

Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan consultations

From the Lounge in red.

From the Peace Hall.. Rowney green in black.

NB The number of people responding is given in each section: it doesn't always match the number of ticks as some people just made a comment. All the Lounge respondents filled in every question. The format used here did not encourage comment so much.

Business and Jobs

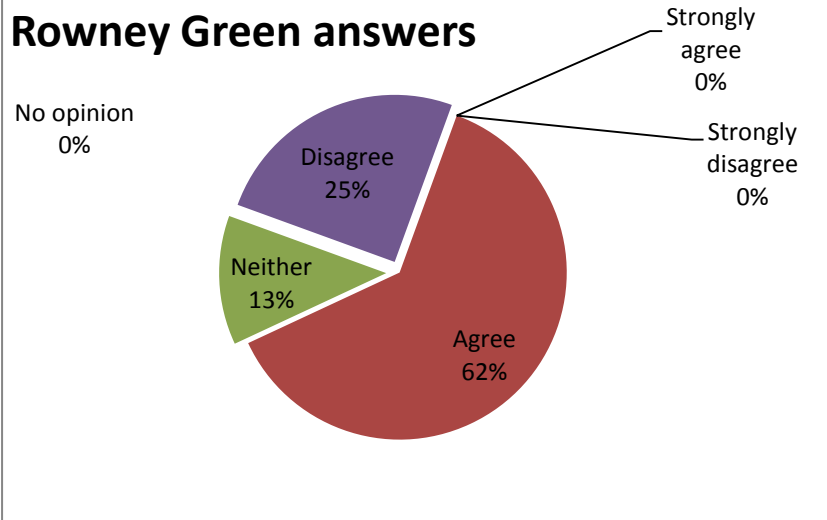
1. We need more business to come into the parish to give greater local employment opportunities

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (8)		5	1	2		
Lounge answers (23)	9	7	3	2	2	

Comments 1; Many businesses here already.

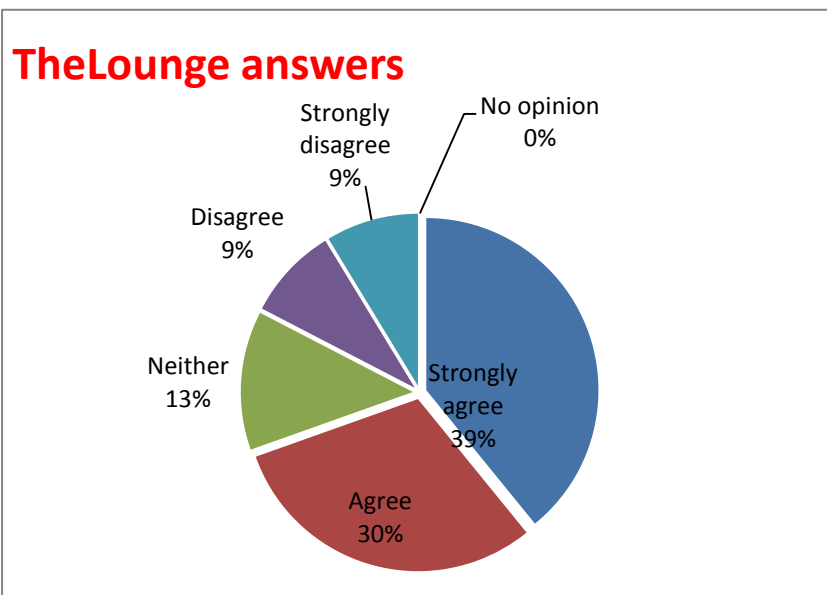
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	5
Neither	1
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	8



The Lounge

Strongly agree	9
Agree	7
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	2
No opinion	0
Total	23



Business and Jobs

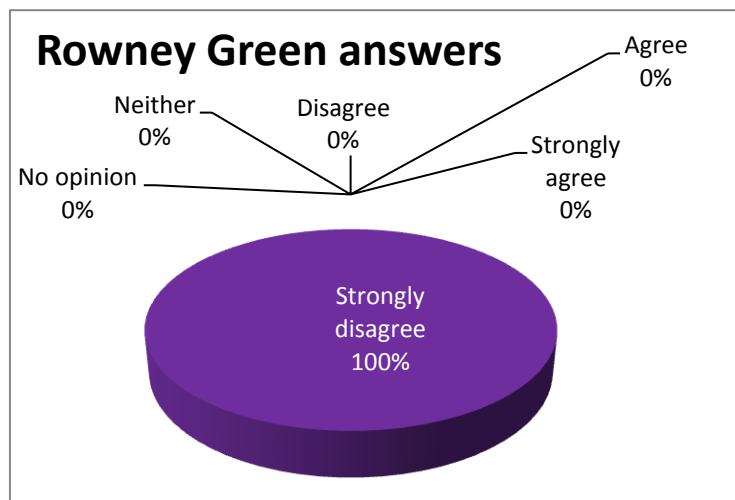
2. To increase the number and type of jobs available we should be prepared to give up some green belt and other sites for business

