

# Long Bennington Neighbourhood Plan

Village Questionnaire Feedback

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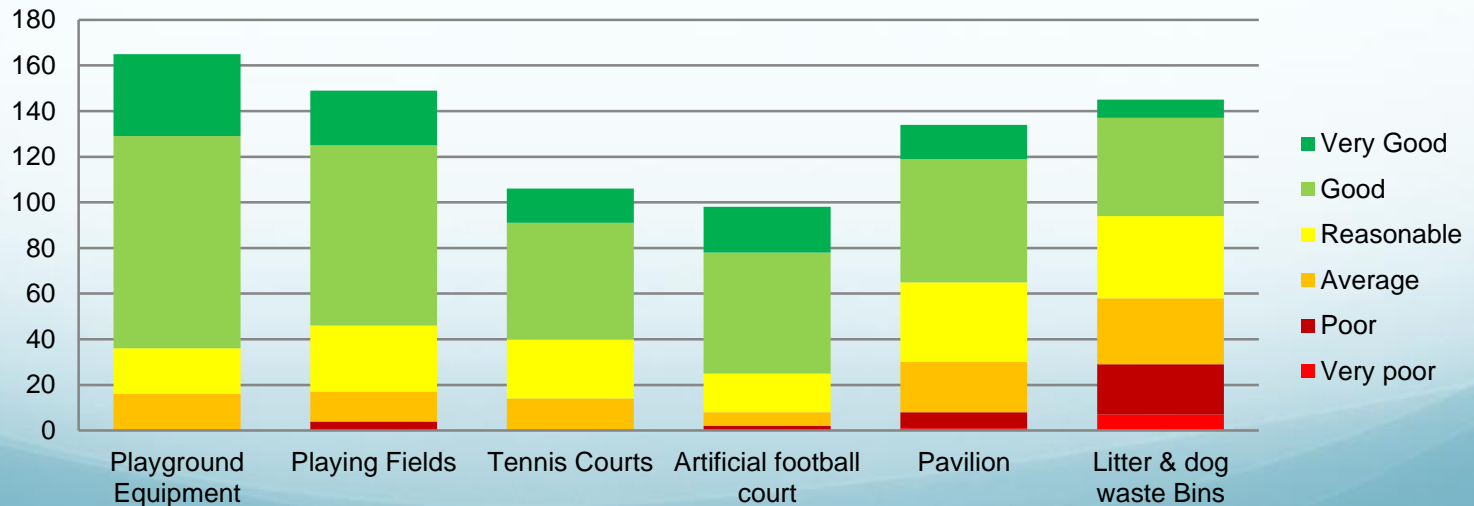
# Village Response

- Over 275 questionnaires were received (30%+ response rate)
- Good representation of the village residents
  - Across residents who had lived in the village from 1 year to over 45 years
  - Both Working and retired residents
  - Residents that worked in the village and outside the village
  - Owned or rented both detached houses and bungalows.

# Village Services

- Village Hall
  - 62% of the respondents had used the village hall
  - The majority used it for Charity functions although the range of use is quite large.
  - 42% used it for Private functions with the majority finding it available to book when required.
- Of the 57% of respondents who had visited the memorial gardens, 246 respondents found it in a good state of repair and quite.
- 71% of respondents had visited the playing fields with Dog and Waste bins getting the lowest ratings. (Graph Below)

