



Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan

Residents' questionnaire report ADULT

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Introduction

Dorstone Parish Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and formed a Steering Group to undertake this work for the Parish. The group has been meeting monthly since March and comprises of three sub-groups, one of which is the Consultative Group which oversees consultation with the Community including the preparation, distribution and analysis of this Questionnaire.

This report presents the basic results of that questionnaire which was conducted during November 2013. The report has been independently produced by Data Orchard CIC¹, commissioned by the Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan steering group, and based directly on the residents' responses to the distributed questionnaires.

Version history

Issue 1.0 – Report to Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Issue 1.01 – Comment moved to relevant place in report and response rate agreed.

Presentation of results

This report is mostly comprised of tables and charts presenting the results of the survey. For the most part the base for each question is the total number of respondents who answered that question, however if 10% of total survey respondents didn't answer a particular question, the base for that question is considered as the 'total survey respondents'

The tables show the number and percentage of respondents who selected each option. When percentages are presented, they are rounded to the nearest whole number. This may give rise to occasions where the total number of respondents sums to just under or over 100%. Note that if respondents could select more than one answer to a particular question, the percentages may add up to more than 100%.

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Survey methodology

For four months prior to the survey, the Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group talked to as many Parishioners as possible to determine the issues which people see as important. This information was used to prepare the questionnaire Parishioners flagged up many issues which are of great concern.

However in an attempt to keep the overall length of the questionnaire reasonable it did **not** include any questions in relation to three important areas. These are the quality of Broadband service, future housing needs and the future of the Conservation Area. The questionnaire was developed by the Neighbourhood Plan steering group along with advice from Data Orchard before a final version was agreed in October.

During early November volunteers hand delivered questionnaires to all households in Dorstone parish. Residents were given sufficient questionnaires to allow completion by each adult member aged 16 and over, and a Youth Questionnaire for those young people aged 10-15. The completed questionnaires were sealed in an envelope provided, and collected by the person who delivered it within the following two weeks. The sealed returned envelopes were opened in the presence of an independent adjudicator, a representative from Data Orchard, mostly on 26th November with a future delivery on the 28th November and a few additional ones on 3rd December.

Results

Response to the survey

The number of questionnaires returned, at least partially completed, was 243. According to the 2011 Census, the total number of people aged 16 and over, usually resident in the group parish on 27th March 2011 was 329². Based on this census figure, responses have been received from 74% of residents aged 16 and over.

Residents who responded to the questionnaire	Census 2011 Resident population aged 16 and over	
	Number	% of population responding
243	329	74%

² Table KS102EW - Age structure. ONS Crown Copyright Reserved [from Nomis on 13th December 2013]

Neighbourhood Planning – Vision Statement

To enhance, retain and protect the essential features that Dorstone currently provides – namely: -

- An attractive place to live that caters for the needs of all age groups from young to old
- A vibrant community that looks after its members whilst being welcoming to new residents and visitors
- A location which promotes and encourages successful farming and small businesses, an environment where young members of the community can seek employment and remain in the parish
- A sustainable environment preserving the natural landscape and wildlife and providing a peaceful and enjoyable way of life
- A small community that recognises that modest changes and limited growth can help the aspirations and the way of life of all those living in it

Comments on the above would be welcome.

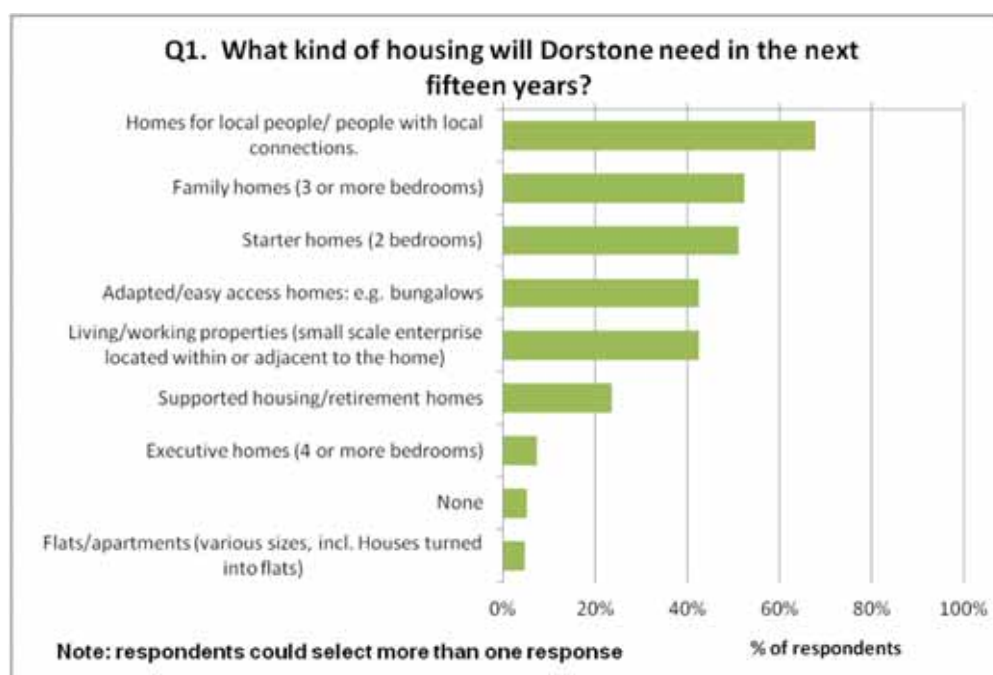
In total there were four responses to the vision statement which were:

- I agree, entirely, with the above Vision Statement. <Named individual> and I came to live in <house name> in the summer of <Year> when we both retired from the teaching profession. We were warmly welcomed and have found the village an extremely pleasant to live ever since. I find it difficult to think how it could be improved but applaud your desire to meet the needs of the current and future population and not to be complacent about your achievements. "All strength to your elbow".
- Of course all the above important and perhaps local land owners could permit and encourage more units/land for new enterprises. Paragraph 4 - peaceful - yes it is but bigger problem is speed and at times intensity of traffic. Speed limit seems when for all - 20mph - far more suitable for such a small road and no pavement for safe refuges in places. Would love to see lower limit and even better a chicane between Hay end and bridge as most vehicles seem to increase speed at this point to approach the slope. Some calming device is needed perhaps stripes and change of road surface could be considered.
- Successful farming probably means more mechanisation and consequently fewer permanent full-time jobs available. Employment opportunities in rural areas are likely to continue to dwindle and those that there are, are unlikely to match the skills and aspirations of local inhabitants. In other words is this vision realistic and attainable?
- The vision statement is excellent to see and work towards, however it is not a true reflection of the current situation within Dorstone where there is a disappointing lack of consideration for others held by too many people.

Housing

Question 1. What kind of housing will Dorstone need in the next fifteen years? (Tick all that apply)

	No.	%
Homes for local people/ people with local connections.	158	68%
Family homes (3 or more bedrooms)	122	52%
Starter homes (2 bedrooms)	119	51%
Adapted/easy access homes: e.g. bungalows	99	42%
Living/working properties (small scale enterprise located within or adjacent to the home)	99	42%
Supported housing/retirement homes	55	24%
Executive homes (4 or more bedrooms)	17	7%
None	12	5%
Flats/apartments (various sizes, incl. Houses turned into flats)	11	5%
Total respondents	233	100%
Not answered	10	



Additional comments

- No new homes should be built until the flooding problems experienced in Dorstone are rectified.
- Looking to the future housing needs, it would seem sensible for there to be a planned development of new housing in the space at the Bage end of the village where a consideration for infrastructure is included. Within and as part of the development there should be included a community building; a building which can include a shop and a hall which can hold a decent sized number of people and have a good size car park with a dedicated spaces for the mobile post office and car sharing. It could

house a local tourism information site including local places of interest and places to stay; it could be the base for a small business centre to support both new and existing business within the parish. A shop on the main road is more likely to be successful where it can attract passing trade, it could also be a base for the monthly 'Farmers Market'. The community building could incorporate all manners of green energy; for example, a biomass boiler plus solar cells on the roof. With careful planning the building should be able to generate enough income to be self-sustaining, unlike other current community buildings which seem to be a constant drain on the purses of the parishioners. With regard to any new buildings in the parish, there needs to be a better consideration of the planning regulations with an adherence to local styles and local building materials; unlike some recent buildings where non local materials were used and associates completion works have not been carried out. There also needs to be a time limit for building completion so that the parish is not faced with a long term building site. Care needs to be taken to ensure that the materials used are of a good quality so that relatively new buildings are not quickly falling into disrepair; our end of the Golden Valley has the landscapes to become a place of outstanding natural beauty unfortunately it is let down by the standard of some buildings. Finally with regard to any existing community building within the parish, if it is truly vibrant and welcoming to all, then its viability should not be in question and there will be no need of protection or extra support.

Question 2. What types of new housing should there be in Dorstone Parish?

(Tick one box per row)

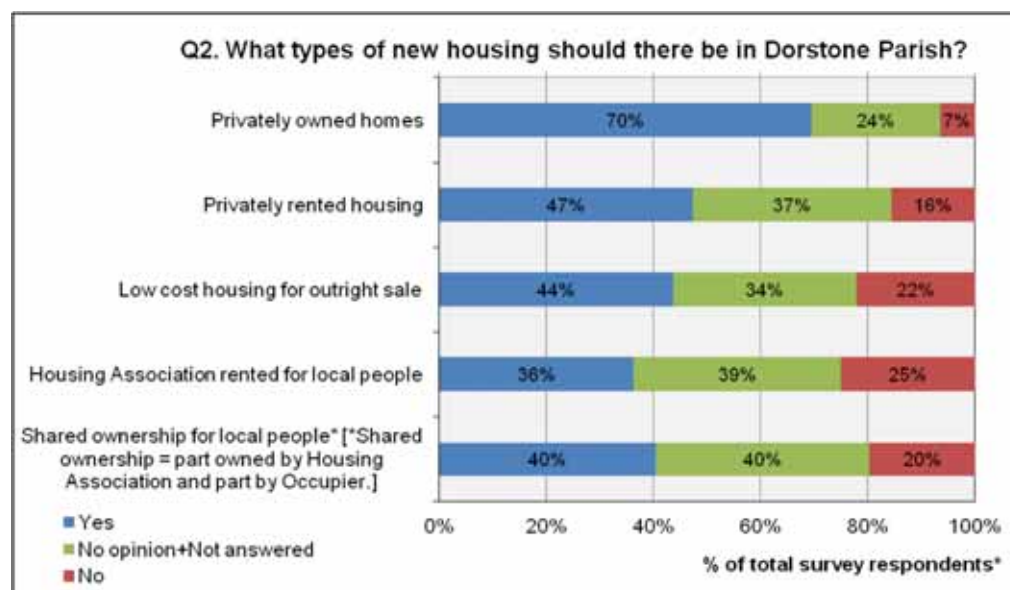
	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base [#]
Privately owned homes	169	16	28	213	30	243
Privately rented housing	115	38	50	203	40	243
Low cost housing for outright sale	106	54	44	204	39	243
Housing Association rented for local people	88	61	53	202	41	243
Shared ownership for local people*	98	48	57	203	40	243

*Shared ownership = part owned by Housing Association and part by Occupier.

