

RESULTS OF THE DORNEY PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE



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Introduction

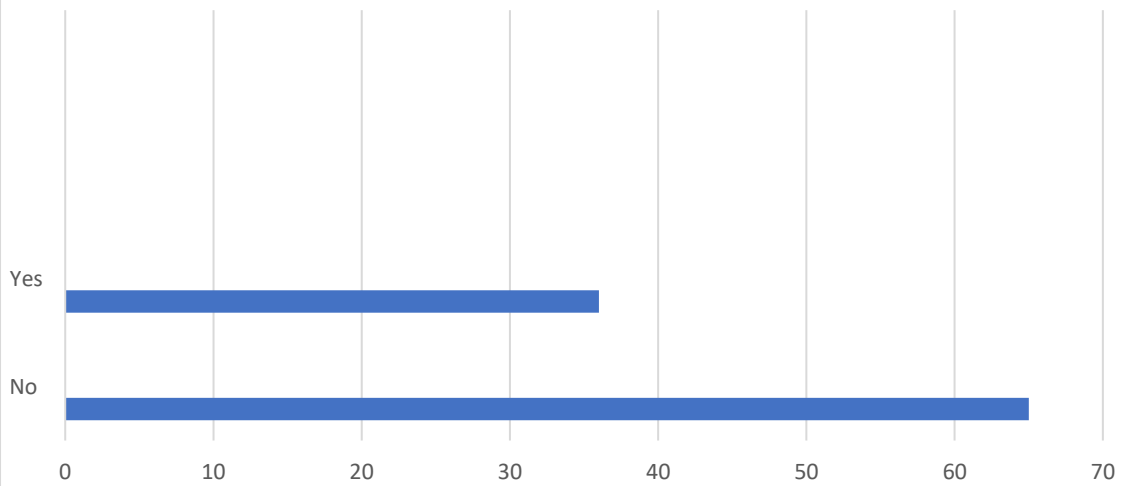
After close of business on the 16th of June, we had 113 responses to the questionnaire. Not all of those responding completed all of the questionnaire so it is difficult without a great deal of analysis to work out who did what.

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

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.

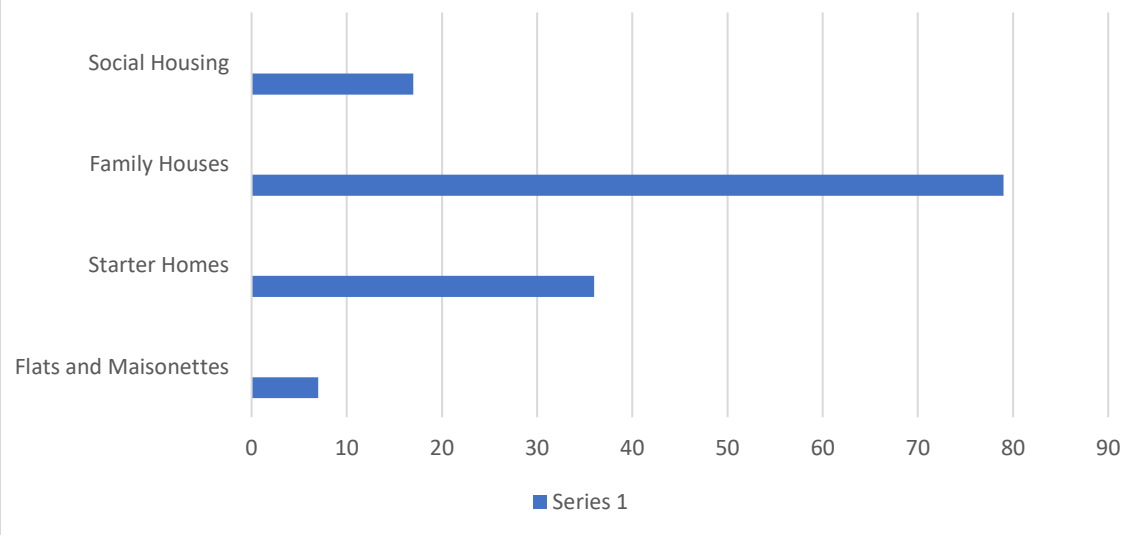
55 people provided their emails for updates and therefore the system for communicating with them needs agreement.

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



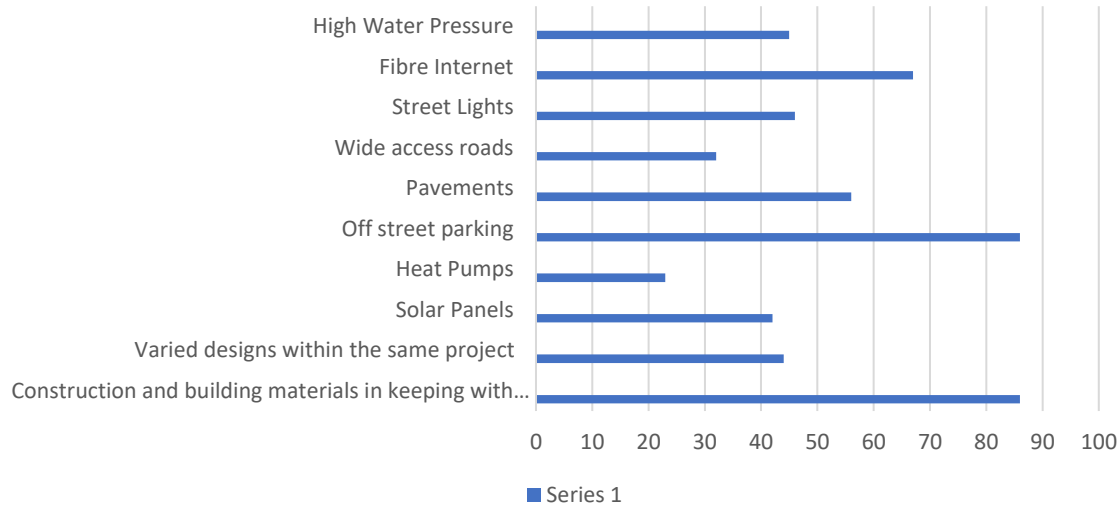
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	36	36%
No	65	64%
Totals	101	100%

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



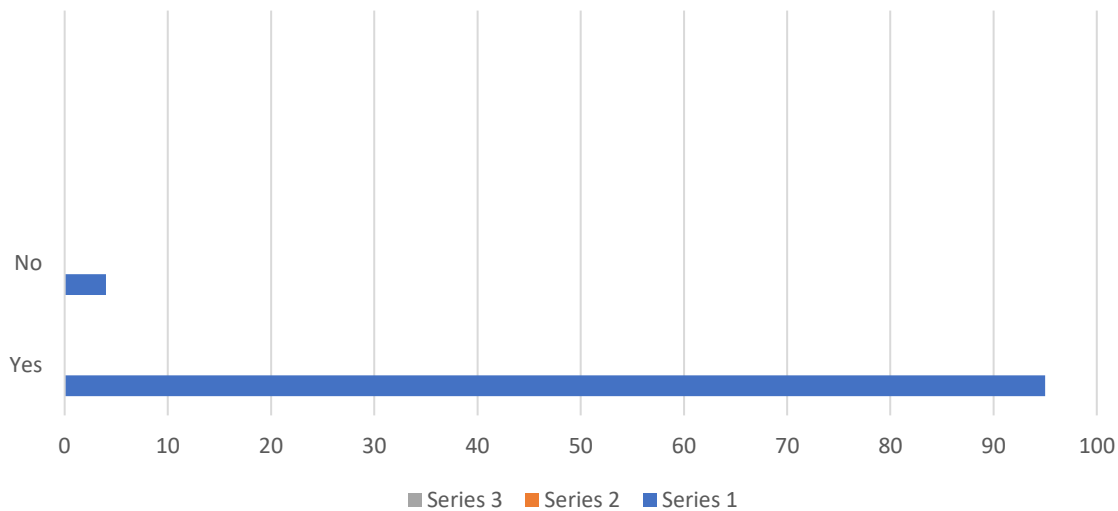
Flats/Maisonettes	7	5%
Starter Homes	36	26%
Family Houses	79	57%
Social Housing	17	12%
Totals	139	100%

