

STAGE 2 ENGAGEMENT

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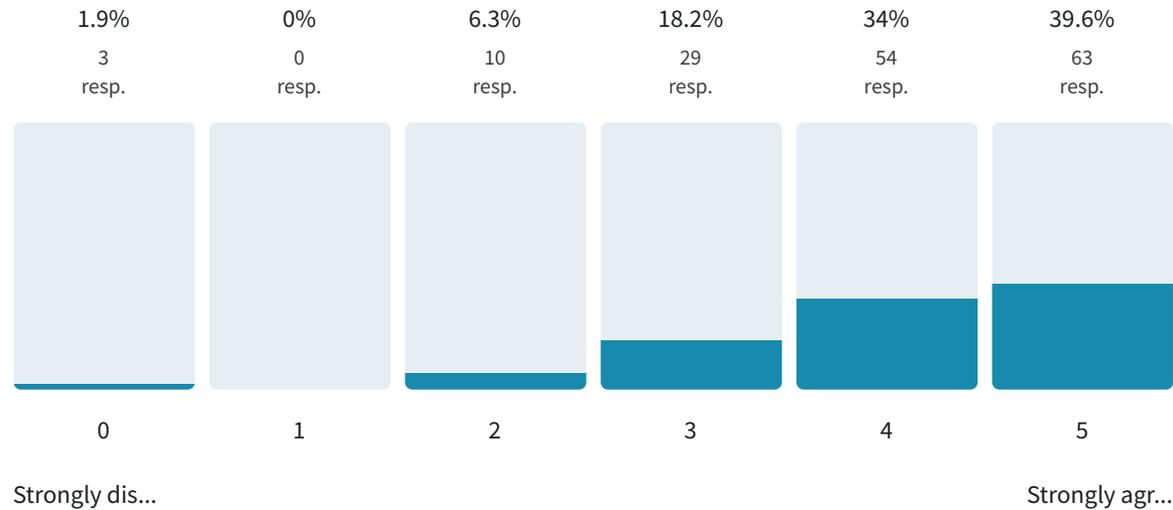
Survey results

Friday 28 April - Sunday 14 May 2023

159 responses

Q1 To what extent do you agree with the Sixmilebridge Plan vision statement?

4.0 Average rating



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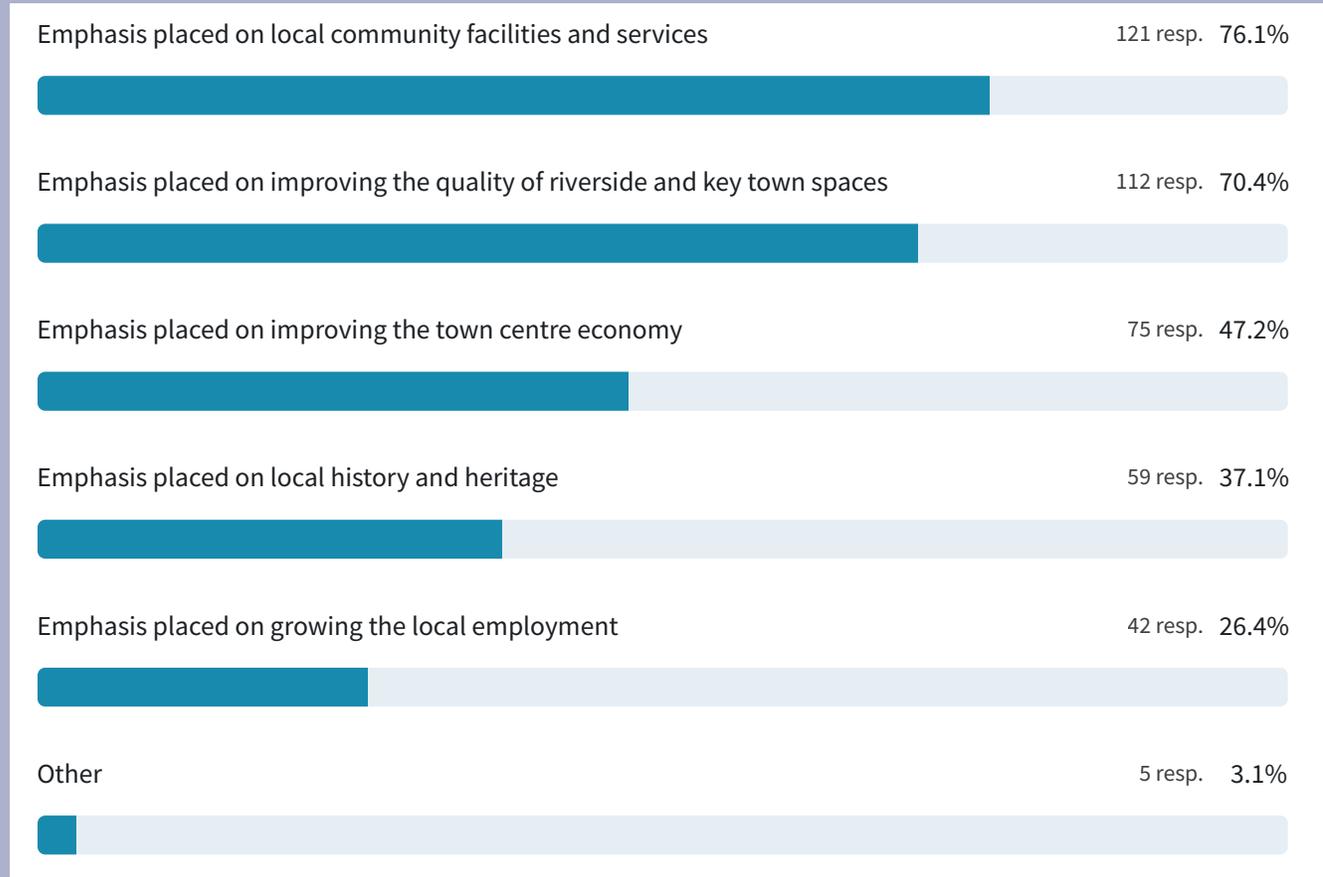
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Q2 What aspects of the statement do you support?



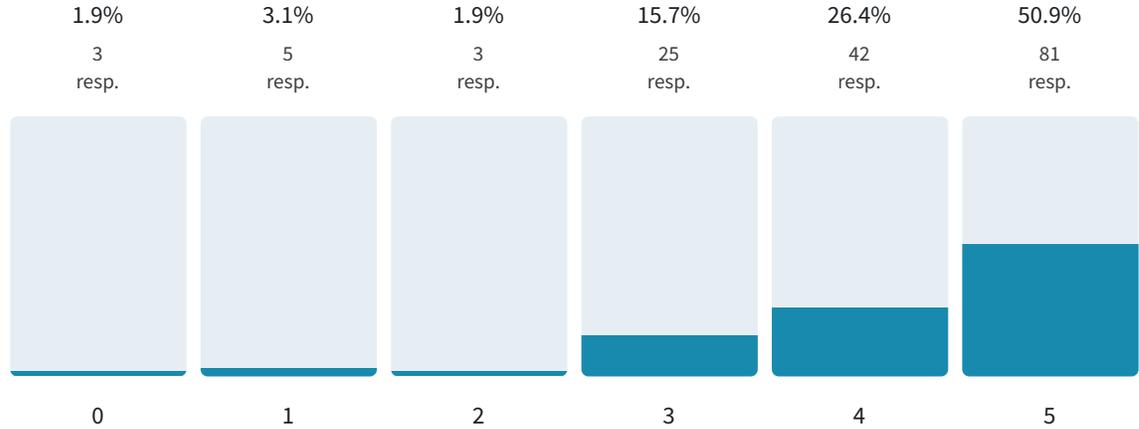
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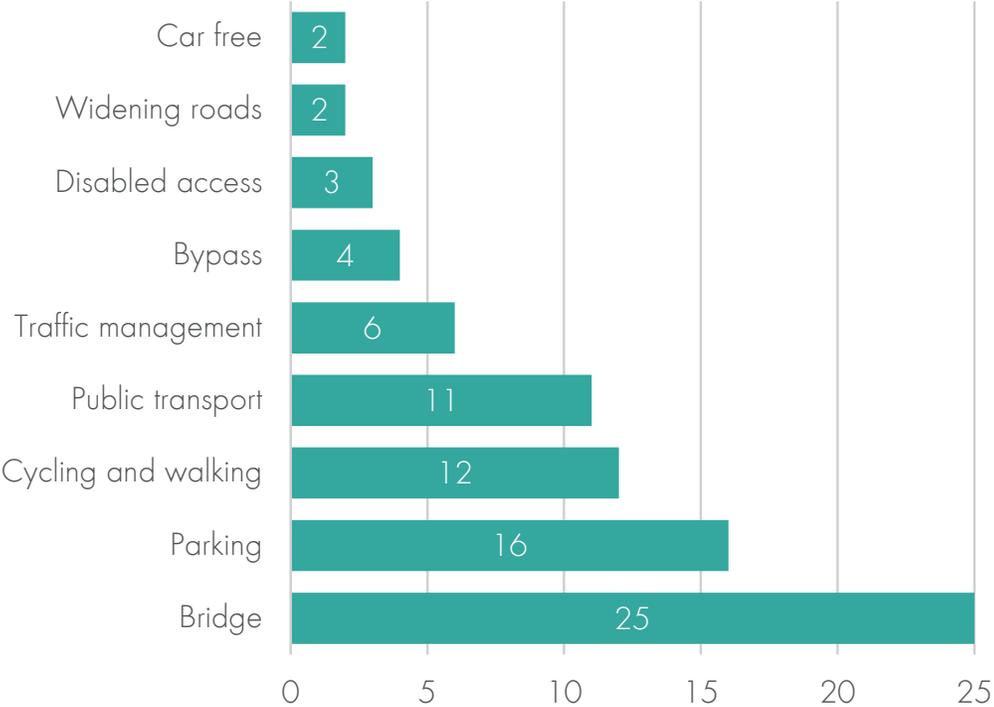
Q4 To what extent do you agree with the 'Sustainable access and movement' objectives?