[#] Note: The base for these questions is the number of survey respondents

	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Privately owned homes	70%	7%	12%	88%	12%
Privately rented housing	47%	16%	21%	84%	16%
Low cost housing for outright sale	44%	22%	18%	84%	16%
Housing Association rented for local people	36%	25%	22%	83%	17%
Shared ownership for local people*	40%	20%	23%	84%	16%

*Shared ownership = part owned by Housing Association and part by Occupier.

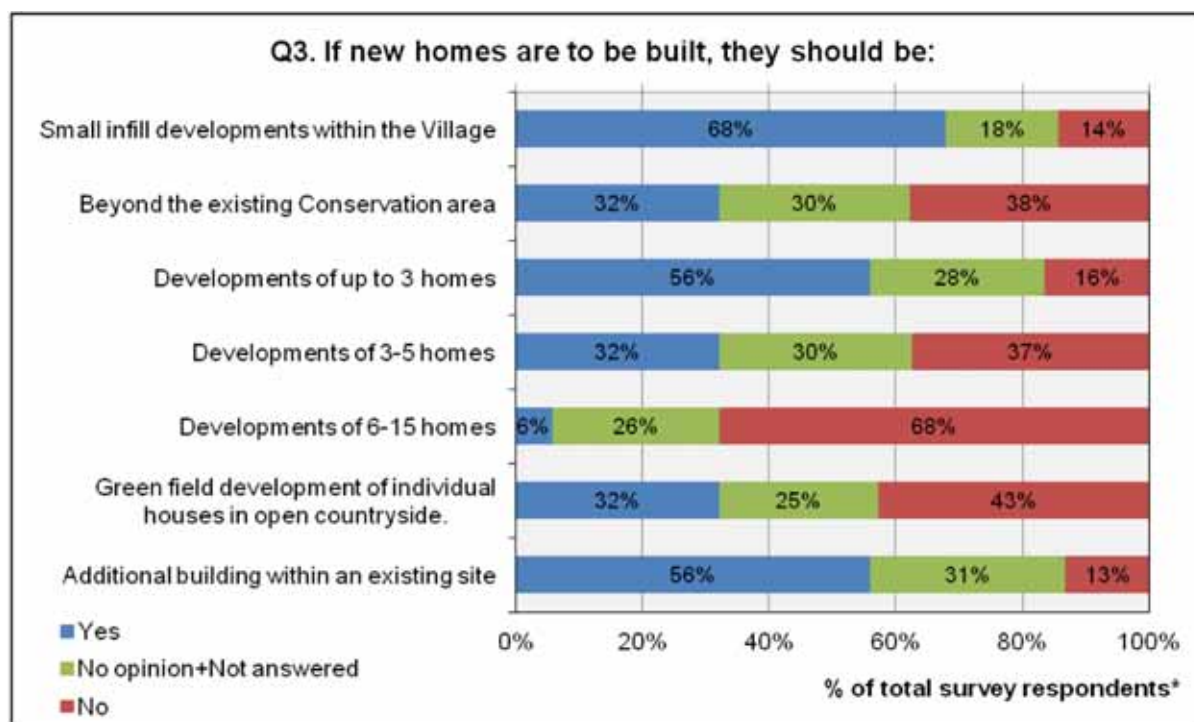


Question 3. If new homes are to be built, they should be: (Tick one box per row)

	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base [#]
Small infill developments within the Village	165	35	16	216	27	243
Beyond the existing Conservation area	78	92	35	205	38	243
Developments of up to 3 homes	136	40	27	203	40	243
Developments of 3-5 homes	78	91	29	198	45	243
Developments of 6-15 homes	14	165	18	197	46	243
Green field development of individual houses in open countryside.	78	104	22	204	39	243
Additional building within an existing site	136	32	37	205	38	243

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	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Small infill developments within the Village	68%	14%	7%	89%	11%
Beyond the existing Conservation area	32%	38%	14%	84%	16%
Developments of up to 3 homes	56%	16%	11%	84%	16%
Developments of 3-5 homes	32%	37%	12%	81%	19%
Developments of 6-15 homes	6%	68%	7%	81%	19%
Green field development of individual houses in open countryside.	32%	43%	9%	84%	16%
Additional building within an existing site	56%	13%	15%	84%	16%



Other

There were three comments made.

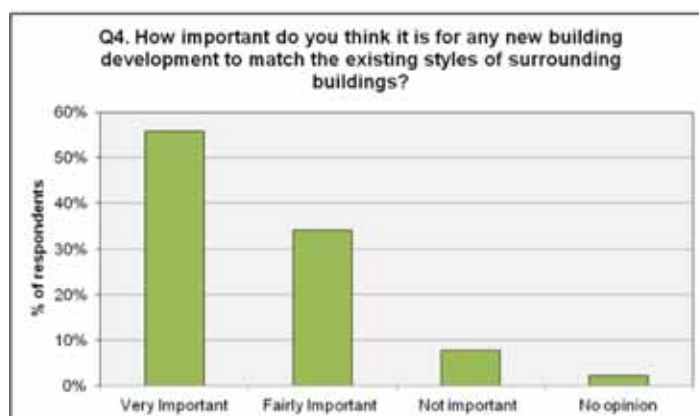
- Limited number of dwellings on food producing smallholdings i.e. perhaps 2 or 3 in total, to provide food to local community from within community. The opportunity for owner self-builders, who will invest energy, imagination and individuality to their homes and more likely to become a community member. Strict control over who is given permission to build, i.e. no national builders companies only small local and preferably 'green' building businesses. New homes should meet high levels of use of sustainable materials, be built to good solar passive standards especially re-siting and orientation on site. Also to ensure low energy bills through well designed buildings. Houses that can be expected to be suitable well into the future, and adaptable as needs change. There is a lot of expertise locally as demonstrated by the October 'green' open houses etc. week
- Low cost homes for local workers within a farm or business
- Low cost, energy efficient, built using local natural material.

Additional comments

- Q2&3 I find this impossible to answer as all planning requests should be looked at separately some things would suit certain parts of the village and others wouldn't.
- Q3. Yes, only if the scale, design and materials are appropriate

Question 4. How important do you think it is for any new building development to match the existing styles of surrounding buildings?

	No.	%
Very Important	129	56%
Fairly Important	79	34%
Not important	18	8%
No opinion	5	2%
Total respondents	231	100%
Not answered	12	



Additional comments

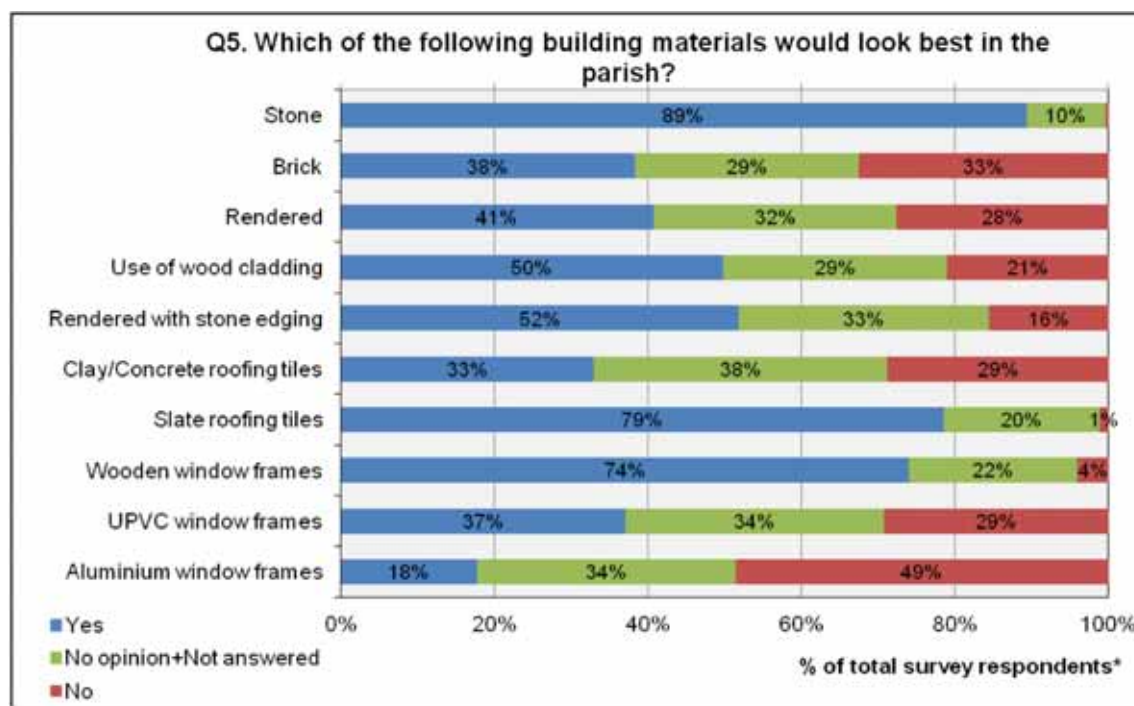
Very important within the village and Fairly important outside the village

Question 5. Which of the following building materials would look best in the parish? (Tick one box per row)

	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered	Base [#]
Stone	217	1	12	230	13	243
Brick	93	79	27	199	44	243
Rendered	99	67	31	197	46	243
Use of wood cladding	121	51	29	201	42	243
Rendered with stone edging	126	38	33	197	46	243
Clay/Concrete roofing tiles	80	70	43	193	50	243
Slate roofing tiles	191	3	18	212	31	243
Wooden window frames	180	10	22	212	31	243
UPVC window frames	90	71	41	202	41	243
Aluminium window frames	43	118	33	194	49	243

[#] Note: The base for these questions is the number of survey respondents

	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Stone	89%	0%	5%	95%	5%
Brick	38%	33%	11%	82%	18%
Rendered	41%	28%	13%	81%	19%
Use of wood cladding	50%	21%	12%	83%	17%
Rendered with stone edging	52%	16%	14%	81%	19%
Clay/Concrete roofing tiles	33%	29%	18%	79%	21%
Slate roofing tiles	79%	1%	7%	87%	13%
Wooden window frames	74%	4%	9%	87%	13%
UPVC window frames	37%	29%	17%	83%	17%
Aluminium window frames	18%	49%	14%	80%	20%



Other building features which are important:

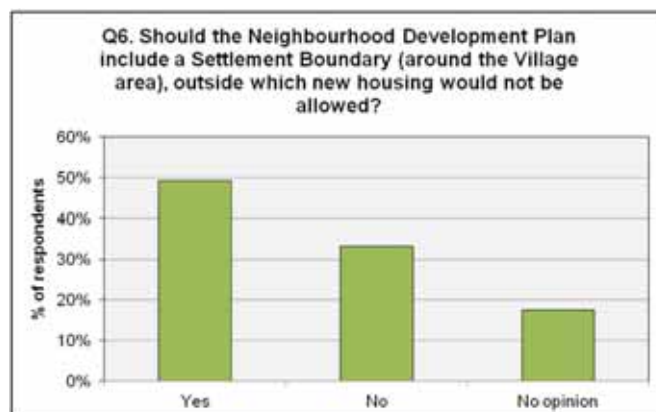
There were 20 comments made.

