



Westerfield Neighbourhood Plan

Volunteer Working Group presentation

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Welcome and introduction

Mary Pluquet



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Housing

Bret Hallworth



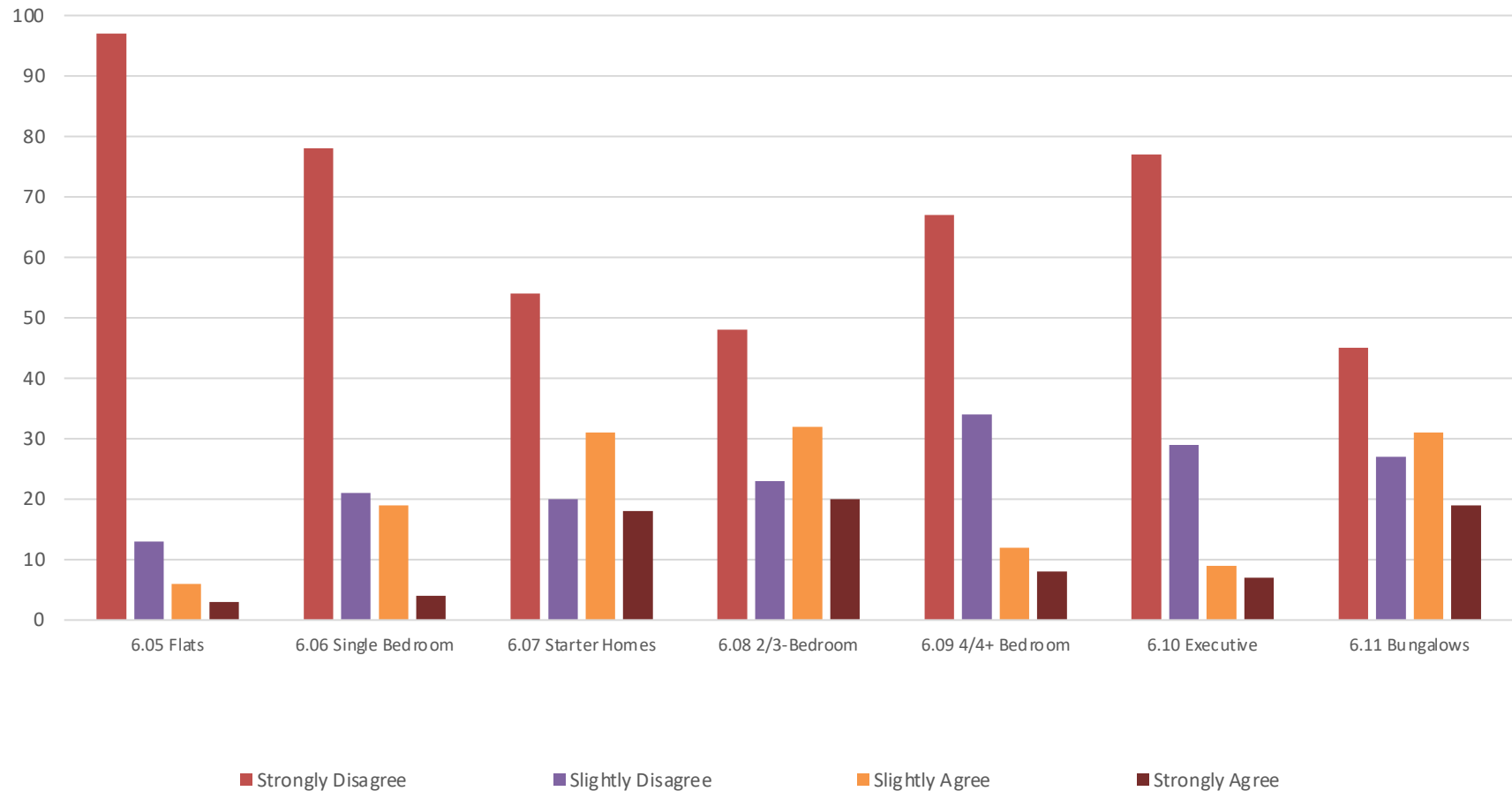
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Housing

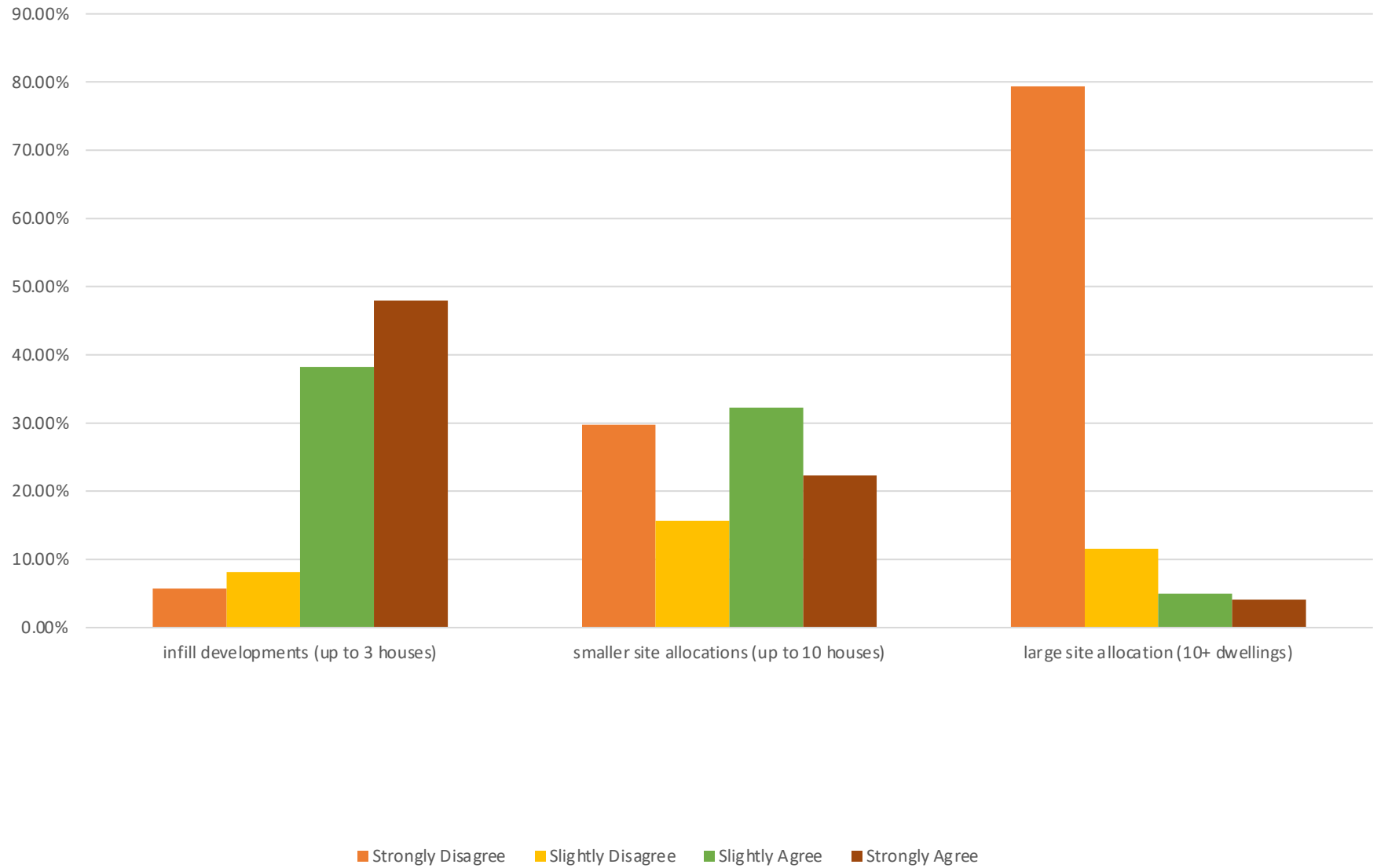
Household Questionnaire

Analysis of Replies to Housing Questions

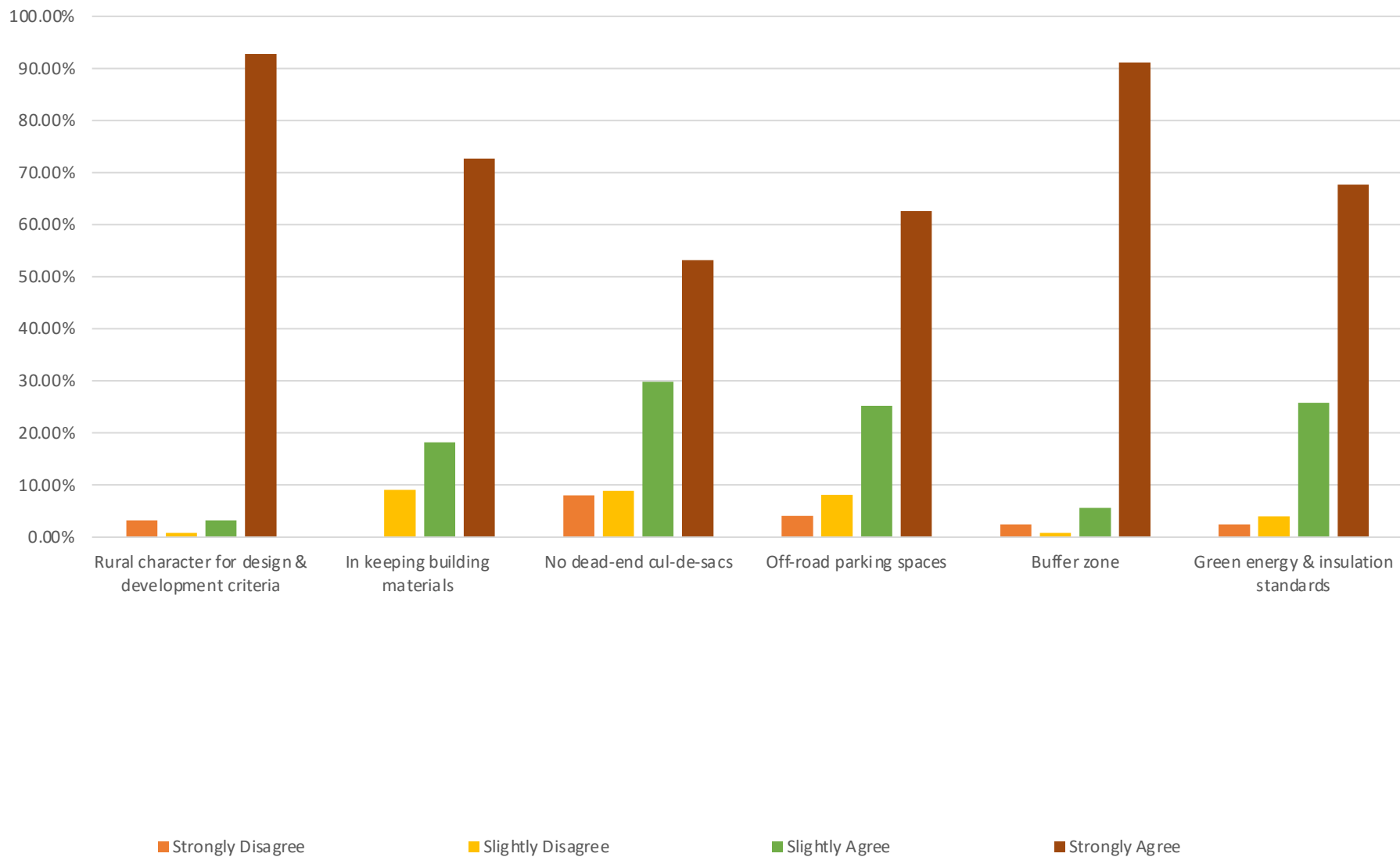
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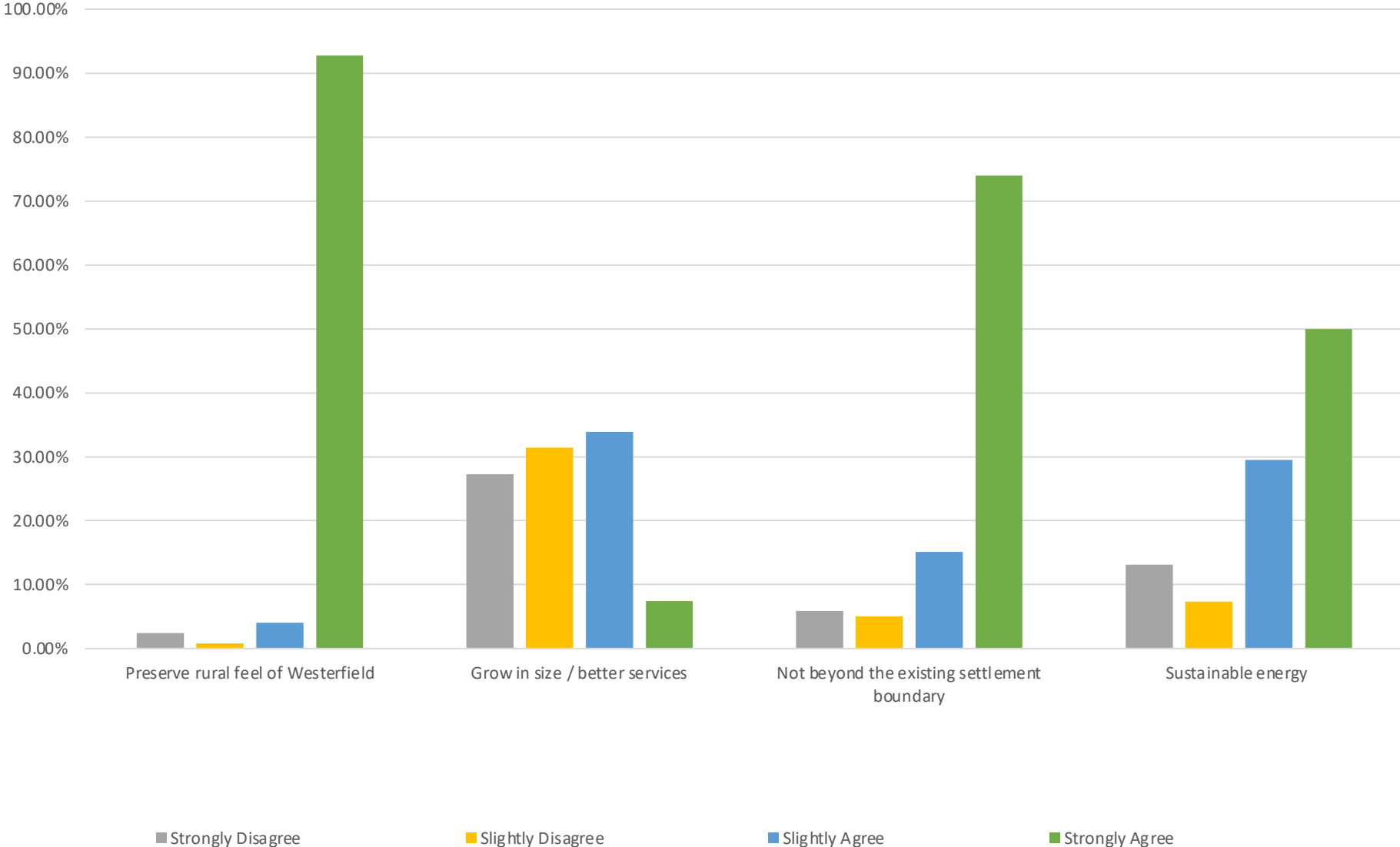
Q6 The village needs more of which type of development



Q6 Future development of housing



Q6 Village development



ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY SITES IN THE PARISH AREA WHICH MAY COME FORWARD FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE NOT ALREADY ALLOCATED?





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Natural environment and landscape

Peter Hudson



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Village views

John Barber



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Village Views

Westerfield – Our Village

One of the many advantages and pleasures of living in a small rural village like Westerfield is having the countryside on our “doorstep”.

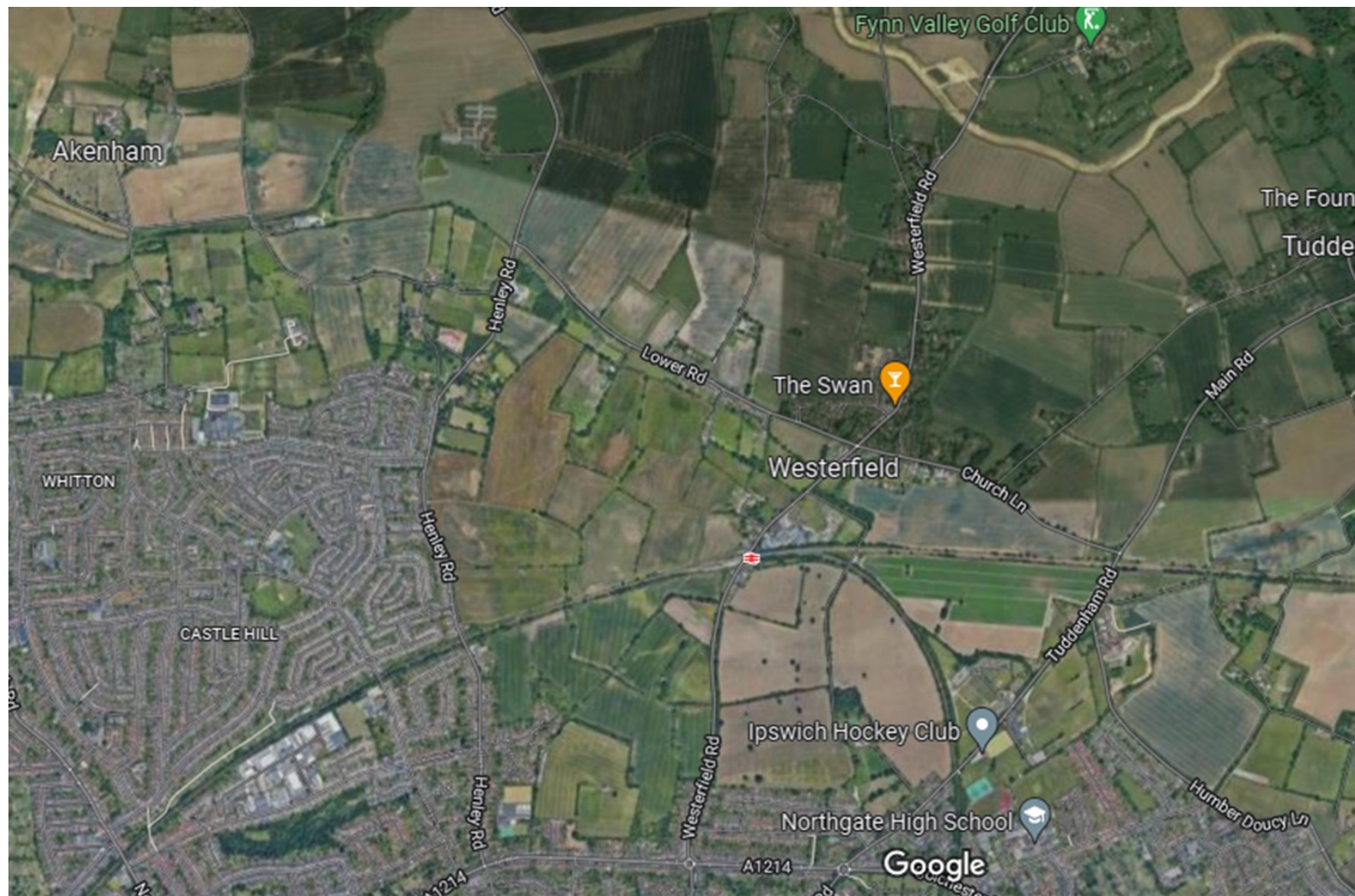
In many cases this is a literal statement; where the fantastic scenic views around the village can be seen from peoples' houses.

In other cases, getting to these views means a short and pleasurable walk out of the village and into the fields.

Preserving our village views

As we can see from the next 2 slides, while Westerfield is currently surrounded by the countryside and rural views it is in danger of being swallowed up by new developments and the increasing demand for new houses to the North of Ipswich.

While we cannot stop what we see below, we need to try preserve what rural views are left and ensure Westerfield remains a rural village.



Ipswich Garden Suburb development and Country Park



- Yellow: Houses
- Green: Country Park
- Blue: Schools
- Orange: District & local centres

From the recent survey carried out as part of the enabling process to produce a Neighborhood Plan for Westerfield we had 77 responses to question 10:

“Please describe any views that are important to you . . .”

What specific views were important to you?

The trig
point/bench



What specific views were important to you?

**Views
across the
fields from
Lower
Road**



What specific views were important to you?

**Views of the
church**



What specific views were important to you?

**Views from
behind Fullers
Field**



What specific views were important to you?

Looking
towards
the Pill
Box from
Church
Lane



What specific views were important to you?

**The Railway
Station**



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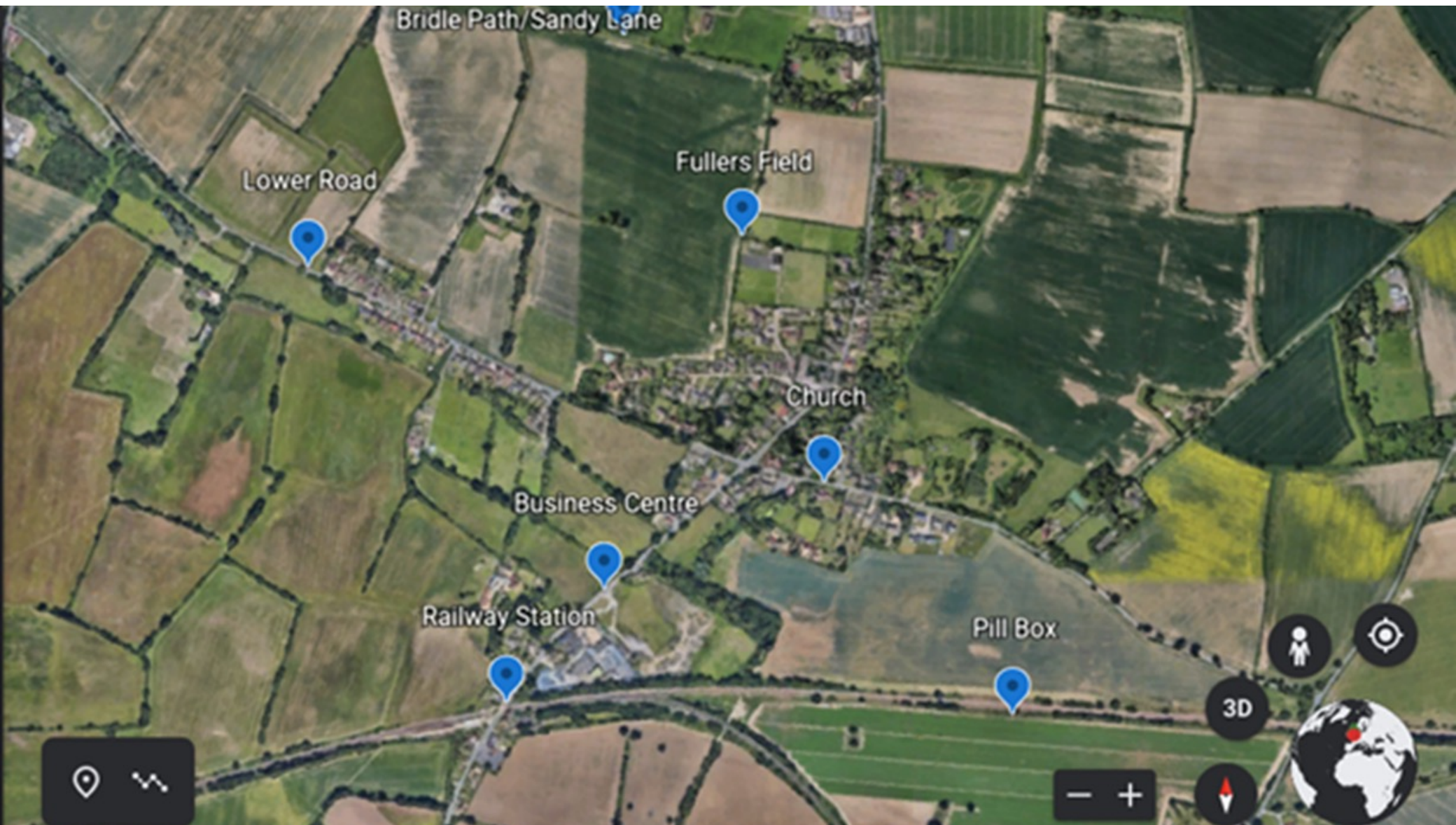
**Looking
across the
fields from
Westerfield
Business
Centre**





**There were also many other views
of the village that people
commented on.**







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Traffic, roads and footpaths

Jason Kirk

“Westerfield is a lovely village but divided by busy roads”.

Summary presented here is based on:

- Traffic survey in early 2021
- Subsequent discussion with Suffolk Highways
- Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire

And we are working within constraints:

- Westerfield Road is a B-class road
- Suffolk County Council policies
- Landowners and planning policy
- Physical space
- Money

Issues we face are:

- Use of Lower Road/Church Lane as the unofficial northern by-pass
- Speeding traffic along Westerfield Road, especially as it enters village
- Need to accommodate agricultural traffic and protect rural nature of village

So, the overall approach to proposals is:

- Create safe walking routes away from main roads
- Harness the benefit of proposed changes still in development
- Focus on lots of low-cost options

Key to proposals:

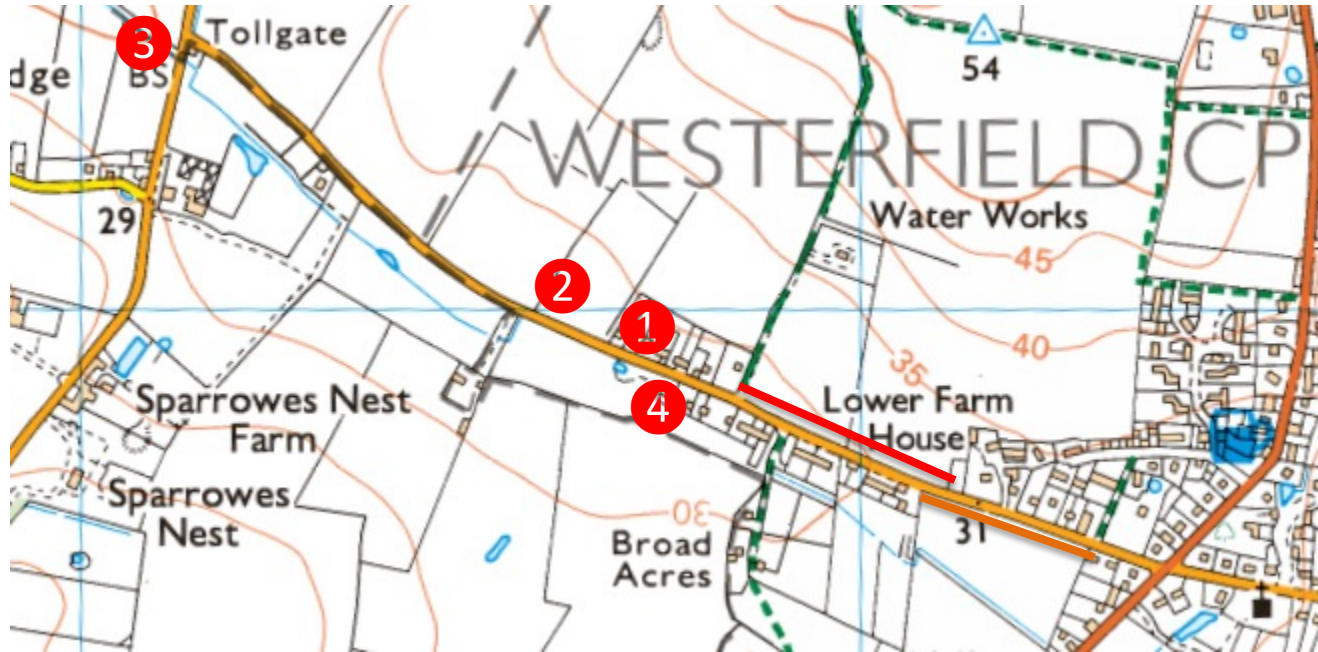
- **Green** – already exists
- **Amber** – existing planning requirement (but needs to be enforced)
- **Red** – no requirement or authority currently exists



- 1 Reduce speed limit from 60mph to 40 mph to north of Westerfield
- 2 Enforce Fullers Field entry point to fields
- 3 Footpath along Lower Road field
- 4 Footpath along Lower Road to Sandy Lane
- 5 Path from Lower Road to Country Park
- 6 Path from Lower Road to Country Park
- 7 Path from Westerfield Road to Country Park

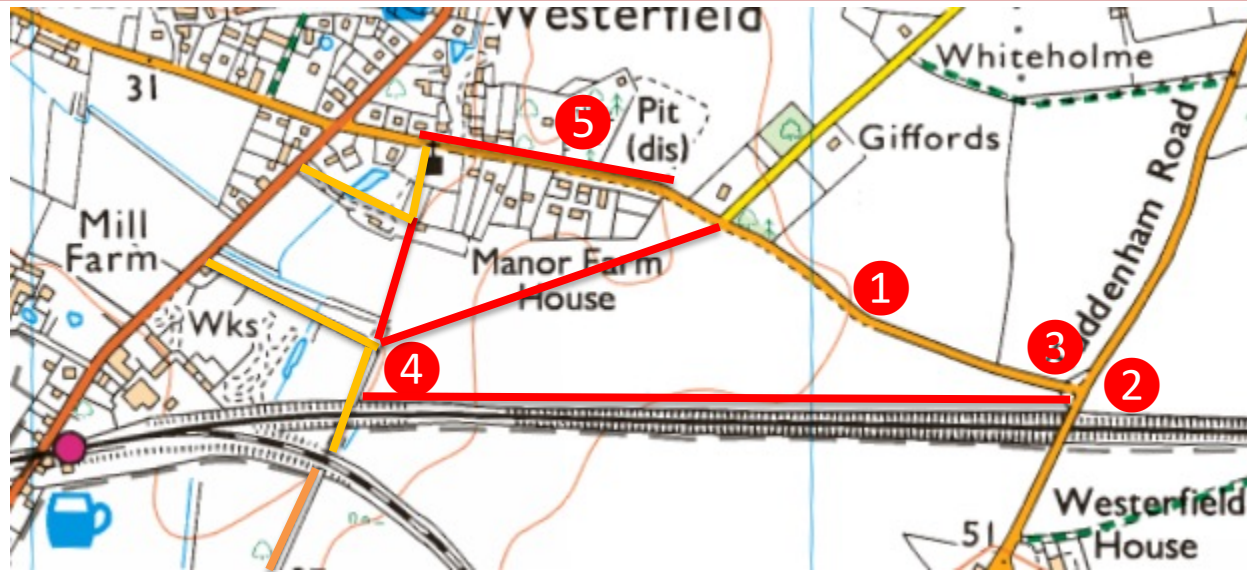


- 1 Access to Country Park
- 2 Onward access to Henley Gate development and facilities
- 3 Westerfield Park
- 4 Sports pitches
- 5 Review railway barrier timings
- 6 Continue current streetlights to railway station
- 7 Parking restrictions around crossing
- 8 Reduce speed limit to Valley Road roundabout to 30 mph from 40 mph
- 9 + 10 Path from Westerfield Road to Tuddenham Road



- ① Current 30 mph speed limit to 20 mph
- ② Current 60 mph speed limit to 40 mph
- ③ Upgrade to 7½ ton limit from
'not recommended for HGV'

- ④ Traffic control measures:
 - Speed cushions
 - Width restrictions
 - Allow farm vehicles and access



① Current 60 mph speed limit to 40 mph

② Extend current 30 mph limit to other side of bridge and Church Lane junction

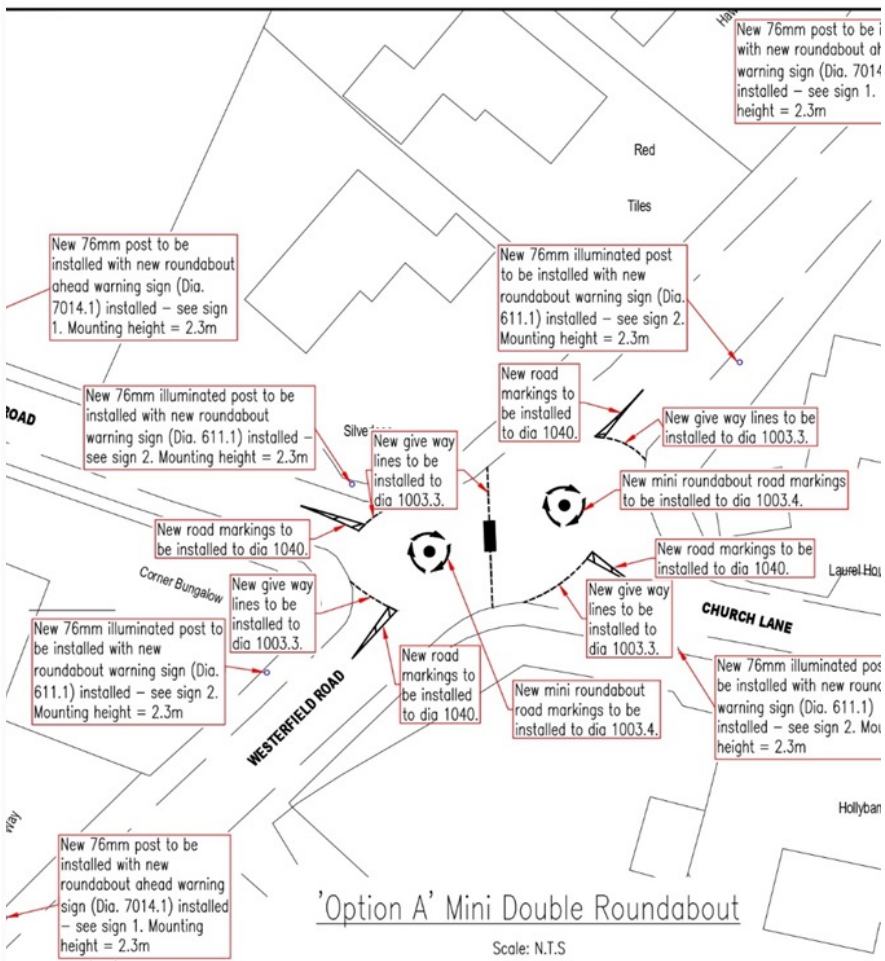
③ Upgrade to 7½ ton limit from ‘not recommended for HGV’

④ Link Red House to Tuddenham

- Across to Paddock?
- To Moss Lane?
- To Tuddenham Road?

⑤ Footpath/speed control measures along Church Lane

- Question is how?



Proposing to **explore** roundabouts option:

- Requires further exploratory work before proceeding
- (Marginally) most support
- Other measures will reduce Lower Road / Church Lane speed
- B-road status (or cost) eliminates all other options for reducing speed on Westerfield Road. This is the **only option to reduce north/south speed**
- Relatively low cost (approx half cost of junction remodelling)

	CLIENT	REVISION(S)	PROJECT TITLE
			WESTERFIELD CRO CARRIAGEWAY IMPROVEMENTS FEASIBILITY STUDY
	DESCRIPTION	REV.	DATE
			DRAWING TITLE
			PROPOSED MINOR

Traffic, road and footpaths





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Facilities and activities

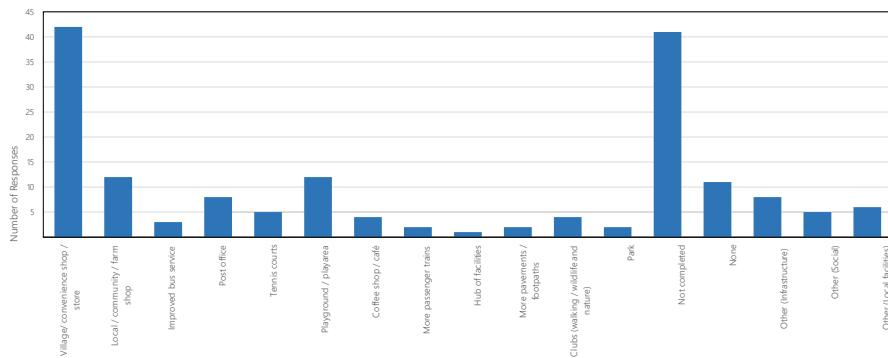
Caryl Hudson

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RESIDENTS' SURVEY FEEDBACK

WHAT EXTRA FACILITIES OR ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU USE IF THEY WERE IN WESTERFIELD?



Social suggestions:

- License to show films in the village hall, perhaps on a monthly basis?
- Carpet bowls
- Maybe just the occasional social evening gathering to get to know each other
- More events that are not regular clubs, e.g., coffee, drop-in, getting together, small litter picks – just hour, meet, socialize & then leave or walks round village together
- Activities in the paddock e.g., swing, adult gym

Infrastructure suggestions:

- An improved, enlarged village hall
- Children's public green space
- Promoting green space and wildlife projects especially to younger / future generations to understand what work goes on and make it easier to get involved
- Bottle bank / recycling centre
- Develop woodland nature areas (re-wilding) in vacant gap sites and fields
- More public open spaces for walking, recreation
- Provision of a pedestrian footbridge at Westerfield station
- Traffic calming

Local facilities suggestions:

- Local residents willing to offer support to the elderly by collecting shopping, prescriptions etc.
- Barter system so I would give my time in exchange for services
- Fresh fish van in Village Hall Car Park
- Welcome / Activity Pack for village
- Local resident sales – Plant sales, cake sales etc.

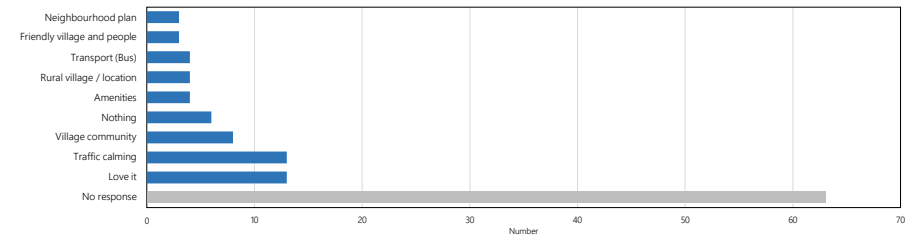
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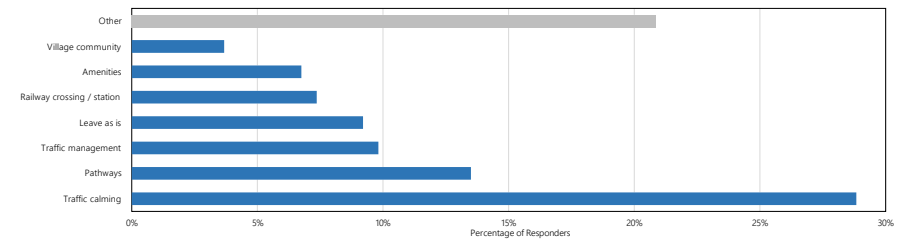
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FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN WESTERFIELD

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about living in Westerfield?



What would you change about Westerfield?



Amenities suggestions:

- Café
- More dog poo bins
- More benches
- Areas of families
- Playground with equipment
- Central safe play area for children
- Village shop

Other:

- Street lighting
- Communication
- Village maintenance
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Pathway maintenance
- Speed Camera
- Village plans
- Countryside walks
- Wildlife and wildflowers
- Affordable housing
- Environment
- Countryside on doorstep
- Rural village / location
- Adverse behaviour
- Mains sewage
- Village bunding
- Encourage considerate use of bonfires



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Close

Mary Pluquet



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Thank you for attending and for your support.

Please stay for a drink and “nibbles”, and for the opportunity to chat with a Working Group member.