



**Watlington  
Neighbourhood Plan**

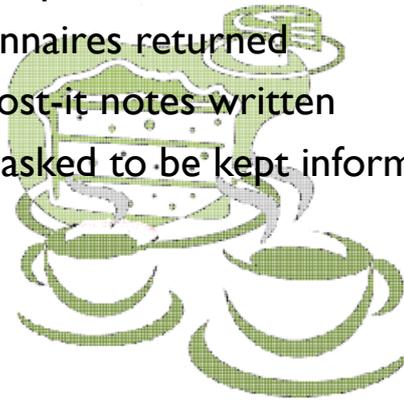
**Initial Consultation Analysis**

*Our Community - Our Plan*

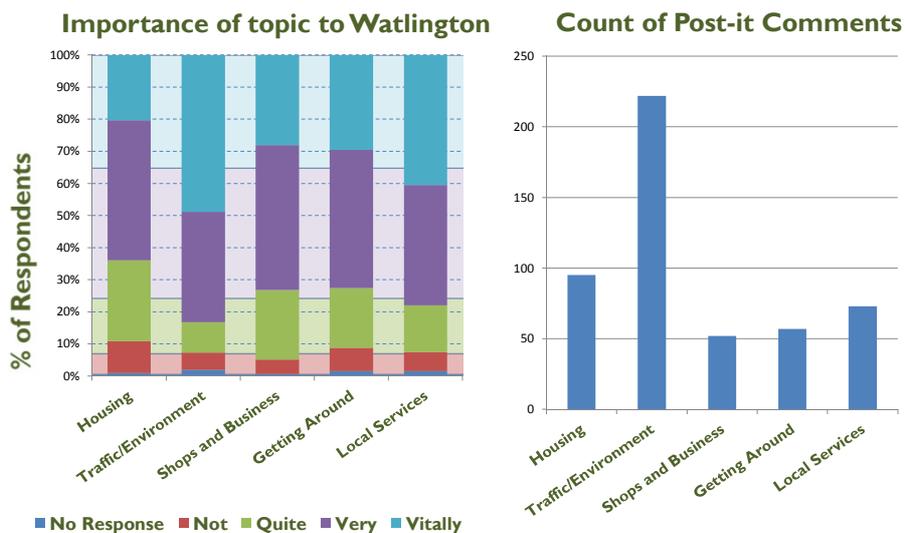


## Drop-in Statistics

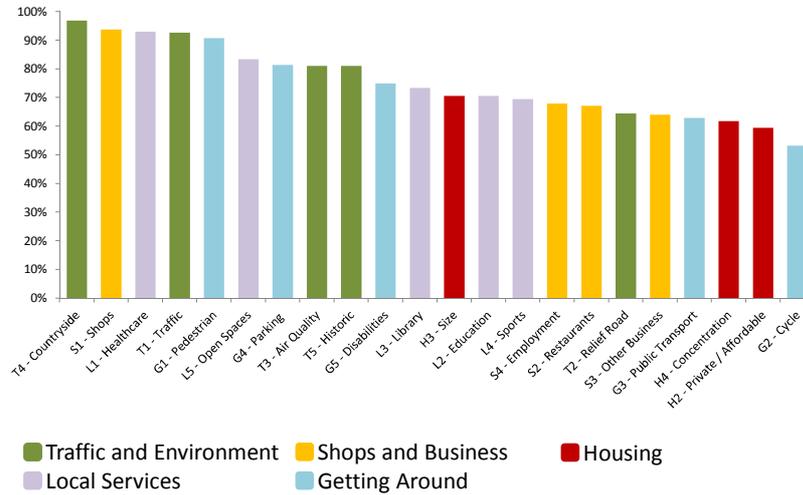
- Ten drop-in events
- Over 350 people attended
- 259 questionnaires returned
- Over 500 post-it notes written
- 135 people asked to be kept informed of progress



