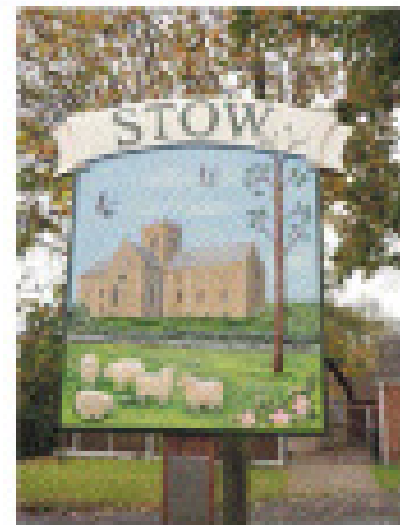
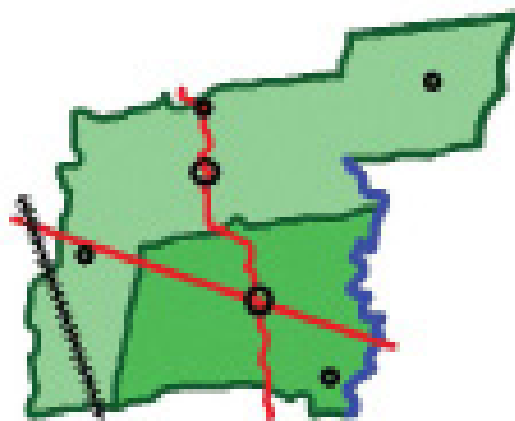


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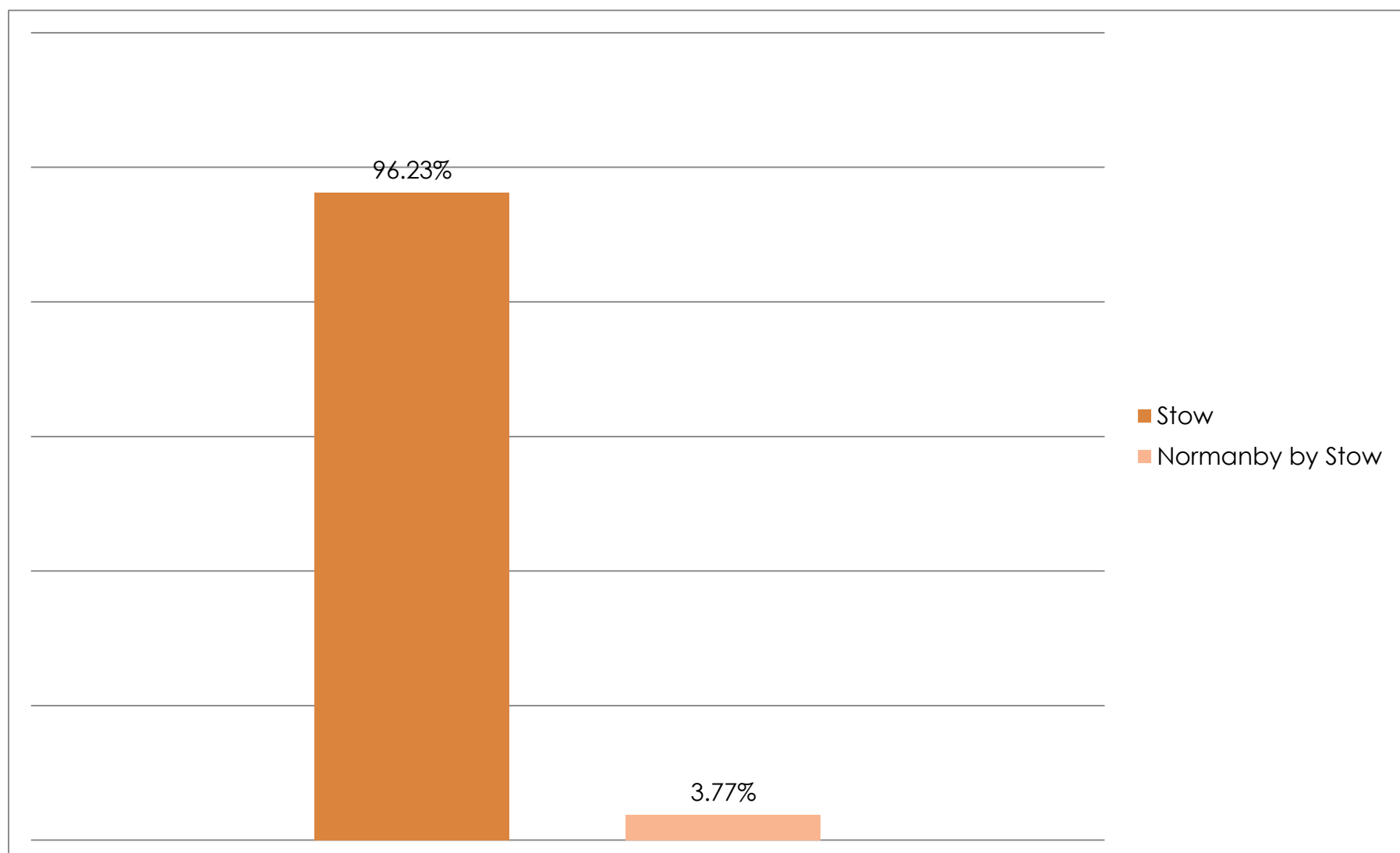
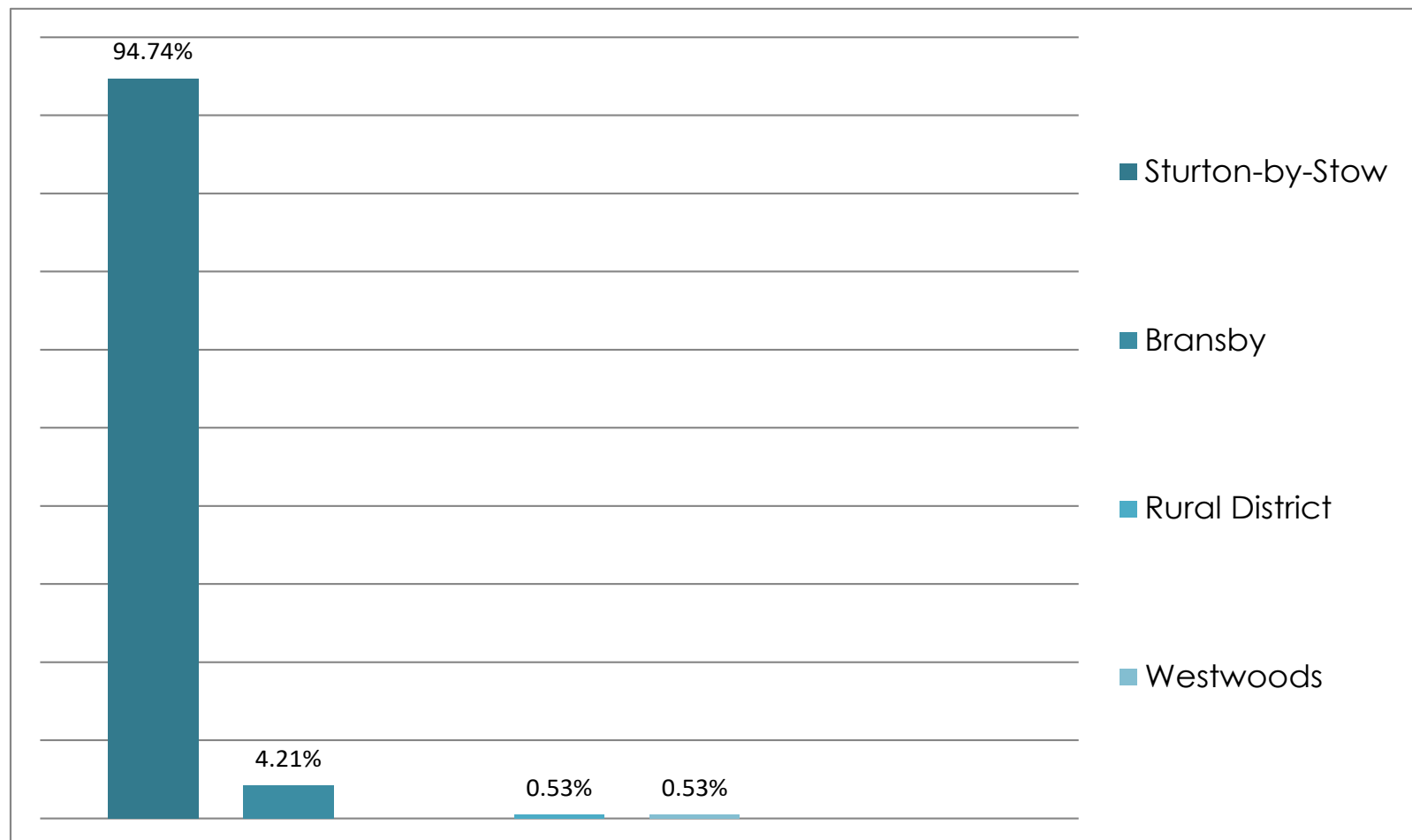


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Question 1.

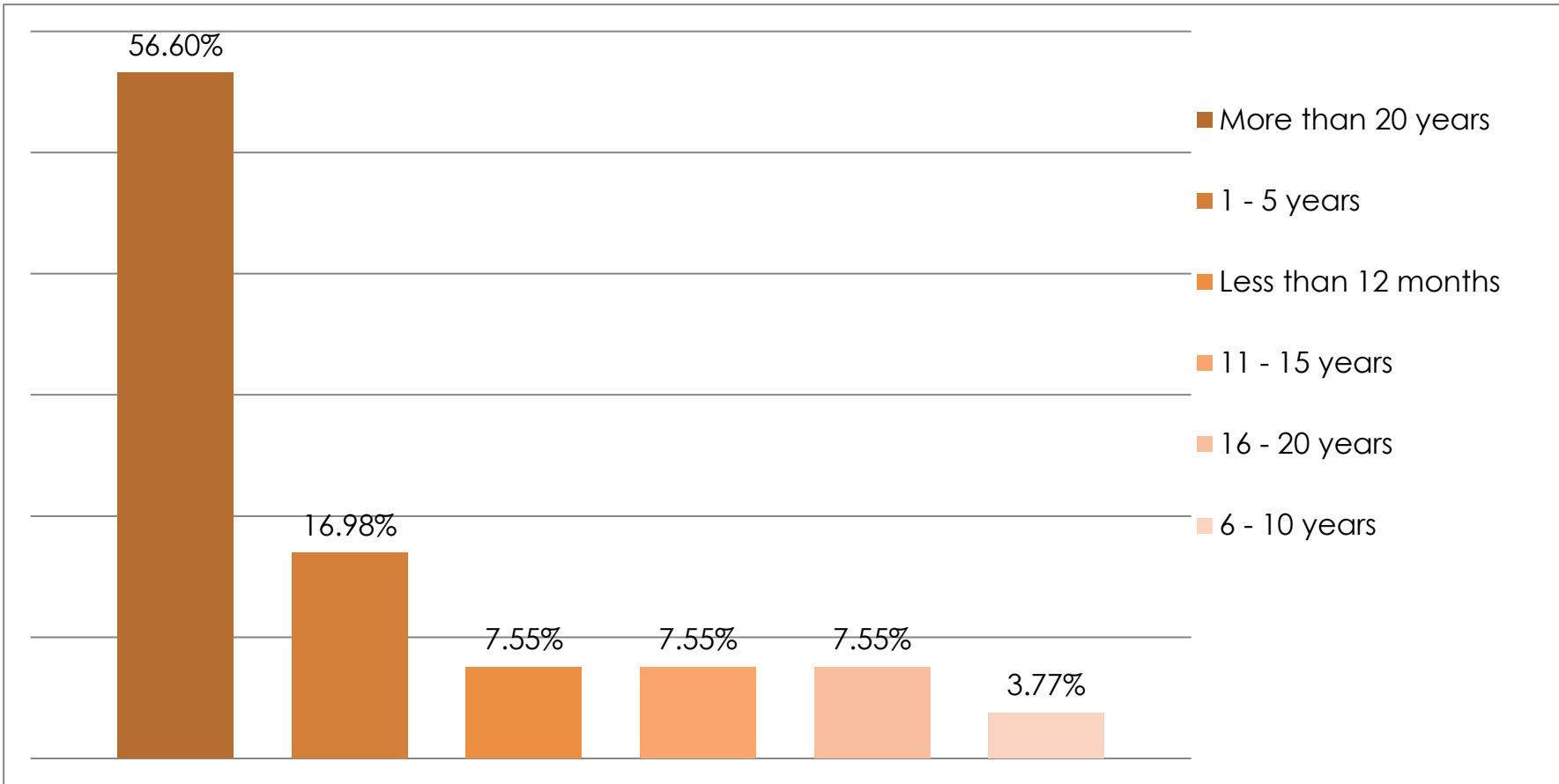
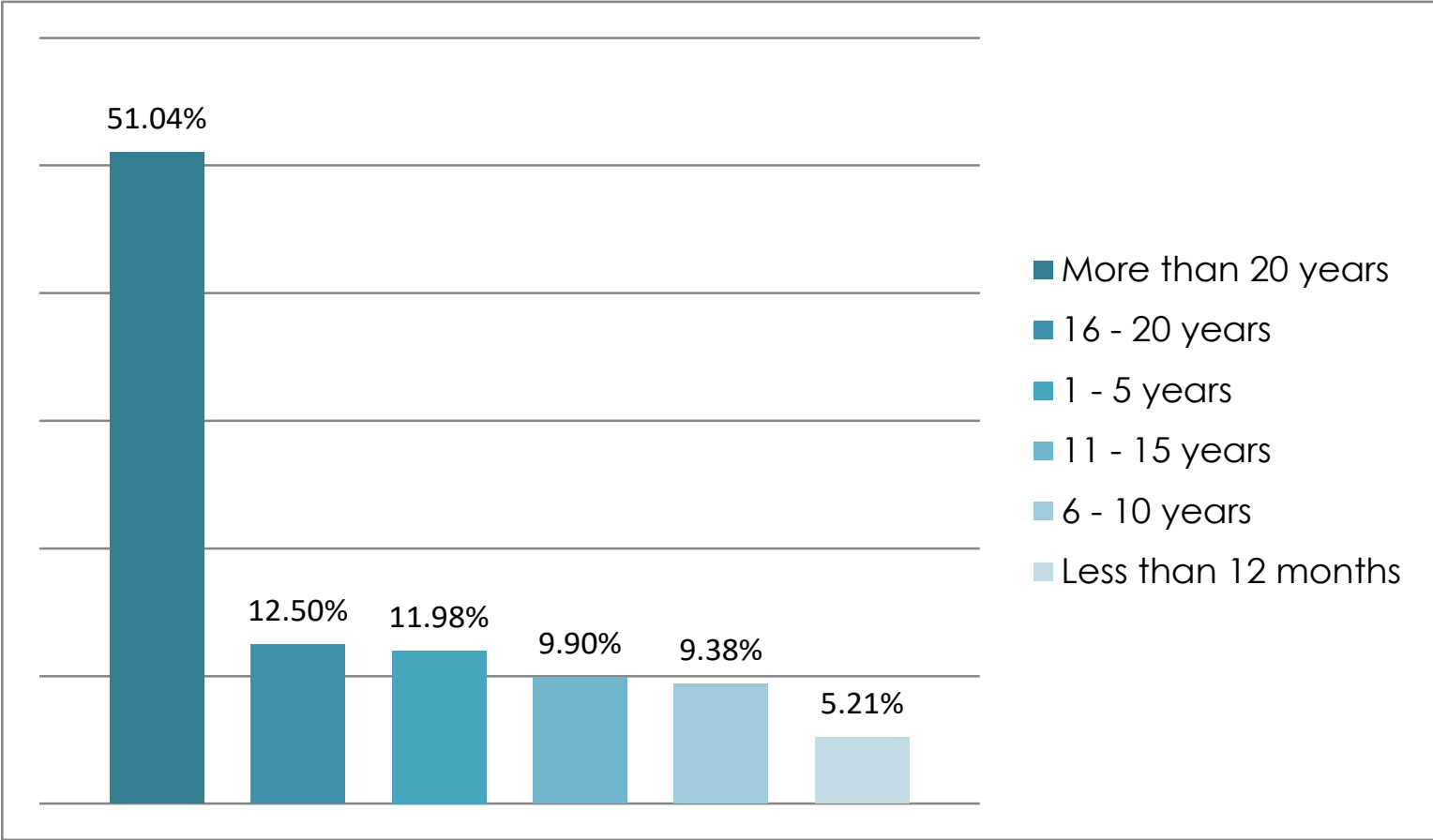
As this questionnaire covers two parishes including a number of settlements, please indicate where you live:



The charts show respondents to the questionnaire live in Sturton by Stow, Rural District and Westwoods. Stow and Normanby by Stow. No responses were received from residents in Coates or Stow Park.

Question 2.