**Q15 - How would you rate the following**



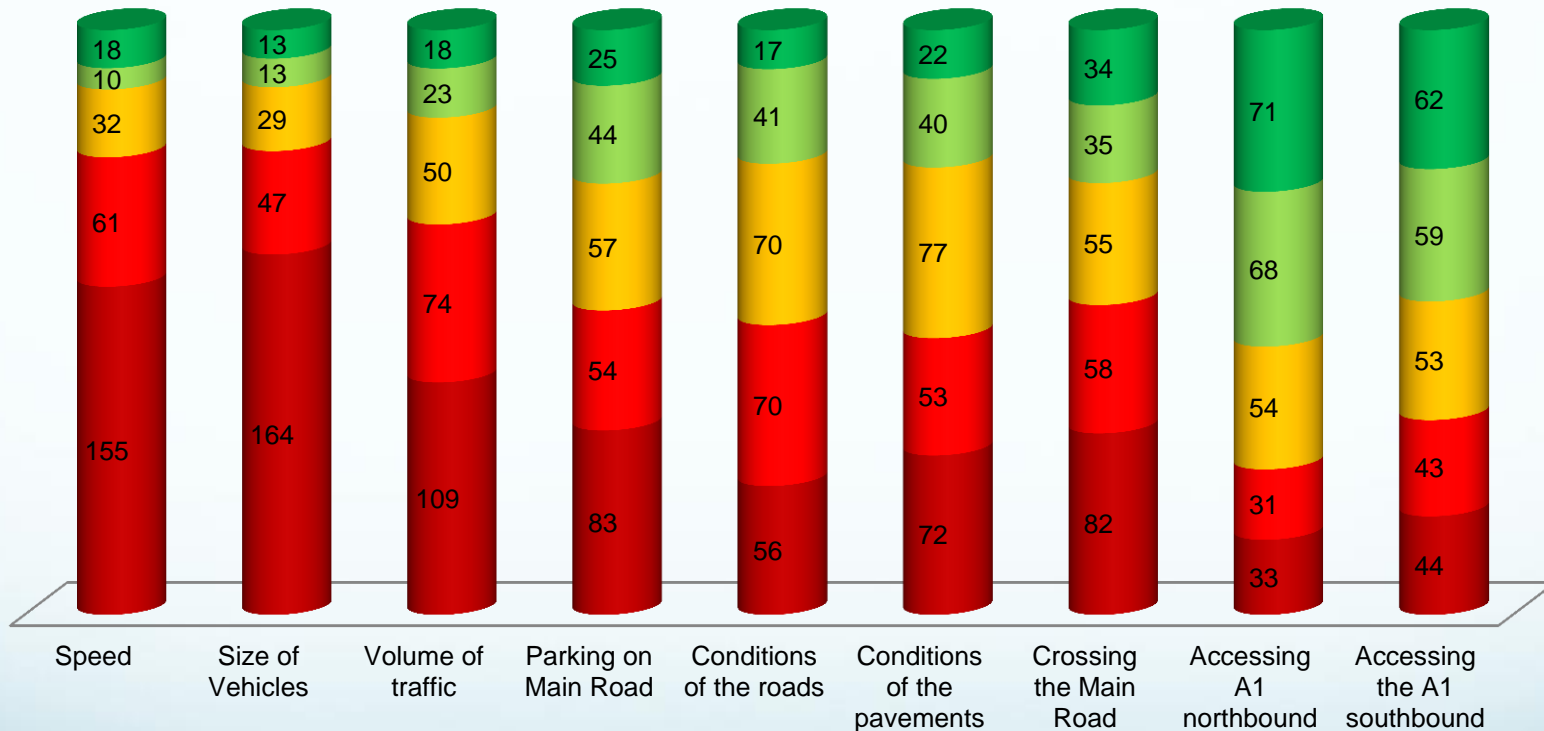
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- Witham Gardens
  - 52% of respondents had visited Witham Gardens in the past year.
  - Those who hadn't either, didn't know it existed, were not interested, or thought it was not worth another visit
  - 45% of respondents thought they should be converted to allotments, but only 9% expressed an interest in wanting one.
- Village Shops
  - 30% of the respondents used the village shops for convenience shopping more than once a week but only rarely used them for the main food shop.

