

# A Neighbourhood Plan for Biggleswade - Your Views Matter

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Ideas

1. [T1] TOWN CENTRE The town centre has been at the heart of Biggleswade for centuries. Historically it has been the place where the people of Biggleswade and surrounding parishes meet and shop. But the way we use the town centre is changing. Changes to the way we work and shop, with increasing use of the internet and out of town retail parks all play their part. There are no easy solutions but other towns have dealt successfully with these issues and we will learn, develop and adopt the right policies for the future through the Neighbourhood Plan. We would like to know your views on Town Centre issues and how important it is for these to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Is it important for the Neighbourhood Plan to include Town Centre issues?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	324
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	1
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	6



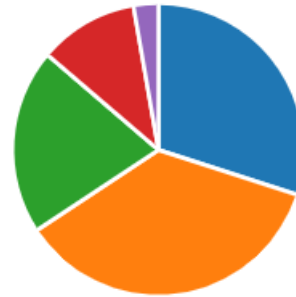
2. [T2] Where do you do your main grocery shopping?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Town Centre	180
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Out of Town Centre	108
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Online	32
<span style="color: red;">●</span> No Preference	11



3. [T3] How often do you visit Biggleswade Town Centre?

● 4-7 days per week	98
● 2-3 days per week	117
● Once per week	67
● Less than weekly	36
● Less than monthly	9



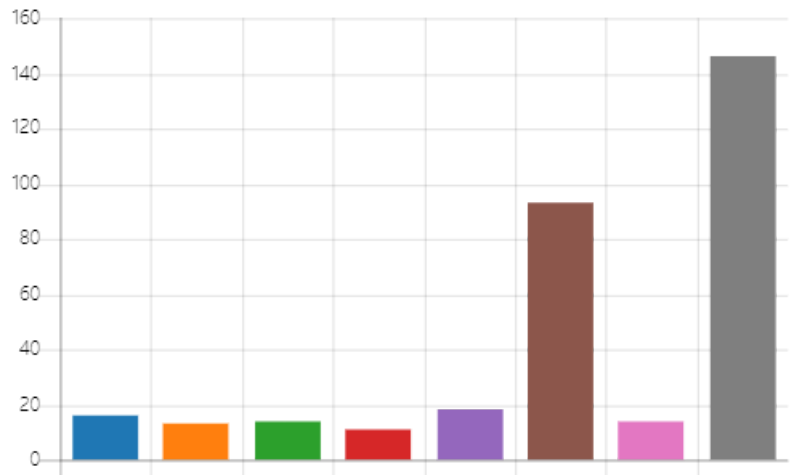
4. [T4] How often do you visit the A1 Retail Park?

● 4-7 days per week	7
● 2-3 days per week	48
● Once per week	86
● Less than weekly	129
● Less than monthly	60



5. [T5] Which is your preferred day of the week to visit Biggleswade Town Centre?

● Monday	16
● Tuesday	13
● Wednesday	14
● Thursday	11
● Friday	18
● Saturday	93
● Sunday	14
● No preference	146



6. [T6] Why is that your preferred day of the week to visit Biggleswade?

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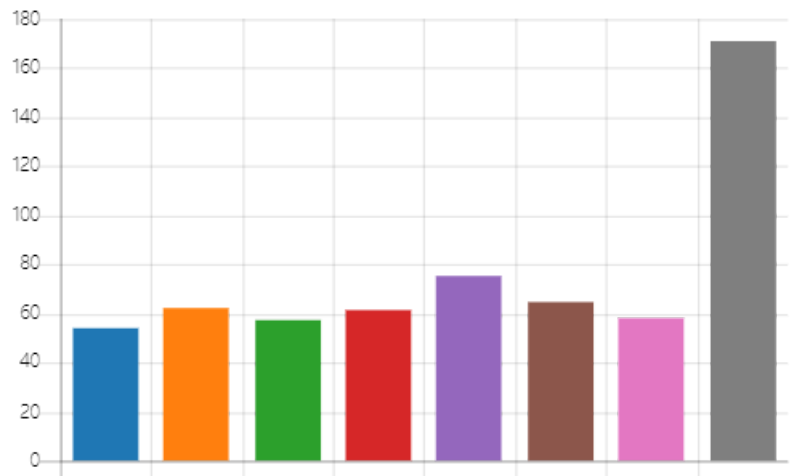
"Fits around work pattern & like the market "

"I have the time to visit at any time and prefer to avoid Saturdays"

"Because i don't work on a Friday!"

7. [T7] Which other days of the week do you visit Biggleswade Town Centre?

