

# SURVEY RESULTS & UPDATE



**STONESFIELD IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!!  
89% of respondents to the Survey said so.**



# Introductions

## Purpose of Meeting

- Update on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan
- Overview of the Village Survey results
- What happens next
- Questions & answers

# Who is involved?

Stonesfield Parish Council (SPC)

SPC Neighbourhood Plan Steering-Group

Volunteers

# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

**Neighbourhood Planning is a way for communities to have a say in the future of where they live and work. It gives you the power to produce a plan with real legal weight that directs development in your local area.**

*It helps you:*

- Say what type of new development might be appropriate
- Say what those buildings should look like
- Say which areas should be designated 'green spaces' in order to protect them

# Comments people made ...

Homes for people who most need it

Housing development in a balanced but realistic way

Better bus reliability

Dedicated cycle paths

Enforcing dark skies

Community owned renewable energy

The pub

Better infrastructure before building

Higher quality homes, more contemporary design

Clean up the river

Control creeping development

Homes that are really affordable

Bus to Witney

# Policies vs Aspirations

# What have we done so far?

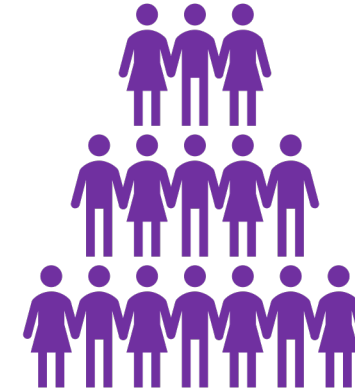
- Together with the PC secured a **grant to support the work**
- **Village engagement**
- **Village Survey** designed, distributed and being collated
- **Character Assessment** of village by volunteers is underway
- **Landscape Assessment** commissioned with external contractor
- Keeping tabs on external issues which could impact eg
  - Government policies
  - WODC local plan refresh



