

MEETING:	GENERAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	18 JUNE 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PROCESS
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1. Classification

Open.

2. Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

3. Wards Affected

County-wide.

4. Purpose

To outline the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy (draft) consultation process and set out the responses received in response to the consultation undertaken between 4 March and 22 April 2013. This report does not detail the content of the Core Strategy itself.

5. Recommendation

THAT:

- (a) **The content of the report be noted.**

6. Key Points Summary

- At the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 11 February 2013 the Cabinet Member Environment, Housing and Planning offered to update the Committee on the consultation process undertaken and representations received to the consultation on the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy (draft).
- Consultation and engagement is a key element in the preparation of the Development Plan Documents. Since work began on the preparation of the Core Strategy in 2007 there have been a series of on-going consultations across the county which have helped to inform the development of the Plan.

- The requirements for Development Plan Document consultation are set out in Regulations 18 and 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012.
- The regulations are supported by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out government policy on plan preparation, including community engagement.
- During the period of preparing the Herefordshire Local Plan - Core Strategy there have been seven periods of consultation as follows:
 - Identifying the issues, May 2007;
 - Key Issues Consultation, September – October 2007;
 - Developing Options, June – August 2008;
 - Place Shaping, January – March 2010;
 - Preferred Options, July – November 2010;
 - Revised Preferred Option, October – November 2011;
 - Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy (draft), March – April 2013.

7. Alternative Options

- 7.1 There are no alternatives to undertaking consultation upon statutory Development Plan Documents. Consultation is a fundamental element of the preparation of such documents enshrined in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012.

8. Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 To provide details of the consultation process.

9. Introduction and Background

- 9.1 Consultation and engagement is a key element in the preparation of Development Plan Documents, such as Herefordshire Local Plan - Core Strategy (draft). The importance of consultation and engagement with stakeholders and local people in helping to inform plans for the county has been at the heart of the Plan's preparation.
- 9.2 This report details the programme of consultation that has been undertaken during the Plan preparation and the responses received to the final consultation. Officers will be recommending revisions to the Plan as a result of the consultation which will be detailed in the report presented to Cabinet on 4 July 2013 and Council on 19 July 2013 for members to make a decision. Officers are working on the revisions and therefore they are not available for this report.

10. Key Considerations

Planning Regulations

- 10.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (as amended), sets out the requirements for a Local Planning Authority (LPA) to enable public participation in the plan making process. The process is divided into two main

elements; the first (Regulation 18) covers the plan preparation process up until the approval of a draft plan by Full Council whilst the second regulation (Regulation 19) deals with the process after a draft plan is approved.

- 10.2 Regulation 18 sets out the requirements for LPAs to consult the specific and general consultation bodies. They must also consider whether or not it is appropriate to invite representations from local residents and local businesses. The LPA must consider any representations received by them.
- 10.3 Regulation 19 deals with the process in respect of representations upon a final draft plan. This will take place after Full Council approval. The Regulations specify that a single period of six weeks or more, in which representations on the Plan can be made, is necessary at this time. The LPA have the discretion to specify a period of more than six weeks if they feel more time is needed - giving them more flexibility. If any representations are submitted during this period the Secretary of State will consider them before his independent examination. As with the previous stage Regulation 19 requires:
 - a) consultation with specific and general consultation bodies,
 - b) the publication of the documents on the website as well as making copies available at offices and other appropriate locations in the area, and
 - c) giving notice by local advertisement of the publication of the plan.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- 10.4 National Planning Policy Framework provides the following guidance with regards to plan preparation at paragraph 155:

Early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses is essential. A wide section of the community should be proactively engaged, so that Local Plans, as far as possible, reflect a collective vision and a set of agreed priorities for the sustainable development of the area, including those contained in any neighbourhood plans that have been made.

Herefordshire Statement of Community Involvement

- 10.5 Herefordshire Council produced a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which was adopted in March 2007. This sets out how and when the local community can become involved in the preparation of the Local Development Documents and in the consideration of planning applications.
- 10.6 The Council must comply with its adopted SCI when preparing its Local Development Framework documents and this compliance will be tested when these are independently examined. The Herefordshire Statement of Community Involvement itself was adopted following a formal examination by the Planning Inspectorate.
- 10.7 The Statement of Community Involvement identifies a range of consultation methods that will effectively engage the public, and what methods would be the most appropriate to the policy area being prepared and its stage of preparation.
- 10.8 The SCI was produced to accord with the 2004 Local Development Regulations which were superseded by new regulations in 2012. Under the 2004 regulations a three stage consultation process existed which needed to be complied with. The first two of these

stages being undertaken during the plan preparation stages (before Council approval of a draft plan), with the third final stage undertaken after Council approval. These stages are summarised as follows:

- a) Firstly the Local Planning Authority had to consult specific and general consultation bodies (but not the public) and take into account their views when preparing their plan;
- b) Secondly once the proposed plan had been prepared it had to be made available for public inspection for a period of six weeks for any public representations. Public representations then had to be considered;
- c) Once all of the public representations had been considered the Plan could then be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The Plan would then be published for a further period of six weeks in which additional representations would be allowed.

10.9 The SCI anticipated specific consultation at issues and options stage and preferred options during the plan preparation process. It then anticipated consultation following Council approval and submission to the Secretary of State. This was in accordance with the 2004 Regulations rather than the simplified two stage procedure now set out in the amended 2012 regulations, as detailed in the 'Planning Regulations' section of this report.

10.10 However, in preparing the Herefordshire Local Plan - Core Strategy (draft) the Council have recognised the need for on-going consultation and to-date there have been seven distinct consultation exercises held since 2007.

10.11 The majority of the consultations have been county wide consultation exercises although a more targeted approach was taken for the preferred options stage. The consultation stages undertaken since 2007 are as follows;

- Identifying the issues, May 2007;
- Key Issues Consultation, September – October 2007;
- Developing Options, June – August 2008;
- Place Shaping, January – March 2010;
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10.12 Full details of the consultation process undertaken from 2007 – 2011 can be found at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy/>. A summary of these consultations can also be found at Appendix A of this report.

10.13 This report provides a summary of the latest consultation undertaken for the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy (draft), March – April 2013 and a summary of the online responses received. The written responses to the latest consultation, Draft Core Strategy Survey, can also be found at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy/>; a hard copy of this document will be available for inspection by Councillors in the Members' Room at Brockington and at the meeting. These responses are presently being analysed and a full response to them will be provided to Cabinet on 4 July and Council on 19 July 2013.

Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy (draft) (4 March 2013 – 22 April 2013)

10.14 Taking into account the representations received to the revised preferred options consultation and having completed further work to support the evidence base, Cabinet agreed on 27 February 2013 to the Council carrying out a seven week consultation on the whole Plan, the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulation Assessment. The consultation ran from 4 March to 22 April 2013. The following methods of consultation were used:

- *Questionnaire* – All parish councils, were sent copies of the questionnaire, a hard copy of the Core Strategy and an accompanying letter which explained how to access the full documentation and make representations to the consultation. They also received a powerpoint presentation outlining the content of the Core Strategy. Interest groups and individuals, contained within the LDF database, were sent copies of the questionnaire and an accompanying letter which explained how to access the full documentation and make representation to the consultation. Subsequent requests for hard copies of the Core Strategy, compact discs of the Plan or questionnaires were supplied where requested.
- *Statutory Consultees* – Prior to the consultation commencing a series of 1-2-1 briefings were held with a number of the statutory consultees to ensure that the Core Strategy dovetailed with their plans for future infrastructure provision. All statutory consultees, were sent copies of the questionnaire, a hard copy or compact disc of the Core Strategy and an accompanying letter which explained how to access the full documentation and make representations to the consultation. The Environment Agency, Natural England, English Heritage, Highways Agency and Countryside Council for Wales were consulted directly upon the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment as required by the regulations.
- *Ward Members* – Prior to the consultation commencing 9 briefing sessions were held with members from Bromyard, Hereford City, Kington, Ledbury, Leominster, Ross-on-Wye and all rural members to share with them the proposed content of the Plan and enable them to influence the emerging policies pertaining to their relevant area. Following these meetings an all member briefing session was held on 7 December 2012. A further series of member briefings have been arranged on 3 June, 7 June and 14 June to provide a summary of the consultations received for their respective areas and discuss the key issues emerging from the consultation and any revisions to the policies that may arise.
- *Ward Member Briefing Pack* - Prior to the consultation commencing on 4 March member briefing sessions were held on 28 February and 1 March 2013. Officers were present at these sessions to provide members on a 1-2-1 basis with an overview of the Plan and to provide a briefing pack containing a hard copy of the Core Strategy, a copy of the questionnaire, a laminated copy of the proposals map, a chart showing the demographics of the county and a summary of the proposals for Hereford City, the market towns and the general policies. In addition, members were provided with a powerpoint presentation which outlined the content of the Plan to deliver to their constituents. This was all provided to empower members and enable them to actively engage with their constituents on the content of the Plan and encourage representations. Where members requested additional copies of the Core Strategy, questionnaires or to use the Council exhibition this was facilitated.
- *Parish Council Events* – All parish councils were invited by letter to attend a consultation drop in session on 6 March, 20 March and 15 April 2013 between

16.00 – 20.00pm. Officers were present to take attendees through the Plan on a 1-2-1 basis if required. There was also an exhibition outlining the content of the Plan and a powerpoint presentation. These sessions were also available for members to attend.

