

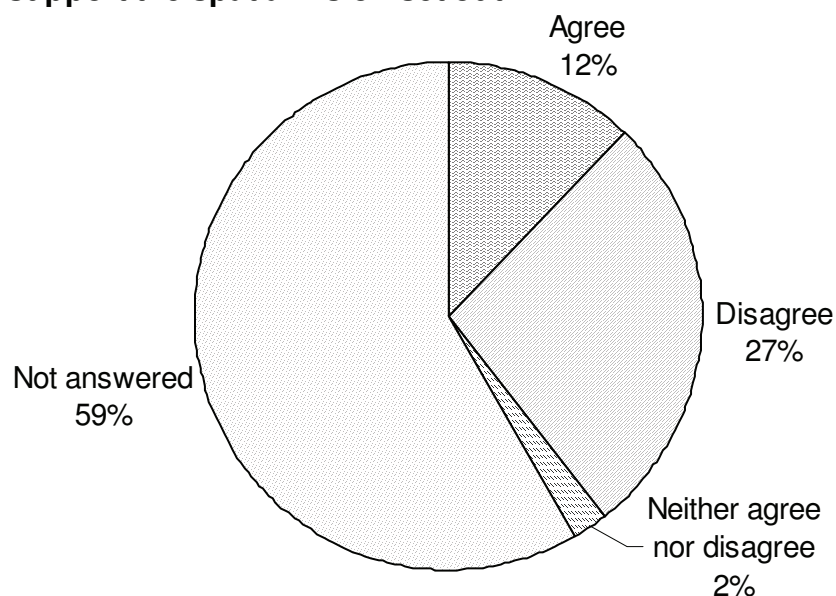
APPENDIX 1: CORE STRATEGY EARLY ANALYSIS

The following analysis is an initial indication of responses to specific options contained in the Core Strategy Preferred Options document. Responses received by 12pm 21st September 2010 have been reviewed.

Further analysis will be required following the consultation deadline on Friday 24th September to include all responses received, to consider general comments, and to give further detail.

Vision

Do you support the spatial vision set out?



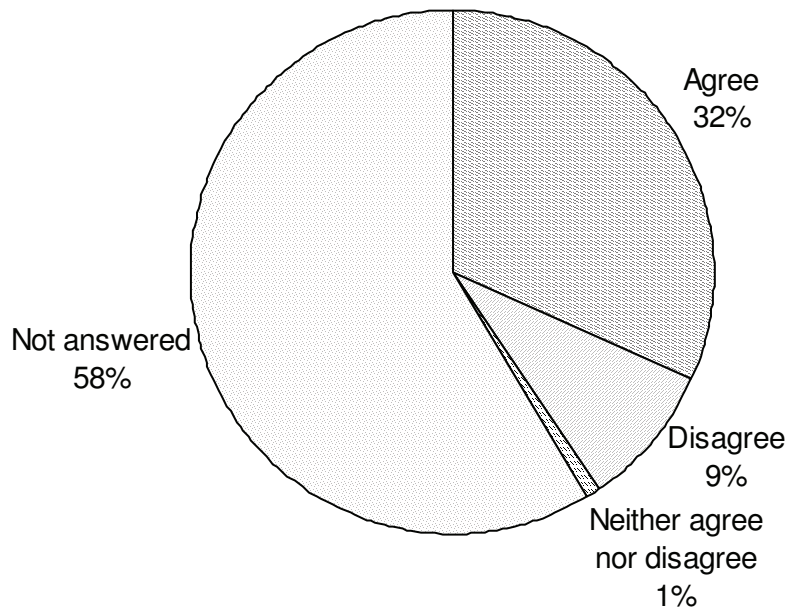
Question 1: Do you support the shared vision for the borough?

Issues raised

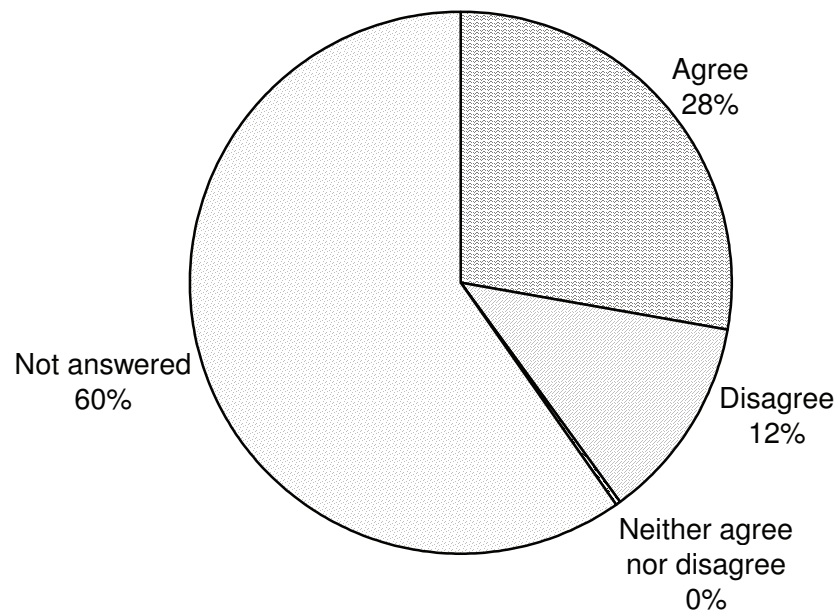
- Vision is too idealised, need something more realistic
- Objections to specific proposals and development
- Policies and proposals in the document contradict the vision
- It will be difficult to deliver the vision
- Out of touch with residents
- Too focused on certain industries and functions
- Vision does not benefit residents

