



BALLYHOURA
DEVELOPMENT CLG

Community Planning

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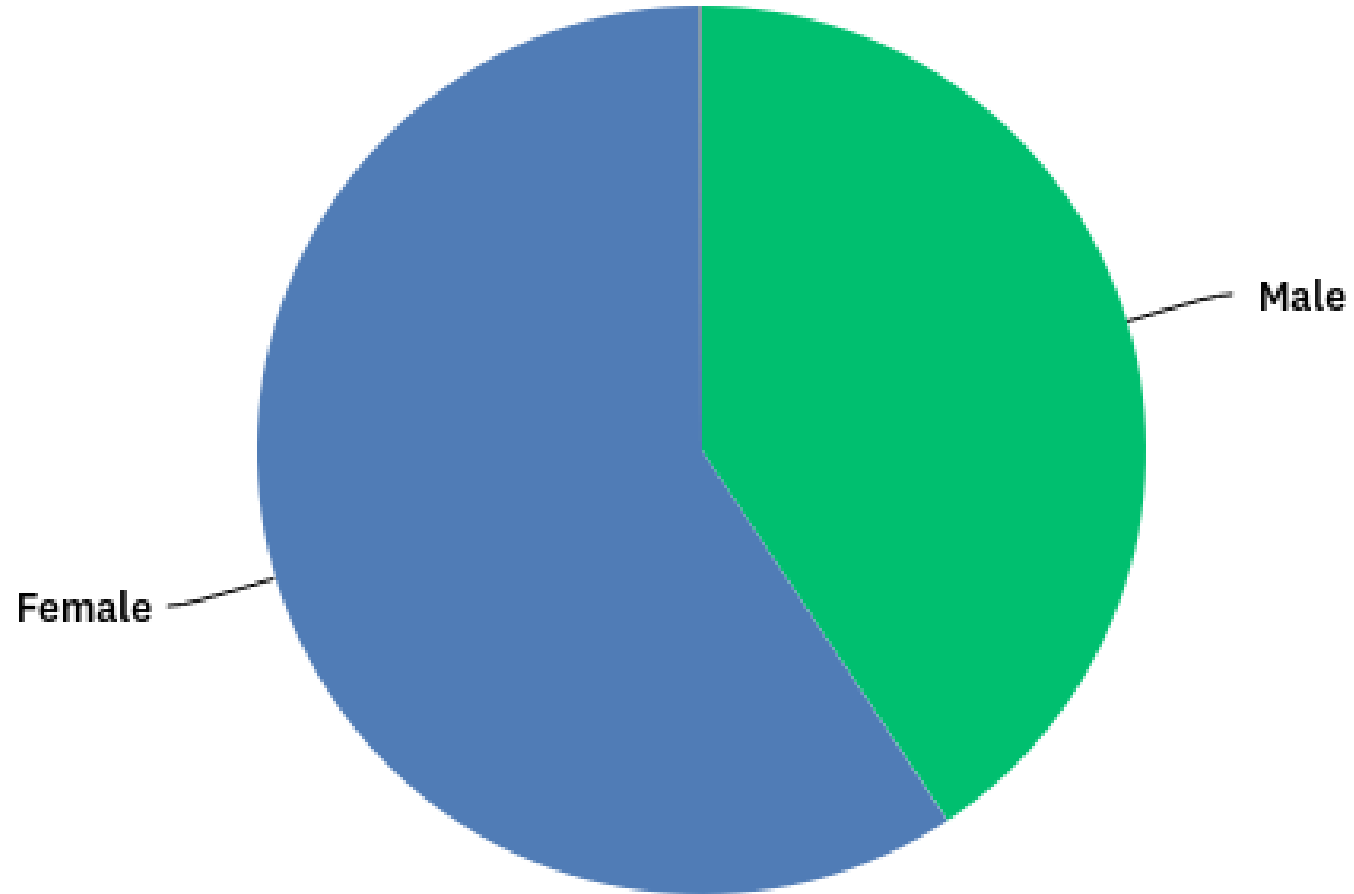


