Community Planning
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Charleville Community Survey

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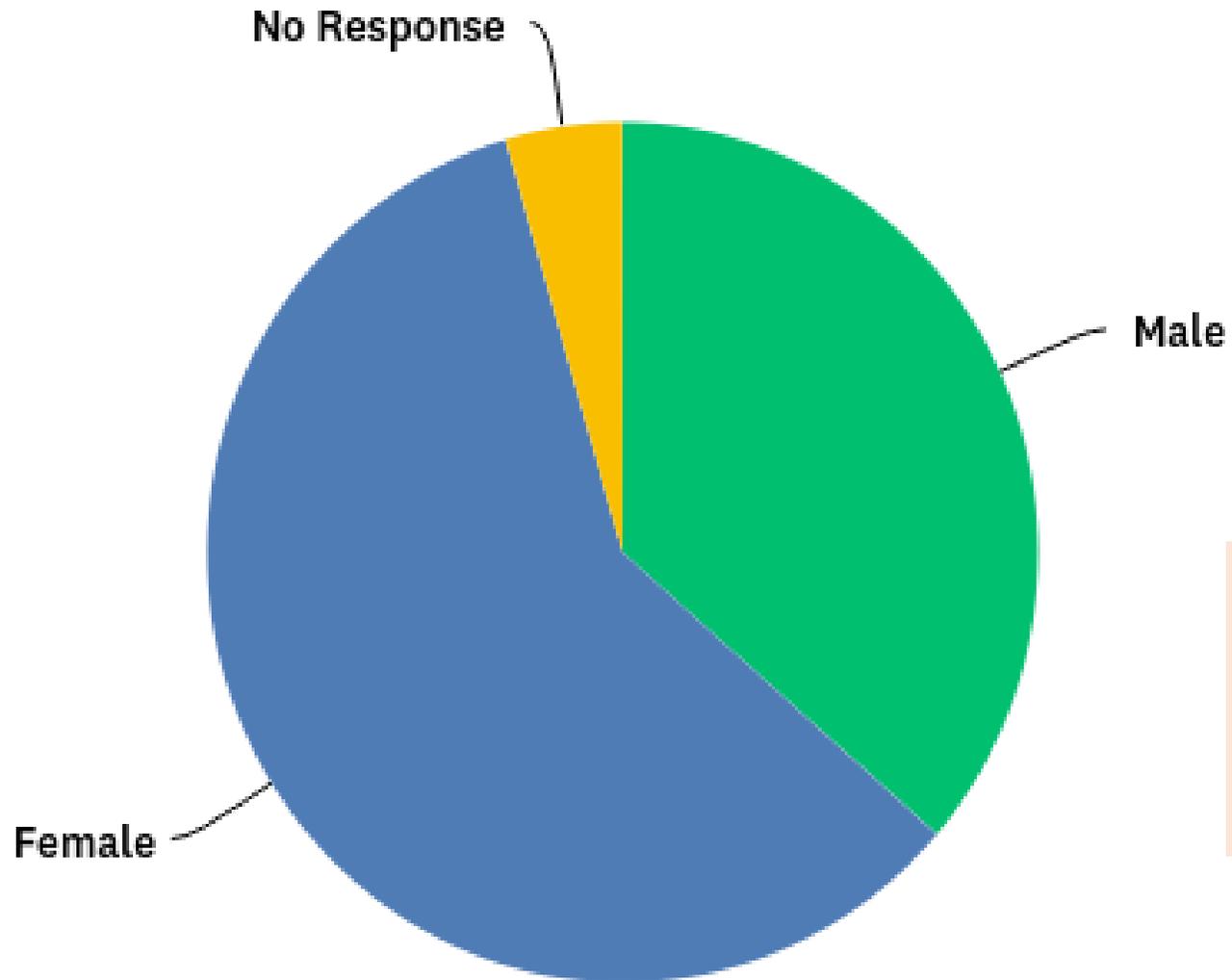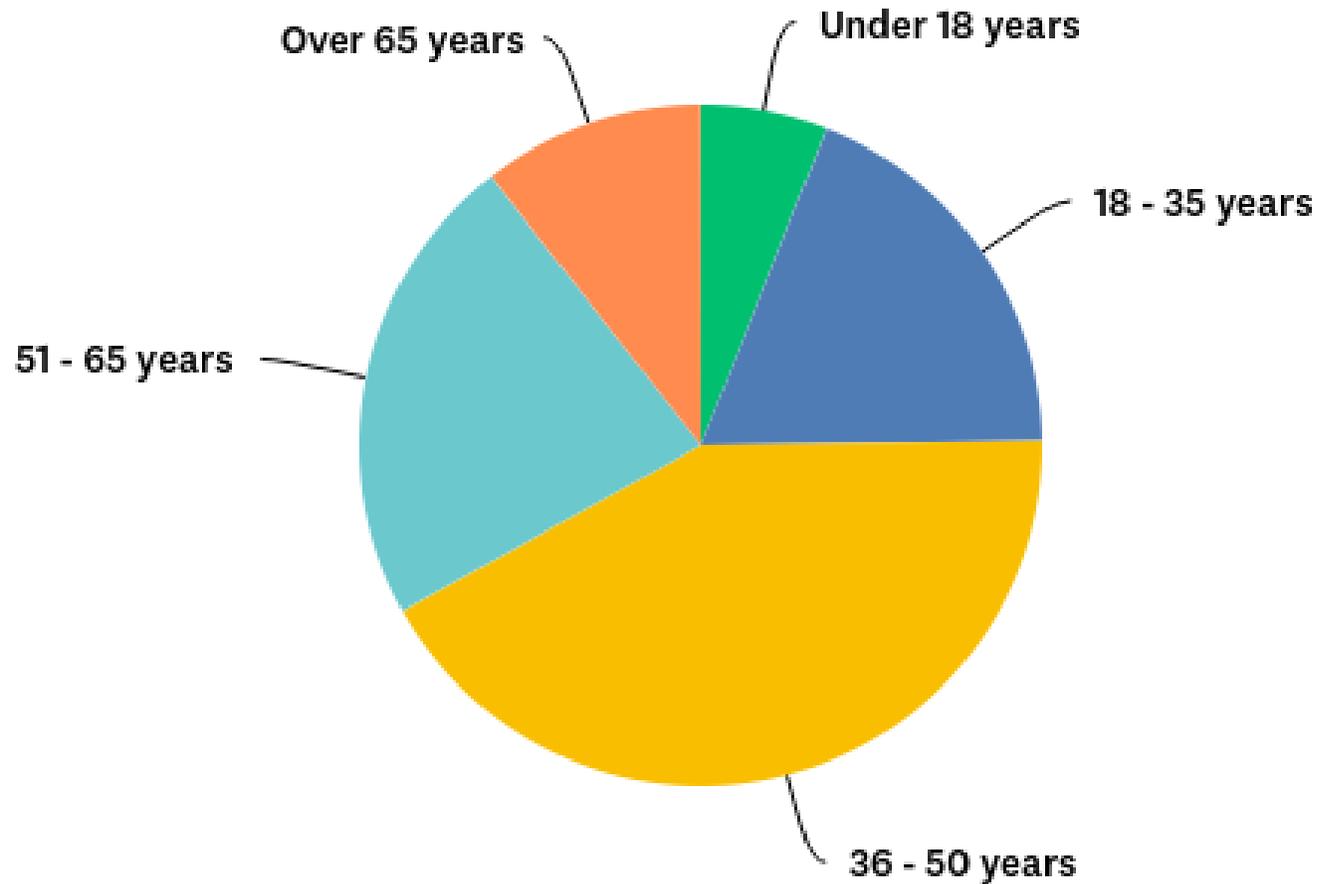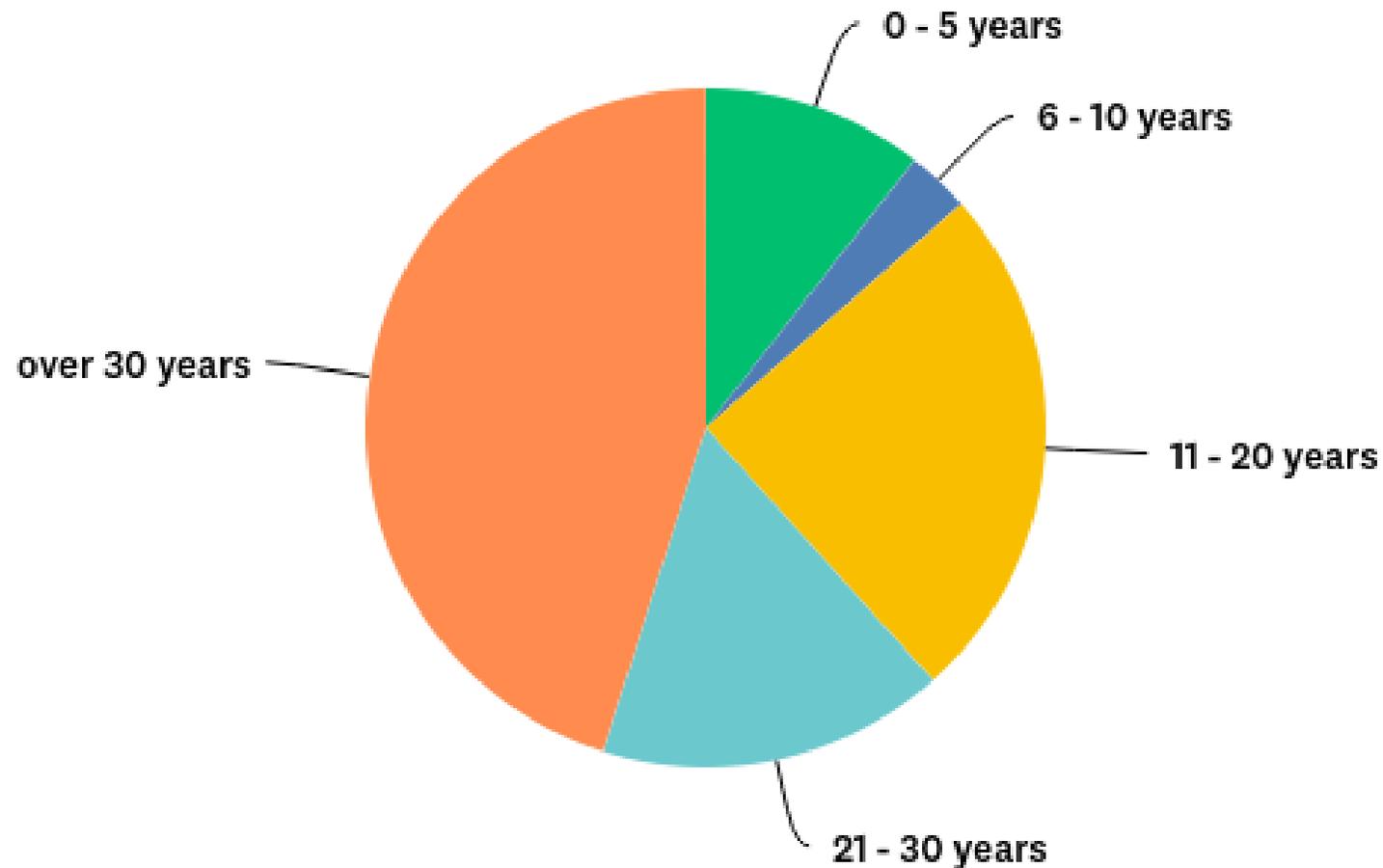Community Trainer & Facilitator

