

Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy

SUMMARY REPORT

A review of the feedback submitted in response to the Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy consultation.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy consultation invited residents to provide their feedback on regeneration opportunities for the village of Berinsfield, including those arising from the new housing development on land at Mount Farm.

The consultation received 102 responses, of which 62 were submitted online and 40 were handed to officers at in-person events. 92 per cent of respondents were local residents and 91 per cent responded as individual members of the public.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Among the facilities that respondents would like to see in a community hub, the most mentioned were: shops and food venues (16 per cent), a sport centre or sports facilities (16 per cent), and a youth club (13 per cent).
- Given the alternatives, respondents said the most important option is to create a community hub by the Abbey Sports centre, with existing and new organisations sharing facilities in this location and running their activities from there.
- 57 per cent strongly agreed that the continuity and stability of the existing community organisations and facilities is more important than the delivery of new ones on land at Mount Farm.

HEALTH

- Although no clear majority emerged among respondents with respect to the option relating to health, 43 per cent agreed that *“the expansion and improvement of the existing health centre, without combining it with other facilities (e.g. a pharmacy, dentist etc.) within a health hub”* is the most important one.

SPORTS, LEISURE AND RECREATION

- Among all the options provided, most respondents indicated that *“there should be some improvements to existing facilities in the village, and some new facilities on the Mount Farm”* (54 per cent).
- When asked what additional sport provision they would like to see in Berinsfield, the option that obtained the highest ranking was the *“provision of full disabled access to the swimming pool.”*

WARMER HOMES AND REDUCED ENERGY BILLS

A majority of respondents strongly agreed with the following statements:

- *“I would support improving all existing homes in Berinsfield to keep them warmer and reduce energy bills”* (74 per cent).
- *“I would like to see more opportunities for renewable and community-owned energy projects, to help new and existing residents reduce their carbon emissions and energy bills”* (51 per cent).



EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

- Among all the options they were presented with, respondents assigned the highest ranking to “more employment and training opportunities.”
- When asked about their views on new education provision, most respondents said: *“school provision should be considered all together, with one school meeting the needs of the current and future residents, if possible.”*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Respondents agreed with all the proposals made in relation to this topic, except for the following:

- *“It’s important to deliver pitches for gypsies and travellers on Land at Mount Farm”* – 65 per cent disagreed with this, including 50 per cent who strongly disagreed.
- *“It is important to deliver more housing for single occupancy, which could include homes where people can live in one household but share amenities like a kitchen.”* No clear majority emerged with respect to this statement, however, more respondents agreed with it (41 per cent) than disagreed (16 per cent).
- *“It is important to me that some of the affordable or shared ownership housing is community-owned, for example by a community land trust”* - No clear majority emerged with respect to this statement, however, more respondents agreed with it (33 per cent) than disagreed (16 per cent).

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Most respondents agreed that it's important to have a consistent design for things such as street signs, bus stops, seating and notice boards across all the existing and future areas of Berinsfield (77 per cent).

MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES

- A large majority of respondents agreed that there should be one organisation responsible for the management of buildings and open spaces in Berinsfield (67 per cent).
- When asked which organisations they thought would be more appropriate to manage facilities and open spaces among the alternatives provided (Berinsfield Parish Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Community Trust, Community Interest Company, Management Company, Another existing community group), 30 per cent selected the option “A group comprising of some of the above”.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A large majority of respondents said they would be happy to see a Community Development worker (76 per cent) and an Active Communities Outreach worker (77 per cent) in Berinsfield.



ENGAGEMENT AND REPORTING METHODOLOGY

The Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy consultation asked residents and local organisations in Berinsfield to provide their feedback on regeneration opportunities associated with land at Mount Farm. The consultation ran for four weeks, between 9 January and 6 February 2025.

The consultation was advertised and distributed through the following events and channels:

- An email notification was sent to 54 local residents and organisations on the 'Berinsfield Garden Village Database', and 14 residents on the council's 'Consultation and Engagement database'.
- Paper copies and posters were made available in the following community venues: The Berin Centre, the village Library, Berinsfield Community Association, the Leisure Centre and Berry Youth Centre.
- Social media messages were posted on Facebook, Nextdoor and Spotted Berinsfield.
- A news article was published on 'Berinsfield Village Voice'.
- A total of 114 paper copies were distributed at in-person engagement events held at:
 - St Mary and St Berin Church on Saturday 1 and Tuesday 4 February 2025. Shopping vouchers were provided to those who completed the survey.
 - The Berin Centre on 23 January 2025
 - Health Centre
 - Hairdresser
 - Pre-school
 - Co-op
 - Church
 - Abbey Woods Academy
 - Abbey Sports Centre
 - Community Larder

Reporting methodology

This report provides a summary of all quantitative and qualitative results of this consultation, including a summary of the comments made. Any personal information supplied to us within the comments that could identify anyone has been redacted and will not be shared or published. Further information on data protection is available in our [general consultation's privacy statement](#).

Some punctual errors in the original comments raised were corrected in the main body of this report.

When stating percentages in the analysis, we are referring to the percentage of respondents that answered the specific question, rather than the total number of responses to the overall survey. Response percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding up over .5 and rounding down under .5. Words that appear in italics are quotes taken from comments received.



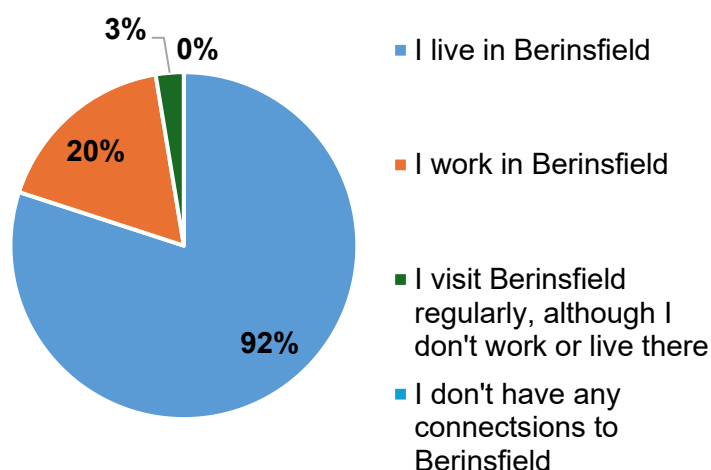
KEY FINDINGS – QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA

This section outlines the key quantitative and qualitative findings, which are organised by main section of the survey.

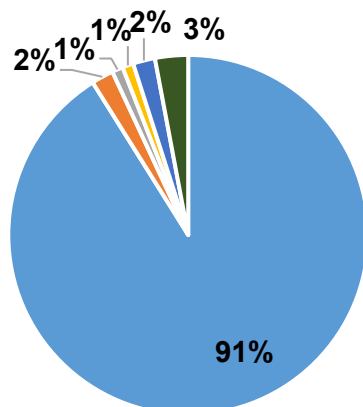
ABOUT YOU

QUESTION 1: PLEASE LET US KNOW WHICH OPTION(S) APPLY TO YOU. YOU CAN TICK MORE THAN ONE ANSWER.

- The vast majority of respondents were local residents of Berinsfield village (92 per cent).
- 20 per cent said they work in Berinsfield.
- Three per cent said they visit Berinsfield regularly although they don't live or work there.
- No respondents said they have no connections to Berinsfield.



QUESTION 2: HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING?



- As an individual/member of the public
- On behalf of a business/organisation
- As an individual district, county or town/parish councillor
- On behalf of a town/parish council
- On behalf of a community or interest group
- Other (please specify below)

- Most respondents were individual members of the public (91 per cent).
- Two per cent responded on behalf of a business organisation and another Two per cent on behalf of a community or interest group.
- One per cent responded as an individual district, county or town/parish councillor.
- One per cent responded as a town/parish council.



