

# Little Chesterford Village Questionnaire Summary

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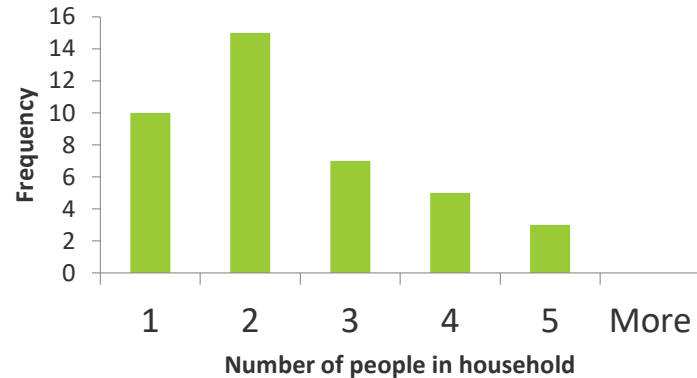
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PREPARED FROM RESPONSES FROM 40 HOUSEHOLDS (50%)



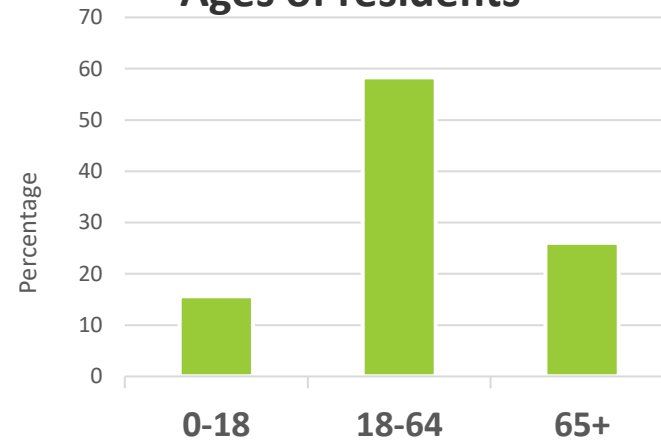
# Population

## Household size



50% are 1 or 2 people

## Ages of residents

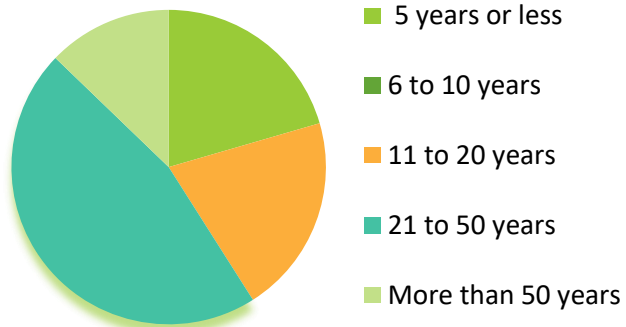


55% of working age, 25% over 65s

## Summary

Little Chesterford has a high proportion of small households, and an aging population who have lived in the village for a long time. Most people work locally or at home, with a substantive number working in Cambridge, and a few in London

## Length of residence



80% have lived in the village over 10 years

## Work Location



57% of people work from home or with 5 miles of it, only 11% work in London but 20% in Cambridge