- *Public Roadshows* – Eight roadshows took place in High Town, Hereford, Bromyard, Kington, Ledbury, Leominster, Ross-on-Wye, Peterchurch in the rural west and Wigmore in the rural north. Members of the public could attend any of these sessions. Officers were available to explain the Plan on a 1-2-1 basis. People were able to view the exhibition, pick up hard copies or CD of the Core Strategy and questionnaire.
- *Members of Parliament* – A 1-2-1 briefing session was held with Bill Wiggin MP on 8 February 2013 and with Jesse Norman MP on 1 March 2013. Officers provided a presentation on the proposed content of the Core Strategy and invited representations to the content.
- *Business engagement* – A meeting was held with Neil Kerr - Chair of Herefordshire Business Board and Bill Jackson - on 13 March 2013 to brief them on the content of the Core Strategy. Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce held a breakfast business meeting on Wednesday 17 April 2013 for the top 20 businesses in Herefordshire. Officers provided a presentation on key elements of the Core Strategy followed by 3 facilitated workshop sessions regarding growth, transportation and the Community Infrastructure Levy. In addition an Officer provided a presentation to the Hereford Business Board on 16 April 2013.
- *Neighbouring Authorities* – A meeting was held on 26 November 2012 with representatives of some of the neighbouring authorities to discuss whether there were any cross border policy areas that should be considered in the preparation of the Plan.
- *Youth Event* – In order to engage with the 16-25 year olds across the county, an event was held at Hereford Sixth Form College and the Herefordshire College of Technology on 26 March. Officers were available to explain the Plan, provide questionnaires and encourage representations to be made.
- *Libraries and Information Centres* – Hard copies of the Core Strategy, compact discs, copies of the questionnaire, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment were distributed to all the libraries, including the community libraries, within the county and the Council's Information centres. Public displays of the information also appeared on the exterior of Hereford Library and the Customer Information Centre at Franklin House, Hereford. In addition all Customer Service Officers received a briefing pack on the Core Strategy to enable them to engage with members of the public attending the Customer Information Centres or calling the Council switchboard.
- *Website* – Prior to the consultation commencing a new website was established which contained access to all the evidence base supporting the Core Strategy <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-evidence-base/> The questionnaire was available electronically and could also be completed through the Council's online 'Have your say' consultation pages and was available to download from Herefordshire Council's website.

- *Weekly Briefing Note* – Weekly briefing notes outlining how work was progressing on the Core Strategy and how the consultation was progressing were produced and sent to all ward members and published on the Council website <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy/local-plan-core-strategy-weekly-briefing-notes/> These updates have continued.
- *Posters* – Posters were produced to advertise the roadshow events, and how to make representations to the consultation. These were distributed to each of the parish / town councils for them to place on their parish notice boards.
- *Advert* – A poster advert was produced for the Hereford Times, this helped to advertise the roadshows. A similar advert appeared in the Primary Times, which is a free ‘What’s on guide’ distributed through primary schools to 16,000 Herefordshire families.
- *Press Notices* – An official public notice of the consultation appeared in the local papers (Hereford Times, Hereford Journal, Ross Gazette, Malvern Gazette, Mid-Wales Journal) on 25 February 2013. A further public notice was published on 1 April 2013 in the Hereford Times and Hereford Journal advertising a meeting to be held on 15 April 2013.
- *Radio Interview* – The Cabinet Member Environment, Housing and Planning was interviewed by BBC Hereford and Worcester on 27 February and 19 April 2013 where he stressed the importance of the Core Strategy for the whole county and encouraged representations to be made to the consultation.
- *Core Strategy Video* – A video was produced by the Cabinet Member Environment, Housing and Planning and made available on the Council website outlining the importance of the Core Strategy to the whole county and encouraging representations to be made to the consultation.
- *Encore* – An article appeared in the March edition of Encore advising all staff of the consultation and encouraging representations to be made.
- *Press Releases* – A press release was produced on 8 March 2013 entitled ‘How the County develops’ which encouraged people to respond to the consultation. A further press release was produced on 15 April 2013 entitled ‘Still time to provide your views on the Core Strategy’. A press release was also provided to all parish / town councils to use it as an article within their parish magazines or publications.
- *Social Media* – Twitter and Facebook were used to promote the content of the Plan and encourage representations to be made to the consultation.
- *Incoming enquiries* – Officers have responded to telephone calls and emails regarding the consultation or content of the Core Strategy throughout the consultation process.

Online representations received to the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy (draft) consultation

10.15 In the following tables and charts, all the percentages are calculated as a proportion of the total number of responses to each question unless otherwise stated. It is important to note that in the case of some questions large numbers of respondents did not answer all of the

questions. As would be expected many only answered those questions pertaining to their local area or subject of interest. Respondents also provided their comments in the form of emails or letters and did not complete the questionnaire.

- 10.16 Some interest groups created alternative versions of the questionnaire for their own purposes and asked residents to complete and submit their version. The comments from these questionnaires were included amongst the responses but the multiple choice answers were not (as the questions being asked differed so the answers were not comparable). There were also a number of duplicate standard responses received.
- 10.17 The content of letters and emails in response to the consultation were matched by the Forward Planning team to relevant questions in the questionnaire and input under these question numbers.

Results

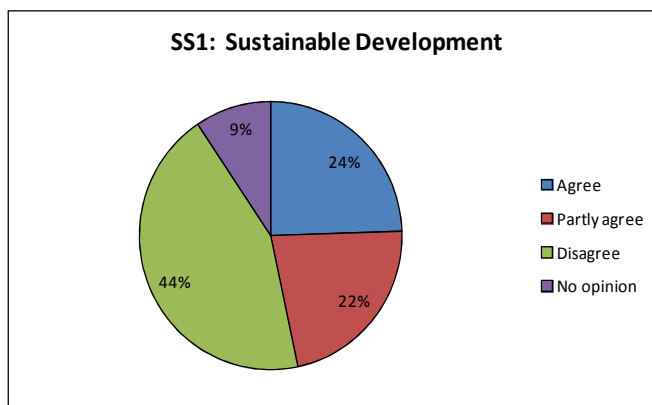
There were 1,428 responses to the survey as follows:

	No.
Total online responses	322
Total paper responses	1106
Total survey respondents	1428

The Spatial Strategy Section (pages 27 to 64)

1.a What is your opinion regarding policy SS1: Sustainable Development? (page no. 28)

	No.	%
Agree	107	24%
Partly agree	97	22%
Disagree	192	44%
No opinion	41	9%
Total responses	437	100%
Not answered	991	
Total survey respondents	1428	

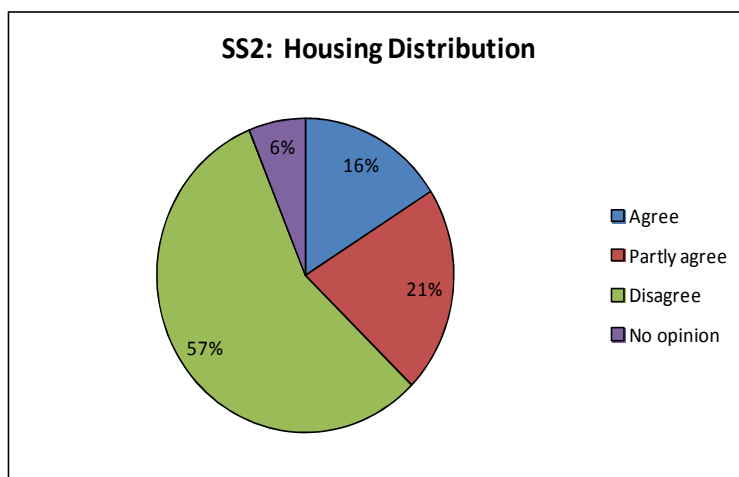


1.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 271 comments made.

2.a What is your opinion regarding policy SS2: Housing Distribution? (page no. 38)

	No.	%
Agree	70	16%
Partly agree	93	21%
Disagree	247	57%
No opinion	27	6%
Total responses	437	100%
Not answered	991	
Total survey respondents	1428	

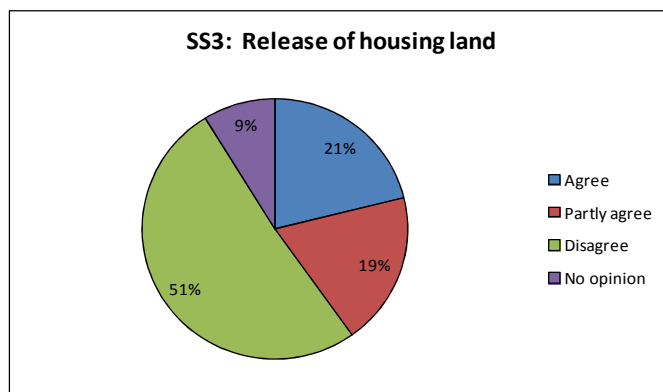


2.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 613 comments made.

3.a What is your opinion regarding policy SS3: Release of housing land?