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (5)					5	
Lounge answers (23)	1	10	5	3	4	

Comment: 3 saying; Green Belt should be preserved if possible
 1 saying; land to be split equally between housing & Business,
 i.e. instead of some housing not as well as

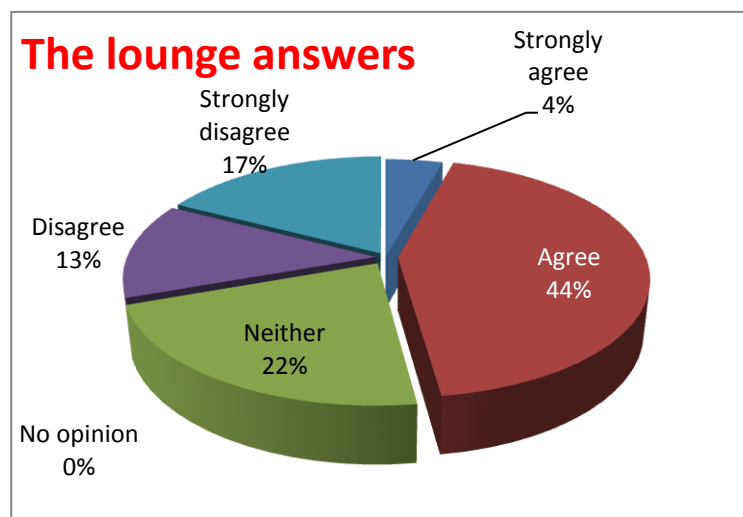
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	0
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	0
Total	5



The Lounge

Strongly agree	1
Agree	10
Neither	5
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	4
No opinion	0
Total	23



Business and Jobs

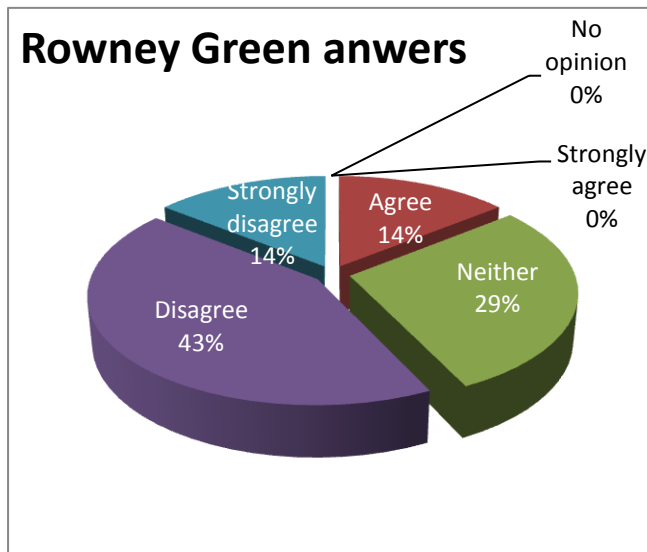
3. Alvechurch village centre would benefit from its own business development plan with options of some pedestrianisation and corresponding road changes round The Square and The Precinct

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (7)		1	2	3	1	
Lounge answers (23)	6	11	3	2		1

Comment: 6 mostly saying that business development plan OK but not pedestrianisation. 4; 1 saying; yes to business plan but not pedestrianisation, 1 saying try Shared Space; 1 suggesting one way streets and change junction; 1 strongly for pedestrian crossings.

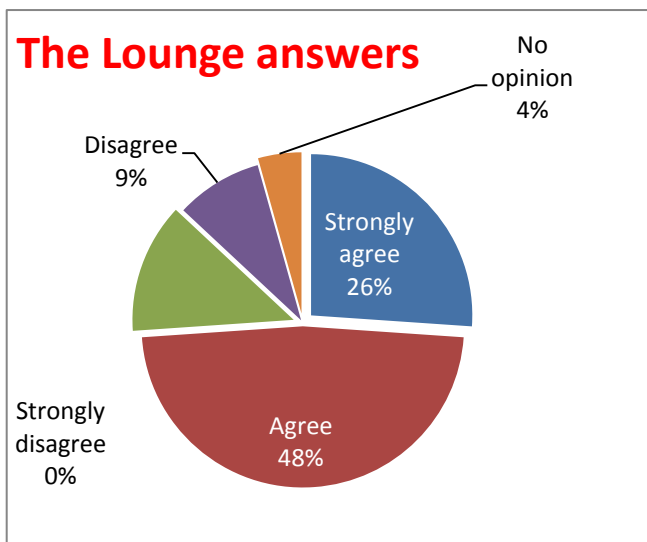
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	1
Neither	2
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
	7



The Lounge

Strongly agree	6
Agree	11
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	1
	23



