

# Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan

## *Resident Consultation / Exhibition*

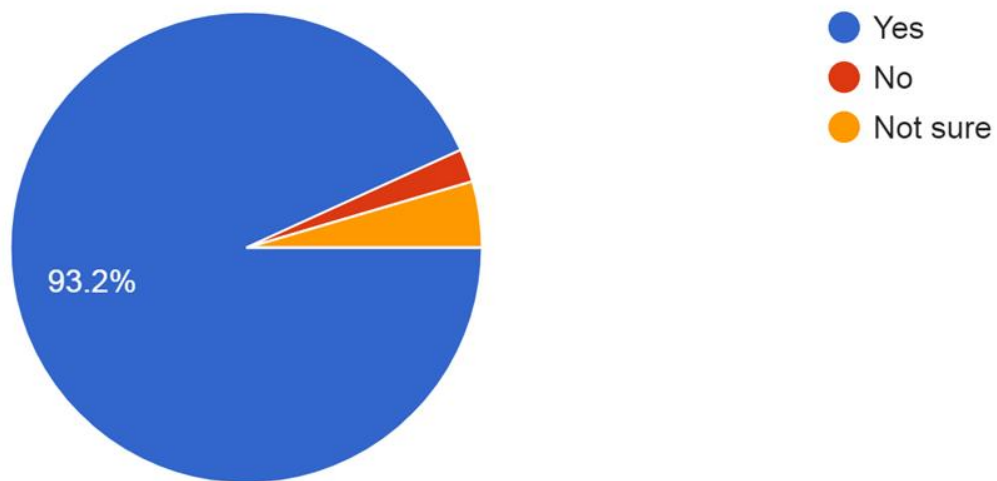
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## The Neighbourhood plan objectives are still current?

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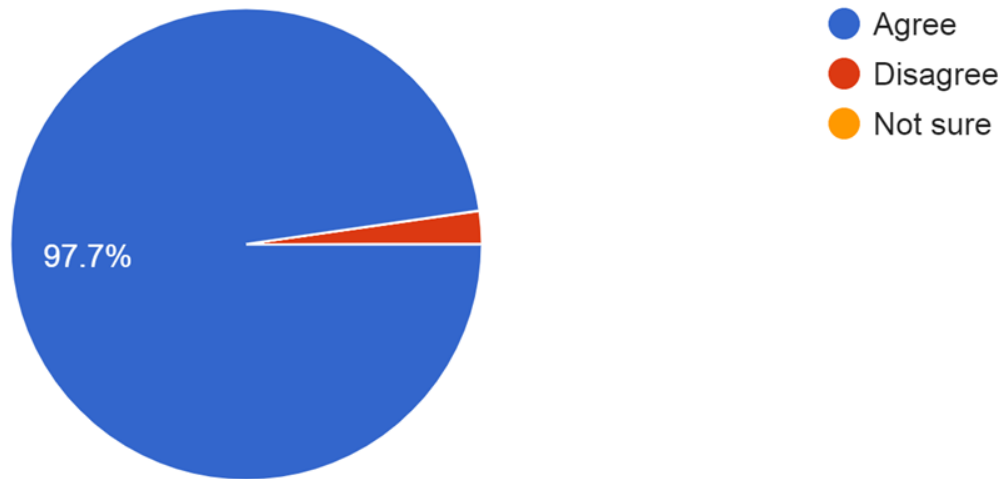


# Is there anything you think we need to add, change or delete from the plan objectives?

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
1	[feedback form ID #26] I think all objectives are appropriate.	<i>Noted, thank-you for this confirmation.</i>
2	[feedback form ID #27] Minimise number of [unreadable] sites.	<i>Noted. The plan seeks to deliver sites to meet the need of 75 dwellings. We are considered a reserve site to act as a buffer to future-proof the plan against the emerging Rother District Council Local Plan.</i>
3	[feedback form ID #29] Easy access to A21 from proposed housing HG22 and Drewitts Field - needs to be sweeping onto A21 - two vehicles / access for larger bin lorries etc.	<i>Noted. Comment passed to site promoter as this is outside of the scope of the NP group remit. If the site were to be allocated and/or a planning application submitted, access would need be agreed with National Highways and East Sussex Highways.</i>
4	[feedback form ID #35] It's clear that a lot of great work has been done since the first public meetings where loads of residents came along to give their ideas for objectives - well done.	<i>Thank-you for these kind words.</i>
5	[feedback form ID #37] Safeguarding areas adjacent to the ancient woodland. Include adjacent pasture areas to support the woodland areas.	<i>We agree. Land surrounding these areas is not in public ownership and National Planning policy only requires landowners/developers to leave a minimum of 15m buffer. We are seeking to place some ancient woodland in the area as a Local Green Space designation.</i>
6	The village needs more provision for parking for residents and their visitors. On-street parking is not sufficient.	<i>We agree.  National, County and District planning policies are in our opinion unfit for purpose in isolated rural areas such as ours. However, these are what govern these matters. We have asked developers/ I and owners to increase provision and to include provision for existing residents, but they are under no obligation to do so.</i>

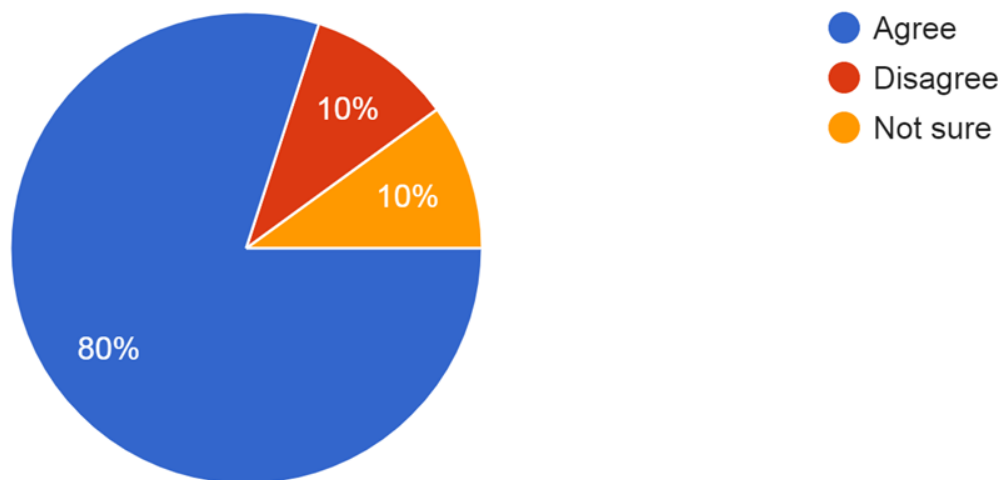
Objective 1: To protect against inappropriate and speculative development and to provide guidance and greater influence over how Hurst Green should be developed in the future.

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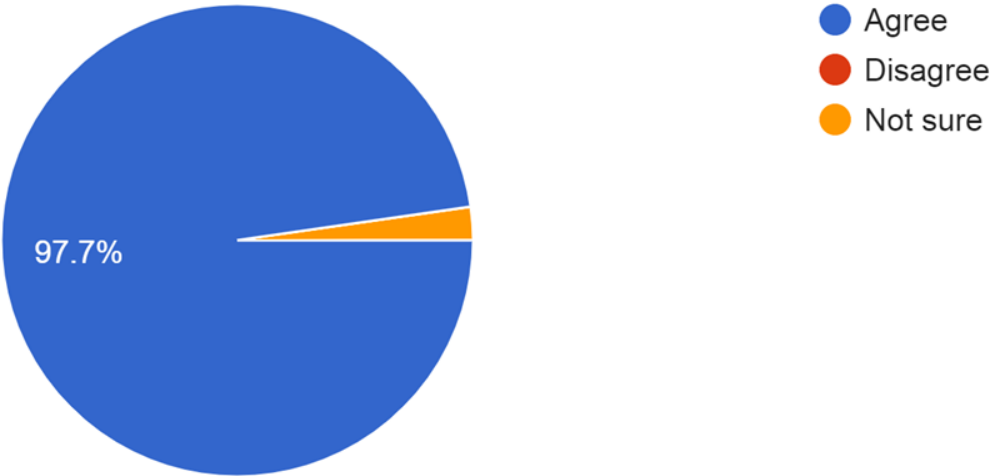
Policy: We should direct development to the most sustainable (near to facilities) parts of the Parish – i.e. in and adjacent to Hurst Green village itself.

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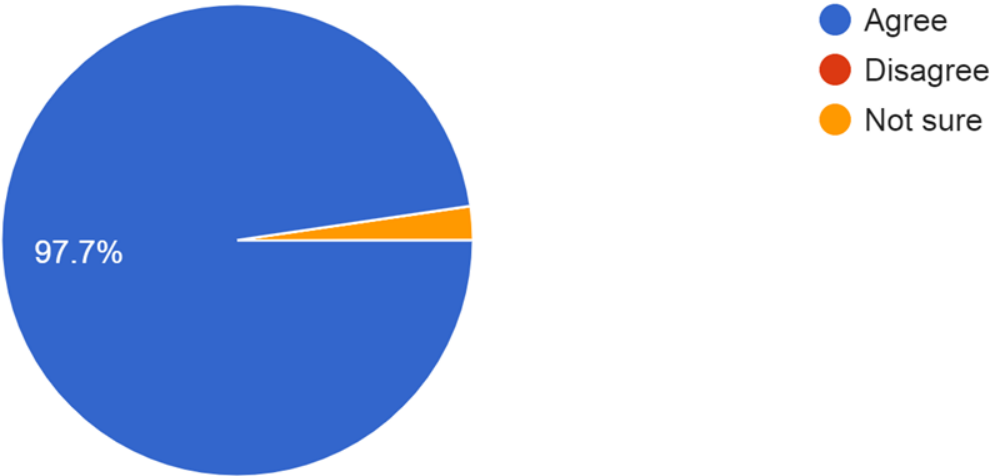
Policy: Sites allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan should offer something back to the community – e.g. green spaces, community facilities and public car parking.

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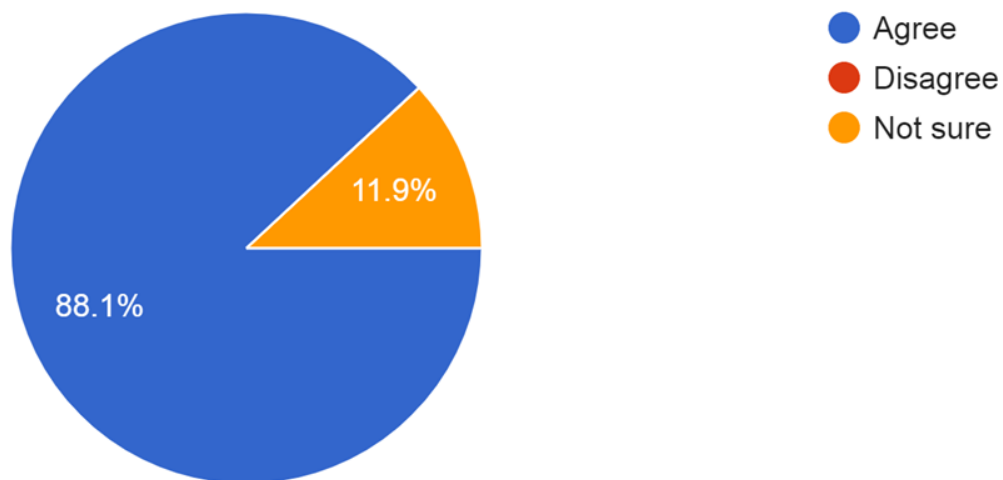
Policy: Homes delivered should contribute towards housing needs of the Parish – e.g. homes for those wishing to downsize, family homes and first homes.

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Policy: Developments should be designed to incorporate sustainable features – for example, energy saving, thermal insulation and on-site energy generation.