- All of these types are being used within the parish already.
- Any sustainable, soft and breathable material.
- Brick = Old style handmade, Clay NOT concrete roofing tiles
- Chimney-Stone, Doors-Blend in
- Colour
- Decent size gardens with adequate car parking off road
- Encouragement of p.v. roof tiles would be great
- Generous roof overhangs, recessed windows, sympathetic garages
- Height of new buildings should be in keeping with surrounding buildings
- Houses should not be 'suburban' in style, no more 'Brookside' type developments
- In keeping but highly energy efficient
- Insulation effective material
- It should be of a suitable size, not overshadowing other houses. Obviously materials that are in keeping with local historic building materials are more expensive and I think what Dorstone lacks is properties at the starter end of the market
- Keep a mixture of all types as it is now.
- More done that colours all traditional/country colours
- New modern' building design should be permitted but should be high spec and distinctive - not a means by which many homes could be built quickly and cheaply
- Not pebble dash/textured renderings. There are examples of all within the village already.
- not too tall; more than 3 storeys would stand out - no flat blocks
- Personal choice decided with planners
- Property not too big for the plot
- Reasonably low-level to fit within landscape. More radical designs to be screened by landscape and /or trees.
- Visible buildings look better when built in the local traditional style

Settlement Boundary

Question 6. Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan include a Settlement Boundary (around the Village area), outside which new housing would not be allowed?

	No.	%
Yes	115	49%
No	78	33%
No opinion	41	18%
Total respondents	234	100%
Not answered	9	



Additional comments

- A limited number of buildings should be allowed, only if traditional or in keeping
- If a Settlement Boundary is to be included small scale, Living/working properties, one off buildings should be allowed

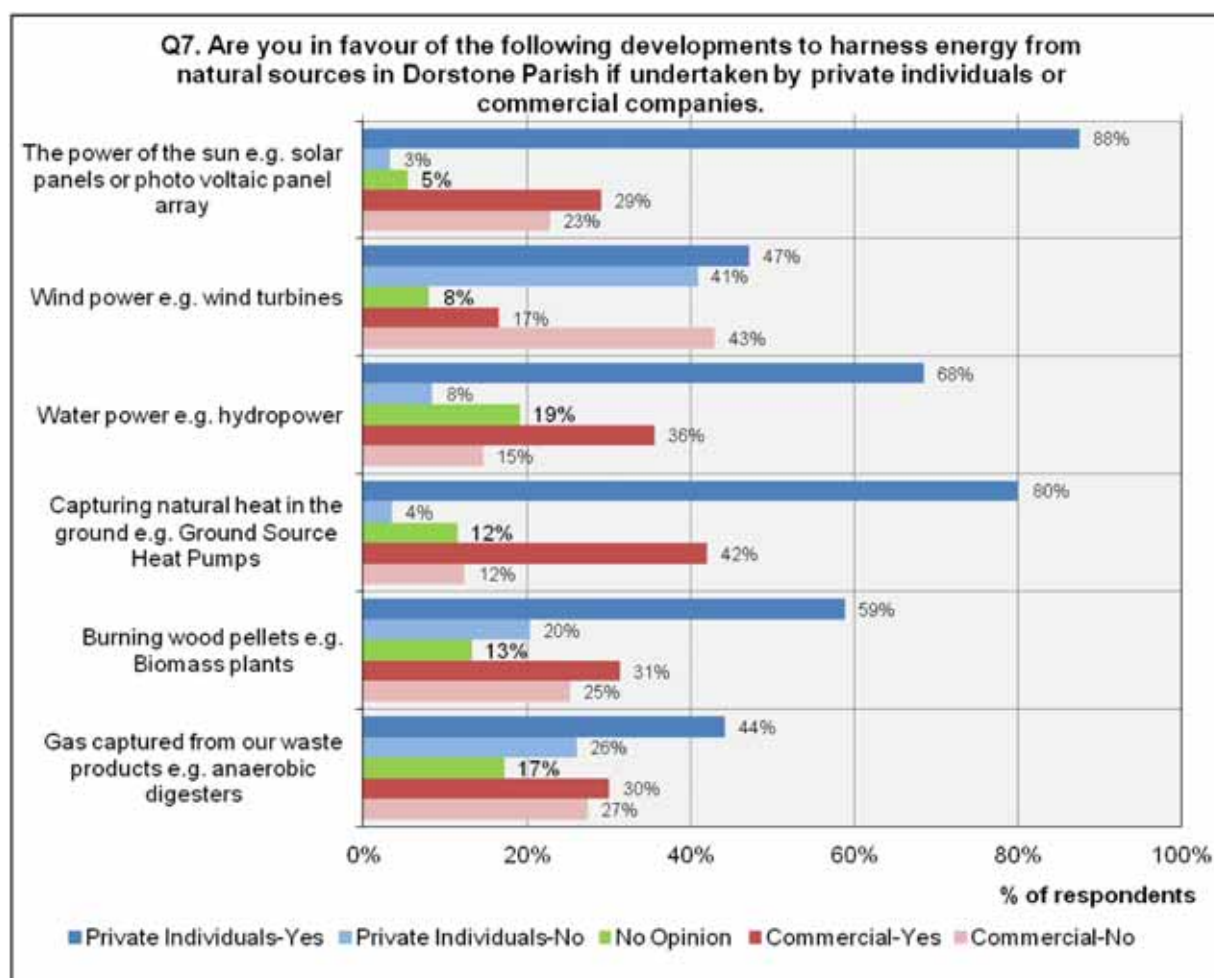
Renewable Energy

Question 7. Are you in favour of the following developments to harness energy from natural sources in Dorstone Parish if undertaken by private individuals or commercial companies.

(Tick one box per row) - Despite this instruction many respondents ticked more than one per row and as this is feasible; if not preferable, all multiple responses were included.

	Private Individuals		Commercial		No Opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
	Yes	No	Yes	No			
The power of the sun e.g. solar panels or photo voltaic panel array	211	8	70	55	13	241	2
Wind power e.g. wind turbines	111	96	39	101	19	235	8
Water power e.g. hydropower	154	19	80	33	43	225	18
Capturing natural heat in the ground e.g. Ground Source Heat Pumps	181	8	95	28	26	226	17
Burning wood pellets e.g. Biomass plants	133	46	71	57	30	226	17
Gas captured from our waste products e.g. anaerobic digesters	100	59	68	62	39	226	17

	Private Individuals		Commercial		No Opinion	Total respondents
	Yes	No	Yes	No		
The power of the sun e.g. solar panels or photo voltaic panel array	88%	3%	29%	23%	5%	100%
Wind power e.g. wind turbines	47%	41%	17%	43%	8%	100%
Water power e.g. hydropower	68%	8%	36%	15%	19%	100%
Capturing natural heat in the ground e.g. Ground Source Heat Pumps	80%	4%	42%	12%	12%	100%
Burning wood pellets e.g. Biomass plants	59%	20%	31%	25%	13%	100%
Gas captured from our waste products e.g. anaerobic digesters	44%	26%	30%	27%	17%	100%

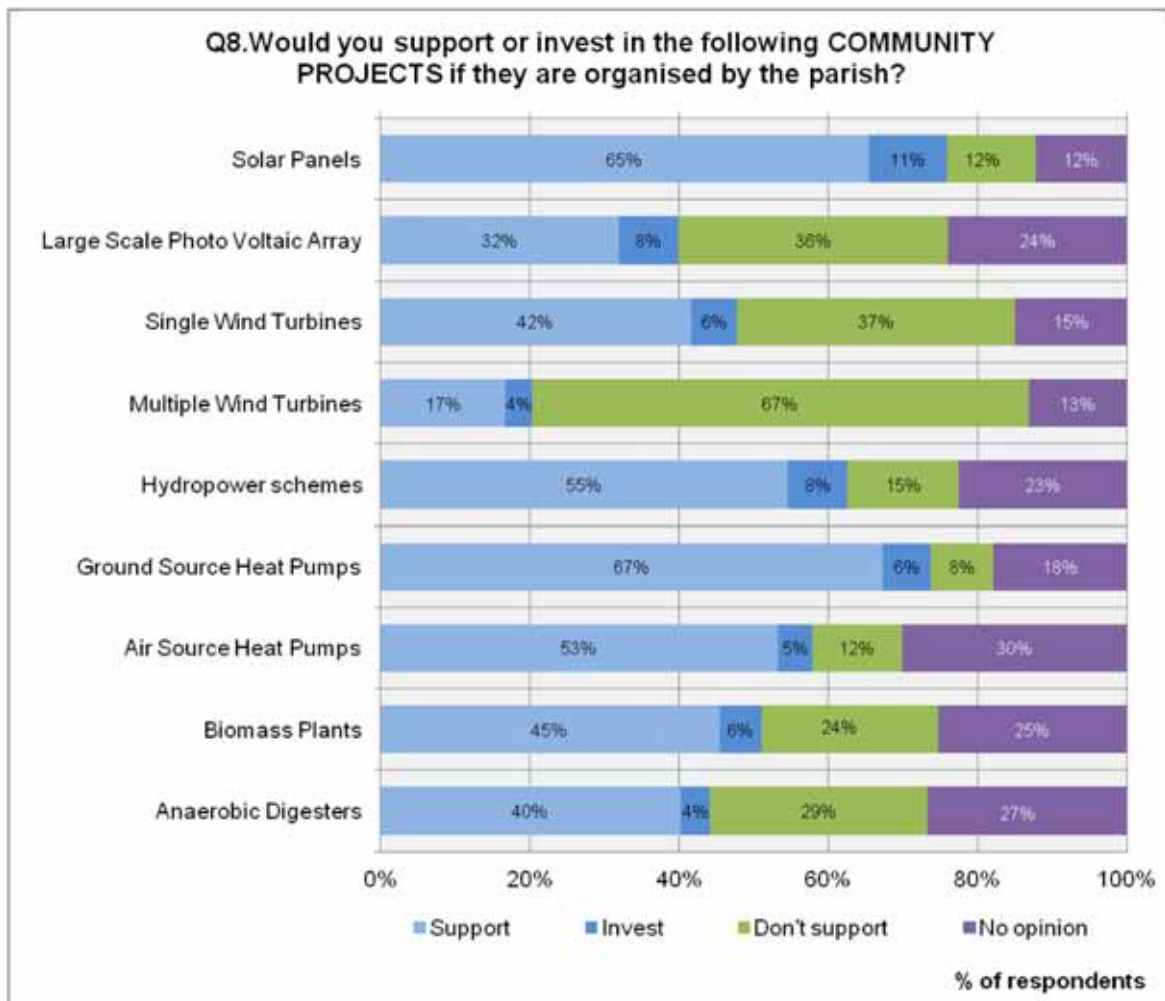


Question 8. Would you support or invest in the following COMMUNITY PROJECTS if they are organised by the parish?

(Tick one box per row) – Again despite this instruction many respondents ticked more than one per row and as this is feasible; particularly the support and invest option, all multiple responses were included.

	Support	Invest	Don't support	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Solar Panels	155	25	28	29	237	6
Large Scale Photo Voltaic Array	68	17	77	51	213	30
Single Wind Turbines	95	14	85	34	228	15
Multiple Wind Turbines	37	8	147	29	221	22
Hydropower schemes	121	18	33	50	222	21
Ground Source Heat Pumps	151	14	19	40	224	19
Air Source Heat Pumps	115	10	26	65	216	27
Biomass Plants	104	13	54	58	229	14
Anaerobic Digesters	90	9	65	60	224	19

	Support	Invest	Don't support	No opinion	Total respondents
Solar Panels	65%	11%	12%	12%	100%
Large Scale Photo Voltaic Array	32%	8%	36%	24%	100%
Single Wind Turbines	42%	6%	37%	15%	100%
Multiple Wind Turbines	17%	4%	67%	13%	100%
Hydropower schemes	55%	8%	15%	23%	100%
Ground Source Heat Pumps	67%	6%	8%	18%	100%
Air Source Heat Pumps	53%	5%	12%	30%	100%
Biomass Plants	45%	6%	24%	25%	100%
Anaerobic Digesters	40%	4%	29%	27%	100%



There were a number of comments about these two questions, the majority of these were either about the format of the questions themselves or that the respondent needed more information; size, location etc.

