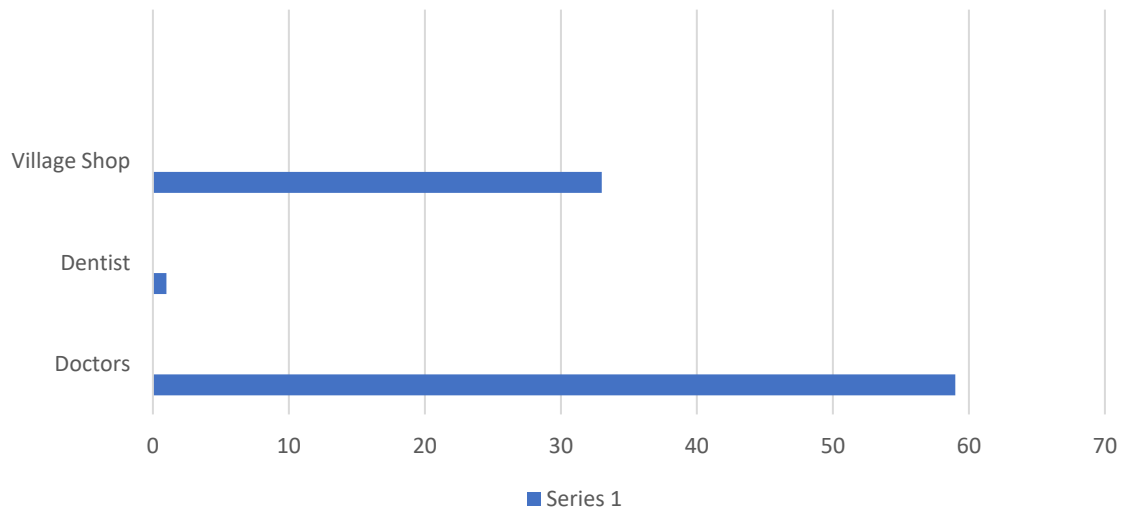


Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	86	91%
No	8	9%
Totals	94	100%



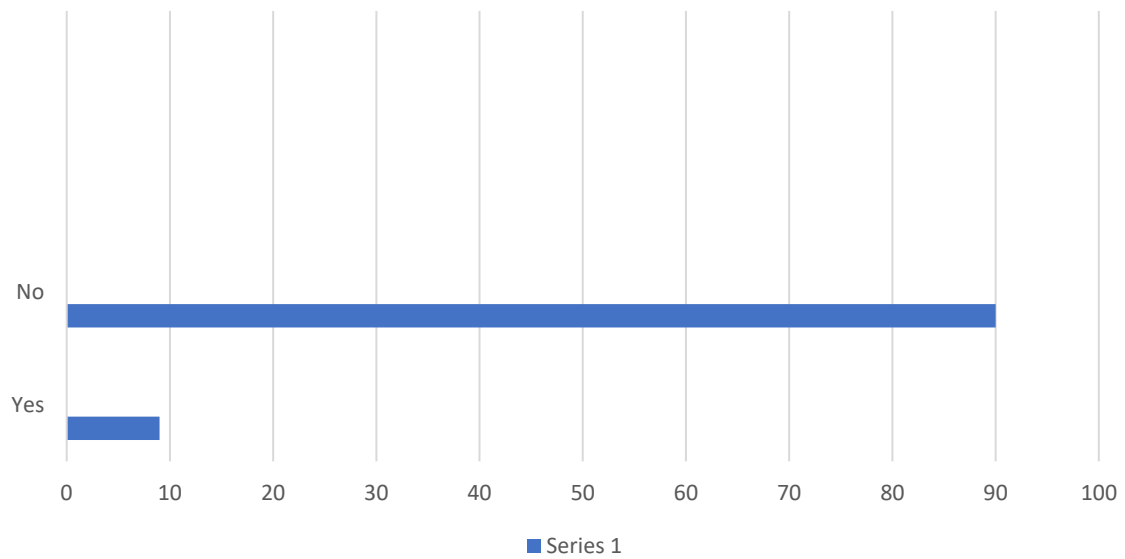
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	73	75%
No	24	25%
Totals	97	100%

With Regards to amenities in Dorney, which of the following would you most like to have available?



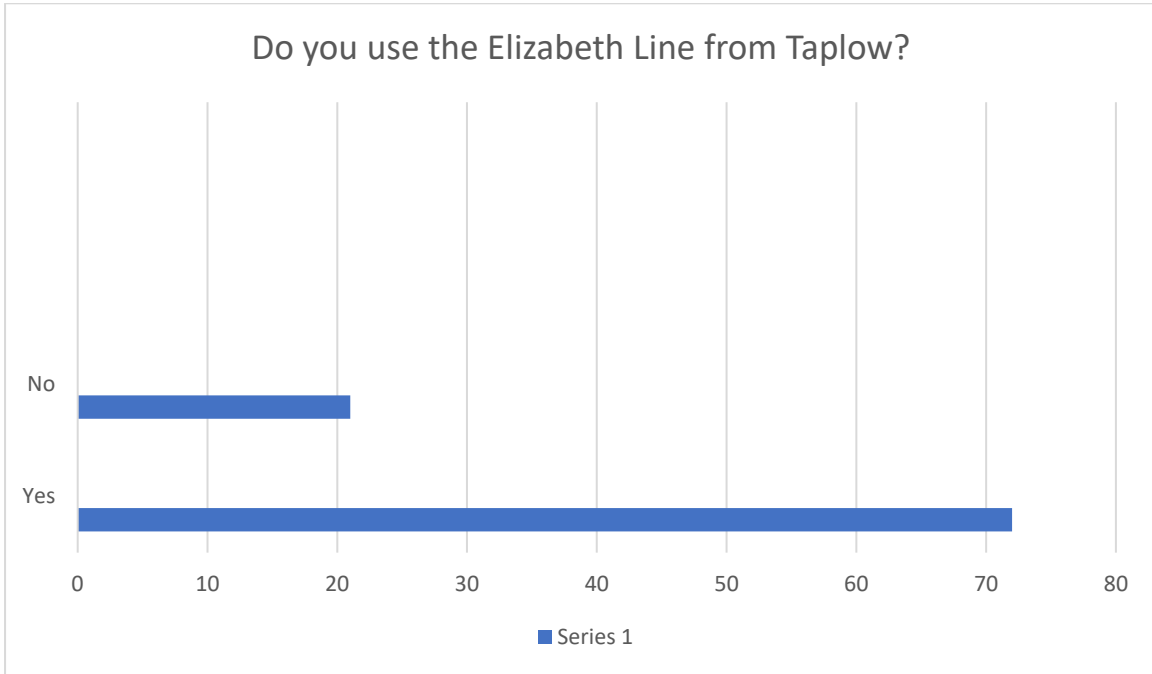
Doctors	59	63%
Dentist	1	1%
Village Shop	33	35%
Totals	93	100%