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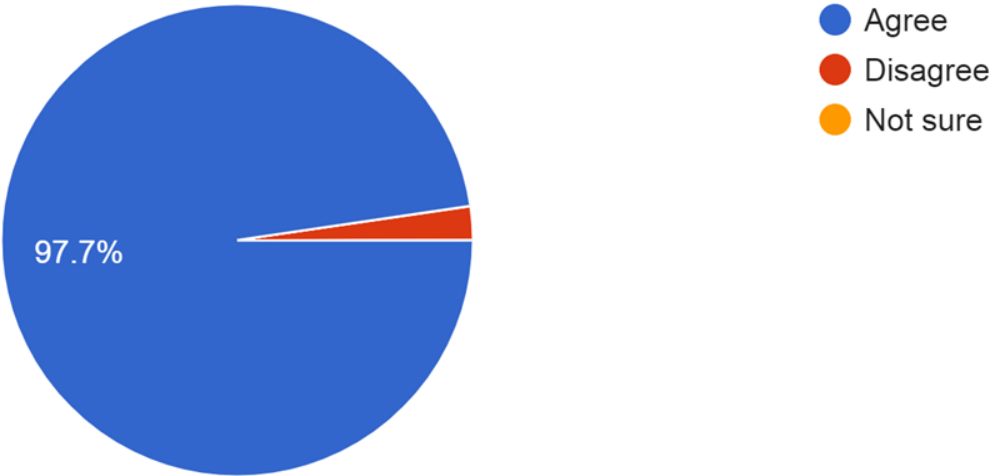


## Objective 1 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

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1	All that is mentioned is new housing having parking spots. How does that help existing residents?	<i>We agree. We have asked developers/ I and owners to increase provision and to include provision for existing residents, but they are under no obligation to do so and there is no requirement for new development to take account / make up for the existing problems in the village.</i>
2	We overheard someone complaining about the HG22 site. We live nearby to HG22 and rent our flat. We really like the 22 scheme and would like buy one of the houses there. Just hope we can afford one there though!	<i>Noted.</i>
3	[feedback form ID #8] Site 22 + site 43 completely inappropriate for the Hurst Green expansion.	<i>Noted, however, these are among the most sustainably suitable sites, as revealed by both the SEA Options Report and the Landscape assessment. The site also has the potential to offer community benefit and assist in meeting local housing need.</i>
4	[feedback form ID #9] Development of HG22 / HG43 would violate objectives 1 and the first three policy statements.	<i>See above.</i>
5	Policy 1: Providing no huge impact on existing housing.	<i>Noted.</i>
6	Policy 3: Providing it is inline with housing survey. 2, 3 and 4 bed dwellings including outside space.	<i>Noted.</i>
7	[feedback form ID #44] It is very important to provide suitable homes for young families who currently live in the area. However, these homes should not take away from the small community feel that Hurst Green has. We believe any development should be small and in keeping with current homes in the area.	<i>Noted.</i>
8	We think this is a great opportunity for Hurst Green to build a mix of affordable houses and bungalows along with family houses. Why is the Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Council appear[ing] to be supporting flats with no outdoors?	<i>The housing mix is dictated by Rother District Council and the evidence (Housing Needs Survey) and suggests a need for affordable homes and private rental.</i>

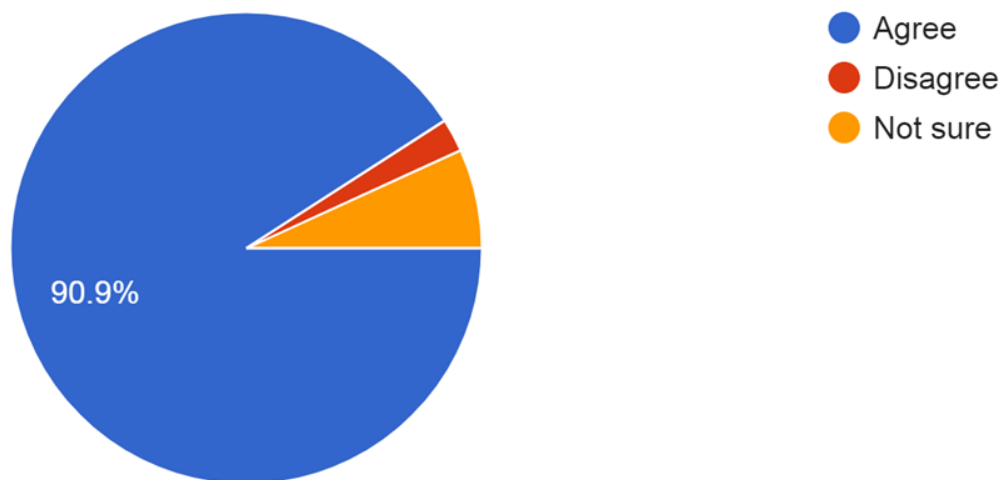
Objective 2 / Policy Area - To improve public safety and reduce the harmful impact of road traffic, while providing sufficient parking for the community.

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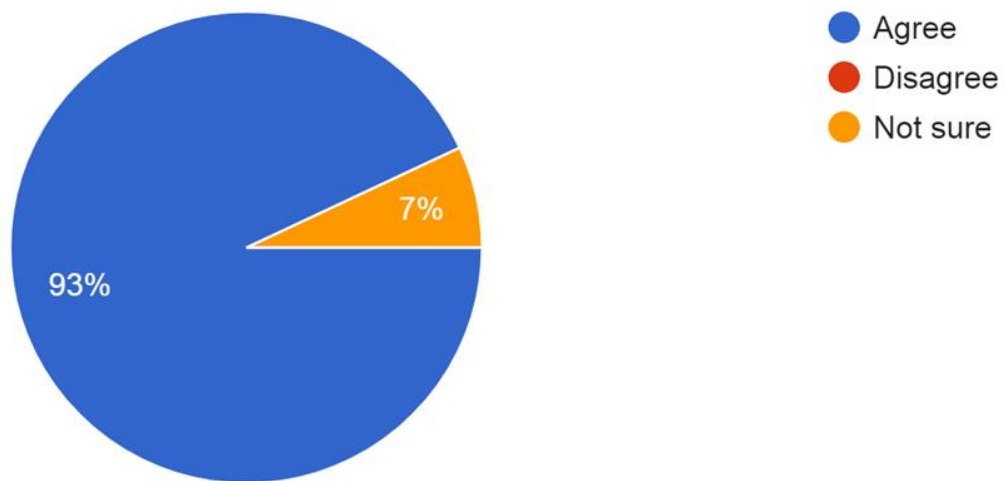
Policy: Any new homes should be in places that link up with the rights of way network to enable people to reach local facilities by foot/bike if they wish.

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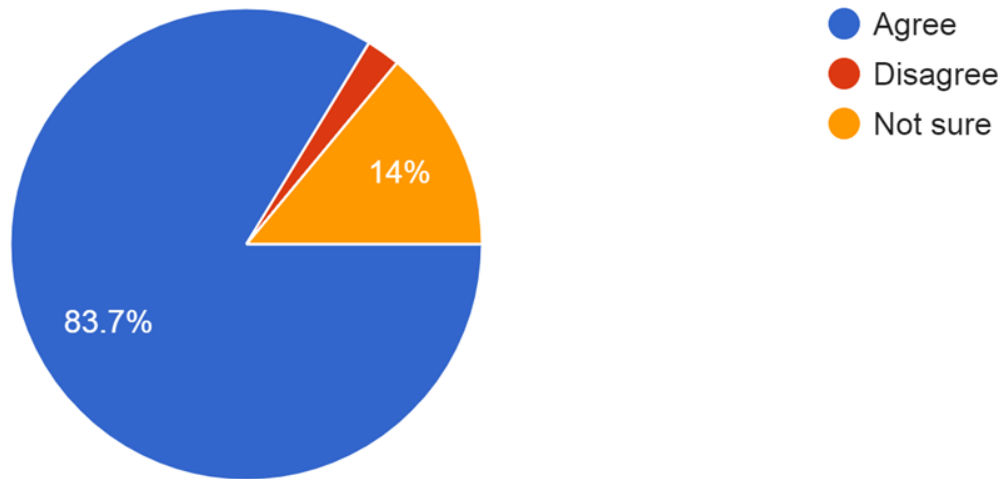
## Policy: Existing public car parking should be safeguarded.

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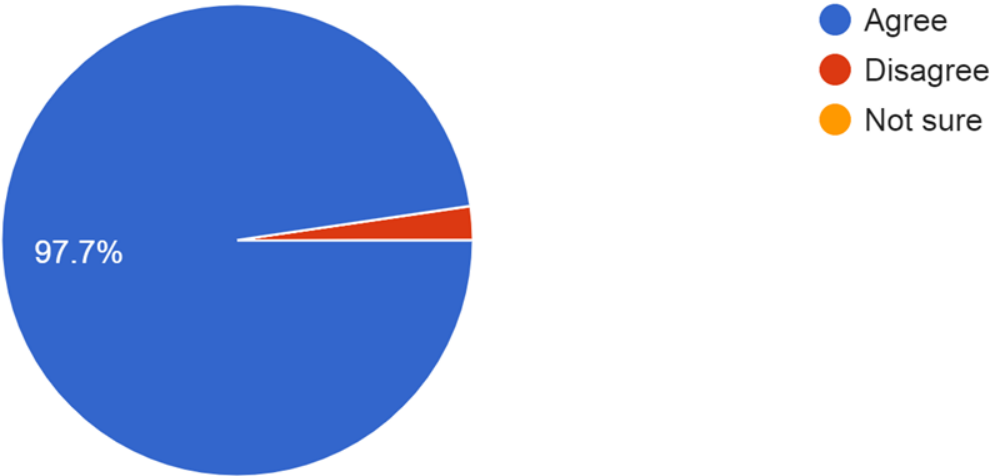
Policy: Provide for sustainable transport modes – electric charging points in public places, cycle storage.

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Policy: Make sure there is adequate provision of off-road parking alongside new residential development.

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## Objective 2 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

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1	We need to provide car parking spaces in the village for the existing houses that don't have it.	<i>We agree. We have asked developers/ I and owners to increase provision and to include provision for existing residents, but they are under no obligation to do so and there is no requirement for new development to take account / make up for the existing problems in the village.</i>
2	It [existing car parking] already isn't enough.	<i>See above.</i>
3	Additional off road parking in existing residential developments would be helpful.	<i>See above.</i>
4	Should look out to increase car parking facilities. Any new development must ensure to have adequate parking spaces, including for visitors.	<i>See above.</i>
5	[feedback form ID #8] Disagree with site 22 proposal + site 43.	<i>Noted.</i>
6	[feedback form ID #9] Development of HG 22 / HG 43 would violate objective 2.	<i>The site would provide for a new crossing across the A21 and an improved pedestrian link to Stage Field.</i>
7	[feedback form ID #14] Public transport i.e. buses. Reintroducing of bus stop at Ingram House site (the old White Horse, Silverhill).	<i>This is outside the scope of the HGNP, and has been raised to the Parish Council, who could pursue this with National Highways, East Sussex County Council and with the various bus operators.</i>
8	[feedback form ID #17] Present parking on pavements highly dangerous.	<i>Noted.</i>
9	[feedback form ID #24] [Electric charging points] open to damage.	<i>Noted. This is set by national planning policy, as there is a clear need to support a shift to more sustainable vehicles and providing EV points will aid this.</i>
10	[feedback form ID #25] The A21 through the village is an extremely busy road, any additional traffic will only add to this. A bypass would be perfect however as always money is an issue.	<i>Noted, however this outside the scope of the HGNP, and has been raised to the Parish Council.</i>

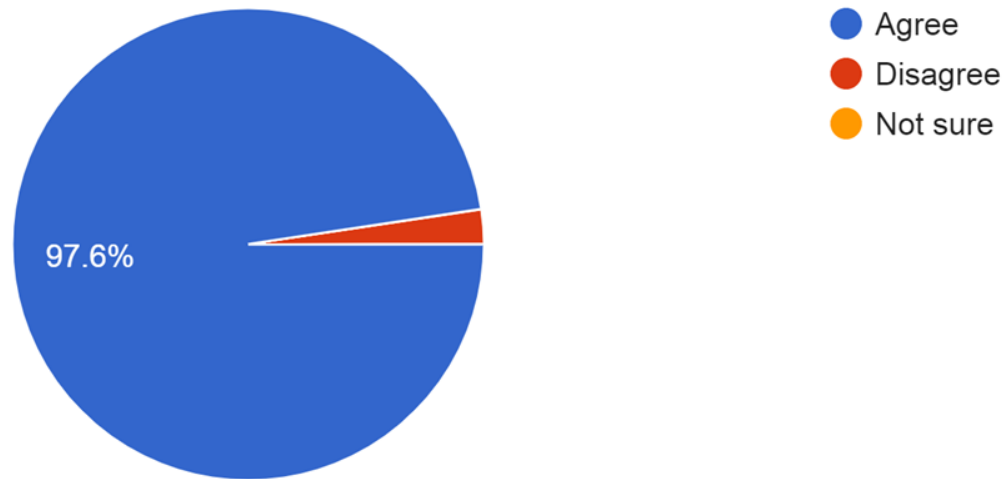
## Objective 2 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

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11	[feedback form ID #26] Hurst Green suffers from poor NMU [Non Motorised Users] access particularly along A21 + Station Road. What are NH [National Highways] going to do about NMU's through HG as part of their safety plan?	<i>Noted. Footpath improvements have been explored as part of the Village Masterplan but are heavily constricted by land availability. Site allocations are all required to improve footpaths and where possible incorporate extensions. This question has been raised to the Parish Council, who could pursue this with National Highways and East Sussex County Council.</i>
12	Policy 1: Not to the detriment of an otherwise suitable development.	<i>Noted.</i>
13	The parking between the A21 and the Village Hall along Station Road causes traffic congestion at the junction.	<i>Noted. The Village Hub is proposed to include additional parking which may help to alleviate this.</i>
14	Residents should be encouraged to support the local facilities and part of this is making them accessible by foot/bike and public transport. Any new residents should have ample opportunity to engage with the community therefore access is important.	<i>Agreed. See response to comment 11.</i>
15	We agree in principle with everything here. However, the bus service is appalling and no safe path down to Robertsbridge especially given the potential development at Silver Hill.	<i>Noted. This is outside the scope of the HGNP, and has been raised to the Parish Council who discussed this in March 2022, it was agreed to pursue this with National Highways and East Sussex County Council.</i>



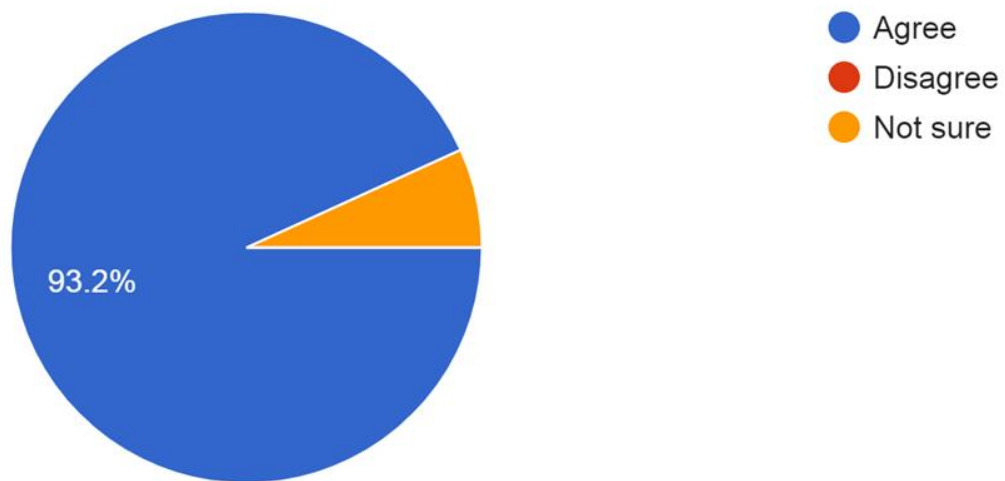
Objective 3: To create an environment that encourages residents to live active, social, meaningful lives that promote good health and well-being.

