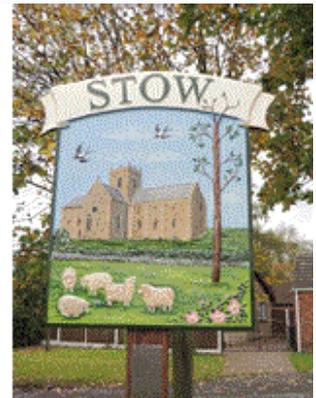
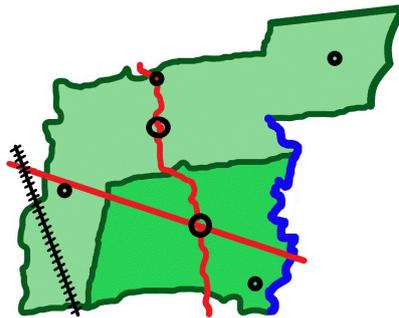


Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Analysis Report



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What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood (Development) Plans give communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area over the next ten, fifteen, twenty years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people.

Local people are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. A Neighbourhood Plan provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop.

Neighbourhood Development Plans will become part of the Local Plan and the policies contained within will be used in the determination of planning applications. It must be stressed that the policies produced cannot block development that are already part of the Local Plan (if in place). What they can do is shape where that development will go and what it will look like.

What is the Central Lincolnshire Plan (Local Plan) and how will the Neighbourhood Plan fit in?



The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was formally adopted in 2017 and now forms part of the Development Plan for the Central Lincolnshire authorities until 2036.

The Plan is a planning policy document that local planning authorities are required to produce. It is used as a guide against which planning applications will be determined for such things as:

- The location of new homes
- The creation of new jobs
- The protection of open spaces

The Plan must be in accordance with the National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF). The Local Plan covers the Districts of West Lindsey, North Kesteven and the City of Lincoln.

A Community's Neighbourhood Plan will need to consider the key issues and principles coming from the Local Plan's consultation, in preparing its own document. It may be that the Local Plan will address a number of the fundamental issues raised which would mean that the Neighbourhood Plan could potentially have fewer policies and be a simpler, more selective document.

The Neighbourhood Plan cannot promote less development than the Local Plan recommends but can, if passed by the inspector, specify policies and guidance on how new development should be designed, orientated and located.

The Neighbourhood Plan can also guide the provision of infrastructure e.g. setting out priorities for new development such as upgrading local paths and open spaces. In addition it can identify the need for new community facilities and where they should be located.

The Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory Development Plan (Local Plan) for the area if successful at the referendum stage.

For more information about the Central Lincolnshire Plan visit:

www.central-lincs.org.uk

Introduction and Background

The Sturton by Stow and Stow Parish Councils created a partnership to develop a joint Neighbourhood Plan. As such they set up one single Neighbourhood Plan subcommittee (NP group), combining members of both Parish Councils and volunteers from both parishes. The group held an initial consultation event in 2017 and had a presence at various events, raising awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2018 before receiving a grant to employ professional support to assist with consulting households and businesses in the parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow.

This report relates to analysis of the parish wide consultation undertaken in January 2019.

Client Brief

Community Lincs were asked to:

- Design a residents' questionnaire* in collaboration with the NP group and produce hard copy questionnaires and an online SurveyMonkey version.
- Design a business questionnaire * to understand the needs of business development in the future, producing an online SurveyMonkey version.
- Data input and analysis of these two consultation exercises.
- Produce a final report of the results and feedback to the NP group.

* Copies of the questionnaires used as part of this consultation are available in **Appendices 2 and 11**.

Analysis Methodology Quantitative and Qualitative Data Handling

This analysis is based returned questionnaires only, and does not take into consideration 70.61% of the Sturton by Stow and 72.26% of the Stow survey population. Whilst the questionnaire response rate across both parishes was comparable with similar surveys of this type, no inference can be made that the responses wholly represent the two parishes. However the analysis will be used as a guide to opinions in order to shape the vision of the Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan. The final Plan will be subject to the two parishes' approval via a referendum.

Analysis of the Residents' Questionnaire

A questionnaire was considered to be the most effective way to reach the parishes, giving all members the opportunity to respond in a consistent and measurable way to a range of questions in support of the community consultation process.

The design of the questionnaire was based on the need to incorporate key issues identified by the NP group from an initial consultation with the parishes in November 2017 (**Appendix 1**). The method of design involved both Community Lincs and the NP group drafting and refining the questions to ensure overall size of the questionnaire was appropriate whilst important themes were covered.

The population of Sturton by Stow and Stow from the 2011 census was 1,370 and 365 respectively, comprising of 595 and 155 households.

Every household received a paper questionnaire; residents had the option of completing and returning this paper version, or completing an online version. The number of questionnaires delivered and returned is as follows:

	Sturton by Stow	Stow
Number delivered	660	167
Number of paper copies returned via collection boxes placed at strategic points around the parishes	143	26
Number completed online	51	27
Total returned	194	53
Total % return rate based on one questionnaire per household	29.39%	31.73%

The paper questionnaire data was inputted to SurveyMonkey for analysis, independently by Community Lincs.

A copy of the questionnaire is included in **Appendix 2**.



For report writing purposes the settlements of Bransby, Rural District, Sturton by Stow and Westwood have been identified under the parish of Sturton by Stow.

Stow parish includes the settlements of Stow, Coates, Normanby by Stow and Stow Park.

Where respondents have written their own comments, we have made little or no change to spelling and grammar.

Analysis of Residents' Questionnaire

The questionnaire was delivered and publicised as two versions, one for households in the parish of Sturton by Stow and one for households in Stow. As such, the analysis below reflects these two versions.

Sturton by Stow includes a number of different settlements, these have all be included under the parish name of Sturton by Stow, unless otherwise indicated.

Question 1

As this questionnaire covers two parishes including a number of settlements, please indicate where you live:

Sturton by Stow	Stow
190 responses were collected, with four respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

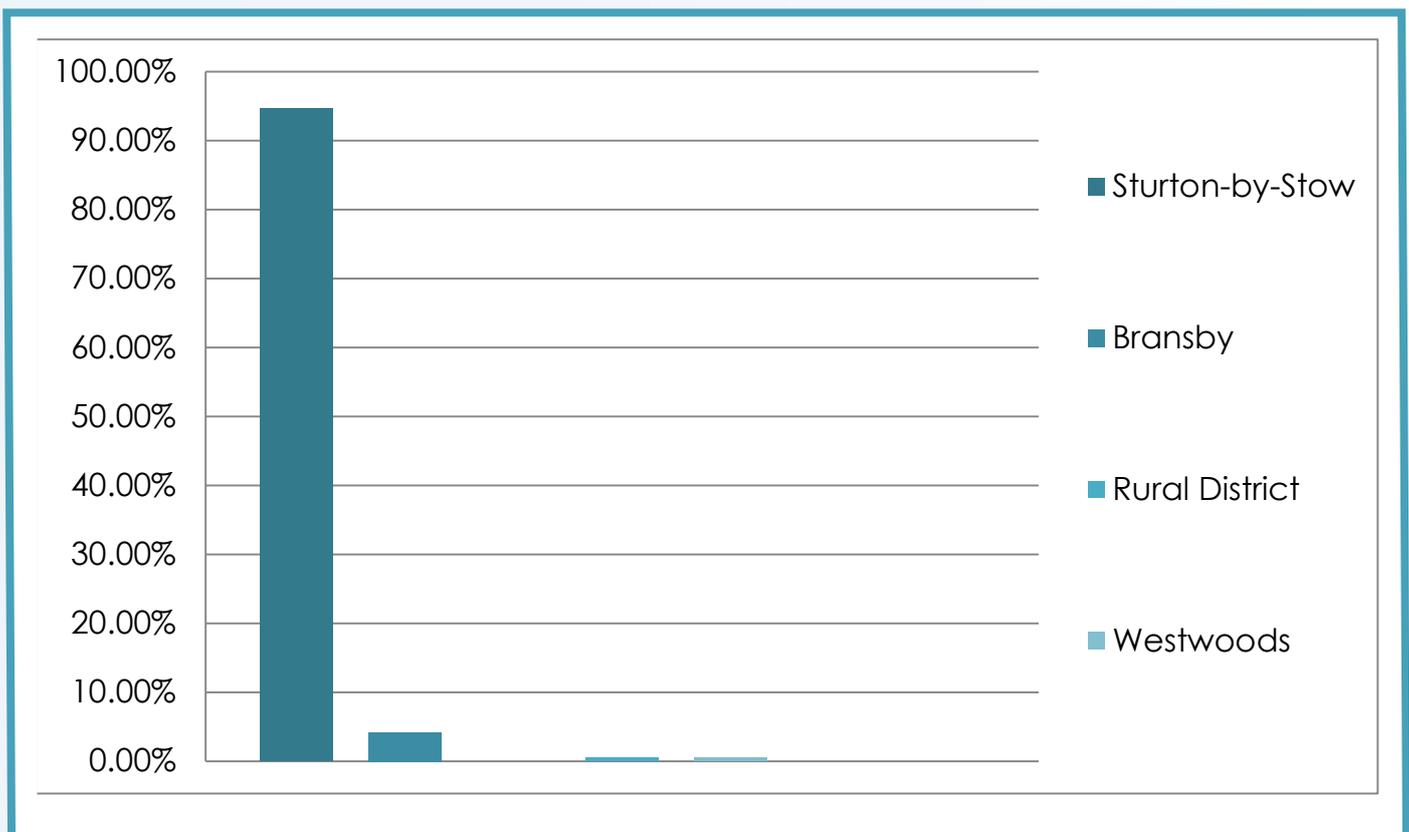


Figure 1 - Sturton by Stow

Figure 1 shows that 94.74% of respondents live in Sturton by Stow. Other respondents live in, Rural Distict and Westwoods.

Figure 2 shows 96.23% of respondents live in Stow. The other respondents are from Normanby by Stow.

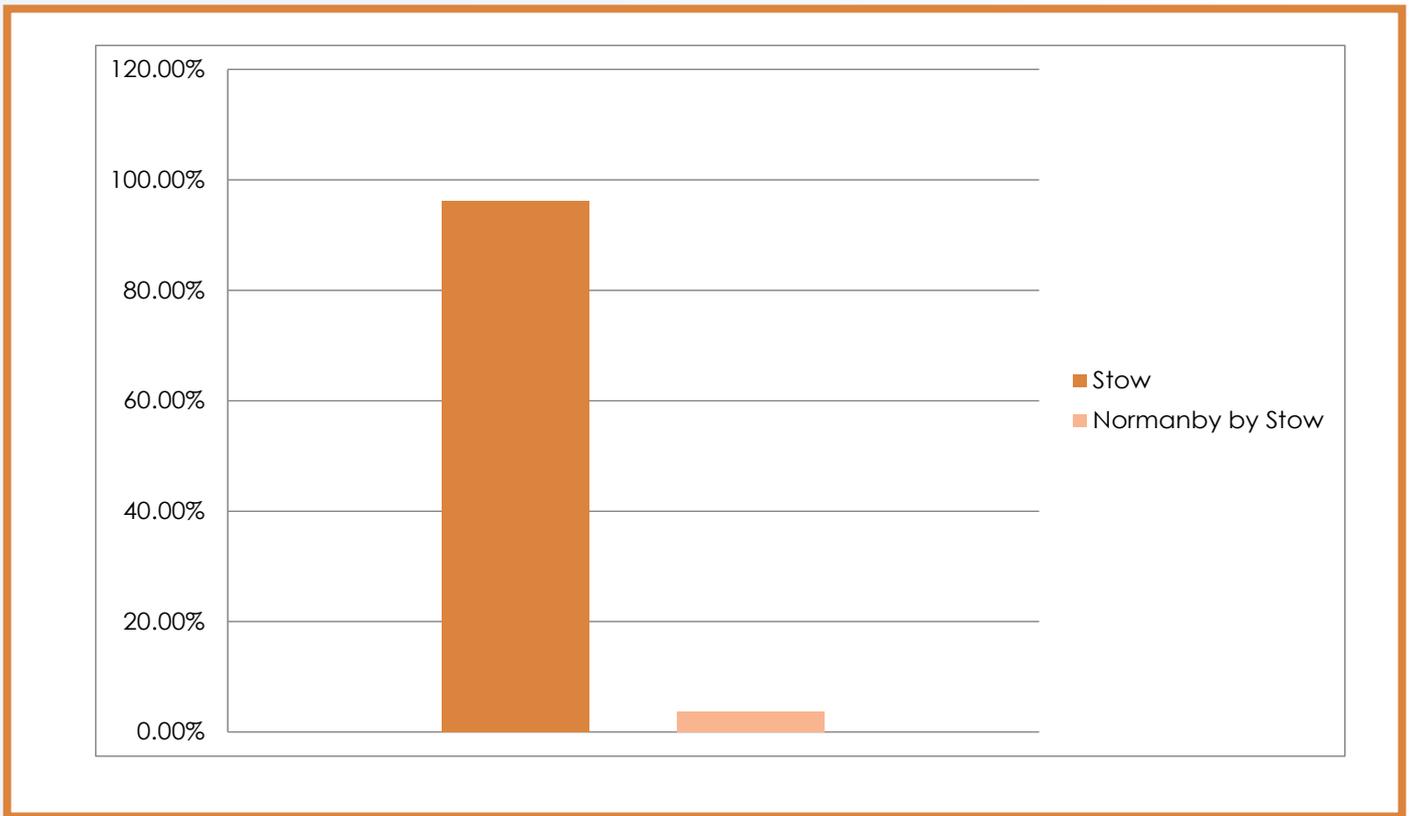


Figure 2 - Stow

Your Parish

As an introduction, the questionnaire aims to identify respondents' views about the parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow as places to live, highlighting important features and the length of time those responding to the questions had lived here.

Question 2

How long have you lived in your parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the breakdown of these responses.

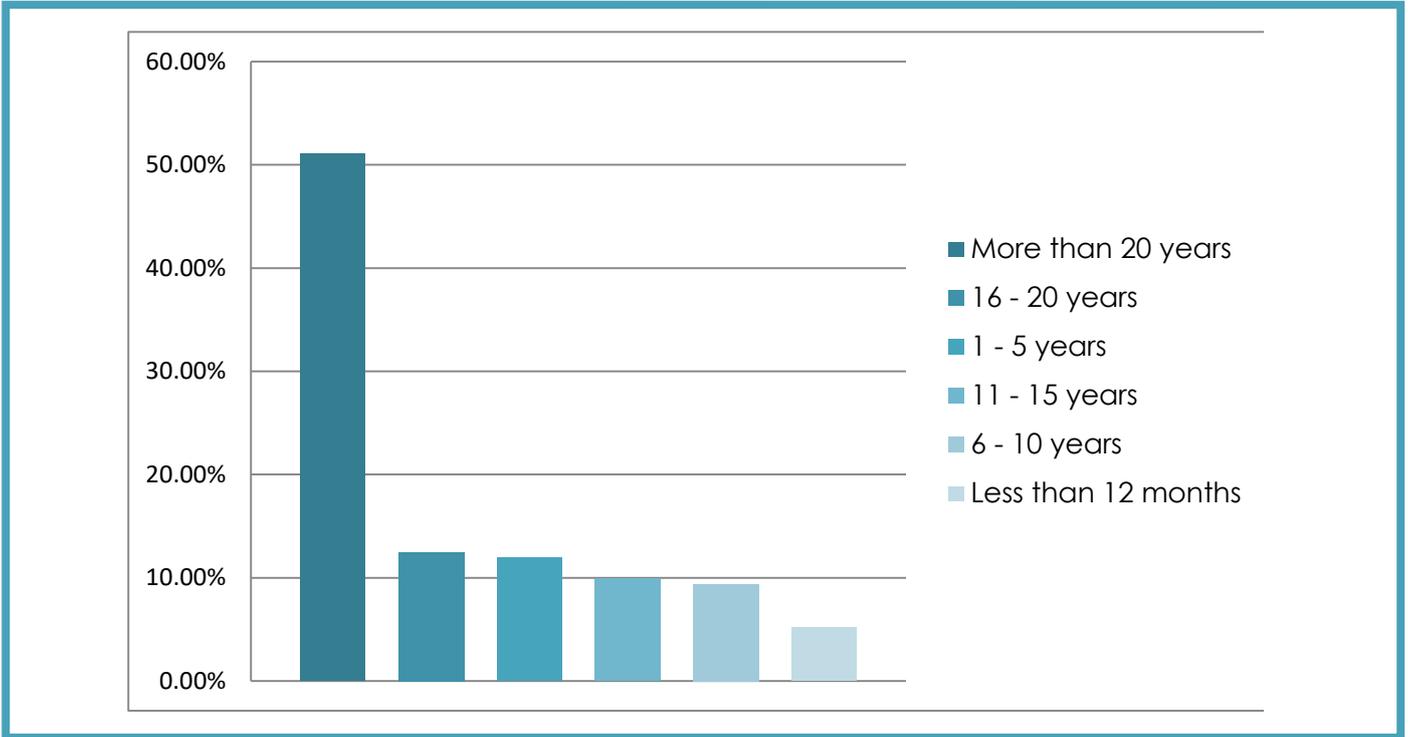


Figure 3 - Sturton by Stow

Figure 3 illustrates that the highest percentage of respondents (51.04%) are from residents who have lived in the Sturton by Stow for more than 20 years. 12.50% of residents have lived in the parish for 16 – 20 years are the second highest percentage of respondents.

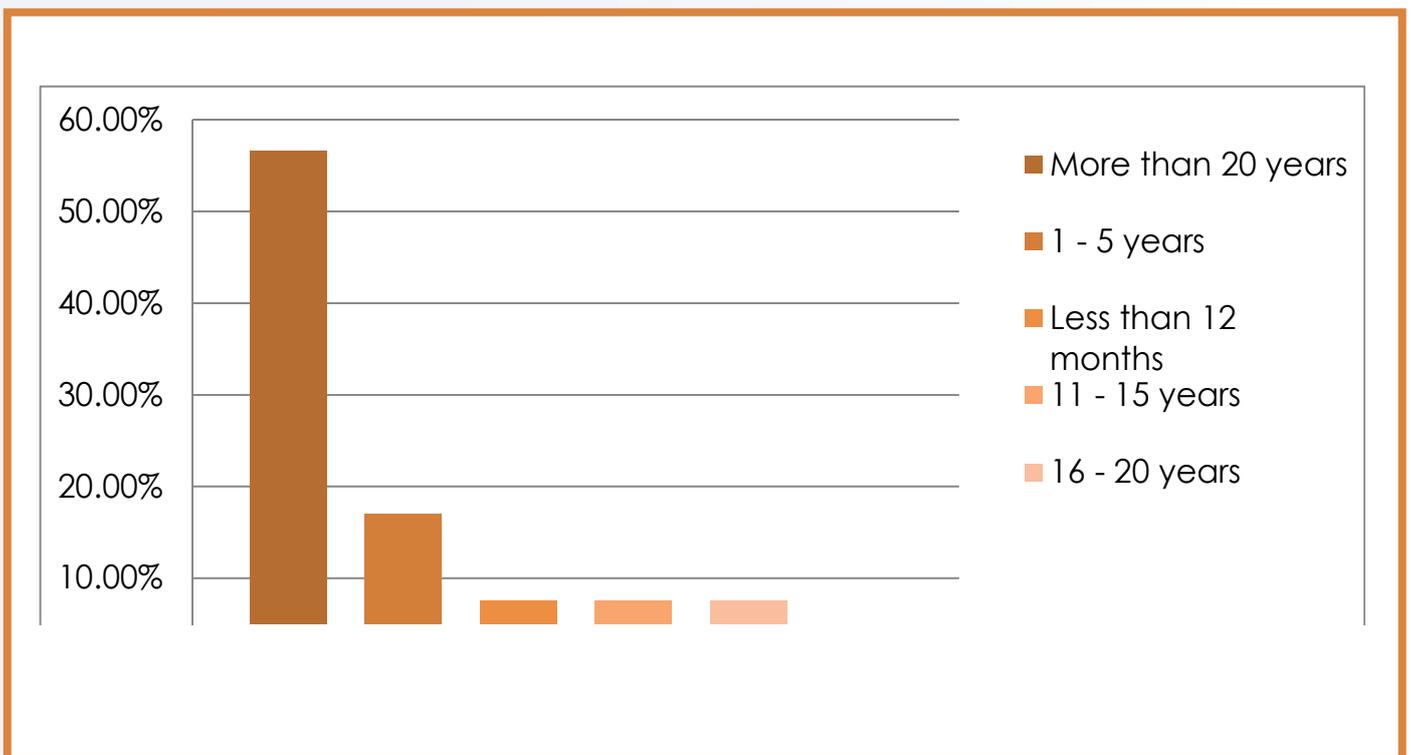


Figure 4 - Stow

Figure 4 illustrates that the highest percentage of respondents (56.60%) are from residents who have lived in Stow for more than 20 years. 16.98% of residents have lived in Stow for 1 - 5 years are the second highest percentage of respondents.

Question 3

Which of the following attracted you to live in your parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
191 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

Respondents were invited to tick all the relevant option boxes.

Figures 5 and 6 indicate, respondents place 'Rural atmosphere' and 'Easy access to surrounding countryside' in both Sturton by Stow and Stow, as the most popular reasons for living in the parishes.

Over 45% of respondents place the first eight options as the most influential reasons for living in the parish (figure 5).