Spatial Strategy

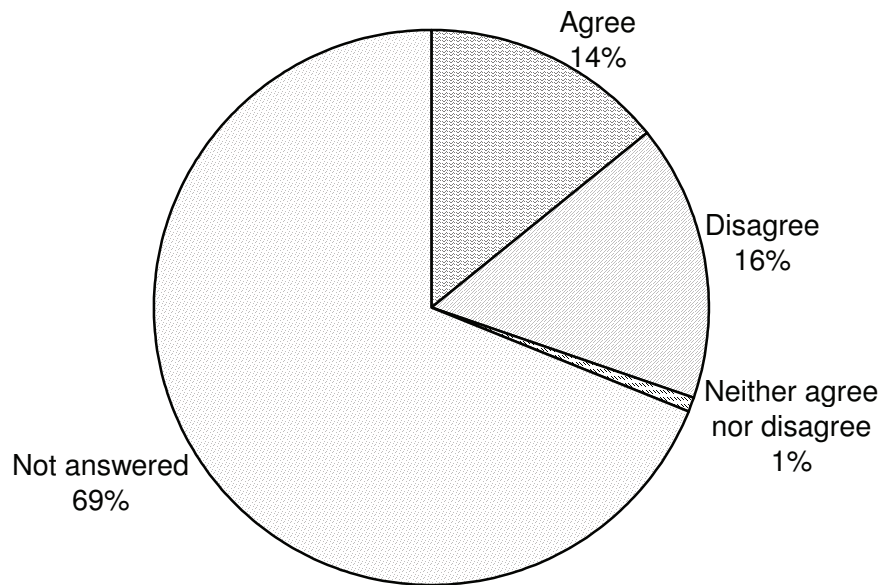
Urban Fringe: Retention of existing Green Belt



Town Centres, Coast and Riverside



Main Urban Area – green wedges & distribute development

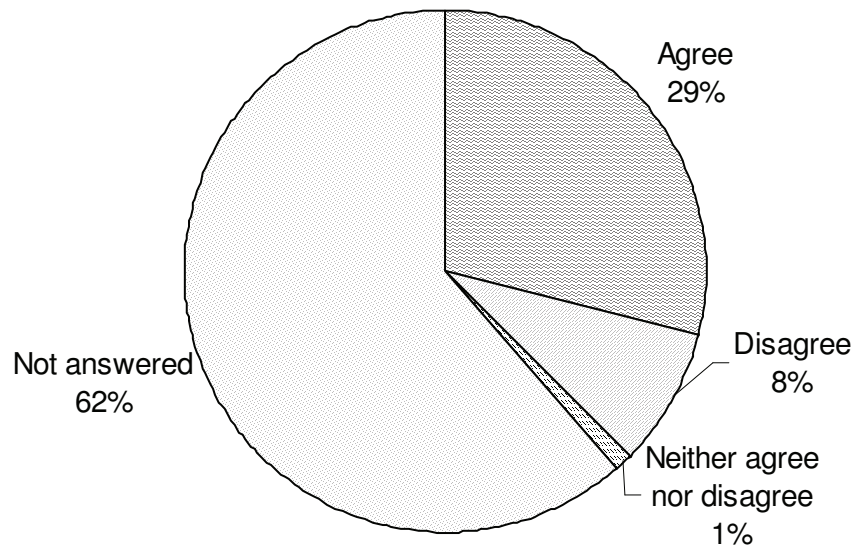


Issues raised in relation to the Spatial Strategy, Options 8-12;

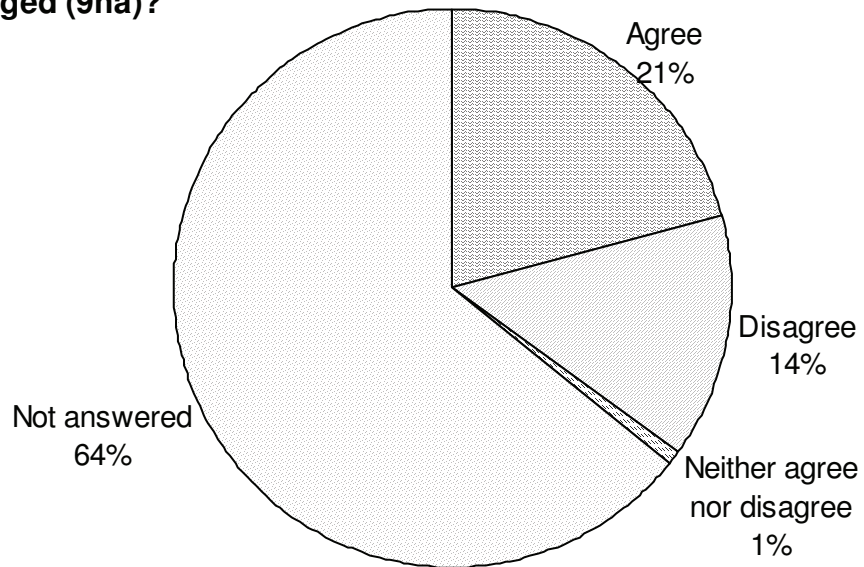
- Increase green belt and protect it
- Don't build on any green areas, build on brownfield land
- Investment needed in town centres, coast, riverside
- Develop housing along riverside not employment
- More development should happen at coast
- Should allow building in green belt so development is not near residents

Waste

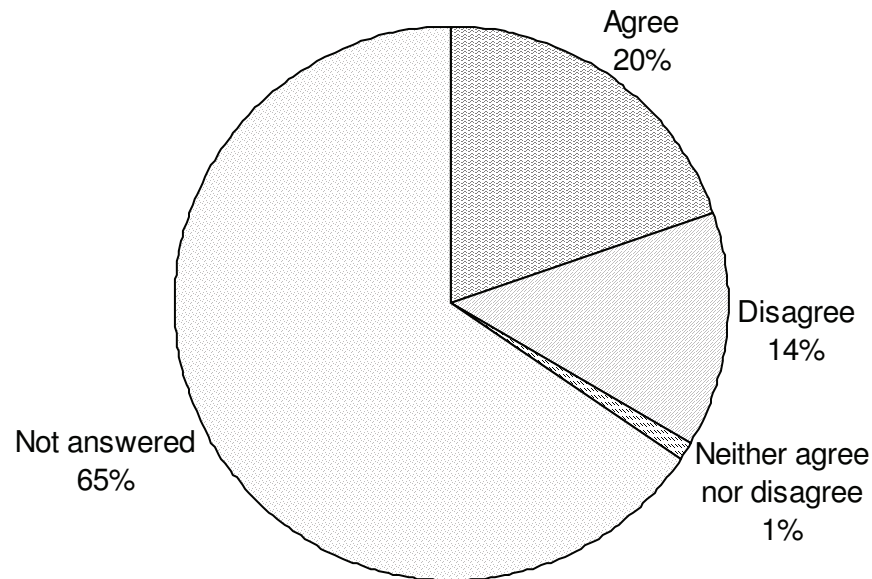
Option 3: Do you agree with the option for the provision of landfill?