Monday	54
Tuesday	62
Wednesday	57
Thursday	61
Friday	75
Saturday	65
Sunday	58
No preference	171



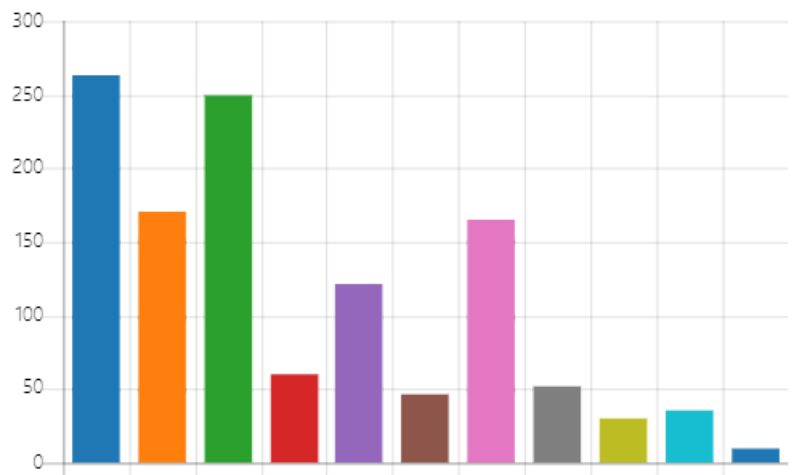
8. [T8] What time of the day do you visit Biggleswade Town Centre?

Morning	151
Afternoon	117
Evening	68
No preference	105



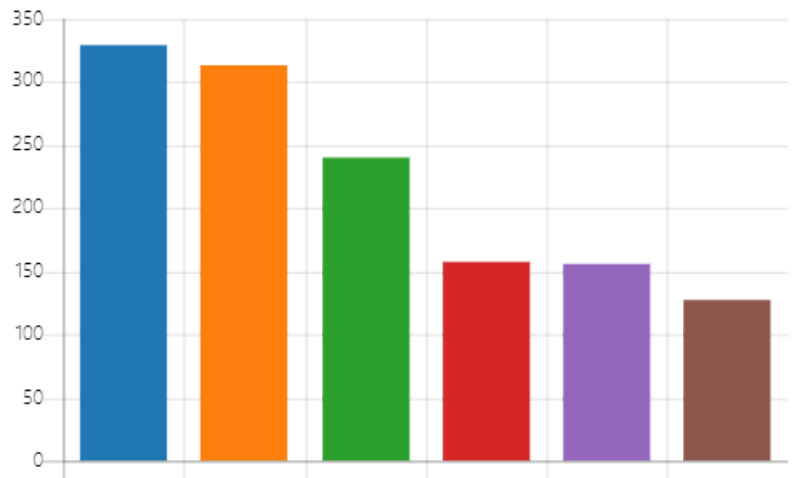
9. [T9] What do you use Biggleswade Town Centre for?

Shopping	263
Services	171
Food and Drink	249
Entertainment	60
Markets	121
Leisure	46
Socialising	165
Commuting	52
I work there	30
I live there	35
Other	10



10. [T10] Which areas do you consider to be part of the Town Centre?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Market Square	330
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> High Street	314
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Hitchin Street	240
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Bonds Lane	157
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Church Street	156
<span style="color: brown;">●</span> Shortmead Street	127



11. [T11] Which other areas do you consider to be part of the Town Centre?

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12. [T12] What types of shops or services would you like to see in the Town Centre in the future?

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*"Party shop"*

13. [T13] Do you agree with Town Centre shops being converted to residential units?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	16
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	249
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	62



14. [T14] Do you agree with space above Town Centre shops being converted to residential units?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	201
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	42
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	87



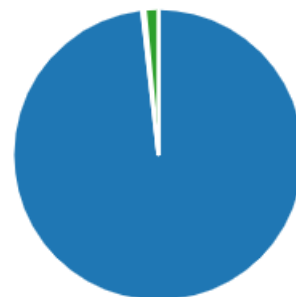
15. [T15] Please use this space to add any additional comments about Town Centre planning issues

