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1. Background to Consultation

At the time of the consultation (October 2018), there had been several notable events:

Since the previous consultation in October 2017, a new Post Office has opened in Lymm Village centre in November 2017.

The Warrington PDO consultation had taken place over a year earlier. Several of the sites put forward into the Warrington PDO consultation “call for sites” had development plans published, via glossy brochures, and made available to neighbouring residents (these sites are greenbelt, no submission for planning application had been made).

The Lymm Hotel was put forward for re-development, with a group of residents vocal in opposition to the planning application. A revised planning application was granted for the site, subsequent to the October 2018 consultation and receipt of paper and online questionnaires.

HS2 plans were progressing, cutting through the far east side of Lymm, from High Legh to Warburton. There were a series of local information events across June & July 2018, and a series of public consultation events at the end of November 2018 (as the questionnaire response window closed).

2. Process

There were 43 paper questionnaire responses, and 103 online questionnaires completed, giving 146 responses in total. Of these, there were 8 mostly or fully incomplete online responses where it appeared someone had followed the link but not entered any information.

Incomplete responses have been included; empty responses have been included in the analysis.

Questionnaire completion particularly on the paper responses, with some questions missed, or comments made against the closed questions (the open questions were clearly optional). On the paper responses, any comments or feedback that was not in the designated text boxes was ignored (any overspill from text boxes was included)

Paper questionnaires were manually entered onto the online survey tool and then the full result set were extracted for analysis.

3. Survey responses

3.1 Postcode survey

We requested postcode to allow us to view where respondents are based and check the geographical spread of respondents across the Parish of Lymm.

There were 140 postcodes entered (from 146 responses)

Two postcodes were not valid and not mapped.

There were 138 valid postcodes according to the Royal Mail online checker at <https://www.royalmail.com/business/find-a-postcode> Mapped using



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<https://gridreferencefinder.com/postcodeBatchConverter/> (which ignored postcodes for Cherry Corner)

Postcodes have been mapped below. Two of the postcodes appear to be from outside of the Parish of Lymm. All responses have been included equally in the report below (whether valid or not, within the Parish or not).

There were 105 unique postcodes supplied.

Postcodes were checked against an online resource for validity only.

Two postcodes provided appear to be invalid (this could be due to being unable to decipher handwriting, or due to an invalid postcode being provided for some reason, either way these should not impact any results.) The invalid postcodes have been included in the table below (as 'unique' postcodes).

The table below counts the number of times each postcode was recorded by attendees. So, 80 respondents completed a postcode that no other respondents recorded. 21 people entered a postcode that one other person also entered, 3 people entered a postcode that two others had used, 1 postcode was used four times and 1 postcode was used 5 times.

It is likely that a number of people from the same household completed the questionnaire, we have not looked to identify such occurrences.

Number of occurrences of each unique postcode (A)	Count of times postcodes was / were used (B)
1	80
2	21
3	3
4	1
5	1
Postcode field not completed	6
Total (sum of A*B)	146



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Questions

Please use this survey to tell us if you support or do not support the Proposed Vision and Objectives. You may also tell us if you support an idea but think it needs more work. There is a section at the end of the survey for your comments.

3.2 Vision Statement:

Visitors were asked to comment on the following proposed vision statement:

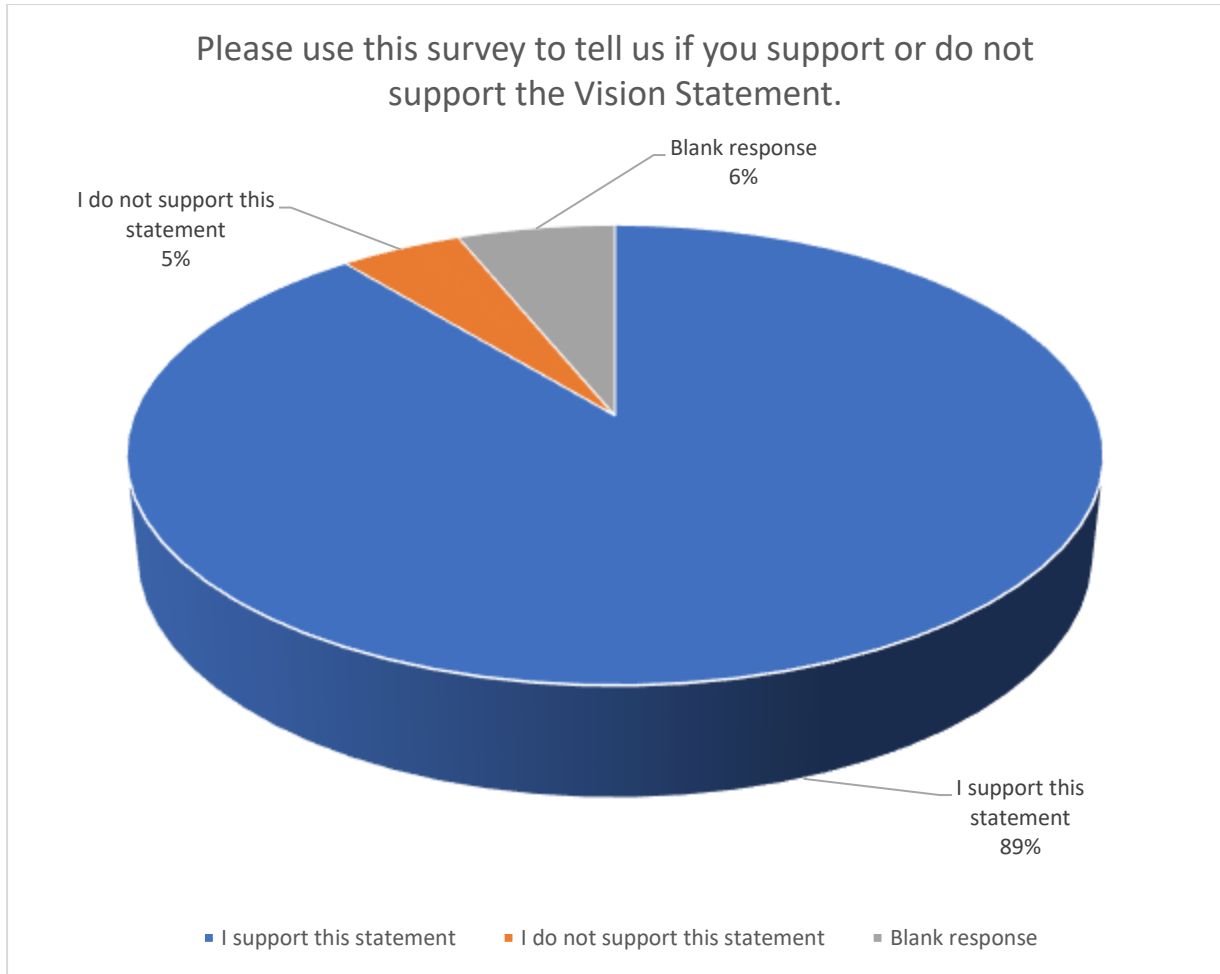
"By 2037 Lymm will continue to provide an excellent quality of life for those who work, live and enjoy their leisure time in the village. The strong awareness of community will have deepened, the physical environment and the social and physical infrastructure improved, and the contribution of visitors to the local economy will have grown. The valuable historic elements and the attractive natural environment of the Parish will have been protected and enhanced.

The optional responses to this question were: "I support this statement" and "I do not support this statement"

There were 136 responses to this question.



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4. Survey responses - objectives