4.1 Average rating



- M1. Calm traffic on the town's principal approach roads
- M2. Prioritise small scale improvements to promote the walkability of Sixmilebridge
- M3. Develop a high-level parking strategy for Sixmilebridge

Q5 Additional comments on movement and access



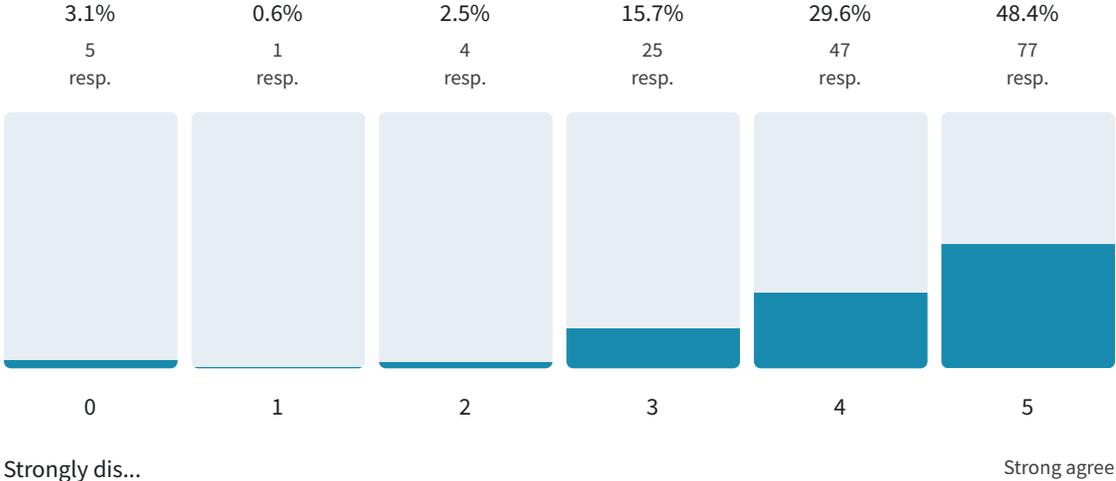
There were 81 additional comments about movement and access

Most additional comments concerned topics and areas covered by the sustainable movement and access objectives, including the narrow bridge and lack of pavement, parking issues by Centra and the desire for more cycling infrastructure and better walking environments.

Additional comments included ensuring there was enough **disabled parking**, improving **public transport** to nearby towns, and the airport, as well as a few comments on promoting a **car-free** Sixmilebridge.

Q6 To what extent do you agree with the 'Sustainable public realm and environment' objectives?

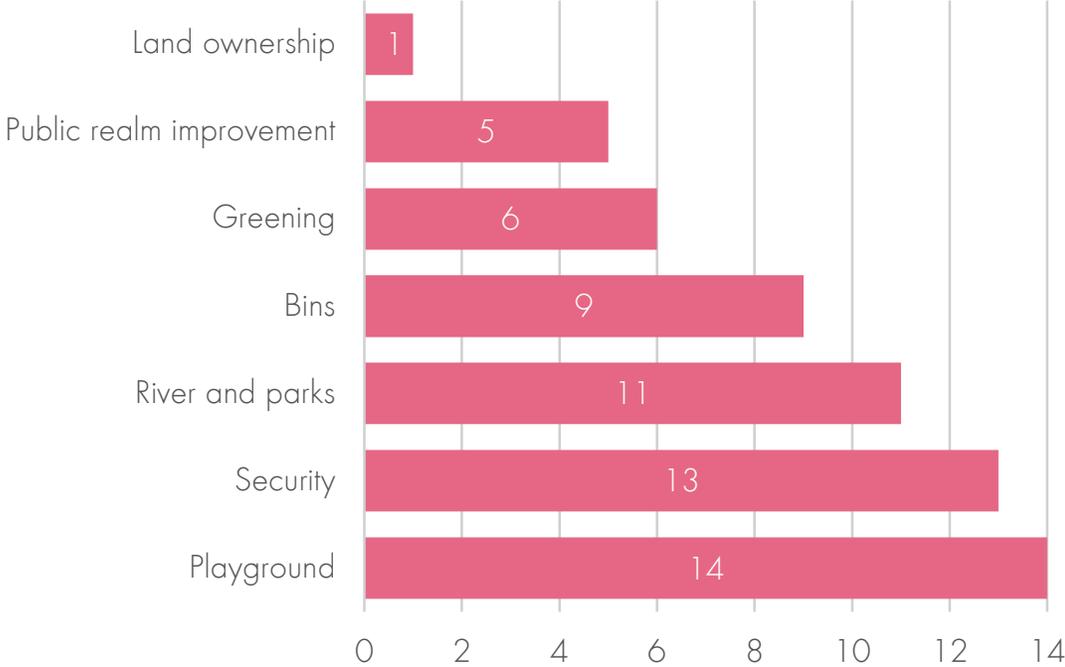
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- PR1. Improve access to and new routes across the river – Sixmilebridge’s principal natural asset
- PR2. Improve provision of community play spaces in the town
- PR3. Targeted public realm improvement projects for the town’s 3 key spaces:
 - a. The Square
 - b. The Green
 - c. Frederick Square



Q7 Additional comments on public realm and environment



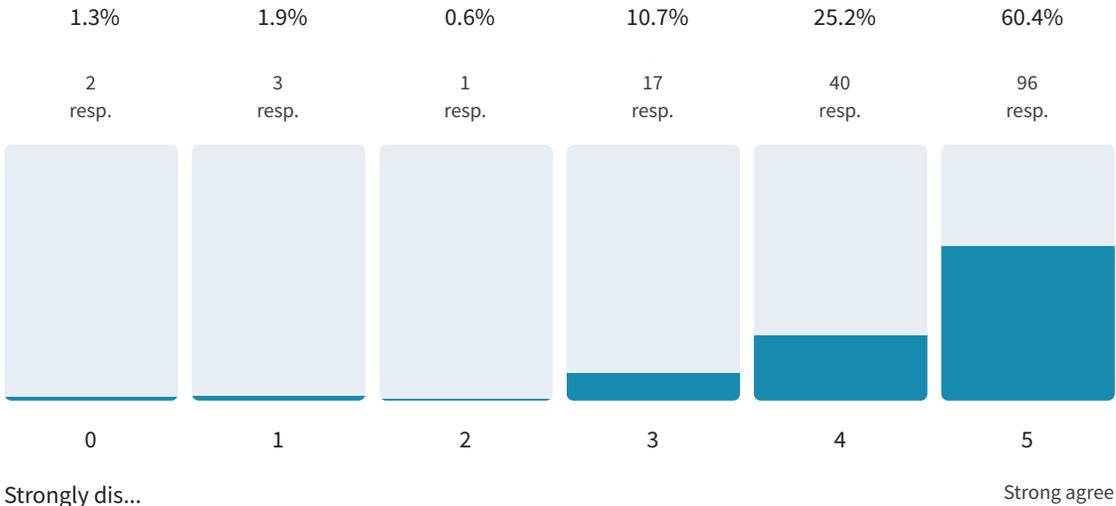
There were 59 additional comments about the public realm and environment

Security and maintenance were key concerns from survey respondents, especially in relation to **playgrounds**, which were also cited as being top priority for many.

Many commenters wanted to see better connections and **paths by the river** as well as parks to enjoy. A large number of comments were specifically about the need for more **bins**.

Q8 To what extent do you agree with the 'Sustainable growth and investment' objectives?

4.4 Average rating



G11. Support Sixmilebridge’s all-day economy, in particular through an improved supermarket offering, together with bringing vacant central retail premises back into commercial use

G15. Work with the local community to deliver improved community and youth facilities in Sixmilebridge

G12. Promote Sixmilebridge as a centre for rural enterprise innovation

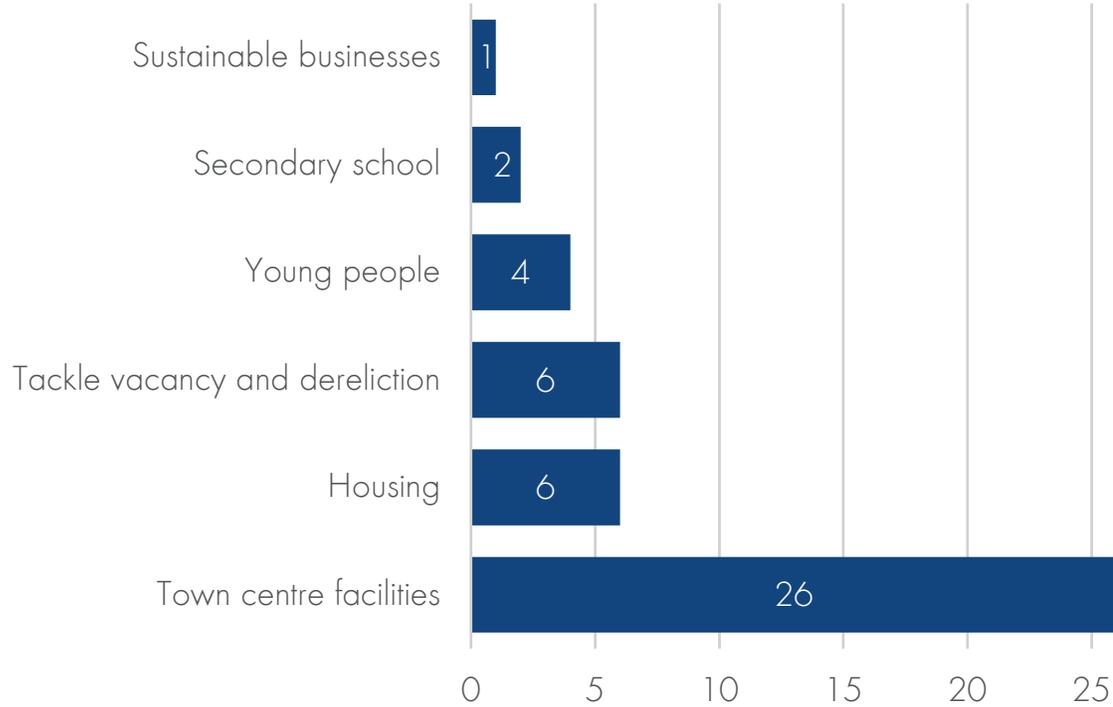
G13. A targeted programme to address vacancy and dereliction in Sixmilebridge

