

Aldreth

Have your say on the future of **ALDRETH**

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- What do you want to protect?
- What facilities would you like to see?

Aldreth Village Centre

East Cambridgeshire District Council
wants to work with you to produce a 'Vision' for Aldreth.

Please complete the paper questionnaire that will be delivered to you or on-line at www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/consultation-villagetown-visions by Monday 1st August 2011

If you have any questions or would like further information please telephone the Forward Planning Team on 01353 665555 or attend the Drop-in Session on Monday 18th July 2011 from 4pm - 8pm at the Arkenstall Centre.



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District Council

Background documents relating to the review can be found on the Council website.

A Vision for Aldreth

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What do you think? We want your views on how Aldreth should change in the future. What sort of place would you like Aldreth to be? What are your priorities for Aldreth and the wider Parish? Your views will help us to form a long-term vision for Aldreth which sets out how it should develop over the next 20 years.

What will the Vision do? The Vision will be used to guide decisions on future development and planning applications. It will also help ensure that key infrastructure and facilities are provided and improved. The Vision will be included in the statutory development plan for East Cambridgeshire - known as the 'Core Strategy'.

How do I comment? Please let us have your views by answering the questions below. Comments should be made by **1st August 2011** and respondents are encouraged to complete the questionnaire online at www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/consultation-villagetown-visions.

Paper copies should be returned to Aldreth Village Centre, or to East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE or by email to ldf@eastcambs.gov.uk. There will be a further opportunity to make comments on the draft Vision, which we hope to publish in early 2012. If you have any questions please call the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555, or attend the Drop-in session being held at the Arkenstall Centre, Haddenham, on Monday 18th July from 4pm - 8pm.

Any information that you will provide will be used for the purpose of the Core Strategy, and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

1. Please provide your details:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Company:	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>
Address 1:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
Town/City:	<input type="text"/>
County:	<input type="text"/>
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

2. Please select whether you would like your details to be added to the Core Strategy consultation database, in order to be notified of key stages of production:

- Yes No

3. Please indicate the main reason for your interest in the development of Aldreth:

- Local resident of Aldreth
- Local business owner
- Employee, working in Aldreth
- Developer or local landowner
- Potential investor
- Professional interest
- Other (please specify)

4. How would you like to see Aldreth/the wider parish change or improve in the future? Please list your top 3 priorities below:

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3

Housing

5. Do you think there should be housing growth on the edge of Aldreth?

Please choose one of the following options:

- No
- Yes - small scale housing growth (up to 10 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing (e.g. as provided by Sanctuary Hereward)
- Yes - medium scale housing growth (up to 20 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing
- Yes - large scale housing growth (more than 20 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing
- Yes - small/medium scale housing growth for affordable housing only

Other (please provide details)

6. Housing development will continue to come forward on small sites within Aldreth. However, schemes are currently limited to a maximum of 2 dwellings (taking account of the size of the village and local facilities).

Do you think this approach should continue?

- Yes No Don't know

If you selected no, what alternative approach would you like to see?

Employment

7. Would you like to see more opportunities for small businesses in Aldreth/the parish? (e.g. offices, industrial units, workshops).

- Yes No Don't know

8. Would you like to see more support for homeworking and businesses operating from the home?

- Yes Don't know
 No

If you selected yes, please provide details of the type of support you would like to see

Development Envelope

9. The development envelope marks the built up area of the village where development is normally allowed to take place. The area outside the development envelope is protected as open countryside. Which of the following approaches would you prefer? A map of the development envelope for Aldreth can be found at the back of this questionnaire.

- Keep the development envelope, with regular reviews of the development envelope boundary
- Replace development envelopes with a policy that assesses each application on its merits

Local infrastructure and facilities

10. The District Council can secure funds from developers to spend on improving local infrastructure and facilities. If new development comes forward in Aldreth, what benefits would you like to see? Please select your top 3 priorities from the list:

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Improvements to play areas (some work already planned by Parish Council)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to sports grounds/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New sports ground/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More school places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to and upkeep of the Aldreth Village Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to Broadband provision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected other, please provide details

11. For the priorities that you have selected in Question 10 above, can you provide more detail on what these improvements should be, and where they should be located?

Public Transport

12. Do you or your family use local public transport services?

- Yes
- No

13. If you answered yes to question 12 above, what services or initiatives would you like to see?

- Continued regular bus service
- Community Transport Scheme e.g. Ely and Soham Dial a Ride
- Local lift sharing schemes
- Sharing of other existing services e.g. school bus services
- Other