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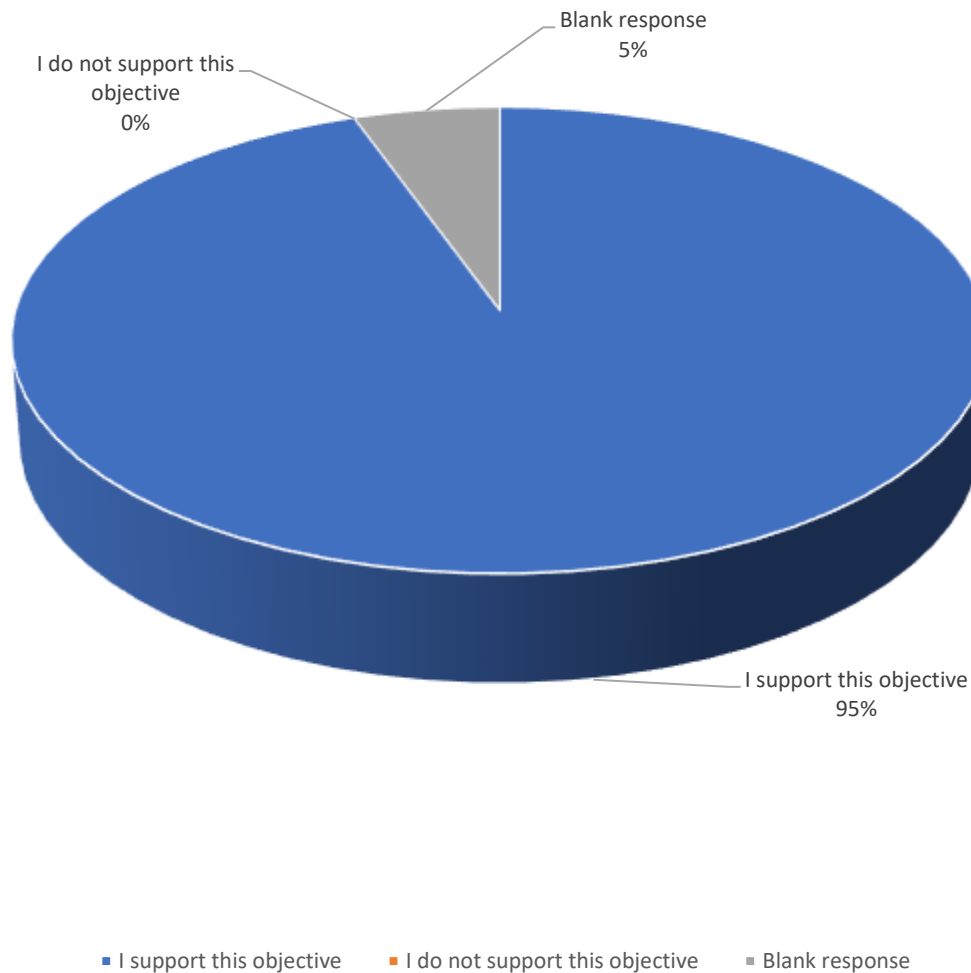
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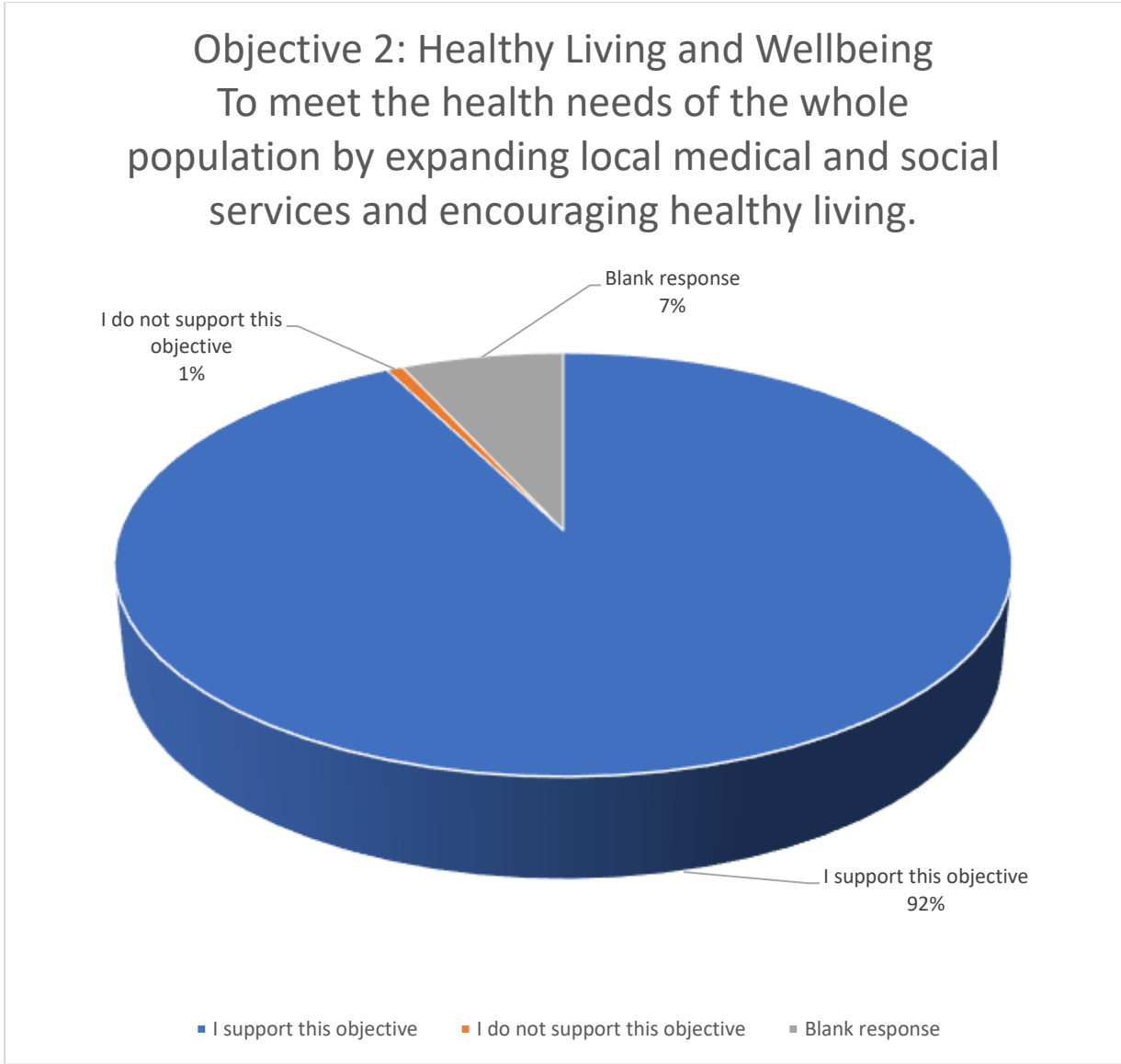


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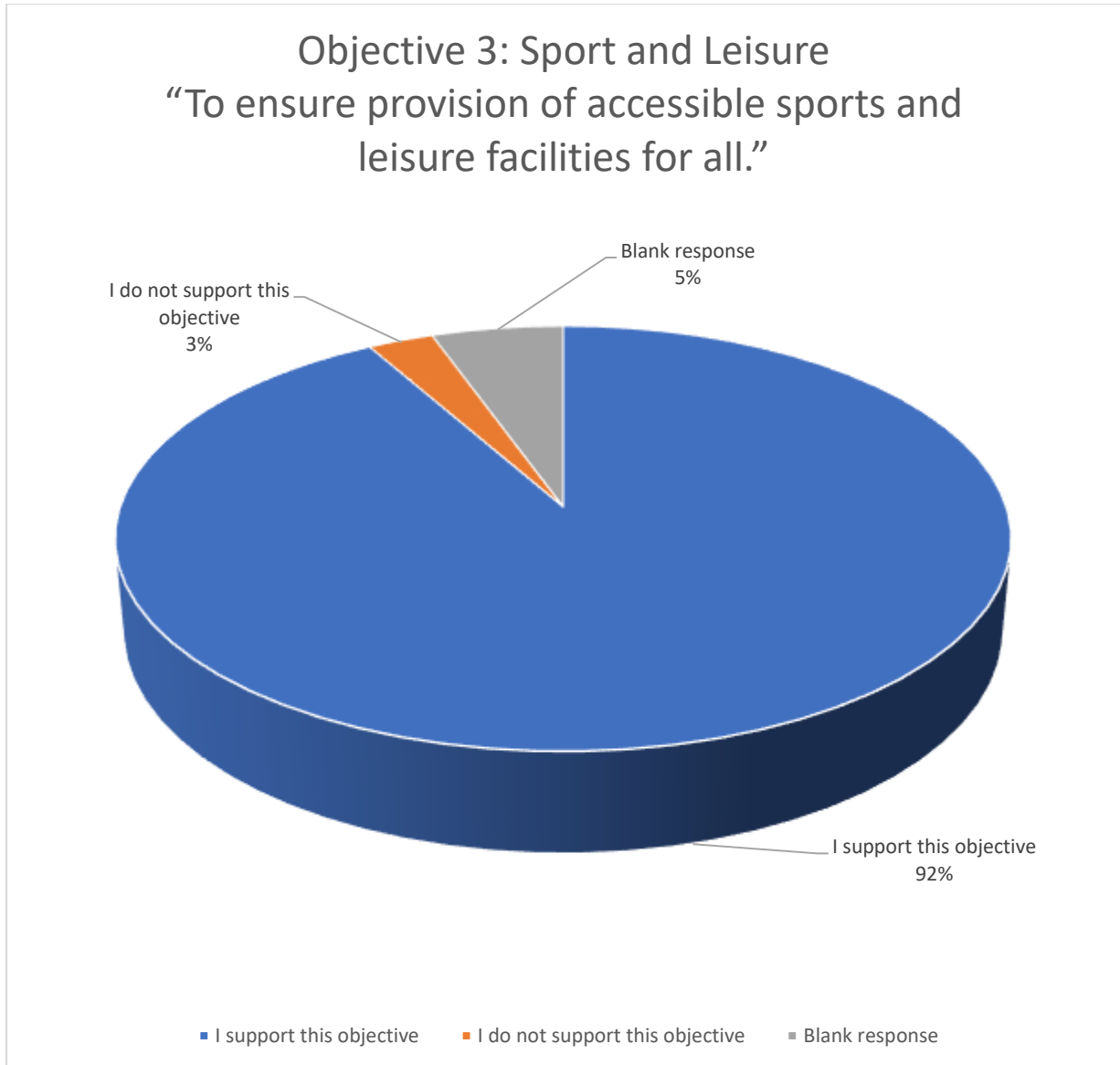


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Objective 3 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

There were comments that the transpennine trail should be made more user friendly, to allow access through existing cycle barriers for mobility scooters and cycles with panniers.