G14. Improve links with Bunratty to help complement the area’s visitor economy – to develop the town’s role as a trail head for walkers and cyclists



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Q9 Additional comments on growth and investment



There were 45 additional comments about growth and investment

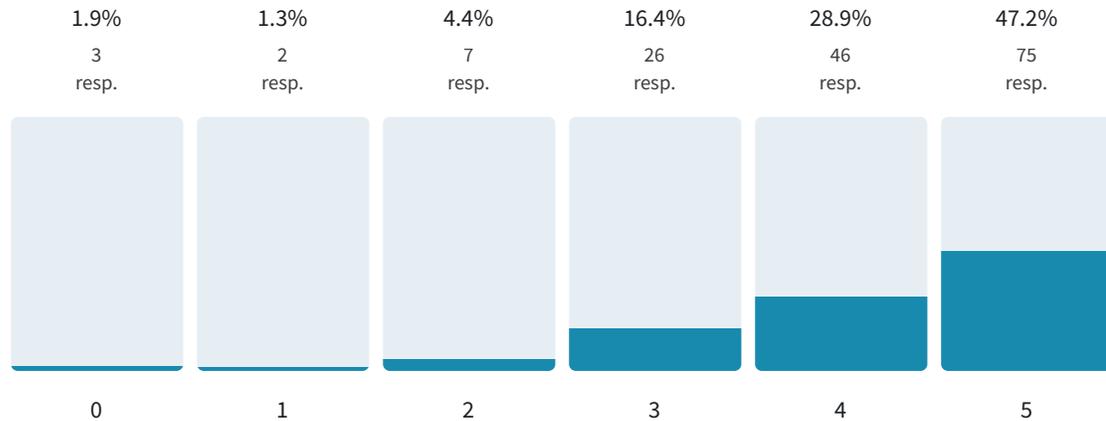
Most additional comments were about **town centre facilities** and echoed much of the growth and infrastructure objectives, including the call for more restaurants, facilities for young people and a bigger supermarket.

There were some concerns over how retail business growth would mean more cars in the town and how this would be balanced.

Some commenters wanted to see vacant buildings be brought back for **housing**.

Q10 To what extent do you agree with the 'Sustainable heritage, image and identity' objectives?

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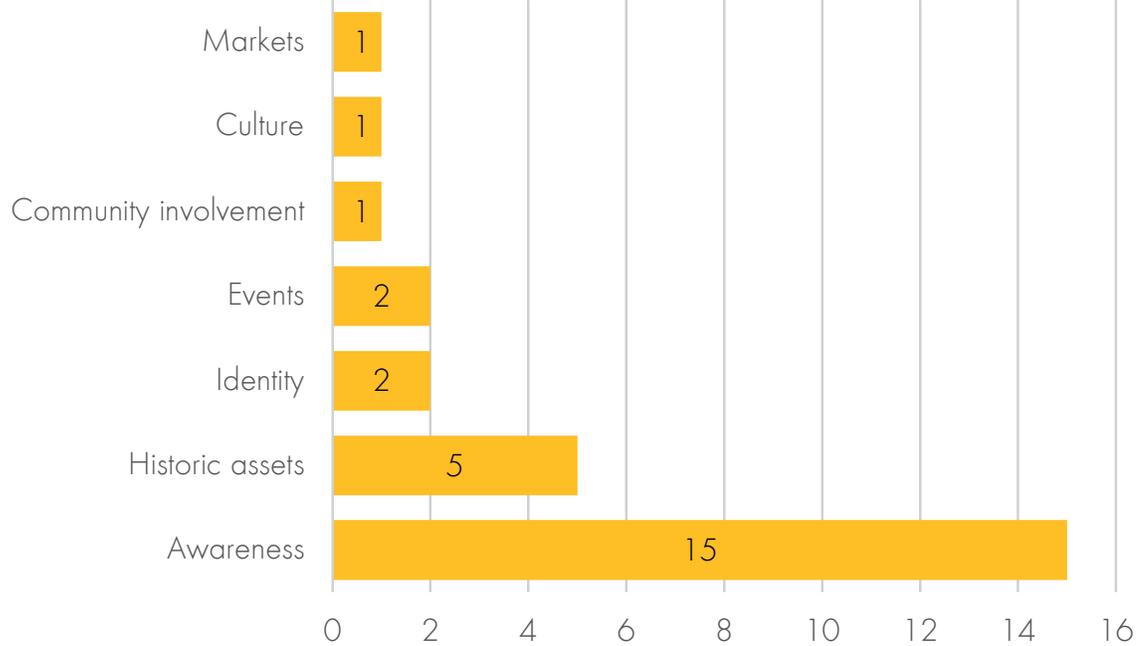
SUSTAINABLE
HERITAGE,
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HCI1. Develop a town heritage trail to celebrate and promote Sixmilebridge's unique story

HCI2. Establish a regular programme of events, enabled through the town's improved Square

HCI3. Develop a refurbishment programme to bring the town's heritage assets back into use

Q10 Additional comments on heritage, image and identity



There were 27 additional comments about heritage, image and identity

Most comments were about raising **awareness and celebrating** the town's history. Many people wanted to see interpretation boards, information points and trails.

Others wanted to see **older buildings** be brought back into life.

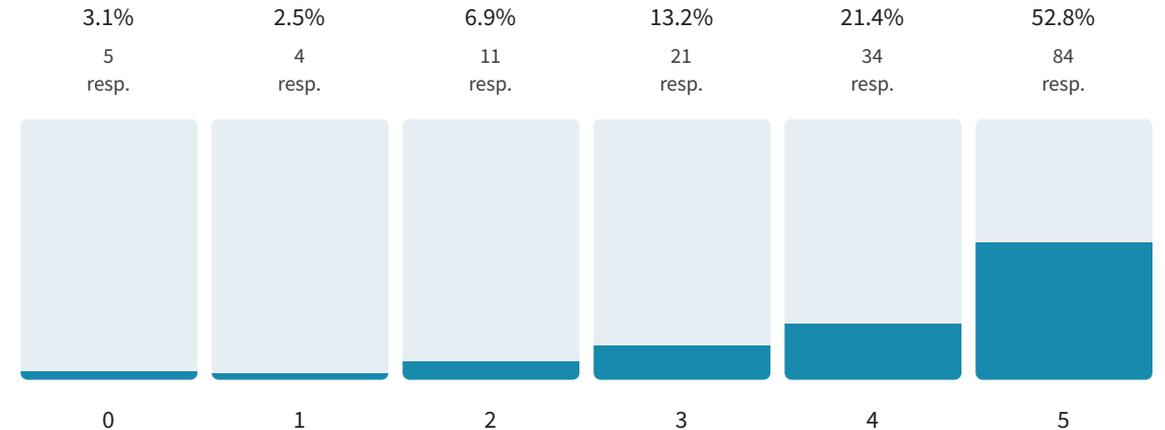
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Traffic calming and street improvements A number of potential improvements could be considered to help address these issues:

- a. Traffic calming - some measures are already planned but more could be delivered including crossing facilities, 'raised tables' and carriageway narrowing/pinch points at key threshold approach locations.
- b. Extended street improvement - some improvements have been delivered recently
- c. Pavement improvements - a recent Walkability Audit identified a number of locations where pavement improvements could be delivered

To what extent do you agree that these measures should be prioritised to help address the adverse impacts of Sixmilebridge's through traffic?

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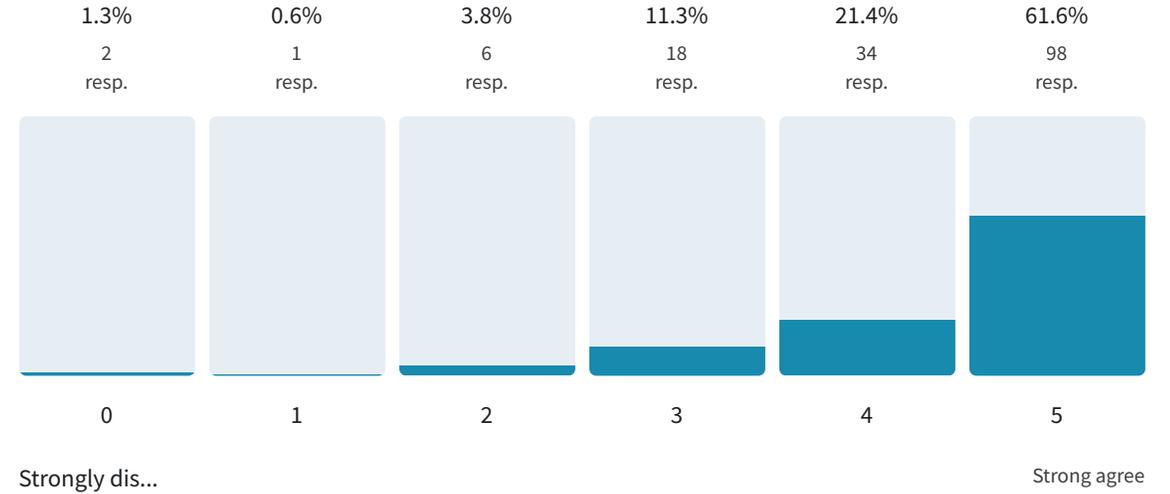
Q14

d) Improving links to, and facilities at, the railway station

Improvements might include better signage, lighting and pavements along the route to the station from the town centre.