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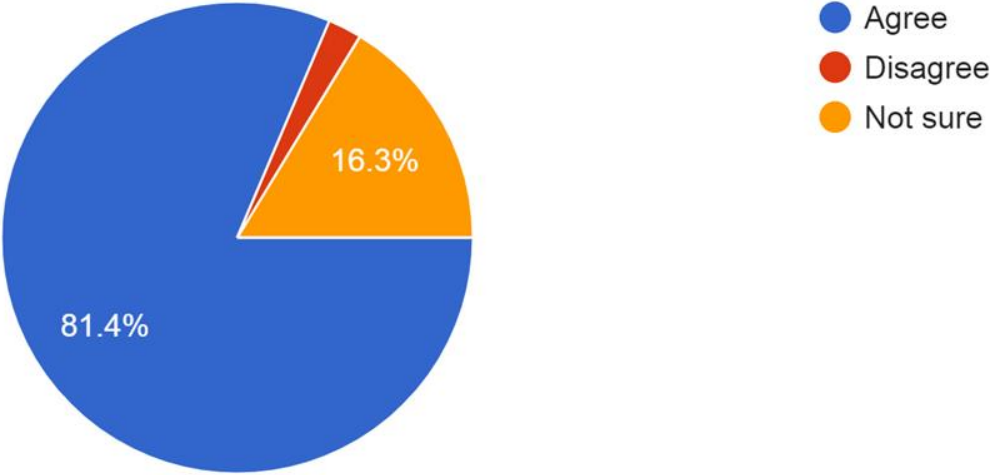
## Policy: Safeguard the existing allotments and support the provision of additional 'growing spaces'.

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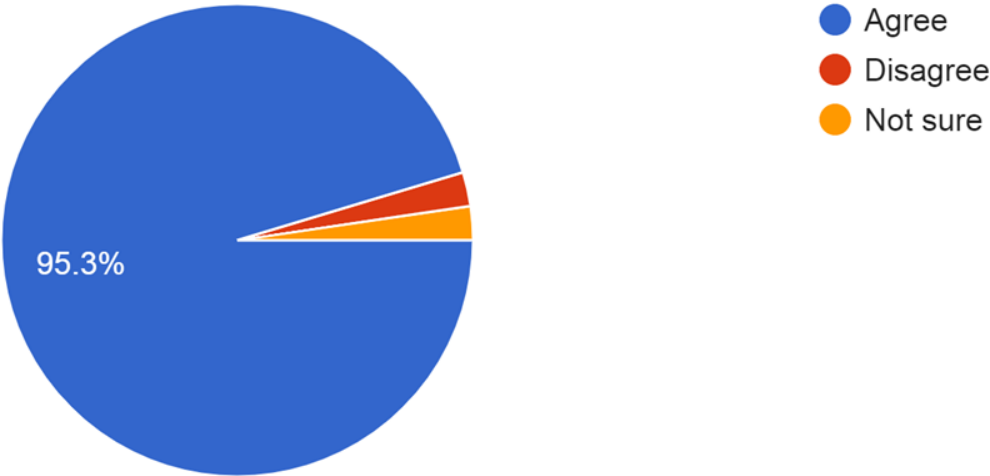
Policy: Recognising our ‘dark skies’ and protecting these from unnecessary light pollution.

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Policy: Improving provision of sports and recreational facilities, including at Drewett’s Field, and facilities aimed at teenagers.

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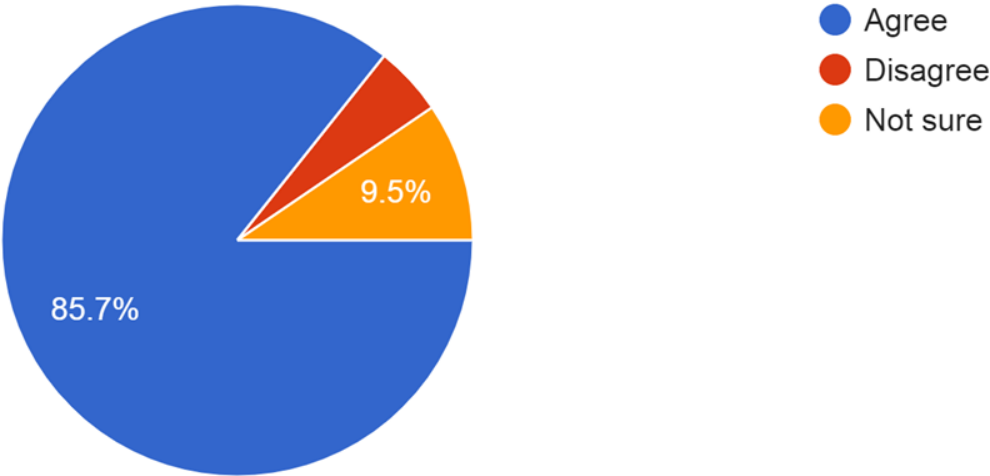


## Objective 3 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

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1	The existing playfield was due to have further upgrades years ago.	<i>We agree. The playground is in the process of being upgraded subject to funds.</i>
2	[feedback form ID #9] Development of HG 22 / HG 43 would violate objective 3 by introducing massius [massive] light pollution to a AONB and green field.	<i>There is a policy in the plan about Dark Skies, which will help to mitigate impact. This has been informed with the assistance of the AONB Unit.</i>
3	[feedback form ID #16] Use of Drewitts field isn't utilised well currently. It seems a missed opportunity.	<i>Noted. There are plans afoot for the sports field, supported by Hurst Green Parish Council.</i>
4	[feedback form ID #17] Would this be monitored and maintained.	<i>Yes – see section 11 of the HGNP.</i>
5	[feedback form ID #23] The redeveloped Drewitt's Field looks good. How will maintaining it to a good level be funded?	<i>It is hoped that funding can be sourced via the community infrastructure levy paid to the Parish Council, and with partners, such as the Football Foundation, Sport England, The National Lottery Community Fund, Rother District Council.</i>
6	[feedback form ID #25] We need better community facilities.	<i>Noted. This is supported in the HGNP.</i>
7	[feedback form ID #26] I would say will street lighting provision be increased along the A21 as part of safety works - how will this impact on dark skies? Fully support Drewitts Field - even if just basic improvements are made.	<i>Highways Street lighting is the responsibility of National Highways and must meet minimum requirements. There is a policy in the plan about Dark Skies, which will help to mitigate impact. This has been informed with the assistance of the AONB Unit.</i>
8	[feedback form ID #49] Whilst we would never want to see unnecessary lighting, at present we are really lacking night lighting for safety purposes. Drewetts is potentially great, but is it biased towards cricket? See [additional comments on] back pages.	<i>Lighting can be achieved where it meets the requirements of the Dark Skies policy. There are plans afoot for the sports field, supported by Hurst Green Parish Council, which include a wide range of sporting facilities. More information is at: <a href="https://hurstgreen2030.uk/community-project-drewitts-sports-ground/">https://hurstgreen2030.uk/community-project-drewitts-sports-ground/</a></i>

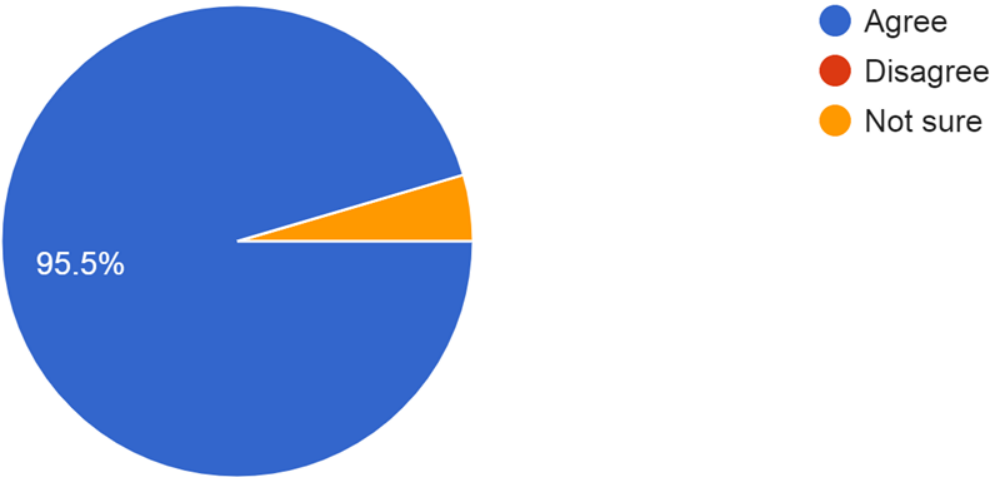
Objective 4: To bring forward action on facilities and improvements, which are needed by the village of Hurst Green; and the hamlets of Silver Hill and Swiftsden.

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Policy: Enhance the area around the village hall, village shop and playground to create a welcoming ‘village hub’.

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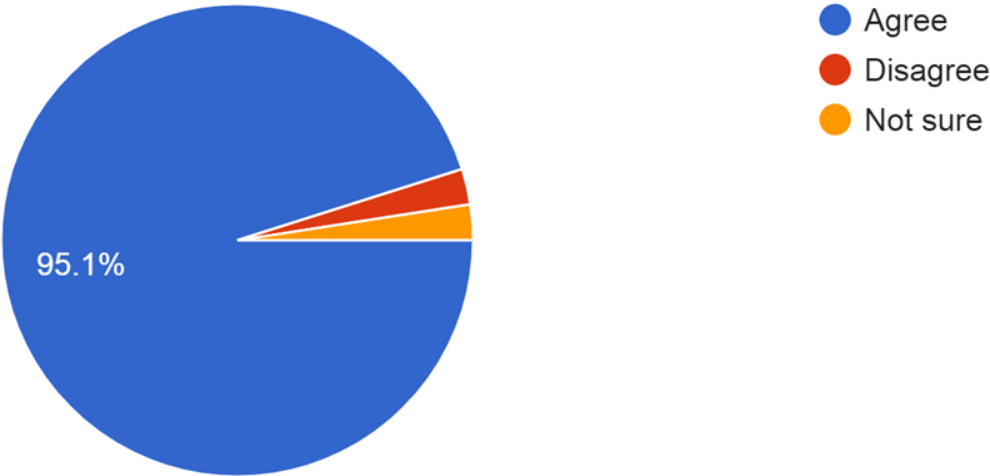
## Objective 4 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

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1	There is currently a lack of community spirit due to the fact that there is nowhere for residents to meet, chat and get to know each other. A community hub would provide employment and social interaction opportunities for all members of the community.	<i>Noted – it is hoped that the Village Hub vision will help to achieve this.</i>
2	Have heard about a scheme for people with difficulties that might be using the old shop. I'm not sure that is what the village needs.	<i>Noted.</i>
3	Existing car parking around the village is inadequate.	<i>Noted. We agree. We have asked developers/ I and owners to increase provision and to include provision for existing residents, but they are under no obligation to do so and there is no requirement for new development to take account / make up for the existing problems in the village.</i>
4	[feedback form ID #24] yes please! [village hall, village shop and playground to create a welcoming 'village hub']	<i>Thank-you for this confirmation.</i>
5	[feedback form ID #9] Currently over development of Hurst Green with heavy traffic on A21 & no village parking preclude a welcoming village hub HG22/43 plans to build more public car parking over 660 metres from the village.	<i>See comments on car parking provision.</i>
6	[feedback form ID #20] Stage field needs to be protected and no housing allowed on site HG 30 as this is an outstanding area with views in every direction and would be an eye saw for neighbouring villages.	<i>Stage field is proposed for designation as a local greenspace. HG30 is outside the village of Hurst Green and therefore not suitable for development at this time, unless it comes forward as a rural exception site or as part of any future Local / Neighbourhood Plan.</i>