Do you use the existing bus service?

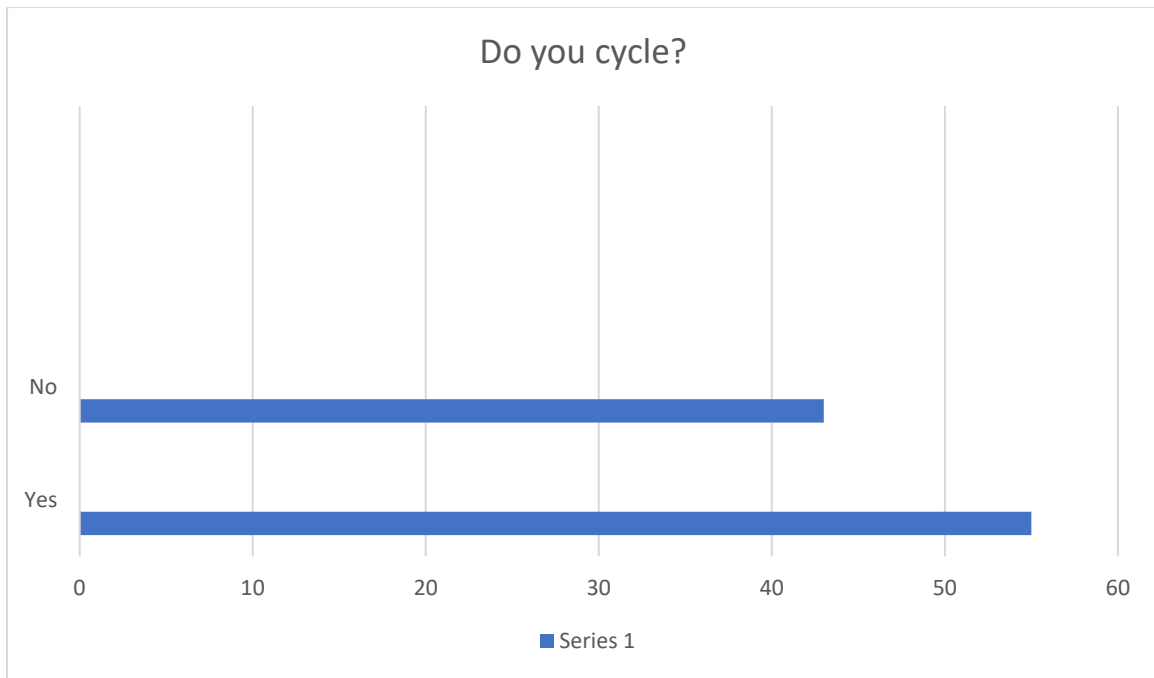


Yes	9	9%
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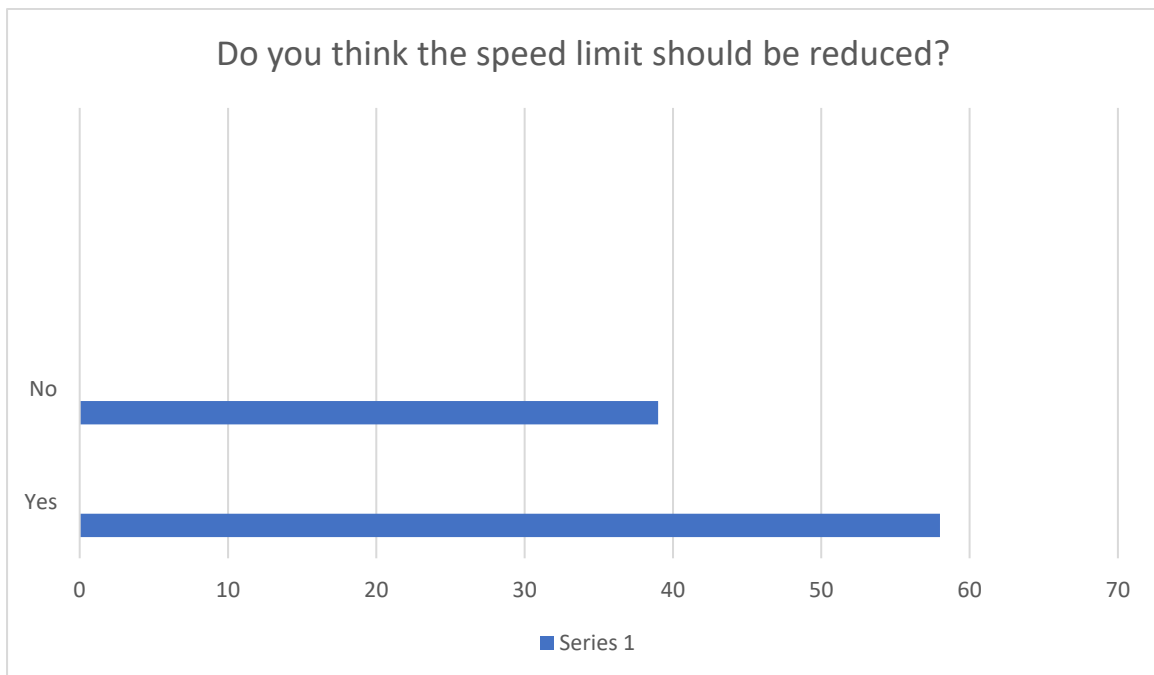
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Totals	99	100%