“Q7. I feel this should be two questions with private and commercial dealt with separately.”

“Q7 & 8 need more information about hydropower, natural heat, biomass and anaerobic digesters.”

“Q8. All of the above would depend on the actual siting of the projects.”

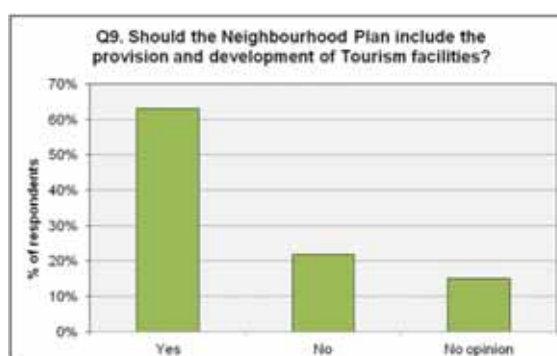
“Q8. No more turbines. Spoiling our countryside.”

“Q8. What source for hydropower”

Tourism

Question 9. Should the Neighbourhood Plan include the provision and development of Tourism facilities?

	No.	%
Yes	142	63%
No	49	22%
No opinion	34	15%
Total respondents	225	100%
Not answered	18	

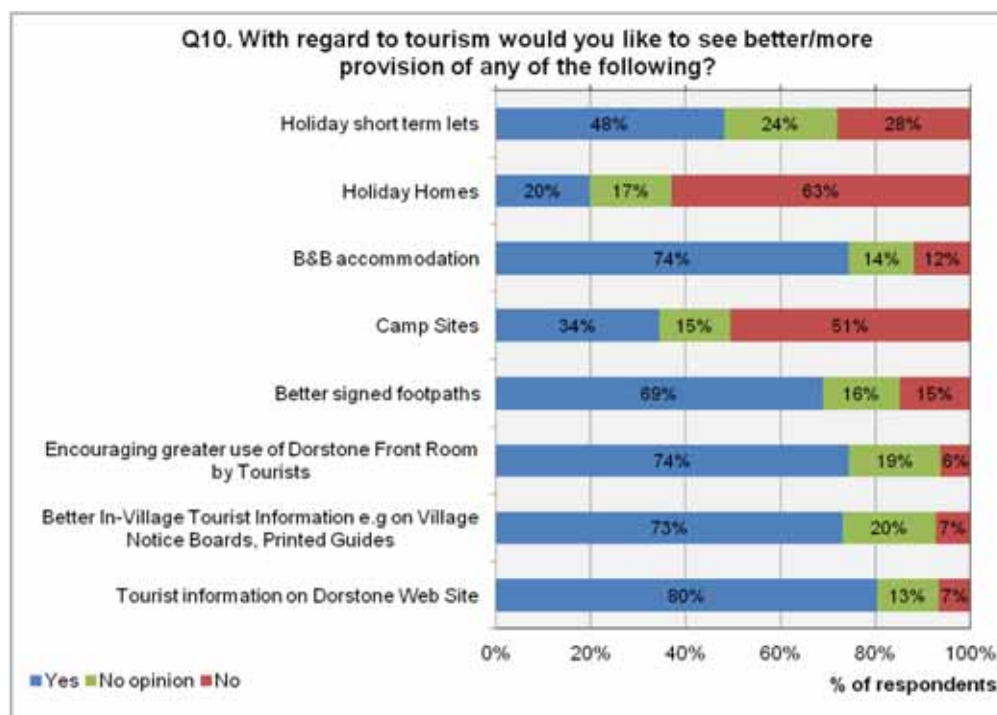


Question 10. With regard to tourism would you like to see better/more provision of any of the following?

(Tick all that apply)

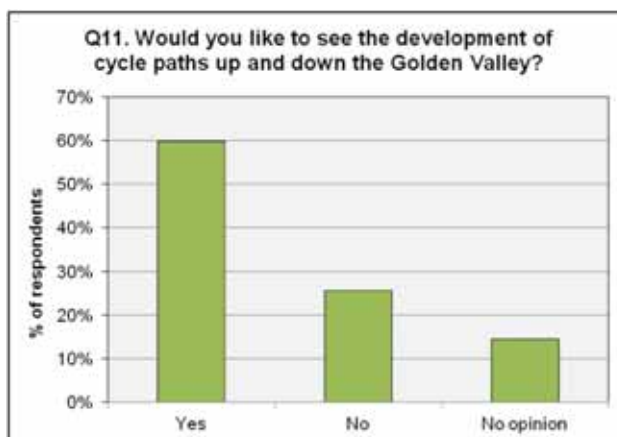
	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Holiday short term lets	103	60	51	214	29
Holiday Homes	42	133	36	211	32
B&B accommodation	163	26	30	219	24
Camp Sites	76	112	33	221	22
Better signed footpaths	153	33	36	222	21
Encouraging greater use of Dorstone Front Room by Tourists	168	14	44	226	17
Better In-Village Tourist Information e.g. on Village Notice Boards, Printed Guides	161	16	43	220	23
Tourist information on Dorstone Web Site	179	15	29	223	20

	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents
Holiday short term lets	48%	28%	24%	100%
Holiday Homes	20%	63%	17%	100%
B&B accommodation	74%	12%	14%	100%
Camp Sites	34%	51%	15%	100%
Better signed footpaths	69%	15%	16%	100%
Encouraging greater use of Dorstone Front Room by Tourists	74%	6%	19%	100%
Better In-Village Tourist Information e.g. on Village Notice Boards, Printed Guides	73%	7%	20%	100%
Tourist information on Dorstone Web Site	80%	7%	13%	100%



Question 11. Would you like to see the development of cycle paths up and down the Golden Valley?

	No.	%
Yes	140	60%
No	60	26%
No opinion	34	15%
Total respondents	234	100%
Not answered	9	



Additional comments

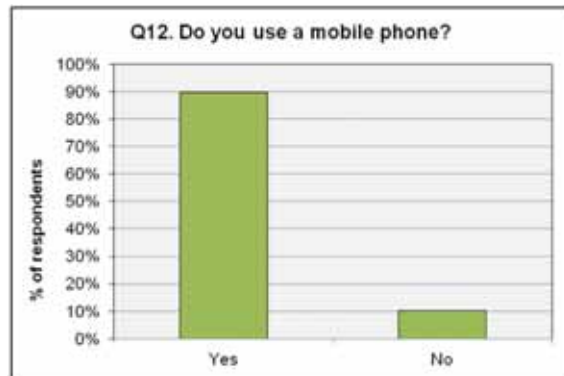
- Not practical/ no money to do
- Yes - Huge opportunity

Infrastructure – Mobile Phone

Question 12. Do you use a mobile phone?

	No.	%
Yes	212	90%
No	24	10%
Total respondents	236	100%
Not answered	7	

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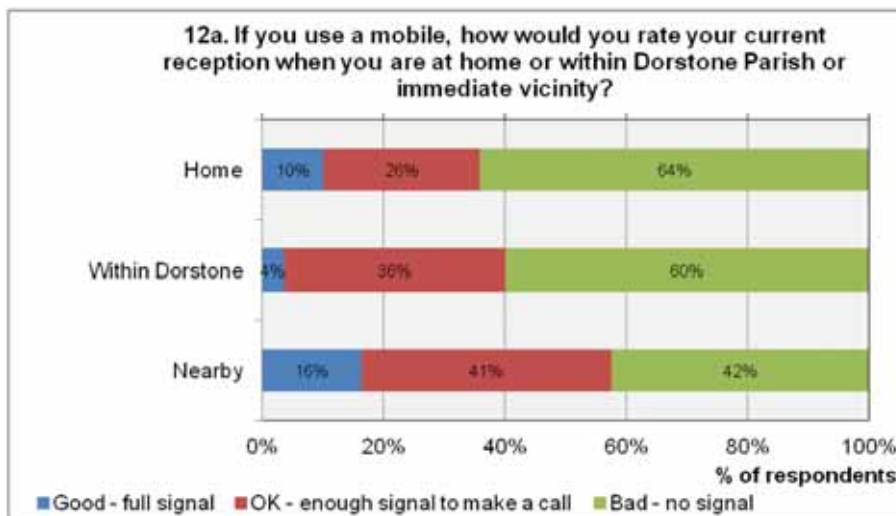
yes please answer the following,

a. How would you rate your current reception when you are at home or within Dorstone Parish or immediate vicinity?

	Home	Within Dorstone	Nearby
Good - full signal	21	6	24
OK - enough signal to make a call	53	59	60
Bad - no signal	132	97	62
Total respondents	206	162	146
Not answered [∞]	30	74	90

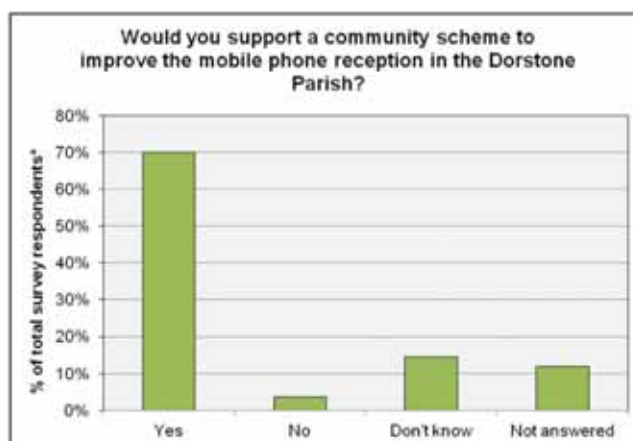
[∞] NOTE base is 236 who answered Yes to using a mobile phone for Q12

	Home	Within Dorstone	Nearby
Good - full signal	10%	4%	16%
OK - enough signal to make a call	26%	36%	41%
Bad - no signal	64%	60%	42%
Total respondents	100%	100%	100%



Would you support a community scheme to improve the mobile phone reception in the Dorstone Parish?

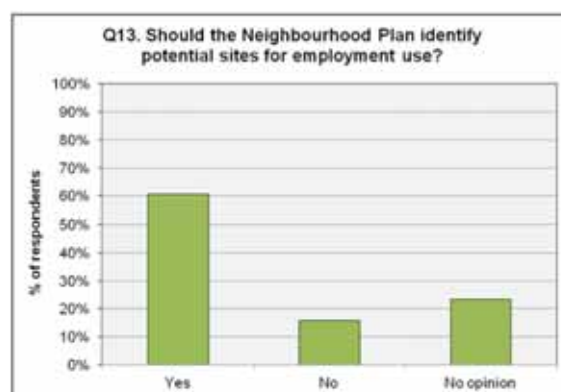
	No.	%
Yes	170	70%
No	9	4%
Don't know	35	14%
Not answered	29	12%
Total respondents	214	88%
Base*	243	100%



Small Businesses, Farming & Employment

Q13. Should the Neighbourhood Plan identify potential sites for employment use?