# Transport & Highways

Q23 - How concerned are you about the following traffic issues (1 - Very concerned to 5 - Not Concerned)

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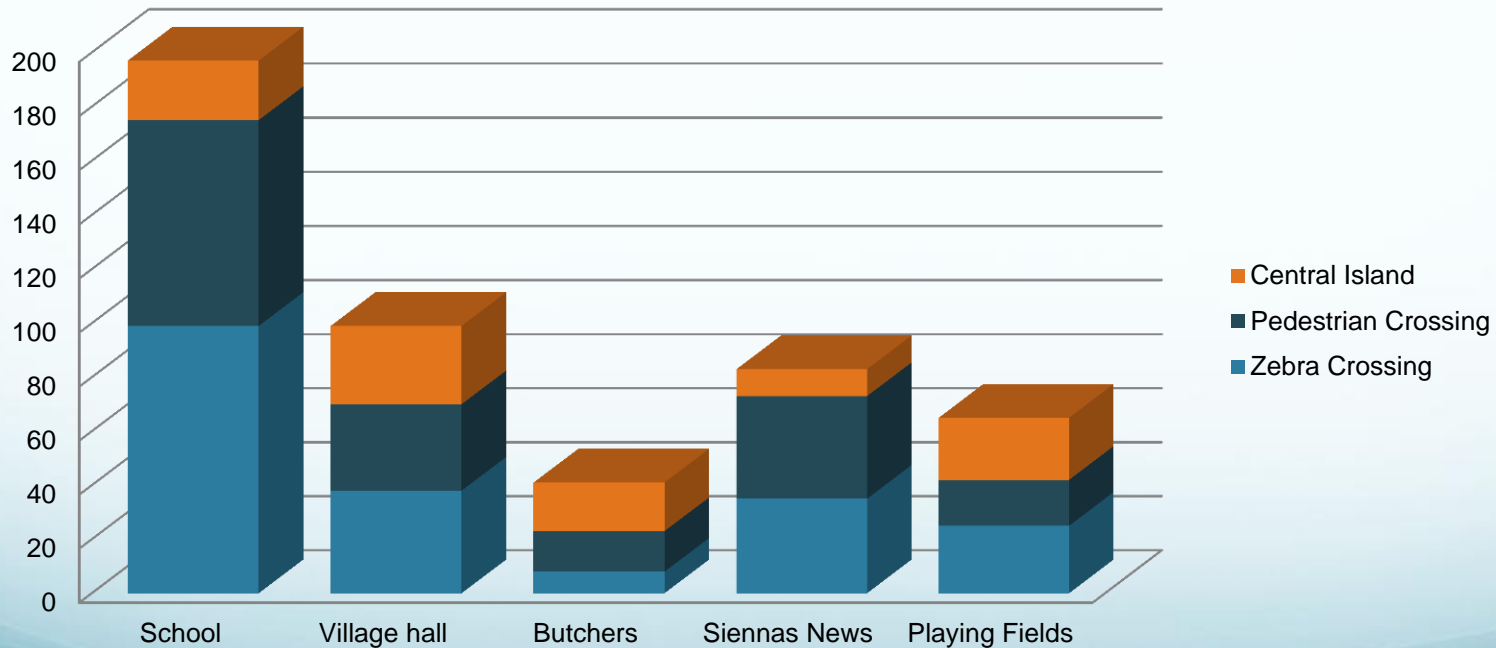


The speed, size and volume of Traffic was by far the most concerning issue to the respondents. Crossing the Main Road and parking on the Main Road also came up high on the list of concerns.

# Transport & Highways

- 80% of respondents would like to see further traffic calming measures; with more active speed signs, a southern gateway scheme and Traffic Islands being the most popular suggestions.
- 76% would like to see a form of pedestrian crossing in the village with the most likely location shown in the graph below.

