Berinsfield

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

ORCC is a charity that works with and supports communities across the county and has long-standing expertise in helping communities with consultation strategies.

Berinsfield Parish Council is currently preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). As part of its evidence gathering process, the NDP Team commissioned Oxfordshire Rural Community Council to conduct a community survey in October 2014.

The survey gave all households in the village the opportunity to express an opinion on the future development of housing, infrastructure and services in Berinsfield.

DISTRIBUTION AND RESPONSE

- ORCC, liaising with the NDP Team, prepared the survey content.
- The NDP Team distributed surveys to 1150 households in November 2014.
- 227 surveys were returned in a *Freepost* envelope to ORCC: **a response rate of 20%**.
- ORCC analysed the returned surveys and prepared this report.
- No information is known about households which did not complete a survey, and no assumptions have been made about their opinions, needs, or requirements.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The report gives a detailed breakdown of answers to all survey questions. The following is a selection of findings.

67% of households believe **109 new homes or more** (consistent with the District Council's Core Strategy 2027) is the most suitable development option for Berinsfield

54% of households believe that some areas in the village need regenerating but most **development should go OUTSIDE the current developed area**

Top 5 sites that should be included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) as possible development sites:

1- BER13
2- BER18
3- BER1
4- BER23
5- BER4

Top 5 sites that should be protected from development in the NDP:

1- BER17
2- BER16
3- BER9
4- BER7
5- BER14

Top 2 preferences for the most needed type of housing:

1- Medium house- 2-3 bedrooms (60%)
2- Bungalows (35%)

Top 2 preferences for housing tenure:

1- Owner-occupied homes (60%)
2- Sheltered Housing for older people - could be an Extra-Care Home (46%)

Top 2 development planning preferences:

1- A number of smaller developments (74%)
2- Infill development (47%

Top 5 preferences for housing mix in new developments:

1- Two-storey (68%)
2- Retirement homes (53%)
3- Larger plots with off-road parking (53%)
4- Single-storey (31%)
5- Smaller-style houses (29%)

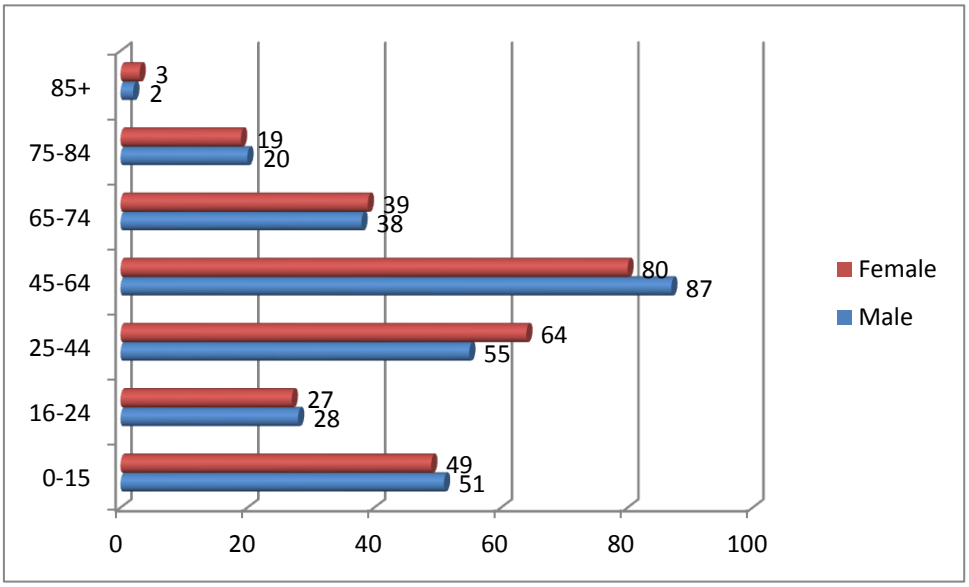
Top 5 first choice preferences for improvements to community facilities:

1- New school (19%)
2- More shops (14%)
3- More parking areas (13%)
4- Lighting to footpaths (11%)
5- Café or restaurant (8%)

Survey Results

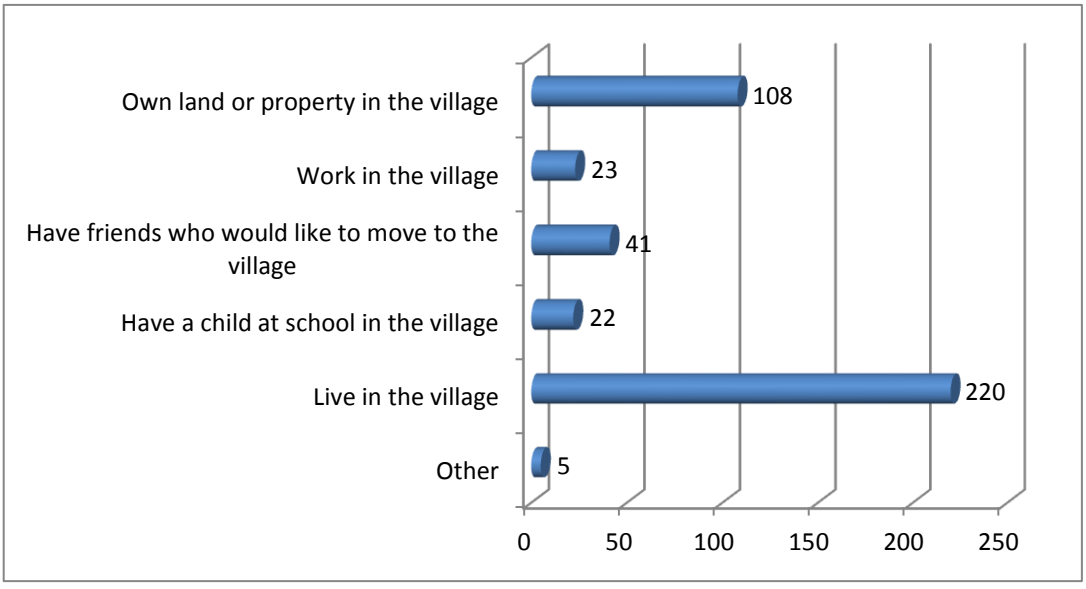
1. **How many people of each age group live in your household?**