Three per cent of those who answered the above question 2 did so by selecting the option “Other (please specify below)”:

IF YOU SELECTED ‘OTHER’ PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW	
ANON-BQD2-SDTP-4	Both as an individual
ANON-BQD2-SD2T-6	Home owners
ANON-BQD2-SD2Z-C	Soha housing ltd
BHLF-BQD2-SD1Y-A	Berry Youth Centre
BHLF-BQD2-SDHP-R	Member of the B.V.V.

Q3: PLEASE LET US KNOW THE NAME OF YOUR ORGANISATION.

We received 10 responses to the above question, which are listed in the table below.

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW)	
ANON-BQD2-SDTP-4	Berinsfield Committee Association
ANON-BQD2-SDTB-P	Berinsfield Community Association (BCA) - Registered Charity 267914 - Operating as Community Centre since formation in 1973
ANON-BQD2-SD2Z-C	Soha Housing Ltd
ANON-BQD2-SD25-7	Berinsfield Parish Council
ANON-BQD2-SDSX-B	NIL
ANON-BQD2-SDPX-8	Berinsfield Parish Council
ANON-BQD2-SD19-A	Berinsfield Early Years Prescool
BHLF-BQD2-SD16-7	Teresa's childcare
BHLF-BQD2-SD1Y-A	Berry Youth Centre
BHLF-BQD2-SDHP-R	N/A

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

QUESTION 4: WHAT COMMUNITY FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY HUB?

This was a qualitative question which received 74 free-text answers.

The community facilities that most respondents would like to see in a community hub are:

- Shops and food venues (including a café) – these were mentioned in 16 per cent of comments.
- Sport centre/facilities (16 per cent).
- A youth club/centre (13 per cent).

A smaller proportion of comments mentioned the following venues:

- The Berin centre (Eight per cent)



- A health centre/pharmacy (Seven per cent)
- The BCA ('Berinsfield Community Association', Six per cent)
- A library (Five per cent)
- All the facilities listed in the consultation (Five per cent)
- Play areas for young kids (e.g. soft play, Three per cent)
- A day centre (Two per cent)
- A place that can offer information and advice to vulnerable people (Two per cent).

11 per cent of comments expressed lack of support for a community hub in Berinsfield.

QUESTION 5: PLEASE RANK THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS FROM 1 TO 4 ACCORDING TO YOUR PREFERENCE, WITH 1 BEING YOUR FAVOURITE ONE AND 4 BEING YOUR LEAST FAVOURITE.

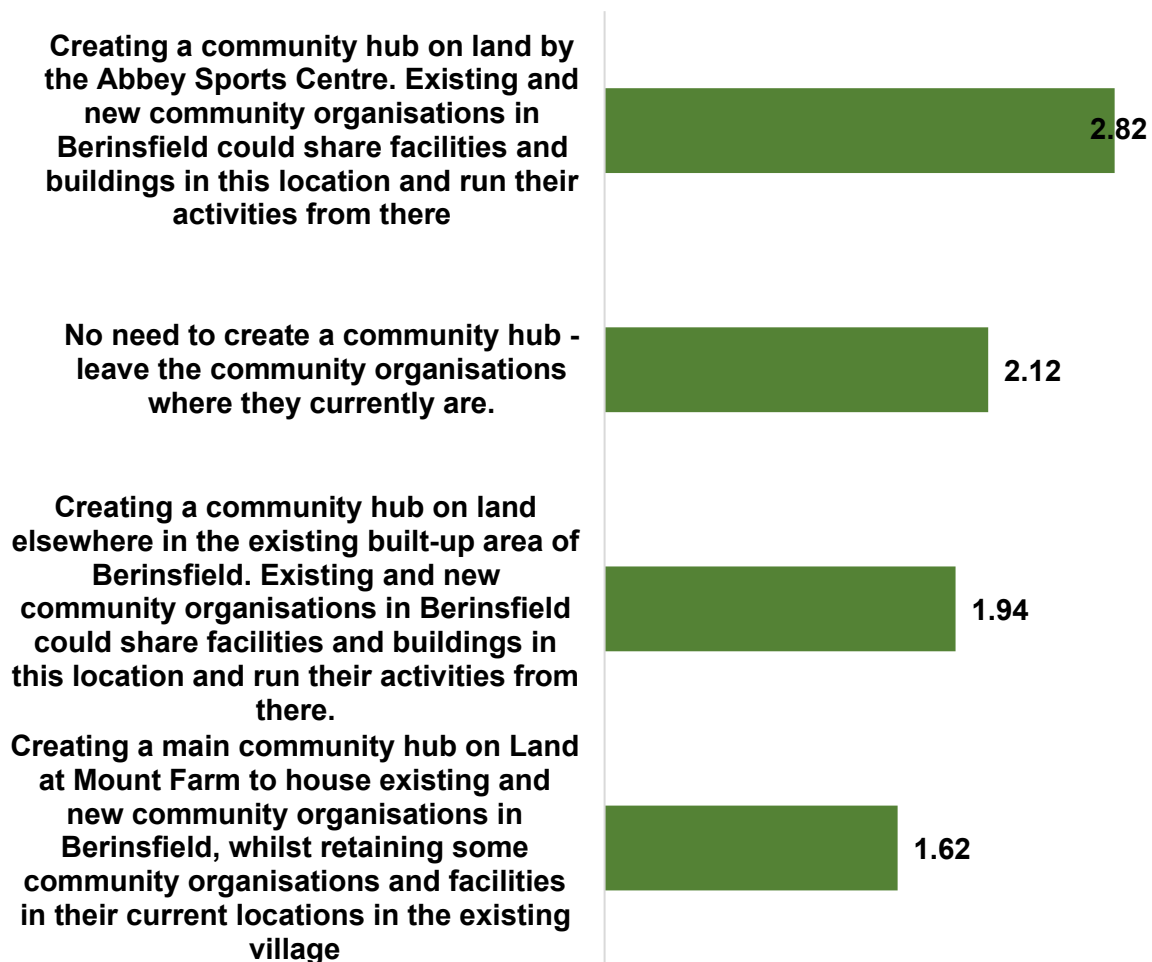
By analysing the options' relative ranking, we are able to conclude that the proposal that obtained the highest preference was *"Creating a community hub by the Abbey Sports Centre. Existing and new community organisations in Berinsfield could share facilities and buildings in this location and run their activities from there"*.

The second most liked proposal was *"No need to create a community hub – leave the community organisations where they currently are"*, followed by *"Creating a community hub on land elsewhere in the existing built-up area of Berinsfield. Existing and new community organisations in Berinsfield could share facilities and buildings in this location and run their activities from there"*.

Finally, the proposal which obtained the lowest preference was *"Creating a main community hub on land at Mount Farm to house existing and new community organisations in Berinsfield, whilst retaining some community organisations and facilities in their current locations in the existing village"*.

Please see chart below for a summary of the findings for this question.





CAN YOU SUGGEST ANY ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY HUB?

30 per cent of comments did not suggest any alternative locations for the community hub, whilst another 15 per cent expressed other or unrelated views.

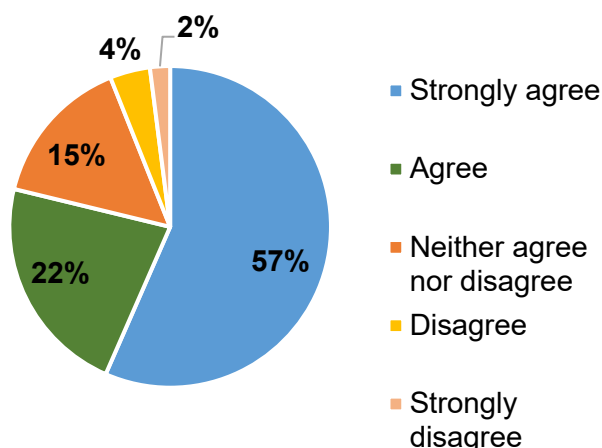
Ten per cent of comments asked that the existing services not be moved from their current locations, whilst another ten per cent indicated 'the area near or around the water tower' as an alternative location.

