



BALLYHOURA
DEVELOPMENT CLG

Community Planning

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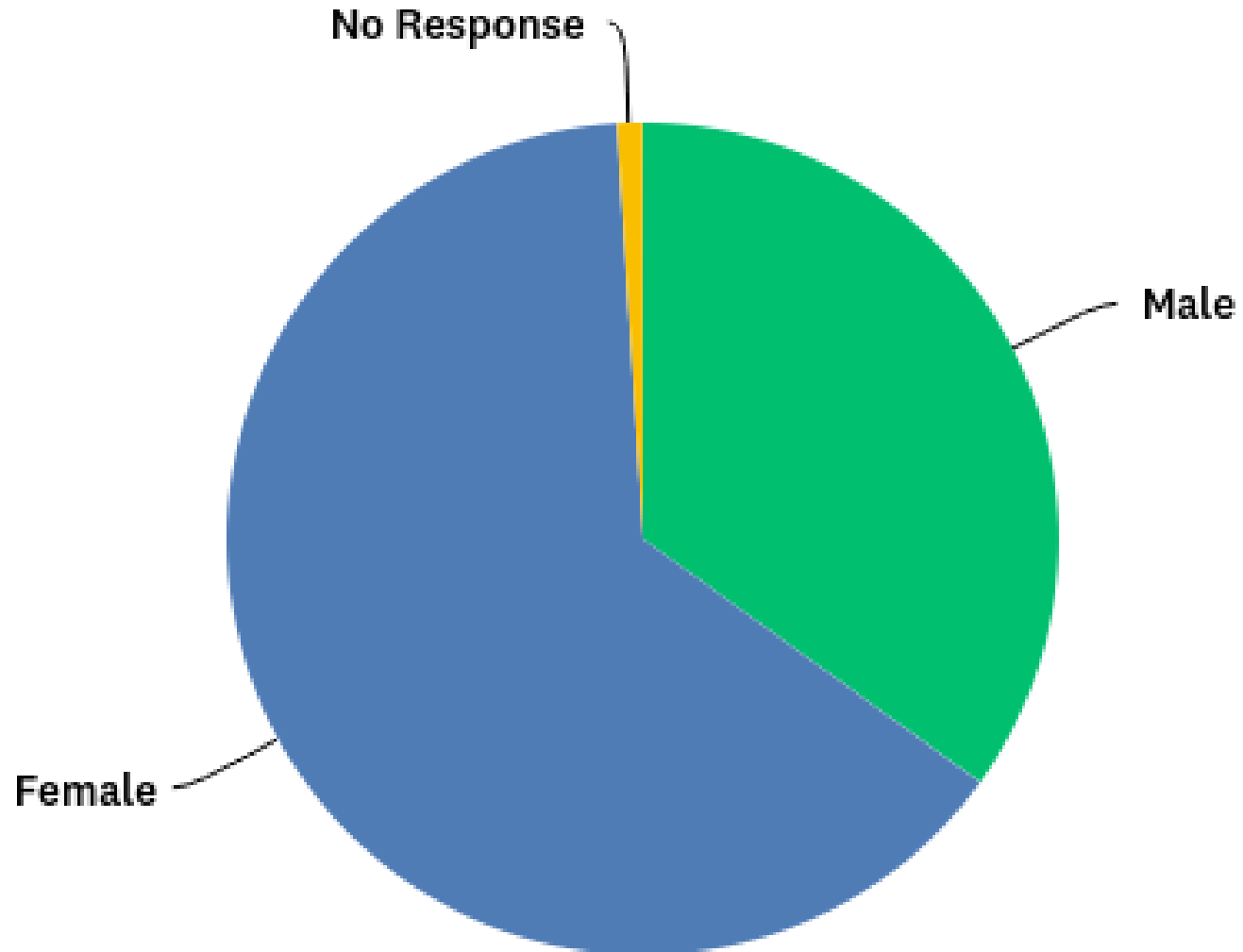


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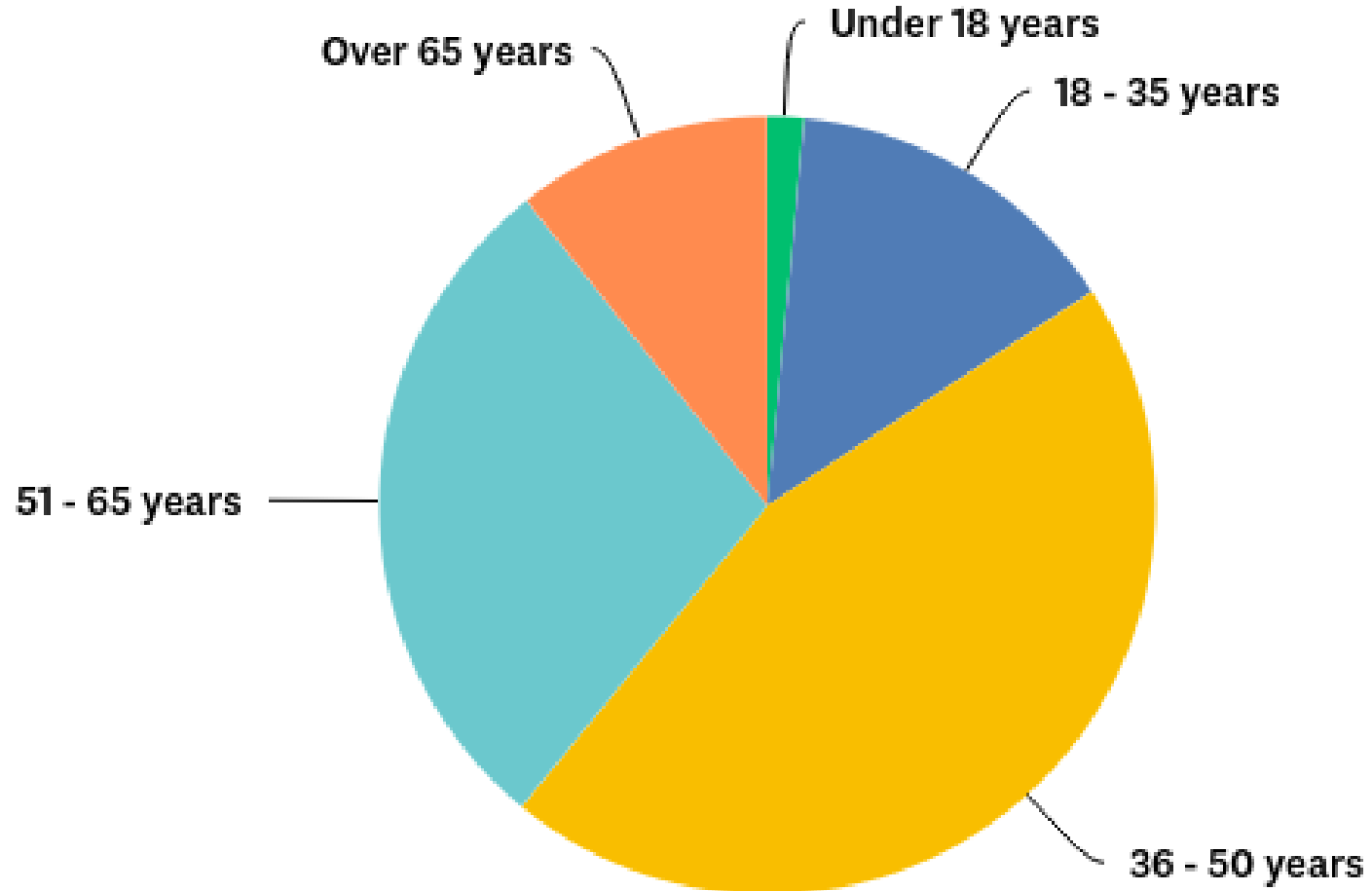
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Q2. Male or Female