	No.	%
Agree	89	21%
Partly agree	80	19%
Disagree	215	51%
No opinion	37	9%
Total responses	421	100%
Not answered	1007	
Total survey respondents	1428	

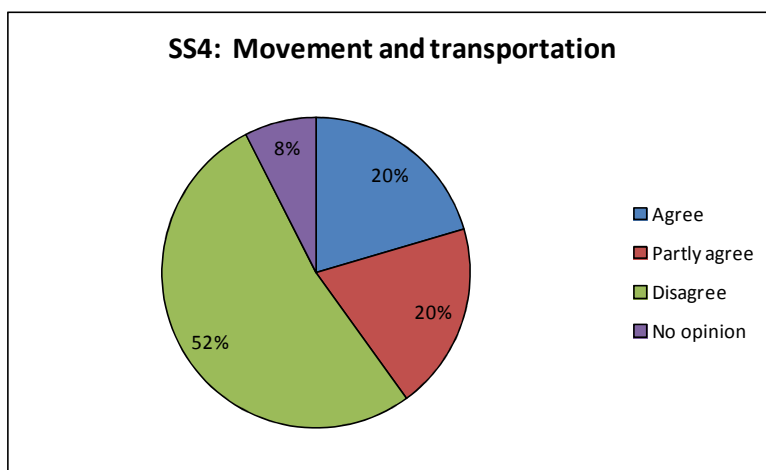


3.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 266 comments made.

4.a What is your opinion regarding policy SS4: Movement and transportation?

	No.	%
Agree	87	20%
Partly agree	83	20%
Disagree	223	52%
No opinion	32	8%
Total responses	425	100%
Not answered	1003	
Total survey respondents	1428	

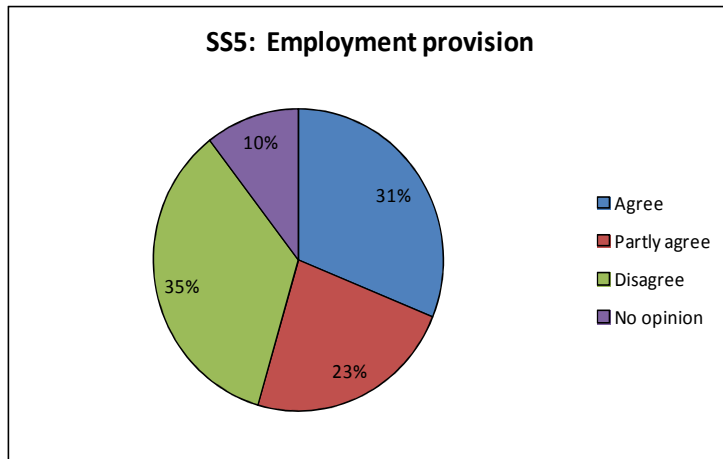


4.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 304 comments made.

5.a What is your opinion regarding policy SS5: Employment provision?

	No.	%
Agree	128	31%
Partly agree	96	23%
Disagree	144	35%
No opinion	43	10%
Total responses	411	100%
Not answered	1017	
Total survey respondents	1428	

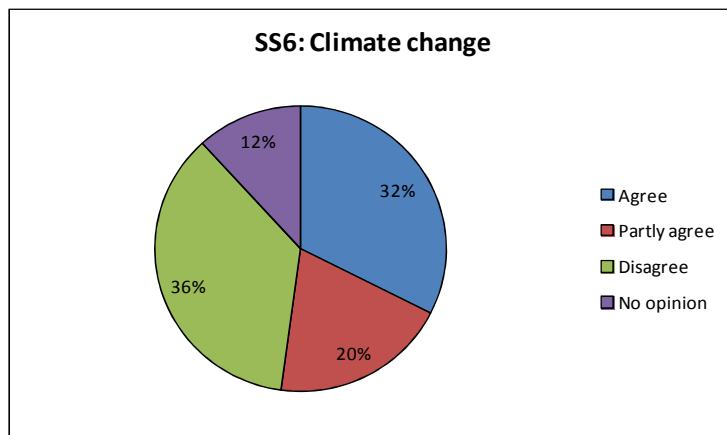


5.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 238 comments made.

6.a What is your opinion regarding policy SS6: Climate change?

	No.	%
Agree	135	32%
Partly agree	82	20%
Disagree	150	36%
No opinion	49	12%
Total responses	416	100%
Not answered	1012	
Total survey respondents	1428	



6.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

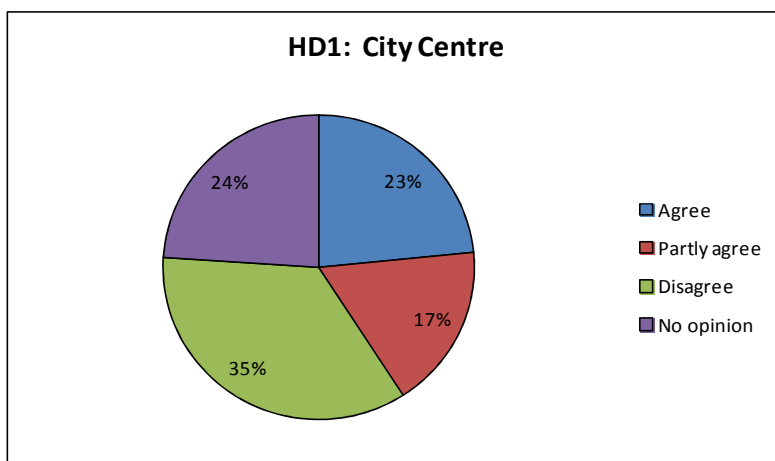
There were 247 comments made.

Place Shaping Policies Section

Hereford

7.a What is your opinion regarding policy HD1: City Centre?

	No.	%
Agree	90	23%
Partly agree	67	17%
Disagree	135	35%
No opinion	92	24%
Total responses	384	100%
Not answered	1044	
Total survey respondents	1428	

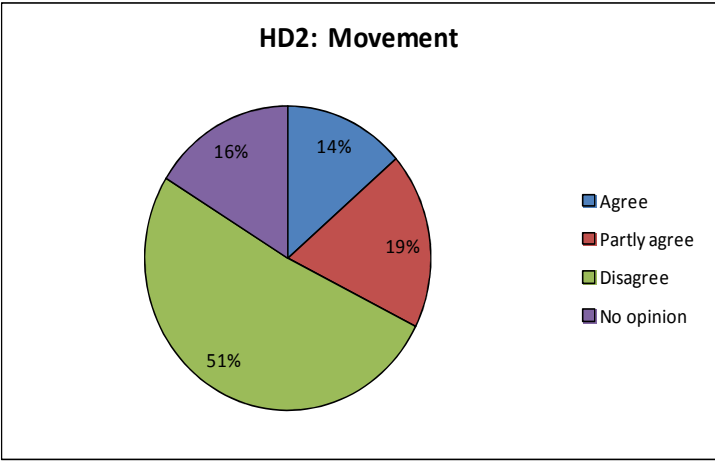


7.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 179 comments made.

8.a What is your opinion regarding policy HD2: Movement?

	No.	%
Agree	54	14%
Partly agree	74	19%
Disagree	203	51%
No opinion	64	16%
Total responses	395	100%
Not answered	1033	
Total survey respondents	1428	

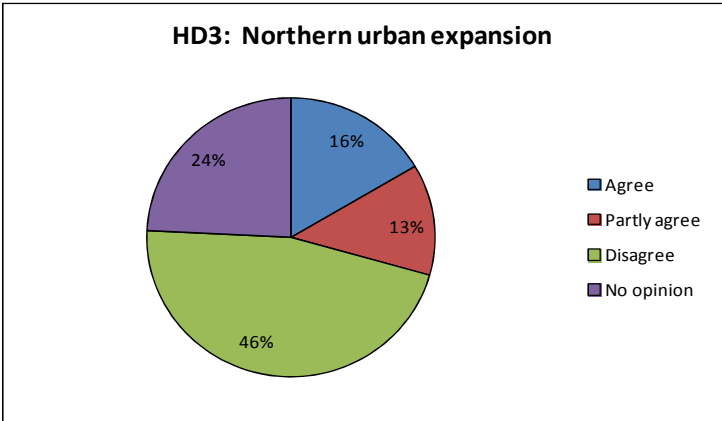


8.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 348 comments made.

9.a What is your opinion regarding policy HD3: Northern urban expansion?

	No.	%
Agree	64	16%
Partly agree	50	13%
Disagree	180	46%
No opinion	94	24%
Total responses	388	100%
Not answered	1040	
Total survey respondents	1428	

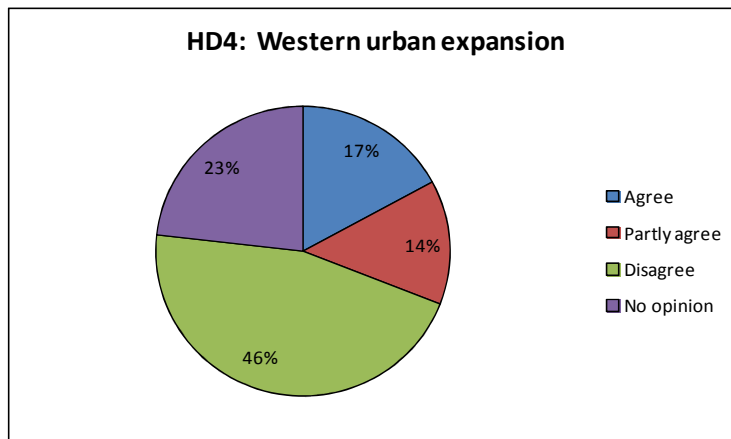


9.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 181 comments made.

10.a What is your opinion regarding policy HD4: Western urban expansion?