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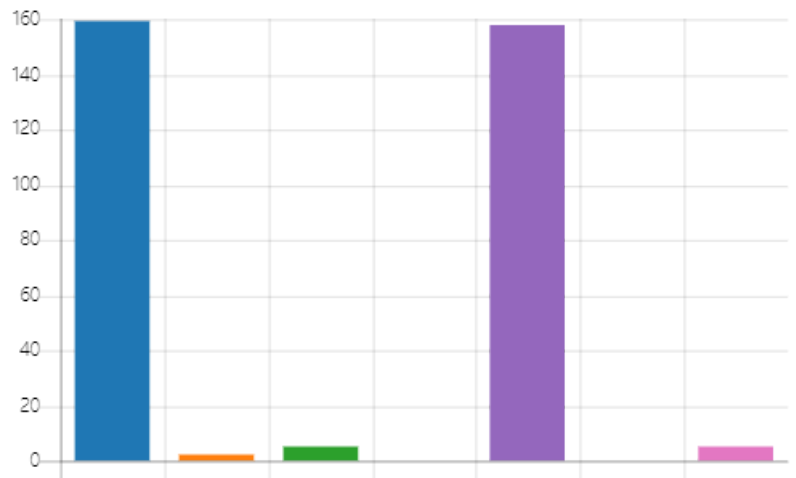
16. [P1] TRANSPORT AND PARKING As the town continues to grow, the demands on transport infrastructure and parking also continue to grow. Public transport networks are important to people who live in, work in and visit town centres as well as travelling further afield. Good transport links are essential for commuters accessing the rail network via Biggleswade Station. Provision of sufficient, well managed parking spaces is also vital for the commercial viability of town centre businesses. We would like to know your views on Transport and Parking issues and how important it is for these to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Is it important for the Neighbourhood Plan to include Transport and Parking issues?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	325
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	1
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	5



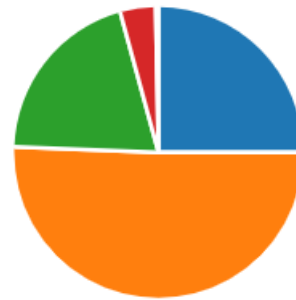
17. [P2] How do you most frequently travel to Biggleswade Town Centre?

● On foot	159
● By bus	2
● By bicycle	5
● By motorbike	0
● By car	158
● By train	0
● Other	5



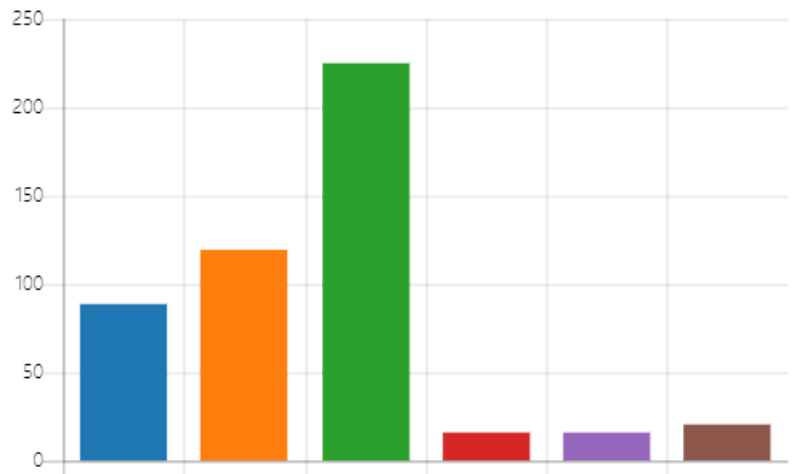
18. [P3] Based on this method of transport, how long does your journey normally take?

● 0 to 5 minutes	82
● 5 to 10 minutes	166
● 10 to 20 minutes	66
● 20 to 30 minutes	13
● More than 30 minutes	1



19. [P4] If you drive to the Town Centre, where do you park?

● On street parking	89
● Public car park	119
● Supermarket car park	225
● Station Car Park	16
● Private Space	16
● Other	20



20. [P5] If you drive to the Town Centre, how easy is it to find a parking space?

● Very Easy	28
● Easy	150
● Difficult	106
● Very difficult	26



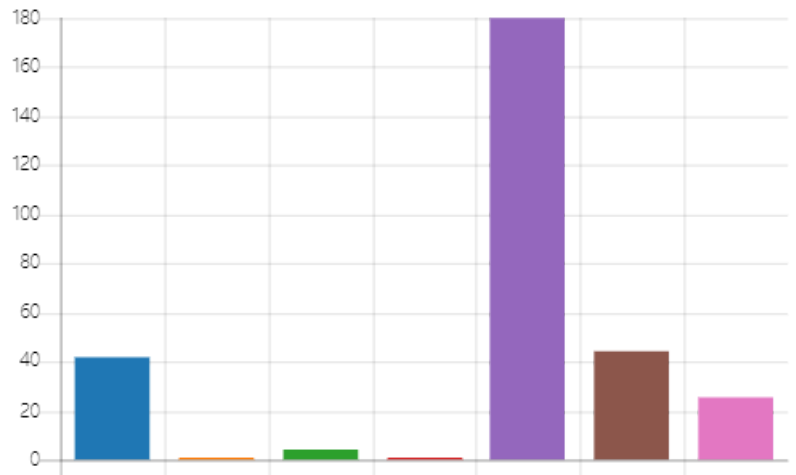
21. [P6] If you drive to the Town Centre, how long do you normally park for?

