

Heslington Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Responses from PG students (99)

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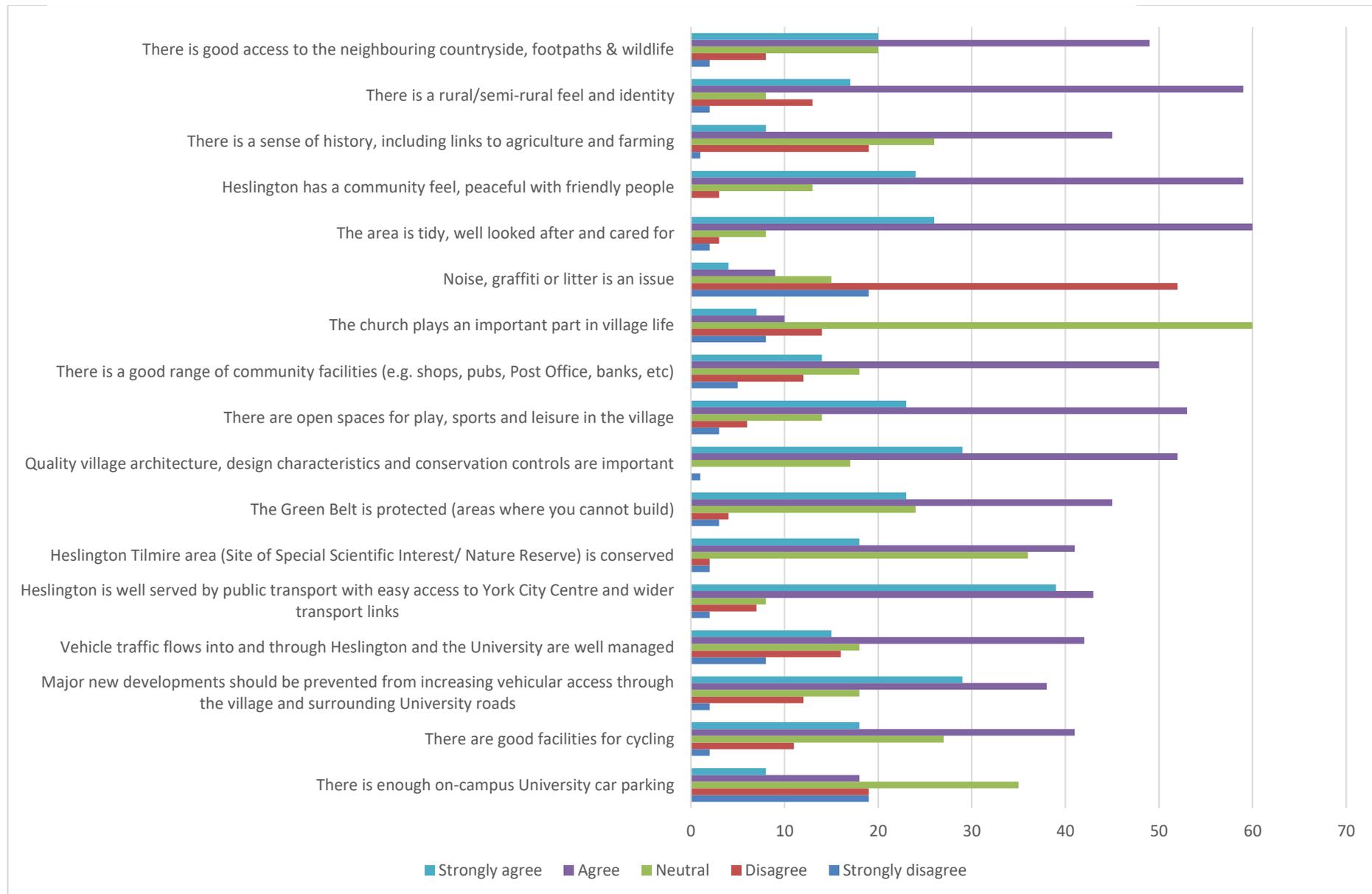
Question one - What are your views about off-campus areas in Heslington? (Not in the City)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
<i>There is good access to the neighbouring countryside, footpaths & wildlife</i>	2	8	20	49	20
<i>There is a rural/semi-rural feel and identity</i>	2	13	8	59	17
<i>There is a sense of history, including links to agriculture and farming</i>	1	19	26	45	8
<i>Heslington has a community feel, peaceful with friendly people</i>	0	3	13	59	24
<i>The area is tidy, well looked after and cared for</i>	2	3	8	60	26
<i>Noise, graffiti or litter is an issue</i>	19	52	15	9	4
<i>The church plays an important part in village life</i>	8	14	60	10	7
<i>There is a good range of community facilities (e.g. shops, pubs, Post Office, banks, etc)</i>	5	12	18	50	14