	No.	%
Agree	64	17%
Partly agree	52	14%
Disagree	172	46%
No opinion	87	23%
Total responses	375	100%
Not answered	1053	
Total survey respondents	1428	

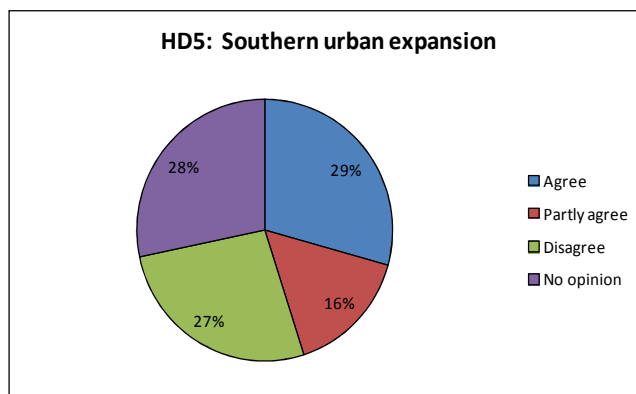


10.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 174 comments made.

11.a What is your opinion regarding policy HD5: Southern urban expansion?

	No.	%
Agree	110	29%
Partly agree	59	16%
Disagree	100	27%
No opinion	106	28%
Total responses	375	100%
Not answered	1053	
Total survey respondents	1428	

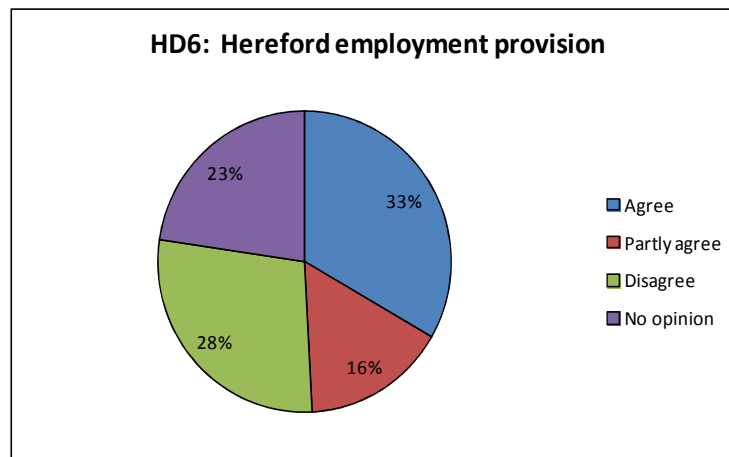


11.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 146 comments made.

12.a What is your opinion regarding policy HD6: Hereford employment provision?

	No.	%
Agree	122	33%
Partly agree	58	16%
Disagree	103	28%
No opinion	83	23%
Total responses	366	100%
Not answered	1062	
Total survey respondents	1428	



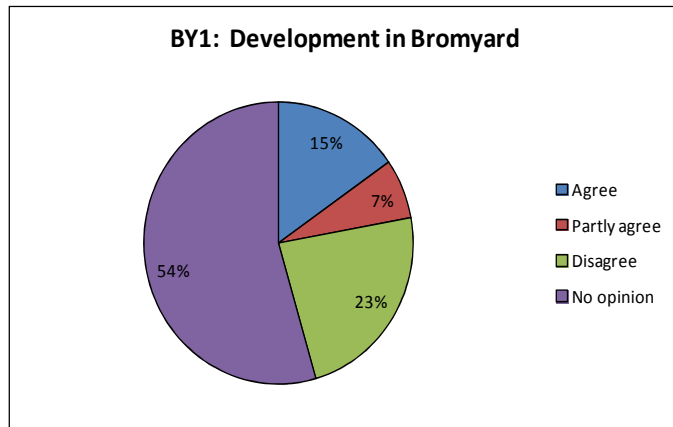
12.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 148 comments made.

Bromyard

13.a What is your opinion regarding policy BY1: Development in Bromyard?

	No.	%
Agree	58	15%
Partly agree	26	7%
Disagree	89	23%
No opinion	207	54%
Total responses	380	100%
Not answered	1048	
Total survey respondents	1428	

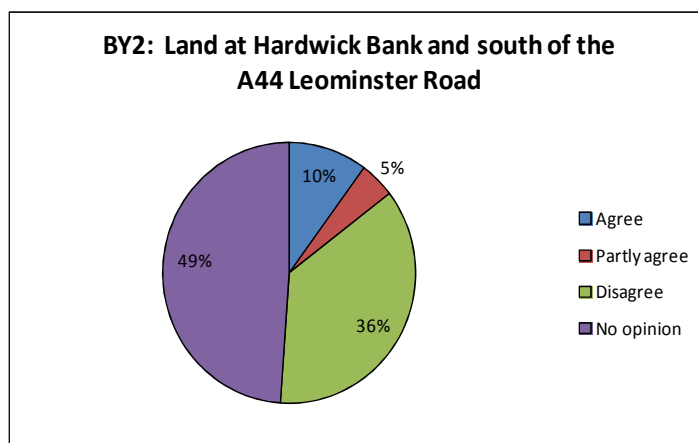


13.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 118 comments made.

14.a What is your opinion regarding policy BY2: Land at Hardwick Bank and south of the A44 Leominster Road?

	No.	%
Agree	45	10%
Partly agree	20	5%
Disagree	162	36%
No opinion	217	49%
Total responses	444	100%
Not answered	984	
Total survey respondents	1428	



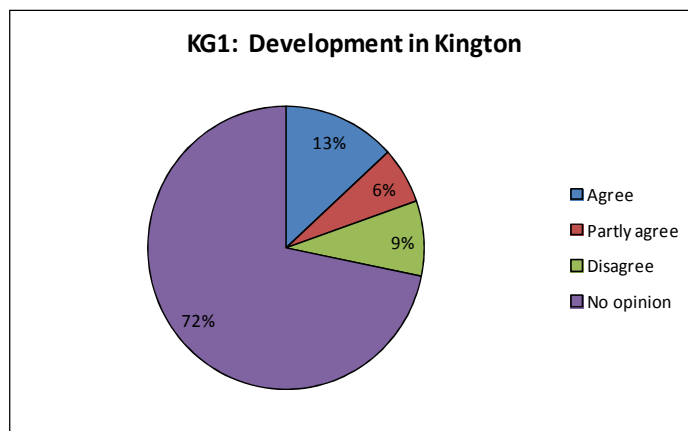
14.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 184 comments made.

Kington

15.a What is your opinion regarding policy KG1: Development in Kington?

	No.	%
Agree	43	13%
Partly agree	21	6%
Disagree	28	9%
No opinion	234	72%
Total responses	326	100%
Not answered	1102	
Total survey respondents	1428	



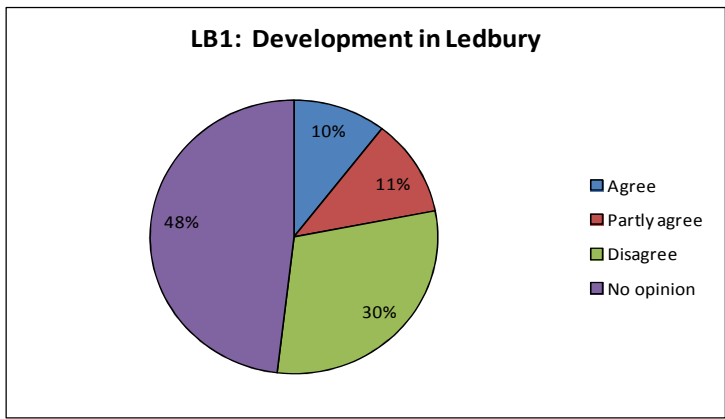
15.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 51 comments made.

Ledbury

16.a What is your opinion regarding policy LB1: Development in Ledbury?

	No.	%
Agree	42	10%
Partly agree	46	11%
Disagree	120	30%
No opinion	193	48%
Total responses	401	100%
Not answered	1027	
Total survey respondents	1428	

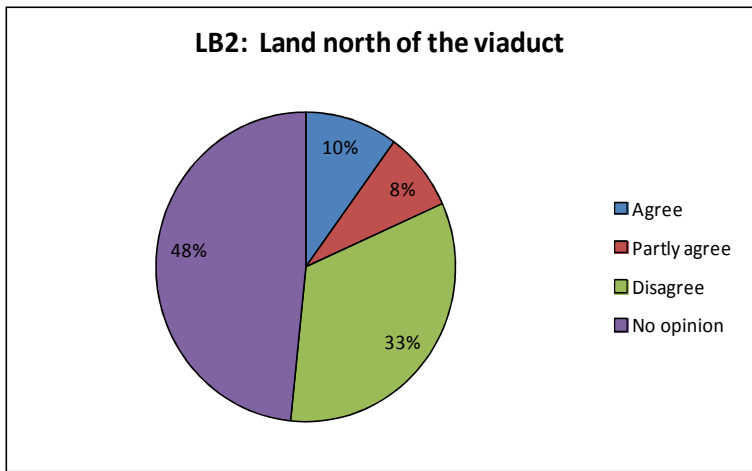


16.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 174 comments made.

17.a What is your opinion regarding policy LB2: Land north of the viaduct?

	No.	%
Agree	40	10%
Partly agree	33	8%
Disagree	133	33%
No opinion	193	48%
Total responses	399	100%
Not answered	1029	
Total survey respondents	1428	



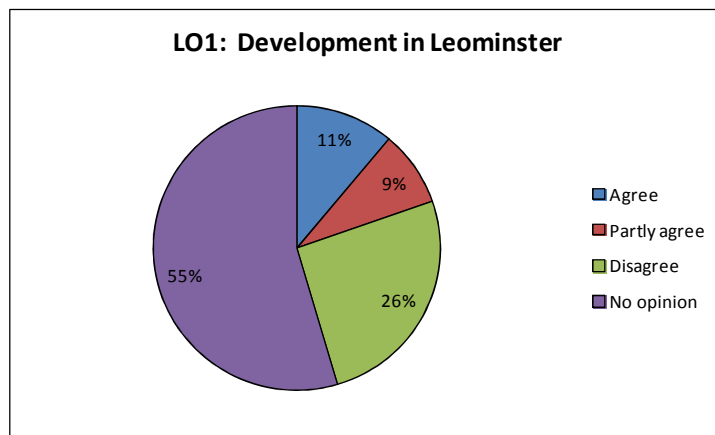
17.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 164 comments made.