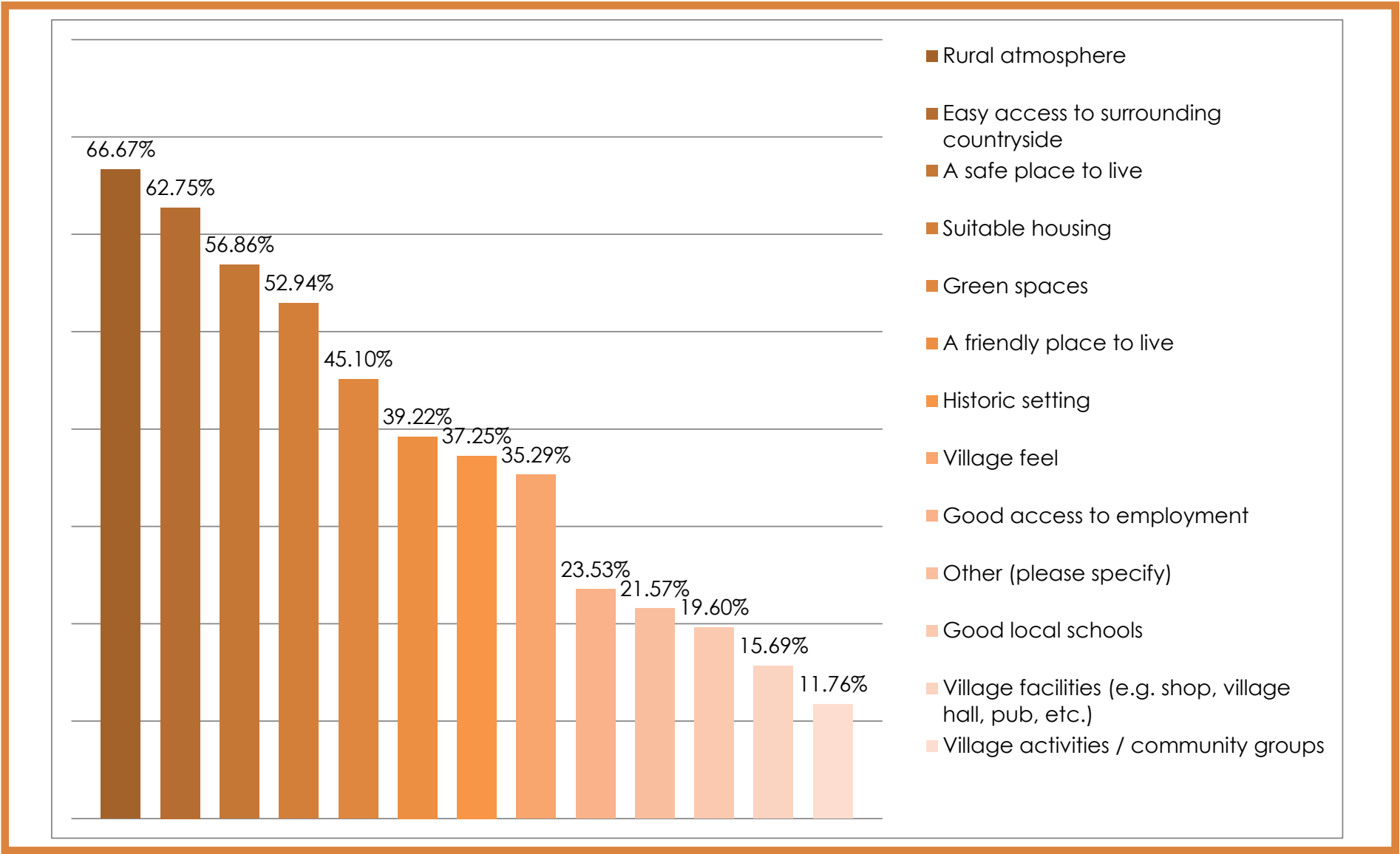
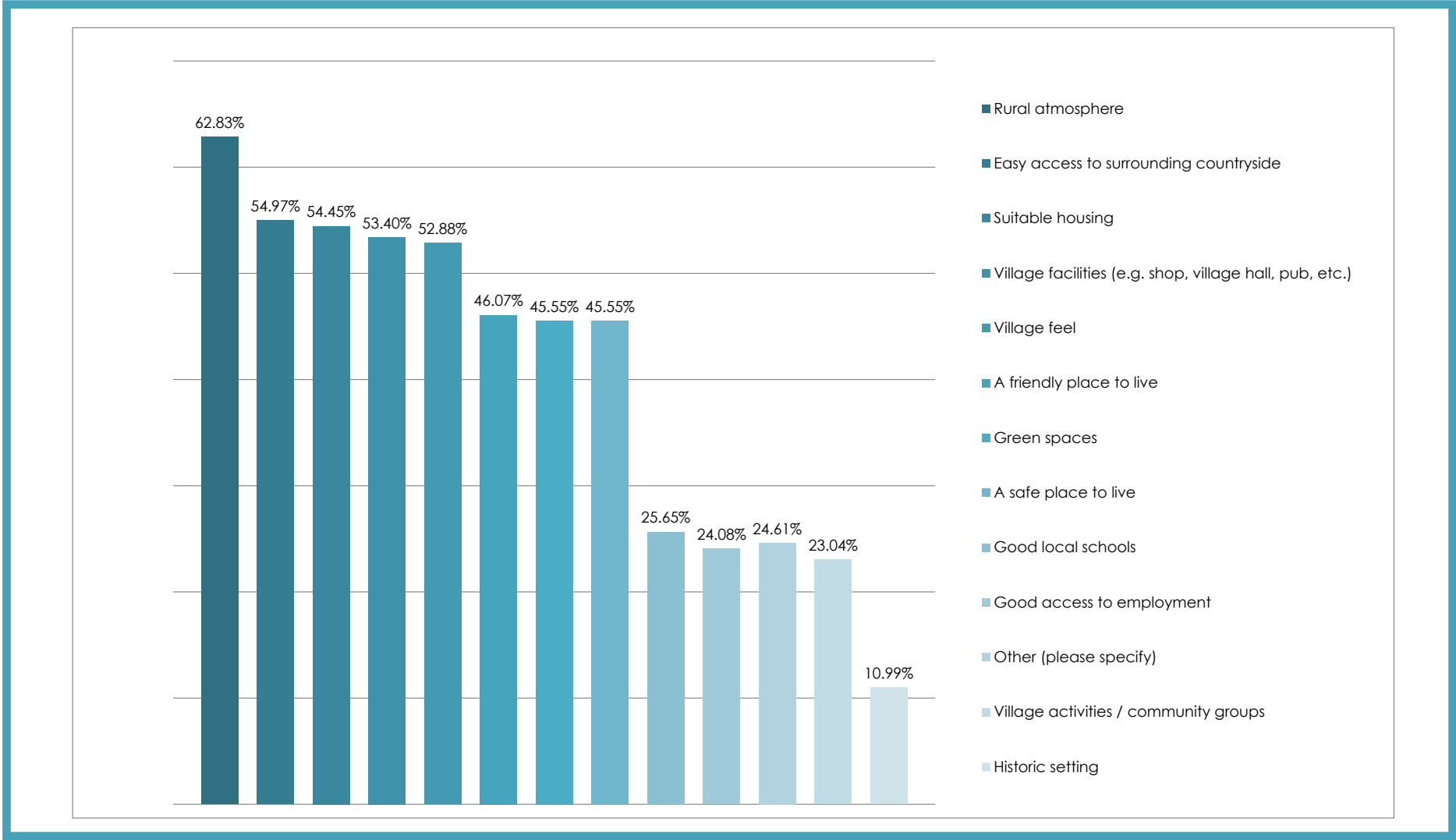
How long have you lived in your parish?



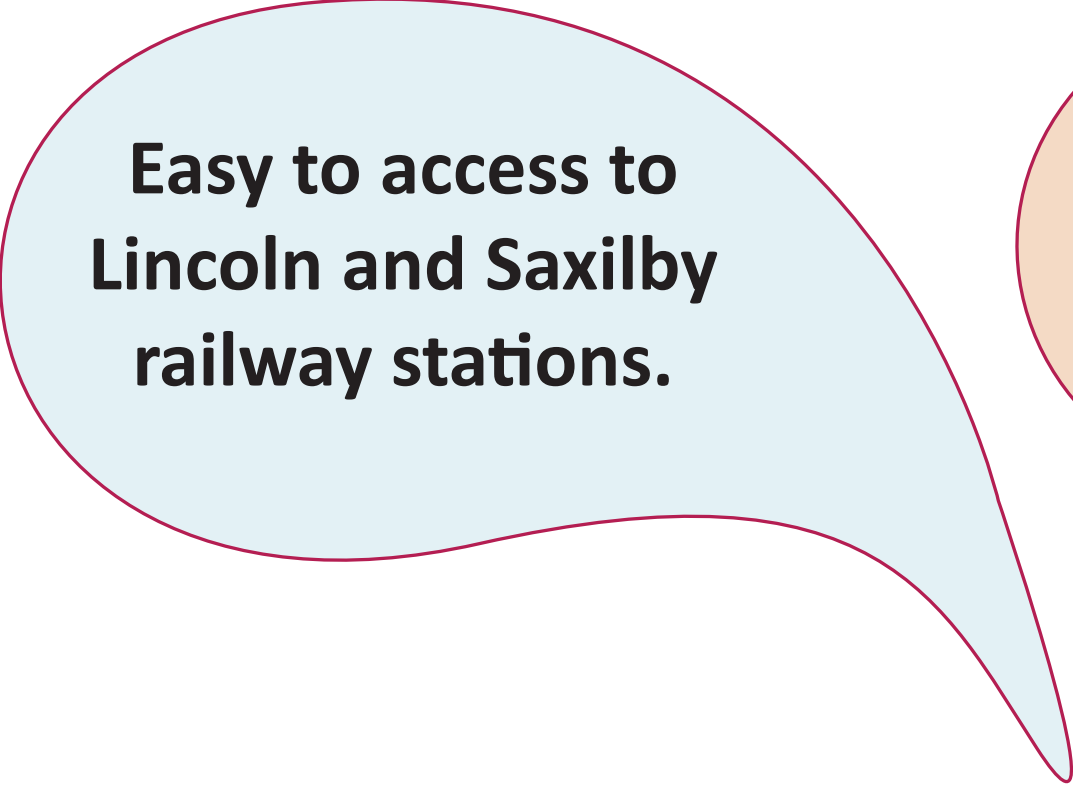
Both charts show that over 50% of respondents have lived in their parish for more than 20 years.

Question 3.

Which of the following attracted you to live in your parish?




Respondents place ‘Rural atmosphere’ and ‘Easy access to surrounding countryside’ in both Sturton by Stow and Stow, as the most popular reasons for living in the parishes.



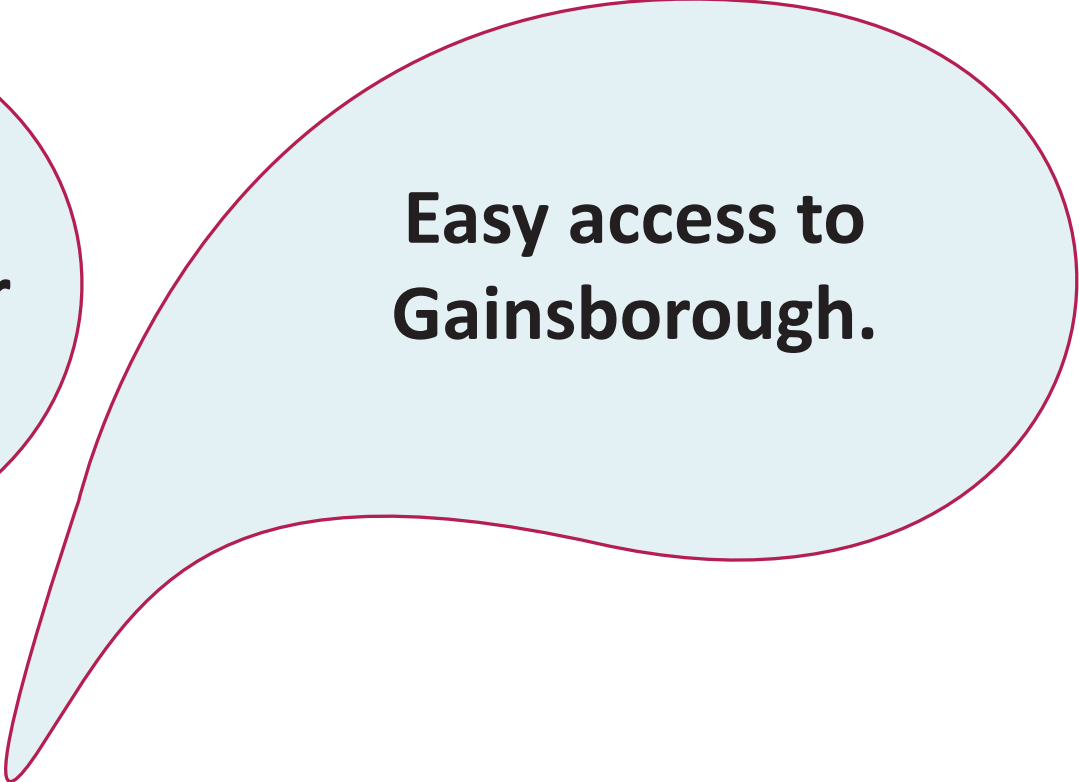
**Easy to access to
Lincoln and Saxilby
railway stations.**