To what extent would you support these improvements?

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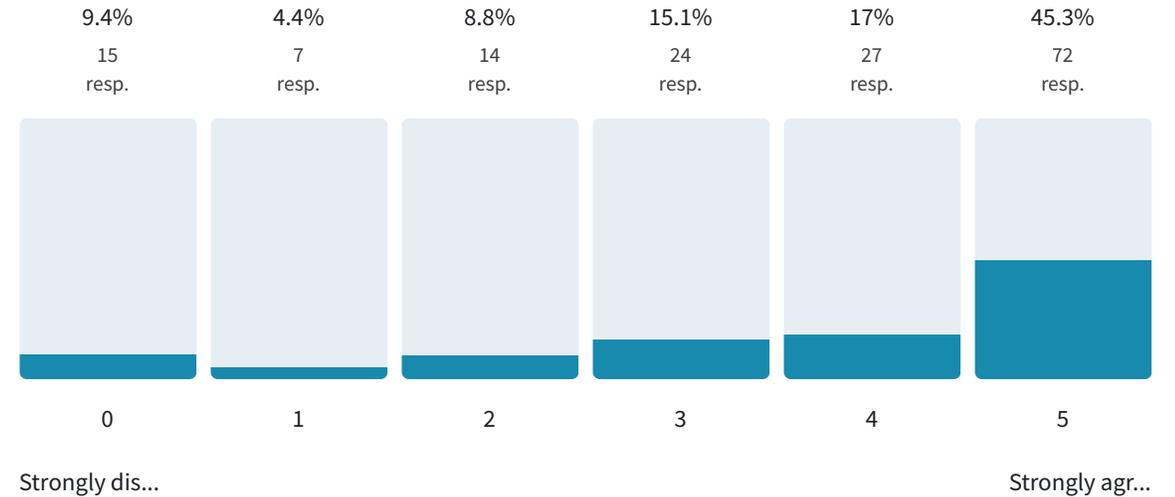
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e) Introducing new parking controls

Feedback tells us that many existing parking spaces in the town centre get filled early in the day by people meeting friends for car sharing. This limits the spaces available to support local shops and services. Should some parking controls to introduced to help address this behaviour? Measures might include better enforcement of parking controls, parking management measures such as a charging regime.

To what extent to you feel the town would benefit from some parking management controls?

3.6 Average rating



Q16

What are your views on the current parking arrangements in the town centre?



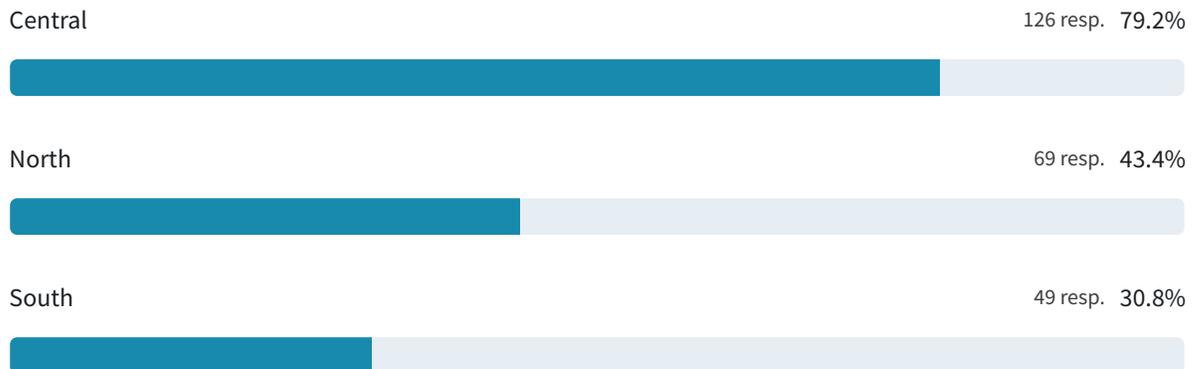
Q17

f. New bridge crossings

Early feedback suggested that local people would welcome better river crossing facilities for pedestrians. Three possible locations for new bridge crossings have been identified:

- a. North of the centre
- b. Right in the heart of the town, and
- c. South of the centre

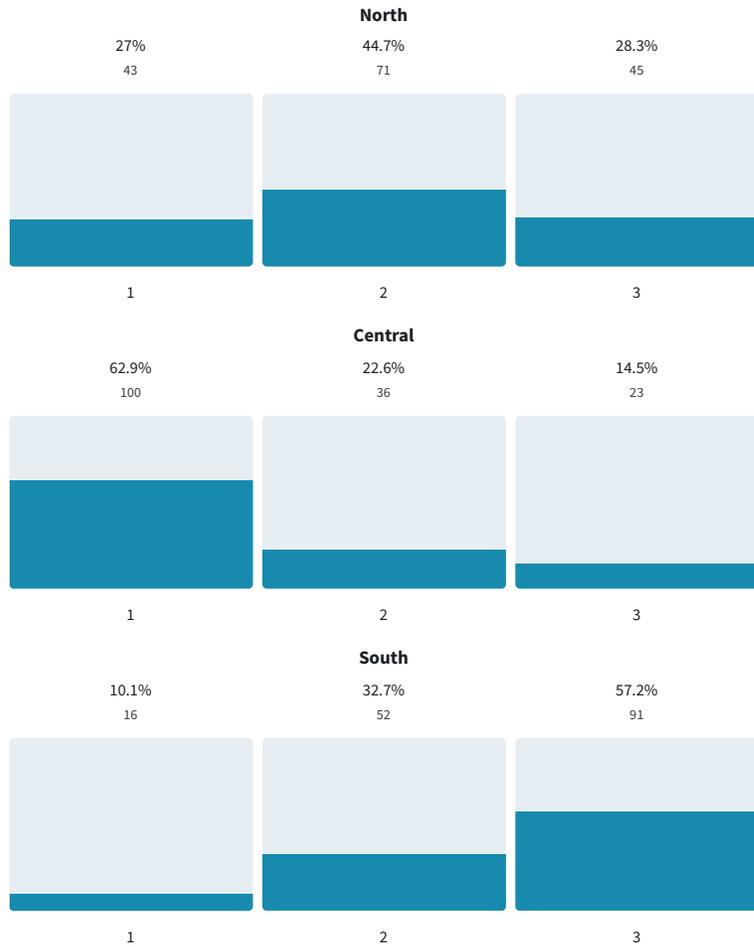
Which of these new river crossings would you support?



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f. New bridge crossings

Please rank the three possible bridge locations in order of preference/priority.



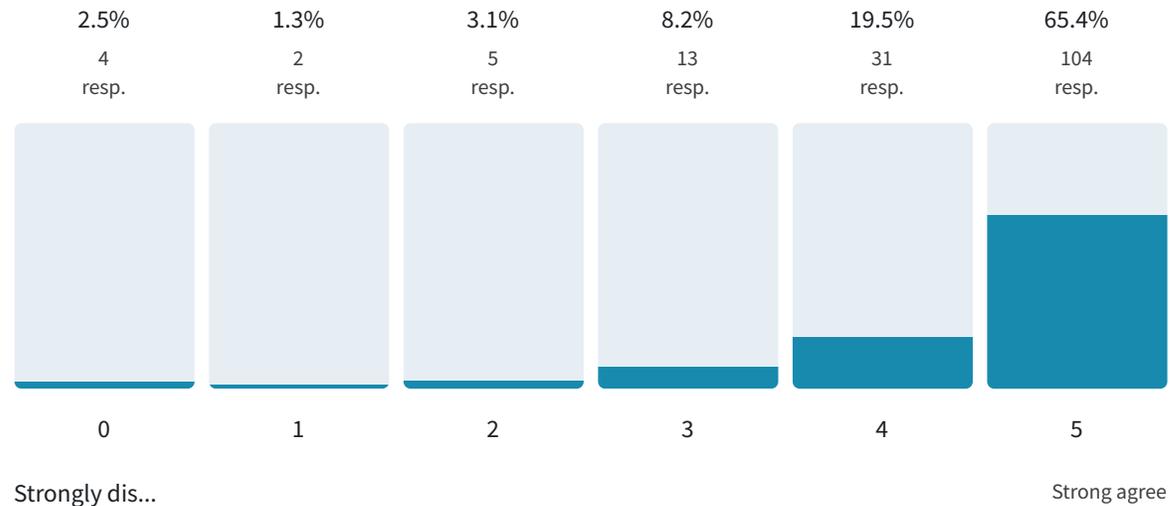
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g. Bunratty - Sixmilebridge - Shannon Greenway

Clare County Council have secured funding to help deliver a new riverside walking and cycling route connecting Bunratty, Sixmilebridge and Shannon.

Whilst this route will be delivered in phases, to what extent to you agree that new and improved riverside spaces in Sixmilebridge could help to deliver this route?