   - 223 households – 562 individuals



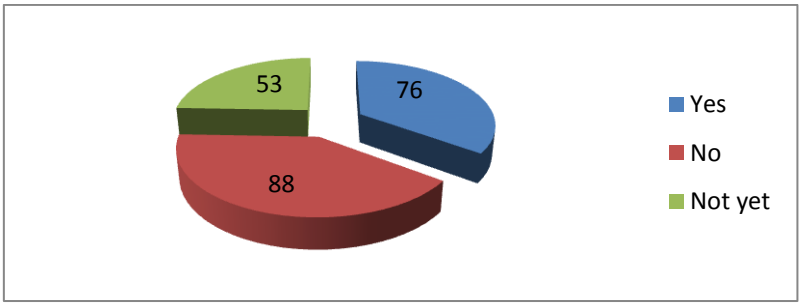
2. **Do you…?**

   - 224 households – 419 total selections



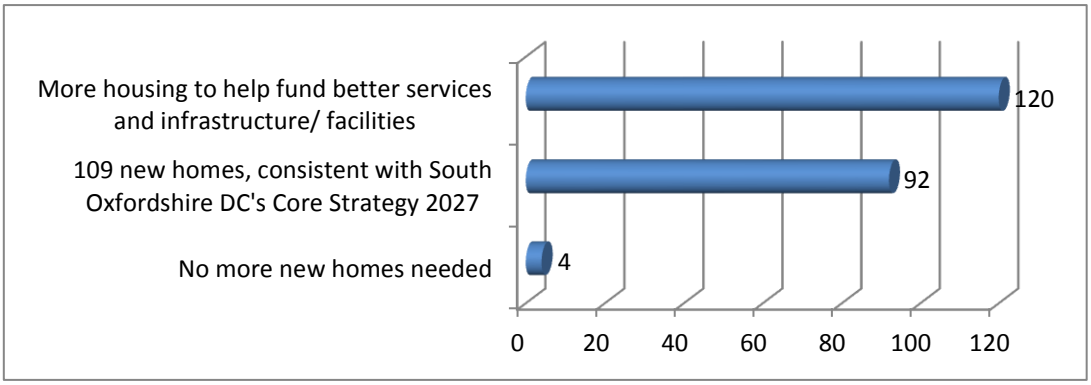
3. **Have you read the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan Scoping Report which is available on-line via the parish website or in paper copy at the library, sports centre, school, BiVC, EAG etc.?**

- 217 households
- ORCC emailed a copy of the Scoping Report to **38 households** who requested it



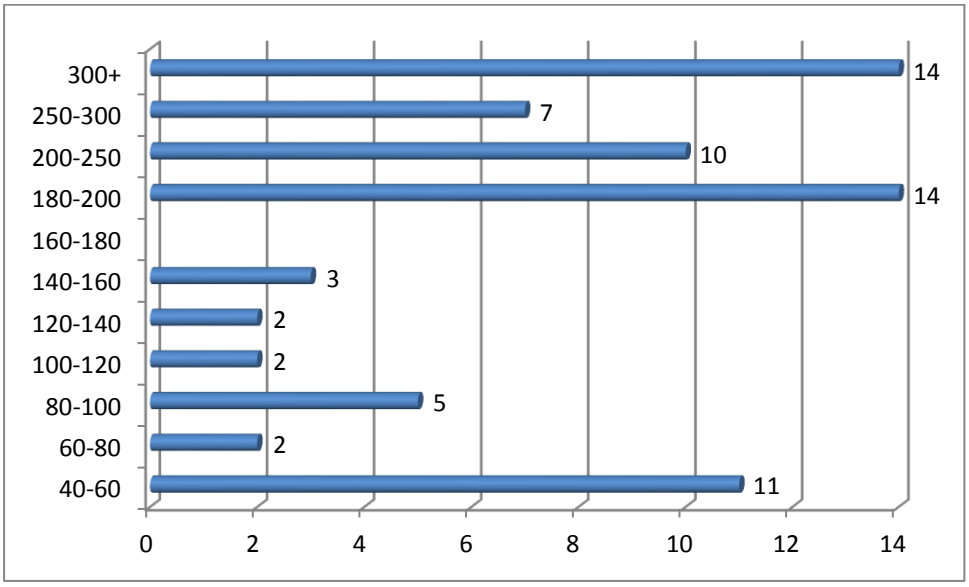
4. **Please tick the housing development option you think most suitable?**