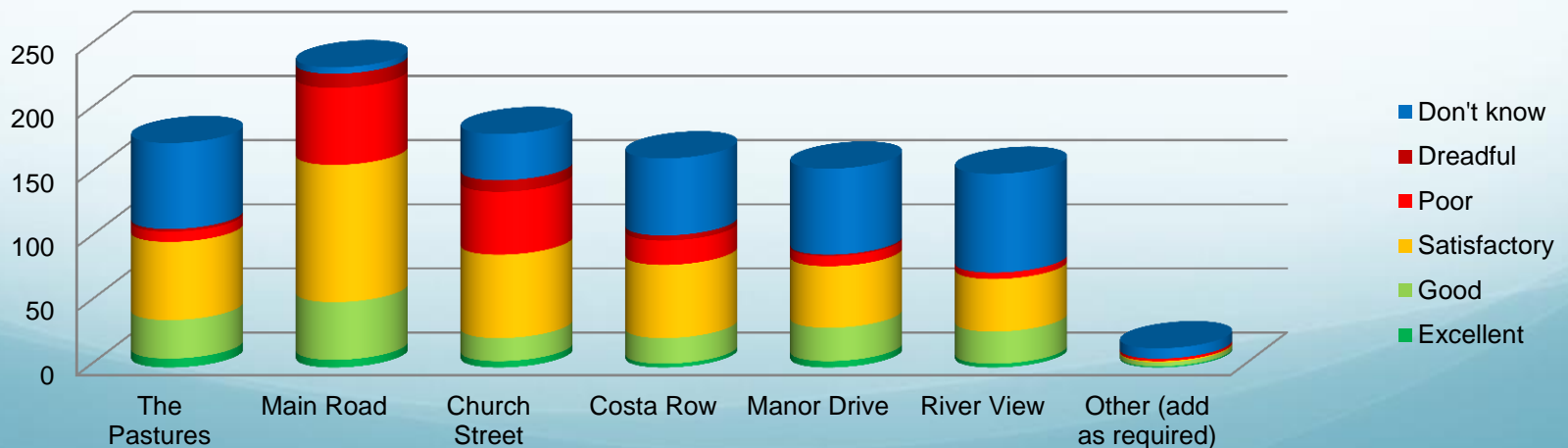
**Q27 - If yes, What and where would you like to see in the village**



# Transport & Highways

- Bus Service
  - Of the 30% of respondents that use the bus
  - Frequency of service was rated as the biggest issue being described by over half of the respondents as 'Dreadful' or 'Poor'; This was reflected in that the 'Time Table' was the most important improvement that the Bus Companies could make.
  - 45% of respondents wanted a sited bus stop; with the Village Hall being the most favoured location.
- 8% of the respondents use the Call Connect Service and generally found the service to be good or excellent.
- Street Lighting – The quality of street lighting is show in the graph below.

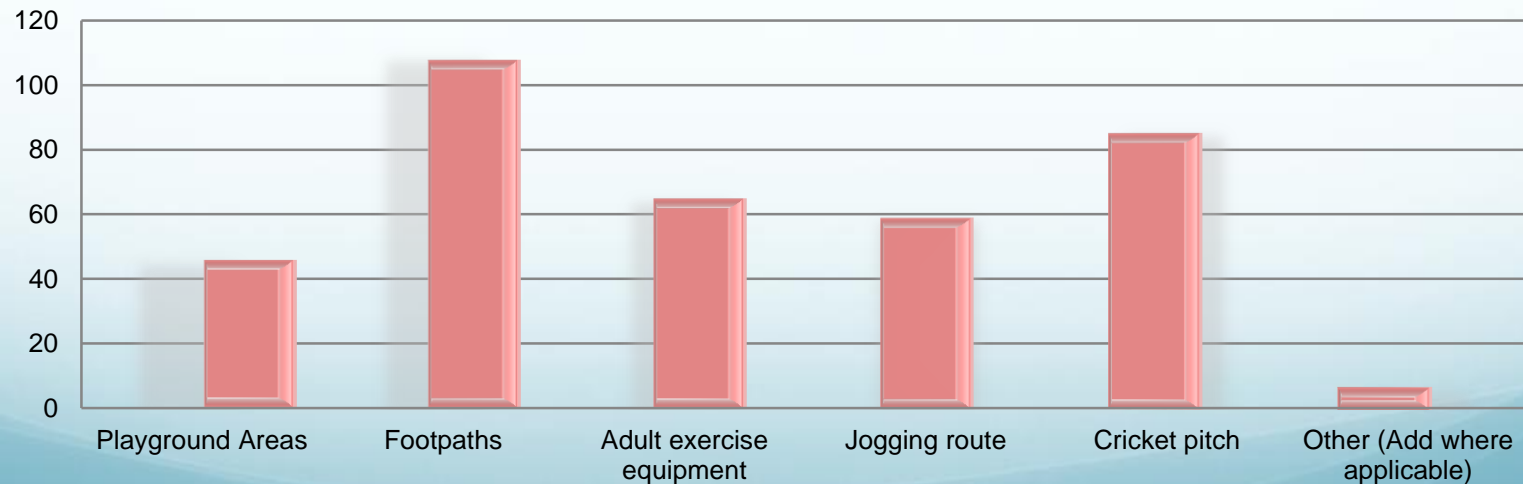
**Q35 - How would you rate the quality of street lighting**