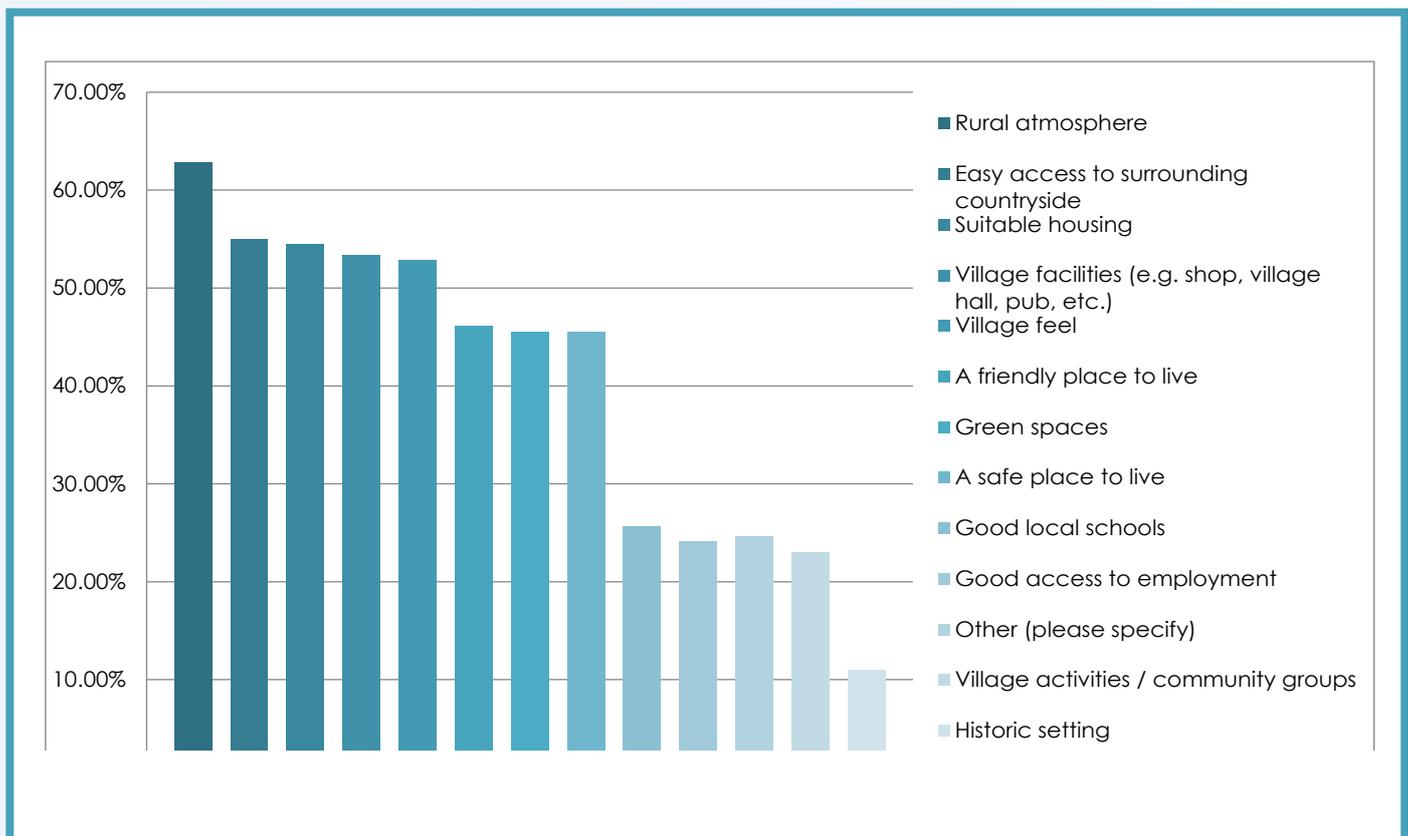


Figure 5 - Sturton by Stow

In Stow the top five options (Figure 6) were selected by over 45% of respondents indicating these as the most influential reasons for living in the parish.

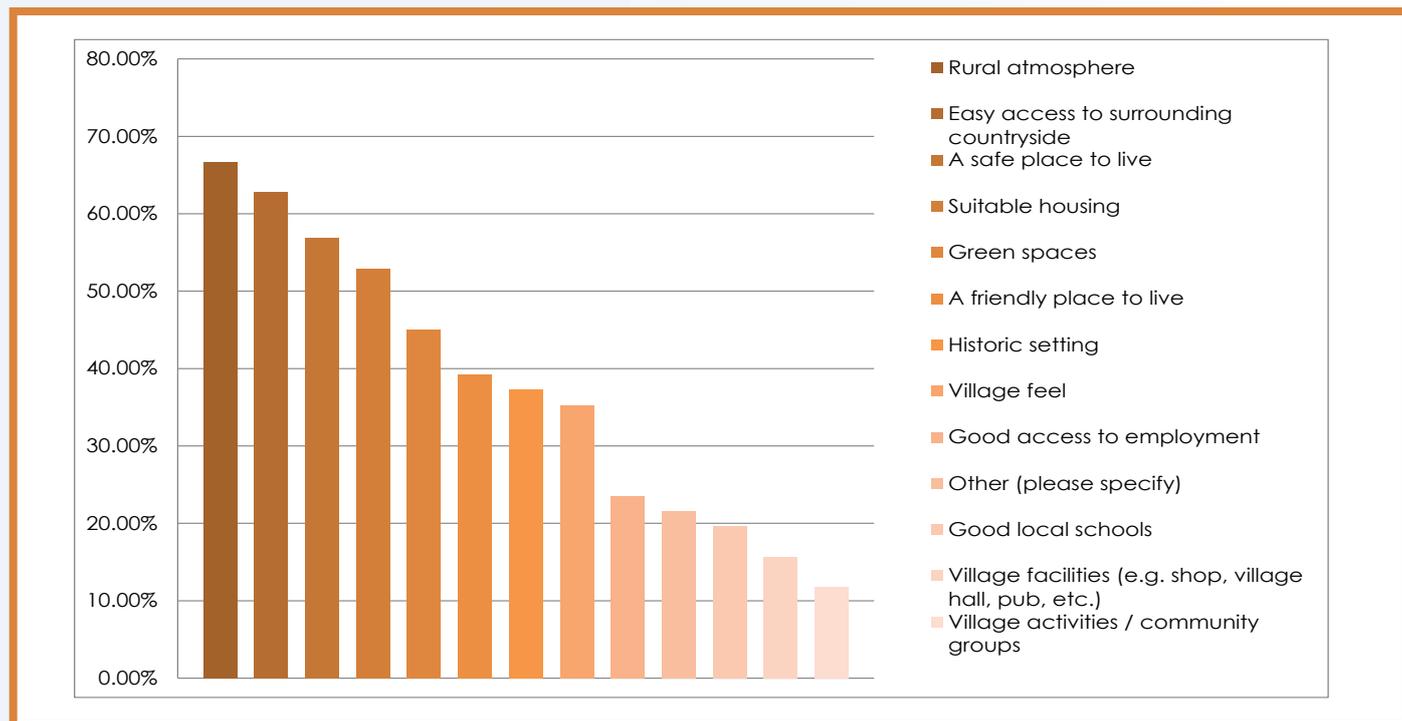


Figure 6 - Stow

Sturton by Stow respondents listed 47 other reasons for living in the parish, an example of comments are shown below under relevant headings. The full list can be seen in **Appendix 3**.

Accessibility and Transport

- Easy to access Lincoln and Saxilby railway station. Easy access to Gainsborough.
- Close enough to drive into Lincoln.
- Easy access to quiet lanes and tracks.
- Access to transport links, e.g. Newark rail, property value.

Village life

- Small village feel with slow complementary growth.
- Peaceful, rural village with reasonable facilities. A feeling of wellbeing, safety and delightful setting.
- Good green views, no traffic, horses home and the Red Arrows.
- We like the fact it still feels like a small community where everyone looks out for each other, we say hello as we pass strangers in the street.

Family

- Family connections in the village for over 100 years.
- Came here as a baby.
- To be near/close to family.
- I have lived in the village most of my life as I was born here and my family (father was born and lived here all his life).

Housing

First offer from Acis of suitable dwelling, i.e. pensioner bungalow adapted for disabled.

Family house.

Affordable housing 30 years ago.

The right house at the right price and time in a village close to Lincoln.

Local business

Two Pubs at the time.

Available farmland and house 1976.

Local Livery Yard.

When we moved into Sturton there were two shops, a post office and a butchers, newspaper delivery, milk delivery and Lucas shop delivered the weekly shop, now all gone but for one shop.

Stow respondents listed 12 other reasons for living in the parish, the full list is shown in the table below.

Accessibility and Transport

Bus route, Post Office.

Village Life

Views of the Stow Minster, views across open countryside.

Stow is a quiet and peaceful place away from industry and busy roads.

Family

It was 36 years ago!

Previous family connection with village. Returned to family owned property.

To be close to family in Stow.

Family connection.

Housing

Family home.

The right house.

Cottage with land.

Local Business

Where my business is.

Acreage with the property. Wide open spaces, little traffic, little noise pollution.

Local Environment

The intention in this section is to gain an understanding of how residents view the environment in which they live and its importance to them both now and for the future.

Question 4

When considering the local environment how important to you are the following?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

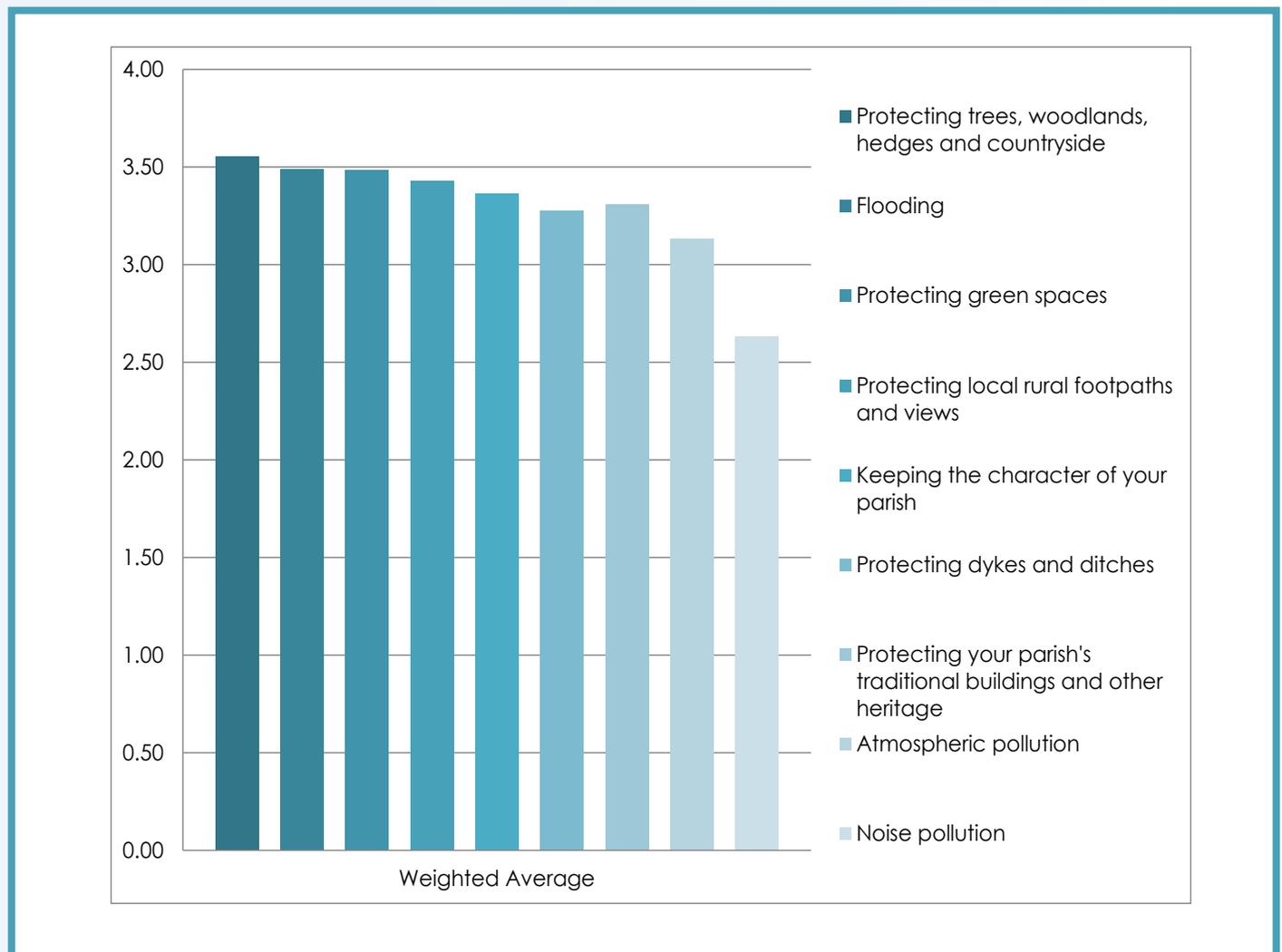


Figure 7 - Sturton by Stow

Figure 7 illustrates that respondents place similar importance on the 'Protection of trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside' and 'Flooding' in Sturton by Stow. 'Noise pollution' is of least importance to those respondents who provided a response.

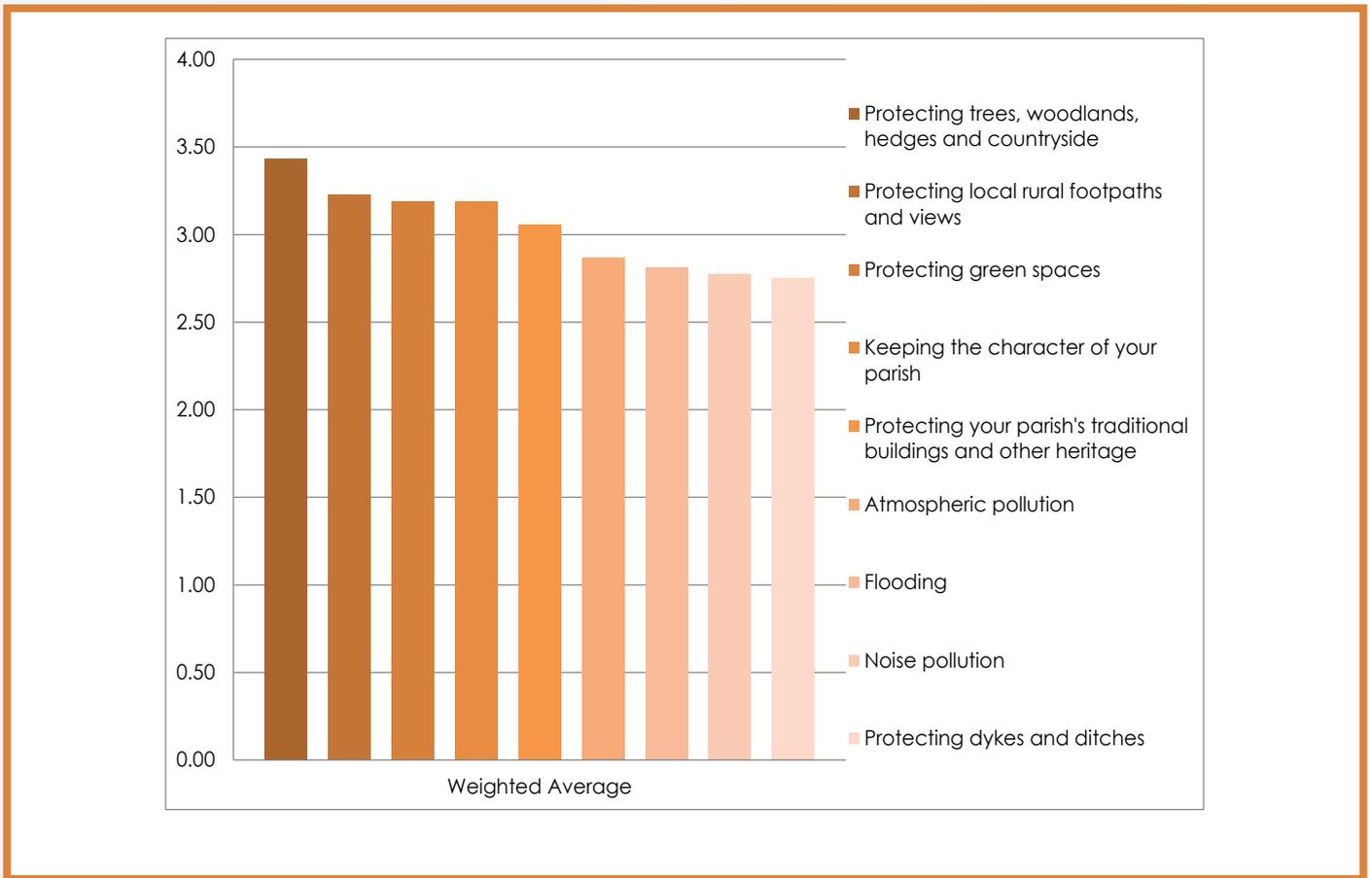


Figure 8 - Stow

Figure 8 illustrates that respondents place 'Protecting trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside' as most important in Stow. Protecting dykes and ditches is of least importance to respondents.

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very Important = 4, Important = 3, Not Important = 2, No Opinion = 1

When asked to give other ideas, the following comments, under relevant headings, were given for Sturton by Stow:

Littering
Cleanliness - litter, dog fouling, fly tipping, speeding.
Litter within the village and grass verges on each of the entrances to the village. Dog fouling.
Collection of discarded items and litter, fines imposed for litterers very important.
Nature/Environment
Develop Jubilee Wood by planting shrubs and plants for birds to feed off in winter.
Protecting the local wildlife, flora and fauna. We have developed a balance wildlife garden since moving to the area with a lot of at risk wildlife being assisted.
A village remains a defined individual community with green space between villages.
Sewerage
Adequate sewerage system.
Atmospheric Pollution
Re atmospheric pollution - concerning the practice of burning hay soaked in horses' urine (mainly on a Thursday evening) to the west of Sturton by Stow, would help greatly with this!!
There is a serious recurring odour nuisance from the Fleets Road sewer works affecting residential properties at least 20 metres away. This plans was identifies in 2007 Lincolnshire Utility Constraints studs as 'having insufficient capacity and requiring upgrading to both the treatment works and foul water network. This problem continues to be exacerbated by the continuing expansion of residential development in both Stow and Sturton by Stow. The sewage treatment works were installed in 1955 and in urgent need of modernising and upgrading.



Sturton by Stow continued...

Transport

Additional transport through the village resulting in pot hole/road surface breakdown maintenance of roads and footpaths.

Local public transport with good connections - very important. Reducing fly tipping and litter - very important. Actions to support/encourage native wildlife, e.g. road verge management - very important. Landscape features, e.g. ridge and furrow field-scape.

Including traffic.

Protecting your parish's traditional buildings and other heritage

THE RED LION PUB IS AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE AND THE HISTORIC VILLAGE BUILDING, LOOK AT THE HISTORIC PICTURES WITH THE HISTORY SOCIETY FOR FACT. THE COOP WILL KNOCK IT DOWN AND BUILD A PLASTIC COMMERCIAL CUBE. IS THAT PROGRESS?

I am sad to see the Red Lion becoming derelict and hate the thought of it being bulldozed down - it is such a part of our heritage.

Keeping Bransby as a HAMLET means not having much development and I think we have nearly passed that already.

Need to keep the village a village not overgrown with houses. That is why people come here for a village to live in (not like Saxilby).

Other

Views should have been as a separate question, as I understand it views cannot necessarily be used in planning decisions. This section contains very loaded questions - who will say not important to this question and choices? The question should have been worked differently, Community Lincs should know what to do by now. Please see my notes at the end of this questionnaire.

Safe environment for children.

Privacy and low people count.

Too much development, holiday homes/caravan parks.

The back roads around the village provide residents with safe place to walk, cycle and take children.

Bridleways.

All the above contribute massively to the quality of life in Sturton by Stow.

When asked to give other ideas, the following comments were given for Stow:

Sewerage

capacity of sewerage plant should be considered when granting new estates. (Consult with Anglian Water).

Saving and protecting listed buildings.

Flooding

Flooding - the importance is lack of flooding. Noise pollution - the importance is lack of noise pollution.

Litter

Litter management.

Litter and poor maintenance of rented properties in the village.

Nature/Environment

Protecting wildlife habitats.

Keeping a rural peaceful atmosphere.

Reducing wire-scape (i.e. putting cables underground). Making new development sympathetic to the local environment. Making sure that new development does not exacerbate any current flooding problems.

Other

The first 3 are no issues for where I live. Atmosphere pollution is bad - burning plastic, especially Sunday tea times and bank holidays when no controllers about.



Question 5

Have you been affected by localised flooding?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
191 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	69.63%	133
Yes	30.37%	58
If 'Yes' state the location		66

Figure 9 - Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	83.02%	44
Yes	16.98%	9
If 'Yes' state the location		13

Figure 10 - Stow

Figures 9 and 10 show that flooding is significantly more of a problem in Sturton by Stow than in Stow.

Where respondents have given a location or more details of flooding, the responses for both Sturton by Stow and Stow have been combined into one table. The full list can be seen in **Appendix 4**.

A sample of locations identified is as follows:

Bransby	St. Hughes Terrace
Church Road	Stow Road
Fleets Road	Thorpe Lane
High Street	Tillbridge Road
Mill Lane	Twitchell
Saxilby Road	Upper Close
School Lane	

Question 6

What was the main cause of the flooding?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
68 responses were collected, with 128 respondents choosing to skip the question.	11 responses were collected, with 40 respondents choosing to skip the question.

In Sturton by Stow respondents listed the following reasons for flooding. The full list can be seen in **Appendix 5**.

Drainage

At times the drain can't cope with the volume of water and it stands on the road.

Drainage on horses home, resulting in surface water running onto road and downhill to various properties, water overwhelms the road drains and accumulates at the lowest points.

Lots of rain and opening flood gates. Also drains blocked.

Surface water.

The drains are not big enough along Fleet Lane.

Development

Development in a flood area.

Run off from farm yards within village, ditches overflowing. Little regard to infrastructure by local planning when granting permission for new buildings.

Dykes and Ditches

Dykes being piped and filled in incorrectly restricting the flow of surface water. Size of pip to parish drain totally inadequate. dykes not maintained adequately.

Excess rain and unsupervised dykes.

Heavy rain and lack of ditch clearing.

Land and dykes unable to absorb melting snow.

The pipes and dykes in and around the village are not maintained so water is impeded.

Sewerage

Due to the presence of human excrement in the flood water it was assumed that the Fleets Road sewage transfer pumps were incapable of pumping the combined surface water and sewage under storm conditions from the two villages.

Sewerage backing up and flooding my garden.

General

Alluvial flooding from river Till together with no flood defence.

Flash flood.

Flooded to save Lincoln.

Heavy rainfall.

High rainfall.

Intense Rainfall over a long period.

Too much rain!

In Stow respondents listed the following reasons for flooding:

Drainage

Blocked drains.

Underground pipes not suitable from east to west of village and dyke taking this water westerly away from village is not maintained.

Housing development in the village on greenfield eradicated land ability to absorb rains, leading to flooding around the area regularly with little rainfall.

Development

Inadequate drainage. Excess development.

A new estate was built on higher ground and there was insufficient drainage which was never resolved.

Too much water! In both the cases I would suggest that too many impermeable surfaces have been constructed in the local area, thus increasing runoff. I would not attribute the cause to global warming or burst water mains.

Dykes and Ditches

Heavy and prolonged rain causing the River Till to over top its banks.

Heavy rain, poor maintenance of dykes and drains, block paving on drains

As above.

Poor flood barriers.



Safer Community

Question 7

Do you consider that any of the following are issues within your parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
191 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.	51 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.

In both Figures 11 and 12 'Dog fouling' and 'Litter' were identified as the most important issues.