● Up to 1 hour	109
● Up to 2 hours	165
● Up to 3 hours	19
● Up to 4 hours	1
● More than 4 hours	14



22. [P7] How do you most frequently travel to get to your main place of work or place of study?

● On Foot	42
● By Bus	1
● By Bicycle	4
● By Motorbike	1
● By Car	180
● By Train	44
● Other	25



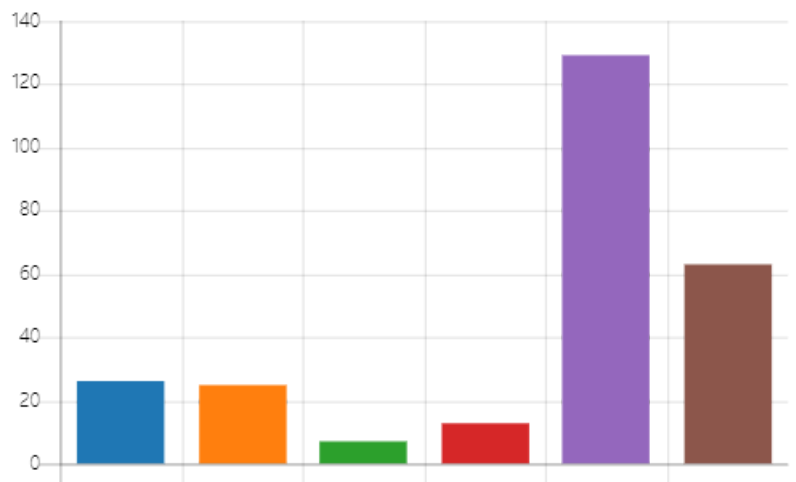
23. [P8] Based on this method of transport, how long does your journey normally take?

● 0 to 5 minutes	33
● 5 to 10 minutes	53
● 10 to 20 minutes	43
● 20 to 30 minutes	40
● More than 30 minutes	116



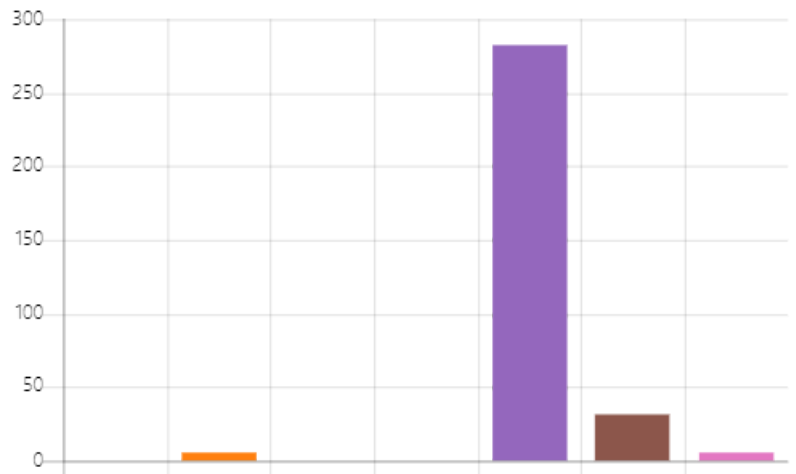
24. [P9] When you reach your main work or study destination, where do you park?

● On street parking	26
● Public car park	25
● Supermarket car park	7
● Station car park	13
● Private space	129
● Other	63



25. [P10] When you travel outside Biggleswade what is your most frequent method of transport?

● On Foot	0
● By Bus	6
● By Bicycle	0
● By Motorbike	0
● By Car	282
● By Train	32
● Other	5





26. [P11] How long has it been since you last travelled by car?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Less than a week	316
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Less than a month	7
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Less than 6 months	0
<span style="color: red;">●</span> More than 6 months	2



27. [P12] How long has it been since you last travelled by bus?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Less than a week	21
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Less than a month	38
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Less than 6 months	56
<span style="color: red;">●</span> More than 6 months	213



28. [P13] How long has it been since you last travelled by train?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Less than a week	95
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Less than a month	87
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Less than 6 months	89
<span style="color: red;">●</span> More than 6 months	52