## Considerations/actions

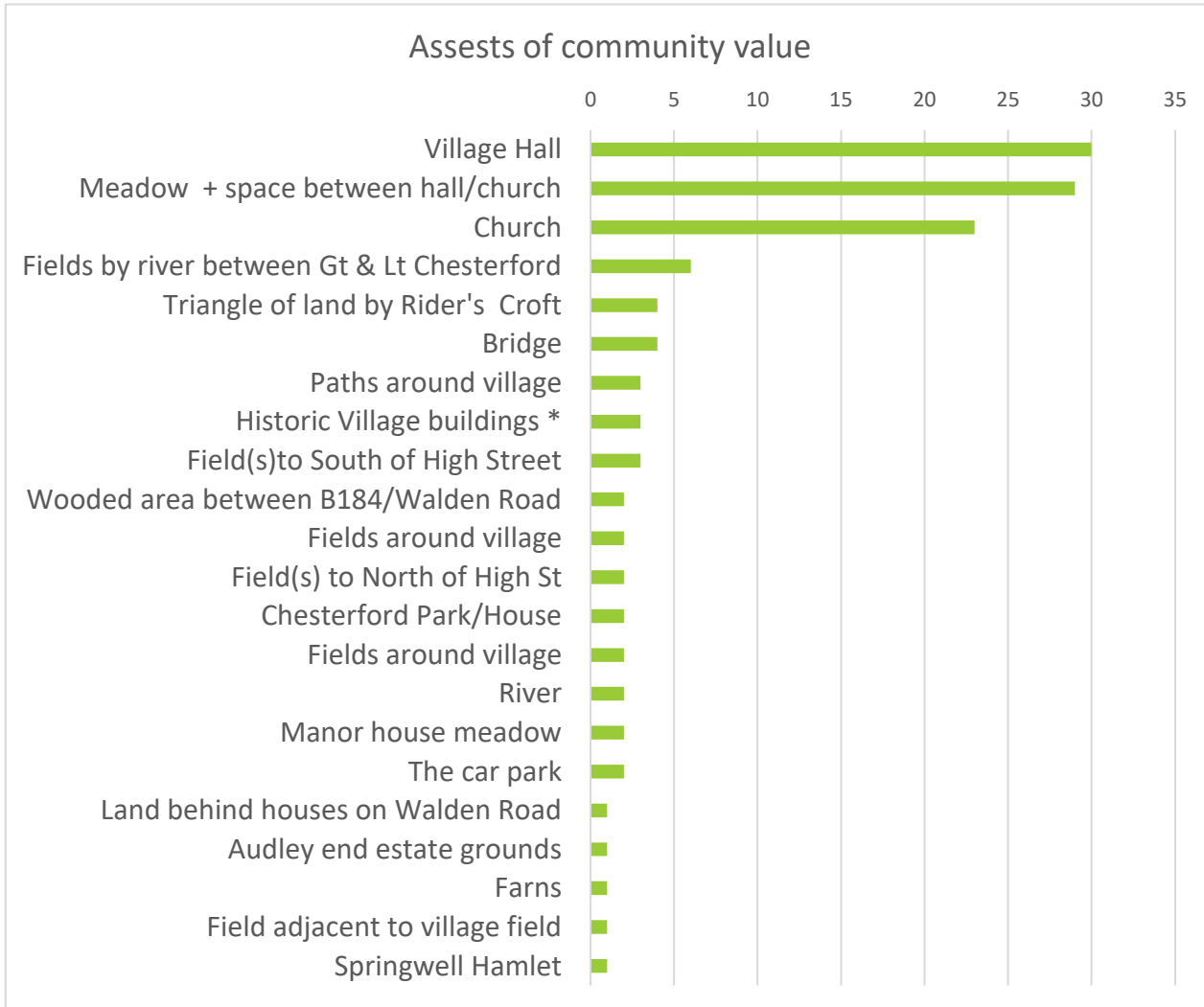
Ensure needs for aging population and local working are built into Neighbourhood Plan (*Neighbourhood Plan committee*)  
 Consider ways to facilitate local working (eg broadband) *Parish Council*



# What should be listed as Assets of Community Value\*?



\*Local communities can protect buildings and open spaces they value by listing them as Assets of Community Value. If one of these assets is subsequently put up for sale, the community is given 6 months to put together a bid to buy it.



## Summary

There is a high degree of agreement that the Village Hall, Church and the surrounding meadow/carpark should be listed. Some fields surrounding the village, especially along the river, are also mentioned by several respondents

## Considerations/actions

Ensure Village Hall, Church, Meadow and carpark are listed as a priority.

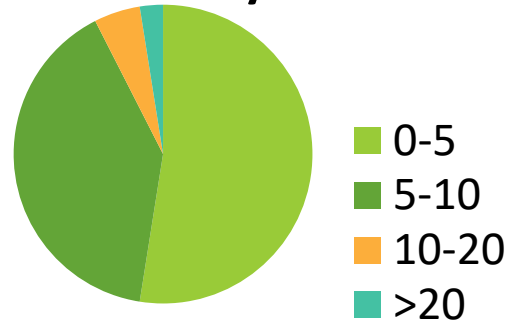
Review other sites for consideration.

