Welcome

Thanks for supporting our Neighbourhood Plan Update event.

The purpose of today's display is to:

- Provide an update on how we're getting on preparing the Neighbourhood Plan

- Give feedback on the results of the Residents Survey we carried out last March

- Provide information about other reports we've had prepared

- Identify broad themes and proposals for the Plan

A reminder what a neighbourhood plan is

A neighbourhood plan is a document which, when complete, will be used by Babergh District Council when deciding planning applications. It must comply with National Planning Policy and the planning strategy in the Babergh Local Plan. Through a neighbourhood plan, Tattingstone residents can play an active part in how planning in our village over the next 15 or so years is implemented.

A neighbourhood plan can cover a range of themes, such as:
- where new housing would be allowed
- what existing facilities should be protected or new ones provided
- protecting historically important sites
- protecting our countryside and wildlife habitats
- providing guidance on the design of new development

What a Neighbourhood Plan can and cannot do

A neighbourhood plan can:
- Decide where and what type of development should happen in the parish
- Promote more development than is set out in the Local Plan _if this is supported locally_
- Include policies, for example regarding design standards, that take precedence over existing policies in the local plan for the Parish, providing the neighbourhood plan policies do not conflict with the strategic policies in the local plan

A neighbourhood plan cannot:
- Conflict with the strategic policies in the local plan
- Be used to prevent development that is in the local plan
- Rescind planning permissions
- Make rules for matters which don't need planning permission

The Process

There are a number of stages that have to be completed, as shown. Some of these stages are governed by the regulations for preparing Neighbourhood Plans and so there is no short cut. The Plan is being prepared on behalf of the Parish Council by a Working Group advised by specialists when necessary.

We welcome your thoughts and comments at the various stages of producing the Plan, such as today.

At the end of the day, it's YOU who will decide whether the Plan should be approved.

THE STAGES

✓ Babergh District Council Designates Neighbourhood Plan Area

✓ Establish Working Group

✓ Gather Evidence

Community Engagement
✓ Household Surveys
✓ Information Gathering

- Identify Key Issues
- Develop Aspirations
- Consider options
- Test Options
- Agree Plan Content

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✓ Community Engagement

- Write the Plan
- Consult on the Plan

Community Engagement
- Minimum 6 weeks
- Opportunity to comment

- Amend Plan and
- Submit to Babergh DC

Final Consultation by Babergh DC

- Independent Examination

VILLAGE REFERENDUM

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL ADOPTS

Residents Survey

In March 2022 we carried out a detailed survey of Tattingstone's residents, including those aged 9-15.

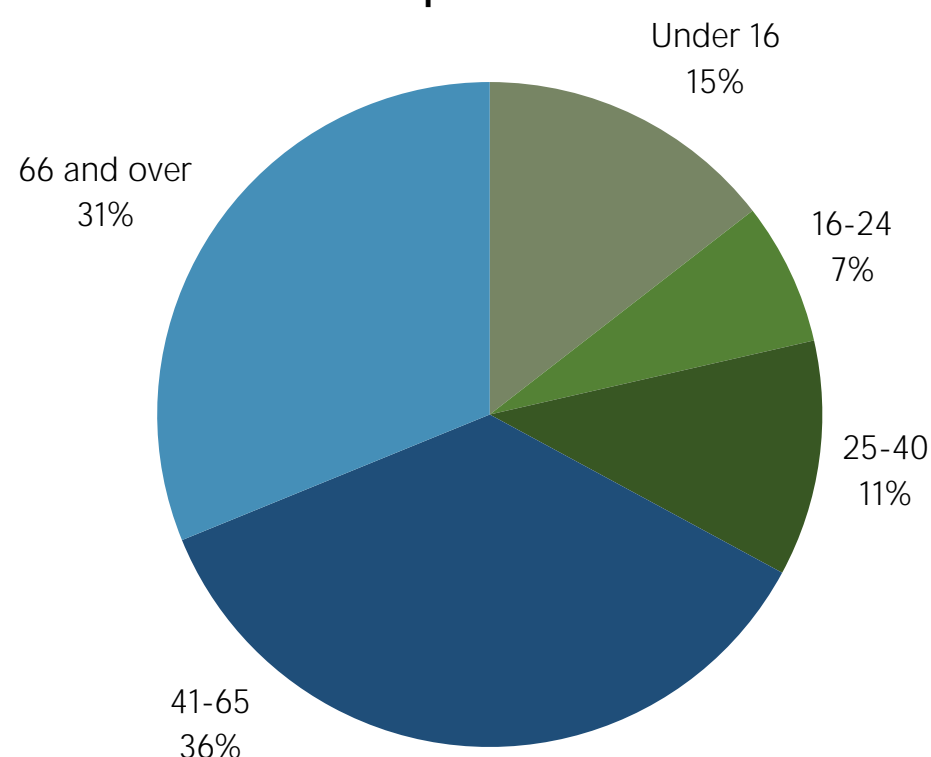We had 265 responses from adults and 20 from 9-15 year olds.

Thanks to everyone that contributed to a fantastic response.

THE HEADLINES

- Based on the most recent Census, we received responses representing 54% of the parish population

- 55% of respondents had lived in Tattingstone for over 15 years

- In line with the 2021 Census, almost one third of the parish population were aged 65 and over

