



**Ottershaw**

Neighbourhood Forum

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# Initial Community Opinion Survey Results & Analysis

March 2021

The first Ottershaw Neighbourhood Forum Community Opinion Survey received a very good response (c400) across a wide section of the village, although it was noted that the majority of respondents were in the age bracket of 40+. This has highlighted that more work needs to be done to engage the younger population of our Neighbourhood Area.

We will be using the analysis resulting from the survey responses as a key element to inform our Ottershaw Vision for the Future and have identified Key Areas of Focus to summarise the most significant survey outcomes.

You told us that you want Ottershaw to maintain its 'village feel' and whilst future housing growth is inevitable, transport infrastructure and community services must be scaled and improved accordingly.

You also told us that a key priority is maintaining and improving access to our green spaces and preserving areas of wildlife and natural habitat.

Traffic congestion, heavy vehicle traffic, speeding, 'rat runs' and parking issues with their associated safety impacts were also areas of significant concern and we hope we can put forward some sensible suggestions to minimise the impact of these problems on our residents.

Our next challenge is to formulate policies and solution options incorporating these important views, whilst working within the guidelines of the Local Development Framework and Runnymede Borough Council's 2030 Local Plan.

We look forward to working with the community to create a viable plan for the future of our village, that will enhance the village that we know and love, whilst securing its future and making way for the next generation to enjoy what we have always appreciated.

Our survey results and analysis will shortly be posted on our website at [www.ottershawforum.com](http://www.ottershawforum.com) and a summary hard copy of results will be displayed on the village hall notice board.

If you wish to raise any issues or have any questions, please contact [info@ottershawforum.com](mailto:info@ottershawforum.com), we will also be running a live Q & A page on our website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Focus Areas	
Village Character & Feel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atmosphere, sense of community, rural feel and friendly nature of the village were felt by many responders to be important aspects to preserve.</li> <li>• A number of responders felt the appearance of the village should be improved to provide a more characterful look.</li> </ul>
Green Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A very high proportion of responders felt that access to local open spaces/footpaths was very important to them.</li> <li>• There was significant support from responders for ensuring the wildlife and ecology of the area was preserved and managed.</li> </ul>
Transport/Traffic	<p>A high proportion of responders felt that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads in and around the village were already over congested.</li> <li>• HGV traffic in the area should be reduced or prohibited.</li> <li>• Traffic speeding and using the village roads as short cuts was a major issue.</li> <li>• Roads and pavements were generally in a poor condition.</li> </ul> <p>Some responders felt that local bus services were insufficient in frequency and destinations.</p>
Amenities/Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nearly two thirds of responders felt existing recreational facilities /conveniences etc were of insufficient quality and /or inadequate scope/capacity for our growing population.</li> <li>• A high proportion of responders felt that medical and school facilities would need to be scaled to meet increasing demand in the short term.</li> </ul> <p>Some responders felt that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On street car parking was poorly configured for road layout in and around the village. The village car park needed better controls.</li> <li>• Medical and school facilities were major sources of congestion /pedestrian safety.</li> <li>• The existing amenities and facilities were currently adequate.</li> </ul>
Housing Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The majority of responders were content with development providing there was a similar uplift to infrastructure, amenities and facilities.</li> <li>• Nearly all responders felt that all aspects of new developments must blend in with the character of the village.</li> <li>• Responders showed a preference for privately owned housing and elderly care accommodation.</li> <li>• A small number of responders were against any significant future developments.</li> </ul>
Hospitality/Retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The addition of café/coffee shop(s) with outdoor seating as a daytime social gathering spot was requested by over a third of responders.</li> <li>• Many responders felt that a mix of additional retail (bakery/butcher) would be a good addition to the village.</li> <li>• A small proportion of responders felt that our retail was adequate.</li> </ul>
Crime/ASB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many responders expressed a concern for maintaining or ensuring a safe village environment.</li> <li>• Many responders were concerned about the amount of ASB, littering and petty crime in the village.</li> <li>• CCTV and policing were raised by responders as services which could be used to mitigate some of this.</li> </ul>
Business/Commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most responders felt that the village should not have any businesses, commercial premises or industry which required heavy traffic or generated air/noise pollution.</li> </ul>

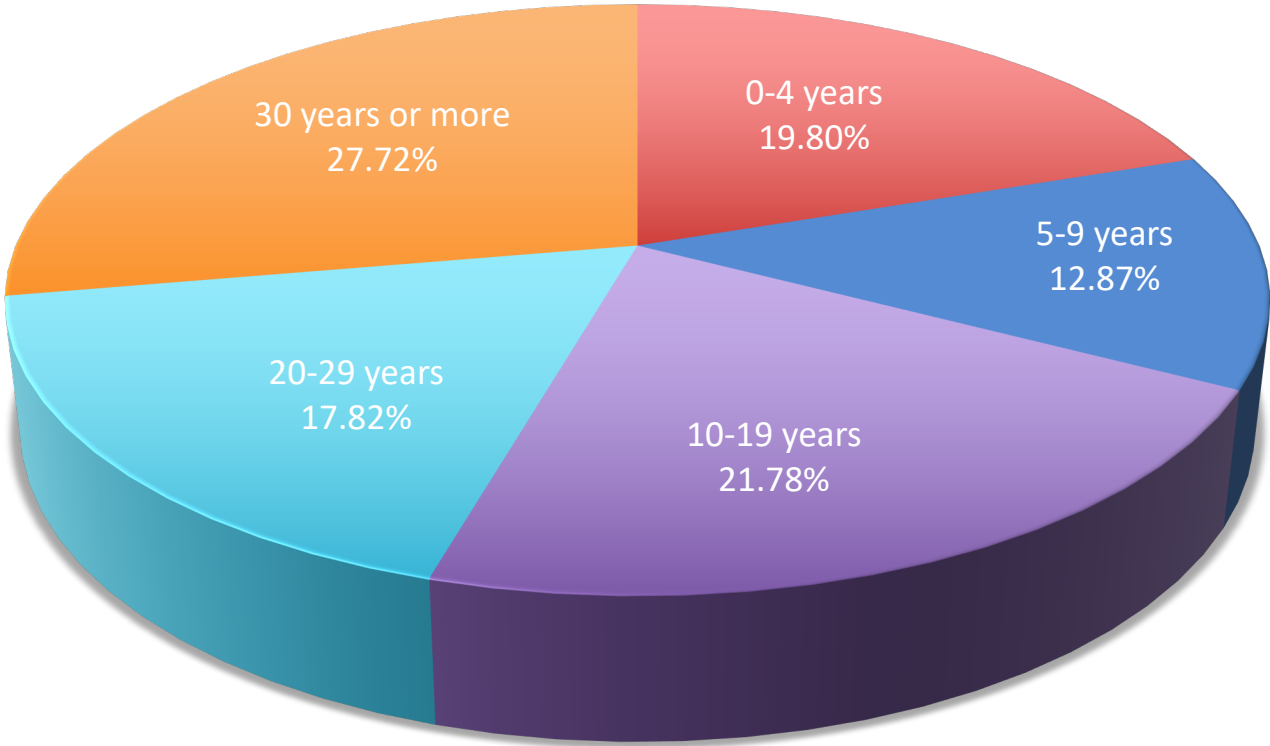
NOTES:

1. Although the responses showed a heavy bias towards the 40+ age group, the results of over and under 40s were markedly similar in nearly all cases.