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



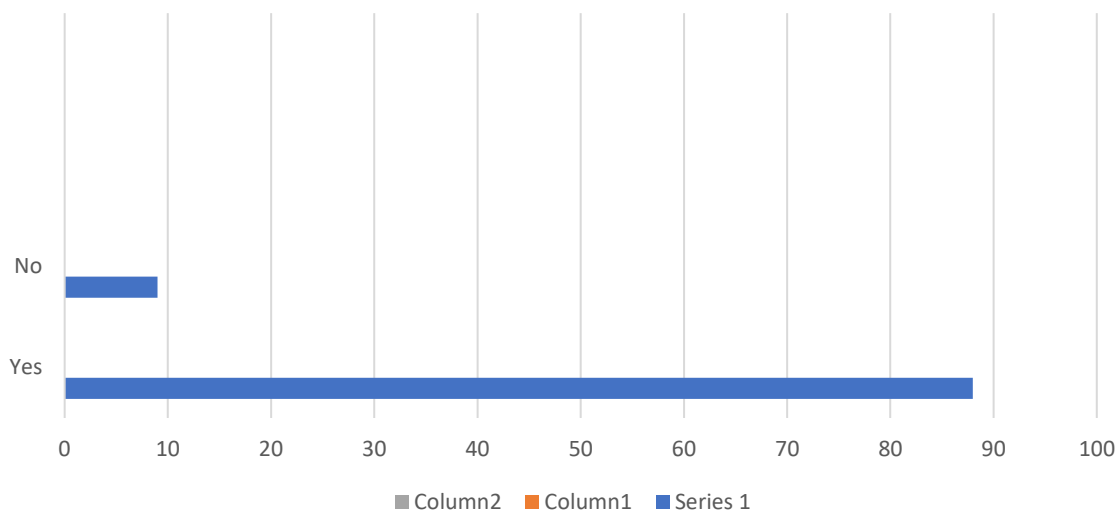
Answer	Responses	Percent
Construction and building materials in keeping with the area	86	16%
Varied designs within the same project	44	8%
Solar Panels	42	8%
Heat Pumps	23	4%
Off street parking	86	16%
Pavements	56	11%
Wide access roads	32	6%
Street Lights	46	9%
Fibre Internet	67	13%
High Water Pressure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

Do you think the green spaces and Green Belt in Dorney need to be protected from future development?



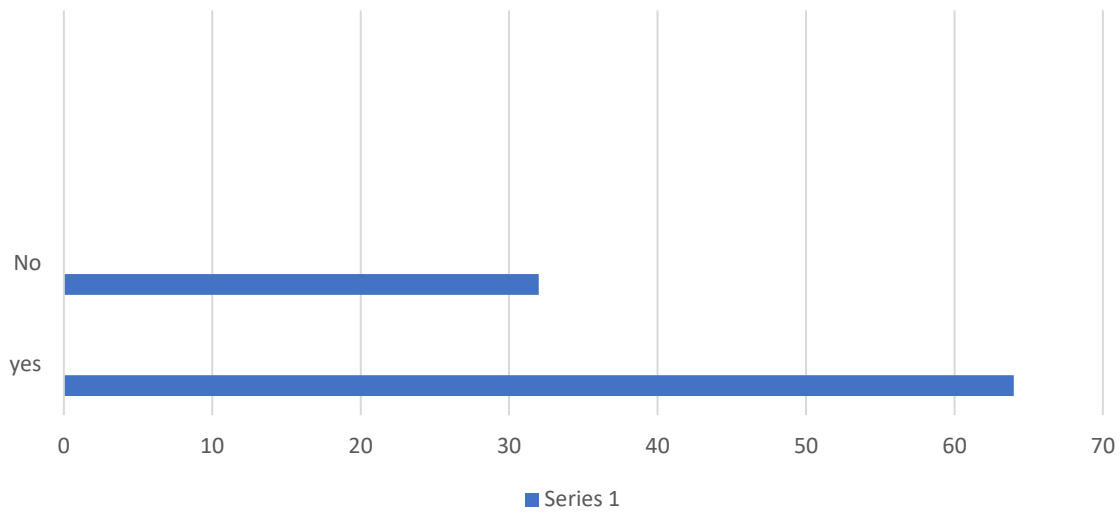
Yes	95	95%
No	5	5%
Totals	100	100%

Do you think that the farms and fields in the parish should be restricted to agricultural use?



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

Do you think the Conservation Area in Dorney Parish should be extended?

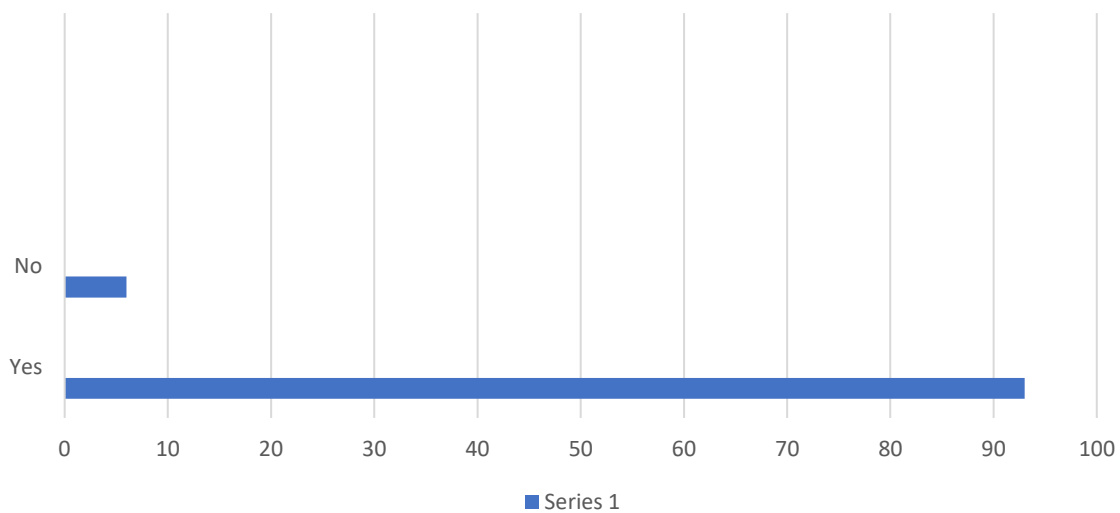


Yes	64	66%
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No	33	34%
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Totals	97	100%
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Do you think the areas used for grazing should be protected for that use?