4.4 Objective 4: Green Infrastructure

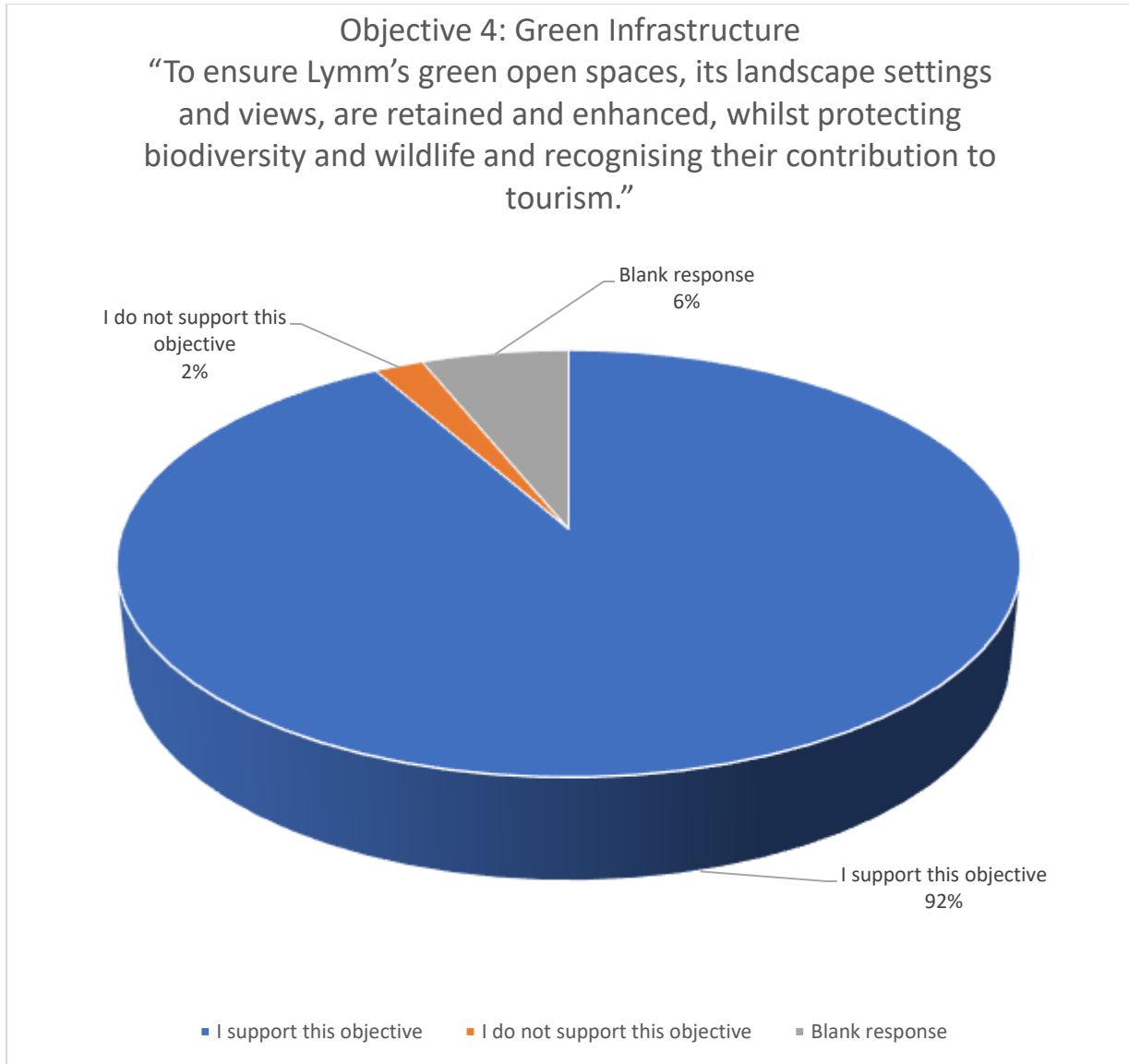
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Objective 4 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

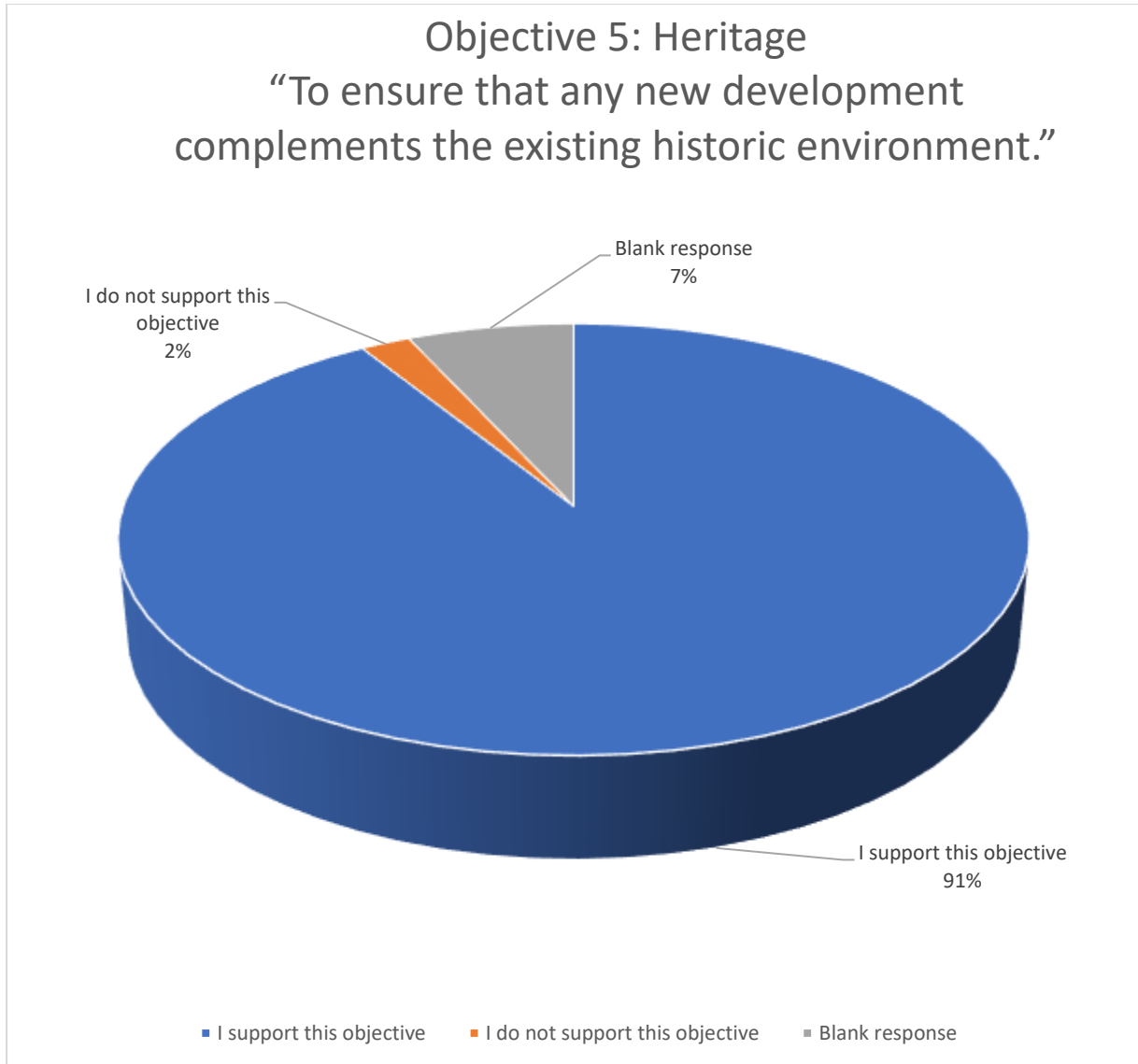
There was feedback that the objective was rejected due to a lack of dialogue and divergent thinking in this (and objective 5), with in the view of the respondent should lead to better designs.

4.5 Objective 5: Heritage

“To ensure that any new development complements the existing historic environment.”

The optional responses to this objective were: “I support this objective” and “I do not support this objective”

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Objective 5 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

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4.6 Objective 6: Housing

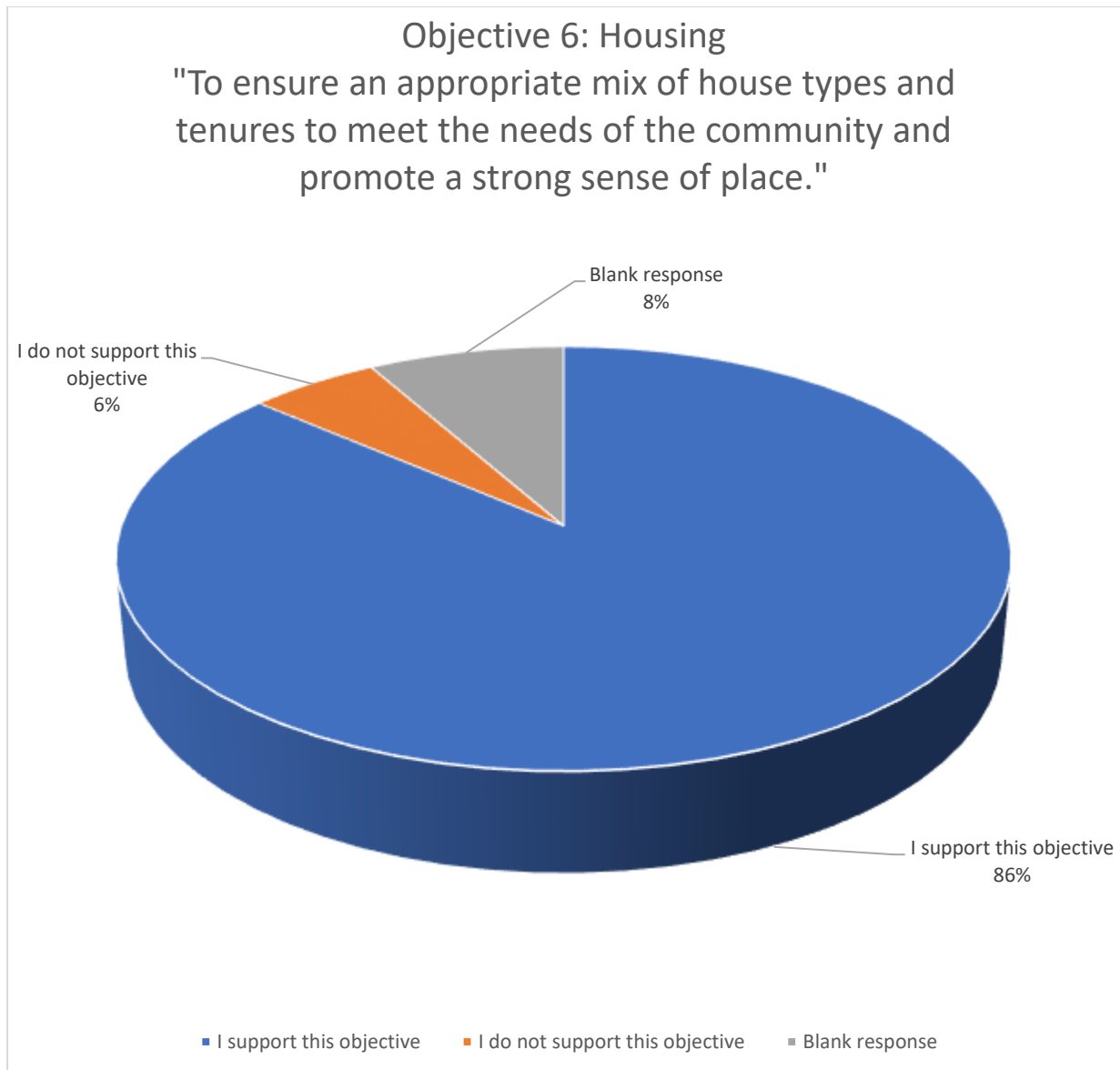
“To ensure an appropriate mix of house types and tenures to meet the needs of the community and promote a strong sense of place.”