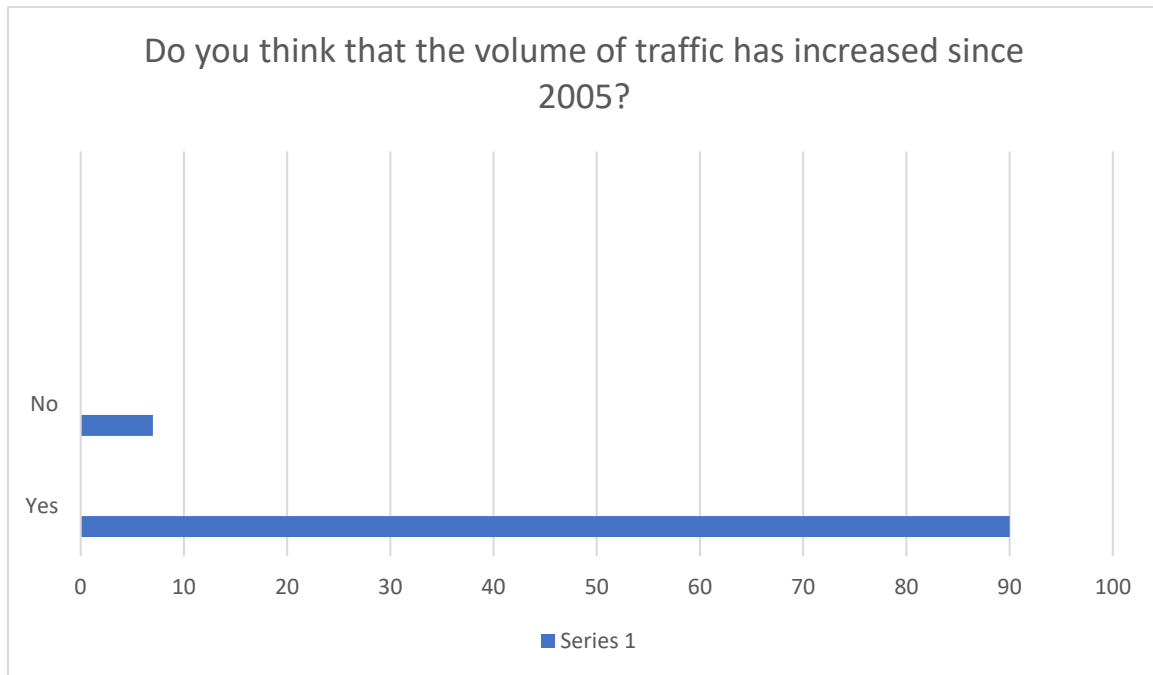
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	76	78%
No	21	22%
Totals	97	100%



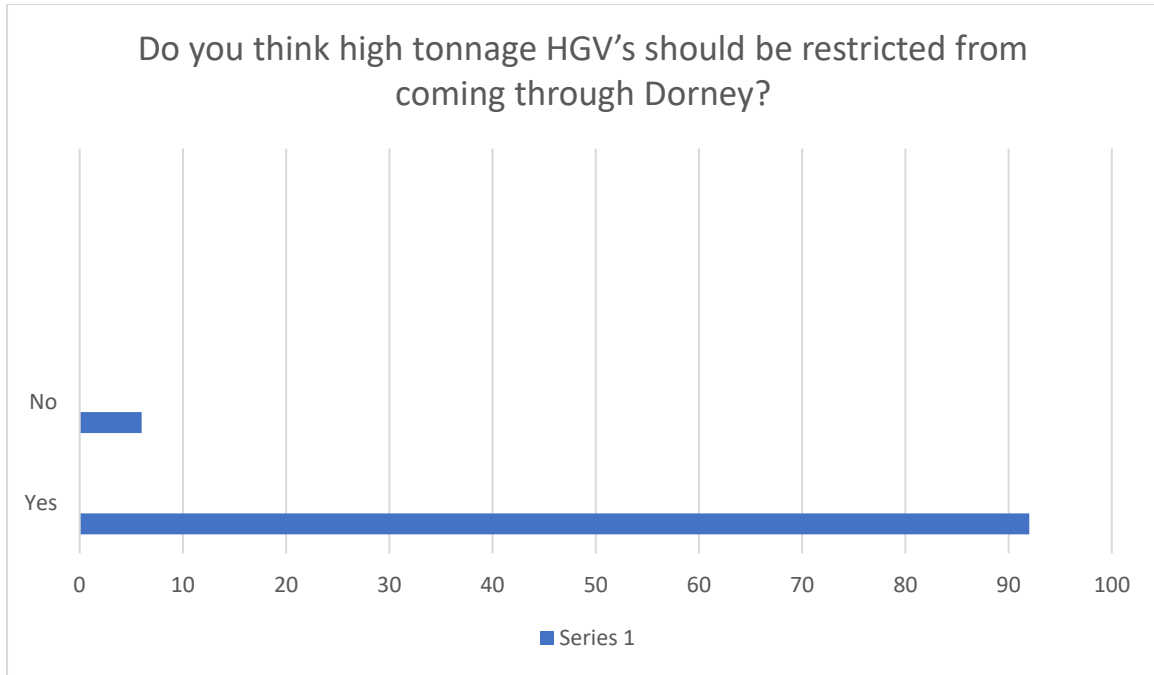
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	55	56%
No	43	44%
Totals	98	100%