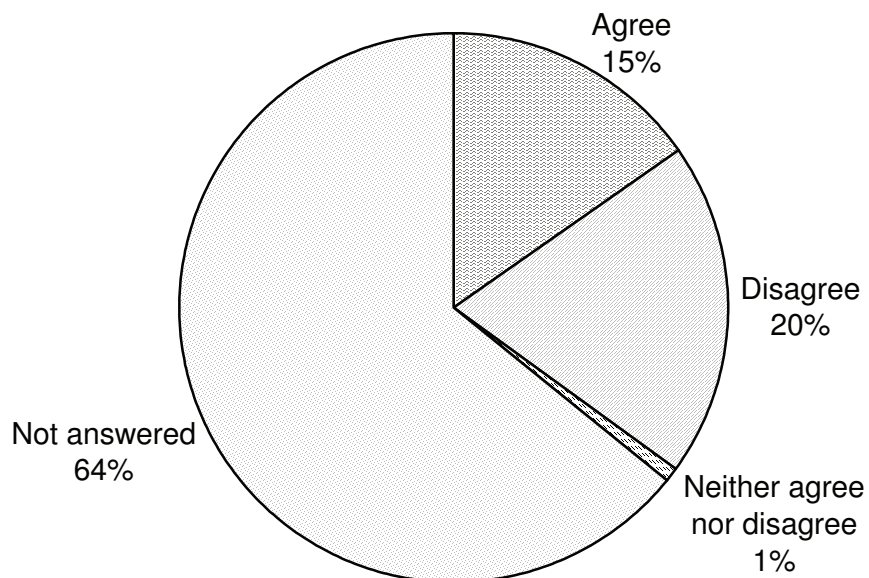
Option 4: Do you agree with amount of waste to be managed (9ha)?



Option 23: Do you agree with scale of waste site/sites



Option 24: Do you agree with search area for waste sites



Issues raised in relation to waste, Options 3, 23 and 24

In relation to amount of provision:

- There is sufficient provision already in or near borough
- Need can be limited by limiting new development
- Should be limited to avoid importation of waste, impact on house process, traffic problems
- Borough should be able to deal with own waste
- Should be more provision to provide flexibility, provide for market demand, provide for future development , and reduce demand for landfill outside Borough

Landfill:

- will still be required

- should be more provision
- may be required in Borough due to lack of capacity elsewhere
- may be cheaper than other methods
- may be of use in engineering projects
- could be used for landfill, or at sites in Green Belt, or at opencast sites outside Borough

Waste management (other than landfill):

- Preferable to landfill
- Should not be a burden on residents, or be near housing
- Should not be expensive
- Should not involve long distance transport
- Must be properly managed
- Should be restricted to green methods
- Incineration should be encouraged
- Incineration should be discouraged

Smaller sites would:

- Be acceptable if environmental and traffic problems were dealt with
- Be acceptable if located away from residential areas
- Would enable small scale production of energy
- Provide flexibility

A Larger site would assist production of heat and power

Suggested area of search for waste sites

- should encourage use of brownfield land
- should provide sufficient flexibility
- would only be suitable for plants dealing with biodegradable waste

Area of search for waste sites should be extended to:

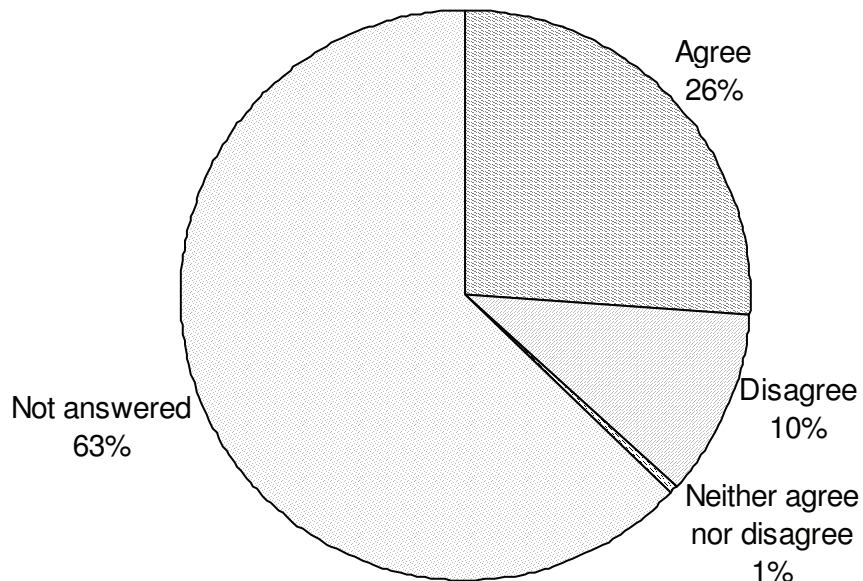
- Include rural areas for composting
- Include coast, Murton and East Killingworth areas

Area of search for waste sites:

- exclude locations near to built up areas, housing, or nature reserves
- exclude North Tyne Industrial estate (environmental and traffic problems)
- exclude areas around Rising Sun (loss of open space)
- exclude West Moor and Camperdown areas (visual environmental and traffic impacts)
- exclude Weetslade (traffic noise and smell)
- exclude High Howdon (impact from existing works)

Shopping

Option 5: Do you agree with shopping space 17,000 sqm

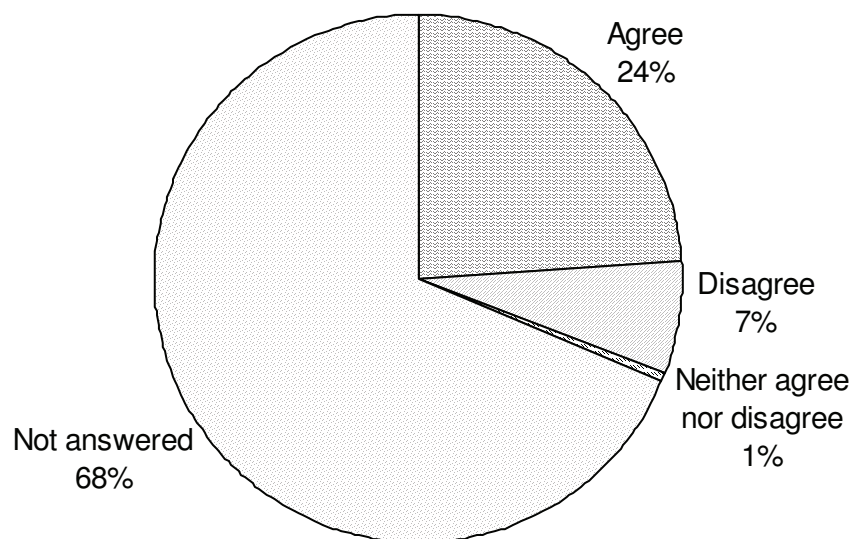


Option 5: Accept comparison floorspace needs figure of 17,000 sqm

Issues raised from comments include:

- Lots of empty shops, which should be re-used first.
- Already sufficient capacity
- Reduce business rates to encourage more shops into town centres
- Concentrate on town centres
- Free parking in town centres
- Concentrate on modernising existing stock
- Shops would be a welcome addition

Option 25: Do you agree with threshold for retail impact test



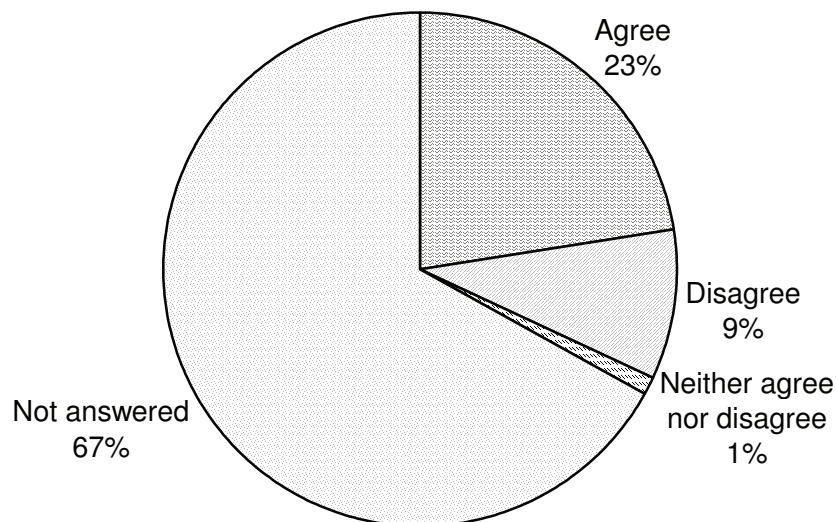
Minerals

Option 7: Accept a criteria based policy to ensure safeguarding of coal deposits and locations for the importation of minerals.

- clear demand for indigenous coal supply over Core Strategy timeframe
- Policies/policy criteria to support the prior extraction of minerals where sterilisation would otherwise occur from built development
- Suitable policies/policy criteria for dealing with energy mineral proposals, including surface coal; Site allocations for any relevant strategic proposals that may be put forward by the industry
- support a criteria based policy for the safeguarding of coal resources, provided that this is accompanied by a defined Mineral Safeguarding Area devised in line with the advice in MPS1 and the BGS practice guide and should not be curtailed by other planning designations, such as urban areas and environmental designations without sound justification.
- The Core Strategy policy should also explicitly recognise the strategic importance of the Howdon Wharf which is used to land marine-dredged sand and gravel.

Design

Option 13: Do you agree with the preferred options for design quality in the borough?

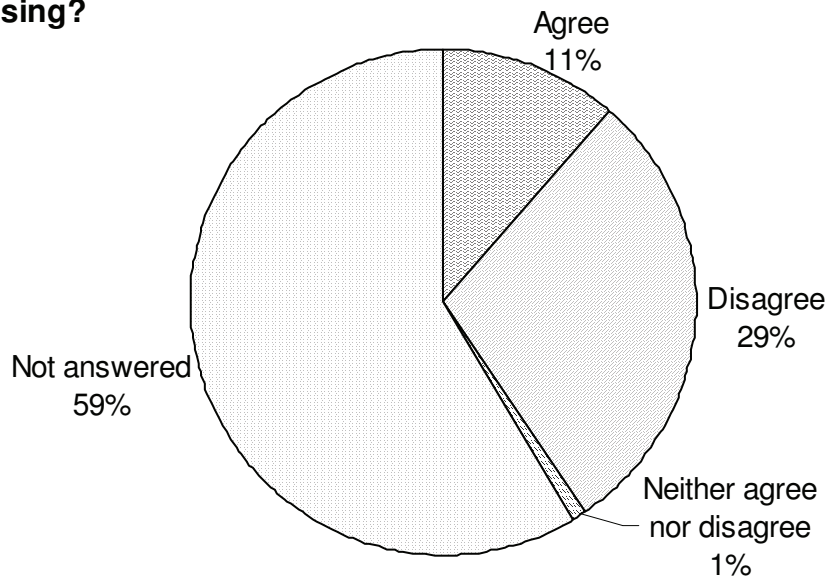


Option 13: Design Quality.

- Need to promote quality places within existing and proposed development.
- Need strong, clear policies to make sure high quality inclusive design is part of new developments.
- The aim should be to deliver buildings, which are over and above Building Regulation Standards and demonstrate best practice in areas of accessibility, sustainability, whole life costing and general design standards.
- Encouraged that the Council plans to produce detailed design briefs for key development sites and criteria based policies for less significant, smaller scale developments.
- Support the use of design briefs, which can help to provide additional design criteria and details for key sites, where any constraints or opportunities can be fully addressed.

HOUSING

Option 1: Do you agree with the amount of new housing?