Q2. Male or Female

139 Responses
61 Male
72 Female
6 No response

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?
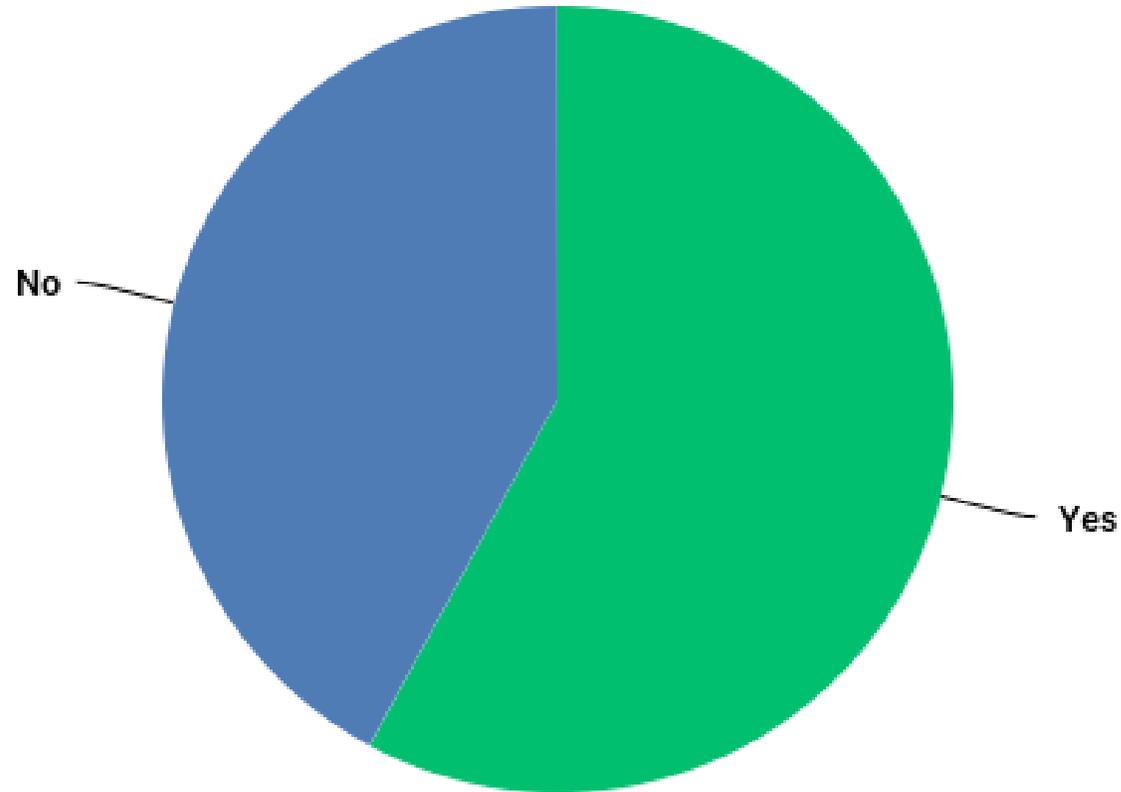
Q6. If you said yes to question 5, on average how many hours a week would you give to voluntary work?
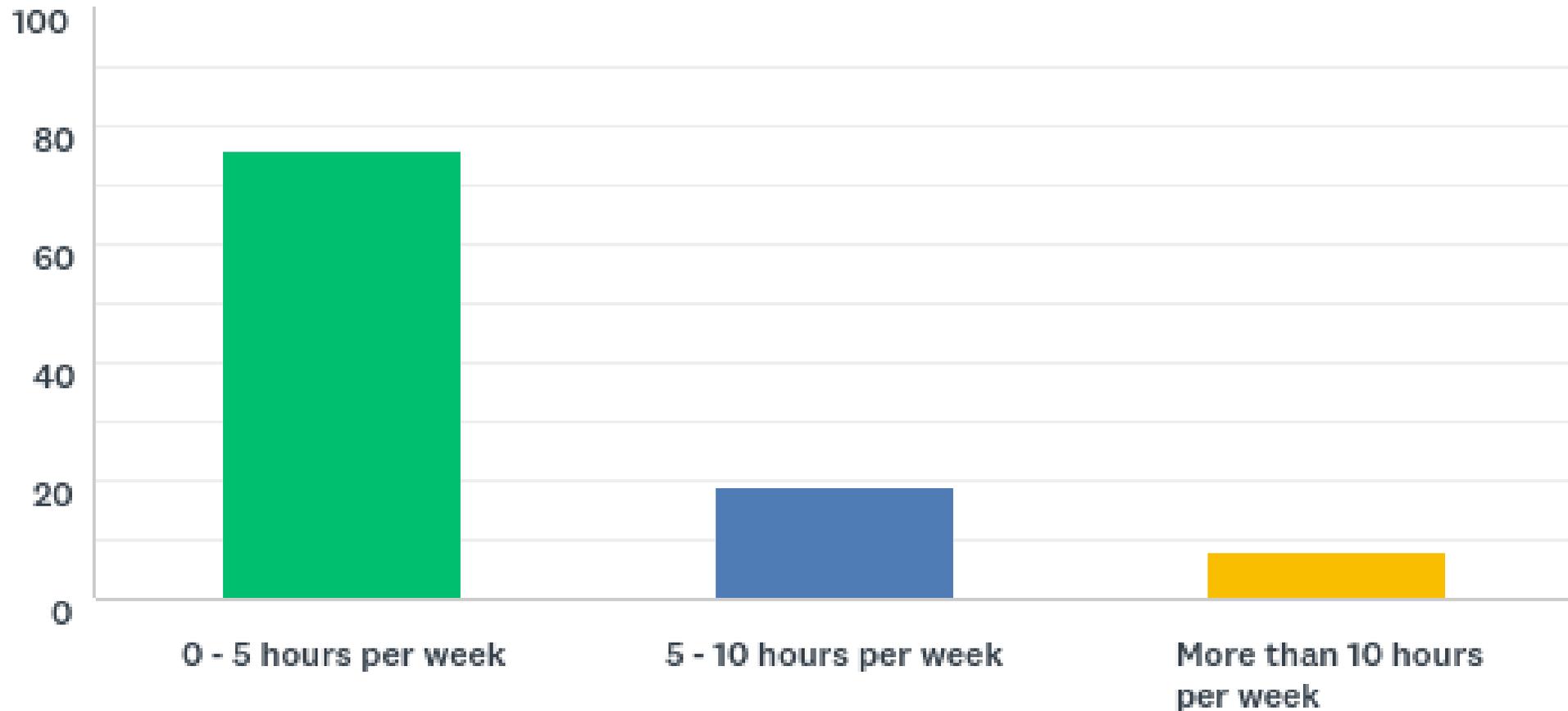
Q7. If you said No to question 5 above, would you be interested in becoming a member of a local group?