If you selected other, please give details below

Additional Comments

14. Please use this space to make any other comments:

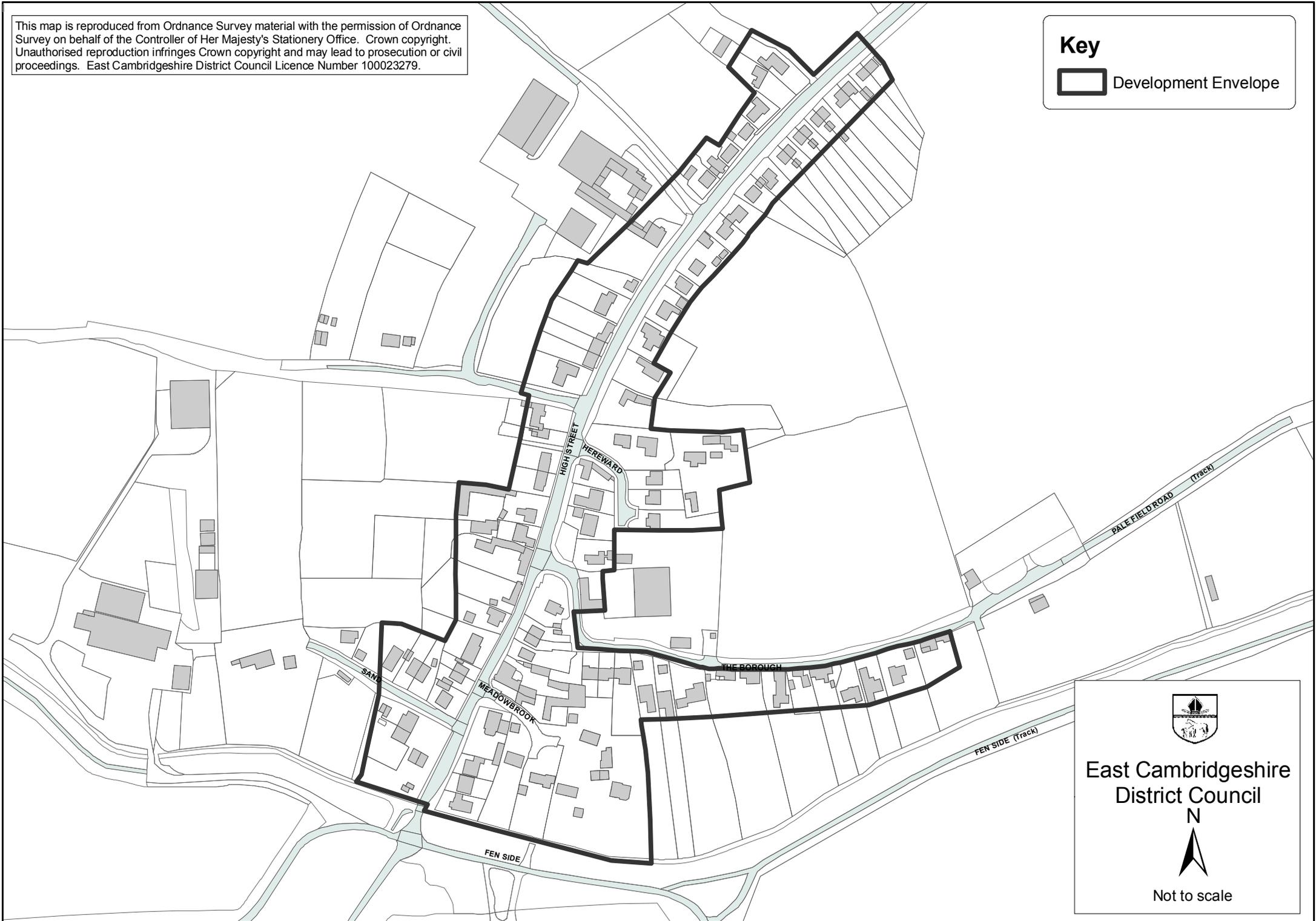
Thank you for your help.

Please return this questionnaire by Monday 1st August 2011 to The Aldreth Village Centre or East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4EE

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 Development Envelope



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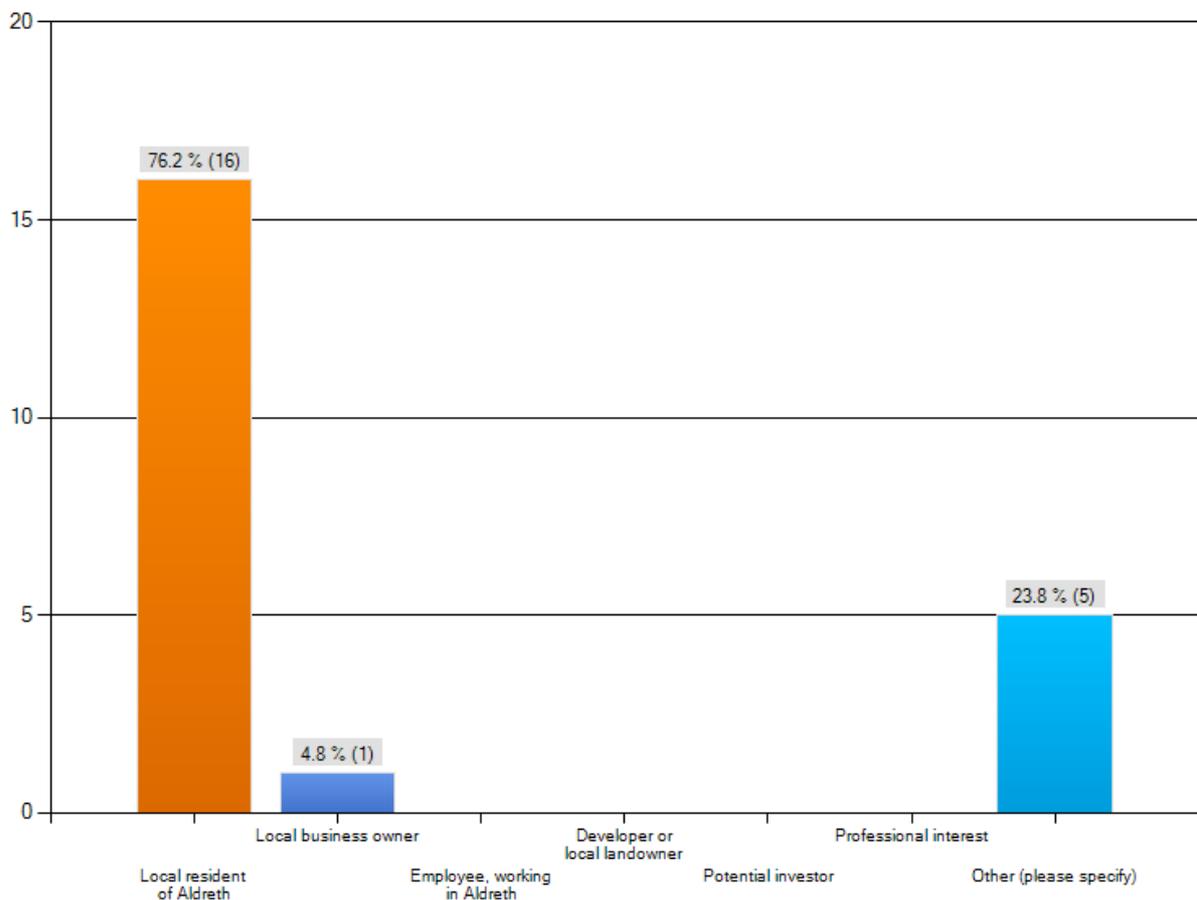
Aldreth Village Vision Questionnaire Results