# Land Use & Planning

- Planning
  - Only 27% of respondents felt that there was a need for further housing in Long Bennington; Housing for Local couples and housing for the elderly favored highly.
  - Those against further development were concerned about the impact it would have on the Infrastructure of the village; the village services (Doctors surgery/school), the increased traffic and the loss of character of the village.
  - 27%of respondents actively take part in planning matters, but 65% would like more information.\
- Respondents would like to see more footpaths and a cricket pitch in the village. (Graph Below)

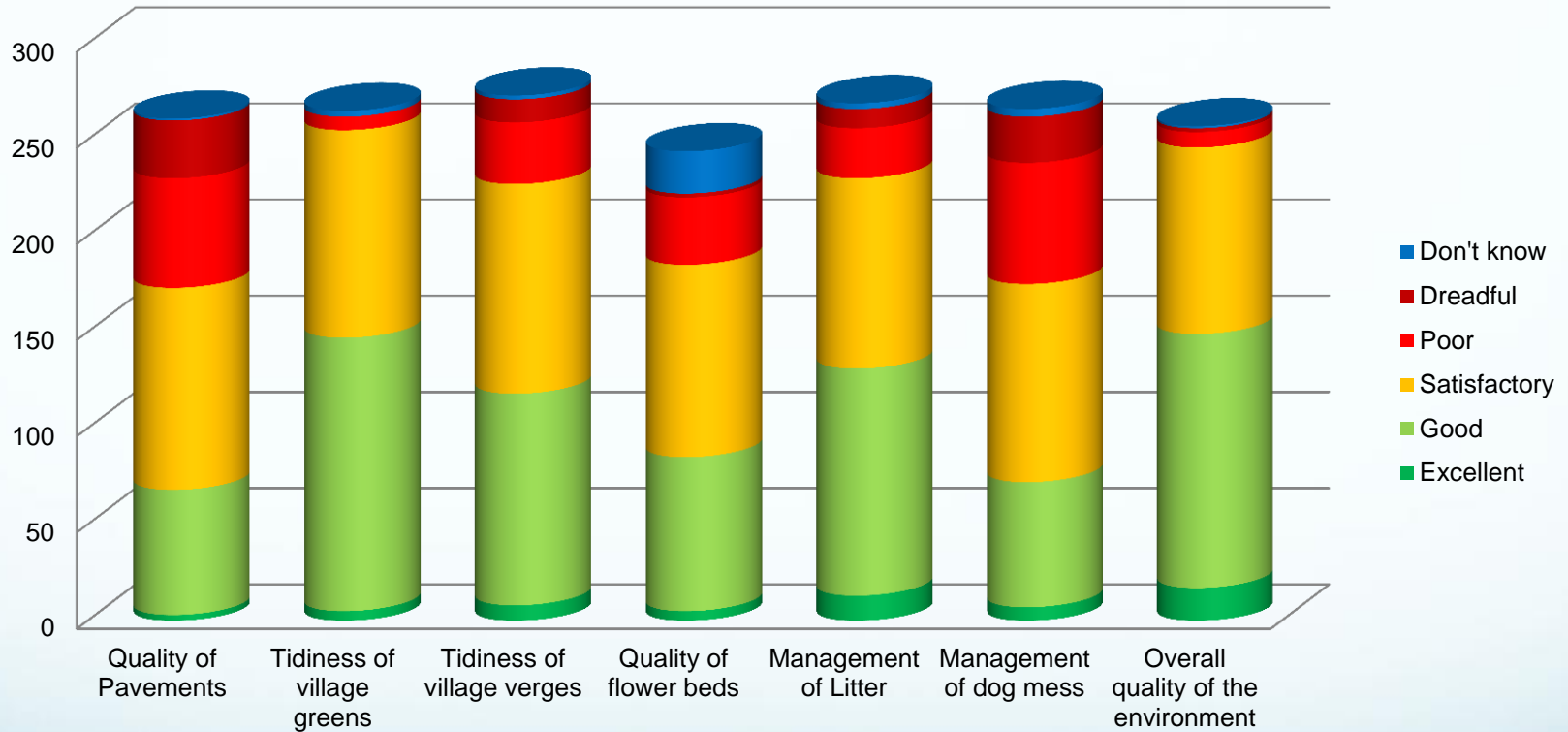
**Q41 - Where would you like to see more green space in the village**