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Objective 6 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

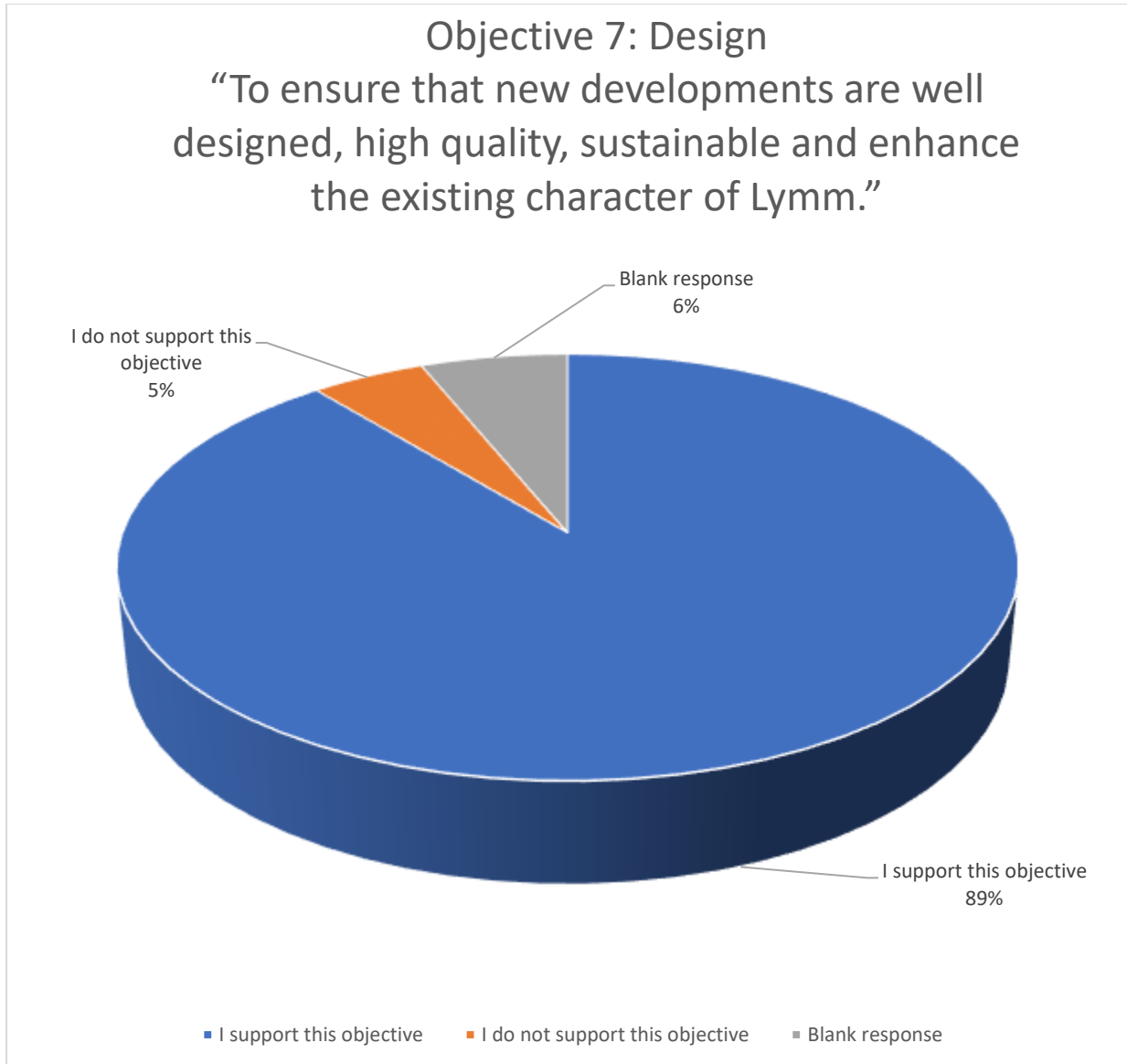
There were no comments covering why particular people did not support this objective, however there was a correlation between responses not supporting this objective and comments objecting to specific sites in the WBC ‘call for sites’, and in responses requesting protection of Lymm’s Green Belt.

4.7 Objective 7: Design

“To ensure that new developments are well designed, high quality, sustainable and enhance the existing character of Lymm.”

The optional responses to this objective were: “I support this objective” and “I do not support this objective”

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Objective 7 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

As for objective 6, there were no specific comments covering why particular people did not support this objective, but there was a correlation between responses not supporting this objective and comments objecting to specific sites in the WBC ‘call for sites’, and in responses requesting protection of Lymm’s Green Belt.

4.8 Objective 8: Employment

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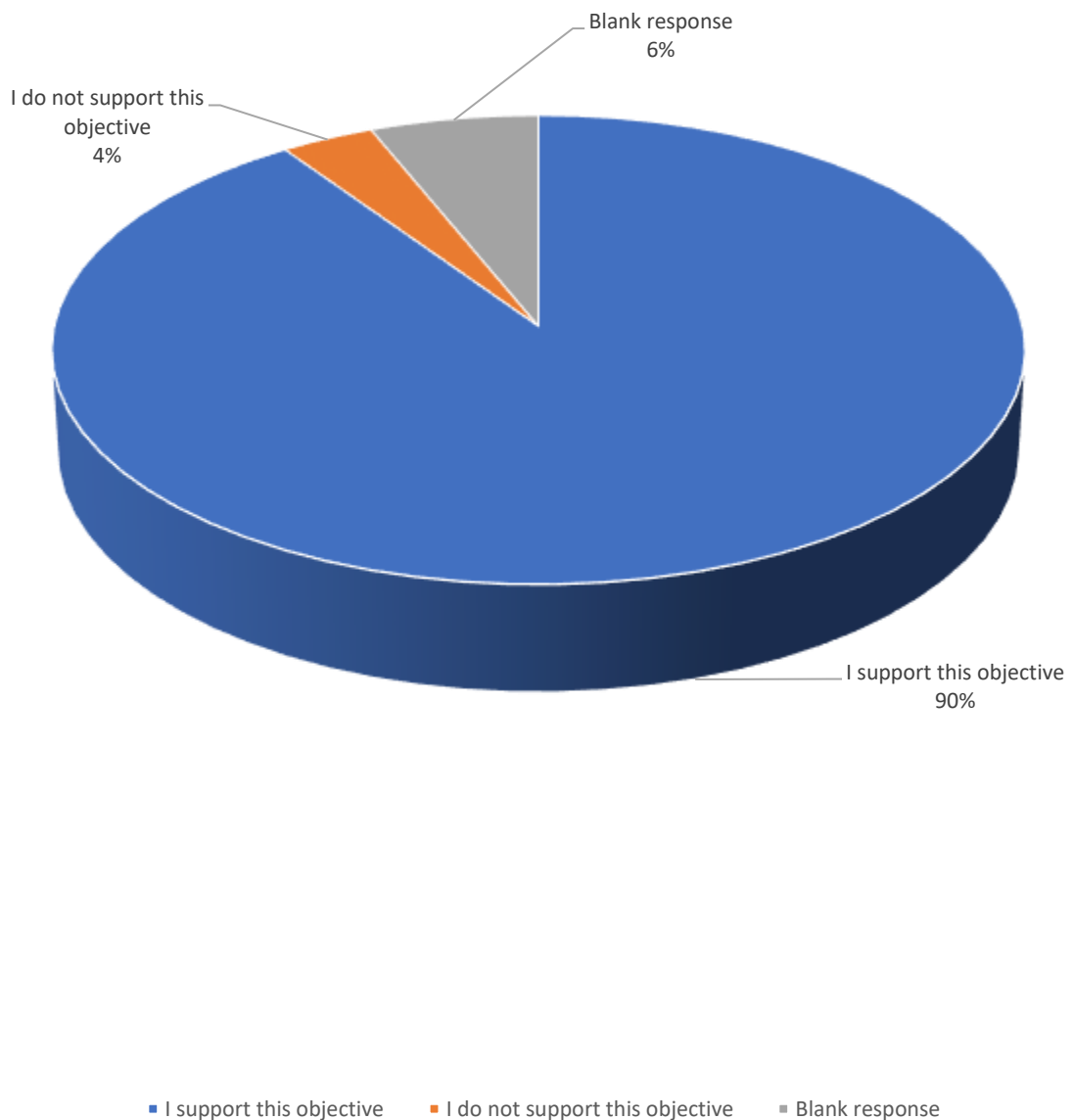
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Objective 8: Employment

“To support and encourage local employment including the development of new and varied facilities for small businesses.”



Objective 8 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

There was a comment that there was ‘plenty of room already’ for small businesses. There was a comment that there is insufficient infrastructure to support an increase in too many houses or businesses.