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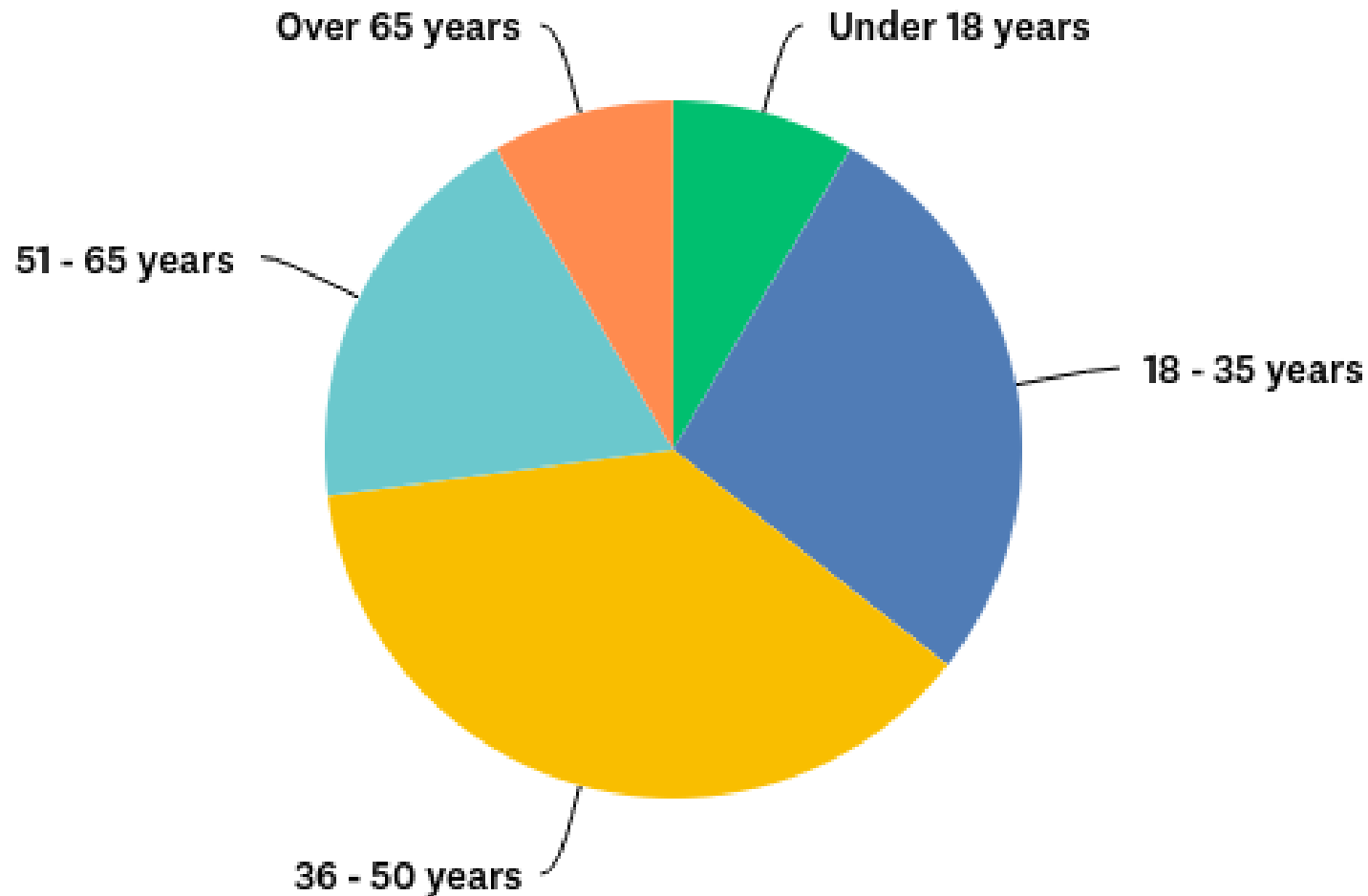
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Q2. Male or Female