- 216 households



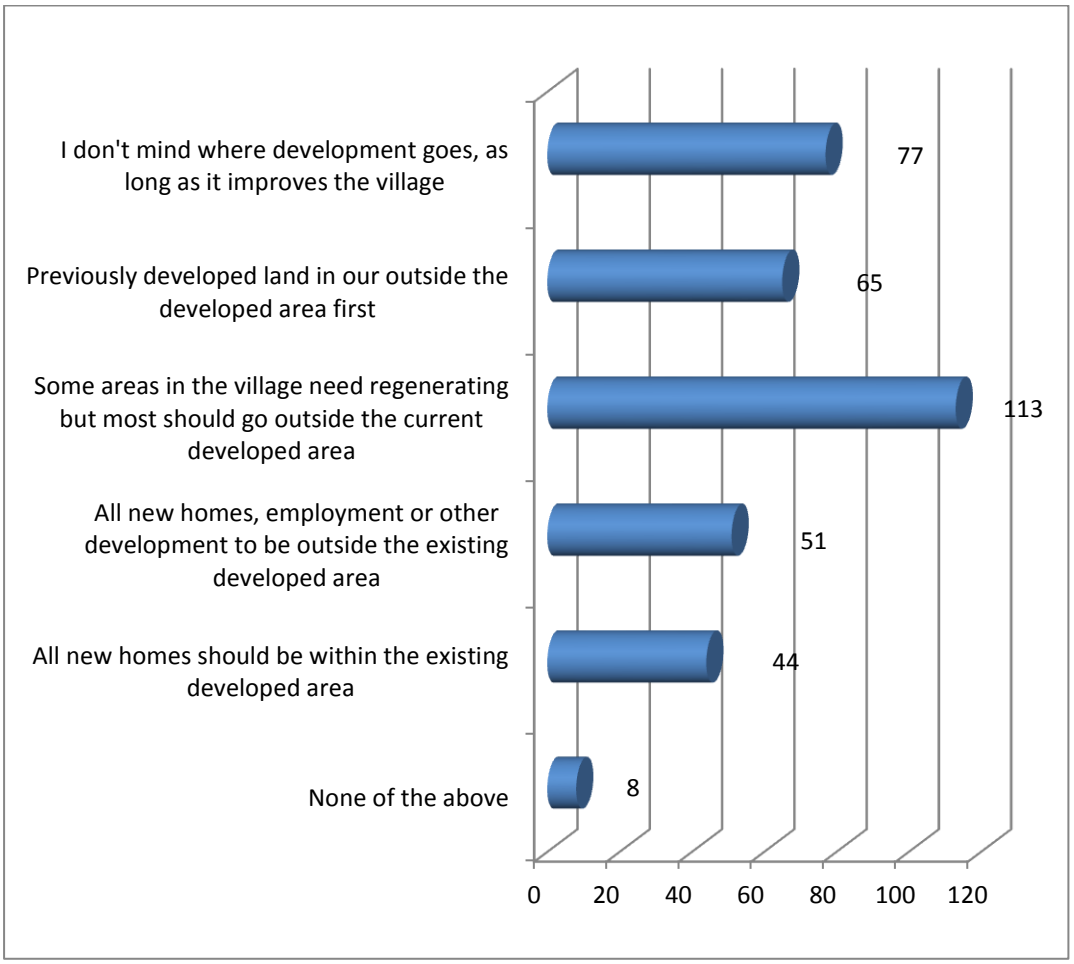
If you think more homes are needed, how many do you think Berinsfield requires?

- 70 households



5. **Berinsfield is currently entirely within the Oxford Green Belt (The Green Belt is a policy for controlling urban growth). The District Council has decided that this is preventing the future growth and regeneration of parts of the village. South Oxfordshire DC's adopted Core Strategy 2027 plans for a review of the Green Belt in Berinsfield. Please look at the list of options for growth below and tick your TOP TWO priorities of where you think new development should go.**

- 211 households – 358 total choices



6. **The Berinsfield Neighbourhood Development Plan will be used to shape the future vision for the village. The Plan needs to identify potential development sites and put in place policies for housing, shops, employment and other local infrastructure. In the table below, we've summarised opinions on developing potential sites that we have received to date. But we want to see if we're on the right track. Please tell us what you think of these sites.**