29. [P14] Please use this space to add any additional comments about Transport and Parking issues

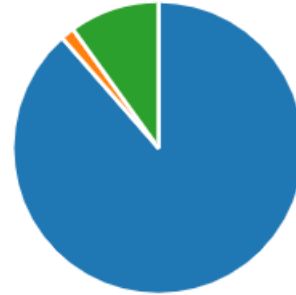
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*"There should be more commuter and shopper parking in the Town Ce...*

30. [D1] DESIGN GUIDES The Town Centre is within a Conservation Area but many plans get passed which are not in keeping with our market town and our traditional local architecture. Design Guides will give clarity to developers and help planners ensure that we keep the good buildings we have and that new buildings are appropriate. Design Guides will also enable us to set minimum standards for developers to comply with on all new builds, particularly new housing estates, and set reasonable standards for adaptations to existing properties. We would like to know your views on building and development design issues and how important it is for Design Guides to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Is it important for the Neighbourhood Plan to include Design Guides?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	293
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	5
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	33



31. [D2] Are you concerned about protecting and enhancing the street scene within the Biggleswade Conservation Area?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	229
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	22
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	77



32. [D3] If yes, what are your concerns?

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*"Design must keep or enhanced the character of the environment in w..."*  
*"There are a lot of historic buildings which need to be protected."*

33. [D4] Do you have concerns about road widths within new developments?

● Yes	228
● No	58
● Maybe	40



34. [D5] If yes, what are your concerns?

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Responses

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*"They are too narrow for 2 cars to pass & for emergency vehicles."*

35. [D6] Are you concerned about any impact on parking if garages or parking spaces are converted for alternative use?

● Yes	207
● No	49
● Maybe	68



36. [D7] If yes, what are your concerns?

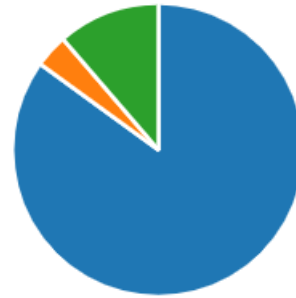
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*"There wont be enough parking spaces."*

37. [D8] Should Design Guides include recommendations for the number of parking spaces per property?

● Yes	277
● No	12
● Maybe	37



38. [D9] If yes, what provisions for parking spaces should be considered for different locations and types of building?

221  
Responses

Latest Responses  
*"Residential minimum of two spaces for each unit plus visitor parking"*

39. [D10] Should a Design Guide include provision for the size and scope of extensions?

● Yes	103
● No	48
● Maybe	165



40. [D11] If yes, what provisions for the size and scope of extensions should be considered?

84  
Responses

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41. [D12] Are you concerned about reducing garden sizes due to extensions or parking?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	104
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	139
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	81



42. [D13] If yes, what are your concerns?

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*"Lack of provision for wildlife"*

43. [D14] Are you concerned about the addition of dormer or loft windows to existing properties?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	10
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	282
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	31



44. [D15] If yes, what are your concerns?

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*"As long as they enhance the unit"*

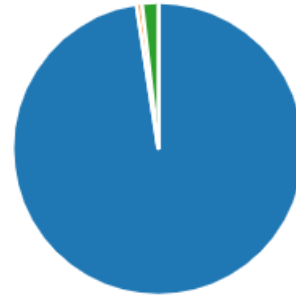
45. [D16] Please use this space to add additional comments relevant to planning design issues

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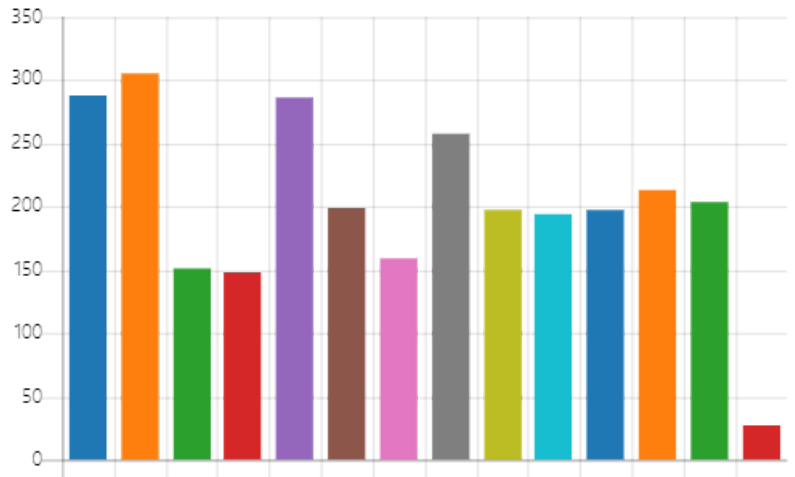
46. [G1] GREEN SPACES The vast majority of land in the parish is either already built on or will be under current plans. However, we are blessed with Biggleswade Common and the Green Wheel and want to protect the remaining green space that we have for the benefit of residents of the town. We would like to know your views on Green Space issues and how important it is for these to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Is it important for the Neighbourhood Plan to consider Green Spaces?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	323
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	2
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	6