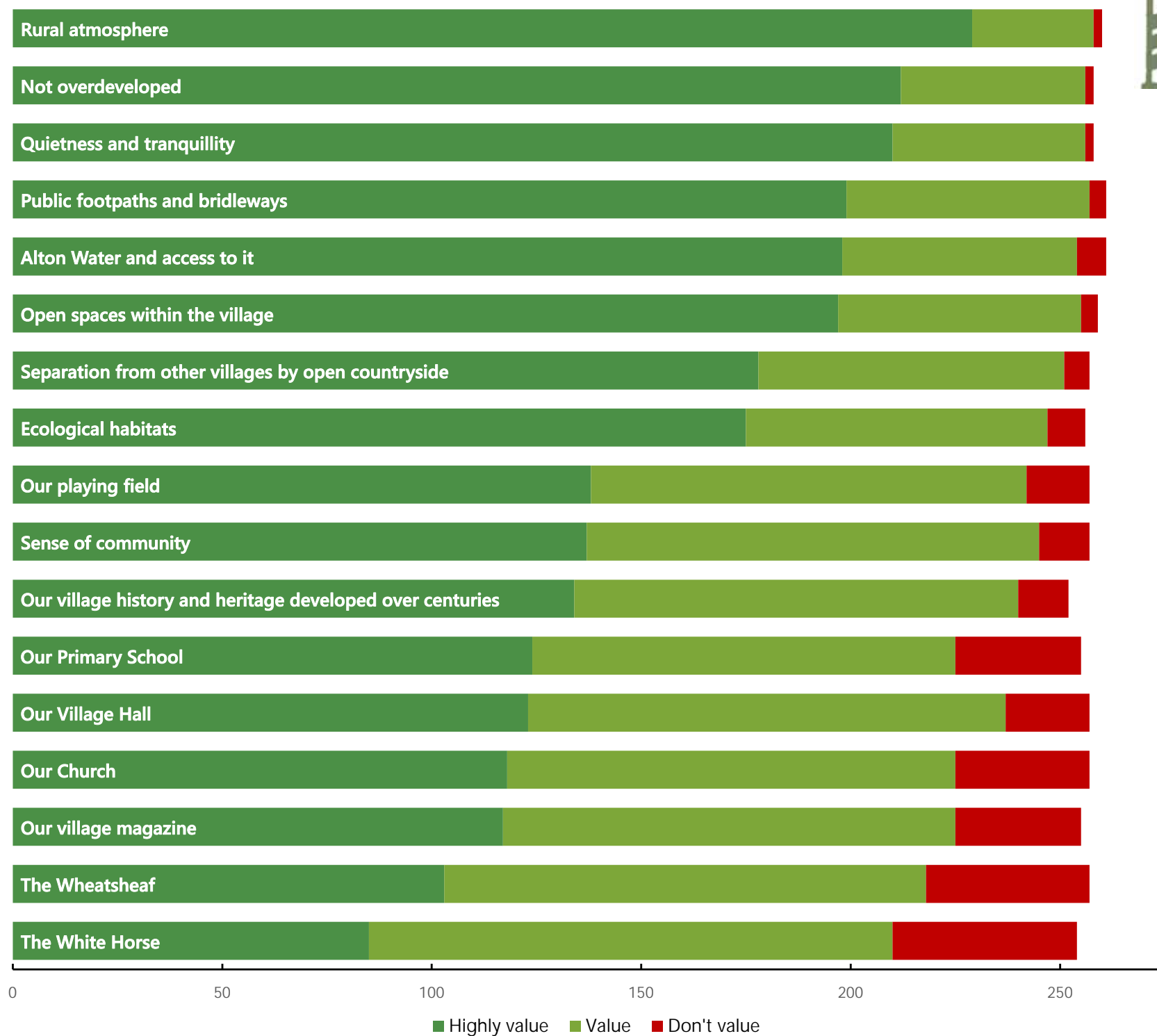- 40% of those that responded were retired

Tattingstone Neighbourhood Plan

Residents Survey

Help shape the future of our village

Age of people living in households of respondents

- 66 and over: 31%
- Under 16: 15%
- 16-24: 7%
- 25-40: 11%
- 41-65: 36%

Positive & Negative Features

The things you value most in our village

Feature	
Rural atmosphere	
Not overdeveloped	
Quietness and tranquillity	
Public footpaths and bridleways	
Alton Water and access to it	
Open spaces within the village	
Separation from other villages by open countryside	
Ecological habitats	
Our playing field	
Sense of community	
Our village history and heritage developed over centuries	
Our Primary School	
Our Village Hall	
Our Church	
Our village magazine	
The Wheatsheaf	
The White Horse	

0   50   100   150   200   250

■ Highly value   ■ Value   ■ Don't value

Do you agree or disagree that these are weaknesses / negative features of our village

Feature	
Speed of traffic on the A137 is a problem	
Volume of traffic is too high on the A137	
Speed of traffic throughout the village is a problem	
Car parking is a problem throughout the village	
Maintenance of verges and hedges is a concern	
There are insufficient bins for dog waste	
Volume of traffic is too high in Tattingstone	
There are insufficient bins for general waste	
Road signs are adequate and visible	

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■ Strongly agree   ■ Agree   ■ Disagree   ■ Strongly disagree   ■ No opinion
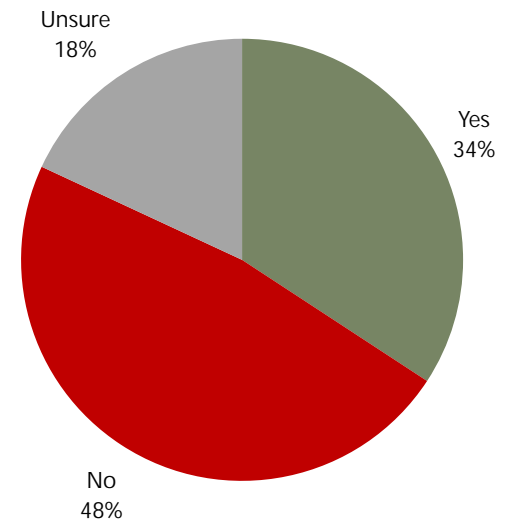
Thoughts on Housing

There is no overwhelming support for additional housing

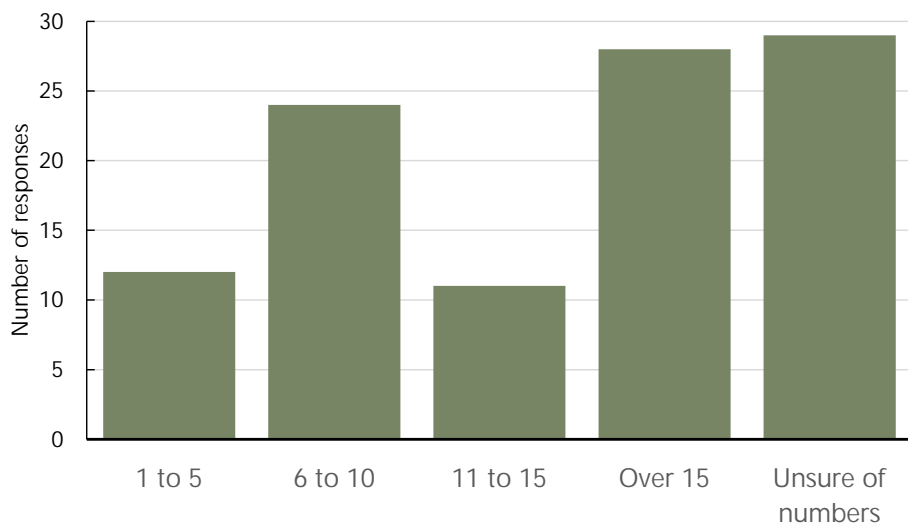Of those that supported more housing, there was no clear support for a specific amount of housing