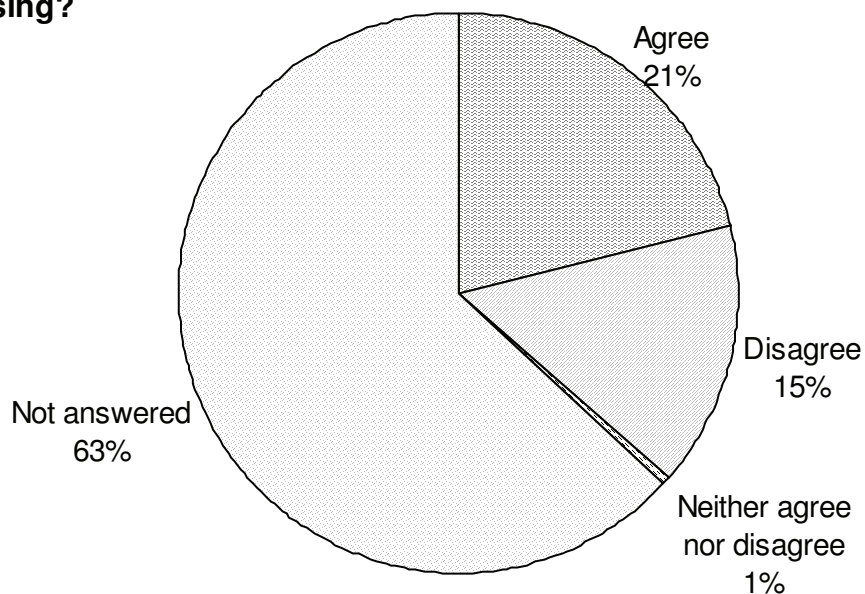


Option 1: How much new housing?

Issues raised from comments include:

- Amount of new homes is excessive
- Too many greenfield sites identified
- If new homes are needed build on brownfield sites
- Redevelop existing empty stock
- Provision of adequate infrastructure and facilities must be ensured alongside new housing

Option 14: Do you agree with the option for affordable housing?

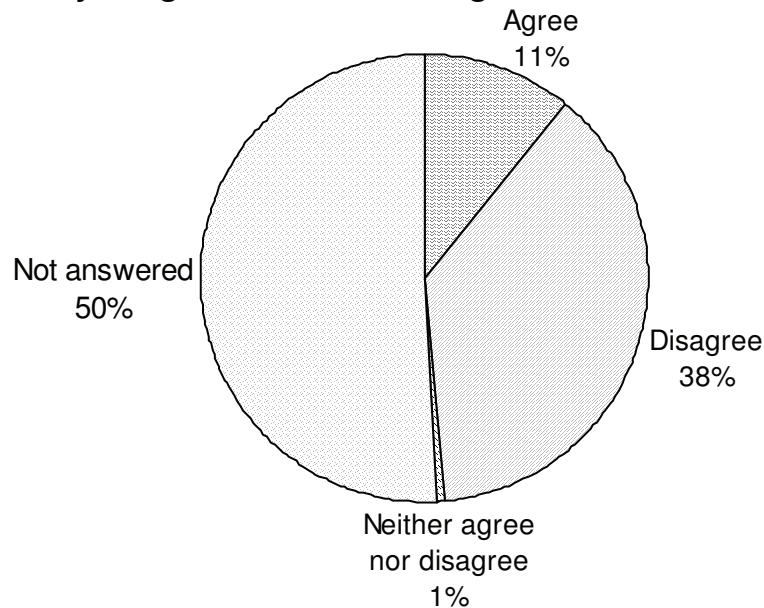


Option 14: Affordable Housing

Issues raised from comments include:

- Affordable housing is essential
- Affordable housing is necessary but this can be achieved through regeneration of existing stock
- The need for social housing is unclear when there are so many empty and boarded-up houses
- No affordable housing next to private estates as this will drive down house prices
- Yes affordable housing is required but on suitable sites, not greenfield
- Distribution of affordable housing is unfair

Option 16: Do you agree with the housing sites?



Option 16 – Key Housing Sites

General Comment

- What is the need for new homes? There are many houses empty and for sale. Why build more in the current economic circumstances?
- Prioritise brownfield land. Make use of existing buildings and sites rather than build on Greenfield sites.

68: Annitsford Farm:

- Disagree with the housing in Dudley, should be protected from major development so it does not join with Cramlington

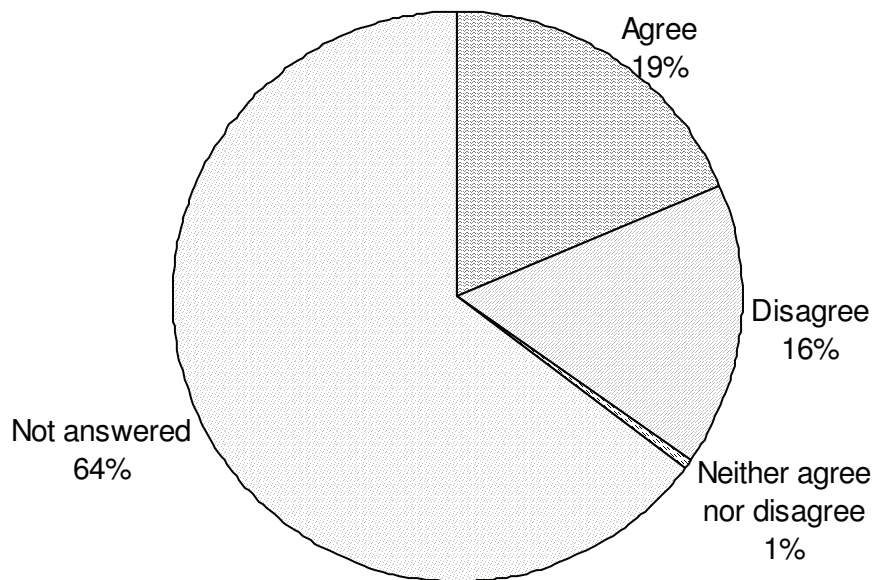
78: Wellfield:

- Traffic and road capacity – dual carriageway is already very busy and at capacity – new homes will make this situation far worse;
- Loss of green space – site currently provides for leisure activities including walking, cycling and also events such as Car Boots Fayres and the Circus;
- Concerns over site being used as a 'rat run' through to Red House Farm;
- Infrastructure capacity issues, especially schools;
- Issues raised over mine shafts and subsidence on site.

69: Whitehouse Farm:

- Traffic and road capacity – West Moor area is currently a traffic bottleneck; extra houses will produce more vehicles at peak times;
- Loss of greenspace, which performs several important functions, and wildlife habitats;
- Infrastructure capacity issues including schools and doctors;
- Loss of greenspace and wildlife habitats;
- Concerns over where access to site will be from.

Option 15: Do you agree with housing size?