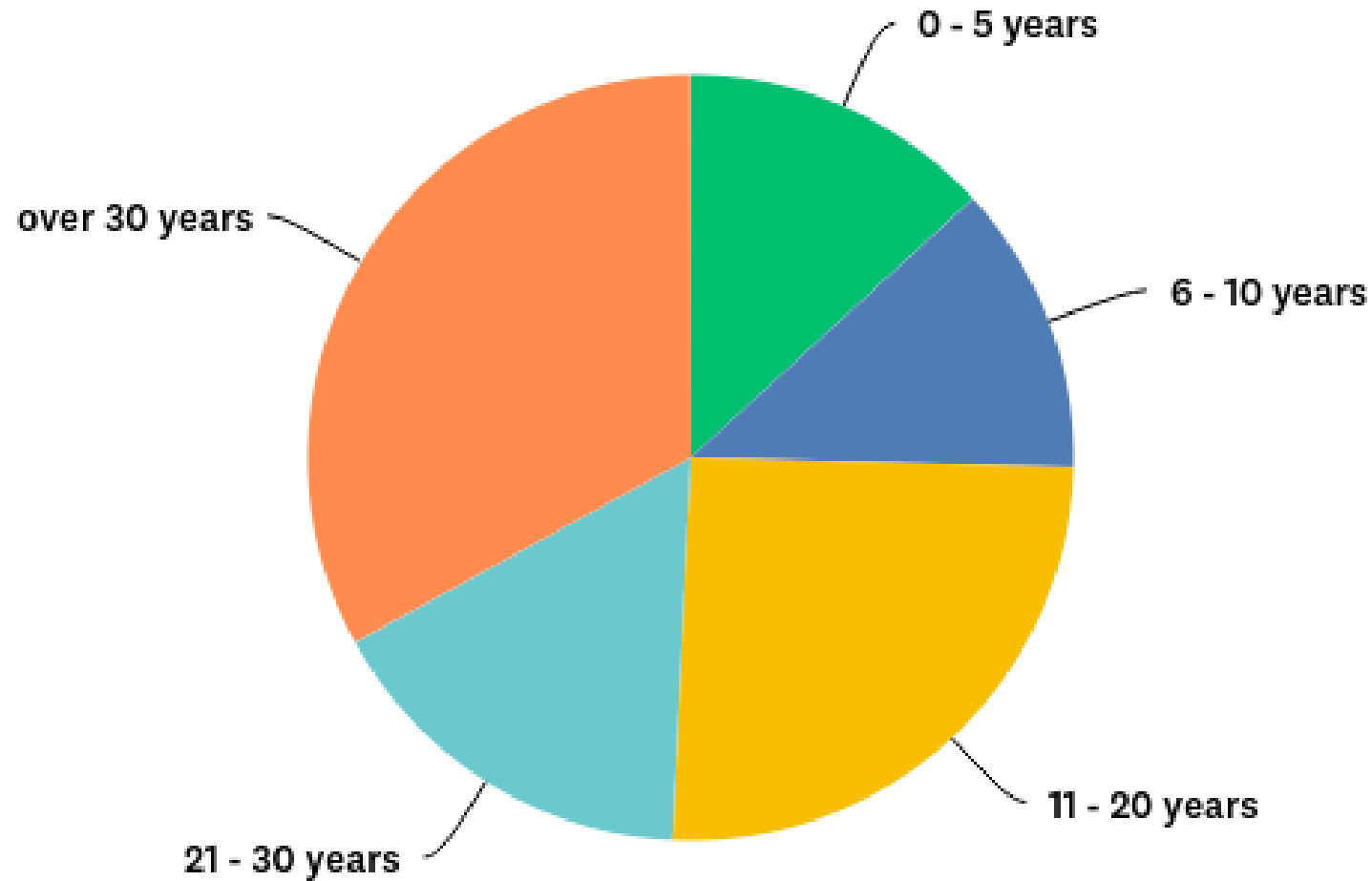
206 Responses	
Male	72
Female	132
No Response	2

Q3. To which of the following age categories do you belong?