Key facts:

Consultation period:	27 th June – 1 st August 2011
Total responses:	21
Number of dwellings in the village (est)	108
Response rate:	19%

Summary of Results

Q3. Please indicate your main interest in the development of Aldreth



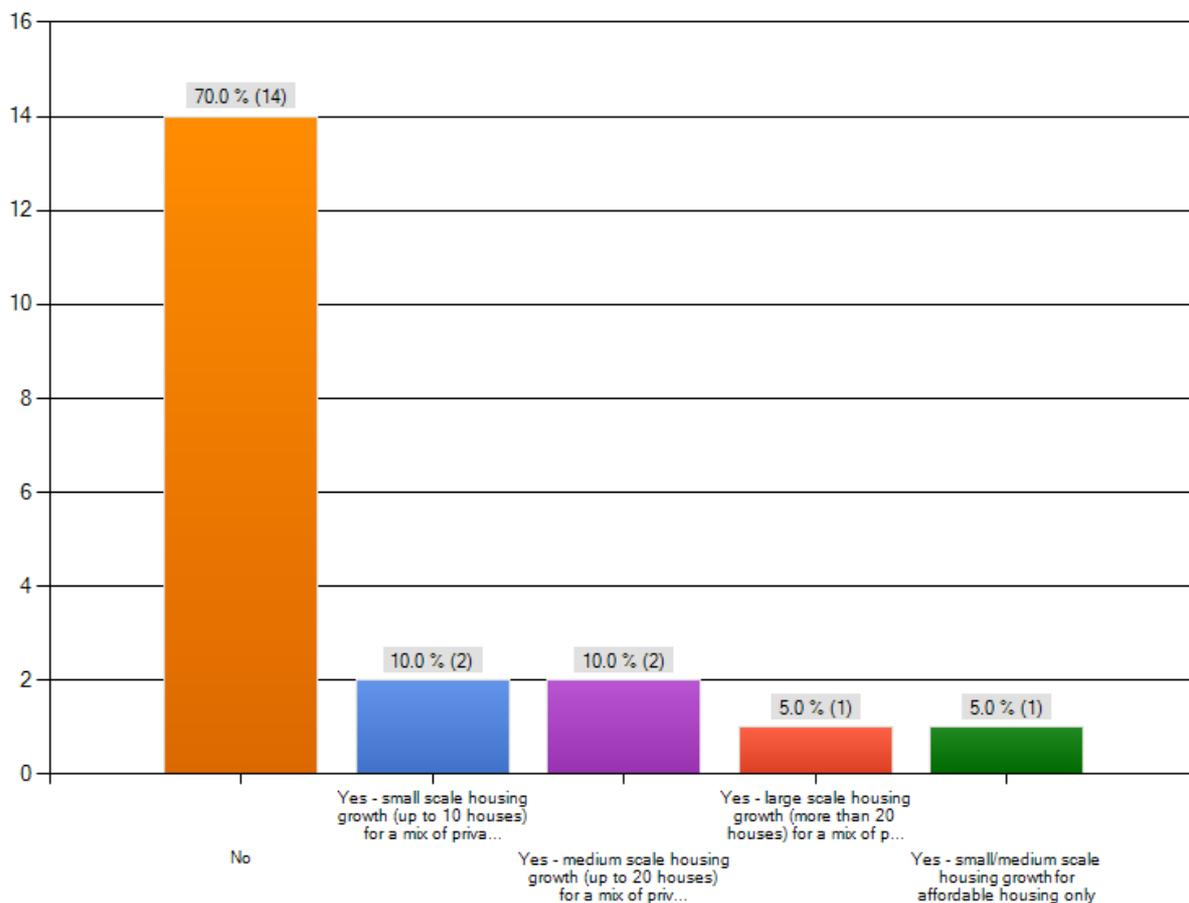
A total of 21 people responded to this question with 76.2% of the respondents stating that their main interest in the development of Aldreth was as a local resident.

Q4. How would you like to see the village/parish change or improve in the future? Please list your top 3 priorities below:

A total of 45 suggestions were made on how the village/parish could improve in the future:

- Improved public transport services (6 comments)
- Road improvements (6 comments)
- No change/no further development (4 comments)
- Improve Broadband service (3 comments)
- Improve footpaths/cycleways (3 comments)
- Improve village community facilities (3 comments)
- Preserve the character of the village (3 comments)
- Traffic calming/speed reduction (2 comments)
- Stop in-fill housing developments (2 comments)
- Provide a village shop (1 comments)
- Allow new housing in the village (1 comments)
- Improvements to playing facilities/sports facilities (1 comment)
- Improve recycling facilities (1 comment)
- Improve utilities – electricity supply (1 comment)
- Less noise from community centre/chapel (1 comment)
- More community involvement in the decision making process (1 comment)
- More green infrastructure/tree planting (1 comment)
- Provide sports and recreation facilities (1 comment)
- Sharing of other existing services (1comment)
- Small-scale housing (1 comment)
- Small affordable housing development (1 comment)
- Sign at start of the borough saying 'no thoroughfare' (1 comment)