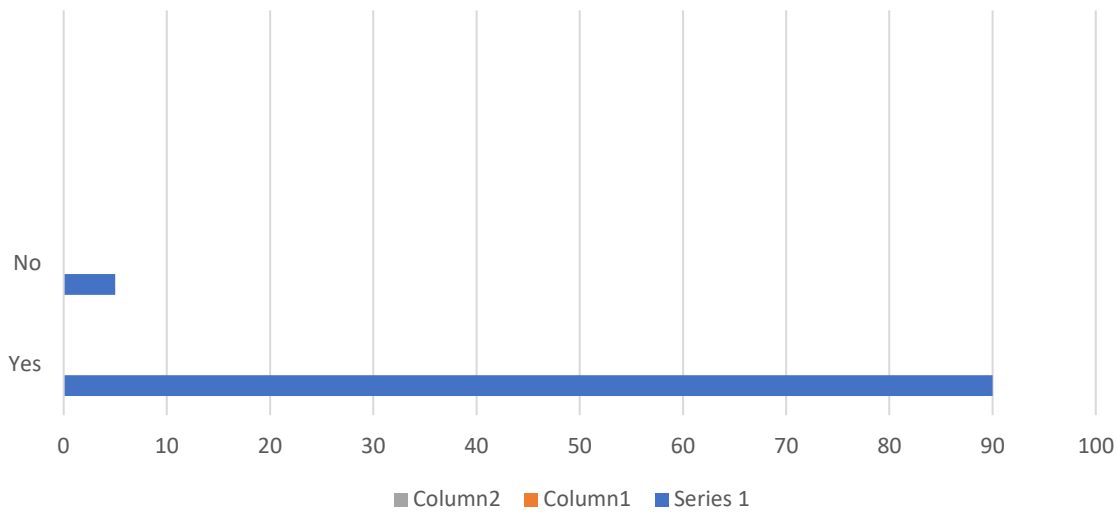
Answer	Responses	Percent
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Yes	93	94%
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No	6	6%
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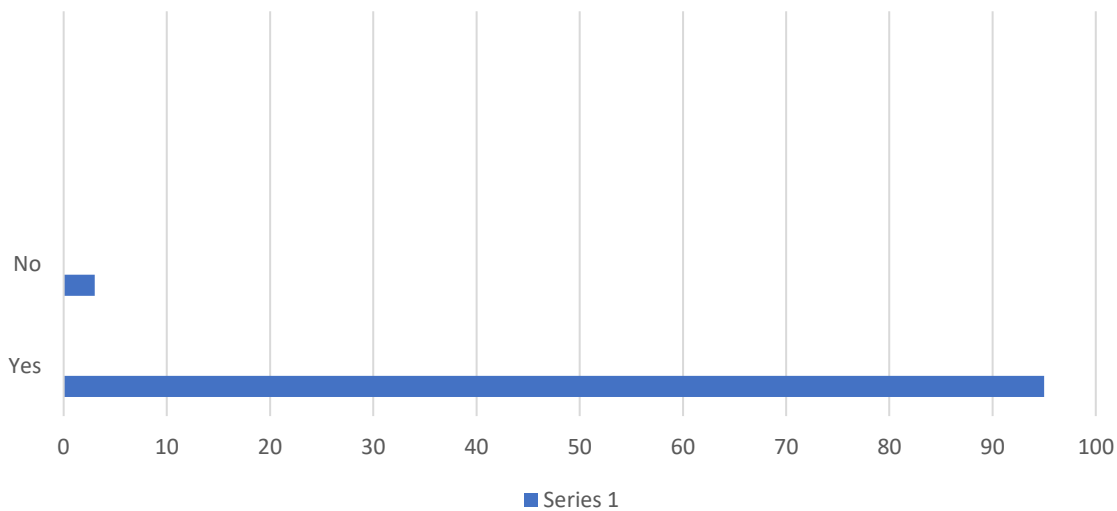
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Do you think that development should be restricted to brownfield sites?



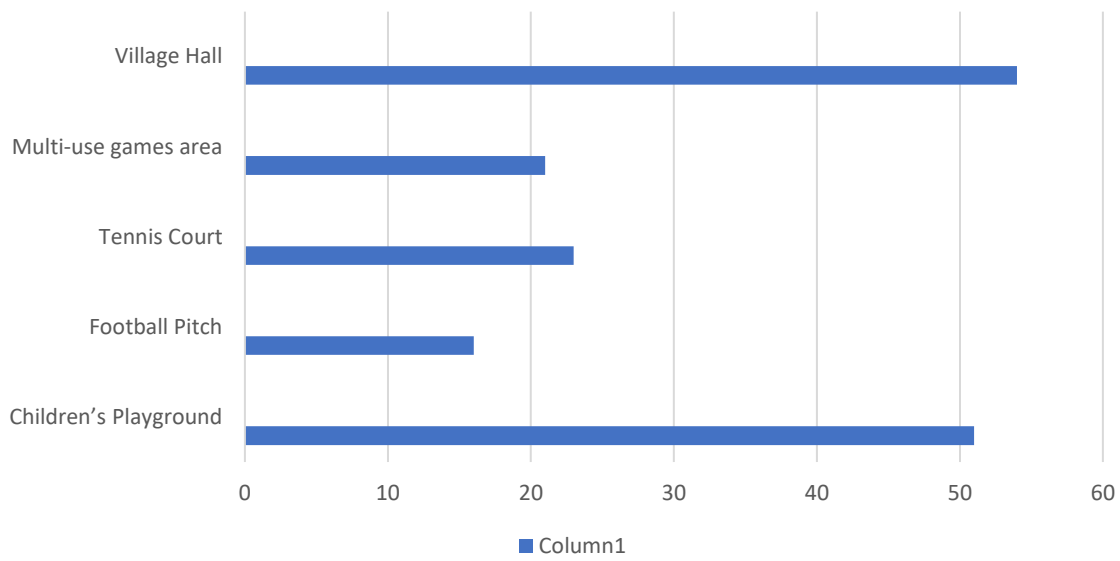
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Yes	90	94%
No	6	6%
Totals	96	100%

Do you think that all road approaches and surrounds into the Parish should reflect the character of Dorney?



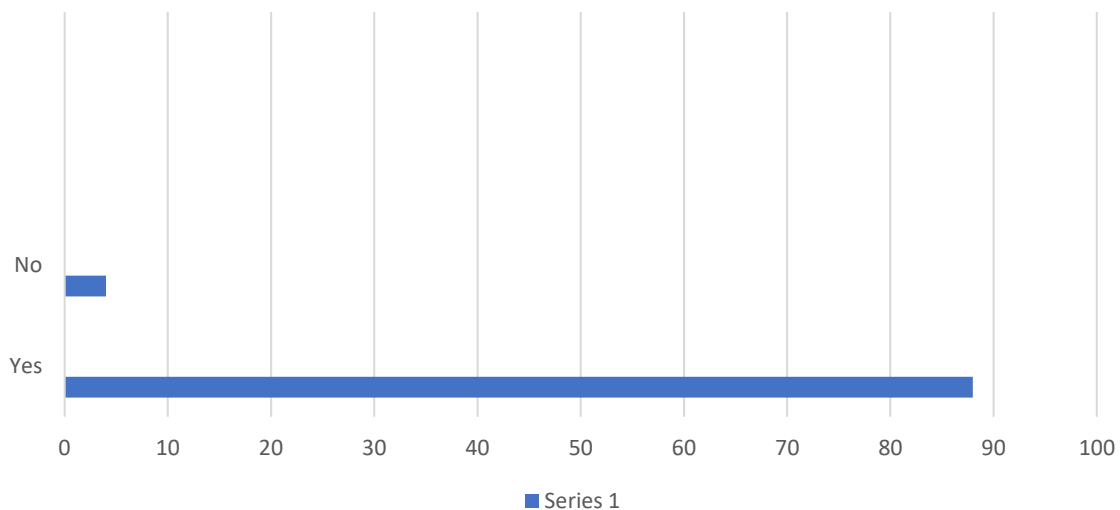
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	95	97%
No	3	3%
Totals	98	100%

Do you make use of any of the following in Trumper's Field?

