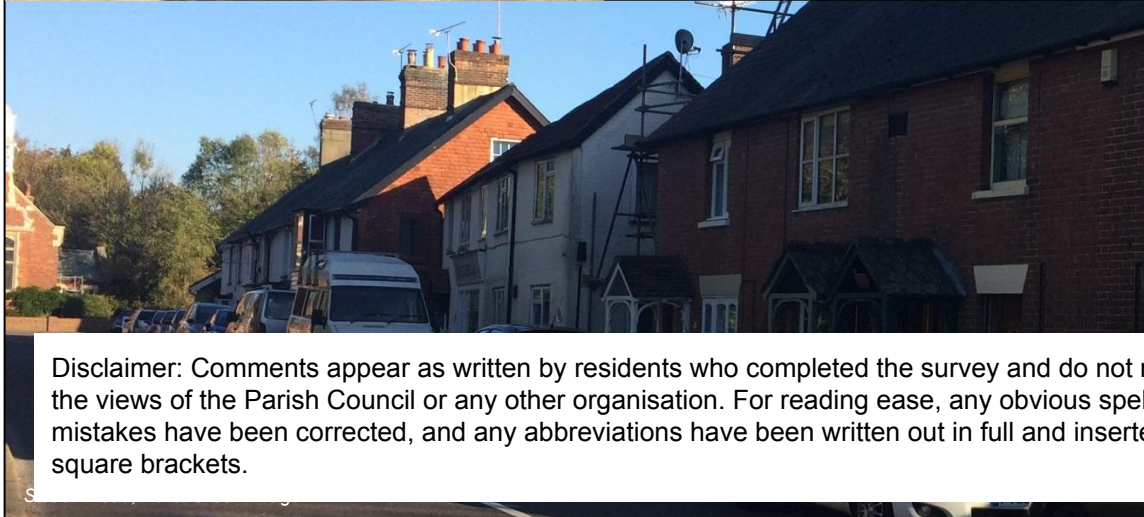
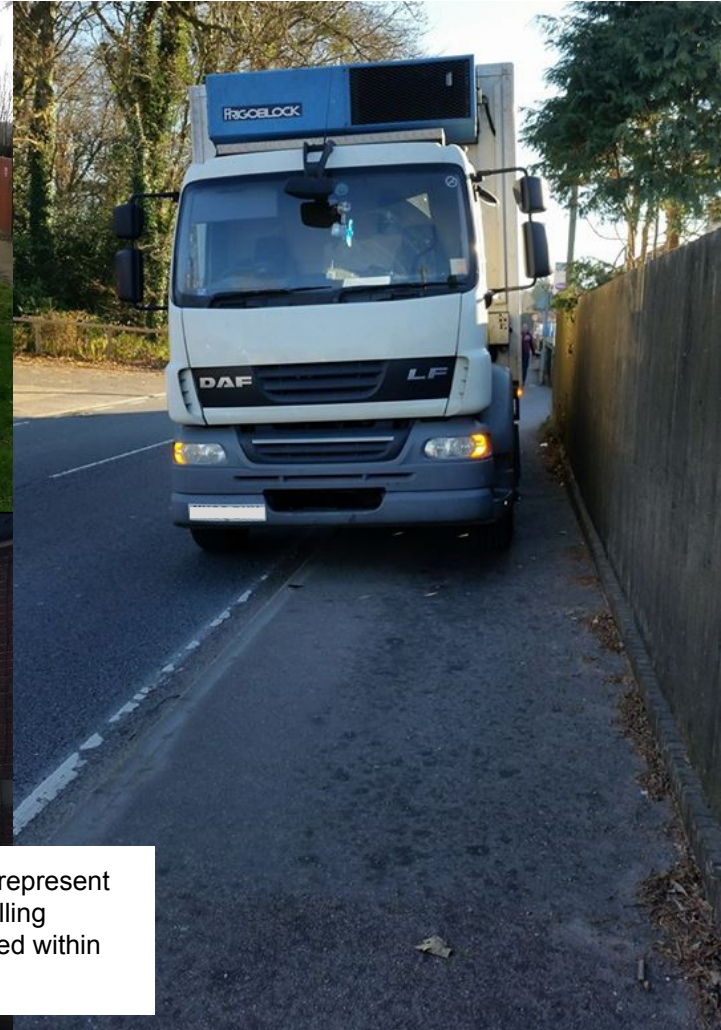


Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan

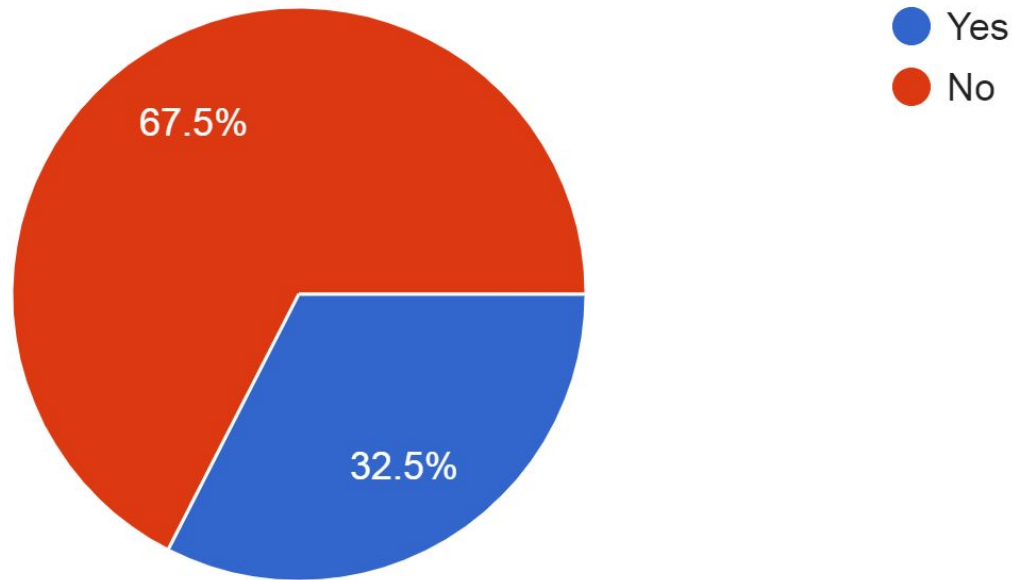
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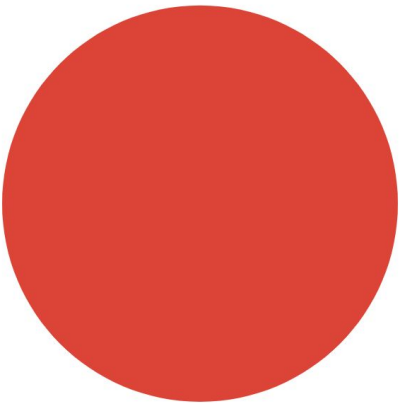
Are you happy with the current parking situation in your road?