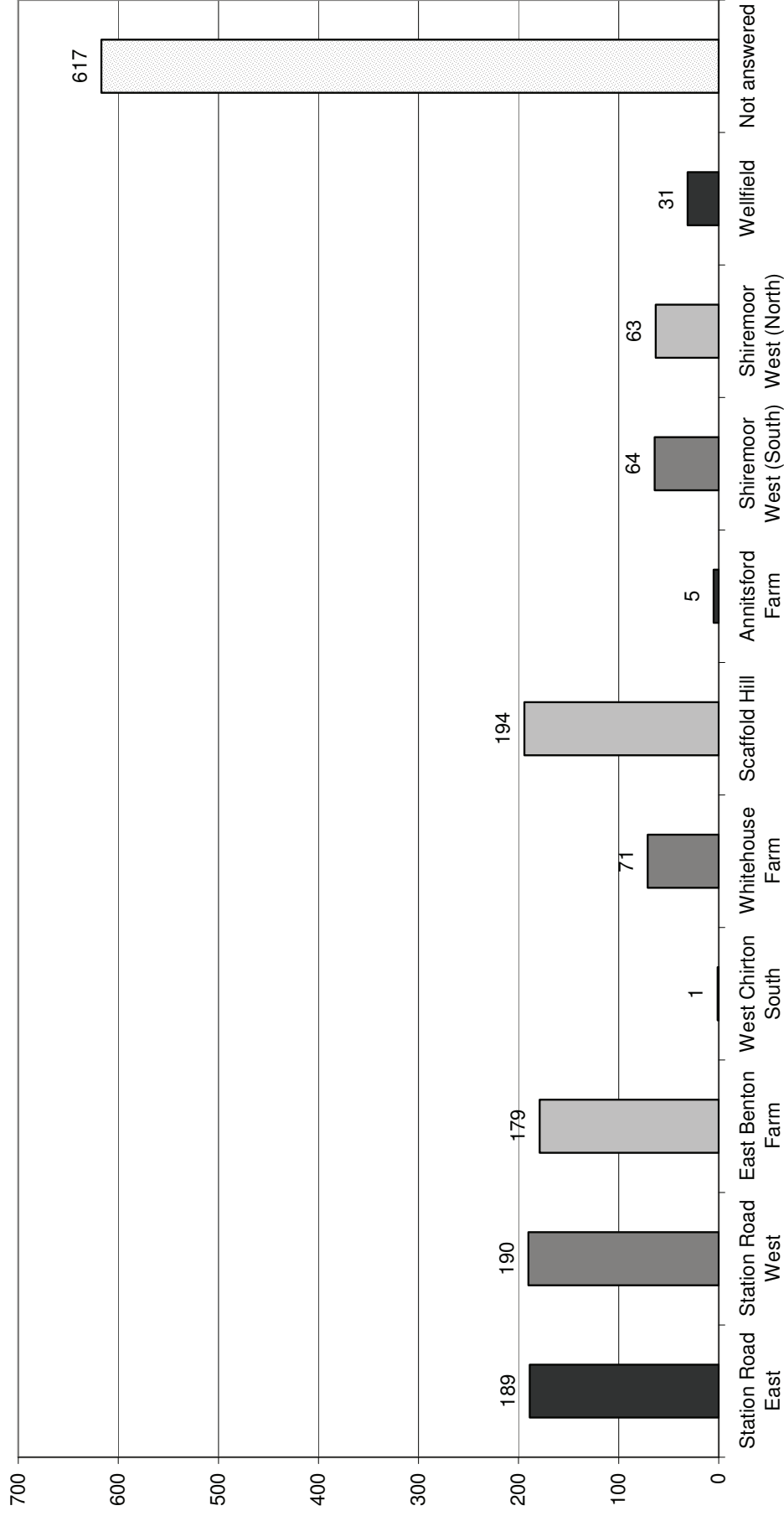


Option 15: Homes to meet the borough's needs: Housing size

Issues raised through comments:

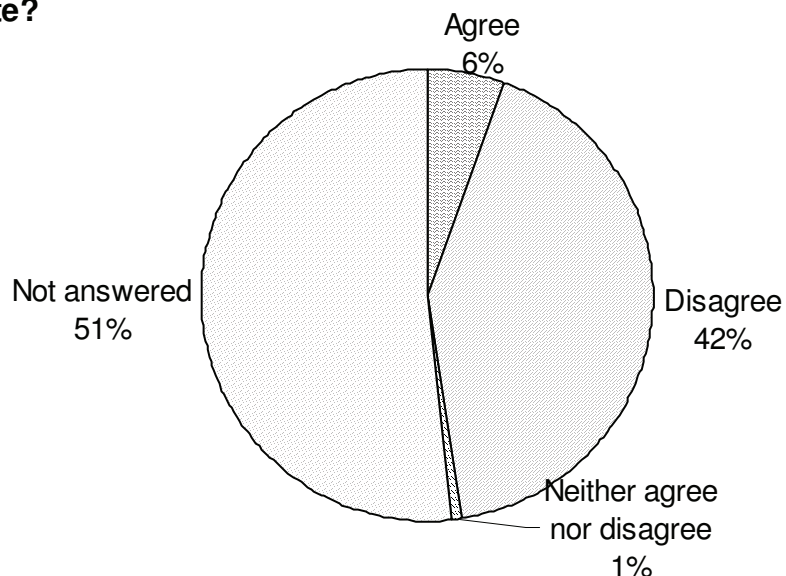
- A mix of housing types should be provided
- Do not provide any new housing
- Consider the needs of the elderly and disabled
- Need more clarity about how housing mix would work
- More family homes
- New houses are currently too small
- Housing market/developers should decide
- Need smaller homes to house all the single families

Which housing sites do you object to? - (not publically asked question, based on staff assesment of response)