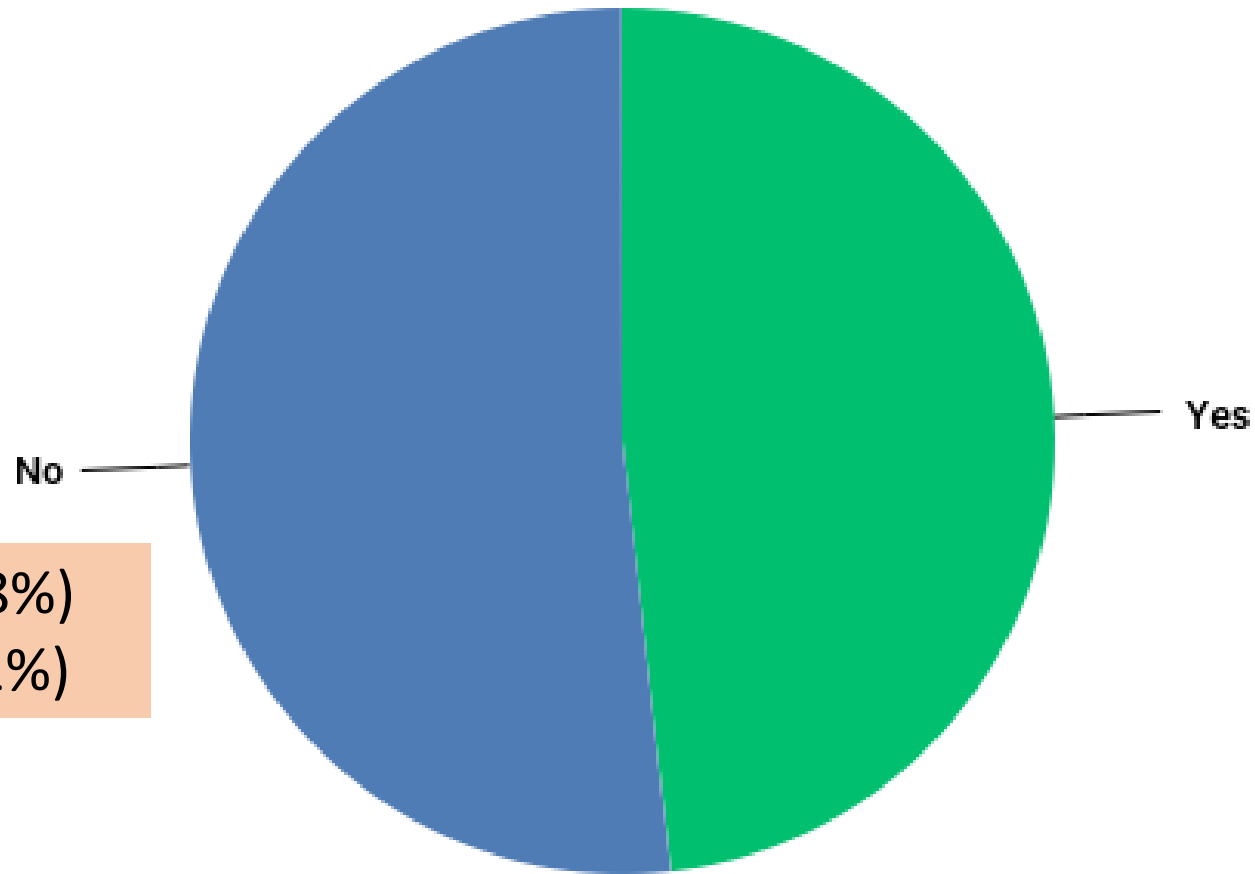


Under 18	5
18-35	28
36-50	90
51-65	59
Over 65	24

Q4. Which of the following best describes how long you have lived in this community?