- 221 households

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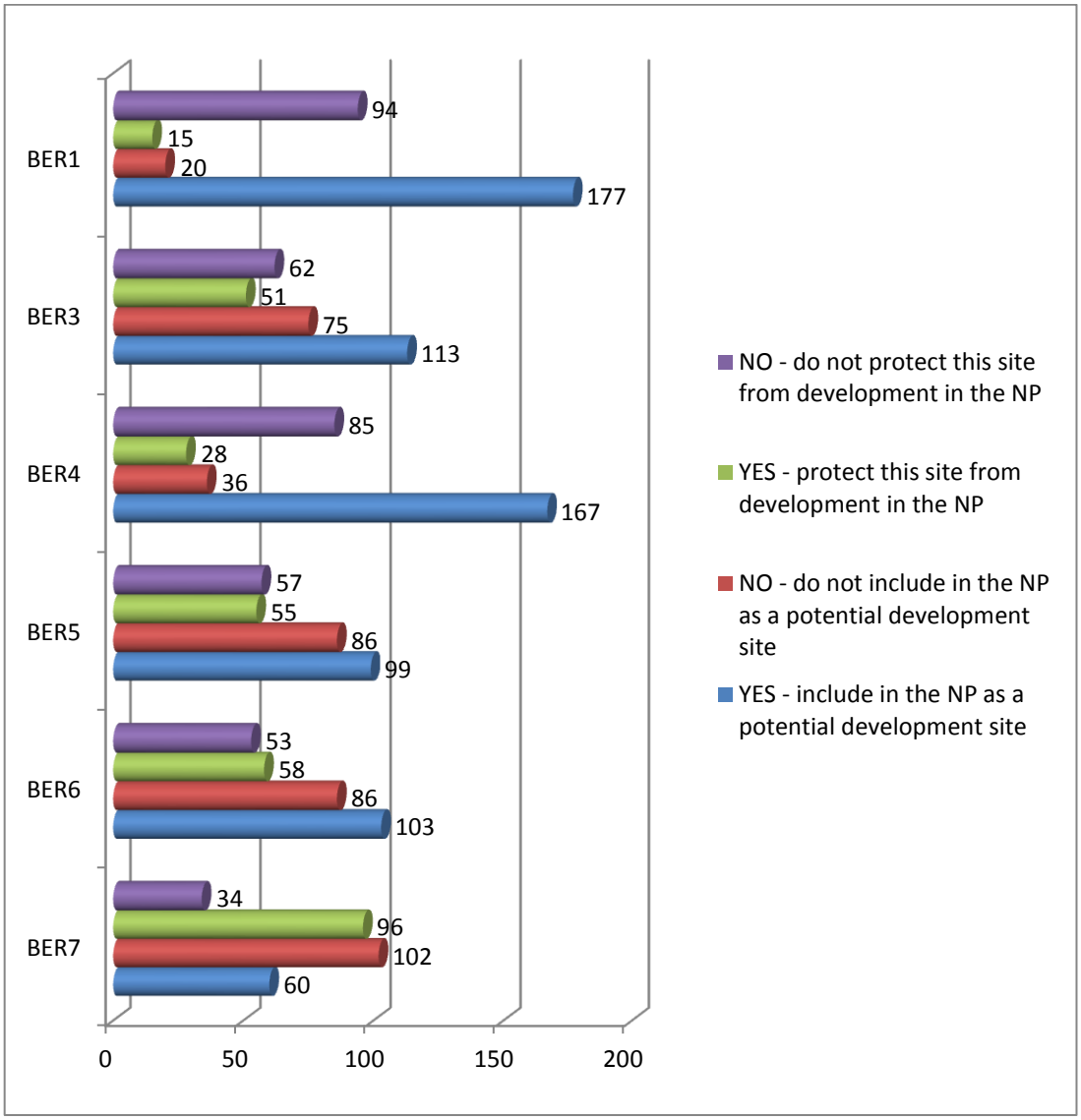