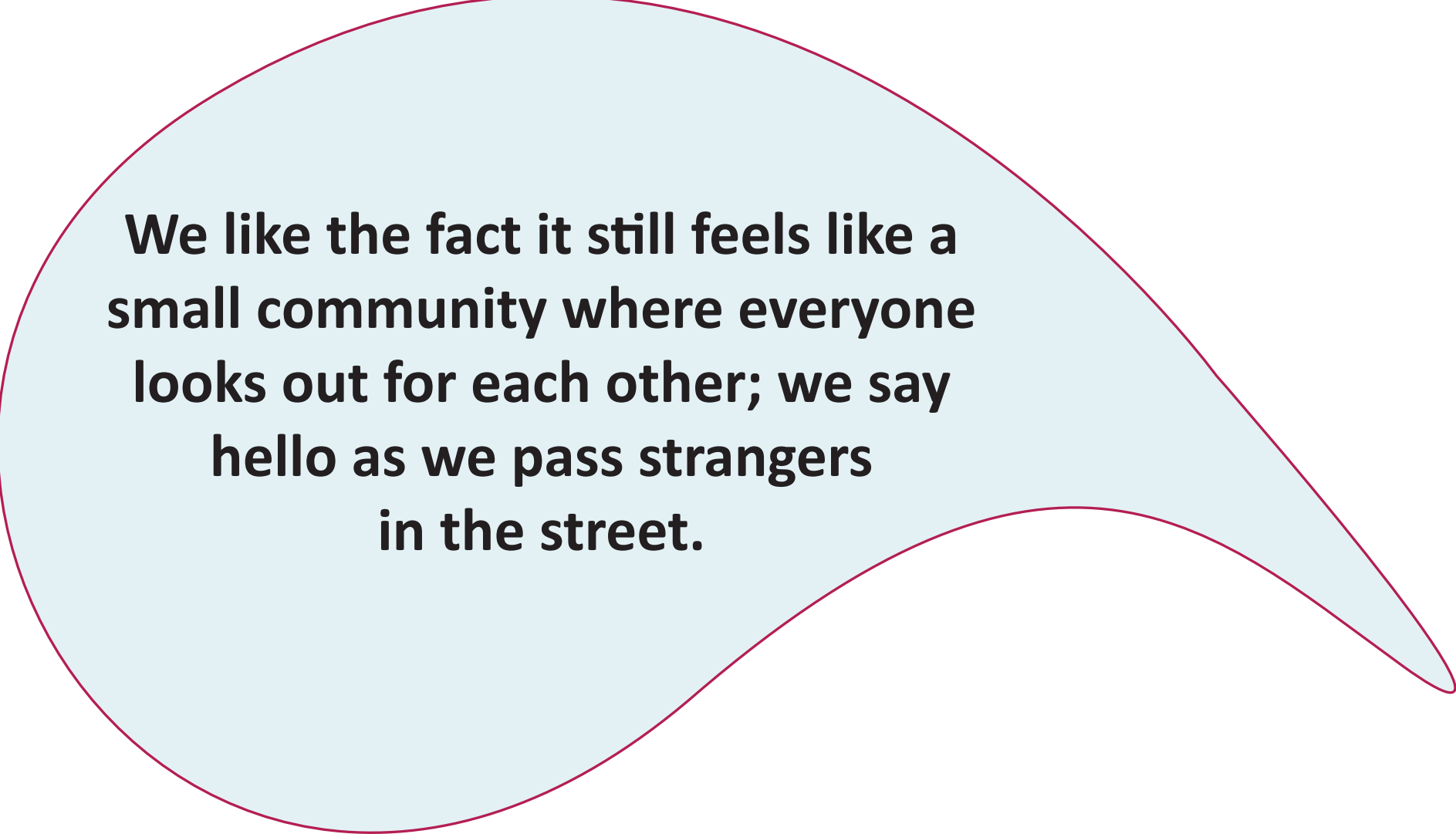
**Bus route,
Post Office.**



**Family connections
in the village for over
100 years.**



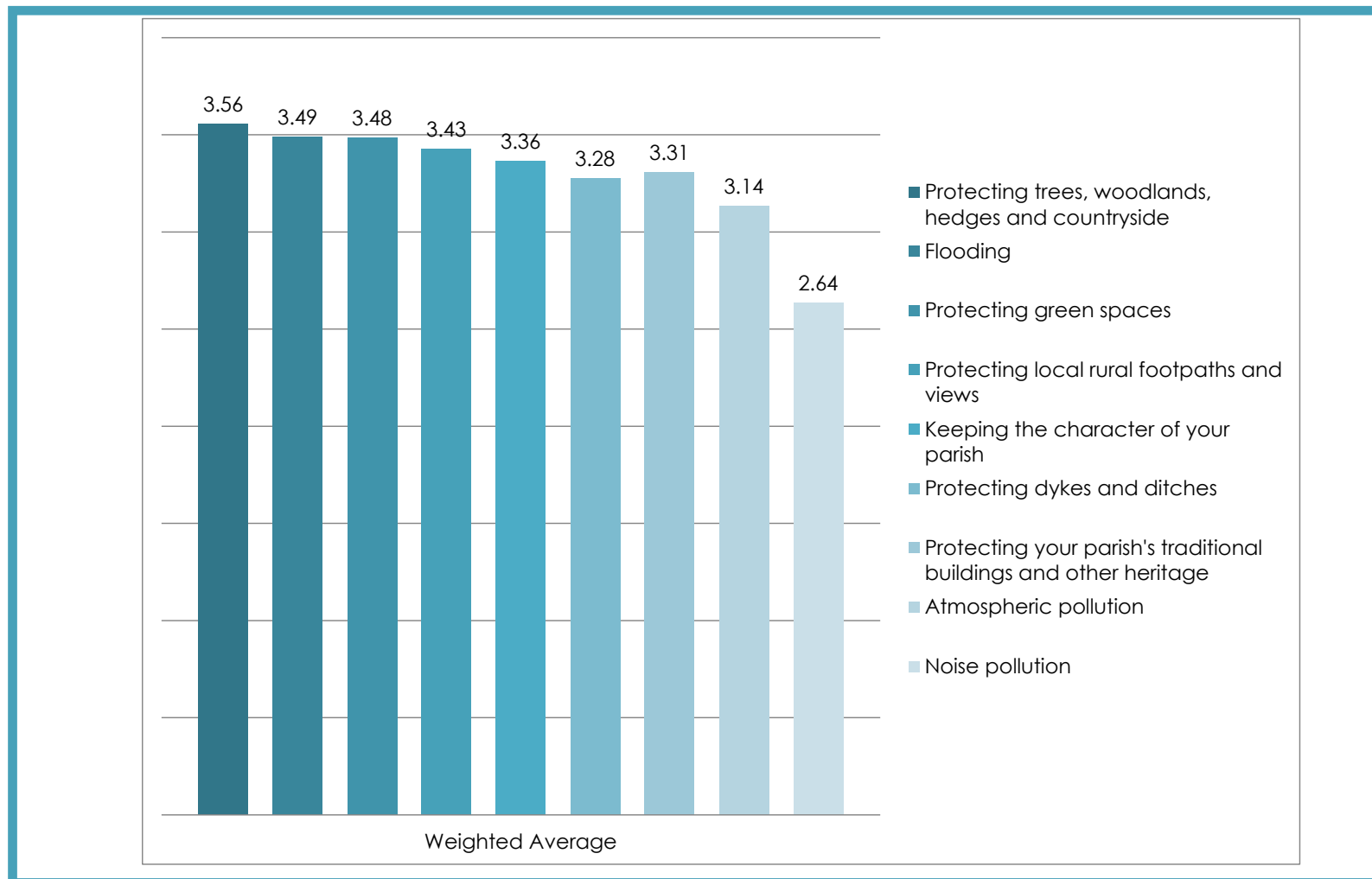
**Easy access to
Gainsborough.**



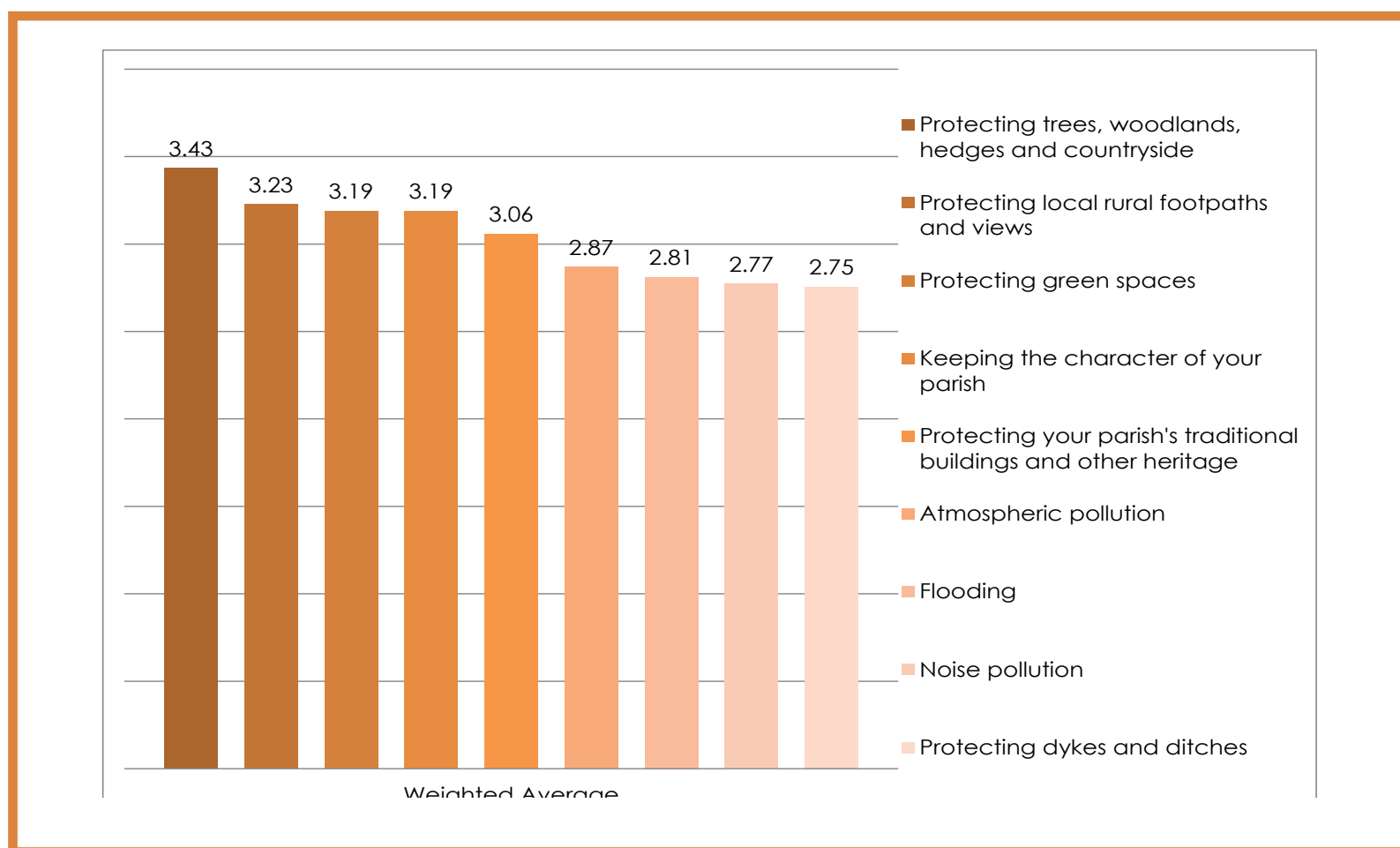
**We like the fact it still feels like a
small community where everyone
looks out for each other; we say
hello as we pass strangers
in the street.**

Question 4.

When considering the local environment how important to you are the following?



The 'protection of trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside' are characteristics of Sturton by Stow that respondents view as most important. 'Flooding' is also seen as an important issue.



In Stow, respondents place high importance the protection of trees, woodlands, hedges and the countryside.

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very Important = 4, Important = 3, Not Important = 2, No Opinion = 1

**Develop Jubilee Wood
by planting shrubs and
plants for birds to feed
off in winter.**

**Reducing wire-scape
(i.e. putting cables
underground).**

**Adequate
sewerage system.**

**Littering cleanliness -
litter, dog fouling,
fly tipping, speeding.**

Question 6.

What was the main cause of the flooding?

Drainage
At times the drain can't cope with the volume of water and it stands on the road.
Drainage on horses home, resulting in surface water running onto road and downhill to various properties, water overwhelms the road drains and accumulates at the lowest points.
Lots of rain and opening flood gates. Also drains blocked.
Surface water.
The drains are not big enough along Fleet Lane.
Development
Development in a flood area.
Run off from farm yards within village, ditches over flowing. Little regard to infrastructure by local planning when granting permission for new buildings.
Dykes and Ditches
Dykes being piped and filled in incorrectly restricting the flow of surface water. Size of pip to parish drain totally inadequate. dykes not maintained adequately.
Excess rain and unsupervised dykes.
Heavy rain and lack of ditch clearing.
Land and dykes unable to absorb melting snow.
The pipes and dykes in and around the village are not maintained so water is impeded.
Sewerage
Due to the presence of human excrement in the flood water it was assumed that the Fleets Road sewage transfer pumps were incapable of pumping the combined surface water and sewage under storm conditions from the two villages.
Sewerage backing up and flooding my garden.
General
Alluvial flooding from river Till together with no flood defence.
Flash flood.
Flooded to save Lincoln.
Heavy rainfall.
High rainfall.
Intense Rainfall over a long period.
Too much rain!

Drainage
Blocked drains.
Underground pipes not suitable from east to west of village and dyke taking this water westerly away from village is not maintained.
Housing development in the village on greenfield eradicated land ability to absorb rain, leading to flooding around the area regularly with little rainfall.
Development
Inadequate drainage. Excess development.
A new estate was built on higher ground and there was insufficient drainage which was never resolved.
Too much water! In both the cases I would suggest that too many impermeable surfaces have been constructed in the local area, thus increasing runoff. I would not attribute the cause to global warming or burst water mains.
Dykes and Ditches
Heavy and prolonged rain causing the River Till to over top its banks.
Heavy rain, poor maintenance of dykes and drains, block paving on drains
As above.
Poor flood barriers.

Reasons for flooding in each parish can be seen above. The full list from Sturton by Stow can be seen on the table sheets below.

Question 8.

Residents have voiced concerns about the speed of traffic and dangerous junctions. Please identify your 3 main concerns:

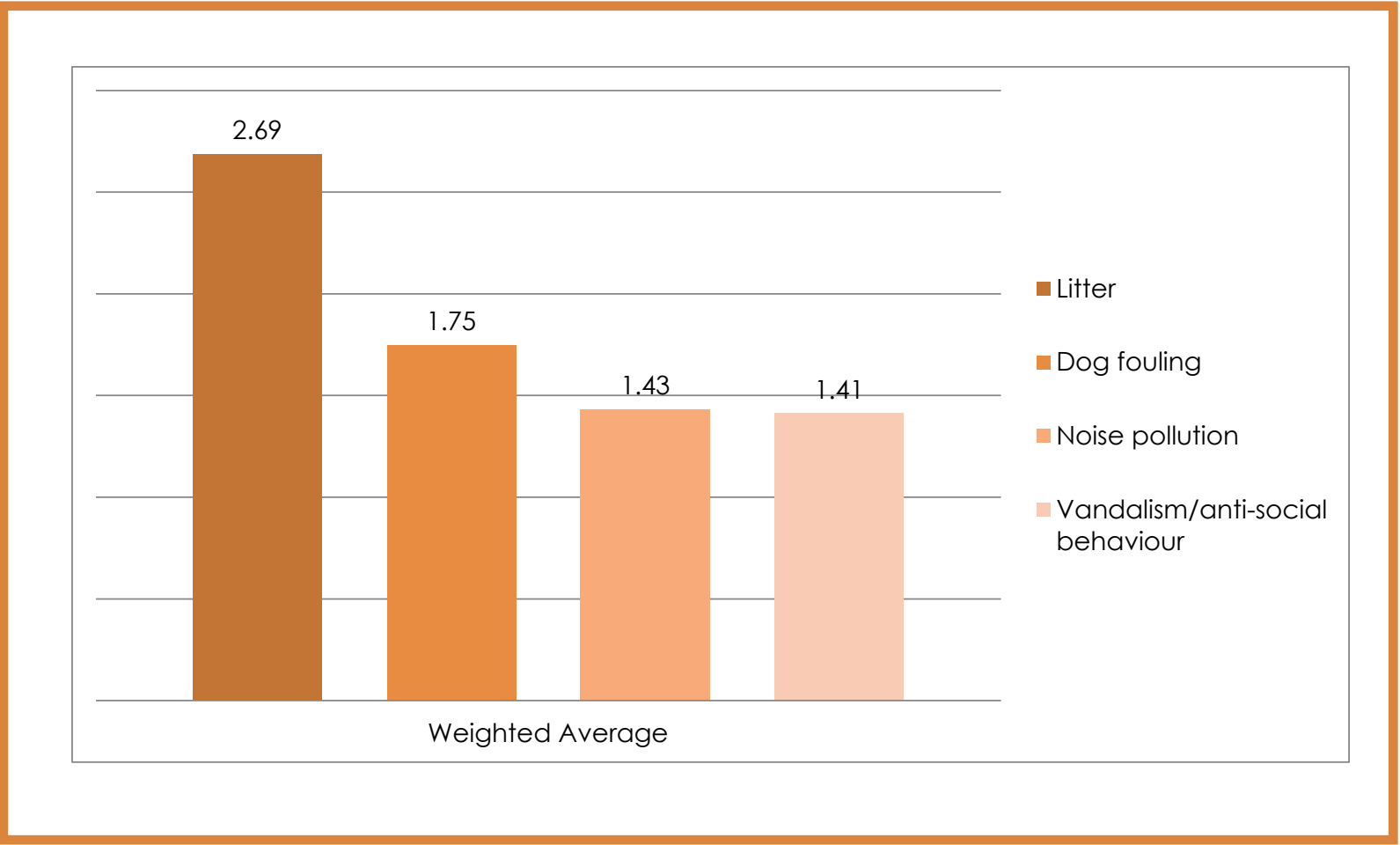
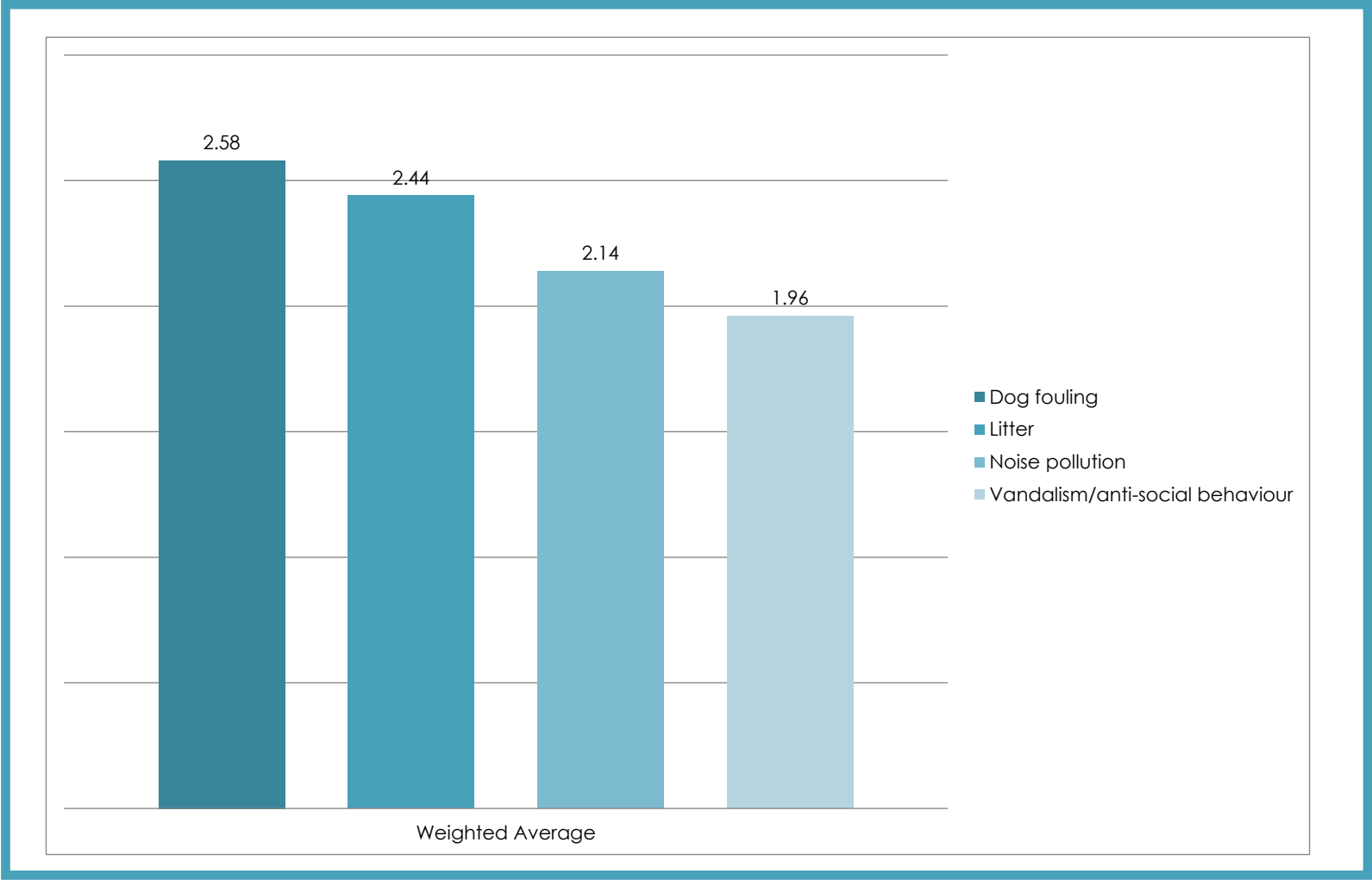
Concern 1
Speed of traffic on High Street particularly where pavement is so narrow around junction with Fleets Road.
Saxilby Road to Tillbridge Lane.
Too many cars park on High Street.
I consider the junctions around the shop dangerous with the parking there.
Speed down all roads leading to the village.
Junction Saxilby Road onto Tillbridge Lane.
Crossing the road from pub to shop increasingly more dangerous.
Parking outside village shop.
Traffic going dangerously fast through Normanby.
Junction not adequate for the size of lorries turning into Westwood.
Parking on highway at night without lights sometimes facing the wrong way.
Concern 2
Parking outside the village shop in relation to proximity to junction between Saxilby Road and Tillbridge Lane.
Near the school during drop off and pick up times.
No safe parking for school traffic.
Pedestrian crossing needed at the crossing of Tillbridge and Marton Road.
Speed on Tillbridge Lane.
30mph speed limit being ignored.
Getting out of the High Street to Marton Road.
No passing place if meeting a large lorry.
Parking on footpath.
High Street too narrow.
Concern 3
Speed of through traffic on Tillbridge Lane.
Parking on the High Street.
Please slow down farm vehicles on High Street.
Some excessive speed through village.
Not enough space to park at the village hall.

Concern 1
Junction of the A1500 and B1241 in Sturton and B1241 entering Sturton from Stow direction (Stow Road).
Stow bends Normanby.
Ingham Road.
Exceeding 30 mph through village.
Observing/keep to 30 mph speed limit.
Staggered junction and vehicles parked outside the village shop - poor visibility, etc.
Ingham Road, Stow.
Stow cross roads in village centre.
Church Road.
Concern 2
Junction of Church Road and Normanby Road. Hedges on bend too high.
Normanby Road
Turning right into Church Road in Stow when approached from Willingham and Stow bends.
Concern 3
Saxilby Road.
Traffic speeding on slow bends, cutting corners, etc.
Cross Keys junction, Stow Park Road and Church Road.

The full list from Sturton by Stow can be seen on the table sheets below.

Question 7.

Do you consider that any of the following are issues within your parish?