123 responses

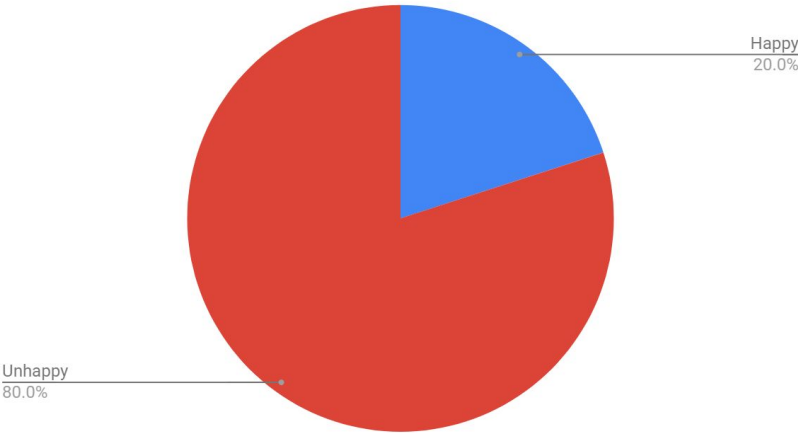


Roads in Hurst Green where residents are most dissatisfied with the parking situation

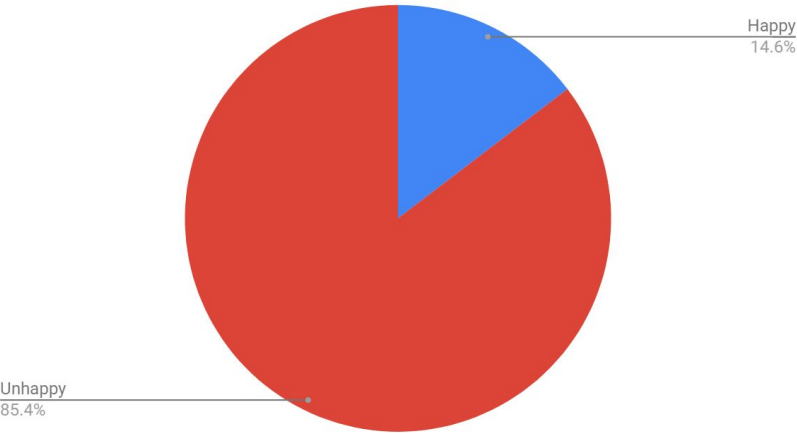
Coronation Gardens, Great Oak, Foundry Close and Dairy Close
100% Unhappy



Station Road

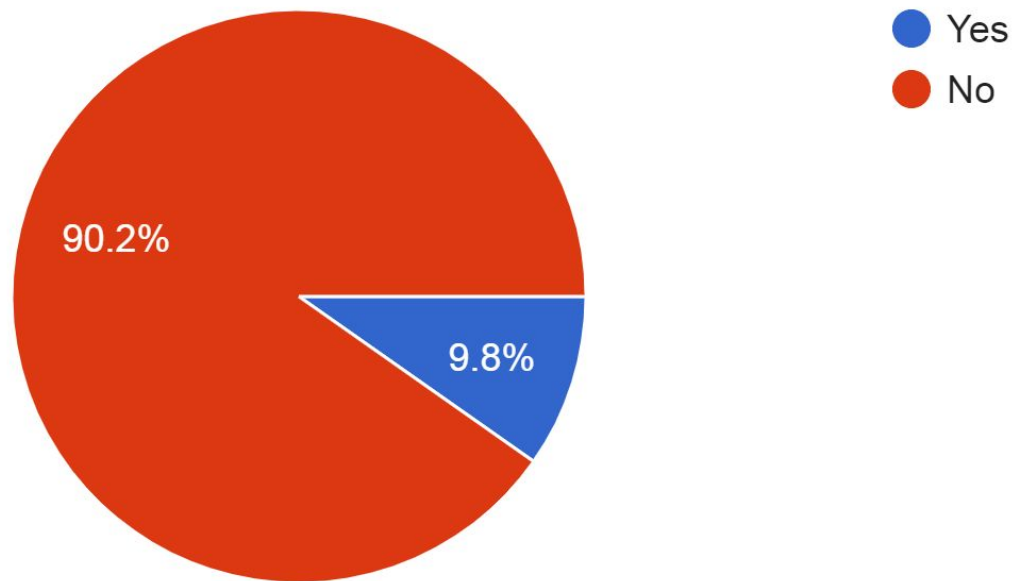


London Road



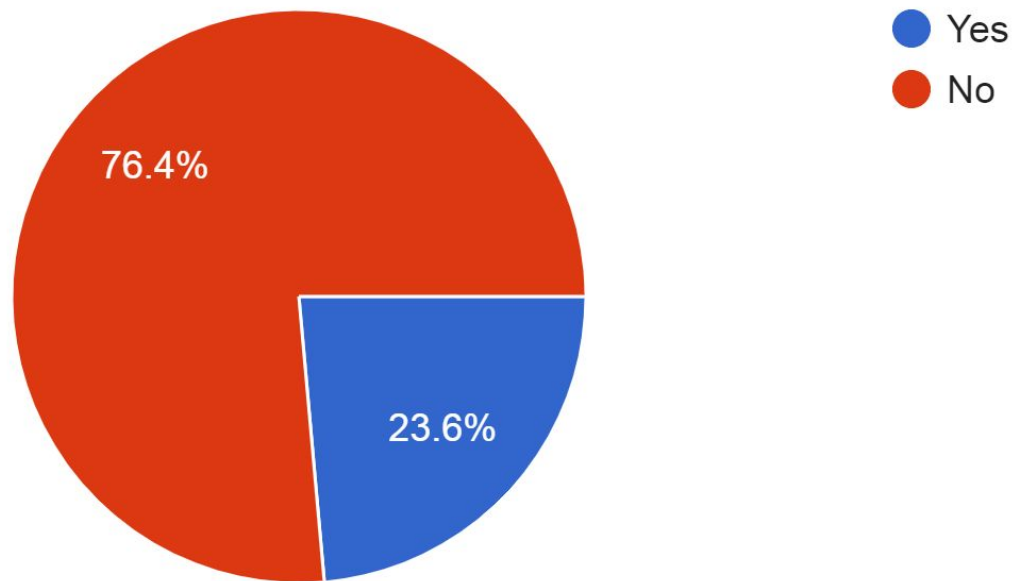
Do you agree with the statement "Hurst Green has enough available and safe car parking for residents"?