Leominster

18.a What is your opinion regarding policy LO1: Development in Leominster?

	No.	%
Agree	40	11%
Partly agree	31	9%
Disagree	93	26%
No opinion	197	55%
Total responses	361	100%
Not answered	1067	
Total survey respondents	1428	

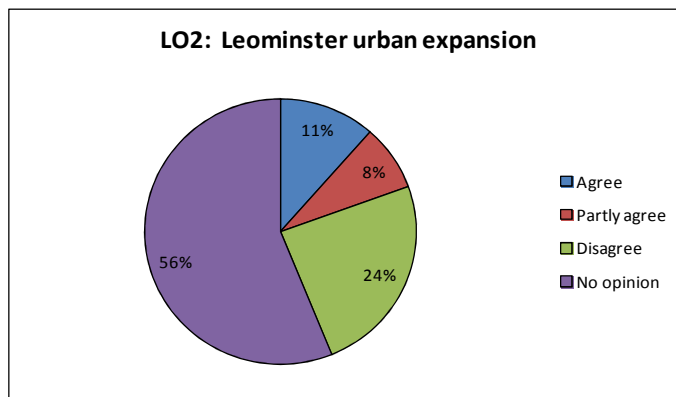


18.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 531 comments made.

19.a What is your opinion regarding policy LO2: Leominster urban expansion?

	No.	%
Agree	40	11%
Partly agree	28	8%
Disagree	85	24%
No opinion	196	56%
Total responses	349	100%
Not answered	1079	
Total survey respondents	1428	



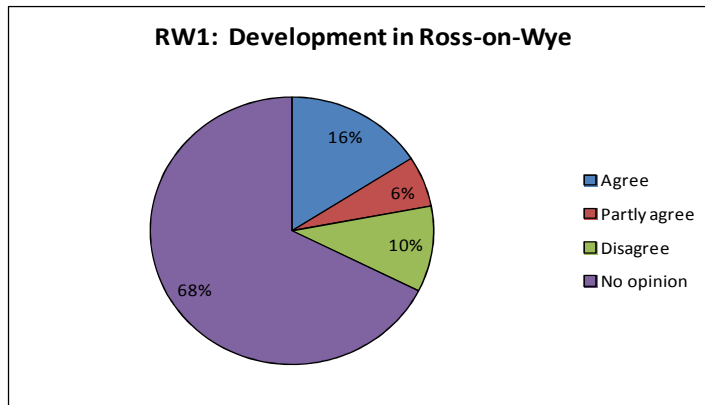
19.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 474 comments made.

Ross-on-Wye

20.a What is your opinion regarding policy RW1: Development in Ross-on-Wye?

	No.	%
Agree	52	16%
Partly agree	20	6%
Disagree	34	10%
No opinion	221	68%
Total responses	327	100%
Not answered	1101	
Total survey respondents	1428	

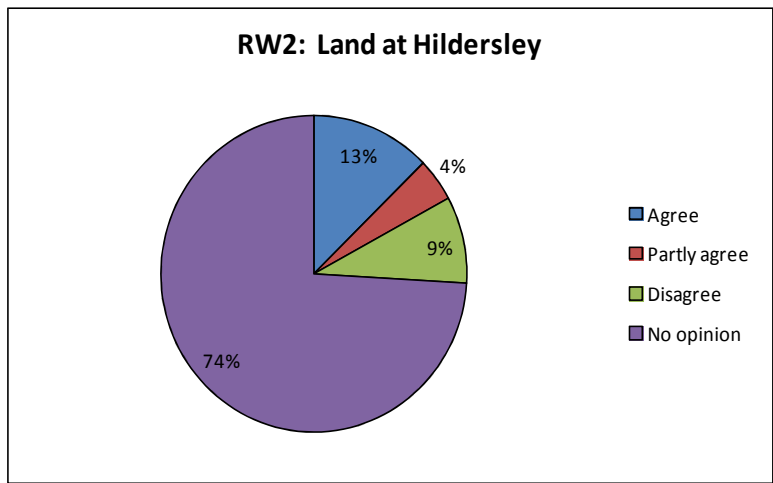


20.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 63 comments made.

21.a What is your opinion regarding policy RW2: Land at Hildersley?

	No.	%
Agree	40	13%
Partly agree	14	4%
Disagree	28	9%
No opinion	234	74%
Total responses	316	100%
Not answered	1112	
Total survey respondents	1428	

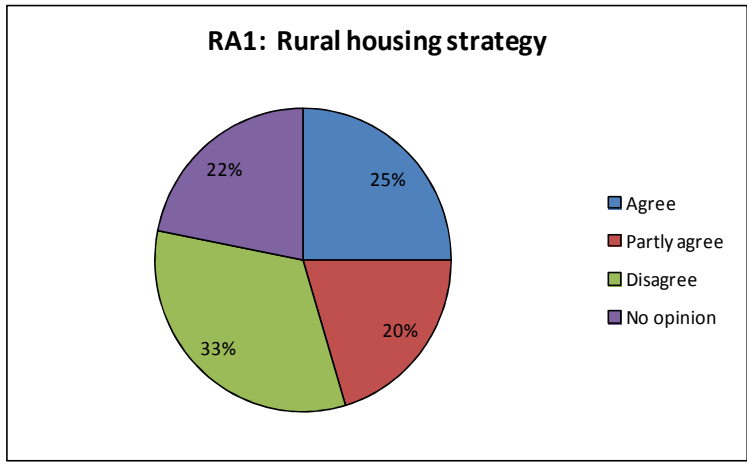


21.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 44 comments made.

22.a What is your opinion regarding policy RA1: Rural housing strategy?

	No.	%
Agree	97	25%
Partly agree	79	20%
Disagree	127	33%
No opinion	85	22%
Total responses	388	100%
Not answered	1040	
Total survey respondents	1428	

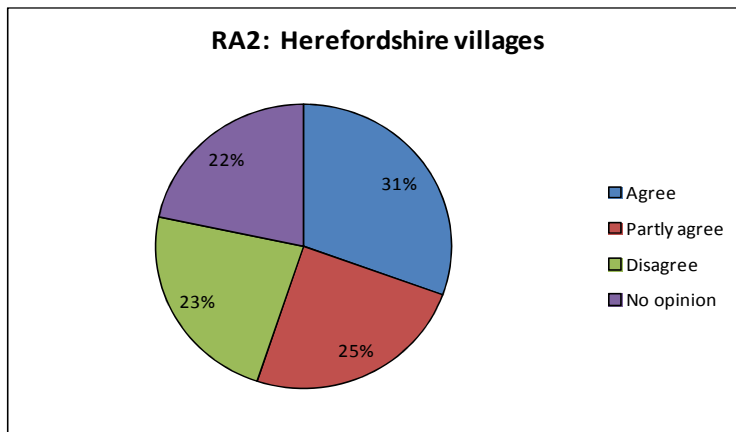


22.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 243 comments made.

23.a What is your opinion regarding policy RA2: Herefordshire's villages?

	No.	%
Agree	117	31%
Partly agree	94	25%
Disagree	89	23%
No opinion	83	22%
Total responses	383	100%
Not answered	1045	
Total survey respondents	1428	

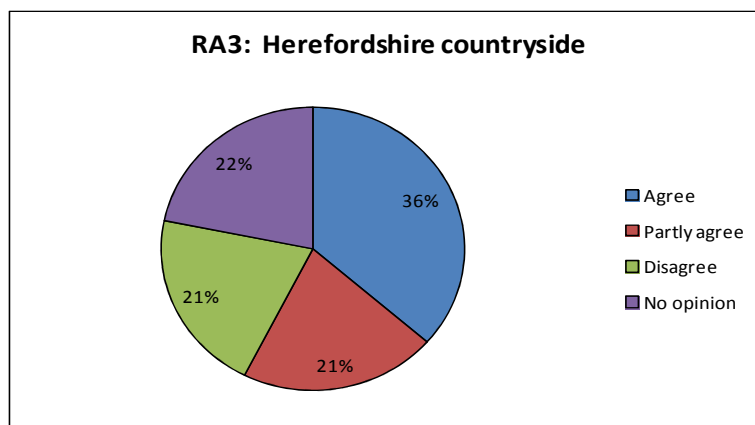


23.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 216 comments made.

24.a What is your opinion regarding policy RA3: Herefordshire's countryside?

	No.	%
Agree	137	36%
Partly agree	79	21%
Disagree	78	21%
No opinion	82	22%
Total responses	376	100%
Not answered	1052	
Total survey respondents	1428	

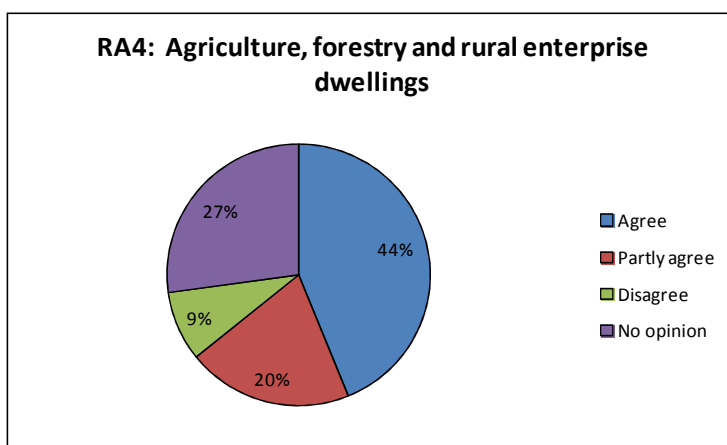


24.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 135 comments made.