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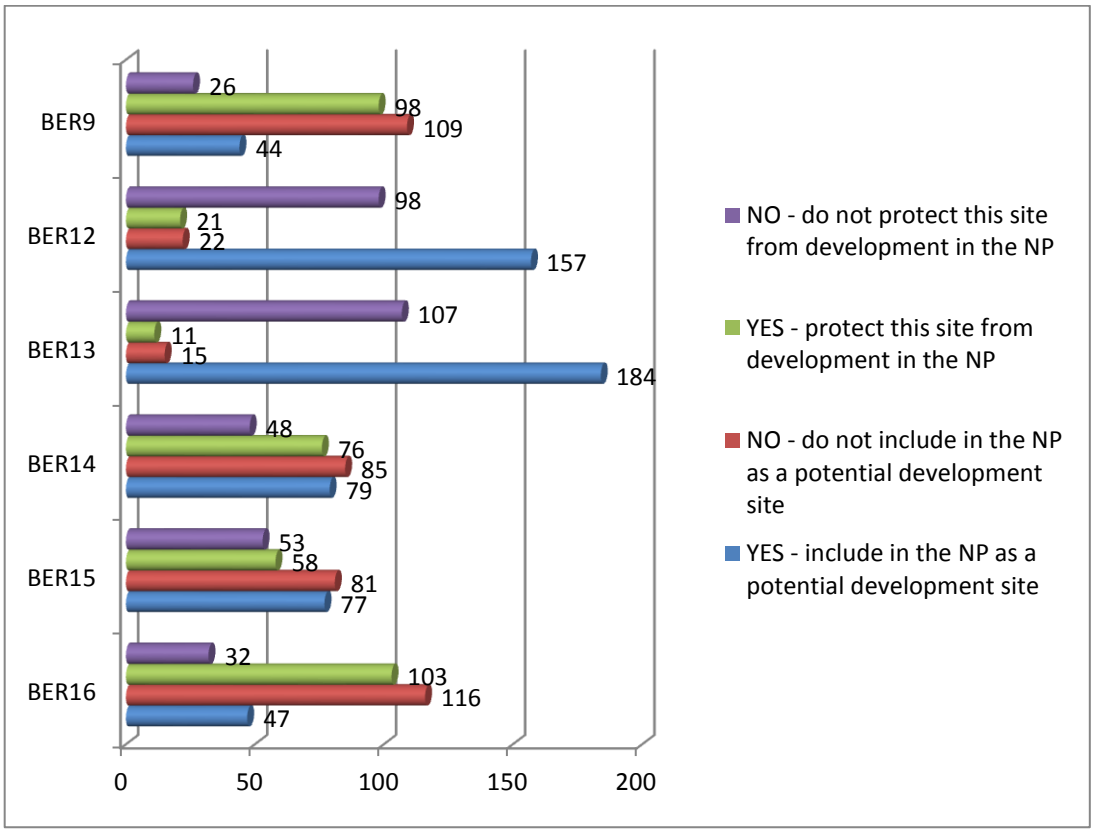
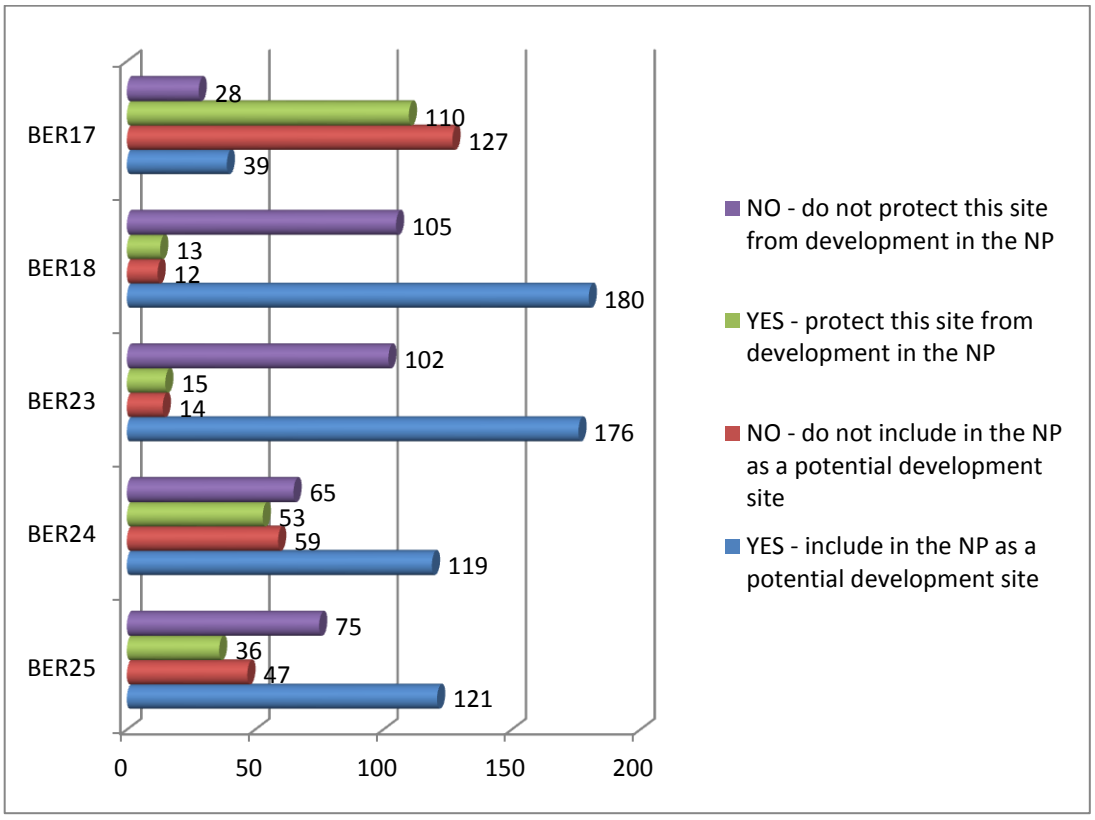
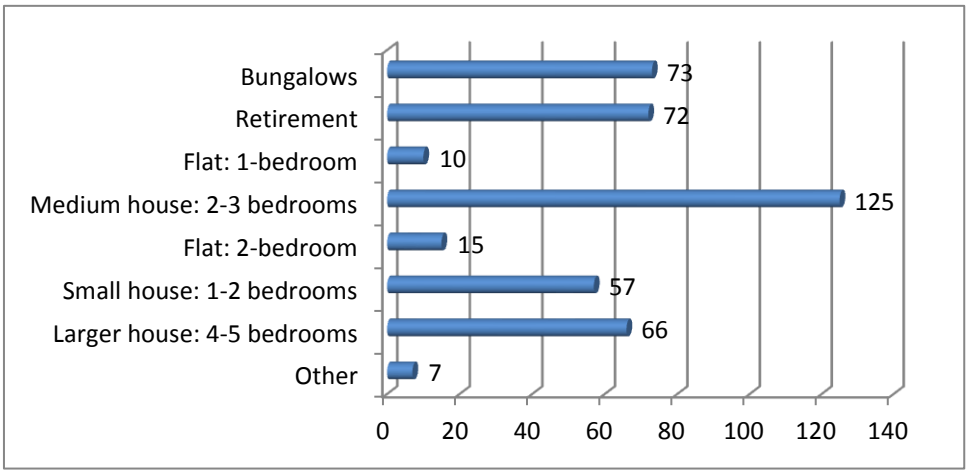