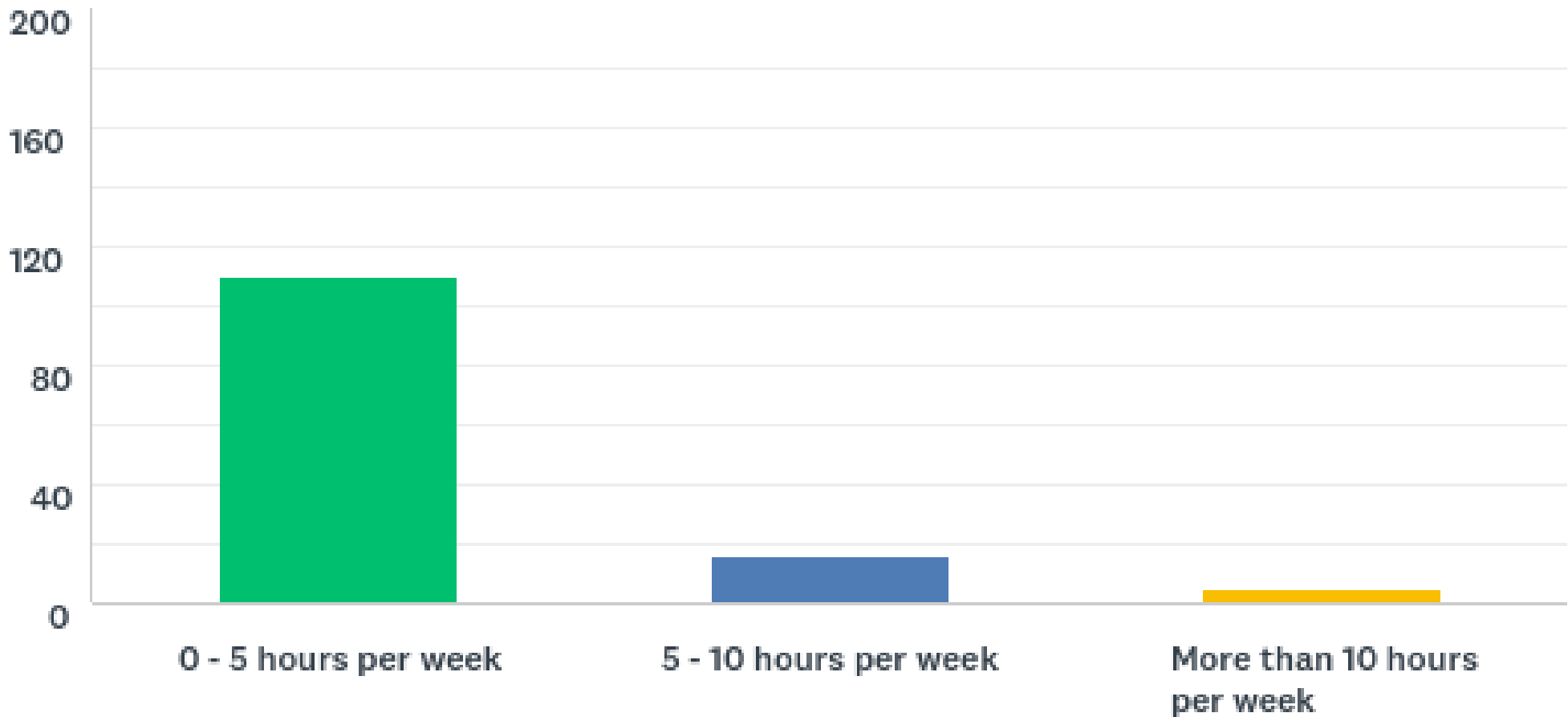


Q5. Do you volunteer in your community?



Yes	99 (48%)
No	107 (52%)

Q6. On average how many hours a week would you give to voluntary work?



Q7. What is the main factor that prevents you from joining a local community or voluntary group?

evenings lot young children Lack day work travelling
time health commitments events happen family
kids busy age home

Would you be interested in getting involved in a group?
85 said Yes

Q8. If you had the opportunity, what would you like to do personally to help improve the quality of life for your community?

- Activities for children and young people
- Activities and facilities for older people
- Tidy-towns
- Environment projects
- Coaching, tutoring
- More transparency in decision-making
- Retail and commercial development, cafe
- Not sure – anything
- Footpaths and cycleways
- Regular community events
- Bring community together more

Q9. What three words would you use to describe your community?

welcoming Mixed Vibrant local Picturesque small inclusive
community Beautiful busy friendly safe diverse
supportive active Good caring helpful quiet potential

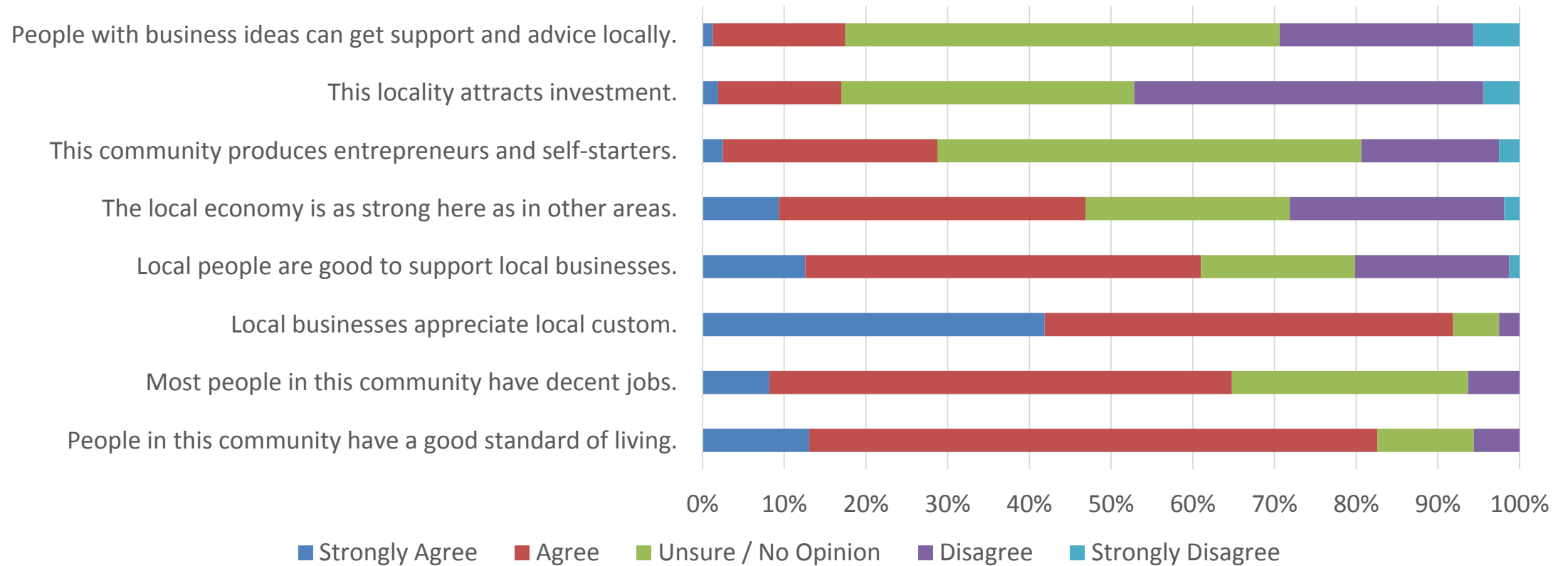
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People with business ideas can get support and advice locally.	17% agree		
This locality attracts investment	18% agree		
Local middle-income earners can afford to buy a house.	Half disagree		
Local business appreciates local custom	Over 90% agree		
Local people are good to support local businesses.	60% agree		
People in this community have a good standard of living.	70% agree		
Public Transport Services are sufficient to meet local needs.	Almost 70% disagree		
Local Government provides good value for money.	10% agree disagree	50% unsure	40%
Ballyhoura Development provides good value for money.	37% agree disagree	56% unsure	7%