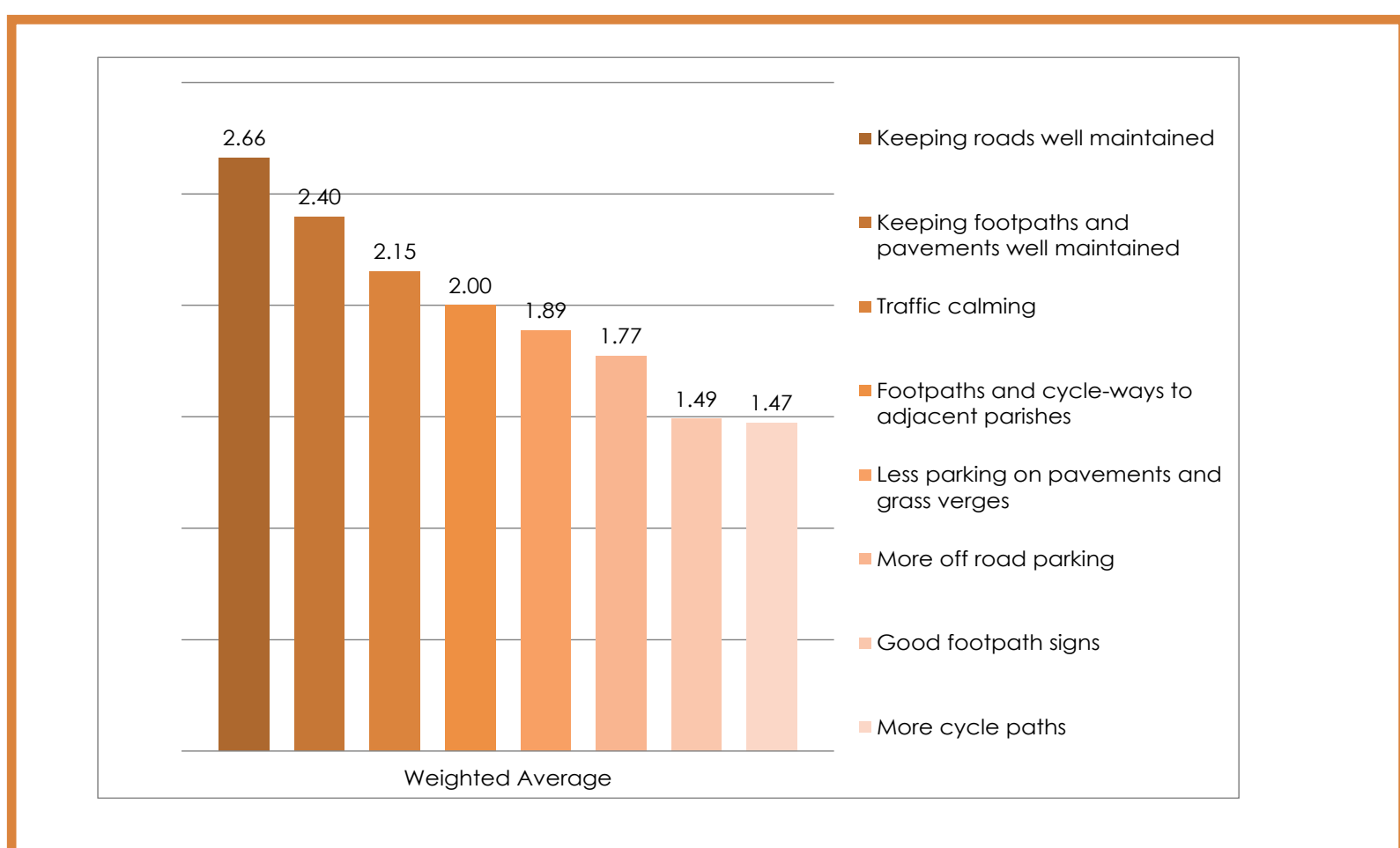
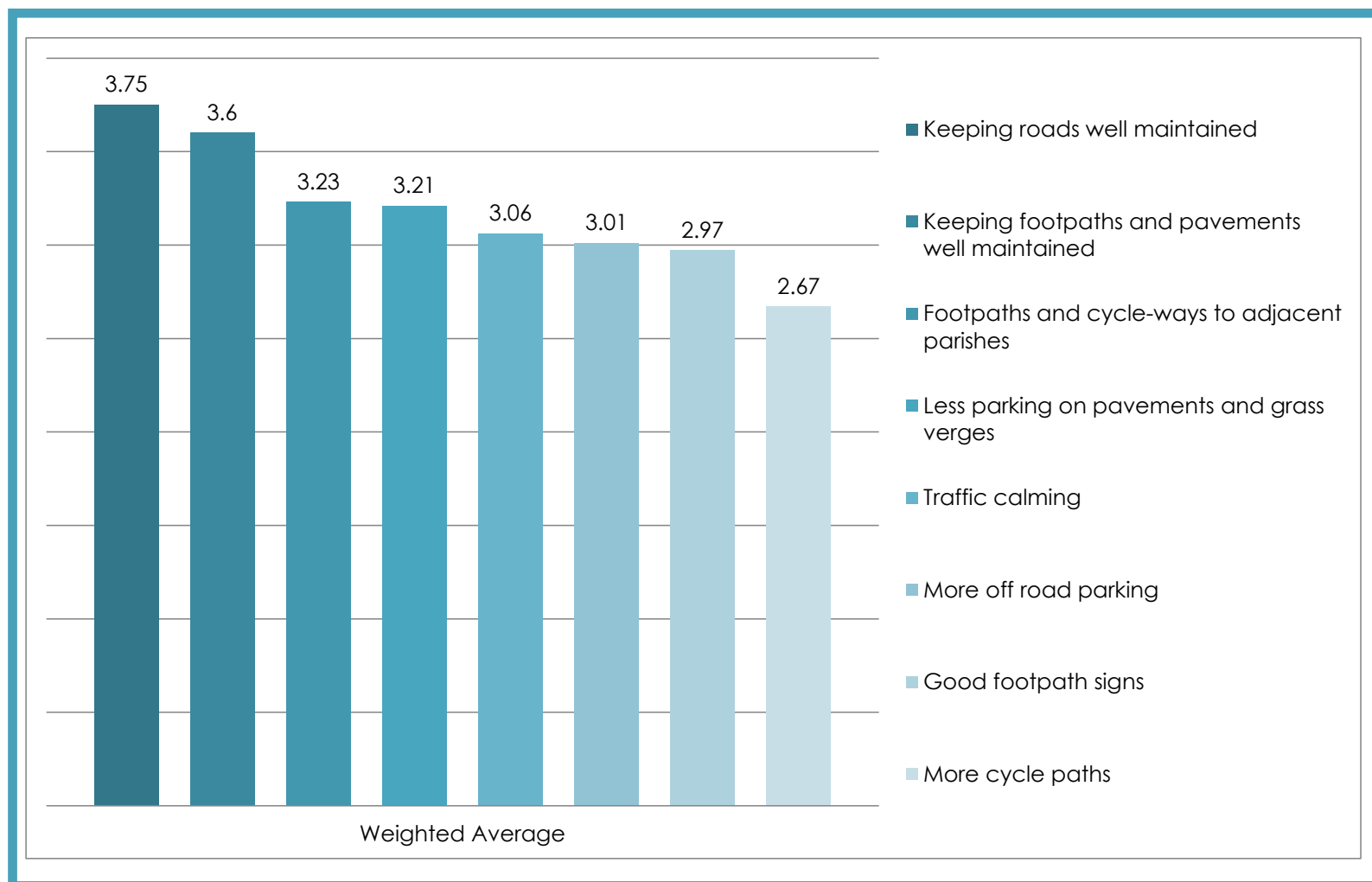
‘Dog fouling’ and ‘Litter’ were identified as the most important issues in both parishes.

When asked to list other issues, comments from respondents can be seen on the sheets on this table below.

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Yes = 3, No = 2, don't know = 1

Question 9.

How important are the following to you?



In both parishes respondents have indicated that 'Keeping roads, footpaths and pavements well maintained are of high importance.

Weighted Average
(of those expressing a preference)

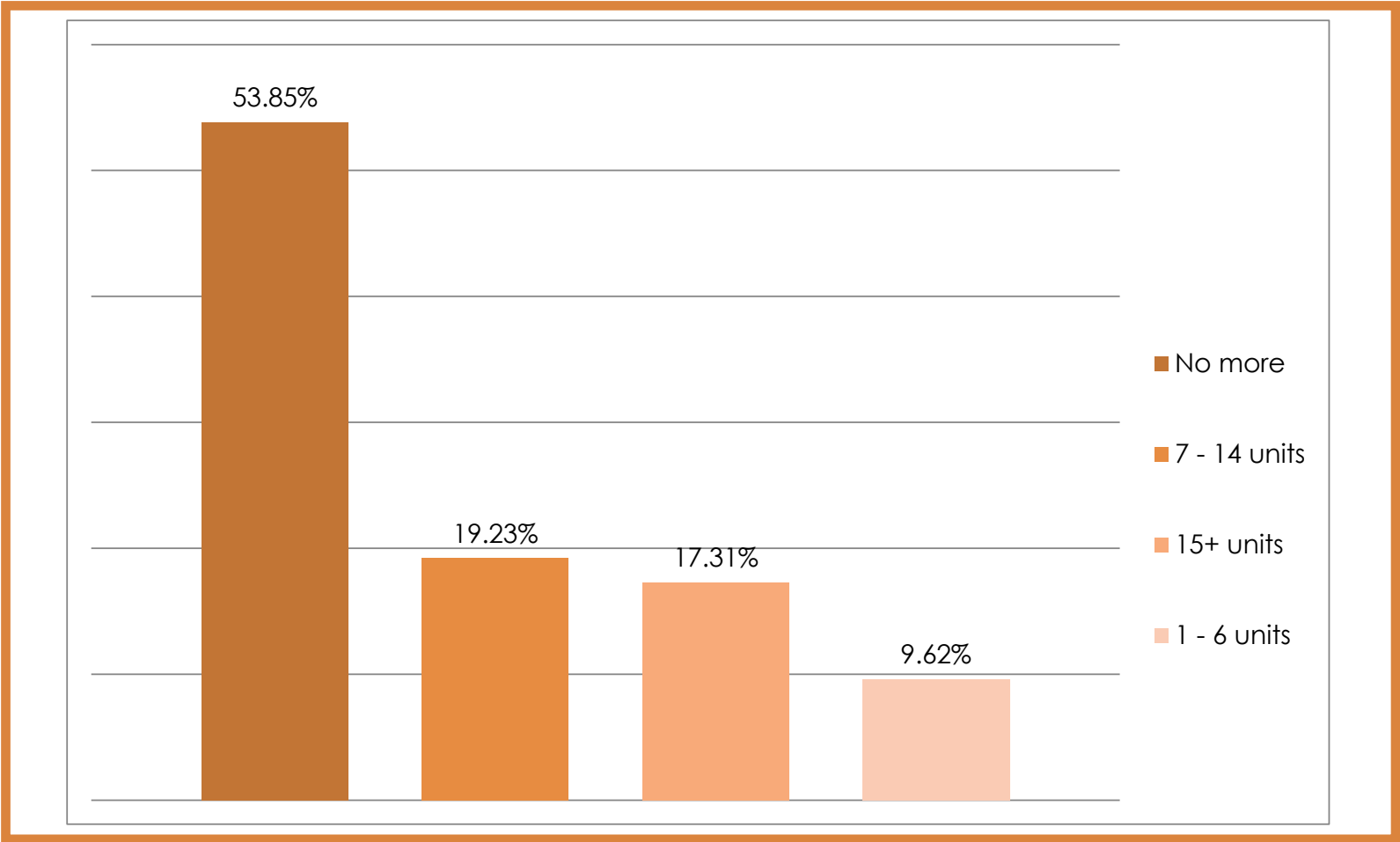
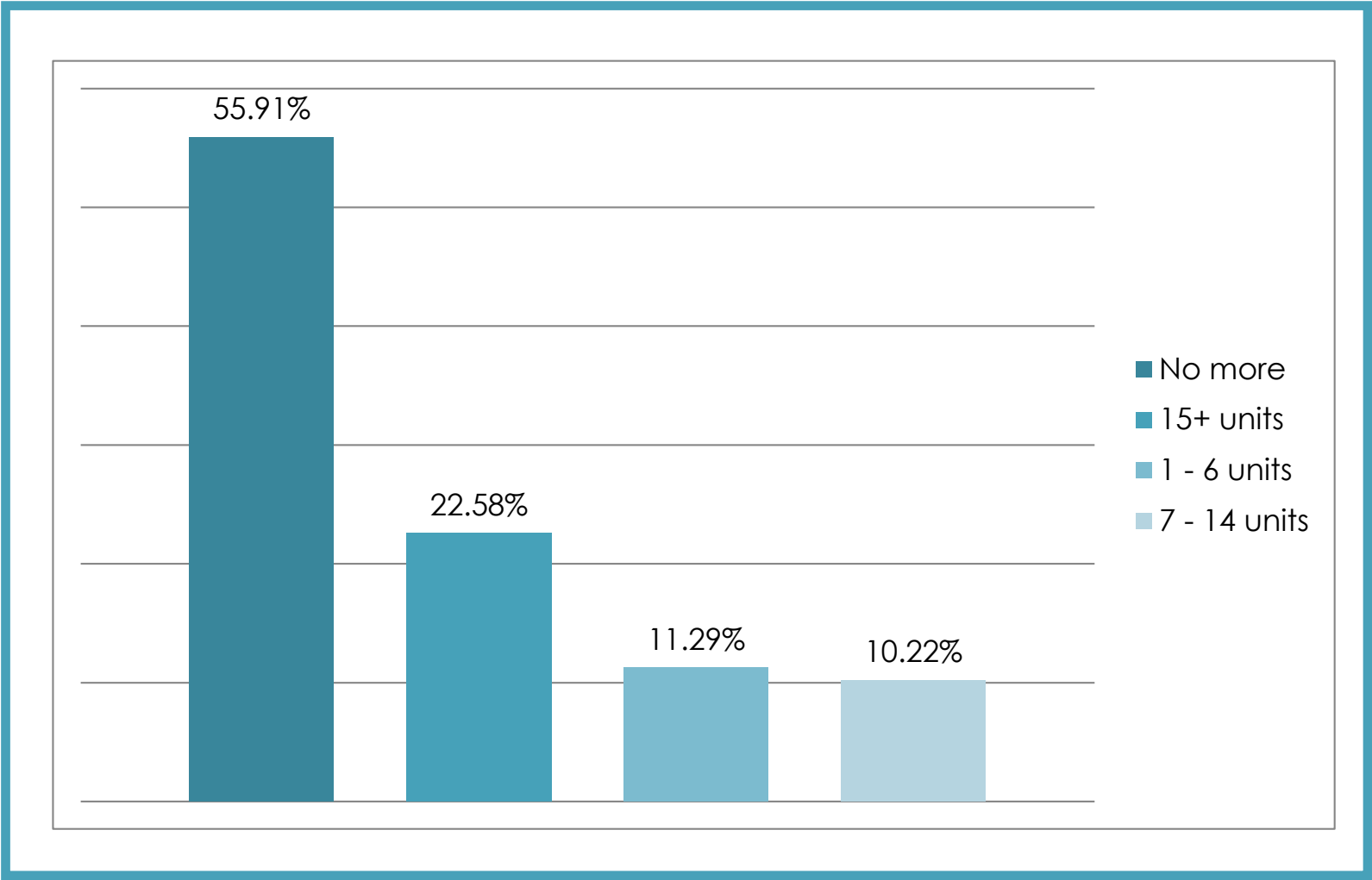
Weighting Factors - Very important = 4, Important = 3,
Not important = 2, No opinion = 1

Question 10.

In the Central Lincolnshire Plan 2016 - 2036, the advised housing growth in the parish of Sturton by Stow is 15% (97 houses); in Stow this is 10% (17 houses).

Our Plan cannot request less housing growth than this.

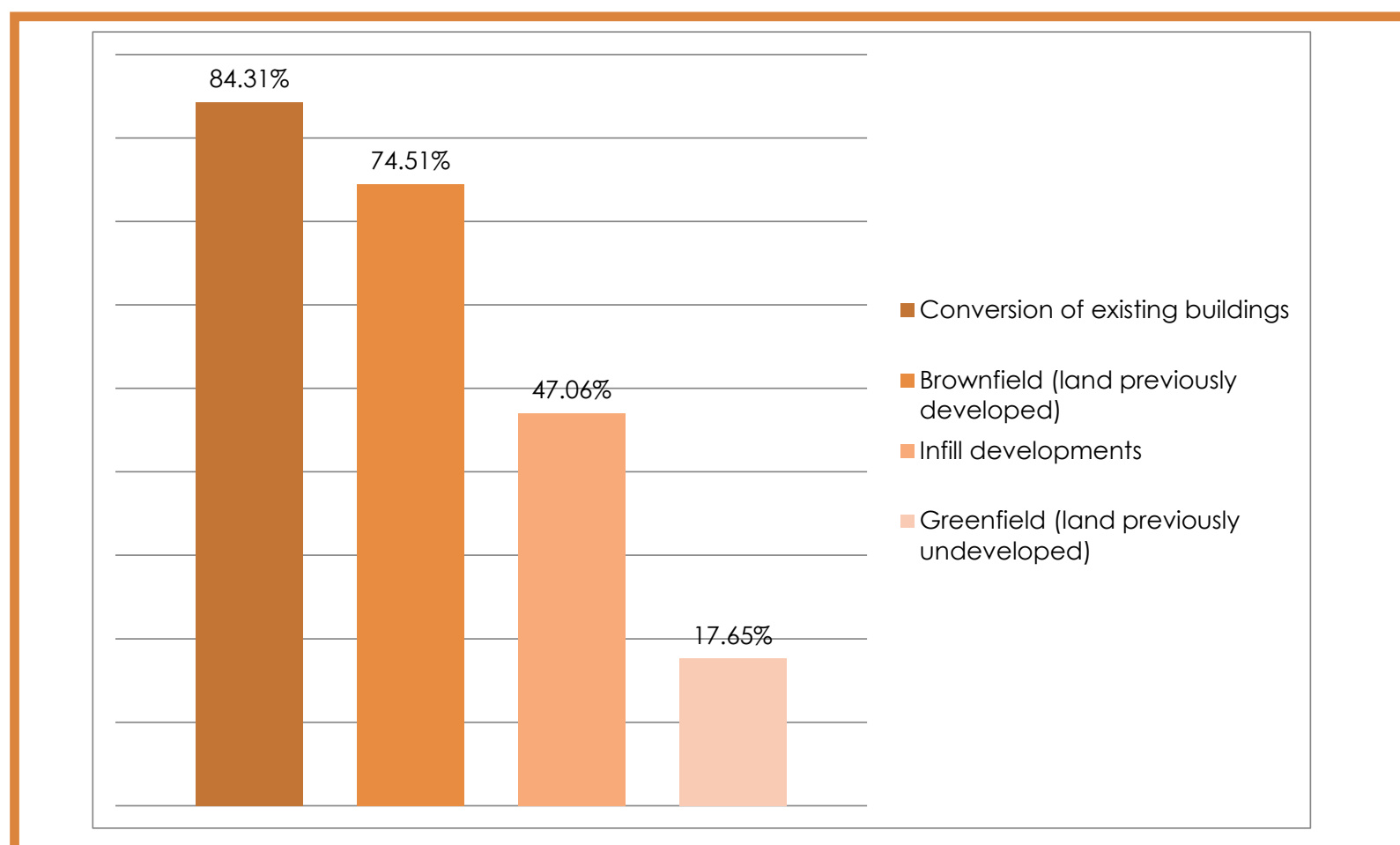
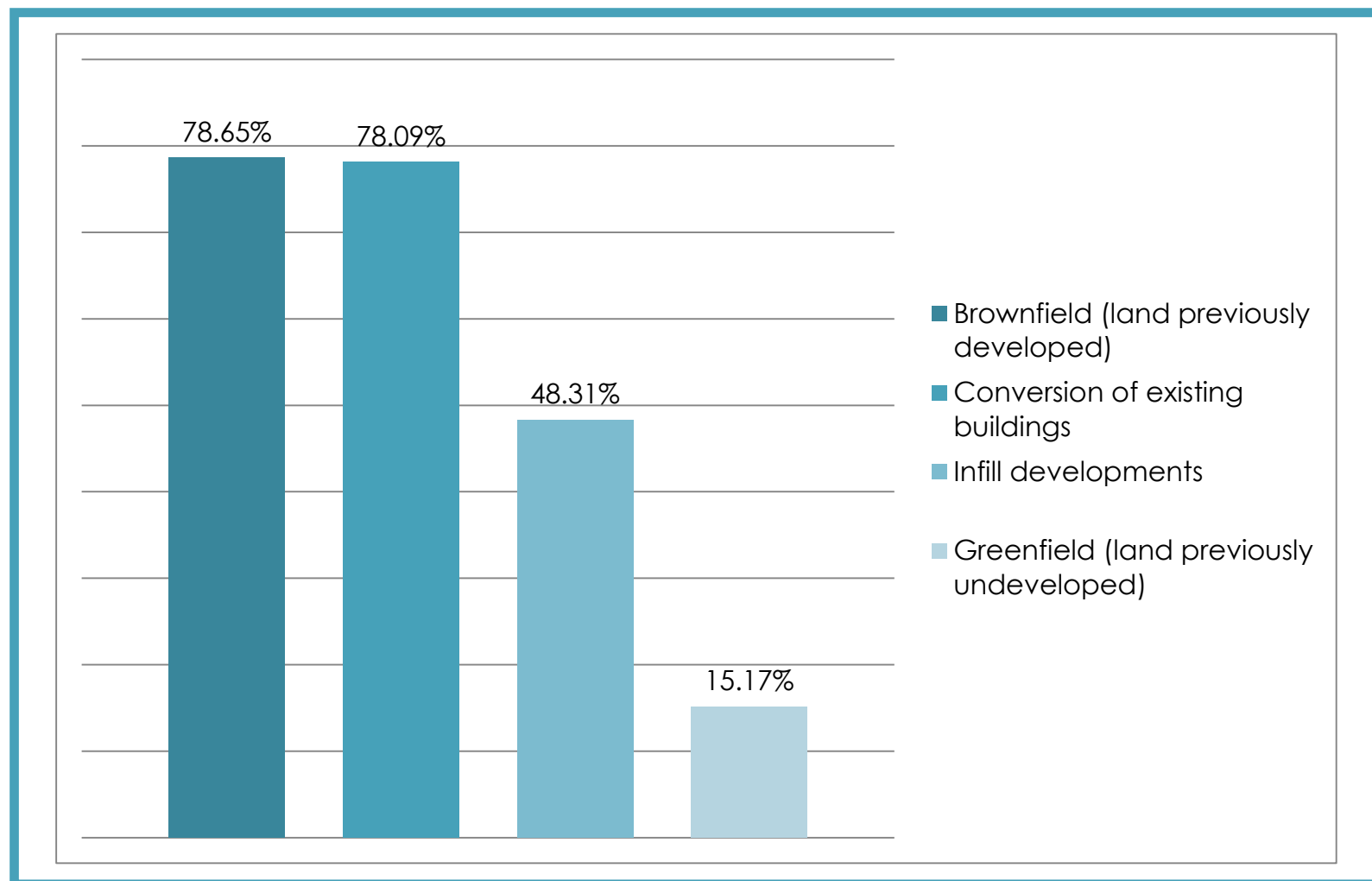
If you feel more housing could be accommodated, how many would you be happy with?