The main reason for supporting more housing was to enable to young people to afford to remain in the community

80 people supported small developments of up to 5 dwellings and 64 supported single dwellings
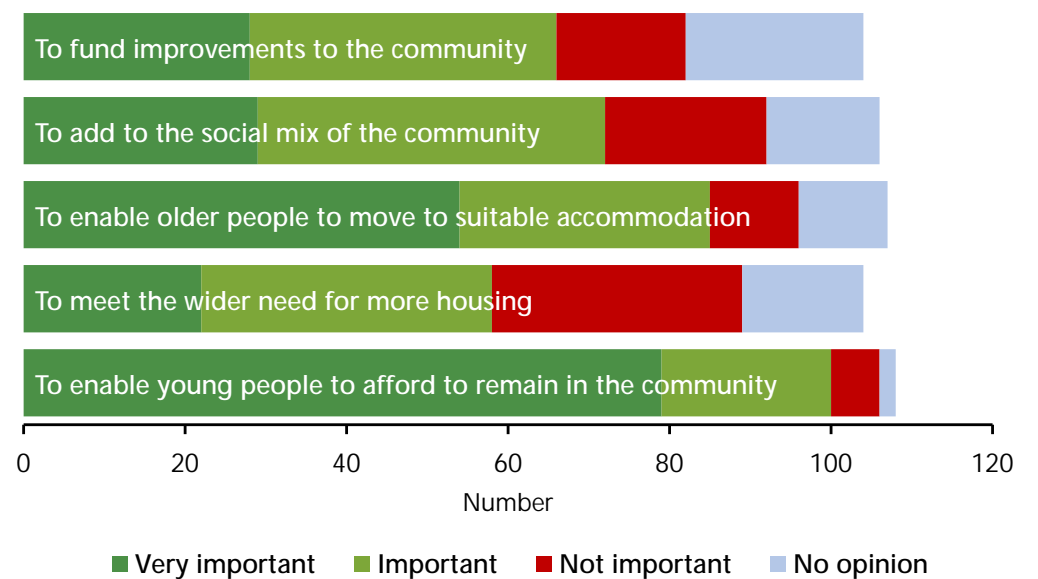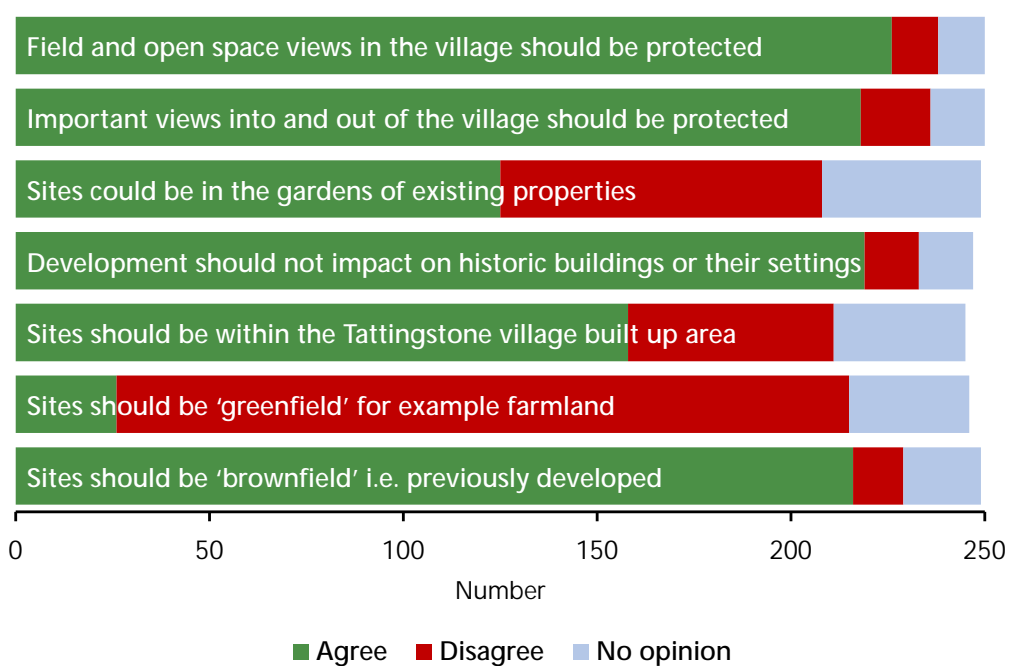
Do you think Tattingstone needs more housing?

Unsure 18%
Yes 34%
No 48%

How many new houses?

Reasons for supporting new housing

- To fund improvements to the community
- To add to the social mix of the community
- To enable older people to move to suitable accommodation
- To meet the wider need for more housing
- To enable young people to afford to remain in the community

■ Very important ■ Important ■ Not important ■ No opinion

Housing Site Considerations

- Field and open space views in the village should be protected
- Important views into and out of the village should be protected
- Sites could be in the gardens of existing properties
- Development should not impact on historic buildings or their settings
- Sites should be within the Tattingstone village built up area
- Sites should be 'greenfield' for example farmland
- Sites should be 'brownfield' i.e. previously developed

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ No opinion

16% of respondents stated that they intended to move from Tattingstone in the next 5 years