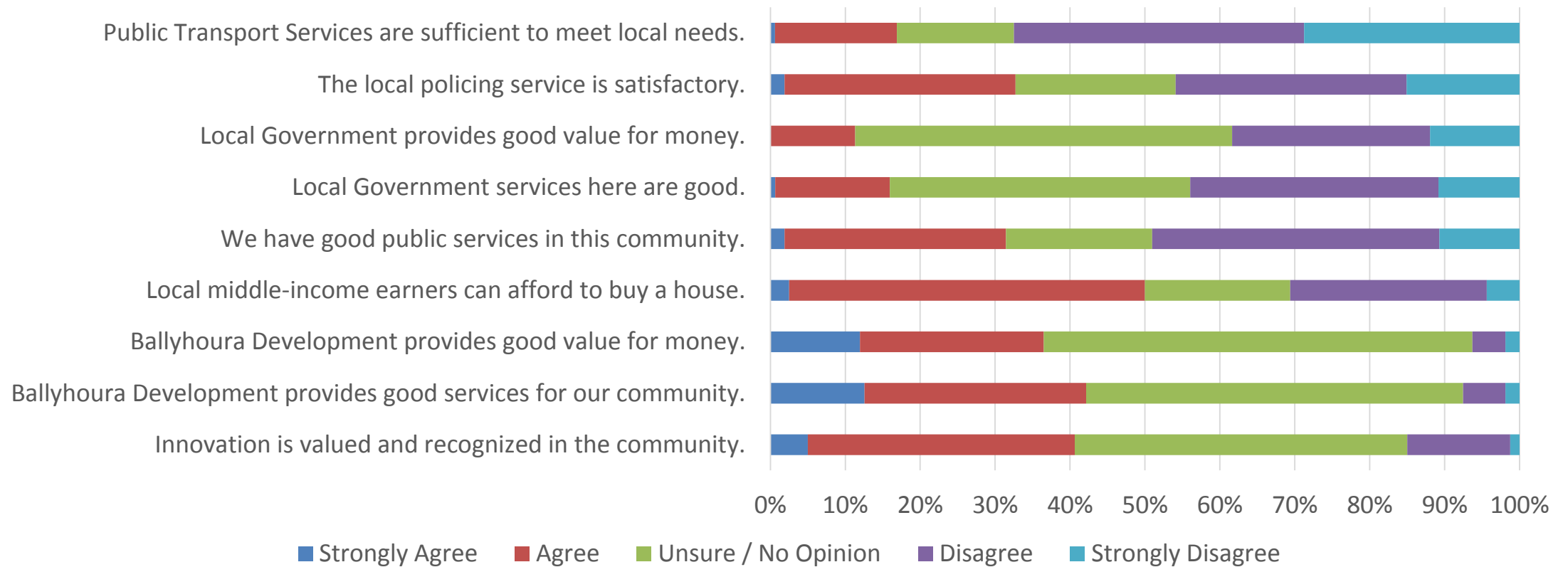
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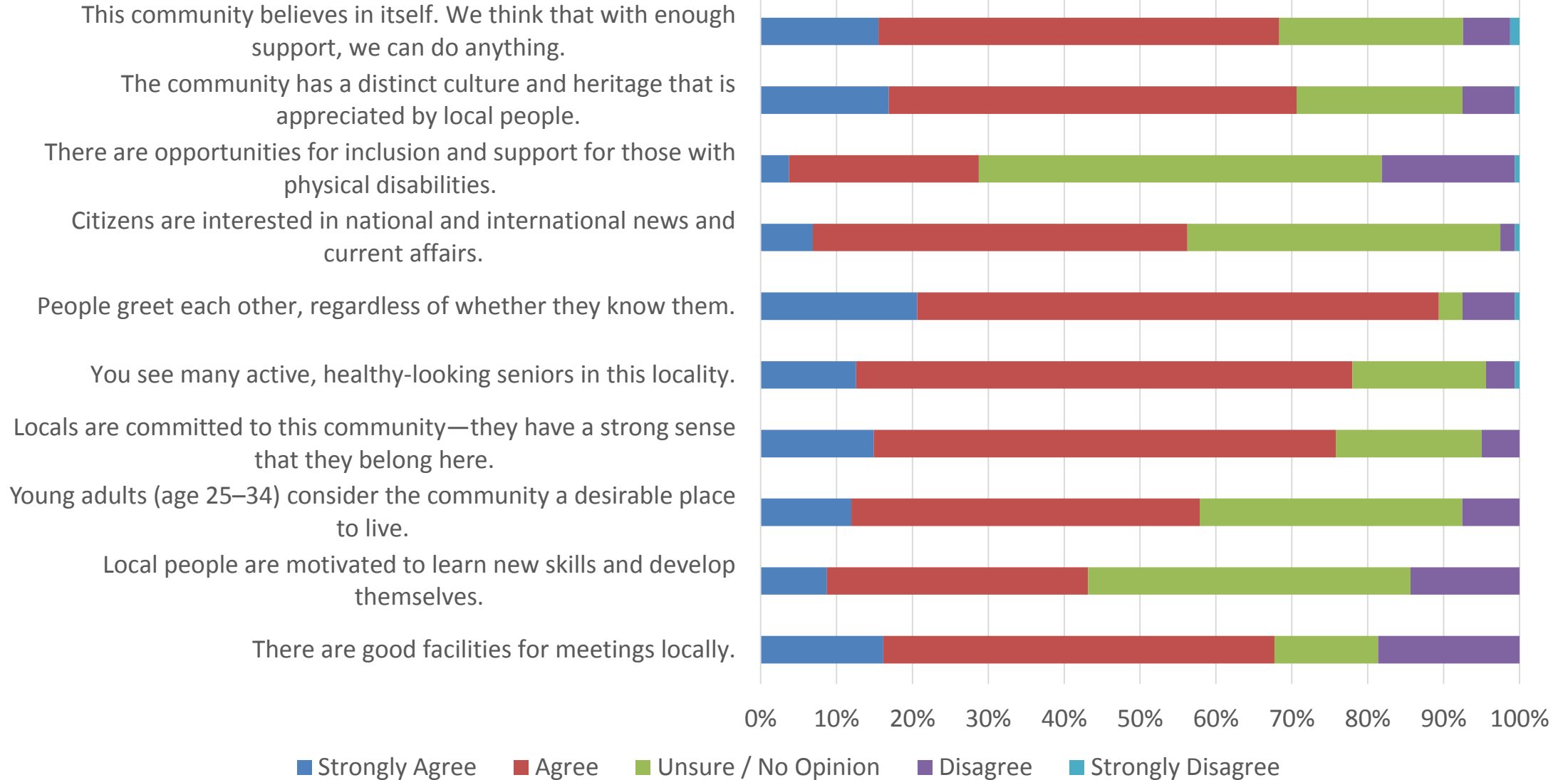