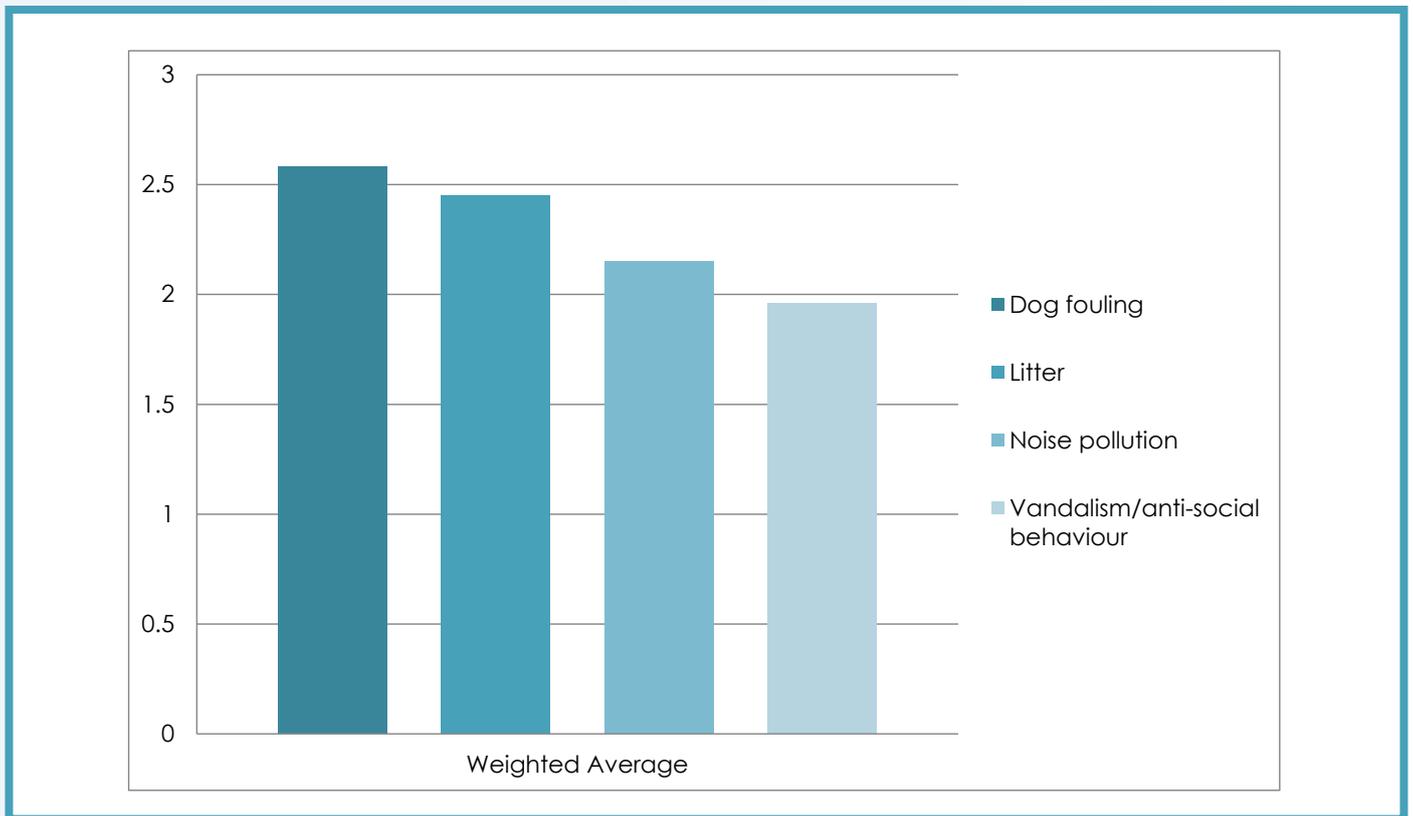


Figure 11 – Sturton by Stow

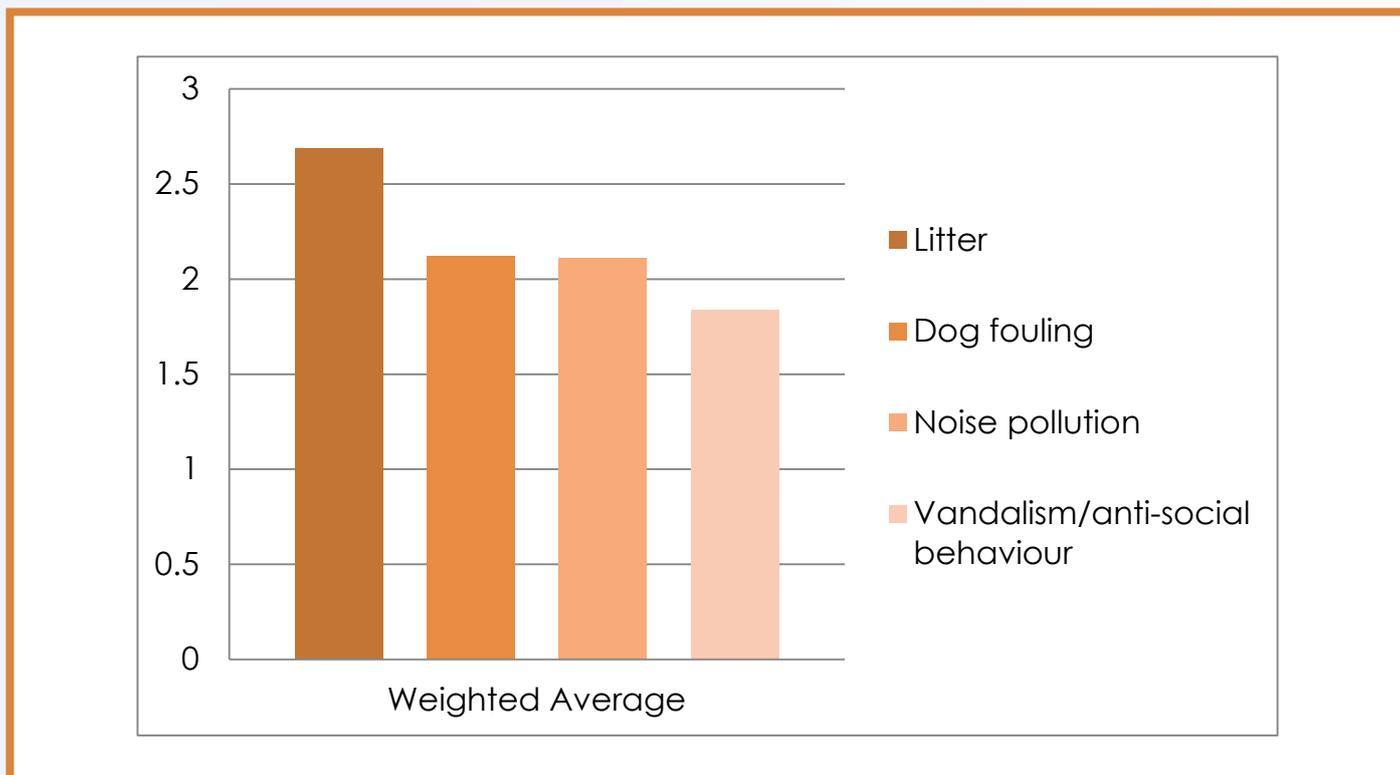


Figure 12 – Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Yes = 3, No = 2, don't know = 1

When asked to list other issues, comments for Sturton by Stow are as follows:

Sturton by Stow
The person who completed this question identified a gentleman who “does a great job of keeping our village tidy”.
The volume of traffic passing through the village.
To cut the grass more often in the park.
Parking – inconsiderate.
Speeding, particularly on Saxilby Road.
Gritting depot is noisy at night.
Condition of pavements and footpath disgusting and in need of repair! unsafe for prams, pushchairs and disability.
Dog fouling on the recreation ground is a major issue!!
Antisocial - Queen’s way.
Dog fouling by visitors letting their dogs run unattended on the playing field.
Excessive dog barking (numerous dogs).

Sturton by Stow continued...

Lack of space for cars (parking) in modern society.

Speeding.

The only noise problem with which we suffer most is the planes which fly over the village very often, even during the night (this is not to do with the Red Arrows).

Speeding.

Speeding cars through the village.

Section of Tillbridge Road so poorly maintained that it creates noise pollution by certain vehicles.

Bullying - between neighbours.

Amount and type of traffic since upgraded to 'A' road - A1500.

Dog fouling on verge and footpath sometimes on Marton Road, people think they can leave it if it's dark! Also dog fouling on field footpaths. People parking on the pavements and verges because it is not safe to park on the roads, I have had a car written off and recently a wing mirror smashed off.

Litter between Sturton by Stow and Stow. Taking down small A5 community posters from notice boards in the village and at the village hall/end of school lane. Please leave them up for a while, there is room on the boards for everyone, Do you own them? I think they are the interest of the villages.

Speeding.

School buses, delivery lorries, parents picking up children from buses often sit with their engines running. There is no advantage to this, it just causes air pollution on the High Street.

During 2018, we experiences 16 days continuously of unrelenting stench from Anglian Waters Sewage Treatment Works. The stench unreasonably, substantially and significantly interfered with the enjoyment of the house and garden resulting in the abandonment of a family BBQ and sleeping with the bedroom windows closed during the hot summer.

Poor roads, pot holes, poor repairs, no footpath and lack of kerbs in front of some properties (Chapel Cottage, etc.) leading to erosion of verges.

On road parking - especially near junctions. Speeding traffic.

We are opposite the cemetery, on Stow Road. We continue to suffer air pollution from horse manure being burned by the house just up the road from the cemetery, opposite Rectory Park. We rarely hang out our washing, and we rarely leave a bedroom window open at night because of the smell. I class this as seriously anti-social behaviour. I spoke with the environmental people at Gainsborough about this a few years ago, to no avail. It needs to be stopped. Dog fouling is a real nuisance in the village, and along Fleets Road (AKA Dog Muck Alley), and Stow Road.

When asked to list other issues, comments for Stow are as follows:

Stow
Barking dogs.
Parking on narrow roads and damage of verges.
Littering - people throw fast food containers and drinks cans, etc. into the ditches.
The vandalism/anti-social behaviour is occasional and infrequent but when it happens it is upsetting. Question 8 below see all of text added to each box as the screen does not allow the full text to be seen.
Cat fouling really bad, worse than any dog fouling.
Being very isolated there have been historical incidents of burglary and unsolicited visitors.
Litter is for passing cars throwing rubbish out of car windows as they pass through.
Atmosphere pollution - burning plastic frequent- often may as well live next to a filthy factory.
Most of the problem is caused by non-residents driving through the area.

Question 8

Residents have voiced concerns about the speed of traffic and dangerous junctions. Please identify your 3 main concerns:

Sturton by Stow	Stow
163 responses were collected, with 31 respondents choosing to skip the question.	41 responses were collected, with 12 respondents choosing to skip the question.

The main concerns in Sturton by Stow are speeding, parking and dangerous junctions. A selection of comments can be seen below from Sturton by Stow. All 165 responses can be seen in **Appendix 6**.

Concern 1
Speed of traffic on High Street particularly where pavement is so narrow around junction with Fleets Road.
Saxilby Road to Tillbridge Lane.
Too many cars park on High Street.
I consider the junctions around the shop dangerous with the parking there.
Speed down all roads leading to the village.
Junction Saxilby Road onto Tillbridge Lane.
Crossing the road from pub to shop increasingly more dangerous.
Parking outside village shop.
Traffic going dangerously fast through Normanby.
Junction not adequate for the size of lorries turning into Westwood.

Concern 2

Parking outside the village shop in relation to proximity to junction between Saxilby Road and Tillbridge Lane.

Near the school during drop off and pick up times.

No safe parking for school traffic.

Pedestrian crossing needed at the crossing of Tillbridge and Marton Road.

Speed on Tillbridge Lane.

30mph speed limit being ignored.

Getting out of the High Street to Marton Road.

No passing place if meeting a large lorry.

Parking on footpath.

High Street too narrow.

Concern 3

Speed of through traffic on Tillbridge Lane.

Parking on the High Street.

Please slow down farm vehicles on High Street.

Some excessive speed through village.

Not enough space to park at the village hall.

The main concerns in Stow are dangerous junctions. A selection of comments can be seen below from Stow. All responses can be seen in **Appendix 6**.

Concern 1

Junction of the A1500 and B1241 in Sturton and B1241 entering Sturton from Stow direction (Stow Road).

Stow bends Normanby.

Ingham Road.

Exceeding 30 mph through village.

Observing/keep to 30 mph speed limit.

Staggered junction and vehicles parked outside the village shop - poor visibility, etc.

Ingham Road, Stow.

Stow cross roads in village centre.

Church Road.

Concern 2

Junction of Church Road and Normanby Road. Hedges on bend too high.

Normanby Road

Turning right into Church Road in Stow when approached from Willingham and Stow bends.

Main road through the village.

High hedge, corner Church Road and Normanby Road.

Concern 3

Saxilby Road.

Traffic speeding on slow bends, cutting corners, etc.

Cross Keys junction, Stow Park Road and Church Road.

Question 9

How important are the following to you?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
194 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

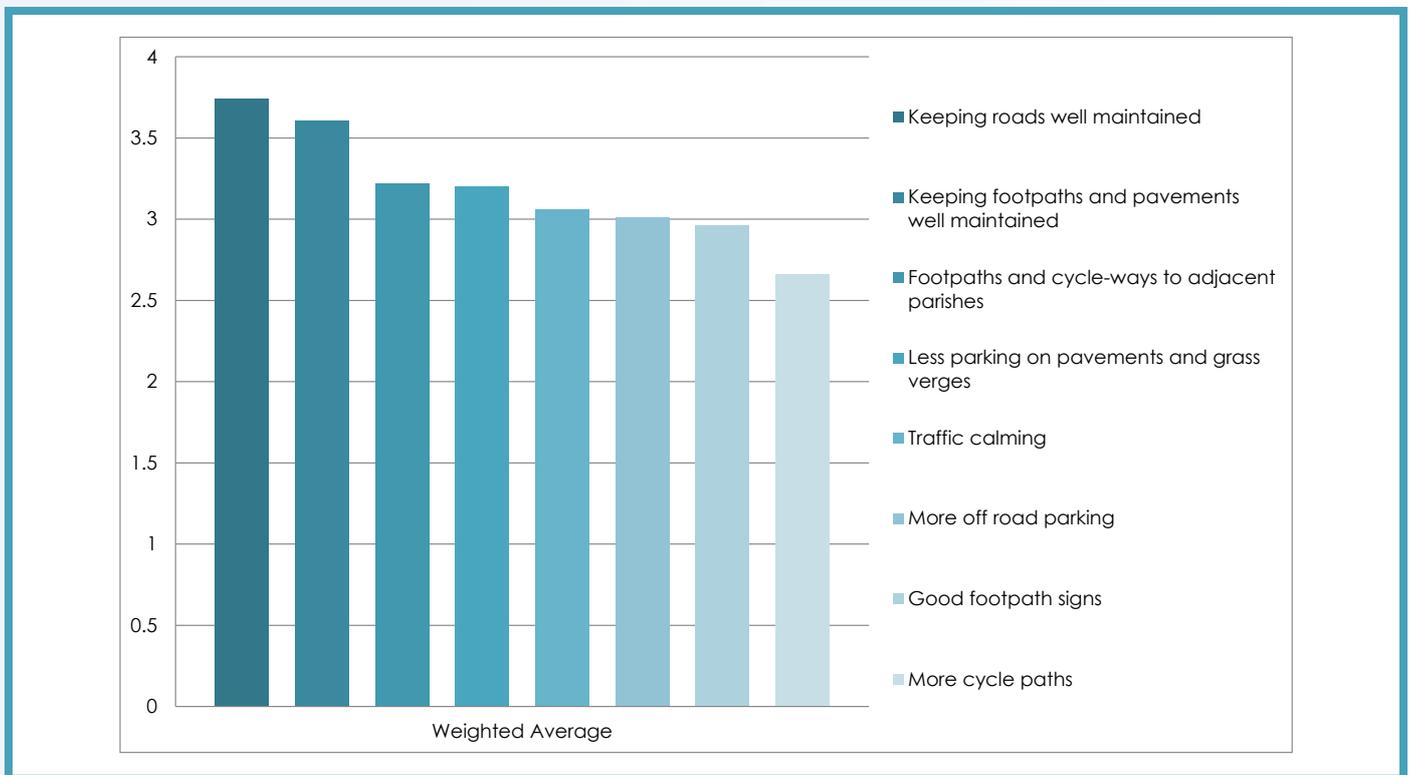


Figure 13 – Sturton by Stow

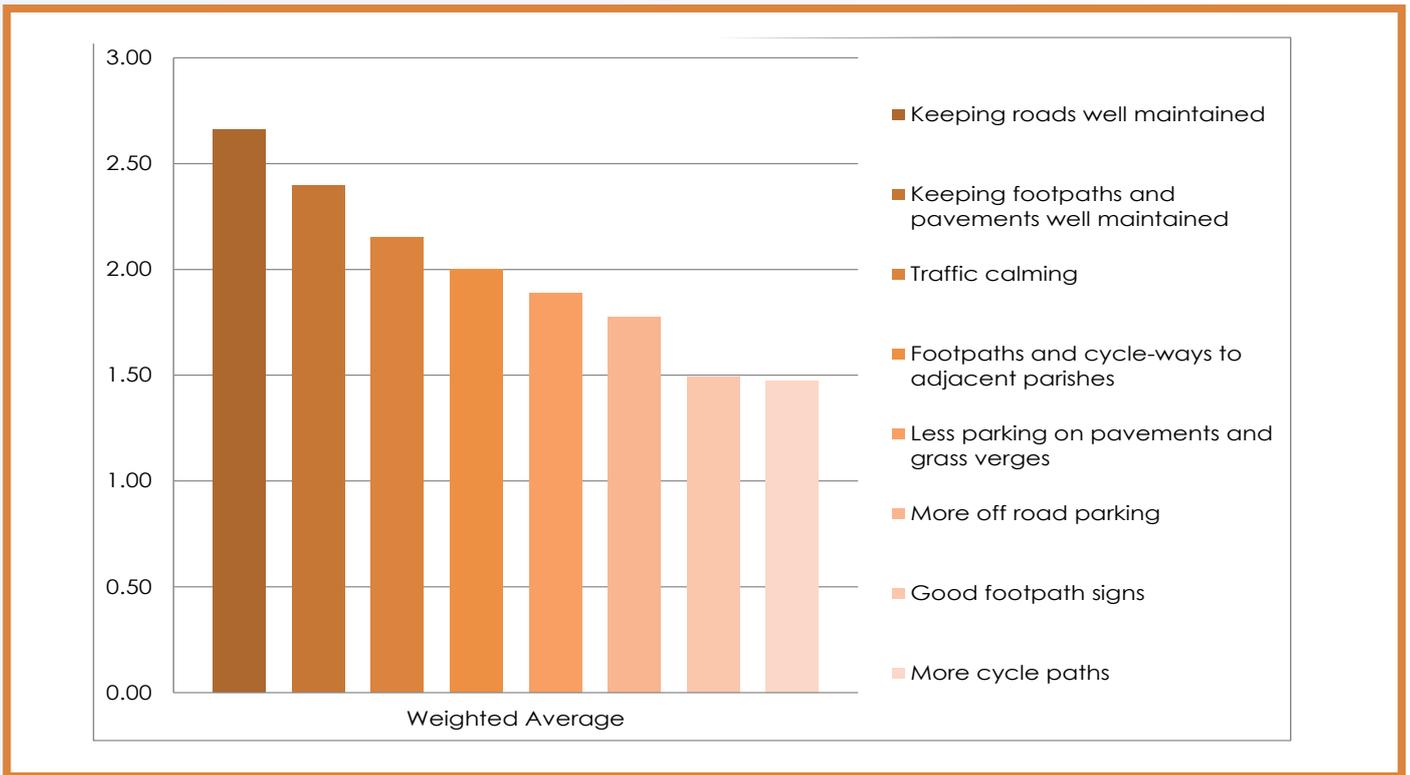


Figure 14 – Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very important = 4, Important = 3, Not important = 2, No opinion = 1

Respondents have indicated that two of the options given have similar weighting averages namely 'Keeping roads well maintained' and 'Keeping footpaths and pavements well maintained' and are, therefore, most important to respondents. (Figures 13 and 14)

Housing

Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan can influence the types of developments within the boundaries of the parishes.

The following housing questions relate to these proposed developments.

Question 10

In the Central Lincolnshire Plan 2016 - 2036, the advised housing growth in the parish of Sturton by Stow is 15% (97 houses); in Stow this is 10% (17 houses).

Our Plan cannot request less housing growth than this. If you feel more housing could be accommodated, how many would you be happy with?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
186 responses were collected, with eight respondents choosing to skip the question.	52 responses were collected, with one responder choosing to skip the question.