The top 3 reasons for moving were:
- To move somewhere closer to a shop
- Wanting an easier home to maintain
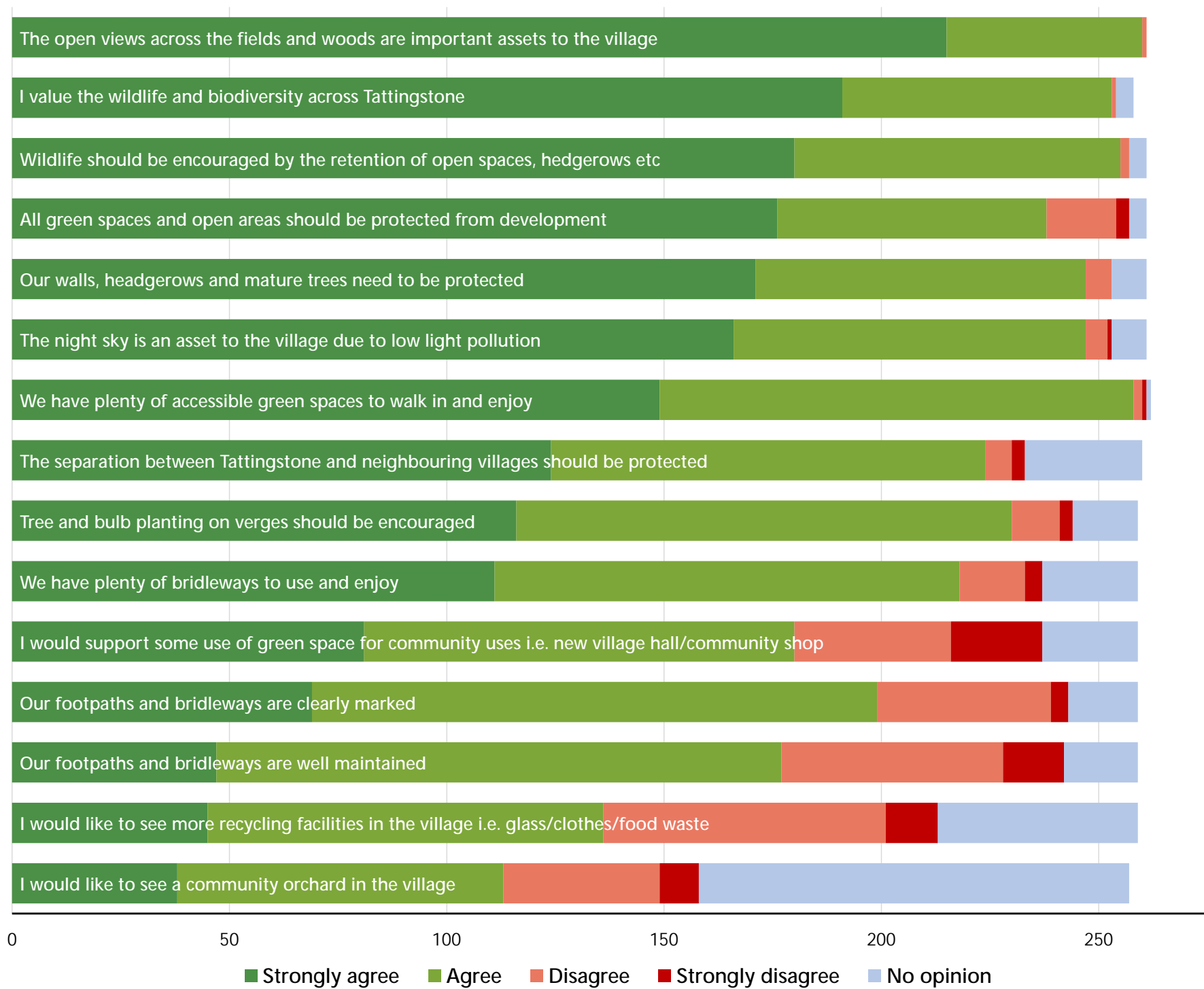- To move to a smaller home

Thoughts on Natural Environment

There is strong support for protecting and encouraging wildlife

Only one person disagreed that the open views across fields and woods are important assets

There are some concerns about waymarking and maintenance of public rights of way

Your views on the environment and our green spaces

Legend: ■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ No opinion

Bar chart categories (top to bottom):
- The open views across the fields and woods are important assets to the village
- I value the wildlife and biodiversity across Tattingstone
- Wildlife should be encouraged by the retention of open spaces, hedgerows etc
- All green spaces and open areas should be protected from development
- Our walls, headgerows and mature trees need to be protected
- The night sky is an asset to the village due to low light pollution
- We have plenty of accessible green spaces to walk in and enjoy
- The separation between Tattingstone and neighbouring villages should be protected
- Tree and bulb planting on verges should be encouraged
- We have plenty of bridleways to use and enjoy
- I would support some use of green space for community uses i.e. new village hall/community shop
- Our footpaths and bridleways are clearly marked
- Our footpaths and bridleways are well maintained
- I would like to see more recycling facilities in the village i.e. glass/clothes/food waste
- I would like to see a community orchard in the village
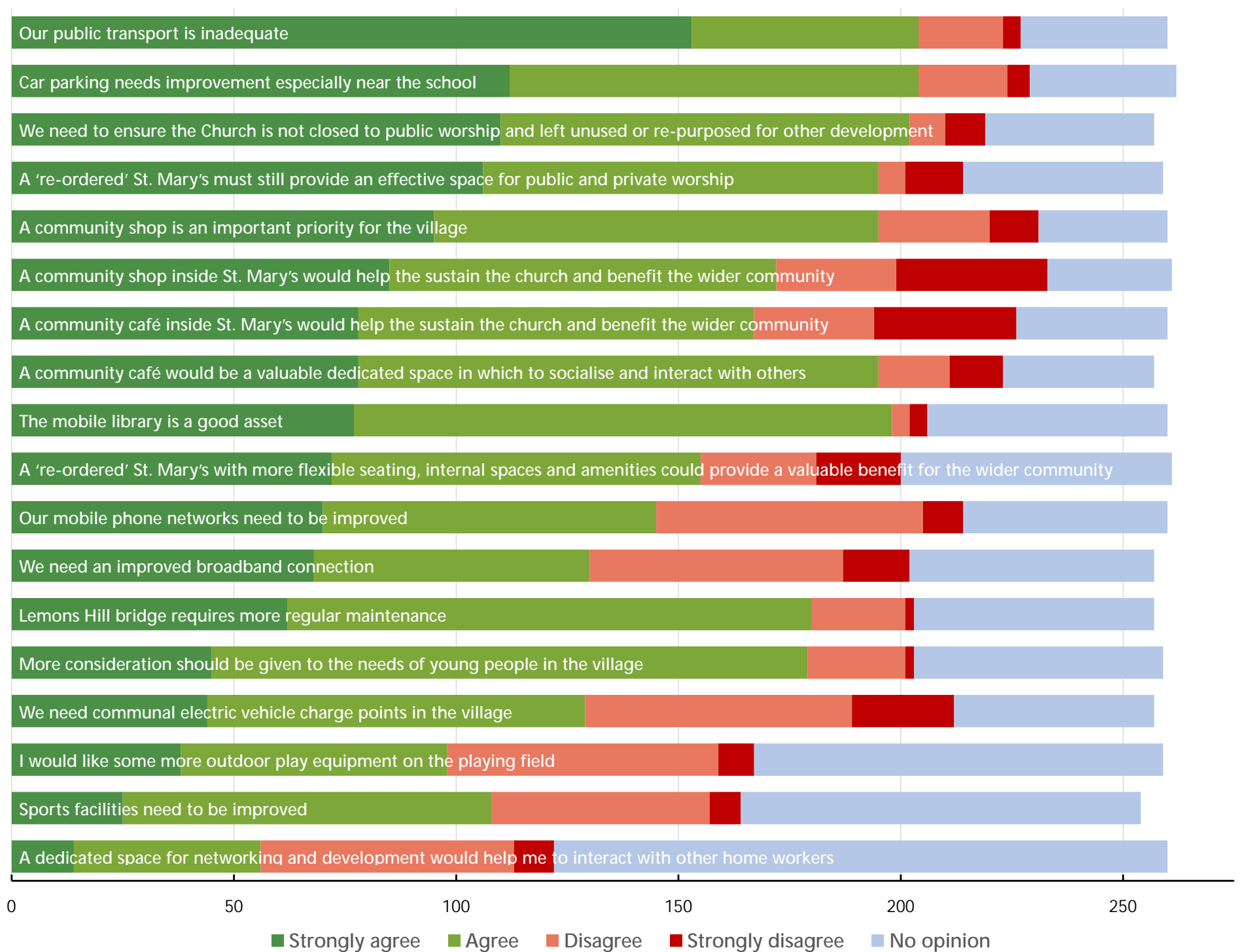
Thoughts on Services and Amenities