The majority of respondents from both parishes do not wish to see more than the recommended housing growth indicated in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. Sturton by Stow, 55.91%. Stow, 53.85%

Question 11.

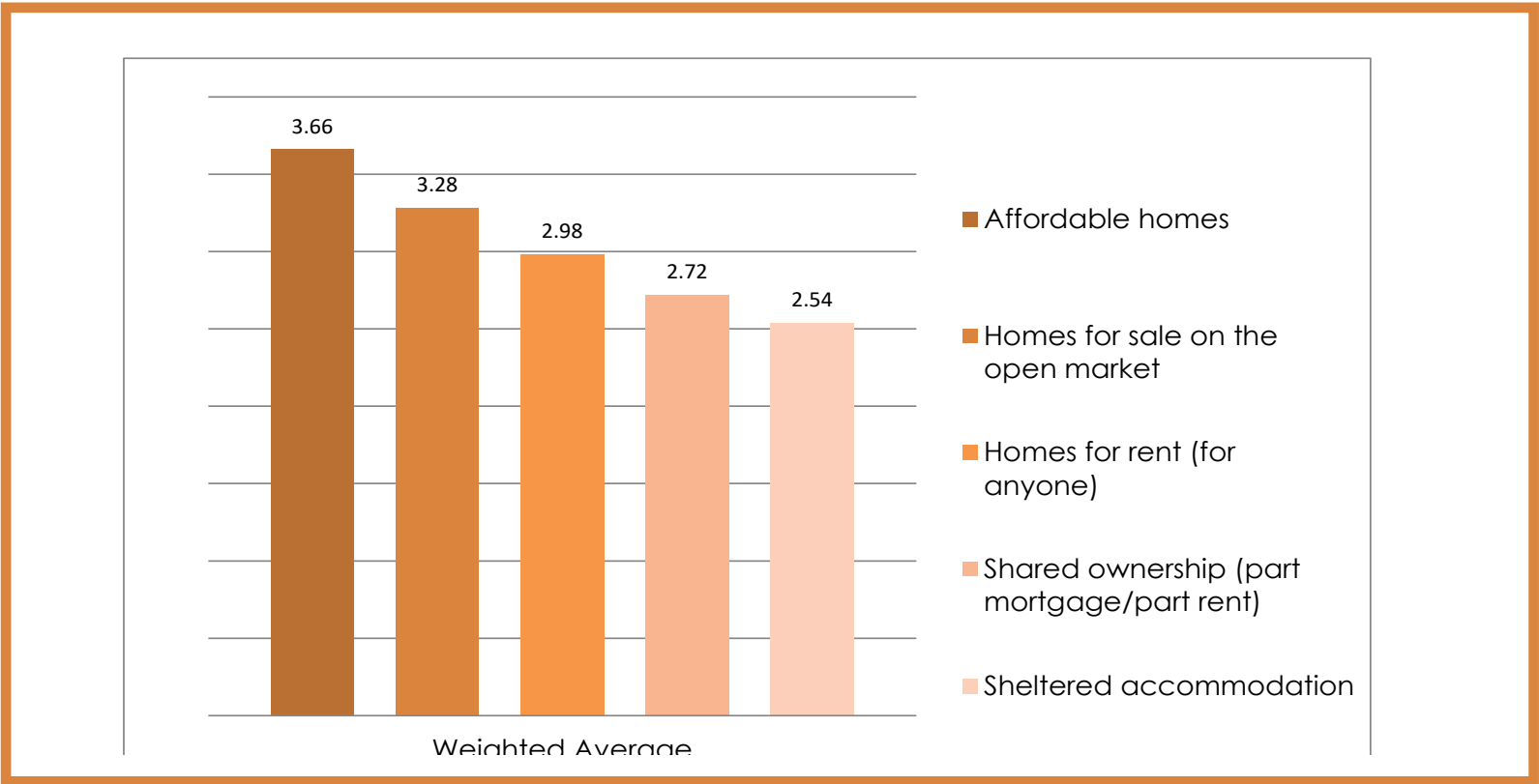
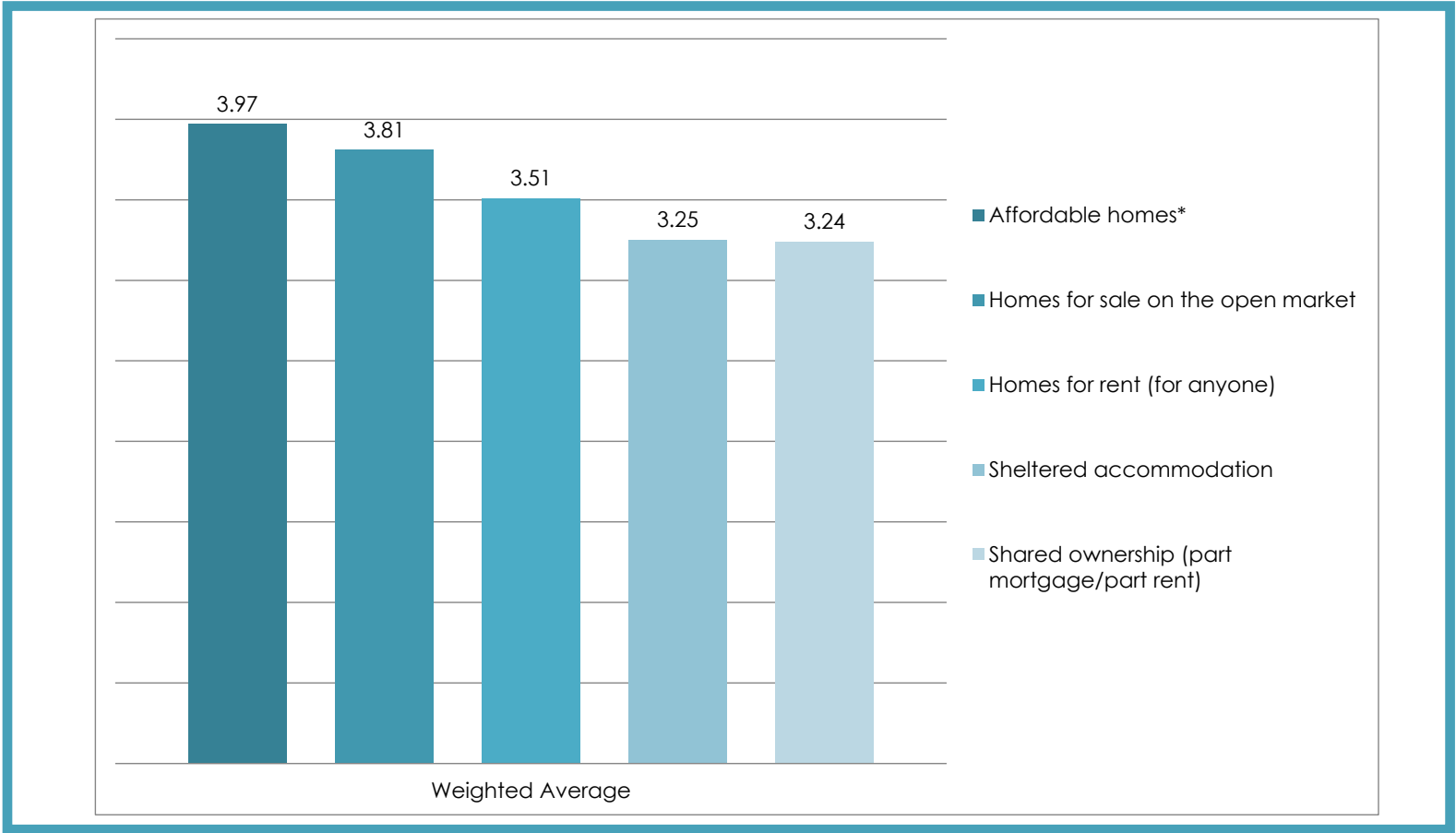
Where would you prefer to see future development within your parish?



In both parishes, respondents' preference for any future development is the conversion of existing buildings and the use of brownfield sites.

Question 12.

In your opinion what type of housing would you like to see included in any new development?



* This is housing for local people whose needs cannot be met on the open market. Usually provided by a housing association or local authority, it includes homes for rent or shared ownership.

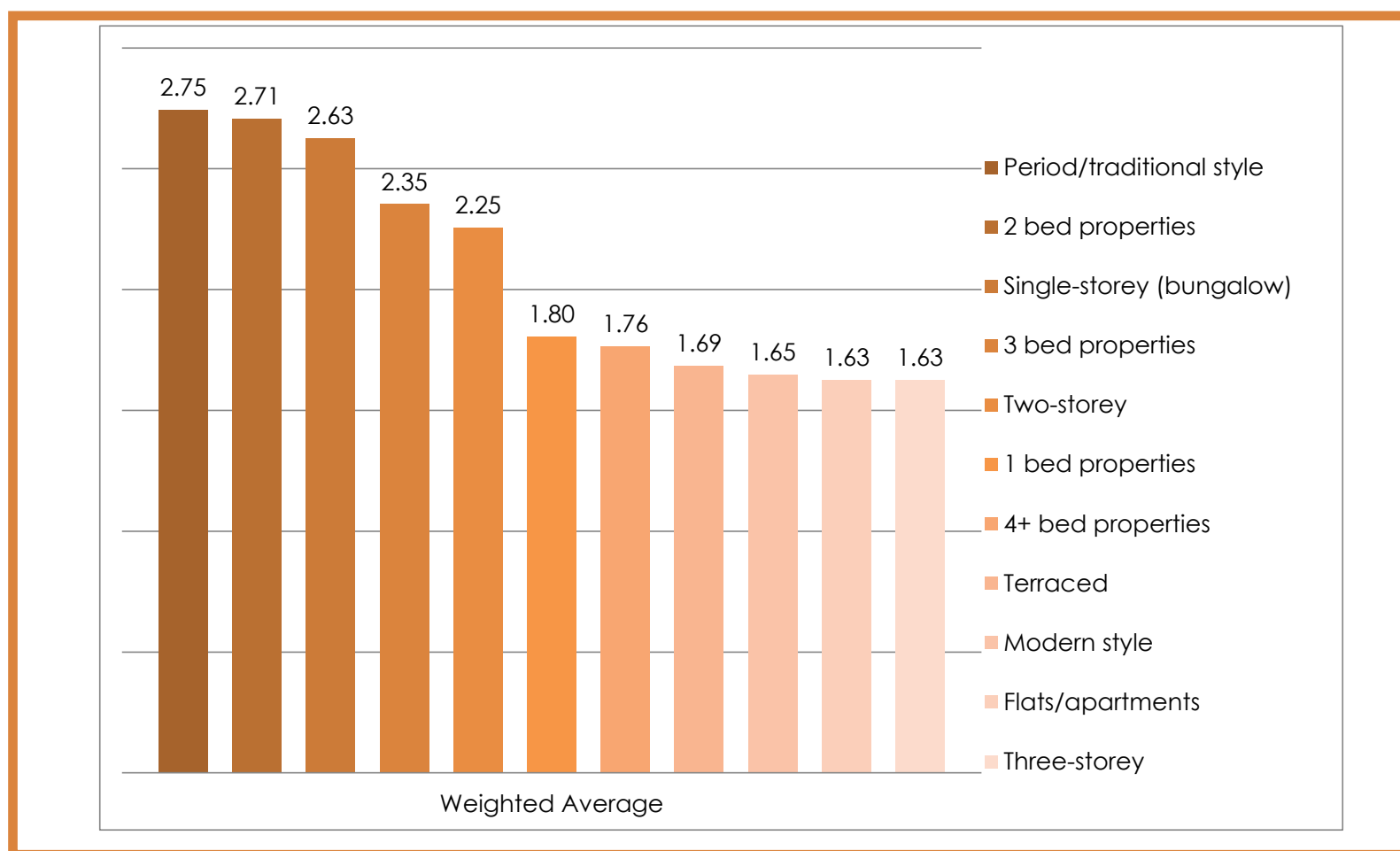
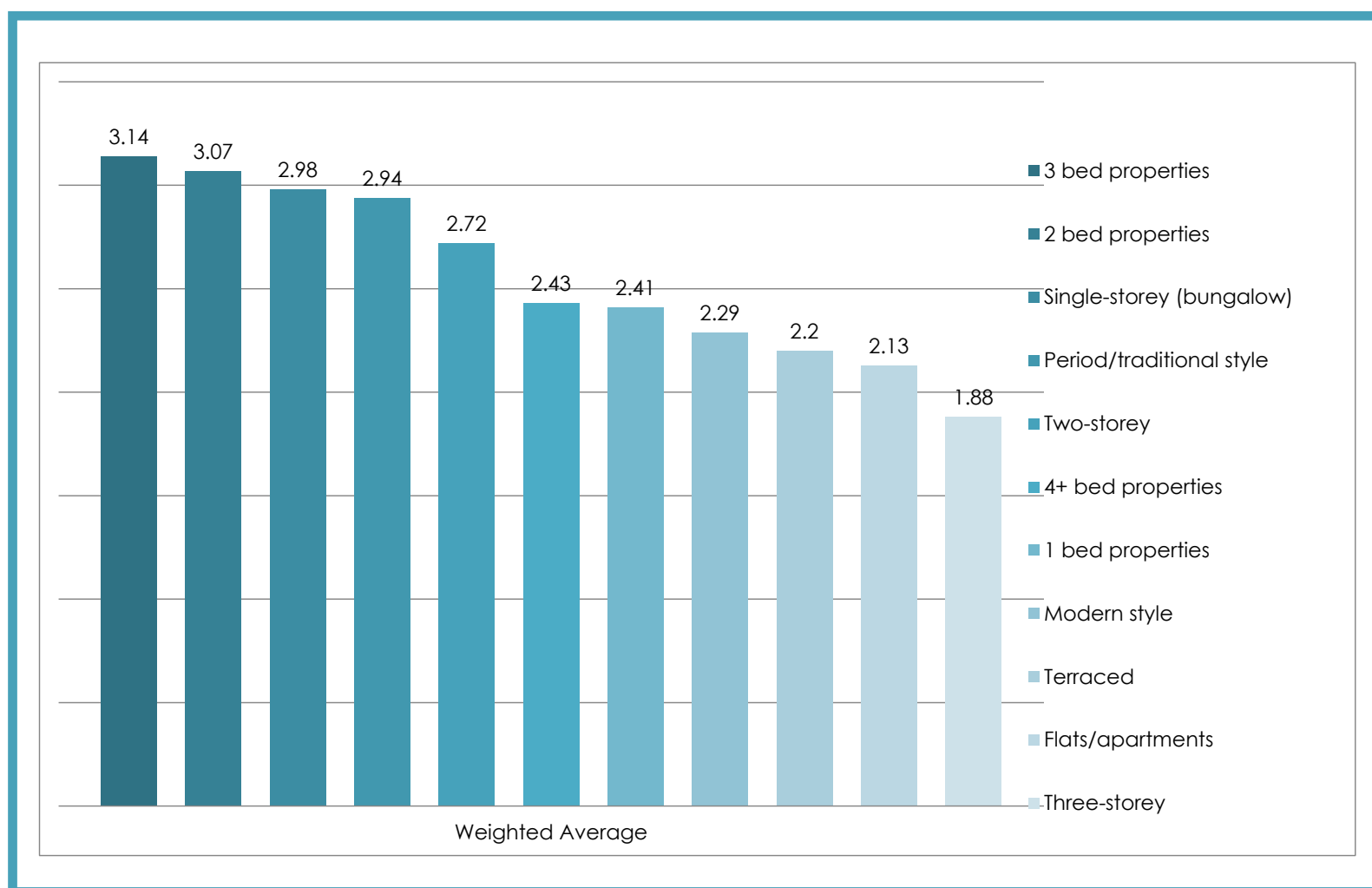
Respondents place a similar level of importance to both ‘Affordable Homes’ and ‘Homes for sale on the open market’ when using the weighted average analysis.