123 responses



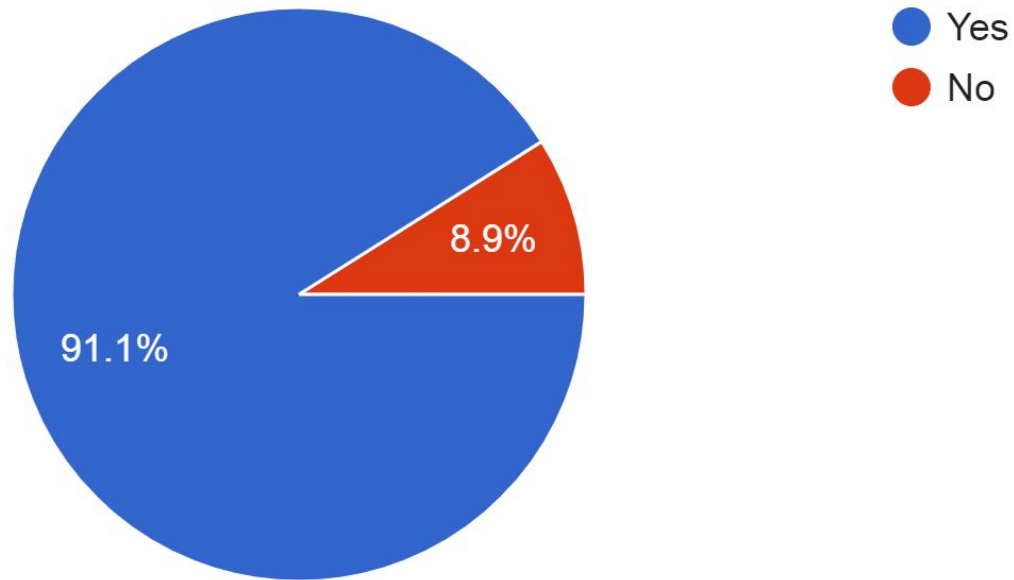
Has your car or vehicle ever been damaged whilst parked on the road/pavement?

123 responses



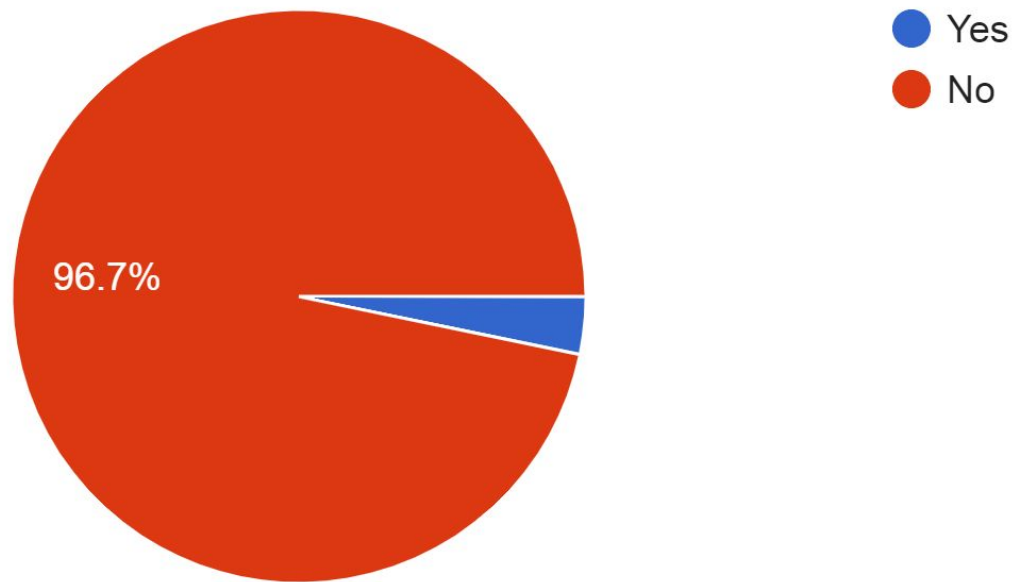
Are you concerned about people parking on the pavements and grass verges around Hurst Green?

123 responses



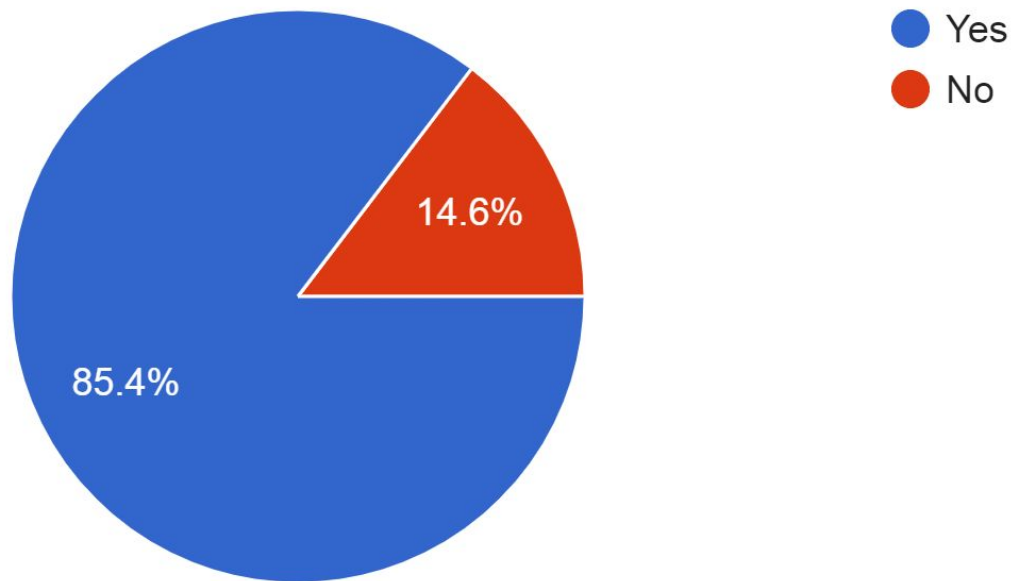
Do you agree with the statement "it is safe to park or leave my vehicle on the A21?"

123 responses



Are you concerned about parking on Station Road (the road the Village Hall is on) near to the junction of the A21?