<i>There are open spaces for play, sports and leisure in the village</i>	3	6	14	53	23
<i>Quality village architecture, design characteristics and conservation controls are important</i>	1	0	17	52	29
<i>The Green Belt is protected (areas where you cannot build)</i>	3	4	24	45	23
<i>Heslington Tilmire area (Site of Special Scientific Interest/ Nature Reserve) is conserved</i>	2	2	36	41	18
<i>Heslington is well served by public transport with easy access to York City Centre and wider transport links</i>	2	7	8	43	39
<i>Vehicle traffic flows into and through Heslington and the University are well managed</i>	8	16	18	42	15
<i>Major new developments should be prevented from increasing vehicular access through the village and surrounding University roads</i>	2	12	18	38	29

<i>There are good facilities for cycling</i>	2	11	27	41	18
<i>There is enough on-campus University car parking</i>	19	19	35	18	8

Question one - What are your views about off-campus areas in Heslington? (Not in the City)



Question one cont. – any other comments (17)

Need more free sports facilities

Sorry I don't know about conservation or green belt areas so have put Neutral.

Traffic congestion occurs frequently, but at expected times usually. If an accident occurs however, congestion can get bad very quickly.

More off-campus parking. I don't qualify for a parking permit because I live inside the ring road but it takes up to two hours during rush hours or in the evening for me to get home using public transport.

More public green spaces would be great.

i live off-campus in heslington

Lovely area - no major niggles.

It would be great to improve the Hes East Nature Reserve to make it a successful habitat for migrating and resident wildlife, birds in particular.

I am such a fan of heslington village

Bus 66 should go through Halifax or at least Bus UB1 should run until late. It's impossible that this issue hasn't been covered.

Chicane on Heslington Lane near "roundabout" is a hazard, causing tailbacks that block junction to Hes village. Chicane should be moved or removed for the village's benefit. University needs to accept that many people need to use their cars to get to and from uni, and should stop penalising us by having insufficient car parking capacity.

Concerned about new developments damaging/reducing the green belt (windmill lane)

University car parks are rapidly disappearing, causing problems for students (and staff) wherein you can't park a car for love nor money.

The traffic, particularly out towards Fulford, gets very busy at peak times. I think the system is just about managing now but any more developments and it will really start to struggle.

Good

Cycle access is okay, but could be better--feels dangerous at times, such as approaching the university from the village. Bus access from Fulford is non-existent. Increasing parking on campus would be a huge negative--we would see an increase in vehicle traffic, and probably fewer cyclists or bus users.

Question two - What future changes would you like to see off-campus in the Heslington area? (Not in the city) (26)

More footpaths and cycle paths

Supermarkets

Wild/natural areas to be protected.

More green belts

A minor problem I noticed the other day was that Heslington village could do with a few more benches. After buying lunch at Browns it was quite annoying to find somewhere to sit!

More regularity from the busses; they can become quite irregular at some points throughout the year, including one notable occasion where a 20 minute wait turned into an hour wait when three out of four buses were canceled.

Better access to the countryside

More places to eat, have coffee, child friendly cafe

The paths around family residents are too dark. I sometimes feel afraid on my way to Halifax.

Please replace traffic calming speed bumps with the bollard island measures throughout Heslington.

I'd love it if there were ways to mix locals and students, especially students who live off campus in heslington

More access to busses.

More local shops, please

More family friendly places and activities. Bookstore, coffee shops, public library.

Removal of chicane. Changes to on-street parking on Hes Lane so it benefits residents and not staff/students of the uni.

Maybe more spots like benches with tables for people to sit on on good, sunny days and even study.

Community centre with events/activities, protection of existing green areas

Residents only parking priority in Heslington Villiage. A Chicane at the top of the Villiage Highstreet to discourage people using the villiage as a cut-through, or driving when they could walk or cycle.

Would be nice to have some independent (non-campus) coffee shop/food type places.

CYCLE PATH WAYS WOULD BE APPRECIATE

Less traffic

More free car parking

Is there any possibility that lamps can be installed along the way from Wentworth college to the Fulford Road?