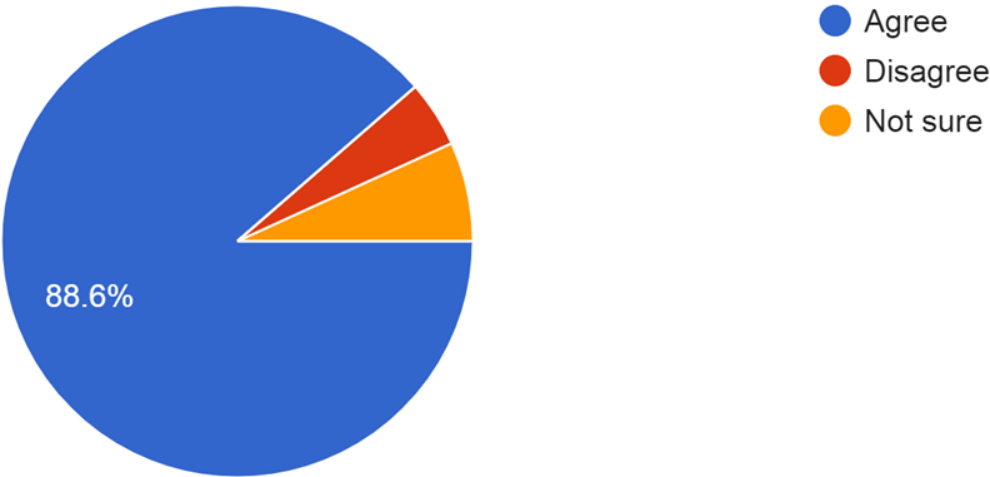
Objective 5: To improve the visual appearance and overall perception of Hurst Green as a place where people want to live, work and visit.

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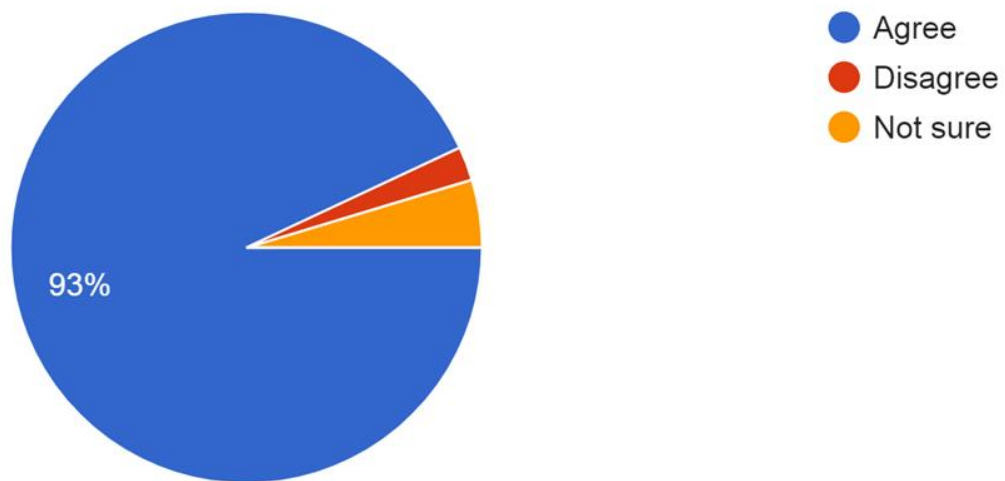
Policy: Improving connectivity around the Parish – and its facilities – by foot and by bike. This might include upgrading paths and adding new connections where possible.

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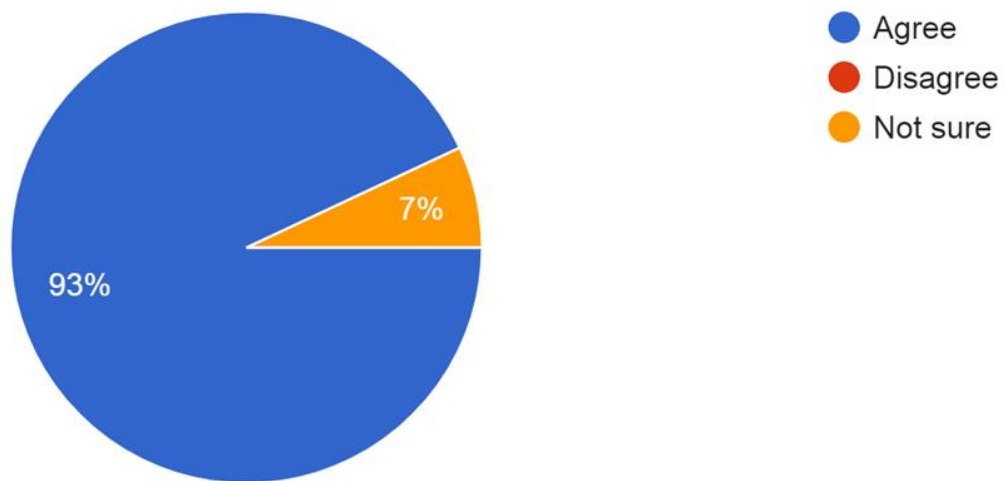
## Policy: Improving the public realm through planting, trees etc.

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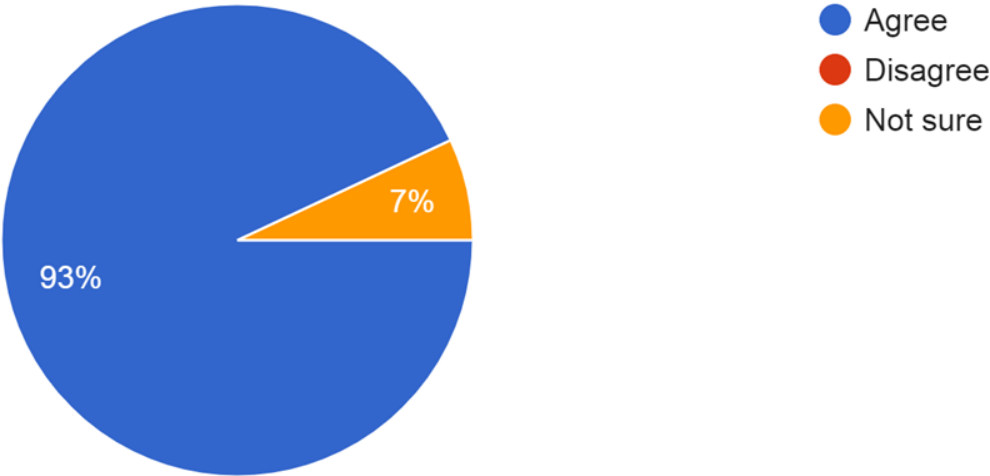
## Policy: Providing accessible green space within any new developments.

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Policy: Identifying longer term traffic calming measures, e.g. new pedestrian crossings, village 'gateways' etc.

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## Objective 5 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

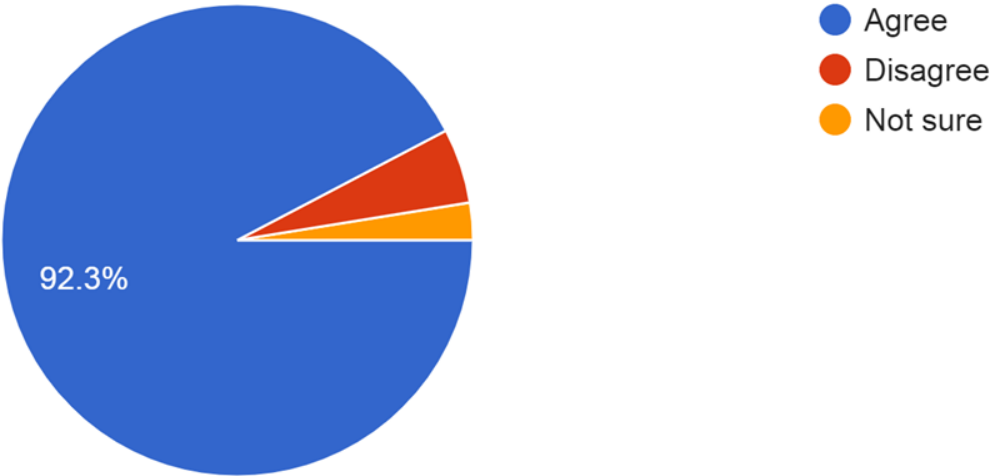
#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
1	All the existing streets and area would benefit from beatification, trees planted in verges, people parking on the grass, and the removal of ugly adverts and hoardings.	<i>Noted- this is supported in the policies and will also will be included in the HGNP actions table.</i>
2	[need a] Roundabout at Coopers Corner and A21/Station Junction.	<i>Noted but this is beyond the scope of the HGNP.</i>
3	Pathway from Station Road to [the] School is very narrow in places when bins are put out. Very dangerous for parents and children - bins should be put in one location spot. I have submitted countless ideas in the past re: traffic calming - nothing ever happens! Traffic lights at junction of A21 and Station Road is a must to enable pedestrians to cross as well as facilitating traffic.	<i>Traffic calming is outside the scope of the HGNP, but is being explored as a separate action by the Parish Council. The HGNP draft design policy requires developments to incorporate dedicated storage space for bins.</i>
4	[feedback form ID #8] Disagree with site 22 proposal + site 43 proposal.	<i>Noted.</i>
5	[feedback form ID #9] Development of Hg22/43; an area of AONB in green field would permanently scar Hurst Green and turn it from a village to suburban strip, ribbon development.	<i>Noted.</i>
6	[feedback form ID #13] Traffic speeding is an issue.	<i>Noted – enforcement of speeding is outside the scope of the HGNP, however the sites proposed for allocation at the ends of the village are encouraged to include 'gateways' to the village, which will help to enhance the public realm and provide a village feel as opposed to a straightforward continuation of the A21.</i>
7	[feedback form ID #14] Average speed cameras through the village.	<i>Noted. This is outside the scope of the HGNP, but is being explored as a separate action by the Parish Council.</i>
8	[feedback form ID #15] Footpath connectivity very important.	<i>Thank-you for this confirmation.</i>
9	[feedback form ID #17] Parking at end of McMichaels Way [is] very dangerous. Cars and vans always on pavement - emergency vehicles would not be able to enter.	<i>Noted. See previous comments on car parking provision.</i>

## Objective 5 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
10	[feedback form ID #20] Footpaths are needed both sides of the A21 within the village to allow for easy access to our green spaces. Weight restrictions on narrow roads. Average speed cameras for entire length of village.	<i>Noted – this is explored in the village masterplan but is constrained by private land ownership. Weight restrictions on roads is outside the scope of the HGNP, are being explored as an action with National Highways.</i>
11	[feedback form ID #23] Could subways be built under the A21?	<i>This is outside the scope of the NP, but we do think it is an interesting idea which has been passed to the Parish Council and to National Highways.</i>
12	[feedback form ID #25] Improving our village also includes keeping its residents safe, us safe. Traffic is too heavy and in some areas too fast. Station Road is a prime example.	<i>Agreed. Traffic calming is outside the scope of the HGNP, but is being explored as a separate action by the Parish Council.</i>
13	Hurst Green is already a traffic bottleneck for the A21 and Station Road; there has to be a balance between "traffic calming" and traffic flow.	<i>See above.</i>
14	Traffic calming measures are extremely important. We currently live on the main road and the speed that some vehicles are travelling is ridiculous. There should be speed cameras at the very least to ensure that drivers stick to the 30mph. Planting of trees should be done throughout the new development.	<i>Agreed. Planting of additional trees is supported in the draft policies.</i>

Objective 6: To enhance our existing, and create new, open green spaces and improve access to the countryside.

