

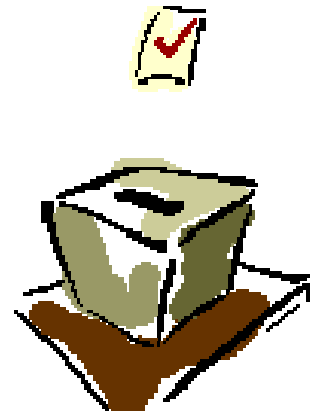
Staplehurst Opinion Survey

Results as at May 2008

Staplehurst Partnership & Action Plan Group

The Need for Opinions

- Policy making should be evidence based.
- Any future grant applications must be supported by clear evidence of need.
- Collecting views and opinions can be a very time consuming process.

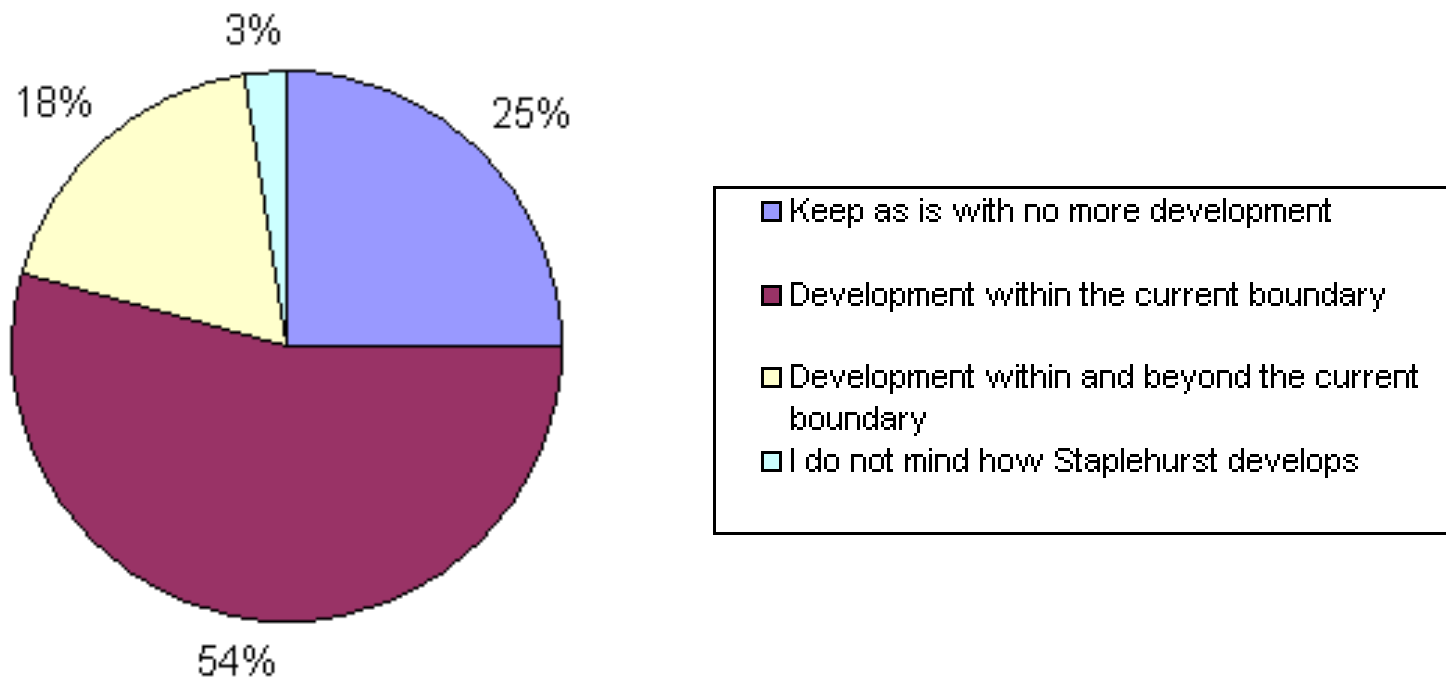


E-Survey Overview

- **Opinion Survey went live 1st February 2008**
- **120 Respondents as of 10th May 2008**
- **Good geographic spread:**
 - **Responses from 66 different Staplehurst postcodes.**
- **The e-Survey continues to be available and participation will be promoted on an ongoing basis.**