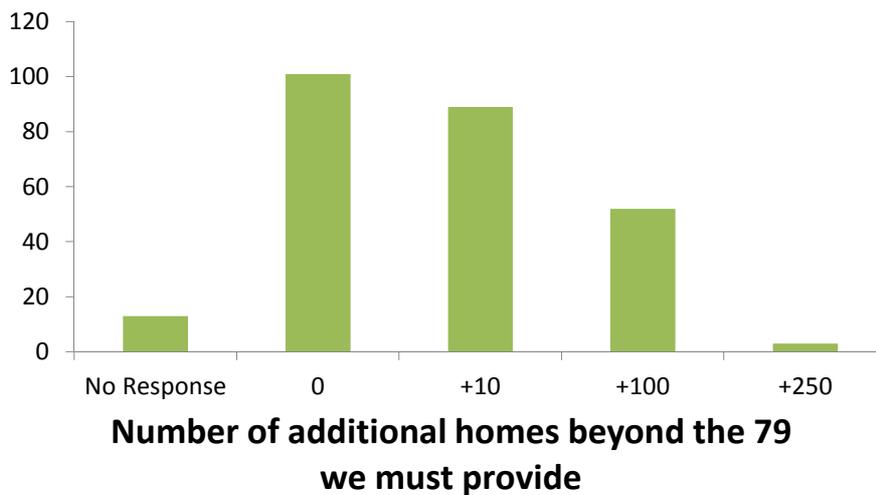
## Traffic & Environment is the topic most people want addressed



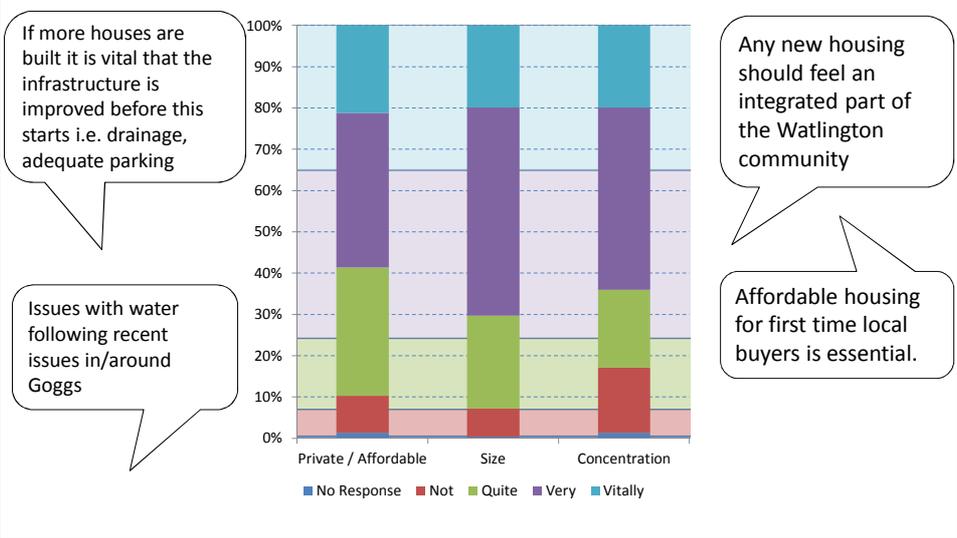
### Proportion who thought topic was very or vitally important