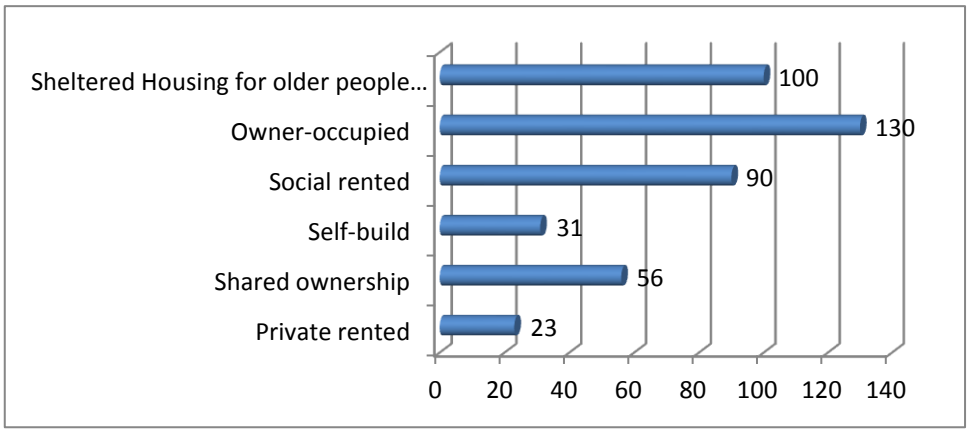
7. **What type of housing do you think is most needed in Berinsfield? Please tick your TOP TWO priorities.**

- 208 households – 425 total choices



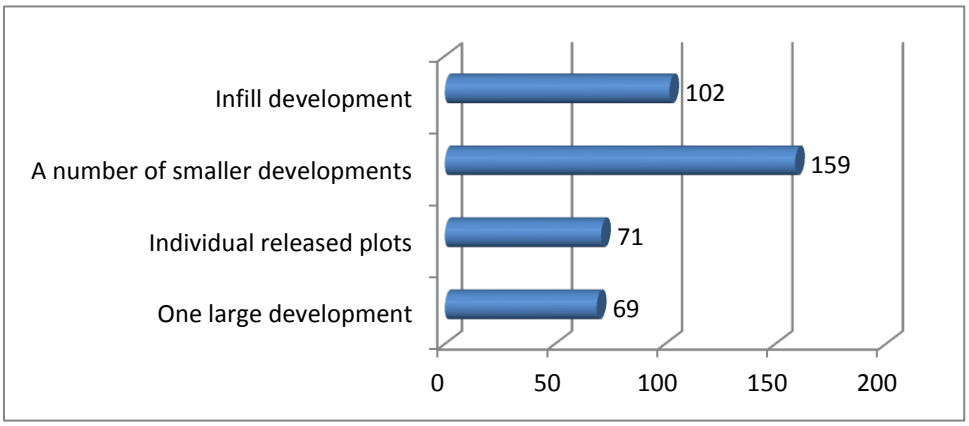
8. **Please tick your TOP TWO priorities for the type of housing you think Berinsfield should plan for.**

- 216 – 430 total choices



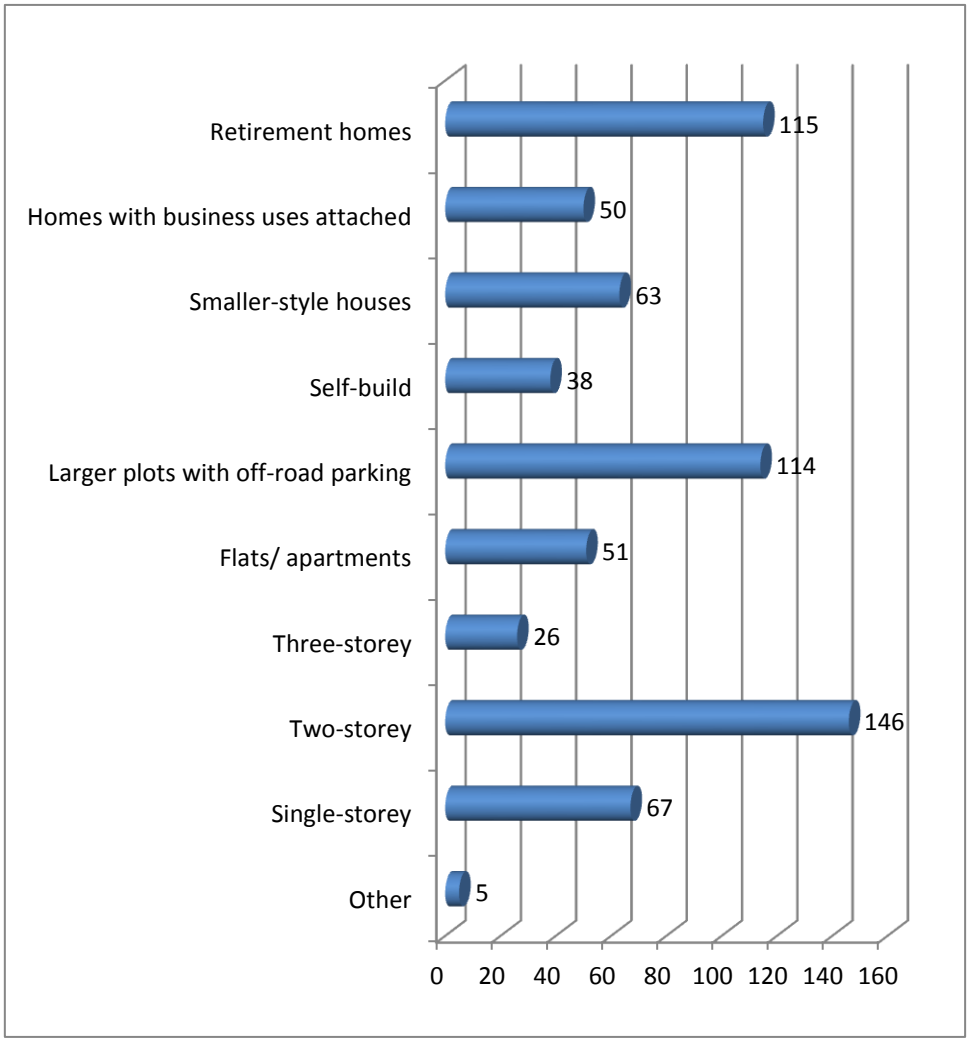
9. **When planning for new developments, what would you prefer?**

