



La Comité de la Commune Rurale de St Jean

Overview of Survey Findings – Island Plan Review 2020

The Comité Rurale were due to present an overview of the survey findings at an open meeting on 21st March but due to the Covid19 outbreak this was cancelled. We also understand the Environment Minister is likely to announce changes to the Island Plan Review process and possibly an interim Island Plan, therefore it was opportune to circulate the overview presentation now with the Parish Magazine, and present it formally at a later date when appropriate.

Back in 2011 the Comité Rurale carried out an informative survey and the results were used to advise Island politicians and planners of parishioners' views to the previous Island Plan. Last summer the States of Jersey launched their consultation process and documents for the new Island Plan covering 2021 to 2030. You may have seen a "call for sites" in the local media in which the States of Jersey were asking for suggestions of land to be considered for future development, as well as protection from development.

To assist with the Parish's response to the consultation the current Comité Rurale decided to repeat the survey exercise but also include some of the new themes highlighted in the documents, for example renewable energy and the Coastal National Park. Many of the 2011 survey questions were repeated to allow a comparison to be made between the 2011 versus and the 2020 results, as you will see on the following pages. The Comité Rurale has met with representatives from the Planning & Environment Department on a number of occasions as part of the consultation process.

The survey questionnaire was circulated at the end of January 2020 to 1,237 postal addresses in the Parish, and in total 218 replies were received. I would like to thank all the parishioners who took part and also the members of the Comité Rurale who assisted with the questionnaire, and then the input and analysis of the responses. There were a large volume of written comments including some quite lengthy ones, and as a result the comments are not being circulated as part of this overview although some have been included as examples. The comments will be available to view in the Parish Hall and on request in electronic form.

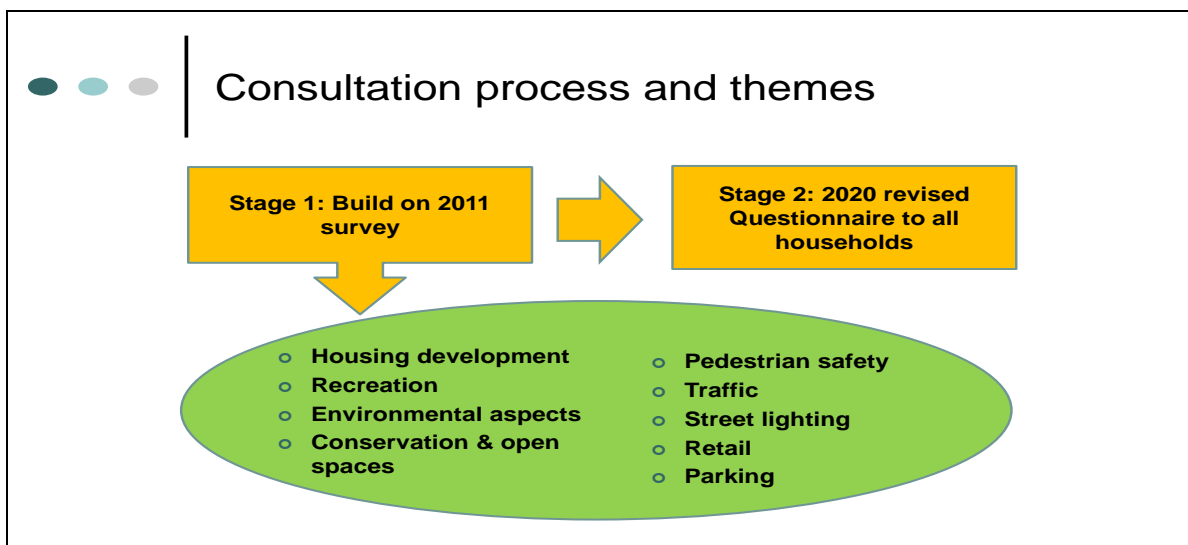
In the Parish Magazine the Constable has put forward various proposals for the area around St John's village and we understand further proposals will be following for other areas which have been informed by the results of these two surveys.

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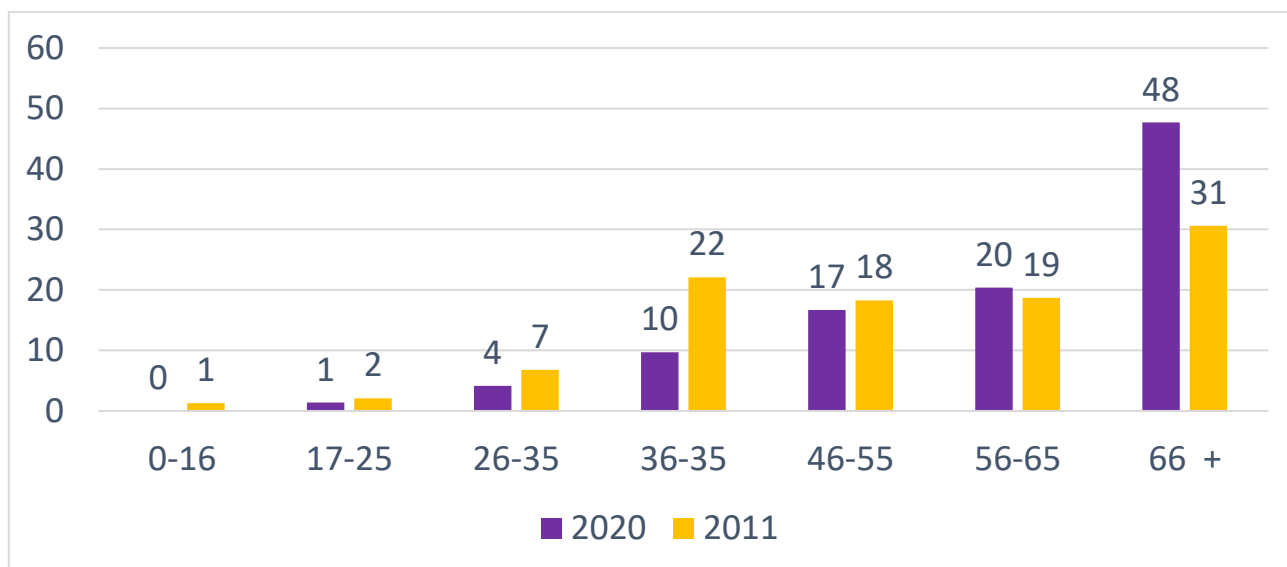
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Comité Rurale – 15th June 2020