Additional locations suggested by respondents are:

- Land between the A4074 and Berinsfield (Five per cent)
- The area between the Berin centre and the church (Five per cent)
- The BCA (Five per cent)
- Fane Drive, alongside the existing shop (Costcutters, five per cent)
- Carboot field/ café area (Five per cent)
- Current or new school site (both five per cent each).



QUESTION 6: HOW FAR DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE CONTINUITY AND STABILITY OF THE EXISTING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND FACILITIES IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE DELIVERY OF NEW ONES ON LAND AT MOUNT FARM"?



- Most respondents strongly agreed with this statement (57 per cent).
- An additional 22 per cent said they agree with this.
- Six per cent disagreed with the statement, including two per cent who strongly disagreed.

QUESTION 7: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW.

We received 33 responses to the above question.

Almost a third of all comments expressed the necessity to improve and/or expand the existing spaces and facilities in Berinsfield (32 per cent). 18 per cent of comments conveyed the importance of remaining one village.

Smaller proportions of the comments made asked for the following improvements:

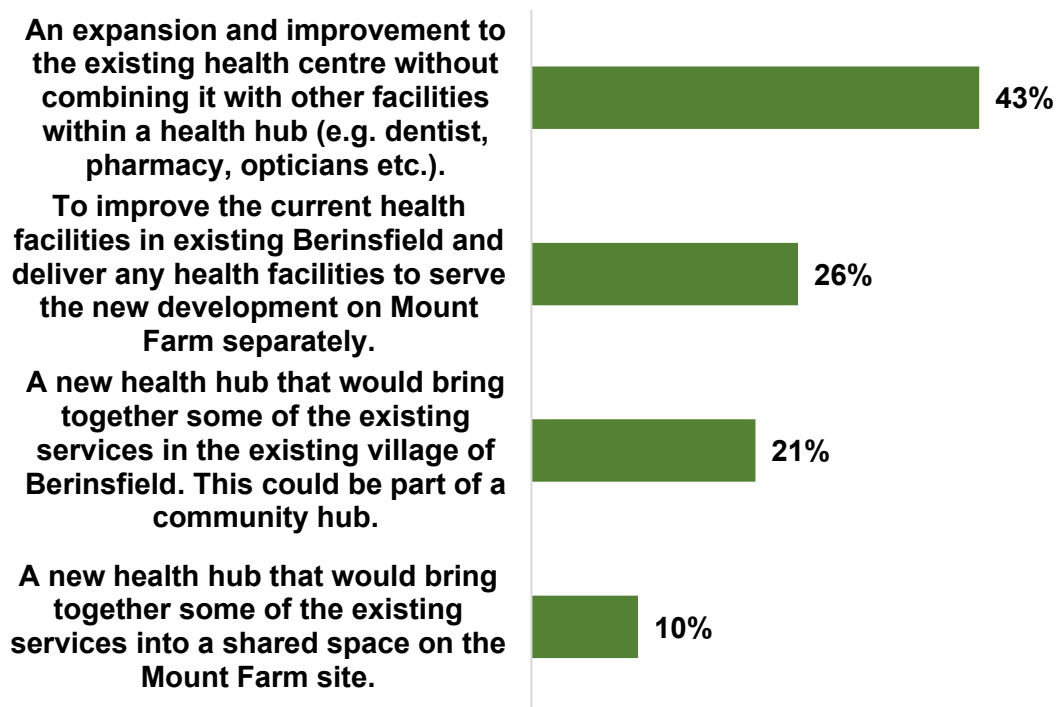
- To improve roads and footpaths (11 per cent)
- More parking (eight per cent)
- More and better shops (five per cent)
- To improve the sewage system (five per cent).

HEALTH

QUESTION 8: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS DO YOU THINK IS MOST IMPORTANT?

Although no clear majority emerged among respondents, the largest group selected "An expansion and improvement to the existing health centre without combining it with other facilities within a health hub (e.g. dentist, pharmacy, opticians etc)". This option was considered the most important one by 43 per cent of respondents.





Two additional comments were made in relation to the above question:

BHLF-BQD2-SD1B-K	More doctors, phone line always ask when its personal, not many services
BHLF-BQD2-SD1Y-A	Q was not answered correctly - selected option 2 + 3

QUESTION 9: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON HEALTH, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW

We received 25 comments relating to 'Health'.

Almost a third of all comments expressed satisfaction with the existing health centre (31 per cent). 24 per cent of comments asked for a health hub to be created in Berinsfield.

14 per cent would like the current health centre and pharmacy to be improved and/or expanded. Ten per cent would like the existing health centre to offer additional services (e.g. mental health support or a dentist).

Seven per cent of comments expressed lack of support for the idea of a new health hub.

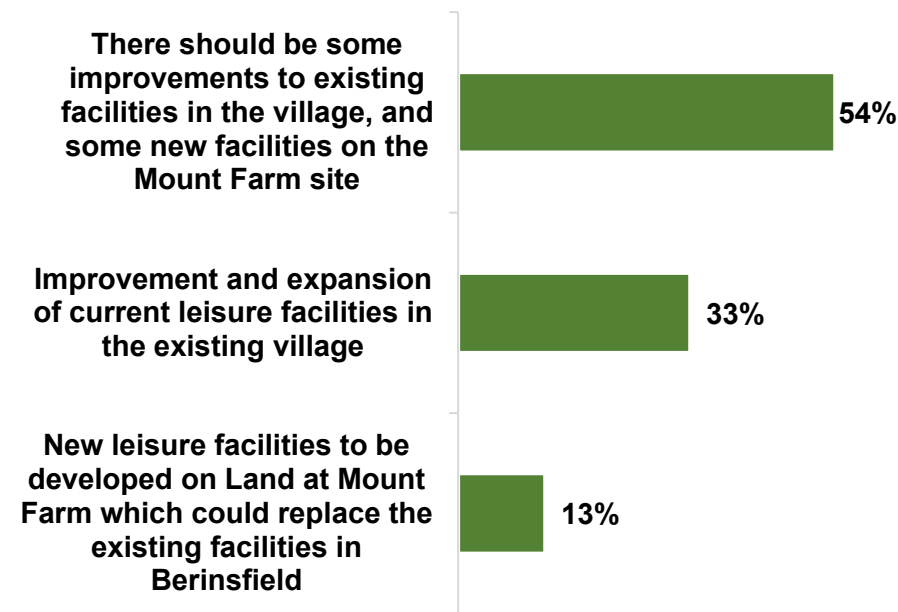


SPORTS, LEISURE AND RECREATION

QUESTION 10: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS DO YOU THINK IS MOST IMPORTANT?

The majority of respondents selected “*There should be some improvements to existing facilities in the village, and some new facilities on the Mount Farm site*” as the most important option (54 per cent).

The second most important option was “*Improvement and expansion of current leisure facilities in the existing village*”, which was selected by 33 per cent of respondents.



One additional comment was made in relation to the above question:

BHLF-BQD2-SD1Y-A	Q was not answered correctly – selected option 1 + 3
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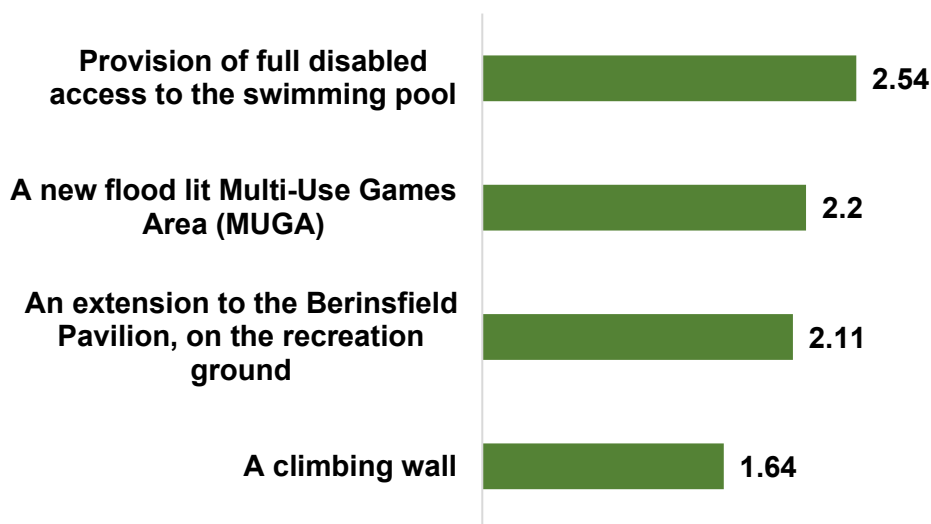
QUESTION 11: IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE NEW TYPES OF SPORTS PROVISION, WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE MOST? PLEASE RANK THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS ACCORDING TO YOUR PREFERENCE, WITH 1 BEING YOUR FAVOURITE ONE, AND 4 YOUR LEAST FAVOURITE.