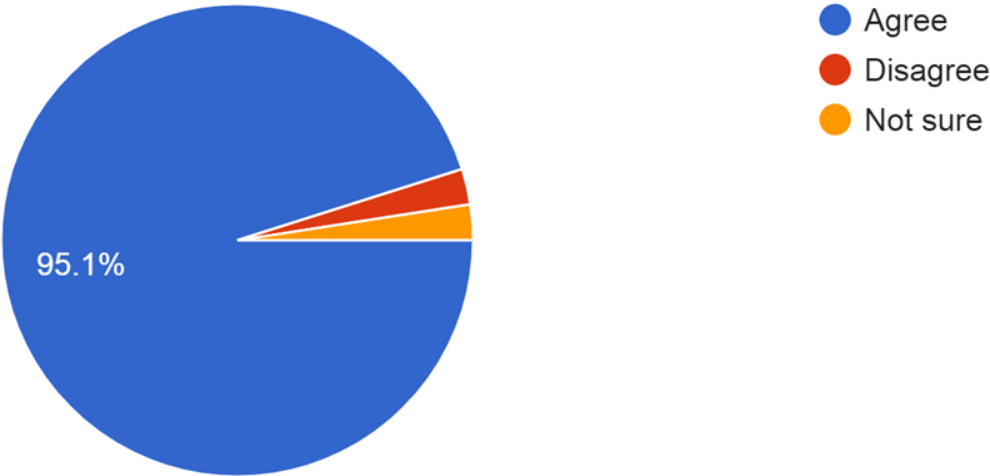
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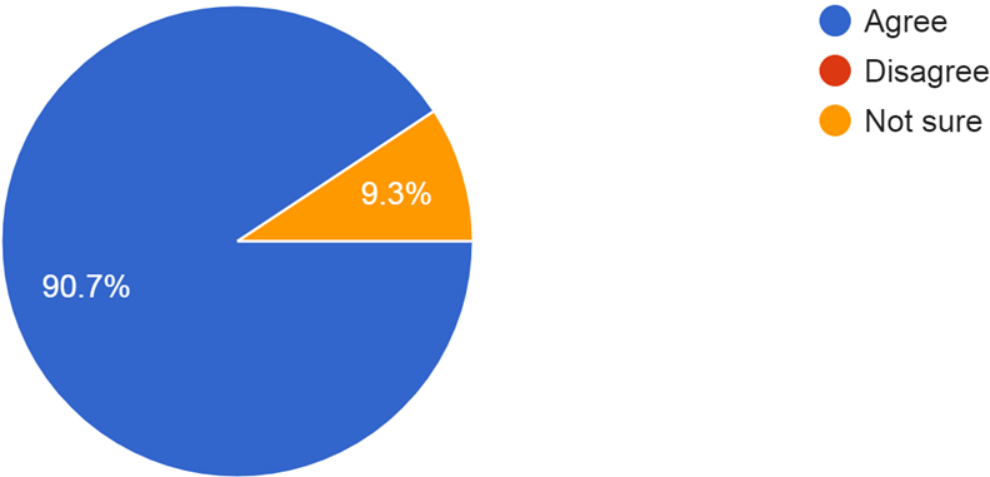
Policy: Protecting and improving the natural features of the parish and, where possible, incorporating such features within development areas.

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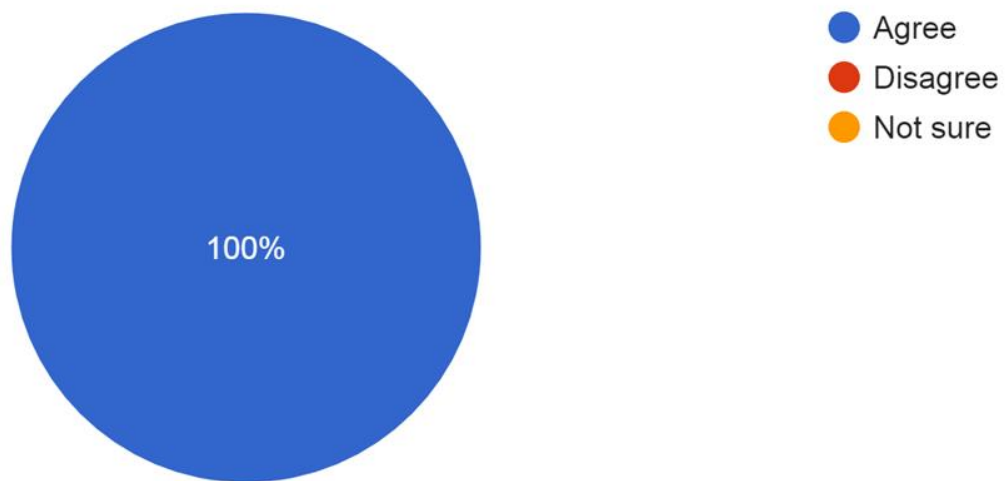
Policy: Mapping our Green Infrastructure Network, which provides valued habitats for flora and fauna.

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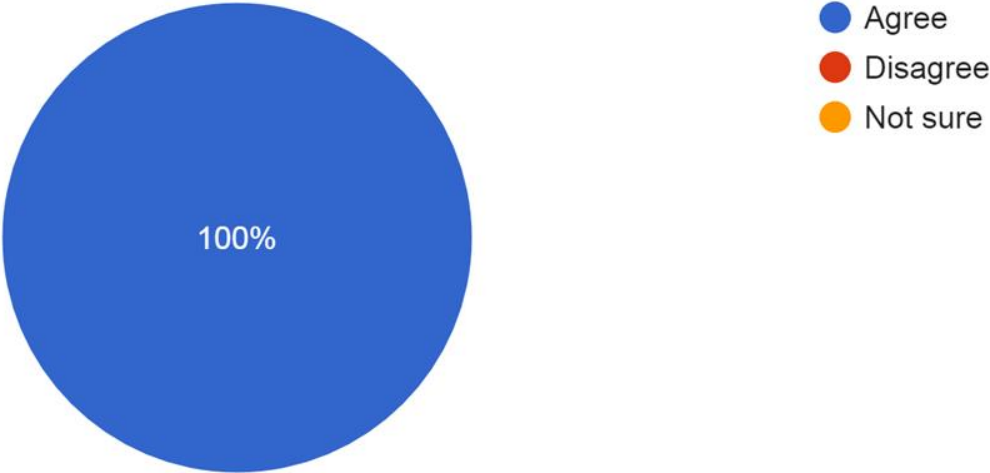
# Policy: Protecting particularly special 'Local Green Spaces' against inappropriate development.

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Policy: Safeguarding important views and vistas from inappropriate development.

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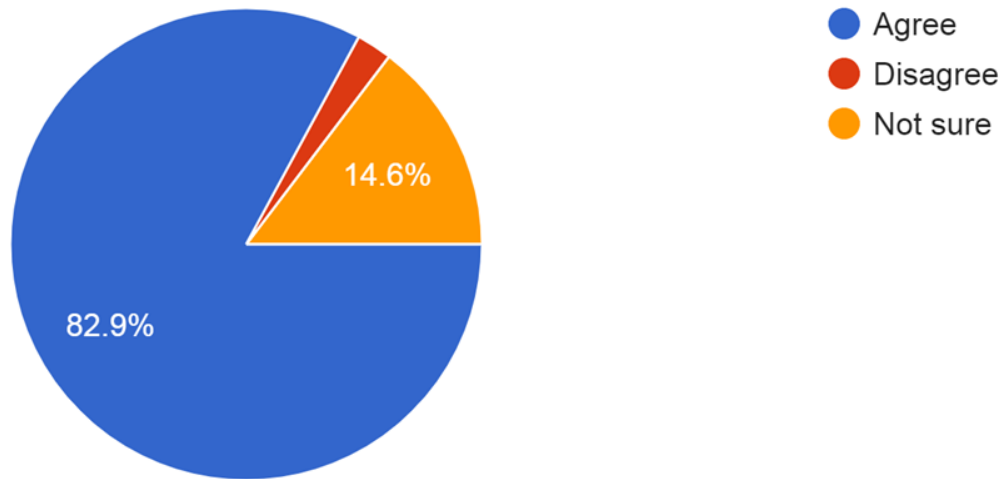


## Objective 6 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

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1	[feedback form ID #8] Disagree with site 22 proposal and site 43 proposal.	<i>Noted.</i>
2	[feedback form ID #9] Development of Hg22/43 would violate objective 6. How can building 50+ houses on AONB green belt "enhance our existing & create new open green spaces...."	<i>Noted. There is a requirement to meet the housing target. The Landscape Study has provided guidance about how impacts can be mitigated.</i>
3	Development of housing is something we think is essential, however these developments should not impact the incredible countryside and green space that is integral to the local area.	<i>Noted. See above.</i>

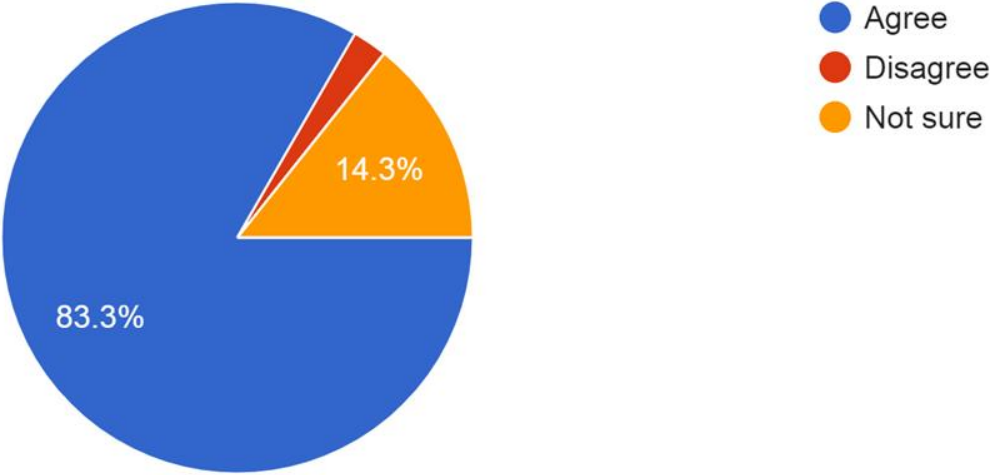
Objective 7: To increase business, retail and tourism opportunities to encourage local employment, and grow the local economy.

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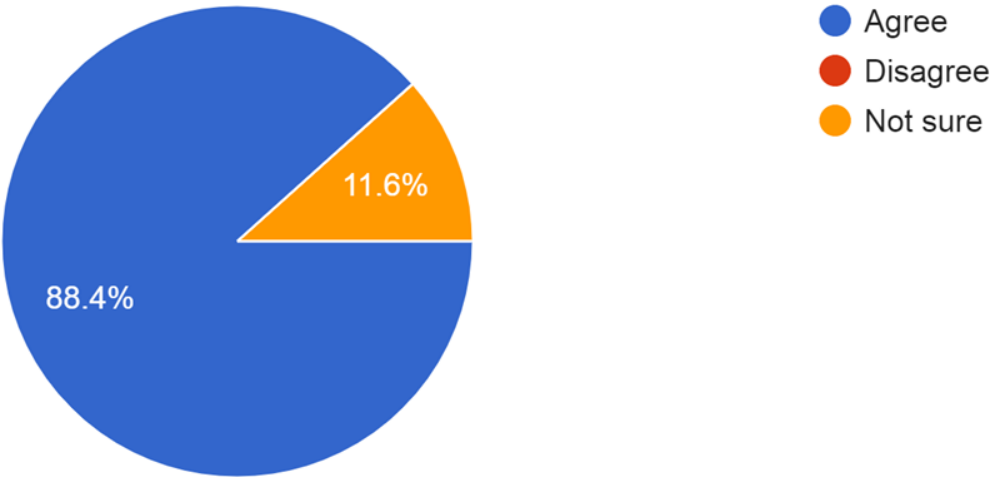
Policy: Promote sustainable rural tourism.

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Policy: Support local employment, through safeguarding existing employment sites and enabling opportunities such as home working and start-up units.

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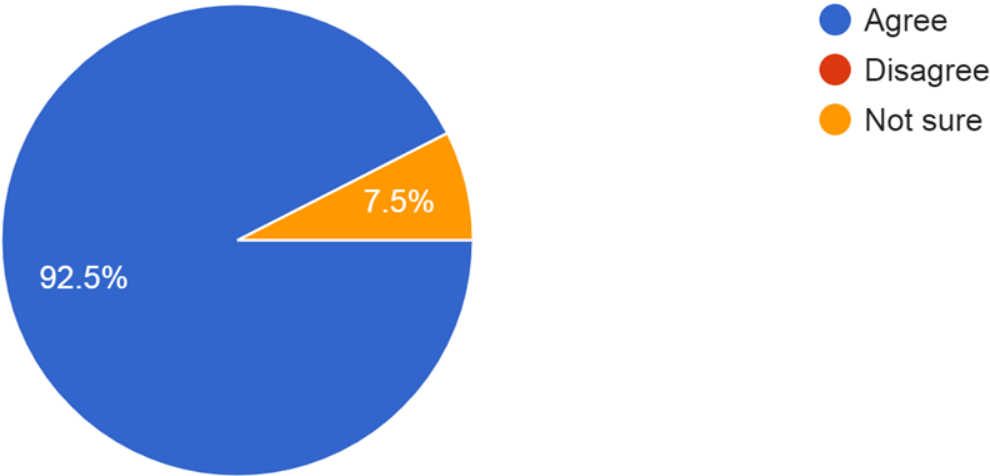