I would like to see more community events like a market or festival or something. Heslington is nice but has little going on and few community building activities. I would like to see a grocery as I do not have a car and there is no real grocery nearby (particularly outside term time when the campus Nisa closes). Nisa is terrible by the way and way overpriced for low-quality products so a proper grocery in town would be an asset to me.

The selection of pubs/restaurants is very limited. I'd love to see a small cafe, tea room, or sandwich shop open up.

Circular heritage (natural and cultural) walking/jogging routes.

Question three - What local transport do you use and how frequently?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
<i>Bus</i>	22	38	18	18	3
<i>Cycle</i>	20	10	6	14	49
<i>Car</i>	11	22	10	18	38
<i>Motorbike</i>	1	0	2	5	91
<i>Taxi</i>	0	1	19	45	34
<i>Walk</i>	73	13	5	8	0

Other:

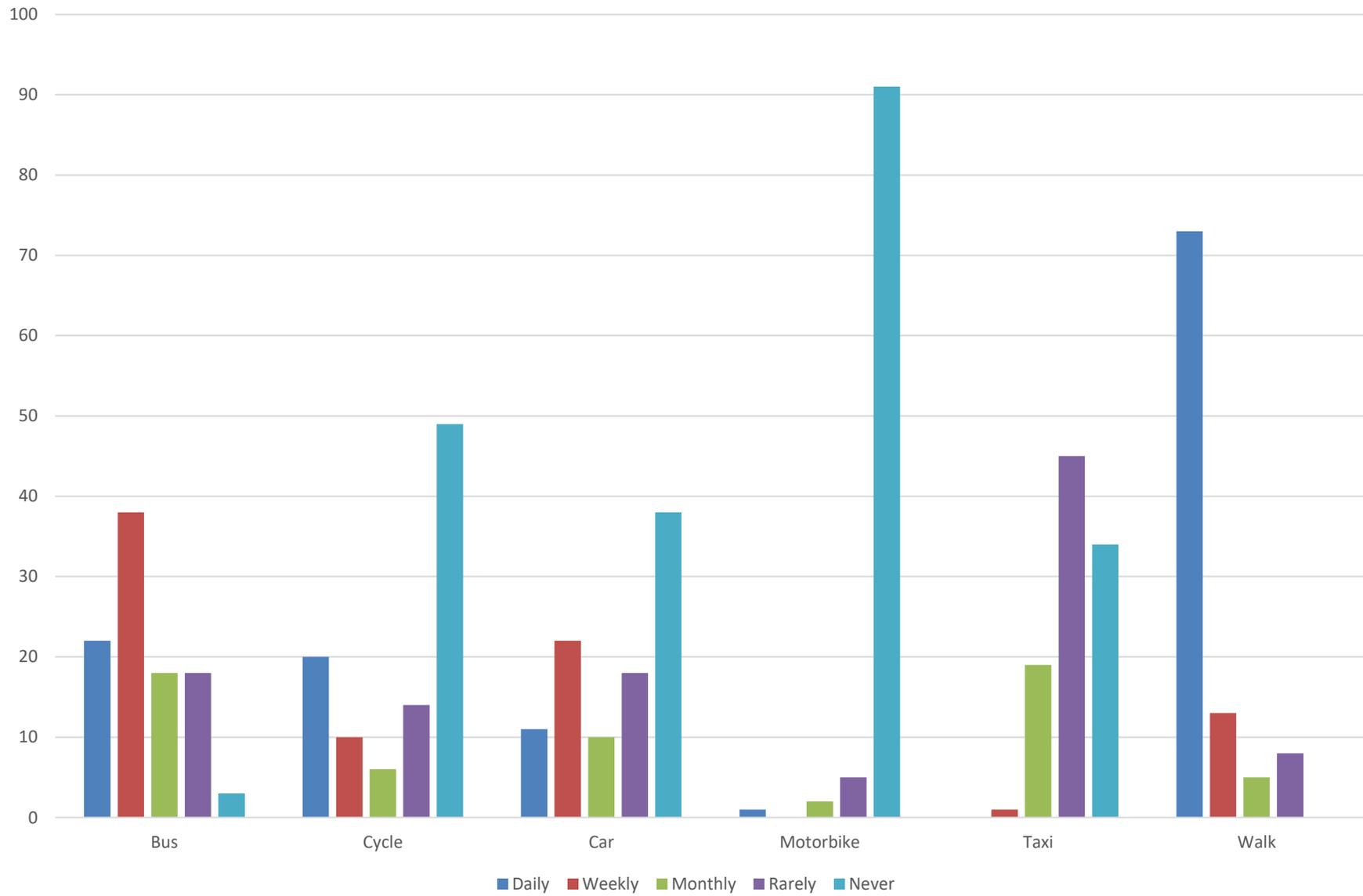
My answers partly depends on weather :)

Seems well served for all types of transport.