The analysis of the options’ relative ranking shows that the proposal that obtained the highest preference was “*Provision of full disabled access to the swimming pool*”.

The second most liked proposal was “*A new flood lit Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)*”, which was followed closely by “*An extension to the Berinsfield Pavillion, on the recreation ground*”.

Please see the chart below for a summary of the findings for this question.





QUESTION 12: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON SPORT, LEISURE AND RECREATION, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW

We received 33 comments in relation to Sports, Leisure and Recreation.

The largest group of comments expressed the need to improve the existing recreational and sports fields (e.g. football pitches, rugby field). This was mentioned in 35 per cent of comments.

16 per cent of comments indicated the need to make access to sport activities cheaper, whilst 14 per cent would like to see more activities/facilities for old, young and disabled people.

Smaller proportions of the comments made indicated the need for the following improvements:

- To improve the Pavillion to provide access to a wider range of sports (five per cent)
- To improve the sports centre and its offer (five per cent)
- To create a new sports hub on new development (five per cent)
- To improve footpaths (five per cent).

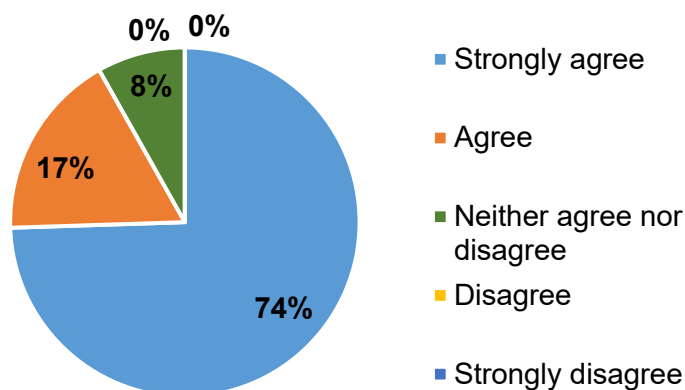
WARMER HOMES AND REDUCED ENERGY BILLS

QUESTION 13: HOW FAR DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

Statement No.1: *“I would support improving all existing homes in Berinsfield to keep them warmer and reduce energy bills.”*

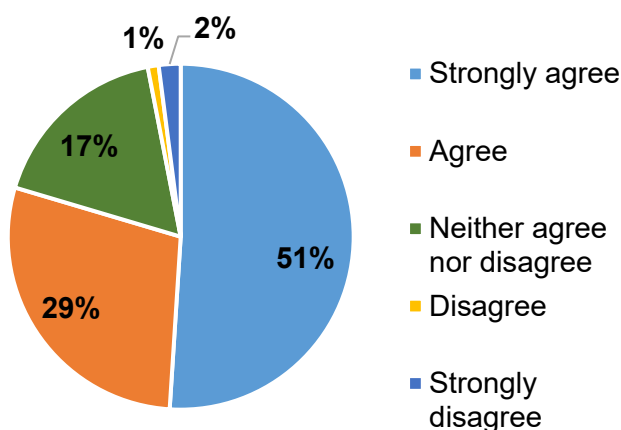
A large majority of respondents strongly agreed with the above statement (74 per cent), with an additional 17 per cent agreeing with it.





Statement No.2: *“I would like to see more opportunities for renewable and community-owned energy projects, to help new and existing residents reduce their carbon emissions and energy bills.”*

A majority of respondents strongly agreed with the above statement (51 per cent), and an additional 29 per cent agreed with it.



QUESTION 14: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON WARMER HOMES AND REDUCED ENERGY BILLS, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW

22 comments were received in response to this question. The largest group of comments proposed to install solar panels around the village or provide financial support to install solar panels (27 per cent).

18 per cent of comments proposed to install solar panels on all village buildings in order to generate excess energy to benefit all residents, and another 18 per cent of comments asked for solar panels to be installed on all new properties.



Smaller proportions of the comments made expressed the following views or ideas:

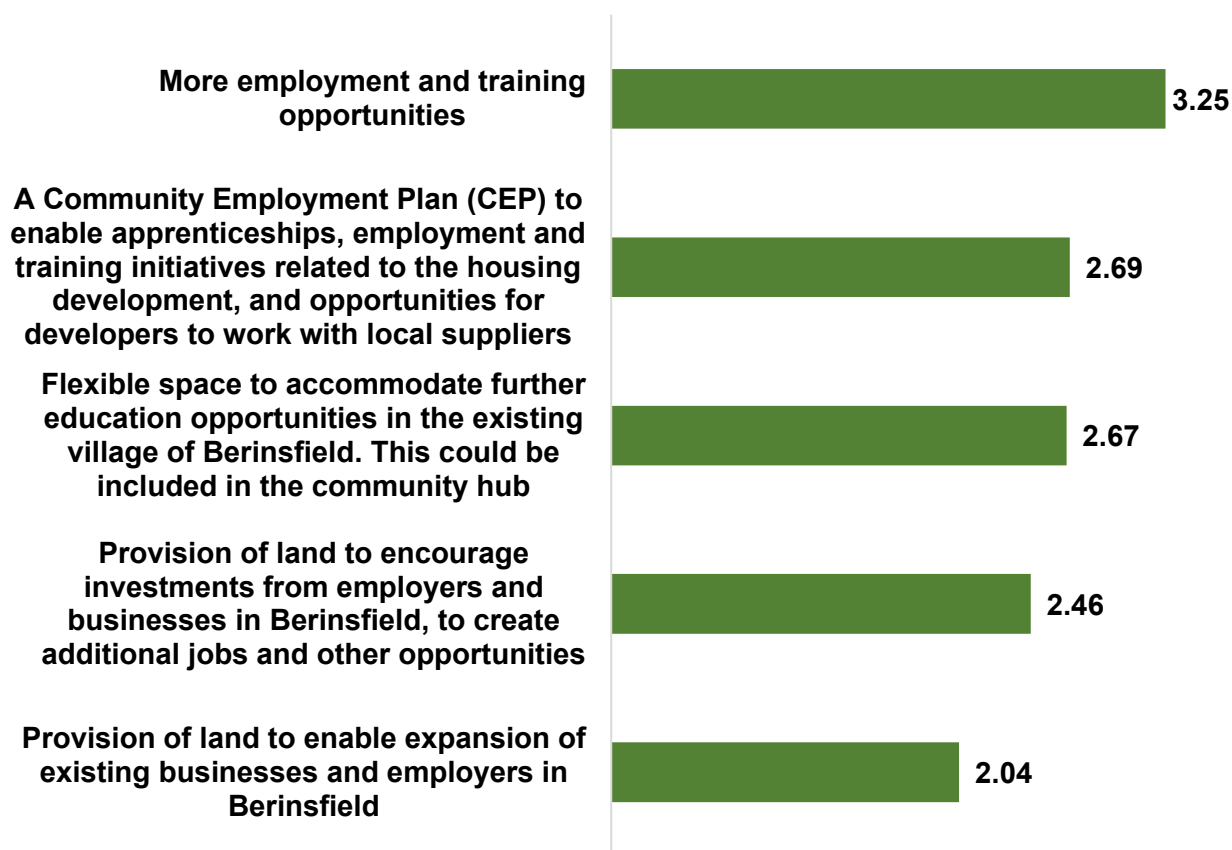
- That energy efficient solutions are often unaffordable (14 per cent)
- Energy efficiency could be achieved by installing wind turbines and insulating properties (14 per cent)
- It would be good if energy efficiency could generate income to help run local activities and services (nine per cent).