### Respondents favoured little or no more than 79 new homes

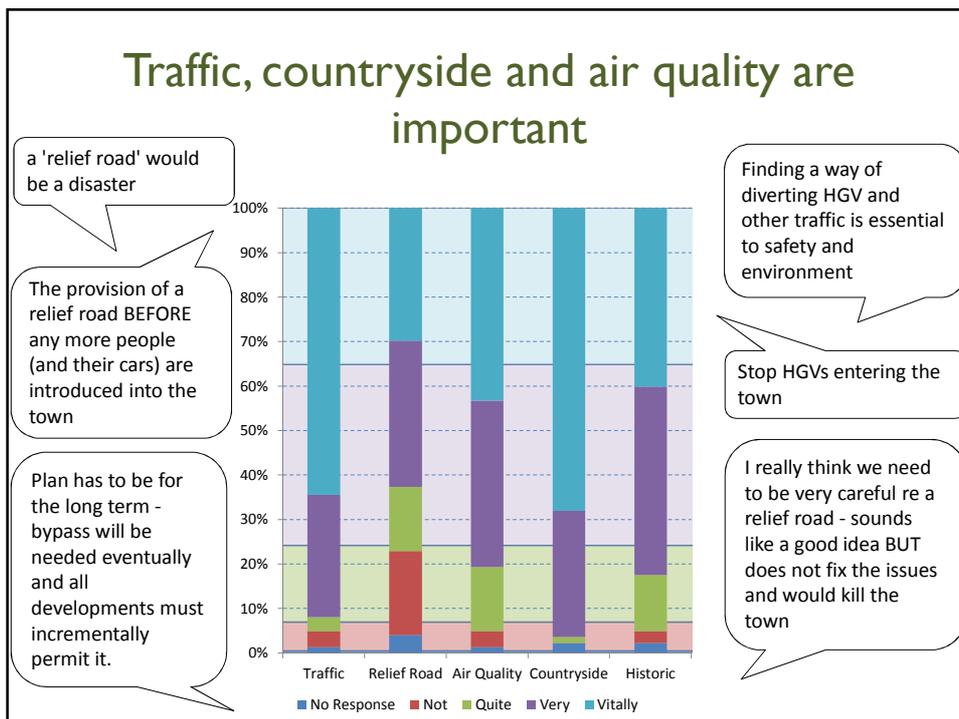


## Mix and concentration of housing is relatively unimportant in comparison to other issues



## Housing issues raised on Post-it notes

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| Location – specific sites or areas, or more general comments on areas. | 38 |
| Need for affordable housing  | 27 |
| Design issues  | 19 |
| Large or small developments  | 5  |
| Self-build housing   | 4  |
| Need for larger houses   | 2  |

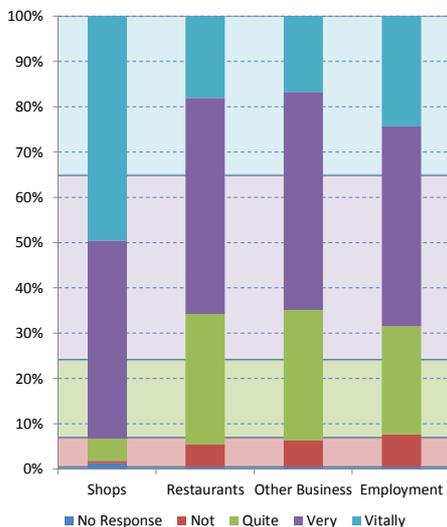


### Traffic & Environment issues mentioned

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| HGV control and general traffic density issues  | 71 |
| Against a relief road, or sceptical about relief road   | 19 |
| Maintenance of green spaces   | 19 |
| In favour of relief road  | 18 |
| On-road parking – more, less or duration  | 17 |
| Enforcement of HGV limit  | 15 |
| Speed reduction measures  | 13 |
| More on-street parking  | 12 |
| Parking at Lewknor  | 11 |
| Oddments – convert Icknield Way to bypass; school drop-off point accessible from Pyrton Lane; effect of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thames bridge; move industrial estate | 9  |
| Promotion of local nature reserves or special environments  | 7  |
| Noise pollution and smells  | 5  |
| Litter and dog mess   | 4  |
| Road maintenance  | 2  |
| Move industrial estate  | 1  |

## Shops are important, other businesses environment are less important

Market Town - Watlington life is dependent on those coming in from villages for shops, services, voluntary organisations etc. Without these our shops, schools, services etc would not survive



Watlington offers a 'Hub' role to the surrounding villages

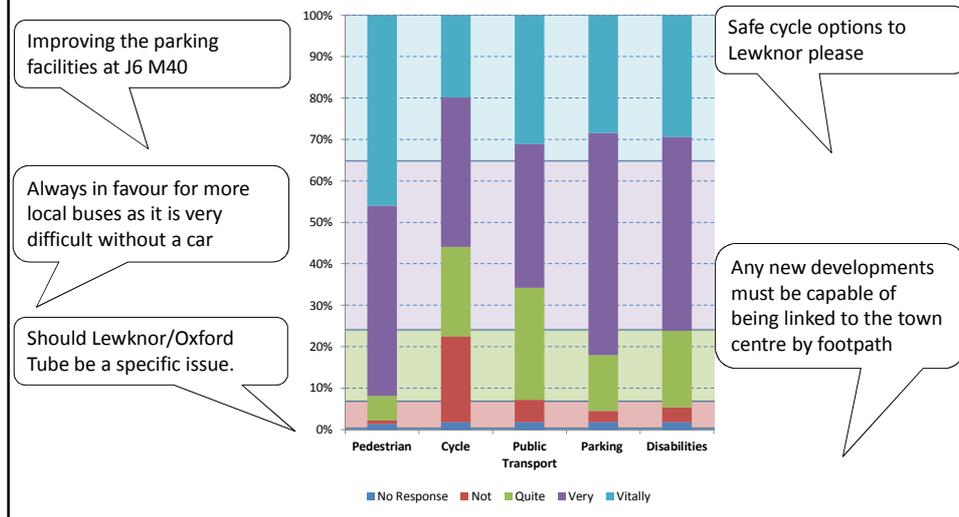
The need to ensure shops are occupied and profitable

The high Street Shops should be supported so our High Street remains a vibrant area.