Mobility Scooter counts as Walk

Push Scooter

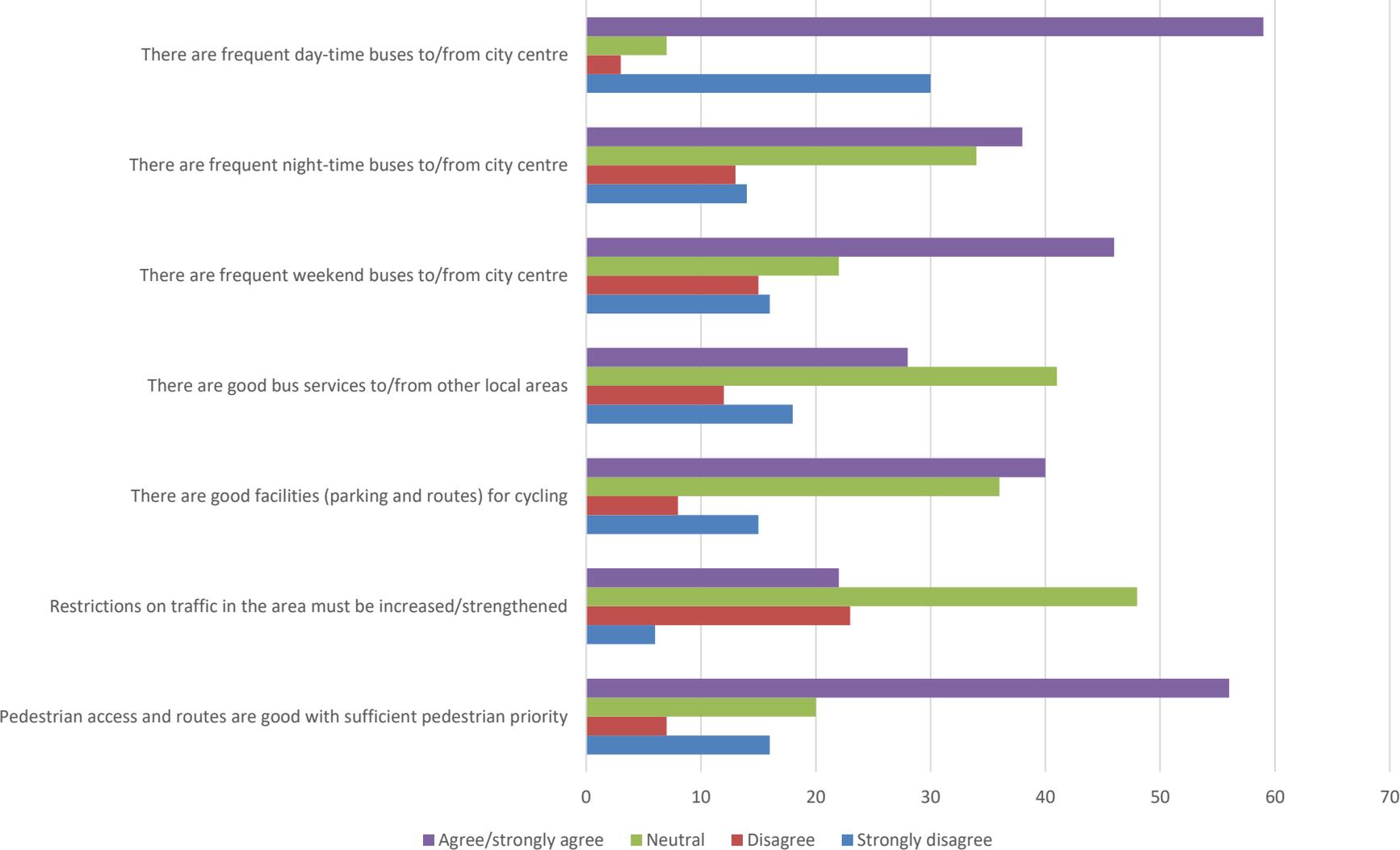
Question three - What local transport do you use and how frequently?