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

QUESTION 15: PLEASE RANK THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS ACCORDING TO YOUR PREFERENCE, WITH 1 BEING YOUR FAVOURITE AND 5 YOUR LEAST FAVOURITE

“More employment and training opportunities” was the option that respondents ranked highest among the alternatives.

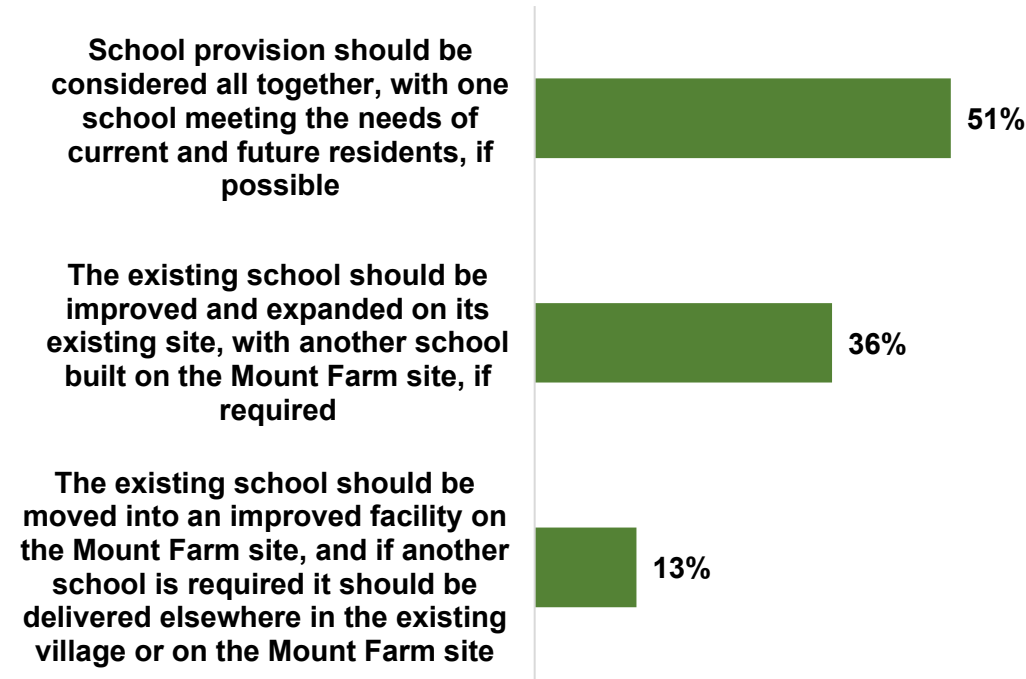
The second highest ranked option was *“A Community Employment Plan (CEP) to enable apprenticeships, employment and training initiatives related to the housing development, and opportunities for developers to work with local suppliers”*, which was followed very closely by *“Flexible space to accommodate further education opportunities in the existing village of Berinsfield. This could be included in the community hub”*.



QUESTION 16: NEW EDUCATION PROVISION IS DETERMINED BY SEVERAL FACTORS, MEANING THAT IT'S NOT YET AGREED WHAT FUTURE EDUCATION PROVISION WILL LOOK LIKE AND OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AS THE LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY WILL ULTIMATELY NEED TO DECIDE UPON THIS. GIVEN THE CHOICE, HOWEVER, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS DO YOU MOST AGREE WITH?

A majority of respondents selected “*School provision should be considered all together, with one school meeting the needs of current and future residents, if possible*” as the statement they most agreed with” (51 per cent).

The second statement that respondents most agreed with is “*The existing school should be improved and expanded on its existing site, with another school built on the Mount Farm site, if required*”, which was selected by 36 per cent.



One additional comment was made in relation to the above question:

BHLF-BQD2-SD1Y-A	They ranked answer options 1 and 3 as joint 1st.
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QUESTION 17: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW

39 comments were made in relation to Education, Skills and Employment. Of them, 25 per cent expressed the need to have local education facilities, including a secondary school.

18 per cent would like the existing primary school to be improved and renovated.

12 per cent said that there should be one school only in Berinsfield, either on the new site or the existing village.

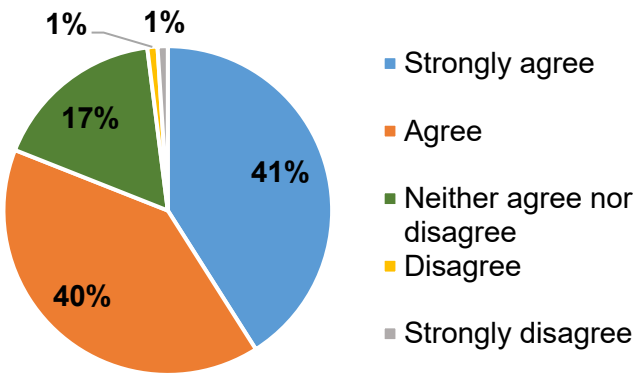
Eight per cent would like to see more training and further education opportunities in Berinsfield.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

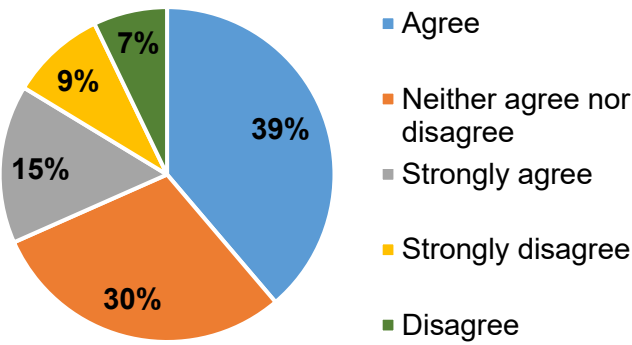
QUESTION 18: HOW FAR DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

Statement 1: *“I would like to see the existing housing stock owned by Registered Providers/Housing Associations in Berinsfield improved.”*

- A large majority of respondents agreed with this statement, with 41 per cent strongly agreeing and 40 per cent agreeing with it.
- Two per cent disagreed with this statement, including one per cent who strongly disagreed.
- 17 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed with it.



Statement 2: *“I would like to see opportunities for people to buy single plots and build or customise their own homes on Land at Mount Farm.”*

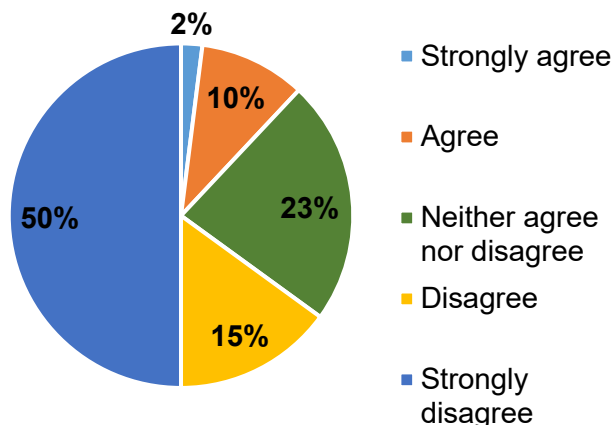


- Most respondents agreed with this statement, with 39 per cent agreeing and 15 per cent strongly agreeing with it.
- 30 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement.
- 16 per cent disagreed with it, including nine per cent who strongly disagreed.