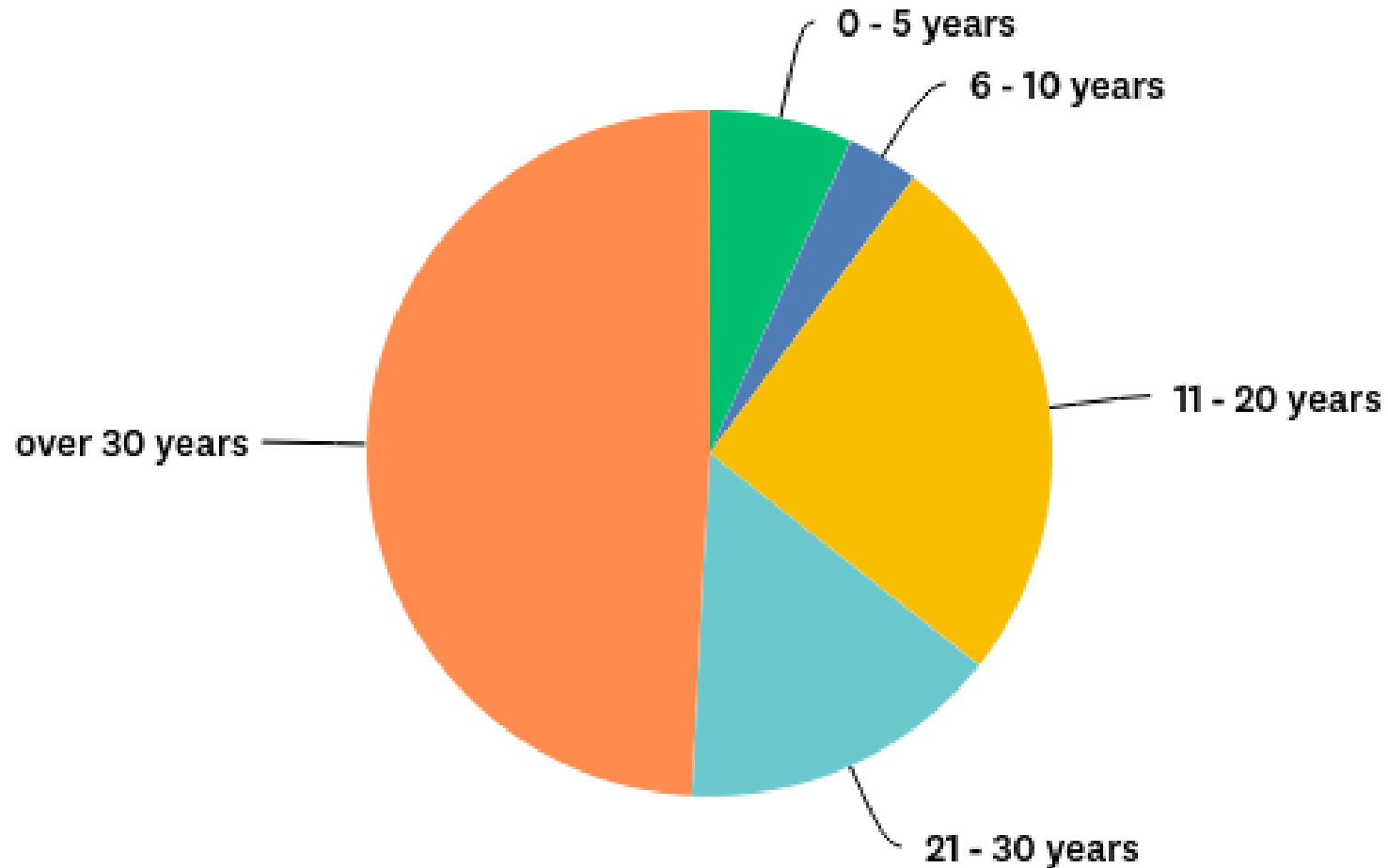


66 Responses
24 Female
35 Male

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

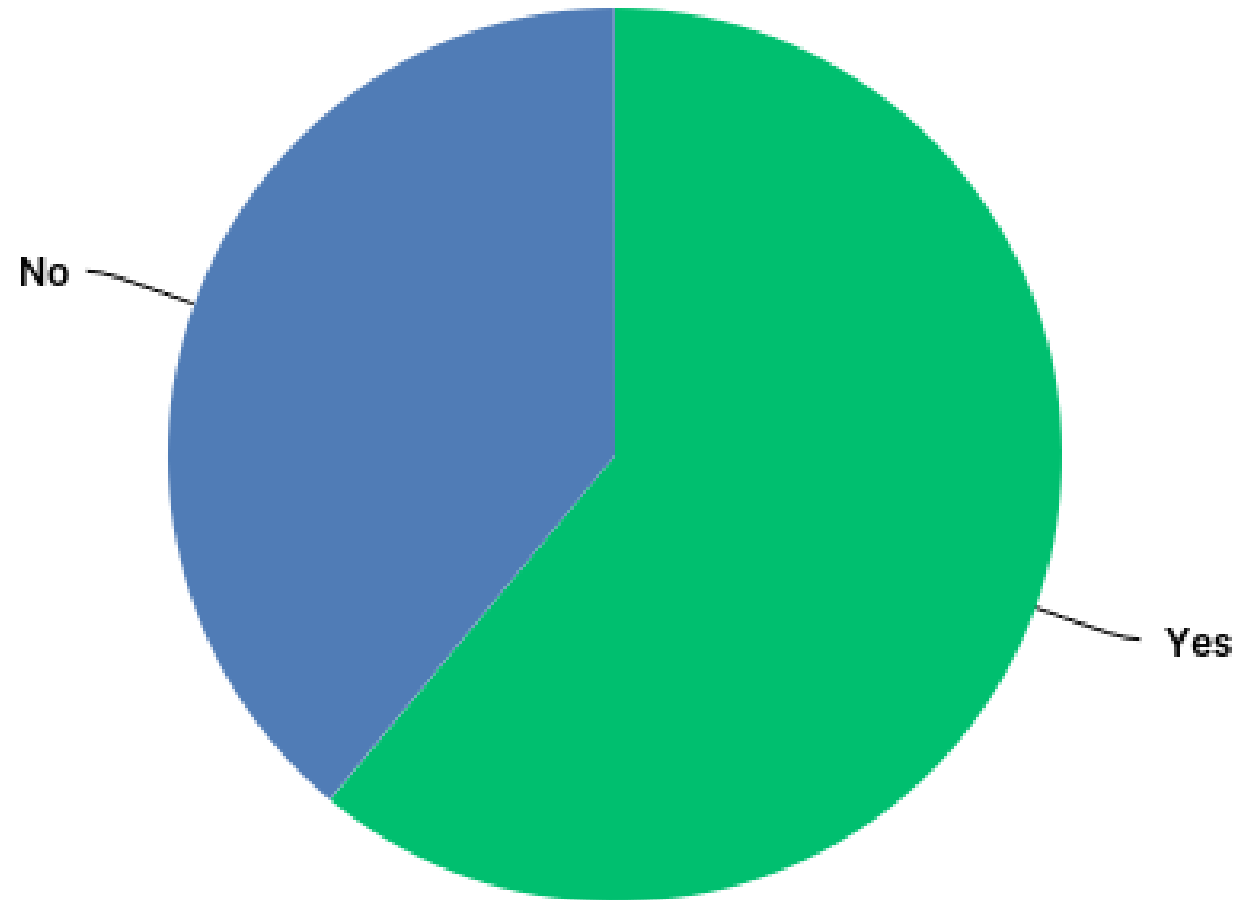


Q4. Which of the following best describes how long you have lived in this community?