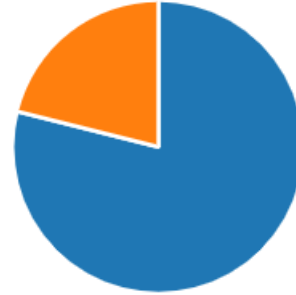
47. [G2] Which Green Spaces are important to you?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> The Common	288
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> The Green Wheel	306
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Drove Road Cemetery	151
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Stratton Way Cemetery	148
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Riverside Walks	287
<span style="color: brown;">●</span> Jubilee Wood	199
<span style="color: pink;">●</span> The Pocket Park	159
<span style="color: grey;">●</span> Play Areas	257
<span style="color: olive;">●</span> Franklin Recreation Ground	198
<span style="color: cyan;">●</span> Football Grounds	194
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Allotments	198
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Wild Flower Meadow	213
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Informal Open Spaces	203
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Other	27



48. [G3] Do you use Biggleswade Common?

● Yes	258
● No	69



49. [G3a] If yes, what for?

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Responses

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*"Dog walking"*

*"Walking"*

*"Walks"*

50. [G4] Do you use Biggleswade Green Wheel?

● Yes	293
● No	32



51. [G4a] If yes, what for?

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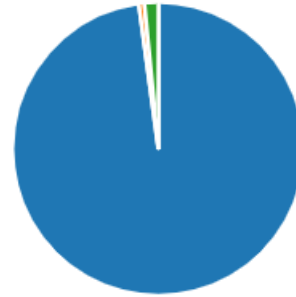
*"Dog walking"*

*"Walking"*

*"Walks"*

52. [G5] Is access to the countryside and green spaces important to you?

Yes	317
No	2
Maybe	5



53. [G6] Is the Public Right of Way and footpath network important to you?

Yes	293
No	2
Maybe	33



54. [G7] If yes, why?

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"To enjoy public pathways/walks "  
"Freedom to enjoy countryside"  
"I enjoy walking and wildlife"

55. [G8] How often do you use public Rights of Way to access green spaces and the countryside?

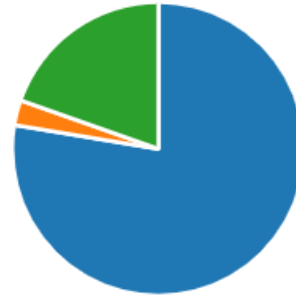
Daily	78
Weekly	143
Monthly	58
Less than monthly	45





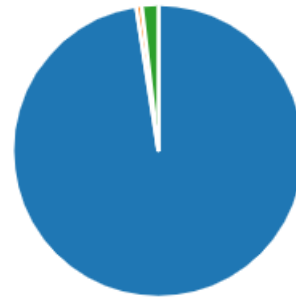
56. [G9] Should agricultural land be protected from development?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	253
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	9
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	64



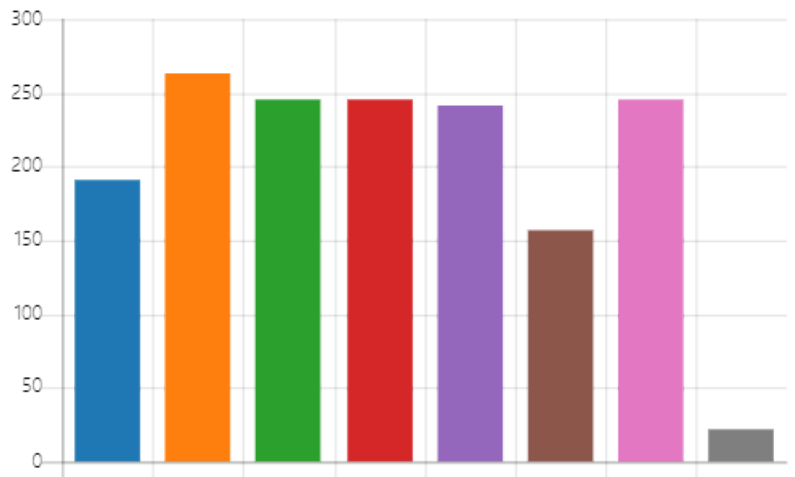
57. [G10] Is it important for future developments to include green spaces accessible to the public?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	320
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	2
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	6



58. [G11] If yes, what should it be used for?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Sports	191
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> General Recreation	263
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Informal open space	246
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Country park	246
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Play Areas	242
<span style="color: brown;">●</span> Allotments	157
<span style="color: pink;">●</span> Woodland	245
<span style="color: grey;">●</span> Other	22



59. [G12] If there are any specific areas that you think should be allocated for green space, please provide details.