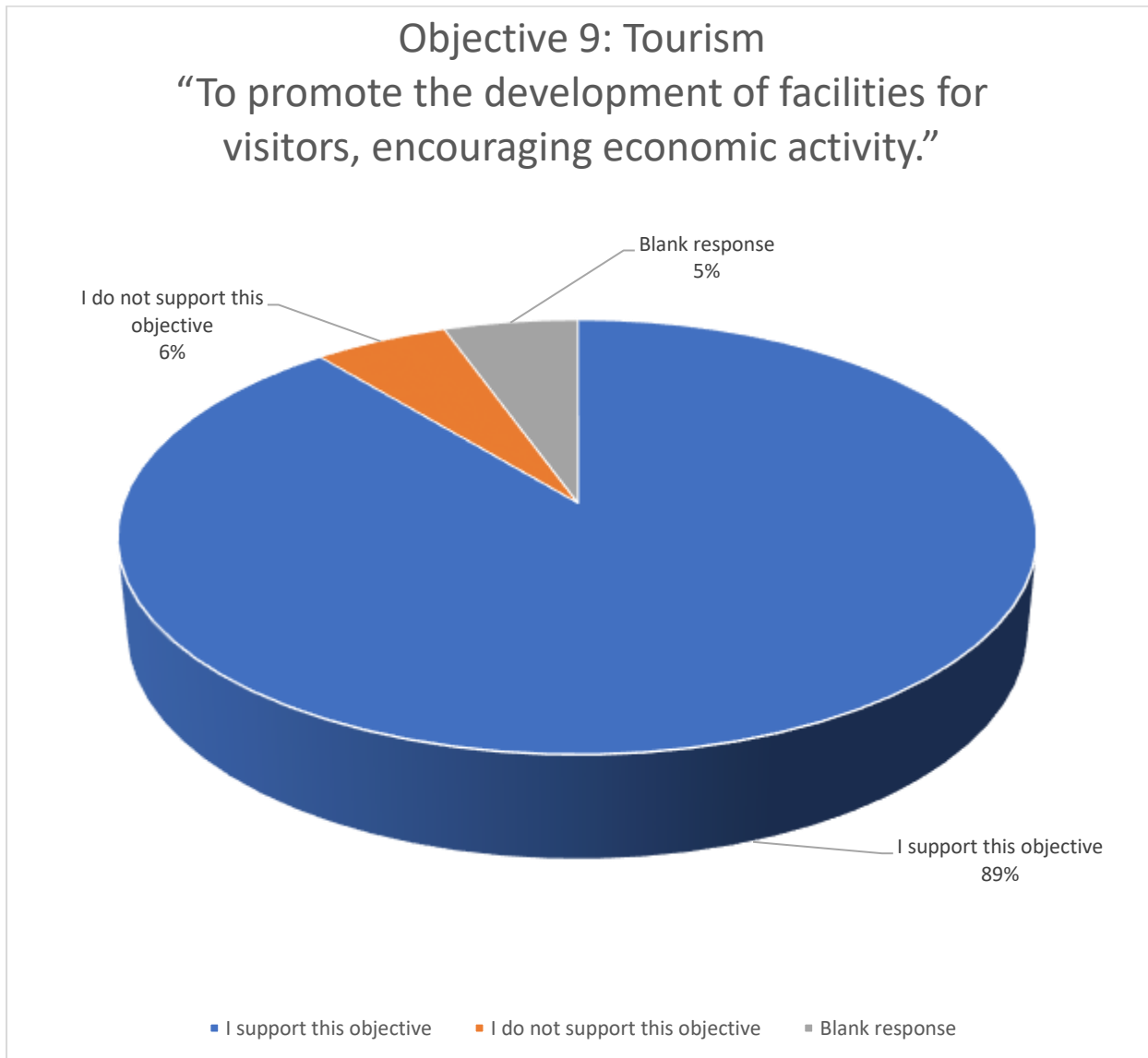


4.9 Objective 9: Tourism

“To promote the development of facilities for visitors, encouraging economic activity.”

The optional responses to this objective were: “I support this objective” and “I do not support this objective”

There were 137 responses to this question.



Objective 9 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

There were no comments that specifically addressed lack of support for this objective.



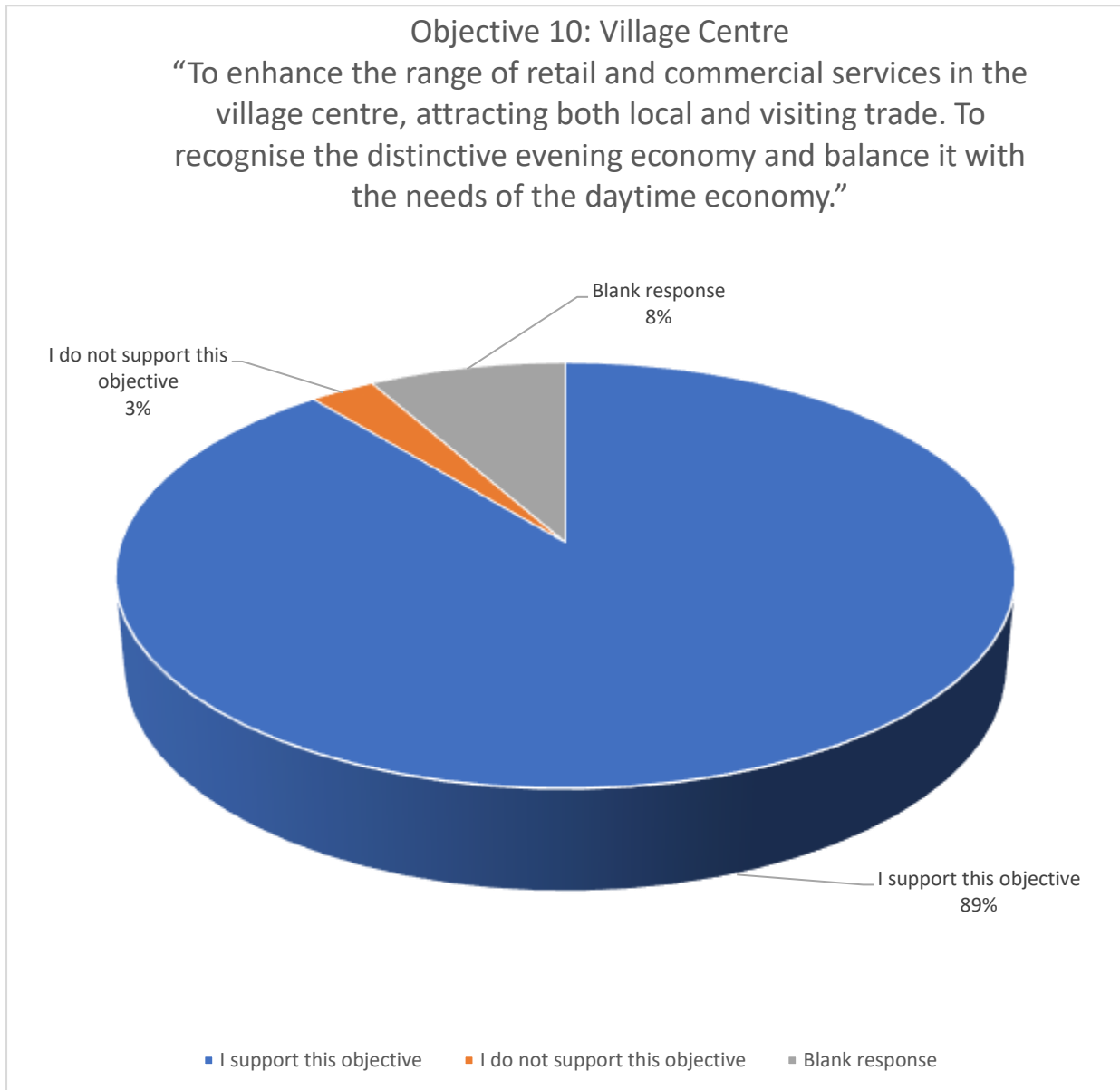
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4.10 Objective 10: Village Centre

“To enhance the range of retail and commercial services in the village centre, attracting both local and visiting trade. To recognise the distinctive evening economy and balance it with the needs of the daytime economy.”

The optional responses to this objective were: “I support this objective” and “I do not support this objective”

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Objective 10 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

There were no comments that specifically addressed lack of support for this objective.



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4.11 Objective 11: Traffic, Transport and Movement

“To holistically manage the transport network to better link the village centre with residential, employment, community and visitor facilities. To develop safe routes that encourage pedestrians and cyclists. “

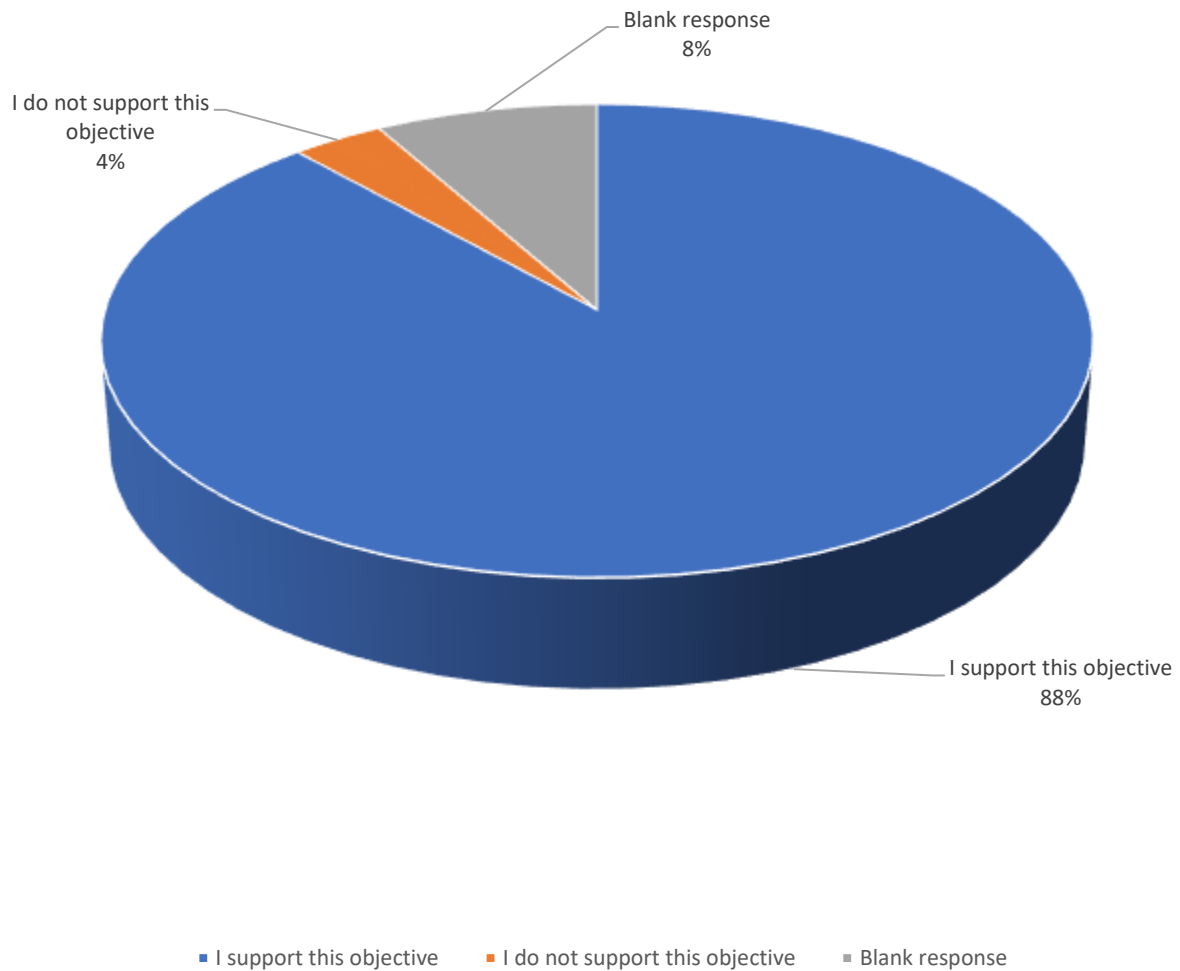
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Objective 11: Traffic, Transport and Movement
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Objective 11 – feedback where response does not support this objective.