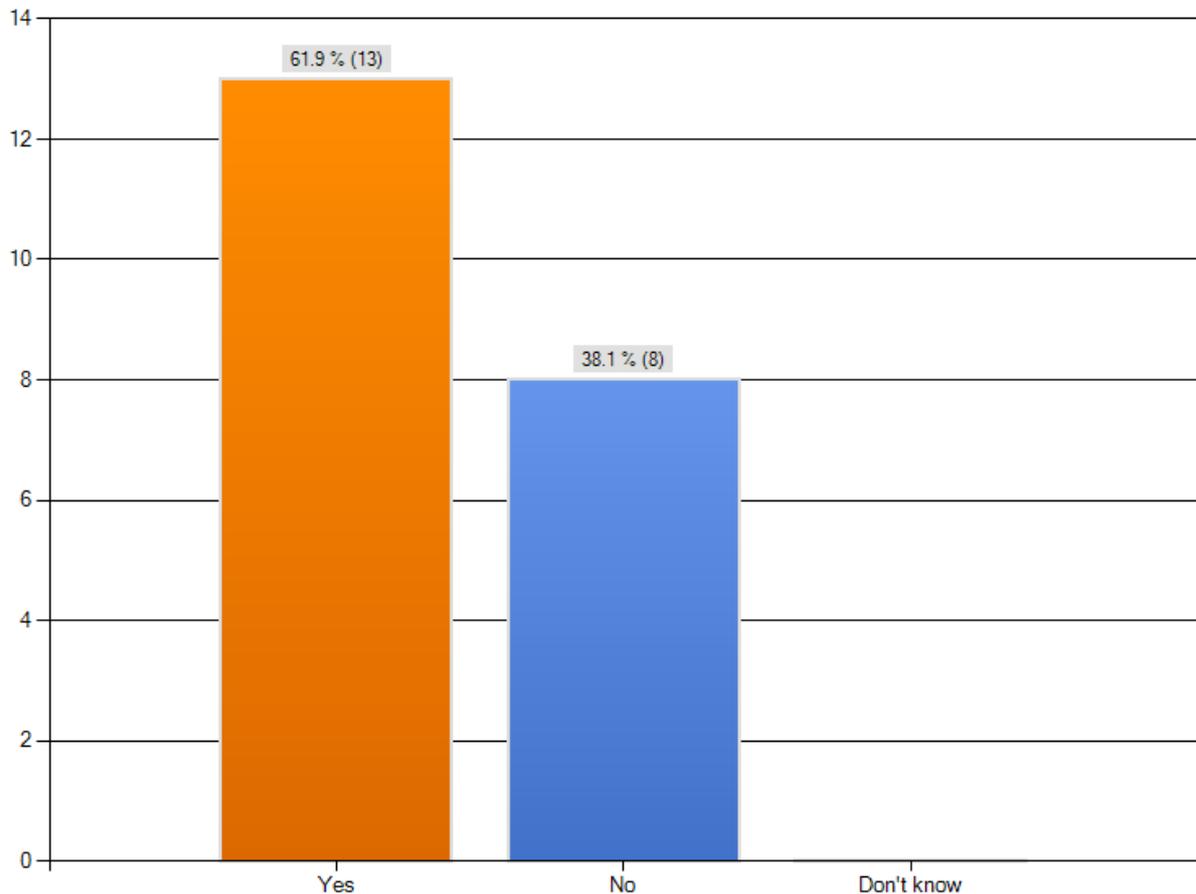
Q5. Do you think there should be housing growth on the edge of Aldreth?



A total of 20 people responded to this question, with 1 person choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (70%) thought that housing growth should not be allowed outside the development envelope on the edge of Aldreth

Of the 6 people (30%) that supported growth equal support was given to small-scale and medium-scale housing growth (2 people in support of each (10%)), with 1 person supporting large-scale growth and 1 person supporting small/medium scale growth for affordable housing. Three potential sites were suggested for development.

Q6. Housing development will continue to come forward on small sites within the development envelope of the village. However, schemes are currently limited to a maximum of 2 dwellings (taking account of the size of the village and local facilities). Do you think this approach should continue?

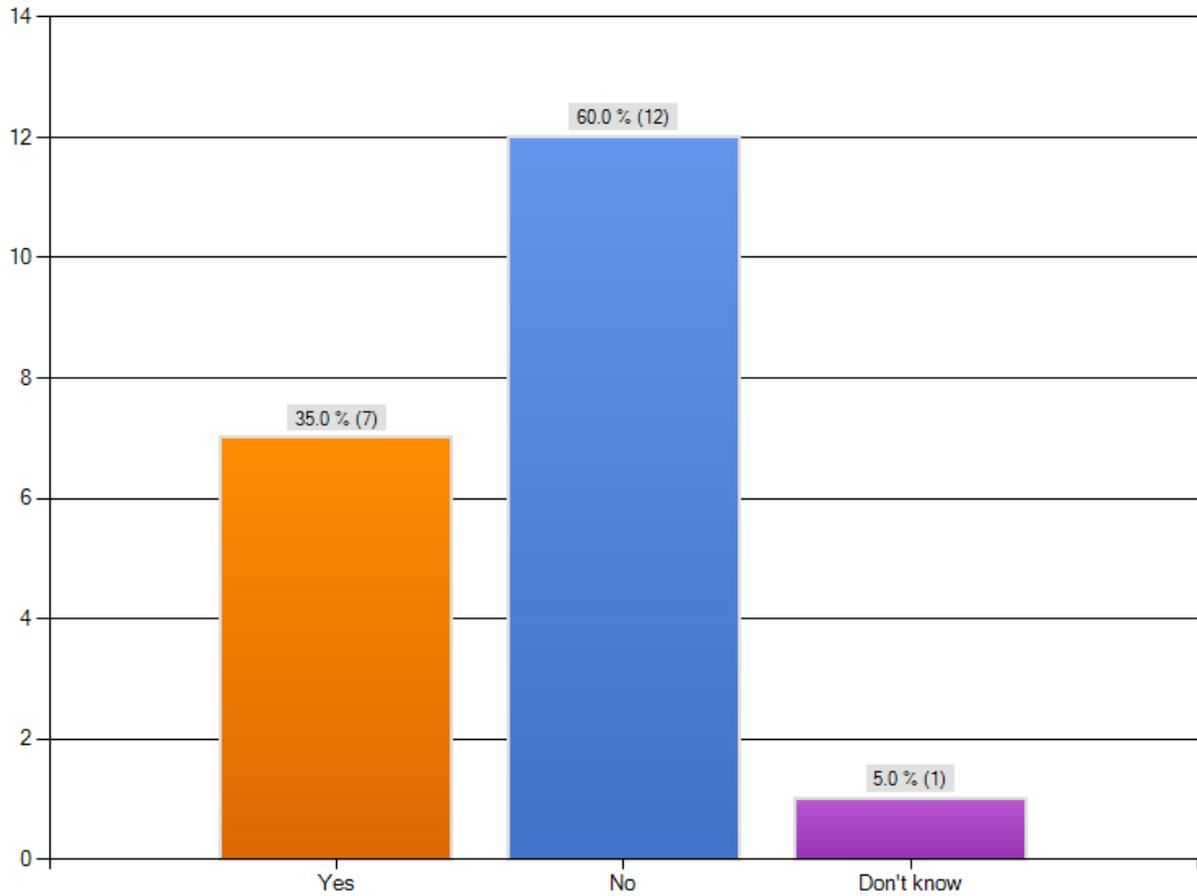


A total of 21 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (61.9%) thought that the current approach should continue, 38.1% disagreed.

The following alternative policy approaches were suggested:

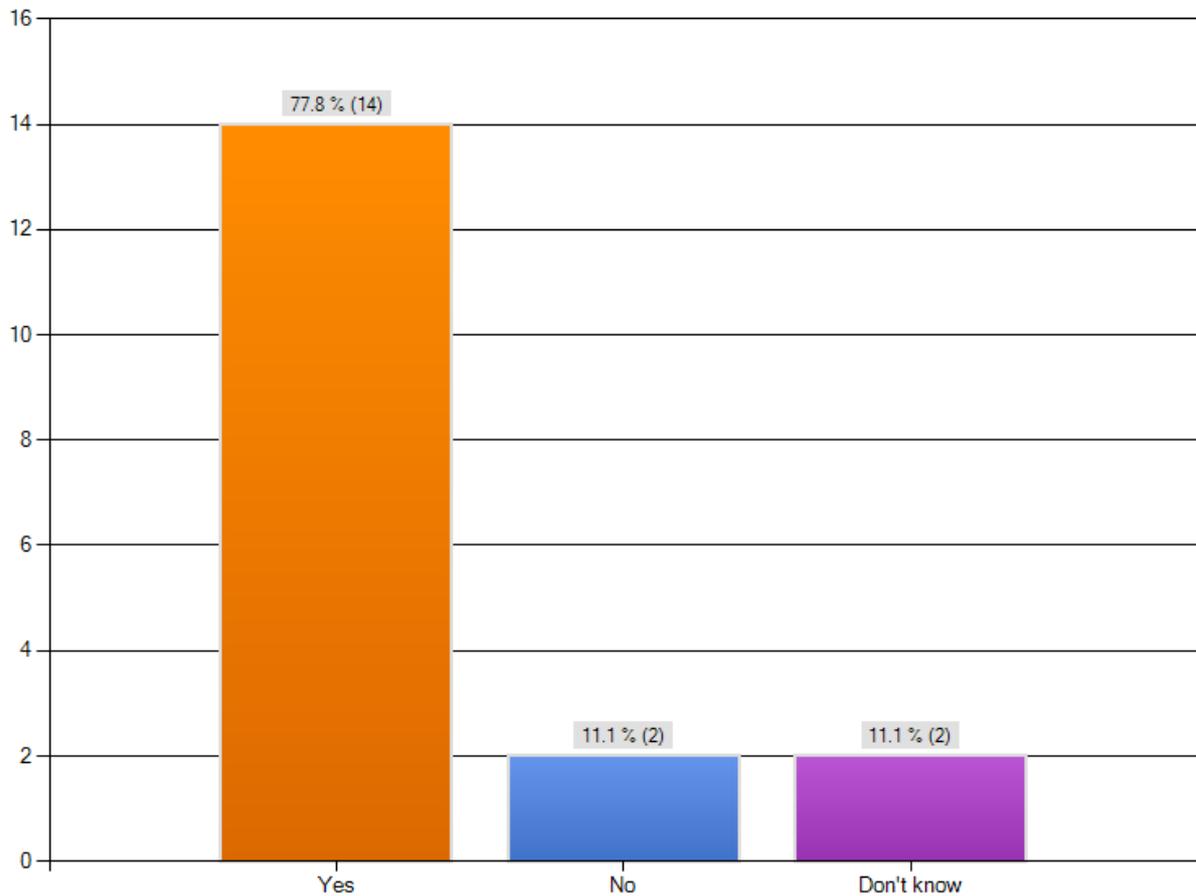
- Small development of affordable homes for local first time buyers
- Please leave Aldreth as it has always been NO houses NO business
- Large scale housing growth for a mix of private and affordable housing
- Medium scale housing growth for a mix of private and affordable housing

Q7. Would you like to see more opportunities for small businesses in Aldreth/the village/parish? (e.g. offices, industrial units, workshops).