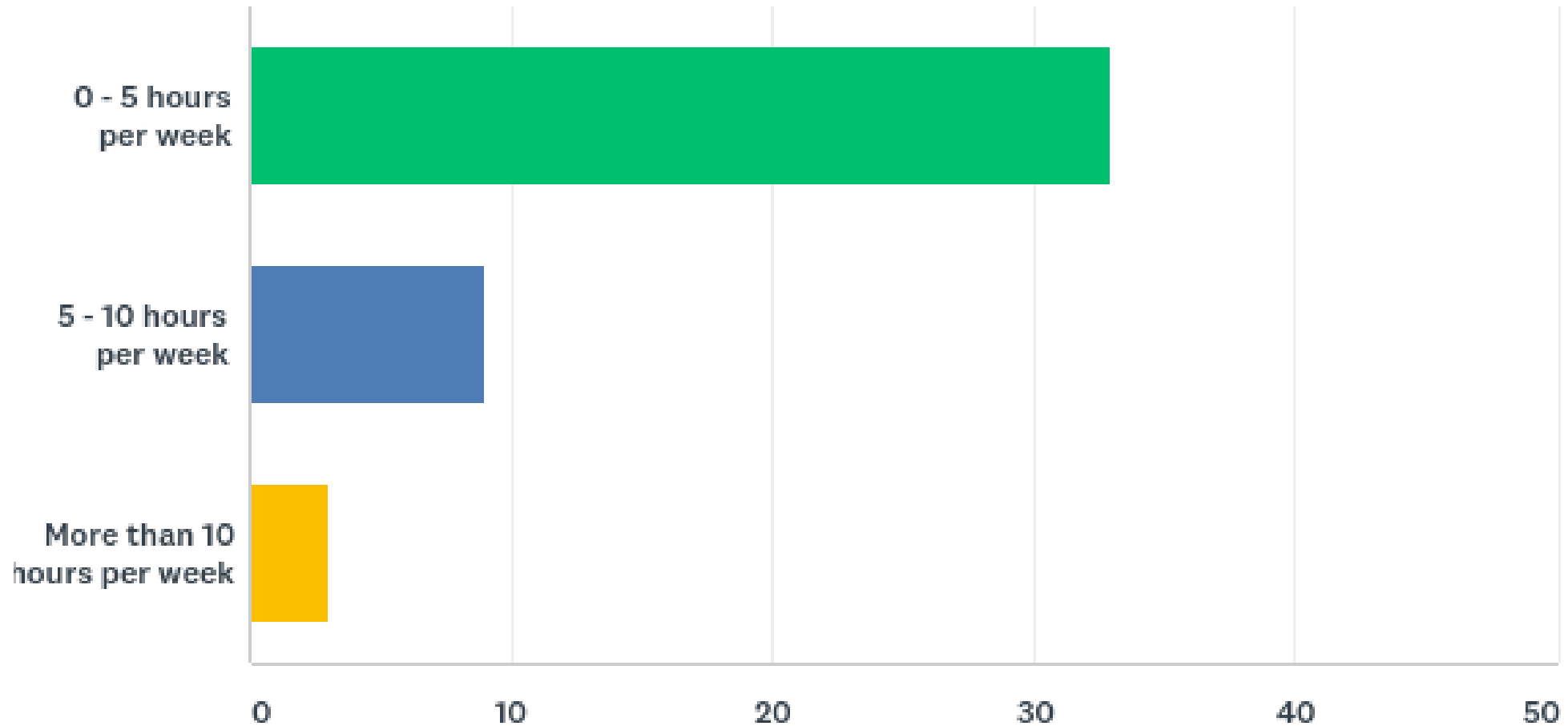


Q5. Do you volunteer in your community?

Yes	61%
No	39%



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?

Work & Time

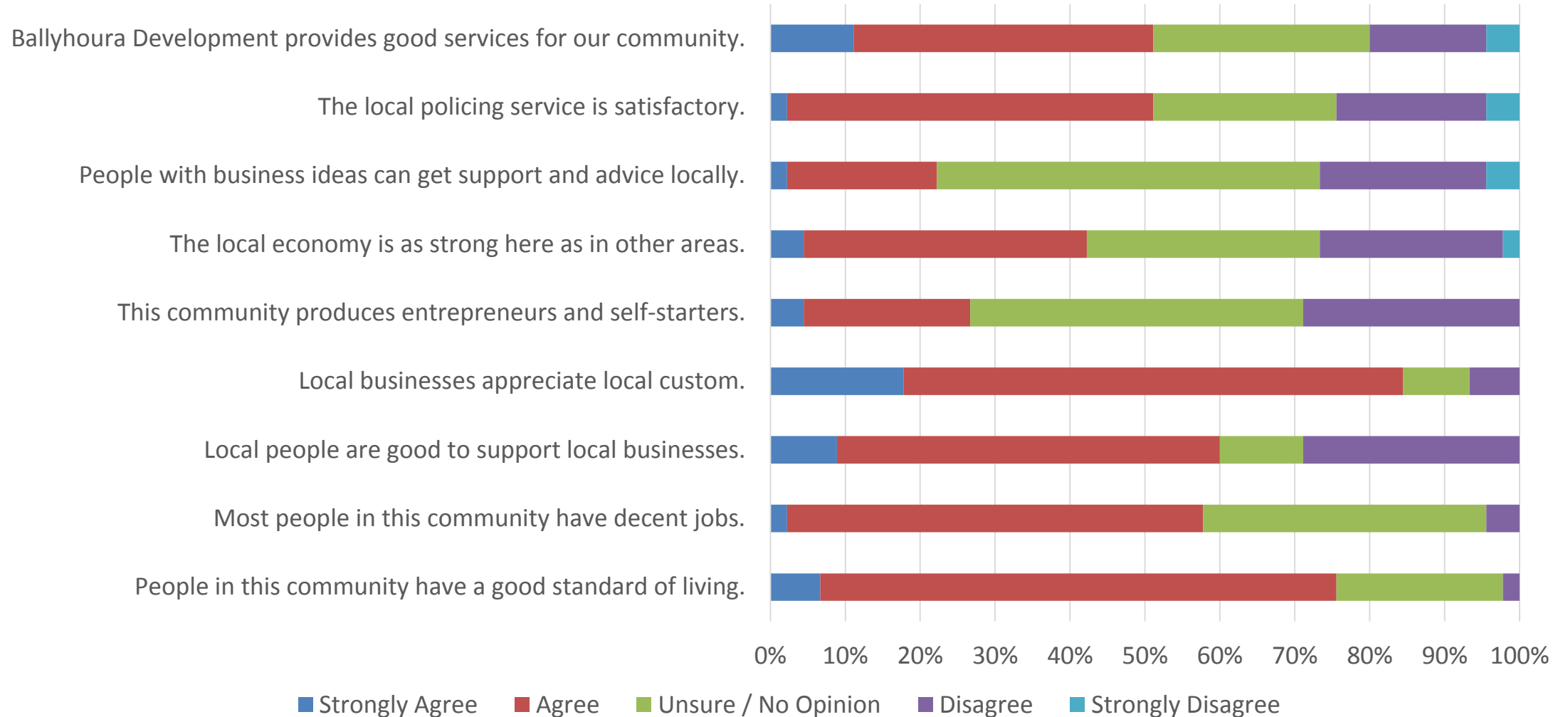
Would you be interested in becoming a member of a local group?