There was feedback on this objective raising concern about use by youths and / or gangs causing concern for residents along non-vehicular routes leading to & from the village centre.

5. Open questions

5.1 Open question 1:

“Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Vision and Objectives?”

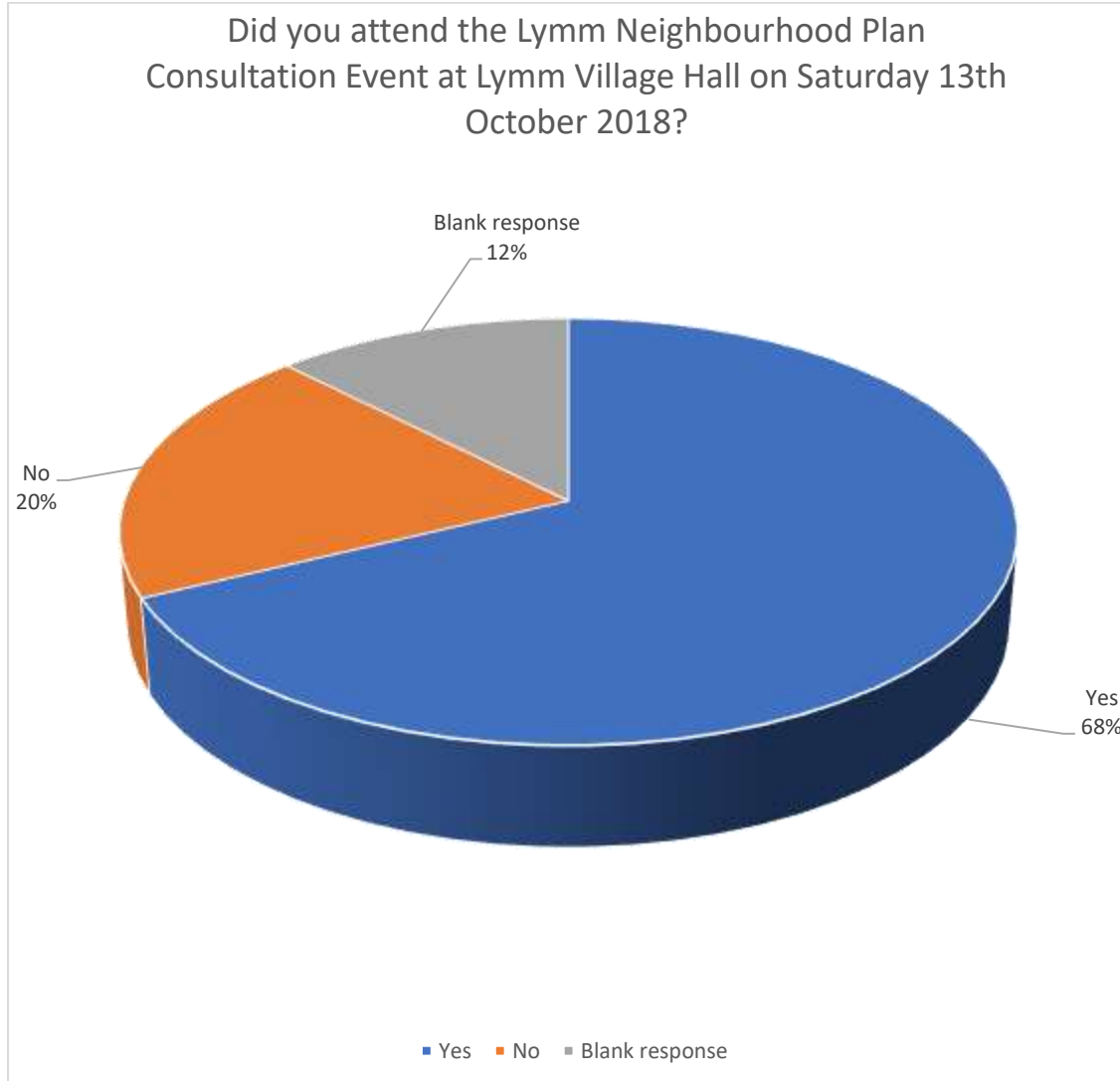


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“Did you attend the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event at Lymm Village Hall on Saturday 13th October 2018?”

The optional responses to this question were: “Yes” and “No”

There were 128 responses to this question.



5.2 Open question 2:

“What (if anything) did you like / find informative about the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event at Lymm Village Hall on Saturday 13th October 2018?”

The feedback from this question will be used to improve future consultations events.

5.3 Open question 3:

What (if anything) would you have liked to have heard more about at the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event at Lymm Village Hall on Saturday 13th October 2018?



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6. Post-it note feedback

At the consultation event, visitors were asked to write down their thoughts and ideas onto post it notes (free form text, limited to short responses by the size of the post-it notes). These were located under the five main themes that were selected for the preliminary consultation in October 2017. These post it notes were collated, sorted and charted, with the results shown below.

The themes were:

Housing & development

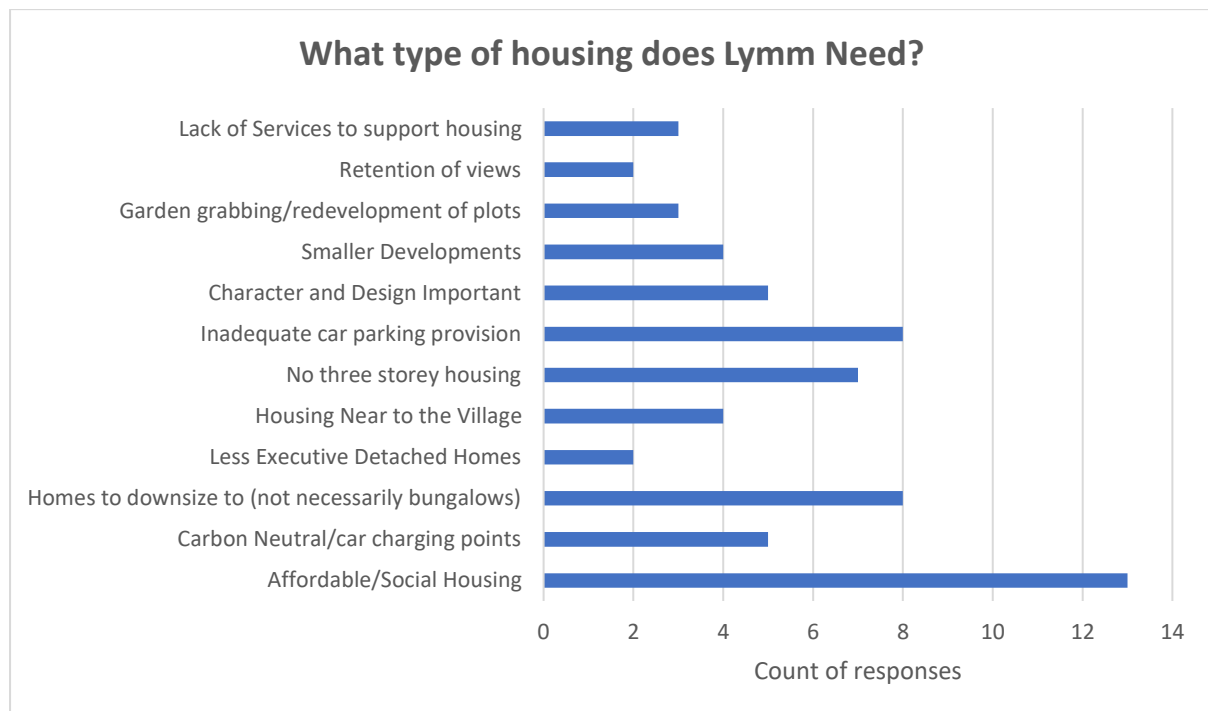
Traffic & transport

Community, leisure & wellbeing

Economy, Business & Employment

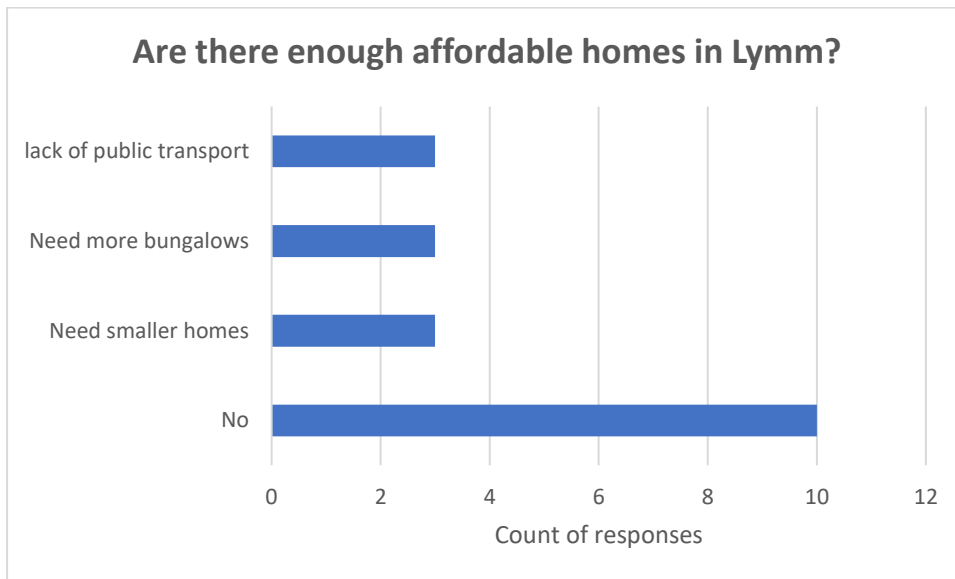
Environment, Design & Character

6.1 Housing & Development





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From looking at the responses to question asked the most important issue with respect to housing within Lymm is the lack of affordable housing for both rent and home ownership.