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60. [G13] Please use this space to add additional comments relevant to green space issues

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61. [L1] LEISURE AND RECREATION The lack of leisure facilities in the town is often talked about. With a growing population and the market town catchment area, it is hoped that Biggleswade will become a better prospect for commercial investment in leisure and recreation. The Neighbourhood Plan could identify potential sites and, through engagement with residents of all ages, should help to identify what would be the most welcome facilities/businesses. We would like to know your views on Leisure and Recreation issues and how important it is for these to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Is it important for the Neighbourhood Plan to consider Leisure and Recreation?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	316
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	2
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Maybe	13



62. [L2] What indoor leisure facilities do you feel are lacking in the town?

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"Cinema, theatre, fine dining, "

63. [L3] Where would you hope to see any new indoor leisure facilities?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Town Centre	176
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Existing Green Space	25
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Commercial Areas	183
<span style="color: red;">●</span> New Development	169
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Other	14



64. [L4] What outdoor leisure facilities do you feel are lacking in the town?

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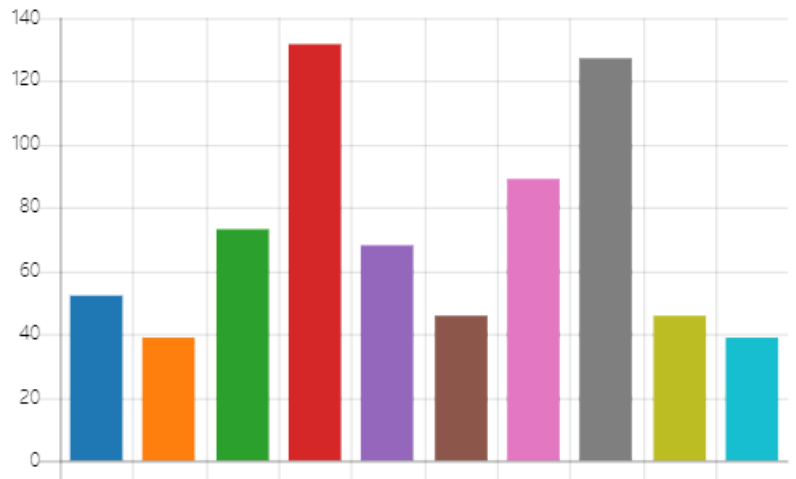
65. [L5] Where would you hope to see any new outdoor Leisure facilities?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Town Centre	78
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Existing Green Space	122
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Commercial Areas	118
<span style="color: red;">●</span> New Development	172
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Other	22



66. [L6] Do you think there should be more provision for any of the following sports in Biggleswade?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Cricket	52
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Rugby	39
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Football	73
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Swimming	132
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Badminton	68
<span style="color: brown;">●</span> Bowls	46
<span style="color: pink;">●</span> Tennis	89
<span style="color: grey;">●</span> Athletics	127
<span style="color: olive;">●</span> Hockey	46
<span style="color: cyan;">●</span> Other	39



67. [L7] Do you think that there is a need for any of the following entertainment venues?

● Cinema	284
● Theatre	184
● Ten Pin Bowling	191
● Music Venue	160
● Other	24



68. [L8] Do you think the town needs more or fewer pubs?

● Yes	84
● No	113
● Maybe	106



69. [L9] Please tell us why

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*"More pubs as we've sadly lost the 'local' pubs such as new inn, Stratto..."*

70. [L10] Do you think the town needs more or fewer restaurants?

● Yes	130
● No	93
● Maybe	88



71. [L11] Please tell us why

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*"Q70 is contradictory and cannot be answered by Y/N. My answer in ..."*

72. [L12] What Leisure and Recreation Facilities are required for younger children?

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*"A family friendly pub with outdoor play area for kids"*

*"A soft-play would be nice."*

73. [L13] What Leisure and Recreation Facilities do you currently go outside of Biggleswade to use?