Question four - what do you think about the transport systems/ infrastructure?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree/strongly agree
<i>There are frequent day-time buses to/from city centre</i>	30	3	7	59
<i>There are frequent night-time buses to/from city centre</i>	14	13	34	38
<i>There are frequent weekend buses to/from city centre</i>	16	15	22	46
<i>There are good bus services to/from other local areas</i>	18	12	41	28
<i>There are good facilities (parking and routes) for cycling</i>	15	8	36	40
<i>Restrictions on traffic in the area must be increased/strengthened</i>	6	23	48	22
<i>Pedestrian access and routes are good with sufficient pedestrian priority</i>	16	7	20	56

Question four - what do you think about the transport systems/ infrastructure?



Question 4 cont. - Any other comments (9)

Buses seem heavily dependent on university term times, while the undergrads are here the buses are fine but during the holidays, especially summer, they are much less good.

Night time buses to and from Fulford could be increased to a later time.

Not always easy to cross the road.

More frequent out-of-term time buses to the city centre would be good.

Need more pedestrian cross walks in front of UoY's Heslington Hall and the surrounding areas.

Reinforce pedestrian and cycle shared priority on Walmgate Stray. Encourage cyclists to use off road cycle paths where they're available.

Don't know about some of these as I rarely use the bus

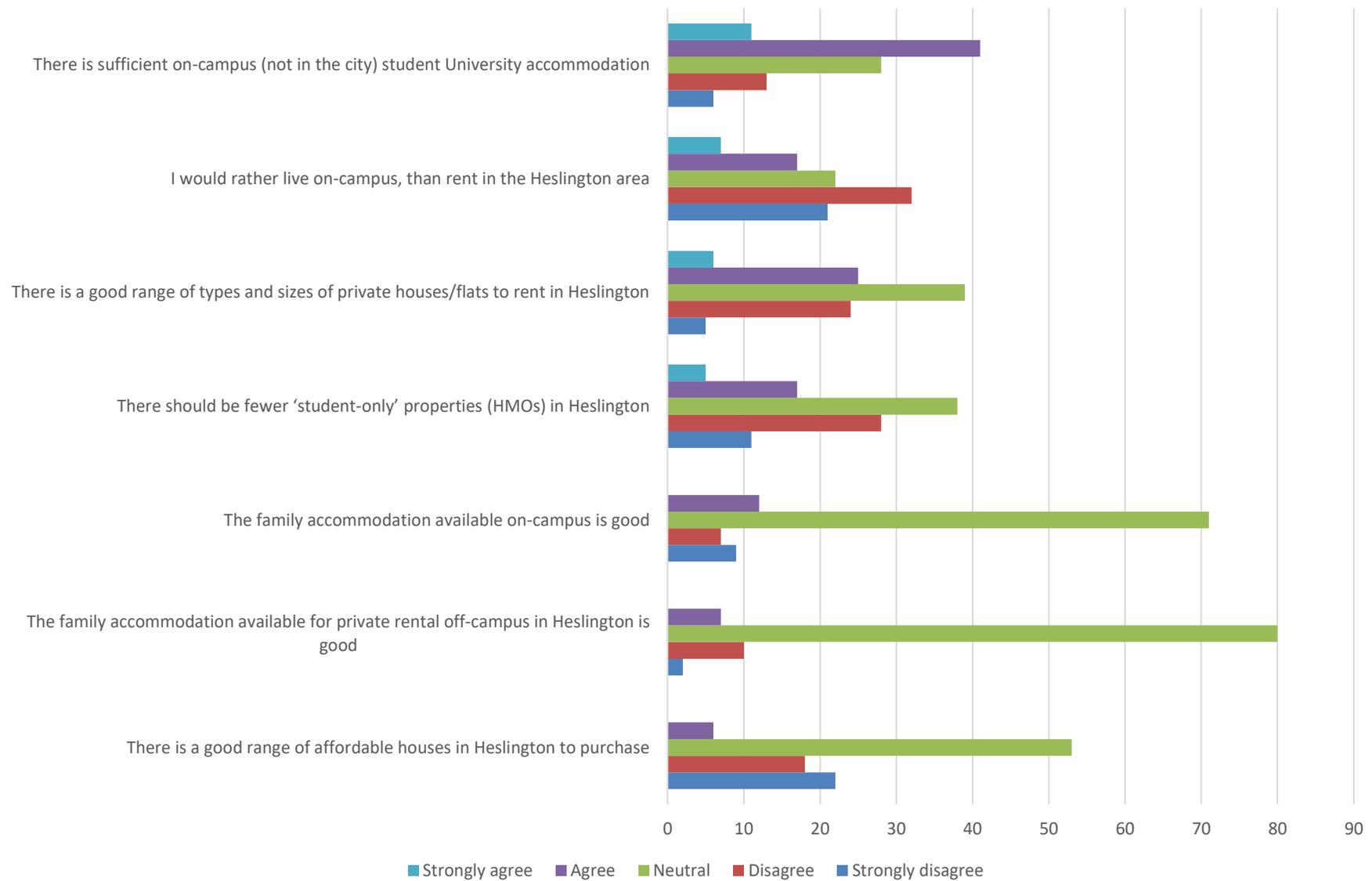
I find that crossing the church roundabout sometimes frustrating as a pedestrian as cars and busses come quickly and there is no proper crossing area. Night busses are good in-term time but as a postgraduate research student I am always here and am not affected by terms so I get a bit annoyed when they stop running, particularly in the summer.