	No.	%
Yes	137	61%
No	36	16%
No opinion	53	23%
Total respondents	226	100%
Not answered	17	



Additional comments

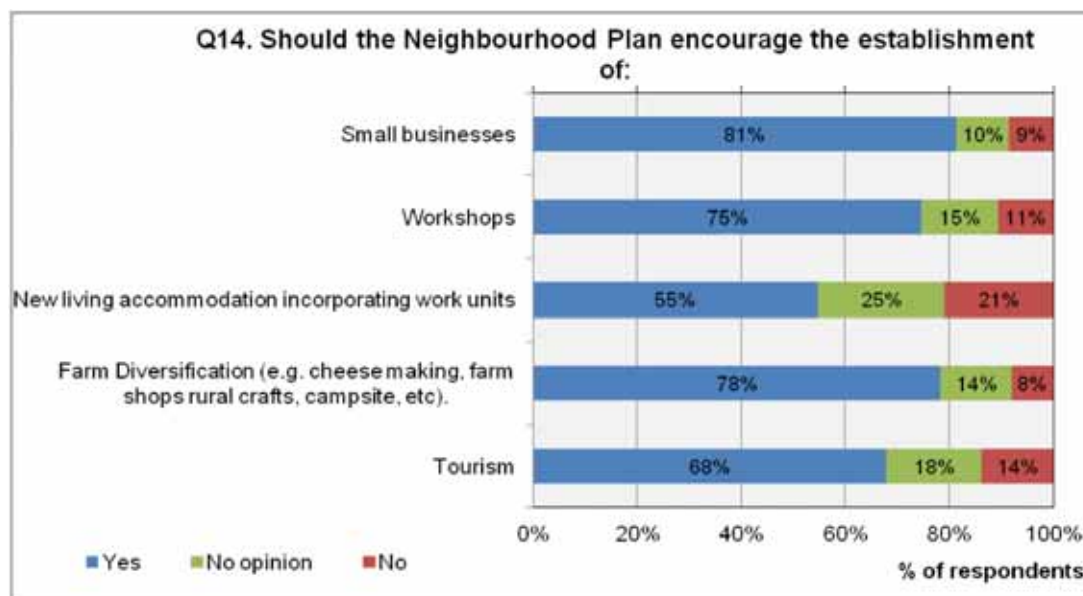
- Would depend on the type and size of employment

Q14. Should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage the establishment of: (Tick one box per row)

	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Small businesses	191	20	24	235	8
Workshops	168	24	33	225	18
New living accommodation incorporating work units	118	45	53	216	27
Farm Diversification (e.g. cheese making, farm shops rural crafts, campsite, etc).	177	18	31	226	17
Tourism	153	31	41	225	18

	Yes	No	No opinion	Total respondents
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Small businesses	81%	9%	10%	100%
Workshops	75%	11%	15%	100%
New living accommodation incorporating work units	55%	21%	25%	100%
Farm Diversification (e.g. cheese making, farm shops rural crafts, campsite, etc).	78%	8%	14%	100%
Tourism	68%	14%	18%	100%



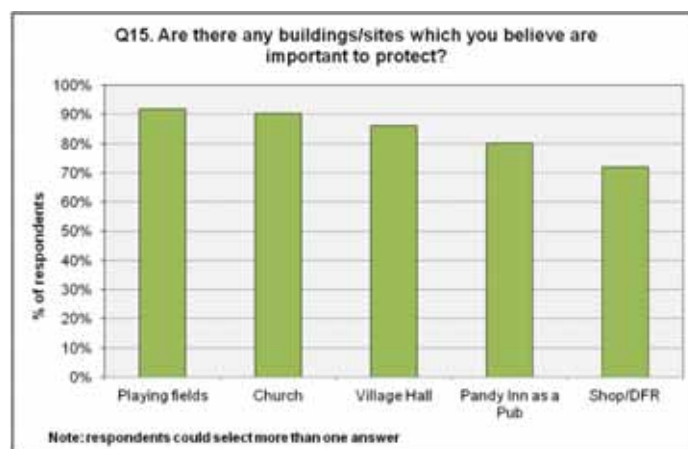
Other Seven people provided a comment

- Additional studio/workshop in existing living spaces.
- Entertainment (music etc.)
- Heritage site, museum
- Heritage sites, exhibitions, museums
- Improved public transport, wild flower meadows for bees
- More frequent public transport, wildflower meadow for bees, all elevated fields to have 6" edges that are not elevated and not sprayed.
- Small operations only - NOT estates
- Not enough population to warrant any of it

Conservation/Heritage/Landscape

Question 15. Are there any buildings/sites which you believe are important to protect? (Tick all that apply)

	No.	%
Playing fields	217	92%
Church	213	90%
Village Hall	203	86%
Pandy Inn as a Pub	189	80%
Shop/DFR	170	72%
Total respondents	236	100%
Not answered	7	



Others

18 people suggested other important buildings or sites to protect

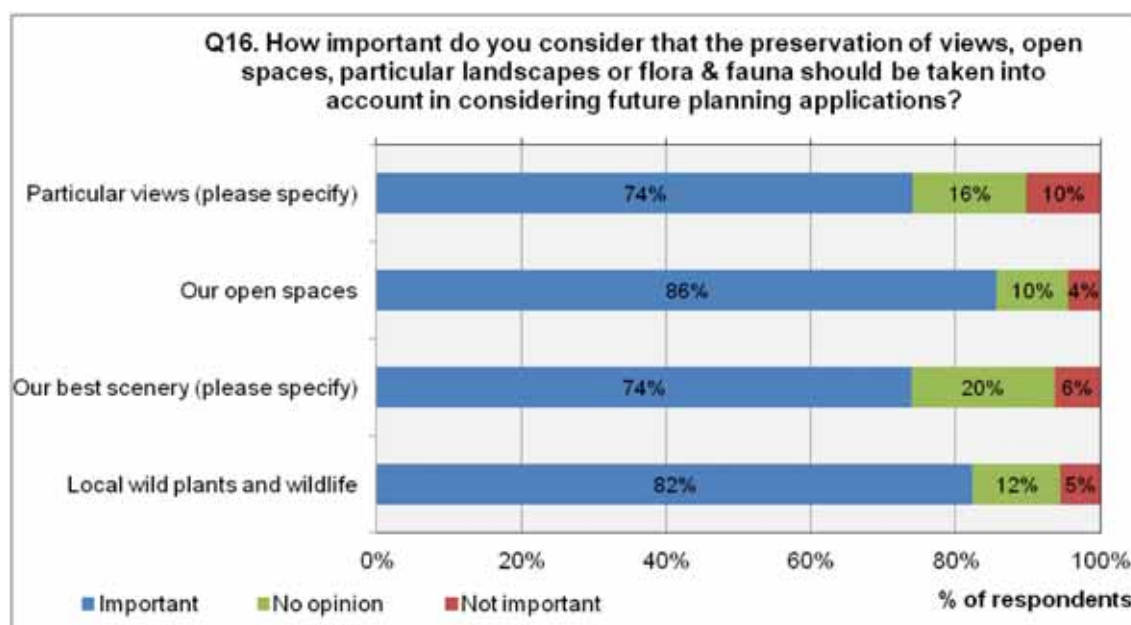
- Site at top of Dorstone Hill, recently excavated Castle Tump x 8 comments
- Arthur's Stone x 5 comments
- Village green x 4 comments
- Farms, private tracks
- Not village hall as it is too small - no parking
- Protect the streams and all the verges and banks
- River, streams
- The environment and status quo of the village as a whole
- The views

Question 16. How important do you consider that the preservation of views, open spaces, particular landscapes or flora & fauna should be taken into account in considering future planning applications?

	Important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Particular views <i>(please specify)</i>	160	22	34	216	27
Our open spaces	191	10	22	223	20
Our best scenery <i>(please specify)</i>	153	13	41	207	36
Local wild plants and wildlife	182	12	27	221	22

	Important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents
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Particular views (please specify)	74%	10%	16%	100%
Our open spaces	86%	4%	10%	100%
Our best scenery (please specify)	74%	6%	20%	100%
Local wild plants and wildlife	82%	5%	12%	100%



Particular views There were 49 comments made.

For a full list of particular views that residents felt were important see appendix 1, however the most cited were:

- Merbach
“From Merbach to Wye Valley and from Merbach to Arthur's Stone”
“The open view towards Merbach which maintains a rural 'feel' and a sense of 'openness' in the village”
- Dorstone Hill
“Dorstone hill landscape” and *“Dorstone Hill looking to Hay Bluff”*
- Vaga Hill
- Many people felt all views or lots (or their own) were very important.

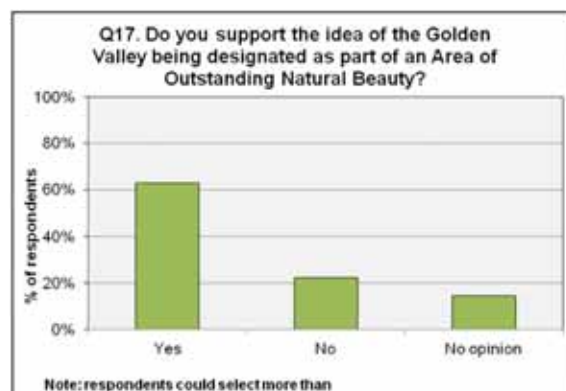
Our best scenery There were 50 comments made.

For a full list of our best scenery that residents felt were important see appendix 2, however the most cited were:

- All our surrounding countryside
“Views of open countryside are extremely important and the reason I moved here.”
- Hills including Merbach, Vaga and Dorstone Hill
“Hillsides on both sides of the valley”

Question 17. Do you support the idea of the Golden Valley being designated as part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?

	No.	%
Yes	146	63%
No	52	22%
No opinion	34	15%
Total respondents	232	100%
Not answered	11	



Additional comments

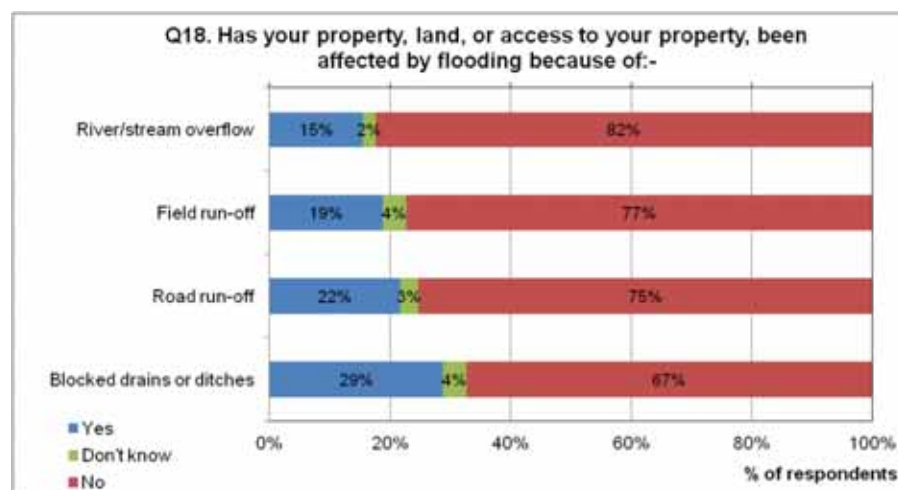
- Not when farms can erect barns of any size and colour, making a blot on the landscape yet home owners will be restricted on planning
- Unsure if advantages out way disadvantages
- How do I know if it is a good or bad idea.
- Dorstone as an AOB - How can this happen with the current level of intensive farming!
- Could potentially influence further planning opportunities for local planning applications and make it harder for young people to stay in the area
- Very important.
- The steering group should seek detailed information about the benefits /dis-benefits of designation of an Area of Outstanding Beauty Examples to contemplate: 1. The Lake District - second home owners attracted to the AOB have resulted in locals being priced out of the housing market 2. Shropshire - has one of the very lowest levels of average wages in Western Europe.