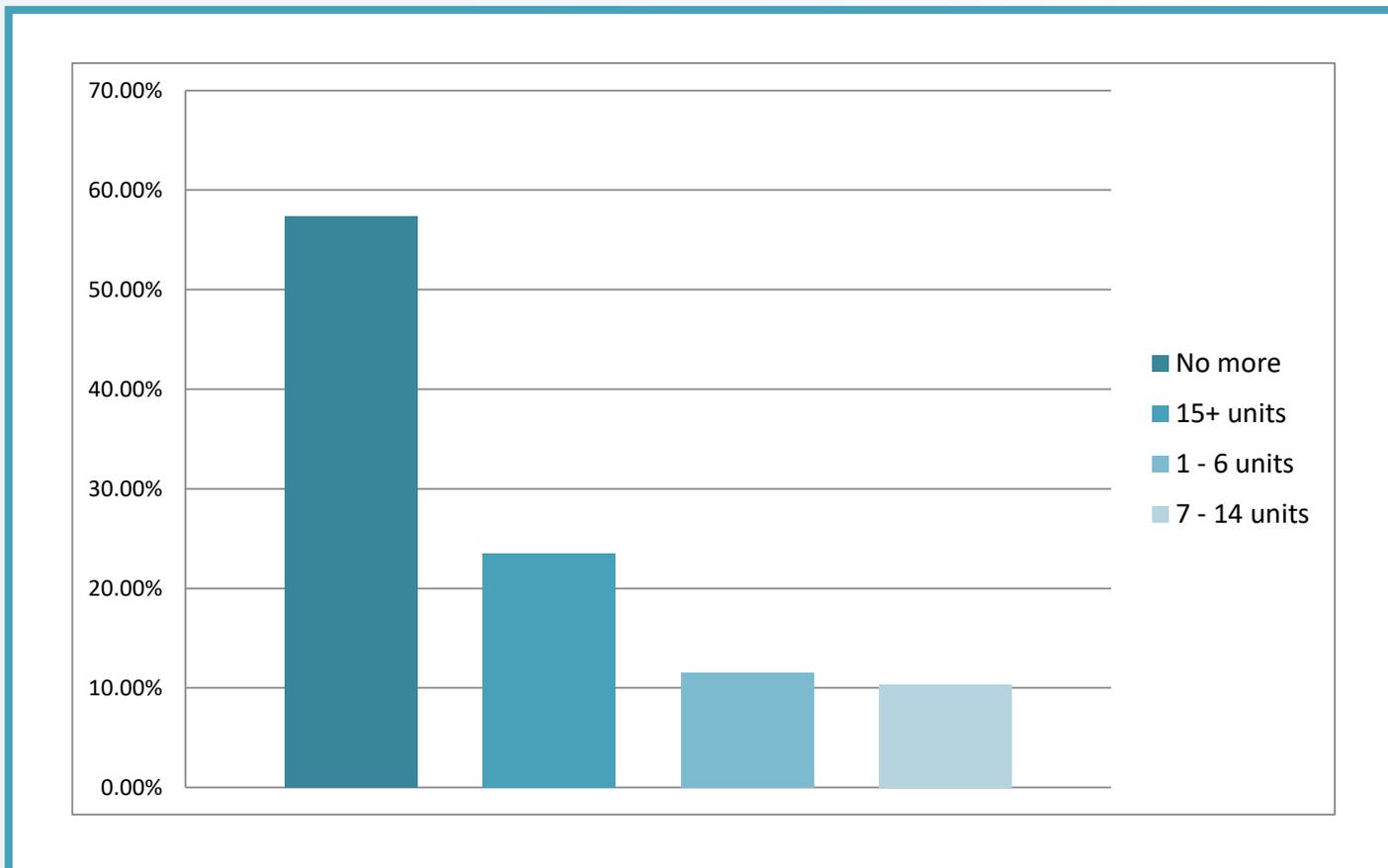


Figure 15 – Sturton by Stow

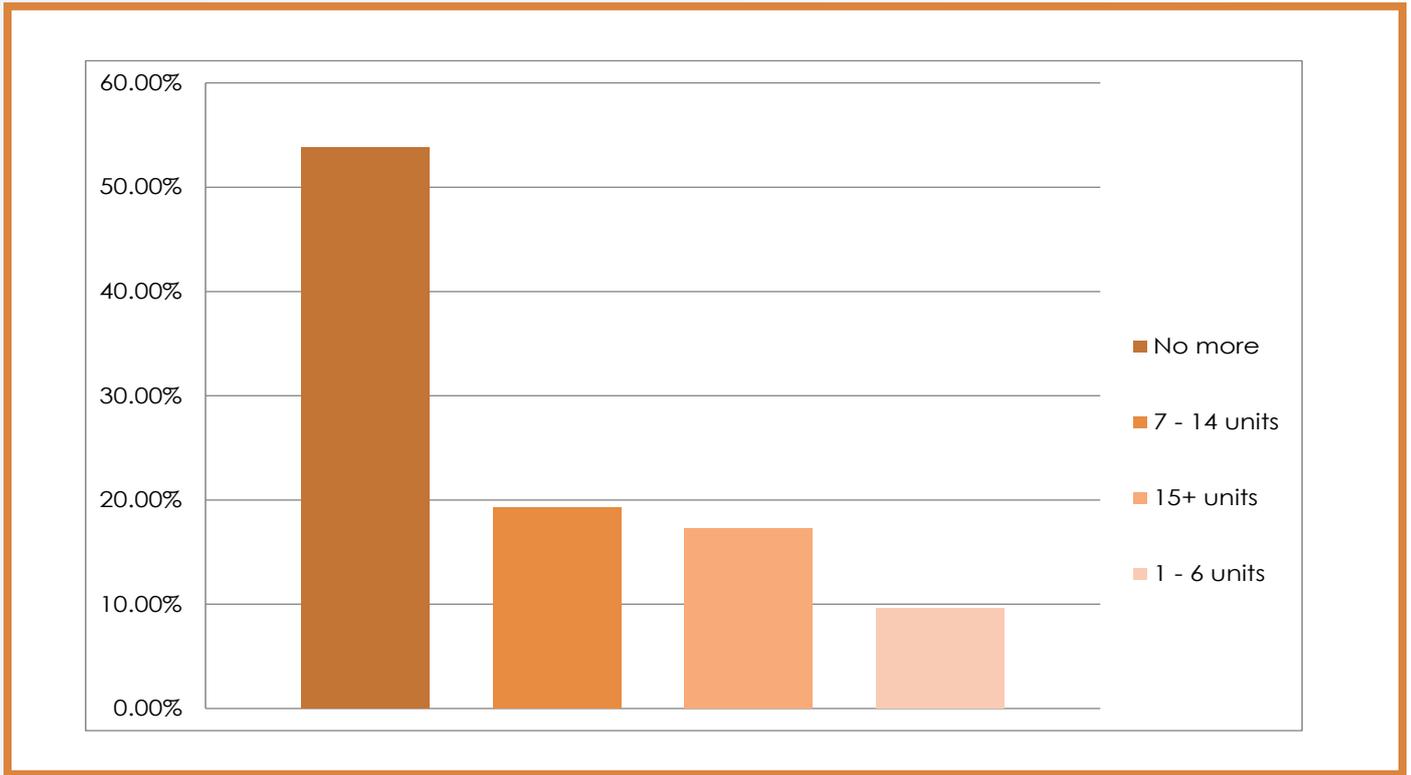


Figure 16 – Stow

Figure 15 shows that 55.91% of respondents do not wish to have any more than the designated 15% growth in Sturton by Stow. In Stow, 53.85% of respondents do not wish to have any more than the designated 10% growth.



Question 11

Where would you prefer to see future development within your parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
178 responses were collected, with 16 respondents choosing to skip the question.	51 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.

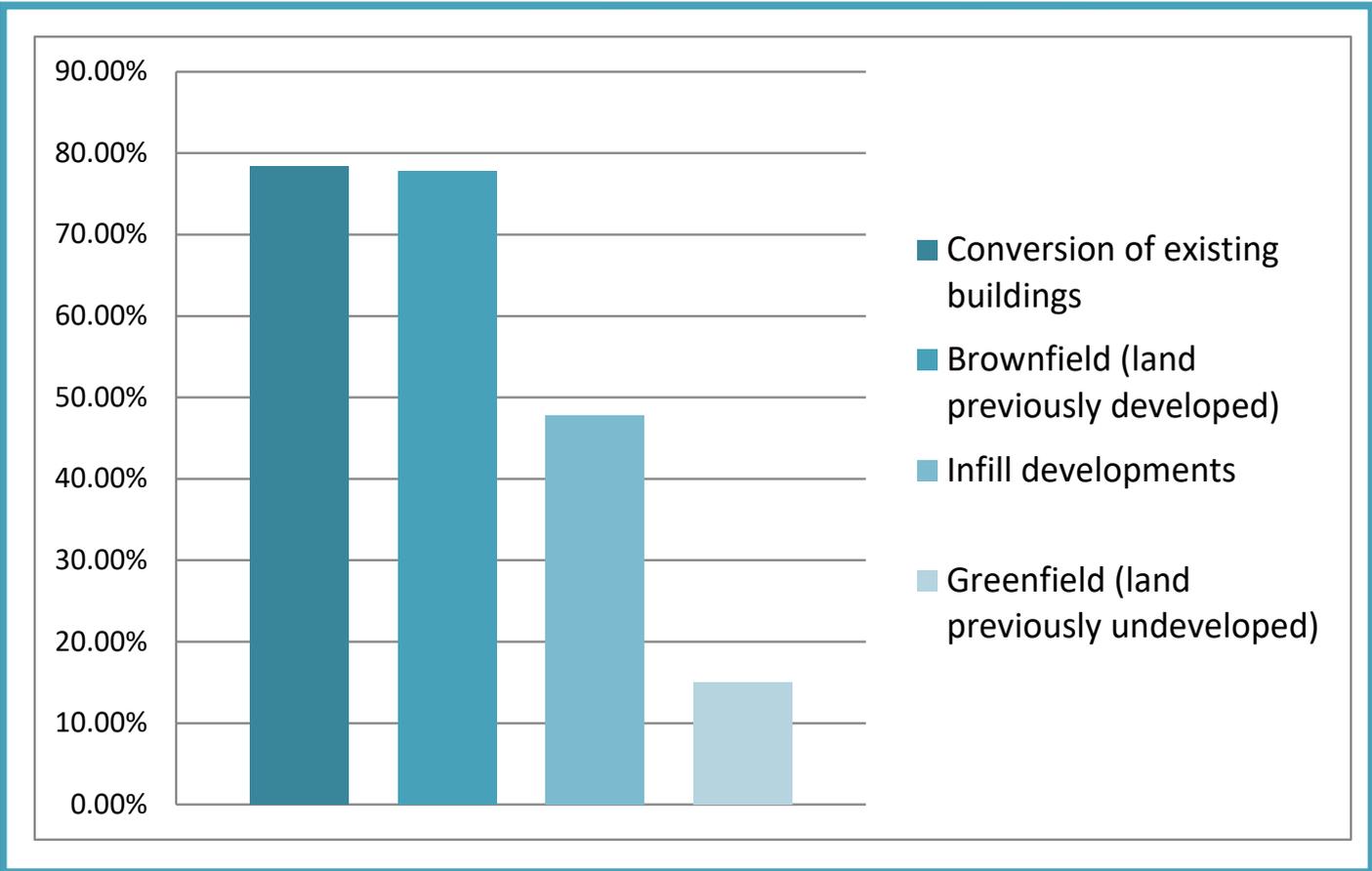


Figure 17 – Sturton by Stow

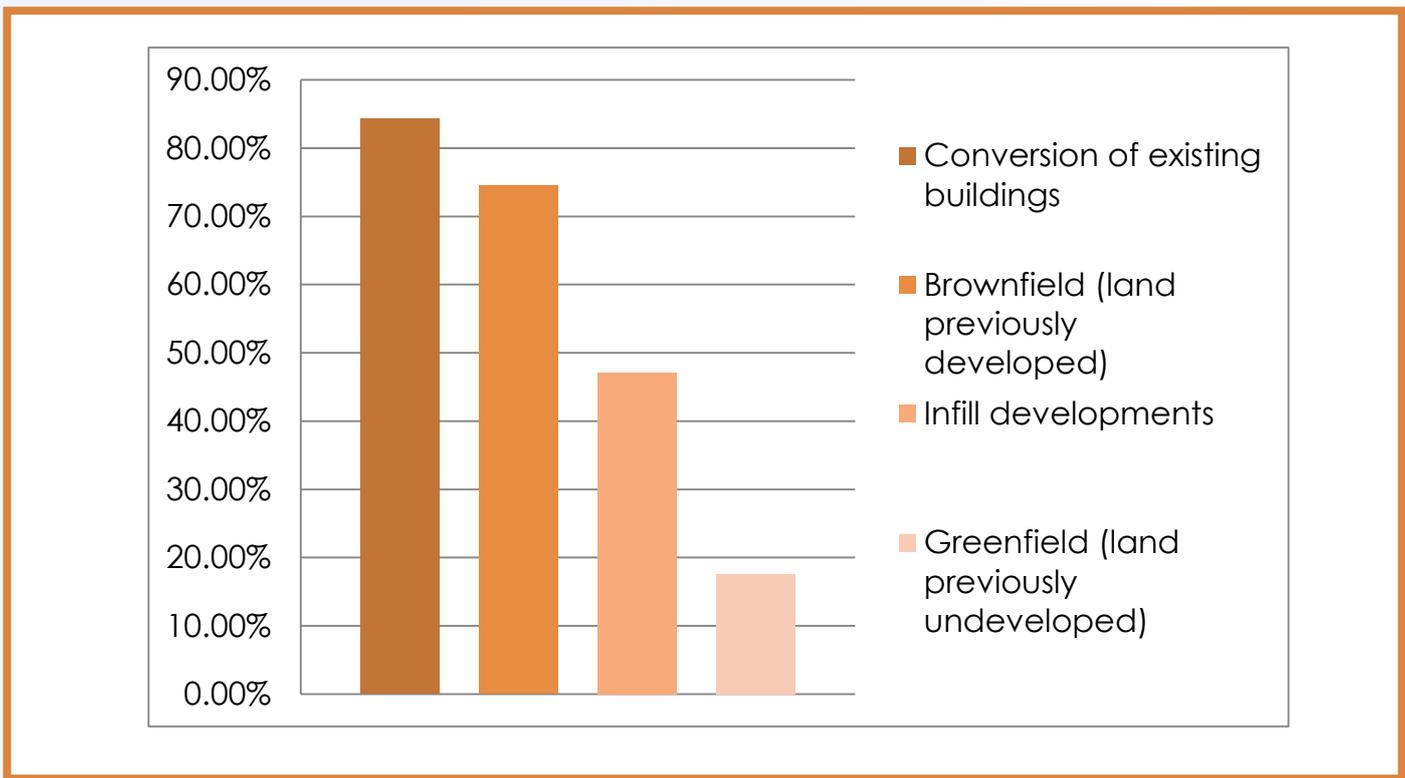


Figure 18 – Stow

In both parishes, respondents have a much higher preference for the conversion of existing buildings and brownfield sites for future development. Greenfield sites are a less popular choice.



Question 12

In your opinion what type of housing would you like to see included in any new development?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
187 responses were collected, with seven respondents choosing to skip the question.	51 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.

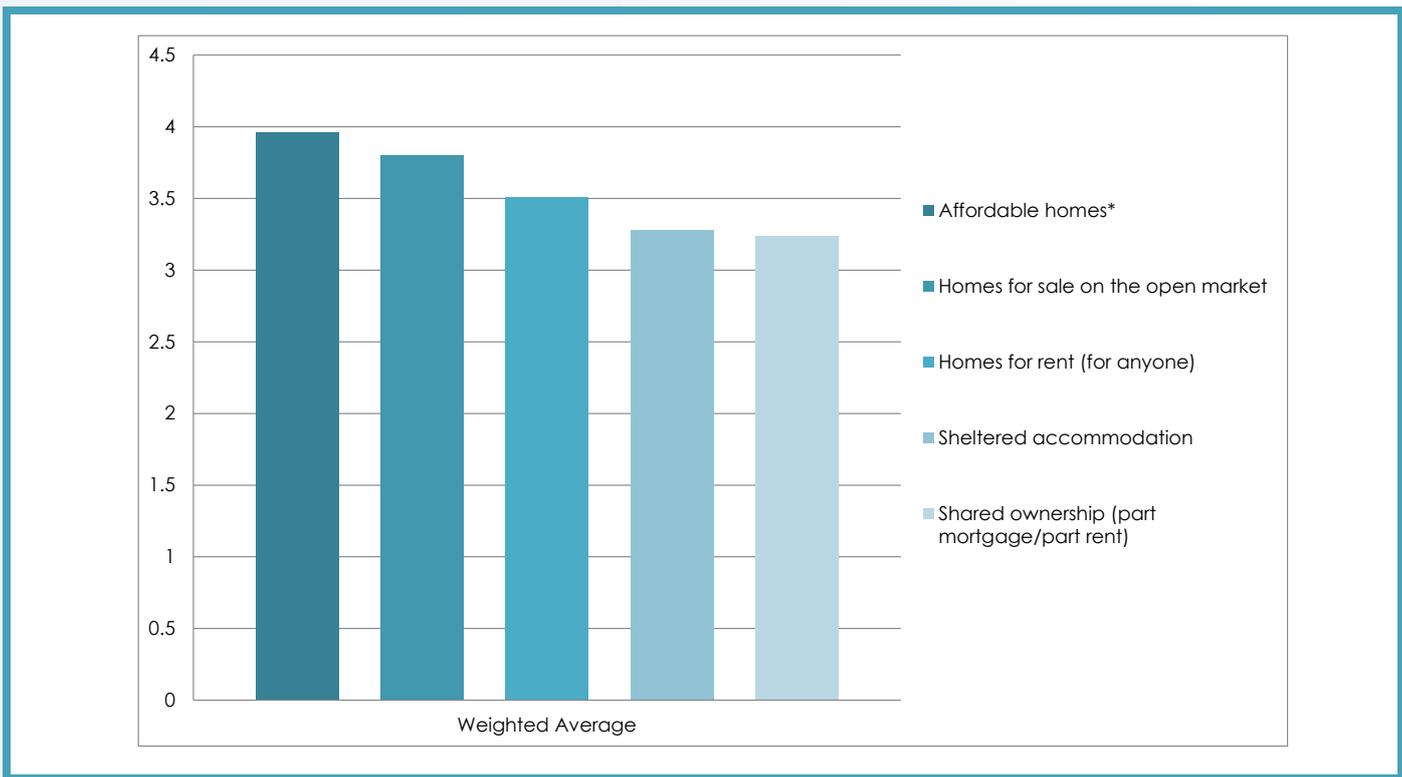


Figure 19 – Sturton by Stow

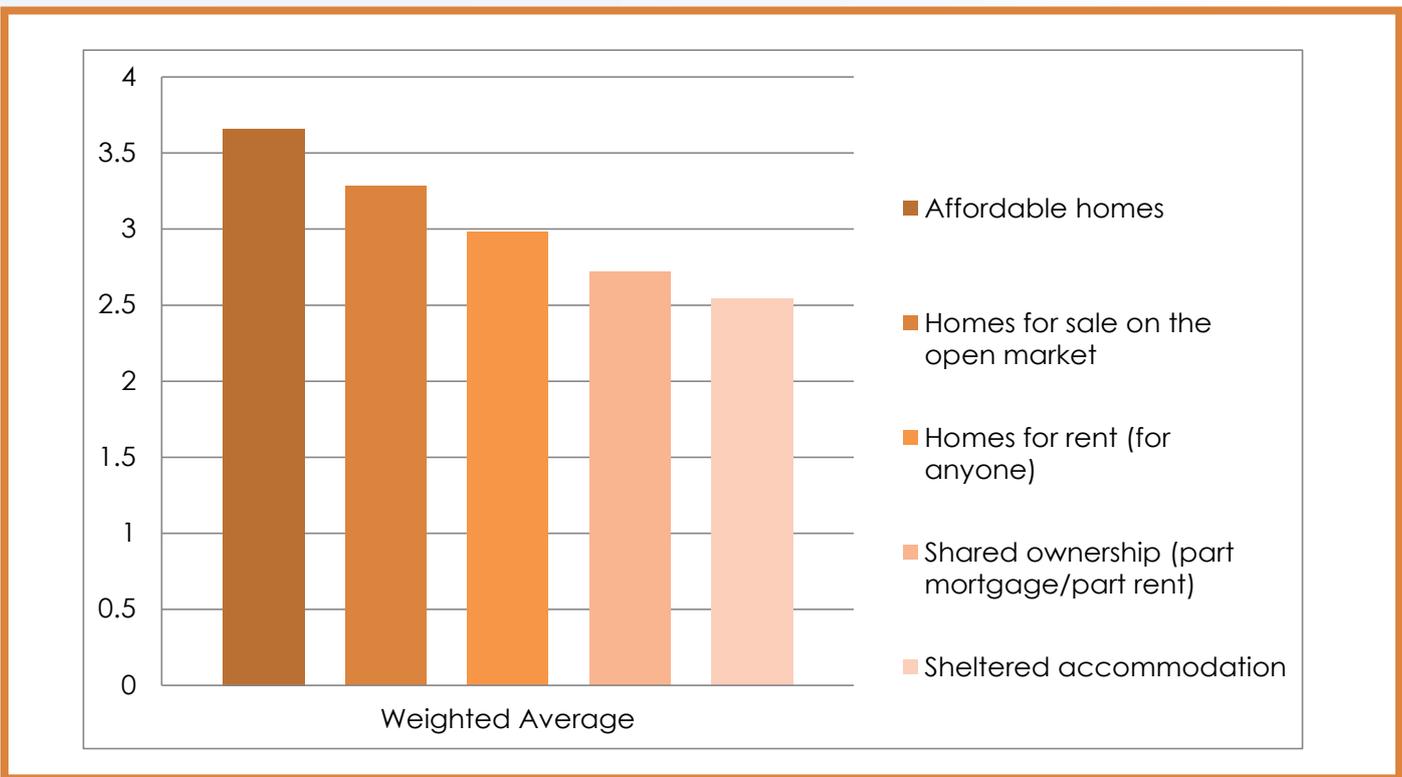


Figure 20 – Stow

*This is housing for local people whose needs cannot be met on the open market. Usually provided by a housing association or local authority, it includes homes for rent or shared ownership.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Don't know	Total	Weighted Average
Affordable homes	67	78	14	17	8	184	3.97
Homes for sale on the open market	50	87	5	7	21	170	3.81
Homes for rent (for anyone)	40	76	10	28	20	174	3.51
Sheltered accommodation	49	40	15	28	33	165	3.25
Shared ownership (part mortgage/ part rent)	32	69	11	24	34	170	3.24

Figure 21 – Sturton by Stow

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Don't know	Total	Weighted Average
Affordable homes	18	17	4	5	3	47	3.66
Homes for sale on the open market	10	25	1	2	7	45	3.28
Homes for rent (for anyone)	10	19	2	5	7	43	2.98
Shared ownership (part mortgage/ part rent)	8	17	2	7	8	42	2.72
Sheltered accommodation	6	17	4	6	5	38	2.45

Figure 22 – Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Strongly Agree = 5, Agree = 4 Disagree = 3, Strongly Disagree = 2, Not Sure / Don't Know = 1

Figure 21 and 22 show respondents place a similar level of importance to both 'Affordable Homes' and 'Homes for sale on the open market' when using the weighted average analysis.

When asked to give other ideas, respondents in Sturton by Stow gave the following comments:

Sturton by Stow
In the event of future development please avoid large grassed areas which require cutting by council at our expense.
Starter homes for families and young people, first time buyers.
Affordable homes that first time buyers can buy. Most housing that I see built is usually well out of the budget of ordinary people.
Any but it should be varied. At present new development seems to be (Tillbridge Lane) 3/4 bed houses.
Single unit rental bed-sits for youngsters to rent at a rate that lets them save to move up the property ladder.
No preference. Nice to have a good mix of people.
A care home, now people have to move away from everything they know and their systems. It means older people find it difficult to visit their friends - cruel!!!
Affordable eco housing.
Better standard of rented property. Tenants should be made to look after the property and keep gardens tidy, etc. Some people don't care about this and spoil it for people who take pride in houses they live in.
There is no accommodation suitable for housing the elderly with in-situ carers.
None!
"Affordable Housing" often implies high rise, often at least three or four stories which would ruin the character of the village and may result in a loss of privacy, views and open aspects in existing buildings.
Far too many 5 bed executive houses being built in Sturton and Stow.
Local young people and young families wishing to stay or work in the area have no chance of getting accommodation.
Low cost rental urgently needed.
More affordable homes for young people who want to stay in the area.
Some homes for young people that have live in the village all their lives and have generations of family here but when want to leave home there is no properties we can afford to buy. I think the demand is for houses between 120,000-180,000! I think with the quick sell of house just recant in this bracket is the proof of this.
In part we moved from Saxilby due to several difficult neighbours (one was police raided for growing drugs and had guns in the garden) the property was repeatedly rented out to unsuitable tenants.
The quality of the houses need to be increased.