Business and Jobs

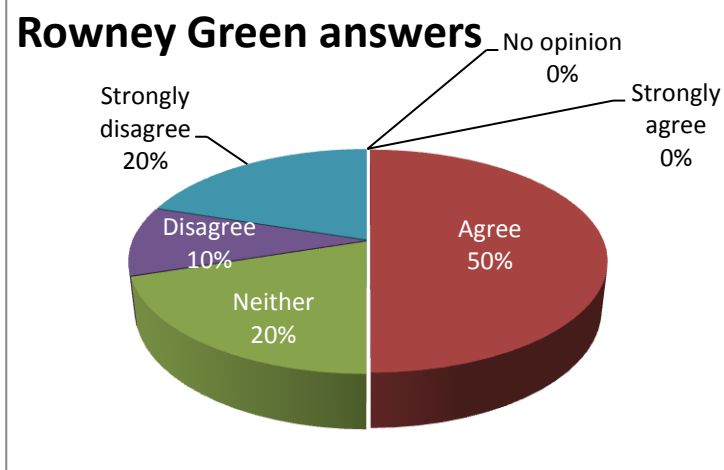
4. Small scale rural employment should be encouraged in the small settlements: Bordesley, Hopwood, Rowney Green, Weatheroak and Withybed Green

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (10)		5	2	1	2	
Lounge answers (23)	8	12	2	1		

Comment: 2 saying business and buildings must be appropriate to the area.

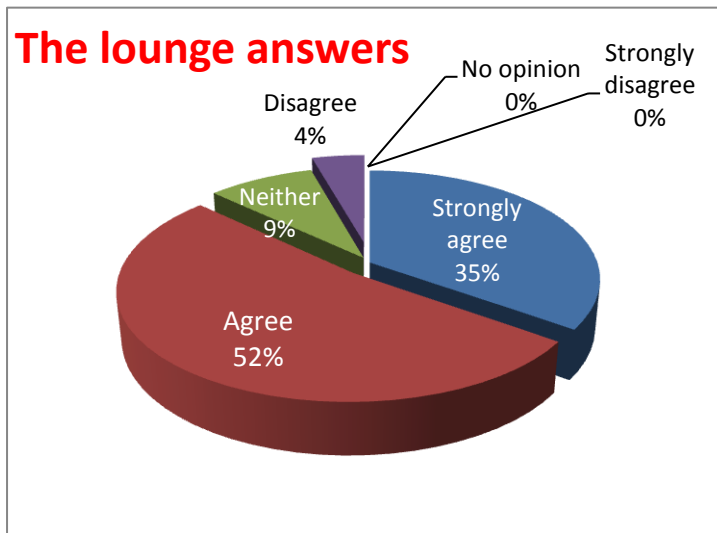
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	5
Neither	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	2
No opinion	0
Total	10



The Lounge

Strongly agree	8
Agree	12
Neither	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23



Conclusion: There is some support for increasing local business even in small settlements. There is no agreement that any green belt land should be used. Rowney Green residents who commented do not support pedestrianisation in Alvechurch. Some Lounge customers are more positive about business development generally, especially in rural settlements, but results show a spread. They are very interested in the suggested pedestrianisation/ development of the centre of Alvechurch Village.

HOUSING

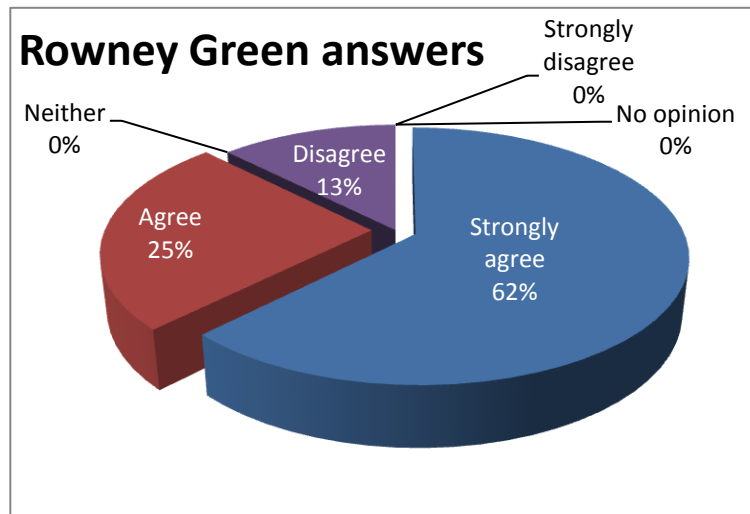
1. Development first on existing ADRs –further growth after 2030 on green belt immediately adjacent to existing settlements if needed

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (9)	5	2	0	1	0	
Lounge answers (23)	11	7	3	2		

Comment: 4 saying protect all green belt, one saying “this part” of green belt is very valuable, one saying no decisions about post-2030 should be made, one that access to amenities and public transport are essential, one that brownfield sites should all be used first. **One saying scale and type important**