# The survey results

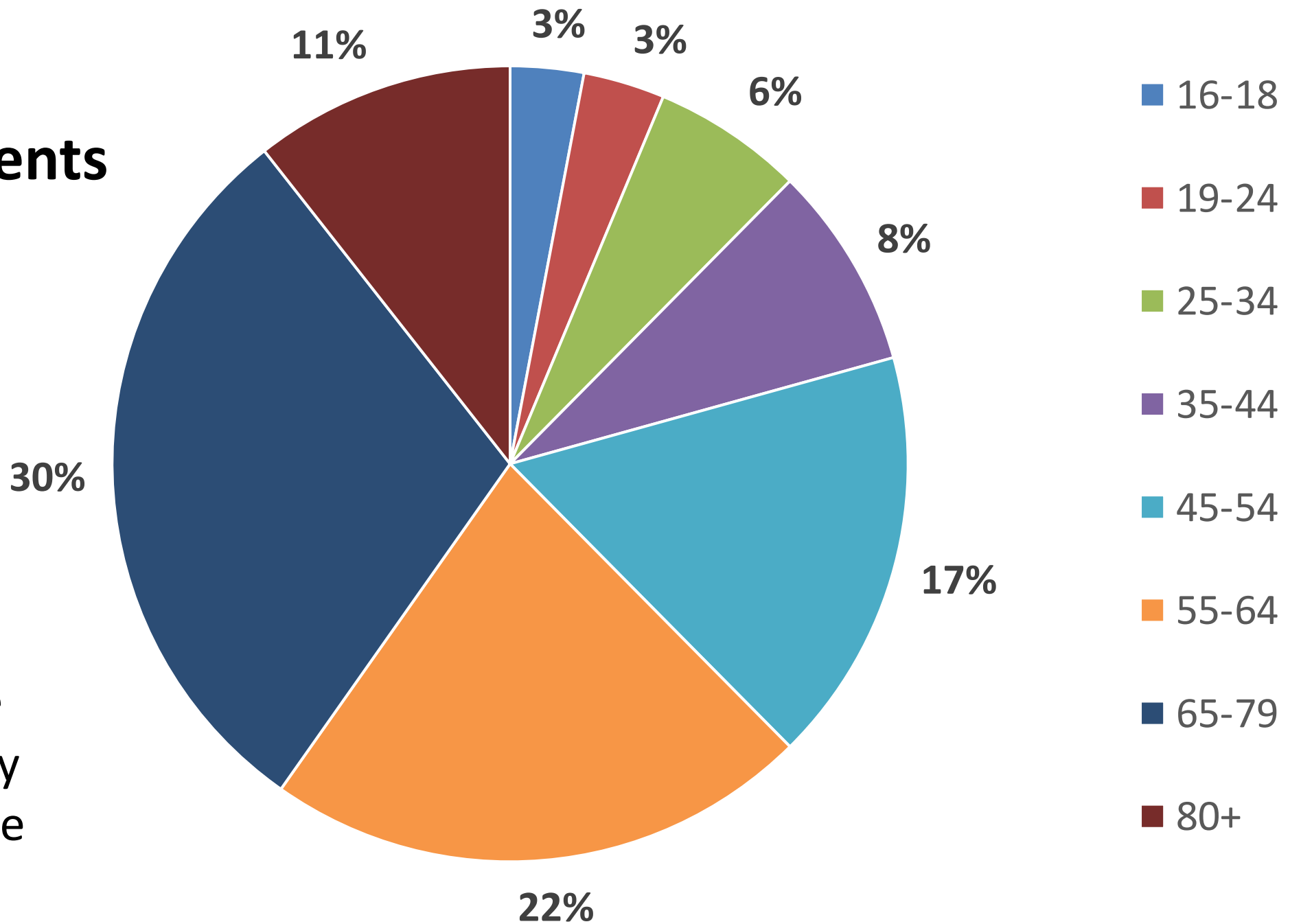


**451 Household responses  
out of 727 in Stonesfield  
62%**



**612 Individual responses  
out of 1,343 in Stonesfield  
45%**

# Age of respondents



Reflects the demography of the village



# If there are three things in Stonesfield you would like to see improved, what are they?

	<i>responses</i>
Reopen the White Horse pub	350
Improve bus services	165
Improve road conditions/pot holes!	81
River Evenlode/sewerage/water	74
Improve/restrict parking	47
Improve pavements & paths	45

# Your top reasons for living in Stonesfield

People living in Stonesfield  
**less than 5 years**

Why did you move here?

63% Countryside

41% Rural area

24% House prices

23% Near employment

People living in Stonesfield  
**more than 5 years**

Why have you stayed here?