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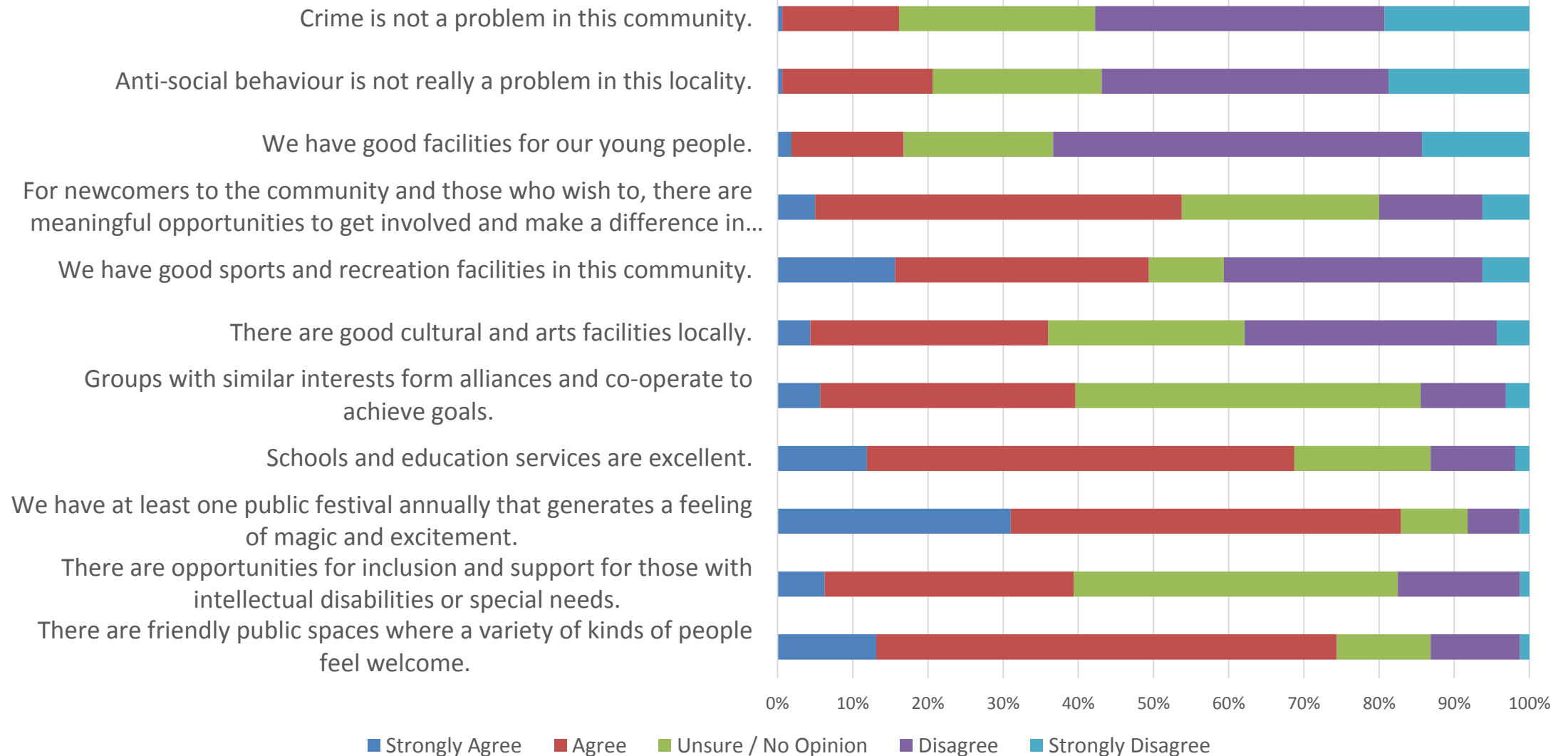
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We have good facilities for our young people	Almost 65% disagree		
Anti-social behaviour/ crime is not a problem...	Over half disagree		
We have at least one public festival annually	83% agree		
This community believes in itself	70% agree		
There are good cultural and arts facilities locally.	Mixed views; 37% disagree	25% unsure	
	38% agree		
Locals are committed to this community	$\frac{3}{4}$ agree		
People greet each other, regardless of whether they know them.	Over 90% agree		
There are opportunities for inclusion and support for those with physical disabilities.	28% agree	53% unsure	9% disagree