Environment

Question 18. Has your property, land, or access to your property, been affected by flooding because of:-

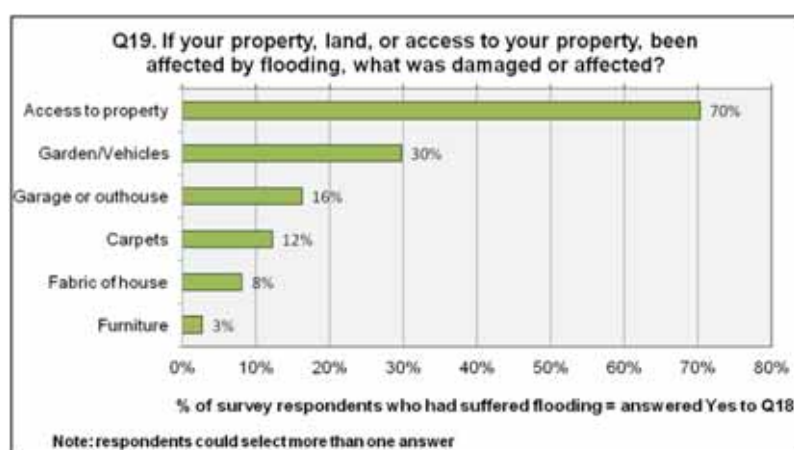
	Yes	No	Don't know	Total respondents	Not answered
River/stream overflow	36	192	5	233	10
Field run-off	43	177	9	229	14
Road run-off	50	174	7	231	12
Blocked drains or ditches	67	157	9	233	10

	Yes	No	Don't know	Total respondents
River/stream overflow	15%	82%	2%	100%
Field run-off	19%	77%	4%	100%
Road run-off	22%	75%	3%	100%
Blocked drains or ditches	29%	67%	4%	100%



Question 19. If yes what was damaged or affected? (Tick all that apply)

	No.	%
Not answered	169	
Access to property	52	70%
Garden/Vehicles	22	30%
Garage or outhouse	12	16%
Carpets	9	12%
Fabric of house	6	8%
Furniture	2	3%
Total respondents	74	100%



Other

There were 21 comments made

- Only land x2
- Boundary wall washed away
- Cellar, not sure of cause
- Concerned that continual water cannot get away therefore it is going to damage the foundation of the property!
- Farming land
- Field flooded
- Fields waterlogged
- Ground
- Land x3
- Land and access affected
- Land occasionally damaged by road run off and blocked drains or ditches. Mud
- Lower garden to brook
- Property not damaged, but vehicle affected by flooded road
- Road run off created deep ditch and brought down a significant and ancient tree
- Roads x2
- Water logged field

Community Facilities

Question 20. How satisfied are you with your Parish as a place to live?

	No.	%
Very satisfied	138	61%
Fairly satisfied	84	37%
Fairly dissatisfied	6	3%
Very dissatisfied	0	0%
Total respondents	228	100%
Not answered	15	



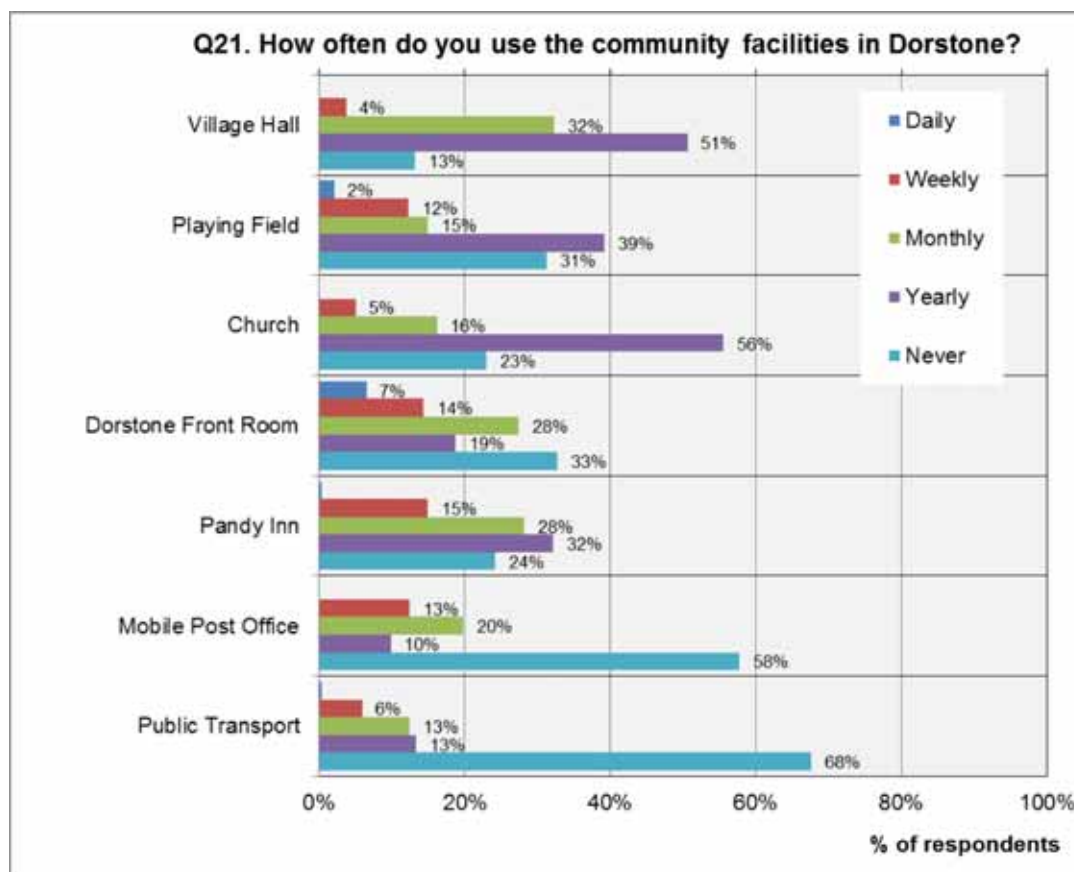
Additional comments

- Very satisfied until 30mph speed limit put up. Waste of money!
- Only issue is very poor broadband

Question 21. How often do you use the community facilities in Dorstone?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never	Total respondents	Not answered
Village Hall	0	9	76	119	31	235	8
Playing Field	5	28	34	89	71	227	16
Church	0	12	38	130	54	234	9
Dorstone Front Room	15	33	63	43	75	229	14
Pandy Inn	1	34	64	73	55	227	16
Mobile Post Office	0	29	46	23	134	232	11
Public Transport	1	14	29	31	157	232	11

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never	Total respondents
Village Hall	0%	4%	32%	51%	13%	100%
Playing Field	2%	12%	15%	39%	31%	100%
Church	0%	5%	16%	56%	23%	100%
Dorstone Front Room	7%	14%	28%	19%	33%	100%
Pandy Inn	0%	15%	28%	32%	24%	100%
Mobile Post Office	0%	13%	20%	10%	58%	100%
Public Transport	0%	6%	13%	13%	68%	100%



Additional comments

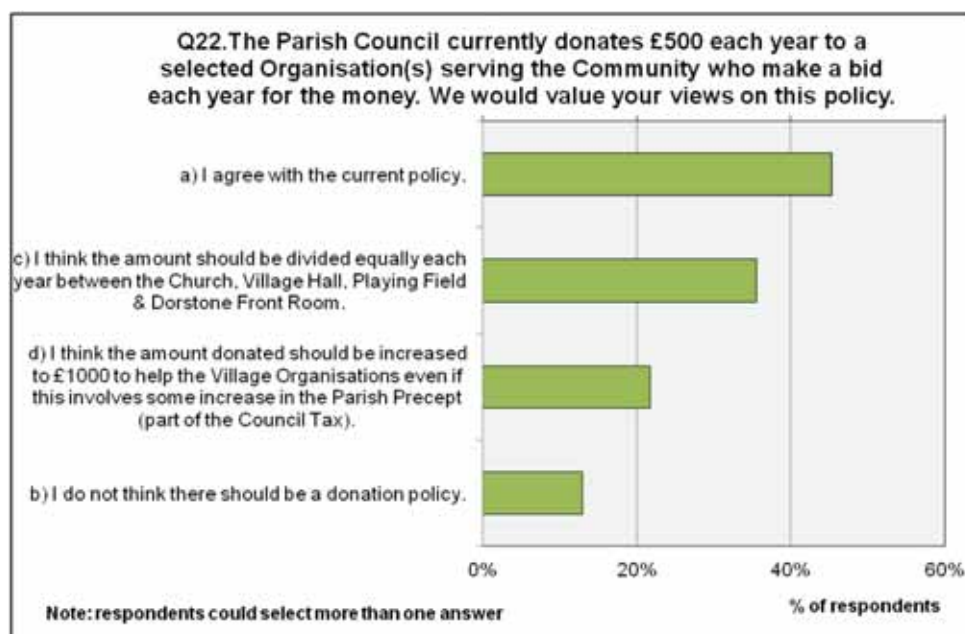
- Pandy Inn - but would do if the beer was kept better
- Respondent indicated they used the bowls club/facilities weekly
- Village hall for 6 months only, for Playing field only in summer
- Pandy Inn - Is this a community facility? - it's a business
- Possibly use public transport when can no longer drive.
- Mobile post office never use as too inconvenient (use online), Public transport never use as too expensive (use car - cheaper)

Parish Council donations

Question 22. The Parish Council currently donates £500 each year to a selected Organisation(s) serving the Community who make a bid each year for the money. We would value your views on this policy.

(Tick one or more of the following)

	No.	%
a) I agree with the current policy.	102	45%
b) I do not think there should be a donation policy.	29	13%
c) I think the amount should be divided equally each year between the Church, Village Hall, Playing Field & Dorstone Front Room.	80	36%
d) I think the amount donated should be increased to £1000 to help the Village Organisations even if this involves some increase in the Parish Precept (part of the Council Tax).	49	22%
Total respondents	225	100%
Not answered	18	



Other, please specify? 20 people provided a comment.