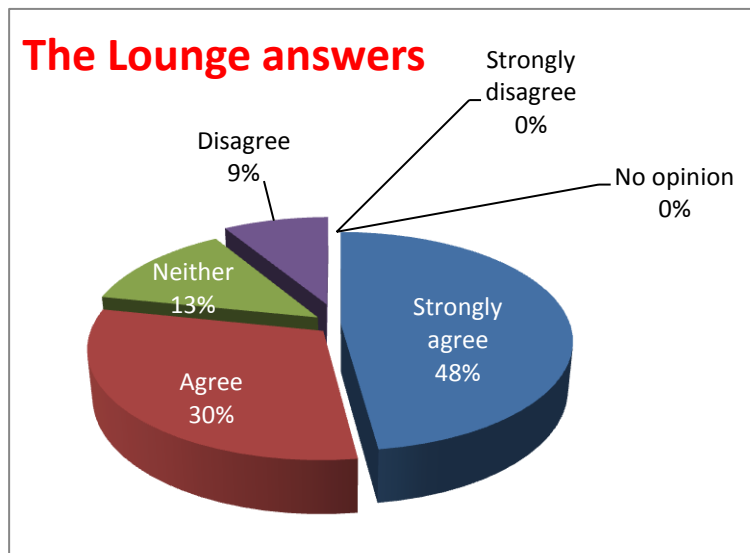
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	5
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	8



The Lounge

Strongly agree	11
Agree	7
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
No opinion	0
Total	23



HOUSING

2. Further parish growth should be apportioned equally across the settlements on limited green belt sites

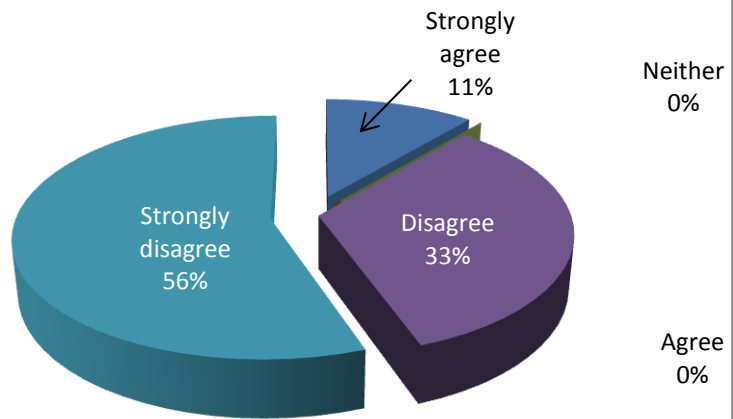
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (9)	1	0	0	3	5	
Lounge answers (23)	5	6	6	5	1	

Comment: 5 saying green belt should be fully protected, 2 saying appropriate infrastructure is needed. **One saying this will keep our environment as rural as possible**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	1
Agree	0
Neither	0
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	0
Total	9

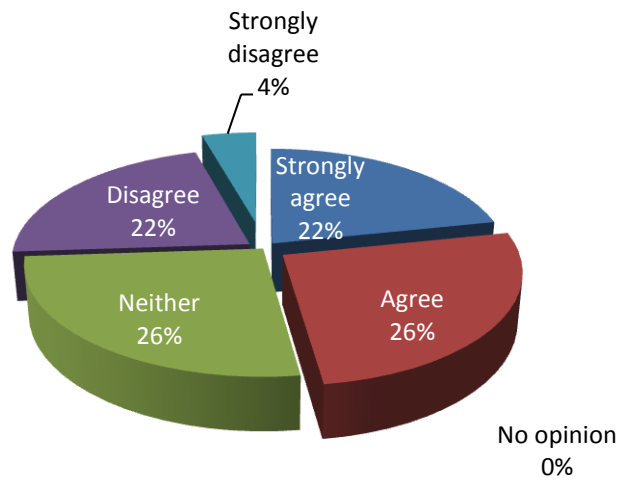
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	5
Agree	6
Neither	6
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
Total	23

The Lounge answers



HOUSING

3. Greenbelt land released for future need should be mainly round the edges of Alvechurch village

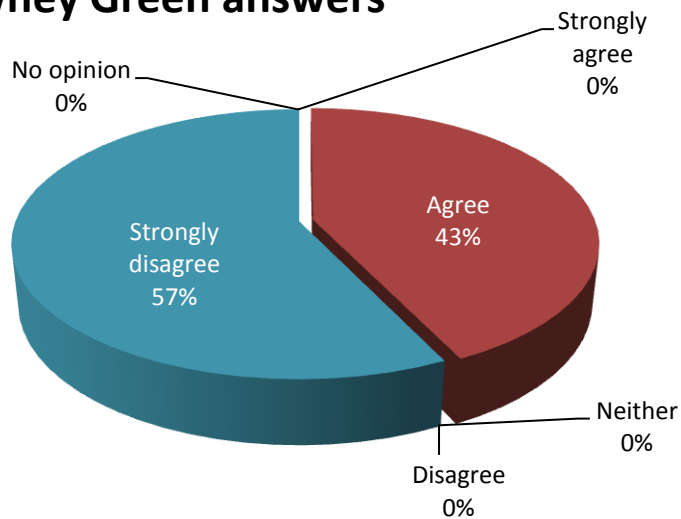
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (8)	0	3	0	0	4	
Lounge answers (23)	4	4	6	4	5	