• Fifty-five said yes

Factor that prevents you from joining a local community or voluntary group?
- Work ,Family Commitments & Time

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

- Attract jobs
- Promote tourism
- Better facilities and amenities
- More defibrillators
- Creative use of old/ vacant buildings
- Promote inclusion and a sense of belonging (integration for all)

- Tidy Towns & Environment
- Active age & Services for older people
- Facilities and programmes for young people
- Better local coordination
- A shared community vision
- Get more people involved

99 Responses

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

- Friendly, Caring & Welcoming
  - Vibrant & Busy
- Diverse & Multi-cultural
  - Active
  - Pleasant
  - Good Organisations
    - Helpful
    - Together

- Unwelcoming & Selfish
  - Cliquish
  - Clannish
- Fractured & Disjointed
  - Conservative
- Lacks Community Spirit

Q10. Economic Vibrancy

Middle income earners can afford to buy a house	50/ 50 Yes/ No
People with business ideas can get support and advice locally	Mixed views between Yes, No and Unsure
The local economy is as strong here as elsewhere	Nearly 60% agree
This locality attracts investment	Half agree
Local business appreciates local custom	80% agree
Local people are good to support local business	62% Agree 17% Unsure 21% Disagree
The local policing service is satisfactory	Agree 44% Unsure 18% Disagree 38%
Public transport services are sufficient	Nearly 50 / 50 split
Local government provides good value for money	One in ten agree
We have good public services in this community	Nearly equally divided
Ballyhoura development provides good services	68% Agree 30% Unsure 2% Disagree