Q11 Social & Community Vibrancy



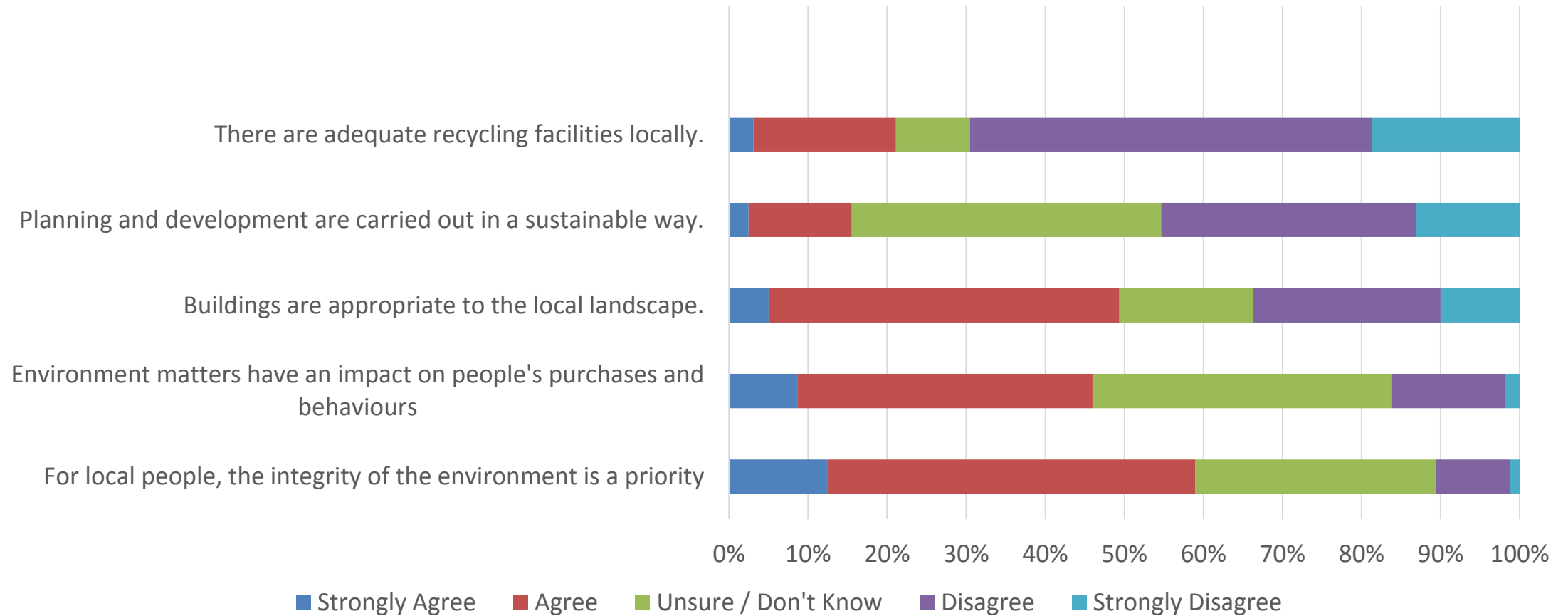
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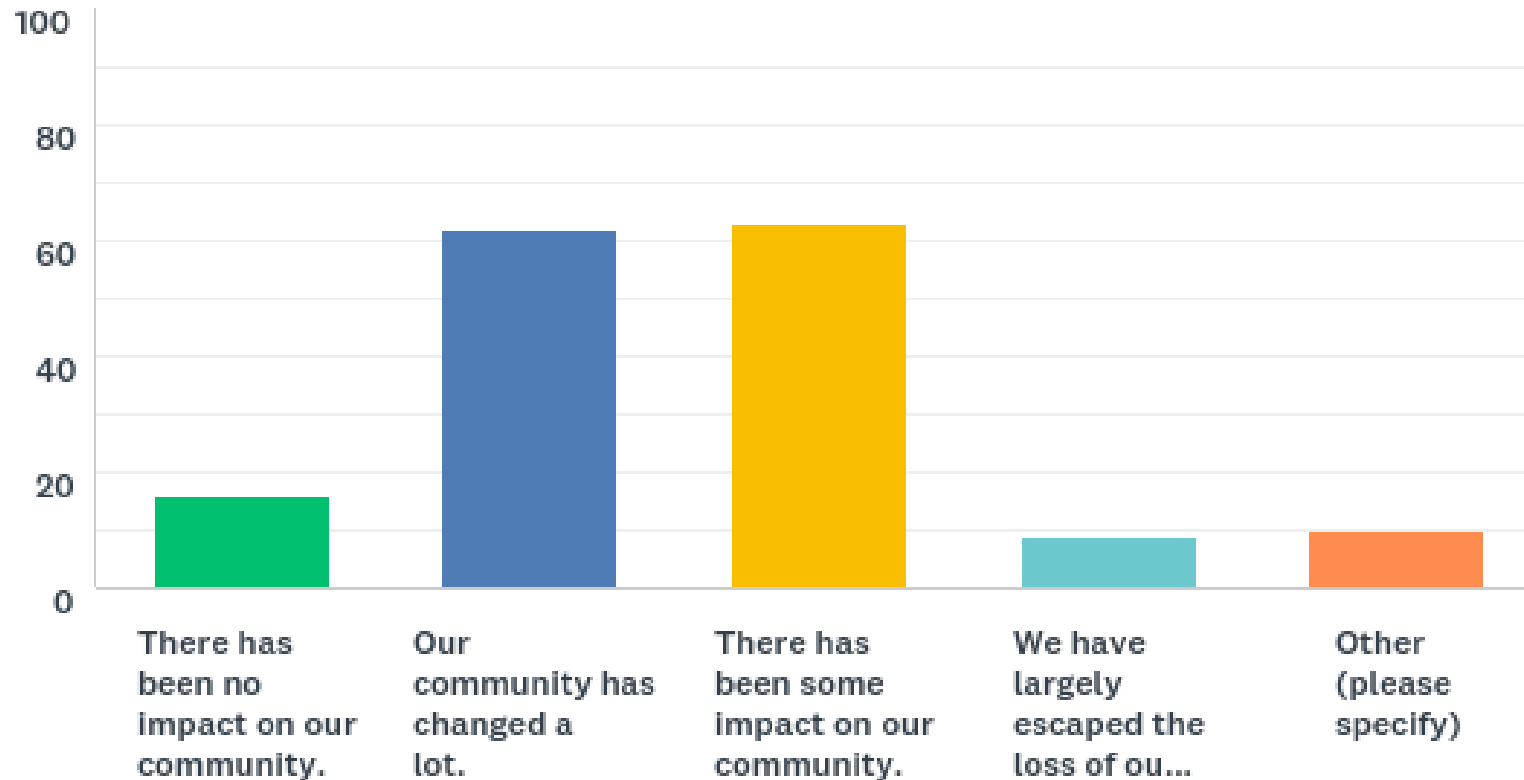
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For local people the integrity of the environment is a priority	60% agree disagree	30% unsure	10%
Planning and development are carried out in a sustainable way	15% agree disagree	39% unsure	46%
There are adequate recycling facilities locally	$\frac{3}{4}$ disagree		

Q12 Environmental Vibrancy



Q13. How would you describe the impact of recent population changes on your local community?