The roundabout near the village can be a bit scary for pedestrians as well as cyclists, and the road leading from the village towards the university has no bike route at all. There is no bus access to Fulford at all, except via the city centre.

Question five – Does the mix of Heslington housing/living accommodation meet your needs?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
<i>There is sufficient on-campus (not in the city) student University accommodation</i>	6	13	28	41	11
<i>I would rather live on-campus, than rent in the Heslington area</i>	21	32	22	17	7
<i>There is a good range of types and sizes of private houses/flats to rent in Heslington</i>	5	24	39	25	6
<i>There should be fewer 'student-only' properties (HMOs) in Heslington</i>	11	28	38	17	5
<i>The family accommodation available on-campus is good</i>	9	7	71	12	0
<i>The family accommodation available for private rental off-campus in Heslington is good</i>	2	10	80	7	0
<i>There is a good range of affordable houses in Heslington to purchase</i>	22	18	53	6	0

Question five – Does the mix of Heslington housing/living accommodation meet your needs?



Question five cont - any other comments (10)

As a (EPSRC funded) postgraduate student I feel like renting in Heslington is outside my budget.

Housing in Heslington is very expensive for student housing

Some rent house for students are not clearly maintained

House price in York is too high compared to other Yorkshire area

I don't live in the Heslington area.

Fewer HMOs. More small to medium properties e.g. 1-2 bedroom properties for couples without children who are postgraduate students - we're not interested in student properties, we're not interested in sharing, we want to be grown ups with our own affordable space!

Don't know about many of these as live in Southbank

I can't answer any of the accommodation questions as I have never lived on-campus or in the village.

The whole room could not be fully heated.

As a graduate student looking for affordable pet-friendly accommodation in Heslington, I was disappointed with the options. The closest affordable (<£900/mo) rental I was able to find was in Fulford.

Question six - Which services and facilities do you use off-campus in Heslington? Tick all that apply (99)

<i>Service</i>	<i>Numbers</i>
<i>Post Office</i>	77
<i>Banks</i>	59
<i>Local shops</i>	87
<i>Places of worship</i>	9
<i>Primary school</i>	1
<i>Pre-school or after school clubs</i>	2
<i>Group activities e.g. Scouts/Cubs, Brownies/Guides</i>	5
<i>Sports fields/Church field (other than those on campus)</i>	21
<i>Pubs</i>	69
<i>Village Hall / Community Centre</i>	5
<i>Golf club</i>	2
<i>Local footpaths / access to countryside</i>	61
<i>Allotments</i>	5