# 1. Ottershaw Neighbourhood Forum Survey Responses By Location.

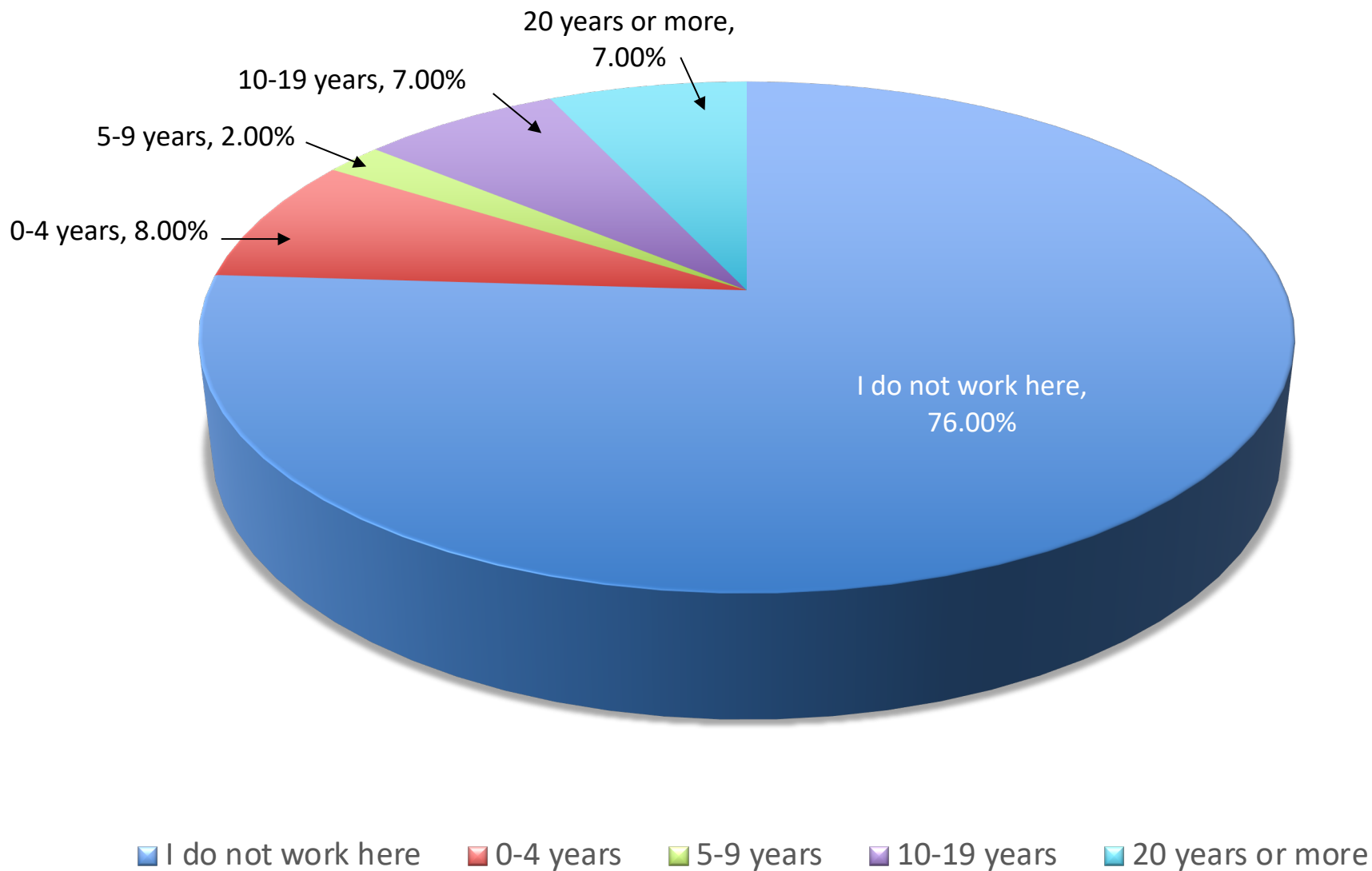
ANNINGSLEY PARK	5		FLETCHER ROAD	13		SLADE ROAD	24
BROOKFIELD CLOSE	1		FLETCHER CLOSE	10		SOUTHWOOD AVE	5
BROX ROAD	48		FLOWER CRESCENT	12		SPINNEY OAK	2
BROX LANE	4		FOXHILLS ROAD	6		SPRATTS ALLEY	3
BROX MEWS	1		FOXHILLS CLOSE	6		SRATTS LANE	4
BOUSLEY RISE	18		GREATWOOD CL	0		ST CRISPINS WAY	1
BRUNNER CL	0		GUILDFORD ROAD	10		STONEHILL ROAD	3
CHAWORTH ROAD	13		GRAY PLACE	6		STONEHILL CRESCENT	2
CHAWORTH CLOSE	2		HOLT CLOSE	5		STRIDES CT	0
CHESHIRE CLOSE	4		HOME FARM CLOSE	4		THE MAPLES	5
CHOBHAM ROAD	5		KINGSLEY GDNS	0		THE POTTERIES	2
CHOBHAM CLOSE	1		MALVERN CLOSE	2		TIMBER HILL CLOSE	2
COACH ROAD	5		MAWBAY ROAD	1		TRELAWN CL	0
COLEBROOK	2		MURRAY ROAD	13		TRINGHAM CLOSE	5
COTTAGE CL	0		OTTER CLOSE	1		TUCKER ROAD	5
CRAWSHAW ROAD	3		OTTERMEAD LANE	1		VERNON CLOSE	3
CROFTON CLOSE	6		OTTERSRAW PARK	18		WARWICK DEEPING	4
CROSS LANE	2		PALMER CRESCENT	5		WHEATSHEAF CL	0
CLARENDON GATE	5		ROSEFIELD GARDENS	6		WILSON DRIVE	6
DUFFINS ORCHARD	4		SHAW CLOSE	1		WOODLANDS CLOSE	2
ESCOTT PLACE	5		SIMONS CL	0			
FIRSDENE CLOSE	1		SLADE COURT	0			

## 2. How long have you lived in the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?

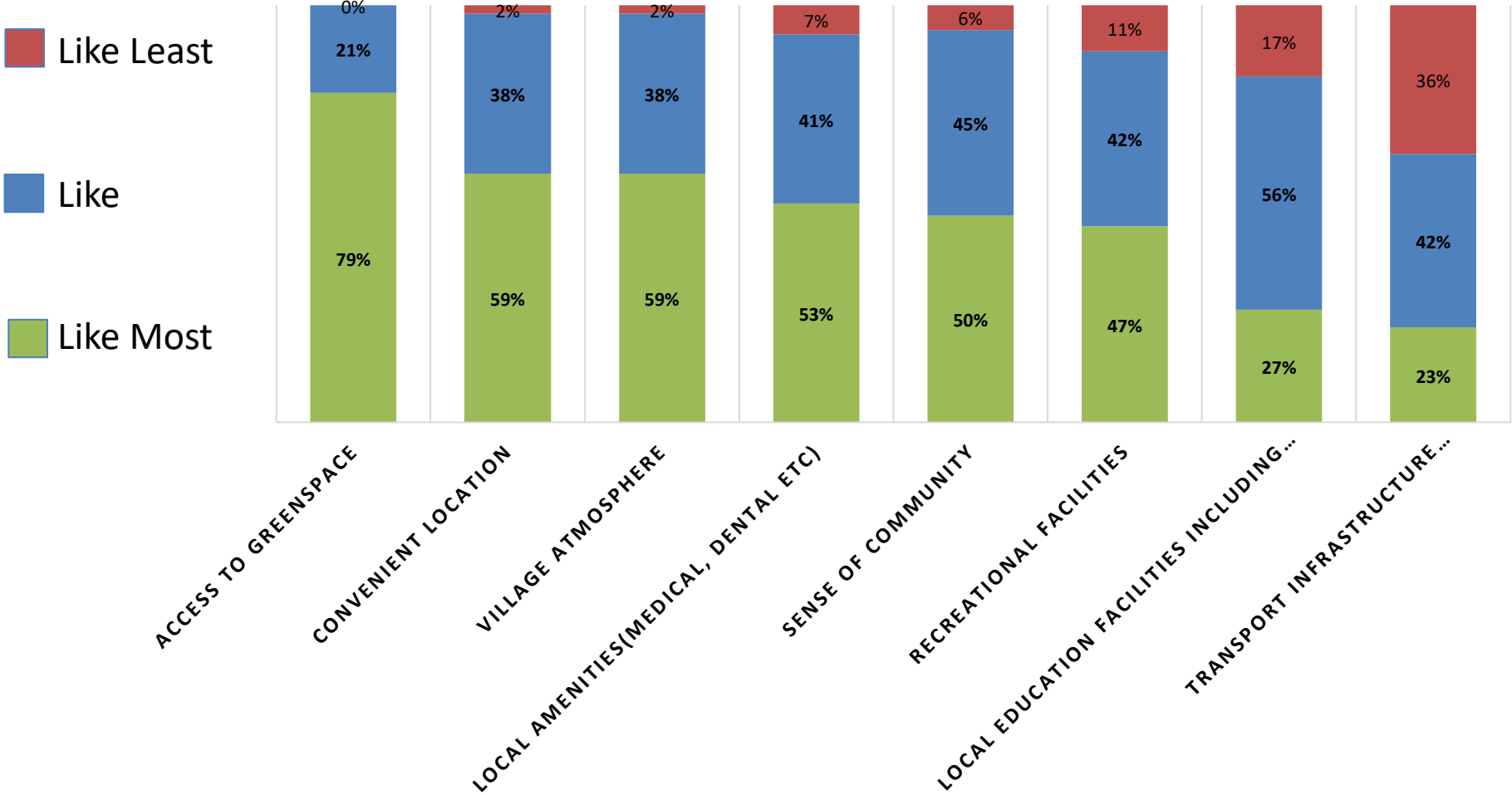


■ 0-4 years   ■ 5-9 years   ■ 10-19 years   ■ 20-29 years   ■ 30 years or more

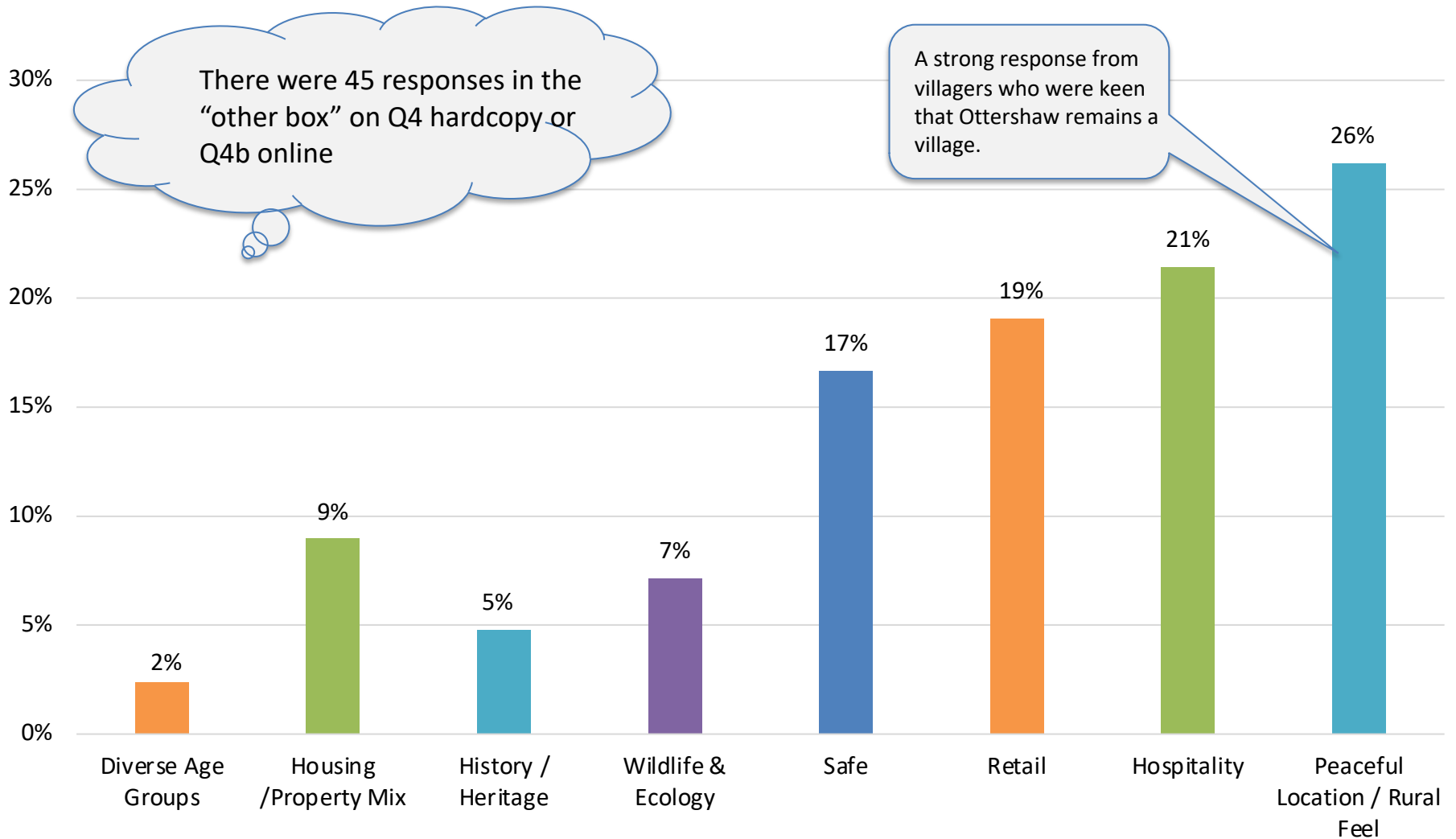
### 3. How long have you worked in the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?