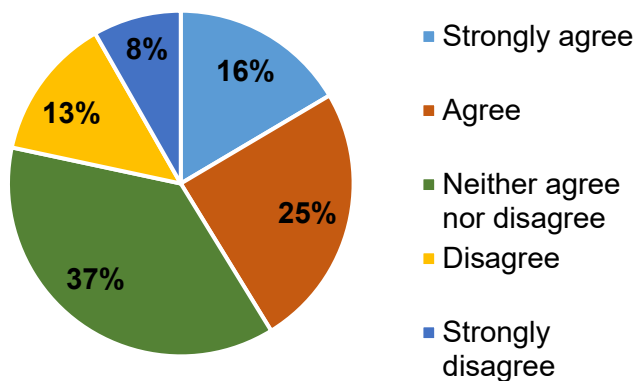


Statement 3: *“It is important to deliver pitches for gypsies and travellers on Land at Mount Farm.”*

- A majority of respondents disagreed with this statement, with 50 per cent strongly disagreeing and 15 per cent disagreeing with it.
- 23 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed with it.
- 12 per cent agreed with it, including two per cent who strongly agreed.



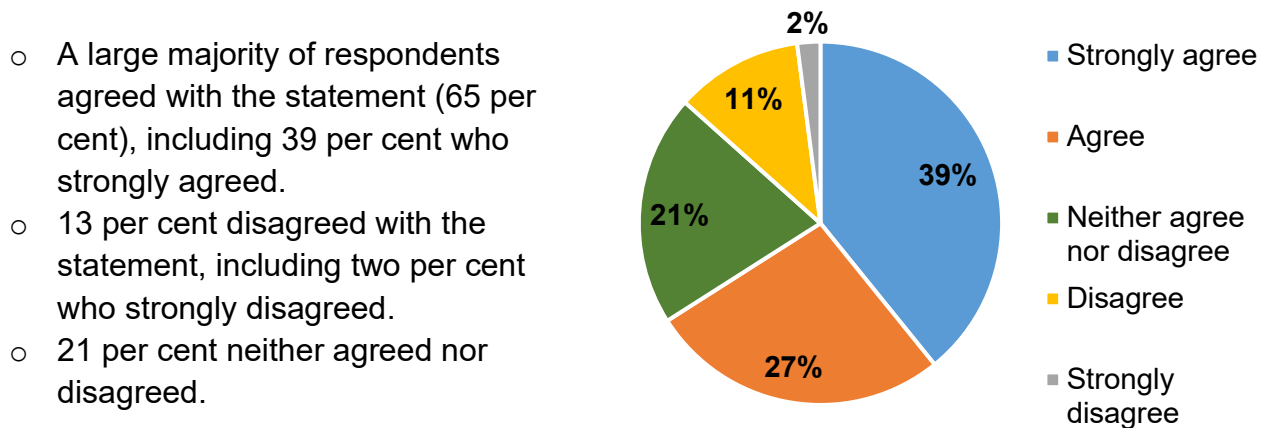
Statement 4: *“It is important to deliver more housing for single occupancy, which could include homes where people can live in one household but share amenities like a kitchen.”*



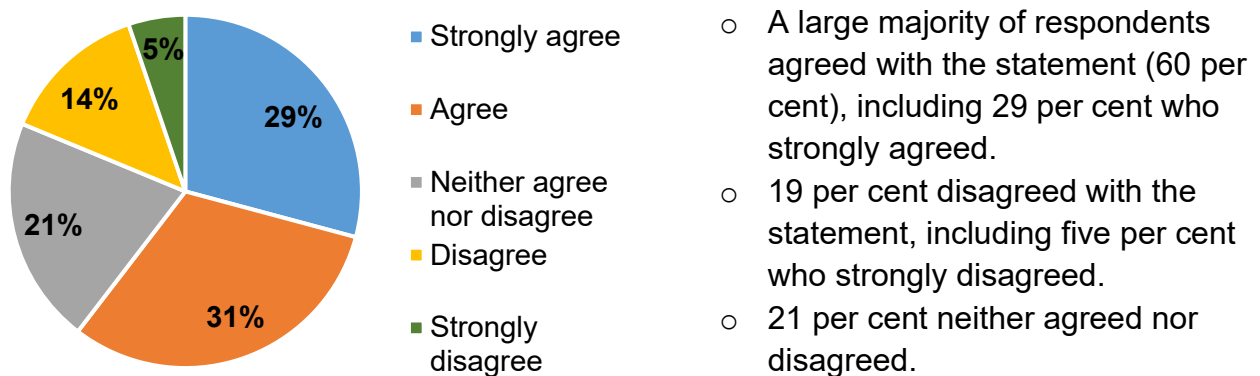
- No clear majority emerged with respect to this statement, however, more respondents agreed with it (41 per cent) than disagreed (16 per cent).
- 37 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement.



Statement 5: *“It’s more important to invest in the improvement of current facilities in existing Berinsfield, than to deliver a higher percentage of affordable or social rent housing.”*

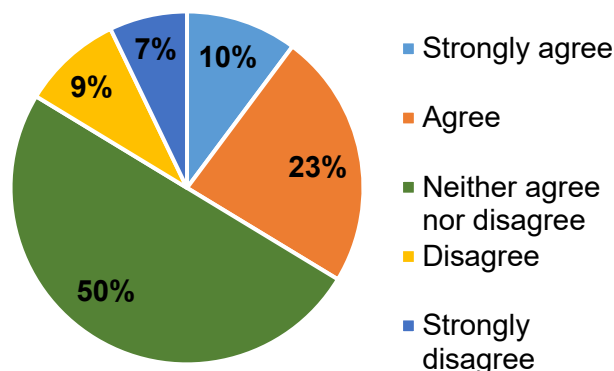


Statement 6: *“It’s more important to invest in the improvement of current facilities in existing Berinsfield, than to deliver a higher percentage of affordable housing for home ownership (e.g. Shared Ownership) on Land at Mount Farm.”*

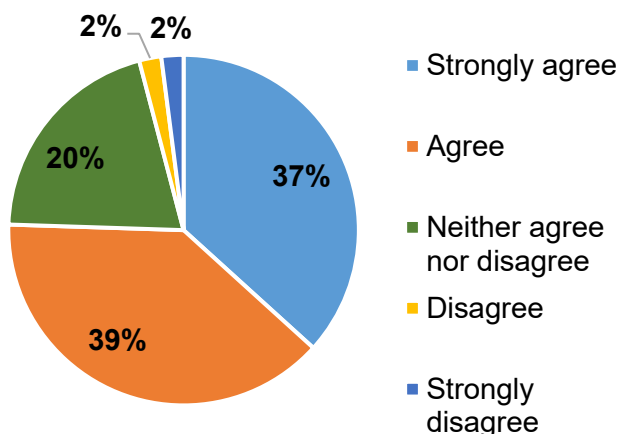


Statement 7: *“It is important to me that some of the affordable or shared ownership housing is community-owned, for example by a community land trust”.*

- No clear majority emerged with respect to this statement, however, more respondents agreed with it (33 per cent) than disagreed (16 per cent).
- 50 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed.



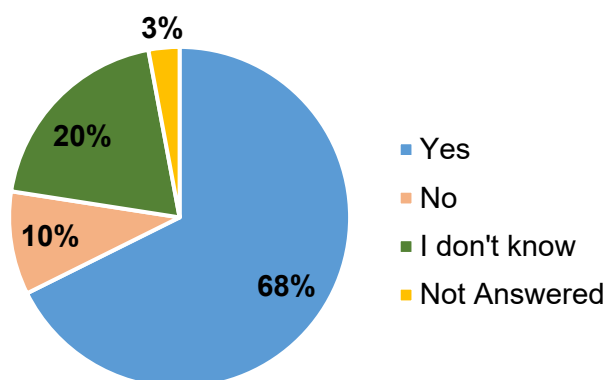
Statement 8: *“It is important to me that some of the affordable or shared ownership housing is community-owned, for example by a community land trust”.*



- A large majority of respondents agreed with the statement (76 per cent), including 37 per cent who strongly agreed.
- Four per cent disagreed with the statement, including two per cent who strongly disagreed.
- 20 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed.