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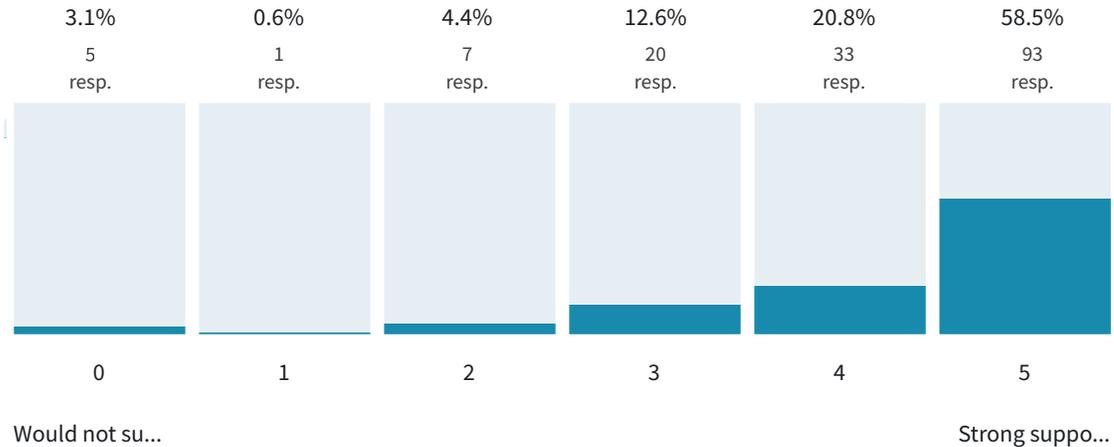
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h. New Town Park

Space to the north of the town might present the opportunity to deliver a new town park for local people. This could potentially help provide outdoor space for local community groups and local young people, support local biodiversity and help to manage local flood risk.

To what extent would you support the creation of such a new open space in Sixmilebridge?

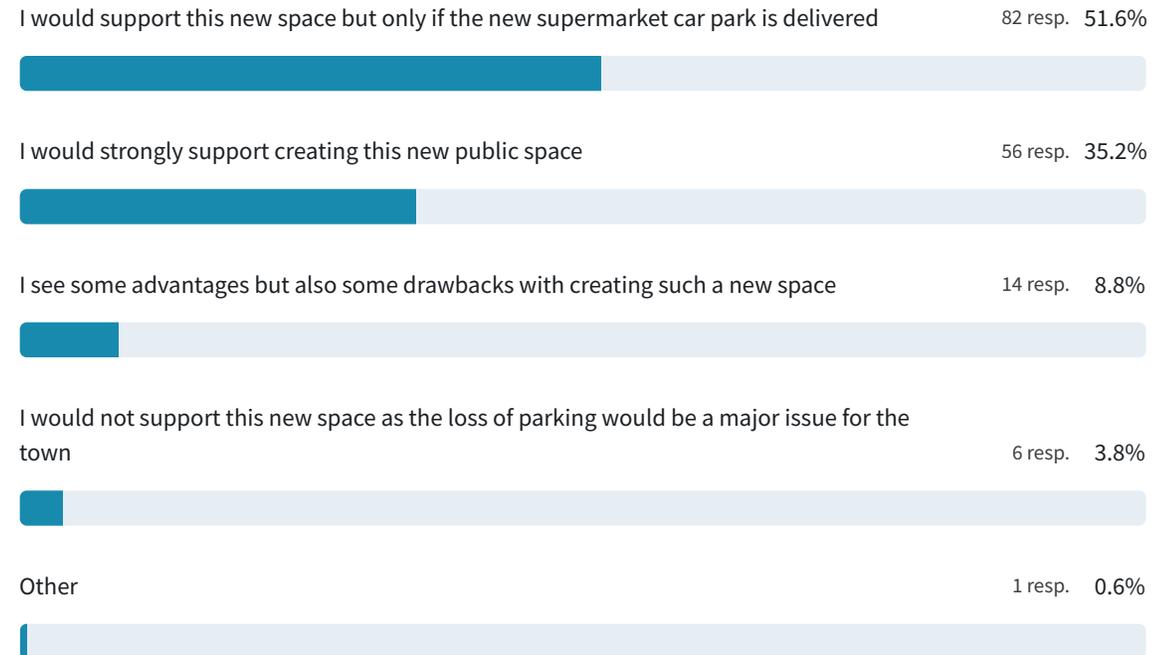
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Q21

i. Public realm improvement scheme for The Square

The Square is the town's primary riverside space but is currently a public car park. Additional parking spaces are being planned adjacent to the existing Auction Rooms site. This space could provide the opportunity to create a new larger flexible space for local people to enjoy for markets and other similar events, whilst still maintaining some car parking spaces to support local businesses outside of markets/events.



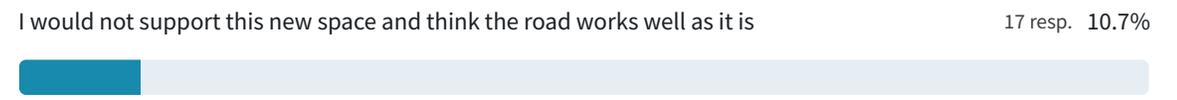
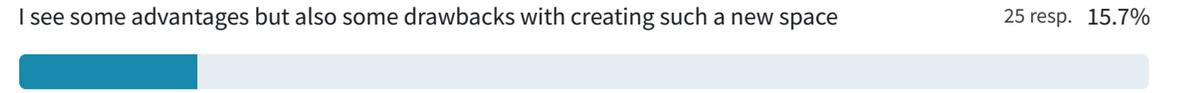
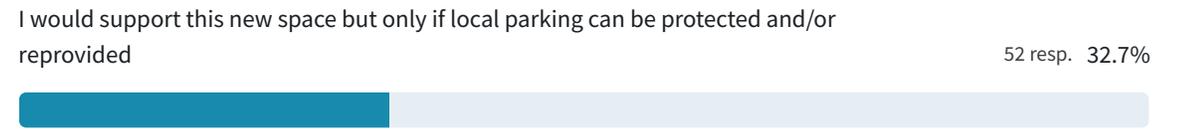
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j. Public realm improvement scheme for The Green

The Green is now primarily a road but was once a public space next to St Finnachta's Church. This space could be reinstated through some traffic management measures.

A new space here would help to support community life and activities potentially associated with the community uses in the area.

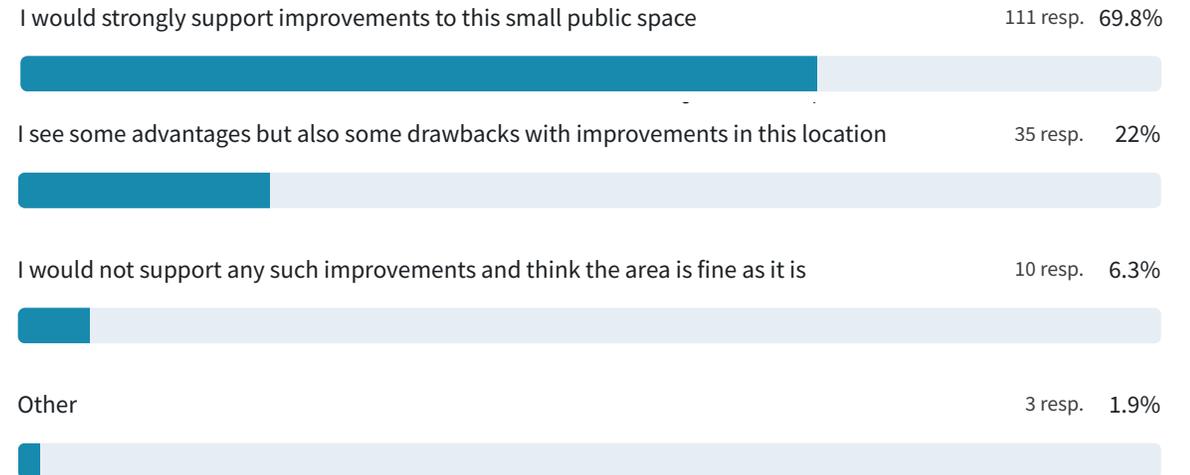
Which of the following statements best describes your level of support for such an improvement?



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k. Public realm improvement scheme for the space at Frederick Square

The Frederick Square area is an important employment location for Sixmilebridge. It is also a key gateway to the town from the north. A new space could be created here to support employment activity, improve the local environment, improve safety for pedestrians and improve the arrival experience. **Which of the following statements best describes your level of support for such an improvement?**