*Neighbourhood Plan  
Committee, Parish Council*



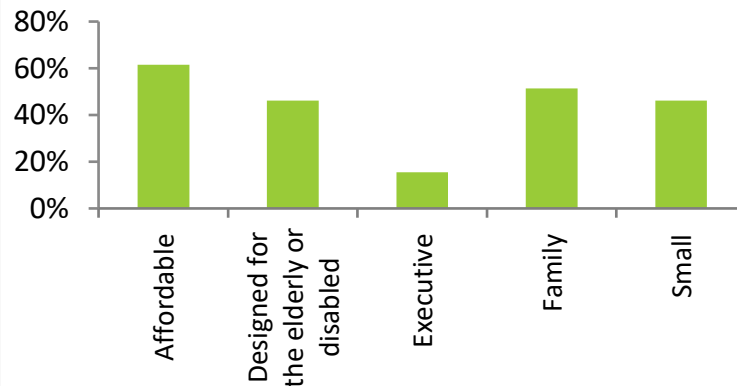
# Residential development

## How many homes over the next 15 years?



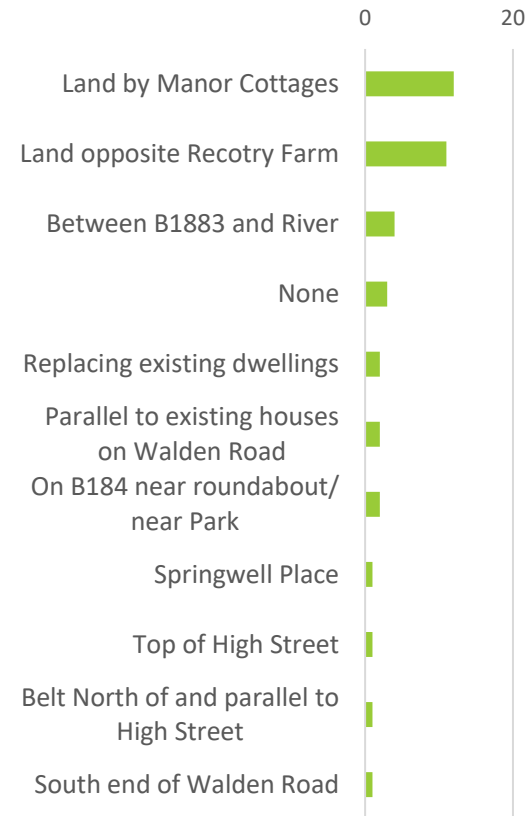
93 % of residents would like to see not more than 10 houses built

## Type of housing



A mixture of housing appears to be preferred. Executive homes are least popular

## Where would you like to see new homes built?



Land by Manor Cottages and opposite Rectory Farm on B184 are most popular locations

## Summary

Little Chesterford residents prefer to see not more than 10 homes built in the village over the next 15 years. Mixed housing is favoured, and the most suitable sites are thought to be the land by Manor Cottages and opposite Rectory Farm on the B184

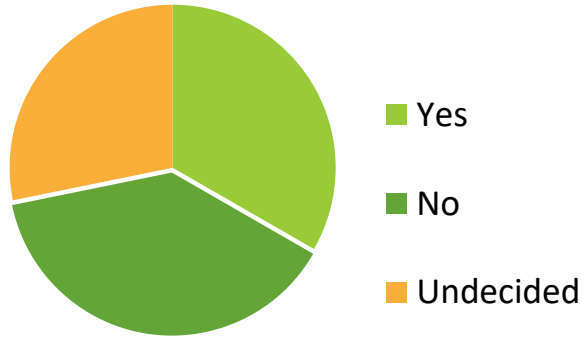
## Considerations/actions

Ensure these preferences are built into Neighbourhood Plan (*Neighbourhood Plan committee*)  
Consider these preferences when review planning applications (*Parish Council*)



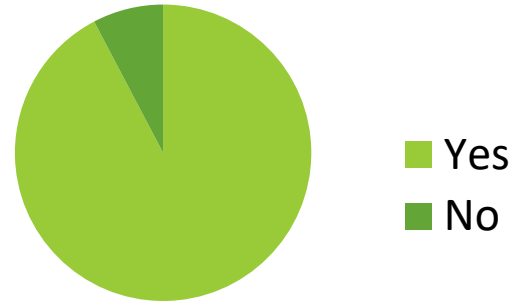
# Recreation

## Play area for children



The village is split about whether or not there should be a childrens play area.

## Easy to join local activities of interest



Village residents generally don't have any problems finding local activities that interest them

## Summary

Little Chesterford has a high attendance at village events, and residents find it easy to find activities they enjoy.

The village is split/undecided about the need for a children's play area.