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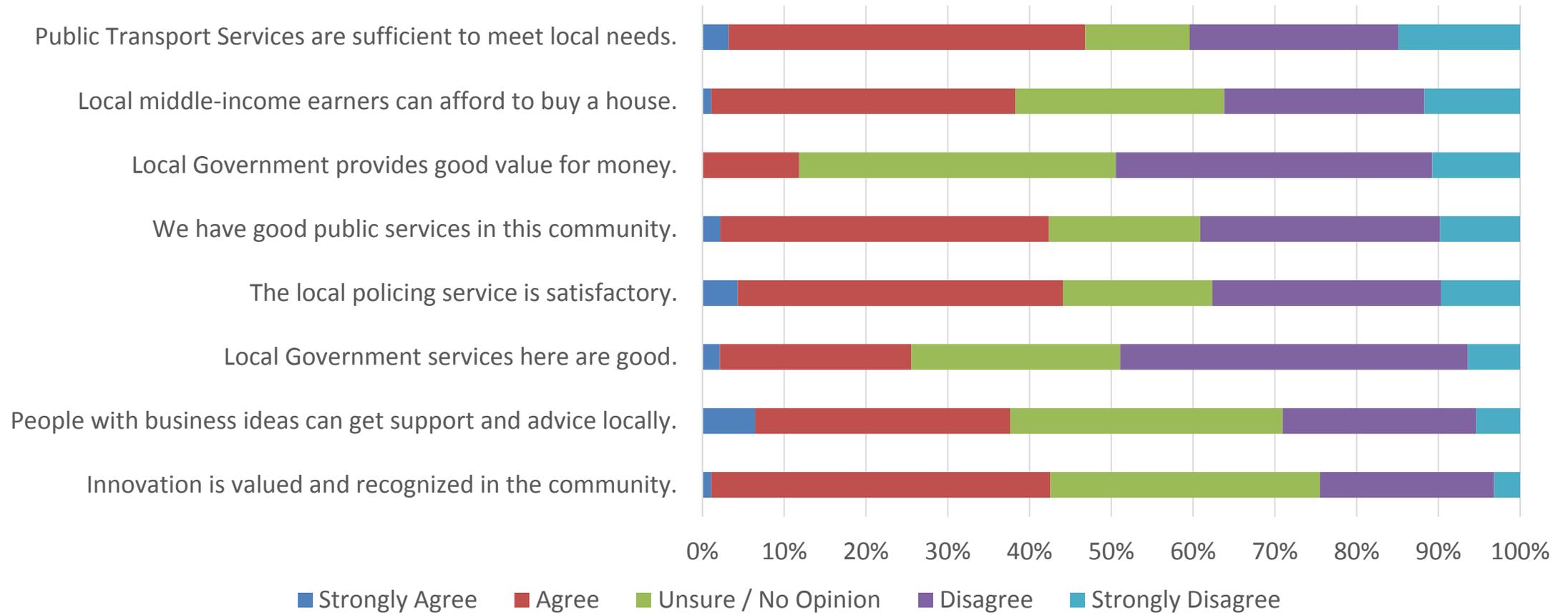
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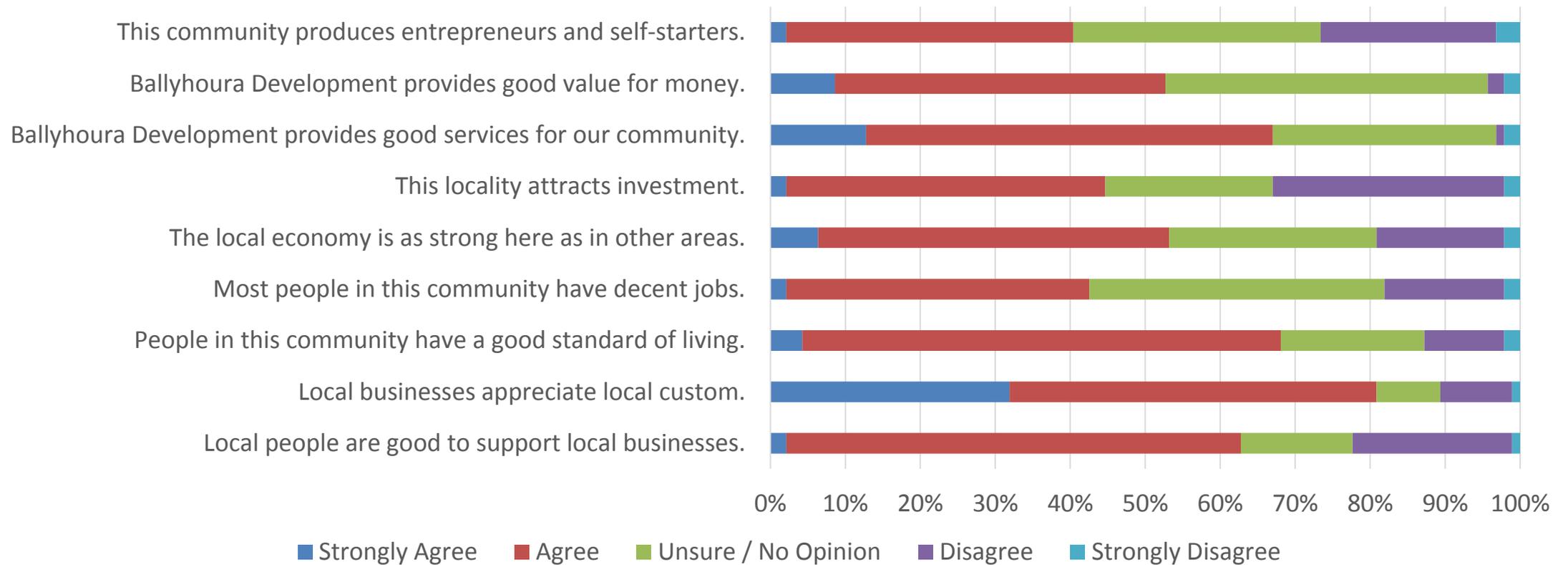
Q. 11 Social Vibrancy