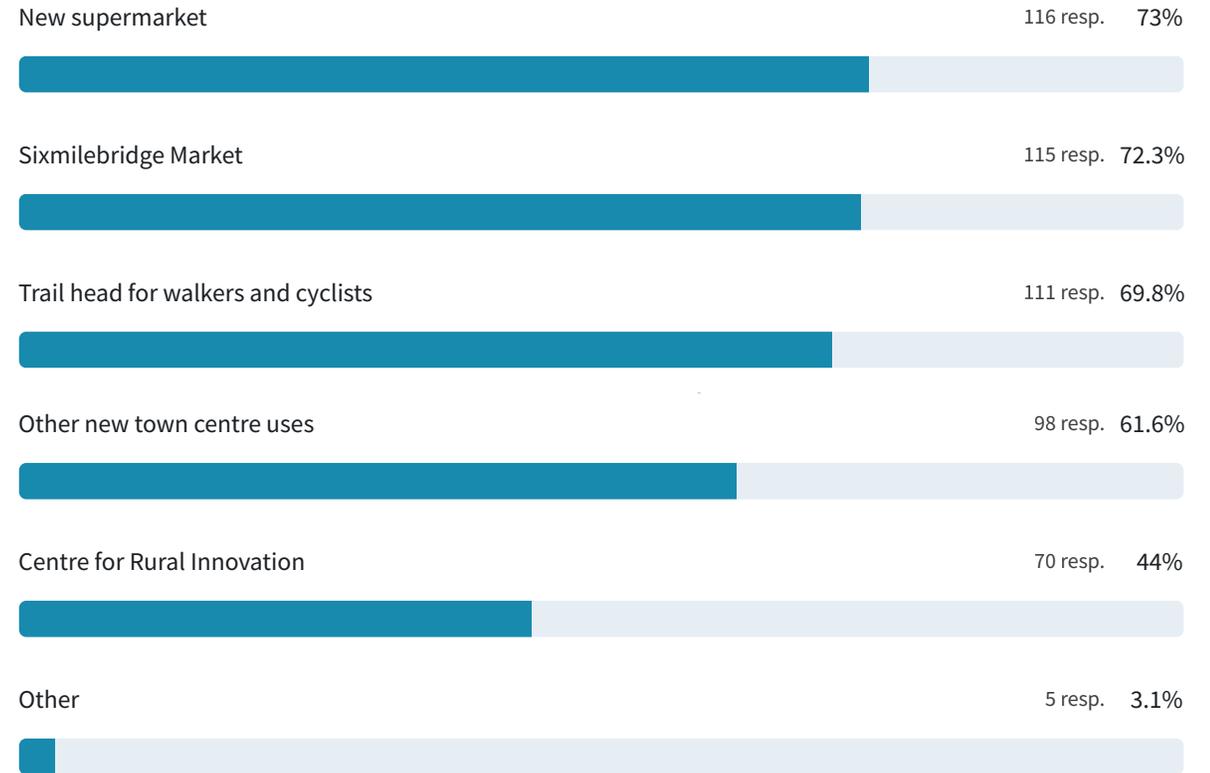
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Improving the town centre economy

A number of projects could be progressed to improve the town centre economy as follows:

- l.** A new town centre supermarket
- m.** New town centre uses including cafes and restaurants
- n.** Promote Sixmilebridge as a 'Centre for Rural Innovation' - provision of flexible workspace and supporting training initiatives
- o.** Establishing a regular 'Sixmilebridge Market' - potentially in an improved market square
- p.** Develop Sixmilebridge as a trail head for walkers and cyclists - better facilities to accommodate cycling and walking groups passing through

Which of these would you support?

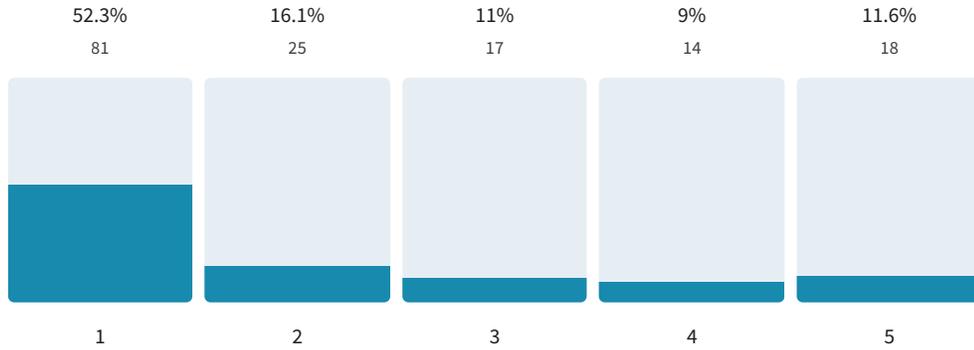


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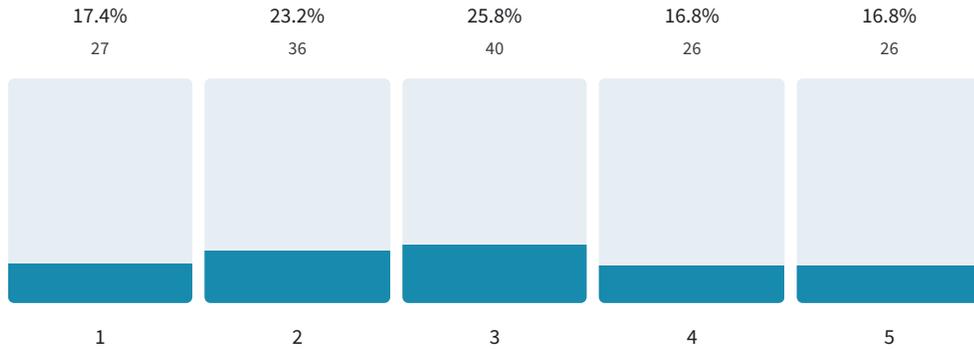
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Please rank them in order of importance / priority

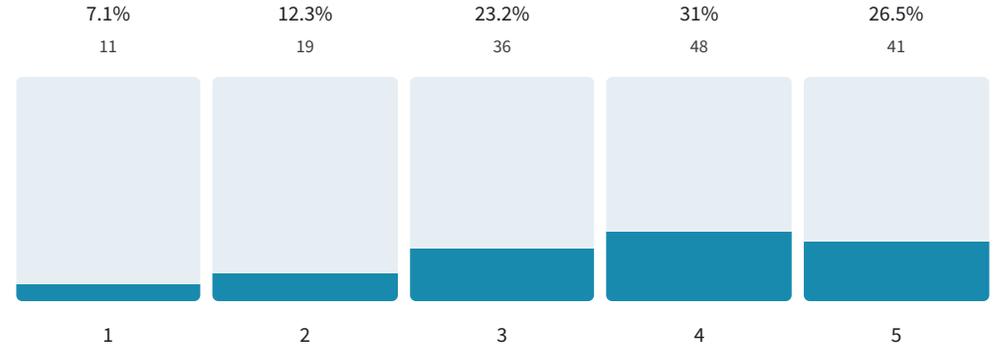
l. New supermarket



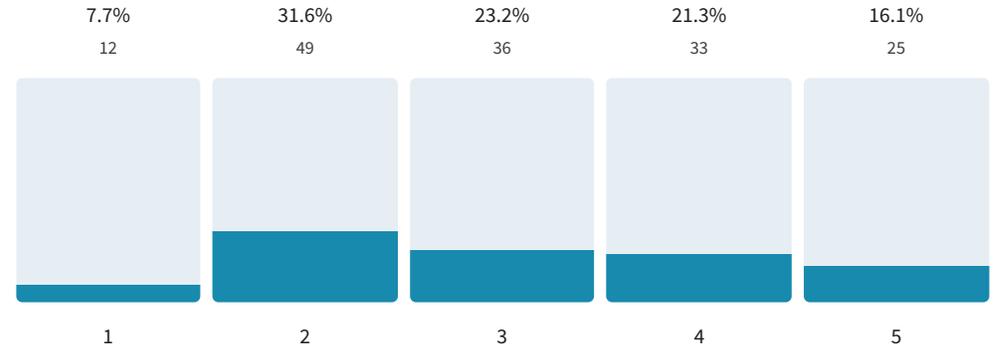
m. Other new town centre uses



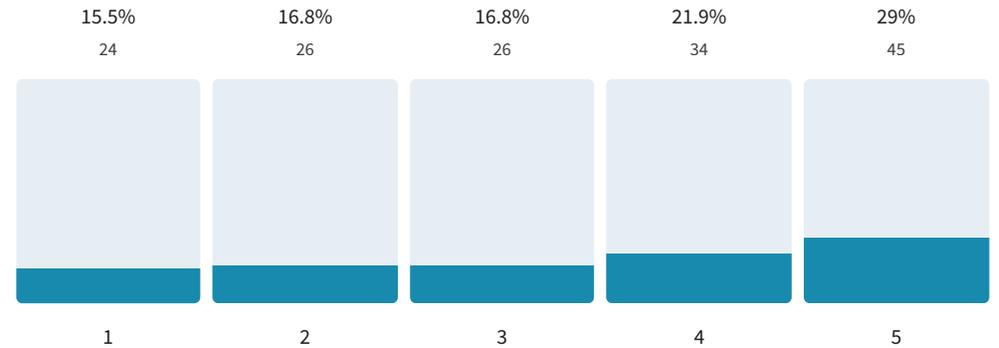
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p. Trail head for walkers and cyclists



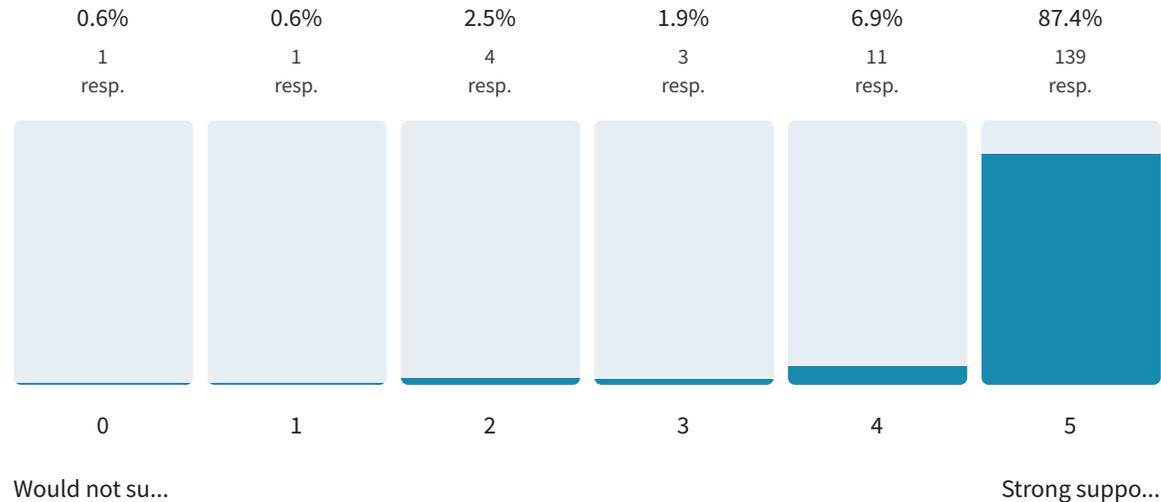
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q. Targeting vacancy and dereliction

National policy is keen that improvements to town centres tackle vacancy and dereliction.