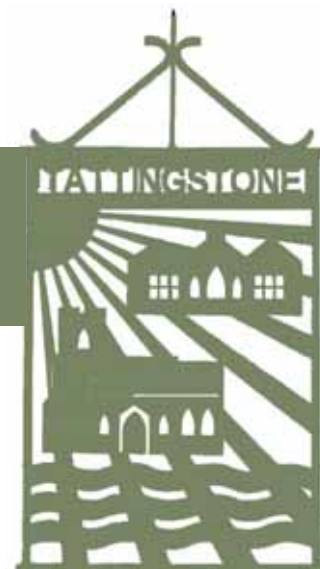There is strong agreement that public transport is inadequate and car parking needs improving

The provision of a community shop and café is supported by most residents

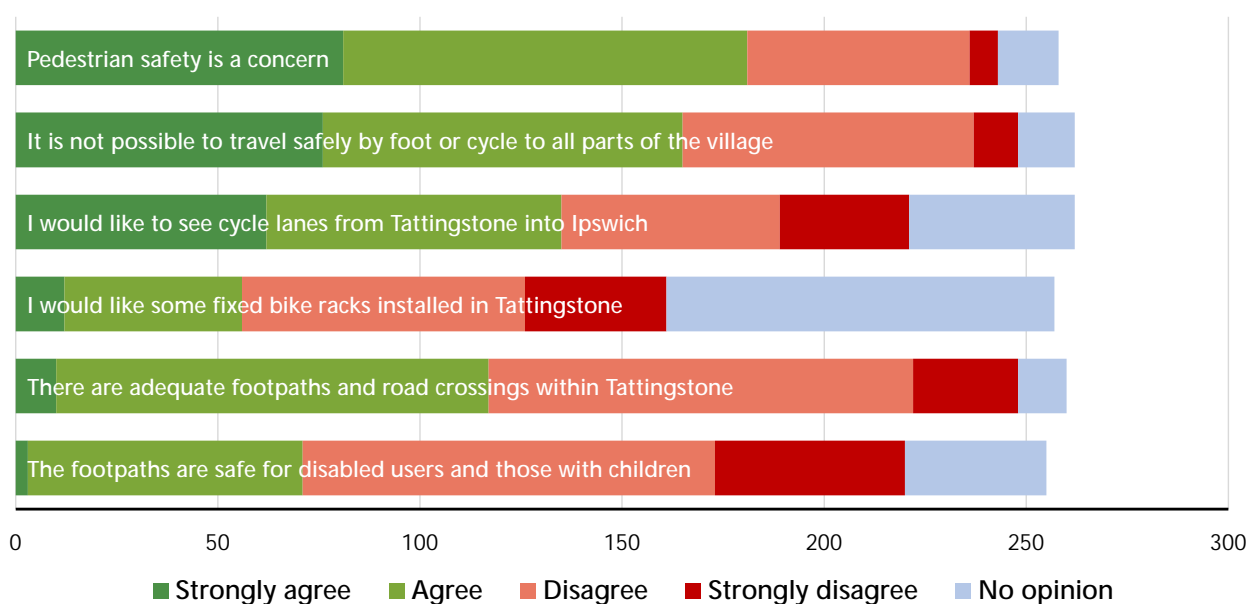There is no overwhelming support for communal electric vehicle charging points

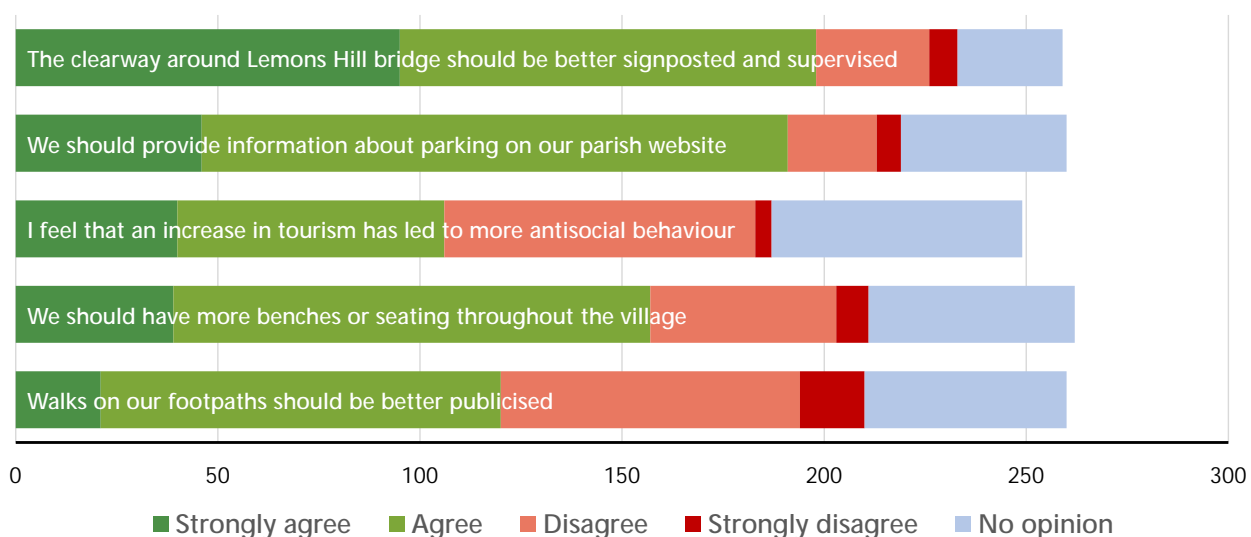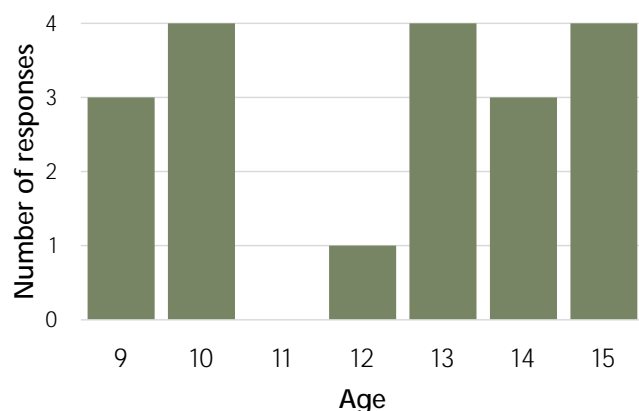## Your views on services and amenities