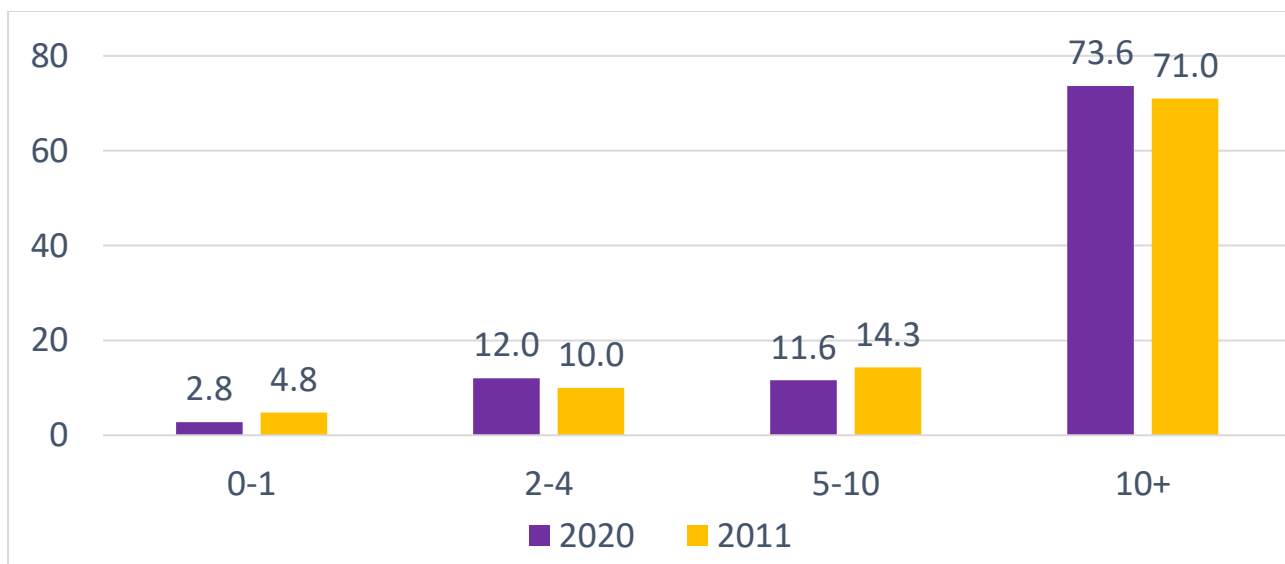
2020 Survey Questionnaire



Q2. To which age category do you belong? (% comparison of respondents age group)

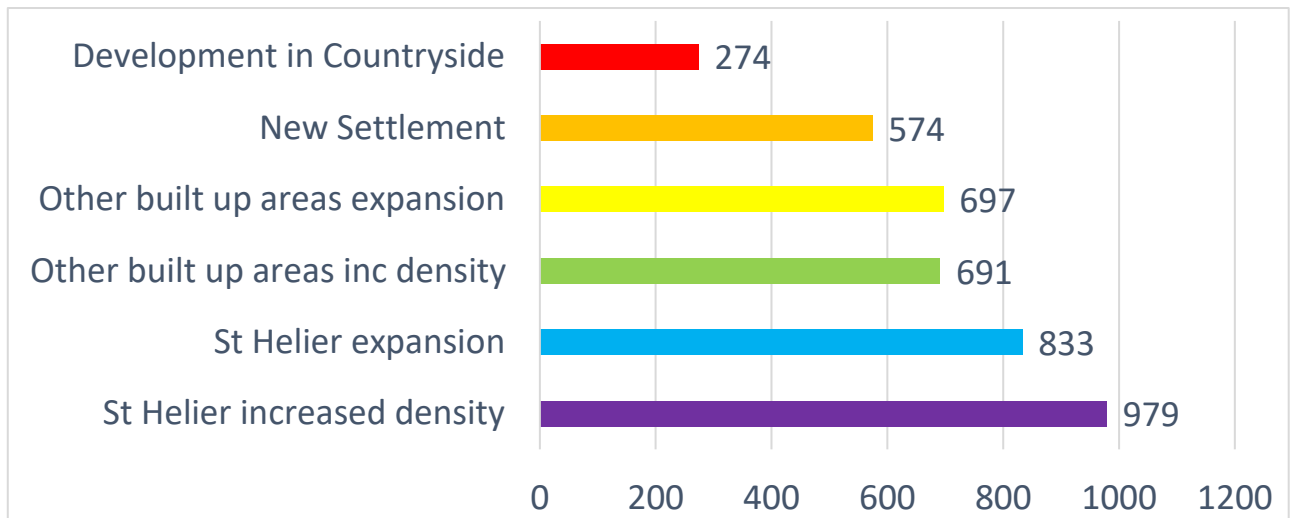


Q3. How long have you lived in the Parish? (% comparison)



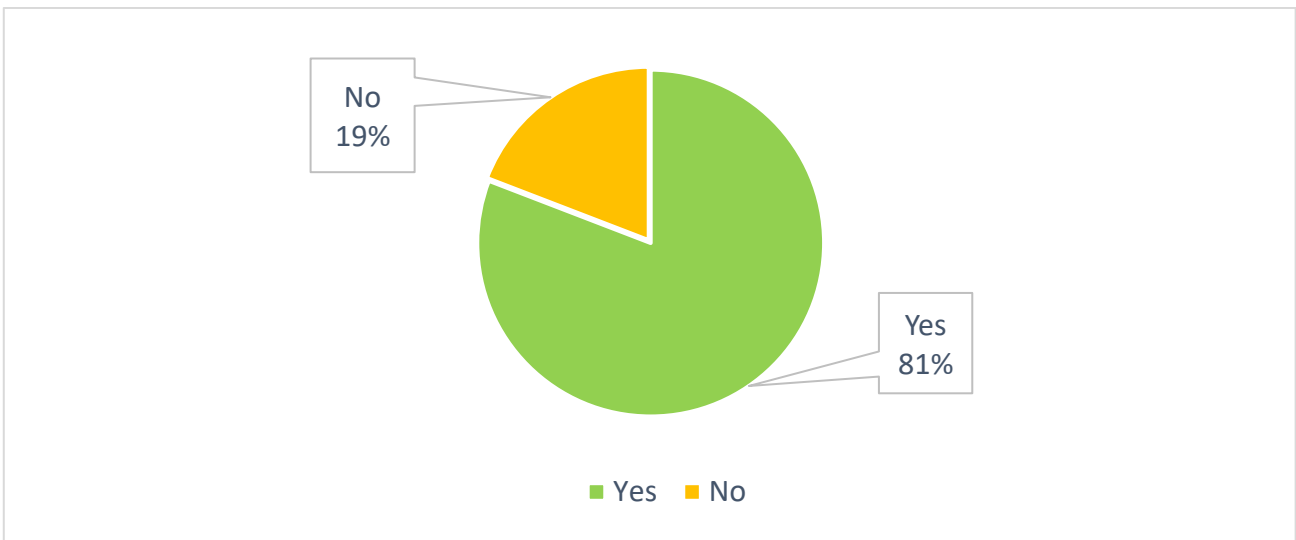
Q4. Your preferred view of the six options proposed by the Government? (ranked scores)