To what extent would you support efforts to bring vacant and derelict land and property back in to use?

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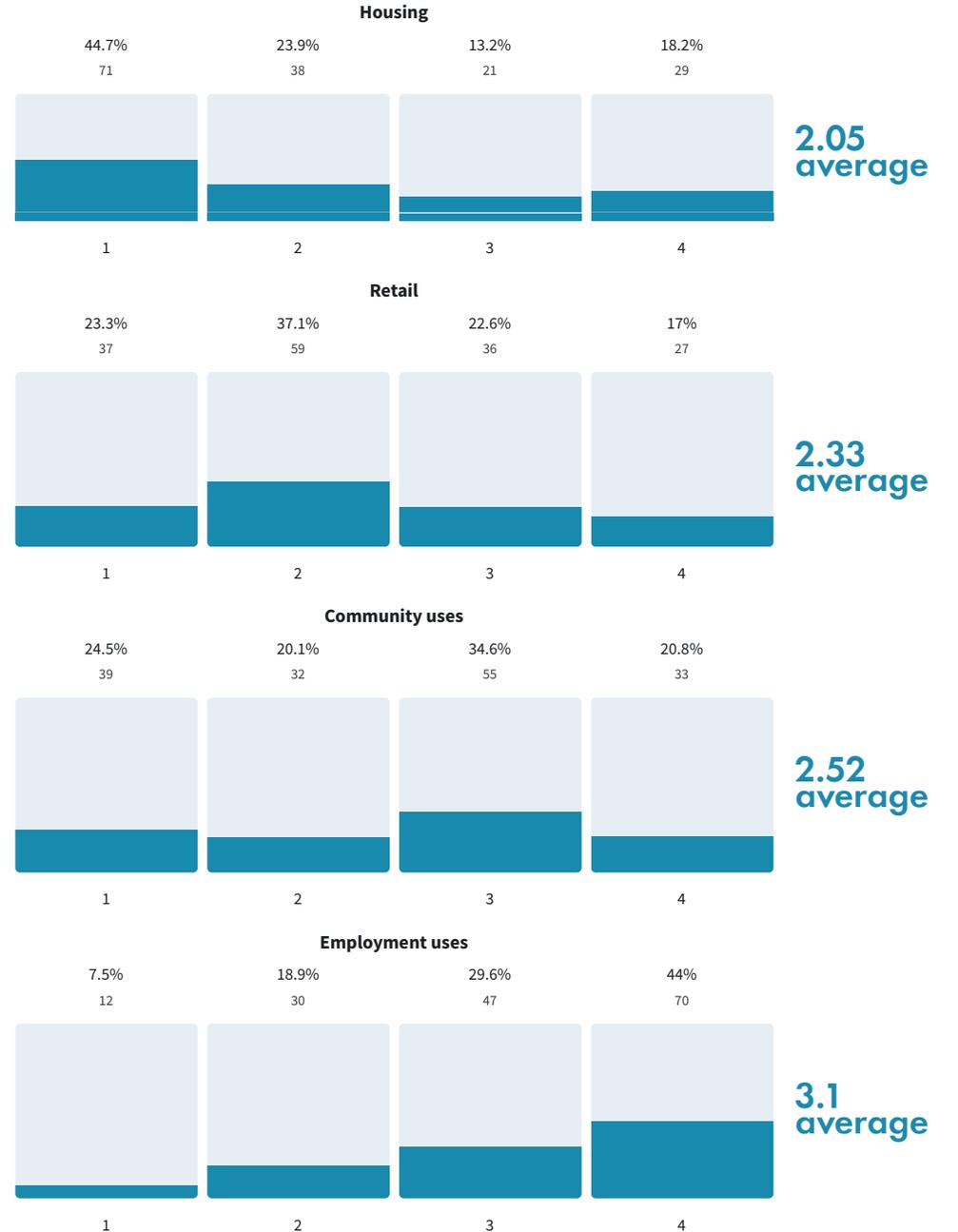


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In this context, what uses do you think have the greatest potential to help bring land and premises back into use in Sixmilebridge?

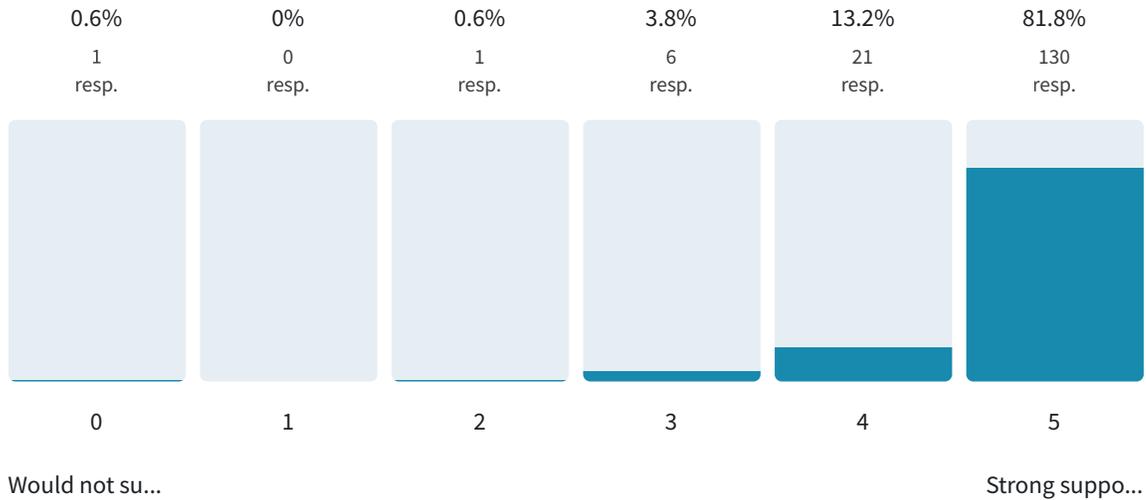


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r. Community and local youth facilities

With the local population of Sixmilebridge set to continue to grow, **to what extent would you support improvements to local community and youth facilities in the town?**

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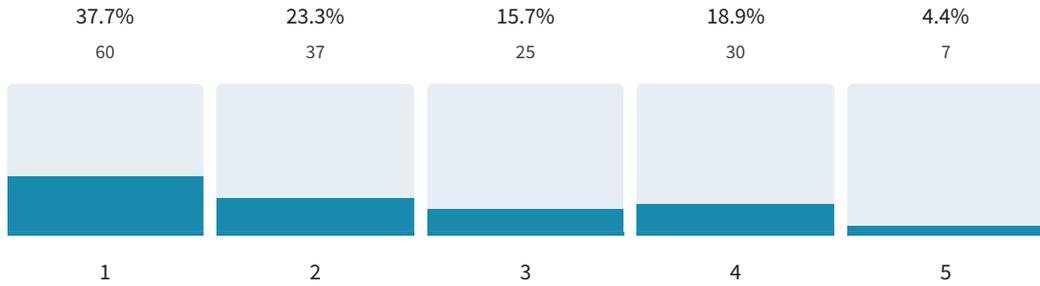


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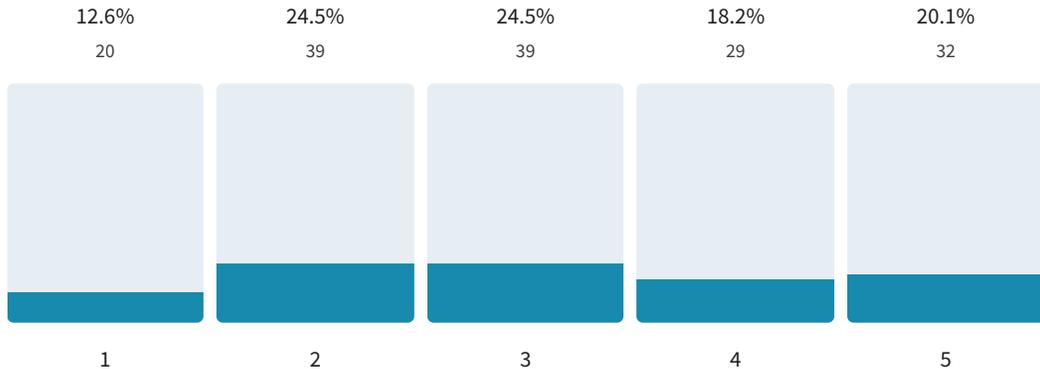
r. Community and local youth facilities

With the local population of Sixmilebridge set to continue to grow, **which facilities do you consider to be most important?**