Sturton by Stow continued...

I think as a parish we are to snobby on the class of house that is being built, I find it interesting how all these executive homes keep getting built even though they seem to be struggling to sell them!

Houses at an appropriate price for young professional couples to purchase, couples who may have grown up in the village with parents and wish to stay in the village. If I was leaving home now (in the village) and wanted to stay in the village we simply could not afford it and would be forced to look to the city which would be a shame as this is where we grew up.

When asked to give other ideas, respondents in Stow gave the following comments:

Stow

No second homes.

Appropriate type depends on particular location. A good example of mixed homes is seen on Old Rectory Gardens and meets a variety of needs in pleasing style. This should be applied to any new developments. Infill needs to consider surrounding buildings and sympathetic design.

Much of the rented and ACIS houses are poorly maintained and spoil the village for residents who wish to see improvements and progress.

Feel development should be mixed. Not just large exec type houses.

Most new housing built in Stow is not affordable to younger people or older residents wishing to remain in the area but needing more suitable accommodation. Few houses are for local residents but are being built for profit.

Single-storey dwellings for older people should be included.

Bungalows.

Sheltered accommodation for the elderly is in short supply. Currently, older folk from our communities often need to move elsewhere to find the support needed especially if there is no extended family nearby.

There are too many homes for sale on the open market at prices that are beyond affordability for younger folk wanting to have a home of their own

I am disagreeing with sheltered accommodation because I don't believe our parish is appropriate and this should be more available in built up areas.

The village is too isolated to support sheltered accommodation due to lack of facilities and transport links.

Question 13

What style of housing would you like to see included in any new housing development?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
187 responses were collected, with seven respondents choosing to skip the question.	51 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.

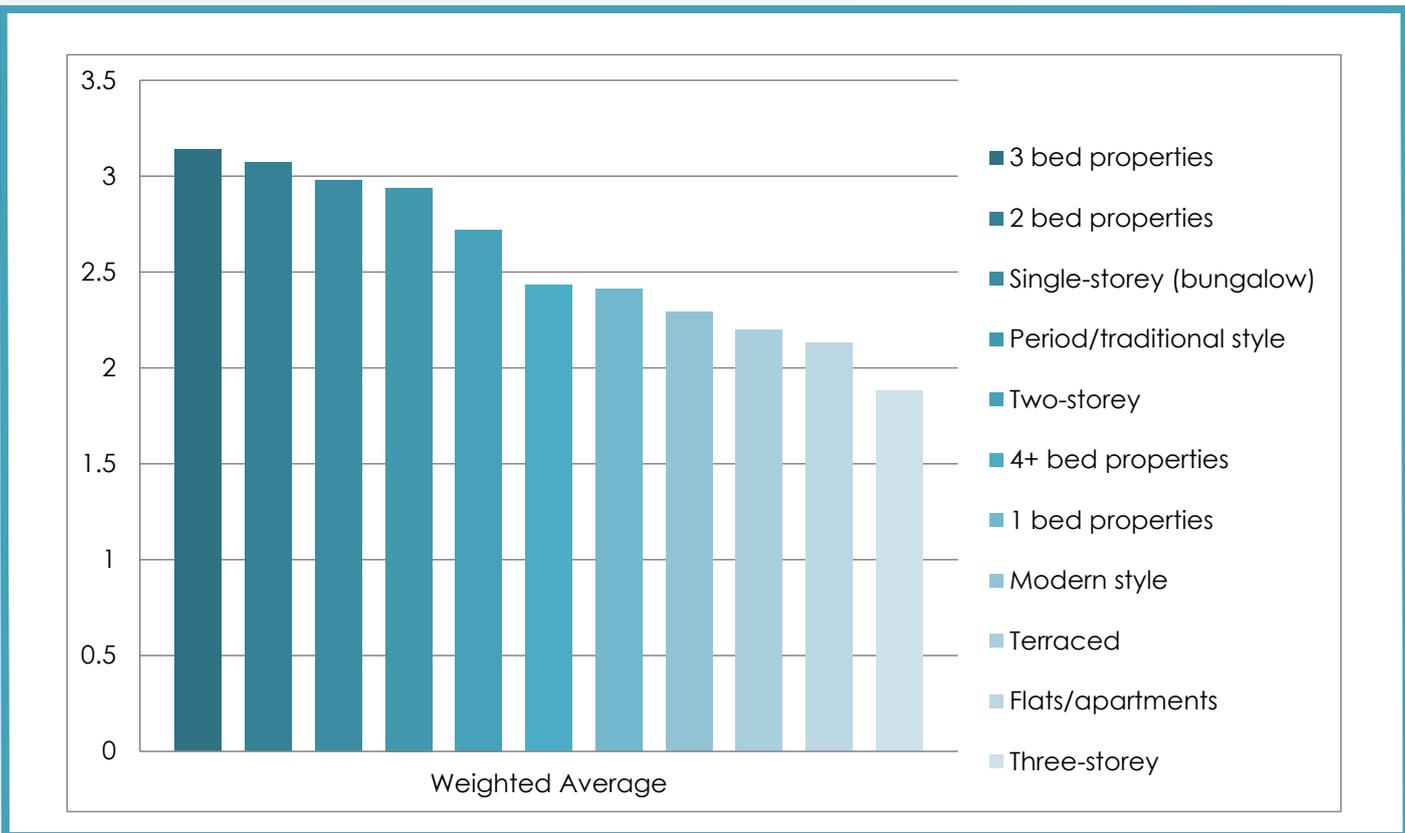


Figure 21 – Sturton by Stow

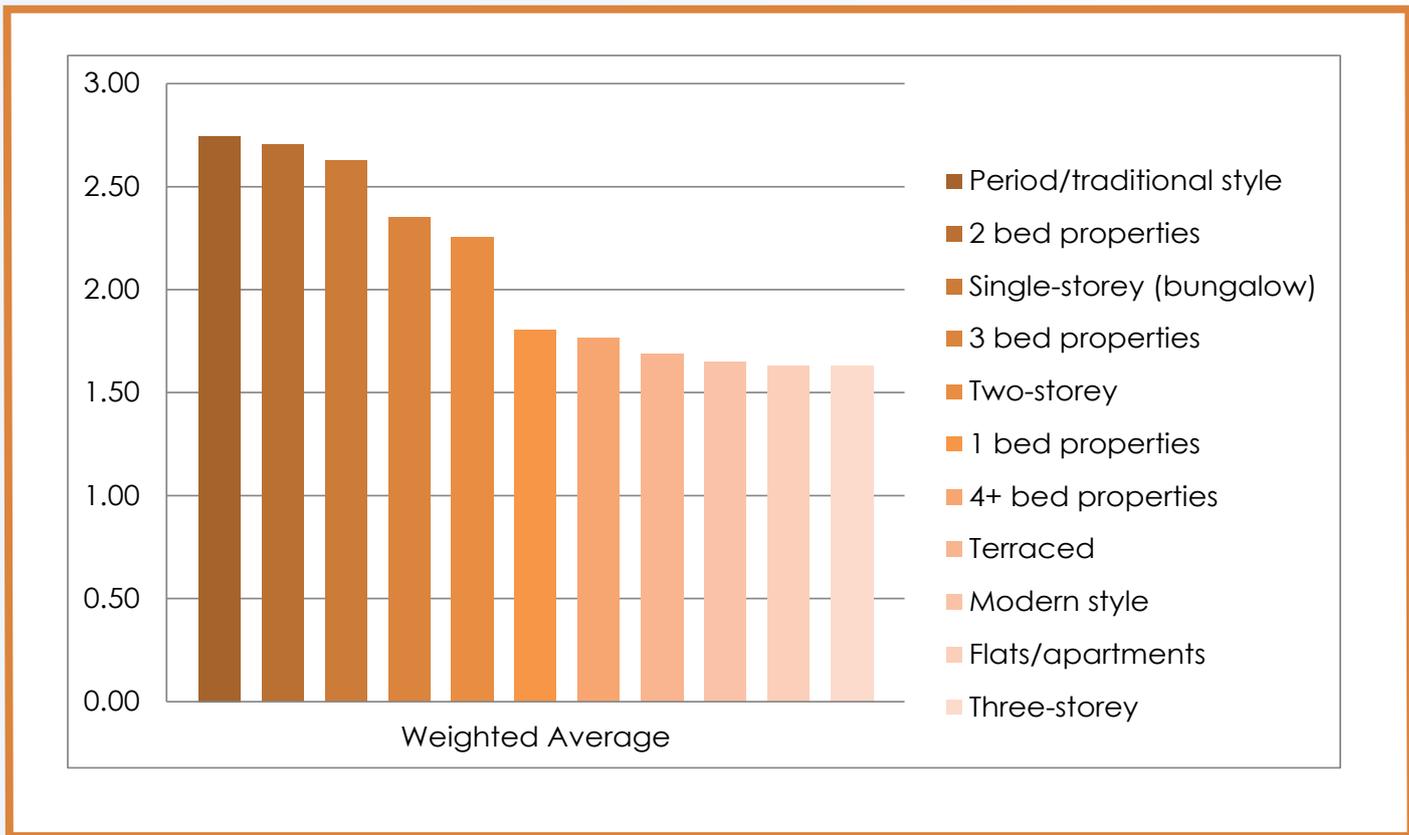


Figure 22 – Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - High preference = 4, Medium preference = 3, Low preference = 2, No preference = 1

A range of options were given for respondents to indicate their preference. In Sturton by Stow, Figure 21 shows '3 bed properties' and '2 bed properties' are the preferred choices of respondents. In Stow, Figure 22 shows the preferred choices are '2 bed properties' and 'Period/traditional style' properties.

Figure 23 and Figure 24 illustrate the breakdown using both the weighted average and the percentage of respondents who indicated that these options are their most preferred.

	High preference	Medium preference
3 bed properties	68	72
2 bed properties	74	63
Single-storey (bungalow)	64	62
Period/traditional style	59	69
Two-storey	39	76
1 bed properties	30	42
4+ bed properties	27	38
Modern style	22	46
Terraced	16	48
Flats/apartments	13	32
Three-storey	5	23

Figure 23 – Sturton by Stow

	High preference	Medium preference
3 bed properties	15	15
2 bed properties	22	10
Single-storey (bungalow)	17	18
Period/traditional style	14	19
Two-storey	7	25
1 bed properties	6	9
4+ bed properties	3	9
Modern style	2	12
Terraced	3	13
Flats/apartments	0	10
Three-storey	2	5

Figure 24 – Stow

Question 14

Do you think any new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
194 responses were collected, with four respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

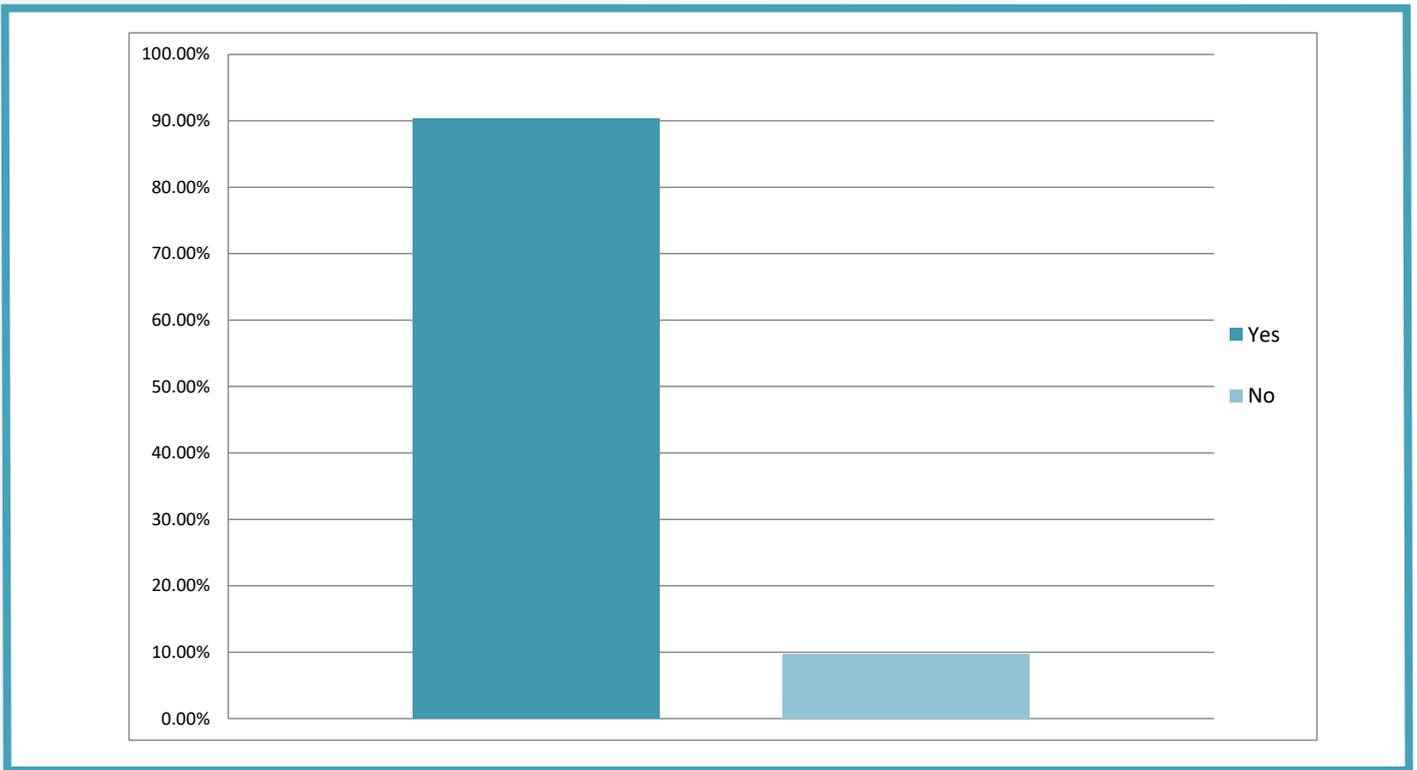


Figure 25 – Sturton by Stow

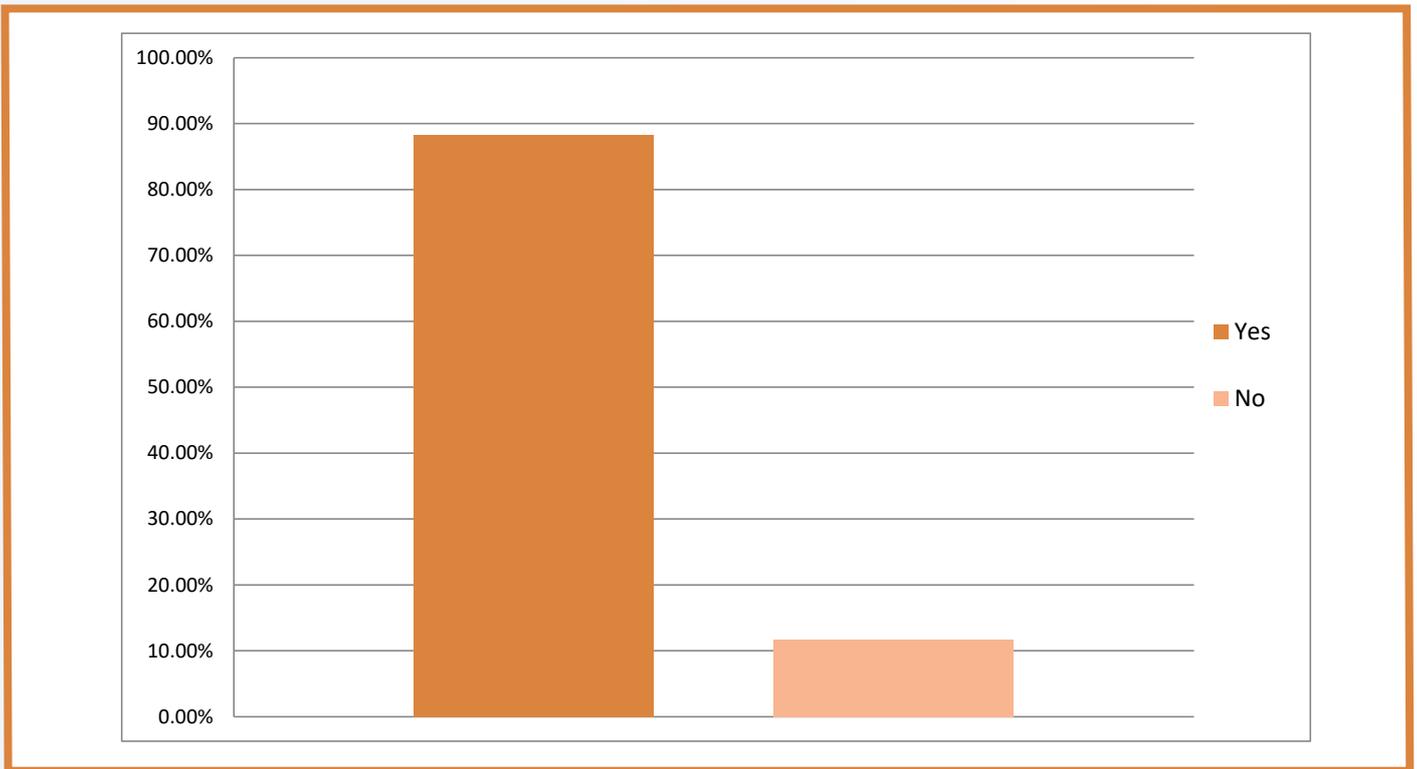


Figure 26 – Stow

Figures 25 and 26 indicate that 90.20% of respondents in Sturton by Stow and 88.68% of respondents in Stow agree that new developments should respect local character, landscape and heritage of the parishes.

When asked 'If "yes", what local features are particularly important to you?' There were 121 respondents from Sturton by Stow and from Stow. A selection of comments can be seen below from Sturton by Stow. All responses can be seen in **Appendix 7**.

Sturton by Stow
To maintain the current general height of any additional housing i.e. no town houses in the centre of the village. Develop facilities (sporting and leisure) in recreation ground.
Green spaces, woodland, nature conservation, ponds, dykes, off road connection pathways.
Trees, hedges, dykes. Reasonable space between houses.
Old buildings and churches. Sturton and Stow are very close and would be sad to see developments between them which would join them together. Need green spaces between villages.
Green spaces, trees, flower verges, less tarmac. Ancient hedges, moats and features.
Old houses, churches, green gaps (not used for parking), public house, village hall, recreation ground and playpark.

Respondents in Stow gave the following comments:

Stow
Older houses and traditional churches.
Local views, views of the church, views of open countryside, green gaps between houses and villages, quiet rural atmosphere, footpaths, space.
The church, the character of local houses, the green space, views of open countryside.
Old historic buildings and green spaces. The 'traditional' (i.e. not modern) style of houses that predominates.
Green gaps.
Old houses, spaces between, green spaces, fields, the quiet area feel. Light and space.

Question 15

How important are the following considerations in relation to any development?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
190 responses were collected, with four respondents choosing to skip the question.	52 responses were collected, with one responder choosing to skip the question.

The percentage margins between the top four of the six considerations in the graphs (Figures 27 and 28), are small.