Comment: 5 saying green belt should be fully protected, 2 saying appropriate infrastructure is needed. **One saying this will keep our environment as rural as possible**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	3
Neither	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	4
No opinion	0
Total	7

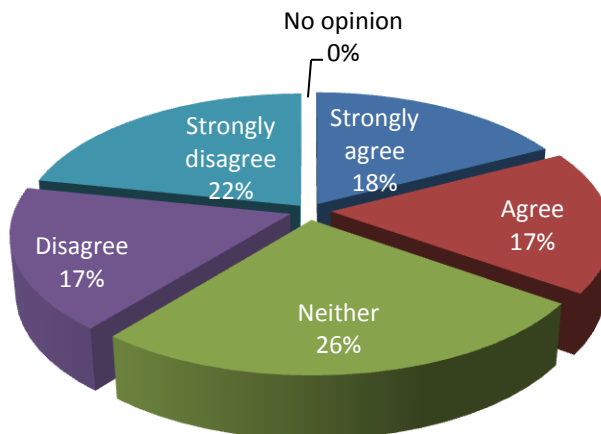
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	4
Agree	4
Neither	6
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
No opinion	0
Total	23

The Lounge answers



HOUSING

4. Additional housing limited to small inexpensive houses if green belt has to be used

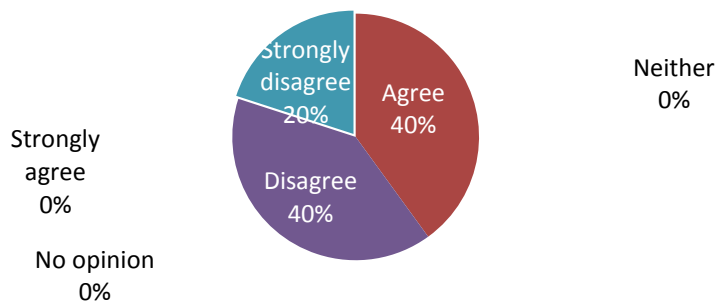
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (5)	0	2	0	2	1	
Lounge answers (23)	9	7	5	1	1	

Comment: 3 saying not on green belt. One saying housing should be appropriate to need. One saying this "very definitely"

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	0
Agree	2
Neither	0
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
Total	5

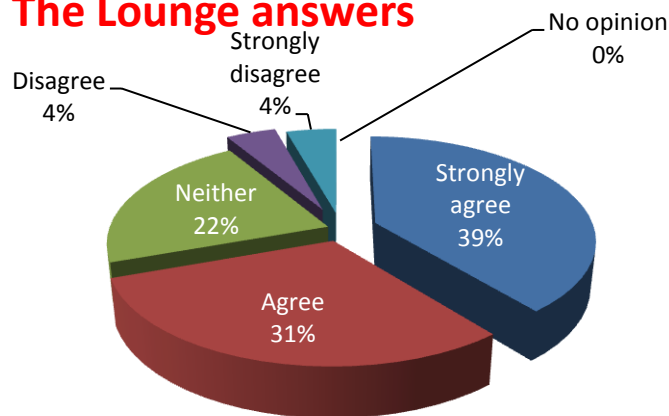
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	9
Agree	7
Neither	5
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	0
Total	23

The Lounge answers



Conclusion: Many people do not accept the premise that some green belt land may have to be released and just repeat that it should be preserved. Some do not realise we don't have brown field sites. However, there is some indication that limited development around settlements, especially Alvechurch, may be acceptable, especially for small houses. **The Lounge customers have a wide spread of views about housing, but many support building small houses.**

A separate comment is concerned that it is a done deal that Redditch will expand into the sites adjacent to the A441 in exchange for building the Bordesley bypass.

There is one separate comment saying that house building in Alvechurch is spoiling the traditional aura of the village, especially affordable housing and the people who live there. Another says the national housing shortage needs action.

Countryside environment

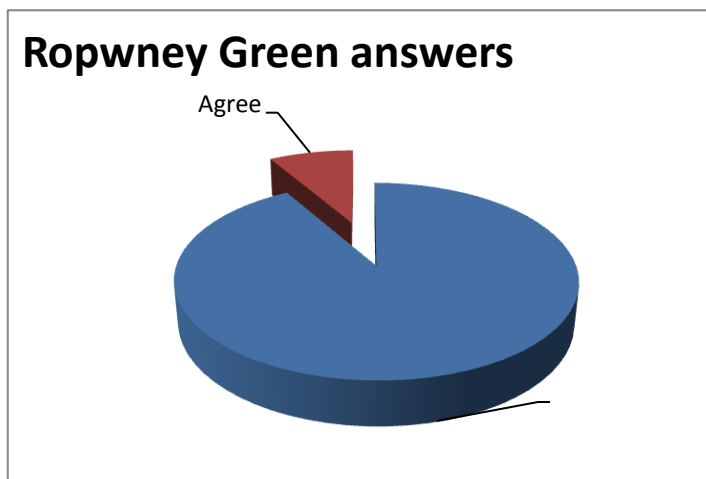
1. Environment should be managed in the best way for wildlife as well as people

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (12)	11	1				
Lounge answers (23)	12	10	1			

Comment: 2 emphasising the importance of habitat and ecology, 3 preserving the green belt (not the question!)