Summary – Most support for increased density in St Helier



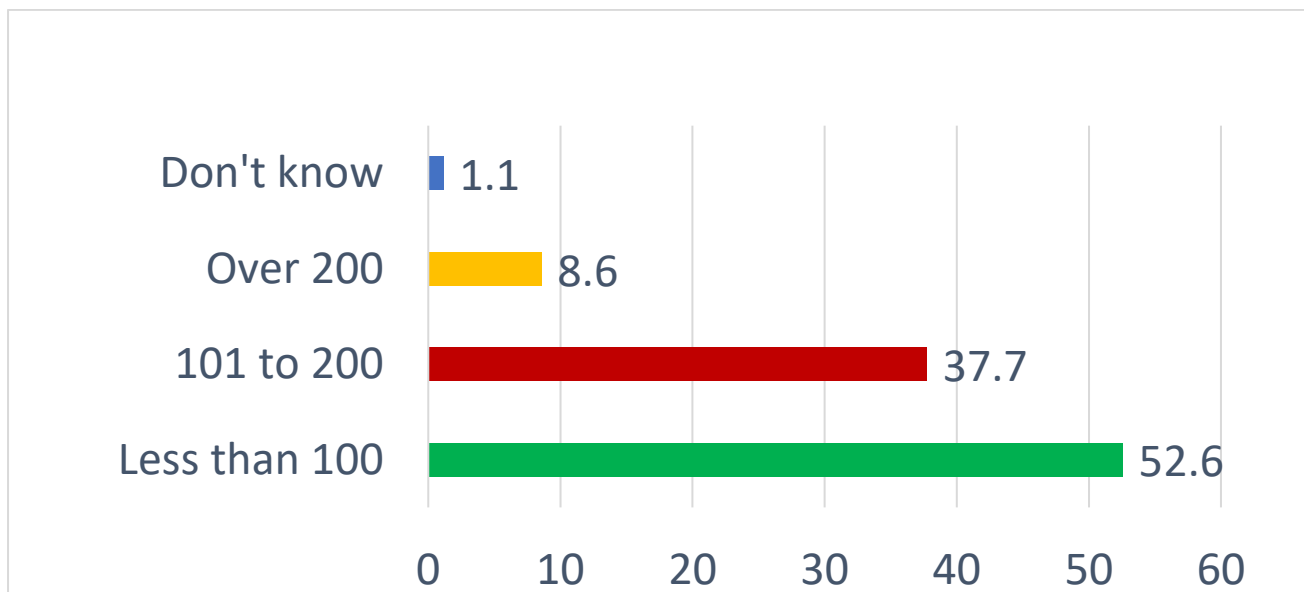
Q5. Do you accept the need for more housing development in St John up to 2030? (%)

Summary – Majority accept the need for more housing in St John



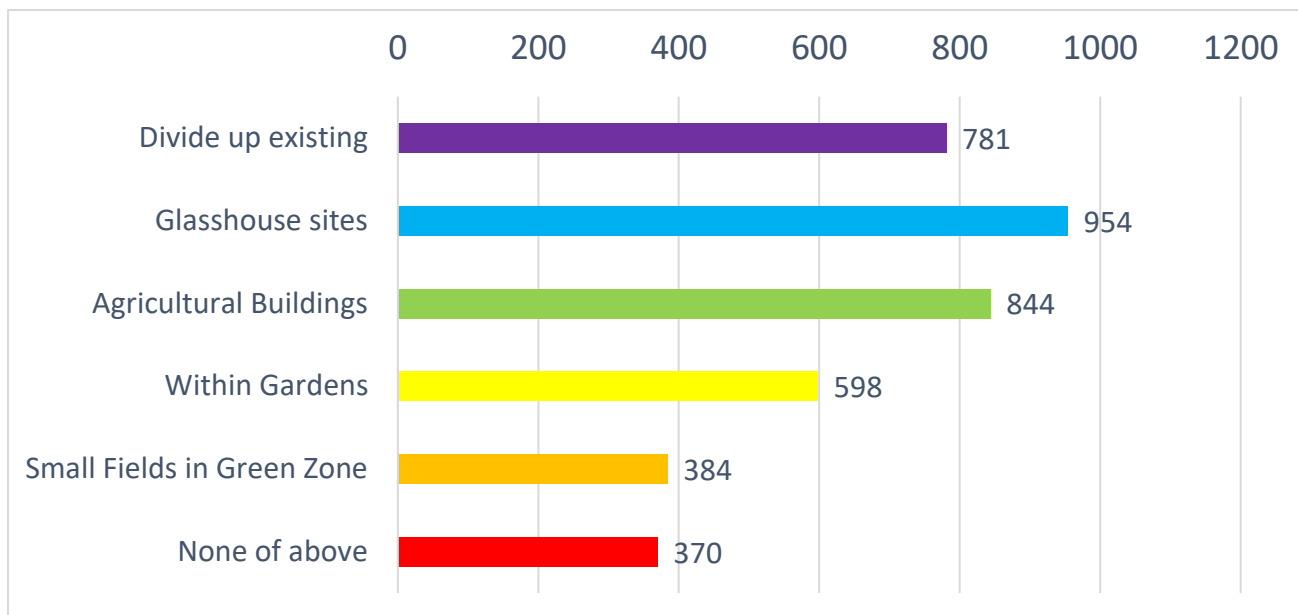
Q6. If yes, please indicate the amount of new dwellings which would be acceptable? (%)

Summary - Majority support less than 100 new dwellings



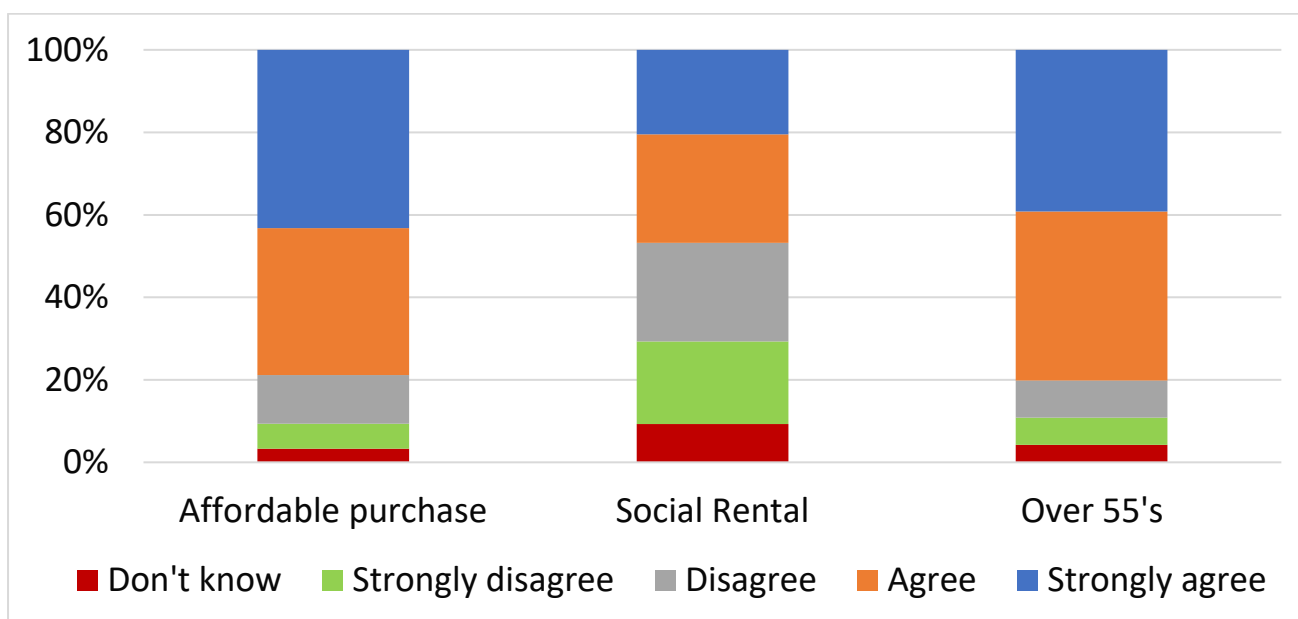
Q7. Where in the Parish would you find it acceptable for additional higher priced dwellings to be created?