QUESTION 19: SHOULD THE RESIDENTS OF EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN BERINSFIELD BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO MOVE TO THE NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON MOUNT FARM WHEN IT IS COMPLETED?



- A large majority of respondents responded 'yes' to the above question (68 per cent), thus agreeing with the proposal that residents of existing affordable housing should be given the option to move to new affordable housing on Mount Farm.
- Ten per cent did not agree with this.

Respondents made 21 additional comments. Of them, 20 per cent expressed lack of support for this option, on the basis that such residents already have affordable housing. 16 per cent are instead in favour of the proposal, whilst another 16 per cent said that they don't know, and it depends on the circumstances.

The following comments were also made in relation to this proposal:

- Existing homes should be improved (eight per cent)
- Specific groups should have priority (eight per cent)
- Residents of affordable homes should look after them (eight per cent)
- New affordable homes are not going to be cheaper (eight per cent)
- Against the new development (eight per cent).

QUESTION 20: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW.

29 comments were made on this topic. Almost a third of all comments made expressed the need for affordable housing to be cheaper, as it is often not truly affordable (32 per cent).

21 per cent of comments asked for the right mix of homes to be delivered in the village, including one/two beds apartments and accessible homes. Comments also asked for a mix of tenures (e.g. affordable homes, social housing, shared ownership etc.).

18 per cent said that more homes are needed in Berinsfield, including affordable homes.

The following additional comments were made by respondents:

- New homes (including affordable ones) should be offered to Berinsfield residents first (nine per cent)
- Less social housing in Berinsfield (six per cent)

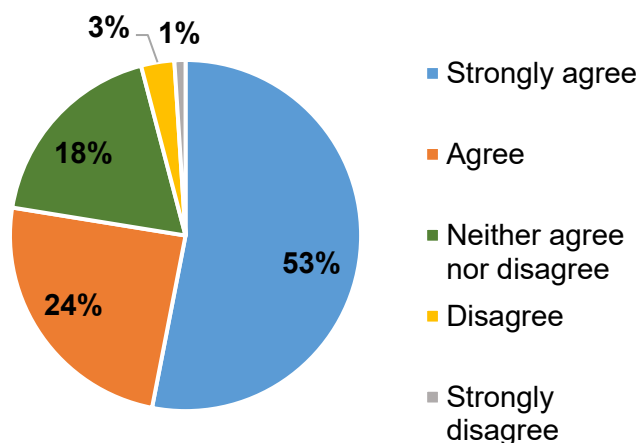


- Include supported living for young people (six per cent)

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

QUESTION 21: HOW FAR DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CONSISTENT DESIGN FOR THINGS SUCH AS STREET SIGNS, BUS STOPS, SEATING AND NOTICE BOARDS ACROSS ALL THE EXISTING AND FUTURE AREAS OF BERINSFIELD"?

A large majority of respondents agreed with the above statement (77 per cent), including 53 per cent who strongly agreed. Conversely, four per cent disagreed with the statement, with one per cent strongly disagreeing.



QUESTION 22: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW.

18 comments were made on the topic of Design and Implementation. Just over a third of comments asked for infrastructure and design to be consistent around Berinsfield.

26 per cent said that the existing infrastructure and design need improving, whilst 22 per cent expressed the importance of remaining one village.

MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES

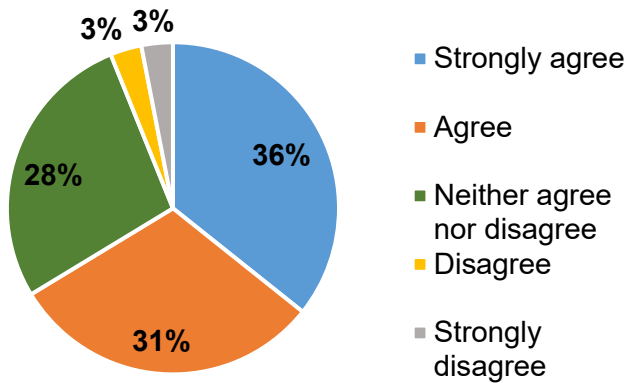
QUESTION 23: HOW FAR DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONE ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING AND FUTURE COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND OPEN SPACES IN BERINSFIELD?

A large majority of respondents agreed that there should be one organisation responsible for



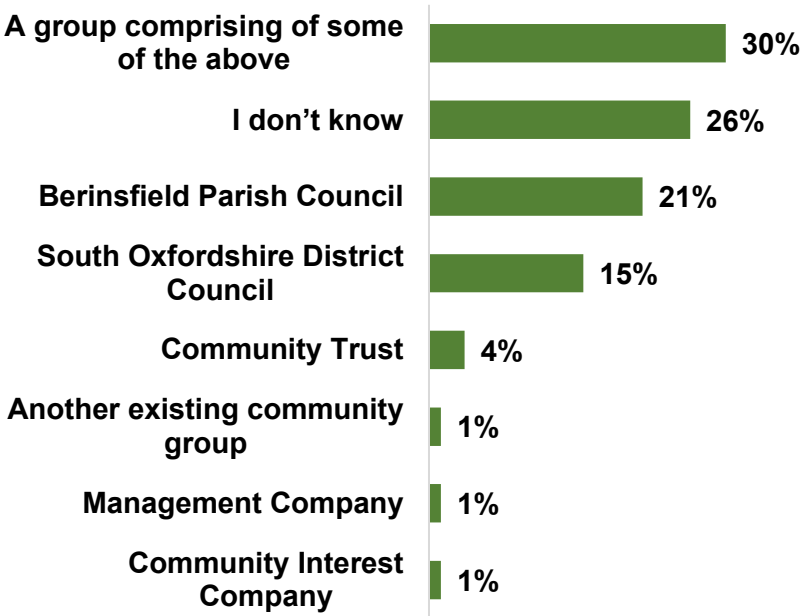
the management of buildings and open spaces in Berinsfield (67 per cent), including 36 per cent who strongly agreed.

Conversely, six per cent disagreed with this proposal, including three per cent who strongly disagreed. 28 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed with it.



QUESTION 24: IF YOU RESPONDED 'AGREE' OR 'STRONGLY AGREE' TO THE ABOVE QUESTION, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGEMENT?

The largest group of respondents selected the option “A group comprising of some of the above” (30 per cent). 26 per cent said that they don’t know, whilst 21 per cent chose ‘Berinsfield Parish Council’.



QUESTION 25: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW.

23 comments were received on this topic. Within these comments, the following views were expressed:

- The governance structure must be managed locally (14 per cent)
- Involve residents in the improvement of the village (14 per cent)
- Politics makes governance more difficult (14 per cent)
- I oppose central governance (11 per cent)
- Parish council/District Council can manage facilities and open spaces (11 per cent)
- In favour of central governing structure (11 per cent)
- Improve public spaces (11 per cent)
- Keep the governing body public (11 per cent).