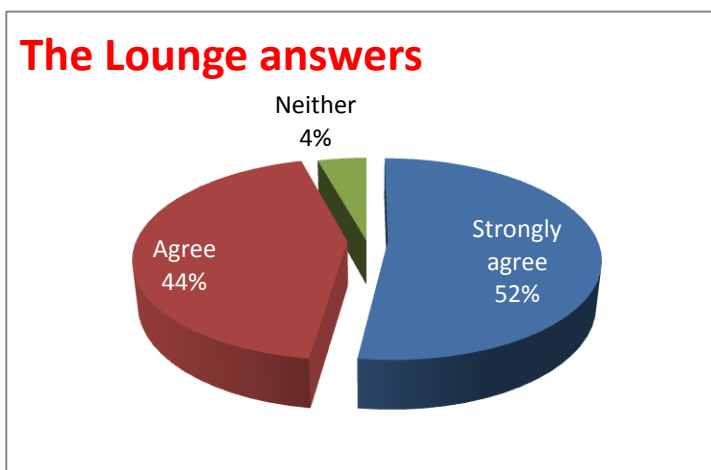
Rowney Green

Strongly agree	11
Agree	1
Neither	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	12



The Lounge

Strongly agree	12
Agree	10
Neither	1
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	23



Countryside environment

2. Improve public access to the countryside including for people with limited mobility

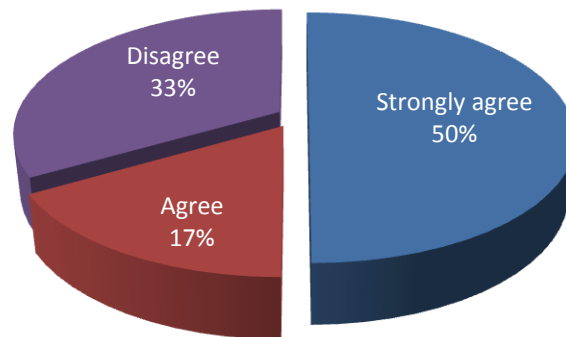
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (6)	3	1		2		
Lounge answers (23)	5	15	1	2		

Comment: one suggesting it would make wild countryside too country-park like. **One saying specific appropriate routes eg towpath**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	3
Agree	1
Neither	
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	6

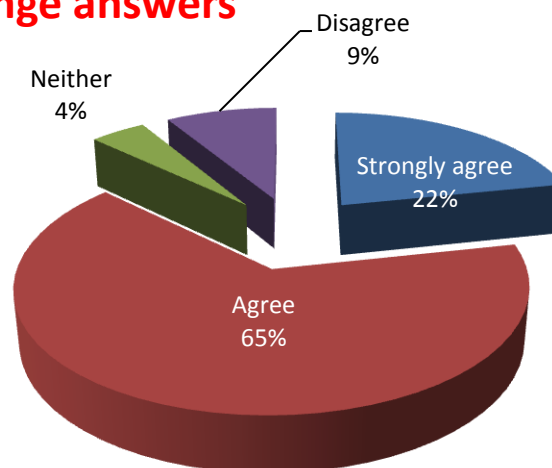
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	5
Agree	15
Neither	1
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	23

The Lounge answers



Countryside environment

3. We should use the countryside productively for farming, sport or tourism

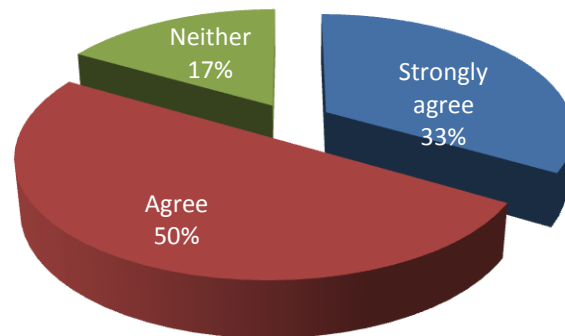
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (6)	2	3	1			
Lounge answers (23)	5	9	5	4		

Comment: 2 saying that proper development of land in a balanced way is important, one saying yes but not tourism. **One saying maintain current balance, one saying “definitely”**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	2
Agree	3
Neither	1
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	6

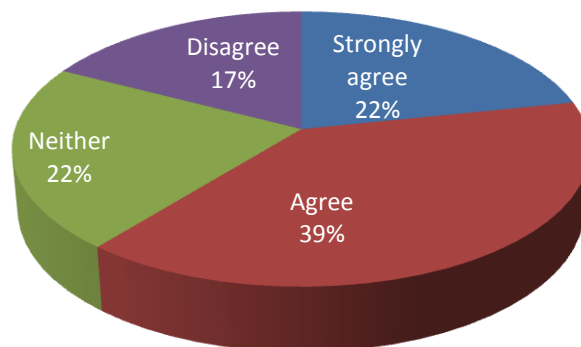
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	5
Agree	9
Neither	5
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	23