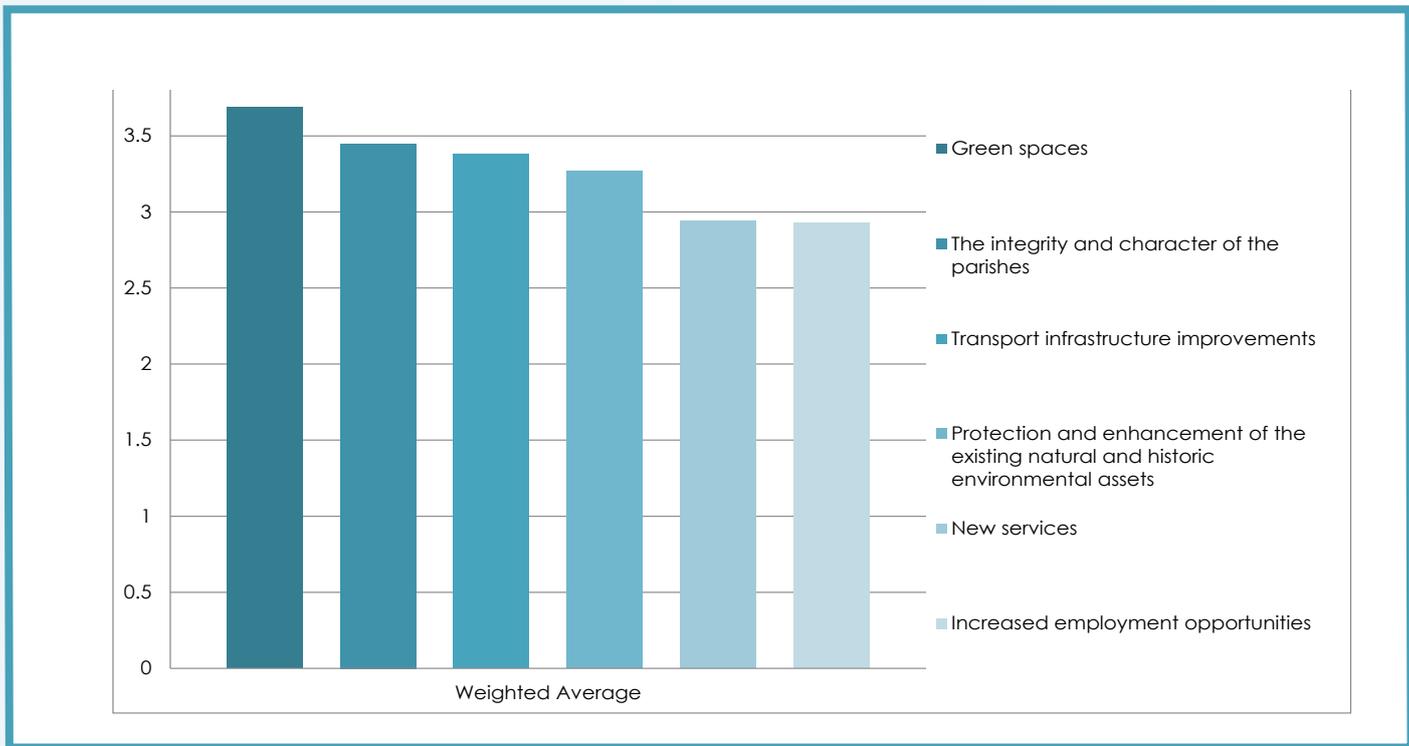


Figure 27 – Sturton by Stow

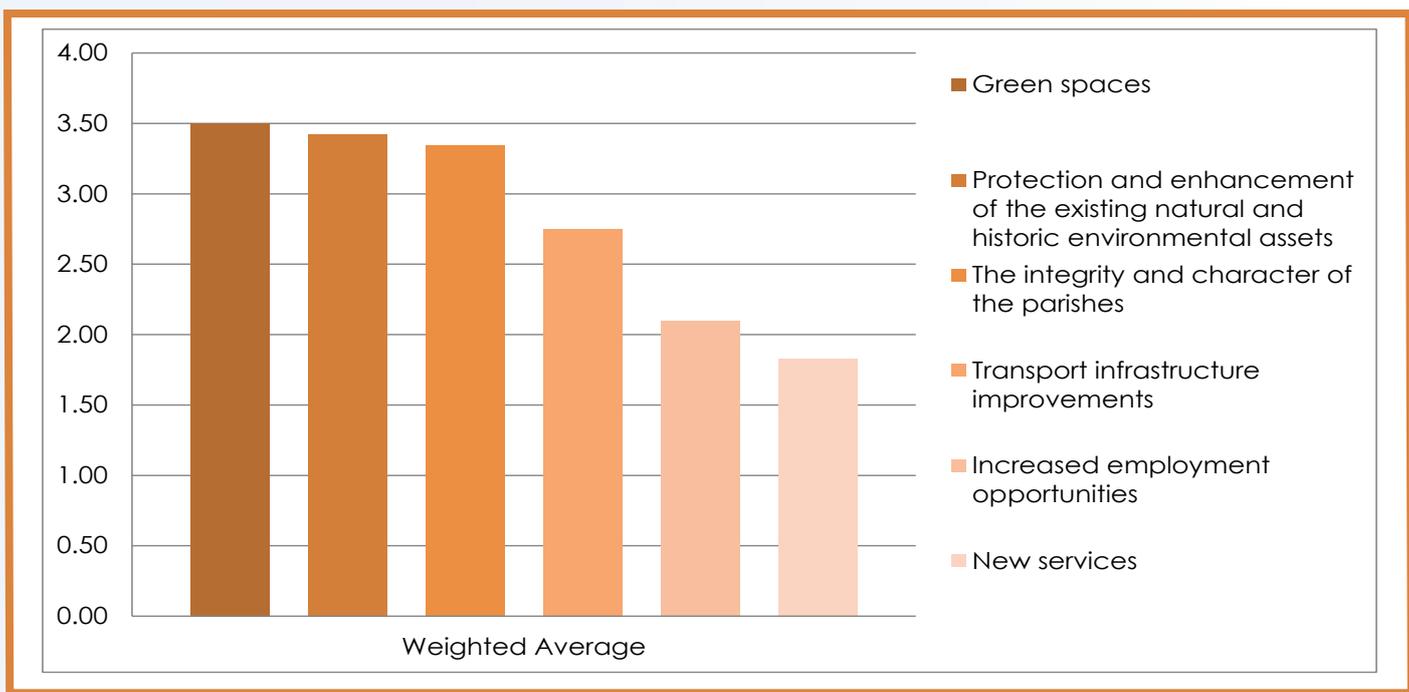


Figure 28 – Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very important = 4, Important = 3, Not important = 2, No opinion = 1

Question 16

Should you wish to remain in your parish, do you consider that you or a member of your family will have a housing need in the next 5 years?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

In both parishes, the majority of respondents have indicated they will not have a housing need in the next five years.

However, 30% of Sturton by Stow respondents suggest they may have a housing need (Figure 29) and in Stow this is slightly less at 24.53% (Figure 30).

Answer choices	Responses	
No	50.00%	97
Yes	30.73%	59
Don't know	19.27%	37

Figure 29 - Sturton By Stow

Answer choices	Responses	
No	58.49%	31
Yes	24.53%	13
Don't know	19.98%	9

Figure 30 - Stow

Question 17

What would you consider is the main reason for this need?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
59 responses were collected, with 135 respondents choosing to skip the question.	14 responses were collected, with 39 respondents choosing to skip the question.

The most significant reasons given for this need in Sturton by Stow were:

- Want to leave parental home/live independently
- Current accommodation is too large
- Current accommodation is too small

In Stow the most significant reasons were:

- Current accommodation is too expensive
- Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs
- Want to leave parental home/live independently

Figures 31 and 32 shows the breakdown of the individual responses to each of the options given.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Want to leave parental home/live independently	23.73%	14
Current accommodation is too large	16.95%	10
Current accommodation is too small	15.25%	9
Current accommodation is too expensive	11.86%	7
Legal reasons (end of relationship, end of tenancy, etc)	10.17%	6
Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs	8.47%	5
Need to live closer to family	8.473%	5
Need to live closer to a carer or to provide care	3.39%	2
Current accommodation is too far from work	1.65%	1

Figure 31 - Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Responses	
Want to leave parental home/live independently	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too large	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too small	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too expensive	14.29%	2
Legal reasons (end of relationship, end of tenancy, etc)	14.29%	2
Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs	7.14%	1
Need to live closer to family	0.00%	0
Need to live closer to a carer or to provide care	0.00%	0
Current accommodation is too far from work	0.00%	0

Figure 32 - Stow

Community

This section aims to look at the range of facilities available and used by the community, together with any further development that is considered necessary.



Question 18

Which community facilities do you use within your parish and how often?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
193 responses were collected, with one responder choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

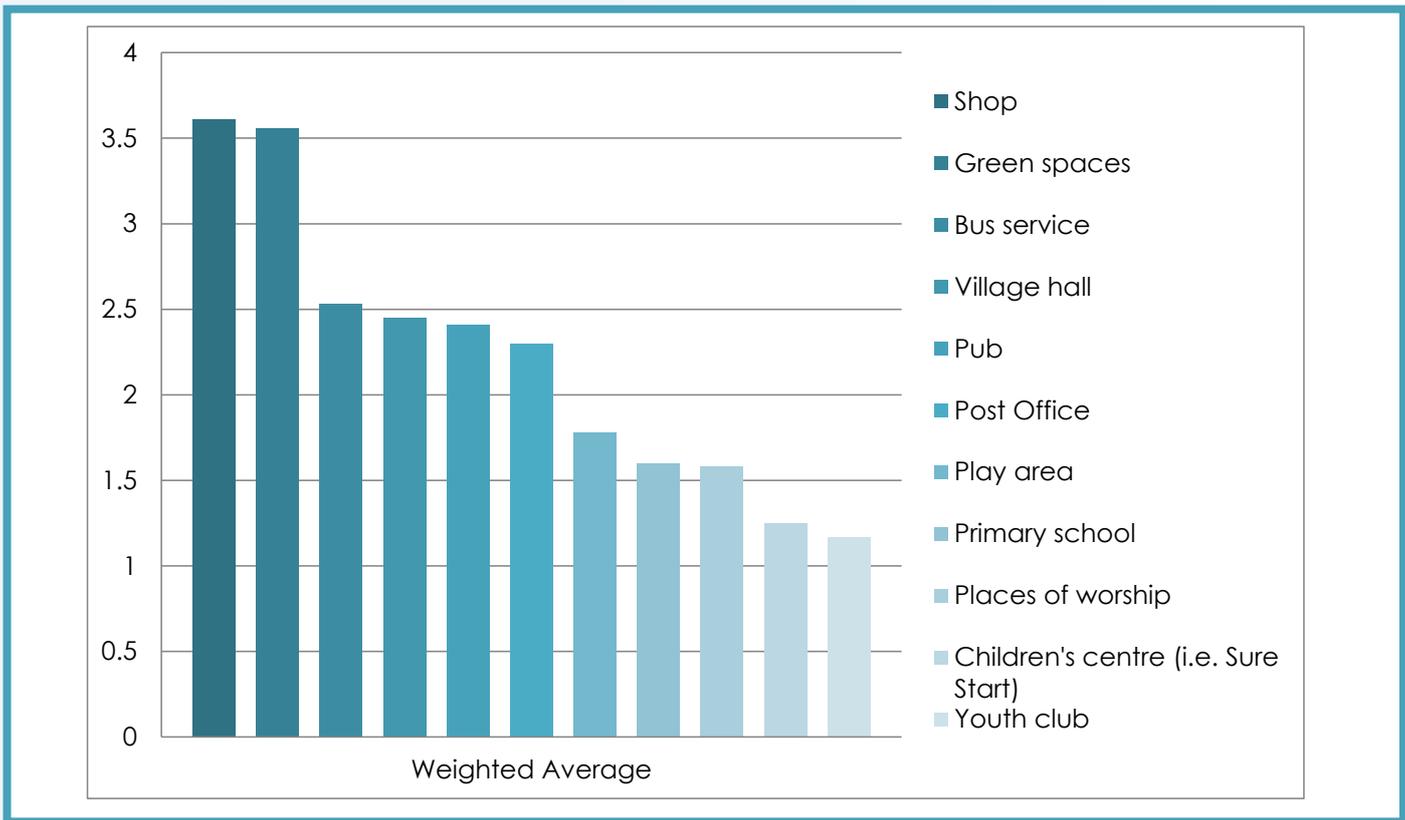


Figure 33 - Sturton by Stow

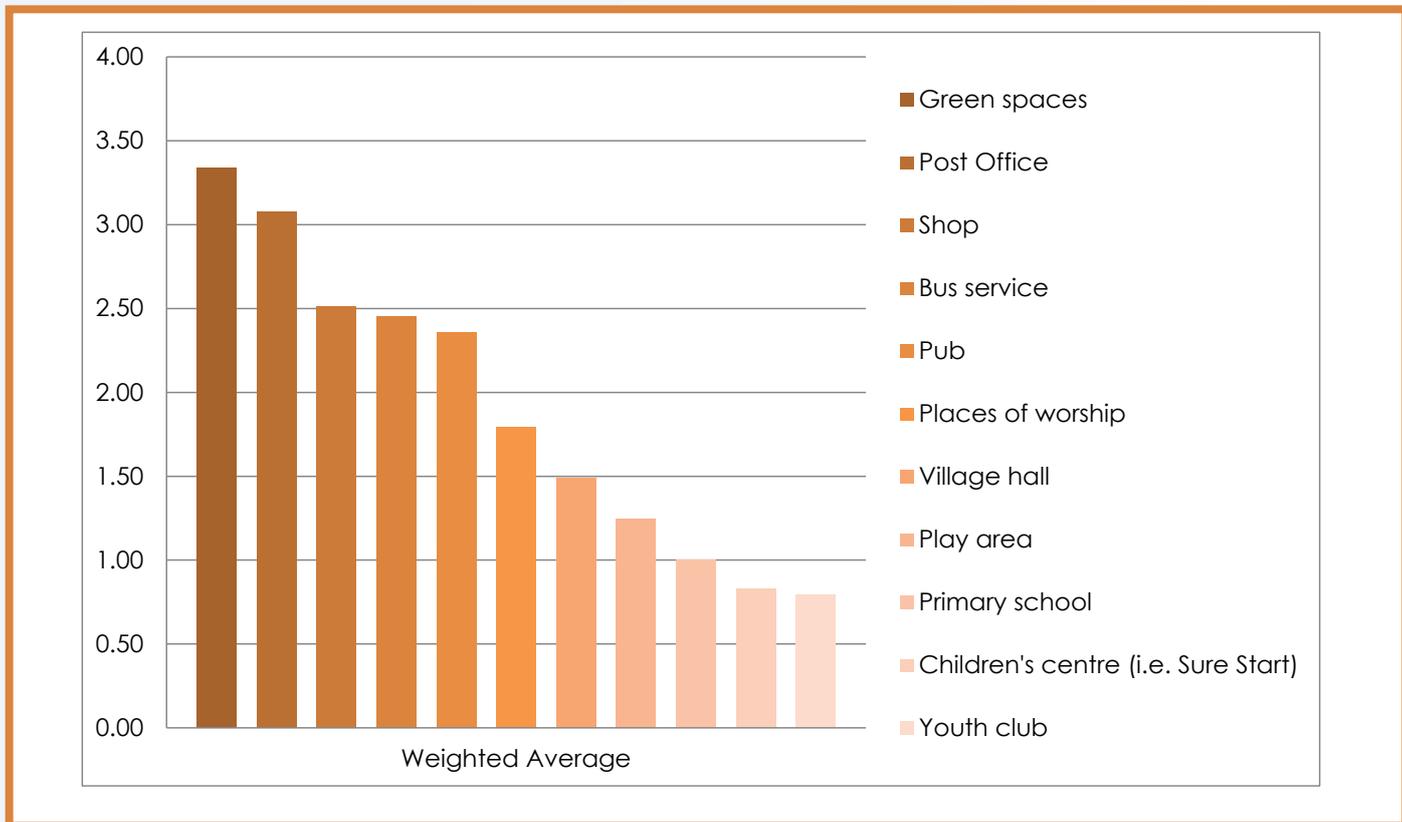


Figure 34 - Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Daily = 5, Weekly = 4, Monthly = 3, Occasionally = 2, Never = 1

Figure 33 indicates that the shop and green spaces in Sturton by Stow are well used facilities using the weighted average.

Figure 34 indicates that green spaces and the post office in Stow are well used facilities using the weighted average.

Figures 35 and 36 show the breakdown of facilities used most often in each parish.

Answer Choices	Daily		Weekly	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Shop	50	27%	73	39%
Green spaces	59	34%	48	27%
Bus service	14	8%	40	22%
Village hall	3	2%	33	18%
Pub	5	3%	40	22%
Post Office	5	3%	41	23%
Play area	2	1%	14	8%
Primary school	22	13%	1	1%
Places of worship	2	1%	6	4%
Children's centre (i.e. Sure Start)	3	2%	6	4%
Youth club	1	1%	3	2%

Figure 35 – Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Daily		Weekly	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Green spaces	24	53%	7	16%
Post Office	6	12%	19	38%
Shop	10	23%	8	18%
Bus service	5	11%	10	21%
Pub	3	7%	8	17%
Places of worship	1	3%	6	15%
Village hall	1	3%	3	8%
Play area	1	3%	1	3%
Primary school	3	8%	0	0%
Children's centre (i.e. Sure Start)	1	3%	1	3%
Youth club	0	0%	1	3%

Figure 36 – Stow

There were 19 additional comments in Sturton by Stow and seven in Stow that have been listed in the tables following:

Sturton by Stow
Hairdresser every few weeks.
Would use post office almost daily if there was one.
Need community church which can be hired to different religious groups and available for baptism, funerals and weddings.
Bus service- would use more if the service was more frequent. Post office - would use if we had one [identified as living in Sturton by Stow in responses]. Pub - unsure may use more if more inviting with food. Shop - too expensive would use a Co-op. Tillbridge Tastery- use maybe monthly, great asset to village.
Tillbridge taster on an occasional basis.
Recreation ground weekly.
No bus service in Bransby, have to go to Saxilby for post office.
Have to go outside village for place of worship.
Old School room. The Tastery. Butcher (Saxilby Road).
Dog waste bins. Footpath network. Recreation grounds.
Bransby has none of these apart from a few green spaces, mind you I can't actually think of any green spaces, the River Till walk is now fenced off, Bonnywells Lane is car park so maybe Bransby has nothing!
Attend many activities in village hall but not weekly, some are monthly but more than once activity per month (4/5).
Gents hair dressers at rear of village hall.
Tastery.
Use the pub in Stow monthly.
Although we do not use the primary school or youth club yet, it is purely because of the age of our child and will in the future.
Tillbridge Tastery.
Tillbridge Tastery cafe weekly.
Footpaths across countryside.

Stow
Café.
No village hall but Sturton Hall is important in the life of many Stow residents.
Golf course at Torksey.
Our child uses the bus to get to school in Gainsborough.
Cycle shop (Barrons), post boxes, notice boards, benches, litter picking (6 monthly - organized by Stow Fun Raisers).
We came to Stow knowing there were few facilities in the village proper, but appreciate the bus service for future use, so we hope that just because we don't use services right now does not mean they ought to be cut as others do use the services.
Library van.

Question 19

How do you view the need for the following additional or improved community facilities in your parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	48 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

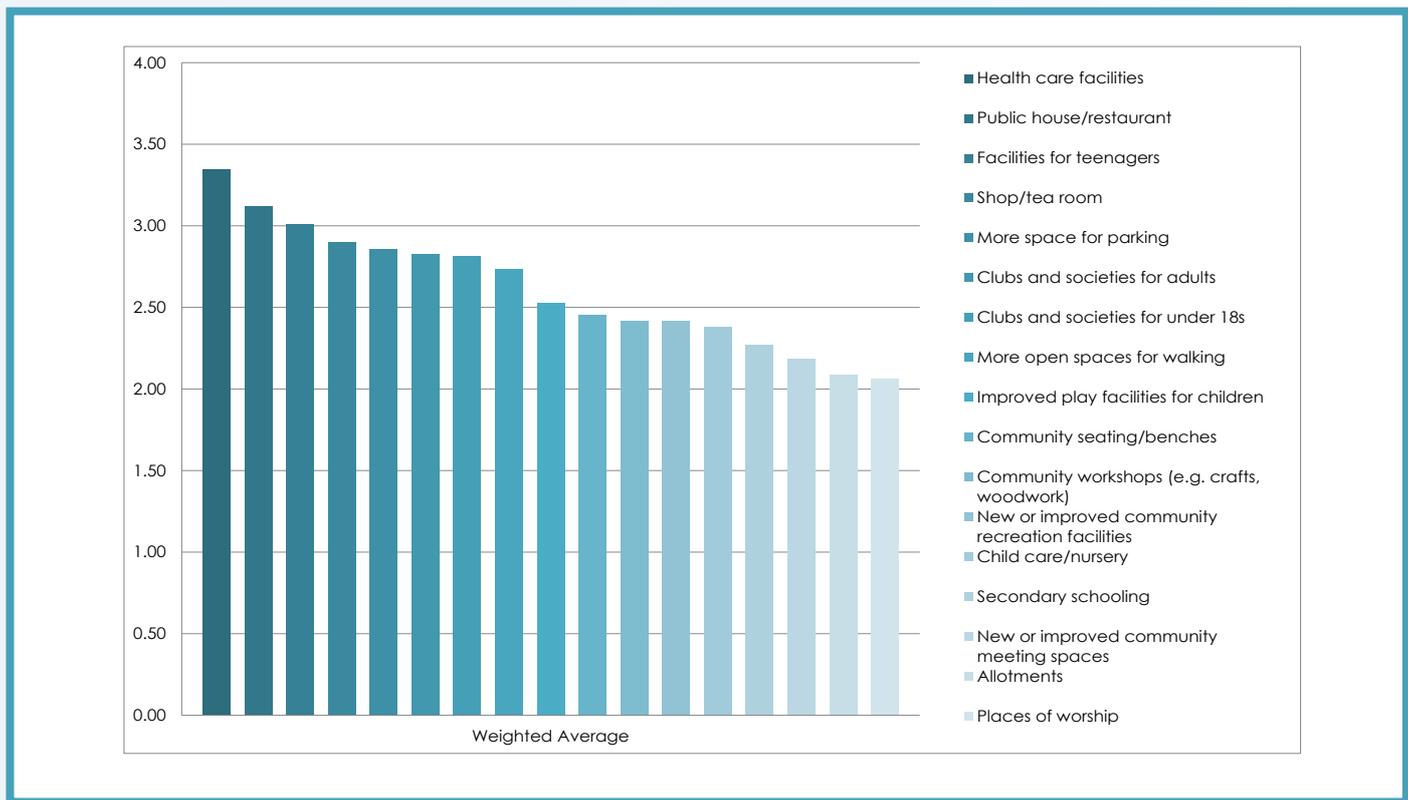


Figure 38 – Sturton by Stow

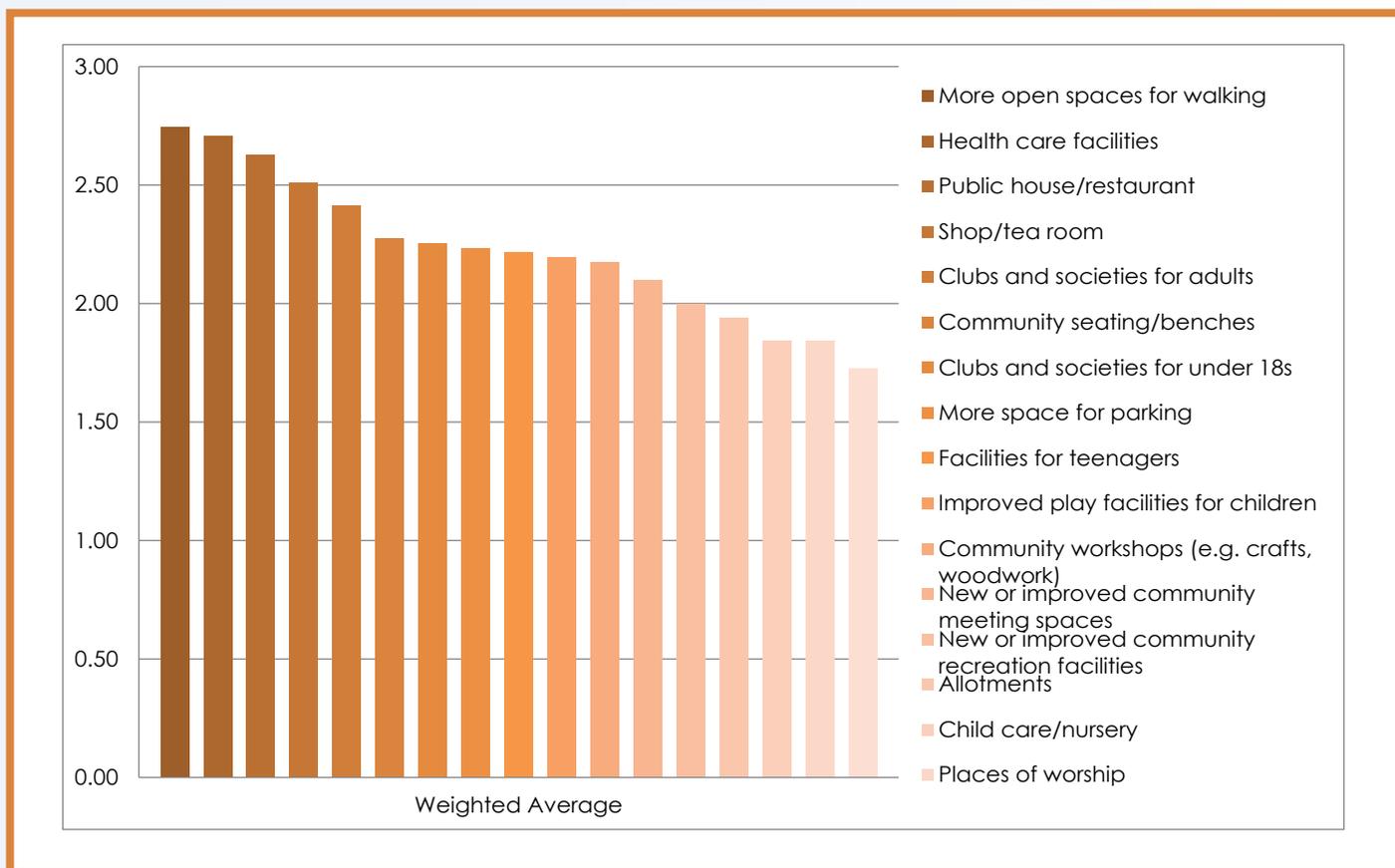


Figure 39 – Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very Important = 4, Important = 3, Not Important = 2 No Opinion = 1

Additional or improved Healthcare facilities are rated as most important by respondents in Sturton by Stow, (Figure 38). With ‘Public house/restaurant’ and ‘Facilities for teenagers’ placed closely in second and third place in importance using the weighted average.