Our public transport is inadequate

Car parking needs improvement especially near the school

We need to ensure the Church is not closed to public worship and left unused or re-purposed for other development

A 're-ordered' St. Mary's must still provide an effective space for public and private worship

A community shop is an important priority for the village

A community shop inside St. Mary's would help the sustain the church and benefit the wider community

A community café inside St. Mary's would help the sustain the church and benefit the wider community

A community café would be a valuable dedicated space in which to socialise and interact with others

The mobile library is a good asset

A 're-ordered' St. Mary's with more flexible seating, internal spaces and amenities could provide a valuable benefit for the wider community

Our mobile phone networks need to be improved

We need an improved broadband connection

Lemons Hill bridge requires more regular maintenance

More consideration should be given to the needs of young people in the village

We need communal electric vehicle charge points in the village

I would like some more outdoor play equipment on the playing field

Sports facilities need to be improved

A dedicated space for networking and development would help me to interact with other home workers

Legend: ■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ No opinion

Axis: 0, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250

Other matters

Your views on facilities for pedestrians and cyclists with Tattingstone

Pedestrian safety is a concern

It is not possible to travel safely by foot or cycle to all parts of the village

I would like to see cycle lanes from Tattingstone into Ipswich

I would like some fixed bike racks installed in Tattingstone

There are adequate footpaths and road crossings within Tattingstone

The footpaths are safe for disabled users and those with children

0   50   100   150   200   250   300

■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ No opinion

Your views on Tourism and Leisure in Tattingstone

The clearway around Lemons Hill bridge should be better signposted and supervised

We should provide information about parking on our parish website

I feel that an increase in tourism has led to more antisocial behaviour

We should have more benches or seating throughout the village

Walks on our footpaths should be better publicised

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■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ No opinion

Youth Survey - Age of Respondents

Number of responses

Age: 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

If there were a Youth Club or similar activities in Tattingstone would you use them?

No

Yes

Out of school hours, do you have problems meeting your friends who live outside Tattingstone village?

Yes

No

Our Landscape

We're having a Landscape Appraisal prepared for the parish.

The Appraisal has been funded by a government grant for neighbourhood planning.

The Appraisal supplements a number of previous studies carried out in the wider area, especially those prepared for the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

It identifies important landscape areas and features that should be protected in order to preserve the character of the three built-up areas of the parish.

It also proposes a number of initiatives.
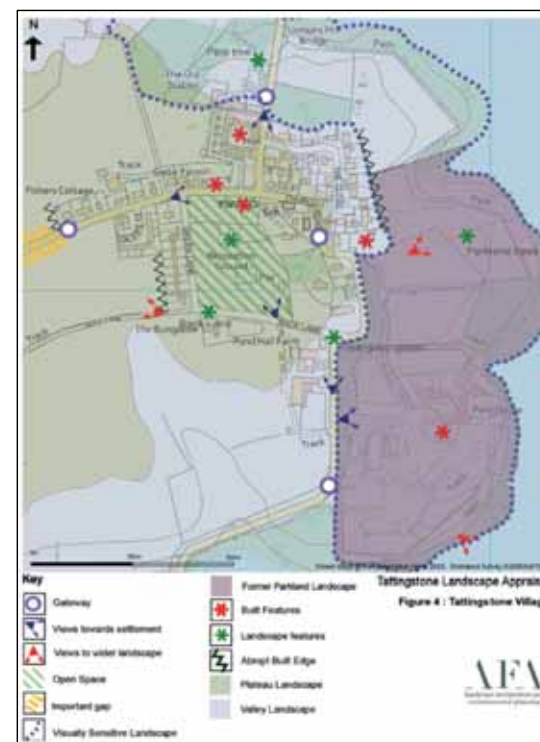
Initiatives

- Recognise landscape which is visually sensitive and which forms a setting to settlements and to Alton Water.

- Recognise areas of open space which make a contribution to the settlement character improve parking and access to Alton Water and seek arrangements which discourage damage to rural lane verges.

- Encourage the use of native hedgerow species for property curtilages and avoid urban fencing or railings which can appear out of character and may create visual clutter along lanes or the settlement edge.

- Identify veteran trees within the Parish and consider TPO status where trees make a particular contribution to the village character Prepare a management plan for key trees to improve longevity and plan for succession planting.

- Consider selective tree removal or pruning to open up views of Tattingstone church and Tattingstone Wonder from the wider landscape, including restoration of the inter-visibility between Tattingstone Wonder and Tattingstone Place.

- Remove overhead wires from streetscapes especially in Tattingstone Village and Tattingstone White Horse.

- Retain the open gap between the settlements and avoid development which undermines perceptions of individual identity of settlements. Incremental development which substantially reduces identified gaps, intensifies urban character in these locations, or blocks important views to the surrounding landscape, should be avoided.

- Within the wider arable farmland seek opportunities to reinstate lost hedgerows, manage and restore gappy hedgerows and seek opportunities to improve field margins, creating a strong ecological network connecting Alton Water to the Samford Valley.

Our Views

Tattingstone White Horse

Tattingstone

Development Design

We've also had Design Guidance prepared for the parish.