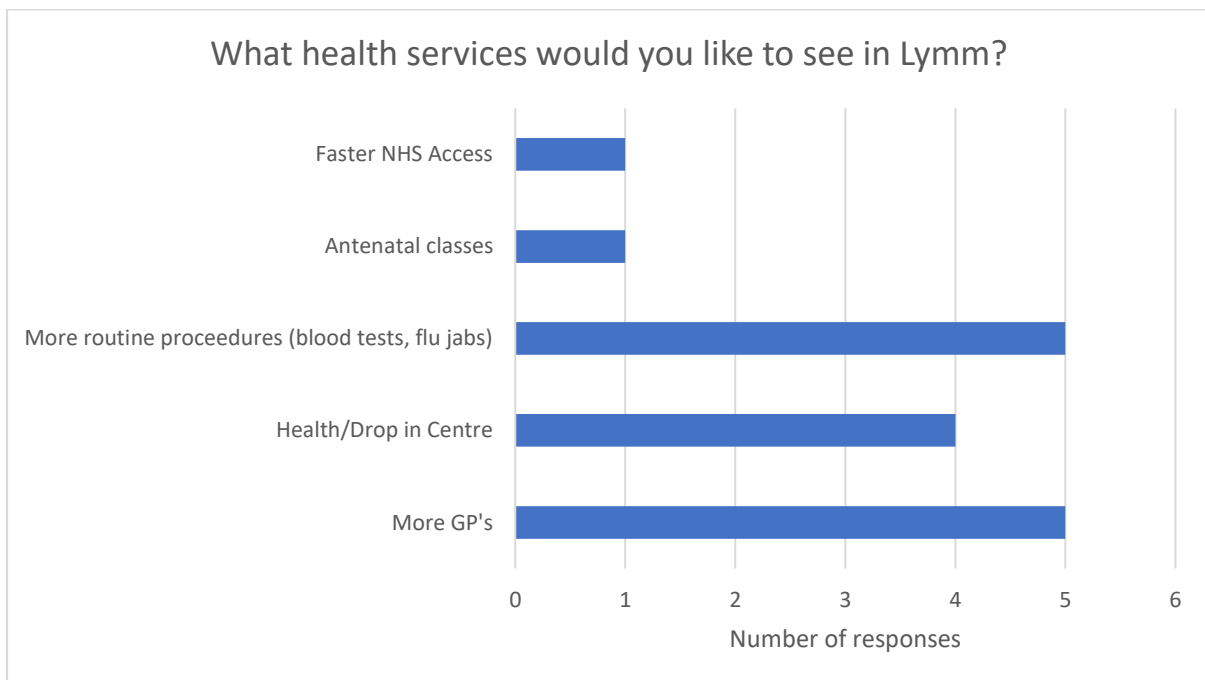
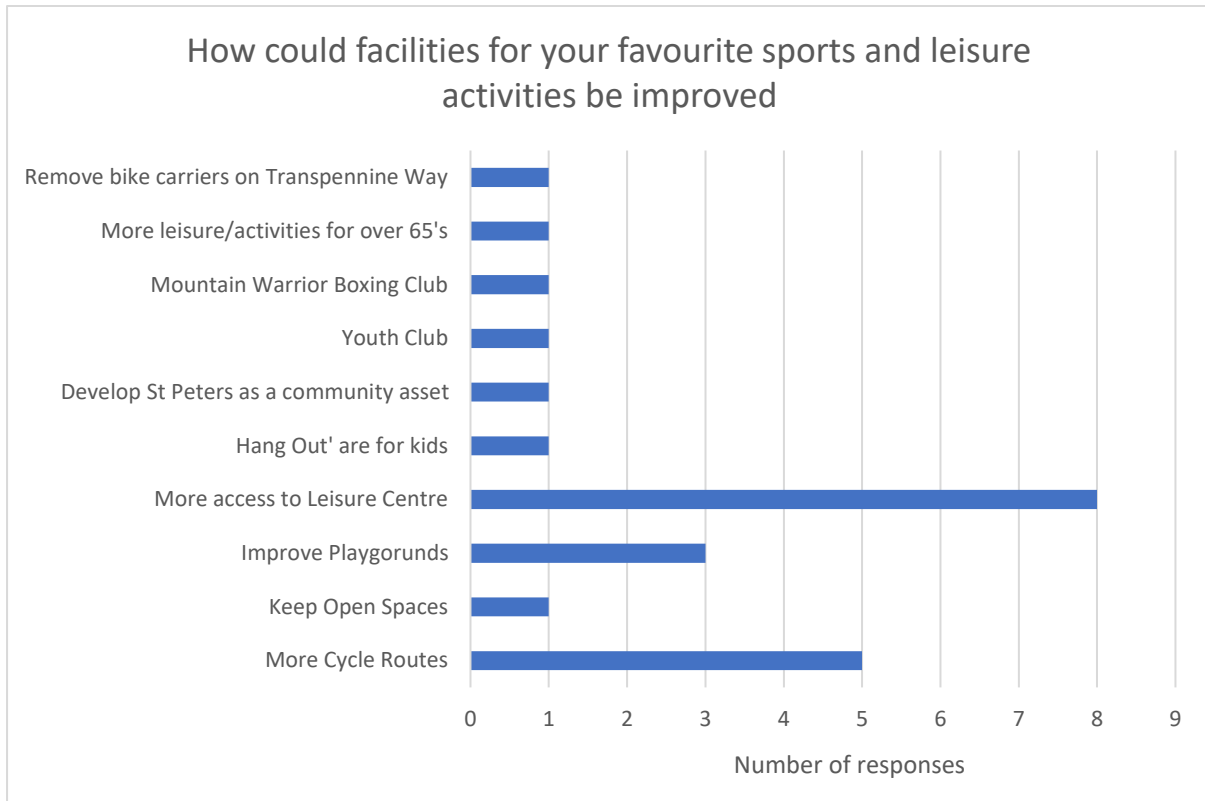
Other important issues appear to be the need for smaller homes generally, the need for appropriate housing for older people to downsize to.

The design and layout of new homes appears to be important to the community. Many people have stated that they think that car parking provision is inadequate on new build estates and there were several comments stating that three storey housing is in appropriate for Lymm.



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6.2 Leisure & wellbeing





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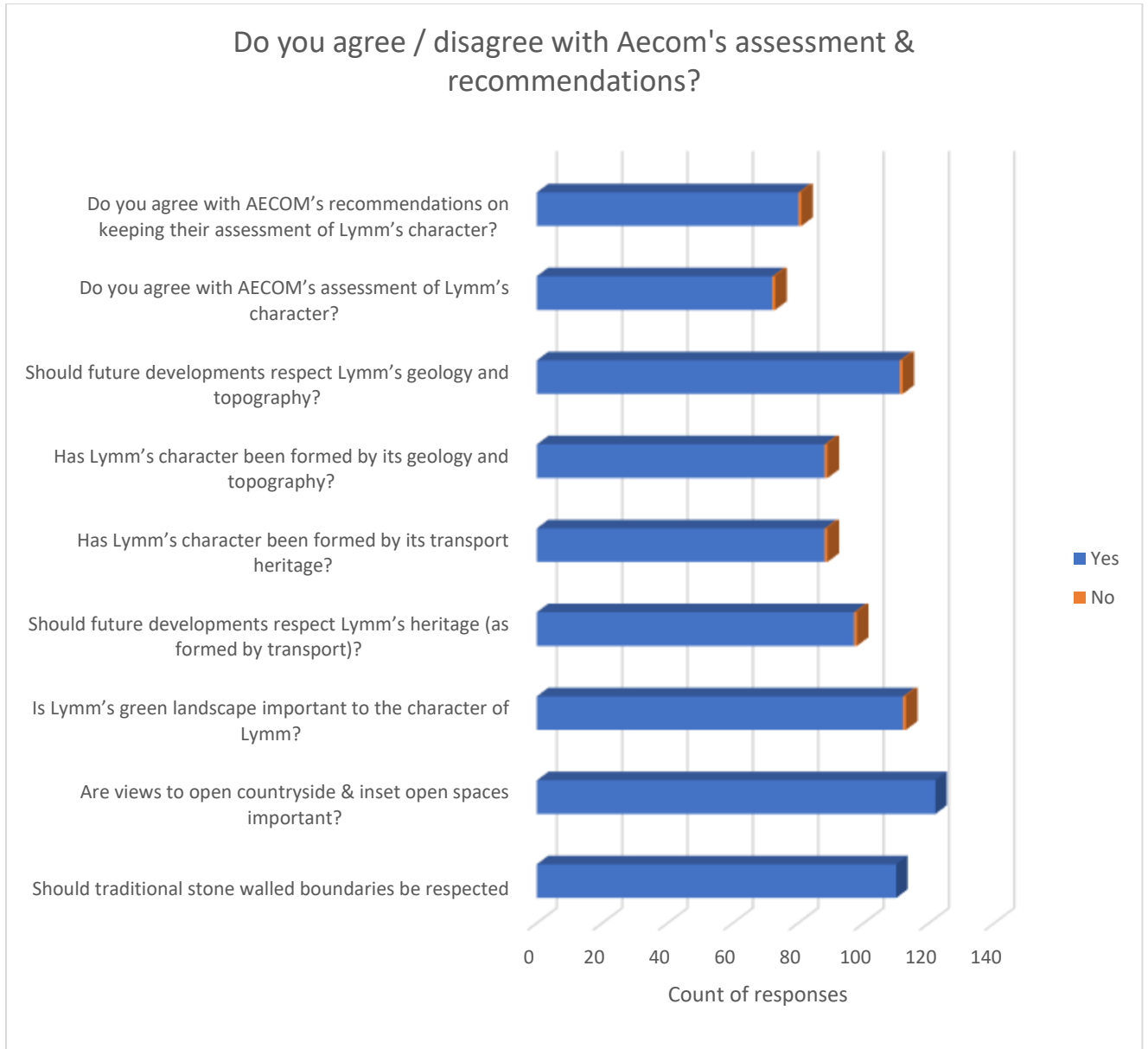
6.3 Environment, Design & Character

The following were key messages taken from Post-it notes for this sub-group.