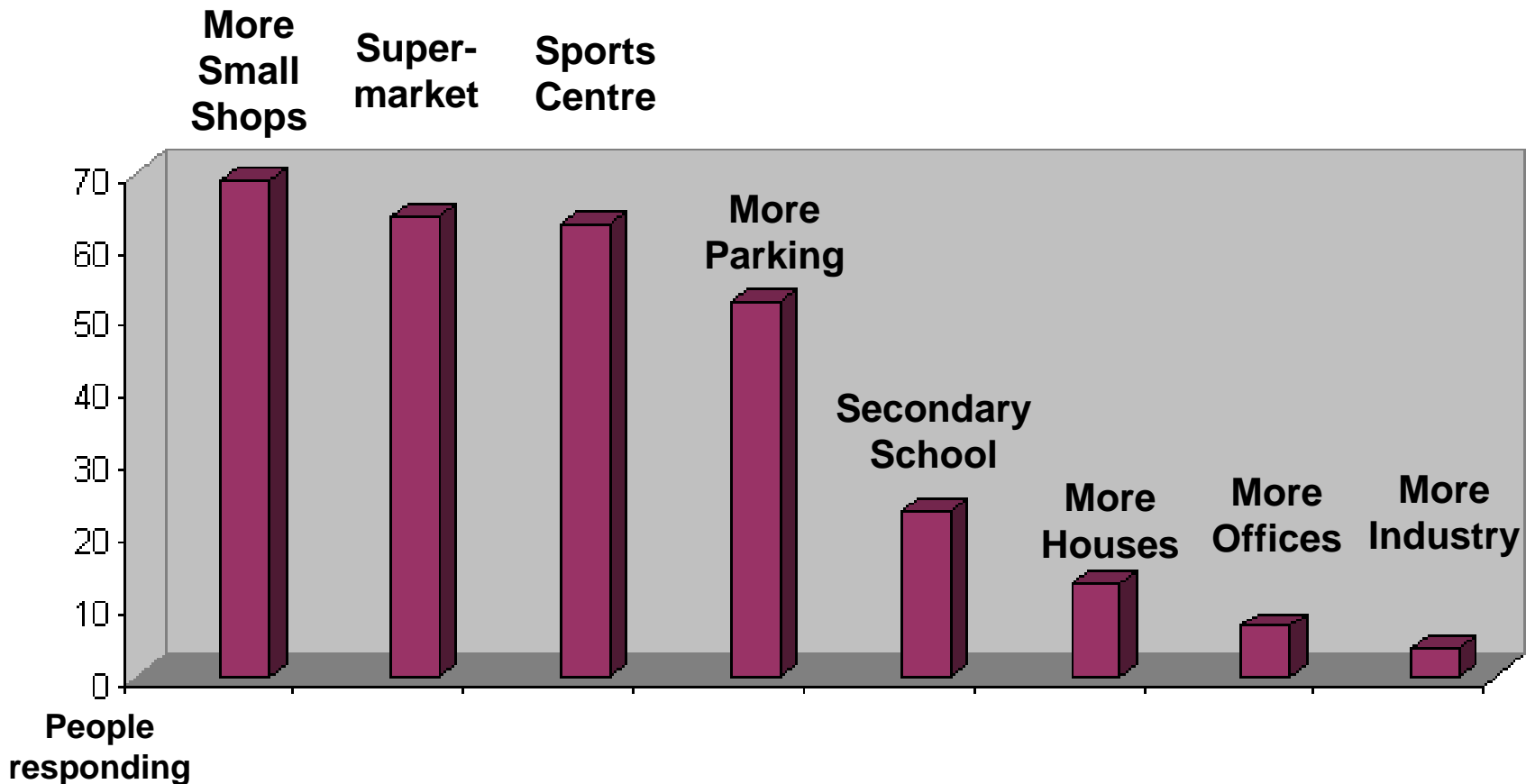
Q2. How would you like to see Staplehurst develop?