Summary - Preference for re-development of existing "built on" sites. (ranked scores)



Q8. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Connetable and Municipality should undertake and develop the Parish's own developments for the following dwelling types? (Affordable purchase, Social Rental or Over 55's) (%)

Summary – Most support for Affordable Purchase and Over 55's developments



Q9. If you agree with any of the options, where in the Parish do you propose these dwellings are developed?

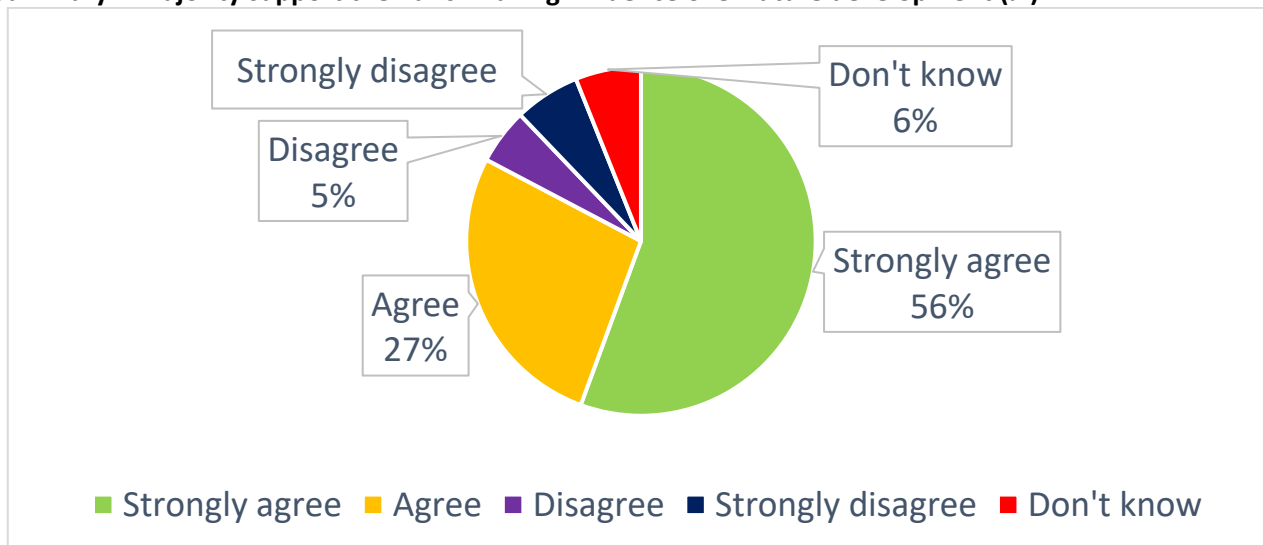
"Amenity is most important, therefore close to the school, church and shops. Equally near to the bus routes and main roads."

"Near the present village areas so as to not 'over build' the rural landscape of the parish - also easier therefore to promote sustainable transport (eg walking, buses),"

"Old agricultural sheds, glass house sites and on the edges of the existing village including using small fields"

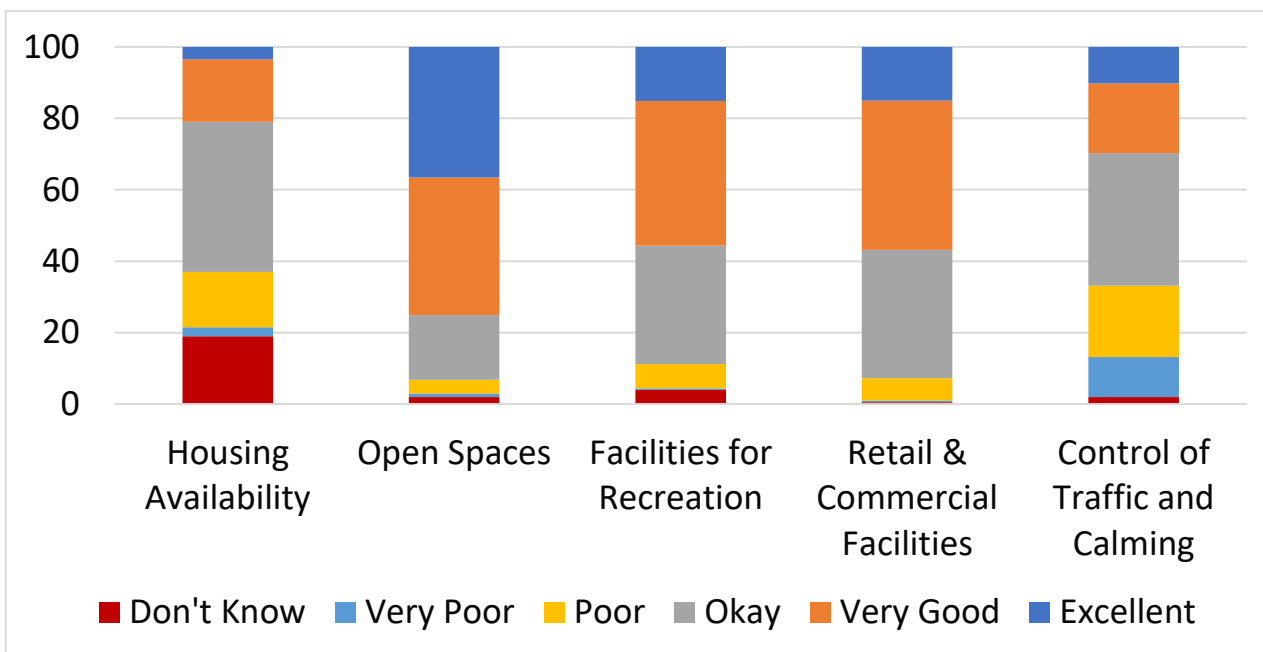
Q10. To what extent do you agree, or disagree, that in order to protect the vitality and viability of St John's rural settlements, the Connétable and Municipality should have parochial influence to agree or reject development?