# 4a. What do you like about the village / Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?

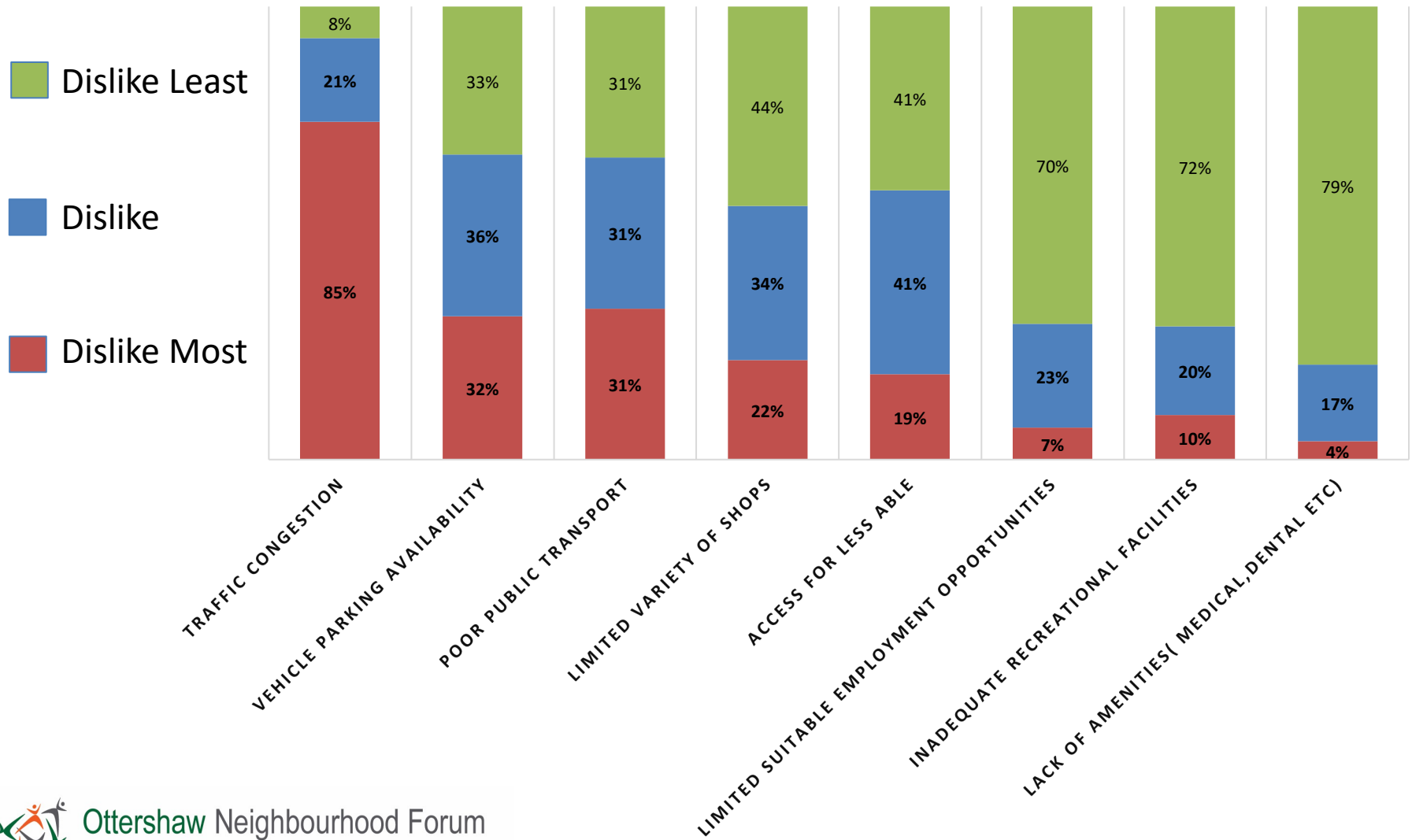


## 4b. Is there anything else you like about the village / Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?

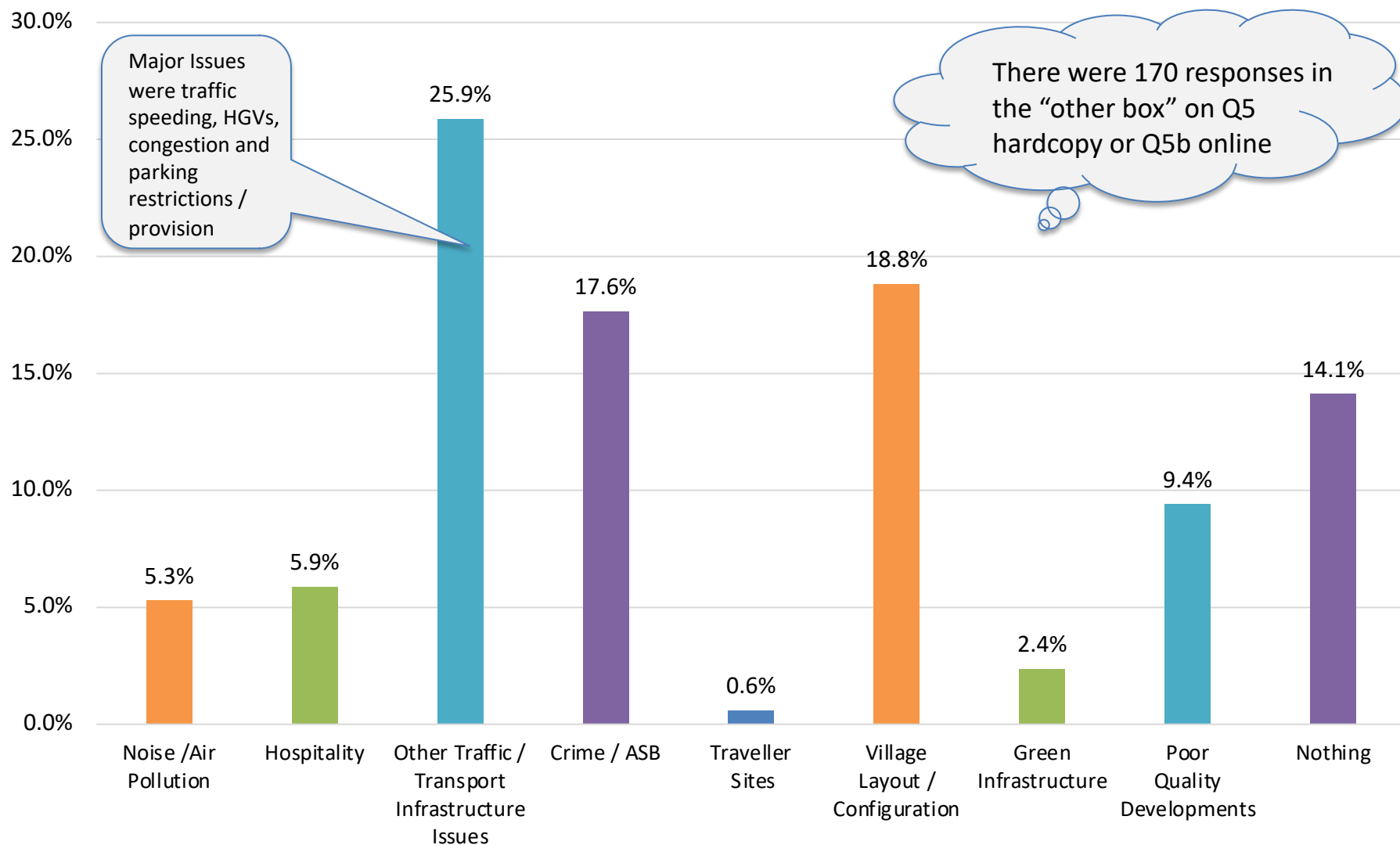




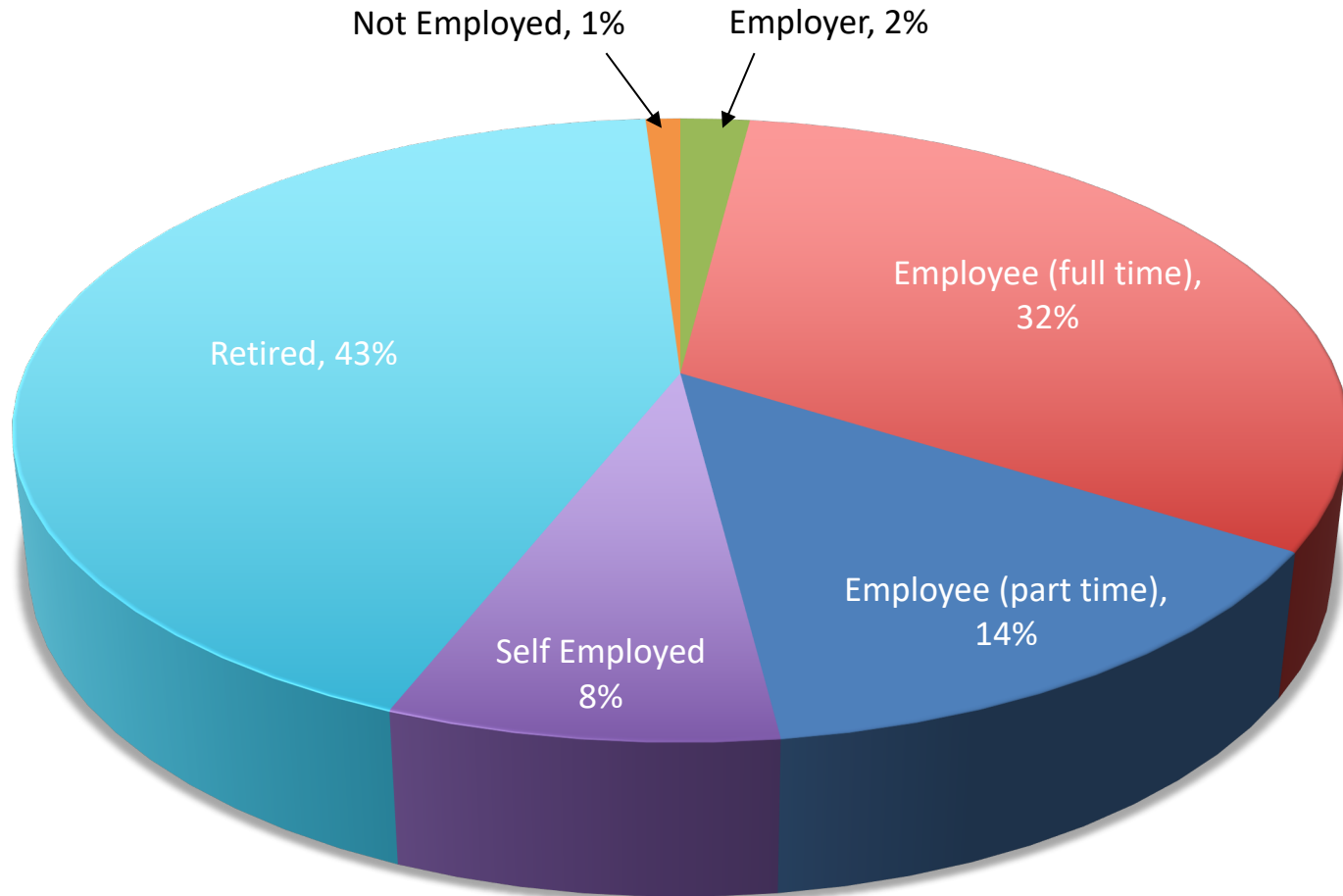
# 5. What do you dislike about the village / Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?