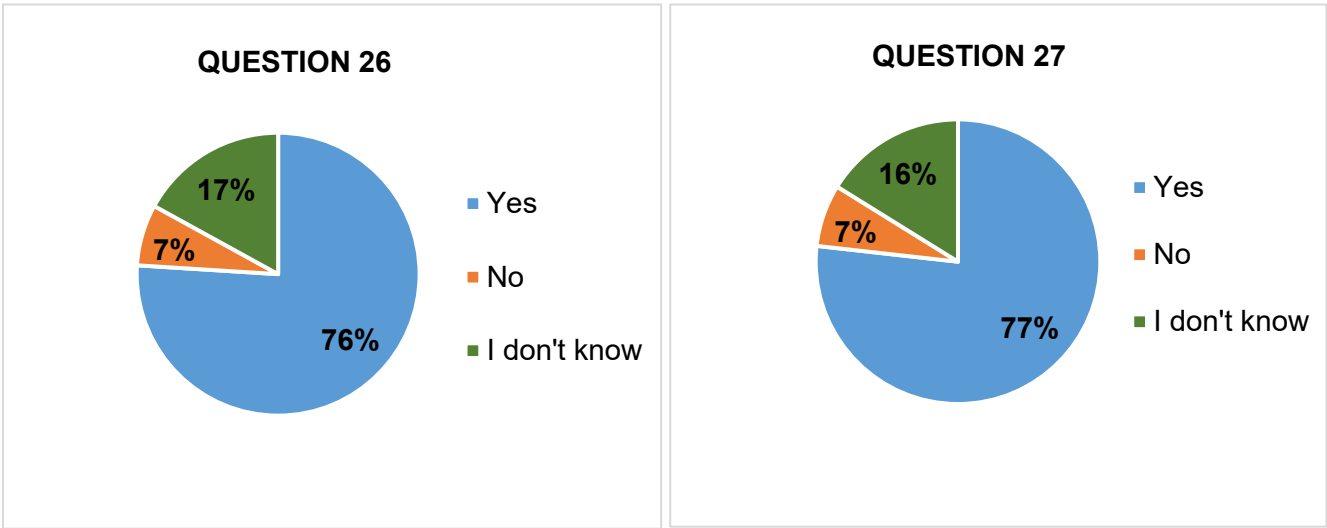
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION 26: WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER SUPPORTING THE INTEGRATION OF EXISTING AND NEW RESIDENTS WHILST WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES?

The vast majority of respondents responded ‘yes’ to the above question, thus indicating that they would like to see a Community Development worker in Berinsfield (76 per cent).

QUESTION 27: WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AN ACTIVE COMMUNITIES OUTREACH WORKER SUPPORTING RESIDENTS IN BERINSFIELD WITH THEIR HEALTH AND FITNESS?

The vast majority of respondents responded ‘yes’ to the above question, thus indicating that they would like to see an Active Communities Outreach worker in Berinsfield (77 per cent).



QUESTION 28: IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW.

18 comments were received on this topic. Of them, 20 per cent mentioned that other services and activities are needed in Berinsfield. Another 20 per cent expressed support for the community roles.

The following additional comments were made by respondents:

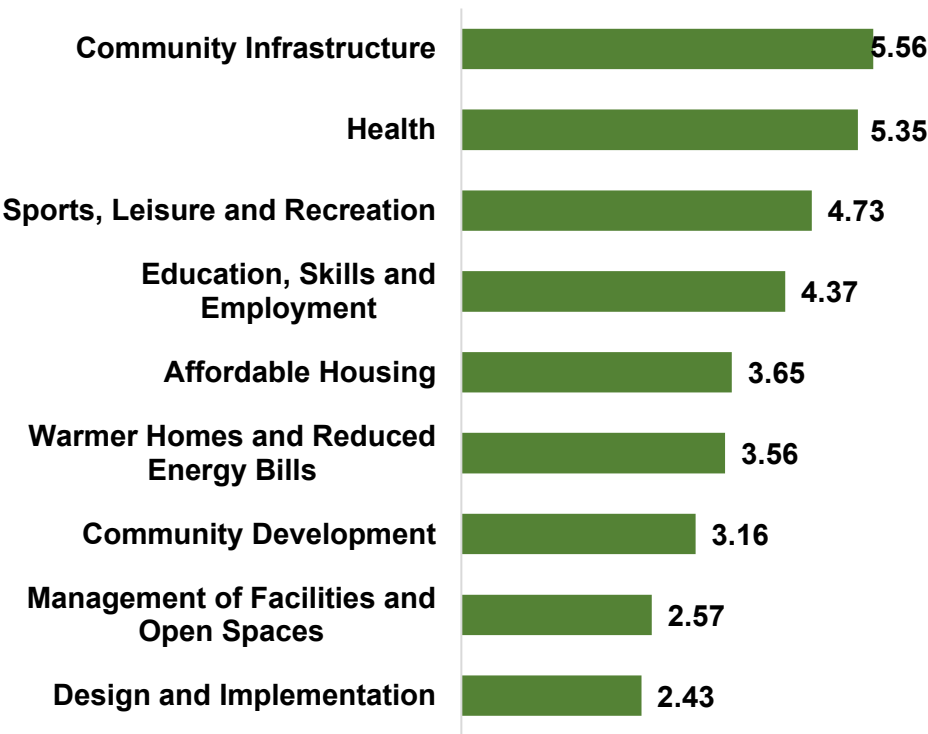
- All local organisations should cooperate (15 per cent)
- Keep the community together’ (ten per cent)
- If local opportunities were available, outreach workers would not be needed (ten per cent)
- I am not in favour of outreach workers or other roles (five per cent).

YOUR PRIORITIES

QUESTION 29: HAVING READ OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE DIFFERENT THEMES OF THE BERINSFIELD REGENERATION STRATEGY, PLEASE RANK EACH THEME ACCORDING TO HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO YOU, WITH 1 BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT THEME, AND 9 THE LEAST IMPORTANT ONE.

The most important theme for respondents is ‘Community Infrastructure’, which was followed very closely by ‘Health’. The full list of themes according to their ranking is provided below.

The least relevant theme for respondents is ‘Design and Implementation’.



QUESTION 30: HAVING READ OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE DIFFERENT THEMES OF THE BERINSFIELD REGENERATION STRATEGY, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHICH ONE(S) YOU THINK SHOULD BE DELIVERED BEFORE ANY NEW HOMES ARE BUILT ON MOUNT FARM, WHICH ONE(S) SHOULD BE DELIVERED AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOMES, AND WHICH ONE(S) SHOULD BE DEALT-WITH LONGER TERMS, PERHAPS ONCE MOST HOMES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED.

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE	75 per cent	24 per cent	1 per cent
HEALTH	55 per cent	41 per cent	4 per cent
SPORTS, LEISURE AND RECREATION	56 per cent	32 per cent	12 per cent
RETROFITTING AND COMMUNITY ENERGY	54 per cent	35 per cent	11 per cent
EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT	60 per cent	30 per cent	10 per cent
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	40 per cent	52 per cent	8 per cent
DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION	39 per cent	41 per cent	20 per cent
MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES	48 per cent	35 per cent	17 per cent
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	64 per cent	27 per cent	9 per cent



For all themes except three, Affordable Housing, Design and Implementation, and Management of Facilities and Open Spaces, the majority of respondents would like their relative proposals to be delivered before new homes are built at Mount Farm. This is particularly the case for Community Infrastructure (75 per cent said so), Community Development (64 per cent) and Education, Skills and Employment (60 per cent).

ANYTHING ELSE?

QUESTION 31: IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE BERINSFIELD REGENERATION STRATEGY, PLEASE PROVIDE THEM BELOW.

31 answers were provided in response to the above question.

Respondents expressed views on several topics. The most mentioned view was the need to improve the existing village of Berinsfield (40 per cent of comments). Respondents particularly stressed the importance of improving roads and footpaths, increasing parking and fixing the current draining system which they say is responsible for flooding.

11 per cent of comments expressed lack of support for the new housing development in Berinsfield, and another 11 per cent said the comment form, and specifically question 29, was not easy to respond to.

The following comments were also made by respondents:

- Keep residents involved in the regeneration process and informed (nine per cent)
- It's important to stay as one village (nine per cent).
- Comments on social and affordable housing (nine per cent).

Finally, six per cent asked for the existing facilities and services to be preserved, and another six per cent would like the improvement of the existing village to take place before the new development on land at Mount Farm.



HOW WE HAVE USED RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION

Thank you for taking part to the Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy consultation.

The findings of this consultation will help us guide and inform regeneration opportunities in Berinsfield as part of Land at Mount Farm to ensure opportunities are maximised to deliver real improvement for the existing village. The comments received will contribute to shaping the Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy, which in turn will seek to encourage, through the planning process, the investment of funding from the development of Mount Farm in residents' priorities to achieve the change they require in Berinsfield.

The Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy is due to be presented to Cabinet in autumn 2025, and formally adopted following the outcome of the council's Joint Local Plan 2041 Examination.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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