123 responses



Residents comments (1 - 4)

1. It is dangerous when vehicles are parked on the pavements at the entrance to Mcmichaels Way - it is very hard to see clearly - never mind the fact that you cannot walk on the pavements and end up walking in the road.
2. The rear view mirror on my car was damaged on the A21 when I was parked to drop off my children to Hurst Green school. Also there was a crash on the A21 on Wed 28th Nov 2018 where a lorry hit a stationary car with 4 school children in it outside the school. The lorry driver was over the speed limit.
3. I was the young lady who had the accident on Wednesday 28 November with my 4 children in the car near Dairy Close turning, whilst I was station waiting to turn into diary close a Mercedes sprinter van went into us at the back of our car throwing us 35 metres up the road, myself and children had to be rushed to hospital for injuries, it should of been 20 mph, police informed me driver was clearly going 35mph plus.
4. Parents and other non-residents park too near the end of Dairy Close. Parents also park on the A21 blocking the view on oncoming traffic, which is hard to see normally. Cars do not adhere to speed limit at all hours of the day. I have given permission for 2 parents to use my car spaces as I know there is a problem with parking but have several times found I can't park in my own driveway. Schools should never be allowed to be built on such dangerous roads.
5. Fed up of people parking on the pavement outside Ernest Doe and opposite [the] Claypot. This makes it extremely difficult to pass by walking the dog. Exiting my driveway is also on a blind corner, so individuals parking on the pavement by Ernest Doe blocks the extremely limited view entirely, making it extremely dangerous to exit, especially with the speed people drive through the village.
6. Parking on Ridgeway doesn't seem too bad but everywhere else is awful. Outside the village hall can get very congested but as ever the main problem is outside the school. It is simply dangerous and combined with the alternative of a dangerous walk along that dreadful narrow stretch of the a21 by the chip shop what are our options?
7. Too many people park on Ridgeway opposite people's drives making it hard to drive out or back in. These vehicles do not belong to residents or are parked because they have too many vehicles to use their own.
8. It is not safe to leave one's car parked on the A21 as there is a pretty continuous stream of traffic from around 4:30am, often (usually) travelling in excess of the speed limit, and exiting a vehicle/pulling out into the traffic would be at best precarious.
9. Cars parking too close to end of junctions.
10. It's an appalling state of affairs.

Residents comments (2 - 4)


11. We often have people parked on the pavement at the junction of McMichaels Way and Station Road which means you have to walk in the road which is unsafe.
12. Vehicles park on the footpath on the a21 causing me to push the pushchair into the road to get past.
13. The cars and other vehicles travel too quickly through the village so would never be safe to park on A21 or Station Road for that matter.
14. The nearest safe parking to me is the village hall, 0.3 miles away, often have trouble with friends and tradespeople struggling with space or the distance. People parking at the takeaway is clearly an issuer too.
15. I'm lucky enough to have a drive where we are able to park 3 cars. Unfortunately many people use or block our drive to use the chip shop or make a phone call even sometimes urinate!
16. The parking in the village is inadequate. It causes obstruction of view and access into McMichaels way for any emergency vehicle. As you come round station road people park on the pavement causing obstruction to the paths.
17. Nearer to the village hall is always a worry with young children running walking along. If there's a function in at the hall the parking is dangerous up to the pelican crossing. The only positive is when people park outside the chip shop it slows the traffic down. Definitely need more parking in the village.
18. The reason I cannot be concerned about parking on pavements is because sometimes there is just simply nowhere to park! I have a young child so can't wait in car until space becomes available.
19. Foundry Close is a joke, people abandon their vehicles down there and make it very difficult to turn into our drive.
20. Visitors to village hall have few spaces to park.
21. Parking for school is woefully inadequate.
22. Residents should park more responsibly and not close to or overlapping junctions.
23. It is extremely difficult turning out of our house onto Station Road as cars/lorries etc come around the blind corner far too fast and if cars are parked on the opposite side of the road it is very frightening trying to avoid the cars parked and the cars coming towards you... we have had so many near misses. at some stage we are going to get hit leaving our house and I am very worried that something tragic could happen to our children when they try to leave the house.

Residents comments (3 - 4)

24. Cars park literally everywhere / anywhere they can - over driveways, so sometimes we struggle to get in our own drive. On grass sections / verges up the road, and everywhere they can in to the entrance of the roads which makes it unbelievably dangerous to not only us driving out or in the roads but to pedestrians and more hazardous to the children. Dread to think if the emergency services needed to get to anyone in a hurry!
25. Very concerned about parking on Station Road and cars left by [the] fish and chip shop.
26. There is so many cars parked on the pavement and on the bend by the hall it is dangerous.
27. Pavement parking on Great Oak creates a hazard for pedestrians, children, pushchairs and disabled. A number of households don't use their drives and/or garages for parking.
28. Parking just on the pavement is not the problem but when people park covering the pavement completely up to the hedges/ garden boundaries is a real concern.
29. Not just a damaged vehicle parked on the A21, but a car hitting another car and that crashed through my front window. Whilst parking on the A roads is obstructive, at least it slows some vehicles down.
30. People speed on the A21, they are known to overtake in the village on London Road. I have been overtaken by a lorry in the village at 4am on the A21.
31. Numerous accidents and our children have to walk up this road to go to the primary school. We should have had a bypass by now!
32. The issue of parking raises issue relating to access for emergency vehicles but also the safety of pedestrians and children in that they may need to take to the road to get past cars parked on the pavement or verge, BUT ALSO parked vehicles can obscure the vision of both pedestrian and drivers.
33. The parking on Station road is both dangerous and causes congestion in both directions.
34. People have disregard for the solid white lines on the A21!
35. Acorn Way struggles with parking because the road is narrow and we've no pavement for pedestrians. Not sure what the answer is here though.
36. The village hall has a parking issue, when I use it Thursdays residents always block the hall users in and there has often been issues in the past few months.

Residents comments (4 - 4)