The Lounge answers



Countryside environment

4. More use of green and environmental technologies/ energy conservation

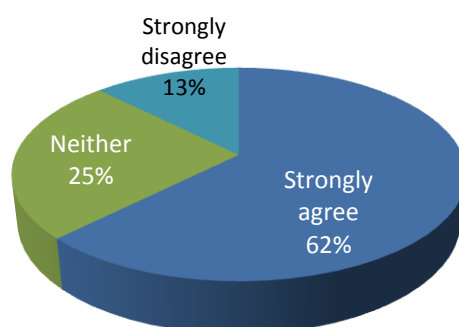
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (6)	5		2		1	
Lounge answers (23)	9	7	4	2		1

Comment: 3 emphasising the importance of this, one saying but solar panels contradict design statement. One saying yes but not wind or solar power! **One with reservations re scale**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	5
Agree	
Neither	2
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	1
No opinion	
Total	8

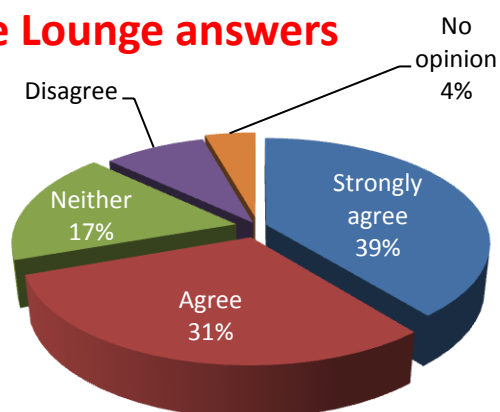
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	9
Agree	7
Neither	4
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	1
Total	23

The Lounge answers



Conclusion: There is overwhelming support for keeping the countryside wildlife-friendly, though some people confuse this with green belt. Generally people support farming and other appropriate use. There are mixed views on improving access to the countryside. Most people support more use of green technology and energy conservation, some very strongly.

The answers from the Lounge are more mixed, though more positive about disability access. Most support more use of green technology .and using the countryside productively.

Transport

1. Public transport needs improvement through better co-ordination of all transport methods

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (4)		4				
Lounge answers (23)	14	8	5	4		1

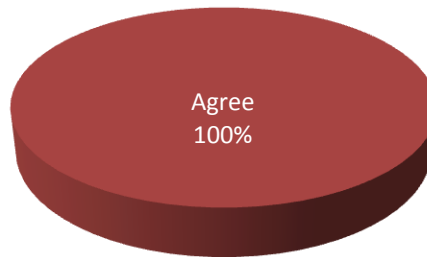
Comment: 8, 4 emphasising need to link bus with rail services. One saying already being addressed. Bus could be replaced by taxi firm offering more flexible service. More than one bus a day needed. Give priority to improving rail services. (some of these comments were in the wrong section) **One saying we don't need more, but better.**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	
Agree	4
Neither	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	4

Rowney Green answers

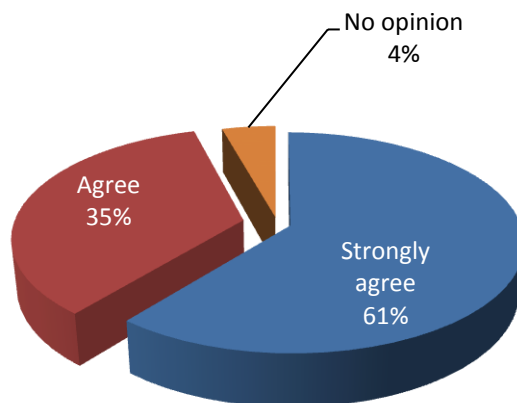
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The Lounge

Strongly agree	14
Agree	8
Neither	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	1
Total	23

The Lounge answers



Transport

2. Car parking in Alvechurch village centre needs review

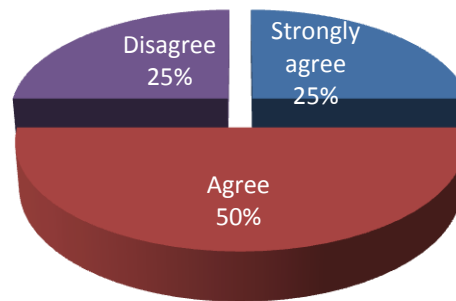
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (4)	1	2		1		
Lounge answers (23)	8	6	7	1		1

Comment: 3, saying restrictions need to be enforced, security improved, and another car park would help, one saying it works OK

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither	
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	4