25.a What is your opinion regarding policy RA4: Agricultural, forestry and rural enterprise dwellings?

	No.	%
Agree	163	44%
Partly agree	76	20%
Disagree	32	9%
No opinion	101	27%
Total responses	372	100%
Not answered	1056	
Total survey respondents	1428	

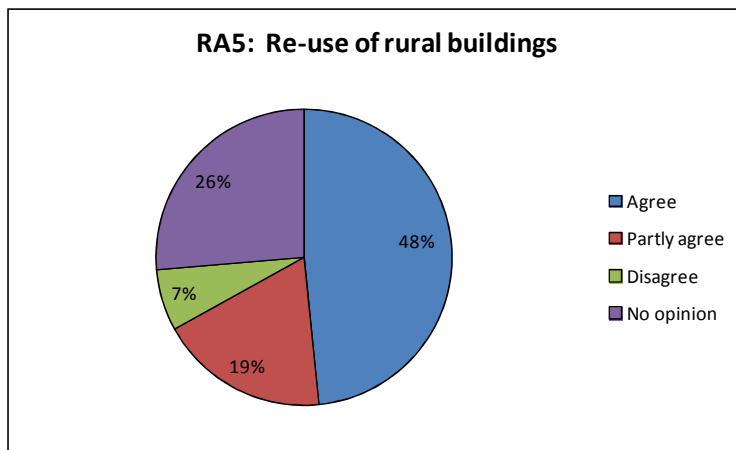


25.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 92 comments made.

26.a What is your opinion regarding policy RA5: Re-use of rural buildings?

	No.	%
Agree	180	48%
Partly agree	69	19%
Disagree	25	7%
No opinion	98	26%
Total responses	372	100%
Not answered	1056	
Total survey respondents	1428	

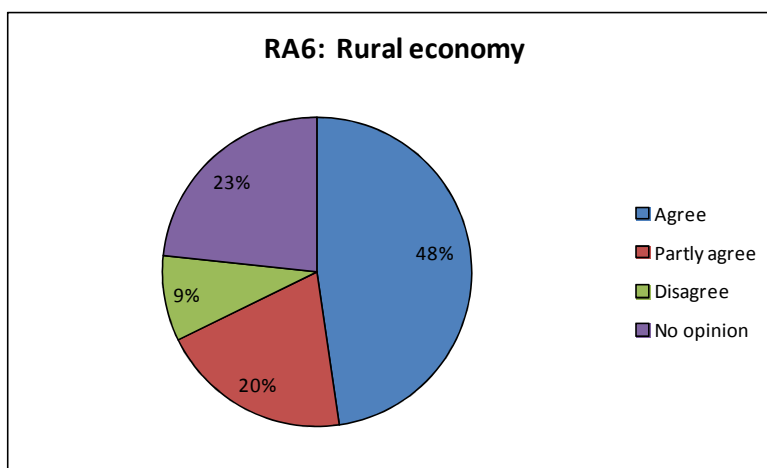


26.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 92 comments made.

27.a What is your opinion regarding policy RA6: Rural economy?

	No.	%
Agree	176	48%
Partly agree	74	20%
Disagree	33	9%
No opinion	86	23%
Total responses	369	100%
Not answered	1059	
Total survey respondents	1428	



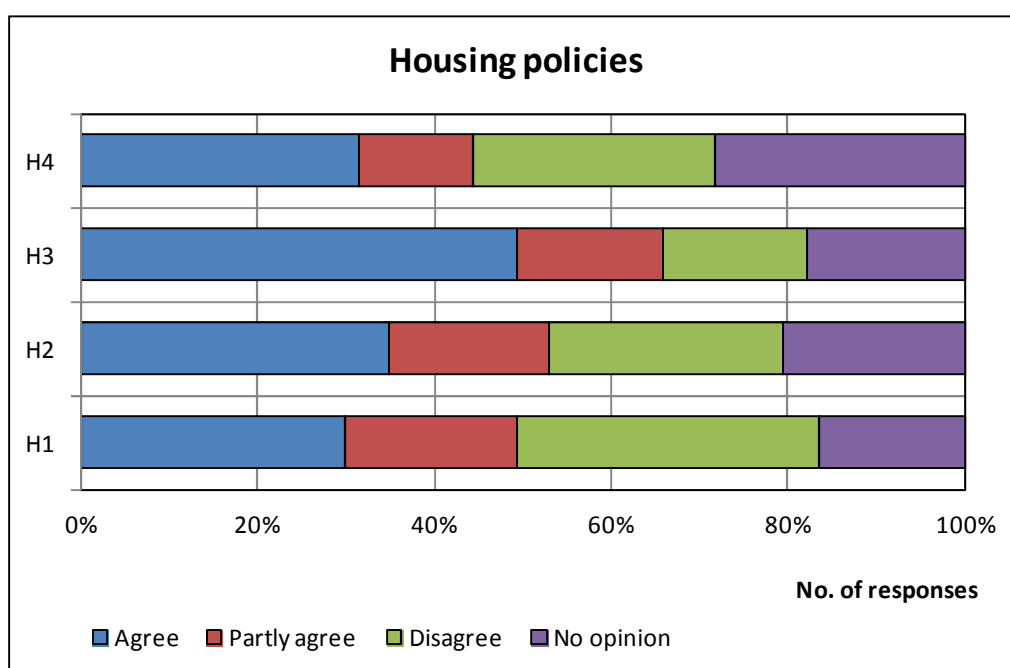
27.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 109 comments made.

General Policies Section

28. Housing policies

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
H1	121	30%	79	20%	138	34%	67	17%	405	1023	1428
H2	128	35%	66	18%	97	27%	75	20%	366	1062	1428
H3	181	49%	60	16%	60	16%	65	18%	366	1062	1428
H4	116	32%	47	13%	101	27%	104	28%	368	1060	1428

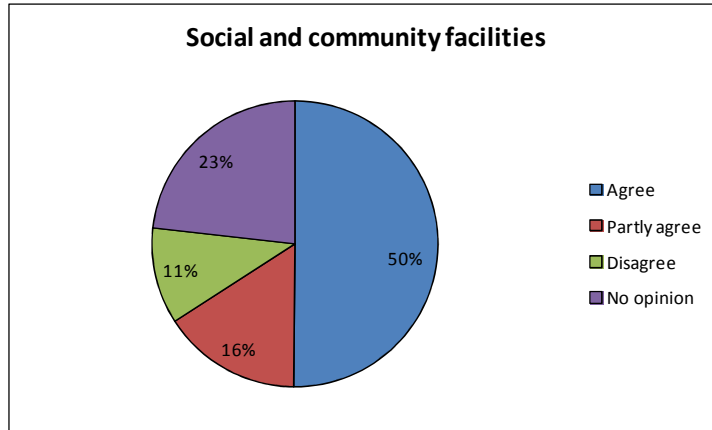


28.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 235 comments made.

Social and community facilities

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
H1	175	50%	55	16%	38	11%	81	23%	349	1079	1428

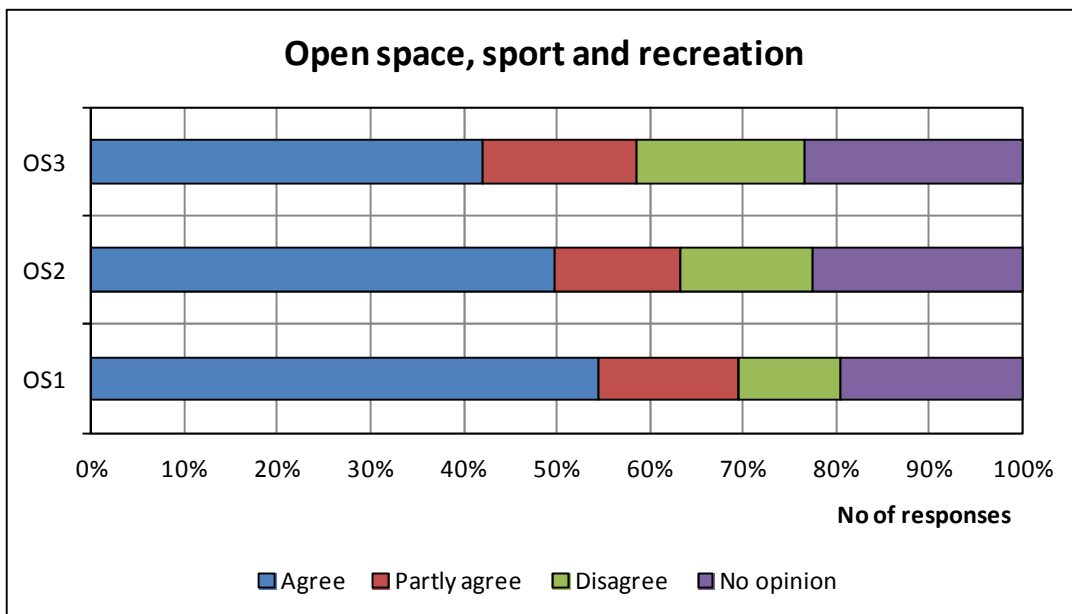


29.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 71 comments made.