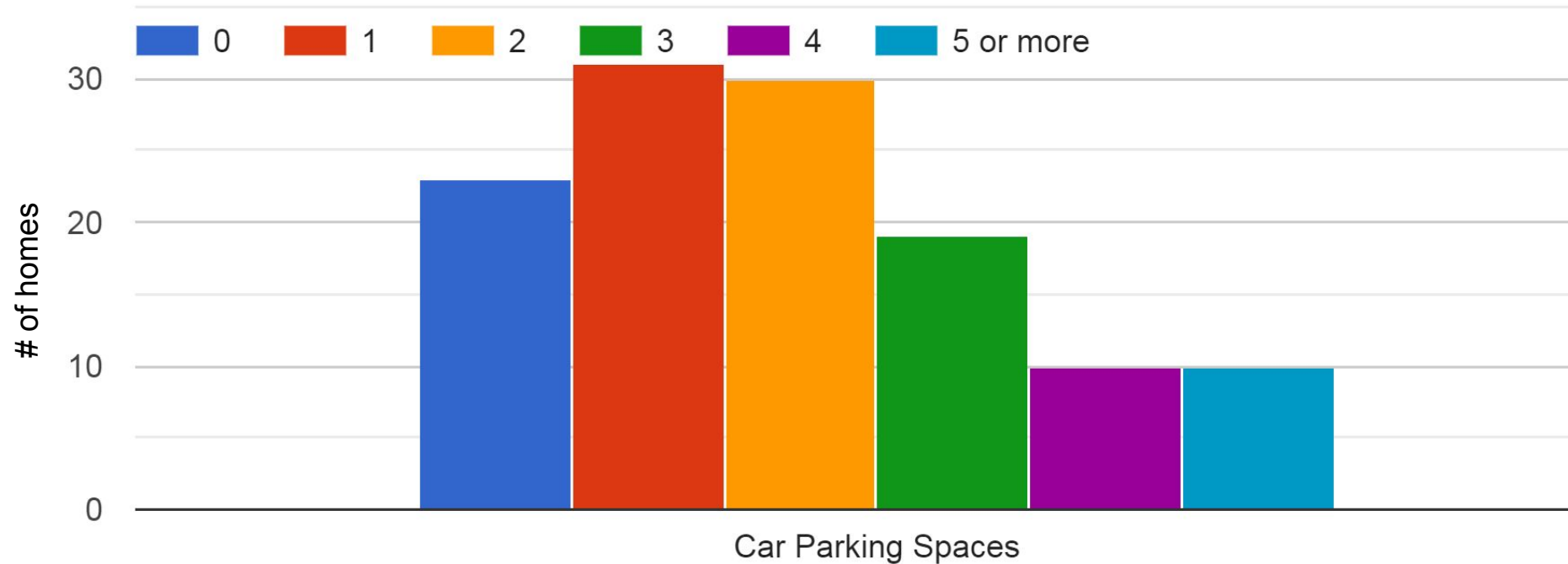
37. Most properties have more than one car and I can't see this changing in the future.
38. The parking in station road reduces the carriageway width and causes vehicles to pull out across the centre line.
39. Parents delivering their children to school on the A21 cannot park in the school so park on the A21 the traffic speeds all the time and it's an accident waiting to happen. A by-pass is the only answer.
40. Sick of not being able to walk on the pavements.
41. The parking on the end of Foundry Close is extremely dangerous as it often obstructs the vision of drivers turning right from Foundry Close onto the A21 northbound.
42. Commercial vehicles should not be allowed to park in the village car, or outside the village hall.
43. There is not enough safe parking in these areas for current residents.
44. There is a need for reasonable car park area in village.
45. People from the school keep parking in mine and my neighbours private parking bays and if you confront any of the parents they 90% of the time verbally abuse me.
46. As a consequence of the excessive speed of vehicles passing Ingram House/Silverhill Oast there is no possibility of visitors parking on the road outside my house or any of the houses between Ingram house and Sweet Hayes Farm. Accessing the A21 from our drives is dangerous and most days almost impossible due to the speed of traffic coming up from Hastings, also those leaving the village confines heading south. There is a 40mph limit in the area, not complied with in at least 90% of traffic. Traffic calming systems must be adopted in the area of Ingram House/Bodium Lane in an attempt to avert a serious accident.
47. Bird Construction trucks and lorries are always obstructing and parking on the pavements.
48. Parents are parking in residents parking bays including mine saying they are not numbered so can park there, Dairy Close is a private estate and they are not numbered as to deter burglars seeing your number empty and presuming the property is empty. I have had verbal abuse and physical threats of violence when asking people not to park in the bays and the school sends regular letters but the parents just ignore them.



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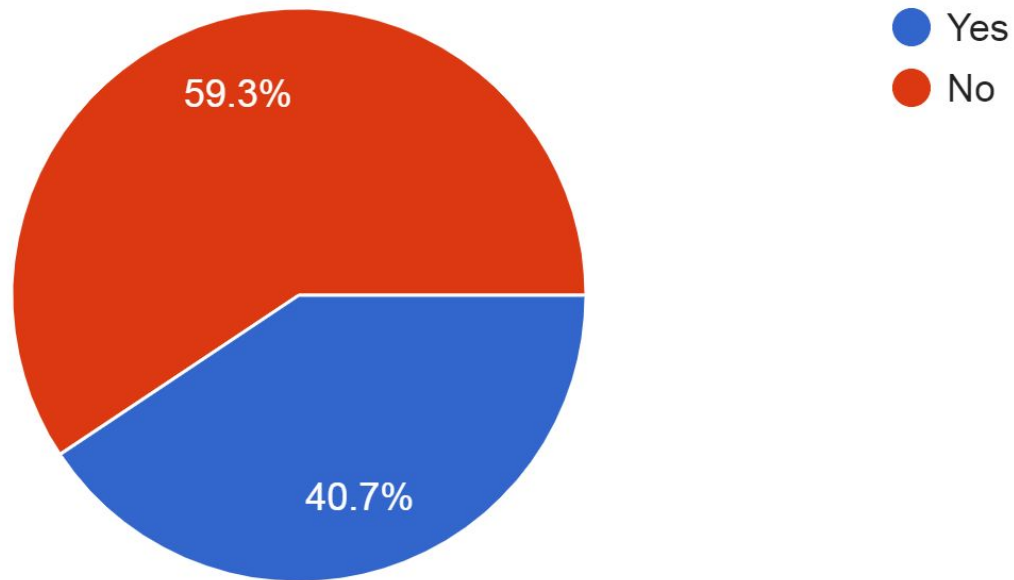
About the parking for your home

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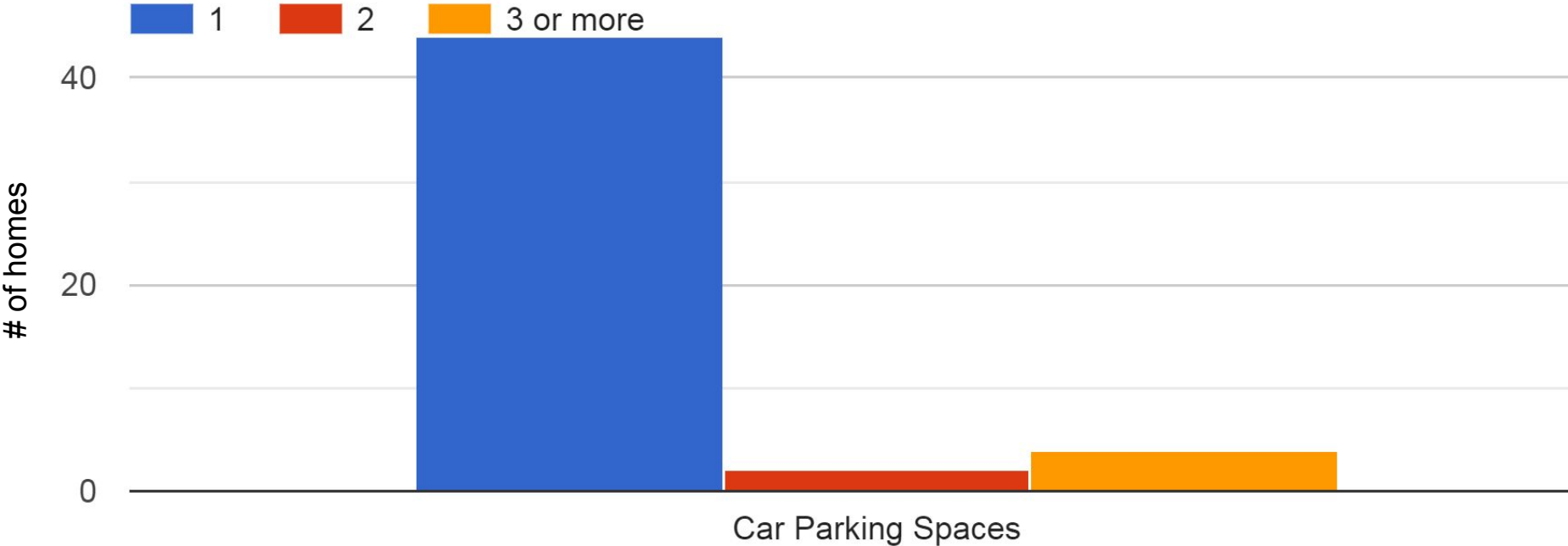