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*"Children's play areas, forest walks, cinema, bowling, trampolining "*

*"Soft play, Cinema, Bowling"*

74. [L14] If there are any specific areas that you think should be allocated for Leisure or Recreation space, please provide details.

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*"On the commercial areas near the retail park"*

75. [L15] Please use this space to add additional comments relevant to Leisure and Recreation issues

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76. [O1] OTHER PLANNING PRIORITIES FOR BIGGLESWADE Are there any other planning priorities that you feel should be considered in the Neighbourhood Plan for Biggleswade? We would like to receive your views on any other matters that you consider should be a priority within the context of planning.

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77. [Y1] ABOUT YOU Your views are valuable to us. It will help us to understand if we are reaching all parts of the community, which is why we would like to know more about everyone who responds, including your postcode. How long have you lived in Biggleswade?

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"20"

"43"

"12"

78. [Y2] Your Post Code

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"SG18 0AT "

"Sg18 8jr"

"SG18 0BH"

79. [Y3] Your Age

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Under 16	1
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> 16 to 24	7
<span style="color: green;">●</span> 24 to 49	200
<span style="color: red;">●</span> 50 to 64	81
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> 65 and over	39



80. [Y4] Do you have children of school age?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	115
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	206



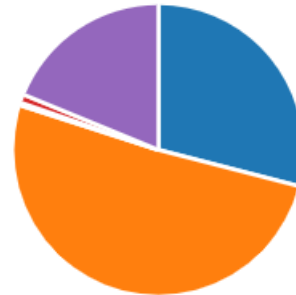
81. [Y5] Are you male or female?

Male	104
Female	220



82. [Y6] Work/Study

Work in Biggleswade	94
Work elsewhere	165
Study in Biggleswade	1
Study elsewhere	3
Not working or studying	61



83. [Y7] Do you own or run a business in Biggleswade?

Yes	38
No	280



84. [S1] DEVELOPING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN If you would like to receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan, please indicate here and provide your name, address and email address below. All personal information will be kept safe and treated as confidential by Biggleswade Town Council in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan Privacy Notice. Would you like to receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes	190
No	141



85. [S2] If you are interested in helping to develop the Neighbourhood Plan, please indicate here and provide your name, address and email address below and let us know any relevant expertise. All personal information will be kept safe and treated as confidential by Biggleswade Town Council in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan Privacy Notice. Would you be interested in helping to develop the Neighbourhood Plan?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	76
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	255



86. [S3] If you have answered yes to being interested in helping to develop the Neighbourhood Plan, please let us know any relevant expertise here.

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87. [S4] Your name

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88. [S5] Your Address

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89. [S6] Your email address

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90. [GDPR] Neighbourhood Plan Privacy Notice When you attend a consultation event or return a survey or consultation document. The information you provide (personal information such as name, address, email address, phone number) will be processed and stored so that it is possible to contact you and respond to your correspondence and provide information relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. Your personal information will not be shared with any third party. The Councils Right to Process Information: GDPR Article 6 (1) (a) and (e) (Data Protection Act 2018) Processing is with consent of the data subject or Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller Information Security: Biggleswade Town Council cares to ensure the security of personal data. We make sure that your information is protected from unauthorised access, loss, manipulation, falsification, destruction or unauthorised disclosure. This is done through appropriate technical measures and relevant policies. We will only keep your data for the purpose it was collected for and only for as long as is necessary. After which it will be deleted. Children: We will not process any data relating to a child (16 and under) without the express parental/ guardian consent of the child concerned. Your Rights: Access to Information: You have the right to request access to the information we have on you. You can do this by contacting our Data Information Officer: [town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk). Information Correction: If you believe that the information we have about you is incorrect, you may contact us so that we can update it and keep your data accurate. Please contact: [town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk). Information Deletion: If you wish Biggleswade Town Council to delete the information about you, please contact: [town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk). Right to Object: If you believe that your data is not being processed for the purpose it has been collected for, you may object: Please contact [town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk). Rights Related to Automated Decision Making and Profiling: Biggleswade Town Council does not use automated decision making or profiling of personal data. To Sum Up: In accordance with the law, we only collect a limited amount of information about you that is necessary for correspondence, information and service provision. We do not use profiling, we do not sell or pass your data to third parties. We do not use your data for purposes other than those specified. We make sure your data is stored securely. We delete all information deemed to be no longer necessary. We constantly review our Privacy Policies to keep it up to date in protecting your data. Complaints: If you have a complaint regarding the way your personal data has been processed you may make a complaint to Biggleswade Town Council Data Information Officer: [town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk) and the Information Commissioners Office [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk) Tel: 0303 123 1113.

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