## Events/activities attended



Village events are well attended, Fete and Bonfire are most popular

## Additional events/activities



Only a small number of activities were suggested primarily around elderly, children

## Considerations/actions

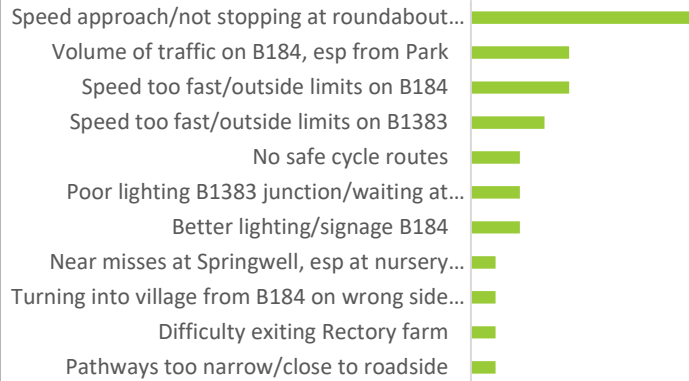
Hold consideration of children's play area until demand changes or new development arises. *(Parish Council)*

Consider provision/publicity of events from detailed feedback *(Village Hall Committee, PCC)*



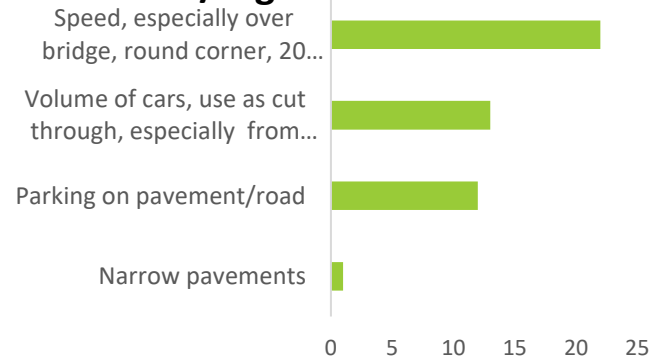
# Transport and Road Safety

## Road safety on B184/B1383



Primary areas of concern are speeding, especially around roundabout and volume of traffic.

## Road safety on Walden Rd/High St



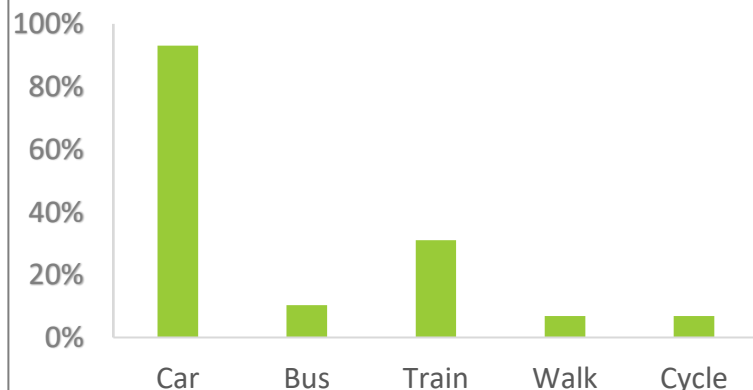
Primary areas of concern are speeding, use as cut through and parking on road/pavement on High St

## Summary

Villagers primary concerns are volume and speed of traffic on village roads, and cars parked on the pavement/road on the High Street.

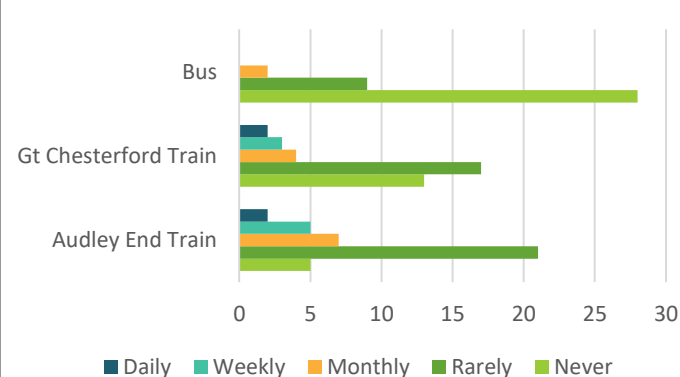
Almost all households use a car to get to work. Small numbers use the train regularly, but public bus use is sparse.

## Get to work by...



93% of villagers use the car to get to work

## Public transport usage



Regular train use is small. Bus use is scarce.