Do you have access to a garage?

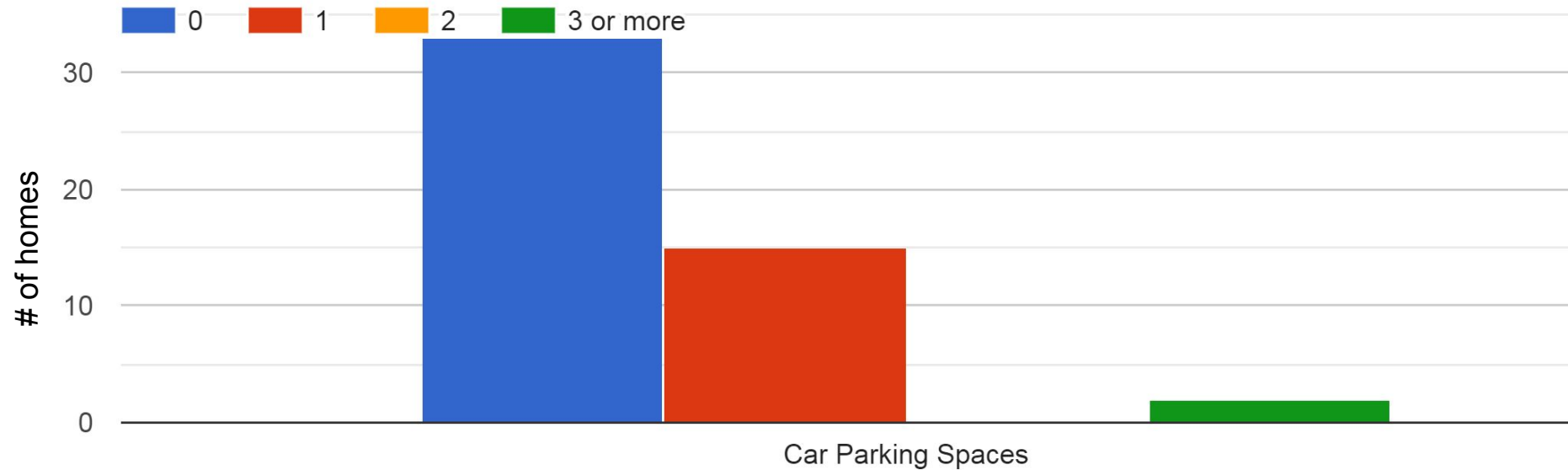
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How many car parking spaces does your garage have?

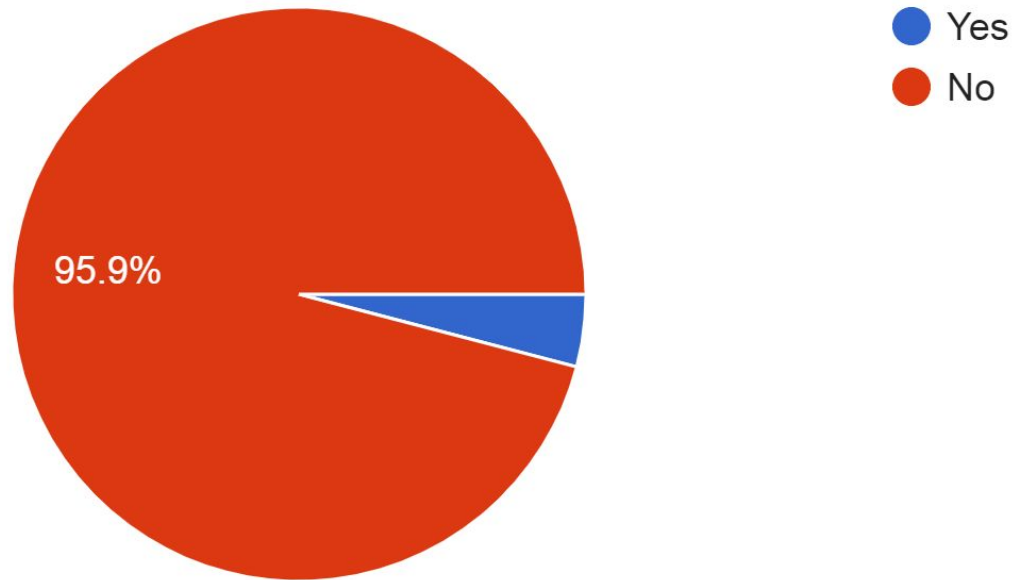


How many spaces in your garage are used regularly for parking cars?