The Guidance has also been funded by a government grant for neighbourhood planning.

The Guidance will provide the evidence for planning policies to ensure that new development is acceptable and reflects good design.

Tattingstone Design Principles

- **Integrate** with existing paths, streets, circulation networks and patterns of activity;
- **Reinforce** or enhance the character of streets, greens, and other spaces;
- **Relate well** to local topography and landscape features, including prominent ridge lines and long-distance views;
- **Reflect, respect, and reinforce** local architecture and historic distinctiveness;
- **Retain and incorporate** important existing features into the development;
- **Respect** surrounding buildings in terms of scale, height, form and massing;
- **Adopt** contextually appropriate materials and details;
- **Provide** adequate open space for the development in terms of both quantity and quality;
- **Incorporate** necessary services and drainage infrastructure without causing unacceptable harm to retained features;

- **Ensure** all components e.g. buildings, landscapes, access routes, parking and open space are well related to each other;
- **Positively integrate** energy efficient technologies;
- **Make sufficient provision** for sustainable waste management (including facilities for kerbside collection, waste separation, and minimisation where appropriate) without adverse impact on the street scene, the local landscape or the amenities of neighbours;
- **Ensure** that places are designed with management, maintenance and the upkeep of utilities in mind; and
- **Seek to implement** passive environmental design principles by, firstly, considering how the site layout can optimise beneficial solar gain and reduce energy demands (e.g. insulation), before specification of energy efficient building services and finally incorporate renewable energy sources.

Development Design

Tattingstone Design Codes

Design Codes are a set of simple, concise design requirements which set out the key criteria for new development. They should be used when developments are designed and will also be used when planning applications are considered.

The list identifies what they cover:

- Heritage, views and landmarks
- Patterns of growth within the rural landscape
- Accessible and attractive footpath network/ access to the Countryside
- Prioritise walking and cycling
- Cycle parking
- Create a green network
- Biodiversity
- Water management (SuDS)
- Trees
- Open spaces
- Storage and slow release of Water
- Permeable paving
- Building heights

- Density
- Housing mix
- Legibility and wayfinding
- Boundary lines, boundary treatments and corner treatment
- Materials and architectural Details
- Hard landscaping, materials and street furniture
- Minimising energy use
- Lifetime and adaptability
- Minimising construction Waste
- Recycling materials and Buildings
- Electric vehicle charging Points
- Street lighting and dark skies
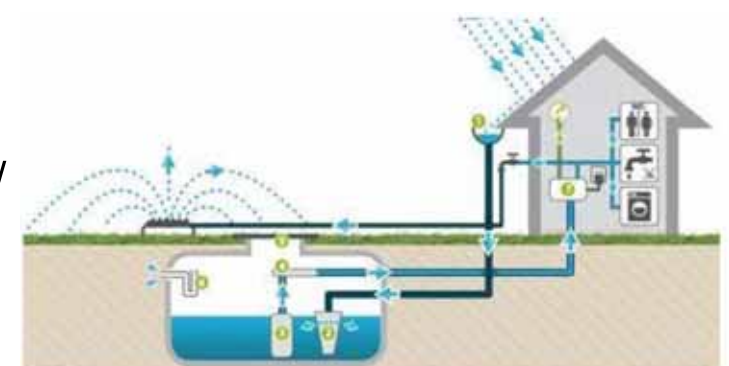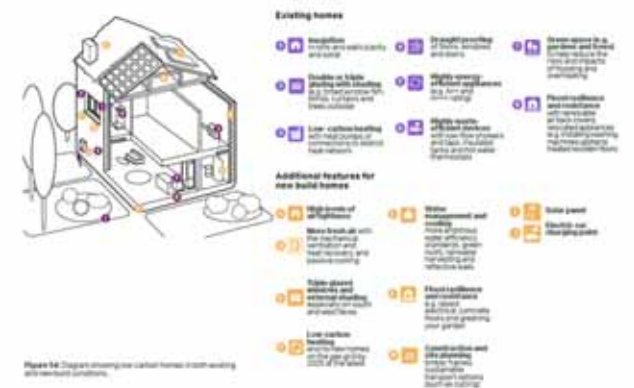
Built Heritage

Tattingstone does not have a Conservation Area but we do have 20 Listed Buildings as identified in the list below.

- Church of St Mary
- The Tattingstone Wonder
- Ayre Lodge, Church Road
- 30 & 31 Church Road
- Stable / Cartlodge approx. NW of St Mary's Hospital, Church Road
- St Mary's Hospital, Church Road
- Cragpit Farmhouse, Ipswich Road
- Cragpit Farm Cottage, Ipswich Road
- Ceduna and Cosy Nook, White Horse Hill
- Cast Iron Railings enclosing the Churchyard
- Lodge Cottages, 1,2 & 3 Church Road
- Tattingstone Place
- Garden Wall attached to eastern face of Tattingstone Place
- Road Farmhouse, Main Road
- White Horse Inn
- White Horse Inn sign
- Pump approx. 6 metres south of White Horse Inn
- Barn adj to road and south of Pond Hall Farmhouse, Church Road
- The Walk, Lemons Hill

Preparing the Plan provides an opportunity to identify locally important historic buildings or features that we would like to protect from being lost.

Are there any buildings or features that are not listed and which you think should be preserved for their historic importance?

Please write your suggestions on a post-it note.

If you agree with a suggestion already there, place a green dot on the note.
If you disagree, use a red dot.

Plan Content

The key content of the Neighbourhood Plan will be the planning policies. They will be used when Babergh make decisions on planning applications.

Planning policies can only cover matters that require planning permission, so they can't cover things such as implementing speed limits or clearing public rights of way.

The Plan can, however, include community initiatives to cover non-planning matters. These would typically be matters raised on our survey.