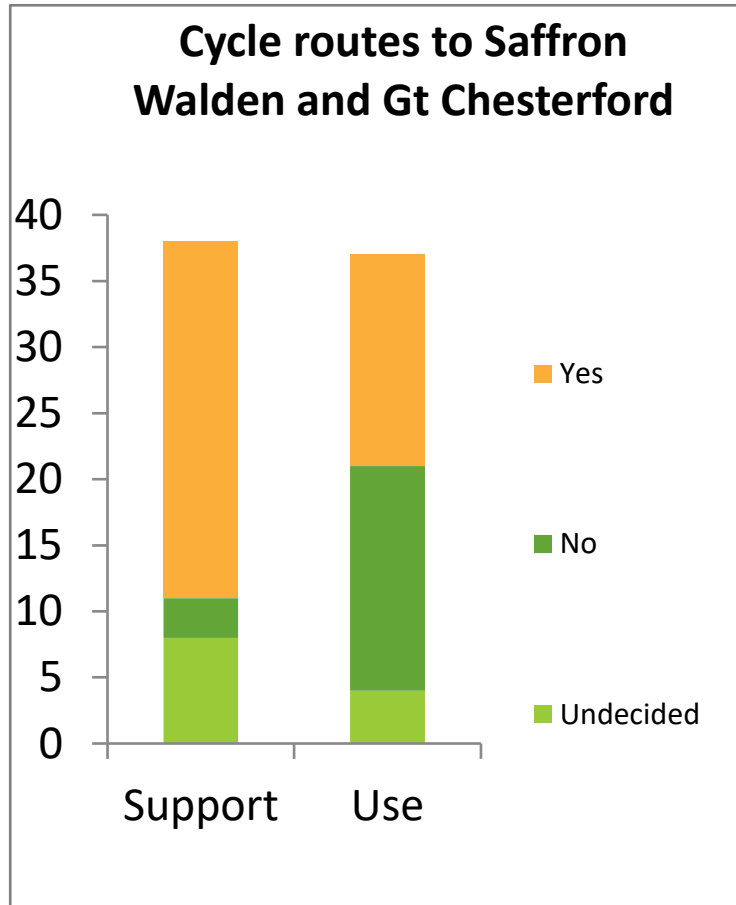
## Considerations/actions

Consider ways to address road safety concerns. *(Parish Council)*  
 Ensure residents transport needs are reflected in Neighbour Plan  
*(Neighbourhood Plan Committee)*

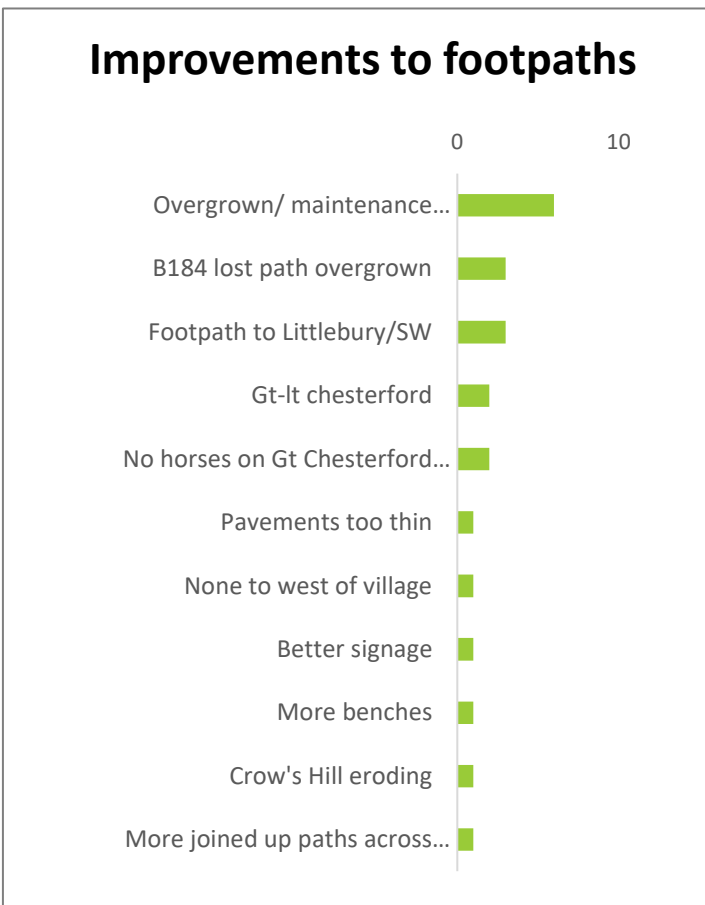
No villagers reported any difficulty getting the transport that they need