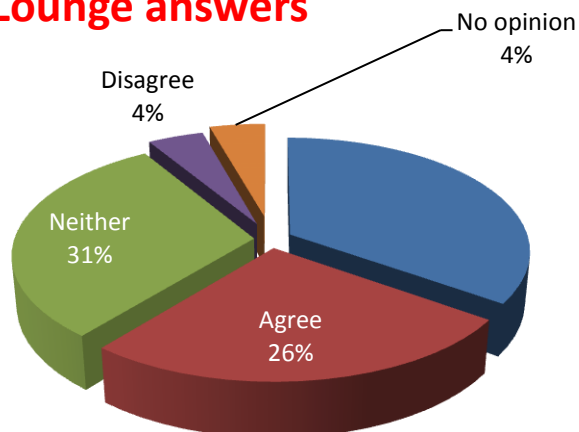
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	8
Agree	6
Neither	7
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	1
Total	23

The Lounge answers



Transport

3. More cycleways and footways between the settlements

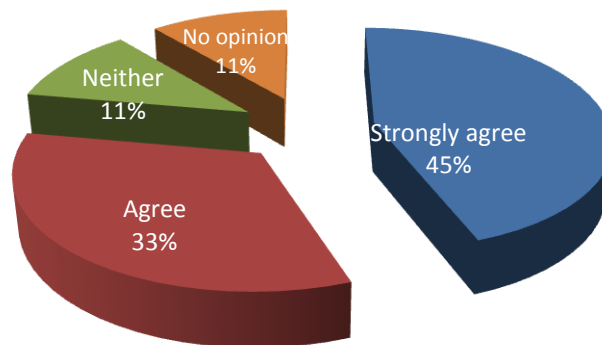
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (9)	4	3	1			1
Lounge answers (23)	6	12	4	1		

Comment: 2 saying cycling should be encouraged, 3 saying footpaths need improving

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	4
Agree	3
Neither	1
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	1
Total	9

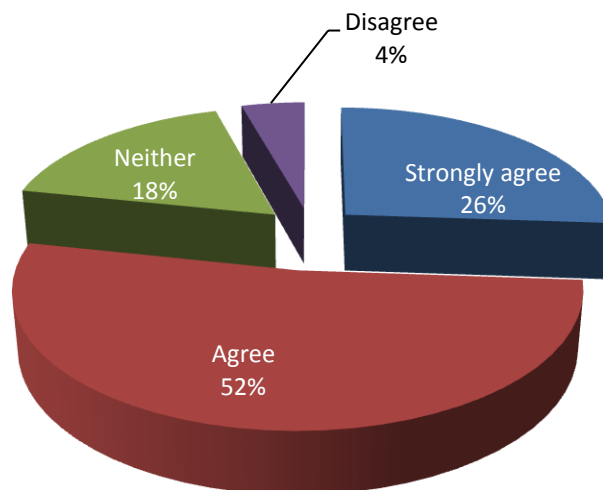
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	6
Agree	12
Neither	4
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	23

The Lounge answers



Transport

4. Traffic management across the parish needs improving

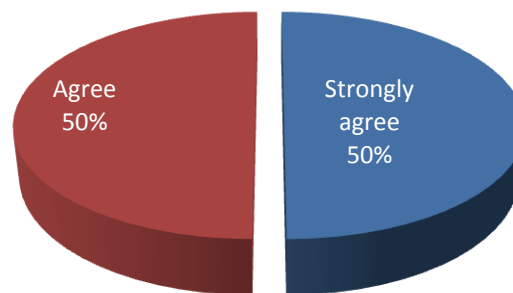
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Rowney Green answers (7)	2	2				
Lounge answers (23)	5	12	3	2		1

Comment: traffic calming needed in Rowney. Speed restrictions needed in Rowney and Grange Lane. Redditch Road needs to be slowed down and have better footpath. Stop HGV using Holloway. One saying difficult to see how. (Some comments in this section have been moved to (1) above as they are about public transport.) **One: not to improve, but we still need a plan**

Rowney Green

Strongly agree	2
Agree	2
Neither	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	
Total	4

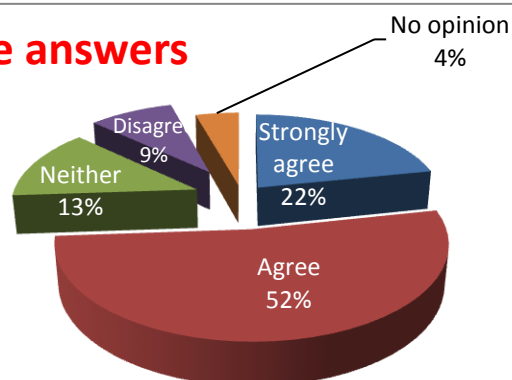
Rowney Green answers



The Lounge

Strongly agree	5
Agree	12
Neither	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	
No opinion	1
Total	23

The Lounge answers



Conclusion: There is some confusion about what traffic management means, but people are concerned about speeding both through Rowney and on the main road. There is strong support for improving public transport: more than the one daily bus and better connections with the train service. Generally better footpaths and support for cyclists are supported. Car parking in Alvechurch is not a big issue but there is some comment about bad enforcement of existing restrictions. **The Lounge answers were quite spread but most agreed with the improvements suggested, except possibly the car park review.**

There is one separate comment about the state of verges round the village, especially Lower Rowney Green, Gravel Pit Lane, making it difficult to walk around the lanes.