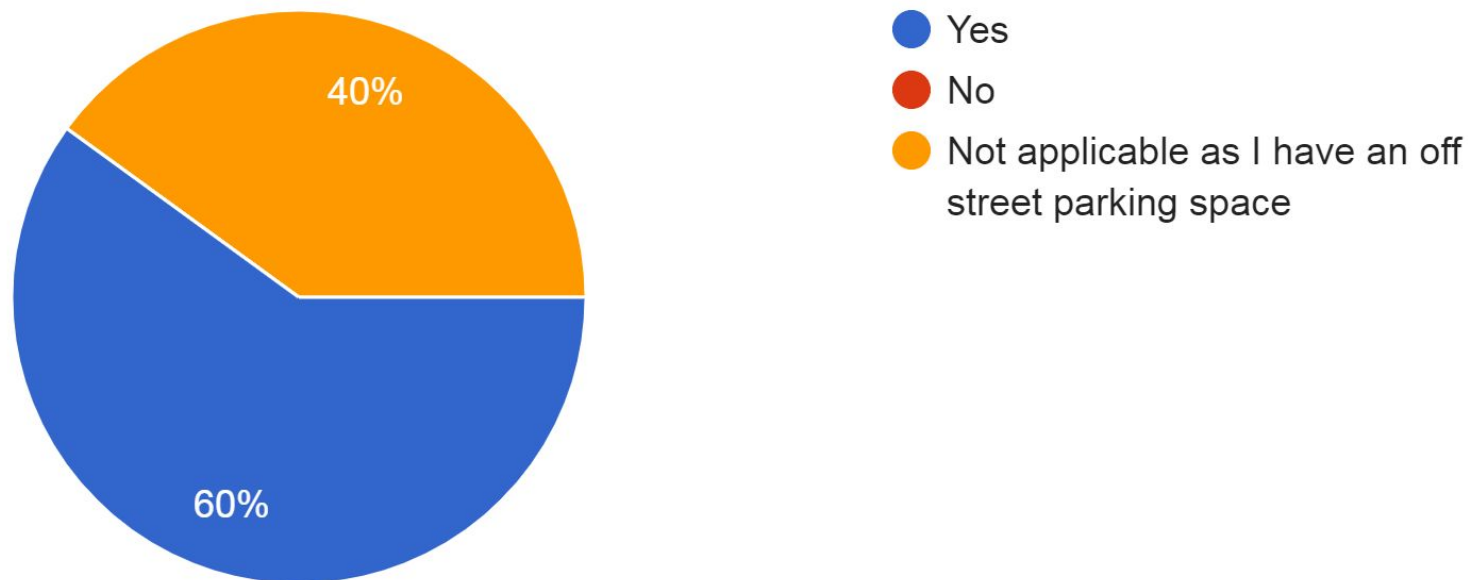
Are you, or anyone in your household a Blue Badge holder?

123 responses



Do you regularly find it difficult to find a space to park near to your property?

5 responses



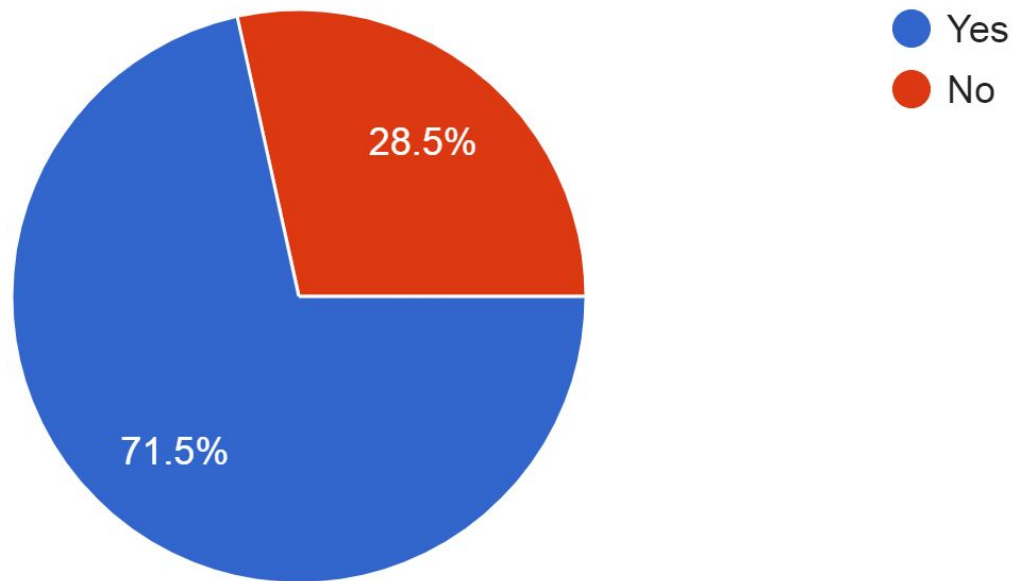


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On possible ideas for the future

Would you be supportive of the Parish Council providing nearby allocated car parking spaces to rent at very low cost to residents?

123 responses



Resident suggestions as to where car parking spaces could be located (1 - 2)

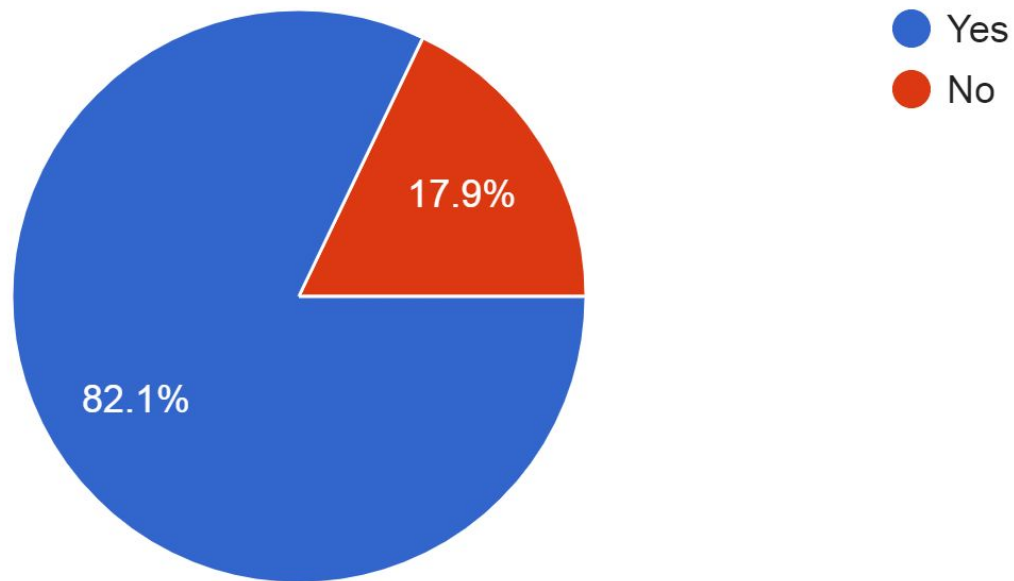
1. By the Hurst green primary school.
2. Tarmac a field on London road.
3. Opposite the school.
4. In all honesty I have no idea as there isn't the space!
5. Bigger car park behind village hall.
6. New housing estates.
7. I do not feel the solution is to offer rented car park spaces for residents!
8. Foundry close permit holder only.
9. The cricket pitch.
10. The Royal George has a huge carpark.
11. The community shop carpark could be allocated to residents outside of operating hours.
12. Opposite Colemans Way.
13. Extend the village hall car park.
14. Easy access for the cottages on all points adjoining Station Rd with London Rd that have no parking spaces of their own.
15. Near the cricket pitch. Ask nearby businesses to allocate parking overnight in their car parks.
16. More importantly, how would the parish council acquire such spaces and at what cost to the parish or district?
17. Given the side of the village most house are built within, the suggestion would be the field the other side of the alleyway by the church (at the end of Vicarage way) and/or field opposite turning to Hawkhurst BUT it would also be sensible to offer parking in the field opposite the school (or a turning area there) but would require a road crossing there (Preferably with traffic lights or a lollipop person).