## Objective 7 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

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1	I didn't see a policy to preserve existing commercial spaces from being turned into houses?	<i>Policy HG16 addresses this.</i>
2	This is Hurst Green we are talking about [-] couldn't even keep a community shop which was important and an asset.	<i>Noted.</i>
3	Definitely agree with supporting rural tourism.	<i>Thank-you for this confirmation.</i>
4	[feedback form ID #9] I have not seen any evidence that building 70+ houses in Hurst Green would support local employment. Most residents of Hurst Green work in other large employment centres; London, Hastings, Tunbridge Wells etc.	<i>Noted, although the nature of work will have an impact, particularly on those looking to work from home. Policy HG16 addresses this.</i>
5	[feedback form ID #17] parking is the obstacle to this. It looks as though local businesses are lacking in interest e.g. Aarons Antiques, due to lack of parking.	<i>See previous comments on parking.</i>
6	[feedback form ID #20] Any additional industrial units on farms etc. would need to have the additional heavy traffic considered that these bring.	<i>Noted. This is addressed in HG16.</i>
7	[feedback form ID #21] The A21 is a drive through with limited parking to support retail, tourism etc.	<i>Noted.</i>
8	[feedback form ID #26] Retail is hard in Hurst Green due to roads and parking. This will likely need to be fixed first. Tourism in the heart of Hurst Green is impacted on by A21.	<i>Noted.</i>
9	[feedback form ID #35] Rural tourism could really take off in Hurst Green as we have many farmsteads and former agricultural buildings.	<i>Thank-you for this confirmation.</i>
10	Currently there are no tourist attractions. The local economy should be used by local residents. Local businesses.	<i>The plan supports provision for local residents, but also the use of HG as a base for exploring further afield.</i>

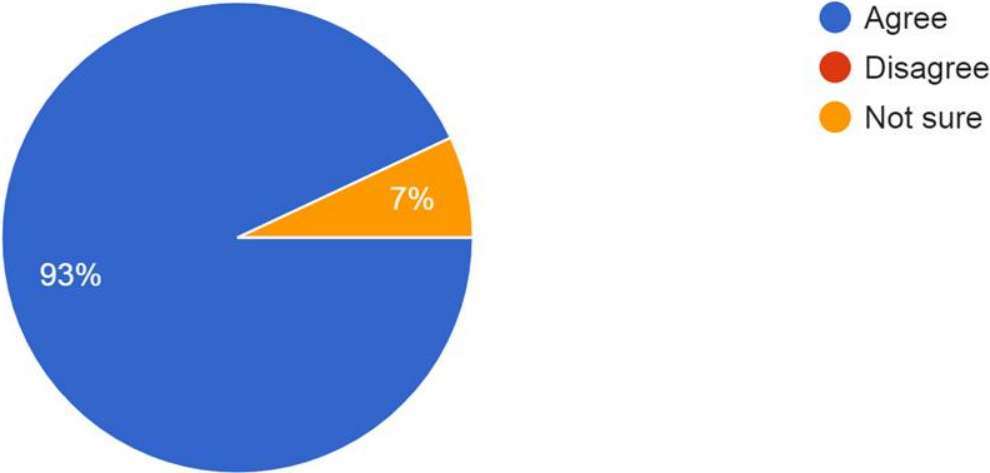
Objective 8: To conserve and enhance the built and historic environment and improve the general street scene around the parish.

40 responses



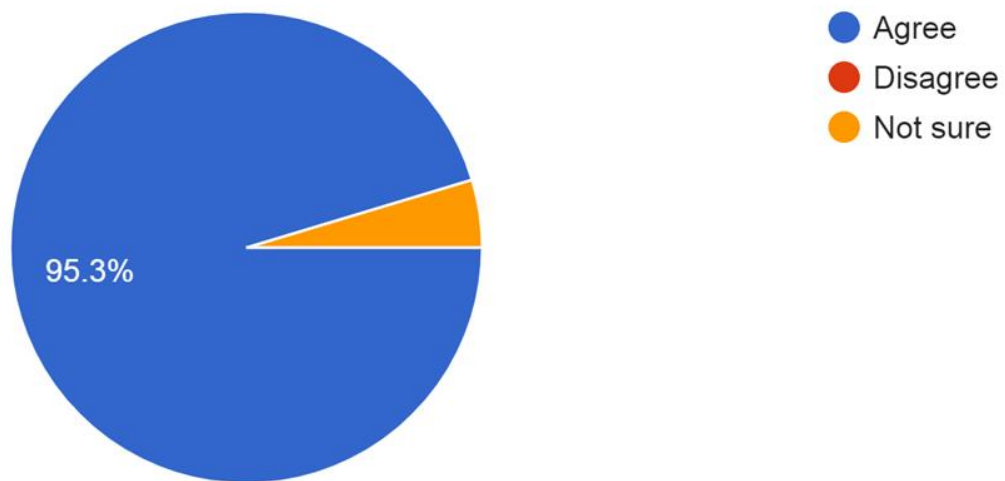
Policy: Development should be in-keeping with the existing character of the Parish.

43 responses



## Policy: Heritage assets should be conserved and enhanced.

43 responses

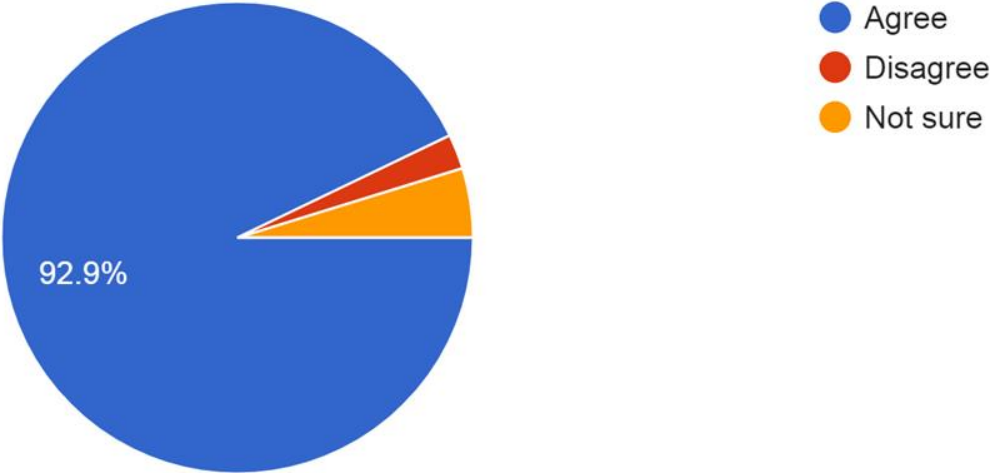


## Objective 8 / Policy Area: Any additional comments:

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
1	Any developments should definitely be in keeping with the local area. They should be seen as an addition to the current parish, rather than viewed as a separate entity.	<i>Noted. This is addressed in the Character Policy.</i>
2	[feedback form ID #8] Disagree with site 22 proposal and site 43 proposal.	<i>Noted.</i>
3	[feedback form ID #9] Development of HG22/43 is not consistent with this [these] objectives.	<i>Noted.</i>

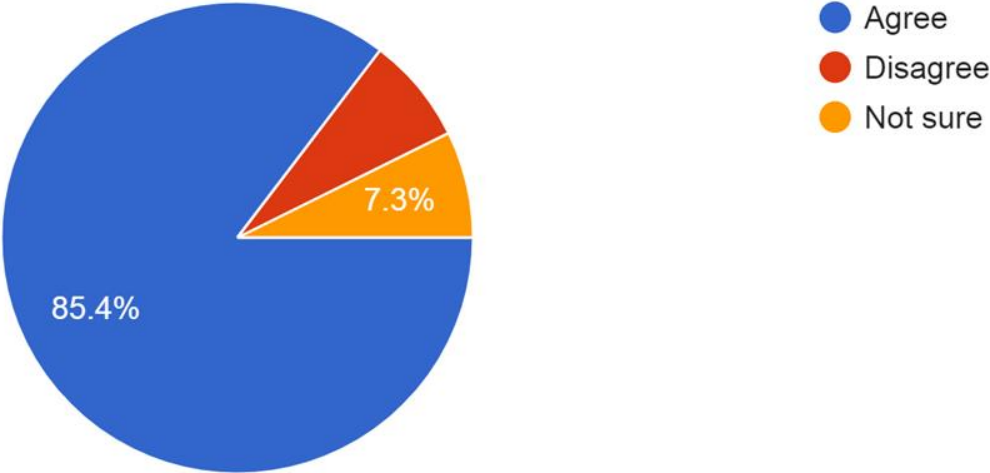
Do you agree with the proposed local green spaces - Proposed Hurst Green local green spaces?

42 responses



Do you agree with the proposed local green spaces - Proposed Silver Hill local green spaces?

41 responses



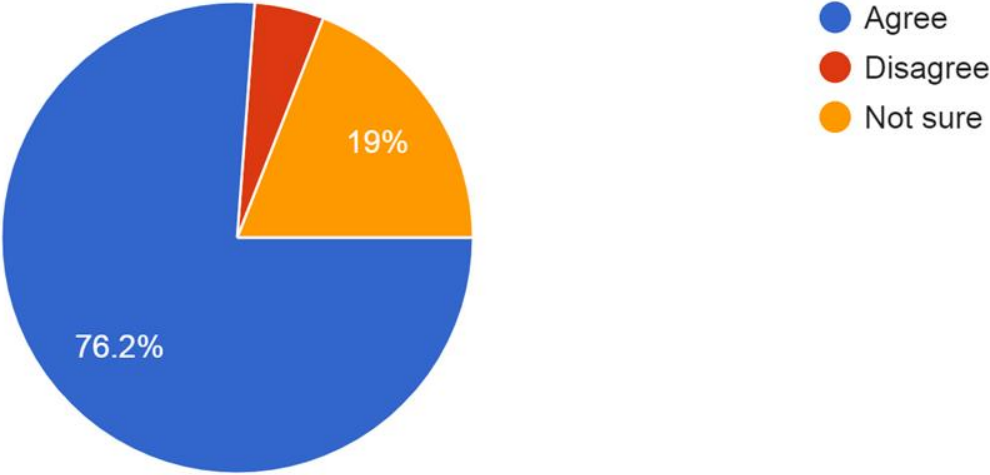
## Local Green Spaces: Any additional comments

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
1	The green spaces should be accessible for all residents and should include features for all demographics represented in the community.	<i>Noted.</i>
2	[feedback form ID #22] LGS 3 - This area needs a significant business/activity centre - restore existing shop or rebuild new community centre.	<i>The policies of the plan would support this. The challenge we are facing is finding a suitable site and willing developer/landowner. The Village Hub may go some way to address this.</i>
3	[feedback form ID #15] Don't know Silver Hill.	<i>Noted.</i>
4	Stage Field was a waste of money.	<i>Noted.</i>
5	Would like to see more done with stage field.	<i>Noted.</i>



Do you agree with the proposed plan to improve Drewitts Field?

42 responses



## Drewitts Field: Any additional comments

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
1	[feedback form ID #35] Not sure about the new pavilion in the middle of the field - would be better closer to the village and existing housing.	<i>Noted.</i>
2	No to MUGA! What about dogs?!	<i>Noted, although there is demand from other parts of our community for such a facility.</i>
3	Please include accessible features for disabled visitors/residents.	<i>Agreed.</i>
4	Is a MUGA environmentally sound? Will dogs still be allowed to be walked in the field - this is popular with dog walkers/owners.	<i>Comment has been passed to the Parish Council.</i>
5	What about dog exercise spaces?	<i>Comment has been passed to the Parish Council.</i>
6	[feedback form ID #23] On balance, a good plan. BUT will it be maintained to a good level, or be left to decay? Who pays!	<i>Comment has been passed to the Parish Council.</i>
7	This is a most admirable, but very ambitious scheme. Clearly it will require very substantial financing. The phased approach proposed must be the right approach.	<i>Noted.</i>
8	[feedback form ID #26] Is the 5 x 5 pitch cost effective - great idea if the funding is there! If not then would think this could be dropped and the rest of the plan taken forwards.	<i>We agree, we understand the plan is to undertake the redesign in several stages based on funding.</i>
9	[feedback form ID #22] 1) Allow access for dog walkers as it is now 2) Is the car park big enough?	<i>Comment has been passed to the Parish Council.</i>

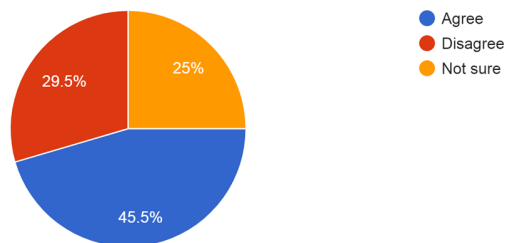
## Drewetts Field: Any additional comments

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
10	[feedback form ID #14] Start with car parking enabling accessibility.	<i>Car parking is supported at the field in Policy HG12.</i>
11	Access problems?	<i>See above.</i>
12	[feedback form ID #13] Subject to it being used: not falling into disrepair.	<i>Noted.</i>
13	[feedback form ID #29] Vehicular access at present dangerous another access needs to be found where 2 vehicles can enter / exit from A21.	<i>Noted, although outside the scope of the HGNP.</i>
14	Whilst walking our dog this summer we have not seen any cricket played. Drewetts is a good idea, but a lot appears to be being spent on [the] cricket field when no-one is playing! We also seriously hope that dogs with responsible owners will still be allowed after the upgrade is done?	<i>Noted.</i>

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Land at London Road opposite 'The Lodge'

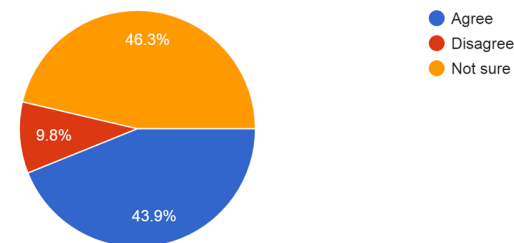
44 responses



Housing - Which of these sites do you in principle agree with for possible development? HG 30:

Land adjacent to Mill Barn (Silver Hill)

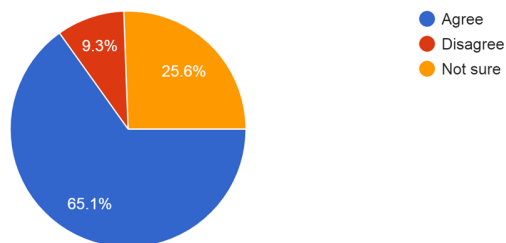
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Housing - Which of these sites do you in principle agree with for possible development? HG 11:

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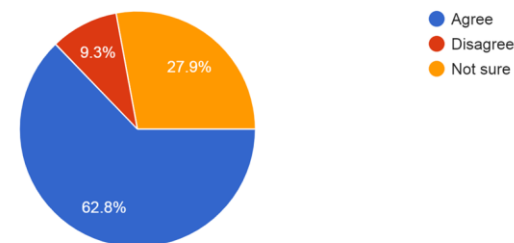
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Land behind / adjacent to Foundry Close

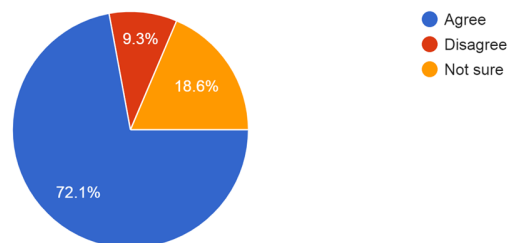
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HG43: Land opposite Hurst Green school

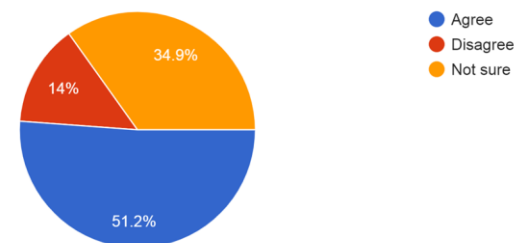
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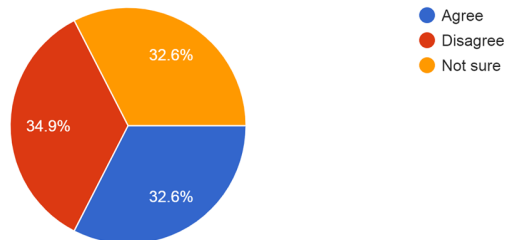
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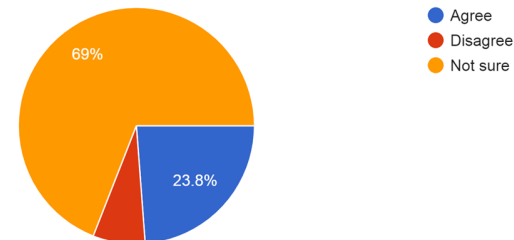
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43 responses



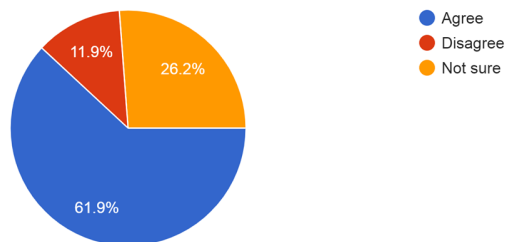
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42 responses



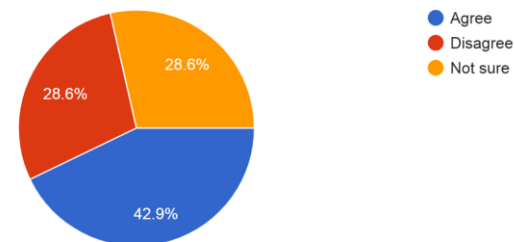
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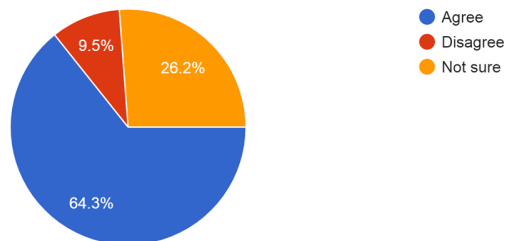
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42 responses



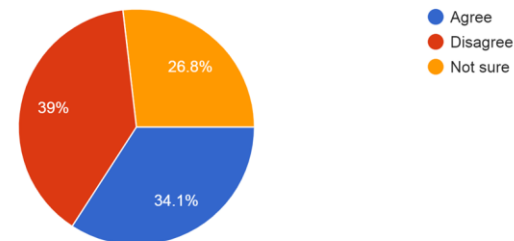
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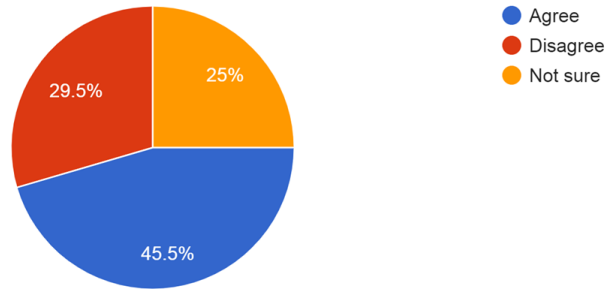
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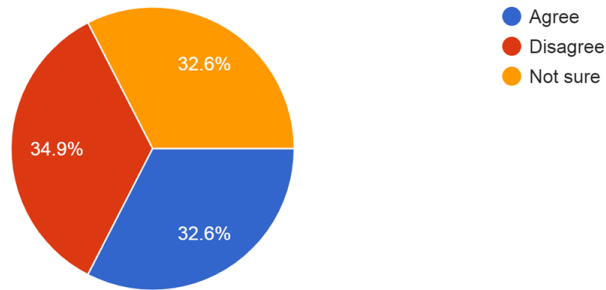
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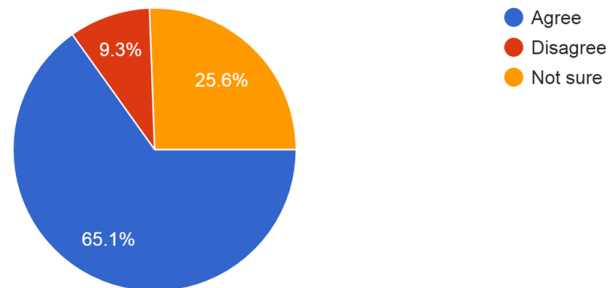
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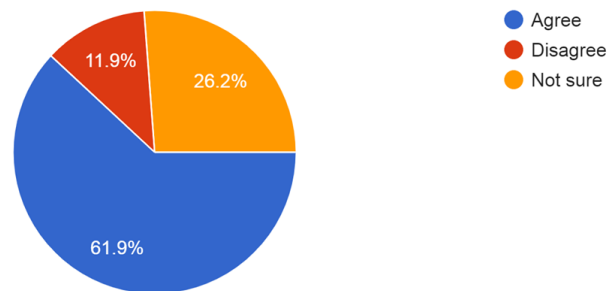
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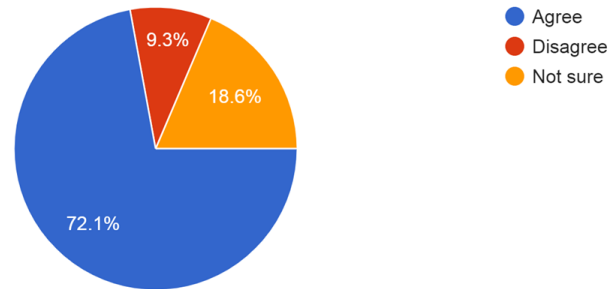


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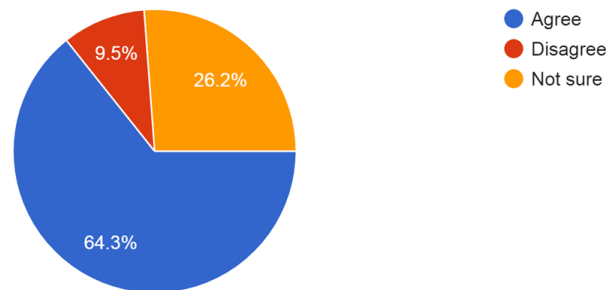
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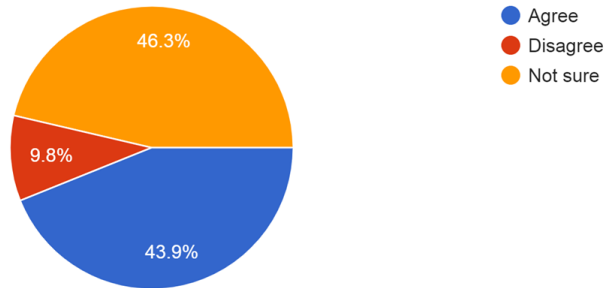




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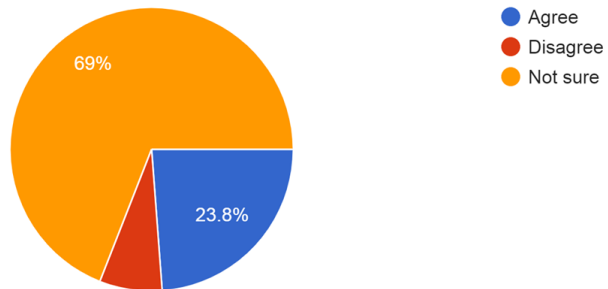
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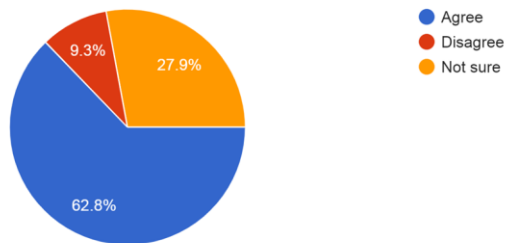


# HG 40 and HG 42

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Land behind / adjacent to Foundry Close

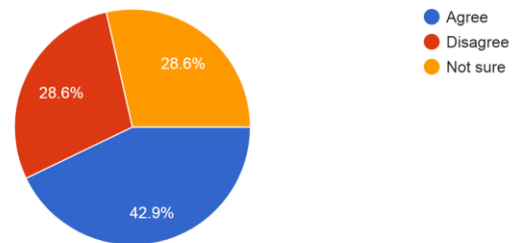
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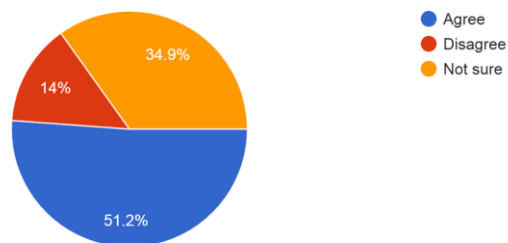
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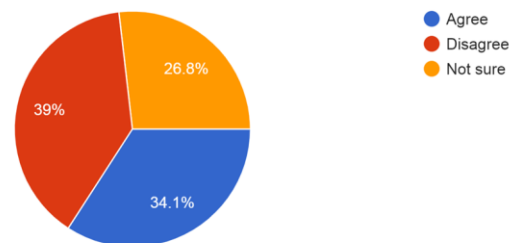
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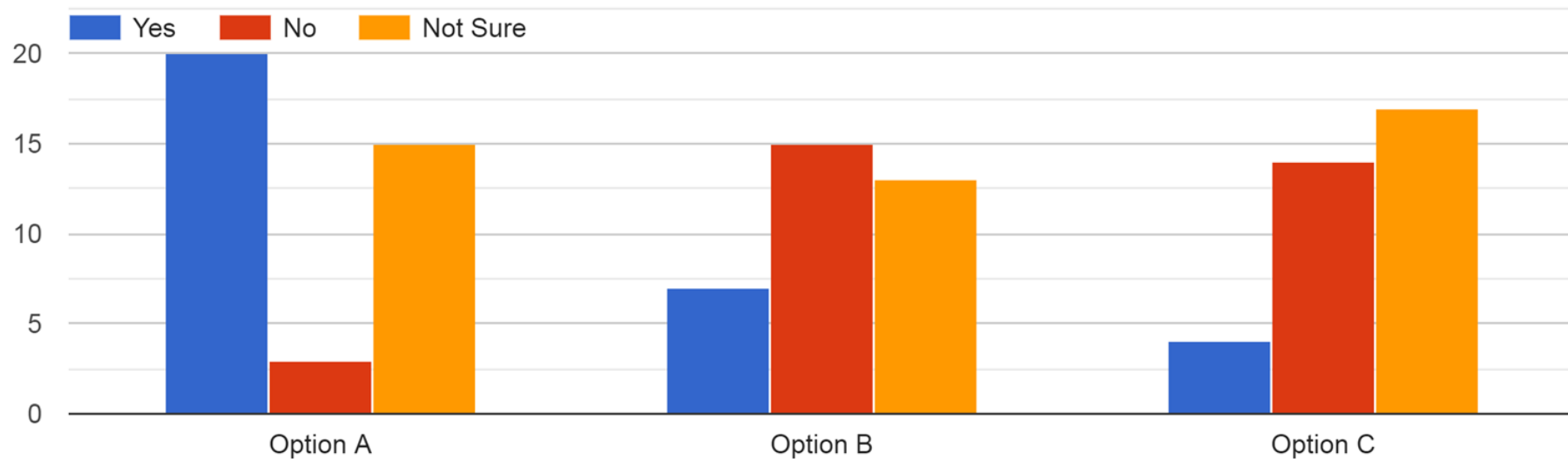
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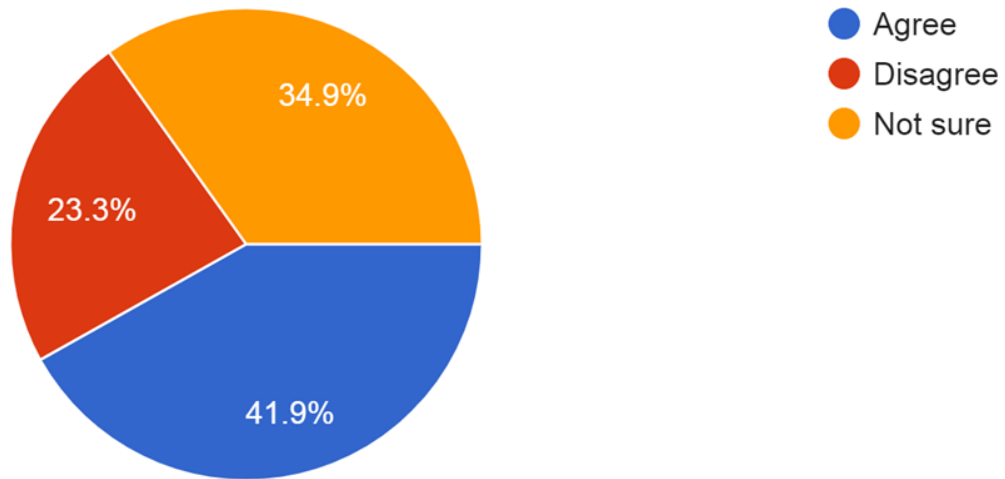