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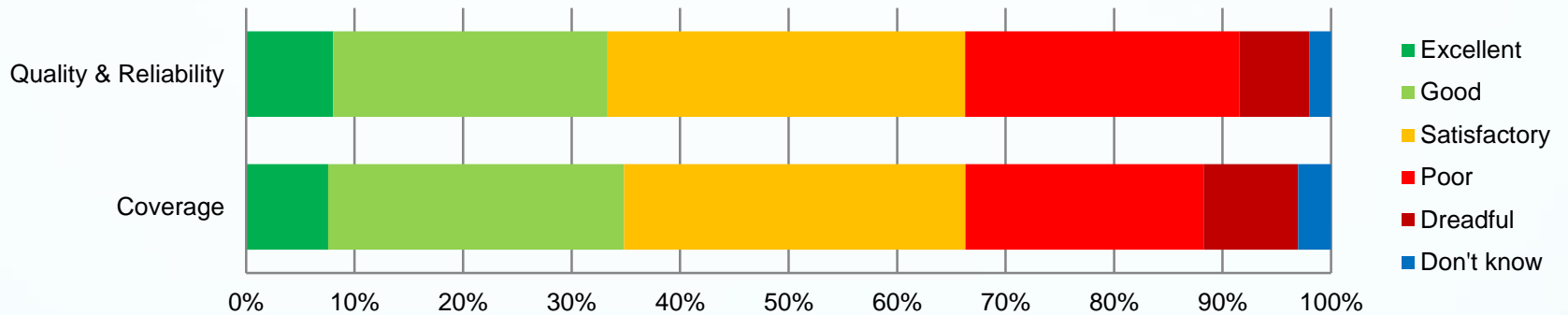
Q44 - How would you rate the following within Long Bennington



The Quality of Pavements and the Management of Dog mess both featured as areas in which Long Bennington could improve. Tidiness of the village and overall quality were rated highly as being Satisfactory or Good.

# Information & Communications

- **Mobile Telephone Service** – There was a general mixed response to the mobile quality/Coverage question. This could reflect the quality /coverage of the different providers.



- **Broadband** - 93% of respondents use Broadband in the Village. Speed tended to be the largest concern.