Yes – 60%

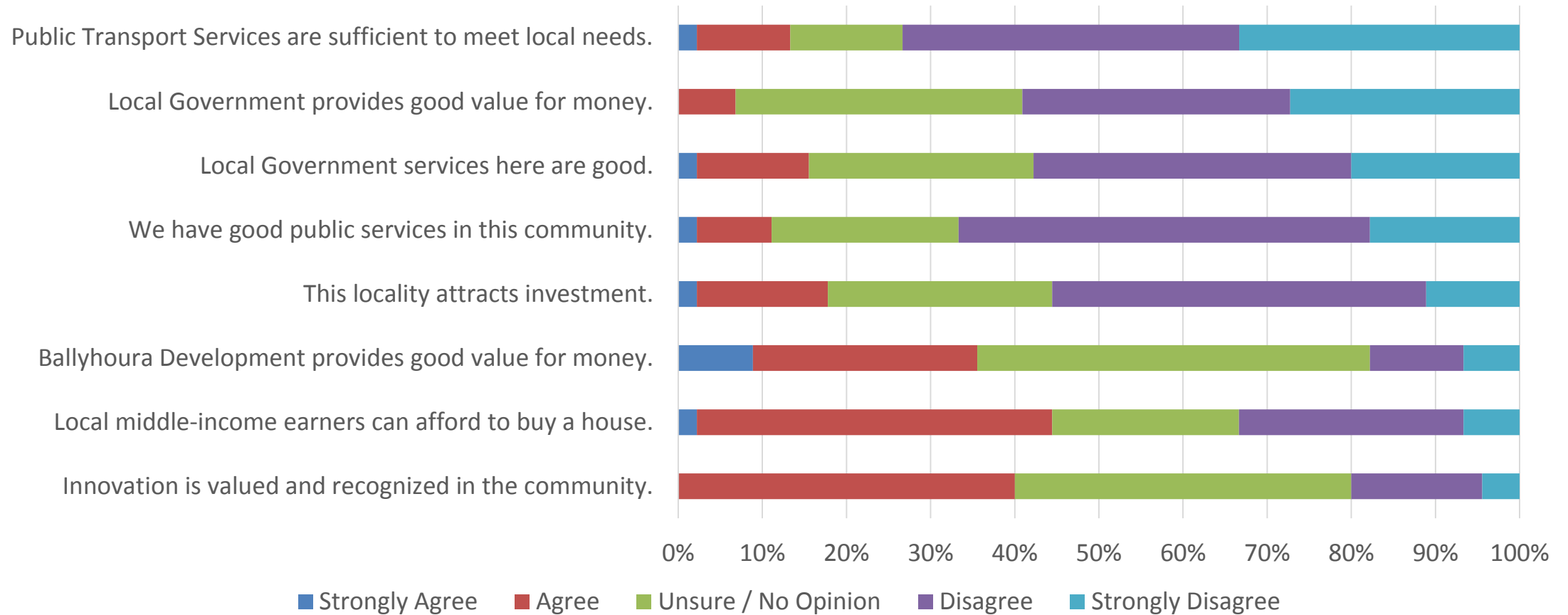
Q8. If you had the opportunity, what would you like to do personally to help improve the quality of life for your community?