Summary – Majority support the Parish having influence over future development (%)



Q11. How would you rate living in the Parish according to the following aspects? (%)

Summary – Open Spaces, Facilities for Recreation and Retail & Commercial Facilities most highly rated



Q12. In your own words how would you describe the Parish as a place to live?

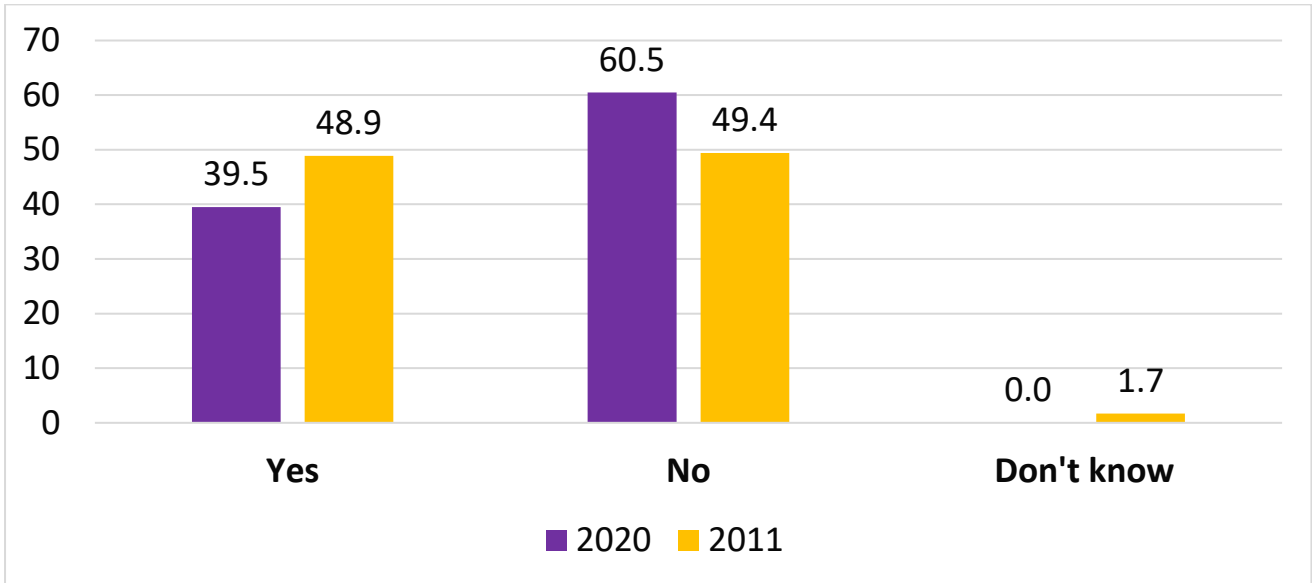
“Good friendly - good community. Church, school + shops being near each other makes it different + special.”

“It is wonderful to live in a parish, where there is still countryside to enjoy on your doorstep and to be part of the rural life here.”

“Living in Sion it is quite difficult to feel part of St John. There are no amenities here for children, no bus shelters, no traffic calming measures.”

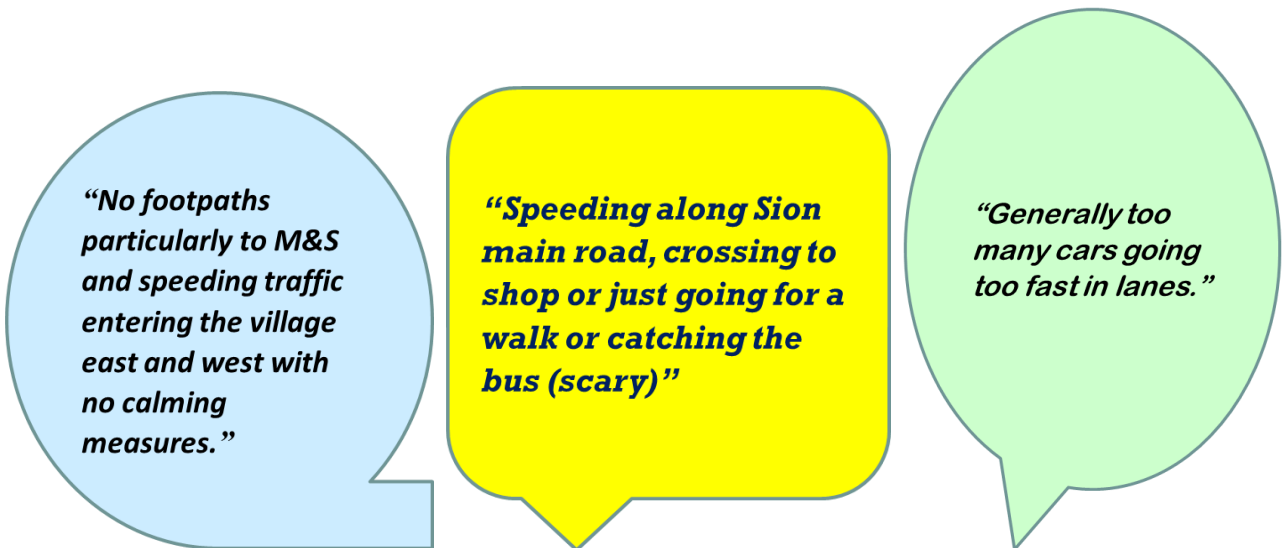
Q13. Is traffic a significant problem where you live in the Parish? (% comparison)

Summary - Traffic (where respondents live) perceived to be slightly less of a problem than in 2011