We have good facilities for our young people	Nearly 2/3 disagree
Anti-social behaviour is not really a problem	Only 15% agree
We have good sports and recreation facilities	Almost 9 in 10 agree
There are good arts and cultural facilities locally	Almost equal split between Yes, No and Unsure
This community believes in itself	40 % Agree 20% Unsure 40 % Disagree
Schools and education services are excellent	50 % Agree 20% Unsure 30% Disagree
There are opportunities for inclusion and support for those with physical disabilities.	Almost 85% agree
People greet each other regardless of whether they know them.	7 out of 10 agree
Young adults (age 25–34) consider the community a desirable place to live.	1 in 5 agree

Q11 Social Vibrancy

Q11 …/… Social Vibrancy

Legend: Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Unsure / No Opinion ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

Q12 Environmental Vibrancy

For local people the integrity of the environment is a priority	**30% Agree** **28% Are unsure** **42% Disagree**
Planning and development are carried out in a sustainable way	One in five agree
There are adequate recycling facilities locally	55% disagree

Q12 Environmental Vibrancy
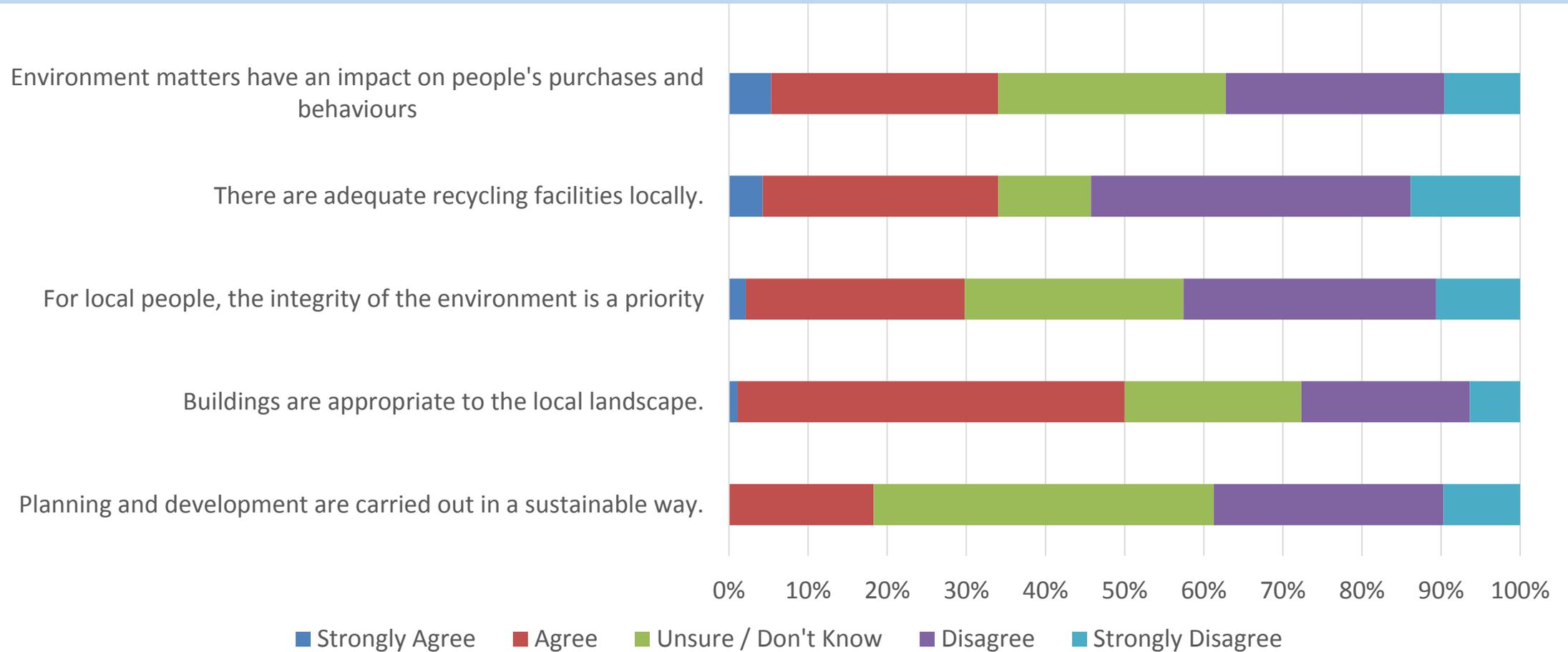
Q13. How would you describe the impact of recent population changes on your community?