1. The area of Heatley is a community characterised by open spaces
2. Need not to build on greenbelt and open fields – this is why people like to live and work in Lymm
3. Green belt must be protected
4. Consider applying for RIG status for gorge – Regionally Important Geographical and Geomorphological site
5. Over development is overwhelming
6. People recognise Heatley Flash specifically and make provision to protect it if there is further development in the area
7. Currently hedges and trees not maintained – need to ensure ongoing maintenance is also considered
8. Protect retain or replant hedges on Cherry lane
9. Oughtrington is the frontier of the greenbelt
10. Heatley Flash and the little flash is a unique area in Lymm which should be protected for future generations – protecting this part of the greenbelt is extremely important
11. Lymm must have sustainable aspiration for the long-term
12. Farmland and greenbelt which is used for leisure should be protected
13. Protecting green belt is crucial in any building programme
14. Use brownfield sites locally only when (until??) brownfield sites north of the Ship canal have been developed
15. Keep space / field between Oughtrington Lane and Scholars Green Estate – too much development nearby
16. If views of Lymm are covered by housing, it will become one big housing estate forever
17. Why is Flash not specifically mentioned in AECOM's assessment
18. Lymm and Oughtrington villages should be separated by green fields – share resources as separate groupings (schools, shops etc.)



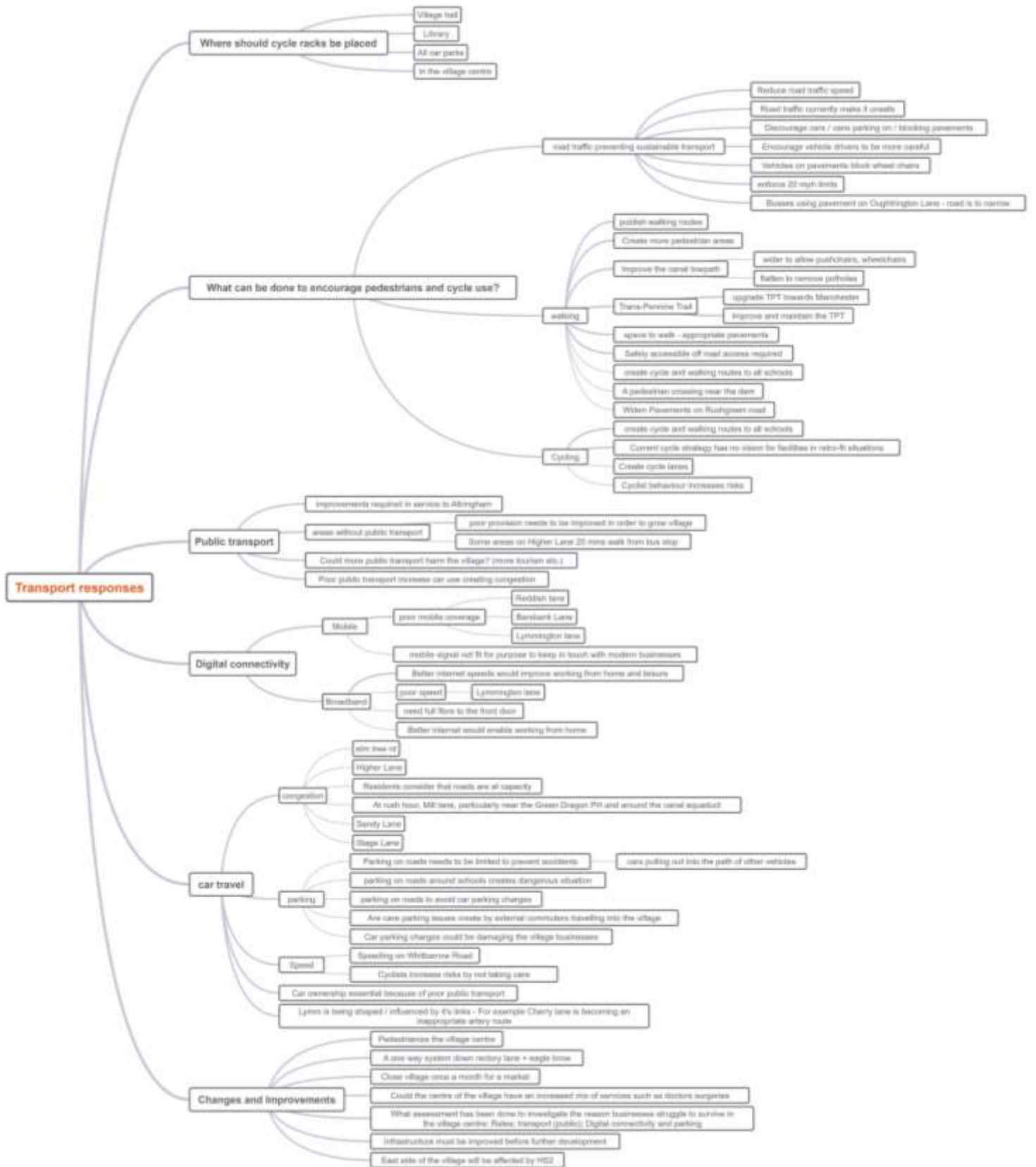
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6.4 Travel & Transport





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1. Where should cycle racks be placed

1.1. Village hall

1.2. Library

1.3. All car parks

1.4. in the village centre

2. What can be done to encourage pedestrians and cycle use?

2.1. road traffic preventing sustainable transport

2.1.1. Reduce road traffic speed

2.1.2. Road traffic currently make it unsafe

2.1.3. Discourage cars / vans parking on / blocking pavements

2.1.4. Encourage vehicle drivers to be more careful

2.1.5. Vehicles on pavements block wheel chairs

2.1.6. enforce 20 mph limits

2.1.7. Busses using pavement on Oughtrington Lane - road is too narrow

2.2. walking

2.2.1. publish walking routes

2.2.2. Create more pedestrian areas

2.2.3. Improve the canal towpath

2.2.3.1. wider to allow pushchairs, wheelchairs

2.2.3.2. flatten to remove potholes

2.2.4. Trans-Pennine Trail

2.2.4.1. upgrade TPT towards Manchester

2.2.4.2. Improve and maintain the TPT

2.2.5. space to walk - appropriate pavements

2.2.6. Safely accessible off road access required

2.2.7. create cycle and walking routes to all schools

2.2.8. A pedestrian crossing near the dam

2.2.9. Widen Pavements on Rushgreen road

2.3. Cycling

2.3.1. create cycle and walking routes to all schools



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2.3.2. Current cycle strategy has no vision for facilities in retro-fit situations

2.3.3. Create cycle lanes

2.3.4. Cyclist behaviour increases risks

3. Public transport

3.1. improvements required in service to Altringham

3.2. areas without public transport

3.2.1. poor provision needs to be improved in order to grow village

3.2.2. Some areas on Higher Lane 20 mins walk from bus stop

3.3. Could more public transport harm the village? (more tourism etc.)-

3.4. Poor public transport increase car use creating congestion

4. Digital connectivity

4.1. Mobile

4.1.1. poor mobile coverage

4.1.1.1. Reddish lane

4.1.1.2. Barsbank Lane

4.1.1.3. Lymmington lane

4.1.2. mobile signal not fit for purpose to keep in touch with modern businesses

4.2. Broadband

4.2.1. Better internet speeds would improve working from home and leisure

4.2.2. poor speed

4.2.2.1. Lymmington lane

4.2.3. need full fibre to the front door

4.2.4. Better internet would enable working from home

5. car travel

5.1. congestion

5.1.1. elm tree rd

5.1.2. Higher Lane

5.1.3. Residents consider that roads are at capacity



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5.1.4. At rush hour, Mill lane, particularly near the Green Dragon PH and around the canal aquaduct

5.1.5. Sandy Lane

5.1.6. Stage Lane

5.2. parking

5.2.1. Parking on roads needs to be limited to prevent accidents

5.2.1.1. cars pulling out into the path of other vehicles

5.2.2. parking on roads around schools creates dangerous situation

5.2.3. parking on roads to avoid car parking charges

5.2.4. Are care parking issues create by external commuters travelling into the village

5.2.5. Car parking charges could be damaging the village businesses

5.3. Speed

5.3.1. Speeding on Whitbarrow Road

5.3.2. Cyclists increase risks by not taking care

5.4. Car ownership essential because of poor public transport

5.5. Lymm is being shaped / influenced by it's links - For example Cherry lane is becoming an inappropriate artery route

6. Changes and Improvements

6.1. Pedestrianize the village centre

6.2. A one way system down rectory lane + eagle brow

6.3. Close village once a month for a market

6.4. Could the centre of the village have an increased mix of services such as doctors surgeries

6.5. What assessment has been done to investigate the reason businesses struggle to survive in the village centre: Rates; transport (public); Digital connectivity and parking

6.6. Infrastructure must be improved before further development

6.7. East side of the village will be affected by HS2



7. Appendix A –Questionnaire

A copy of the paper version of the questionnaire is below. The questions on the online survey were identical.

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- Yes
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your answers will help create a Neighbourhood Plan which represents Lymm residents' opinions.

If you would like to contact us, please email us at info@lymmplan.org or contact us through our website at www.lymmplan.org/contact or write to us at the address below.

LYMM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP, Lymm Parish Council, Village Hall, Pepper Street, Lymm WA13 0JB

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Please use this survey to tell us if you support or do not support the Proposed Vision and Objectives.

Please tell us your home postcode

We are asking for this to allow us to validate where respondents are based, and will only use this information in line with our privacy statement (see <https://www.lymmplan.org/contact/privacy/>)

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Please select one of the following:

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Objectives

In order for the Vision to be implemented it must be broken down into key objectives, all of which contribute to the delivery of the Vision. The proposed objectives presented below address specific issues identified in the preliminary consultation.

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Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Vision and Objectives?

You do not need to leave comments to complete the survey, however if you would like to leave a comment, please use the box below: