



Future Growth of Letchworth Phase Two Consultation Report

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Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation is launching the second phase of community consultation on the growth of Letchworth Garden City.

In summer 2018, we held the first phase of our consultation to the future growth of our town. We wanted to hear a cross-section of views about what to grow about Letchworth, what people love about living and working here, and how we could improve our town to live with garden city principles.

We are really grateful to everybody who engaged with us in the first phase of consultation. A full feedback report is available on our website www.leitchworth.com/consultation.

Thank you to everyone who filled out our Housing Needs survey prepared in partnership with North Herts District Council, with Housing Associations and Shared Lodgings. The results of this survey have been collated and can be seen on our website.

We are now pleased to announce the launch of our second phase of consultation. During this phase we will focus our attention on the largest housing sites which have been allocated for development in Letchworth included in the emerging North Herts District Council Local Plan.

We want to know how you think these sites can best meet the needs of the local community and what benefits you hope these sites can deliver on site and for the wider area.

The well include advice, social media and written opportunities to express your views, as well as face to face conversations and school and college sessions. Although we are considering sites within the North Herts District Council Local Plan, this consultation remains completely separate to any consultation run by the Council.

The biggest housing sites in Letchworth allocated in the emerging Local Plan are:

LG1 – LAND NORTH OF LETTCWORTH

- Up to 2000 homes
- 40% affordable housing
- A new primary school
- Over 1,000 new trees
- A new employment centre, with a mix of temporary and permanent uses
- Public transport and cycling routes and improvements for the whole Group Estate
- Places for older people
- Shared sites with opportunities for local people
- Local training and apprenticeships
- Possible improvements to the Group Business Centre

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Foreword from Graham Fisher

Chief Executive of Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation.

As the world's first Garden City, Letchworth is a special place to live. At Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation, our role is to maintain and enhance our town, through preserving our unique heritage and promoting growth, wellbeing, and prosperity. As part of our work, we are currently planning how the sustainable growth of Letchworth can improve the lives of those who live, work, and learn in our town.

Last autumn, we launched a consultation across Letchworth, asking local people what elements of local life are most valued and important, and what could be improved in the future. We were encouraged when hundreds of local people engaged with our consultation, giving us their views on a huge range of topics.

Following our engagement during 2018, we have now consulted further on the planned sites for development in Letchworth allocated in the North Hertfordshire Local Plan. It is essential that these sites are developed in accordance with the values and heritage of Letchworth at the heart of the design process, and we are grateful for everyone who has taken the time to talk to us about the proposals. The feedback we have received will help us ensure that Letchworth remains a fantastic place for everyone in the town for years to come.



Executive summary

North Hertfordshire District Council has prepared a draft Local Plan, which allocates sites for new development to support housing and job growth until 2031. This plan includes land for new homes and infrastructure in Letchworth.

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation has been consulting local people on two of the largest sites allocated for development in Letchworth – known as LG1 and LG3. The Heritage Foundation held a first phase of consultation in autumn 2018, aimed at capturing broad themes of life in the town. Building on this work, the second phase of consultation has focussed on asking local people specifically about the LG1 and LG3 sites allocated for development in the Local Plan as well as key topics such as transport and ecology.

Throughout the engagement programme, the Foundation has hosted a number of activities and events which provided an opportunity for local people to meet with the team, find out more information, and leave general or site-specific feedback. Consultation pop-up stalls were held at popular local events and locations which enabled discussions with people who may not have otherwise participated in the planning process and ensured that feedback was received from a wide cross-section of the community. Near-neighbour exhibitions were held for residents closest to the proposed sites and facilitated discussion on site-specific issues in detail. Workshops with local schools were organised to ensure that a younger demographic was represented through the consultation. This activity took place alongside the ‘Re-imagining the Garden City’ design competition run by the Heritage Foundation and the Royal Institute of British Architects encouraging design concepts for modern day Garden City living.

The Heritage Foundation has spoken to hundreds of people over the past months and has received various views depicting priority areas for LG1 and LG3. The results of the feedback highlight that important areas to consider in meeting the long-term needs of residents include transport, sustainability and ecology, connectivity throughout the town and the provision of community facilities such as medical services and retail spaces.

Introduction

This document outlines Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation's second phase of community consultation held in the spring of 2019. This sought to capture the aspirations of the community for the two largest sites allocated in Letchworth in the draft North Hertfordshire Local Plan.

North Herts District Council submitted a Draft Local Plan 2011-2031 to the Secretary of State for inspection in June 2017. The Plan establishes a target to provide 15,950 homes in North Hertfordshire over the period 2011-2031, including 900 homes on land north of Letchworth (LG1) and 120 homes on land east of Talbot Way and Kristiansand Way (LG3). Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation is a charitable organisation committed to maintaining and enhancing Letchworth for the benefit of the whole community. Therefore, we have worked closely and collaboratively with residents as plans for Letchworth's growth are considered. It is important to us that the benefits of new development for local people can be maximised and remain in line with Garden City principles.

In spring 2019, we launched our second phase of our Future of Letchworth consultation with the community. Following on from our previous engagement, which captured broader themes of life in the town, phase two sought feedback on the two largest sites allocated in the council's Local Plan for future development in Letchworth, LG1 and LG3. Throughout the engagement programme we hosted a number of activities and events which provided an opportunity for local people to meet with us, find out more information, give feedback on illustrative sketch plans for the largest sites, discuss key topics such as transport, sustainability and ecology and to complete our surveys.

We are encouraged that so many members of the public, both young and old, took the time to speak with us, attend our events and complete our surveys for the development sites. Our team has spoken to hundreds of people over the past few months and we have received various views depicting priority considerations for LG1 and LG3. We would like to thank residents for their feedback on how development at these sites can best meet the needs of the local community and the benefits they hope these sites might deliver on-site and further afield.

The Heritage Foundation looks forward to continuing our partnership with residents to meet the challenges facing the town and we remain committed to meeting the long-term needs of residents while staying true to the Garden City principles so important to everyone.

About us



**Letchworth
Garden City**
Heritage Foundation

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation maintains and enhances the world's first Garden City, managing a local property portfolio to generate income which is invested back into our town.

MPC

Meeting Place Communications (MPC) was established in 2006 and is one of the leading public relations companies specialising in consultation around planning issues. They are experienced in reaching out and positively engaging with local residents regarding new development.

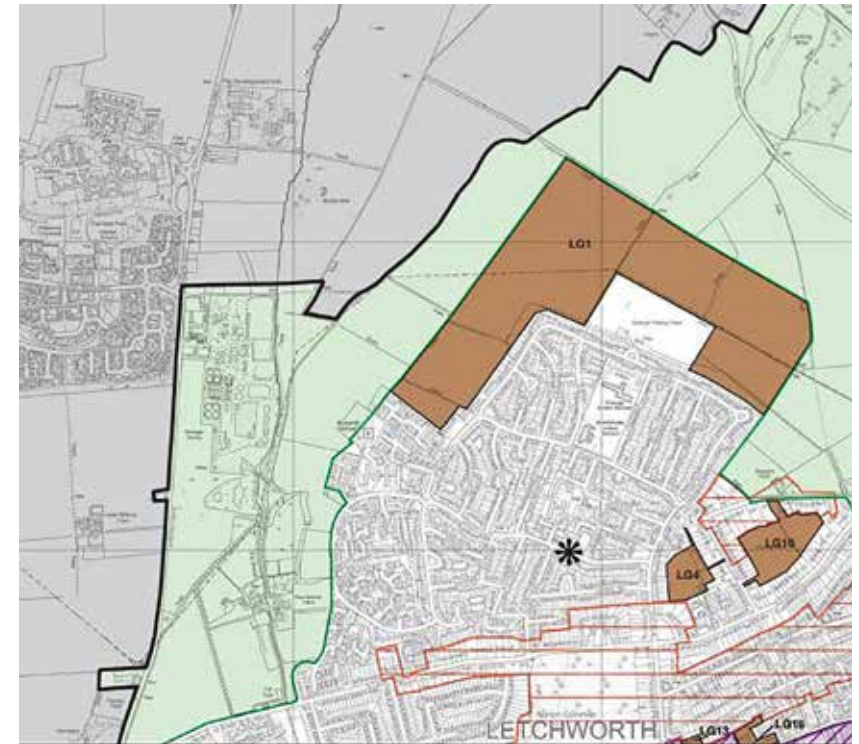


Why the Foundation consulted

The North Herts Local Plan includes a series of housing sites across the district, in order to help meet existing and future housing, community, and economic needs in Letchworth. Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation is a charitable organisation, committed to maintaining and enhancing the town for the benefit of the whole community.

The Phase 2 consultation was planned to give the community an opportunity to have detailed conversations on the allocated housing sites in the emerging plan. We have been clear to distinguish that the Council's consultation is statutory, while ours is a non-statutory good practice exercise for the benefit of the community.

As part of our commitment to work together with local residents, we have sought to understand your thoughts and aspirations for growth in Letchworth with a focus on sites allocated for development in the emerging North Herts Local Plan. Our in-depth conversations will help to ensure that the proposed developments reflect local views, as the design process for the sites progresses.



LG1 North of Letchworth is one of six strategic housing sites, with the plan estimating 900 homes could be built there. Policy SP15 outlines the conditions of the development, including being in tune with Letchworth Garden City's founding principles and being able to provide an appropriate education solution.

Engagement timeline

Over the course of the consultation period, the Heritage Foundation has engaged with residents and key stakeholders through a range of meetings and events. An overview of engagement can be seen in the timeline (right).

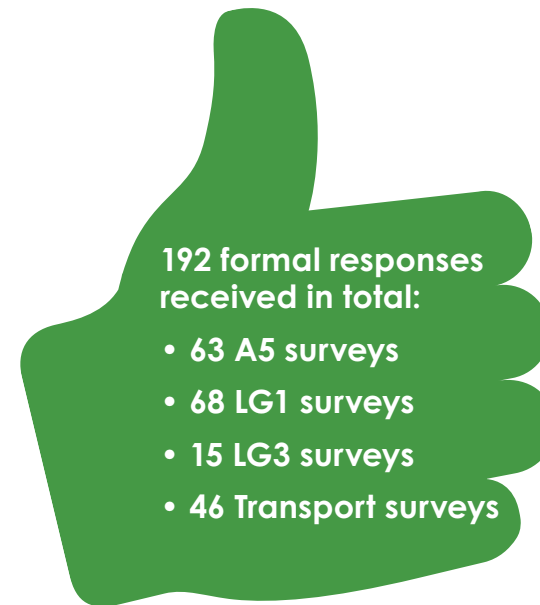
The Heritage Foundation remains committed to engaging with the local community as our proposals develop in the future.



Encouraging feedback

To ensure that the whole community had an opportunity to engage with the consultation, a variety of feedback platforms were provided and publicised on all engagement materials. People were asked to fill out hardcopy or online surveys or write to us to let us know their views and preferences for new development on the largest allocated sites.

1. Hardcopy surveys: Hardcopy surveys were provided at all consultation events. Residents could either fill in the surveys at the consultation event and leave them with us, or they could take them home and send them back via our Freepost address. These can be viewed in Appendix A.
2. Website: Consultation pages on the Heritage Foundation's website (www.letchworth.com/consultation) were used to engage with residents online. Residents could leave their feedback online and the materials including surveys, upcoming events and design competition entries also appeared on the website.
3. Social media: Social media can often be a useful tool to engage with traditionally hard-to reach groups, such as younger people. In October 2018 we created a standalone Twitter profile – similarly publicised on all public facing material - with the handle @LGCConsultation, which was used to drive local people to the website and encourage users in Letchworth to give feedback.
4. Phone: Our Freephone number (0800 148 8911) allowed people to call the team for free if they had any questions or wanted to give feedback.
5. Email: Our consultation email address (consultation@letchworth.com) was published on all public-facing material, which was used by many members of the community to get in touch.



Community engagement

The Heritage Foundation prepared a broad programme of stakeholder consultation to help engage a representative cross-section of the entire community. This included engaging with groups who might not typically get involved in a planning consultation, such as young people.

As part of the commitment to working closely and collaboratively with local residents as the plans for the growth of Letchworth emerge, a number of activities and events were held throughout the town.

Re-imagining the Garden City competition

In partnership with the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Heritage Foundation hosted a two-stage competition which invited participants to design idea proposals using the proposed LG1 land north of the Grange as a case study. The competition was key in stimulating discussions about design for modern day Garden City living and provided a platform for involving the local community in positive dialogue and idea generation. Applications were received from 11 countries, including India, Iran and Thailand. Four entries were shortlisted by a panel of judges, images of which can be viewed in **Appendix B**. Residents were invited to give feedback on the entries via an online survey and hardcopy surveys which influenced the judging of the competition.

Community Newsletter

Our consultation for Phase 2 began with the distribution of three community newsletters. The first was a town-wide newsletter, the second was targeted to addresses covering the LG1 site and the final covered addresses near LG3. The newsletters noted upcoming pop-up events to be held. **The newsletters can be viewed in Appendix C.**

The newsletter made clear the many platforms people could contact us with comments and questions. These included:

- **FREEPOST Letchworth Consultation**
- **consultation@letchworth.com**
- **0800 148 8911**
- **@LGCConsultation**

Stakeholder letters

Letters were sent to key stakeholder groups in Letchworth, including special interest groups, volunteer groups, and schools, asking them to respond to the consultation. Many groups were offered meetings to discuss the consultation further.

Promotional consultation poster

To drive further local engagement, the team created and placed posters in areas of high footfall in Letchworth and on the project website which highlighted an overview of the consultation, upcoming pop-up events and how feedback could be submitted. **The poster can be viewed in Appendix D.**

Events

Face-to-face engagement took place to allow in depth conversations and discussions to take place between the community and the Heritage Foundation team. Several pop-up events in areas of high footfall were held, on various days and times of the week, in order to speak to as many residents as possible. Further exhibition events were held at the Grange estate and near Norton Road, aimed at asking residents near LG1 and LG3 to provide views on both the wider aspirations for Letchworth and what they want to see in the local area. Fixed displays were also set up in the lobby of the Heritage Foundation and Broadway Cinema. **Exhibition banners used can be seen in Appendix E.**

Media coverage

The wider promotion of engagement events and the design competition included local press coverage. **Appendix F** provides examples of the items of press coverage the consultation received. This includes newspapers and local web-based media. The Heritage Foundation also created a promotional video advertising the consultation which was viewable on the website and played in the foyer of Broadway Cinema.

Youth engagement

It was critical for us to actively engage with young people in the progress of our consultation. Under 18s are traditionally under-represented in planning consultation despite being the age group who will be affected by the opportunities and changes associated with development for the longest. The team implemented a new strategy to engage young people in Phase 2 which saw us proactively reach out to young people to seek their views.

Our first youth workshop event was held with the Grange Academy School Council. We met with a mix of year 3 to year 6 students between the ages of 7 to 11. We asked pupils to draw and annotate a picture of the sort of houses they thought should be built in Letchworth. The activity prompted a number of discussions about things that the pupils liked about living in a town or living in the country, places they liked to have fun in Letchworth, places for safety and work, and what they thought was important to consider with new homes that met Garden City principles.

We were pleased to host an additional workshop at the Norton St Nicholas Church of England Primary School where we spoke to year 5 pupils ages 9 to 10. We prepared a creative session which involved allocating students into four groups: green – house for young couple, blue – group of friends/students, purple- elderly, and yellow/red – family. Students were asked to draw images according to their group's needs.

We also reached out to secondary-age students at Highfield School, at a meeting with their School Council. This was held in a workshop style, with students invited to consider issues to prioritise in the design of the site. Sustainability and environment were key themes that emerged as particularly important to those who attended the session.

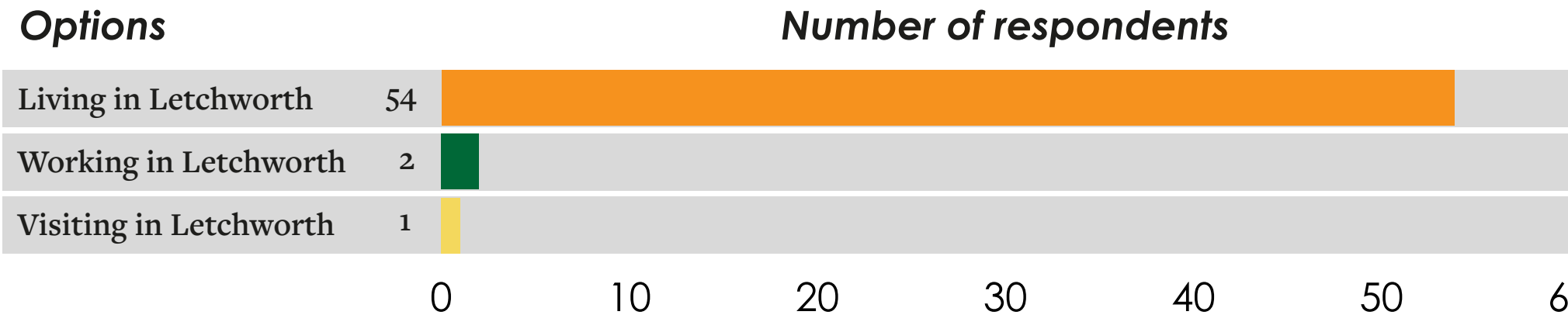


Examples of drawings by primary school pupils

Summary of consultation feedback – Town-wide feedback

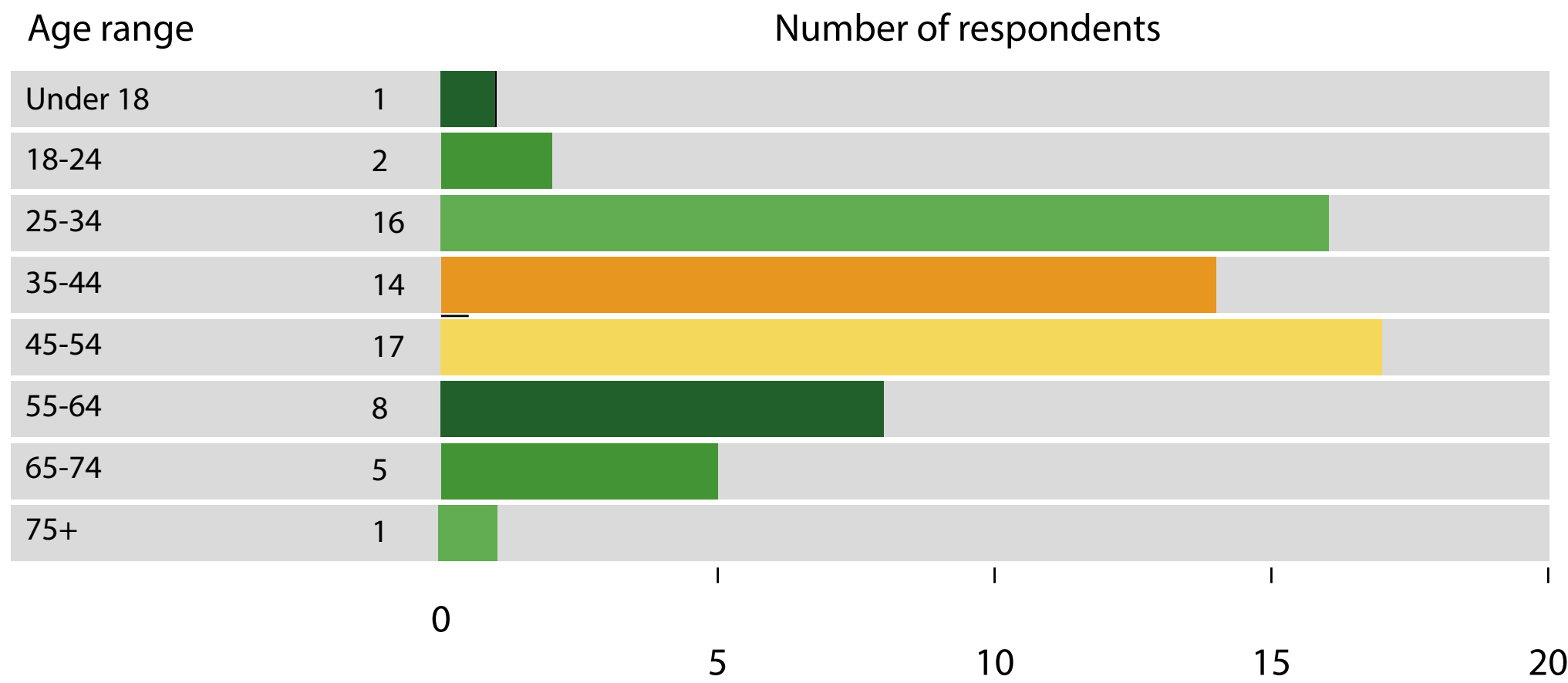
A5 hardcopy surveys along with online surveys were made available, asking people about their general views about development on LG1 and LG3. These quick and easy to fill out forms were used at pop-up events all over the town with the online versions available for those who were not able to make an event in person.

A total of 63 town-wide surveys were completed by members of the community. The table below details the breakdown of respondents who were living, working, or visiting Letchworth at the time of completing the survey. Six people chose not to answer this question. 95% people indicated that they lived in Letchworth.



Summary of consultation feedback - Town-wide feedback

The chart shows that the age demographic of the 63 respondents who completed the town-wide survey represented a good cross-section of both young and old respondents. 18 individuals (28%) indicated that they were between the ages of 18 – 34. 31 respondents (45.5%) were between 35-54, and 14 (20%) were age 55 and over.

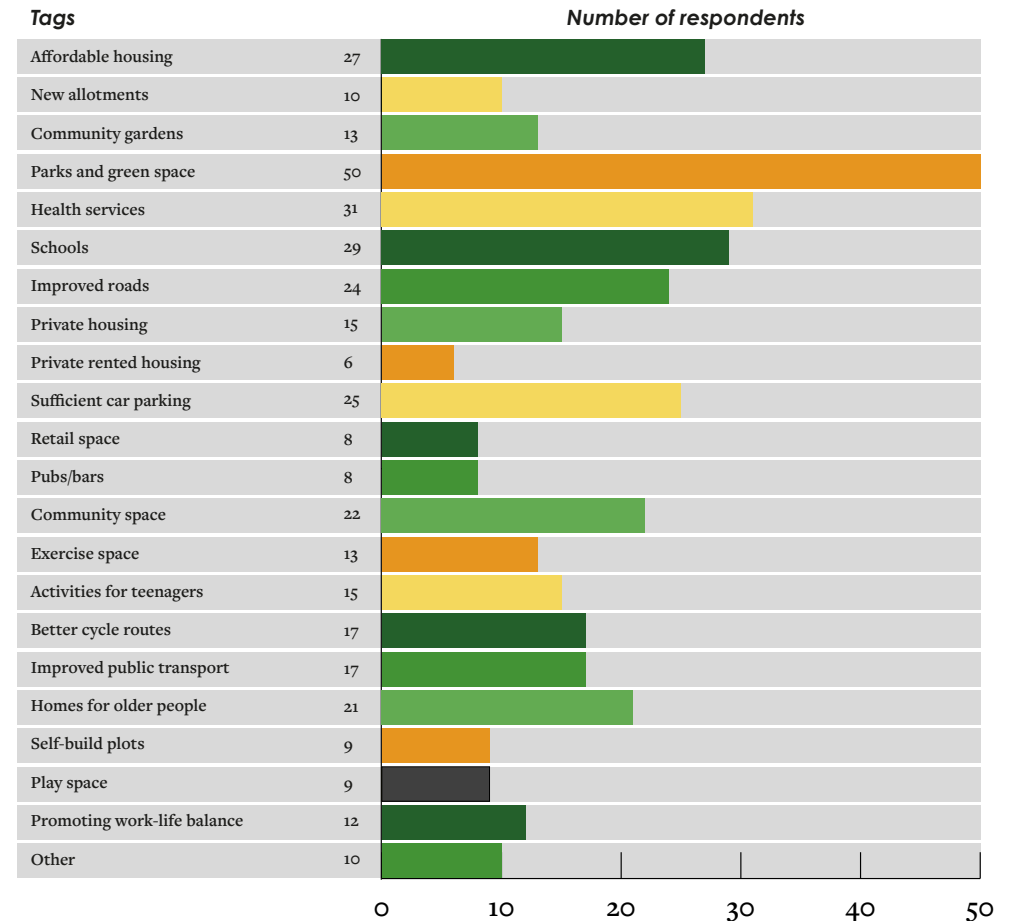


Summary of consultation feedback – Town-wide feedback

Question 1: What do you think is most important for LG1 - land to the north of Letchworth?

This question asked respondents to tick from a list of options. The results show that ‘parks and green spaces’ with a mark of 50 was the most popular selection among those surveyed; this was followed by ‘health services’ with 31 marks. The table to the right shows the total score of selected options respectively. Respondents who selected ‘other’ made the following suggestions:

- Keep existing Greenway. Runners and park-runners love the countryside/park.
- Two access routes.
- Links to the town centre.
- Natural green space.
- Still have protected Green Belt.
- Do not build on it, leave it as it is. Most people do not want the Green Belt to be built on. Listen to us.
- Leave it as Green Belt.
- Not allowing it to be built on Green Belt.



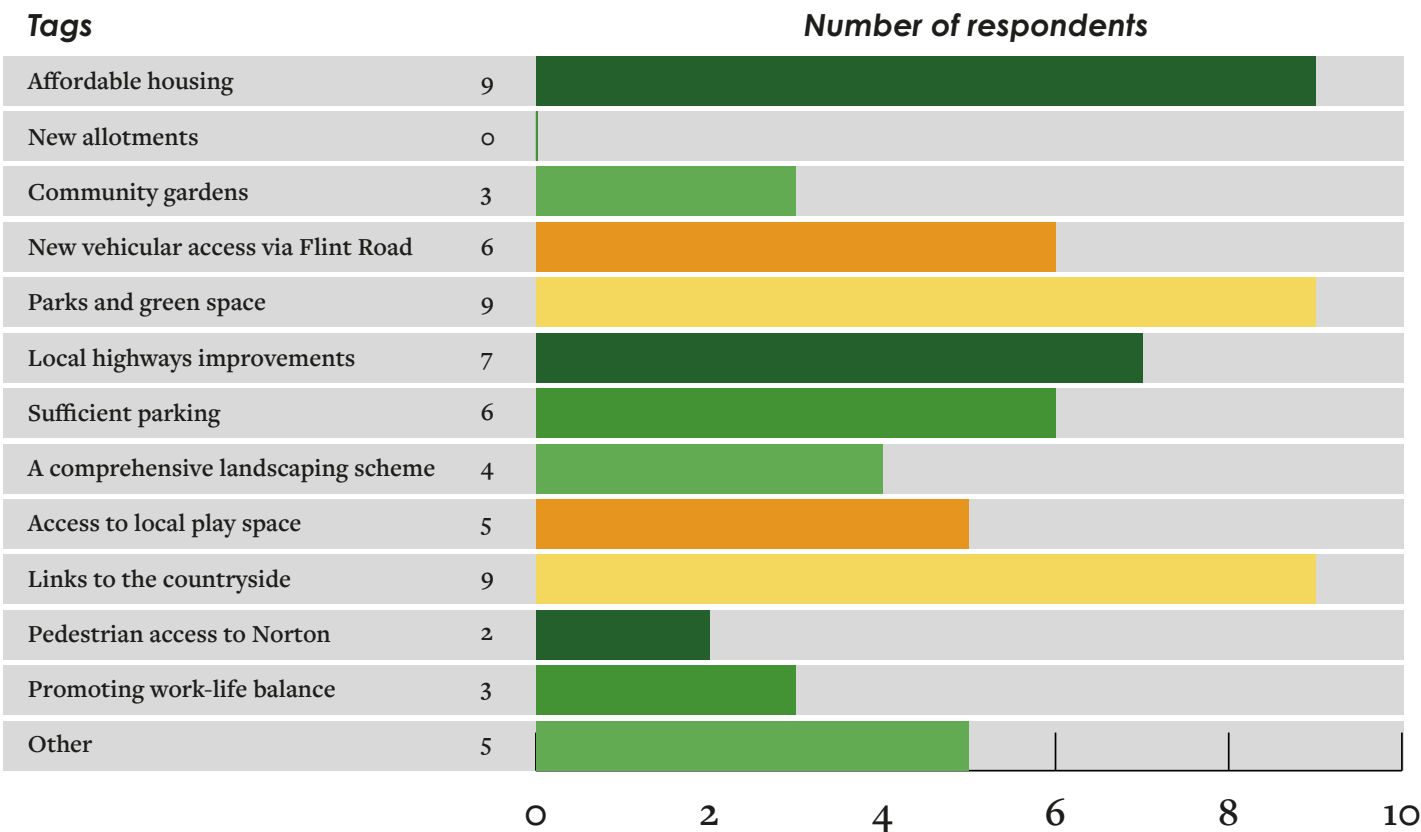
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Question 2: What do you think is most important for LG3 - land east of Talbot Way and Kristiansand Way?

Like the first question, we asked respondents to tick from a list of options. ‘Parks and green space’ was similarly the most frequent selected option for the question. However, sufficient parking and pedestrian access to Norton were also popular among respondents.

The table below shows the total score of selected options respectively. Respondents who selected ‘other’ made the following suggestions:

- Private housing.
- Local jobs.
- More public transport: east-west transport none.
- Natural green space.
- Do not build on it. We want the Green Belt and countryside preserved.
- Stop building on Green Belt land.



Summary of consultation feedback – Town-wide feedback

Question 3: Do you have any other comments? Is there anything you would like to see in these housing sites?

A wide variety of suggestions were made which captured the aspirations and features residents wanted to see come forward in the LG1 and LG3 housing sites. Suggestions included parking, walking and cycling routes, commercial space, affordable housing, green spaces and the preservation of the Green Belt.

The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed who completed this question.

- Parking off the road, more infills needed. Grasscrete maybe some of the verges. Making traffic free flowing. No more speed humps please as they wreck your car. 30mph with less cars off the main roads, Northfields, Southfields, Eastern Way etc (the main bus route round the Grange) would be more free flowing, less congestion at Norton Rd roundabout and safer for cyclists. Keep existing Greenway or work round it, as this is important for the health and wellbeing of all residents.
- Another vehicle entrance to both sites.
- Needs to complement existing housing stock. Build to the same principles but in a modern style and function. Build for the future.
- More parking in the town centre for the extra commuters/shoppers.
- We need more middle-income housing to create a better social economic balance in the town.
- Ensure new development is integrated into existing town and new residents use Letchworth.
- More bus routes. Secondary school for the Grange. Toilets.
- Place road at rear of Gaunts Way. Provide residents off road parking. Remove cars from Gaunts Way (garage access).
- Affordable space for small business, in particular arts and crafts makers building on Letchworth Heritage connections and commitments to the arts.
- Between green space by front road site to limit noise if any from factory units towards houses. Cycle way east to west make it safe for cyclists.
- Need more natural green space, sustainability, wildlife reserves, solar power, and wind power.
- This area needs coffee shops and where families can spend time with kids.
- Traffic congestion in Letchworth in the morning and evenings is causing significant environmental and social stress on the residents of the town. It is critical that any further housing development does not cause additional stress and damage. Climate change means that the current water sources for Letchworth cannot be guaranteed for the future. What additional work is being undertaken to secure additional water supplies for any further housing development? Why are so many family homes being considered for both sites? Why not increase the number of apartment complexes to reduce the overall footprint of the sites? Letchworth house prices continue to rise above the national and regional average. How can NHDC and the Heritage Foundation guarantee that these new houses won't be bought as short-term investments?
- For LG1 not to be adopted. Given that it's Green Belt it ought to be unacceptable in its entirety.
- New housing should not be built on Green Belt land, we need to find alternate sites.
- No, plans look good.
- Stop building on Green Belt land.
- Stop building on Green Belt land.
- Do not build them. Existing residents would rather keep these sites as they are.
- Too many houses proposed.
- Access from Flint Road would make Blackhorse Road really busy. It's hard to exit the business area sometimes and it could make this really difficult.
- I am concerned about secondary school capacity.

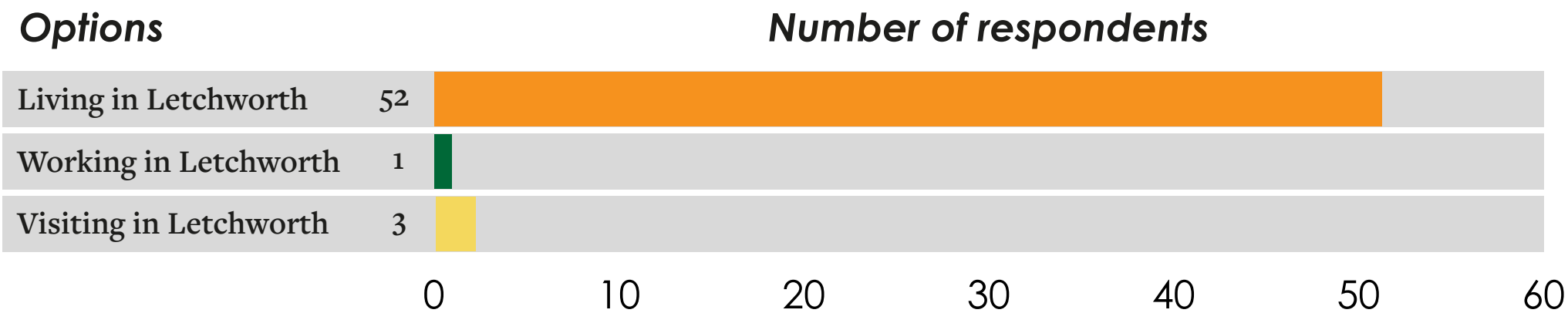
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- With this extra housing I understand a primary school is planned but what about secondary? Both secondary schools are at the southside of the town and Knights Templars in Baldock is already oversubscribed. Will there be school places for our children?
- I think it's outrageous that you would even think of building on this land, people move to a Garden City to have green space, there won't be any left at this rate. Money talks, I guess. What about all the wildlife that you will be destroying? I don't believe the town needs that many more homes and it will cause even more traffic, cause longer waiting times for the doctors. The parking in the town is already a nightmare and this will make it even worse.
- Improve Letchworth as a place to live. Attract more local employment.
- I am worried about the increase in traffic around the Green Lane/Norton Road junction: this already causes tailbacks in rush hour. Will there be more schools built as in some years there haven't been enough spaces in the local area for children?
- No houses! I have trouble getting a doctors appointment in Letchworth and there are barely enough school places at it is. The extra traffic and pollution round the Grange will destroy the area. And what about the Greenway cycle route that goes from Standalone Farm to the Grange rec? It is a total disgrace and no doubt a lot of people are lining their pockets from this.
- I don't agree they should be built it should remain as Green Belt land. Where is the consideration for impact on schools doctors/dental services, road safety/congestion and parking volumes?
- Don't build on Green Belt land.
- If you are going to put all those homes on the places then more access to services especially doctors will be needed. A large draw of moving to Letchworth was not overcrowding like in other cities. It is already become nearly impossible to gain access to see appointments as well as little things like parking in the town on weekends.
- Keep the Green Belt green.
- Don't ruin the Garden City and the green land but we need some affordable housing. I'm 26 trying to get on the property ladder and it's near impossible being near a station.
- There has been no adequate provision made for additional doctor's surgeries, schools, parking etc. The plans are also not green or sustainable enough and no adequate explanation has been given as to why the town is building new homes when 18% of Letchworth's housing stock is sitting empty in need of refurbishment.
- If you must build on Green Belt land, infrastructure to support the increased population is essential. Doctors surgeries (actually building them, not just "funds allocated" by the developer) are critical. One of the existing surgeries in Letchworth has already closed to new patients, it is difficult to get appointments at the others. The existing provision cannot support the current population.

Summary of consultation feedback – LG1

Hardcopy surveys in relation to LG1 - land north of the Grange were distributed at events for Grange Estate residents and at pop-up events where persons indicated that they lived near to the site or had site-specific feedback. An online version was also made available for those who were not able to make an event in person.

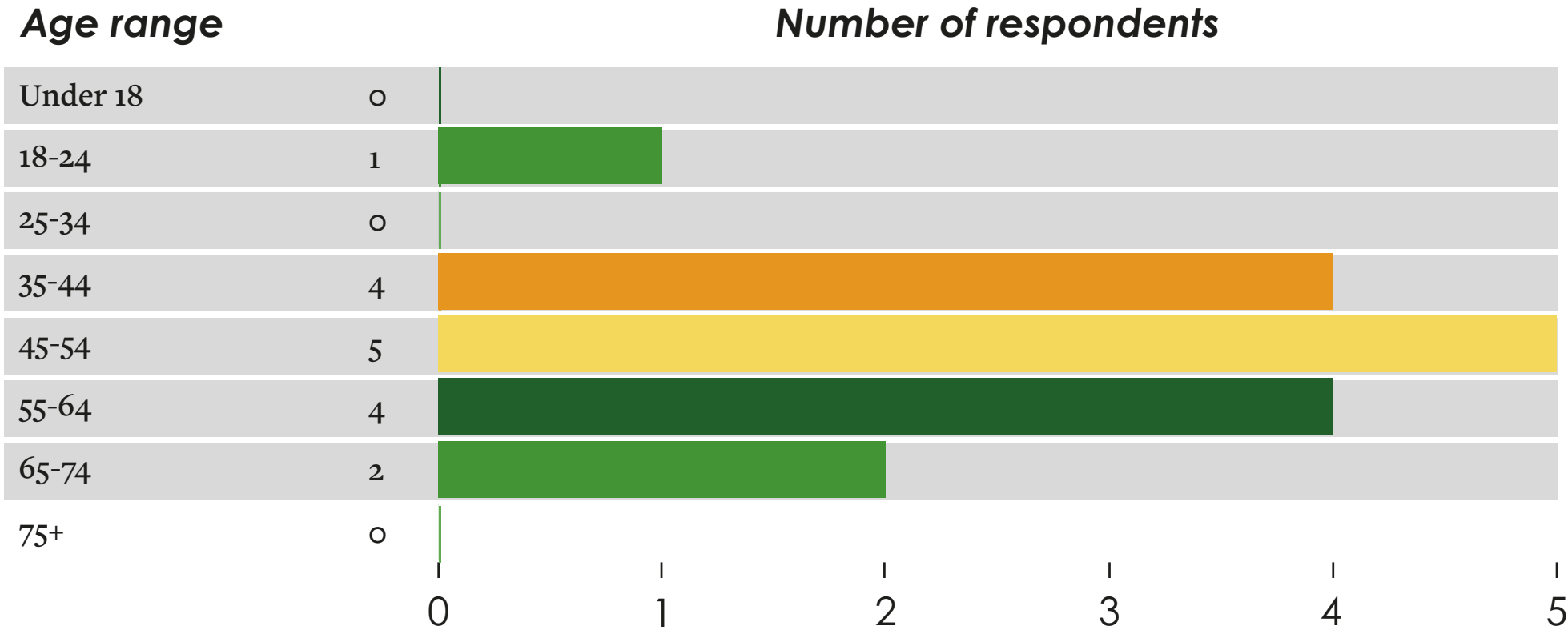
A total of 68 surveys were completed by members of the community. The table below details the breakdown of respondents who were living, working, or visiting Letchworth at the time of completing the survey. 12 people chose not to answer this question. 93% of people indicated they lived in Letchworth.



Summary of consultation feedback – LG1

Demographics – Age

Most of the feedback received from the LG1 surveys represented the views of a middle aged to elderly demographic and only 24% (16 respondents) indicated their age. As such, the overall age of respondents cannot be measured with accuracy and may not provide an accurate snapshot of the overall community sentiment. In order to counteract this and reach a wider audience, we held events specifically aimed at younger age demographic groups such as primary schools.



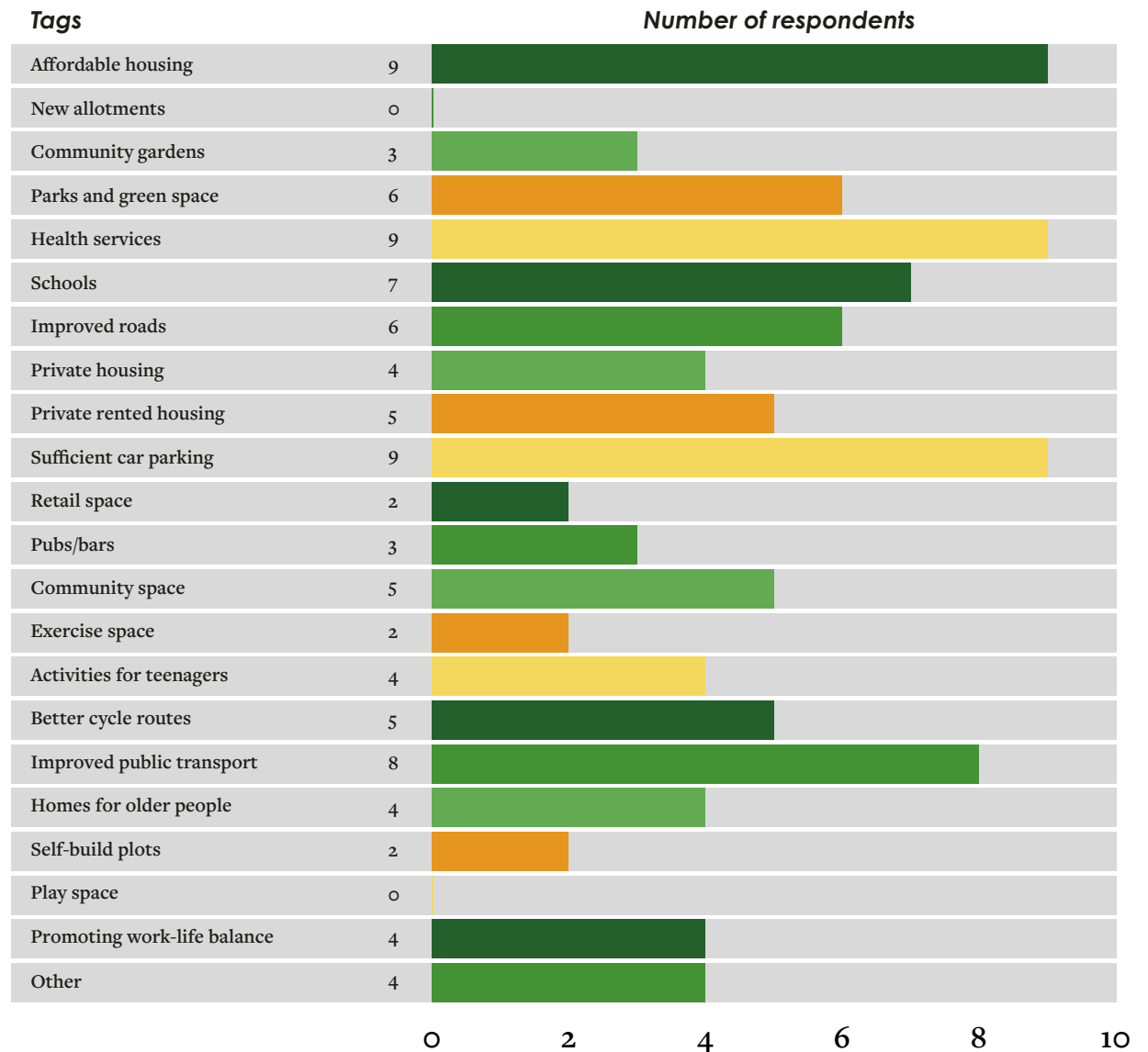
Summary of consultation feedback – LG1

Question 1: What do you think is most important for LG1 - land to the north of Letchworth? This question asked respondents to tick from a list of options.

The data show a slight variation to feedback on the town-wide responses, where parks and green spaces and health services scored a higher mark frequency. Of those who answered this question 14 % of respondents indicated affordable housing as a priority area of the site. 14% of people selected health services and 14% parking as an option, while 12.5% of respondents selected public transport. Together these options account for 55.5% of options.

The table to the right shows the total score of selected options respectively. The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed who selected other:

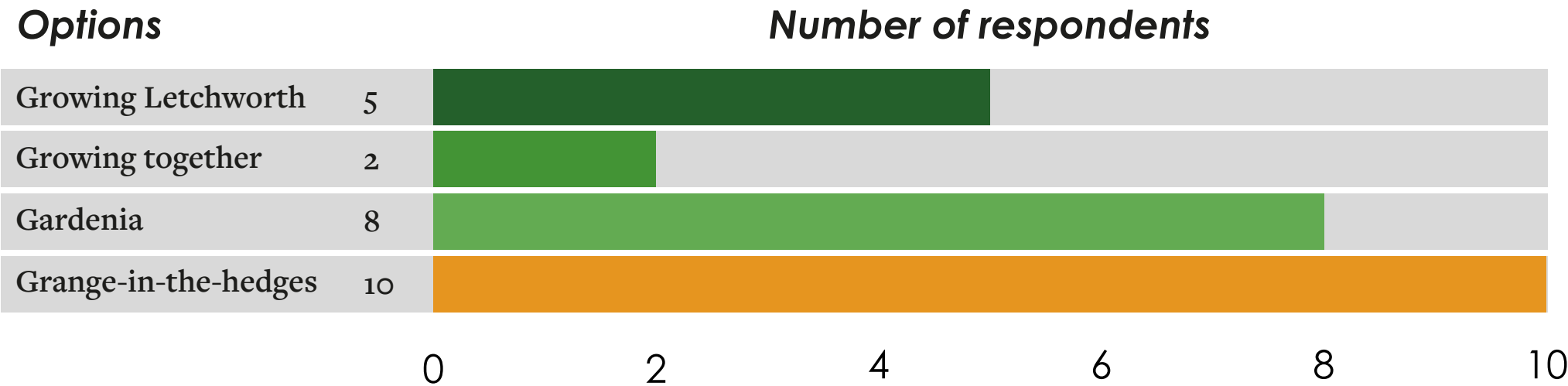
- Council owned property.
- Road surfaces.
- The current fields. Sustainable eco-friendly.
- Exit routes entrance routes.
- Road access/ traffic flow analysis.
- Access roads.
- Improved lighting. Reduce traffic congestion.
- Don't build 900 new homes.
- Green Belt.
- No changes to the Greenway route.
- Not to build it but keep Green Belt.
- Housing association and council houses.
- Park run.



Summary of consultation feedback - LG1

Question 2: We have received some initial thoughts about a possible design for this site in our Design Competition. Which is your favourite?

In partnership with the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Heritage Foundation hosted a two-stage competition which invited participants to design idea proposals using the proposed LG1 land north of the Grange as a case study. Following appraisal of the anonymous design submissions, four entries were shortlisted. The final judging followed a community consultation exercise, which contributed to the final decision. Although all entries received positive responses, the most popular entry among responses for the LG1 survey was Grange-in-the-Hedges by EcoResponsive Environments which attracted 40% of the responses. 32% of respondees selected Gardenia while 20% chose Growing Letchworth and 8% chose Growing Together. See Appendix B for further information.



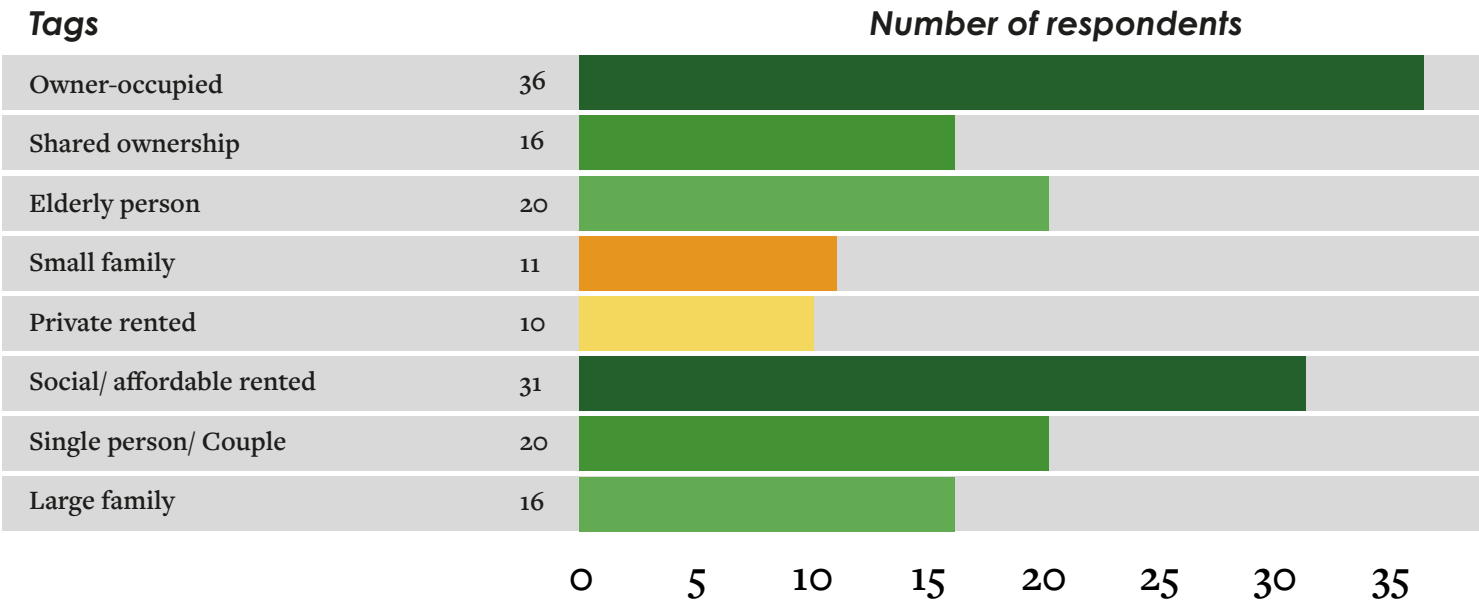
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Question 3: What types of homes would you like to see at LG1?

58 respondents (85%) answered this question. Residents were asked to tick selections from the list below to indicate their preferences. Owner-occupied was the most popular selection with 62%. Social/affordable rented followed close behind with 53%.

The results indicate that home ownership and affordable housing were important housing types for those surveyed.

- A. Owner-occupied
- B. Shared ownership
- C. Elderly person
- D. Small family
- E. Private rented
- F. Social/affordable rented
- G. Single person/ Couple
- H. Large family



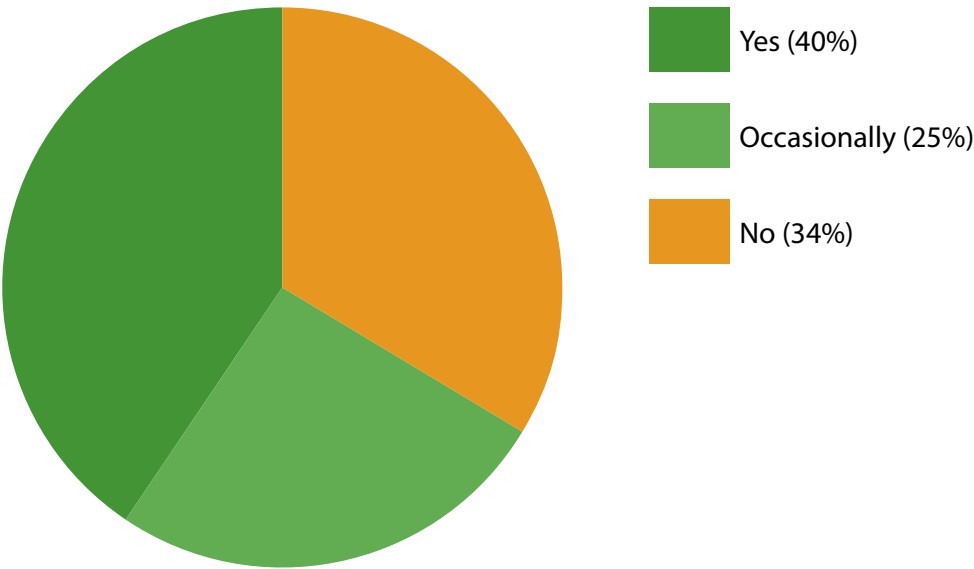
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Question 4: Traffic and transport are important issues for this site. Do you currently use public transport and cycling?

This option asked that respondents tick either ‘Yes’, ‘Occasionally’, or ‘No’.

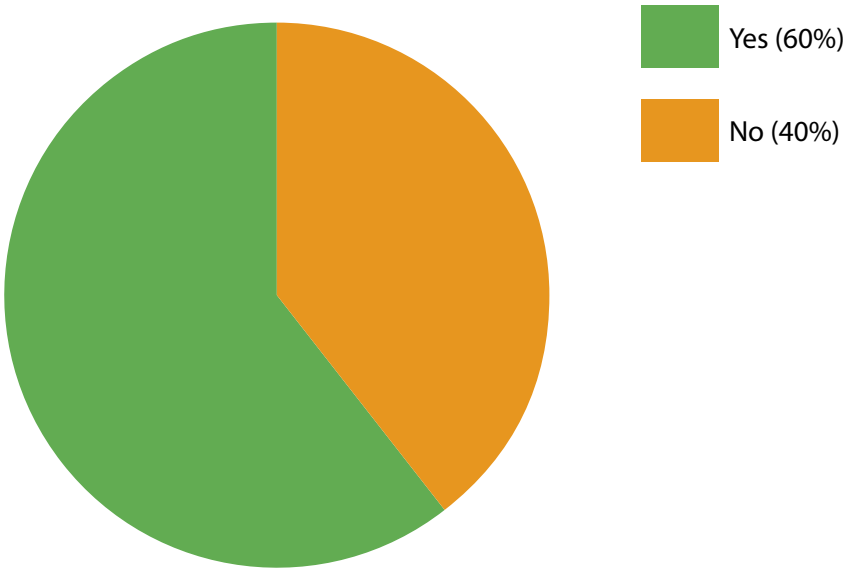
62 of 68 respondents (91%) answered this question. There was a slight margin between residents who said ‘yes’ and those who said ‘no’. 21 (34%) of those surveyed selected no, while 25 (40%) indicated yes. The remaining 16 (25%) respondents indicated that they occasionally use public transport and cycling.



Question 5: If better bus services were to be provided, would you make more use of these services?

This option asked that respondents tick either ‘Yes’, or ‘No’. 58 of the 68 respondents (85%) who completed the survey answered this question.

35 of the residents (60%) who completed the question selected yes. However, 23 people (40%) who completed the question also indicated they would not make more use of better bus services.



Summary of consultation feedback - LG1

Question 6: We have shown some ideas for possible improvements to the recreation ground. Do you have any thoughts on this?

The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed who completed this question.

- Manage hedges/ meadows for higher biodiversity.
- The area suffers from yob mentality - litter and dog poo for example.
- Keep it as it is.
- No.
- This would be a good idea.
- Build less houses and leave our green space.
- Possible sports centre/club, full size basketball court.
- Yes - a toddler safe area is a good idea especially for learning about the importance of natural spaces for wildlife.
- Possible breeding ground for County Lines gangs.
- Maintain established trees (plant more).
- Ok as is.
- No.
- Take into consideration the people who live currently in the area there is poor parking now.
- Affordable, better lighting, and managed.
- Improved play area.
- Perhaps you should incline to ask the younger generation who use it the most?
- I have concerns for the damage created on the environment by construction if this site goes ahead. The many people who walk their dog on these fields will be immensely affected as well. Without the fields, where do people walk them? I think you should reconsider your intent for this project.
- I am concerned about the road entrance on Western Way. This will cause a lot of traffic as people will use it as a rat run to get to town, the A1, Letchworth and Hitchin. As a safety issue, the entrance should be by Standalone Farm.
- Support this but want to make sure the feeling of countryside is important. Need to make sure appropriate health services and access to doctors and community services is present. Currently health services are at peak capacity.
- Seating areas will become hangouts for teenagers. Not ideal next to play park.
- Keep it green!
- Additional bins - especially near the skateboard park.
- Leave the Green Belt alone and stop eroding our Garden City.
- Very good plans.
- Recreational grounds ought to be improved and expanded.
- Please don't not prevent or hinder access to the Greenway. This is used as a cycle route, recreational walking, and running. It is one of Letchworth's greatest assets.

Summary of consultation feedback - LG1

Question 7: Do you have any other comments about this site?

The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed. Topics that were frequently raised in the comments included the preservation of green spaces and the Green Belt, traffic and access, the capacity of local facilities and services, housing density, and affordable housing.

- I think a much higher percentage of the properties should remain owned by the local council. One of the main objectives should be to keep the “Garden City feel” of Letchworth. There should be space between the houses.
- I like the eco considerations.
- I wish that you wouldn’t build any houses.
- Main worry is that access roads are not sufficient for potential of 1800 cars (for 900 homes). Many will use the Western Way entrance which leads to narrow roads already full of cars parked on both sides.
- Our main concerns are traffic access, congestion and lack of local services.
- More police, doctor surgeries, dentists, schools, parking, and youth clubs.
- The current road infrastructure on the Grange is not sufficient to take more cars or buses. Double parking and traffic to school in Avocet and Sax House already congested. Dig up Norton Common develop this in its entirety. Road structure and access already in place.
- When Jackmans and Lordship were built we had a promise that what was left of the Green Belt would never be built on. We are now linked to Baldock, virtually Hitchin, and now Stotfold.
- Don’t do it at all.
- Preferably not build.
- What about the amount of cars on the already busy roads. Most homes have 2 cars which means 1800 extra cars if they stick to 900 houses. Flats? How many storeys? Very sad.
- The access to the new estate will need serious thought. To bring even more traffic through the Grange estate is not a viable solution. It will bring so many cars past our schools and will jam up already busy roads. Taking traffic onto Norton Road will be a disaster as it is already a nightmare.
- The proposed heritage design with a good amount of green space looks reasonable but the Council will want more profit the same as the builder so it will end up being concrete jungle. No buy to rent or property agents allowed to buy.
- Self-build plots risk being overlooked by existing flats. In traffic analysis, please take into account volume of street parking speedbumps on Northfields and shops on Southfield. Consider asking public to feed in on ‘almost’ accidents. I see a lot of near misses as people illegally park or reverse out at Southfield shops.
- Community café at the old KLM store on Southfields.
- The amount of extra traffic will be a big problem particularly in the rush hours. The new access road will be on a very busy road and it will be difficult to turn right. The sewage works are already overloaded, and we frequently get smells blowing our way.
- Introduce a rule or law to prevent fully paving gardens for cars. 50% green garden minimum (Letchworth losing its Garden City).
- I still think it is a bad idea. Letchworth and Stotfold will pretty much merge.
- Concerned about the extra traffic and schools. Also access for emergency services and the time it would take due to the extra traffic.
- I think the access points for traffic have to be more thought out. An excess of 900 cars being able to drive through our estate is not viable, it will be dangerous and cause terrible gridlock.
- I think this should be all social housing and be run by the council.
- The number of houses proposed is too large, if it has to go ahead halve it to 450. Concerned about traffic to existing Grange estate and about parking, health, and leisure facilities of which there is not enough of now.
- Inconsiderate plans for the local area. Poor aspects of garden sizes and limited parking for the new builds.
- Brown areas are available for building new homes, not green spaces. Poor Ebenezer Howard must be crying in his grave. Shame on you all!
- Where will the children go to secondary school? The doctors and Lister Hospital are already full. Roads are busy. The Grange doesn’t need any more cars driving through it. Why spoil the Greenway you spent loads of money on?
- With the current state of the planet and CO2 gasses the last thing we need is 900 more houses with maybe 1800 extra cars and the potential for at least 2700 extra people. We should be stopping people breeding not encouraging them.

Summary of consultation feedback - LG1

- Letchworth being the world's first Garden City means something. Infiltrating it with buildings will destroy everything Ebenezer Howard worked so hard to achieve. Thank you.
- The ideas are interesting. I think it is important to consider the impact the development will have on the residents who live on the Grange. It needs to be sympathetically done to avoid creating a situation where current residents resent the development and don't feel part of the expansion or have a relationship with residents on the new development.
- Too idealistic. Designs look too modern for Letchworth. Will the Greenway be out of use while building in progress. Increased traffic into Grange especially if coming from Hitchin - cars won't go through Norton. Norton access - safety?
- Parkrun is vital for a healthy happy community. It's extremely important to keep parkrun alive and well in Letchworth.
- I think it should be left as Green Belt as envisioned by Ebenezer Howard. There are so many better sites for residential development within Letchworth that are vacant in the industrial area or town centre. These are more sustainable and should be utilised first.
- We do not need housing at the detriment of our Green Belt land. Many people use this area for leisure purposes. The ethos of Letchworth is its open spaces which you are ruining.
- Leave the Green Belt alone.
- This development needs to happen to cope with the amount of Letchworth residents who demand that there is sufficient housing for their children to live near to support networks. The current housing need is being met with piecemeal developments taking more and more small green spaces within Letchworth Garden City and causing current and future neighbourhood issues through parking.
- The addition of 900 new homes on LG1 is far too dense and too great for the town to absorb. I see little in the way of new schools and doctors surgeries that Letchworth really needs.
- I don't like to see any development on Green Belt land. However, if it must be built please ensure there is adequate roads and traffic assessments made, no hindrance or impact for access to the Greenway and that it is in keeping with the original principles of Letchworth.
- Because of the timing of the development, there is really no choice - the development has to meet the low carbon standards, and the Heritage Foundation might as well use this as a positive PR activity, on the lines of 'we are creating the heritage of the future', and put Letchworth back on the map of progressive ideas about how to live, like beginning of last century. Carefully managed, this could make Letchworthians proud of their town, and stimulate more carbon-efficient thinking overall. Another important aspect would be the tracking of quantitative key performance indicators in the new development so it can be used for research and further progress and fine-tuning of new technologies. Letchworth can then link in with other such projects, and the international Garden City concept will get a new stimulus. It could then stimulate a general long term 'zero-carbon' plan for Letchworth (considering the existing housing stock), i.e. the transition phase and retrofitting.

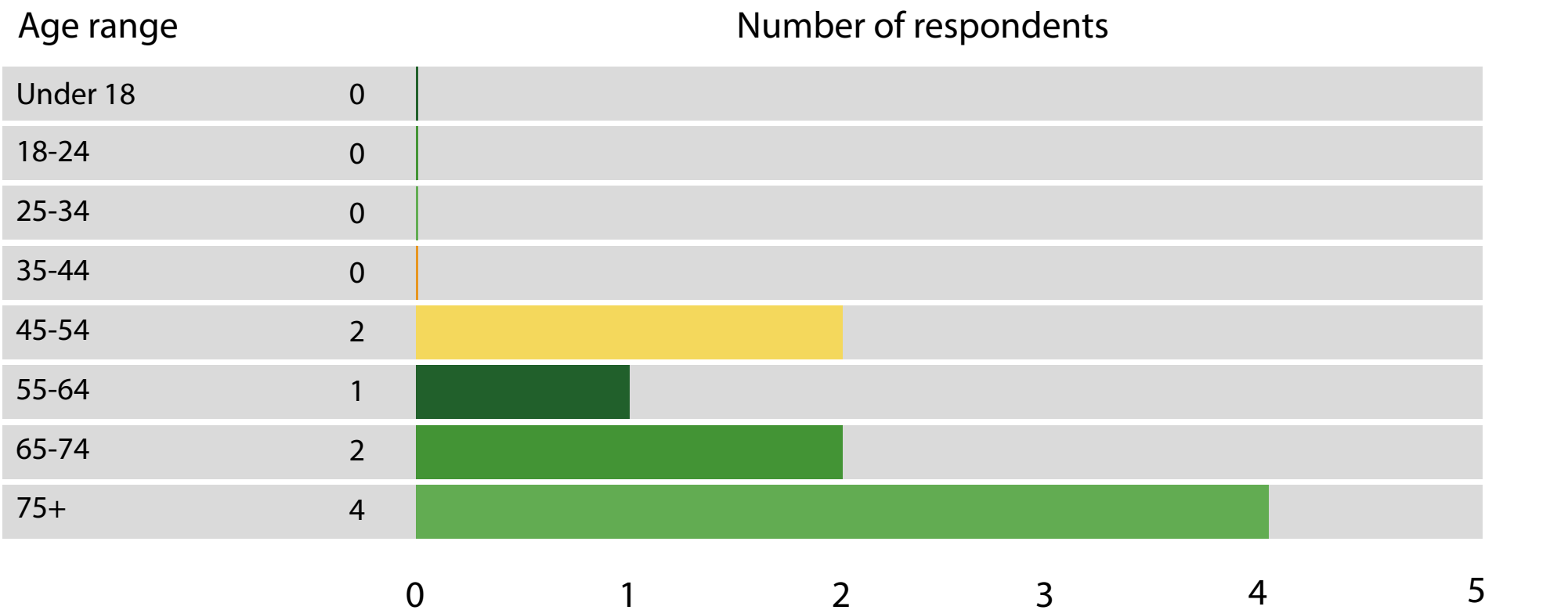
Summary of consultation feedback – LG3

Surveys in relation to LG3 - land east of Kristiansand Way and Talbot Way were distributed at an event for residents near to the site and pop-events where persons indicated that they had site specific feedback. An online version was also made available for those who were not able to make an event in person.

In total 15 surveys were received. 11 of those surveyed (73%) indicated that they lived in Letchworth and one was a visitor. Three people who completed the survey did not answer this question.

Demographics – Age

9 out of 15 respondents provided their age (60% of respondents). The highest percentage of respondents was aged 75+ (44%), followed by ages 45-54 (22%) and 65-74 (22%) respectively. 40% of respondents did not provide their age.

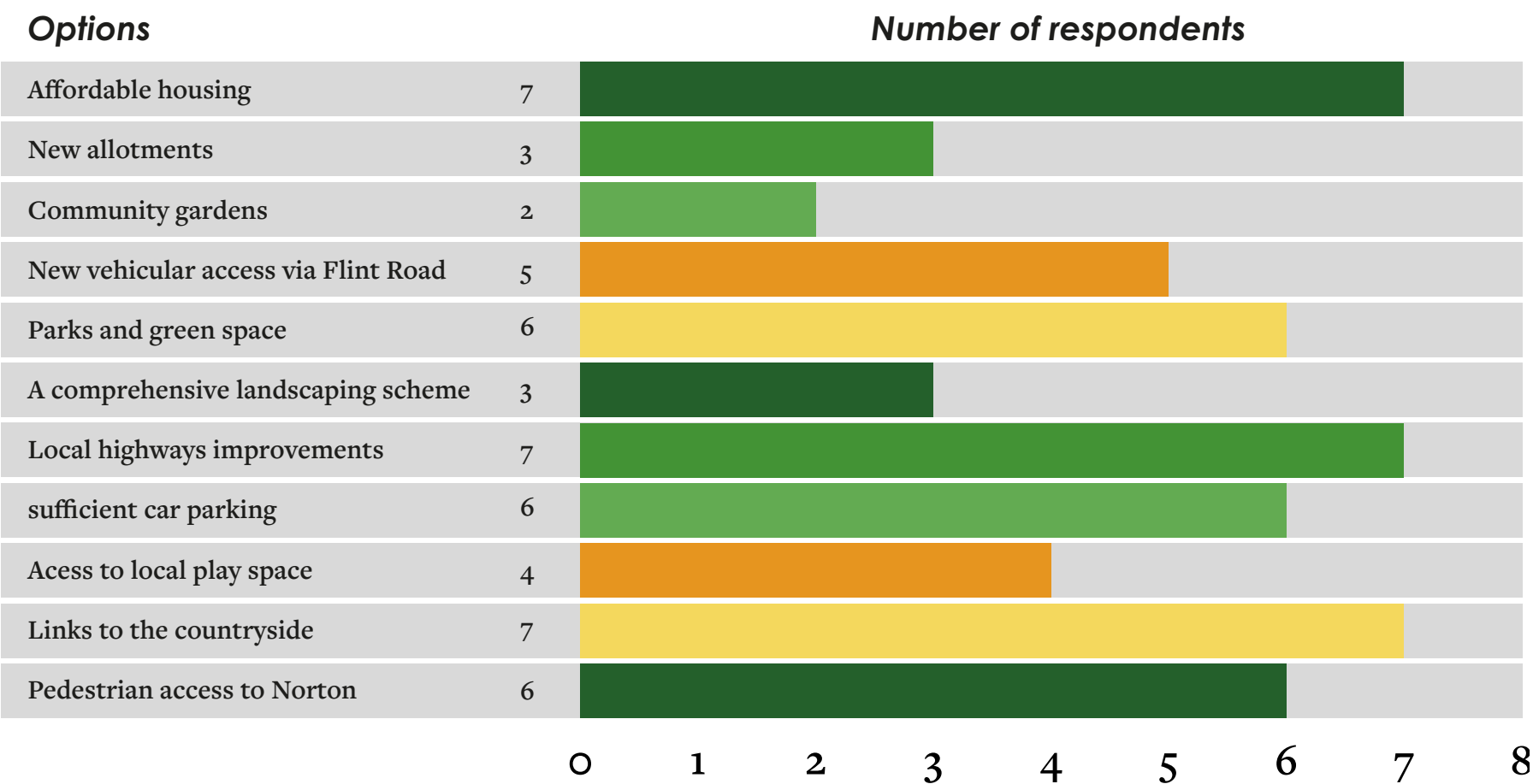


Question 1: What do you think is most important for LG3 - Land east of Kristiansand Way and Talbot Way?

A number of options received equal scores. Priorities that came across strongly included access and links to the countryside, affordable housing, and parking. The highest percentage of respondents selected affordable housing (47%), local highways improvements (47%), and links to the countryside (47%).

The table shows the total score of selected options respectively. The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed who selected ‘other’:

- Housing Association Housing or Council Housing.
- Before completing the development, measures are introduced to reduce traffic and pollution along Green Lane.



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Question 2: We have displayed a site layout at this exhibition. Do you have any thoughts on this?

The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed. The responses show a positive reception for the proposed layout of the scheme. Respondents also noted parking as a priority for the scheme and favour for low rise building heights.

- I'm happy with the proposals.
- Helpful people to talk to.
- We are quite impressed with the layout that is proposed - our major concern is the present road structure. Green Lane and Avenue and how the extra traffic from this development and the Grange will be catered for and managed.
- Looks well planned. Please no tall buildings.
- I hope that the housing does not look too overcrowded - like Pixmore Avenue.
- The site layout looks good. No high-rise flats - good. Some footpaths (e.g. towards North Post Office) are responsibility of Herts CC -very important that fortified - up approach to that they keep footpaths safe and usable (even -withto) see Pedestrian Access and Norton in Q1.
- If the Local Plan advocates 1.5 car parking spaces for extra houses why are they not shown?
- There should be no high rise buildings on edge of site, plus security fencing between the new development and our retirement complex. Also, the paths behind us should be for pedestrians and cyclists only.
- Service this is only a 'proposed' layout, what we see is not what we will get, so this doesn't wield one with any hope.
- Too many houses on the site. It is important that there is sufficient parking spaces for all the houses. This means more than 1 car space per house. The houses are too close together.
- Ensure that the development is not visible from

Baldock and beyond. The adjacent development at Blackhorse Road sets an all-time low standard for 'affordable' do not let this town still further commission the imaginative! All properties must have sufficient parking within the footprint of the property. Make the space flexible so it need not be used for parking. Restrict on-road parking.

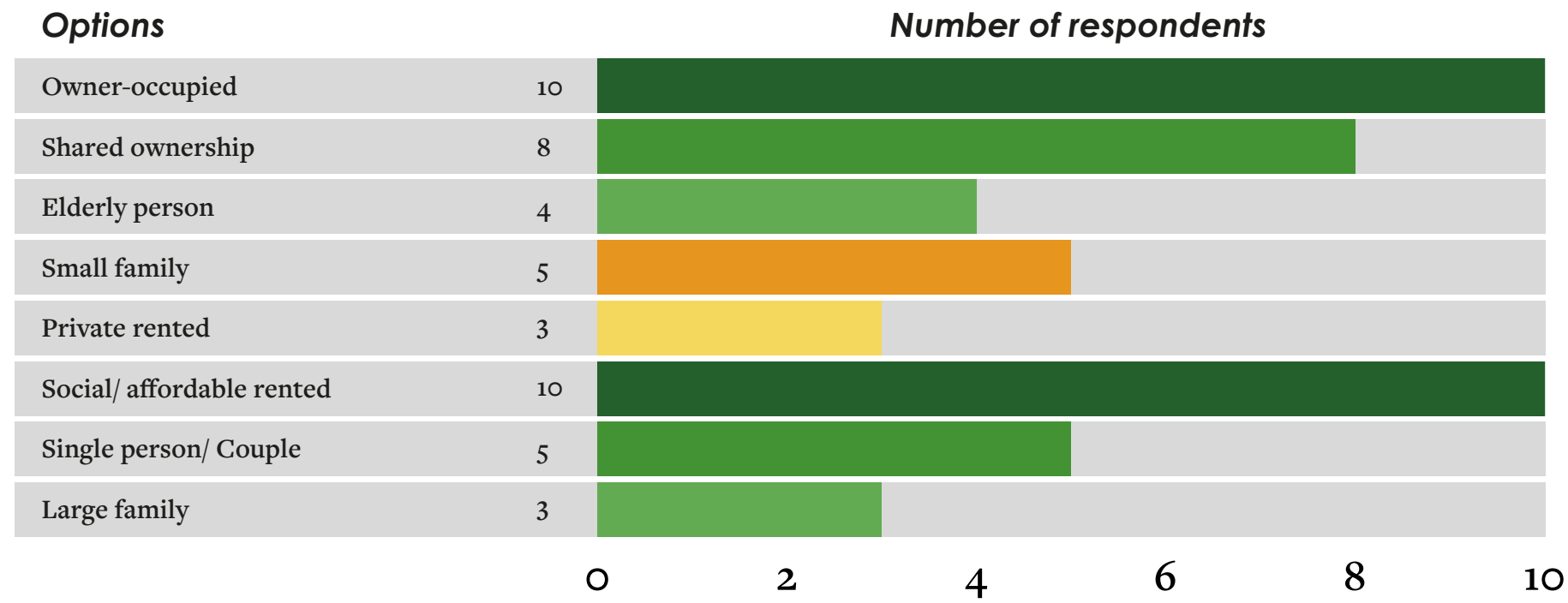


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Question 3: What types of homes would you like to see at LG3?

Residents were asked to tick selections from the list below to indicate their preferences. Owner-occupied and affordable housing were the most frequently selected housing types suggesting an importance for respondents. 14 out of the 15 respondents who completed the survey answered this question. The highest percentage of respondents selected owner-occupied (71%) and social/affordable housing (71%). This was followed closely by shared ownership which was indicated by 8 people (57%).

- A. Owner-occupied
- B. Shared ownership
- C. Elderly person
- D. Small family
- E. Private rented
- F. Social/affordable rented
- G. Single person/ Couple
- H. Large family



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Question 4: Do you have any other comments about this site?

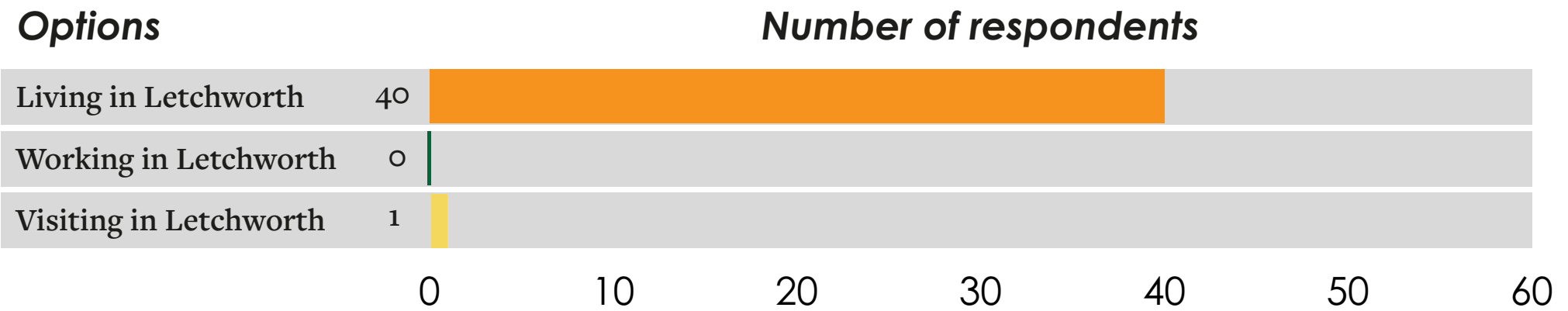
The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed. Increased traffic, access safety, school capacity and difficulty parking were topics commonly raised in the feedback received.

- A roadway across field to avoid congestion in Green Lane and Norton Road would be good. No vehicular access route into the old Kristiansand Way site, happy for it to go into Flint Road. Old Norton playing field - in support of this being used for new homes. Suggest retirement bungalows which are single storey, would free up family homes. People in Croft Lane cannot have their own private meadows on a piece of land that should be utilized, they all have enormous gardens anyway.
- This does seem to be a very large site! The first thought that comes to mind is access bearing in mind the small narrow roads around. The second is the infrastructure - we understand it is proposed to have a primary school - what happens after that?
- I am concerned about schools. Knights Templar are considering changing their policy to not give preferential treatment to houses on the east side of Letchworth. This means that more children on the east side may not get into Knights Templar and face a walk of 40 minutes every day to get to Highfield or Fearnhill. I realise this is more a Knights Templar policy but has damaging consequences to residents in the new houses. It may be a good idea to check if this new Knights Templar policy is going to take effect.
- Plenty of car parking and garages important. Access traffic light controlled or cars will have to get out onto Green Lane. Foot access to Greenway and present footpaths important.
- 120 homes will generate extra traffic Green Lane - probably can cope. However, the site is one of other sites which will generate very significant additional car traffic within Letchworth. I would urge that solutions to future traffic issues are developed at the earliest stage (and not waiting until the problem gets out of control). Suggest checking traffic flows in Norton Road (proximity of Three Horseshoes pub) - very busy in morning peak hours especially.
- What about the important henges site in the next field? Will this be under threat next from rapacious developers (and local authorities).
- We live at the track of Norton Hall Farm, adjacent to the farmers' field. We are concerned about dust during the building work. The open space (ref 02) is facing our bungalow, and we would like a field of trees between the open space and Norton Hall Farm. The present bus service is extremely poor and we hope that building these houses will improve the frequency.
- Transport: Public transport needs improving at evenings and weekends. If possible, more than one route for traffic access (Flint Rd). Traffic control such as lights to stop too much build up at certain points.
- Forget this [illegible word]. Social housing - we need good, old fashioned, council and housing association housing of high quality, limit to the same standard as owner occupied housing as it once used to be.
- My concern is the amount of traffic the new houses will bring to the local area. Green Lane is a very busy road at peak times. There are no places for another school in the area. St Nicholas School is 1-year entry and is a church school. One of its conditions for entry is that you attend church regularly which means that places are taken from people outside the local area. This will mean that parents will have to use a car to transport their children to school adding to the problem of traffic jams at peak times.
- That levels of pollution and traffic along Green Lane are reduced before the development completes. Footpaths along Green Lane and Norton Road are improved by requiring householders to remove/prevent hedges/trees/fences from imposing over the footpath (a 'no cost' improvement). That measures are taken now to stop HGV access to Green Lane, the current signage is ignored. Pedestrian crossings are provided (traffic/light controlled) at each roundabout in Green Lane and access Norton Road adjacent to Croft Lane. Cycle route to town centre, Norton, Baldock. Stop all parking on grass verges and footpaths.

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Sustainable transport is a crucial part of the Garden City principles Letchworth was founded on and we are committed to making sure this continues throughout the years to come. Transport was one of the most significant issues identified as important to residents in the first phase of consultation. Consequently, we developed this survey to help us further understand how local people live and travel.

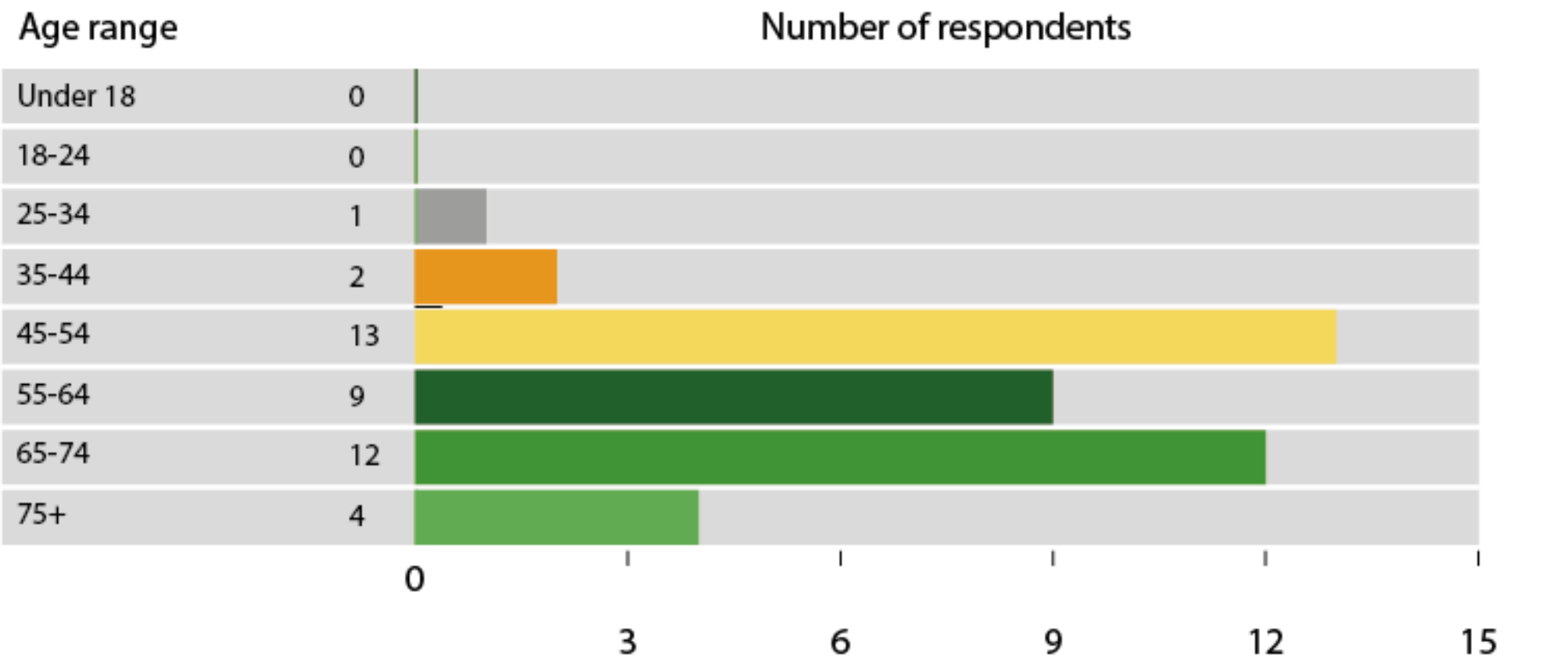
In total 46 surveys were received. The table below details the breakdown of respondents who were living, working, or visiting Letchworth at the time of completing the survey. Five people chose not to answer this question. Of the respondents who answered this question, 40 (97%) indicated that they lived in Letchworth.



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Demographics – Age

41 out of 46 respondents provided their age (89% of respondents). The highest percentage of respondents was aged 45-54 (32%), followed by ages 65-74 (29%). 11% of respondents did not provide their age.



Transport survey summary

Question 1: What do you believe are the most significant transport issues in Letchworth?

The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed. Increased traffic, difficulty parking and the irregular transport services were common issues identified in the feedback received.

- Parking for commuters. Lack of cycle parking at station. Safe cycle routes.
- The amount of extra traffic through the Grange estate.
- The roads in Letchworth do not cope with the traffic.
- Too many cars used for short journeys.
- Speeding increases load. No adequate cycling provisions. Not enough buses within Letchworth or serving Hitchin and school sites.
- Letchworth roads do not cope with the road traffic now, let alone with more! Key areas where traffic is at a standstill, certain times of day.
- Rush hour in and out of Letchworth. 1) Queue from A505 to Letchworth Gate 2) Norton Rd congested morning and late rush hour has intense queuing.
- Parking.
- The need to get more people to use buses.
- The awful bus service from Norton (96/96A).
- Would appreciate more bus access to Letchworth and new tours for Norton. Almost impossible at present.
- Traffic on Green Lane and onto Norton Rd.
- Lack of late-night local transport. Not enough buses. Buses non-existent after 6.30pm, very few at other times.
- The amount of parked cars on both sides of the road, making driving difficult and at times dangerous.
- Bus and train travel needs to be easier. Cycling needs to be easier for people - cycle lanes.
- How to get cars/bus traffic to HSGo6 due to 1796 Enclosure Act.
- Congestion and parked cars. Poor traffic flow, too much traffic using too few adequate roads. Too few and inadequate parking, inadequate parking at the station.
- Parking - too many cars on the main roads out, Northfields (infills were mentioned previously) from the grass verges for cars to park in, making traffic more free flowing going out of the Grange in the morning.
- Speeding along Norton Way North; inadequate parking for commuters/shoppers; increasing congestion.
- Parking in residential roads. Parking at station. Diminished bus services. Loss of green space. Dangerous roads on routes into Letchworth e.g. Norton Road.
- No/few buses, unsafe to cycle, poor pavement quality for disabled. Dreadful drop off arrangements at station, serving traffic post. Howard Park round the huge roundabout - reinstate right hand turn at bottom of Leys Ave.
- Too many cars and parked up motor vehicles. No safe, direct, wide enough cycle routes. Motor speed limits too high, blanket 20mph, reduce 40 to 30
- Not in any order. Parking on footpaths and grass verges. Garden hedges/trees being allowed to overgrow footpaths. Lack of cycle routes. No effective control of H.G.V's using Green Lane. Inappropriate school selection criteria and capacity causing commutes across town. Pollution from traffic.
- Travelling in and out of Letchworth at peak times. The number of people who drive either their children to school and to the station.
- No integrated parking strategy. No sensible public transport central point and interchange. Needs park and ride service for station.
- Too many cars - air quality problems, difficulties for pedestrians, cyclists.
- Far too many cars already. Roads not looked after, footpaths in disrepair with overgrown bushes and potholes. Buses and train expensive and not regular. Hard to cycle.
- Growing traffic, getting more all the time. More people wanting to park (and commute by train?). All parking in all residential areas within walking distance of the station.
- Busy roads and junctions in peak. Bus service frequency.
- We need to be realistic about the proposed edge of Grange development. The majority of these new houses are certain to be occupied by commuters, travelling by rail. That means not

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excessive charges for some of it, the clogging up of residential streets even now as a result of the problem. It all needs to get real, which I fear is not currently the case. We will need much more and cheap town centre parking. On the provision of cycle tracks the option to narrow grass verges to make way for bikes must be rejected. We need to improve the town, not worsen it. On access to the new development, the maps given in the document are totally inadequate in that, although they show where in the development the access roads out to Norton Road and Western Way would be they fail as far as I can see to show the other end where in Norton Road and Western Way the links would arrive. This is really important and it is a bad omission. Or have I missed something? I note that the accompanying text at one point talks about Norton Way. I presume it means Norton Road, because otherwise it makes no sense, but shouldn't this have been spotted.

- Access from many of the housing estates to main roads such as the A1, A505 is by very small roads which do not travel directly. Many of the housing estates roads are clogged with double parking since there is nowhere else to park.
- Are there any apart from the trains? You can walk to the town centre from all parts of Letchworth in a reasonable span of time. Unable to comment on disabled travel.
- Access, congestion.
- Lack of off-road parking. Gaunts Way is a good example of the result of lack of parking. Northfields is causing problems to the buses due to thoughtless parking (parking 2 vehicles opposite each other).
- Having visited your pop-up site yesterday in

town I have grave reservations about the road infrastructure. If as I was told the exit will be onto Norton Road this will significantly affect the already logged roads such as Norton Way. If as your representative stated there are 900 proposed dwellings this could potentially mean in excess of 1500 additional vehicles logging the exit roads around The Grange, Norton and surrounding areas. Nothing I heard yesterday has in any way given assurances to the traffic solution. Additionally a bus service which serves Grange and new development could add considerable time to the journey to Stevenage, which already takes nearly one hour. I am deeply concerned about several issues none of which have been in any way resolved.

- There are significant issues with the ever-increasing volume of traffic, causing jams, pollution and the risk of accidents/injury.
- Street parking especially opposite road ends.
- Lack of parking.
- Bus to the secondary schools from the Green Lane. Few more zebra crosses.
- Traffic congestion across most of Letchworth during commuting hours and school drop-off/pick-up times. The congestion is particularly bad around Letchworth Gate, Fearnhill School, Norton Road, Icknield School and around the Town Centre. 2. On-road parking around the Town Centre during the work week when people are parking and walking to the Railway Station. The problem is getting worse with drivers parking on grass verges and now breaking traffic regulations by parking too close to road junctions etc. 3. Lack of residential vehicle parking for the current volume of car ownership in

Letchworth. The majority of residential roads are overwhelmed with parked cars in the evenings and at weekends.

- Lack of cycle infrastructure. Roads made dangerous by parked cars. Elongated walking routes because of railway. Lack of pedestrian crossings on busy roads.
- Cycle routes which do not join up properly meaning routes can be dangerous.
- Lack of linked up bus routes. Used to be a great bus the 54 that allowed people on the Wilbury side of Letchworth to get 1 bus to the Hospital.
- Congestion. Parking for people using the railway station, take Bedford Road and the side roads. Bedford Road has become a three lane road since the houses we built up on Fairfield so what was put in place for that little venture? The town has a railway station but no car parking? So what plans are there to keep the roads clear of ten to twelve hours parking on roads that should never have been allowed to have become car parks?
- Commuter parking for those working in London etc.

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Question 2: Looking at the main development sites in Letchworth, what measures would you recommend to reduce the impacts of additional traffic?

The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed. Increased traffic, parking difficulties and the irregular transport services were common issues identified in the feedback received.

- 20mph speed limits through the estate.
 - Need entries on the Fairfield side of the development.
 - Have limited parking. Encourage non-car forms of transport.
 - 20mph! 20mph! 20mph! Far better public transport new cycle routes to schools and shopping areas.
 - Each to have another vehicle entrance. Behind Grange Road onto the Fairfield side of development.
 - New phase traffic increase should divert to Stotfold Road, near to Stotfold bypass roundabout, to avoid Norton Road.
 - Do not build more houses.
 - Improve the frequency of buses.
 - Better bus service through Norton, Baldock, and Letchworth (as it used to be) would prevent car journeys to those areas by Norton residents.
 - Traffic lights on Norton Road - to also improve access to the 'pond' for dog walkers 2. Roundabout with traffic lights at peak times onto Green Lane.
 - Do not carry out development that destroys plant and animal life.
 - Don't build the houses - the majority of which
- will not serve Letchworth but will suck people in from outside the area (London overspill) who will need to drive out of Letchworth for work. The A1M is already a nightmare, not to mention local roads (especially Norton Road).
- To be honest, I'm not sure!
 - Cycle lanes and easier walking routes between parts of town.
 - It's going to be necessary to do something radical to take traffic away from the centre and increase the flow. A one way system to ensure Letchworth's precious houses are not gridlocked with traffic.
 - More cycle tracks - top of Croft Lane, Norton Road and Green Lane, junction needs to be reviewed for ease of crossing maybe 3 way traffic lights.
 - Increased public transport provision.
 - Reduce scale - preferably to nil. Recent residential conversions in town centre - why has this taken so long?
 - Safe cycle routes, safe and secure cycle storage facilities in town, no through roads on the new estates, stopping cars parking on the road in the Industrial area.
 - Direct, wide cycle routes in exchange for 'motor' lanes/highways. Stopping roads for private vehicle access thus coercing to use foot, cycle and public transport and no rat-running. Offer priority of affordable housing to local working people thus less likely to use motor vehicle particularly if you have the other infrastructure in place and
- throughout the town.
- Reduce the size of any individual development and increase the number of developments so they can be located evenly around the town to spread the burden away from any one area. Ensure walking routes to local schools are kept clear of busy roads and crossing are installed where roads are crossed.
 - I don't know. I think the only answer to the problem is to build smaller estates around the perimeter of Letchworth and so lighten the load of one area.
 - Commuter and park services bus to station (Letchworth Rail Use Group can help). Make more use of multi-storey. Regulated on-street parking is not a bad thing if well regulated. Buses are not regular enough or convenient enough.
 - New developments must be pushed away from adding additional traffic into town centre (i.e. public transport, cycling, walking to be used).
 - I recommend not to build them as I believe strongly that the area cannot support extra traffic. Either local or on the wider community - A1!!
 - Have plenty of access roads to get traffic out to the A507 and A1 and put roundabouts in at all busy junctions, and zebra/pelican crossings to make crossing safe. The proposed access road to the Grange development would be a MUST. Also, behind Kristiansand Way you'd need another access road towards Norton/the A507. One road towards Blackhorse Road is madness!
 - Plan developments which discourage car ownership and use right from the outset, so that

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perspective residents fully aware i.e. encourage residents who favour sustainable transport.

- As I say above, we need to allow for additional traffic. Because additional traffic there will be.
- I would create a road north-east from the LG1 Estate onto Norton Way. This would allow traffic to also travel up to the A507 and then A1 as well as south with the other estates' traffic.
- Don't develop the sites. Existing residents don't want it but you will try to ignore us. The traffic into the Grange from the new site would be horrendous. There is no proper access.
- Increased access points, car sharing, additional public transport and walking, cycle routes.
- Stop the parking of vehicles within 22 metres of a junction (highway code) e.g. the junction of Western Way and Northfields.
- As before many concerns.
- Access to and from the new sites will inevitably exacerbate the current issues with the volume of traffic. New access routes must be created to cater for the additional volume of traffic.
- Enforced speed limits at 20mph.
- LG1 site - you are going to have at least 1500 extra cars using the existing entrances to the Grange, and the new one on Norton Road. Those living at the back of the development near Fairfields will be driving for ages to get off the Grange or to their house from the Grange - need at least another entrance onto the Stotfold road.
- More cycle routes and parking space as well.
- Increase the restrictions on vehicle stopping

and parking on all major route roads through Letchworth at peak times. 2. Increase the amount of affordable car parking for rail commuters. 3. Establish a Heritage Foundation "Park and Ride" scheme for the town and the new development areas. 4. Enforce UK traffic law.

- A cycling infrastructure throughout the town to reduce overall reliance on the car. Limit parking to discourage excessive car ownership.
- Not building the houses - then there is no issue with additional traffic.
- More buses.
- Hop on buses but to keep to the promises of them being there unlike Fairfields. As for cars there is not a thing that can be done people don't walk no more.
- More local buses.

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Question 3: How many people and vehicles are at your home?

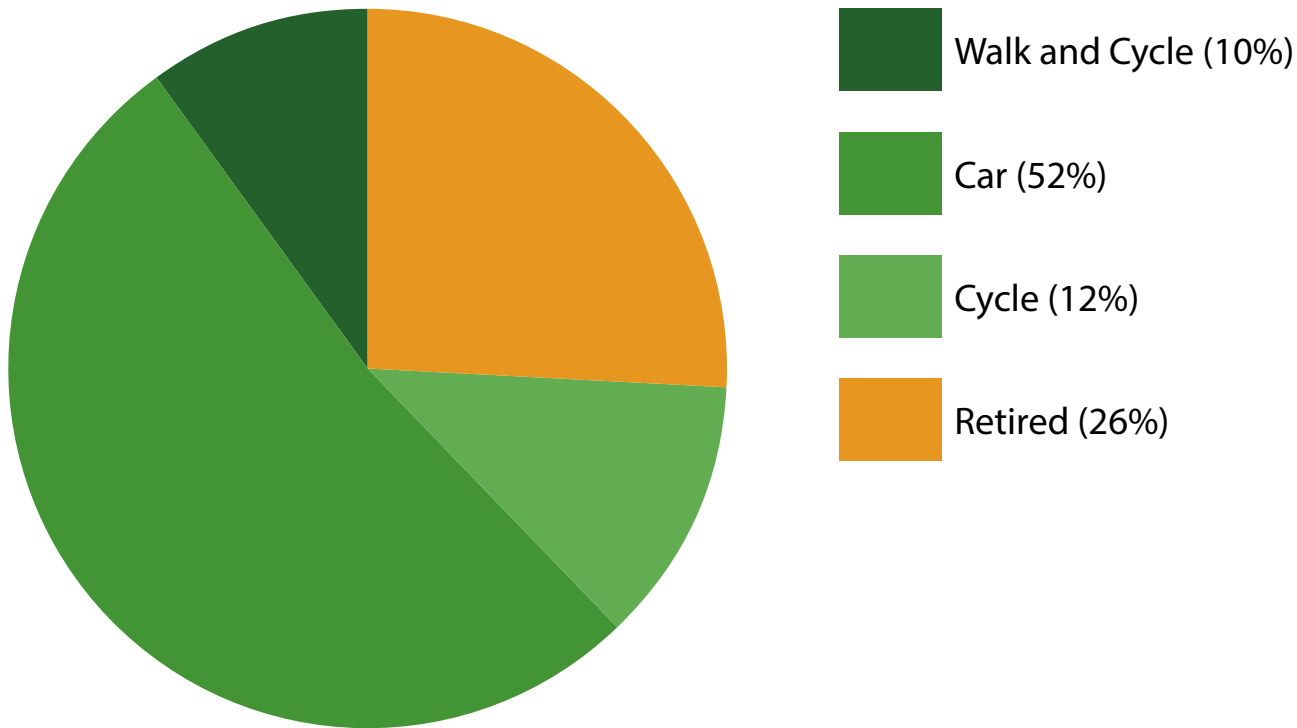
The comments below are the verbatim comments received by respondents who completed this question.

- 2 people 2 cars.
- 2 people 2 cars.
- 3 people 3 cars.
- 3 people 1 vehicle 3 bikes.
- 5 people, 2 cars (1 electric).
- 3 people 3 cars.
- 2.
- 2 people 2 cars .
- 1.
- 1.
- 1 person 1 car.
- 2 people 2 cars.
- 2 people 1 car.
- 2 people 2 cars.
- 4 people, 3 vehicles.
- 2 and 2 vehicles.
- 2.
- 3 and 2 vehicles.
- 2 and 1 vehicle.
- 1 and eight vehicles (bicycles are vehicles in law)
- 3 vehicles (2 cars and 1 motorcycle).
rarely use more than one vehicle at any one time
- 2 and 2 cars.
- 2 and 2 vehicles.
- 2 and 1 car.
- 1.
- 3, 2 cars, 3 bikes.
- 2 and 1 vehicle.
- Two and two.
- 1 person, 1 car.
- 4 people 2 vehicles.
- 1.
- 2 persons and 1 vehicle.
- 2 and 1 vehicle.
- 2 and 1 vehicle.
- 1 person 1 vehicle.
- 2 people / 2 cars.
- 2 people, 1 car.
- 7 people and 5 cars for 5 adults.
- 3 people 1 car.
- 3 People 2 cars.
- 4 people, 1 car.
- 3 people - 3 vehicles.
- 2 disabled requiring 2 cars as there is poor bus service.
- Two people, sometimes three/four, two cars, sometimes three.

Transport survey summary

Question 4: How do you get to work?

Many of the residents who answered indicated that they travel to work via car. 26% (13 respondents) were retirees, and so didn't travel to work. 52% (26 respondents) travelled by car, 12% (6 respondents) cycled and 10% (5 respondents) walk and cycled.



Transport survey summary

Question 5: If you get the bus or train to work, do you use a different mode of transport (such as driving, walking or cycling) to reach the bus stop/ train station? If so, which?

The comments below are the comments received by respondents who completed this question.

- We live 15mins from station so always walk.
- No buses at 5.30am to get to work.
- Son at home - cycles to work in Baldock.
- Bus.
- Invariably walk to town whilst fit enough to do so.
- Retired but used to walk.
- Walk and car (no safe cycle facilities at station - how many thefts).
- Walk or lift to station.
- For places I go there are 3 questions: 1, can I walk (time, weather, distance). 2, can I cycle. 3, can I use public transport. If no to all I use the car.
- No we walk. Far better on the environment plus no parking as easy drop off area.
- Used to walk (about 20 minutes).
- Used to walk or cycle, both.
- I use the 55 bus route when visiting hospital etc.
- Car to station.
- Taxi.
- I would love to take a bus, but it does not start running till too late.
- I don't use either because of my trade.
- Walk.

Transport survey summary

Question 6: What are your preferred travel modes for non-work trips (e.g. retail and leisure)?

The comments below are the comments received by respondents who completed this question.

- Walk, cycle, car.
- Car.
- Car.
- Car/ walk/ cycle.
- Not preferred but car.
- Car.
- Car
- Drive.
- Train.
- Bus/train.
- Car.
- Car.
- Bus.
- Car.
- Car, walk.
- Car, bike and train.
- By bus.
- Drive, occasional train.
- Train.
- Train/bus/car.
- Walk where possible.
- Mainly drive or run/cycle.
- Car.
- Bus - if service better from Norton.
- Walk/car.
- Cycle, train for longer journeys.
- Car.
- Cars.
- Walk to town centre, car to shop (weekly).
- See above.
- Walk as it saves the environment or drive if too far.
- Car.
- Car.
- Car.
- Car.
- Car or walking. Train if going into London
- Car.
- Depends on time constraints and weather. If ok then public transport.
- Car.
- Car, cycling locally. Sometimes train if convenient/we can afford it.
- Car.
- Train/car.
- Walk or bike.
- Car/train.
- Car due to poor transport alternatives.
- Motorbike, walking.

Transport survey summary

Question 7: Do you want to make more journeys using sustainable travel modes (e.g. cycling, bus, rail or walking)?

The comments below are the verbatim comments received by respondents who completed this question.

- Would do if suitable and convenient routes.
- Yes.
- Walking - Rail.
- Yes, cycling.
- In an ideal world yes but its not an option.
- No.
- No.
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Walk where possible but can't walk long distances with shopping.
- Sometimes.
- Yes.
- Yes.

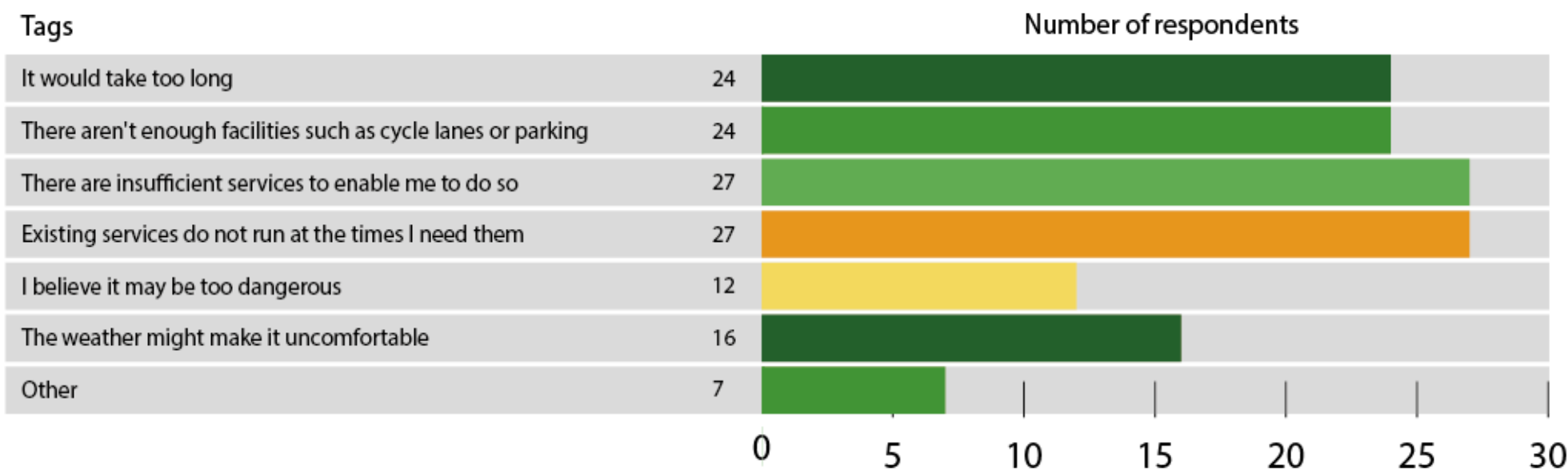
Transport survey summary

Question 8: Please tell us if any of the following factors stop you from making more sustainable transport journeys.

Residents were asked to tick selections from the following list, the table below shows the total score of options selected:

- A. It would take too long
- B. There aren't enough facilities, such as cycle lanes or parking
- C. There are insufficient services to enable me to do so
- D. Existing services do not run at the times I need them
- E. I believe it may be too dangerous
- F. The weather might make it uncomfortable
- G. Other

41 of 46 respondents answered this question. The most popular selections were 'there are insufficient services' which was indicated by 27 people (66%) and 'existing services do not run at the times I need them' which was also indicated by 27 people (66%). This was closely followed by 'it would take too long' and 'there aren't enough facilities' which were indicated by 24 people (58%) each.



Transport survey summary

The comments below are additional verbatim comments received by respondents who completed question 8.

- Cycling, walking.
- Yes.
- Bus/rail.
- Already do!
- Yes cycling/bus.
- Yes.
- Already use rail quite a lot - but need a taxi to station!
- Yes - would like to cycle, but unsafe and nowhere secure to leave bike.
- I already make all my journeys this way.
- Yes.
- Cycle to town on occasions.
- Yes. Not cycling though - physically difficult for me.
- Yes. We all need too, irrespective of desires.
- Would love more sustainable modes but the size Letchworth is there is no need for local at this stage in my life.
- Yes please if more provided. Safe, attractive, peaceful, clean air etc.
- Use rail a lot - bus occasionally, but low frequency.
- No.
- I have considered using a bike but the distance to Stevenage is a little far.
- What are sustainable travel modes? If you mean by bus, then no if it means you have to travel for an hour or more to reach somewhere you could go in 15 minutes by car.
- Yes.
- Yes. See previous comments.
- Where it possible to use transport then I would. At present the linkage to trains etc is not adequate.
- Use of sustainable travel modes always used where practical.
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes – I would like to see more affordable bus/ shuttle services around the town. I would also like to see dedicated cycleways. Cycling on the roads in Letchworth is dangerous due to the high level of parked vehicles.
- Yes, but for families it costs more than a car.
- No.
- Yes.
- If they are in place yes.
- Yes.

Transport survey summary

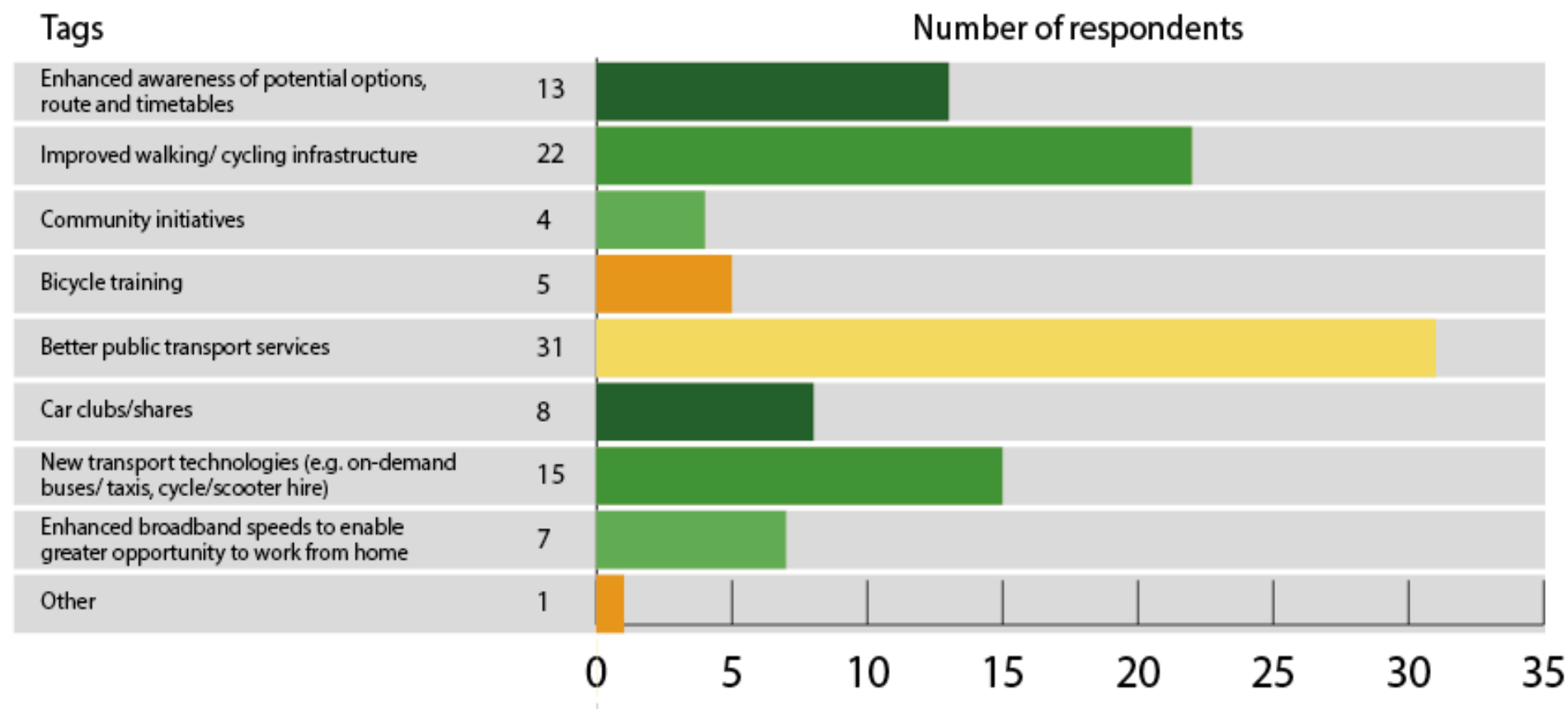
Question 9: Is there anything that would encourage you to travel more sustainably?

This question asked respondents to tick from a list of options. In conjunction with the results of the previous question, respondents felt that better public transport services would encourage more sustainable modes of travel. 42 of 46 those surveyed answered this question. 67% selected better public transport services with 48% indicating a preference for improved walking and cycling infrastructure.

The table to the right shows the total score of selected options respectively.

The respondent who selected 'other' made the following verbatim suggestion:

- Frequent traveller railcards to make trains affordable. Not just London

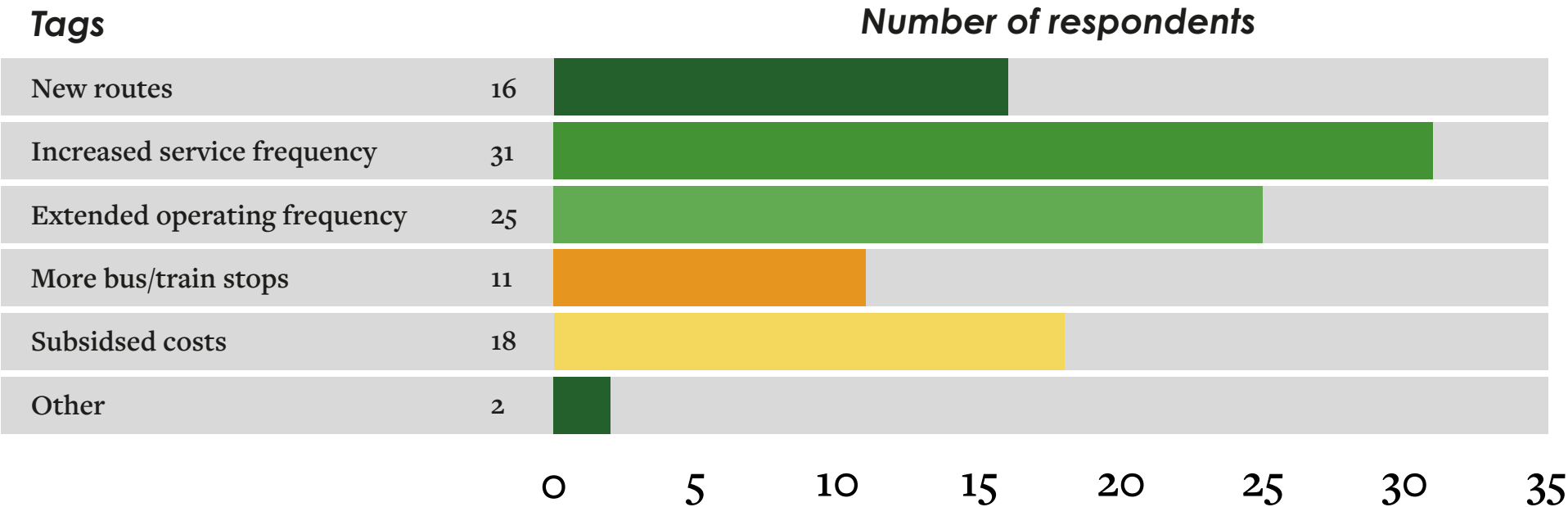


Question 10: If you travel mainly by car, what would encourage you to travel by bus/rail instead?

This question did not distinguish between use of alternatives to cars for work or retail/leisure. The themes of frequency and convenience of public transport services were captured in responses. There was also a notion of cost in some responses. 39 people of the 46 who completed the survey answered this question. 31 people (79%) indicated that an increased service frequency would encourage travel by bus or rail.

Respondents who selected ‘other’ made the following verbatim suggestions:

- Carrying capacity limitations and door-to-door service.
- Light rail/tram routes being built.



Transport survey summary

Question 11: Is there anything which would encourage you to walk/ cycle more?

The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed. Most respondents indicated that they already walk or cycle. However, suggestions made to encourage more non-car modes of transport included more cycle ways and street lighting.

- I already walk more than most. More concerned on routes, buses and car park spaces for other people. The parking of commuter vehicles on roads like Cowslip Hill and causes a real problem: fights, bad language and unpleasant behaviour. Roads not safe enough to cycle.
- We already walk the Greenway every day, and often walk to the town.
- No.
- Safer routes - cycle ways.
- Better cycle routes. Better public transport. 20mph! 20mph! 20mph! Over Letchworth.
- No.
- I walk on Greenway daily for 1 hour and do not want that changed.
- I walk with the dogs lots already.
- Already walk most places as no buses late night.
- Easy cycle parking something like 'Boris bike' hire.
- I already walk whenever possible. I use the car for places that I am unable to walk to.
- Better cycle routes with a verge between them and the traffic. Too dangerous on roads out in the morning - more cars off the roads and parked in infills in the grass verges so safer for cyclists on the roads. Sometimes was along Northfields out to Norton roundabout as so many cars parked on the road. This will make traffic more free flowing.
- Street lighting after midnight. Seating at junctions.
- Use some of empty retail space in town to store cycles during the day for a small fee to cover costs.
- You can reduce all speed limits anyway no matter which option is chosen. Absolutely this! Cheaper, wider, direct, also give priority to cyclists at juncture with 'motor' lanes as per Netherlands and reduce motor lane width not verge. Wider lanes for motors encourage faster driving and is in part reason why motorists won't convert as too easy/ safe to get from A to B. Hence why Stevenage cycle lanes are not used as the roads are wide, direct and without any obstruction.
- Cycle routes, safe cycling on and across roads. We live near the industrial area. We'd like the big juggernauts, car transporters, tankers and huge container lorries to only access the industrial areas via Avenue One, not through all the residential areas. Re-route through traffic to avoid roads being constant queues of traffic.
- No.
- I already use a bike for recreation but most of my other journeys are over 10 miles each way.
- Well-lit streets, safety.
- Yes - living in a more reliable weather environment.
- Given my age and health issues this would be difficult.
- Walking and cycling are well catered for in Letchworth. Less traffic and enforcement of a 20 mile an hour speed limit would encourage more cycling.
- More cycle lanes. Where pavements are split into pedestrian/cycle lanes, ensure the hedges are cut back to provide maximum useable width.
- Better route.
- More dedicated cycle ways and secure cycle parking across the town.
- Better infrastructure.
- Better linking of routes so as not to encounter roads.
- No, I am disabled so do not have this choice.
- Cycling that's what the roads are for. More walking pathways would be brill, but you are going to fill more open space up with housing so you are going to need a lot more areas for walking that will be spread further afield.
- Cycle tracks.

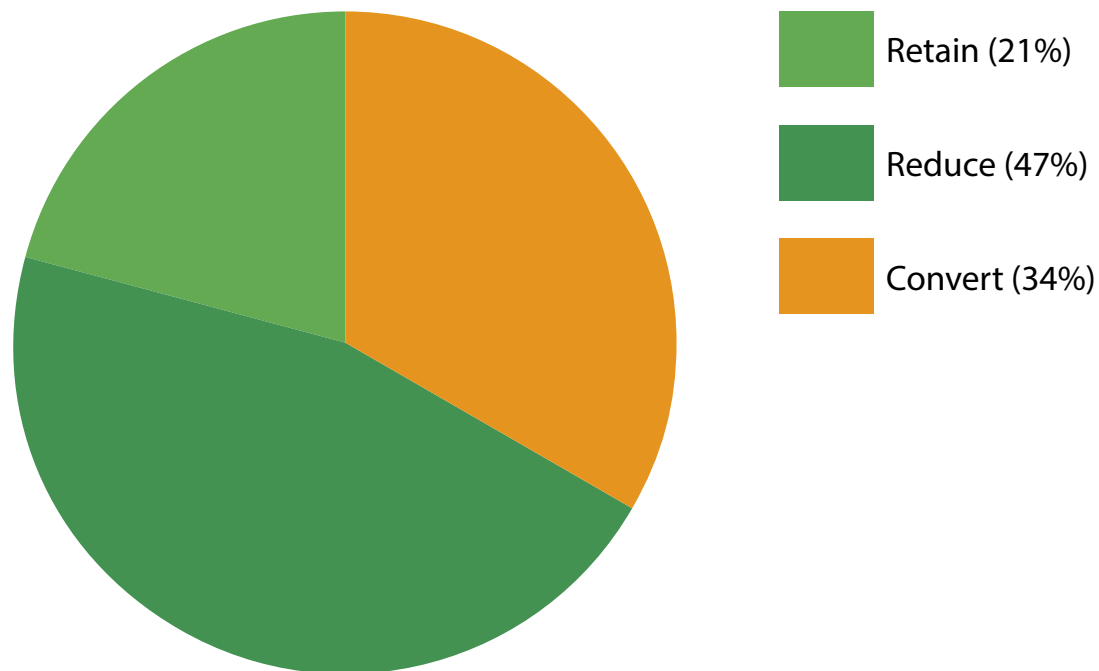
Transport survey summary

Question 12: Which potential cycle connectivity improvements would you prefer to see on key north-south routes through the Grange estate to enhance cycle links with the town centre?

Residents were asked to tick from the following list to indicate their preferences. Some residents selected more than one option.

- **Option A. Retain existing road layouts with low traffic speeds**
- **Option B. Reduce verge widths to introduce dedicated off-road cycle lanes**
- **Option C. Convert some roads to one-way with on road cycles lanes**

Option B was the most popular preference among consultees with a selection rate of 47% (22 respondents). This was closely followed by Option C with 34% (16 respondents). The least selection option was A which had a rate of 21% (10 respondents).



Transport survey summary

Question 13: Are there any important initiatives which you would like to see locally?

The comments below are the reproduction of responses received by those surveyed. Speed measures, parking, cycleways and the irregular transport services were priority areas identified in the feedback received.


- Open multistorey car park for long hours to allow commuter parking. Improve cycle routes throughout Letchworth. Improve cycle parking security.
- More buses.
- 20mph in all of the Grange.
- Less cars.
- 20mph zones over Norton Road as a start!
- Lower speed limits, wider roads, more car parking in town.
- Full dual carriage way A505 (St Pauls Church to A1 Letchworth Gate, a one way Cowslip Hill to town centre from (Grange) Wilbury Road.
- More services. Also 4hr parking car parks would be useful.
- Parking for parkrun on Saturdays to be improved.
- Stop people parking on grass verges.
- I am all for encouraging people to cycle but you have to be realistic. Commuter transport is largely car. The only way to really improve things is with a really good one way system to remove the static traffic every morning and evening - take lorries and car transporters away from housing.
- Parking is my main concern as traffic not free flowing out of the Grange at the moment. The verges need to be used for parking and infills put in to help this.
- Why not take a leaf out of several sites around the world and have days when cars are banned from the town for the whole day?
- Commuter buses. Safe cycle lanes. Speed cameras especially on Norton Road; blind bends near school.
- Stop verge parking, better cycle routes (shared footway/cycle lane).
- Other transport initiatives - Having proper cycle network throughout the town, reduced motor vehicle speed limits. 'Last mile' delivery alternatives such as cargo cycles, proper connected cycle routes to Baldock, Hitchin, and Stotfold. Addendum. Cycle racks outside the Heritage Foundation building.
- Re-patriate existing footpaths by requiring householders to prevent their gardens from overgrowing the footpaths. Provide traffic light controlled crossings Green Lane, Norton Road to encourage walking and slow/discourage driving. Prevent/police H.G.V access to Green Lane, current signage is far too often ignored. All new housing to have sufficient parking space within the property footprint. On road parking to be ticketed. The space provided for parking must be flexible use such that if and when not used for parking it can be converted.
- More frequent bus service would encourage people to use the services more. This would encourage walking as well.
- Integrated transport strategy. Car share and car hire. Electric vehicle charging. Electric bike hire/charging/storage.
- Public transport. Move war memorial so that the front of the train station has a proper bus station. Use more one-way systems in town centre to discourage car users on short trips and open up the space to cycle lanes. New developments should have a dedicated public transport route into centre so it is fast and regular. Consider doing the same for Fairfield and Stotfold.
- Encourage people to walk more or sustainable travel. Maintain the roads. No more houses? More cars.
- Industrial traffic accessing to/from the edges, not through the town. A bus station at the railway station to interchange straight out to all the estates. Access to the railway station for pedestrians and cyclists from Icknield Way. Free/cheap and sufficient parking at the station for all commuters, so they don't park in and clog up our roads all-round the town. Admit traffic is going to increase all the time and try to ease congestion. Provide car parks on old industrial sites. Put in roundabout. Provide safe cycle lanes away from traffic. Have more zebra crossings to provide safe pedestrian flow around and across town. Encourage use of electric/hybrid cars for us around town at least. Make sure residents have somewhere to park their own cars without clogging up roads, as far as possible.
- Improvements around railway station - very congested. Parking near station is a problem.
- Yet again, better car parking in town centre.


- Improved roads for cars to get out of the estates and onto the A1.
- Secure cycling bays.
- Buses which serve supermarkets for those with travel difficulty.
- Speed limited to 20 mph on Norton road along with traffic calming measures. Ever increasing traffic on Norton Road is particularly hazardous for residents at Norton Hall Farm and St Nicolas School. Parents should be encouraged to walk their children to school.
- Make vehicle drivers more cycle friendly.
- More buses.
- Affordable park and ride to encourage residents/ rail commuters not to congest the town's roads at peak times or by parking close to the town centre.
- Turn the railway area into a public transport hub by having a bus station outside which has regular links to housing estates.
- More double yellow lines on existing roads if this isn't looked at in very great detail there will be a lot of problems.
- More frequent bus service - mini buses perhaps.


Appendix A – Surveys


Town-wide survey


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GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON NEW HOMES IN LETCHWORTH

Following our phase 1 consultation last year about your aspirations about the future of Letchworth, we have now launched our second phase of consultation. During this phase we are focusing attention on the largest housing sites which have been allocated for development in Letchworth included in the emerging North Herts District Council Local Plan.

We would like to know how you think these sites can best meet the needs of the local community and what benefits you hope they can deliver for the whole town.

Although we are considering sites within the NHDC Local Plan, this consultation remains completely separate to any consultation run by the Council.

Please answer the questions on this card and then place in in the feedback box, or post this to us for free at a later time. You don't need a card to send us feedback.

Q1) What do you think is most important for LG1 – Land to the north of Letchworth? (Please tick)

☐ Affordable housing

☐ Private rented housing

☐ Improved public transport

☐ New allotments

☐ Sufficient car parking

☐ Homes for older people

☐ Community gardens

☐ Retail space

☐ Self build plots

☐ Parks and green space

☐ Pubs/bars

☐ Play space

☐ Health services

☐ Community space

☐ Promoting work-life balance

☐ Schools

☐ Exercise space

☐ Activities for teenagers

☐ Improved roads

☐ Other: _____

☐ Private housing

☐ Better cycle routes

LG1 survey

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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT PROPOSALS FOR LG1 LAND NORTH OF LETCHWORTH

Following our phase 1 consultation last year about your aspirations for the future of Letchworth, we have now launched our second phase of consultation. During this phase we are focusing attention on the largest housing sites which have been allocated for development in Letchworth included in the emerging North Herts District Council Local Plan. The biggest is Land to the north of Letchworth (LG1).

We would like to know how you think this site can best meet the needs of the local community and what benefits you hope it can deliver for the whole town.

Although we are considering sites within the NHDC Local Plan, this consultation remains completely separate to any consultation run by the Council.

Please answer the questions on both sides of this card and then place in in the feedback box, or post this to us for free at a later time. You don't need a stamp to post the feedback to us.

A BIT ABOUT YOU

Are you:

☐ Living in Letchworth

☐ Visiting Letchworth

☐ Working in Letchworth

Age:

☐ Under 18

☐ 18-24

☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44

☐ 45-54

☐ 55-64

☐ 65-74

☐ 75+

Q1) What do you think is most important for LG1 – Land to the north of Letchworth? (Please tick where appropriate)

☐ Affordable housing

☐ Private housing

☐ Activities for teenagers

☐ New allotments

☐ Private rented housing

☐ Improved public transport

☐ Community gardens

☐ Sufficient car parking

☐ Better cycle routes

☐ Parks and green space

☐ Retail space

☐ Homes for older people

☐ Health services

☐ Pubs/bars

☐ Self build plots

☐ Schools

☐ Community space

☐ Play space

☐ Improved roads

☐ Exercise space

☐ Other: _____

Q2) Do you have any other comments? Is there anything you would like to see included in these housing sites?

Comments:

Questions continue overleaf

Q2) We have received some initial thoughts about a possible design for this site in our Design Competition. Which is your favourite?

☐ Option A - Growing Letchworth

☐ Option C - Gardenia

☐ Option B - Growing Together

☐ Option D - Grange-in-the-Hedges

Are there any aspects of these ideas you would particularly like to see included?

Comments:

Q3) What type of homes would you like to see at LG1? Please tick:

☐ Owner occupied

☐ Private rented

☐ Shared ownership (part owned/rented)

☐ Social/Affordable rented

☐ Elderly person

☐ Single person/Couple

☐ Small family

☐ Large family

Q4) Traffic and transport are important issues for this site. Do you currently use public transport and cycling?

☐ Yes

☐ Occasionally

☐ No

Q5) If better bus services were to be provided, would you make more use of these services?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q6) We have shown some ideas for possible improvements to the recreation ground. Do you have any thoughts on this?

Comments:

Q7) Do you have any other comments about this site?

Comments:

SELF PLOTS

We have provided a possible layout for some of the self-build plots. Would you or your family be interested in this? If yes, please leave your details below.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

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Appendix A – Surveys

LG3 survey

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GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON NEW HOMES AT LG3 – LAND EAST OF KRISTIANSAND WAY AND TALBOT WAY

Following our phase 1 consultation last year about your aspirations for the future of Letchworth, we have now launched of our second phase of consultation. During this phase we are focusing attention on the largest housing sites which have been allocated for development in Letchworth included in the emerging North Herts District Council Local Plan. The second biggest site is Land East of Kristiansand Way and Talbot Way (LG3).

We would like to know how you think this site can best meet the needs of the local community and what benefits you hope it can deliver for the whole town.

Although we are considering sites within the NHDC Local Plan, this consultation remains completely separate to any consultation run by the Council.

Please answer the questions on both sides of this card and then place in in the feedback box, or post this to us for free at a later time. You don't need a stamp to post the feedback to us.

A BIT ABOUT YOU

Are you:

- ☐ Living in Letchworth
- ☐ Visiting Letchworth
- ☐ Working in Letchworth

Age:

<input type="checkbox"/> Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54
<input type="checkbox"/> 18-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64
<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74
<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 75+

Q3) What do you think is most important for LG3 – Land east of Talbot Way and Kristiansand Way? (Please tick where appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sufficient car parking
<input type="checkbox"/> New allotments	<input type="checkbox"/> Access to local play space
<input type="checkbox"/> Community gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Links to the countryside
<input type="checkbox"/> New vehicular access via Flint Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian access to Norton
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks and green space	<input type="checkbox"/> Promoting work-life balance
<input type="checkbox"/> A comprehensive landscaping scheme	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Local highways improvements	

Questions continue overleaf

Transport survey

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LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON TRANSPORT IN LETCHWORTH

Following our phase 1 consultation last year about your aspirations for the future of Letchworth, we have now launched of our second phase of consultation. During this phase we are focusing attention on the largest housing sites which have been allocated for development in Letchworth included in the emerging North Herts District Council Local Plan. Today we particularly want your views on transport and housing. Please answer the questions below and feel free to ask us if there is anything we can help with.

We would like to know how you think this site can best meet the needs of the local community and what benefits you hope it can deliver for the whole town.

Although we are considering sites within the NHDC Local Plan, this consultation remains completely separate to any consultation run by the Council.

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A BIT ABOUT YOU

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- ☐ Visiting Letchworth
- ☐ Working in Letchworth

Age:

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<input type="checkbox"/> 18-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64
<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74
<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 75+

Q1) What do you believe are the most significant transport issues in Letchworth?

Comments:

Q2) Looking at the main development sites in Letchworth, what measures would you recommend to reduce the impacts of additional traffic?

Comments:

Questions continue overleaf

Q3) How many people and vehicles are at your home?

Comments:

Q4) How do you get to work?

Comments:

Q5) If you get the bus or train to work, do you use a different mode of transport (such as driving, walking or cycling) to reach the bus stop/train station? If so, which?

Comments:

Q6) What are your preferred travel modes for non-work trips (e.g retail and leisure)?

Comments:

Q7) Do you want to make more journeys using sustainable travel modes (e.g. cycling, bus, rail or walking)?

Comments:

Q8) Please tell us if any of the following factors stop you from making more sustainable transport journeys:

a) It would take too long	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) There aren't enough facilities, such as cycle lanes or parking	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) There are insufficient services to enable me to do so	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Existing services do not run at the times I need them	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) I believe it may be too dangerous	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) The weather might make it uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Appendix A – Surveys

Transport survey contd.

Q9) Is there anything that would encourage you to travel more sustainably?

a) Enhanced awareness of potential options, routes and timetables

b) Improved walking/cycling infrastructure

c) Community initiatives

d) Bicycle training

e) Better public transport services

f) Car clubs/ car sharing

g) New transport technologies (e.g. on-demand buses/ taxis, cycle/ scooter hire)

h) Enhanced broadband speeds to enable greater opportunity to work from home

i) Other (please specify)

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Q10) If you travel mainly by car, what would encourage you to travel by bus/rail instead?

a) New routes

b) Increased service frequency

c) Extended operating periods

d) More bus/train stops

e) Subsidised costs

f) Other (please specify)

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Q11) Is there anything which would encourage you to walk/cycle more?

Comments:



Q12) Which potential cycle connectivity improvements would you prefer to see on key north-south routes through the Grange Estate to enhance cycle links with the town centre?

i) Retain existing road layouts with low traffic speeds

ii) Reduce verge widths to introduce dedicated off-road cycle lanes.

iii) Convert some roads to one-way with on road cycle lanes.

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Q13) Are there any transport initiatives which you would like to see locally?

Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this feedback form.



Appendix B – Shortlisted design entries

The Foundation worked with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) on a design ideas competition called, ‘Re-Imagining the Garden City’ from autumn 2018 to spring 2019. The Competition invited architect-led design teams to explore Garden City living and place making to meet 21st century needs, using the 45 hectare site to the north of the Grange Estate in Letchworth, as a case study. There were four shortlisted candidates from over 60 entries. The shortlisted entries can be viewed below. For more information, visit lethworth.com/design-competition.



Entry A - Growing Letchworth by Sarah Wigglesworth Architects

Appendix B – Shortlisted design entries



Entry B – Growing Together by CF. MØller

Appendix B – Shortlisted design entries



Entry C - Gardenia by Stride Treglown

Appendix B – Shortlisted design entries



Entry D – Grange-in- the-Hedges by EcoResponsive Environments - **WINNING ENTRY**

Appendix C – Town-wide newsletter

A March 2019 newsletter issued to residents across the whole of Letchworth, to ensure that all of the community was informed about how to engage throughout the consultation. The newsletter provided information about Phase 2, upcoming events and how to provide views. The newsletter featured a leaf motif based on the winning design from the Young Designer Competition held in Phase 1.

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NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation is launching the second phase of community consultation on the growth of Letchworth Garden City.

In autumn 2018, we held the first phase of our consultation on the future growth of our town. We wanted to start a town-wide conversation about what is great about Letchworth, what people love about living and working here, and how we could improve our town in line with garden city principles.

We are really grateful to everybody who engaged with us in the first phase of consultation. A full feedback report is available on our website www.leitchworth.com/consultation

Thank you to everyone who filled out our Housing Needs survey prepared in partnership with North Herts District Council, settle Housing Association and Howard Cottage. The results of this survey have been collated and can be seen on our website.

We are now pleased to announce the launch of our second phase of consultation. During this phase we will focus our attention on the largest housing sites which have been allocated for development in Letchworth included in the emerging North Herts District Council Local Plan.

We want to know how you think these sites can best meet the needs of the local community and what benefits you hope these sites can deliver on site and further afield.

This will include online, social media and written opportunities to express your views, as well as face to face conversations and school and college sessions. Although we are considering sites within the North Herts District Council Local Plan, this consultation remains completely separate to any consultation run by the Council.

The biggest housing sites in Letchworth allocated in the emerging Local Plan are:

LG1 – LAND NORTH OF LETCHWORTH




- Up to 900 homes
- 40% affordable housing
- A new primary school
- Over 2,000 new trees
- A new neighbourhood centre, with retail, community and improved medical facilities nearby
- Public transport and cycling provision and improvements for the whole Grange Estate
- Homes for older people
- Self-build plots with opportunities for local people
- Local training and apprenticeships
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LG3 – LAND EAST OF KRISTIANSAND WAY AND TALBOT WAY



- Up to 120 homes
- 40% affordable housing
- Retention of existing allotments
- Appropriate residential amenity for any properties adjoining employment area
- Consideration of the Norton Conservation Area and Grade II Listed Building
- Retention of Public Right of Way Letchworth Garden City 026, from Green Lane to east of Church Lane

Design Competition

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Transport and traffic


In our conversations at the end of last year, traffic and transport issues were one of the greatest areas of concern. In order to discuss this in more detail, we will be having a special surgery session where you can meet our transport team on 8th May, between 4:30pm and 7:30pm, at One Garden City, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3BT. You can also give us feedback by writing to us, on our website, on Twitter or by emailing us. All details are below.


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Appendix C – Spring Grange newsletter

A March 2019 newsletter issued to residents of the Grange Estate. The newsletter provided site specific details for LG1-land north of the Grange estate, information about upcoming events and engagement opportunities throughout the consultation.

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation invites residents of The Grange to get involved with phase two of our consultation on the future of Letchworth.

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You may remember that we held an event at the Grange Academy in December 2018 as part of this. We are really grateful to everybody who got involved. A full feedback report for the whole of the phase one consultation is available on our website – www.lethworth.com/consultation

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- Up to 900 homes
- 40% affordable housing
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- Local training and apprenticeships
- Possible improvements to the Grange Recreation Ground

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LG1 CONSULTATION EVENT


We are keen to ensure you have the opportunity to provide feedback about plans for the site. Come to our special drop-in event for Grange Estate residents on:

17th May 2019 - 4pm until 8pm
at the Grange Academy, Sparhawk, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 4PY (formerly known as the Grange Junior School) to discuss the plans.


You will be able to comment on initial development ideas, possible enhancements to the Grange Recreation Ground, and view plans for the self-build scheme which we hope will be delivered. You can also speak to our transport team about any concerns, the results of modelling of possible traffic flows from the development, and opportunities for better public transport and cycle routes. This is in addition to the special transport session on 4th May at the Heritage Foundation's new offices.


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LG3 – LAND EAST OF KRISTIANSAND WAY AND TALBOT WAY



- Up to 120 homes
- 40% affordable housing
- Retention of existing allotments
- Vehicular access via Flint Road
- Comprehensive landscaping scheme

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CONSULTATION EVENT

We are keen to ensure you have the opportunity to provide feedback about plans for the site. Please join our special drop-in event for residents close to LG3 on:


21st May 2019 - 5pm until 8pm

This will take place at The Three Horseshoes at Norton, 102 Norton Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 1AG. At the event you will be able to comment on initial development ideas, the landscaping strategy, make suggestions to our designers and anything else you think we should know.


You can also speak to our transport team about any concerns and opportunities for better public transport and cycle routes. This is in addition to the special transport session on 8th May at the Heritage Foundation's new offices, One Garden City, on Broadway Gardens (next to Morrisons supermarket).


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Appendix D – Events poster

The team created and placed an event poster in areas of high footfall in Letchworth, on the consultation website, and via social media which helped raise awareness about the planned consultation events and how the community could get involved.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE GROWTH OF LETCHWORTH

Tell us what you think about the largest housing sites which have been allocated for development in Letchworth. These are: LG1, Land north of the Grange; and LG3, Land east of Kristiansand Way and Talbot Way.



HOW CAN THESE SITES CAN BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU HOPE THEY CAN DELIVER FOR THE TOWN?

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Appendix E – Exhibition banners

The following exhibition banners were prepared and used at various events held throughout the consultation period. These contained information about what we learned from Phase 1, why we were consulting in Phase 2 and, the policy information for LG1 and LG3. A selection of banners were used at each event, depending on the topics under discussion and intended audiences. Some of these banners were also used during Phase 1.





TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

We're consulting residents on their hopes for the future of Letchworth.



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LETCORTH IS GROWING

House prices in Letchworth Garden City have grown steeply and many local people are having to move away in order to buy their own home. There is also an increasingly long list of people waiting for accommodation to rent and for a shared ownership home from a Housing Association.


The North Herts Local Plan includes land for development in Letchworth as part of a wider plan for the district.

We want you to help us plan for growth. Tell us what type of housing you need.

Help us shape new development by helping us understand your requirements and what the aspirations of the community are. We want Letchworth to continue to be a great place to live, work and play. We hope that your comments will help us achieve this.




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GARDEN CITY PRINCIPLES

Letchworth Heritage Foundation is a charitable organisation, committed to maintaining and enhancing our town for the benefit of the whole community.

Ebenezer Howard's original principles were published in 1898 and led to the development of his experiment Garden City of Letchworth from 1903. Howard's principles influenced new development all over the world and remains important. Letchworth continues to apply these principles, including the reinvestment of surplus from the Letchworth Estate back into the local community through local services, and grant support through the Heritage Foundation. It is of importance that when new housing is built, this reflects original principles and meets local need with a town wide travel plan and a strong local economy. This should all be encompassed in a high quality environment which respects original design principles with access to jobs, local services and the countryside. The Heritage Foundation is committed to ensuring that new development is of town-wide benefit and something we can all be proud of.



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LOCAL FACILITIES
AND TRANSPORT


If new homes are to be built what facilities do you think are needed to serve the local community?

This could include libraries, health facilities, open space, schools, community halls, facilities for younger people, facilities for older people, among others.

How can local transport be improved to help your daily life?




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LG1

North Hertfordshire District Council has been preparing their Local Plan which identifies where their housing need will be delivered across the district up to 2031.

This includes a number of sites in Letchworth, including one large site north of the Grange estate, shown below. This site is allocated for around 900 homes.




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Completed in line with Garden City Principles with Greenway to be preserved




Minimal impact on local trees and hedgerows and more than 2000 trees to be planted




A new neighbourhood centre, with retail, community and improved GP facilities nearby




Public transport and cycling provision




A new primary school




Homes for older people



40% of the homes will be for affordable housing



Opportunities to build your own home via self-build plots



Considered vehicular access to minimise the impact on local residents

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WHAT IS PHASE 2?

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation are inviting residents in the Grange Estate and close to Talbot Way and Kristiansand Way to get involved with phase two of our consultation on the future of Letchworth.

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We are now pleased to present the second stage of our engagement with the local community. This phase focuses on specific sites which have been allocated for development in Letchworth in the emerging NHDC Local Plan. These include LG1 Land north of Letchworth - allocated for up to 900 homes, and LG3 Land east of Kristiansand Way and Talbot Way - allocated for up to 120 homes. Our consultation continues to be completely separate to any consultation run by the Council.





We want your help in shaping these developments to ensure that we have the best quality scheme that maximises benefit for the town.

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WHAT WE LEARNT IN PHASE 1

In autumn 2018, we held the first phase of our consultation on the future growth of our town. We wanted to start a town-wide conversation about what is great about Letchworth, what people love about living and working here, and how we could improve our town in line with garden city principles.

WHAT PEOPLE SAID THEY LIKE ABOUT LETCHWORTH:



Cultural institutions in the town invoke a sense of community and are well liked



Green space is attractive



Letchworth has good shops



The green space, sense of community and tranquillity at the Grange and across Letchworth

WHAT PEOPLE SAID COULD BE IMPROVED IN LETCHWORTH:



Road safety, parking, and better pavements




A healthier retail sector, especially in the town centre, with more variation



Improving existing buildings

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LG3

One of the sites included in the NHDC Local Plan is Land east of Kristiansand Way and Talbot Way, also known as LG3.



Up to 120 homes



40% affordable housing



Retention of existing allotments


During the first phase of consultation we received some comments about the community's aspirations for LG3. You told us that you wanted to see improvement at the Green Lane/Norton Road junction. You also asked for traffic calming and parking facilities to be included in the proposals.

We have prepared an initial illustrative to help you put forward your ideas. What are your thoughts on this?



- Proposed outline
- Open space
- Connection to Phase 2B
- Buffer planting to green belt
- Connection to the open countryside
- Potential allotment access
- Accessing street
- Existing managed woodland
- Existing play area
- Existing street with service trees
- Proposed boundary hedge/pole
- Footpath gate
- Footpath through woodland edge
- Green gateway
- Vehicle access to allotments
- Open space with SUDS features
- Vehicle access to development
- Access points


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YOUR FEEDBACK - TRANSPORT

During Phase One we asked you for your views on how we can improve transport and shape new homes, so Letchworth remains a lovely place to live. This is what you told us:


More than 75% said you want to make more journeys using sustainable transport, but there are some challenges:




Ticket cost




Lack of suitable bus routes



Unsafe cycle infrastructure




Infrequent bus/train services




Lack of street lighting


The other things we found out about respondents' transport preferences were:




10% of respondents commute via train



5% of respondents commute via bus



Most people said there are two people in their household



Most respondents have one vehicle at their house

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YOUR FEEDBACK - HOUSING

We conducted a housing needs survey at the end of 2018 in partnership with Lichfields. A detailed summary of the survey can be found on our website.


Housing preferences of people in Letchworth:



Many want to see flats and houses for affordable rent through a Housing Association, as well as homes for private purchase



Lots said that older people should have an option to move from larger family homes to more suitable housing (e.g. bungalows, adapted housing)



Many said location is the most important factor when looking to move, with commutable proximity and public transport links also mentioned



Some would like housing for young single people and families



A third of those surveyed are interested in self-build homes

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DESIGN COMPETITION

We are working with the RIBA on a design ideas competition called, 'Re-Imagining the Garden City'.

This design ideas competition aims to discover new design approaches for a modern garden city to meet the needs of the 21st century, whilst recapturing the pioneering spirit that led to the development of the world's first garden city at Letchworth Garden City.

The entries have used the land to the north of the Grange as a case study, which we hope will help the discussion regarding a possible design approach for this site.

The first phase of the Competition attracted 95 entries from global competitors. Following appraisal of the design submissions, the following four teams were requested to develop their ideas further:

Entry A - Growing Letchworth



Entry B - Growing Together



Entry C - Gardens



Entry D - Grange in the Hedges



We have been asking the local community their views on these entries with an opportunity to select their favourite, which will form part of the judging process. We would also still like to have your views on the short-listed entries as this will help us understand the type of design approach that local people would like to see for the development.

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LG1-TRANSPORT & DRAINAGE

The plans will designed to provide a safe and an easy to use transport system which creates the best opportunity for sustainable non-car modes of transport, while also respecting the need to make provision for car travel and parking. Our preferred plans:

- Encourage walking and cycling and strong links to the Grange Estate, and into the local countryside via the Greenway.
- Extend the current 57 bus route via Western Way to increase public transport accessibility.

As part of this the Foundation has produced a Cycling Strategy for the town (letchworth.com/cycling-strategy) which is the starting point for securing improvements within the town, we will also be developing a cycle strategy for the Grange and looking at how we can provide better links into the town centre (and station), such as enhancements to Norton Common, to ensure a cycle route can be used at night-time.

Our current preference for vehicular access is a simple junction design via Western Way into the development site which does not include a roundabout or similar. We would seek to include measures to improve the road alignment and protect the grass verges, which are currently damaged by vehicles mounting the kerb.



A flood risk survey commissioned by the Foundation found that there is no risk of flooding to the development site from local rivers and a low risk from groundwater and surface water which will need to be considered further at the detailed design stage. Our surface water management strategy will focus on using sustainable urban drainage methods. This will include a water re-use strategy and where possible storage and balancing ponds.


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LG1-LANDSCAPE & ECOLOGY


The landscape strategy will be strongly influenced by Garden City Design Principles and the existing features within the site. Our intention is to retain existing hedgerows and trees, plant new hedges and over 2000 new trees.

There is also the potential to enhance the Grange Recreation Ground as a central focal point and important green open space for new and existing residents. We want to know what you'd like to see included; some suggestions to-date include new play areas and outdoor meeting spaces.




The Foundation recognises the importance of the ecological impacts arising from this development. An initial ecological assessment was undertaken followed by in-depth surveys. The results showed there was no definitive evidence for badgers and no reptiles, and no dormice were recorded. For the habitats found onsite, mitigation measures will form an important part of the detailed design to ensure their protection and encourage the creation of biodiversity. This includes the retention of adjoining farm and open land held by the Foundation.

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LG3-TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Vehicular access to the LG3 site is proposed from Flint Road. This is considered to be the most practical way to minimise the impact of the development on the local highways network.



The following core values and principles are informing the basis of our approach:

ACCESS

- Minimise impacts on local transport networks.
- Reduce car dependence through the provision of cycleways, footpaths and a robust Travel Plan
- Provide adequate car parking capacity
- Promote emerging technologies.
- Accommodate access to the allotments within the Flint Road access proposals.

INTERNAL LAYOUT

- Reflect Letchworth Garden City design principles - tree lined corridors and verges.
- Protect existing hedgerows/ trees where possible.
- 20mph speed limit throughout.
- Measures to maximise access by sustainable modes.
- Incorporate electric vehicle charging points.

WALKING AND CYCLING

- Improve access to the town centre, station and employment areas.
- Maximise connections to the existing pedestrian and cycle networks including the Greenway.
- Enhance permeability with adjacent land uses.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Foundation is committed to ensuring that the development of the sites to the north of the Gainge and East of Talbot Way provide opportunities for apprenticeships and learning programmes for local people.

We are therefore partnering with North Herts College, as our local provider, to formulate a programme of learning opportunities for young people to learn construction skills working with developers and contractor involved with these sites. The College will also be working with partners at Jobcentre Plus to facilitate re-training opportunities and providing the potential to acquire new skills for those who are presently unemployed and not in full time education.

We are also hoping that there will be the potential for apprenticeships and learning provision in other work areas, such as administration and digital media, which will also be linked to these developments.

As part of this package, priority will be given to Letchworth residents.

The intention is that these training schemes will continue through the whole of the development cycle and there to be continued opportunities once building works have been completed.



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Appendix F – Media coverage

The following are records of media coverage in the local newspaper on the public consultation.



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Warm up at drop-in centre
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Foundation says it shares passion for garden city

The Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation has said it is committed to an open and engaging dialogue with the community over plans to build houses on land it owns, and says a community-led process is the best way to ensure residents' views are taken into account.

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NEWS

'We know that housing is a complex problem'

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People in Letchworth give their views on the Local Plan
Picture: LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Illustrative sketch plans for the largest sites, discuss key topics such as transport, sustainability and ecology and to complete our surveys.

"We're pleased to be engaging information, online surveys and advice about how to get involved. "All feedback received during phase two of our consultation will be formally analysed and published as a report which we'll The foundation's next engagement event will take place at Armed Forces Day next Saturday, June 29, and William Fair on Sunday, June 30. It will also host an ecology

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Our garden city has been re-imagined

Continued from front

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Plans for the Foundation's Future of Letchworth consultation will close on July 31, after which feedback will be analysed and a report published by early autumn.

The public are also asked to share their thoughts on the shortlisted sites for the re-imagining the Garden City design competition at archant.co.uk/designcompetition

A dedicated on-site survey was also held last Thursday at the foundation's offices at One Garden City where the proposals were discussed with the foundation's design team.

An additional community consultation event was also held at the Grange Estate on Thursday July 18, at St Michael's School, which focused on the proposed housing developments in the site north of this area.

Go online to complete the survey at archant.co.uk/designcompetition

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Appendix G – Consultation images



Fig 1: Armed Forces Day pop-up event



Fig 2: Food and Drink Festival pop-up event



Fig 3: Standalone Farm pop-up event



Fig 4: Exhibition event for residents near LG3



Fig 5: EcoResponsive Environments, winners of the 'Re-imagining the Garden City' design competition hosted in partnership with RIBA