## 5b. Is there anything else you dislike about the village / Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?

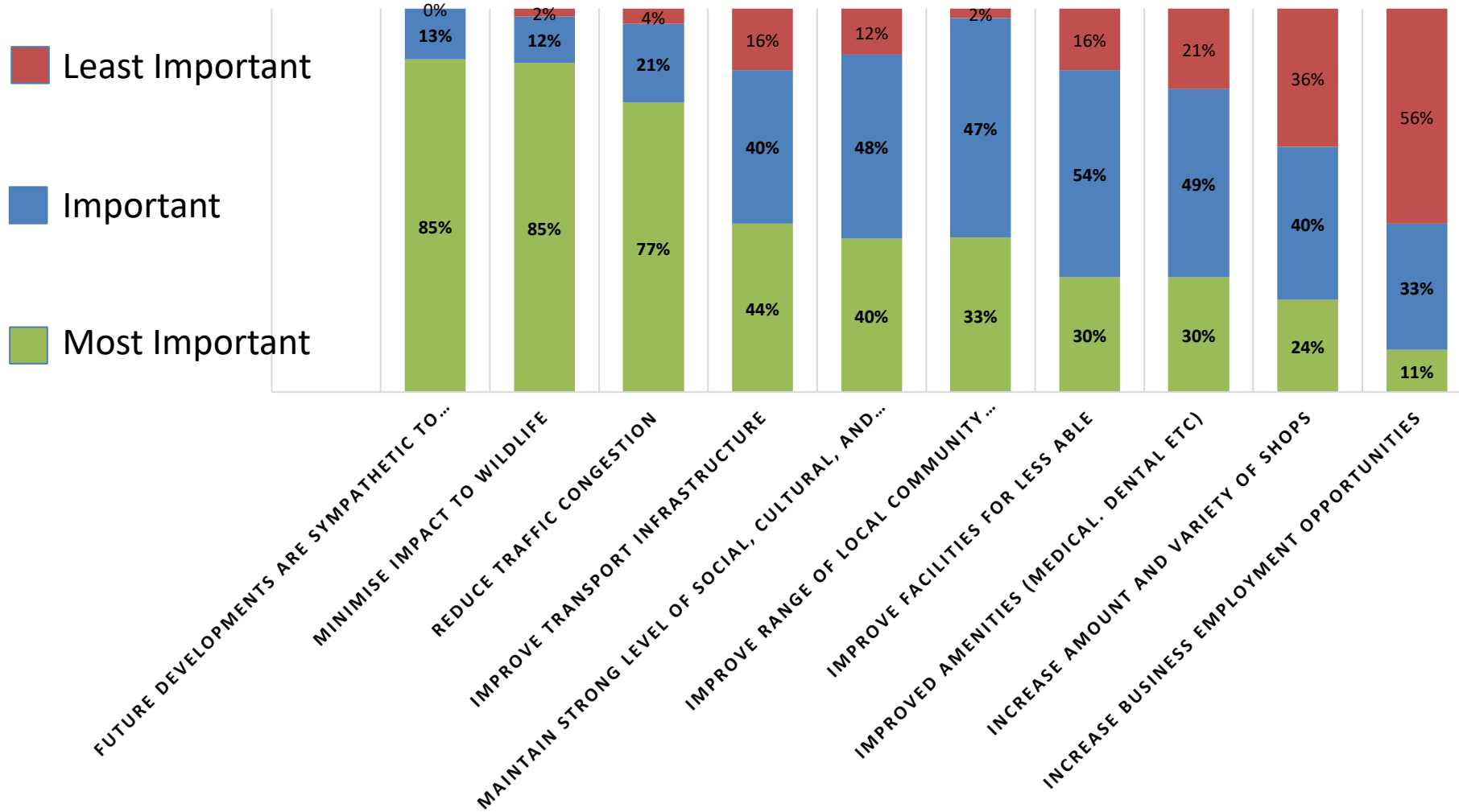


## 6. What's your employment status?

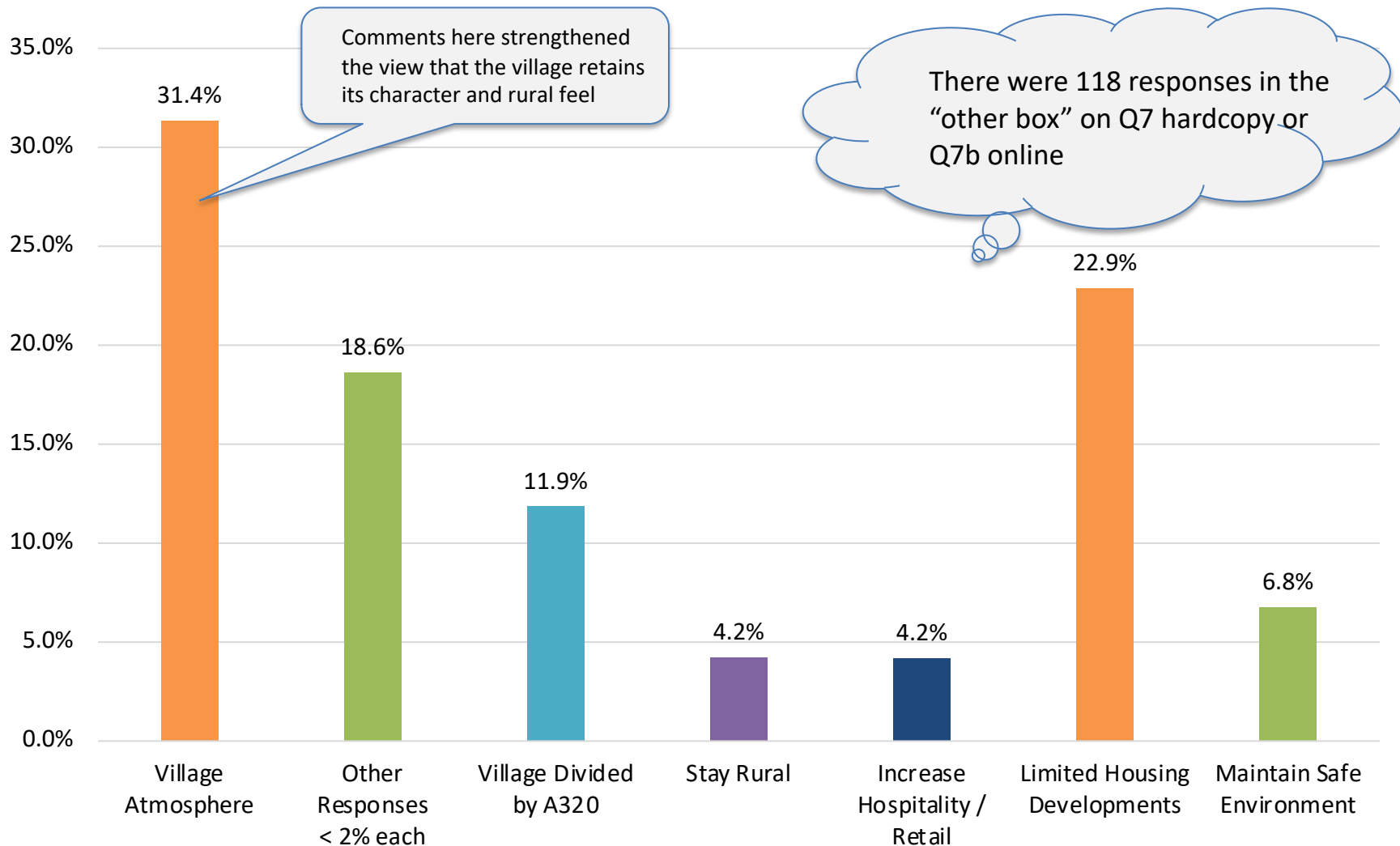


■ Employer ■ Employee (full time) ■ Employee (part time) ■ Self Employed ■ Retired ■ Not Employed