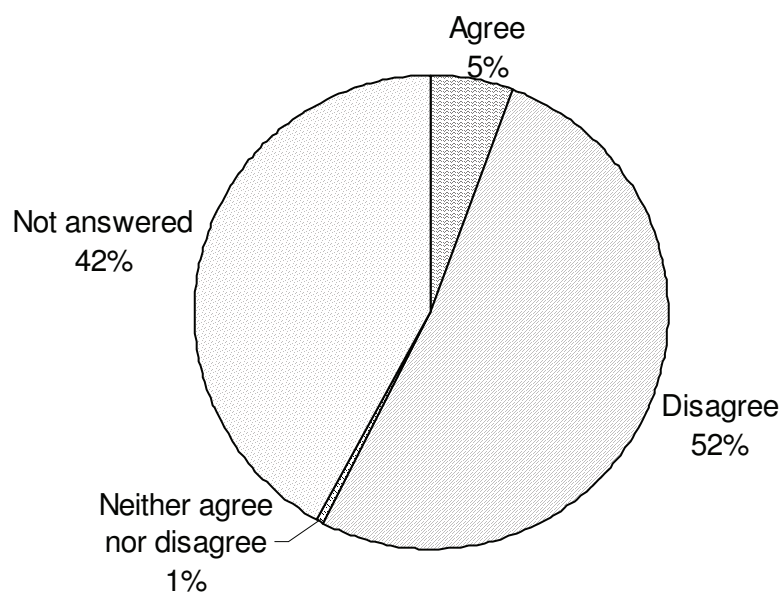


GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS

Option 17: Do you agree with criteria for selecting any G&T site?



Option 18: Do you agree with area of search for G&T site?



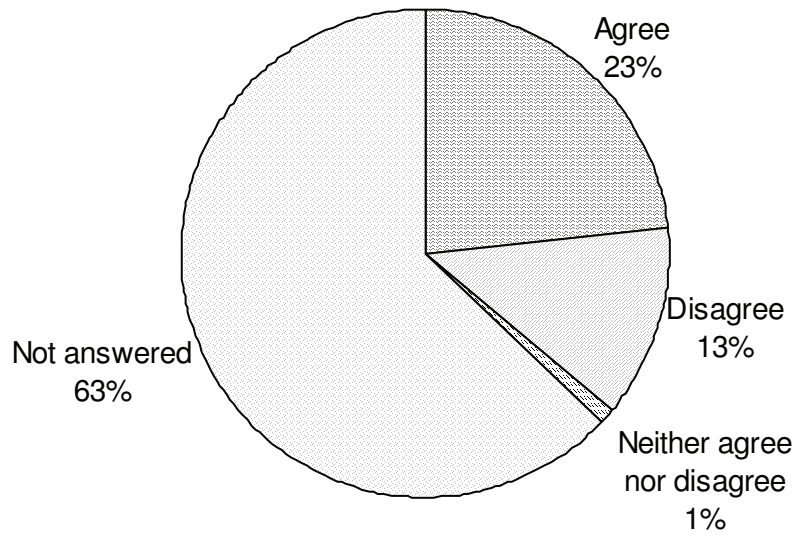
Some of the Responses made about these options may be offensive or racist. Until legal advice has been obtained no responses to these questions are to be published by the Council.

Generally comments are along the lines of:

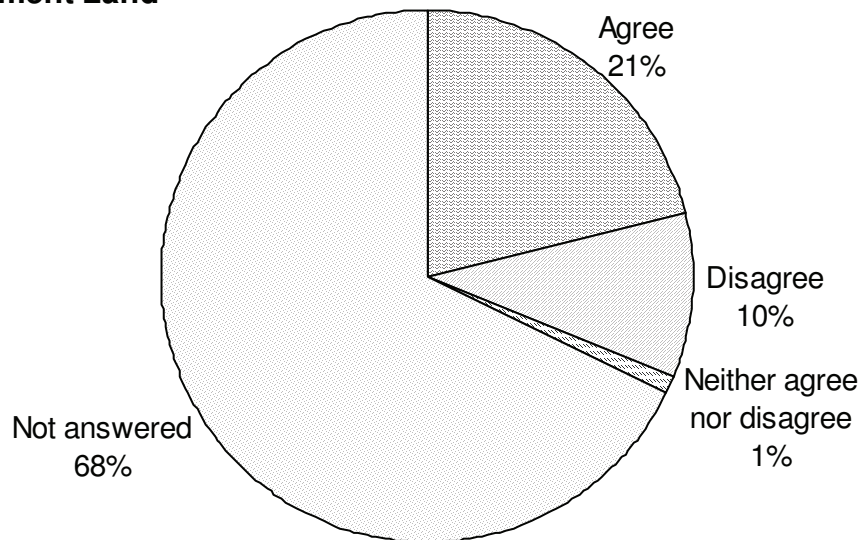
- Should not designate any land for G&T site – various reasons given
- Criteria are flawed and inadequately justified
- Concerns over impact on residents – site should be located far away from residents
- North Tyneside has a good road network, no need to restrict search area
- Locate site at coast
- How will site be funded?

Employment

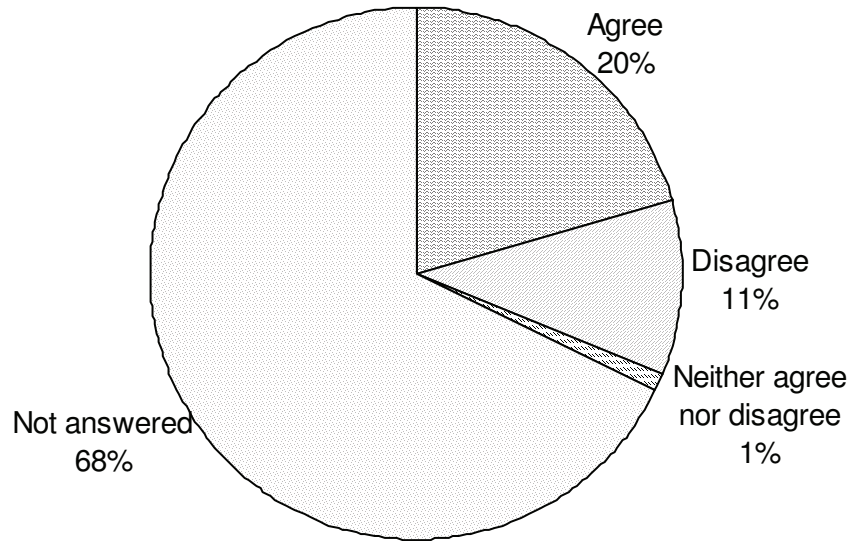
Option 2: Do you agree with the amount of Employment Land?