When asked to give other ideas, respondents gave a number of comments, these can be seen on the sheets below.

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Strongly Agree = 5, Agree = 4 Disagree = 3, Strongly Disagree = 2, Not Sure / Don't Know = 1

Question 13.

What style of housing would you like to see included in any new housing development?



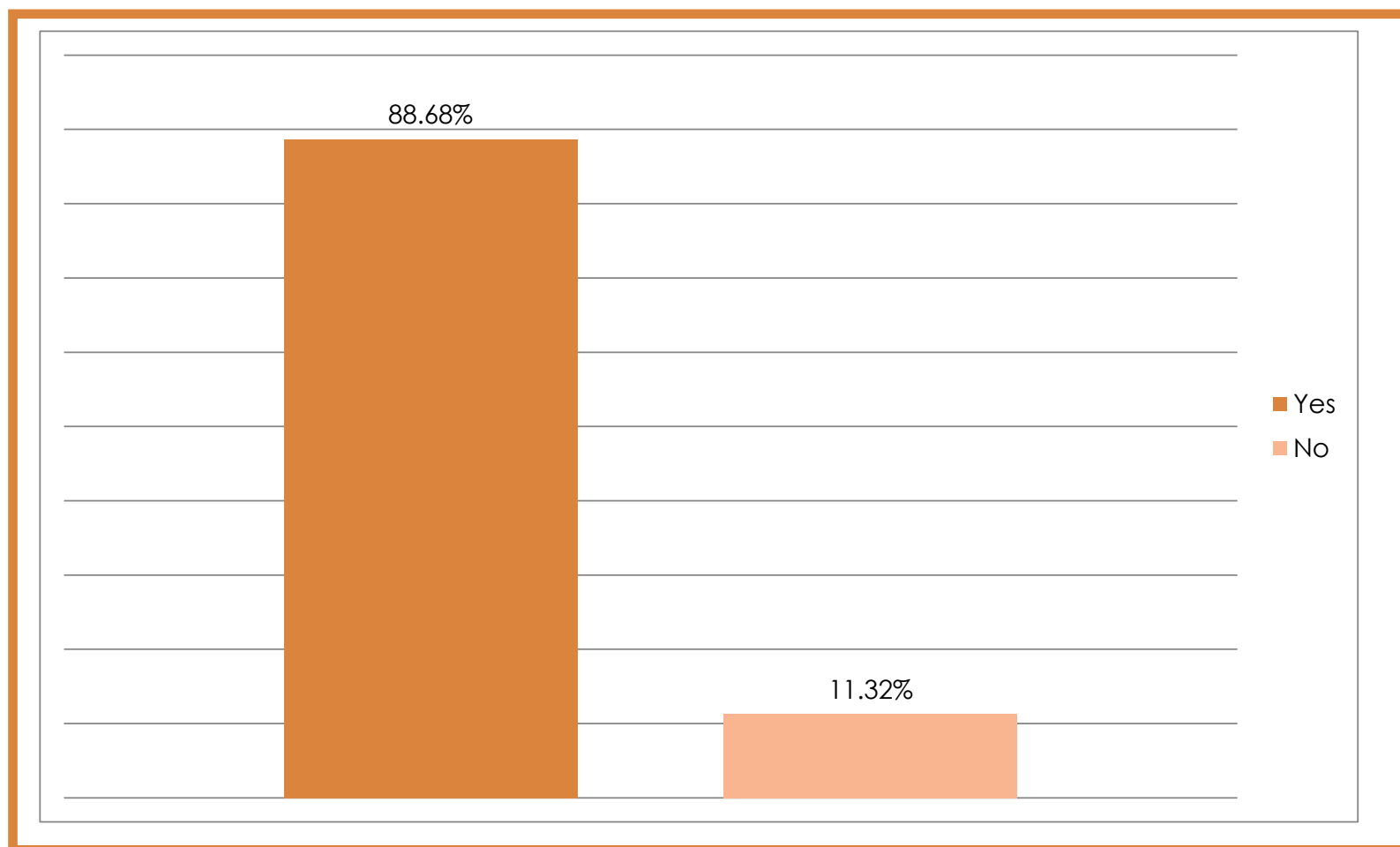
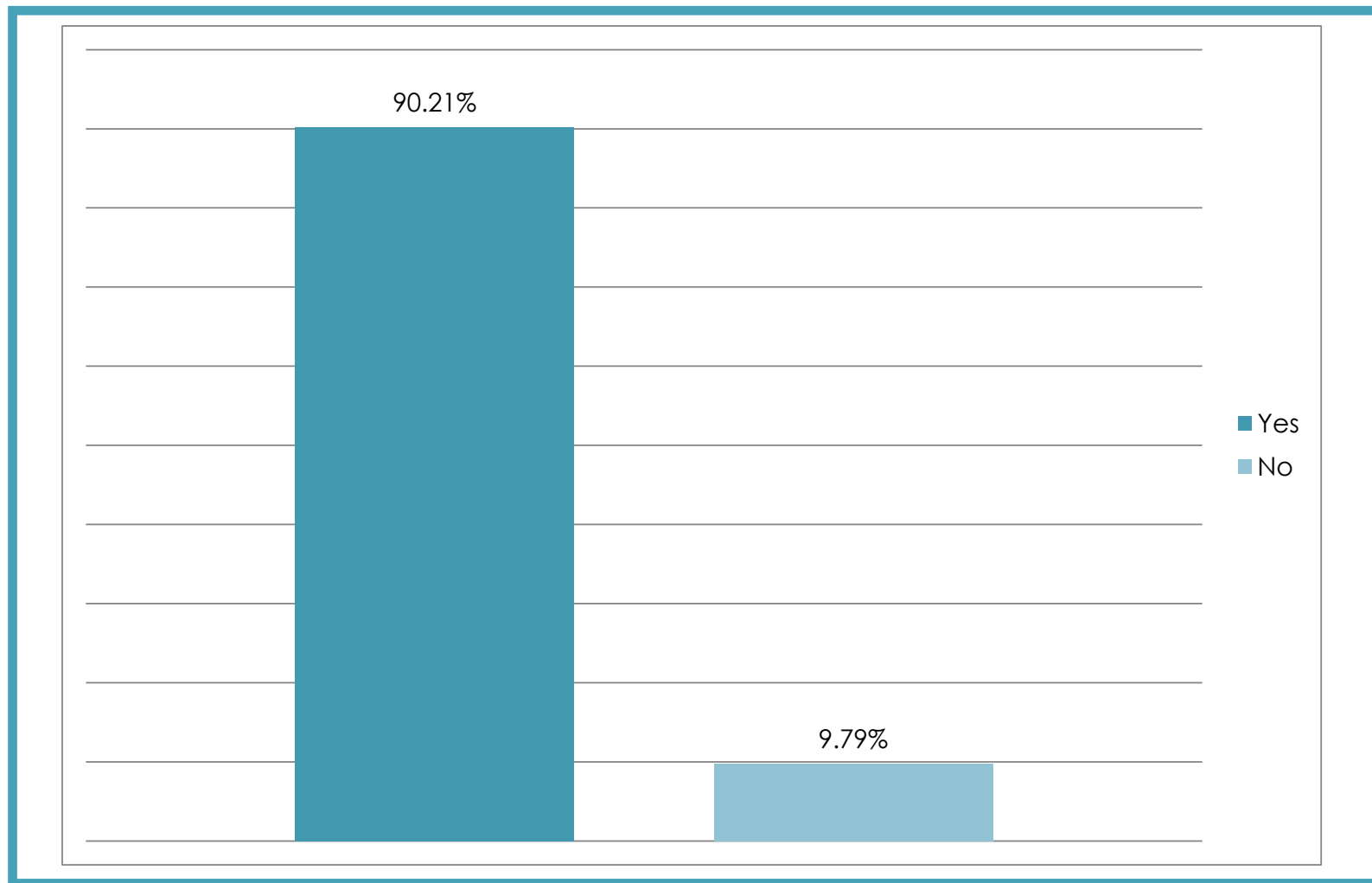
In Sturton by Stow, '3 bed properties' and '2 bed properties' are the preferred choices of respondents. In Stow, the preferred choices are '2 bed properties' and 'Period/traditional style' properties.

Weighted Average
(of those expressing a preference)

Weighting Factors - High preference = 4,
Medium preference = 3, Low preference = 2,
No preference = 1

Question 14.

Do you think any new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parish?



90.20% of respondents in Sturton by Stow and 88.68% of respondents in Stow agree that new developments should respect local character, landscape and the heritage of the parishes.

Question 14.

Comments

A selection of respondents comments:

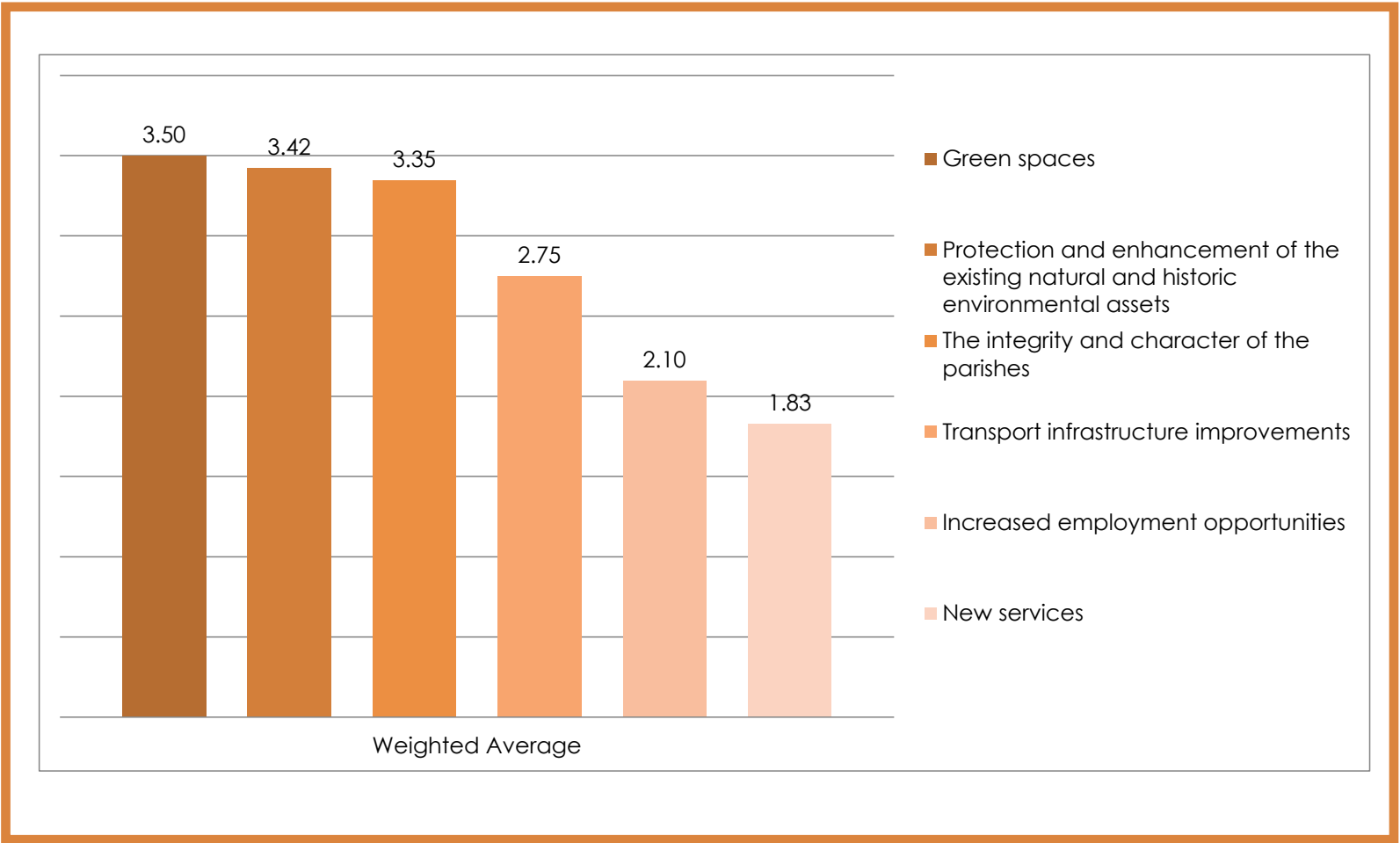
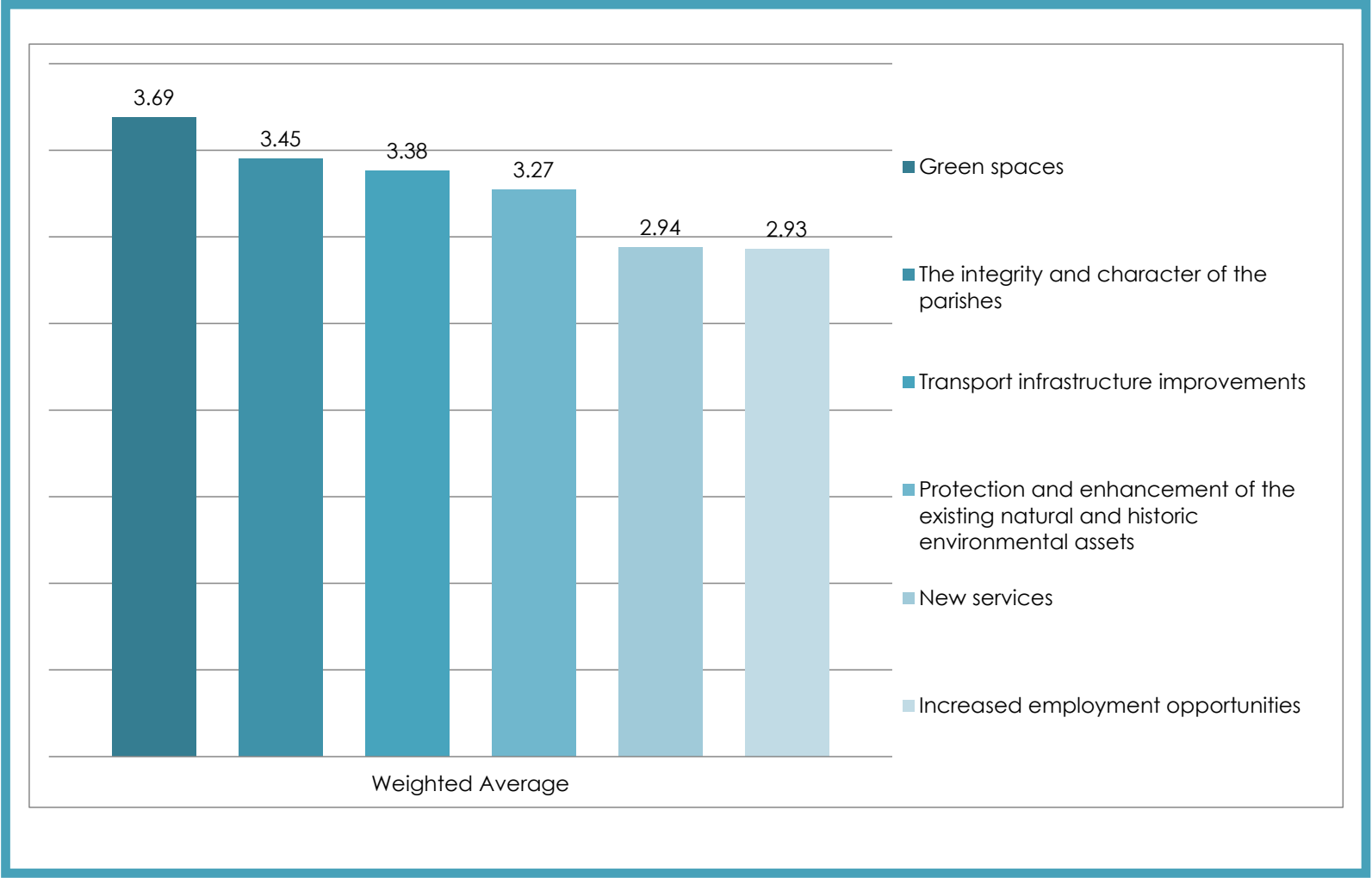
Sturton by Stow
To maintain the current general height of any additional housing i.e. no town houses in the centre of the village. Develop facilities (sporting and leisure) in recreation ground.
Green spaces, woodland, nature conservation, ponds, dykes, off road connection pathways.
Trees, hedges, dykes. Reasonable space between houses.
Old buildings and churches. Sturton and Stow are very close and would be sad to see developments between them which would join them together. Need green spaces between villages.
Green spaces, trees, flower verges, less tarmac. Ancient hedges, moats and features.
Old houses, churches, green gaps (not used for parking), public house, village hall, recreation ground and playpark.

Stow
Older houses and traditional churches.
Local views, views of the church, views of open countryside, green gaps between houses and villages, quiet rural atmosphere, footpaths, space.
The church, the character of local houses, the green space, views of open countryside.
Old historic buildings and green spaces. The ‘traditional’ (i.e. not modern) style of houses that predominates.
Green gaps.
Old houses, spaces between, green spaces, fields, the quiet area feel. Light and space.

The full list from Sturton by Stow can be seen on the sheets below.

Question 15.

How important are the following considerations in relation to any development?



The percentage margins between the top four of the six considerations in the graphs are small.

Weighted Average
(of those expressing a preference)

Weighting Factors - Very important = 4, Important = 3,
Not important = 2, No opinion = 1

Question 16.

Should you wish to remain in your parish, do you consider that you or a member of your family will have a housing need in the next 5 years?

Answer choices	Responses	
No	50.00%	96
Yes	30.73%	59
Don't know	19.27%	37

Answer choices	Responses	
No	58.49%	31
Yes	24.53%	13
Don't know	19.98%	9

A significant minority of respondents indicated that they may have a housing need within five years.