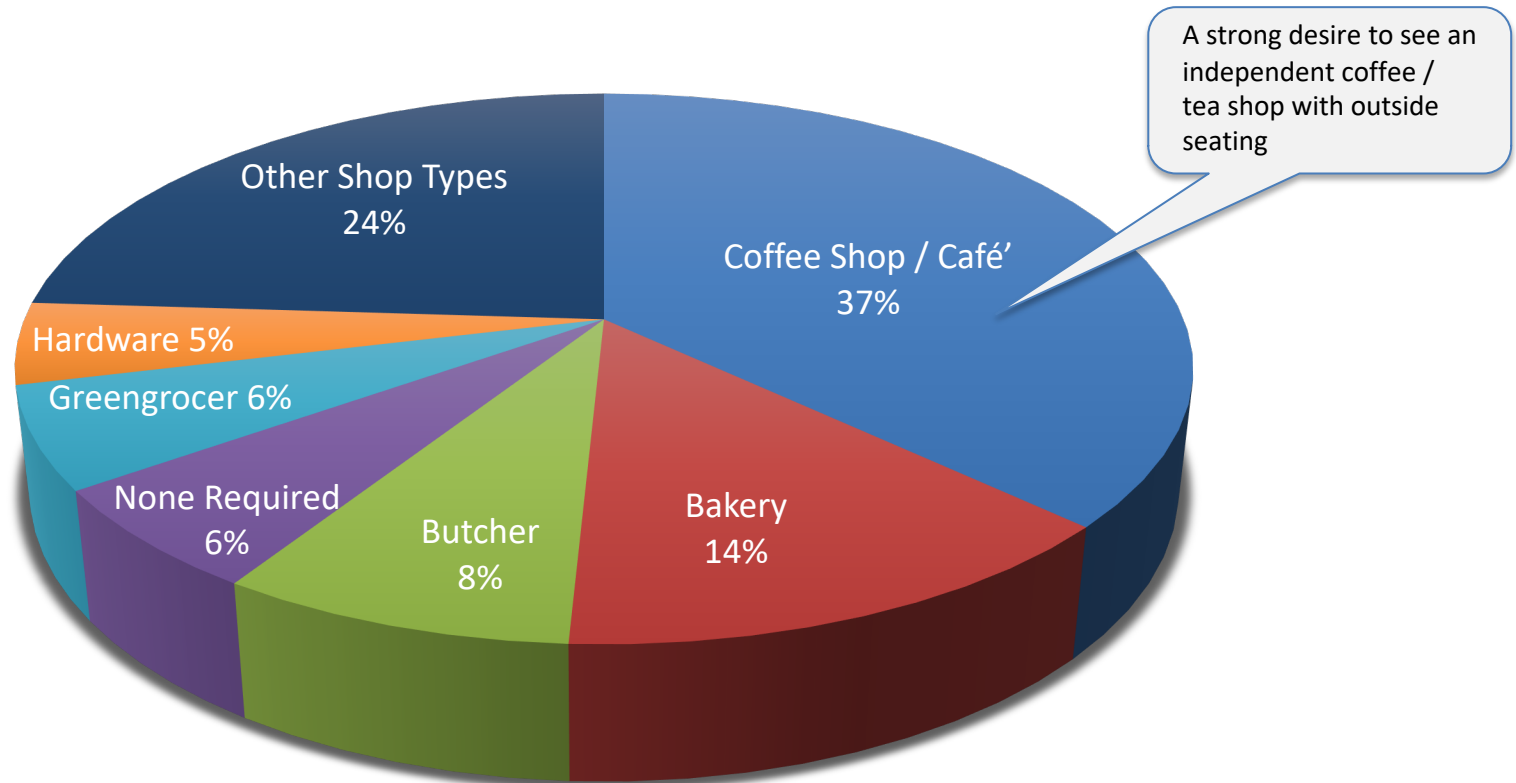
# 7a. Looking to the future - what's important to you about the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?



# 7b. Looking to the future – what else is important to you about the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?