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

- Friendly
- Home town/ meeting friends
- Convenient to cities, transport, and other amenities
- Good for shopping
- Family nearby
- The community spirit
- Quality of life
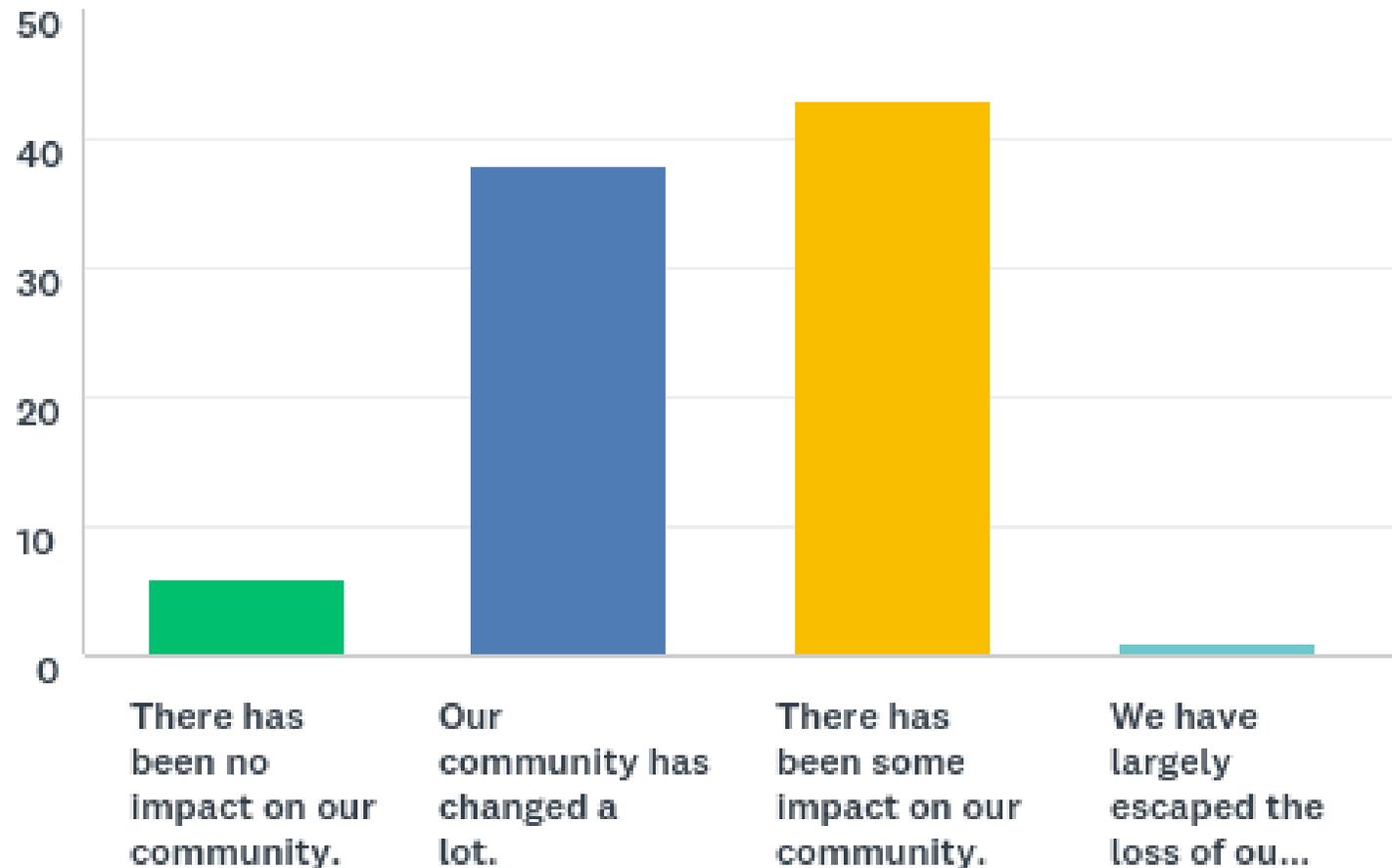
Q15. What, if anything, do you dislike about living in your area?
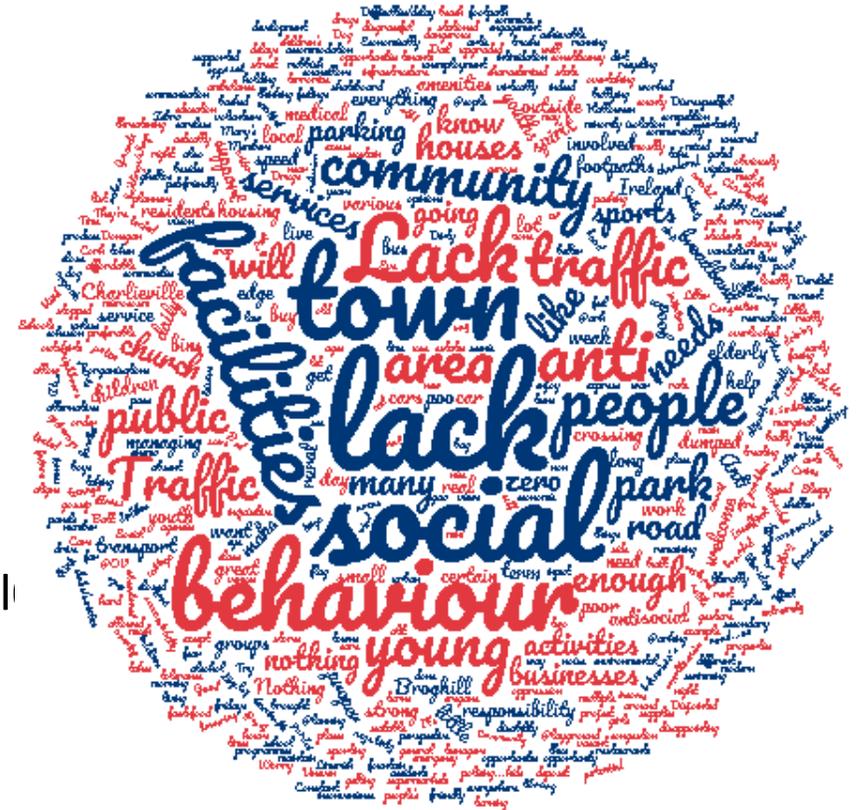
- Traffic & congestion
- Parking
- Dereliction
- Lack of youth facilities
- No common vision/ cliquish
- Playground small/ shabby
- Social isolation
- Anti-social behaviour

- Nothing!
- Out of hours medical services
- Lack of arts facilities
- Insufficient public transport
- No environment initiatives
- Litter & dog-fouling
- Lack of facilities for older people
- Anti-Traveller Sentiment

Q16. Does everyone in your community feel included?