A total of 20 people responded to this question, with the majority of respondents (60%) opposed to seeing more opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish. 35% of respondents were in support of the proposal, with one respondent (5%) unsure.

Q8. Would you like to see more support for home working and businesses operating from the home?

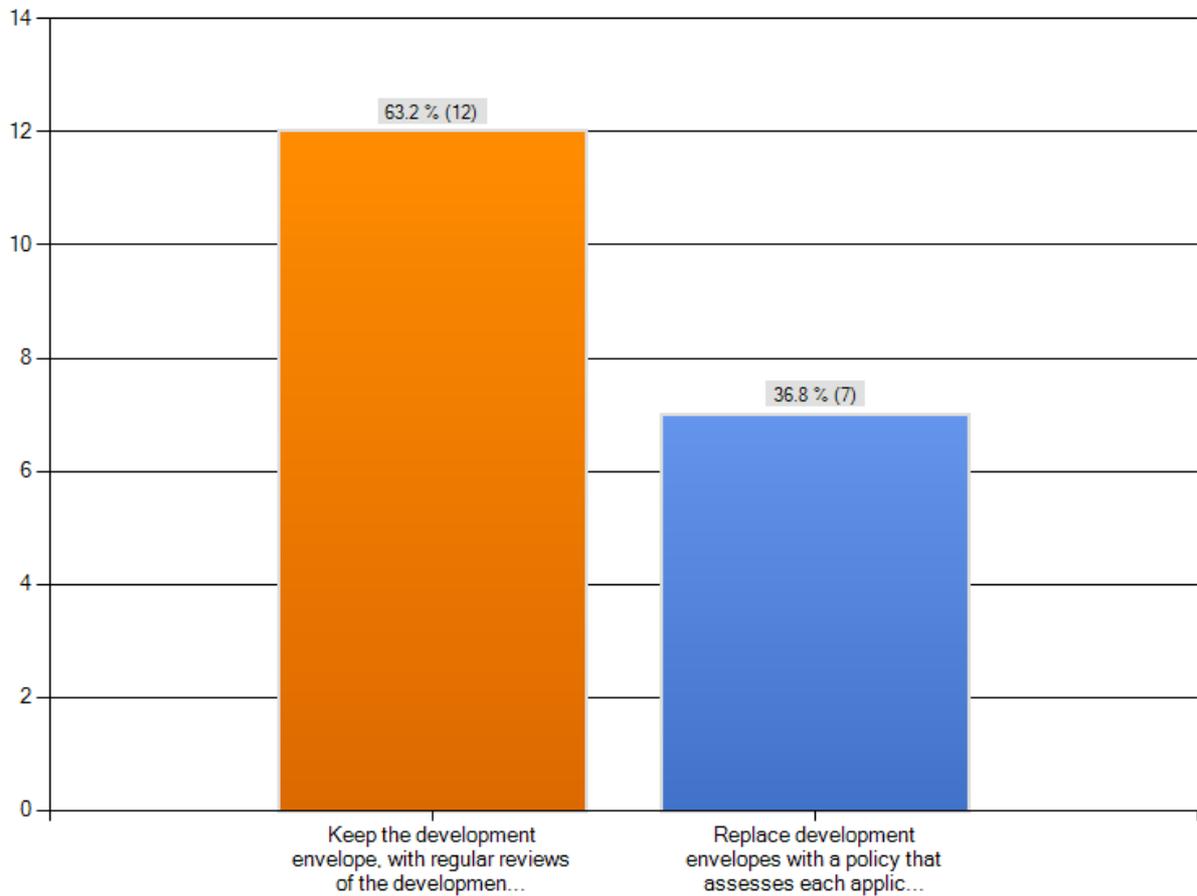


A total of 18 people responded to this question, with the majority of respondents (77.8%) in favour of more support for home working and businesses operating from the home. 2 respondents (11.1%) were opposed, with 2 respondents (11.1%) unsure.

The following types of support was suggested:

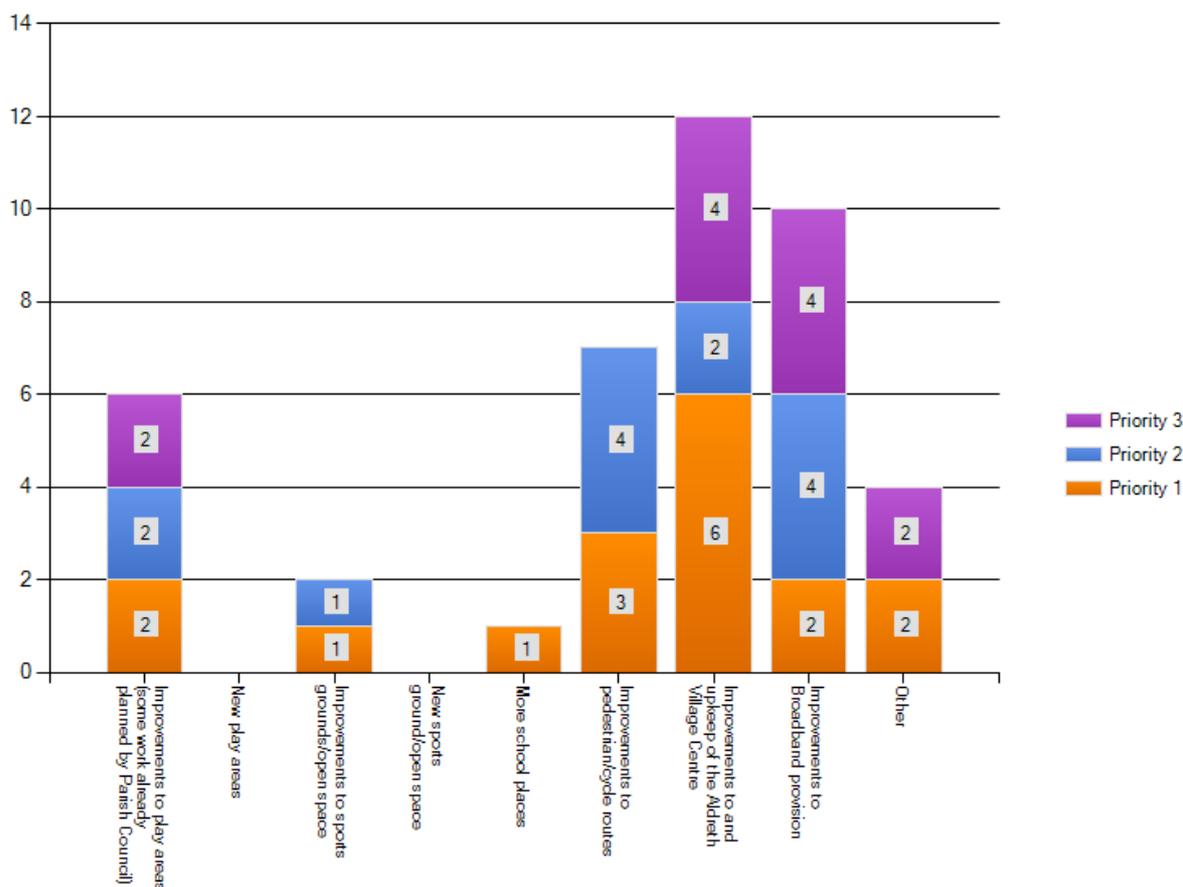
- Improvements to Broadband/telephony service (8 comments)
- Gas mains supply (1 comment)
- Planning should accept business use (1 comment)
- Small businesses with communal IT support (1 comment)
- The ability for houses to have more offices or workshops attached to them to enable home working to take place (1 comment)
- The retention of village repair garage, local business driven out over last 50 years now apparently seeking their return (1 comment)

Q9. The development envelope marks the built up area of the village where development is normally allowed to take place. The area outside the development envelope is protected as open countryside. Which of the following approaches would you prefer?



A total of 19 people responded to this question, with 2 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (63.2%) stated their preference would be to keep the development envelope, with regular reviews of the development envelope boundary

Q10. The District Council can secure funds from developers to spend on improving local infrastructure and facilities. If new development comes forward in Aldreth, what benefits would you like to see? Please select your top 3 priorities from the list:



A total of 17 people responded to this question, with 4 choosing not to answer. Overall, the need for improvements to and upkeep of the Aldreth Village Centre (12 people), improvements to Broadband provision (10 people) and improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes (7 people) scored most highly.

Q11. For the priorities that you have selected in Question 12 above, can you provide more detail on what these improvements should be, and where they should be located?

A total of 11 people responded to this question, which raised infrastructure issues at the following locations:

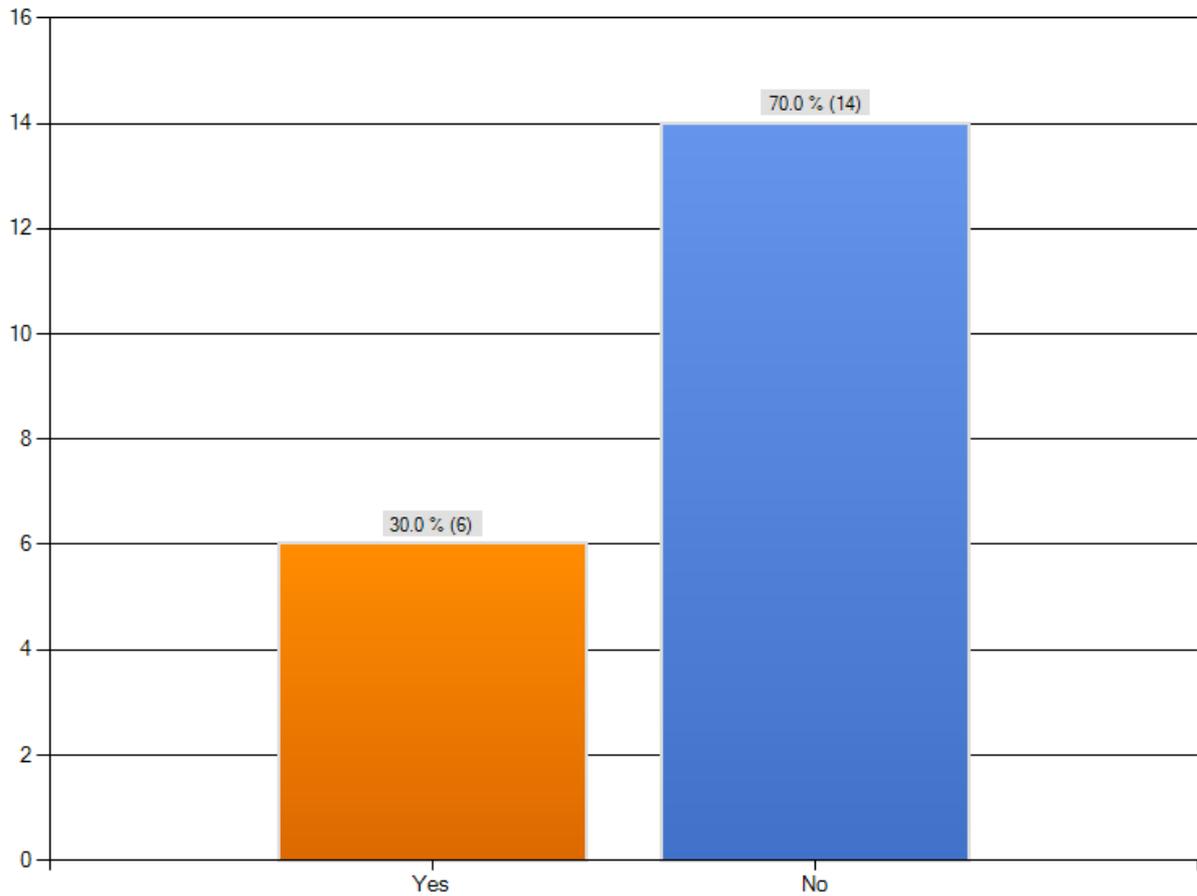
- Improved footpath between Aldreth & Haddenham (5 comments)

