

2.2 Introduction

The remaining sections summarise the answers to the Questionnaire and consultations with other groups. The answers express a range of opinions, showing what respondents want in the village. An analysis of responses to the Questionnaire was exhibited in the Memorial Hall and is available on the village website.

We issued 1030 questionnaires to parish residents and received back 450 responses representing the views of 931 individuals. Most respondents left some questions unanswered, so the quoted percentages relate only to the number of respondents answering each question, not to the total of 931 respondents.

For young people, the Village College circulated a separate questionnaire electronically, receiving 236 responses. The responses from Swavesey young people did not differ greatly from those in the college's feeder villages.

We talked to 49 active businesses, 17 of which were run by local residents or trading from a private address. We talked to several farmers. In addition we contacted institutions, clubs and organisations active in the village, seeking their views about the village.

The responses of young people, businesses, and clubs and organisations have been included in the subject sections.



2.3 Housing

Respondents are against new housing by a ratio of 2 to 1, but are in favour of shared equity and sheltered homes, homes for key workers, and small homes and flats rather than large family homes.

Drainage, roads and public transport are considered most in need of improvement if further housing is developed.

"Do we want to be a village or a suburb?"

2.4 Development, Planning and Conservation

99% of respondents want to retain the rural character of the village, the country views, trees and open spaces, rather than to expand the village, though 80% also want more shops and facilities: See Table 4.

One cause for concern is unlawful settlement; there is a perception that this represents a failure of Planning control and a community safety problem.

"Let's keep the village feel"

Table 4

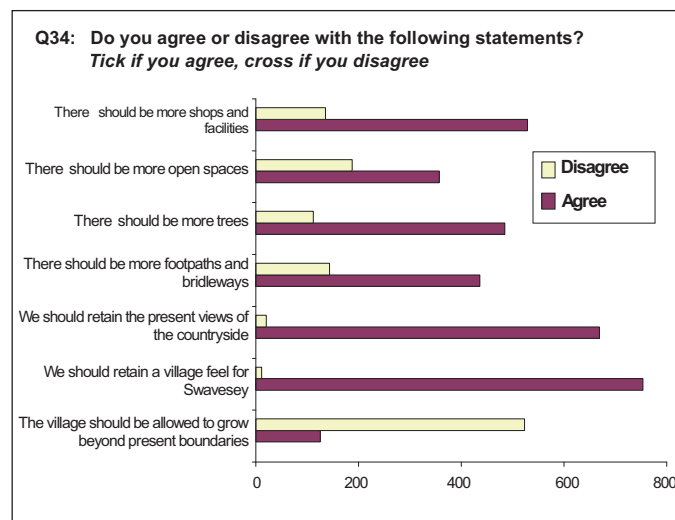


Table 5