## 8. What type of new shops, cafes/restaurants and other amenities would you like to see in the village?



■ Coffee Shop / Café

■ Butcher

■ Greengrocer

■ Other 30 types of shops each < 2%

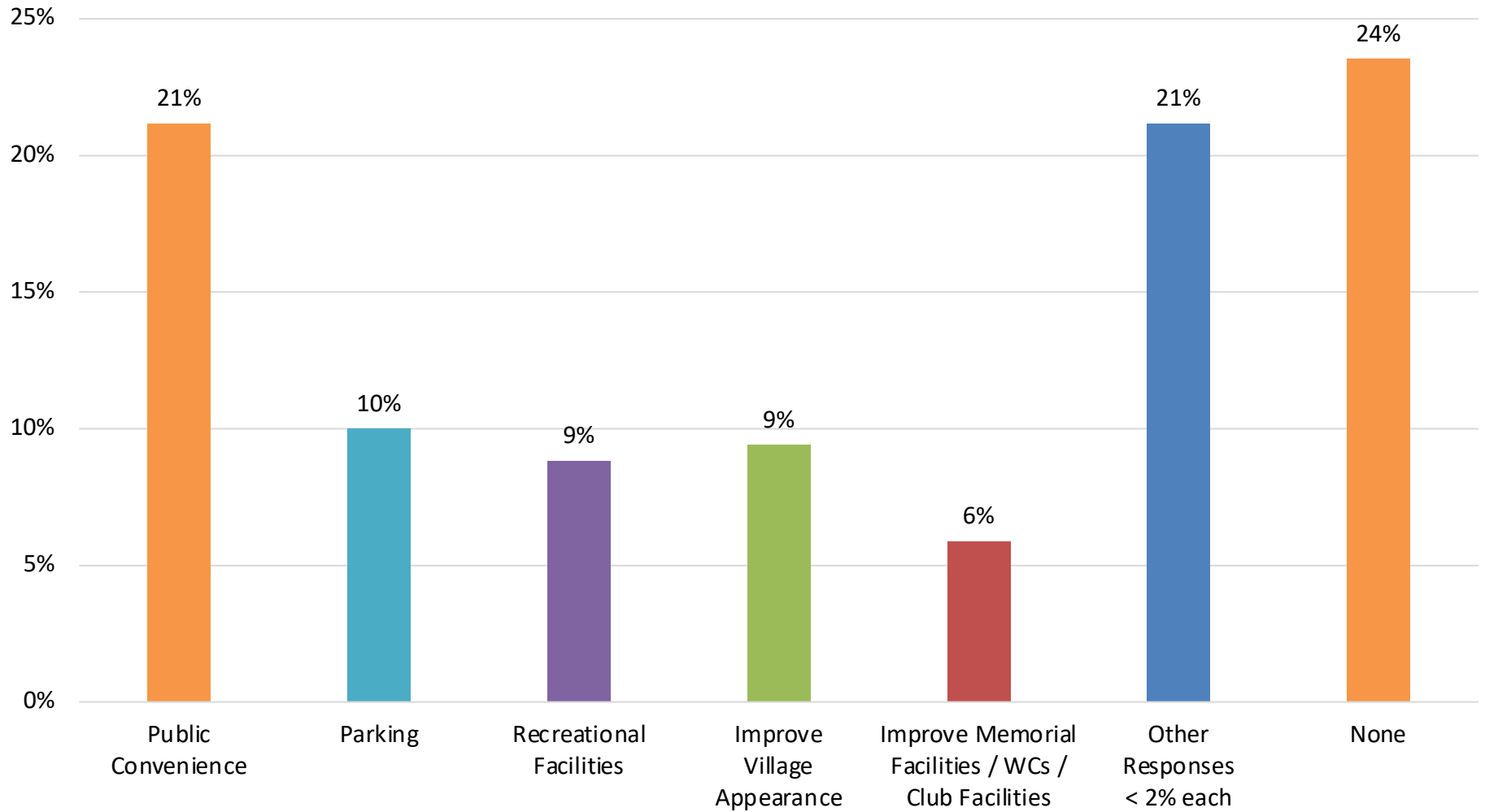
■ Bakery

■ None

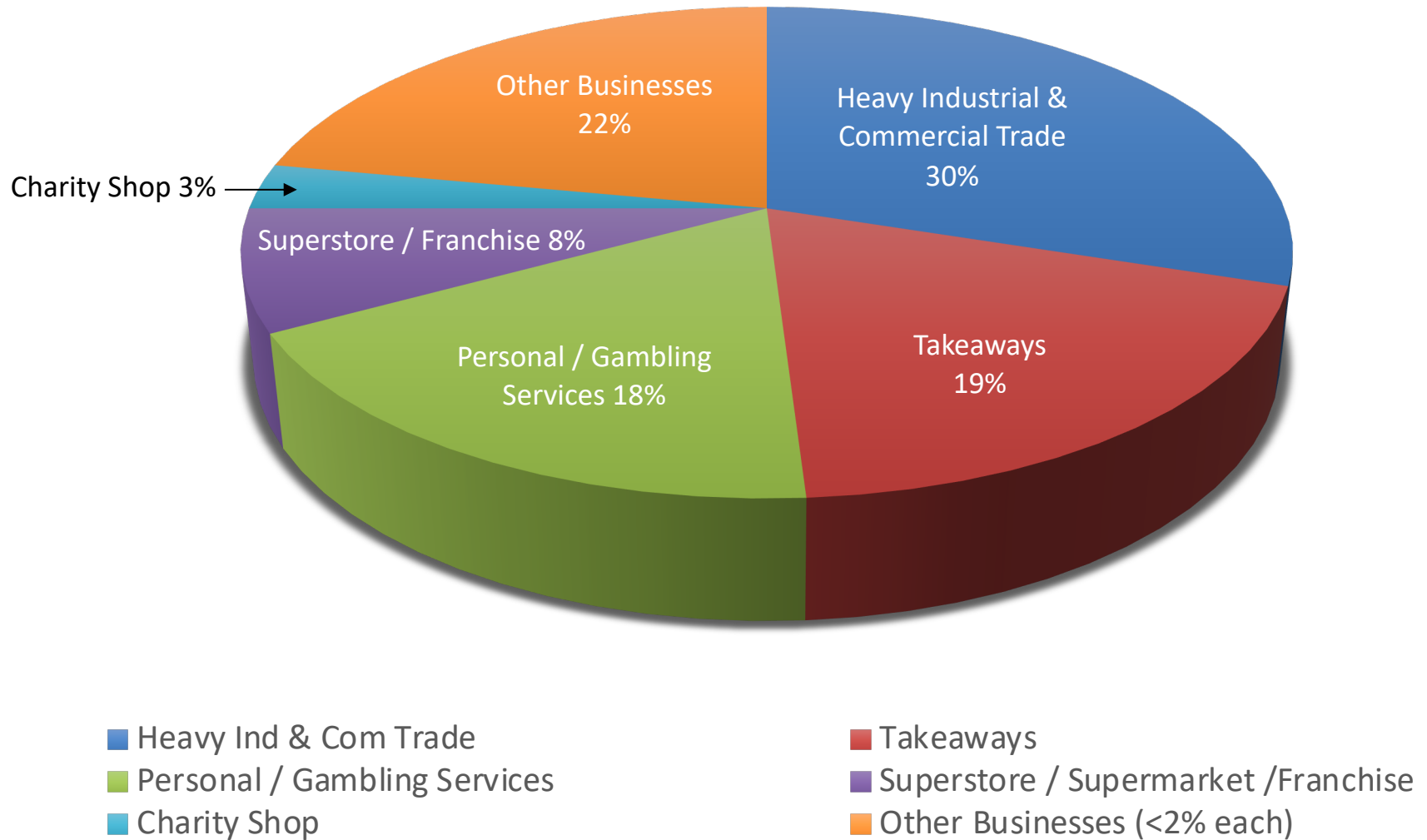
■ Hardware



## 9. What other facilities would you like to see in the village? (eg public conveniences, baby changing etc.)

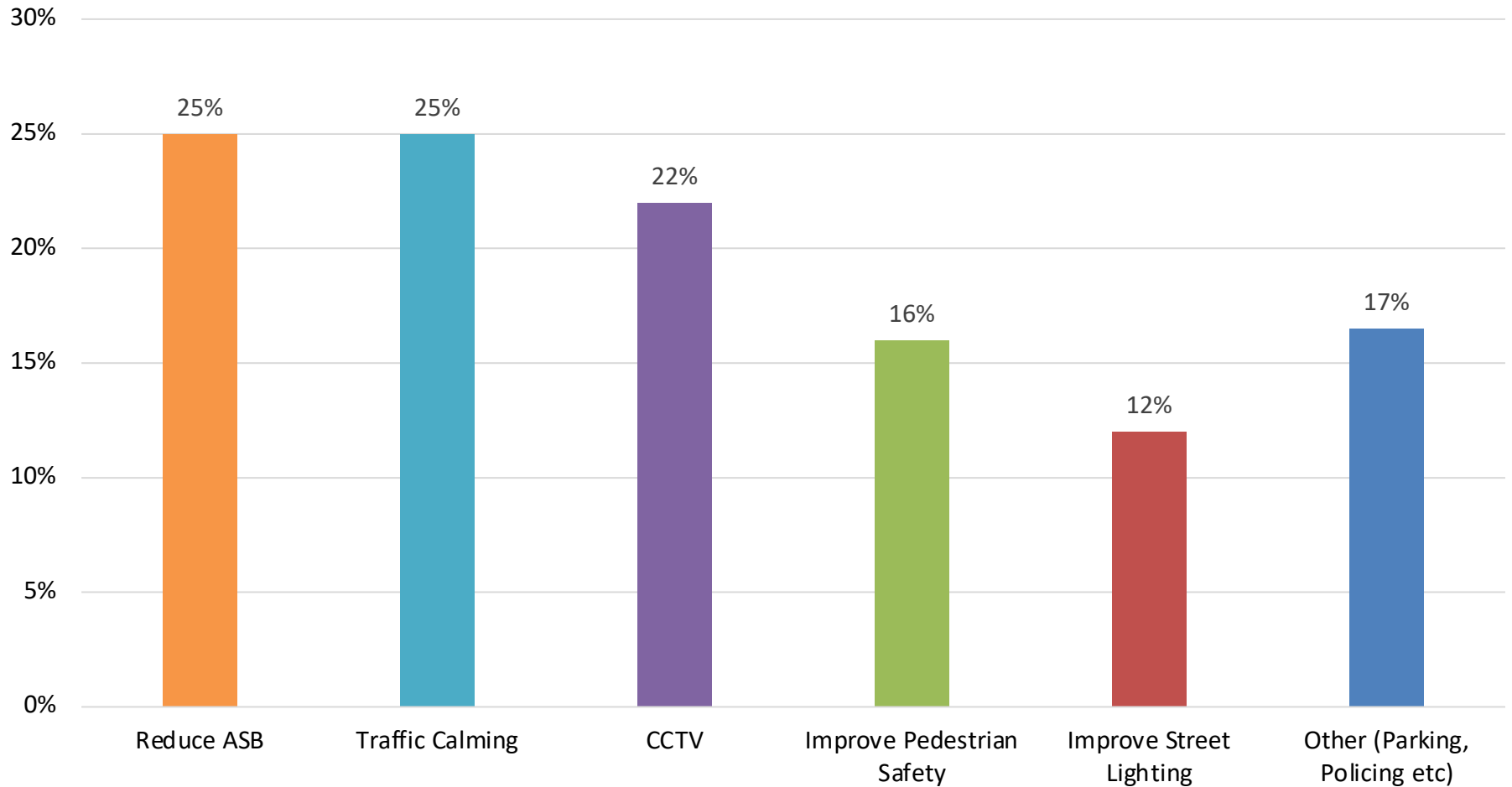


# 10. What type of business would you NOT like to see in the village?

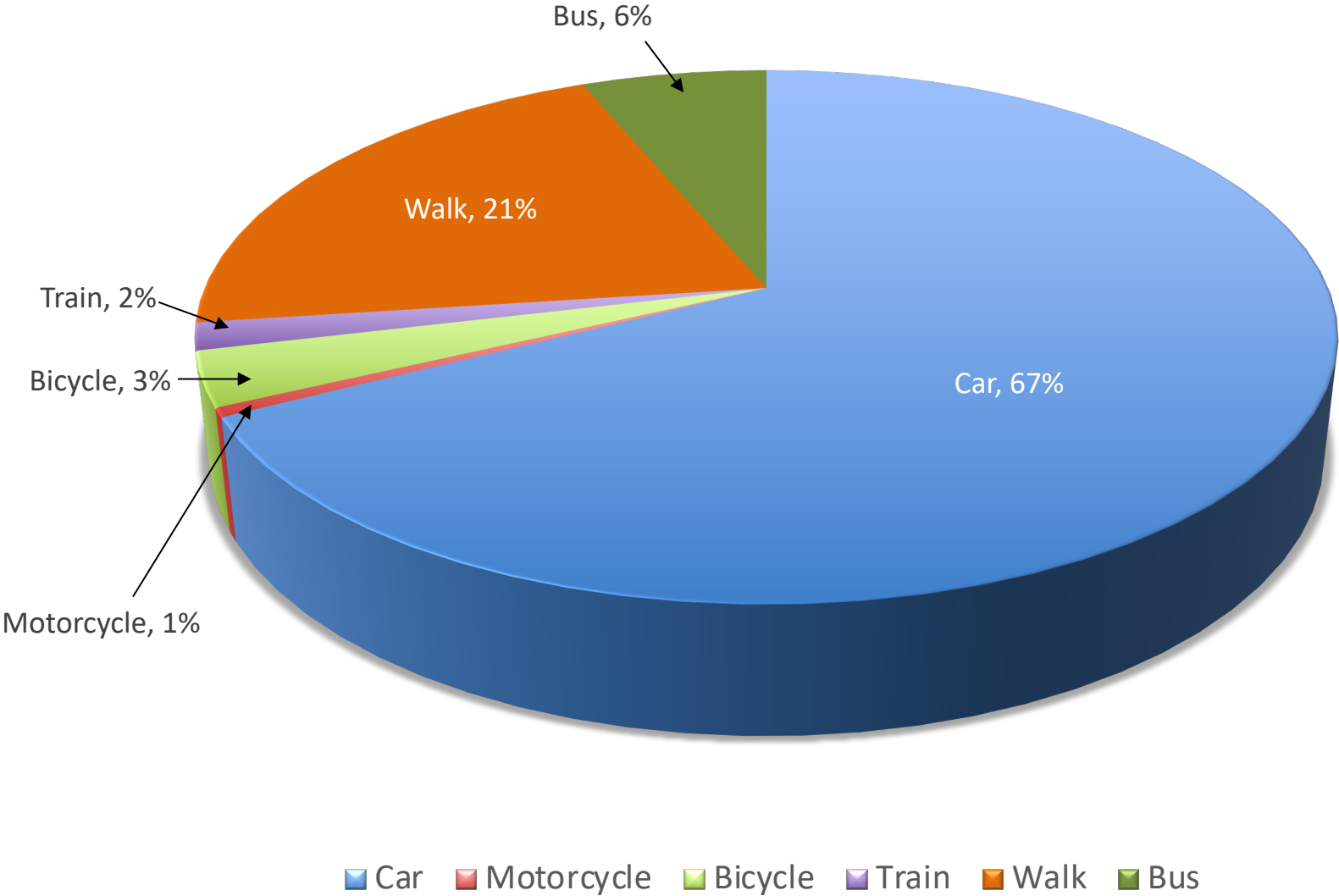