- Resurface the park (2 comments)
- The community centre should be a new playgroup
- Purpose built building down School Lane/away from private houses.
- More room at community centre, so playgroup can have separate area to community room
- Planting trees on side of road into the village and in village.
- Move 30mph signs to the top of the hill before entering village
- Regular bus services to Ely and outlying villages.
- Cycle routes to Haddenham
- Improved street lighting in the village
- To the west and centre of the village is an unusable area that could be brought into development envelope including the playing field

The following non site-specific comments were also received:

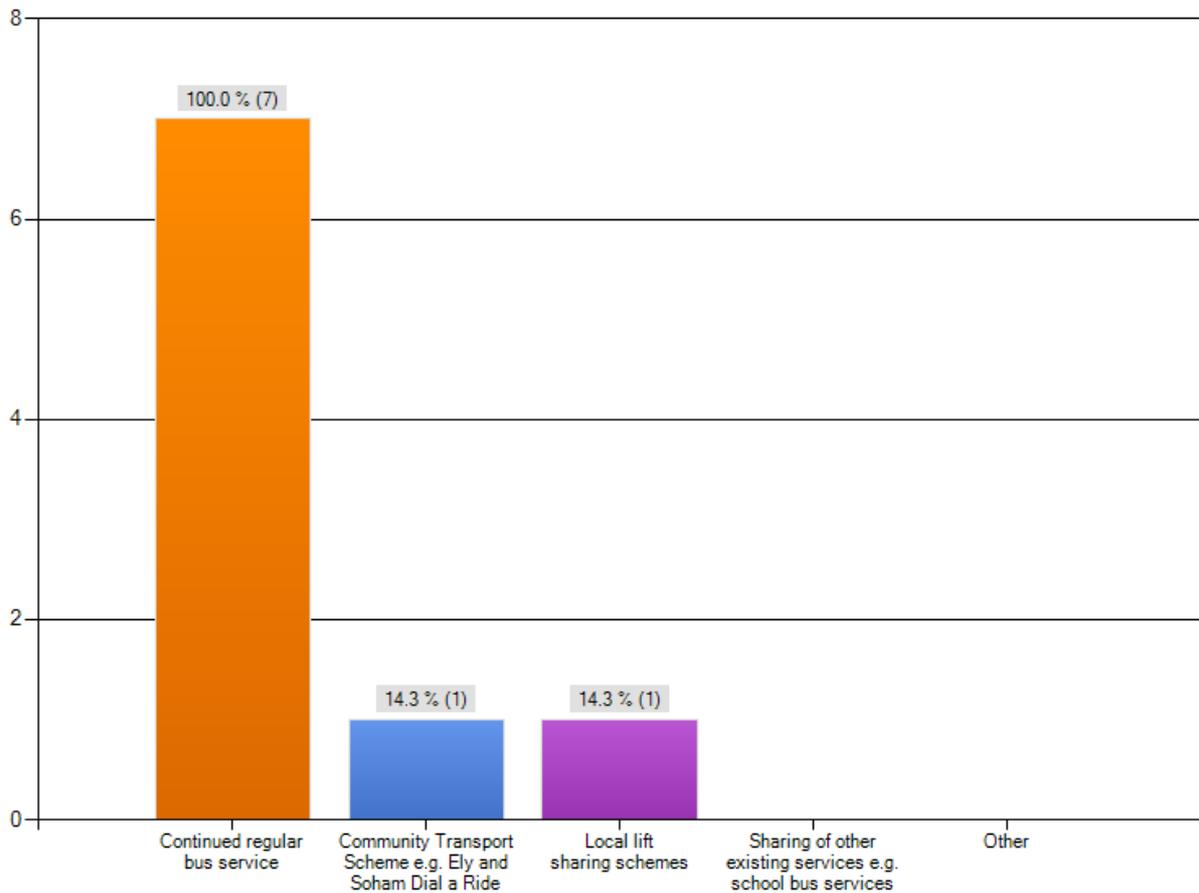
- An enthusiastic local team has worked hard to provide present facilities/village community centre and nursery
- Keep roads clean
- Play areas already in place (sports ground) but little used due to dirth of relevant age groups
- The sports field is isolated outside the village development area (West of village).
- I'm not an expert on broadband, but I think the provision is very slow
- Clear signposting of pedestrian and cycle routes

Q12. Do you or your family use local public transport services?



A total of 20 people responded to this question, with 1 person choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (70%) stated that they do not use public transport.

Q13. If you answered yes to Question 12 above, what services or initiatives would you like to see?



A total of 9 people responded to this question, with 100% of respondents stating that they would like to see a continued regular bus service. 1 person stated that they would like to see a community transport scheme and 1 person stated that they would like to see local lift sharing schemes.

Q14. Please use this space to make any other comments:

A total of 10 people provided a response to this question, making the following comments: no parking on High Street, improvements to bus service needed, Aldreth has become a 'dormitory' village, and as young people cannot afford to buy homes in Aldreth it will soon become a retirement village, retain Aldreth's rural/village feel, opposed to further development, need for village shop.