- Alternate each year to reduce paperwork
- Consider donation to Hay Dial A Ride
- Consideration should be given to the enhancement of the environment in and around the village e.g. maintenance of open spaces, tree planting and flower beds/pots etc
- Cut red tape and alternate donation each year except church!
- Depends on how or what influences the decision made - what so they have to do to be considered for the money.
- Did not know the Parish Council donated any money
- Each request to be considered on its merit each year
- I am not happy with parish funds being donated to the Church - taxes should not be used to sponsor religion.
- I believe the church and the village hall should receive the money each year - the others are not essential.
- I do not agree that the Church should receive any donation, given the Church is part of a very wealthy organisation.
- I think a donation should be made towards displays of bedding plants for entrances to village and village green etc. A Christmas/winter display would be a nice feature also.
- I think the maintenance of common public buildings and land should be the partial responsibility of each household, via a community sinking fund and current account. Just as flat owners in a leasehold block of flats have to contribute to common areas' maintenance such as gardens, cleaning and a sinking fund for such as annual maintenance, so I think the households in the Dorstone community should do likewise. I have lived on a large private newly built 'village' where there was an annual charge of £20 please see weblink <http://martleshamheathhouseholdersltd.onesuffolk.net/home/about-mhhl/> it allowed for a good level of landscapes and community facilities maintenance without constant fundraising which always falls to the same few generous people either to organise or to contribute money. Some fundraising is of course good for community spirit!
- I wasn't aware the PC donated to these organisations
- I would support a much higher donation funded by a higher precept.
- It is not clear what the current policy in 'a' is so I couldn't comment.
- Money wasted on £200 grant for toilet infrequent use
- Never knew this happened
- Never knew this happened
- Parish precept should not be increased
- Respondent indicated option c) with Dorstone Front Room crossed out.
- Who 'selects' and who are 'selected' in this specific question?

Question 23. Other Comments

Have you any other comments and/or ideas which are relevant to the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan or improving the quality of life of all the residents in Dorstone?

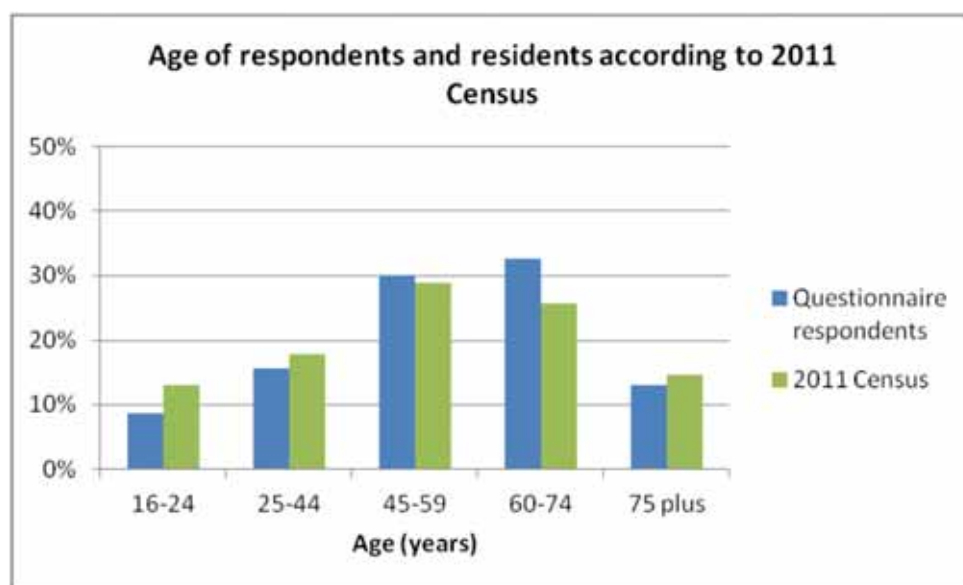
There were 44 comments made. These can be found in appendix 3

Some questions about you.

Question 24. Please tick which of the following describes you.

a. Gender	No.	%
Male	116	50%
Female	116	50%
Total respondents	232	100%
Not answered	11	

b. Age	No.	%	2011 Census³ - % of residents aged 16+ in each age group
16-24	20	9%	13%
25-44	36	16%	18%
45-59	69	30%	29%
60-74	75	33%	26%
75 plus	30	13%	15%
Total respondents	230	100%	100%
Not answered	13		

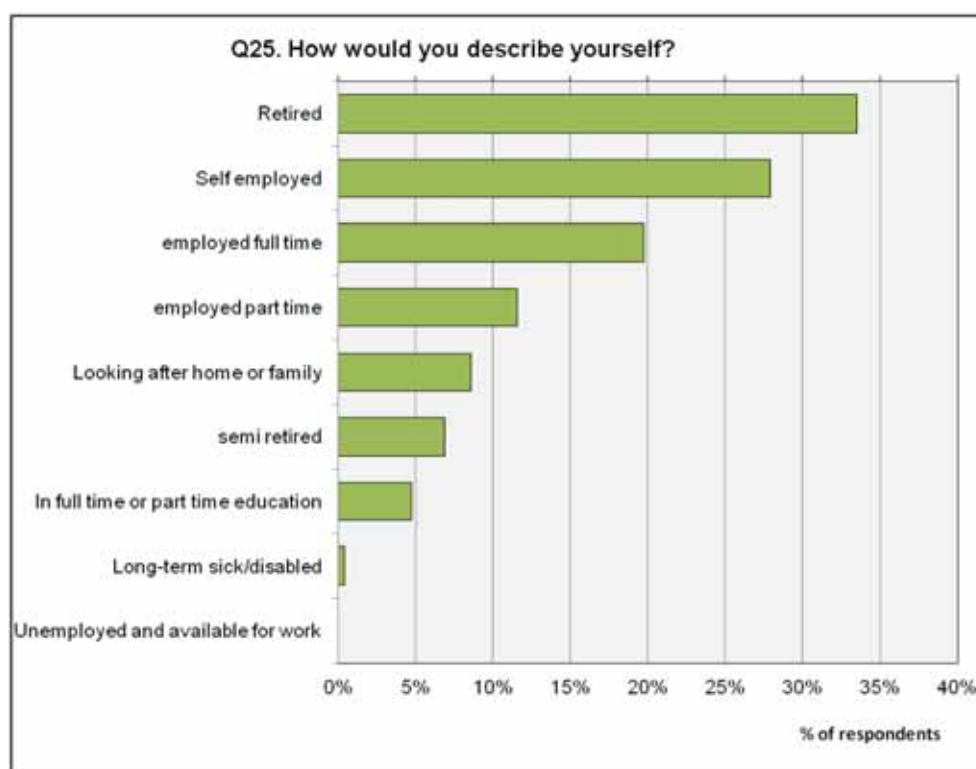


Question 25. How would you describe yourself?

	No.	%
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³ Table KS102EW - Age structure. ONS Crown Copyright Reserved [from Nomis on 13th December 2013]

Retired	78	33%
Self employed	65	28%
employed full time	46	20%
employed part time	27	12%
Looking after home or family	20	9%
semi retired	16	7%
In full time or part time education	11	5%
Long-term sick/disabled	1	0%
Unemployed and available for work	0	0%
Total respondents	233	
Not answered	10	



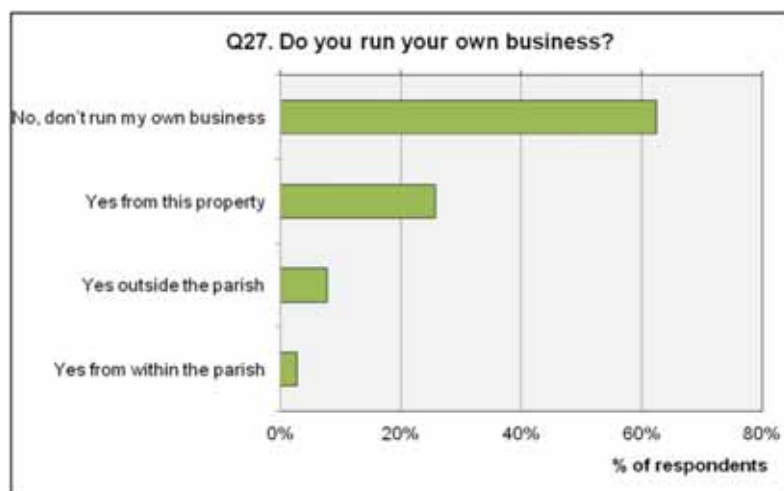
Other There were 3 comments made including voluntary work, student and local artist

Question 26. Is this your main residence?

	No.	%
Yes	228	99%
No	3	1%
Total respondents	231	100%
Not answered	12	

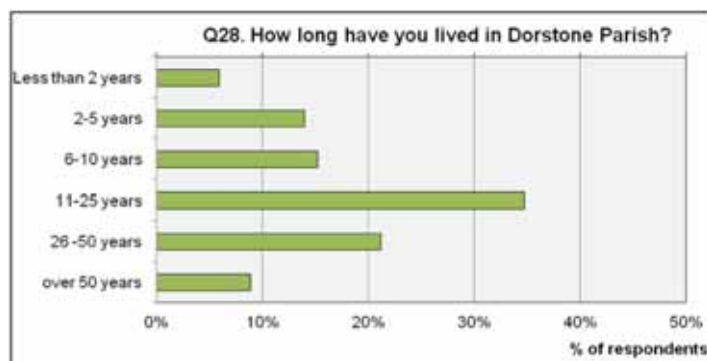
Question 27. Do you run your own business?

	No.	%
No, don't run my own business	138	62%
Yes from this property	57	26%
Yes outside the parish	17	8%
Yes from within the parish	6	3%
Total respondents	221	100%
Not answered	22	



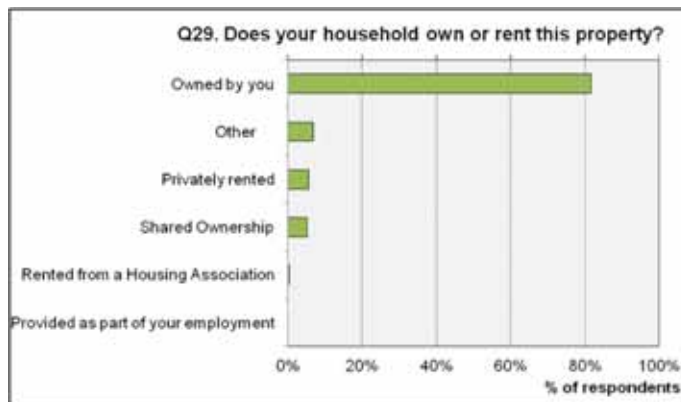
Question 28. How long have you lived in Dorstone Parish?

	No.	%
Less than 2 years	14	6%
2-5 years	33	14%
6-10 years	36	15%
11-25 years	82	35%
26 -50 years	50	21%
over 50 years	21	9%
Total respondents	236	100%
Not answered	7	



Question 29. Does your household own or rent this property?