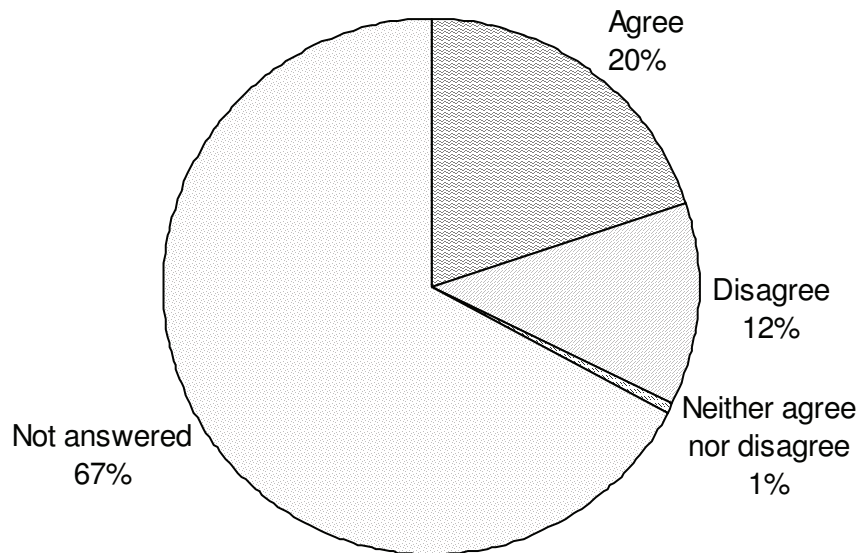
Option 19: Do you agree with reducing amount of Employment Land



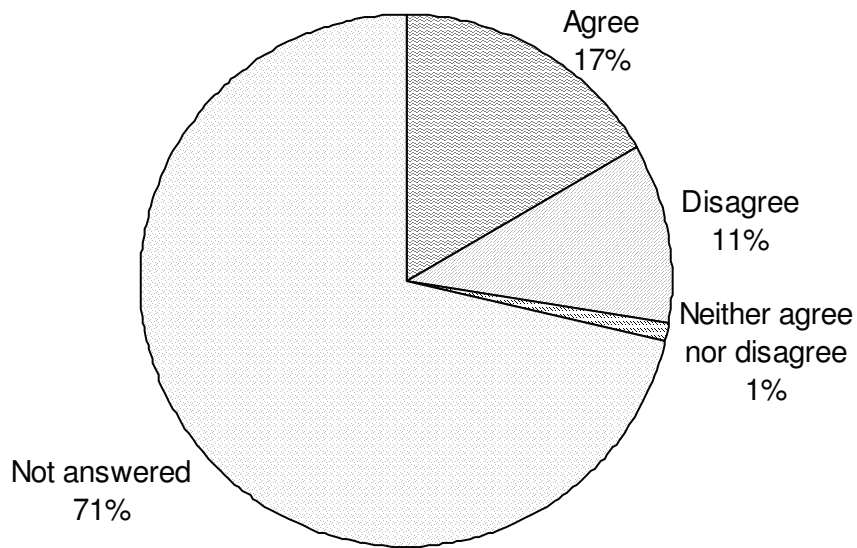
Option 20: Do you agree with the criteria for selecting employment sites



Option 21: Key Employment Sites



Option 22: Do you agree with the criteria for development of employment land for other uses



Issues raised in relation to employment land Options 2, 19, 20, 21 & 22

Provision of employment land should relate to:

- past take up rates,
- likelihood of new businesses arriving,
- acceptable traffic impacts,
- adequate public transport and other infrastructure,
- provision for small/new businesses

Proposed reduction in employment land

- is too much,
- could harm growth and job prospects for residents,
- could increase commuting

Proposed reduction in employment land is too little,

- many empty sites and premises,
- too much traffic,
- borough not attractive to employers or employees,
- local businesses not competitive,
- too much public money spent on providing employment land

Employment land should be released:

- to allow other forms of economic development to create jobs
- where vacant for a number of years
- where benefits to nearby residents
- where benefits to existing businesses

Choice of employment land to allocate

- should prioritise vacant disused and other brownfield land, and
- take into account impact on residential areas

Employers and employees should be given more encouragement to occupy existing sites

Development of Bailliol East and other employment sites suggested around West Moor would be unacceptable due to: loss of open space and open aspect, impact on nature conservation, additional traffic, light pollution, loss of privacy, noise, anti social behaviour

Development of site at Weetslade would be unacceptable due to impact on open space and nature conservation

Should be more sites in coastal area

Any Other Comments

Summary issues in final response box

- Objections to Core Strategy process – particularly consultation procedure
- Development is focused on Greenfield sites – impact on the environment, more infrastructure needed
- In conflict with ‘Every Child Matters’ agenda
- Some proposals are vague
- Where will the money come from to fund this?
- An infrastructure plan is needed
- Development seems focused on certain areas of the borough – east/west divide
- Transport concerns
- Objections to specific proposals and/or development areas
- Investment needed in town centres
- Unable to understand the document – inadequate key diagram
- Premature to produce document based on previous government legislation
- Document is based on withdrawn regional policy
- Need more homes, built quicker to reduce housing waiting lists
- Equalities Monitoring Form is very offensive and has racial overtones
- No reference to impact across borough boundaries
- Health concerns

Personal Questions

Gender	
Female	21%
Male	21%
Not Answered	58%

Ethnic Origin	
White British	41%
White Irish	0%
Any other white	1%
Caribbean	0%
African	0%
Any other black	0%
Indian	0%
Pakistani	0%
Bangladeshi	0%
Any other Asian	0%
White and Black	0%
White and Black African	0%
White and Asian	0%
Any other mixed	0%
Chinese	0%
Other	1%
Not answered	57%

Disability	
Yes	6%
No	35%
Not Answered	59%

Carer	
I am not responsible for caring for anyone	27%
I can for another relative	5%
I care for children/a child	6%
I care for someone else	0%
Not answered	62%

Age	
Under 18	0%
18-24	1%
25-34	5%
35-44	7%
45-54	8%
55-64	11%
65-74	8%
75 or over	3%
Not Answered	57%

Sexual Orientation	
Bisexual	0%
Gay or Lesbian	0%
Heterosexual	29%
Prefer not to say	6%
Not answered	65%

Religion	
Buddhist	0%
Christian denominations	27%
Hindu	0%
Jewish	0%
Muslim	0%
Sikh	0%
Other	1%
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None	8%
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