Question 17.

What would you consider is the main reason for this need?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Want to leave parental home/live independently	23.73%	14
Current accommodation is too large	16.95%	10
Current accommodation is too small	15.25%	9
Current accommodation is too expensive	11.86%	7
Legal reasons (end of relationship, end of tenancy, etc)	10.17%	6
Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs	8.47%	5
Need to live closer to family	8.47%	5
Need to live closer to a carer or to provide care	3.39%	2
Current accommodation is too far from work	1.69%	1

The most significant reasons given by respondents:

Sturton by Stow:

- Want to leave parental home/live independently
- Current accommodation is too large
- Current accommodation is too small

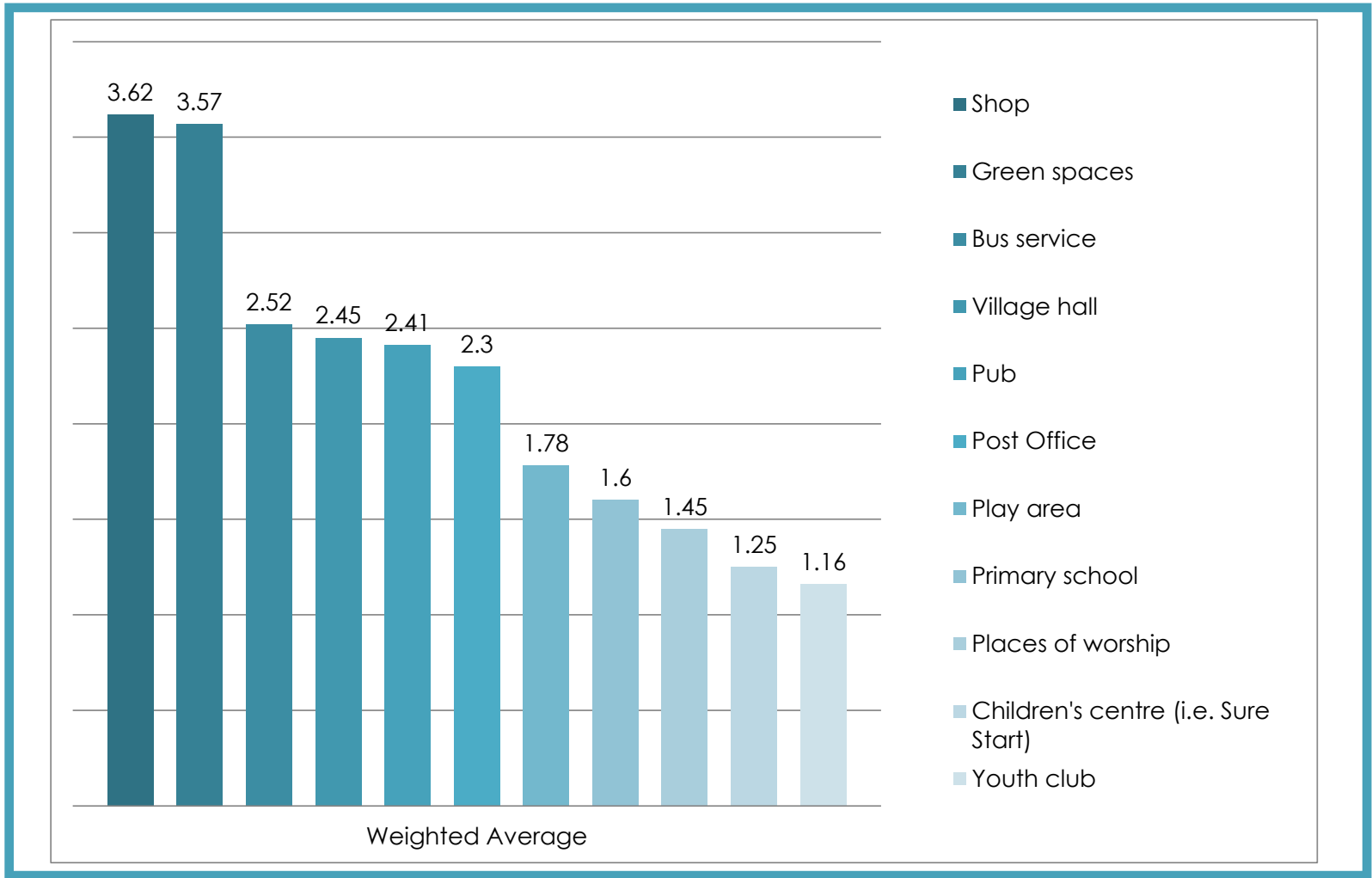
Answer Choices	Responses	
Want to leave parental home/live independently	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too large	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too small	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too expensive	21.43%	3
Legal reasons (end of relationship, end of tenancy, etc)	14.29%	2
Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs	7.14%	1
Need to live closer to family	0.00%	0
Need to live closer to a carer or to provide care	0.00%	0
Current accommodation is too far from work	0.00%	0

Stow:

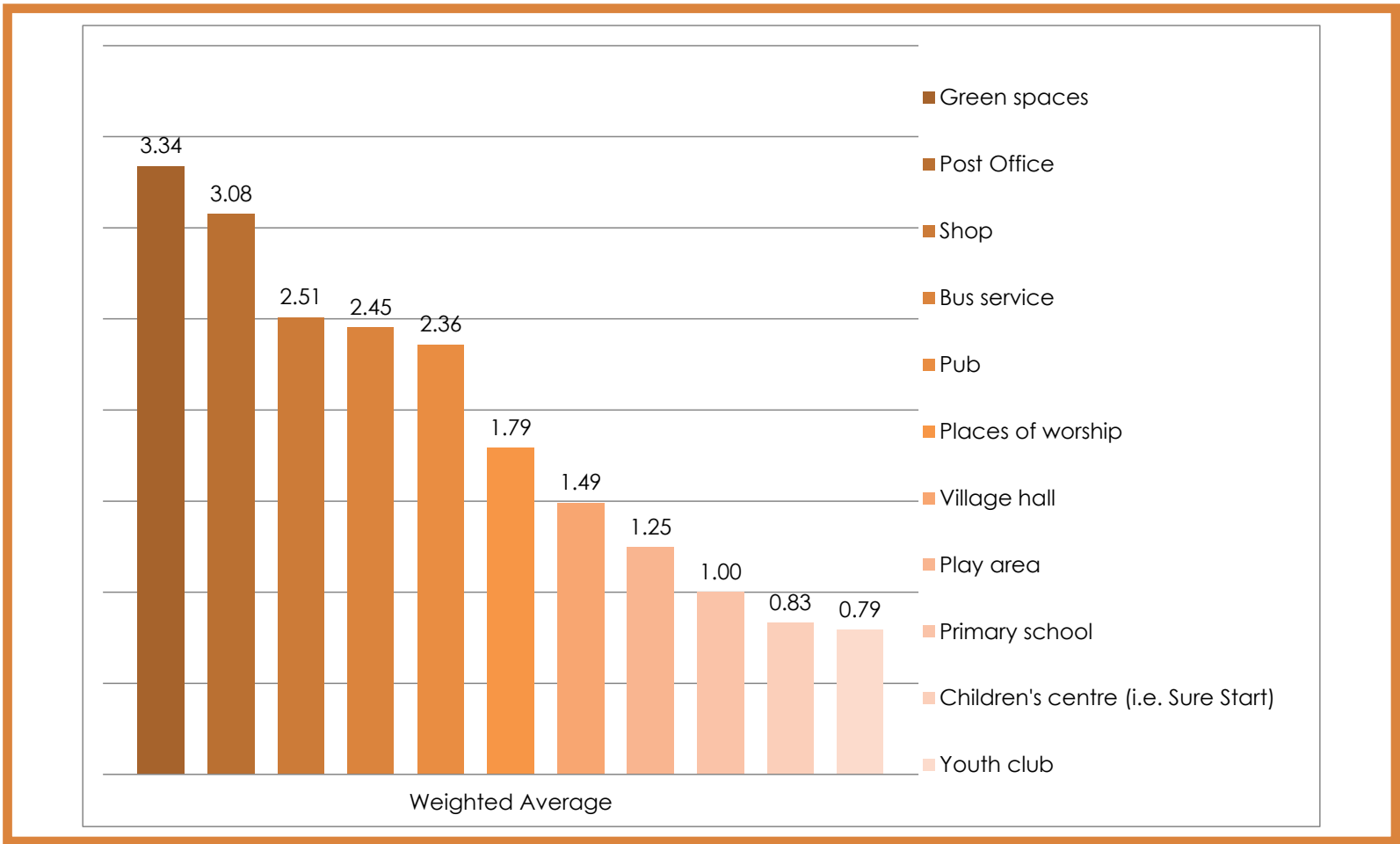
- Current accommodation is too expensive
- Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs
- Want to leave parental home/live independently

Question 18.

How important are the following considerations in relation to any development?



In Sturton by Stow the shop and green spaces are the most well used facilities.



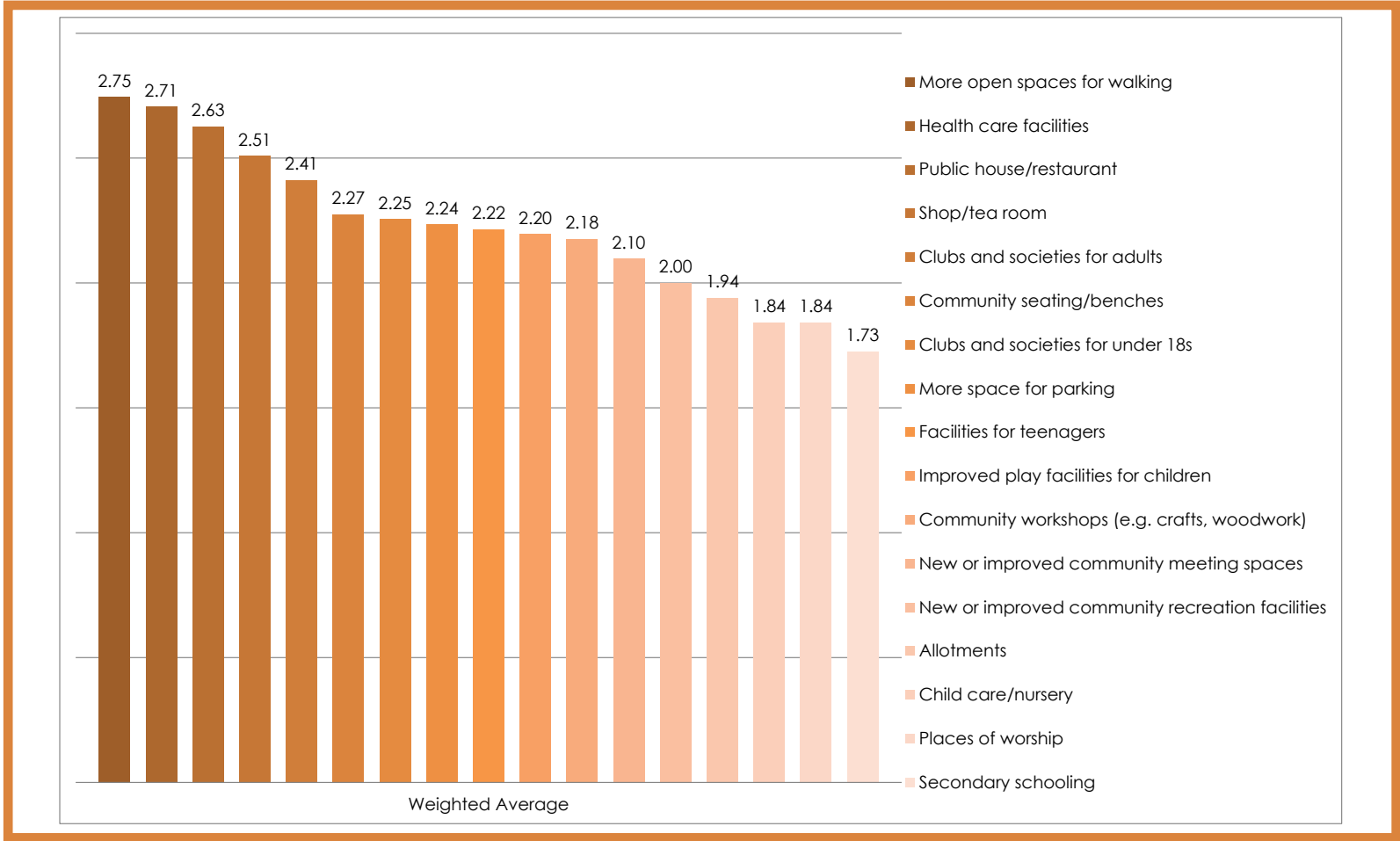
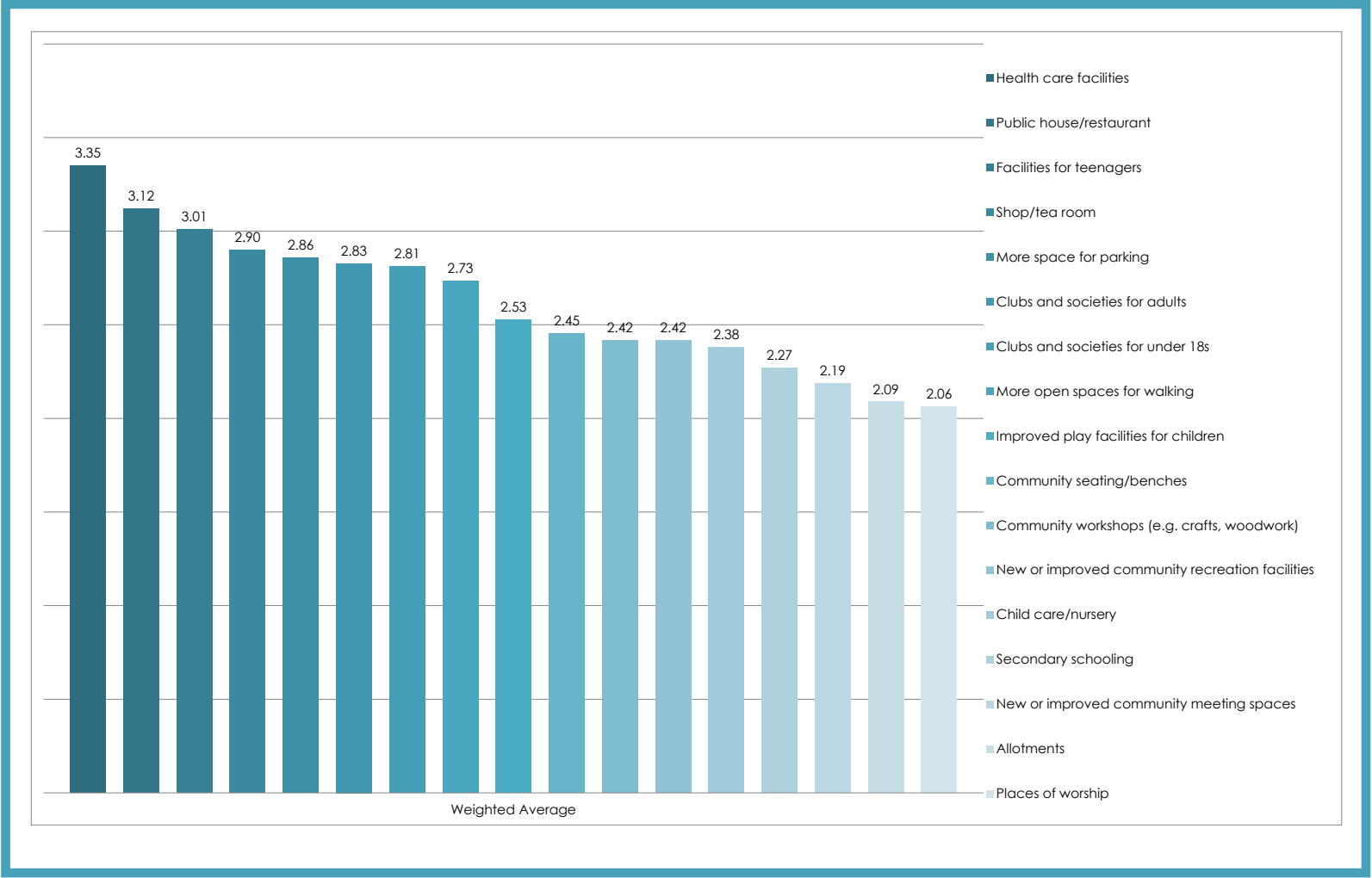
In Stow the green spaces and the post office are the most well used facilities.

Additional comments can be seen on the sheets below.

Weighted Average
(of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Daily = 5, Weekly = 4, Monthly = 3,
Occasionally = 2, Never =1

Question 19.

How do you view the need for the following additional or improved community facilities in your parish?



Additional or improved healthcare facilities are rated as most important by respondents in Sturton by Stow. In Stow more open spaces for walking were identified as most important.

Additional comments can be seen in the sheets below.

Weighted Average
(of those expressing a preference)

Weighting Factors - Very Important = 4, Important = 3,
Not Important = 2 No Opinion = 1

Question 20.

How do you currently find out about what is happening in your parish?

Answer Choices	Reponses	
Parish News booklet	78.65%	151
Word of Mouth	77.60%	149
Village notice boards	71.35%	137
Posters and Flyers	56.25%	108
Facebook page	18.75%	36
Village/local organisation websites (e.g. Parish Council, Stow Fun Raisers)	17.71%	34
Neighbourhood Plan Website	9.38%	18
Other (please specify)	7.29%	14
Not interested	0.52%	1

Answer Choices	Reponses	
Word of Mouth	80.00%	40
Parish News booklet	78.00%	39
Village notice boards	64.00%	32
Posters and Flyers	58.00%	29
Village/local organisation websites (e.g. Parish Council, Stow Fun Raisers)	48.00%	24
Facebook page	16.00%	8
Neighbourhood Plan Website	6.00%	3
Other (please specify)	2.00%	1
Not interested	0.00%	0

The most popular ways of receiving local news in both parishes is either by word of mouth or through the Parish News booklet.

Question 20.