Don't Know

Yes

No

■ Yes ■ NO ■ Don't know

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

- Many commented 'the same' and many commented better and improved

- Significant population growth

- A lot of foreign nationals

- Multicultural

- 'we know less people'

- Better

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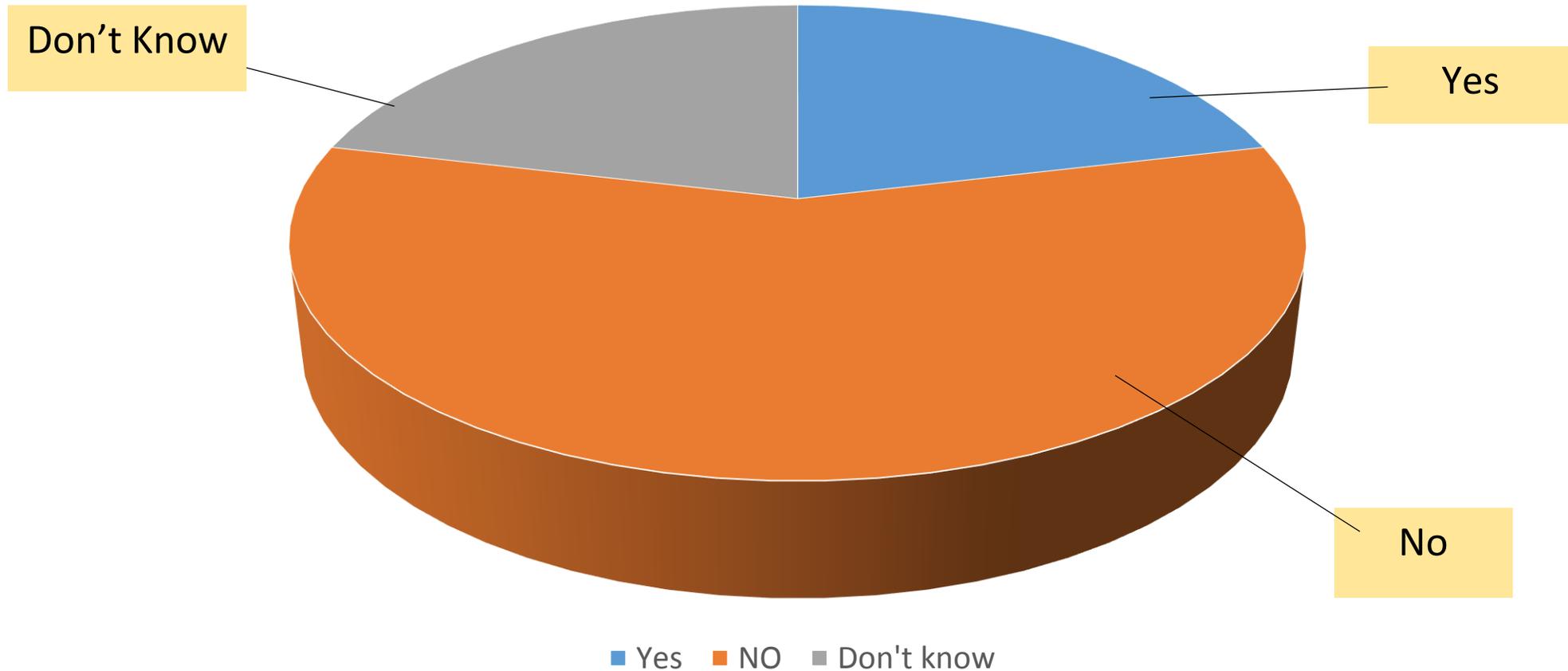
Q18. What are the principle current issues facing your community?

Traffic / N20 / Congestion

Anti-Social Behaviour/ Crime

Social Divides/ Social Exclusion

Affordable Housing

Lack of facilities for Youth

Integration of New People

Park/ playground needs upgrading

Economy/ Employment/ Retail

Traveller-Settled Relations

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

- Traffic/ congestion/ M20/ parking/ public transport
- Better youth facilities
- Better coordination and communications between groups
- A shared vision/ community spirit

- Attract IT jobs
- Retail Initiatives
- Housing/ affordable housing
- Better facilities/ creative use of vacant or derelict premises
- Better policing
- Tackle anti-social behaviour

Main Issues

1. Responding to population growth /New Communities
2. Lobbying for construction of M20, improve parking
3. Addressing social exclusion and social divides
4. Addressing anti-social behaviour
5. Coordination and communications between groups
6. Audit the use of existing facilities to meet expressed needs (a place to meet, youth facilities, arts & culture, older people…)
7. Strategic relationship with County Council on various issues (traffic, parking, town park, footpaths, cycle paths and walks, housing…)