## Shops and business issues

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| Shops – positive support for local small or specialist shops; need to ensure rents and rates are kept low to make them viable   | 11 |
| Importance of keeping parking free  | 10 |
| Traffic – discourages visitors; need to assess impact of any relief road on shops   | 10 |
| Negative – no large chains, supermarkets or estate agents   | 8  |
| Get the empty shops back into use   | 7  |
| Suggestions for shops or businesses needed – Italian restaurant, charity shop, one day market; Local loyalty scheme; Encourage home workers and small service companies | 7  |

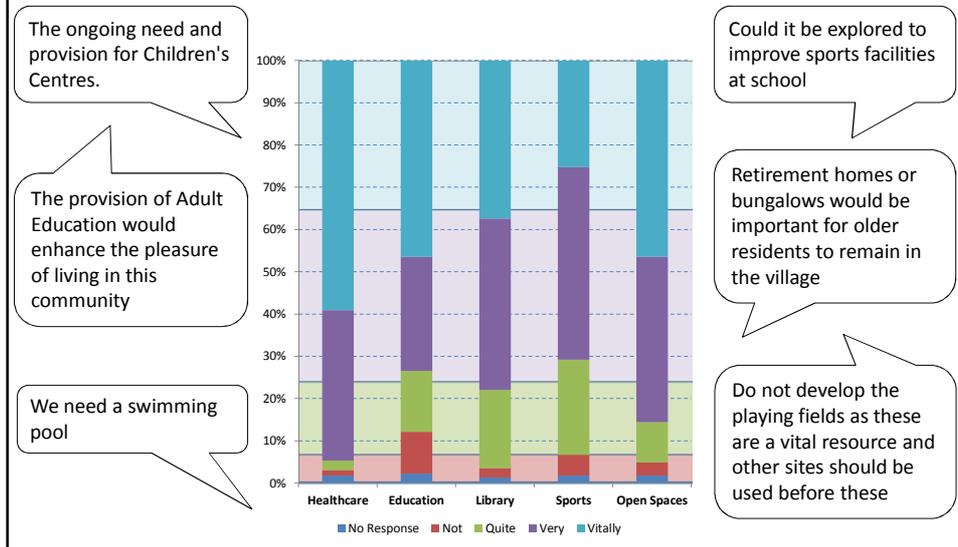
## Access for pedestrians, those with disabilities and parking are important



## Issues raised for getting around

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| Improve footpaths or ensure new developments have footpaths into centre      | 17 |
| Improvements to bus services, especially for commuters to get to work        | 15 |
| Cycle path to Lewknor  | 10 |
| Safe cycle routes to neighbouring villages such as Cuxham                    | 7  |
| Improve and ensure availability of footpaths for disabled / wheelchair users | 5  |
| Need more short term High Street parking                                     | 3  |

## The need for local services scored highly, especially health and open spaces



## Local services comments by issue

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|---|----|
| New or expanded sports facilities – pool, gym, use of school facilities             | 26 |
| Schools – predominantly positive comments but querying capacity for extra pupils    | 14 |
| Keep the play areas open or create new areas  | 12 |
| Surgery - predominantly positive comments but querying capacity for extra residents | 7  |
| Sewerage works – need to increase capacity before more houses built                 | 6  |
| Evening classes and other indoor clubs – need for more                              | 5  |
| Keep the library open   | 2  |
| Need to boost voluntary fire service  | 1  |
| Need for high-speed broadband   | 1  |

## Additional Comments



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|---|----|
| Measures to avoid / reduce flooding; Increase sewage plant capacity       | 20 |
| Encourage local businesses and employment to reduce travel                | 6  |
| Develop / promote community oriented power, fuel, water services; Ecotown | 5  |
| Air pollution – management of traffic                                     | 3  |