81% Countryside

61% Rural area

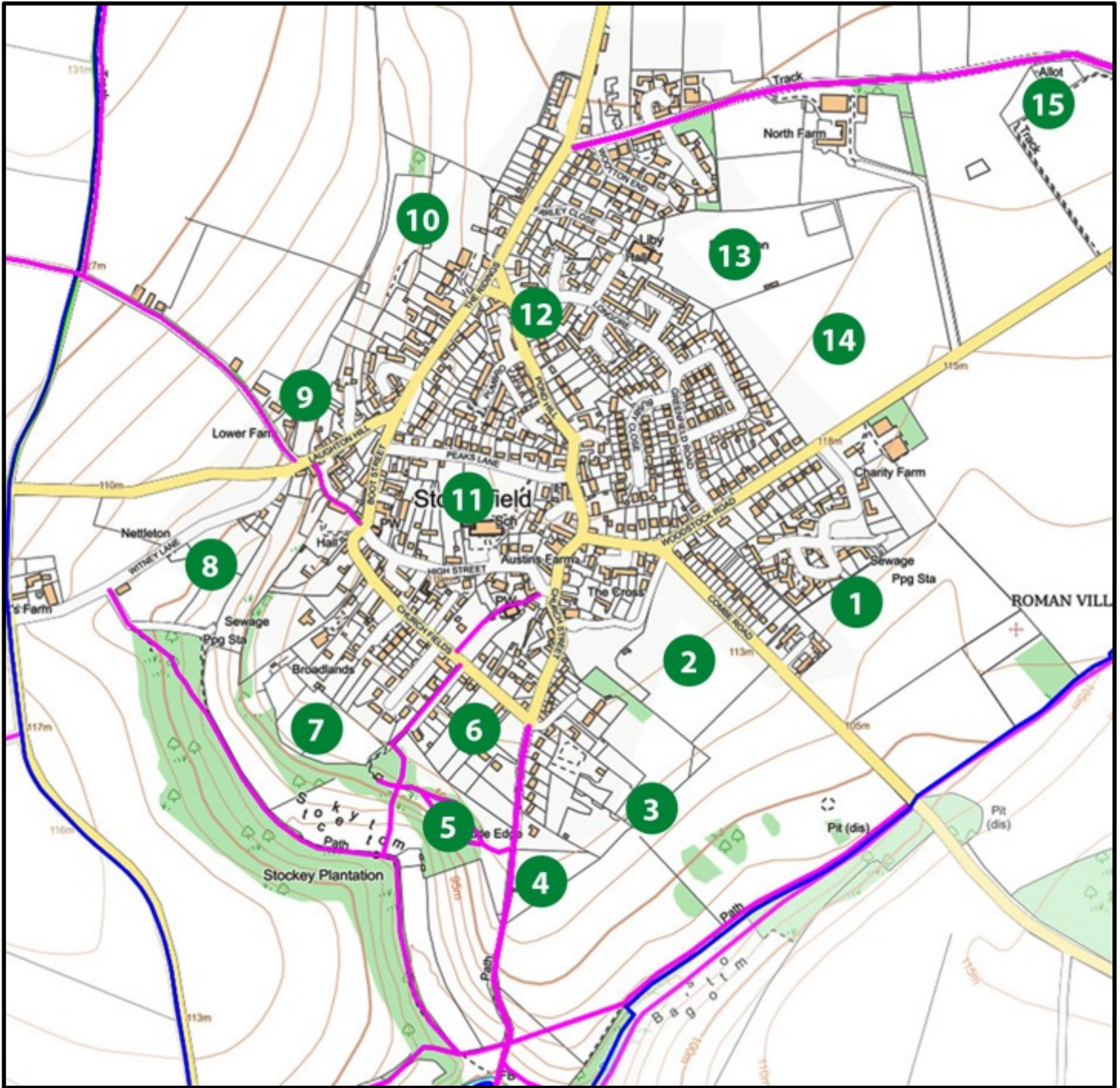
34% Grew up here

# What's important to you?

	<i>V. important/ important</i>
✓ Protecting green spaces, footpaths & views	98%
✓ Protecting the Parish's traditional buildings and other heritage assets	92%
✓ Protecting trees, woodland, hedges, countryside, wildlife & biodiversity	98%