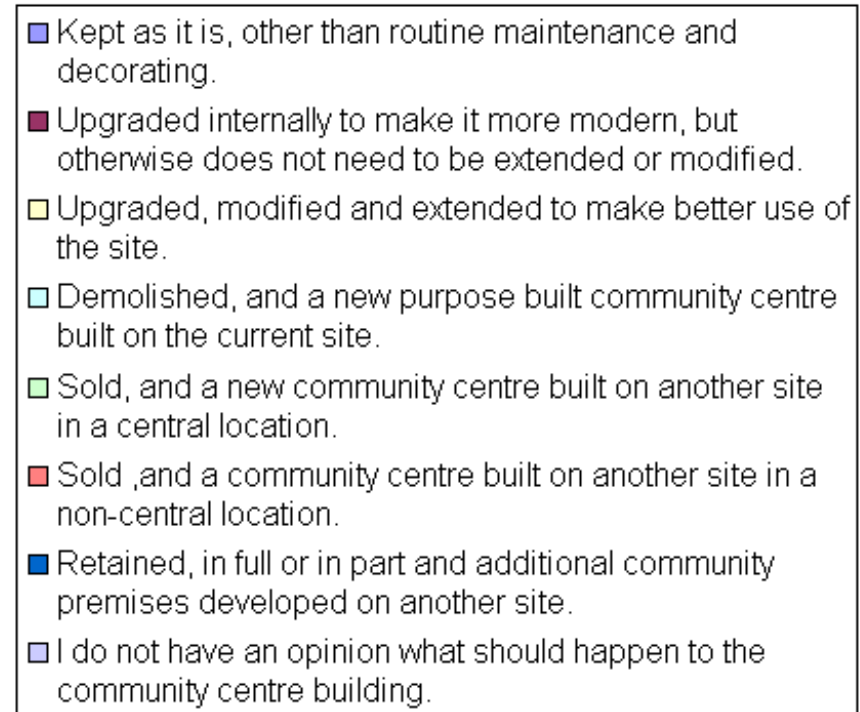
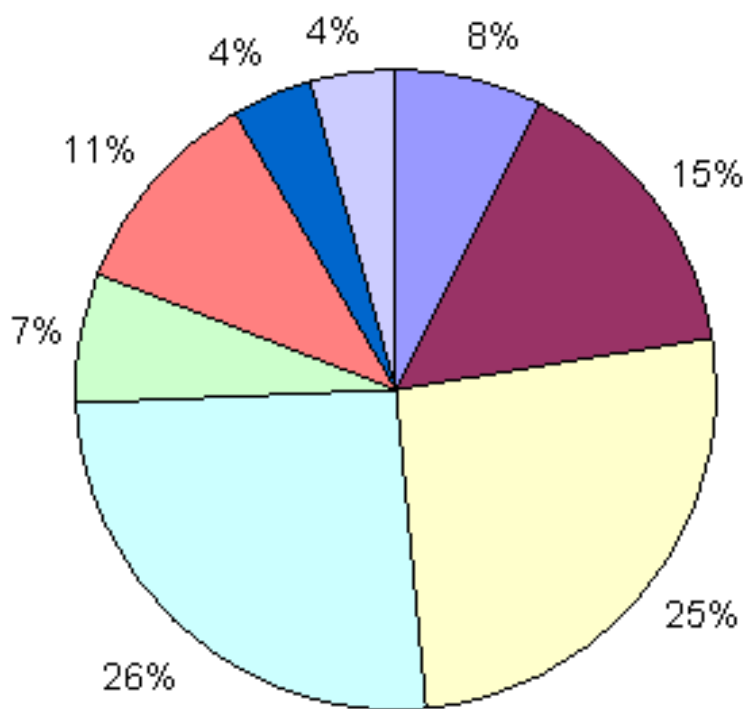
26 people who said “Keep as is” changed their minds when prompted.

After adjustment, 86% would like to see further development

Q4. What would you like to see provided?



Q7. What should happen to the Village Centre (old school building)