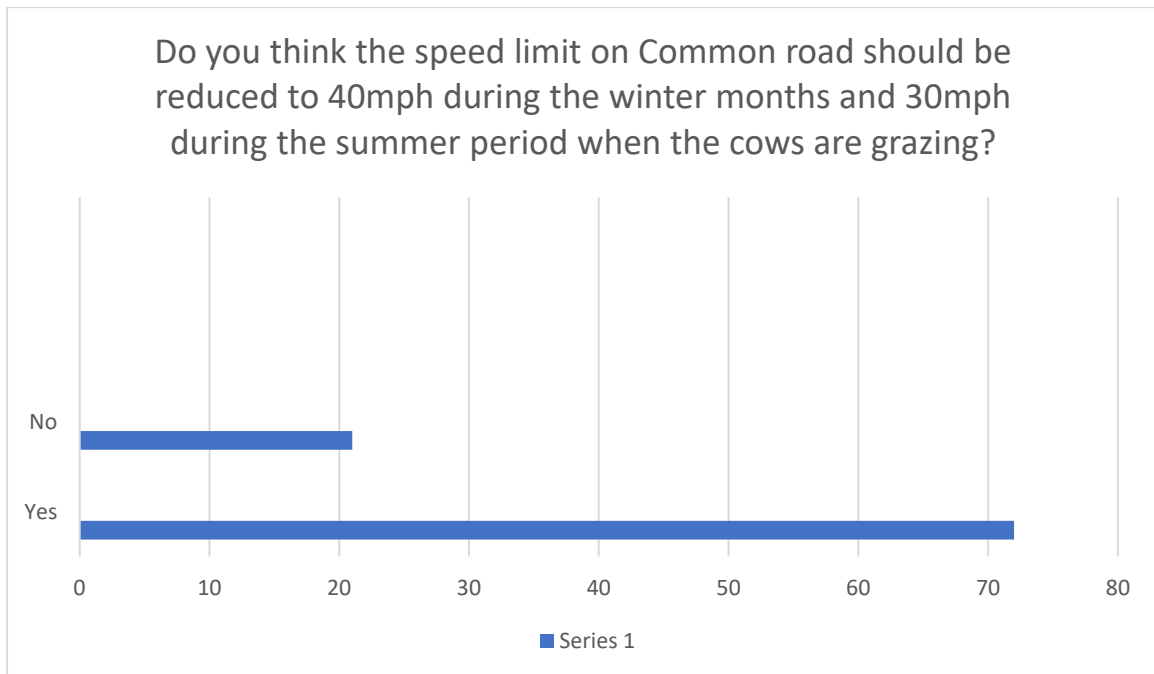
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	58	60%
No	39	40%
Totals	97	100%



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Yes	90	93%
No	7	7%
Totals	97	100%

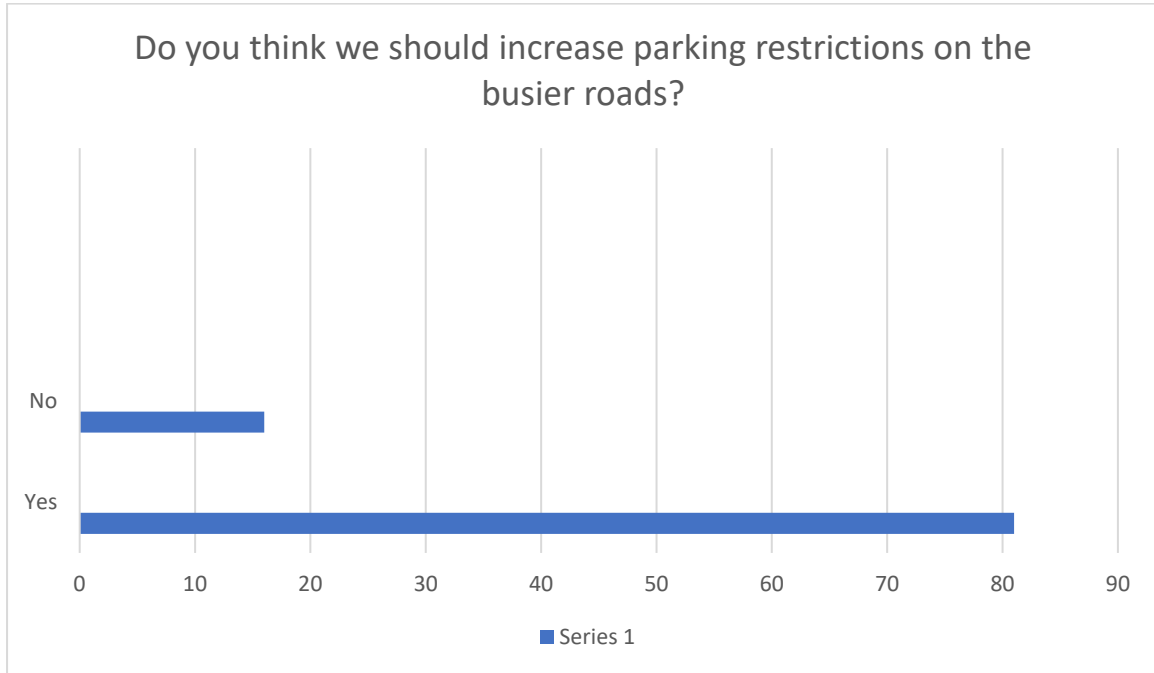


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Yes	92	94%
No	6	6%
Totals	98	100%