✓ Reducing / slowing traffic through the village	72%
✓ Prevention of sewage overflows in the village	98%
✓ Addressing pollution of River Evenlode	98%

# Green spaces

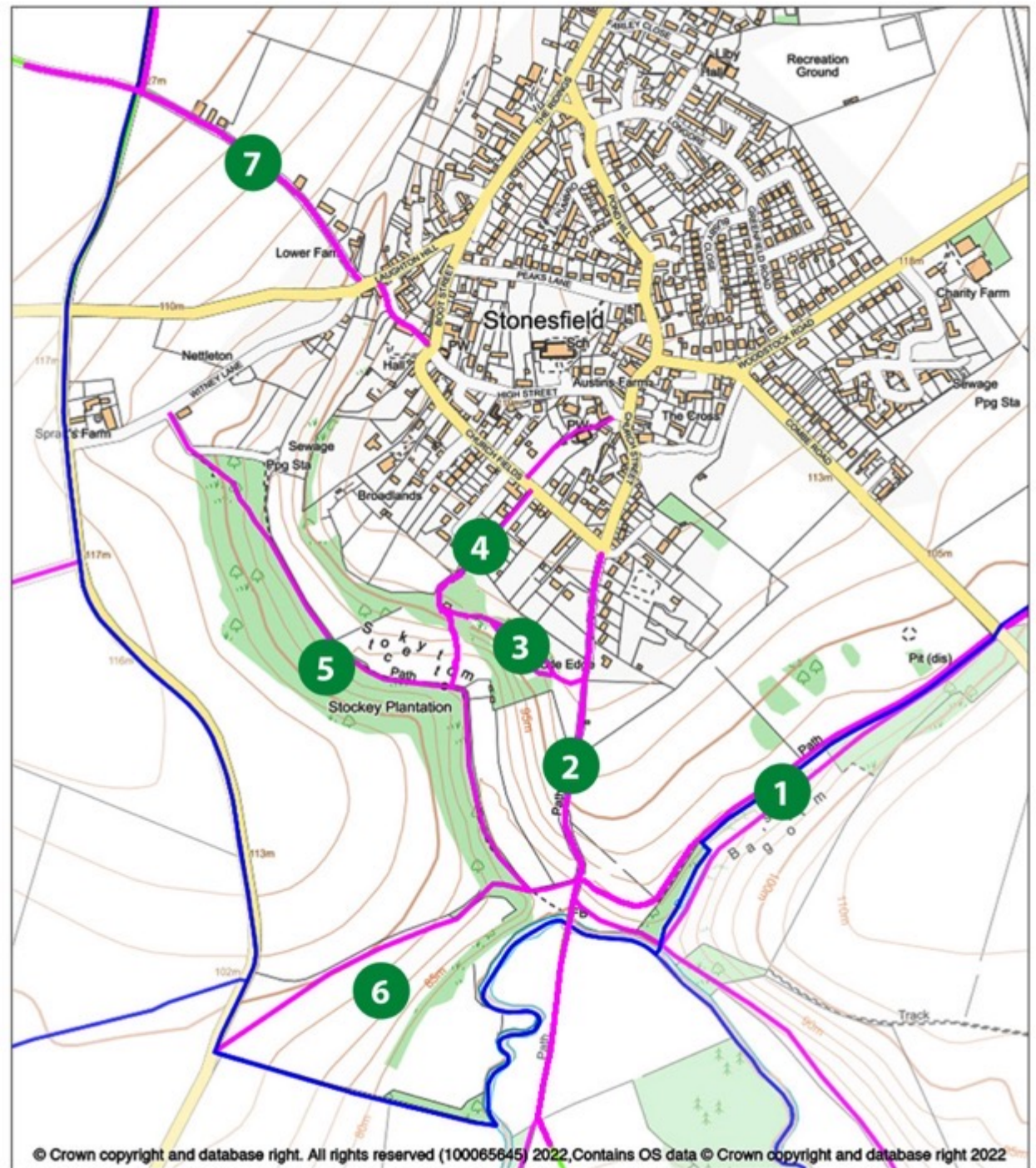
Over 75% of respondents agreed all of these green spaces should be protected