Open space, sport and recreation

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
OS1	189	54%	52	15%	38	11%	68	20%	347	1081	1428
OS2	167	50%	46	14%	47	14%	76	23%	336	1092	1428
OS3	143	42%	57	17%	61	18%	80	23%	341	1087	1428

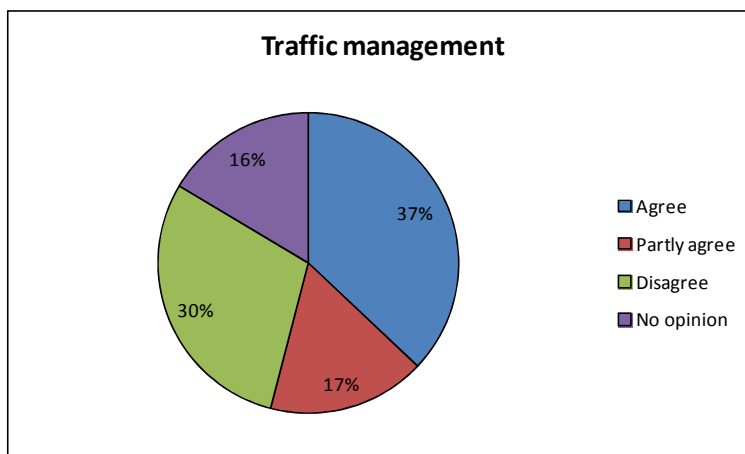


30.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 107 comments made.

Traffic management

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
MT1	133	37%	61	17%	106	30%	59	16%	359	1069	1428

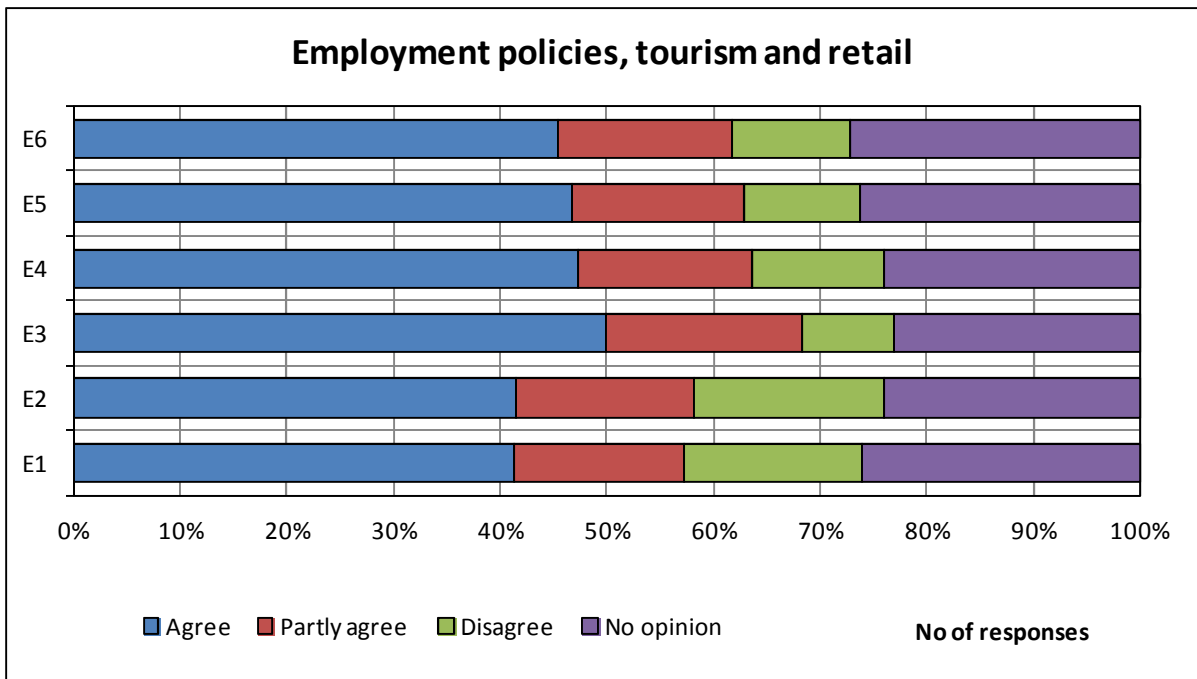


31.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 155 comments made.

Employment policies, tourism and retail

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
E1	143	41%	55	16%	58	17%	90	26%	346	1082	1428
E2	142	42%	57	17%	61	18%	82	24%	342	1086	1428
E3	168	50%	62	18%	29	9%	78	23%	337	1091	1428
E4	164	47%	57	16%	43	12%	83	24%	347	1081	1428
E5	157	47%	54	16%	37	11%	88	26%	336	1092	1428
E6	152	46%	54	16%	37	11%	91	27%	334	1094	1428

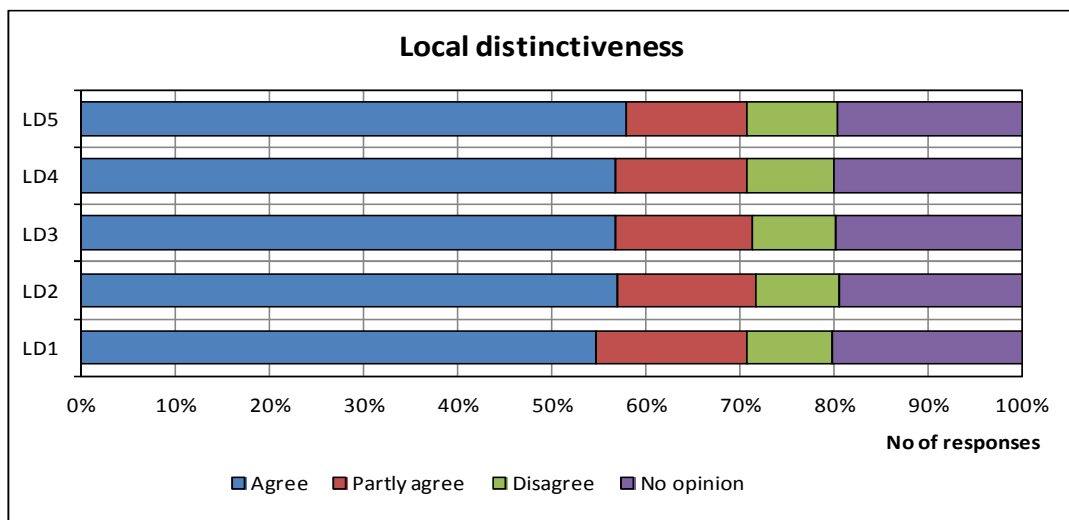


32.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 178 comments made.

Local distinctiveness

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			
LD1	187	55%	55	16%	31	9%	69	20%	342	1086	1428
LD2	194	57%	50	15%	30	9%	66	19%	340	1088	1428
LD3	192	57%	49	14%	30	9%	67	20%	338	1090	1428
LD4	191	57%	47	14%	31	9%	67	20%	336	1092	1428
LD5	192	58%	43	13%	32	10%	65	20%	332	1096	1428

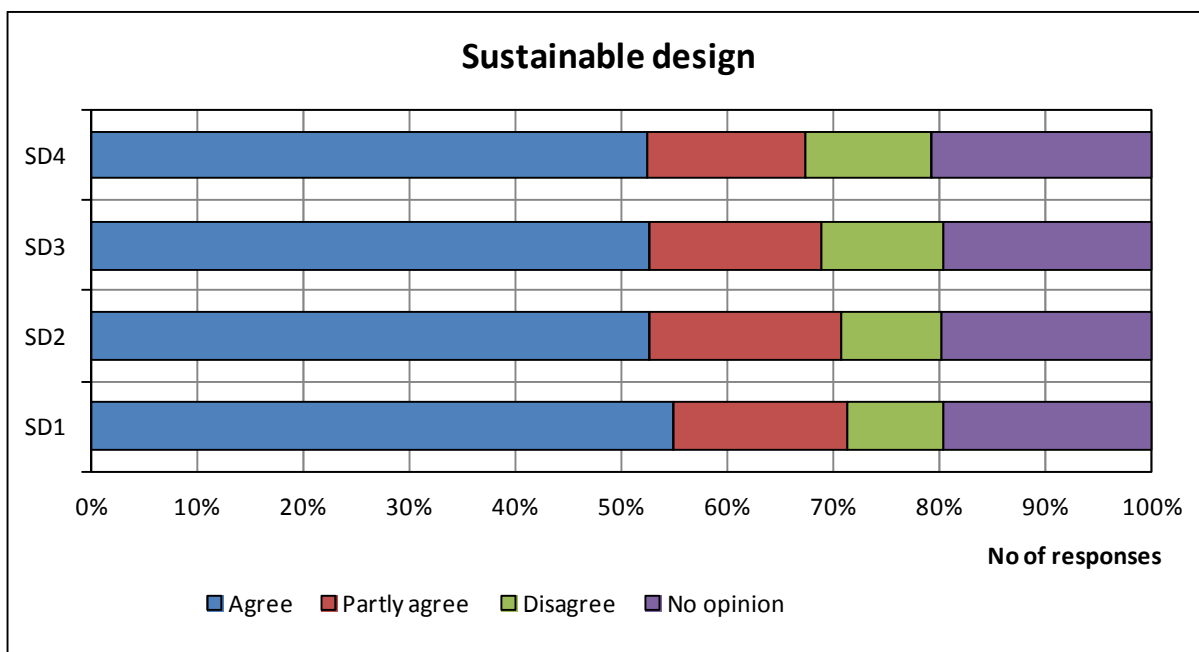


33.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 125 comments made.