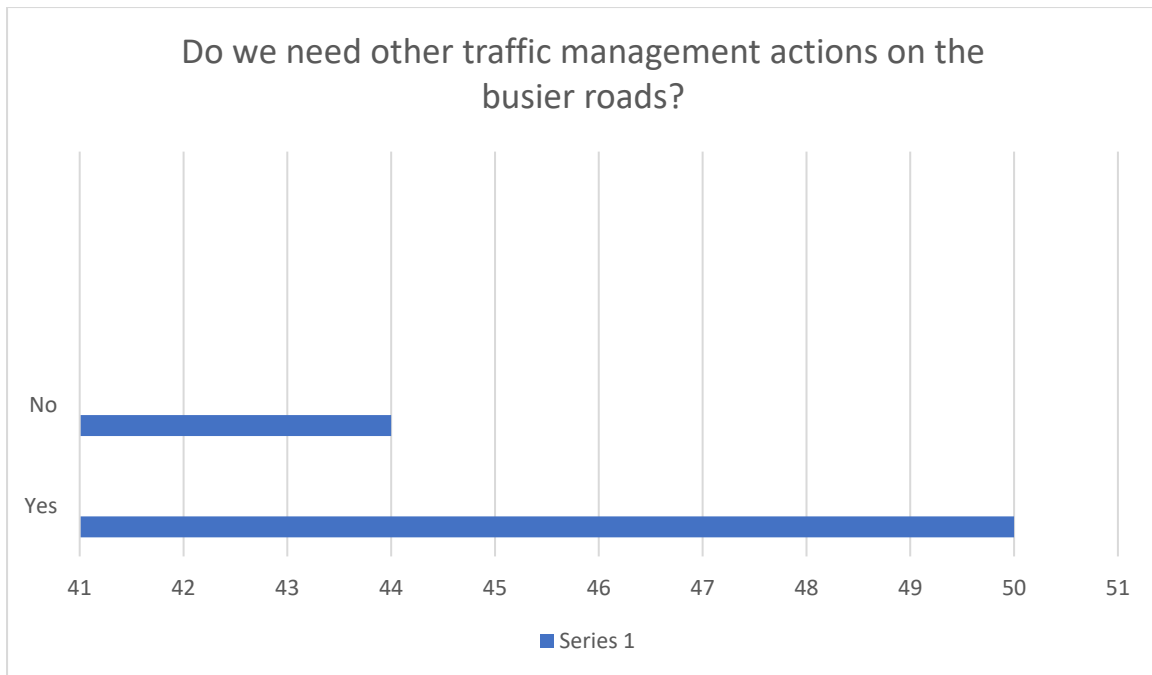


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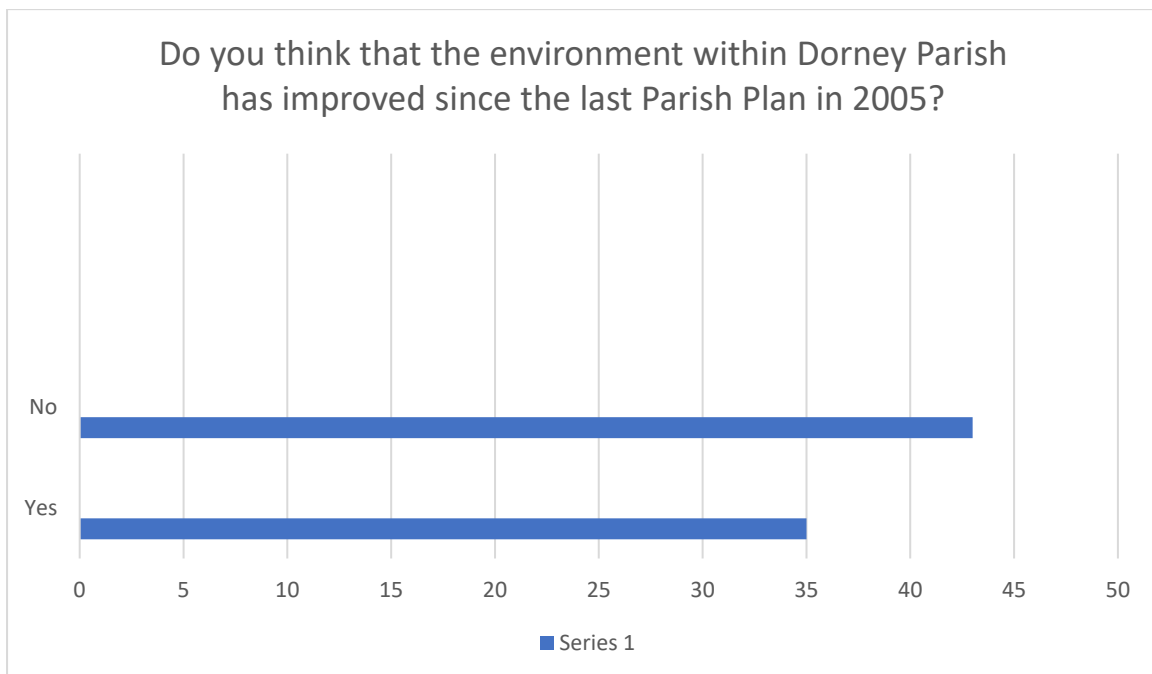
Answer	Responses	Percent
No	21	22%
Totals	97	100%



Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	81	84%
No	16	16%
Totals	97	100%

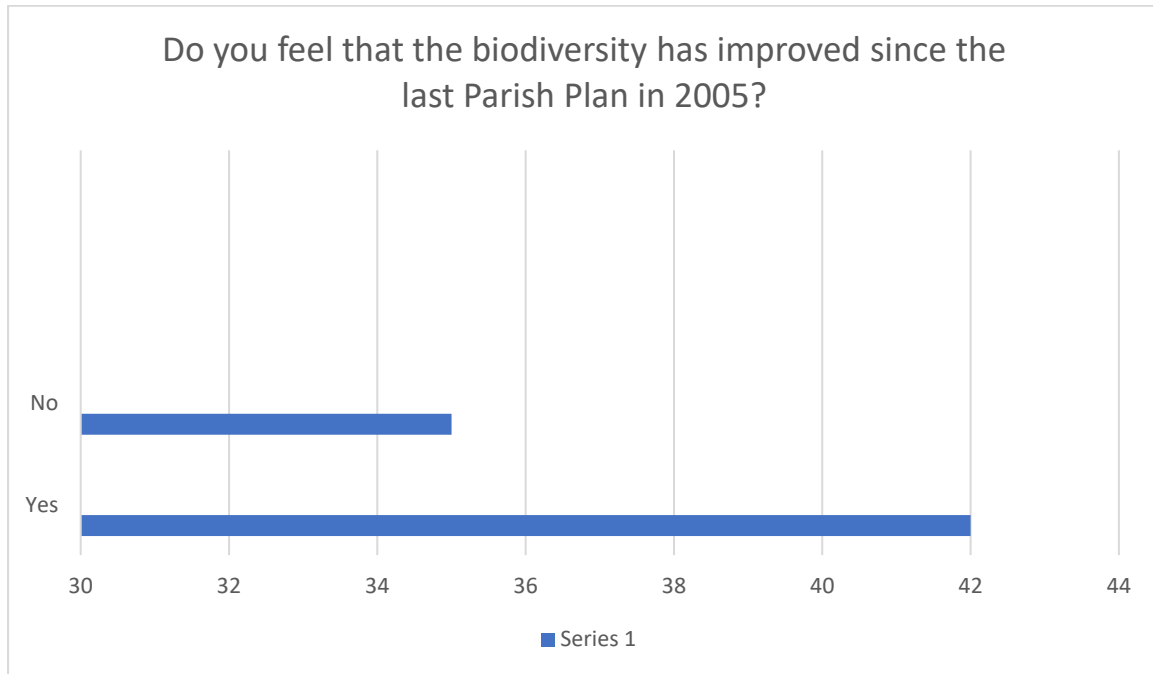


Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	50	53%
No	44	47%
Totals	94	100%

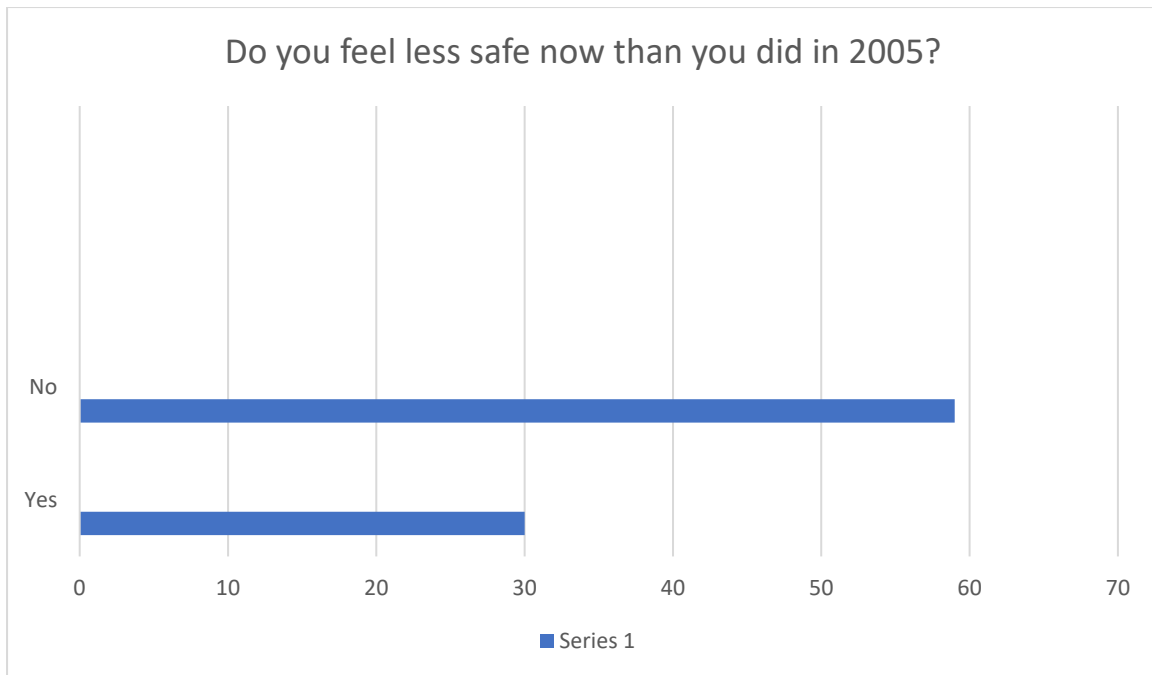


Answer	Responses	Percent
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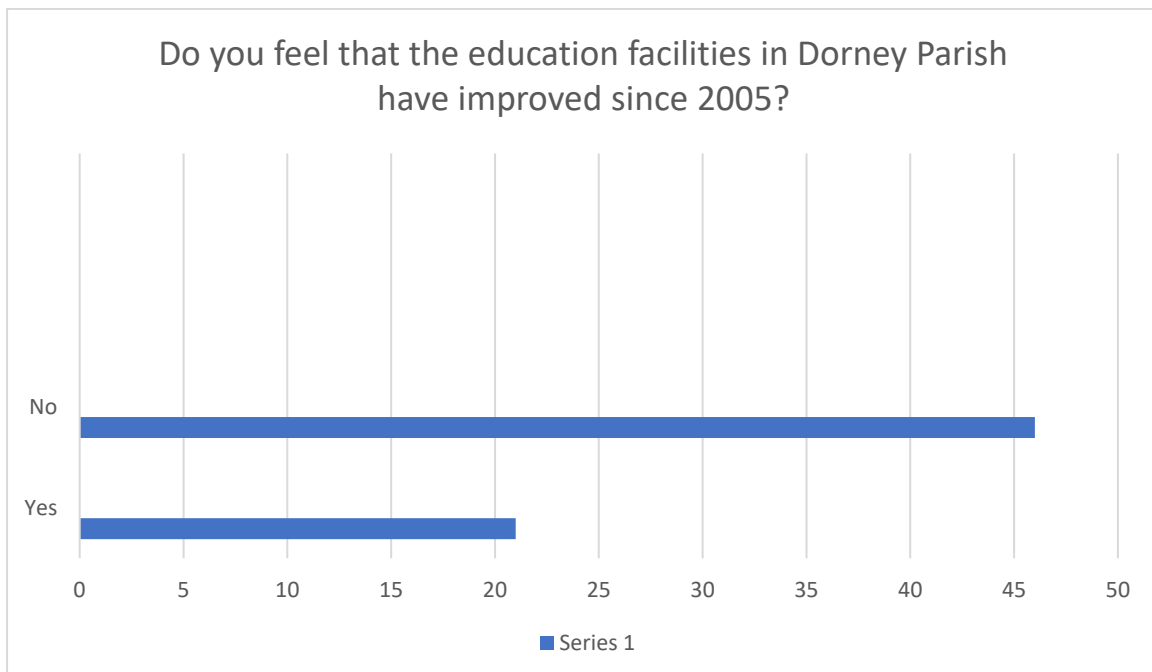
Answer	Responses	Percent
No	43	55%
Totals	78	100%



Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	42	55%
No	35	45%
Totals	77	100%



Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	30	34%
No	59	66%
Totals	89	100%



Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	21	31%
No	46	69%
Totals	67	100%

Housing Comments

Crucial that any development is in keeping with the existing property types

Design to complement existing housing. Number of new houses to be in keeping with the characteristics of the parish.

This question is impossible to answer. Each case needs to be judged on it's own merits.

The majority of the houses in Dorney are listed or very old. Any new development needs to be in keeping with the style and feel of the village.

Overdevelopment purely for profit will ruin what is currently a beautiful rural area.

Dorney Parish has some beautiful architecture and any new developments should be sympathetic and in keeping. The preservation of dark skies, wildlife and grazing are important considerations. Roads already struggle with traffic so careful planning is needed if developments are approved - which I hope they won't be in the more rural areas.

The roads around Dorney are already in a poor state of repair, and suffer from obstructive parking raising the potential traffic collision. A development close to a school which causes regular traffic congestion will worsen the situation immeasurably. A small Hamlet such as Dorney Reach cannot sustain such a level of development. Further, public transport is restricted to a single bus service and will inevitably therefore dramatically increase traffic volumes. There has already been considerable disruption of local habitats for flora and fauna which will only be worsened by a development. If houses were to be built they would be intolerably close to the motorway.

Realistically the population is growing and people need housing. The proposed numbers I have seen I feel are too high for the area and infrastructure to accommodate but refusing to accept any additional housing is unfortunately not an option in my belief so better to be open minded and discuss will hopefully lead to some sort of compromise on numbers.

Should be limited development. Not the amount that is being proposed

Heritage Comments

The Orchard Herbs Farm site needs to be resolved and all vehicles removed. Obviously more housing needs to be built, but this needs to be done without having a negative impact on the current residents

Any future housing development should only be built on brownfield sites. The current conservation areas are small considering the significant number of listed buildings in the parish and their character.

Sadly one of the worst most recent features are the two bridges which were altered and enlarged due to the digital M4 works. They further encourage excess speeds and in no way reflect an entrance into a village.

I do not know the boundaries of the Conservation Area. Green spaces and 'green belt' need not be the same thing.

Access road to Boveney is very narrow and regularly crossed by grazing cattle so development at Boveney would be unsuitable by reason of access. Other areas mentioned for development are or should be part of the Dorney green belt which together with those fields in the southern parts of Taplow and Burnham, form a small 'green zone or lung' between the urban sprawls of Slough, Windsor, and Maidenhead. This must be preserved at all costs not just for the benefit of those living in it but also for those in the surrounding areas.

Farms and buildings and surroundings that no longer have a viable economic use should be considered for sensitive development.

Dorney is a little haven of green surrounded by urban development from all sides. It should be protected as such for everyone to enjoy. There are plenty of brownfield sites to build more houses on.

Please put the preservation of nature, wildlife, farming and grazing as key considerations. It is unique and valuable to have so much active grazing land. Development where approved should be small scale and in keeping with the type and character of existing communities and hamlets.

Amenities Comments

Poorly phrased questions. What does "make use of" mean and what is a "current vista"?

Whether it is the pubs or the church or the footpaths and green spaces, having vibrant socially accessible amenities is more important than supposing that a small community warrants its own doctor, dentist or shop.

We live close to the lake and can no longer access it via the nearest gate due to the college restrictions and extensive fences. It is a terrible shame that this was installed to prevent people enjoying this amazing facility and the loss of the attractive post and rail fencing. From having enjoyed it almost daily for dog walks and for the beautiful sunrises and sunsets it has become a closed area - such a shame that this was permitted.

It is regrettable that poor behaviour and inconsiderate parking has led to seasonal closure of the lake restricting residents from using their local amenities. A pass system should be devised to allow residential access all year round.

The verges in Harcourt Road since the ungrade of the pavement look awful, throwing dug up grass back into the spaces is never going to work as the verges reflect. We also have overhead cables, when we first moved here the council used to pollard the trees to

ensure no damage would be done in the event of severe weather, why is this still not done? Rates go up and up and the few precious services we get in this area seem to be eroded more and more.

Need to restrict speed limits to 20mph

We are very fortunate to have a play area and a village hall that gets great use. We are small so I do not expect there to be a Doctors/Dentist or village shop. As residents we would love to be able to use Dorney Lake but it closed to us for 6 months of the year. I was under the impression that when permission was granted it was on the basis we as residents would have usage. I think the opening months should be reconsidered.

Dorney Lake needs to be opened up for residents. Its a disgrace that we can no longer access it during summer months!

We don't need a village shop with Tesco and Sainsbury's being a 5 minute drive away. A Doctors surgery would work well with the nearest pharmacy being in Eton Wick and Dorney Parish has an increasingly aging population. The one local facility I make most use of is Crocus at Dorney Court. It's a real focal point for the community.

if we have to suffer more development please, please supply us with a Doctors surgery that is at least fit for purpose.

Travel Comments

The area of Dorney and surrounding areas is, rightly, used by people from outside the area. However, problems with parking and litter so impact the residents

The parish but especially Dorney Village needs more parking facilities. Especially required in the summer as the village gets congested frequently

Parking restrictions are ineffective due to non 'policing'. Speed bumps and yellow lines do not reflect the semi rural status. Some areas would benefit for increasing the wooden posts to prevent blocking pavement and some entry/exit areas.

I would support a speedlimit reduction for the Parish of Dorney to a flat 30mph. Common a reduction to 40mph all year round I would support.

Volume of traffic has increased especially as a cut through

With Taplow station being on the Elizabeth line ,parking will increasingly become an issue near the station (and cause congestion on Lake End Road with inconsiderate parking), so consideration should be given to developing more parking arrangements near the station (albeit outside of Dorney Parish).

40mph over the Common is a good idea, but changing sometimes it is 40mph, sometimes it is 30mph will not work.

Take action to restrict parking near the Pineapple that obscures view of traffic when emerging from Ashford Lane. Take action to stop unlawful use of Orchard Herbs site

The traffic is horrific. Like other villages in the area: 1. HGVs should be for access only, 2. The speed limits should be reduced to 20 in the village; and 3. implement speed restricting measures such as chicanes. We all know Dorney is used as a cut through from Burnham to Slough and this needs to be discouraged.

HGVs are needed for farm and equine deliveries, for clearing septic tanks etc. I don't welcome more parking restrictions as parked cars are a good traffic calming measure and encourage slower speeds and more careful driving. I agree with protecting the cows. More road repairs would be welcome.

Environment Comments

Only recently moved into the area so difficult to comment on some of these questions

The environment has improved. Although teenagers have little facilities within the parish. Hence the issue of scramble bikes on the Common and the Jubilee river land, which spoils these environmental areas.

Safety as a pedestrian has deteriorated due to excess speed limits and pavement parking in some areas.

I cannot remember 2005. Education facilities? Is this a judgement on Dorney School?

I have only been resident since 2020 but the area continues to improve and the wildlife is fantastic.

The pointless M4 scheme has resulted in significant loss of local habitat for plants and animals and has worsened the noise profile in certain parts of the village

The smart motorway works and bridge improvements decimated the biodiversity of the area. Lots of trees and foliage were removed, building materials and traffic barriers to control movement eroded the village feel. There is also an increasing pressure on recreational facilities in the area. Every weekend visitors to the jubilee river leave rubbish behind. The facilities are and should be for public use but we need a better system in place to deal with the rubbish left behind that damages the environment. We need to be creative in our response can we try some of these ideas?

<https://theknowledgeexchangeblog.com/2018/01/10/from-big-data-to-creative-bininfrastructure-new-ideas-for-tackling-litter/>

It would be nice if the Rowing Lake was available for the Residents to use all year round.

I don't know about the education in Dorney as have no small children

Some of these questions are very hard to answer. Yes/no possibly isn't the correct way to get answers to help with future plans

Any Other Comments

A common complaint is the poor state of the roads within the parish which needs to be addressed.

1. Potholes - somebody needs to fix roads
2. Traffic volume needs to be significantly reduced because of noise pollution, and is currently a rat run through common road

It is regrettable that Eton College feel the need to sell off property to potential developers that may well ruin our beautiful local environment.

I am aware of the plan by Eton College to develop the farm buildings on Boveney Road. As a local resident directly affected by this proposal I fully object to the scale and content of the application which doubles the size of the hamlet. This pursuit of cash is inappropriate and would set a precedent for other areas within the parish to be developed and spoiled.

Dorney is increasingly used as a cut through between Eton and Taplow the excessive traffic and occasional loutish behaviour spoils a traditional English village with a long and fascinating history and wonderful wildlife. This ruins enjoyment by its local residents.

Thank you for letting us have a say.

We need to protect Dorney Reach as a small village

Could the council strongly suggest that after putting up with the building of the rowing lake for a very long time, the least Eton College could do is furnish all residents a permit so we can enjoy the facilities.

Parking, speeding, - the village is a fast road to the M4 for heavy traffic. Our old house shakes when these lorries charge past.

That's a very broad question!