# Footpaths and cycle routes



71% support the creation of cycle routes, 43% said they would use them



Maintenance of footpaths and ability to join up footpaths are primary concerns

### Summary

Cycle routes are well supported and residents say that they will be well used. A small number of residents are concerned with the maintenance of footpaths, and the ability to join up the footpath network with other villages/towns

### Considerations/actions

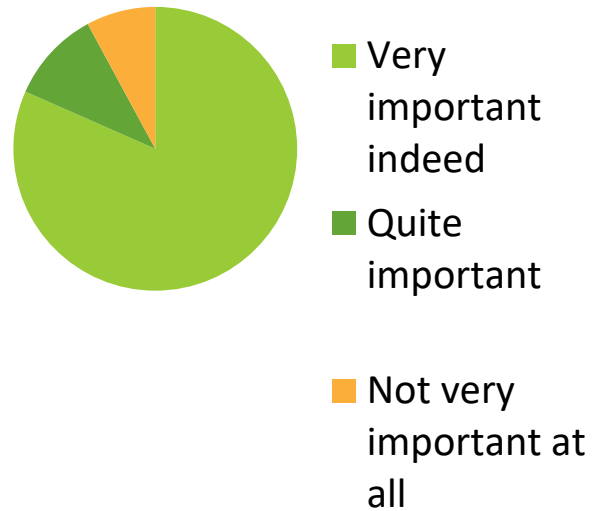
Work with other bodies as appropriate to support creation of cycle paths and footpaths. Investigate footpath maintenance. *(Parish Council)*





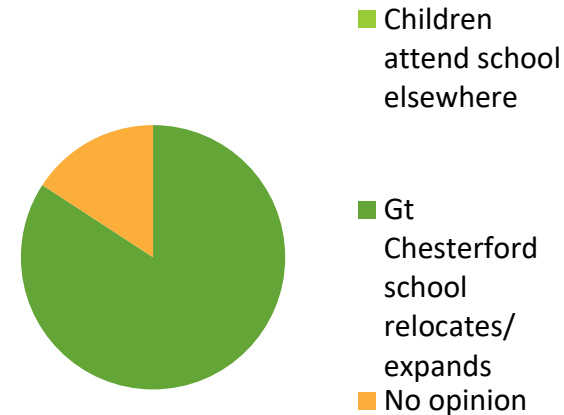
# Education

## Importance of children's ability to attend primary school in the Chesterfords



This is very important for 82% of respondents, with an additional 11% thinking it quite important

## Preference if existing school becomes full



All those with an opinion would prefer that the school expands and relocates if necessary

### Summary

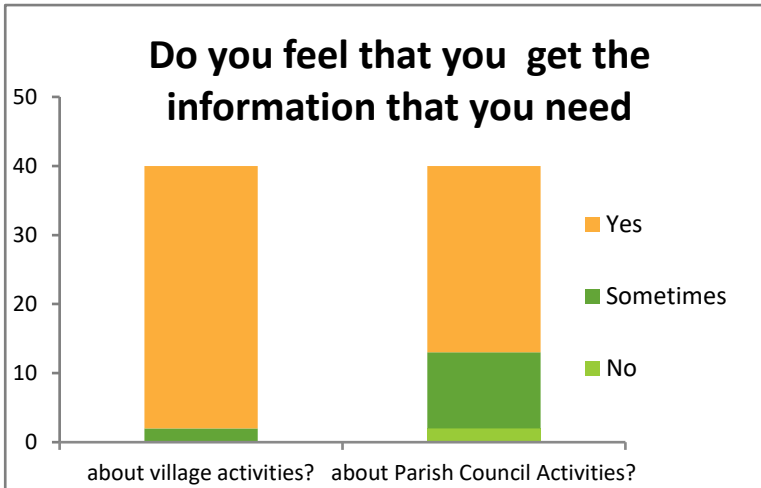
Respondents with or without children feel strongly about the ability of Little Chesterford children to attend primary school in the Chesterfords. If necessary, they would like to see the school expand and relocate rather than send children elsewhere.