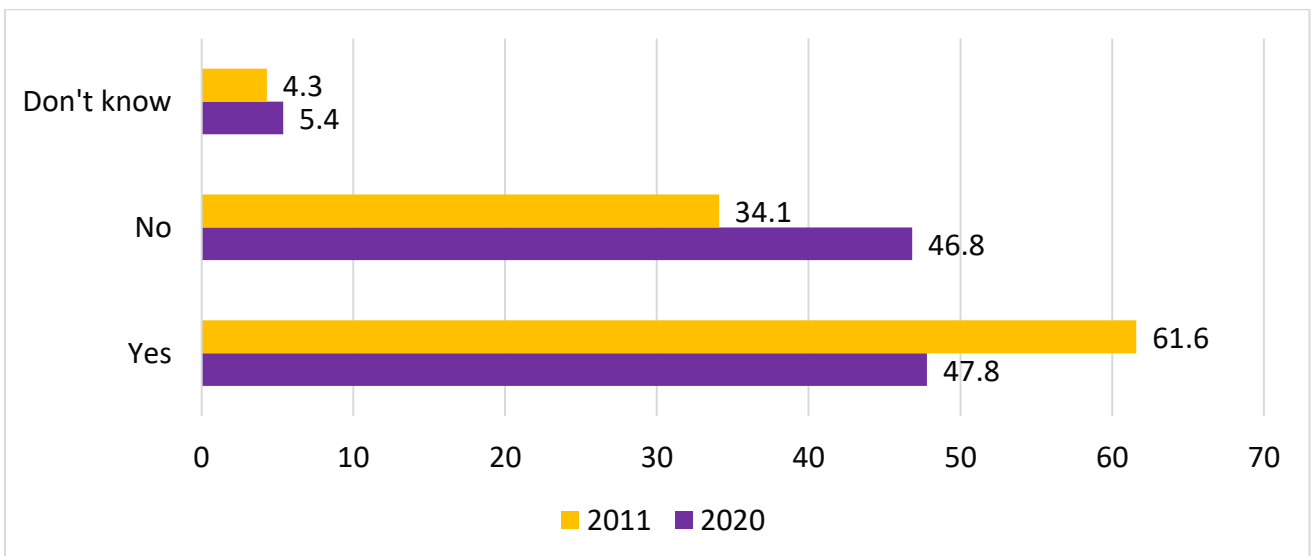
Q14. If yes, what is the nature of the traffic problem that affects you and where in the Parish?

Summary - Common themes in what the traffic problems are and where...



Q15. Would you like to see more traffic calming measures in your area of the Parish? (% comparison)

Summary – Almost evenly split for or against more traffic calming in 2020



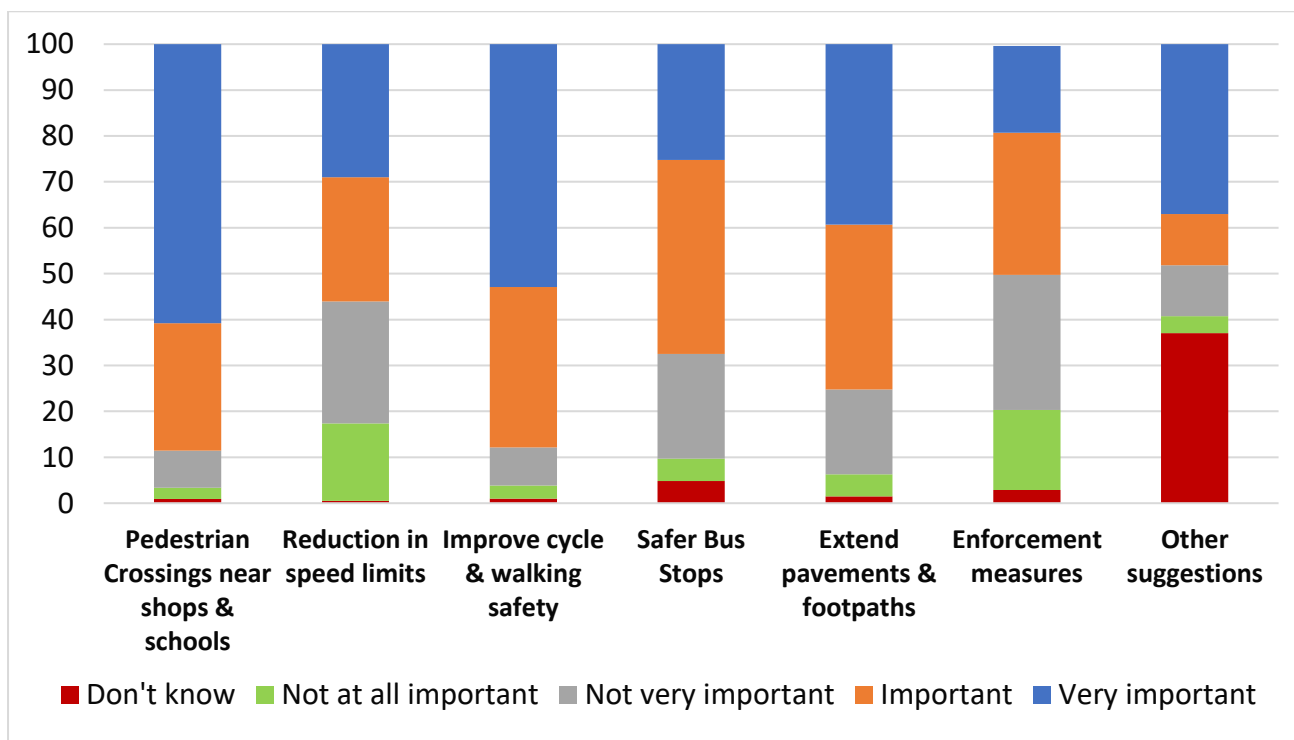
Q16. Where would you like to see more traffic calming?

Summary – General agreement on where more traffic calming is wanted.



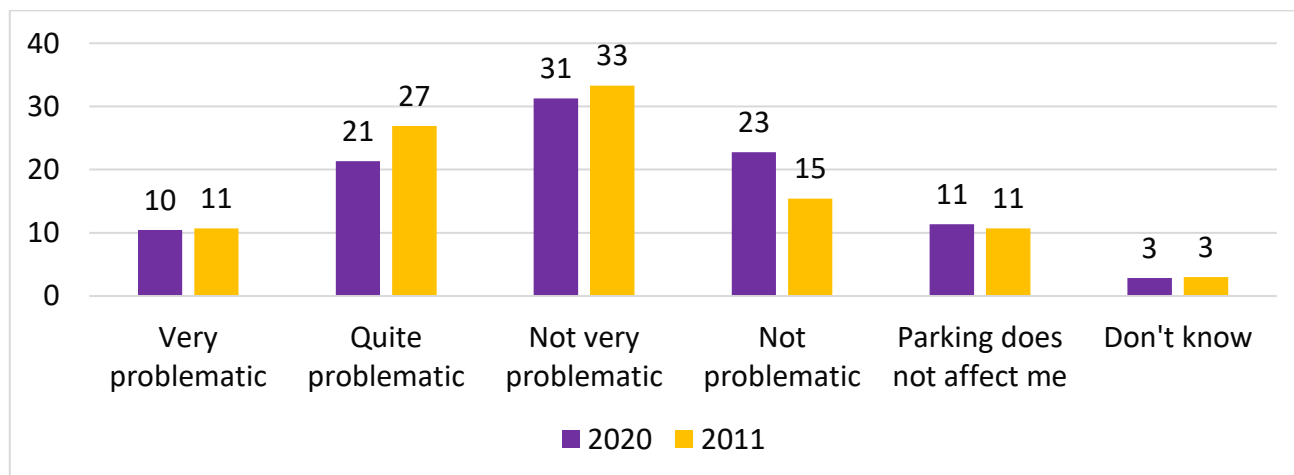
Q17. How important, or not important, do you feel that each of the following possible measures are taken to promote pedestrian safety in the Parish? (%)

Summary – Varying support for pedestrian safety measures



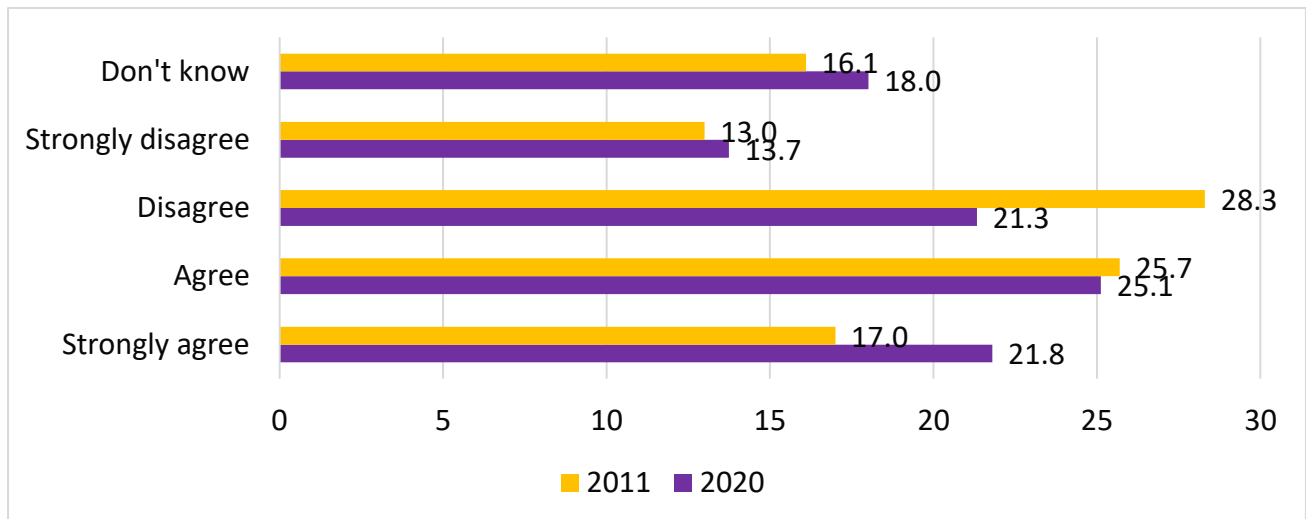
Q18. To what extent do you think that public parking is a problem in the Parish? (% comparison)

Summary – Public parking perceived to be slightly less of a problem than in 2011



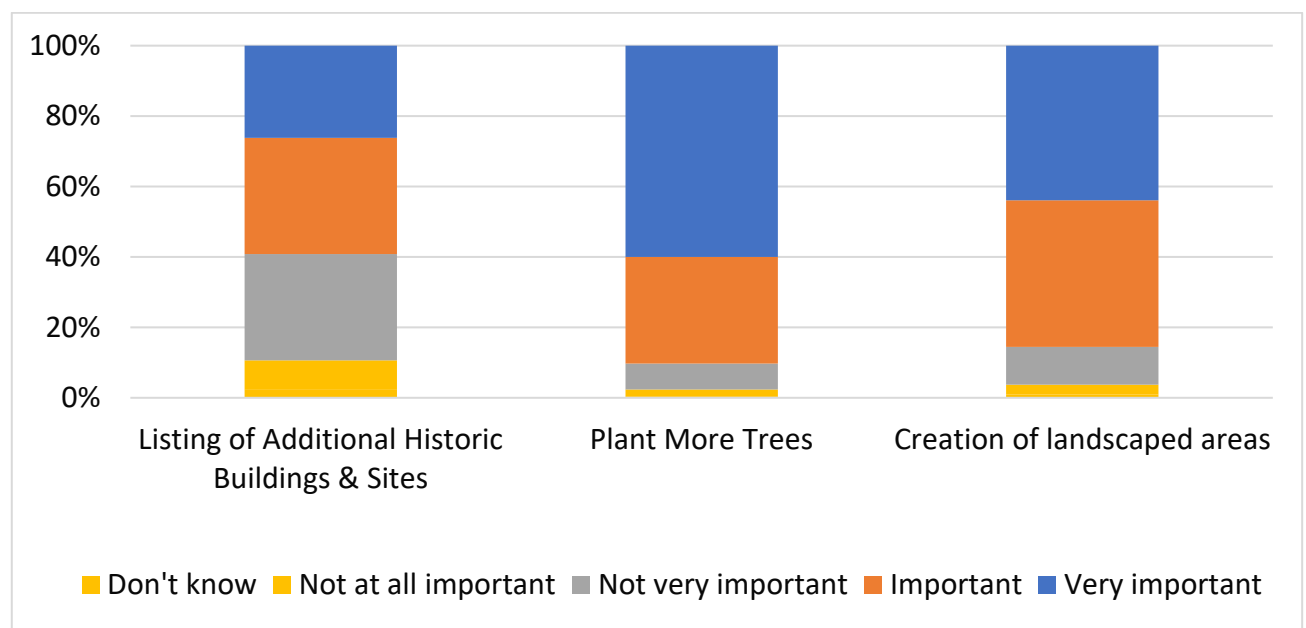
Q19. To what extent do you agree, or disagree, there should be more lighting in areas where pedestrians frequently walk after dark? (% comparison)

Summary – Split for or against the need for more street lighting

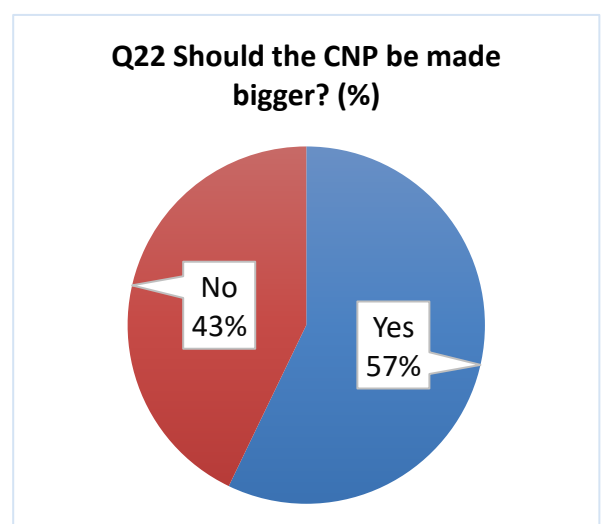
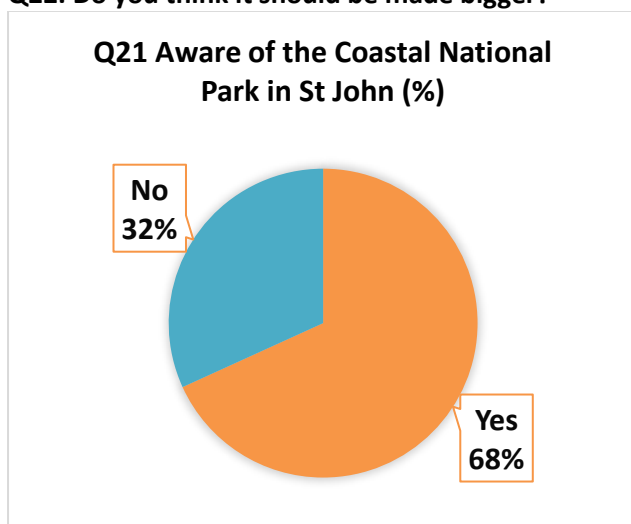


Q20. How important, or not important, are the following measures relating to Building Conservation and the retention of open spaces in the Parish? (%)

Summary – Most support for planting of trees and creation of landscaped areas.