Contents Page

- **Introduction:** What a neighbourhood plan is and how our Plan has been prepared.
- **About Tattingstone:** A short section to provide the reader with the history and context for our parish.
- **Planning Policy Context:** Providing the context for how the Plan fits in with national and Babergh planning policies.
- **Our Vision and Objectives:** The Plan will provide a framework for what Tattingstone will look like in 2037 and the objectives to realise that Vision.
- **Planning Strategy:** This section will cover where development will and will not be allowed to take place. It will define "settlement boundaries" around the main built up areas of the parish.
- **Housing:**
  - The Plan will not be allocating any sites for housing development
  - It will allow for the development of small infill plots within the Settlement Boundary
  - It will contain a policy for the provision of affordable housing for local needs
- **Natural Environment:** The Plan will contain policies on:
  - The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
  - Protecting our Landscape Character and Important Views
  - Protecting and enhancing wildlife habitats and biodiversity
  - Mitigating for the impact of development on nearby internationally important wildlife sites
  - Protecting "Local Green Spaces" that are important to the parish
- **Built Environment and Development Design:** The Plan will contain policies on:
  - Protecting designated heritage assets
  - Identifying potential local heritage assets
  - Development design
  - Flooding and sustainable drainage
  - Minimising light pollution
- **Services and Facilities:** The Plan will contain policies on:
  - Protecting existing services and facilities (eg pubs, school, village hall)
  - Protecting sport and recreation facilities
- **Highways and Travel:** The Plan will contain policies on:
  - Protecting existing public rights of way
  - (possibly) requiring higher levels of car parking provision in new development

What next?

We'll be writing the Draft Neighbourhood Plan over the Spring.
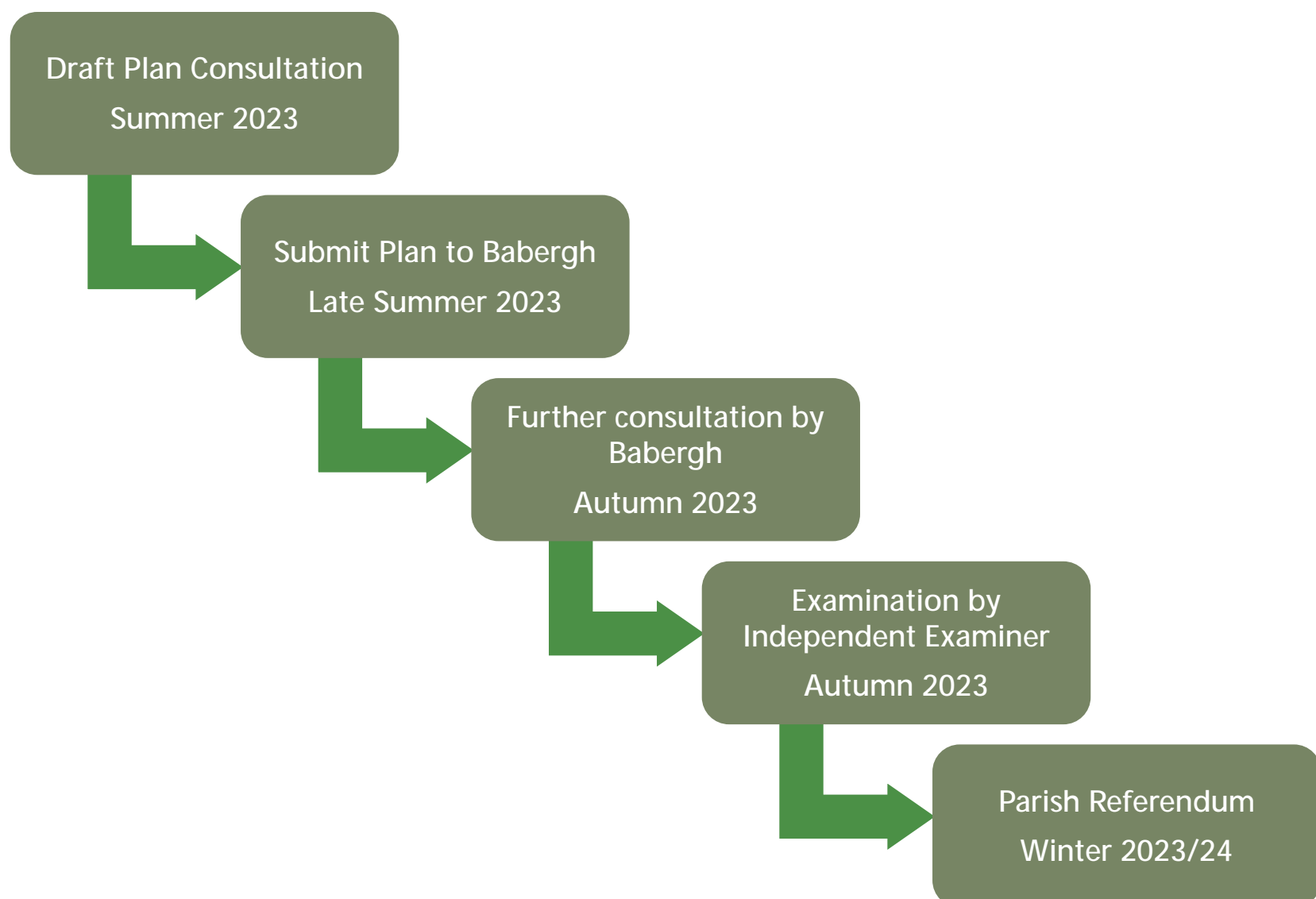
Once the draft is agreed, we'll consult you on the Plan for a minimum of six weeks.

At that time we'll be asking you whether you support the Plan or would like any changes to be made.
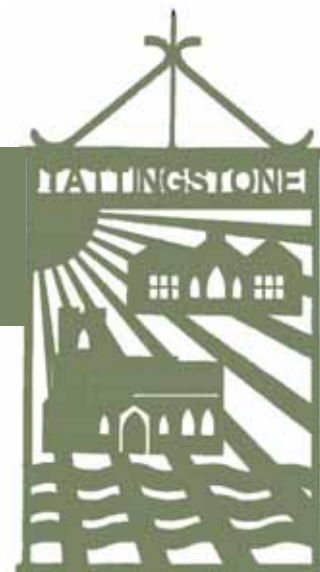
We'll hold another drop-in event here at the start of the consultation period when you'll have the opportunity to look at the document, ask questions and provide feedback.

At the end of the six weeks we'll review all the comments before making and changes to the Plan and submitting it to Babergh District Council.

Our estimated timetable for competing the Plan is illustrated below

Draft Plan Consultation
Summer 2023

Submit Plan to Babergh
Late Summer 2023

Further consultation by Babergh
Autumn 2023

Examination by Independent Examiner
Autumn 2023

Parish Referendum
Winter 2023/24

Your feedback

Thanks again for coming along today.

If you'd like to leave any thoughts about the Plan and what you'd like or would not like to see in it then please leave you comments on post-it notes here.

Use post-it notes to provide your comments & coloured dots to indicate if you agree (● green dot) or disagree (● red dot) with a comment