- Provide a community hall with meeting rooms
- Improve youth services in the town
- Interconnecting walk ways around town
- Environment/ recycling projects
- Road safety/ Traffic/ Parking
- Regenerate Main Street
- Address dereliction
- Improve communications between groups
- Get more people involved
- Help sports clubs

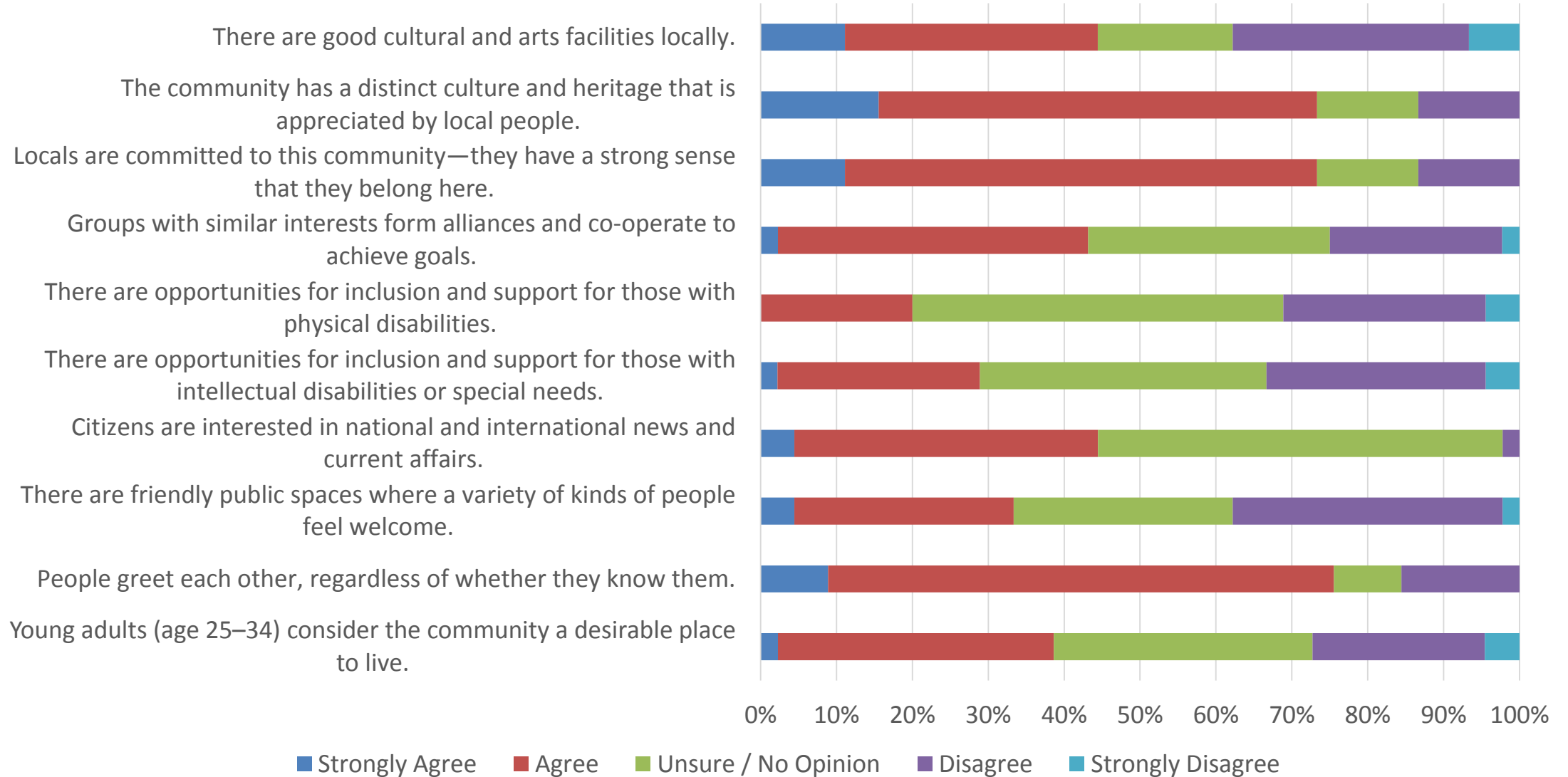
Q10. Economic Vibrancy



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Q11. Social Vibrancy



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For newcomers there are meaningful opportunities to get involved and make a difference in the community.

Anti-social behaviour is not really a problem in this locality.

Crime is not a problem in this community.

This community believes in itself. We think that with enough support, we can do anything.

Schools and education services are excellent.

You see many active, healthy-looking seniors in this locality.