Other

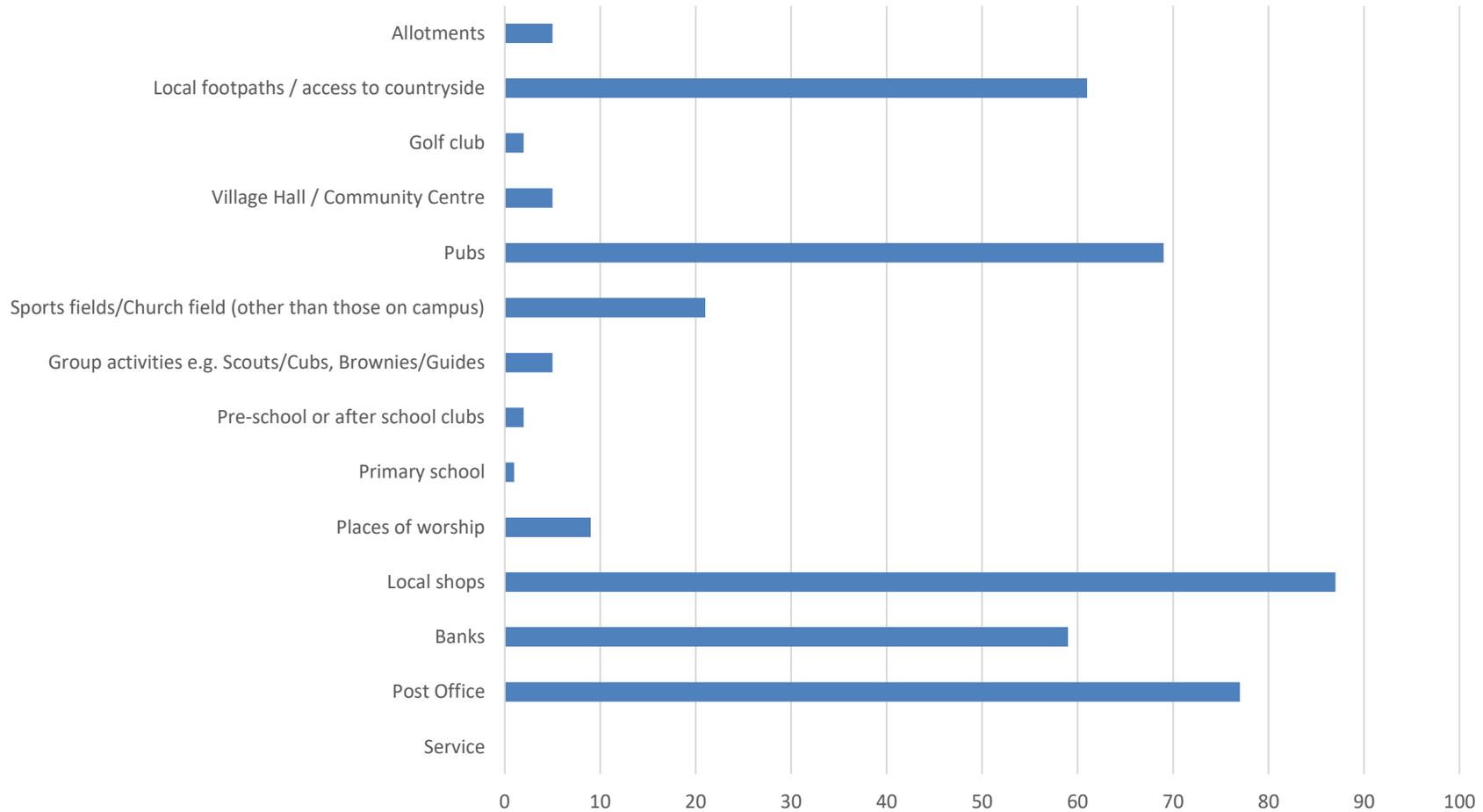
I would like to frequent Heslington East 'Nature Reserve' if it were improved and public access granted (ie. car spaces etc.)

None.

I have never heard some of them.

Cycle routes

Question six- Which services and facilities do you use off-campus in Heslington? Tick all that apply (278)



Question seven - Are there any other Heslington Community facilities you would like to see? (10)