**How often do you walk these footpaths?**

**588 people responded.  
An average of 362 people walked these paths either daily, weekly or monthly – that's 62%.**

**40% walked the paths further away from the village.**





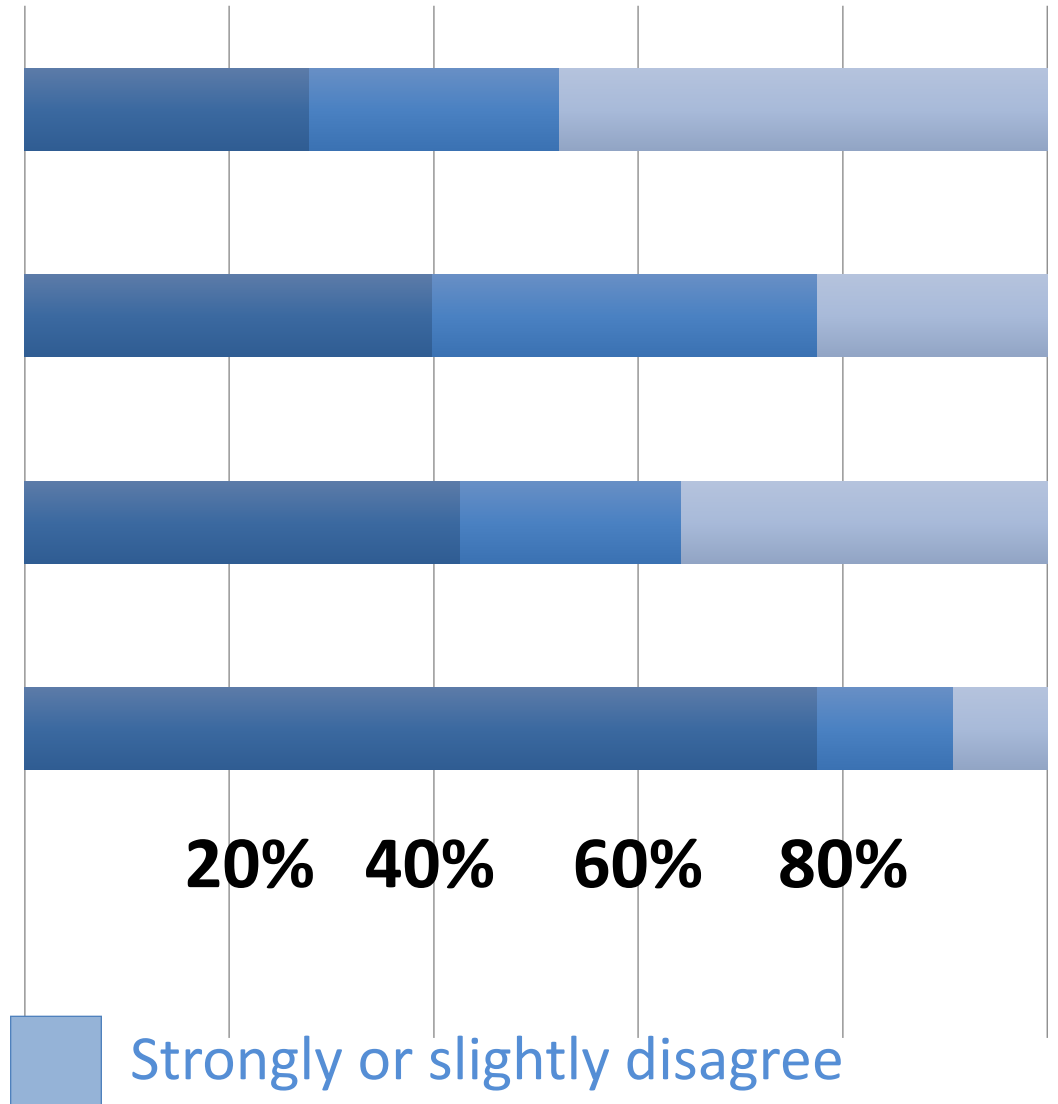
# Your views on house development

Development within the gardens of existing residential properties.

Proposals to convert existing domestic dwellings in to smaller units.

Infill housing on any available plot within the current built up area.

**Development of affordable or low-cost houses for people with a Stonesfield or very local employment connections.**



 Strongly or slightly agree

 Neutral

 Strongly or slightly disagree

# Household tenures

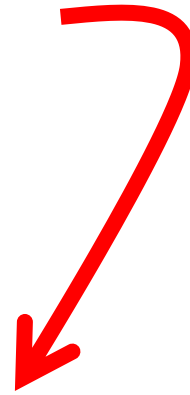
		<i>households</i>
Own outright	59%	263
Own with mortgage or loan	29%	131
Rent	10%	45

5% households are listed on WODC or other Housing Register



# Are you planning to move house in the next 5 years?

<b>Yes, in Stonesfield</b>	<b>29</b>
Not intending to move	304
Don't know	74



## **Why do you want to move in Stonesfield?**

Need smaller home / downsizing	11
Need a bigger home	17

**In the last 5 years, 102 houses have sold in Stonesfield**  
(Rightmove)

# Barriers to moving house in Stonesfield

What is preventing you from moving home within Stonesfield?	<i>responses</i>
Affordability/house prices	23
Lack of suitable type or size of house to buy, or suitable housing to meet my needs	27

# Employment status of responders

		<i>people</i>
In full-time employment	30%	180
In part-time employment	13%	78
Self-employed	12%	69
Retired	40%	239

# Where do you work?

	<i>% of responses</i>
In Stonesfield, from home	30%
Elsewhere in Oxfordshire	15%
In Oxford	11%
In Stonesfield, not from home	10%
Out of Oxfordshire	9%
Woodstock	7%
Witney	6%

# Top amenities – very important or important



Village shop 97%  
Post Office 97%




Village pub 86%



Village hall 82%


# Where do you shop?

## Weekly shopping



<b>Witney</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>49%</b>
Online	133	23%
Chipping Norton	62	11%
Kidlington	41	7%

## Top up shopping



<b>Stonesfield</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>39%</b>
Woodstock	101	18%
Long Hanborough	66	12%
Charlbury	55	10%
Witney	50	9%





# Transport

What means of transport do you most often use to travel to these villages and towns, excluding for work?

	<i>Private car</i>	<i>Public bus</i>	<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Walk</i>
Stonesfield	165	7	9	<b>355</b>
Charlbury	426	23	18	8
L. Hanborough	391	3	5	2
Witney	537	22	2	0
Chipping Norton	385	17	2	0
Oxford	310	<b>201</b>	0	0
Woodstock	448	<b>79</b>	5	2
Kidlington	372	14	3	0
Banbury	324	4	0	0
Bicester	304	5	0	1

Majority walk to amenities in the village

Bus to Oxford and Woodstock

Heavy reliance on car travel

# Are there forms of sustainable transport that you would like to use more often?



Over 350 said  
BUS



200 said  
CYCLING



Over 150 said  
WALKING

# What Happens Next?

- Analyse the survey responses
- Housing needs assessment
- Create policies using the responses, Landscape and Character Assessments
- Write the Plan
- Feedback from SPC and WODC
- Submission for Planning Examination
- Village Referendum YES/NO

**2023**

**2024 ...**



Q&A