	No.	%
Owned by you	188	82%
Other	16	7%
Privately rented	13	6%
Shared Ownership	12	5%
Rented from a Housing Association	1	0%
Provided as part of your employment	0	0%
Total respondents	230	100%
Not answered	13	



***** End of main report *****

Appendix 1

Q16. Particular views

- Across towards Dorstone Hill, towards common Bach/Snodhill/Mill farm
- All x 3
- All areas
- All around Dorstone
- All view are important but none must stop reasonable development.
- All view points, particularly from high ground etc.
- All views
- Allow development with consideration to views. Landscapes constantly change [respondent ticked both 'Important' and 'No opinion' for first three options]
- Black mountains
- Depends on the particular area
- Depends on the particular area
- Dore Hill & ridge, Mill wood, Great wood, towards Snodhill
- Dorehill, Millwood
- Dorstone Hill from valley, hills to south from valley
- Dorstone hill landscape
- Dorstone Hill looking to Hay Bluff
- Dorstone Hill to village
- Dorstone Hill, Vagar Hill
- Dorstone/Merbach Hill, Vagar Hill & surrounds
- Down valley towards Peterchurch
- Flora and fauna are very important and this has been compromised many times by removal of hedges, trees and streams being re-directed
- From Arthur's Stone.
- From hill to village. All views really
- From Merbach
- From Merbach to Wye Valley and from Merbach to Arthur's Stone
- From Merbach to Wye valley, from Merbach, from Arthurs Stone
- G.V.
- Golden Valley - Black Mountains
- little mountain
- Lots
- Merbach hill
- Mine!!
- No buildings on skyline
- No wind turbines
- Of the hills
- The open view towards Merbach which maintains a rural 'feel' and a sense of 'openess' in the village,
- The Vaga and the Merbach
- The walk from Arthur's Stone down to the Bredwardine junction at Dorstone
- Towards Dorstone Hill
- Towards Peterchurch straight down valley, towards Mynybrydo from east of village ...

lots really

- Vaga, Merbach
- Valley view from Baccho Hill, view of village coming over Dorstone Hill, view from the mast
- View across valley toward Merbach, view down valley toward Peterchurch
- View from Arthur's Stone through the valley
- Views across to Hay and valley, views from lanes on right
- Views of the Golden Valley towards Peterchurch, hilltops etc. -but if development is [generally] small scale and in keeping this should not be to much of an issue
- Views up to Arthur's Stone, views down the Golden Valley

Appendix 2

Q16. Our best scenery

- Across towards Dorstone Hill, towards common Bach/Snodhill/Mill farm and from Dorstone Hill to the South + West
- All x6
- All around us
- All of it!
- All of our surrounding countryside
- All of our surrounding countryside
- All scenery - NOT large farm buildings
- All views down from village which makes it feel an open, rural environment to live in.
- Arthur's stone Merbach hill
- Arthur's Stone
- Black Mountains
- Dore Hill & ridge, Mill wood, Great wood, towards Snodhill
- Dorstone has developed very much in a linear fashion affording good views along both sides of it length. Multi-house developments should not change this
- Everywhere is beautiful
- Fields around Church, valley sides, views of village from Dorstone Hill
- From Dorstone Hill; Fields around village, church etc
- From Merbach and Vaga Hill
- From Merback to Wye valley. from Merback, from Arthurs Stone
- From Merbach to Wye Valley and from Merbach to Arthur's Stone
- Hills
- Hills
- Hills (Vagar Hill, Merbach Hill)
- Hills on both sides of the valleys
- Hillsides on both sides of the valley
- Mix of farm and village important
- No large scale development- housing/agricultural/energy.
- Bredwardine- view from Merbach trig point Arthurstone
- Playing field, river Dore
- Pylon and wind turbine free landscape
- River Dore + Playing fields

- The northern end of the golden valley as a whole, particularly from high ground looking down into the valley and 'out' towards the Malverns, Welsh Hills and Black Mountains
- The retention of all the countryside is important
- The views toward Merbach, and toward Peterchurch
- Too many to list!
- Vaga, Merbach
- Vagar Hill, Moccas
- Vaga Hill
- View of the tump from the road
- Views from Dorstone Hill and Merbach
- Views from Merbach
- Views from Merbach over valley to Black Mountains
- Views of open countryside are extremely important and the reason I moved here.
- Village green area
- Village Green, Outside conservation area.
- West Lawn, Millwood, Dorstone Hill, Spoon Lane

Appendix 3

Q23. Have you any other comments and/or ideas which are relevant to the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan or improving the quality of life of all the residents in Dorstone?

- A lot of properties have drainage problems. Would it not be possible to invest in a sewage plant? How about restricting the amount and speed of heavy farm machinery thundering through the village for a large part of the year.
- A most desirable village as it is - no need for improvement. Precious Councils have seen to that.
- All these questions ideas are about the village not the rest of the householders in the parish. Everybody living in rural properties outside of the village are more interested in the roads and ditches being well maintained
- As a young local I feel the most important idea to consider for the future of the parish is affordable housing. Young local people currently have no prospect at all of purchasing their own home. If necessary I think the planning system should be relaxed so that young families are not forced to move away because they want to own their home. I am also tired of the anti-wind turbine campaigns. Most of these objections are from people who will change their opinion over night when they don't have any electricity.
- At all costs we need to protect the beautiful countryside we live in. Not to ruin Dorstone village - The main reason people want to live/visit here is because of the unspoilt country living which is becoming the exception in Britain.
- Ban domestic bonfires in gardens during the day!
- Before they build x amount of houses in Peterchurch and possibly Dorstone the B4348 road at the Bredwardine junction Dorstone wants sorting out. It is too narrow, daily cars have to reverse to allow lorries/trucks through. How there are not more accidents beggars belief. If you are reversing on a main road and had an accident it would be your fault insurance wise. Especially round bends!! The road is just not suitable.
- Broadband improvement
- Broadband must be improved mobile phone reception must be improved

- Bus shelter, sympathetic oak design, (location to be considered by open discussion)
Return of the skip for large size household waste Couple of benches on the village green Communal opt-out for junk mail.
- Cycle tracks should be included/encouraged, either using existing verges or away from current roads Grit bins maintained properly Potholes filled more regularly
- Dorstone needs to grow to bring in the variety of people suggested (young families, elderly people, working professionals) which means more facilities such as a shop with basic amenities, better mobile/internet reception throughout the village and I think a major improvement would be to become self-sustaining using natural, renewable and local energy sources. I think that this is the main way to allow for improvements in the quality of life for all and would mean Dorstone could maintain any steady growth in harmony with the surrounding area.
- Ensuring that Dorstone remains a vibrant and viable village should be central to this plan, for this the village needs more affordable accommodation and employment opportunities. Affordable housing Support and premises for small businesses Sustainable energy
- Getting rid of our orange street lights at the "Dore View" development - removing the outlet into the stream carrying effluent from this development - detergents have killed everything in the stream i.e. for years it was full of trout etc. Planting hardwood trees for those that come after us.
- Having lived in the village for 17 years, it is a matter of concern that the road from 'Bell corner' into the village, year on year, is becoming increasingly and unacceptably filthy. It is understood that mud on the road is inevitable for a limited period. However, as no attempt is ever made to remove said mud, it is left to dry and during the dry months results in much dust in the area. It is noticeable that it is just this section which suffers so badly. On numerous occasions, a pressure washer has been hired to remove the mud which affects pedestrian access to our home, and actually makes walking hazardous.
- Highly important to retain the character and life of the village and ensure that the heart is retained especially around the green/hall/the pub and further to ensure that the younger generations are able to love and work locally to give a good age mixture which is essential for a vibrant long lasting happy community.
- I believe that this parish has run itself sufficiently for many generations, and does not need too much interference from authority
- I love this village as it is and do not wish to change any of it - which is why I chose to live in Dorstone. I HATE the fact that nobody will do anything for either themselves or the village unless "there is a grant for it". The logo on pages 1 & 3 shows the tower on the church facing east, try putting it on the opposite end! What is behind the intent in DFR in Q10? Dorstone does not need to assist farmers, DFR or Tourism.
- I think the plan will need to provide flexibility and take on individual applications on their own merit. In my opinion new developments should fit in with existing community - no big commercial developments. I also think that individuals should be allowed to build on their own property, obviously within reason, but if people live outside the village should not be restricted from building - we don't want everyone cramming buildings almost on top of each other in the village centre
- I think we all need to be more realistic and forward thinking about the addition of residences, space for new businesses and about new ways to generate energy.
- If we are going to live here, we need to be able to access our homes. The roads - major and minor - need to be maintained, as they are in our neighbour Powys.
- Important to support and preserve Dorstone church and Pandy inn. Important to recognise increasing use of internet and social media in future.
- Introduction of 20mph speed restrictions in the village.
- Keep new builds to a minimum and not change overall appearance of village, its heart is the centre and village green
- Mainly just the traffic - it's the contrast between lovely quiet and then speed and noise it generates that's pretty noticeable. Village hall outside light visually and aesthetically dreadful orange glow. Conservation status surely permits us to replace

with vintage replica energy efficient lamp and softer colour and nicer design. Area opposite row of cottages near bridge could be perhaps surfaced for parking and trees tidied up its scruffiest part of village - sorry!

- Maintenance of the roads is vitally important. Making sure that all the grit bins are continually replenished throughout the winter months. Cycle tracks should be included/encouraged either using existing verges or away from current roads.
- Many of the local barns/farm buildings are too large and unsightly in such a beautiful landscape. Difficult to control, of course, but perhaps owners could be requested to paint them a more harmonious colour!
- More attention to the restoration &/or replacement of empty buildings e.g. the old reading room. Bring back the railway.
- No GREAT changes please. Steady as you go, with minor improvements and additions. "Polish the binnacle and trim the sails and steady as you go!"
- No large scale building such as proposed in Peterchurch i.e. 89 houses on a 2.9ha site. We can't stop some new housing, but it must be small scale and fit in with the existing village.
- No matter what the detailed and overall outcome of the questionnaire is, no new housing or development should take place which directly or in part contributes to the flooding problems currently experienced in parts of Dorstone e.g. No new houses or development to take place on areas designated as likely to flood. No new houses or development to take place where 'defences' against potential flooding are required e.g. banking or raising of ground level. No new houses or development to take place where surface water and/or soil water drains directly into the Ponty-westan brook.
- People should have more respect for other people's property.
- Restrictions in speed on narrow lanes nearby village where cyclists, walkers and regularly use. Dogs to be kept on a lead and under control on narrow lanes.
- Sadly the questionnaire does not illustrate enough concern for the protection of the environment and all who live in it - due to large scale industrialised style farming in this area. Nothing in the way of being wildlife friendly.
- Speed and weight limits through the village - some agricultural equipment is huge, very heavy and too fast through the village as could be seen from the long skid marks!
- The answers I have given are NOT reactionary, all over the country places like Dorstone are at a premium for the very reason that they do not have businesses, wind turbines etc. People aspire to places like Dorstone (witness current TV programmes escape to the country and the like). These are the places they choose to live not the places they have to live. Be wary of the illusion of local democracy, there have been 3 recent examples locally of late of local opinion being over ridden. In our own locality there were 29 objections to the wind turbine and one in favour. This one was from outside the area and was based on 2 false premises. One year on we have the turbine. Parish Council voted in favour!
- The two greater problem fairly all communities such as ours are social care and age profiles. This plan should do all it can to help keep old and young alike in our parish. If the planning can help with this through more flexible use of housing stock and changes in the current use and structure of domestic building (by allowing retirement flats or conversion of other building/addition to current dwellings to encourage young people to stay in the parish) this might to be a stated aim and planning strategy.
- There does not appear to be any mechanical County Council road sweeping in the Dorstone Village. The area from the Brooklands bridge to the Bell turn is almost always covered in mud from lorries and run off from fields. It is very difficult to leave our home without walking through mud.
- There would have to be massive building to change views - spaces or plant life. Does it matter what we think about being designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. No development of any kind should be allowed unless they provide ALL the public facilities at their own cost i.e. road access, water, sewerage.

- Traffic calming at playground/ playing field
- Traffic calming by the playing fields
- What appears to be special about Dorstone to us includes: A range of ages in the village, with facilities for each Places to meet (village hall, DFR etc.) Embracing technology in a rural community (DFR newsletter, consider action of mobile signal)
What would, to us, make it a really progressive rural community would include: Fast broadband to encourage local enterprise and working Sustainable community energy initiatives New cycle routes for young, old and tourists and safe
- Work towards a 20mph speed limit

Appendix 4 - Questionnaire