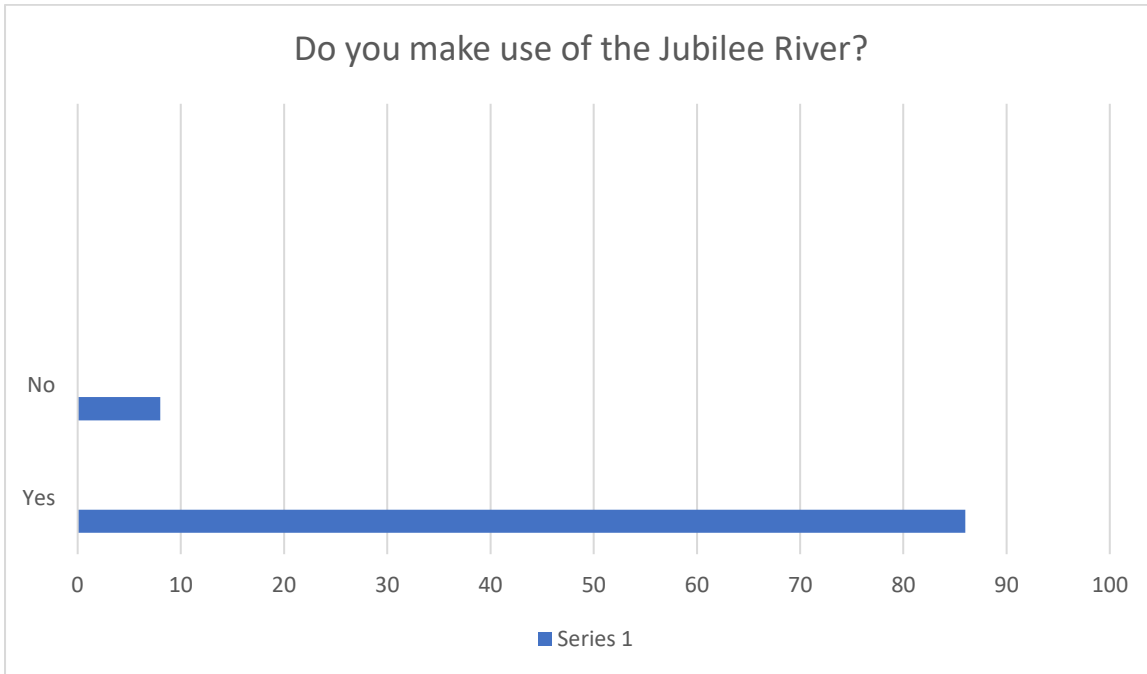


Answer	Responses	Percent
Children's Playground	51	31%
Football Pitch	16	10%
Tennis Court	23	14%
Multi-use games area	21	13%
Village Hall	56	34%
Totals	167	100%

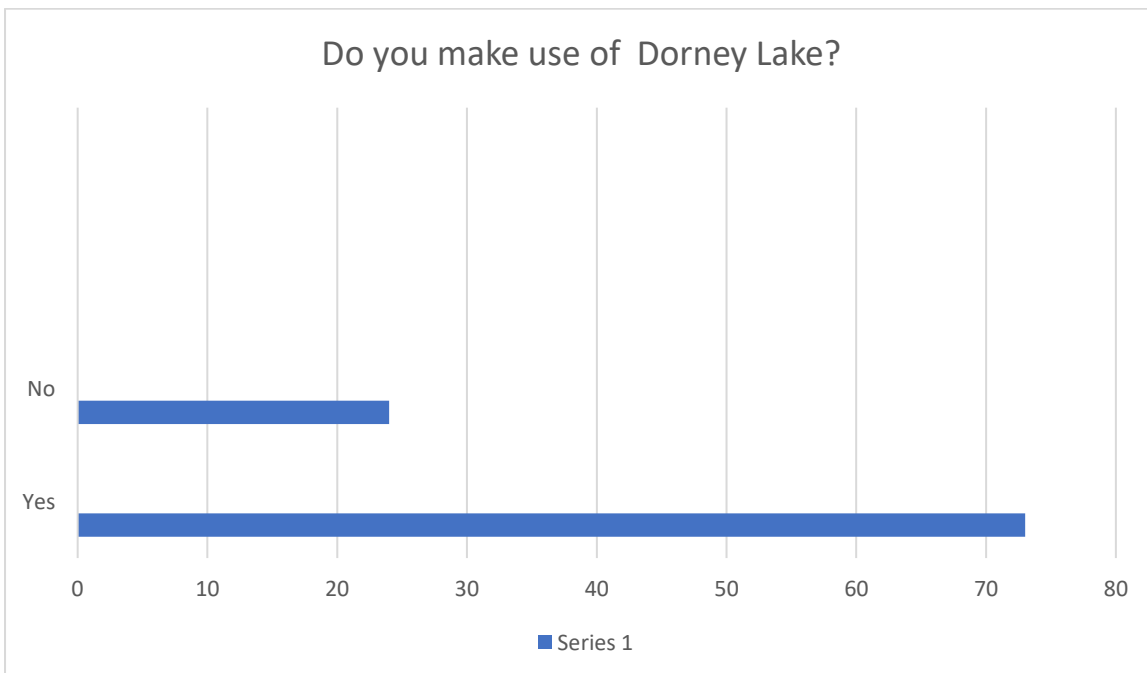
Do you think the current vistas within the Parish need protection?



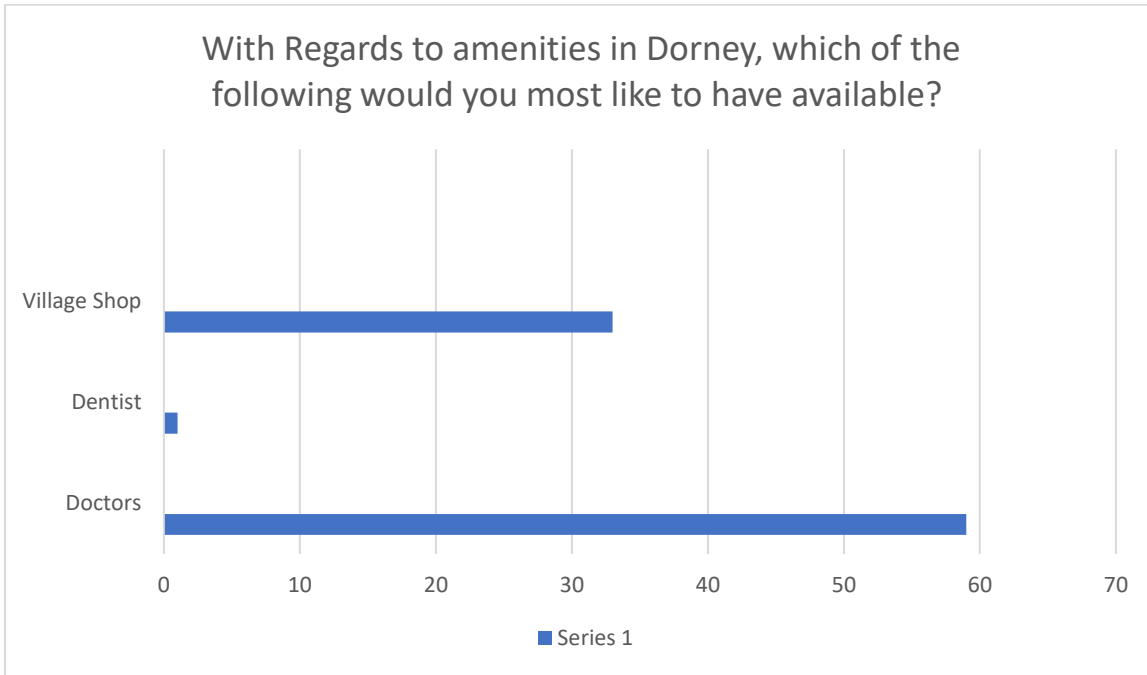
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	88	96%
No	4	4%
Totals	92	100%



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

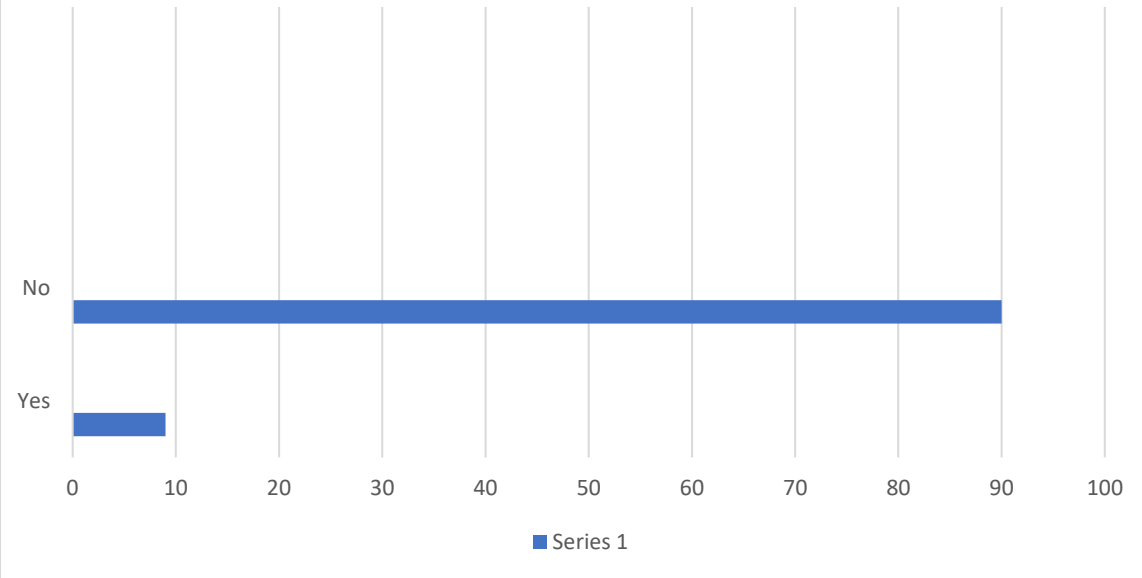


Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	73	75%
No	24	25%
Totals	97	100%



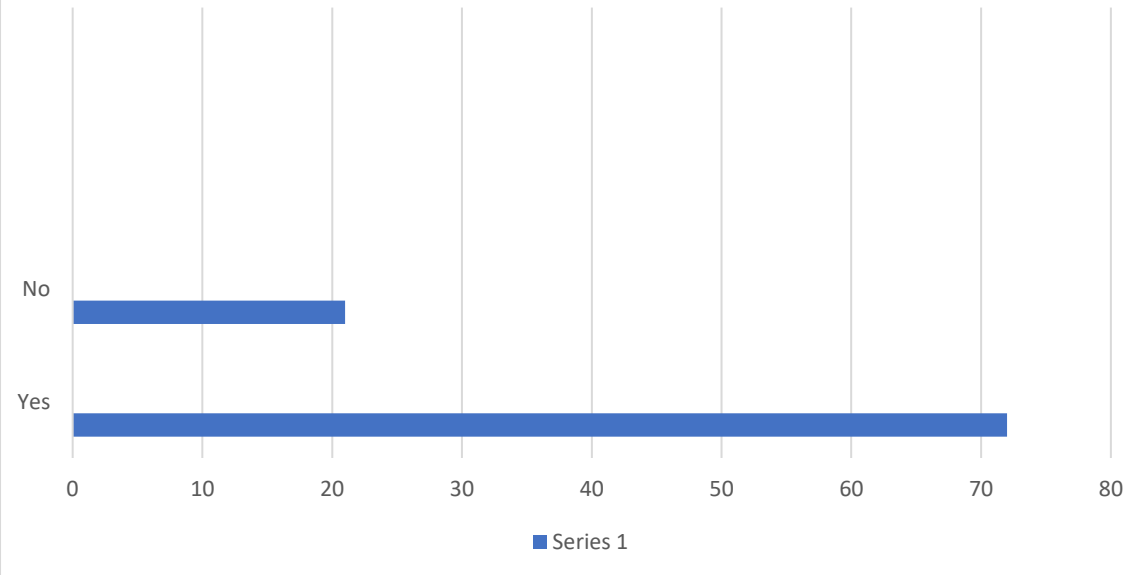
Doctors	59	63%
Dentist	1	1%
Village Shop	33	35%
Totals	93	100%

Do you use the existing bus service?

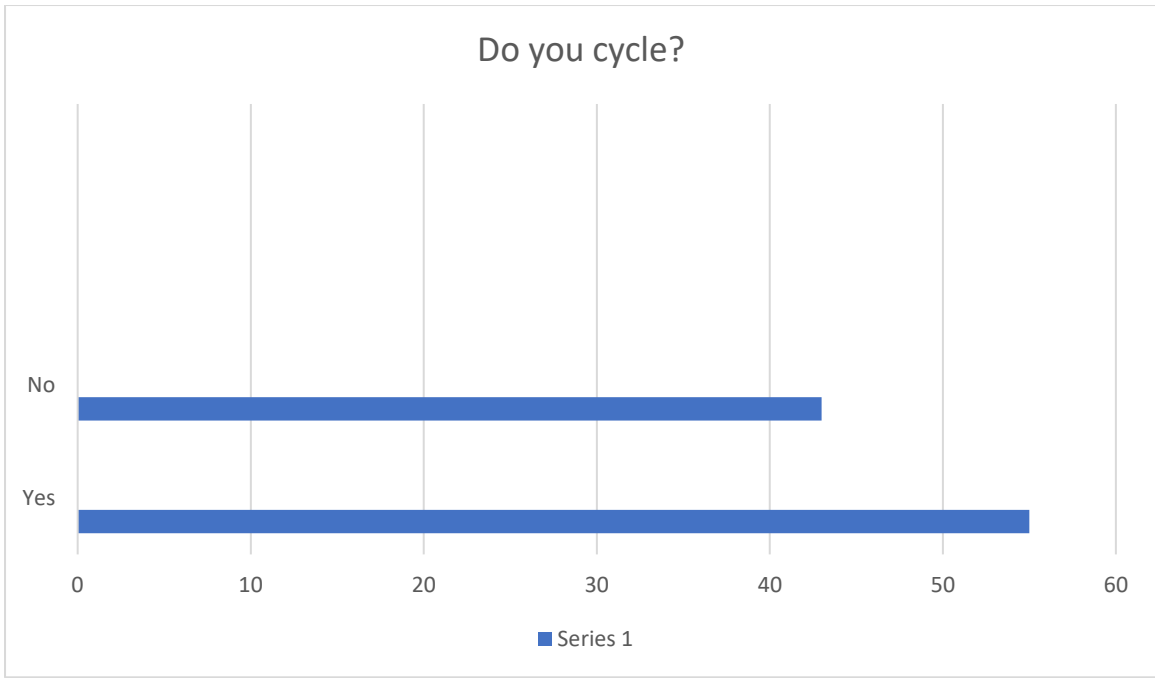


Yes	9	9%
No	90	91%
Totals	99	100%

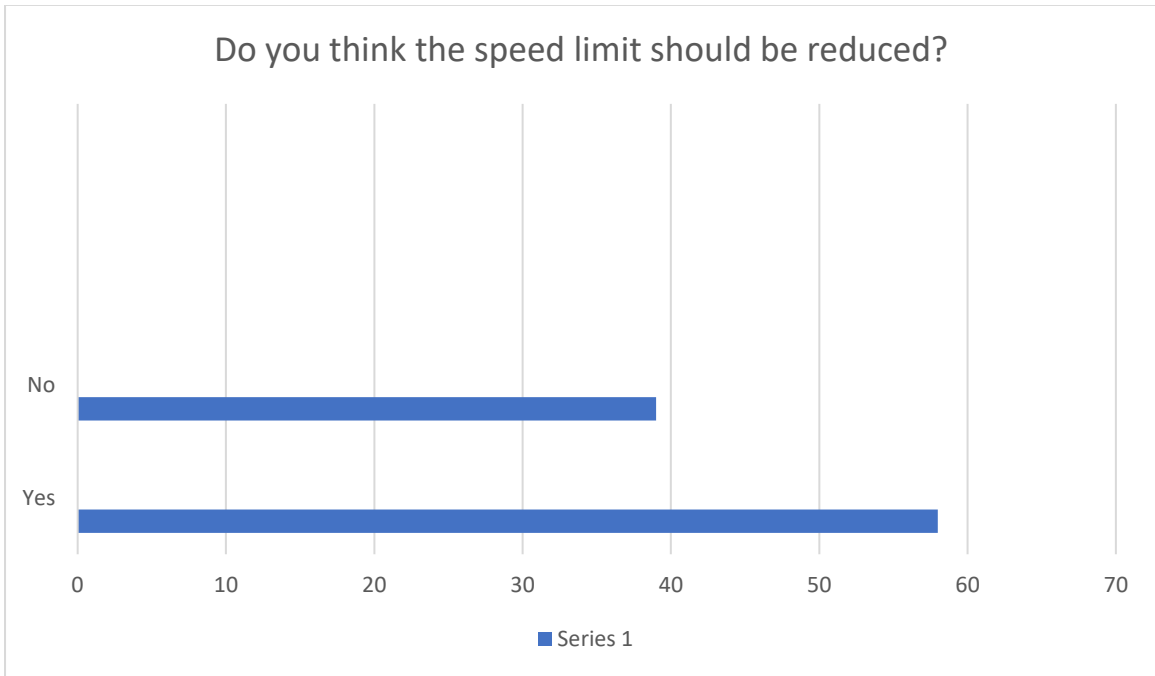
Do you use the Elizabeth Line from Taplow?



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

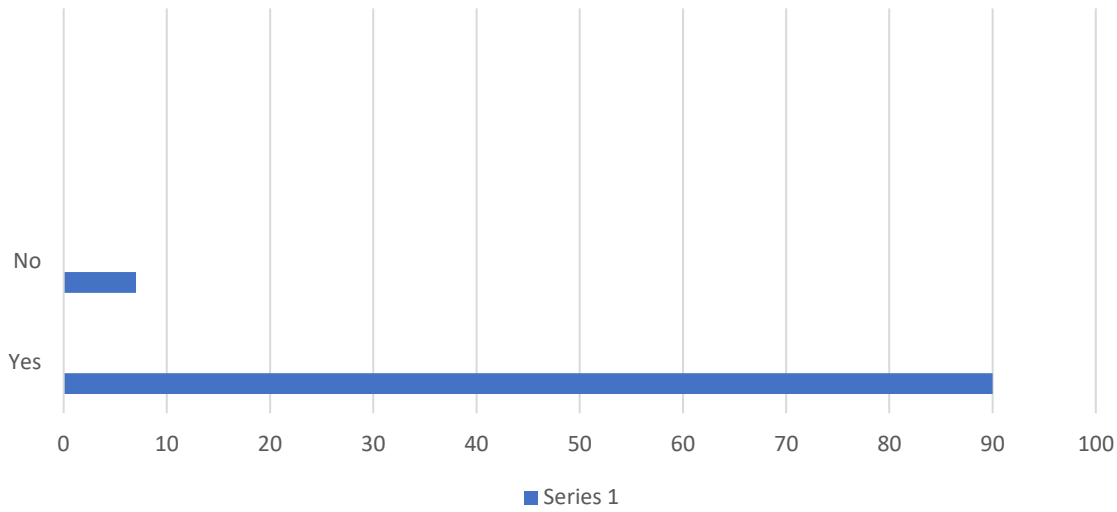


Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	55	56%
No	43	44%
Totals	98	100%



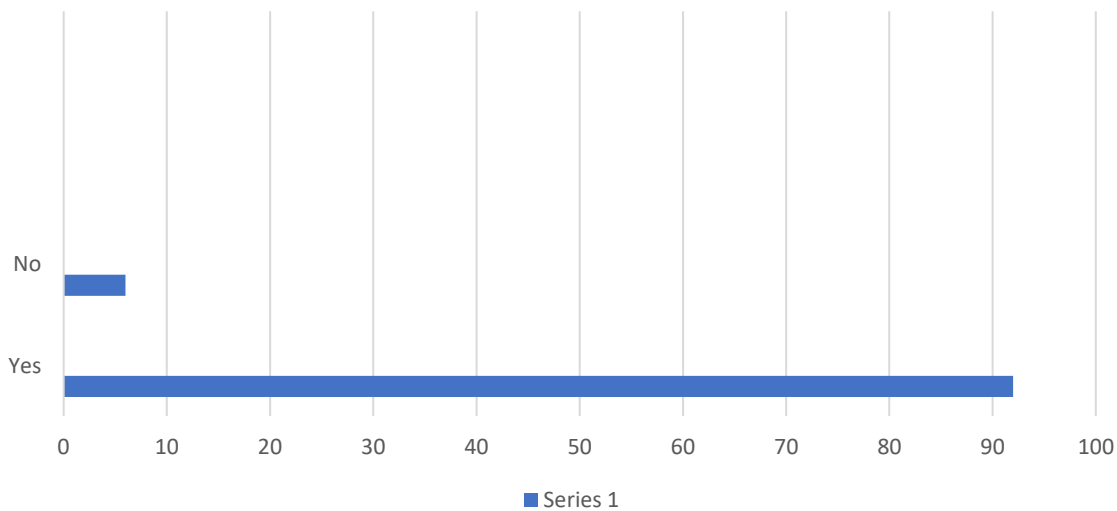
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	58	60%
No	39	40%
Totals	97	100%

Do you think that the volume of traffic has increased since 2005?



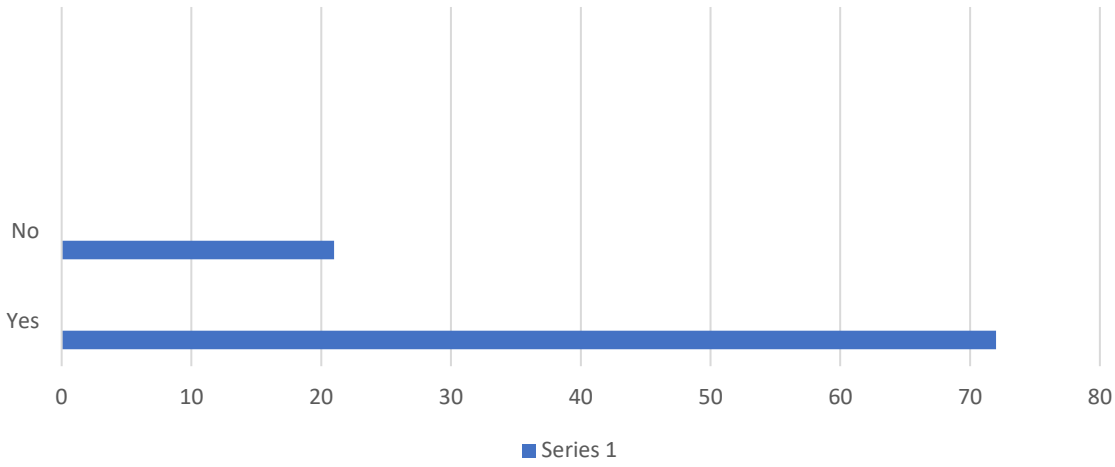
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	90	93%
No	7	7%
Totals	97	100%

Do you think high tonnage HGV's should be restricted from coming through Dorney?



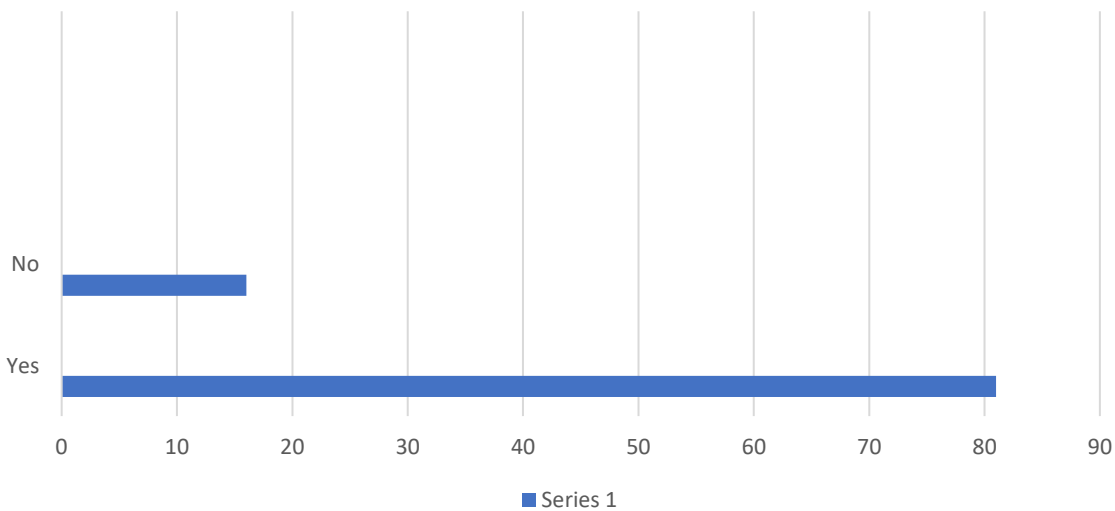
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	92	94%
No	6	6%
Totals	98	100%

Do you think the speed limit on Common road should be reduced to 40mph during the winter months and 30mph during the summer period when the cows are grazing?



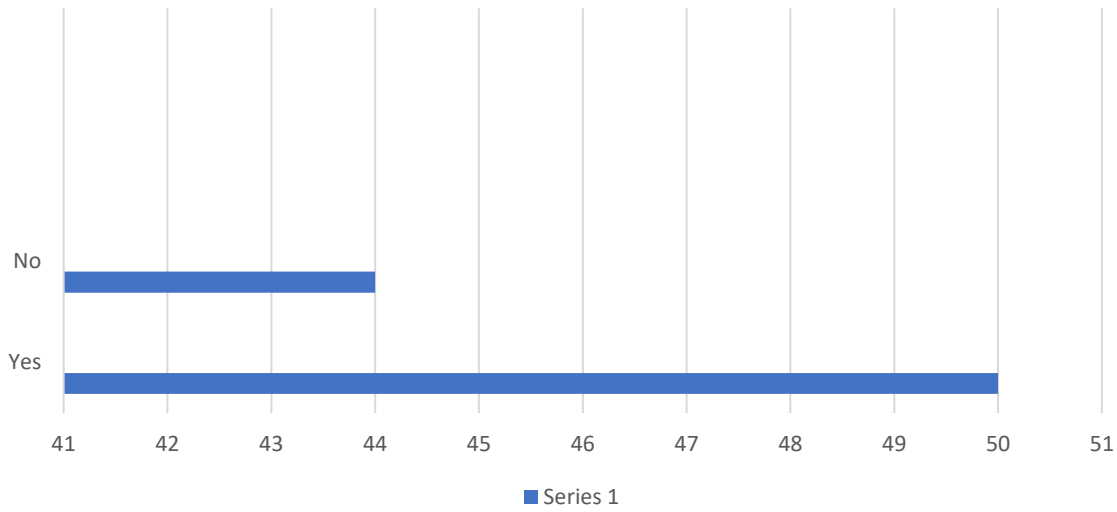
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	76	78%
No	21	22%
Totals	97	100%

Do you think we should increase parking restrictions on the busier roads?



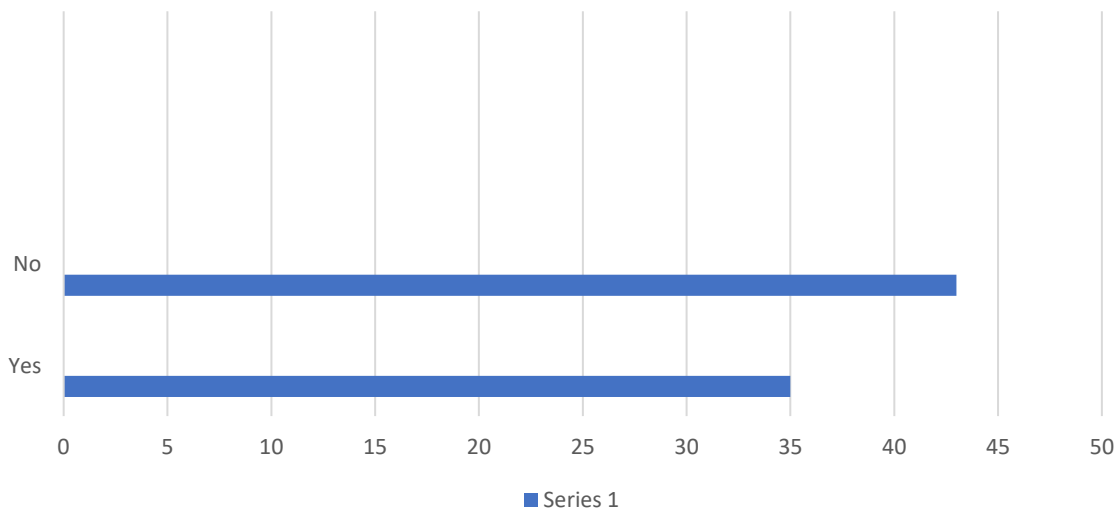
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	81	84%
No	16	16%
Totals	97	100%

Do we need other traffic management actions on the busier roads?



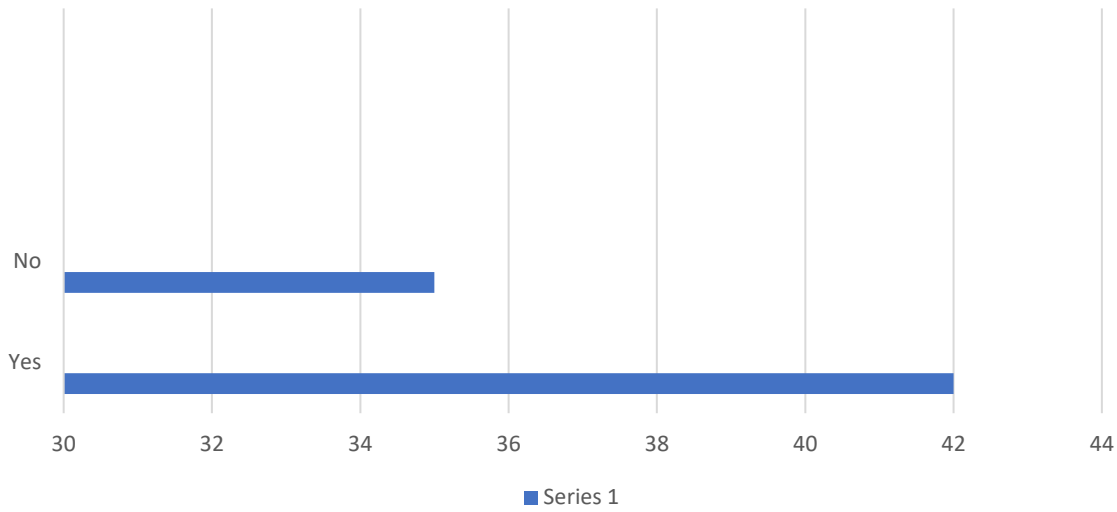
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	50	53%
No	44	47%
Totals	94	100%

Do you think that the environment within Dorney Parish has improved since the last Parish Plan in 2005?



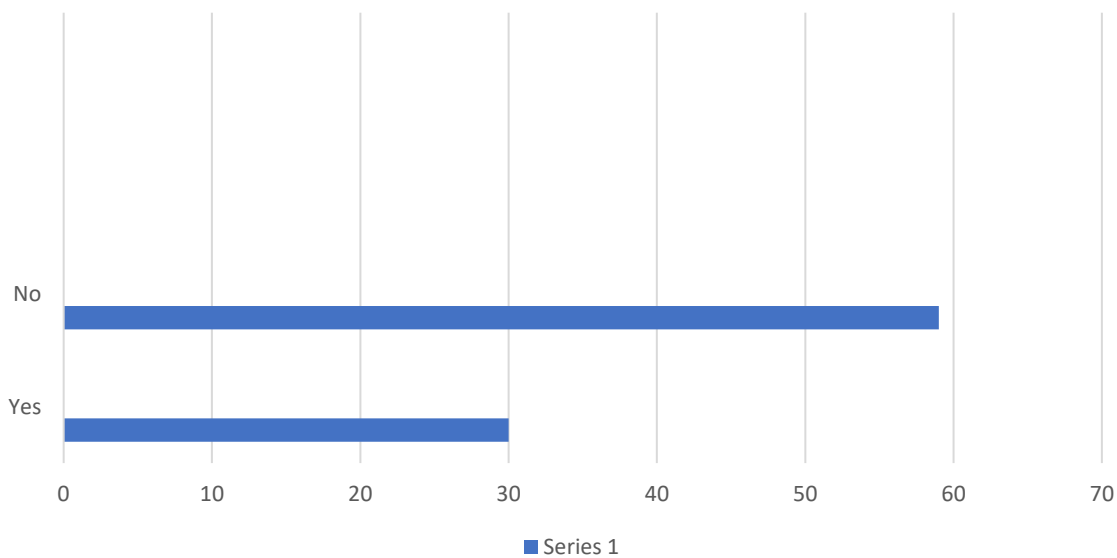
Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	35	45%
No	43	55%
Totals	78	100%

Do you feel that the biodiversity has improved since the last Parish Plan in 2005?

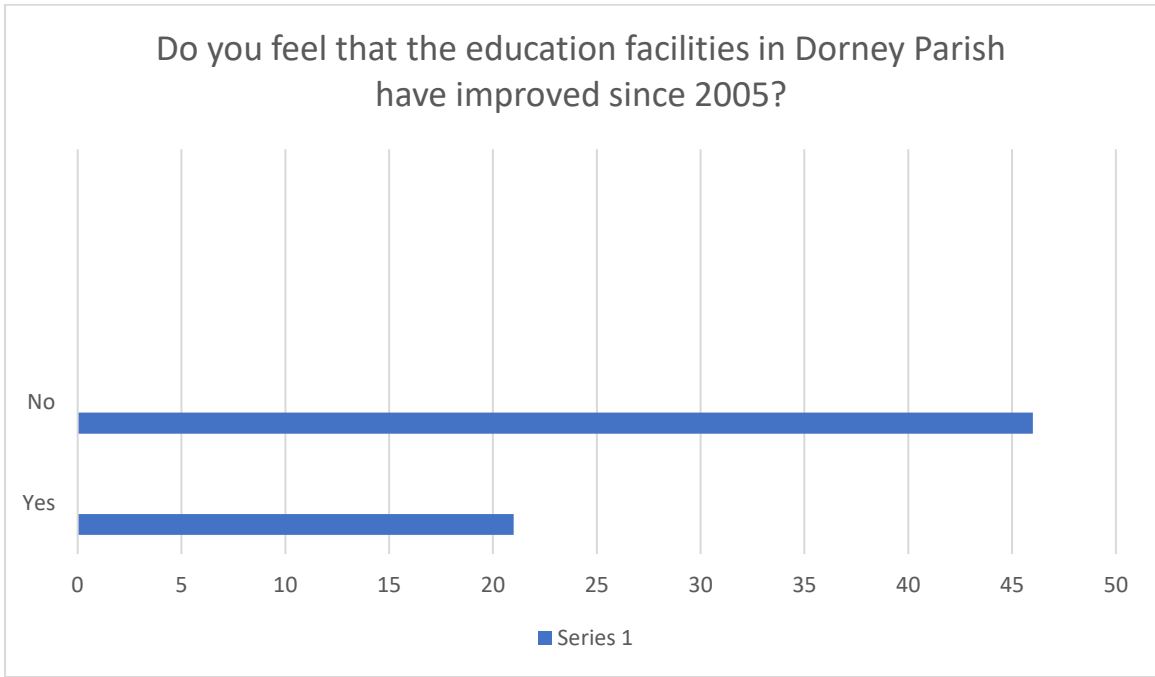


Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	42	55%
No	35	45%
Totals	77	100%

Do you feel less safe now than you did in 2005?



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 lead 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 upgrade 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. It's 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 speeding reduction for the Parish of Dorney to a flat 30mph. Common a reduction to 40 mph 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-binfrastucture-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!