Sustainable design

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
SD1	186	55%	55	16%	31	9%	66	20%	338	1090	1428
SD2	175	53%	60	18%	31	9%	66	20%	332	1096	1428
SD3	175	53%	54	16%	38	11%	65	20%	332	1096	1428
SD4	174	52%	50	15%	39	12%	69	21%	332	1096	1428

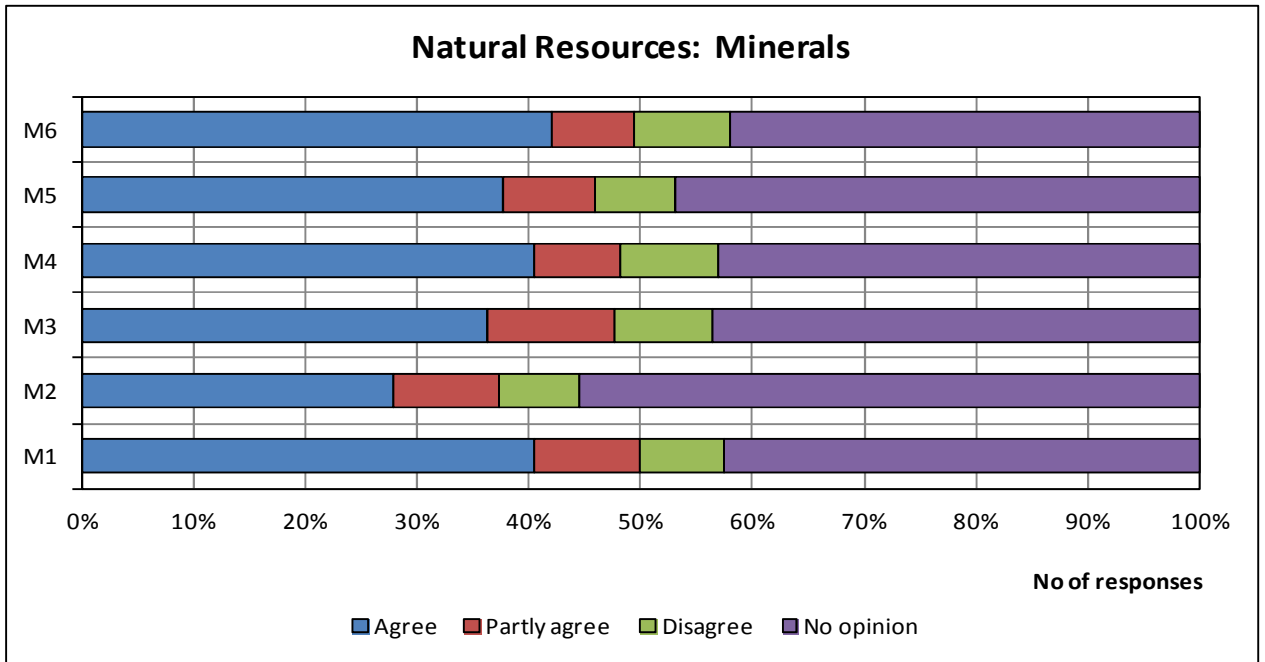


34.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 177 comments made.

Natural resources: minerals

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
M1	129	41%	30	9%	24	8%	135	42%	318	1110	1428
M2	86	28%	29	9%	22	7%	171	56%	308	1120	1428
M3	115	36%	36	11%	28	9%	138	44%	317	1111	1428
M4	127	41%	24	8%	27	9%	135	43%	313	1115	1428
M5	117	38%	26	8%	22	7%	146	47%	311	1117	1428
M6	132	42%	23	7%	27	9%	132	42%	314	1114	1428

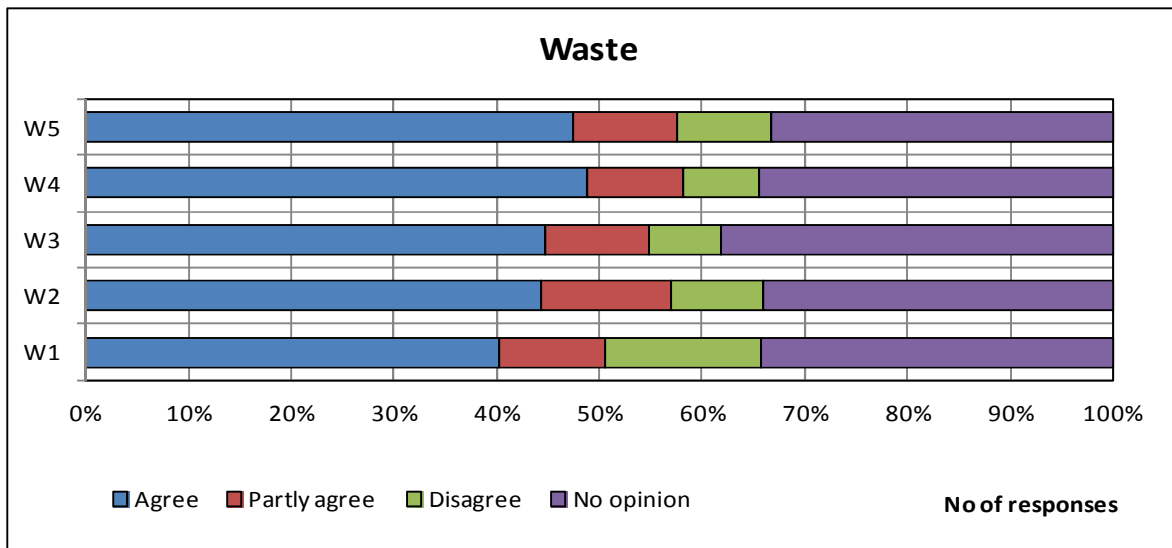


35.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 42 comments made.

Waste

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			
W1	128	40%	33	10%	48	15%	109	34%	318	1110	1428
W2	141	44%	40	13%	29	9%	108	34%	318	1110	1428
W3	142	45%	32	10%	22	7%	121	38%	317	1111	1428
W4	154	49%	30	9%	23	7%	109	34%	316	1112	1428
W5	151	47%	32	10%	29	9%	106	33%	318	1110	1428

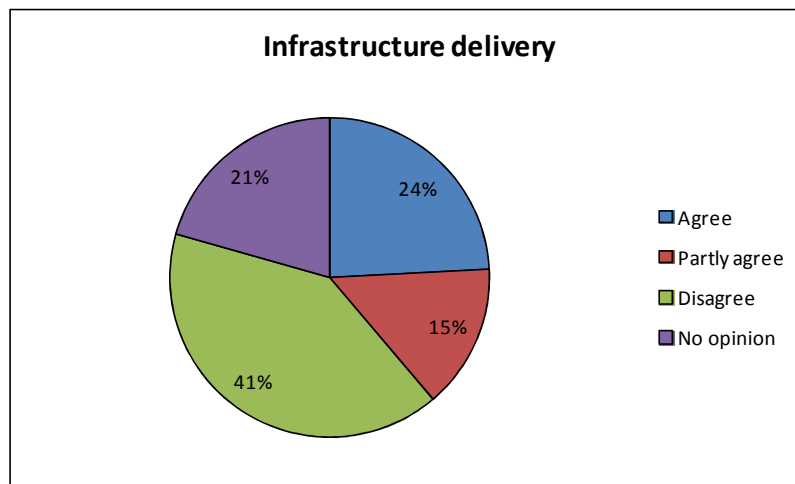


36.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 76 comments made.

Infrastructure delivery

	Agree		Partly agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total resp.	Not ans.	Total survey resp.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
W1	81	24%	49	15%	136	41%	69	21%	335	1093	1428



37.b Please provide any comments you wish to make in support of your answers above.

There were 205 comments made.

38. Is there anything else you would like to say about the Core Strategy?

There were 426 comments made.

11. Community Impact

11.1 The principal aim of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy (draft) is to set out the vision and objectives for the county and establish a policy framework necessary to deliver the vision to 2031. This will ensure that there are sufficient homes provided for all members of the community, improved employment opportunities and growth, sufficient retail provision, improved infrastructure across the county and protection of the open countryside and open spaces and provision of green infrastructure.

12. Equality and Human Rights

12.1 The Equality Impact Assessment ensures that there is no potential for discrimination and that all appropriate opportunities have been undertaken to advance equality and foster good relations. The Core Strategy and questionnaire was available in alternative formats if requested.

13. Financial Implications

- 13.1 There was a budget of £16,500 to complete the consultation process. The process was completed within budget.

14. Legal Implications

- 14.1 As set out in this report the consultation exercise must comply with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012. The consultation exercise is compliant with these regulations.

15. Risk Management

- 15.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and the National Planning Policy Framework, highlight the need for public consultation particularly where new evidence or emerging policy has significantly changed. One of the tests of soundness is the consultation process itself.

16. Consultees

- 16.1 The nature of the process has involved extensive countywide engagement with local people, interest groups and statutory agencies during the consultation period.

17. Appendices

- 17.1 Appendix A - Detailed schedule of consultation undertaken since 2007.
- 17.2 As referred to in paragraph 10.13, the written responses to the latest consultation, Draft Core Strategy Survey, can be found at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy>.

18. Background Papers

- 18.1 None.