‘More open spaces for walking’ was identified as the most important by respondents in Stow, with additional healthcare facilities as a close second using the weighted average.

Figures 40 and 41 list local facilities in the order of importance.

Answer Choices	Very important	Important
Health care facilities	110	56
Public house/restaurant	74	82
Facilities for teenagers	61	101
Shop/tea room	71	69
More space for parking	63	68
Clubs and societies for adults	49	97
Clubs and societies for under 18s	54	90
More open spaces for walking	54	69
Improved play facilities for children	41	81
Community seating/benches	26	87
Community workshops (e.g. crafts, woodwork)	28	82
New or improved community recreation facilities	31	72
Child care/nursery	40	67
Secondary schooling	34	47
New or improved community meeting spaces	18	61
Allotments	11	61
Places of worship	12	55

Figure 40 – Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Very important	Important
Health care facilities	18	17
More open spaces for walking	17	16
Public house/restaurant	14	18
Clubs and societies for adults	9	26
Shop/tea room	8	23
Community seating/benches	7	21
Facilities for teenagers	11	17
Clubs and societies for under 18s	8	23
More space for parking	8	15
Improved play facilities for children	7	20
Community workshops (e.g. crafts, woodwork)	4	22
New or improved community meeting spaces	3	22
New or improved community recreation facilities	5	19
Child care/nursery	3	16
Places of worship	4	11
Allotments	4	9
Secondary schooling	3	10

Figure 41 – Stow

When asked for other ideas for additional or improved facilities, 30 responses were given from Sturton by Stow and three from Stow.

A selection of comments can be seen below from Sturton by Stow. All 30 responses can be seen in **Appendix 8**.

Sturton by Stow

At present there are no services in the village like a hairdressers/similar.

More parking facilities near school to drop off and pick up times.

A transport service for people unable to use public transport.

Recycle facilities.

A men's Shed club to use retired peoples skills and by inviting youngsters to pass skills and friendship between generations. If it was based in St Hughes the church could be resurrected. Film club.

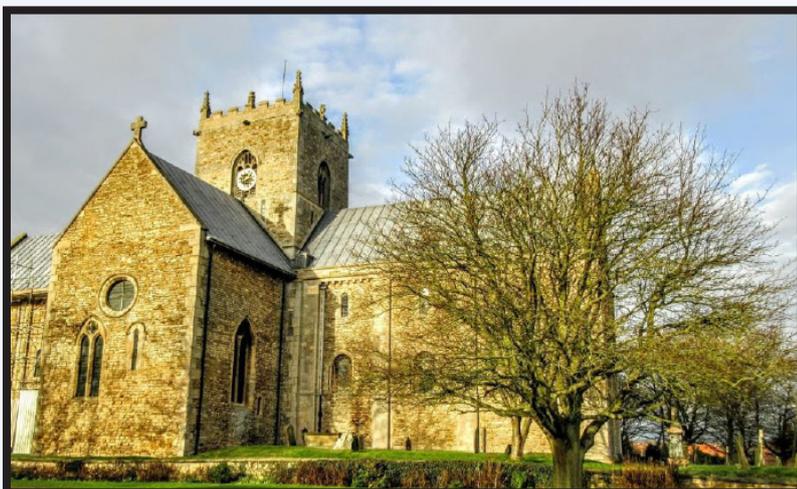
All comments from Stow can be seen below:

Stow

Where I have said not important I am saying the current facilities are enough.

Post Office, community workshops - knitting/sewing/writing, by supporting clubs and societies I mean community adult classes - languages/Pilates/computers. Already plenty of open green spaces - bookable meeting/treatment/office rooms would be good.

St Mary's Church is a bit of a millstone around the neck of the village. I applaud its use as a Post Office and would like to see it used for more community events.



Communication

This is about getting information to people at the right time and in the right way.

Question 20

How do you currently find out about what is happening in your parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	50 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Parish News booklet	78.65%	151
Word of Mouth	76.60%	149
Village notice boards	71.35%	137
Posters and Flyers	56.25%	108
Facebook page	18.75%	26
Village/local organisation websites (e.g. Parish Council, Stow Fun Raisers)	17.71%	34
Neighbourhood Plan Website	9.38%	18
Other (please specify)	7.29%	14
Not interested	0.52%	1

Figure 42 - Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Responses	
Word of Mouth	80%	40
Parish News booklet	78%	39
Village notice boards	64%	32
Posters and Flyers	85%	29
Village/local organisation websites (e.g. Parish Council, Stow Fun Raisers)	48%	24
Facebook page	16%	8
Neighbourhood Plan Website	6%	3
Other (please specify)	2%	1
Not interested	0%	0

Figure 43 - Stow

Figures 42 and 43 on the previous page show the most popular ways of receiving local news is either by word of mouth or through the Parish News booklet.

Other sources of communication were listed as follows (14 in Sturton by Stow and one in Stow):

Sturton by Stow
Newsletter.
Village newsletter.
Will check out FB as unaware. Newsletter.
Pub.
Gainsborough Standard.
Accessing internet at Bransby is always slow and unavailable.
Sturton by Stow newsletter which is good.
Sturton Parish Newsletter, Foss Focus, Gainsborough Standard and local plan, Email groups.
Local public house.
Communication is poor between Parish Council meetings and residents. No minutes posted on website or active village facebook page like Upton or Nettleham.
Pub!
Village newsletters.
Occasional parish newsletter.
Local Newsletter.

Stow
Village shop would be handy.

Question 21

Do you think there is a need to improve communication?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
180 responses were collected, with 14 respondents choosing to skip the question.	48 responses were collected, with five respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	52.22%	94
Yes	47.78%	86

Figure 44 - Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	62.50%	30
Yes	37.50%	18

Figure 45 - Stow

In both parishes respondents are generally happy with communication, however between 37.50% and 47.78% of respondents do agree that communication needs to be improved.

When asked "If 'Yes' do you have any ideas?" 54 respondents from the parish of Sturton by Stow commented and six respondents from Stow commented, these can be seen on the tables below.

A selection of comments can be seen below from Sturton by Stow. All 54 responses can be seen in **Appendix 9**.

Sturton by Stow

If the village were to grow then hopefully the means of communication would naturally grow with it - a larger audience (demand) stimulates improved supply.

More Sturton news in parish magazine.

Facebook page updates more regularly, parish council meetings and minutes available on Facebook. Local newspaper or paper posted online.

More clubs for young mums so word of mouth carries further.

Notice board in village shop. Notice board in Post Office. Notice board in village hall.

All comments from Stow can be seen below:

Stow

There are plenty of outlets already - folk just have to have the interest and know where to look.

Local information website.

Possibly Facebook.

Would be nice to have a free monthly magazine delivered to all properties, (similar to the Village Venture which the nearby spring line villages enjoy), could be funded by selling advertising spaces?

Stow continued...

Make the Parish News more relevant - get all local organizations to advertise their events and what they do, get local businesses to advertise in it, if it becomes more use to people, more people will get it.

Access and Speed of the Internet Needs Improving Vastly. Internet is Far Too Slow in Rural Properties.

Employment

The final theme covered by the household questionnaire was that of the development of employment opportunities within the parishes.

Question 22

Do you consider that your parish needs more employment opportunities?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
178 responses were collected, with 16 respondents choosing to skip the question.	46 responses were collected, with 7 respondents choosing to skip the question.

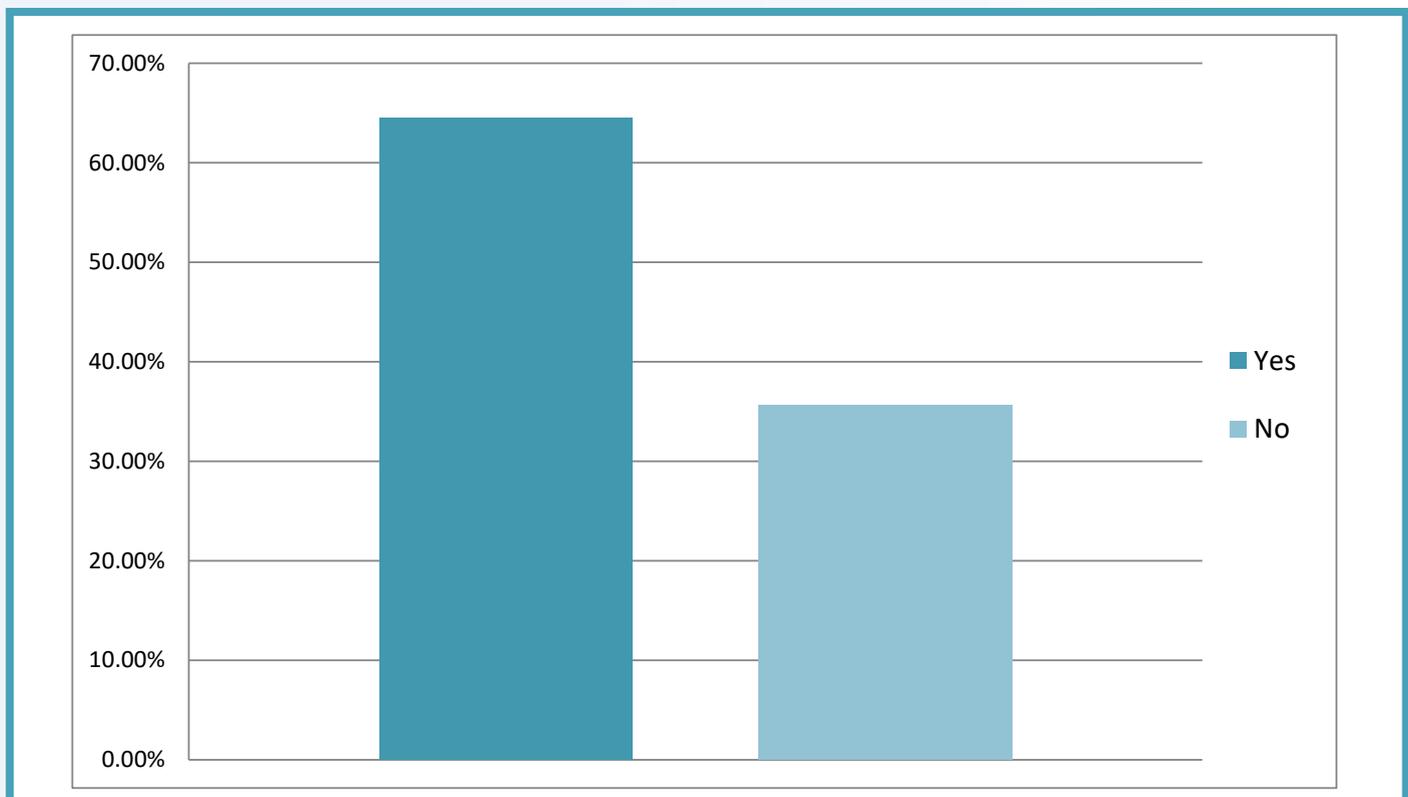


Figure 46 - Sturton by Stow

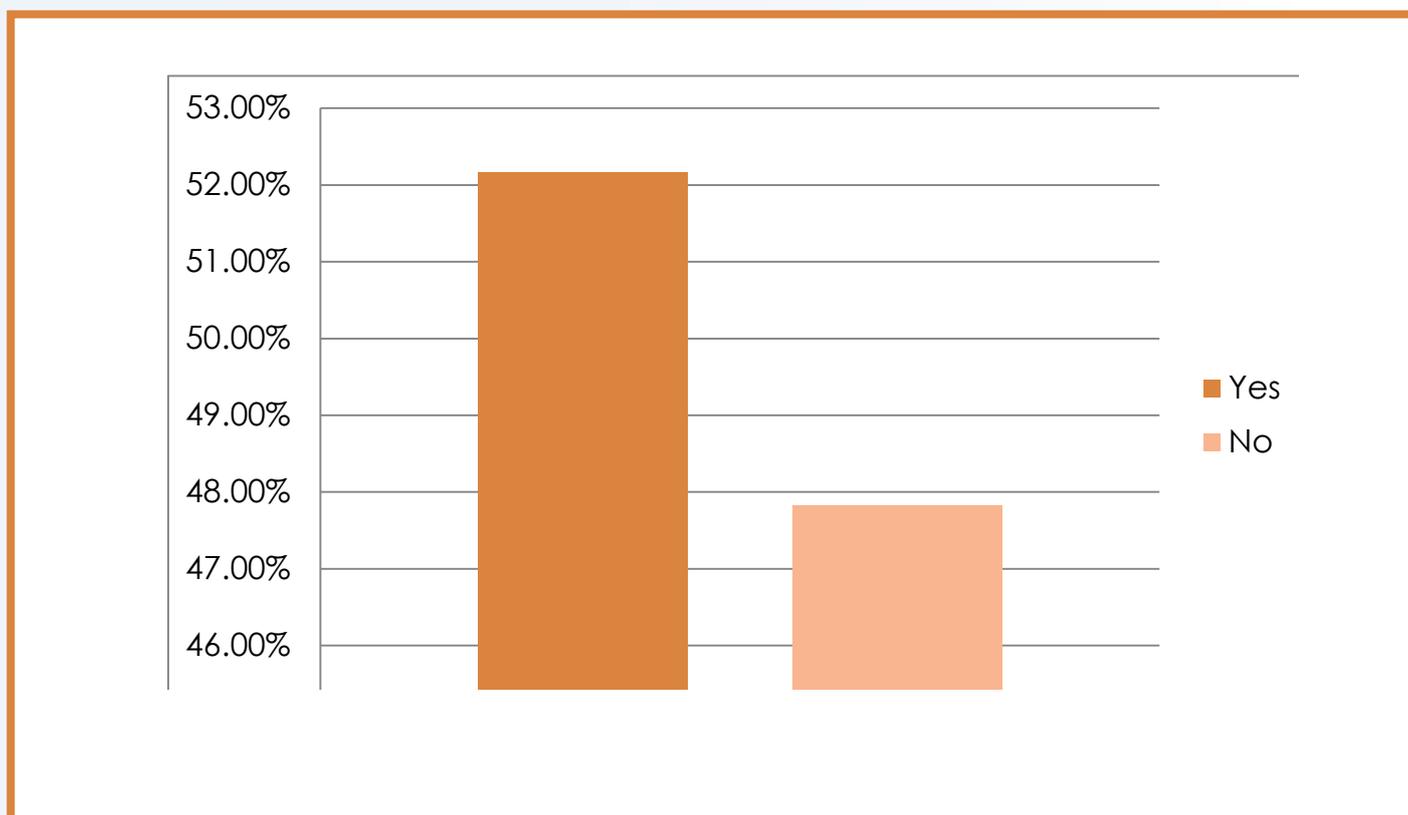


Figure 47 - Stow

A majority of respondents in both parishes are in favour of more employment opportunities, (Figure 46 and 47).

Question 23

If “Yes” what type of employment opportunities should be encouraged?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
120 responses were collected, with 74 respondents choosing to skip the question.	26 responses were collected, with 27 respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Incubation units (start-up business units)	60.83%	73
Social care sector	57.50%	69
Agriculture	53.33%	64
Retail	51.67%	62
Leisure and recreation	51.67%	62
Light manufacturing/industry	50.83%	61
Storage and distribution	17.50%	21

Figure 48 - Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Responses	
Leisure and recreation	50.00%	13
Incubation units (start-up business units)	50.00%	13
Light manufacturing/industry	42.31%	11
Agriculture	42.31%	11
Retail	38.46%	10
Social care sector	26.92%	7
Storage and distribution	23.08%	6

Figure 49 - Stow

In Sturton by Stow the top choices were 'Incubation units (start-up business units)' and 'Social care sector' opportunities (Figure 48).

In Stow the top choices were 'Leisure and recreation' and 'Incubation units (start-up business units)' (Figure 49).

Final Comments

Question 24

Please make any other comments you have in the space below, remember you will have ample opportunity to share your views at future consultation exercises or by asking to help create the Neighbourhood Plan.

Sturton by Stow	Stow
33 responses were collected, with 161 respondents choosing to skip the question.	Seven responses were collected, with 44 respondents choosing to skip the question.

A selection of comments can be seen below from both parishes. All responses can be seen in **Appendix 10**.

Sturton by Stow

Flooding is the number one concern to many people on the high street area. The worry is any development on the west, south and north will produce more run off flood water.

It is important that infrastructure e.g. drainage, sewerage, to be adequate for future development and catch up with current and past development.

Working from home should be encouraged where possible. Industrial land was available but was given permission for residential buildings. Industrial units well catered for in Saxilby.

Sturton by Stow continued...

Please don't knock the historical buildings down for more parking. Thank you.

Any future planning consents for residential development in Sturton by Stow should be conditional requiring the developers to pay for upgrading the mains drainage infrastructure within the village. Developers are currently taking their profits and running leaving no benefit for the existing village population.

All responses from Stow can be seen below:

Stow

The financial cost on the Precept of any changes decided on should be estimated and made public before approval.

Sturton and Stow are rural villages and need to retain their identity when considering planning in the future. Residents choose to live here because they like this type of neighbourhood and do not expect to have EVERYTHING on their doorstep. We value the existing assets.

Q17 - two reasons for moving but the survey prevents all that apply. Please note: Reason 1 Current accommodation is too large, Reason 2 current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs.

For development we should look at more properties being built in existing gardens where there is the space to avoid additional building on greenfield sites.

Collection of Data Trends**Question 25**

As part of gathering data trends we are interested in the age group you belong to (this question is optional).

Sturton by Stow	Stow
189 responses were collected, with five respondents choosing to skip the question.	48 responses were collected, with five respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
60 - 79 years	44.97%	85
45 - 59 years	31.22%	59
30 - 44 years	11.64%	22
80 years or over	6.88%	13
19 - 29 years	4.76%	9
18 and under	0.53%	1

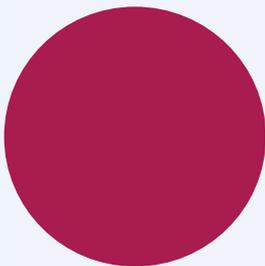
Figure 50 - Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Responses	
60 - 79 years	60.87%	29
45 - 59 years	22.92%	11
30 - 44 years	8.33%	4
80 years or over	8.33%	4
18 and under	0.00%	0
19 - 29 years	0.00%	0

Figure 51 - Stow

In both parishes, analysis shows that the highest age group to respond was the 60 – 79 age group (Figures 50 and 51).

The age group least represented are the 18 and under in the parish of Sturton by Stow (Figure 50). In Stow the age groups least represented are the 29 and under (Figure 51).



Business Questionnaire

All businesses in the two parishes were invited to participate in an online questionnaire. A copy of the questionnaire can be seen in **Appendix 11**.

A total of 13 questionnaires were completed.

The responses from both parishes have been combined into one graph on each question.

Your Business Now

Question 1

Where is your business located?

To help us analyse the responses, we collected data about the location of businesses within the parishes. Figure 1 illustrates a breakdown of these responses.

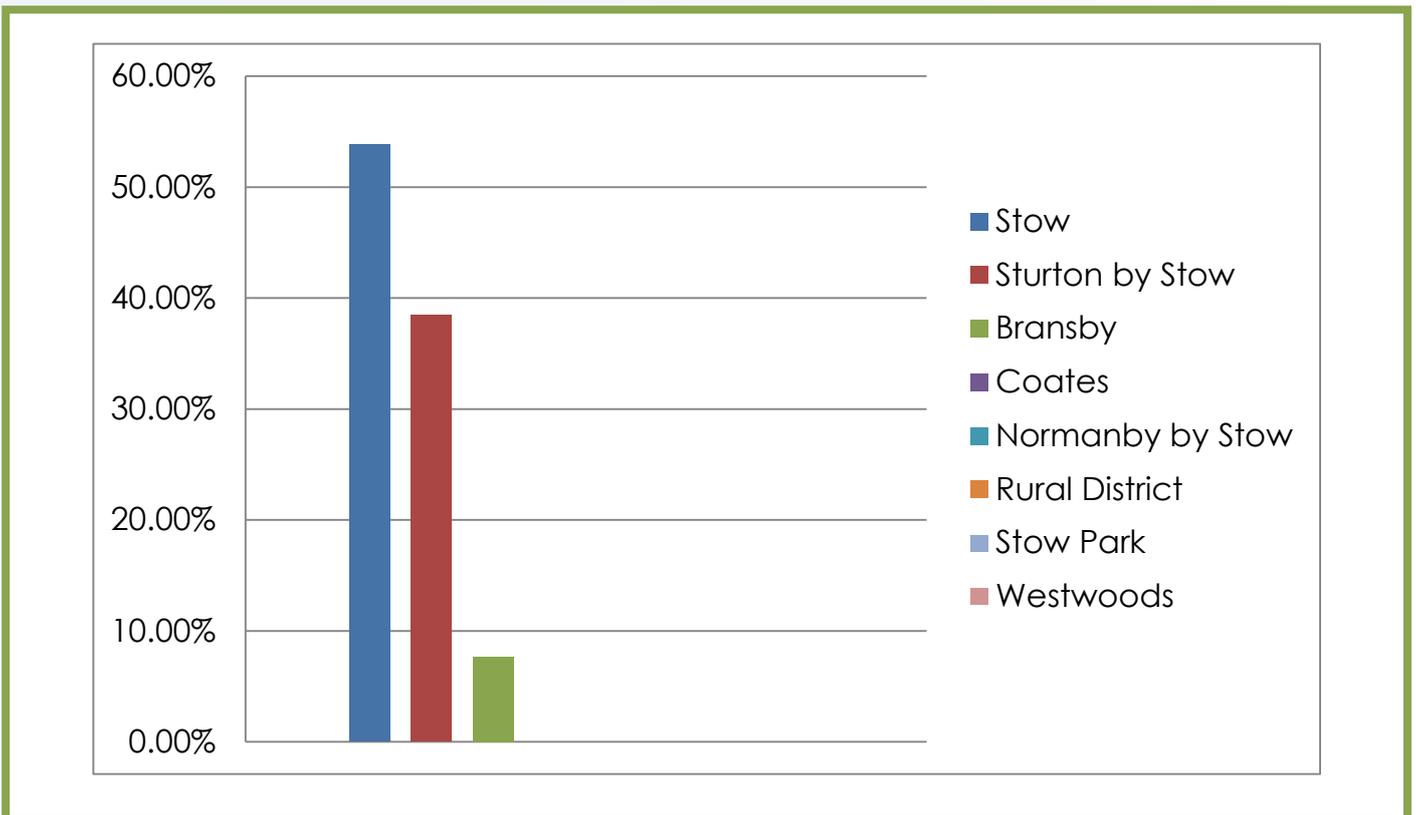


Figure 1

The graphs show that 100% respondents answered this question and that over 50% of respondents are based in Stow. No responses were received from the settlements of Coates, Normanby by Stow, Rural District, Stow Park and Westwoods.