### Considerations/actions

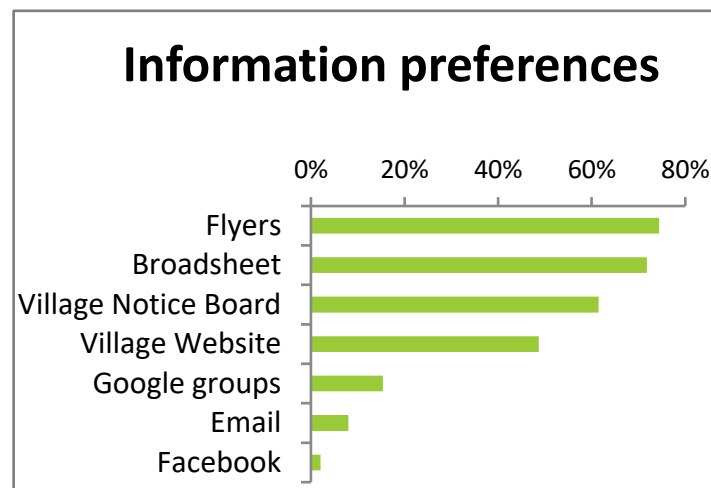
Endeavour to ensure that needs of Little Chesterford children are met when educational provision is planned (*Parish Council, PCC, Neighbourhood Plan committee*)



# Communication and democracy



Nearly everyone always knows about village activities, but the Parish Council has room for improvement



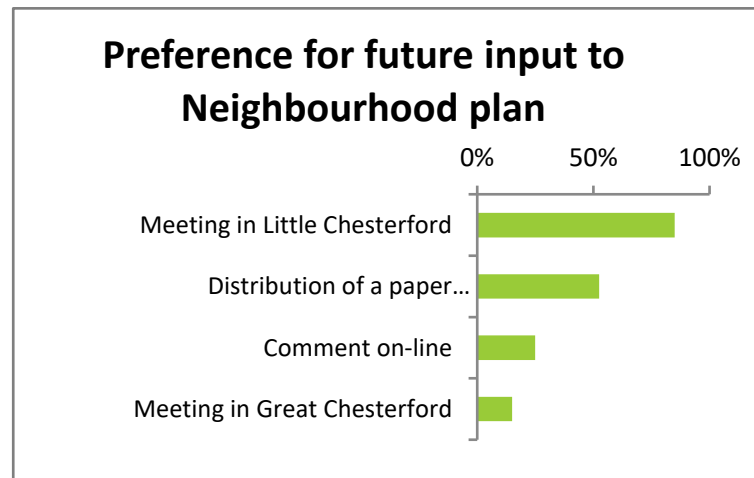
Paper is most popular, but a significant proportion also would like to receive information electronically

### Summary

The Parish Council has room for improvement in getting information to residents. Both paper and electronic formats are desired.

Future input to Neighbourhood Plan should be through meetings/distribution of info.

Several activities have volunteers



Strongest preference is for a meeting in Little Chesterford. Distribution of a document is also liked

- ### Potential areas for future village activity
- Broadband
  - Children's activities
  - Chesterfords Facebook group

Villagers have volunteered to help in several areas.

### Considerations/actions

Establish better ways of communicating activities.

*(Parish Council)*

Hold meeting(s) and distribute information for comment

*(Neighbourhood Plan Committee)*

Follow up with volunteers *(Parish Council, PCC, Village Hall Committee)*

# Conclusion

*Keep and build on what is great about Little Chesterford as it moves forward into the future....*

## **Ensure we stay “Little”**

- Limit development to new 10 homes over next 15 years
- Favoured sites are adjacent to existing homes at Manor Cottages, opposite Rectory Farm

## **Keep the rural nature of the village**

- Protect surrounding fields and green spaces, open views
- Protect the hub of the village – church, meadow and hall and historic core
- Maintain and improve the network of footpaths

## **Protect our safety, peace and quiet**

- Manage traffic volume and speed, especially with regard to limiting cut-through
- Ensure on-street parking does not impact on safety of pedestrians and cyclists

## **Maintain and strengthen the close community spirit**

- Ensure that future development of Gt Chesterford primary school includes Lt Chesterford children
- Ensure a mix of housing
- Ensure support for ageing population
- Improve Parish Council communications
- Ensure meetings are held to review Neighbourhood plans and materials are distributed/available.

## **Support *local* employment**

- Ensure infrastructure supports local employment (within 5 miles) and home working
  - including provision of cycle routes, footpaths, improved broadband

# Thank you to all who responded!

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ESSENTIAL FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

VERY HELPFUL FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL



Any Questions?

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