Which of the possible housing site options would you be most likely to support?



# Do you agree with changing the Hurst Green development boundary to align with the parish boundary?

43 responses



# Additional Resident Comments

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
1	Press all levers to obtain a Hurst Green bypass.	<i>Noted- although outside the scope of the HGNP.</i>
2	[for the proposed housing schemes] the proportion of affordable housing is not enough, neither is the parking. To sum up. 1) Footpath on A21 next to cottages and fish and chip shop [is] hazardous. Particularly when rubbish bins are left - should be a central point. Also dustbin men just leave the bins everywhere! 2) Traffic calming measures - previous surveys with countless good ideas results to nothing. 3) Affordable housing - what is considered "affordable" just help planning consent because it sounds great. 4) Reinstatement local shop in some shape or form.	<p><i>AH % is set at the strategic level.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Noted re: bins and see previous response on this.</i></li> <li><i>2. Traffic calming is outside the HGNP scope but could be looked at as a separate project.</i></li> <li><i>3. AH % is set at the strategic level and affordability levels set by central govt. The introduction of First Homes enables authorities to increase discounts, but there needs to be robust evidence in place.</i></li> <li><i>4. Noted- the Village Hub may enable this</i></li> </ol>
3	[feedback form ID #8] I disagree with the proposed 43 and site 22 proposed development. Totally inappropriate on that site on the A21. It is tied to all the options that have been put forward. For it's size it is totally the wrong place on the A21. What about the brownfield site in Hurst Green. 2 caravan locations which could be in fill. (one the old agriculture venture.	<p><i>The brownfield site has not been put forward for housing and are commercial premises.</i></p> <p><i>The possible housing site opposite the school seeks to include a crossing over the A21.</i></p>
4	[feedback form ID #9] All proposals include development of HG22/43 which is a parcel of agricultural land surrounded on all sides by open countryside. Not only is this rightly protected as an area of outstanding natural beauty but is historical countryside. Such development clearly would violate most of the objectives & policies outlined in the plan. Such development should be vigorously objected to.	<i>All parcels are currently protected as AONB, however the HGNP has to deliver housing in accordance with the strategic requirement set by Rother District Council. If the HGNP does not allocate sites, it will be left to RDC or speculative development (in the absence of a 5-year land supply on the part of RDC). This could open up further areas to threat.</i>
5	[feedback form ID #20] The Parish Boundary includes all the wood and fields around the hub of the village and should not be included in the development boundary.	<i>See Policy HG1 – the development boundary does not include these features.</i>

## Additional Resident Comments

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
6	[feedback form ID #21] A21 is fast moving and speed not regulated. We disagree for development with new or enlarged existing access onto it!	<i>Noted.</i>
7	[feedback form ID #22] Public toilet facilities somewhere - e.g. Drewitts Field or Community Shop / Playpark.	<i>Good idea – we have passed this comment onto the Parish Council.</i>
8	[feedback form ID #23] (1) Housing developments should always add to the community - e.g. car parking, green space. 2) Drewitt's Field development: looks good, but a) will the disruption to wild grassland be justified by being well-used? b) can it be maintained to a good level, not go to dilapidated status? 3) Traffic seems a major issue at all points.	<i>Agreed and with any allocation we are seeking to ensure a community benefit, housing developments that do not support the aspirations of the community benefit will not be allocated.</i>
9	[feedback form ID #25] Additional traffic + lack of parking will be an ongoing issue. Our village is not a village to visit, but one to pass through on the travelers journey to elsewhere. Lack of amenities means that residents travel to other villages. Doctors, Dentist, Chemist, Post Office, decent local shop etc... This only adds to the volume of traffic. And the turning from the A21 onto Station Road is only waiting for an accident. Parked cars, volume of traffic etc. And vice versa, Station Road onto A21.	<i>Agree. We do wonder if the additional footfall from the required development will improve the viability of local shops and businesses.</i>

## Additional Resident Comments

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
10	[feedback form ID #26] I agree with all objectives. I think the main impactor on Hurst Green is the road, though I understand the Parish Council has no authority on this. I think the road impacts on all other policies and some are hard to deliver without a bypass. I think there should be a focus on tangible and achievable objectives however. All objectives are achievable in time and with political will. Engagement with NH [National Highways] and MP should be kept up in order to achieve infrastructure objectives which are integral to Hurst Green's transformation. Thanks for the exhibition and the plan which has certainly had a positive impact.	<i>Noted.</i>
11	[feedback form ID #29] Every new home should have solar panels and heat pumps. Concerns regarding drainage and potential flooding, particularly behind HG40, HG42 and HG35. Access onto A21 which is already a problem. Parking??? All developments should be mixed housing.	<i>This is strongly supported in the Plan, however we cannot require installations that go beyond Building Regulations. Those will need to change to make this a requirement.</i>
12	[feedback form ID #34] Housing sites:- None directly affect where I live. However, the [unreadable] and additional vehicles (2.7 per hour) will [unreadable] on already dangerous through road even worse. A21:- The above development in my view, depend very much on reducing significantly the volume and speed of vehicles passing through on the A21. Speed reduction action is urgently needed at both Coppers Corner and Silver Hill - ideally roundabouts!	<i>We agree – sadly, speeding and enforcement are beyond the scope of the neighbourhood plan. We have passed this comment onto the Parish Council.</i>

## Additional Resident Comments

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13	[feedback form ID #29] HG45 land adjacent to Iridge Place - why only 4 houses??	<i>This is what has been proposed by the developer. The site would also enable a new footpath connection and improved biodiversity.</i>
14	[feedback form ID #35] Great exhibition today, thanks for all your hard work.	<i>Thank-you for these kind words.</i>
15	[feedback form ID #31] Travel and Transport [objective] Delete from "we will seek... to.. existing roads" as this would be impossible!	<i>Noted – agreed.</i>
16	[feedback form ID #31] 6.3 Car park for church is an aspiration rather than an objective.	<i>Noted.</i>
17	[feedback form ID #31] Under infrastructure objectives: - 4.1 has been ruled out.	<i>Noted.</i>
18	[feedback form ID #31] Site HG11 care should be taken not to take gardens further than the top of the slope of the hill.	<i>Noted, if this site proceeds the site will need to be landscape led.</i>
19	[feedback form ID #31] Boundary of Hurst Green, Etchingham agree it should be moved.	<i>Noted.</i>
20	What can be done / has been done to get a bypass?	<i>This is outside the scope of the HGNP. we have passed this comment onto the Parish Council.</i>
21	More off-street car parking needed.	<i>Noted – see previous comments on car parking.</i>
22	New development needs plenty of visitor parking.	<i>Noted. We agree. We have asked developers/ I and owners to increase provision, but they are under no obligation to do so.</i>
23	3 bedroom houses need two [car parking] spaces per house.	<i>As above.</i>



## Additional Resident Comments

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
24	More needs to be done about the parking in the village.	<i>Noted and see previous comments. We have asked developers/ I and owners to increase provision and to include provision for existing residents, but they are under no obligation to do so and there is no requirement for new development to take account / make up for the existing problems in the village.</i>
25	Extra room in the car park.	<i>This is supported as part of the Village Hub.</i>
26	To have a second development at Foundry [Close] makes this too large for the site. If it had to be used in the future, then may be suitable for a small development of larger houses.	<i>Noted.</i>
27	I like the development HG6 although in a perfect world would like a few more 4 bed [houses] instead of 2 to create a more even balance. Good location, nice design.	<i>Noted.</i>
28	HG22/43 includes more unwanted flats with no provision for gardens. Removal all flats and replace with more 2 bed houses and bungalows. This would still create 40% affordable. No more flats in the village please.	<i>Noted. Housing Mix will be determined by the most recent housing needs and Rother District Council.</i>
29	This village is in desperate need of off-street parking for residents. Since I came to live here 10 years ago, the village car park has become over-crowded and parking at the end of McMichaels Way and the junction of A21/Station Road is dangerous. If there is new development, houses must have 2+ [car] parking spaces each and extra space for visitors.	<i>Noted, see previous comments on car parking. We agree. We have asked developers/ I and owners to increase provision and to include provision for existing residents, but they are under no obligation to do so and there is no requirement for new development to take account / make up for the existing problems in the village.</i>
30	The Parish Council are to be congratulated on the considerable amount of work which has evidently gone into the Neighbourhood Plan and the excellent presentation of it in the village hall.	<i>Thank-you for these kind words.</i>

## Additional Resident Comments

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31	The objectives are all very worthy ones, but [unreadable] must be viewed as aspirational, rather than likely to be achievable.	<i>Noted.</i>
32	In particular, there is very little likelihood of the A21 being re-routed to reduce the level of traffic going through the village. And every new development on the eastern side of the village (i.e. HG22 / HG43 / HG40 / HG42) makes the prospect of a bypass even more remote as that is the only line that such a bypass would take.	<i>Noted.</i>
33	Furthermore, the development of sites on the eastern side of the village will require pedestrian crossings, doubtless including traffic lights, which will further restrict traffic flow along the A21 and potentially turning the road into a frequent traffic jam through the village.	<i>Noted.</i>
34	[feedback form ID #44] From a purely selfish point of view we believe that having more houses available will give us a greater chance of buying a home in the area.	<i>Noted.</i>
35	[feedback form ID #44] We are big fans of the current development plans laid out by each developer as we believe these offer great housing options whilst providing adequate green space and off-street parking for residents.	<i>Noted.</i>

## Additional Resident Comments

#	Resident comment	Neighbourhood Plan Response
36	[feedback form ID #44] We are extremely supportive of all of the planned development in the local area.	<i>Thank you for your comment.</i>
37	[feedback form ID #44] We absolutely love living here and making the most of the beautiful surrounding area, however we are aware that we would not be able to afford to buy property without housing developments.	<i>Thank you for your comment.</i>
38	[feedback form ID #44] We care about our local community and would love to be more involved, so we are really excited about the regeneration of the local area.	<i>Thank you. This is helpful to note.</i>
39	[feedback form ID #44] Our last comment would be to add that we think it is extremely important that any future developments put the current residents of Hurst Green first, it would be a travesty if these new homes were taken by people who live out of area who happen to be able to afford to buy a home.	<i>We agree. Affordable homes should be offered/filled by those on the RDC waiting list/local residents. An element of the affordable homes will be delivered as First Homes and these can be offered to local residents first.</i>
40	<p>We realise housing needs to take place, but lets get the mix right. We don't agree with a lot of info given out, that the requirement for semi-detached houses with outdoor space we certainly do. Hurst Green needs a good housing mix with exactly that.</p> <p>We like HG 6 the most. Given other developments are on the other side of the A21, this one is [in] the right place, on the west side with proposed hub, shop etc.</p> <p>There is a risk to a too big a development of Foundry [Close] and HG22/43 housing [unreadable] need to be altered to more houses/bungalows. Finally we would like to say good presentation and thanks to the volunteers.</p>	<i>Noted, and thank you for your kind comment.</i>