Question 2

What sector would best describe your business activity?

13 responses were recorded.

Figure 2 illustrates the business activity of the respondents.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Other (Please specify)	53.85%	7
Business and professional services	15.38%	2
Farming	15.38%	2
Leisure and tourism	15.38%	2
Construction	0.00%	0
Hospitality	0.00%	0
Information technology	0.00%	0
Manufacturing	0.00%	0
Other community, social and personal services/activities	0.00%	0
Property Development	0.00%	0
Social care	0.00%	0
Transport, storage	0.00%	0
Wholesale and retail trade	0.00%	0

Figure 2

Seven respondents indicated that their business activity related to other sectors not listed in the question. All seven respondents named the following sectors:

Business
Church of England Parish of Stow with Sturton - offering spiritual support and guidance, worship opportunities, prayer for our local communities, and local offices - baptisms, weddings and funerals
Electrical contractor.
Equestrian facilities and training.
Equine rescue and Welfare Charity.
Restaurant and Pub.
Swimming pool, hot tubs, sauna, steam room sales and service.
Tillbridge Tastery Tea and Coffee Shop.

Question 3

What type of premises do you operate from?

13 responses were recorded.

The breakdown of premises is shown in Figure 3.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Farm/horticultural premises	30.77%	4
Home	23.08%	3
Other (Please specify)	23.08%	3
From home but work takes me to customers' premises	7.69%	1
Offices	7.69%	1
Retail	7.69%	1
Warehouse/manufacturing units	0.00%	0

Figure 3

30.77% of respondents use farming and horticultural premises as a base.

The other types of premises used by respondents are listed as:

Business
Licensed Premises.
a) Grade 1 listed Stow Minster (aka St Mary's Church, Stow) - Parish Church for the ecclesiastical parish of Stow with Sturton (Parish boundary incorporates the whole of Sturton civil parish boundary, and most of Stow civil parish boundary (excluding Coates). The building is not only as a place of worship, but host for a 3 x half-day per week Post Office, Concert venue, Tourism venue offering guided tours to groups (including coach parties), bell ringing (not only the local band but frequent bands from elsewhere in the county and country).
b) Grade 2 listed St Hugh's Church, High Street, Sturton - unused at present due to the need for repairs.
c) Churchyard extension - Stow Road, Saturation"
Warehouse showroom and office.

Question 4

Do you employ staff?

13 responses were recorded with 8 (61.54%) of respondents employing staff.

Question 5**If 'Yes' how many staff do you employ?**

There were 8 responses to this question.

Figure 4 illustrates the employment figures:

Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 5	37.50%	3
11 - 20	37.50%	3
6 - 10	12.50%	1
More than 50	12.50%	1
21 - 50	0.00%	0

Figure 4

Operational environment and your future business

Question 6**What do you consider to be the three biggest benefits of running a business in Sturton by Stow and Stow Parishes?**

There were 11 responses recorded. These have been categorised as follows:

Community
Good local amenities.
Local Community Support.
Providing and serving the local community.
Part of the community.
Local knowledge and community.
Being able to work within my own community.
General Business
Lack of competition.
Employing local people.
Space to expand.
Good supporting local businesses.
Land for the horses.
Location and access
Beautiful countryside within easy travel time to towns and amenities.
Close to Lincoln and Gainsborough.

Location and access continued...

Good access.

Ease of access to us.

Transport

Good access to main routes and both Lincoln and Gainsborough.

Close to A1500.

No traffic congestion.

Other

Reasonable internet access.

Attracting visitors to the village.

Question 7**What do you consider to be the most detrimental aspects of the location of your business in Sturton by Stow and Stow Parishes?**

11 responses were recorded.

Responses have been categorised as follows:

Business

Finding staff in a village situation.

Cannot be seen from main roads.

Lack of opportunity to expand.

Lack of passing trade for Visitor Centre and Cafe.

High rates and nothing in return (a business tax??).

Community Facilities

Lack of a local bakers and Co-op.

Lack of village centre. Parking.

Lack of community hubs.

Housing for employees (families).

Local amenities.

Crime

Vulnerable to crime.

Technology

No fibre optic.

Transport

Transport links.

Roads.

No speed reduction schemes on Ingham Road.

Small roads.

Quality of roads.

Question 8

What additional business space do you think you will need within the next 10 years?

13 responses were recorded.

38.46% of respondents have indicated that they will not require additional space within the next 10 years.

Of the other eight responses recorded the breakdown is illustrated in Figure 5.

Answer Choices	Responses	
None	38.46%	5
50 - 100 sq metres	23.08%	3
100 - 500 sq metres	15.38%	2
500+ sq metres	15.38%	2
Other (please specify)	7.69%	1

Figure 5

The one respondent that indicated 'Other' gave this response:

"None planned in this parish at present".

Question 9

Do you hope to continue operating from your current premises?

13 responses were recorded.

12 respondents indicated that they hope to continue operating from their current premises. Two respondents gave the following reasons:

Business Premises

Yes to Stow Minster and Churchyard Extension. No to St Hugh's Sturton - our consultation event in early 2018 about the future use of St Hugh's did not produce the enthusiasm and clarity to see a clear way forward. The building requires considerable investment to improve it, resources which the Parochial Church Council does not have available and must be found via grants. The major grant awarding bodies would wish to see a substantial commitment from the community in general to support the building before making any offer of a grant - Catch 22!

Would like a unit/office that is close to home.

Question 10

How do you see your employment needs in the next 10 to 15 years?

13 responses were recorded.

The responses in Figure 6 show that 76.92% of businesses expect their employment needs to grow within this time period. No respondents identified that their employment needs would reduce.

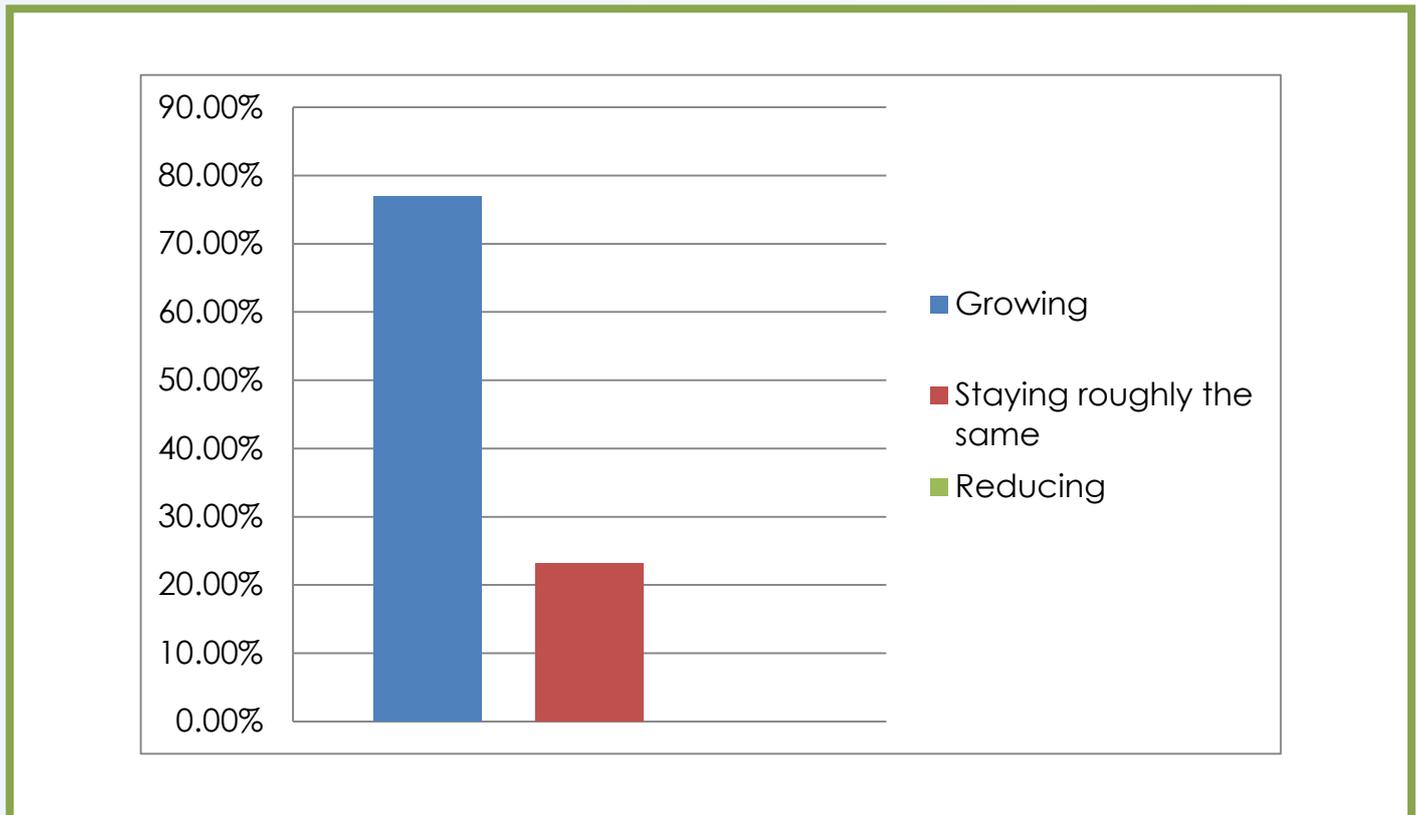


Figure 6

Question 11

When considering the current operation of your business and planning its future, how important to you is the impact it has on: [Local environment, historic buildings, historic field patterns].

13 responses were recorded.

Figure 7 indicates that respondents place more importance on the impact of their business on the environment. Impact on historic field patterns is of least importance.

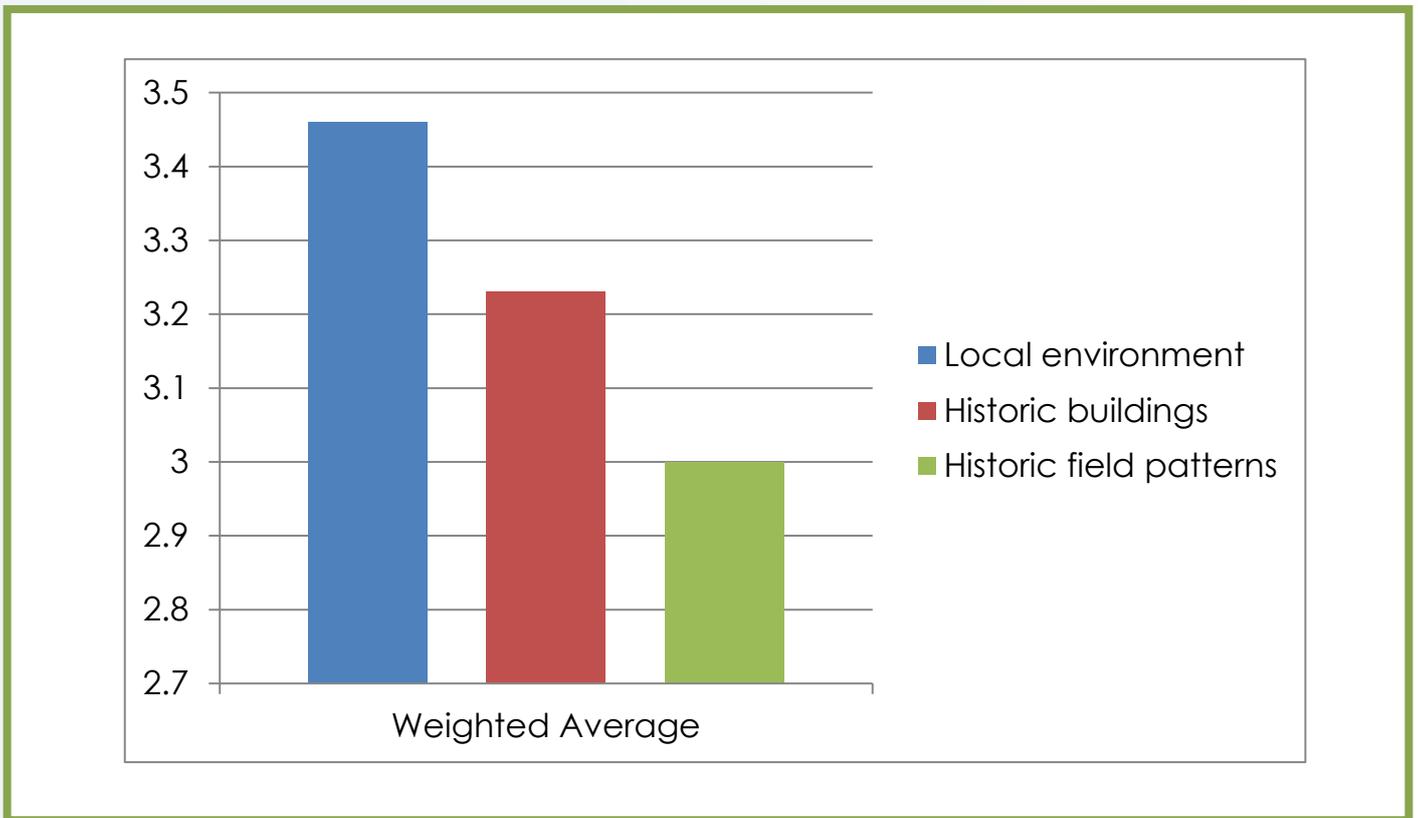


Figure 7

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very Important = 4, Important = 3, Not Important = 2, No Opinion = 1

Question 12

What local factors currently impede the achievement of your business development plans?

13 responses were recorded.

79.92% of respondents feel that poor mobile phone signal is a barrier. Poor access to superfast broadband is identified by 61.54%.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Poor mobile phone signal	76.92%	10
Poor access to superfast broadband	61.54%	8
Access to suitable local staff	38.46%	5
Lack of suitable housing for potential staff	38.46%	5
Lack of suitable business premises	38.46%	5
Poor transport infrastructure (e.g. poor roads)	30.77%	4
Flooding or threat thereof	15.38%	2
Insufficient medical infrastructure (GPs, health centres, dentists, chemists, etc.)	15.38%	2
Lack of public transport	15.38%	2
Other (Please specify)	15.38%	2
Inadequate recreational facilities	7.69%	1
Lack of secondary schooling	0.00%	0
None	0.00%	0

Figure 8

Two respondents gave other factors impeding the achievement of their business:

Local Factors

Being able to raise awareness in local community - better and more prominent notice boards etc.

Constraints imposed by Listed Building legislation requires approval of any repairs, adaptations or other building work. For the Grade 1 Stow Minster, approvals are sought via the Church of England's Faculty system. The Grade 2 listed St Hugh's Church comes under local authority approvals.

Both buildings require some modernisation, upgrading of heating systems, etc.

Question 13

Are there any additional services or infrastructure improvements that are required to support business growth?

12 responses were recorded.

Seven of the 12 respondents do feel that there are further improvements required to support business growth (Figure 9).



Figure 9

Seven respondents provided details for additional services or infrastructure improvements as follows:

Additional Services
A village car park would be very welcome.
Better drainage.
Promotion of the historic features of the parish and surrounding district to attract more visitors and improve the profile of the villages.
There is no off road parking for Stow Minster. Major events at the Minster can lead to substantial roadside parking throughout the village of Stow potentially leading to access issues for local residents. The support for/provision of a substantial off-road car park would help the future development of Stow Minster.

Additional Services continued...

Electricity is woefully under capacity.

The national grid for electric must upgrade soon not to limit my business.

Access road surface requires improvement and road safety issues need addressing as the hamlet is used as a cut through at speed as the cross roads at Sturton is difficult and dangerous to negotiate and could present increased issues with the Co-op traffic.

Question 14

Please add any additional points that you would like us to consider:

Two respondents answered this question and gave further points as follows:

Additional Points

To attract the high fliers to work in the area there must be upmarket housing which I feel there is little currently.

Reinstating use of the Bransby to Sturton Footpath on Tillbridge Lane could benefit the local people and the charity as it would enable access to Bransby and the Charity Visitor Centre and Café.

Conclusions and Recommendations

In the parish of Sturton by Stow, the questionnaire was delivered to a number of settlements within the parish. On analysis of the results, respondents' views showed little difference between all areas.

Respondents have also responded to the questionnaire as a whole (including commenting on local facilities, etc., outside of their own settlement and parish).

The broad conclusions that can be drawn from this consultation are:

Our Parish

Over 45% of respondents have lived in their parish for over 20 years.

In both parishes, respondents value the rural atmosphere and easy access to surrounding countryside as reasons for living in their parish. Suitable housing was also a top choice for respondents.

When asked to give other reasons, respondents also identified key reasons such as:

- Easy access to larger towns and cities such as Saxilby and Lincoln.
- Village life.
- Family connections.
- Choice of housing.
- Local business.



Local Environment

Respondents in both parishes view the protection of trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside and flooding as important or the most important issues

When asked for other ideas, of most concern to respondents are littering, sewerage and pollution.

Flooding is seen as an issue in both parishes with respondents in Bransby, Sturton by Stow, Westwoods and Stow being affected the most. Although overall respondents have reported a higher issue in Sturton by Stow rather than Stow.

When asked, respondents gave the following reasons for flooding:

- Drainage.
- Development.
- Dykes and ditches.
- Sewerage.
- General ideas such as heavy rainfall and no barriers.

Safer Community

In both parishes dog fouling and litter were identified as the main issues.

Respondents gave the following as further issues:

- Volume of traffic.
- Speeding traffic.
- Inconsiderate and inadequate parking.
- Poorly maintained roads and pavements.
- Dangerous junctions.
- Parked cars.
- Safe places to cross the road.



Housing

Over 54% of respondents across the two parishes agreed that there should be no more than the designated percentage of housing growth recommended in the Central Lincolnshire Plan.

When asked where new development could happen, two thirds of respondents agreed that conversion of existing buildings and brownfield sites were the preferred options.

Homes for sale on the open market and the development of affordable homes were the preferred choice of respondents.

3 bed and 2 bed properties were the most popular choices for style of housing in the parish of Sturton by Stow and 2 bed properties and Period/traditional styles were most popular in Stow.

Over 88% of respondents agreed that any new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parishes.

The factors highlighted as most important to respondents in considering development are green spaces, and protection and enhancement of the existing natural and historic environmental assets. It is pertinent to point out that the margins between all the considerations listed in the questionnaire were small.

Around a third of respondents across the two parishes identified they may have a housing need in the next five years. A variety of reasons were given.

Community

In the parish of Sturton by Stow, the most used community facilities are the shop and green spaces, in Stow green spaces and the post office were the most used.

Comments by all respondents also identified the local café as a popular facility.

Additional or improved Health care facilities received the highest rating from Sturton by Stow respondents. With a public house/restaurant a close second.

In Stow the most popular need is for more open spaces for walking.

Communication

In both parishes the parish news booklet and word of mouth were the most popular ways of communicating. Village notice boards, posters and flyers were also valued.

Overall respondents felt that existing sources of communication could be improved.

Employment

Across both parishes respondents felt there was a need to encourage more employment and would welcome opportunities such as incubation units for start-up businesses, the social care sector and leisure and recreation.

Business

Just over two thirds of businesses employ staff, with an equal split employing 5 or less and 11 - 20 staff.

When asked about the benefits of running a business in the parishes, respondents identified the following key areas:

- Good community support.
- Location and access.
- Good transport.

Detrimental aspects for the location of business included:

- Finding staff.
- Lack of passing trade.
- Lack of some community facilities.
- Crime.
- No access to fast broadband.
- Transport links.

Just over 50% of businesses have identified that they will need additional space within the next 10 years with 50 - 100 square meters being the most popular choice. Two businesses have identified they need additional space of over 500 square meters. On further analysis these are farming businesses based in Stow.

Poor mobile signal and poor access to superfast broadband are seen as the highest factors that could impede on the achievement of business development plans.

When asked for ideas on additional services or infrastructure improvements better parking, an upgrade to the local electricity grid and access issues were identified as most important.

Recommendations

The age breakdown of respondents to the household questionnaire should be a factor when considering the responses made throughout the questionnaire.

Feedback to residents, businesses and young people on the main results of the survey should take place as soon as possible using a variety of social media and traditional forms of communication. This should be done alongside the feedback event planned in March.

A summary of the salient points of the Central Lincolnshire Plan should be communicated to the community in particular:

- Excerpts from the vision.
- The level and distribution of growth for each parish and how they have been identified in the Plan.
- What this means for each parish in development of the Neighbourhood Plan including compliance with the legislation.

It will be important to demonstrate how the development of the Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan can influence positive growth that secures the future of the parish through the development of a vision, objectives and policies that have been produced by the community.

The feedback event will be an excellent platform to begin this process.

This consultation recorded some common opinions on what people value about the parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow, that can assist in the formulation of a vision for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Ensure the whole community continues to have its say on the evolution of the Neighbourhood Plan. At each stage, the community should be consulted and provided with the opportunity to feedback in a meaningful way. It is advised that local businesses be invited to add to the feedback received from those who have responded to the questionnaire.