Other sources of communication were listed as follows (14 in Sturton by Stow and one in Stow)

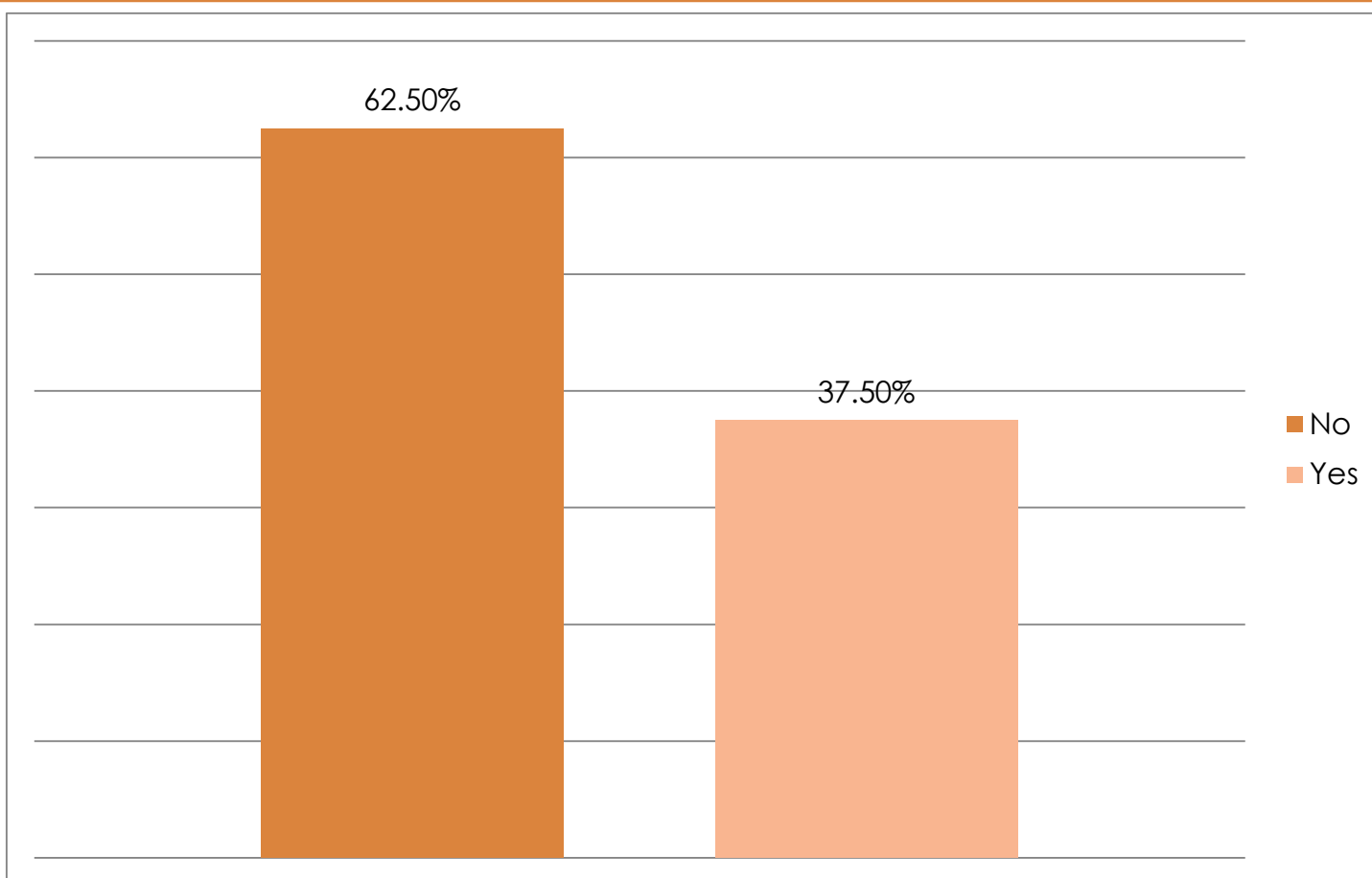
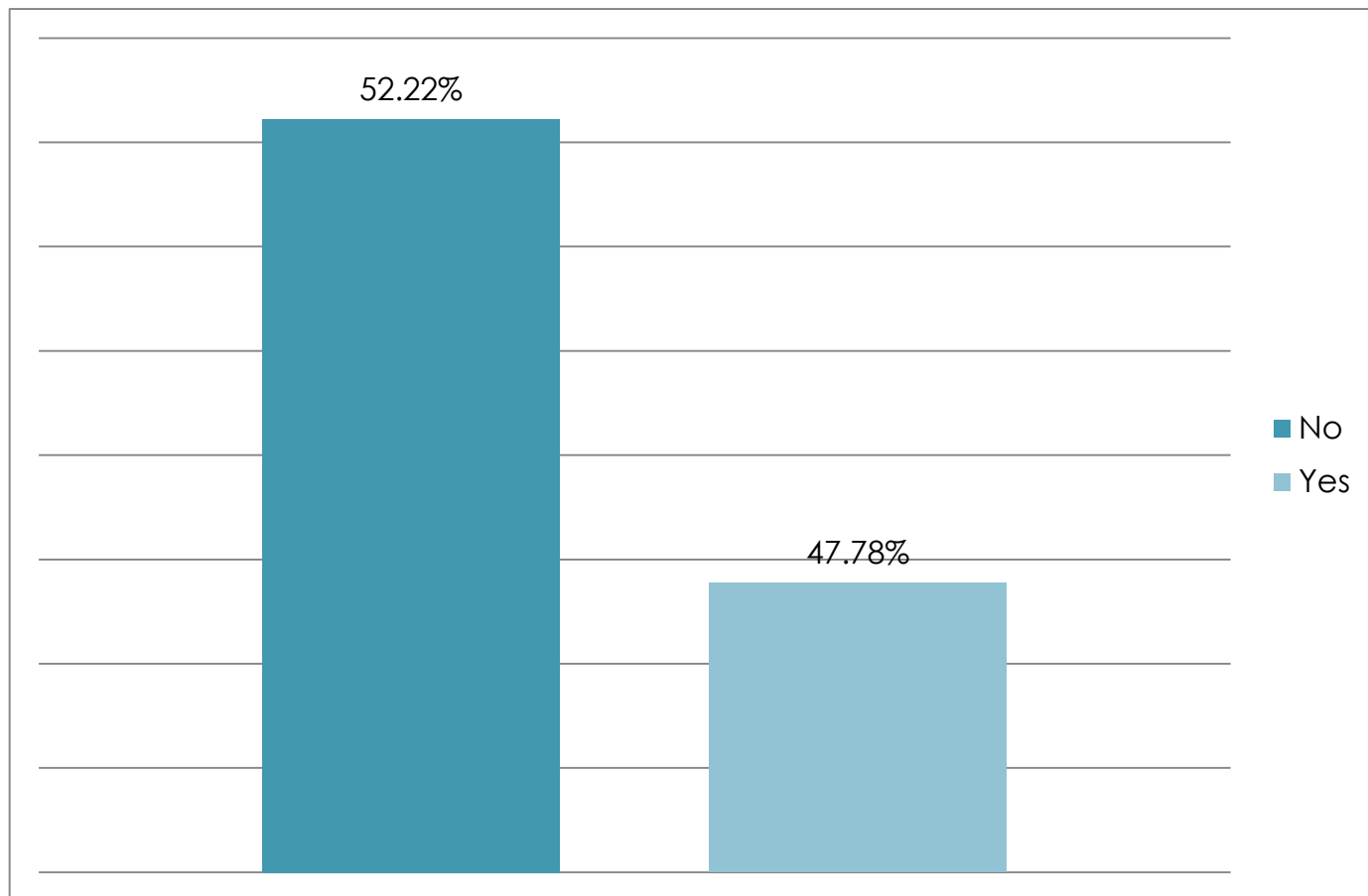
Sturton by Stow
Newsletter.
Village newsletter.
Will check out FB as unaware. Newsletter.
Pub.
Gainsborough Standard.
Accessing internet at Bransby is always slow and unavailable.
Sturton by Stow newsletter which is good.
Sturton Parish Newsletter, Foss Focus, Gainsborough Standard and local plan, Email groups.
Local public house.
Communication is poor between Parish Council meetings and residents. No minutes posted on website or active village facebook page like Upton or Nettleham.
Pub!
Village newsletters.
Occasional parish newsletter.
Local Newsletter.

Stow
Village shop would be handy.



Question 21.

Do you think there is a need to improve communication?

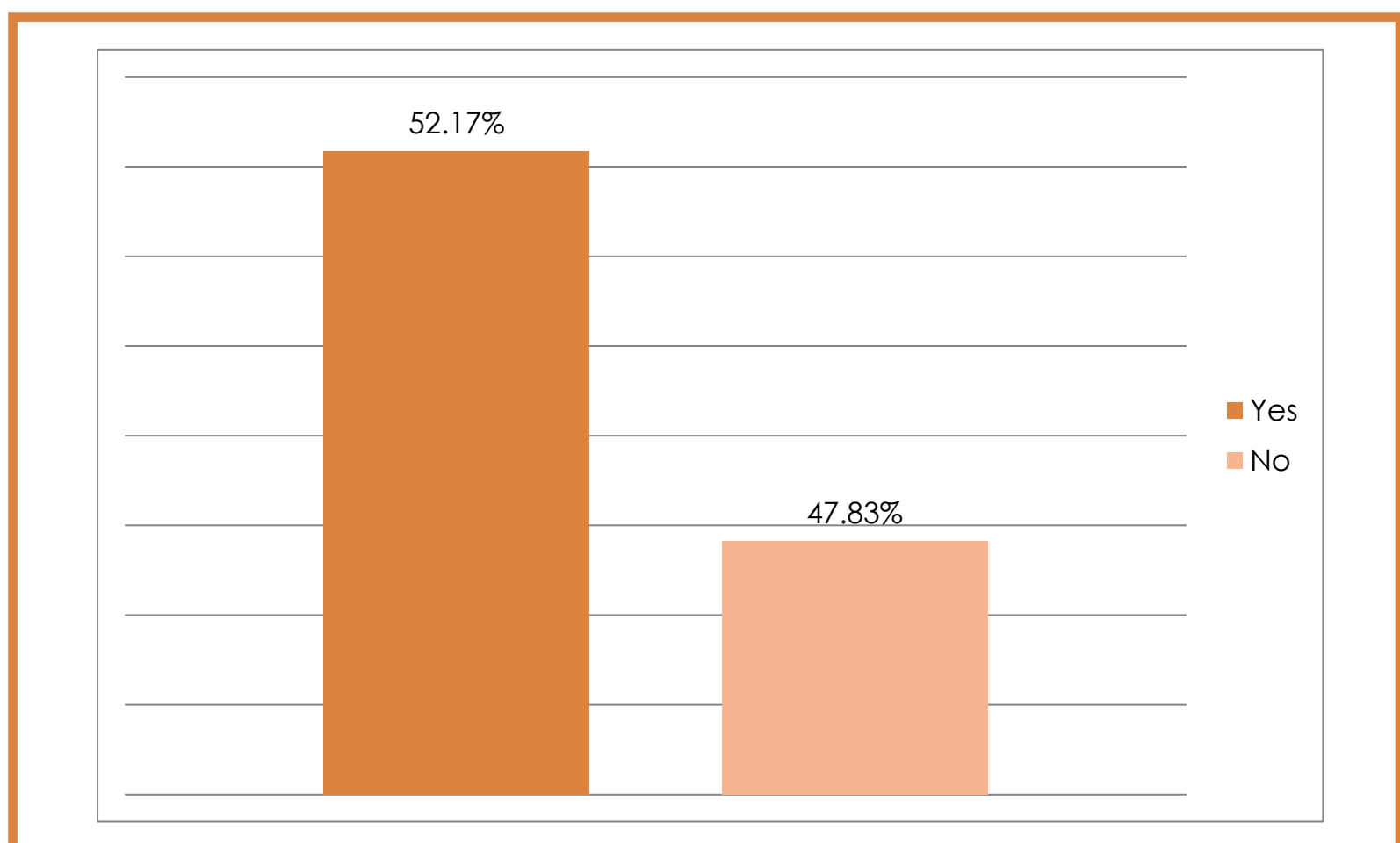
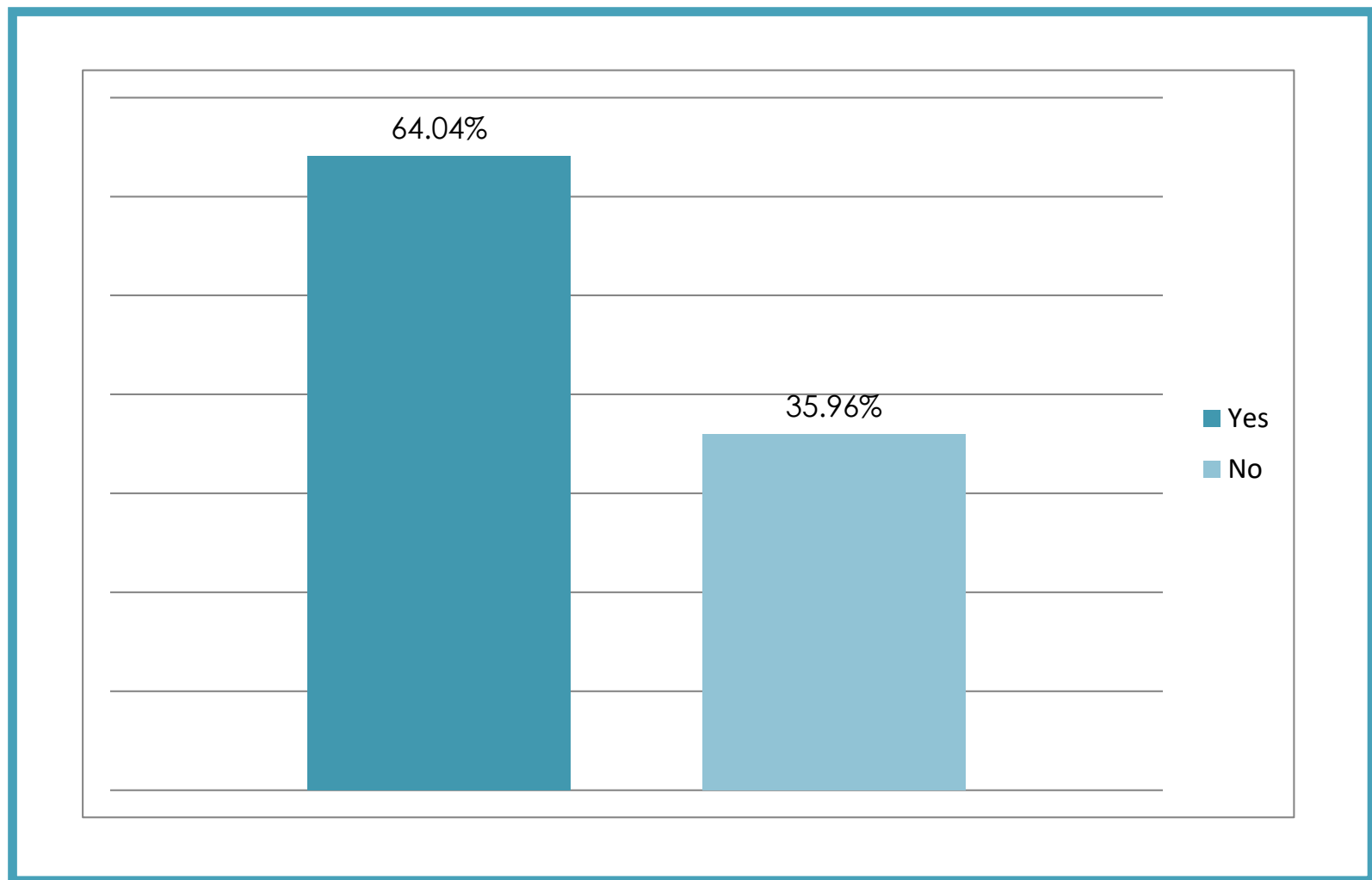


Across both parishes, between 37.50% and 47.78% of respondents agree that communication needs to be improved.

Additional comments can be seen on the table sheets below.

Question 22.

Do you consider that your parish needs more employment opportunities?



A majority of respondents in both parishes are in favour of more employment opportunities.

Additional comments can be seen on the table sheets below.

Question 23.

If “Yes” what type of employment opportunities should be encouraged?

Answer Choices	Reponses	
Incubation units (start-up business units)	60.83%	73
Social care sector	57.50%	69
Agriculture	53.33%	64
Retail	51.67%	62
Leisure and recreation	51.67%	62
Light manufacturing/industry	50.83%	61
Storage and distribution	17.50%	21

Answer Choices	Reponses	
Leisure and recreation	18.31%	13
Incubation units (start-up business units)	18.31%	13
Light manufacturing/industry	15.49%	11
Agriculture	15.49%	11
Retail	14.08%	10
Social care sector	9.86%	7
Storage and distribution	8.45%	6

Across the two parishes respondents agreed that all types of employment opportunities should be encouraged.

In Sturton by Stow the most preferred were ‘Incubation units (start-up business units)’ and ‘Social care sector’ opportunities. In Stow the top choices were ‘Leisure and recreation’ and ‘Incubation units (start-up business units)’.



Question 24.

Please make any other comments you have in the space below, remember you will have ample opportunity to share your views at future consultation exercises or by asking to help create the Neighbourhood Plan.

Sturton by Stow

Flooding is the number one concern to many people on the high street area. The worry is any development on the west, south and north will produce more run off flood water.

It is important that infrastructure e.g. drainage, sewerage, to be adequate for future development and catch up with current and past development.

Please don't knock the historical buildings down for more parking. Thank you.

Any future planning consents for residential development in Sturton by Stow should be conditional requiring the developers to pay for upgrading the mains drainage infrastructure within the village. Developers are currently taking their profits and running leaving no benefit for the existing village population.

Working from home should be encouraged where possible. Industrial land was available but was given permission for residential buildings. Industrial units well catered for in Saxilby.

Stow

The financial cost on the Precept of any changes decided on should be estimated and made public before approval.

Sturton and Stow are rural villages and need to retain their identity when considering planning in the future. Residents choose to live here because they like this type of neighbourhood and do not expect to have EVERYTHING on their doorstep. We value the existing assets.

Q17 - two reasons for moving but the survey prevents all that apply. Please note: Reason 1 Current accommodation is too large, Reason 2 current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs.

For development we should look at more properties being built in existing gardens where there is the space to avoid additional building on greenfield sites.

All responses can be seen on the table sheets below.

Question 25.

As part of gathering data trends we are interested in the age group you belong to (this question is optional).

Answer Choices	Reponses	
60 - 79 years	44.97%	85
45 - 59 years	31.22%	59
30 - 44 years	11.64%	22
80 years or over	6.88%	13
19 - 29 years	4.76%	9
18 and under	0.53%	1

Answer Choices	Reponses	
60 - 79 years	60.42%	29
45 - 59 years	22.92%	11
30 - 44 years	8.33%	4
80 years or over	8.33%	4

Analysis shows that the highest number of respondents were between the ages of 60 – 79 years