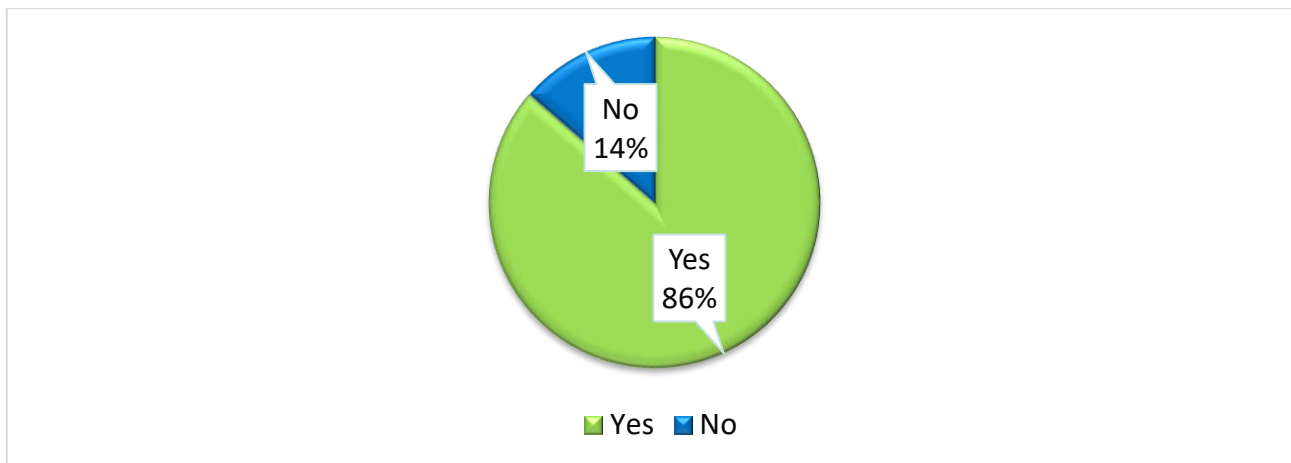


Q21. Are you aware of the area currently designated as part of the Coastal National Park in St John?
Q22. Do you think it should be made bigger?



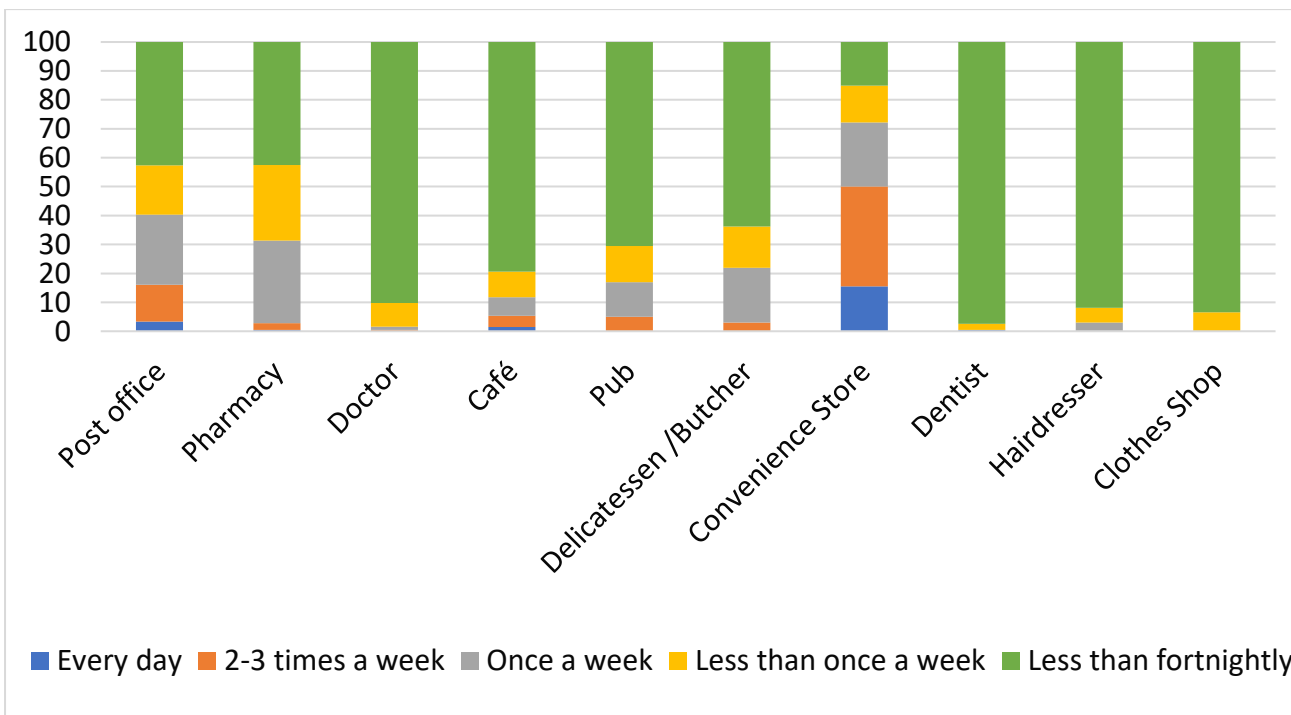
Q23. Should the Island encourage the development of offshore renewable (wind and tidal) energy,..... would you support such schemes being sited off the coast of St John? (%)

Summary - Clear support for Renewable Energy Schemes



Q24. How often do you use the following shops and services in the Parish?

Summary – Please support local shops and services



Q25. Are there any other types of retail outlet you would like to see in the Parish?

Summary of Recurring Themes

“Baker - farm shop- veg shop.”

“No - we currently have an excellent selection of retail outlets for a country parish.”

“Retail for fish wet and shell.”

“Take away shop such as fast food.”

Q26. Is there currently anything that you feel can be changed to improve the Parish for its residents?

Summary of Recurring Themes

- Traffic volumes and speeding
- More pavements and bus shelters
- Bus service frequency
- Mains drains and water
- Support for cycling