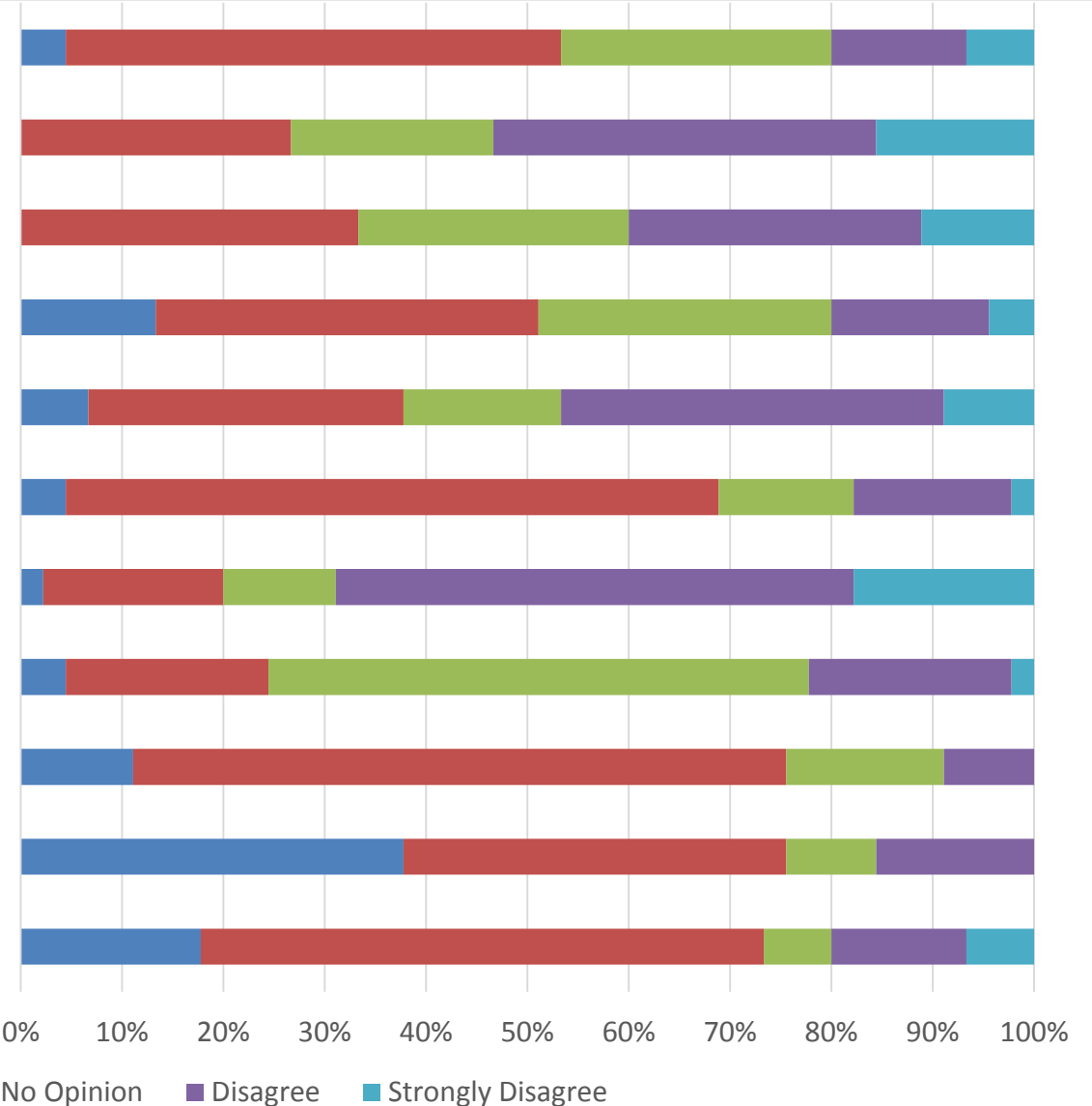
We have good facilities for our young people.

Local people are motivated to learn new skills and develop themselves.

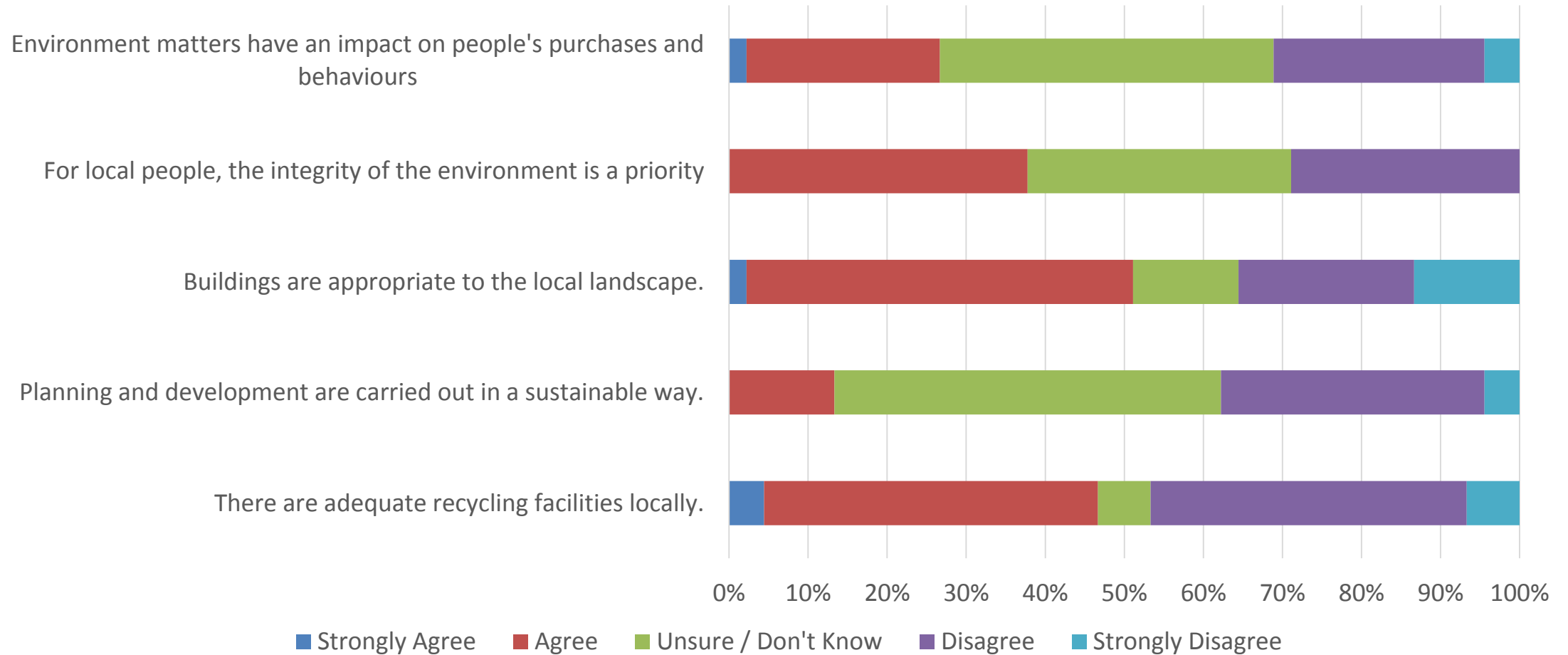
There are good facilities for meetings locally.