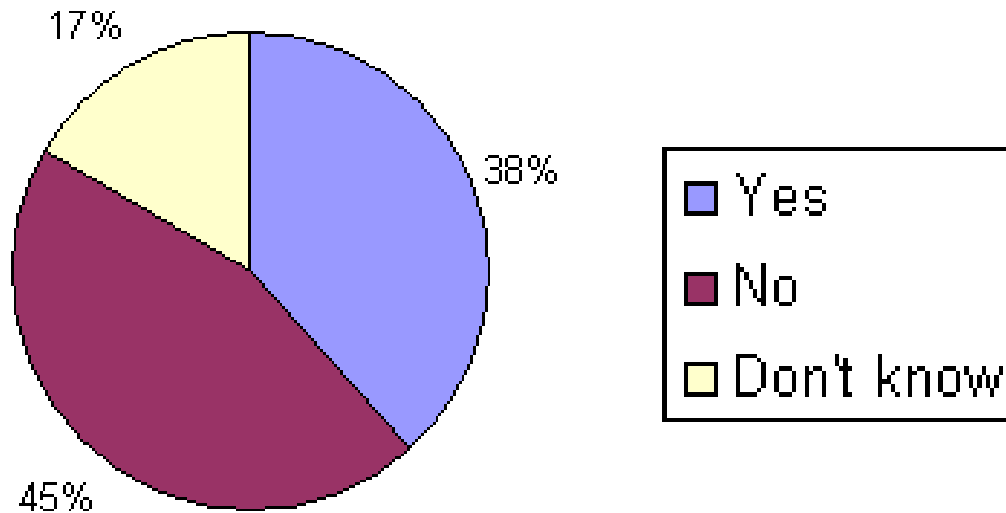


Improvement or redevelopment on current site: **74%**

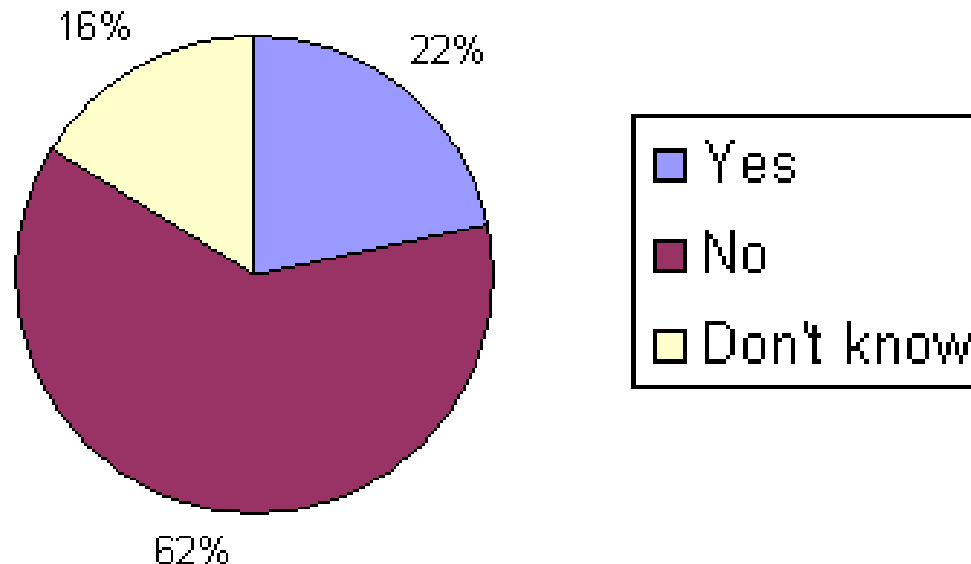
Sold and new community centre elsewhere: **18%**

Kept in full or in part AND additional community centre elsewhere: **4%**

Q8. Would you be prepared to have a council tax increase to fund Village Centre improvement/redevelopment?

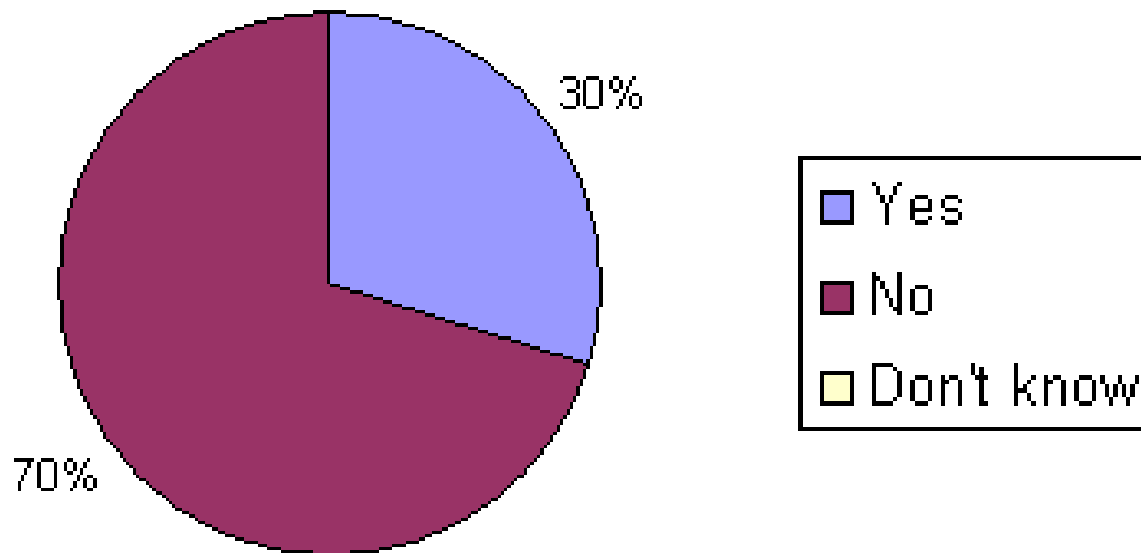


Q12. Are facilities for children and young people sufficient?