- 216 – 401 total choices



10. What mix of housing would you most like to see included in the new housing developments? Please tick all that apply.

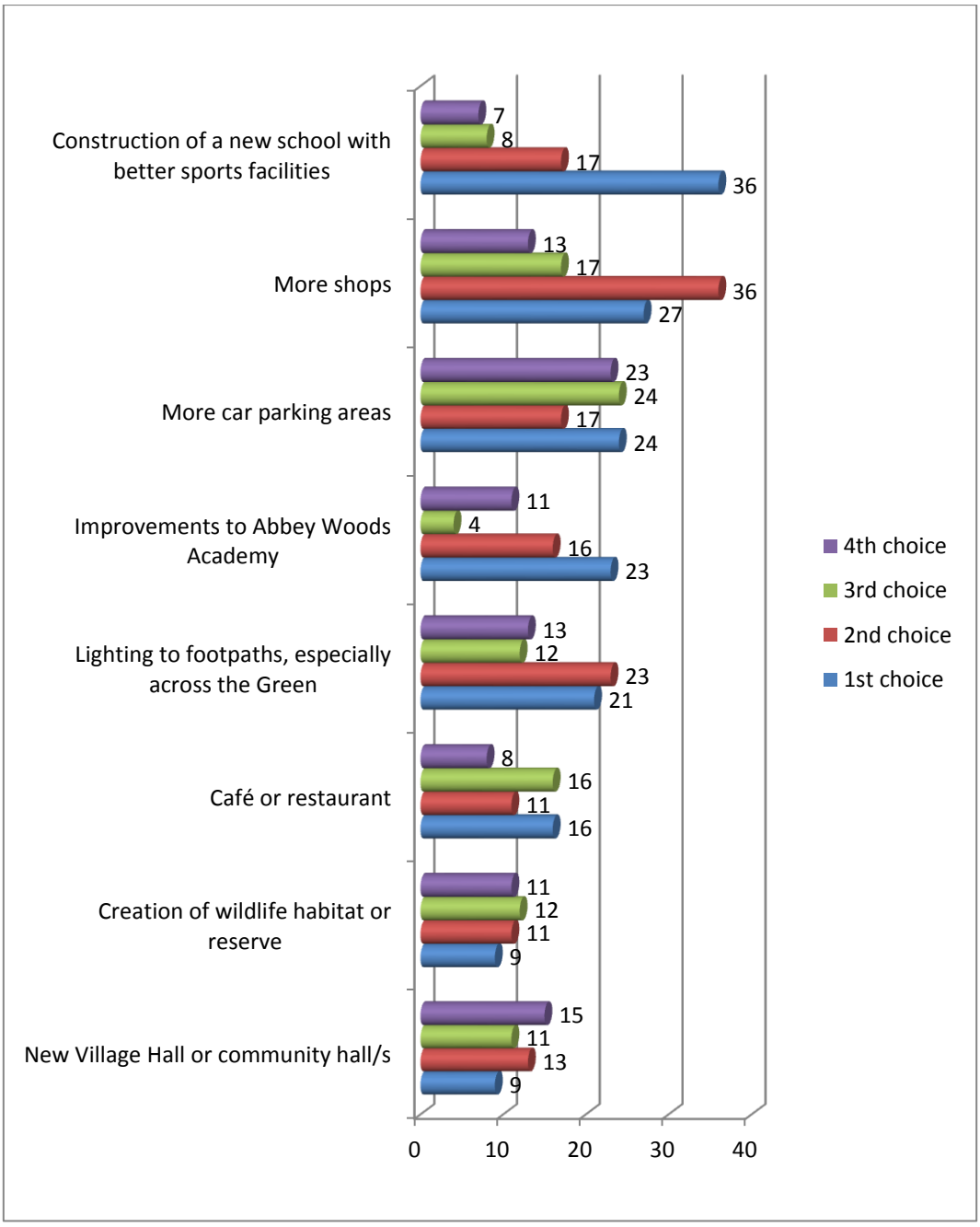
- 216 households- 675 choices

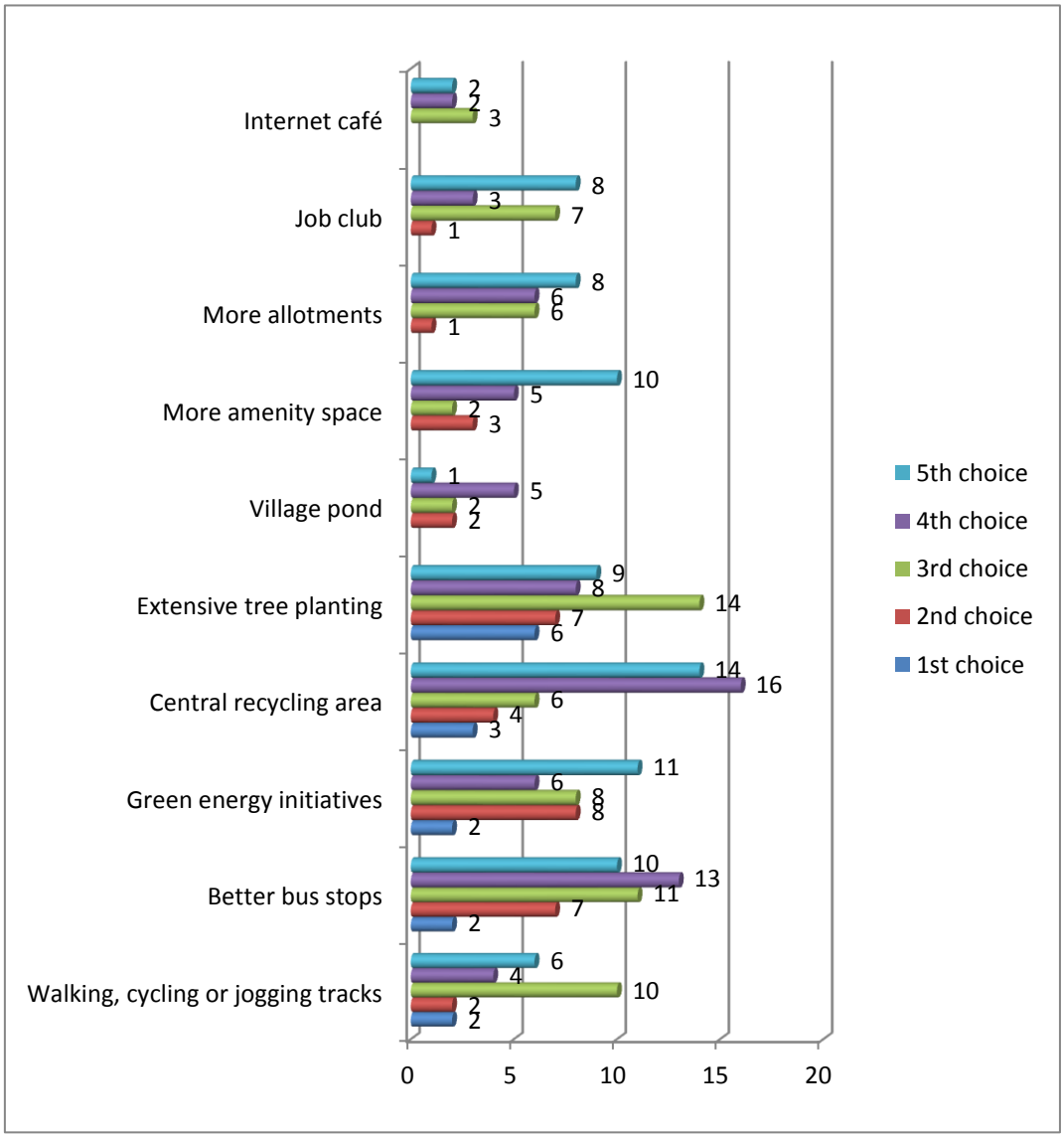


11. The Berinsfield Neighbourhood Development Plan is designed to set out a future vision for the village. The Plan cannot force developers to build or landowners to sell, but it can ask for contributions from developers (such as the new Community Infrastructure Levy, which comes into force next year) to be spent on improving facilities for the benefit of the wider community. Please rank your top 5 improvements.

- 189 households

Top 8 selections by number of first preferences





Twenty other suggestions were individually made:

better road signs	cemetery shelter	Zebra Crossing on the main road	build large houses
rubbish bins	on the spot fines for littering	development of village centre	better sports centre
Youth Club	clubs for young people	upgrade the church	amalgamate children's centre, sports centre and library
crossing on the bus stop in layby	better recreation facilities	bigger swimming pool	fibre optic cables
widen some roads	better footpaths	improve shop areas	dog warden

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