Resident suggestions as to where car parking spaces could be located (2 - 2)

18. No suggestion, just too many houses and too many cars, we need a bypass!
19. Opposite the church, beside the path next to the church, behind Foundry Close.
20. Sadly no.
21. Parking should be provided for the parents of the children being dropped off and picked up from school.
22. Outside the school, the school should change its layout so cars can enter and leave, as the parking is dangerous for drivers using the A21 as well as the parents of the children illegally parking as they have nowhere to park, I was made aware that some land was given to the school when Dairy Close was built, this should have been used for parent parking.
23. New to the area. Haven't had much experience with parking. The post office seems to have lots of spaces. It's a shame the area next to the Aaron Antiques don't let out their area.
24. The Royal George car park.

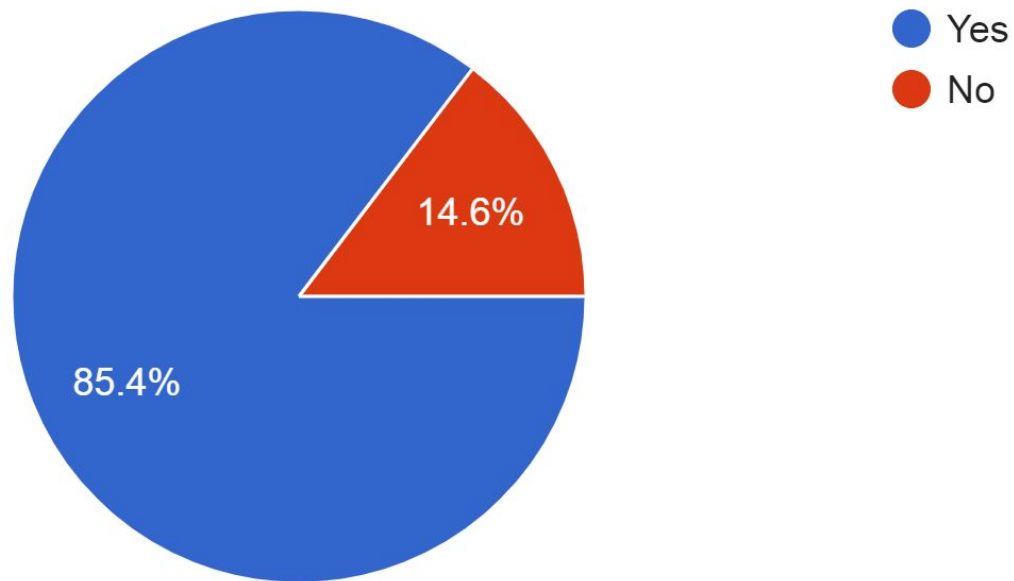
Would you be supportive of double yellow lines near to road junctions in and around Hurst Green?

123 responses



For people who park inconsiderately would you be supportive of fines that could be re-invested in the local community?

123 responses



Additional comments from residents (1 - 3)

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2. I know the school cannot help it, but with events such as sports day they should be policing the pavements as I have to walk into the middle of the main A21 with cars coming very fast in both directions which is unacceptable with a toddler.
3. The parking on station road is dangerous but what bothers me most is people parking on the a21 outside the chip shop! That is INSANE and it causes huge delays and makes other drivers mad. I think there should be double lines there!!!
4. Entrance to Foundry Close is always dangerous to pull out of the to badly parked cars blocking view northbound. It also blocks the lowered kerb. I've had the police at my door asking whose car it is but don't know.
5. It would be unfair to penalise residents of the village when the volume and speed of through-traffic is the issue (and a lack of off-road parking).
6. Many families have several vehicles yet only park a single vehicle on their driveway the rest out on the road often parked blocking access and restricting turning spaces.
7. Yellow are good but you need someone to enforce them, that will be the challenge.
8. Giving fines is not the answer we should be looking at offering more car parks! If there were more spaces to park residents wouldn't need to park on corners etc! Adding double yellow lines will only cause further disruption as cars still need somewhere to park!
9. If car parking space to rent was an option then it would need to be permit holders only.
10. A warning first but then if it was ignored by the same vehicles then a fine issued
11. Although we have answered yes, would the above question be a cost effect option??
12. It's not fair to install yellow lines unless your going to provide alternative parking near to peoples houses.
13. Parking on verges is a complete no no as far as I am concerned. It is untidy and disrespectful towards other residents living nearby
14. There is a need for a well lit parking area near the village center.

Additional comments from residents (2 - 3)

15. There are a large number of properties around the village that have no parking provision. Until such times as sufficient parking in the village was available I would not support any parking restriction or 'community fine' system. With the increase in hybrid and electric vehicles which is likely to be the way forward the NP must also consider how HG will meet the demand particularly for properties that do not have dedicated parking allocations for the property.
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18. Obstructions preventing people from mounting pavements could be another idea.
19. Regardless of parking spaces. People should not Park on the pavement. I have had to walk my 8 year old child in the dark on the A21 as a car had parked fully on the pavement outside the old post office. There was no room for us, so we had to use the road. My daughter fell in the road with oncoming traffic.
20. Parking inconsiderately needs expansion, Parking on the pavement so traffic can flow is considering others, but if it blocks a main pavement then it is not for the pedestrians. The village needs additional parking but also some form of traffic calming measures such as indented curbs, etc. Also whatever is introduced and 'clamp down' on inconsiderate drivers should include those who park in a way that causes issue for other drivers.
21. Great Oak and the roads off it are increasingly used by commercial vehicles for parking. This should not be allowed and space allowed elsewhere for these commercial vehicles.
22. Hurst Green is the only village on a major A21 trunk road that hasn't hit a bypass it seems we have been not only forgotten by ignored there is no speed enforcement and very little maintenance. A Bypass is the only answer living with this volume of very noisy traffic is not only unbearable but unacceptable. Government is not doing its job in looking after the people of Hurst Green
23. Dairy Close is a Private Housing estate and if I come home during the school run all 5 spaces are taken by parents.

Additional comments from residents (3 - 3)

24. Whilst I am all for parking considerately, sometimes we are left with no option but to park in less desirable locations, although I would never block someone in.
25. I am in a constant battle with Parents of the Children that go to Hurst Green Primary School, and regularly get verbal abuse from people if I take pictures for the school of their cars parked in mine and my neighbours private parking bays.