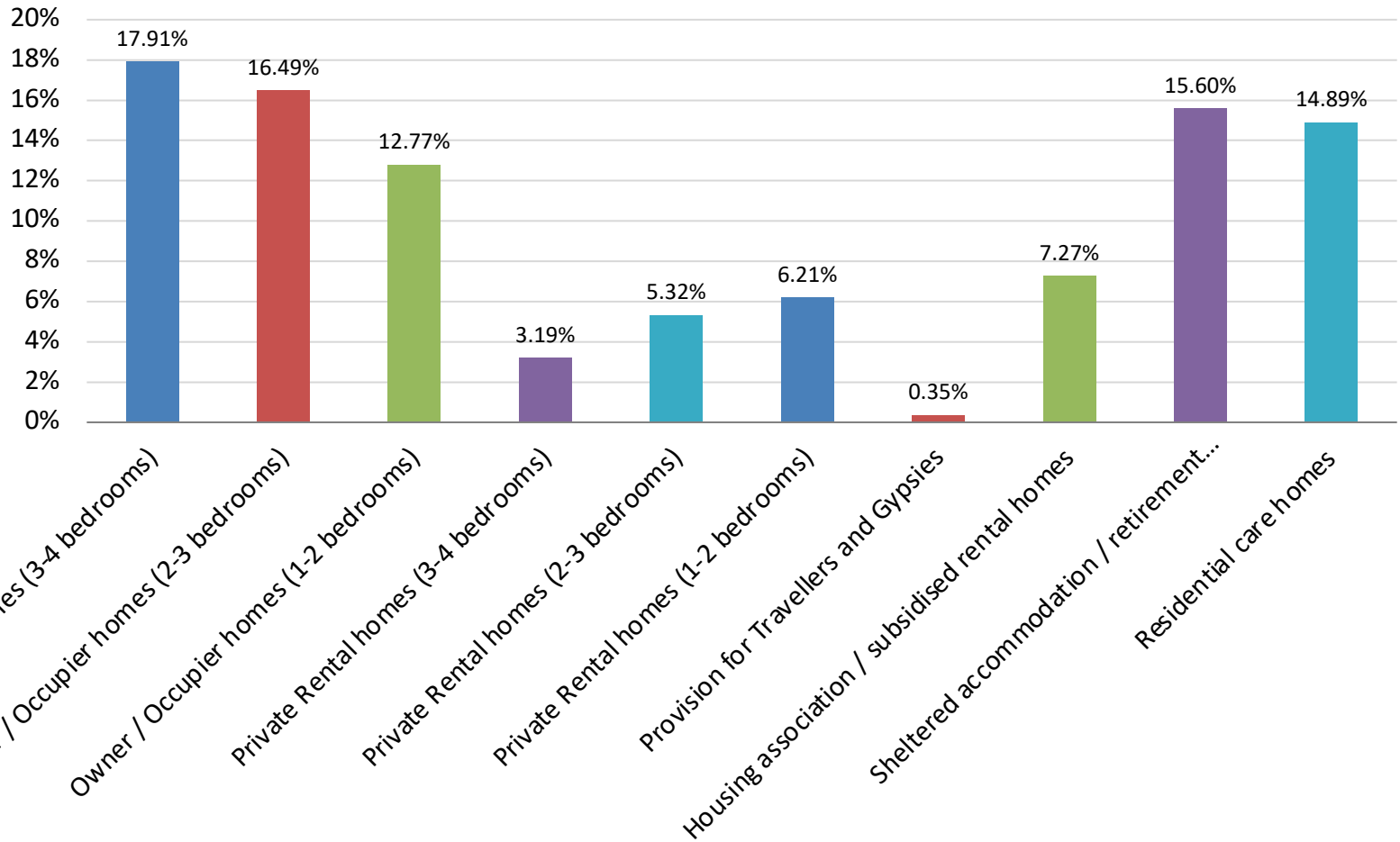
# 11a/b. What measures would you consider to improve safety in the village / Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?



# 12. What is your primary mode of transport?

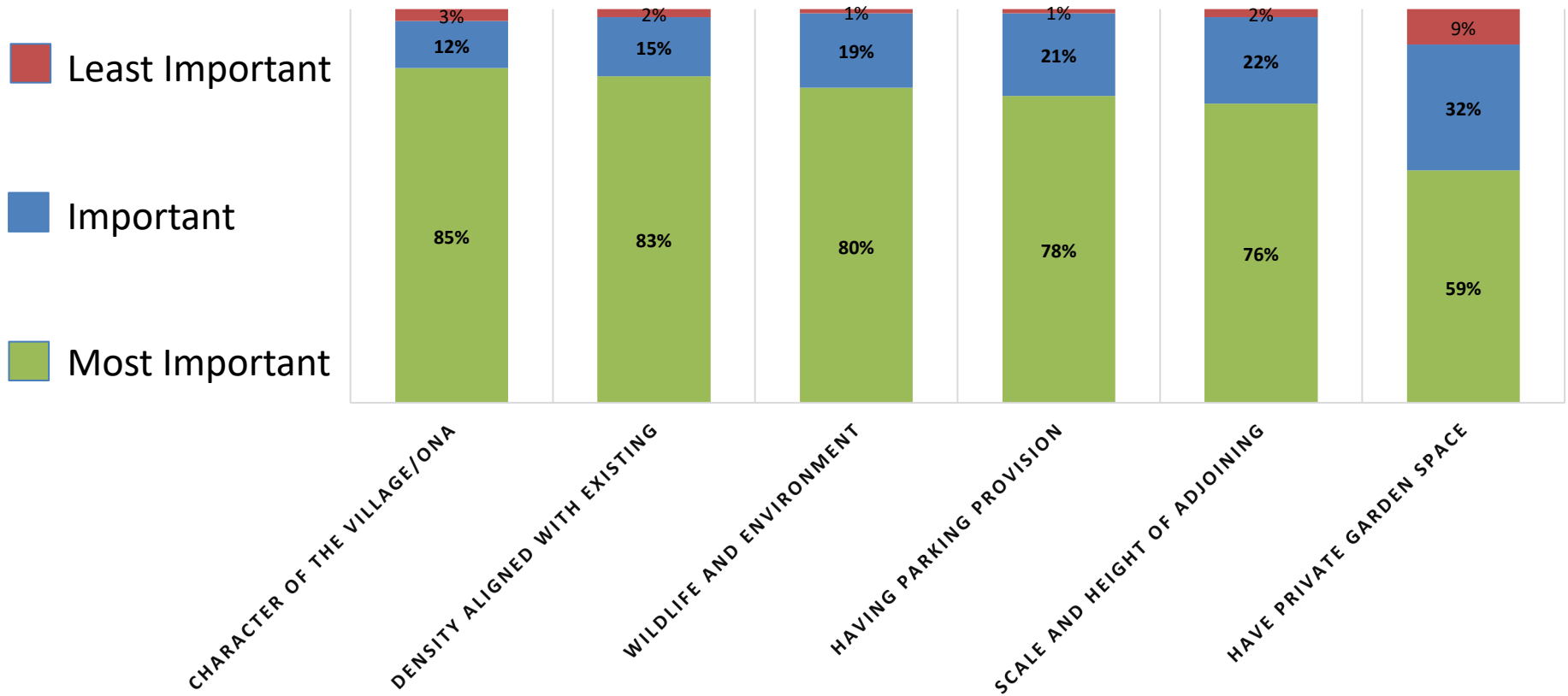


# 13. What type of accommodation do you feel the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area lacks?

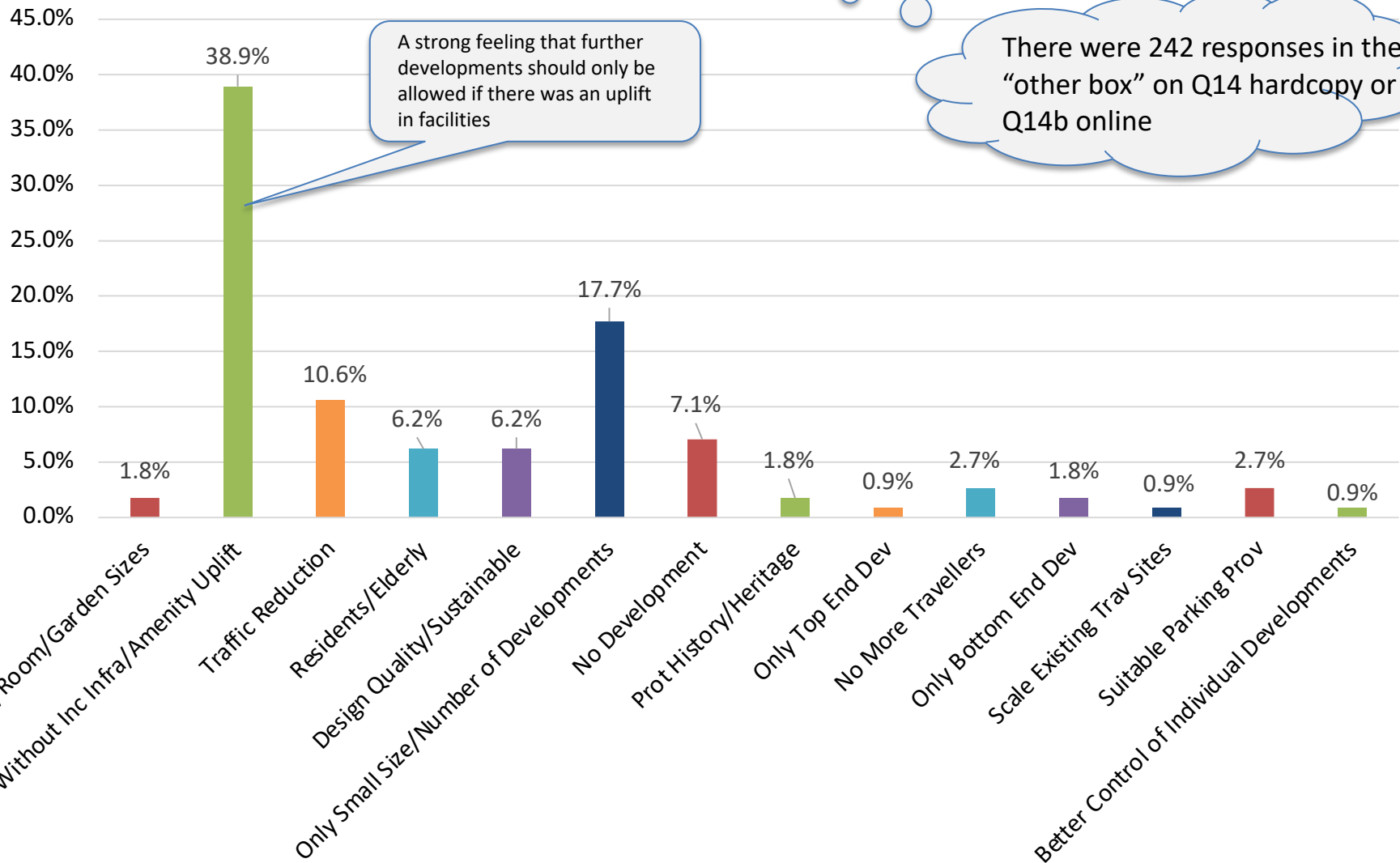


# 14a. How important is it that new housing and business developments in the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area are sympathetic to the following:

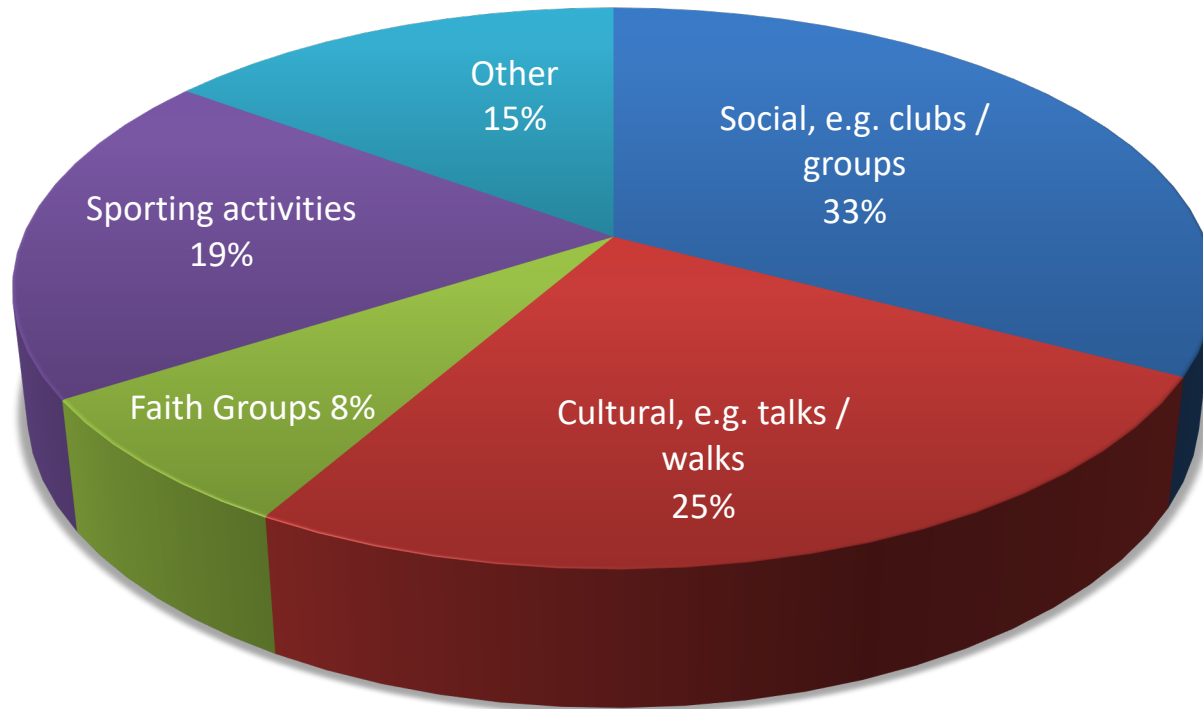
A strong feeling that all aspects of development must accord with the character of the village



# 14b. Anything else new housing and business developments in the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area should be sympathetic to?



# 15. Do you participate in any of the following in the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area?



■ Social, e.g. clubs / groups

■ Faith group (from different range of faiths)

■ Other

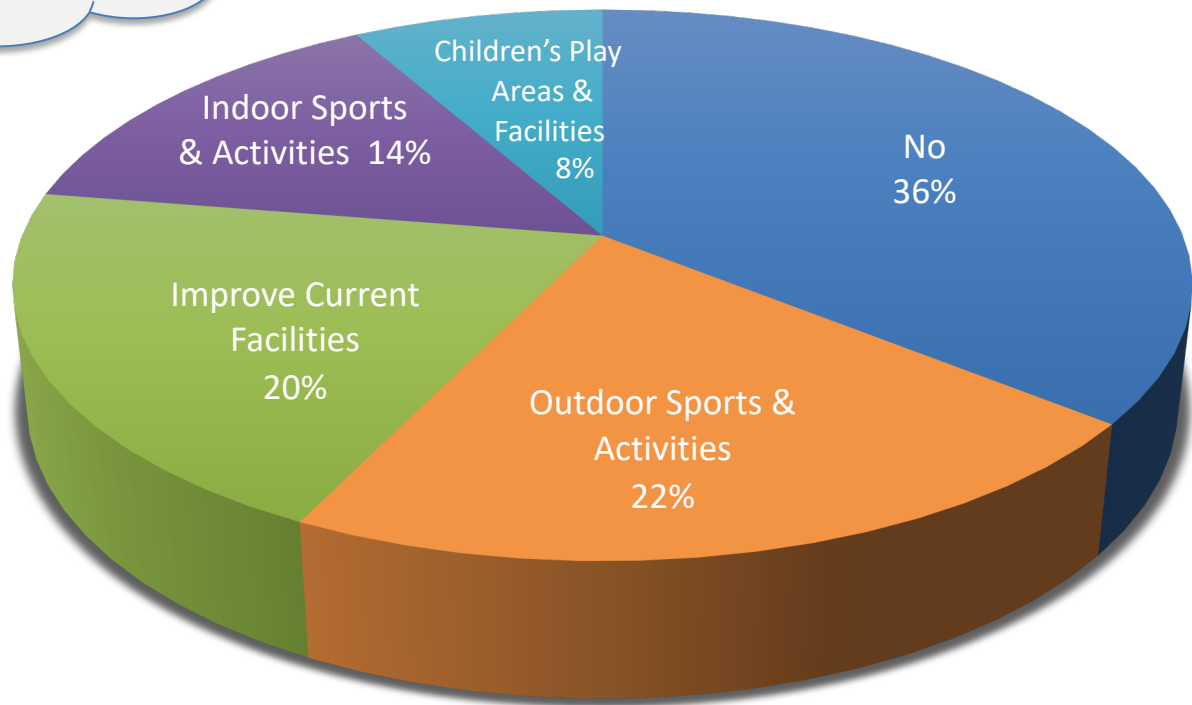
■ Cultural, e.g. talks / walks

■ Sporting activities



# 16. Are there any sports, leisure, culture or social facilities in the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area that could be added or improved?

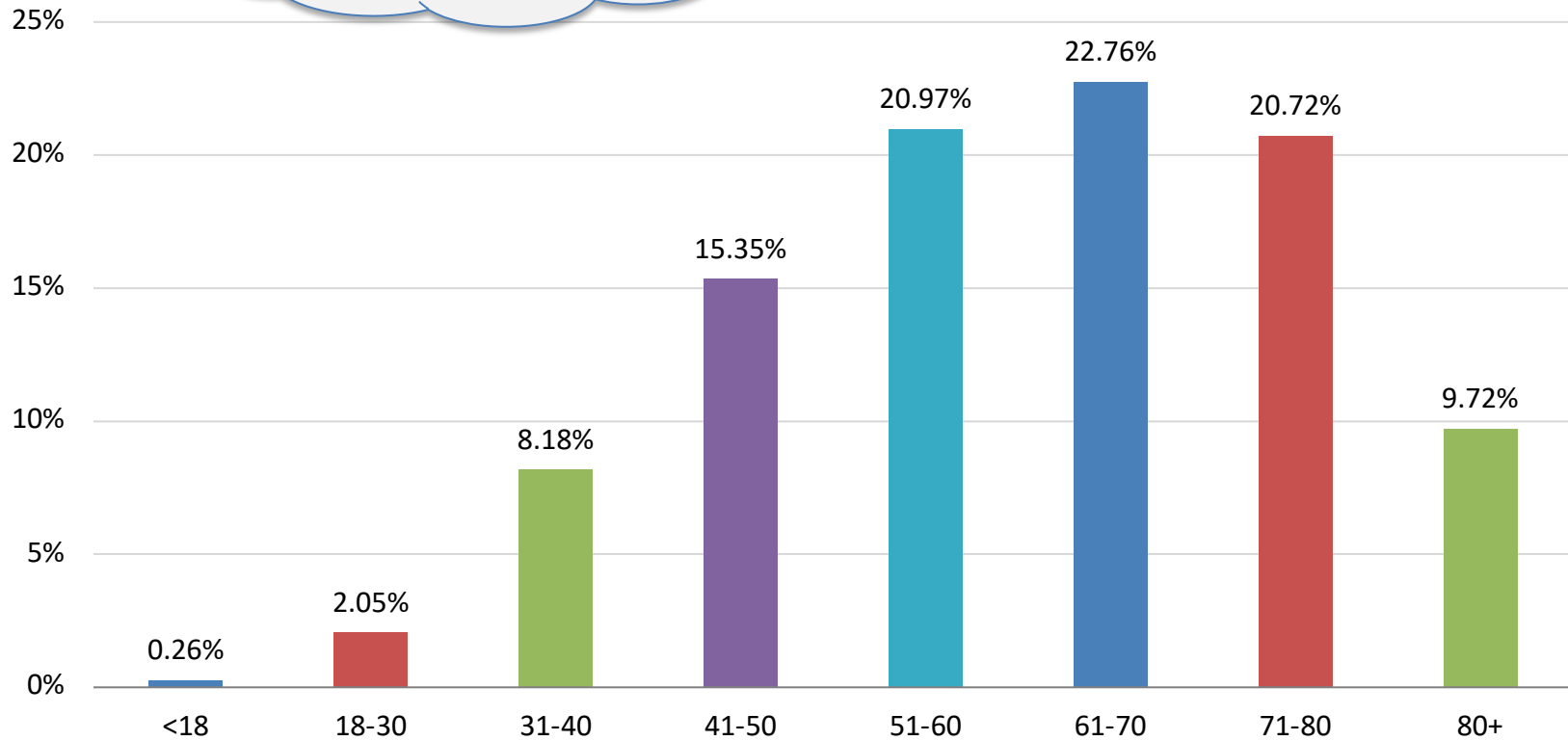
Over 70% of responders requested increases or improvement to existing facilities



- No
- Outdoor Sports & Activities
- Improve Current Facilities
- Indoor Sports & Activities
- Children's Play Areas & Facilities

# 17. Please indicate your age group

Approximately 10% of responders were under 40 years of age.





## 18. Are there any other particular issues you wish to comment on?

Most responses to this question were mapped to questions already presented in the survey.

All other responses to this question were already covered under the responses to the “other” questions.

### What Next ?.....

To what purposes will we put the survey?

Every piece of your survey input is valuable and has been analysed.

The results of this will:

- Provide the key elements for shaping a vision for Ottershaw.
- Identify the key areas which our Neighbourhood Plan will need to address.
- Scope the approach for building our Neighbourhood Plan.
- Help identify the key policy areas we need to address with our plan.

We aim to provide more detailed information on the above during June.

And within the next few months:

- To inform a second community survey with some more specific questions.

We would welcome any feedback on the above. Please send all comments to [info@ottershawforum.com](mailto:info@ottershawforum.com)