We have good sports and recreation facilities in this community.

We have at least one public festival annually that generates a feeling of magic and excitement.



Q12. Environmental Vibrancy



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



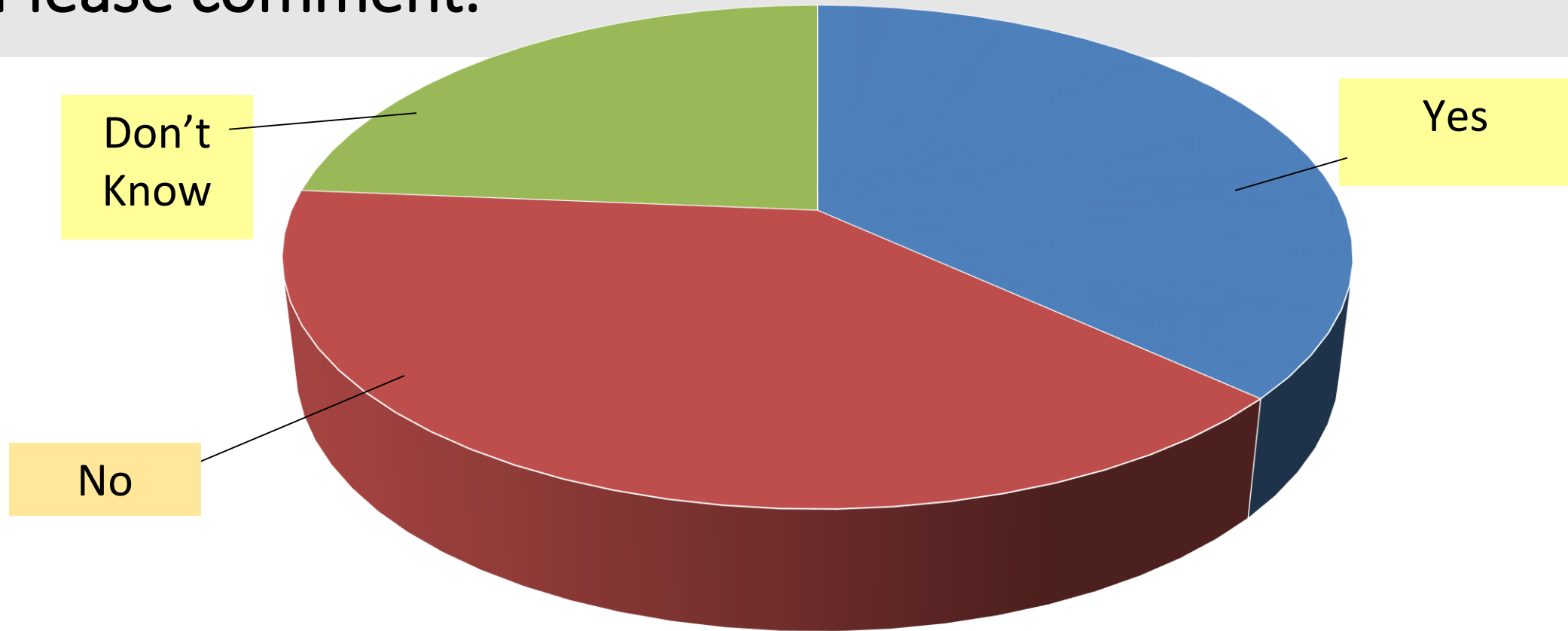
Q14. What, if anything, do you like about living in your area?



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

- Anti-social behaviour
- Playground damaged
- Loss of secondary school
- Inadequate public transport
- Insufficient parking
- Inadequate youth facilities
- Dereliction
- Inadequate childcare facilities
- Not enough coordination between groups
- Lack of services

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



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

- Carebright facility highly valued
- Many new faces
- Not much change/ worse
- Investment goes to Kilmallock
- Busier, stressed young families
- Loss of secondary school keenly felt
- Teenagers dispersed
- Community groups more focussed
- A lot of improvements, Community Council working hard

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

- Crime and anti-social behaviour
- Inadequate parking
- No secondary school
- 'town slowly closing down' eg loss of library, courthouse, no bank, loss of secondary school
- Needs a tourism hub
- Dereliction
- Needs more investment
- A footpath for Convent Road
- Lack of housing
- Maintaining a sense of community among the dispersed teenagers

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

- Investment in the town
- A focus on youth
- Maintain services eg Bank & PO
- Promote tourist attractions
- Creative use of derelict buildings
- A proper car park
- Extend Convent Rd footpath
- Safer roads
- More people involved in Community Council
- Better public transport

Individual Survey Main Issues

1. People like living in the area describing it as friendly, with a good community spirit, convenient to Limerick City
2. Loss of services - need to attract new investment in the town
3. Footpaths and safe roads
4. A good car park required
5. Invest in services for young people
6. Promote tourism
7. Regenerate main street - address derelict buildings
8. Improve communications and coordination