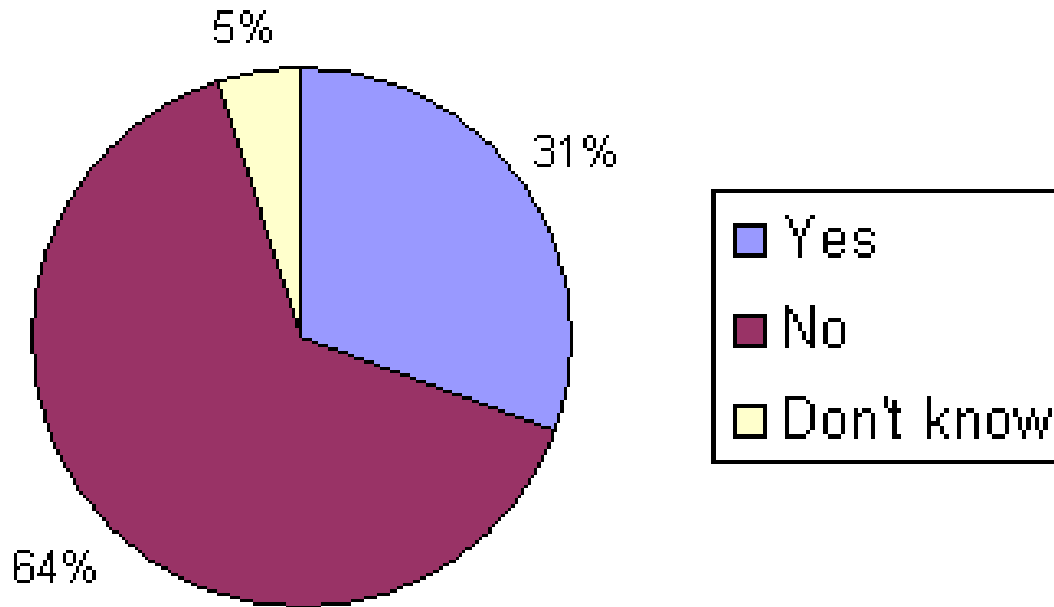
- **61% of respondents had an under 18 year old in their household**
- **Many requests and ideas for new activities and facilities submitted.**
- **24 people expressed interest in volunteering to help with youth work**

Q17. Is there sufficient parking generally in Staplehurst?



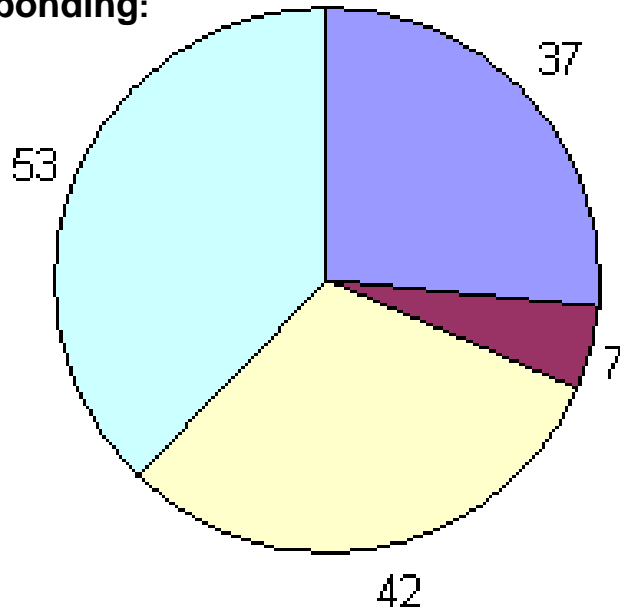
- **In favour of more parking at or near The Parade - 68%**
- **In favour of Time limited parking at The Parade – 85%**
- **In favour of Pay and Display at The Parade – 21%**
- **In favour of Council Tax increase to pay for improvements – 25%**

Q23. Are there sufficient static recycling facilities in Staplehurst?



Q24. How could static recycling facilities be improved?

People responding:



- Increase the facilities at the Bell Lane site
- Move the facilities from Bell Lane to another site
- Keep the Bell lane site and add new site(s) elsewhere
- Empty the Bell Lane facilities more frequently

Q26. Preference for public spending priorities

- 1. Cleaning and maintenance**
- 2. Community centre premises**
- 3. Recycling facilities**
- 4. Facilities for young people**
- 5. Traffic calming**
- 6. Improved parking**
- 7. Purchase of land for allotments**
- 8. Cycle paths**
- 9. Extension of the 30mph speed limit on Headcorn/Marden Roads**
- 10. Landscaping in the station area**
- 11. Traffic control at the Station Approach junction**
- 12. Removal of steps on west side of Church Hill**
- 13. New signage for visitors**

Thank you for your interest!

- Results from the Opinion Survey will be used to create and “Action Plan” for Staplehurst. It will also influence policy and decision making generally.
- Please take part in the e-survey if you have not done so already:

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