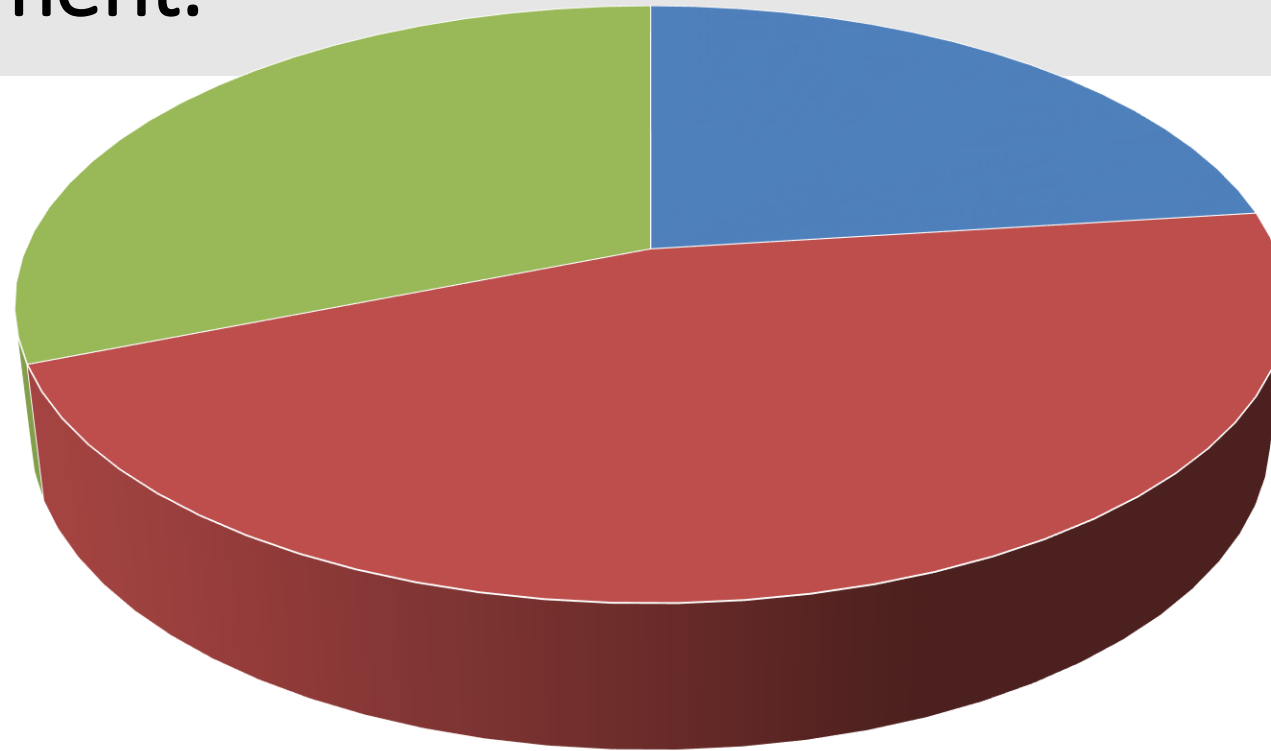


Q15. What, if anything, do you dislike about living in your area?

- Poorly planned development
- Narrow footpaths/ no footpaths
- Dangerous traffic
- Village not vibrant
- Not enough retail, cafes etc
- Insufficient public transport, train times unsuitable
- Not enough facilities for young people
- The social divide
- Anti-social behaviour
- Nothing
- Affordable housing
- Community not pulling together
- Dirt and litter



Q16. Does everyone in your community feel included?
Please comment.



■ yes ■ don't know ■ no

Q17. How would you compare your community now with five years ago?

- Good economic recovery
- Vibrant, busier, better
- No change
- Population growth, more diverse
- A younger population
- Good work by Tidy Towns
- Good community initiatives
- Some not living in area 5 years
- Bad planning

Q18. What are the principle current issues facing your community?

issues_{good} Public transport_{service} The Village, OK_{sports}
community_{transport} housing_{people} Lack_{village}
facilities_{young people} need_{go} planning_{businesses} flooding
local

Q19. What, if anything, needs to be done to make your town or community a better place in which to live and work?

- A coordinating group
- Better local communications
- Build cyclepaths
- Footpath improvement
- Address anti-social problems
- Need to get more people involved
- More / improved community facilities and amenities
- Support small business start-up in village
- Form a trader's alliance
- Facilities and activities for youth
- Environment projects
- Policing
- Better housing planning
- Better transport links with city

Individual Survey Main Issues

1. Good sense of community; a friendly, small rural town, close-knit
2. An appreciation for investments eg schools, new library, walkway, Medieval Wall
3. Slow economic recovery, poor employment opportunities, local business undeveloped; retail, restaurants, entertainment
4. Tourism has huge potential but is not developed
5. Concern of significant population change and dissatisfaction with Regeneration Programme
6. Traveller- Settled Community relations
7. Policing and public transport inadequate
8. Communications and coordination between groups
9. Facilities/ programmes for youth and for older people