Banks and supermarkets

Free sports facilities, the expenditure of sports village is quite high

A take away restaurant

Western Union

Public accessible gym please, sport village is so far away

Another supermarket beyond Nisa

Community centre for events ie performances, workshops, gatherings

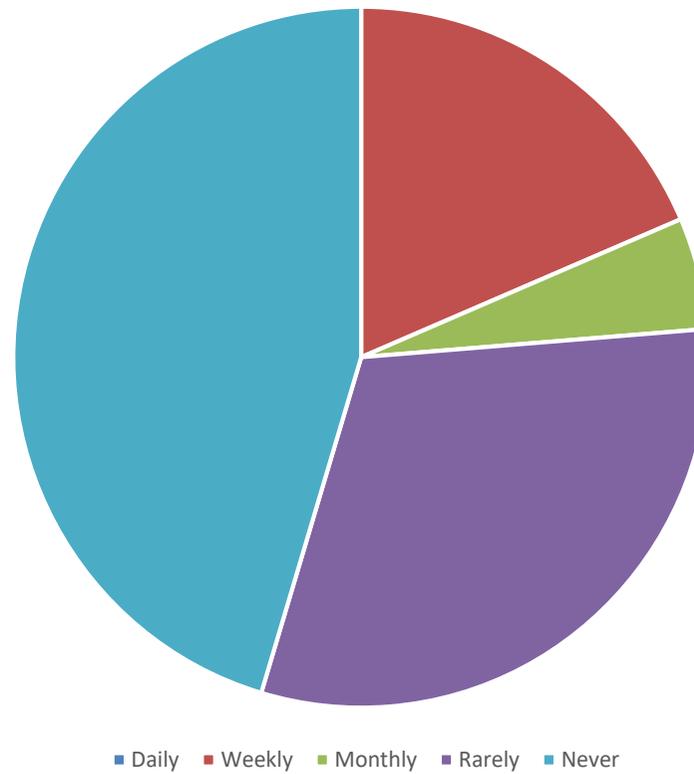
Would like to see more information about local footpaths/countryside access

I would like to see a real grocery as we are quite limited, particularly outside term time and on weekends.

Cafe or tearoom serving quick lunches (i.e. paninis, soups, sandwiches)

Question eight - How often do you get involved in off-campus, local volunteer/ charity activity? (97)

Frequency	Numbers
Daily	0
Weekly	18
Monthly	5
Rarely	30
Never	44



Question nine - What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a village close by? (82)

You save time by not having to go into the city and you are supporting people who work in the village who maybe can't get into the city for work.

Advantage - It's a lovely place to walk in and visit the pubs for lunch. Disadvantage - I worry that students are a burden on the residents of the village

Heslington village is nice to come to, especially during the undergraduate holidays. During term time it tends to be filled with undergrads (including those I teach) so it can be nicer to go in to the city centre to somewhat escape the university bubble.

You get access to services that are not provided on campus

Amenities such as shop, pub, bank

Do not know

It's nice to feel separate from the bustle of the city, and I greatly enjoy the more natural landscape of the village.

It's nice to have somewhere out of the university that is pretty to walk in

As a mature student it is nice to be able to get off campus and enjoy the lovely surroundings and facilities of Heslington within moments. Perhaps the villagers do not always appreciate how grateful (some) students are to have such a lovely place on the doorstep.

Better than a city like Leeds

The advantages (green-ness, cosiness, welcome, open areas, wildlife) outweigh the disadvantages (I can think of none at the moment other than shops and post office opening hours being a bit short) greatly.

beautiful scenery and less pollution, but sometimes we can smell manure

Beautiful and peaceful but does not have enough amenities locally.

Advantages: the services. Disadvantages: very few. I sometimes feel sorry for the village with how the undergrads seem to descend on your village, though.

Access

access to quiet + nature + non-city environment is good, lack of access to lots of events/food and drink facilities is sometimes a bit of a shame

It's picturesque. Easy to access reminder that we're very close to the countryside (without having to spend a day out on the Yorkshire Moors). Connection to nature.

It makes the university feel really 'local' and friendly. I think there can be some hard feelings towards students from residents, but I think that's really the fault of some groups of loud/antisocial students - residents just need to be clear that we're not all like that!

A village might be able to make me relaxed.

people can go at weekend with short travel.

It is good to be part of a community and have access to village amenities. I cannot think of any disadvantages.

Not too busy/hectic/noisy but with excellent connections to the city centre and the University campus

Access to shops, pubs, etc. and presence of local community is great. No disadvantages.

The pubs are especially handy for lunch

Demographics

Age

<i>14 to 17 years</i>	0
<i>18 to 19 years</i>	0
<i>20 to 24 years</i>	42
<i>25 to 29 years</i>	26
<i>30 to 34 years</i>	17
<i>35 to 39 years</i>	4
<i>40 to 44 years</i>	4
<i>45 to 49 years</i>	2
<i>50 to 54 years</i>	1
<i>55 to 59 years</i>	1
<i>60 to 65 years</i>	0
<i>Over 65</i>	2

Gender

Male	26
Female	69
Prefer not to say	2

Employment

Paid full-time	18
Paid part-time	27
Carer	2