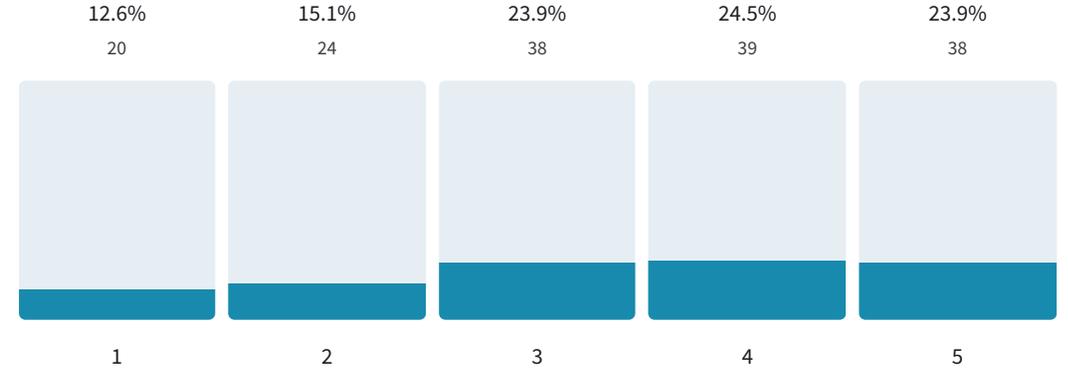
Local heath facilities



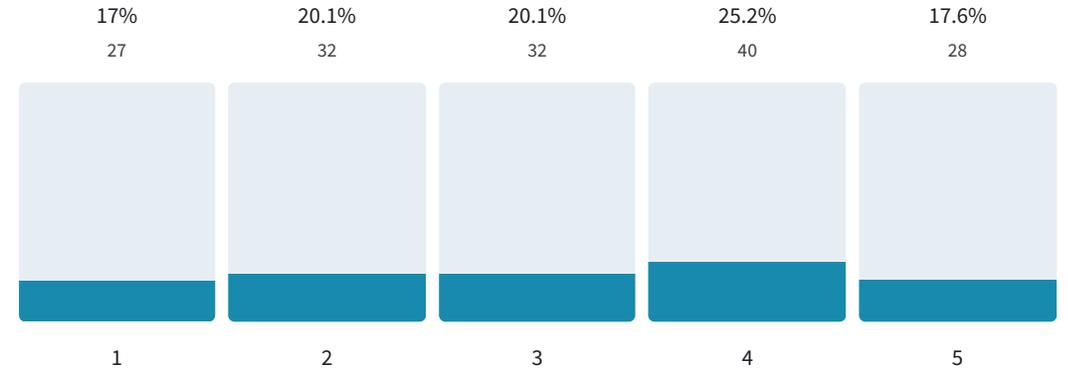
Local school/education facilities



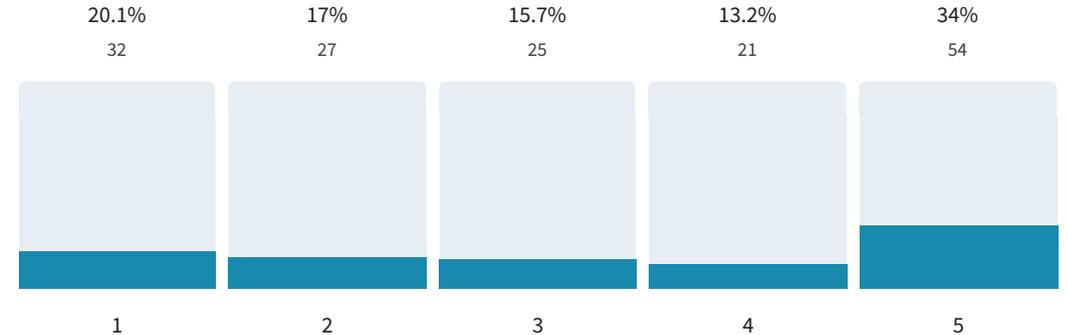
Other local community facilities - flexible community spaces



Built facilities for children and young people



Outdoor play-space for children and young people



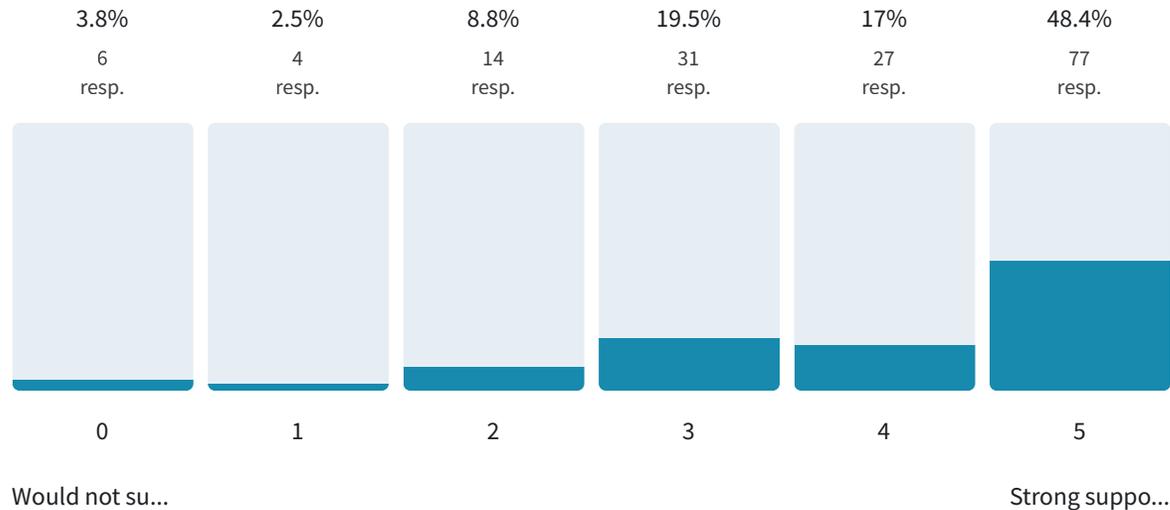
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s. Opportunities for town centre living

Some land has been earmarked as potential housing land. The draft plan shows how some of these sites could provide new mixed tenure housing, including affordable/quality housing, for local people.

To what extent would you support the delivery of new housing in and around the town?

3.9 Average rating



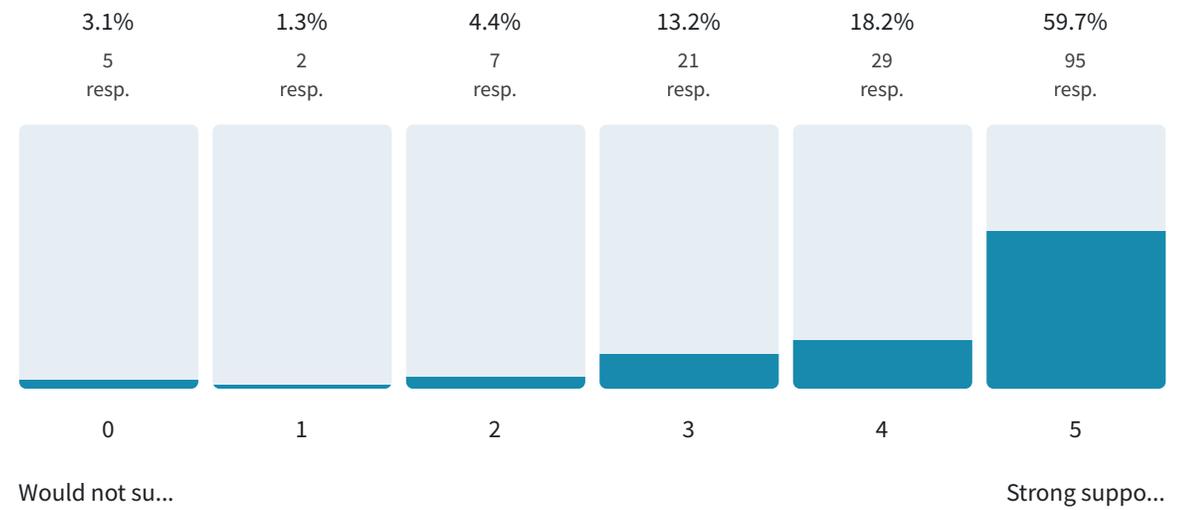
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t. Sixmilebridge Heritage Trail

The town has an amazing history which should be celebrated.

In conjunction with relevant stakeholders, to what extent would you support promotion of a new 'Sixmilebridge Heritage Trail' connecting some of the town's key historical landmarks?

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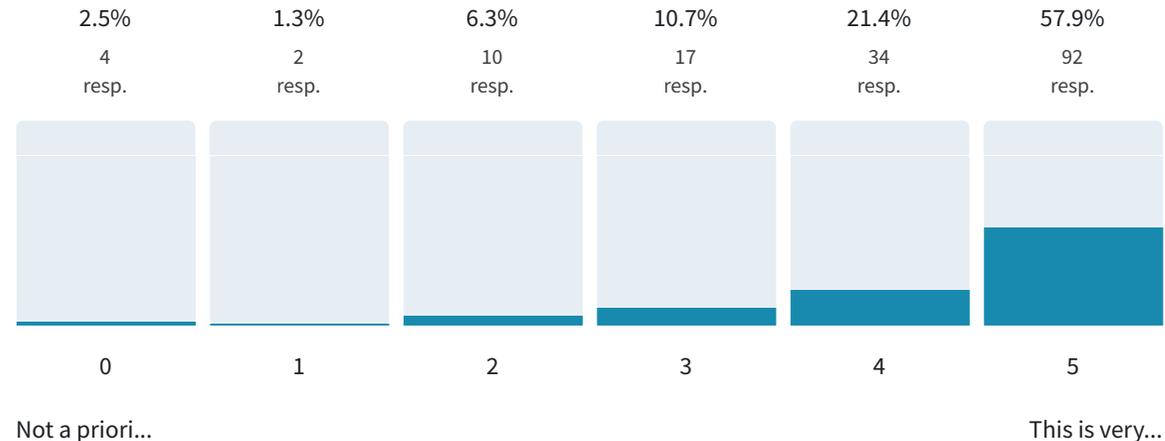
Q33

u. Investing in Sixmilebridge's heritage

The plan presents an opportunity to identify and target improvements to some of the town's heritage buildings and structures.

To what extent would you support a programme to refurbish heritage buildings and structures to help protect the town's unique history?

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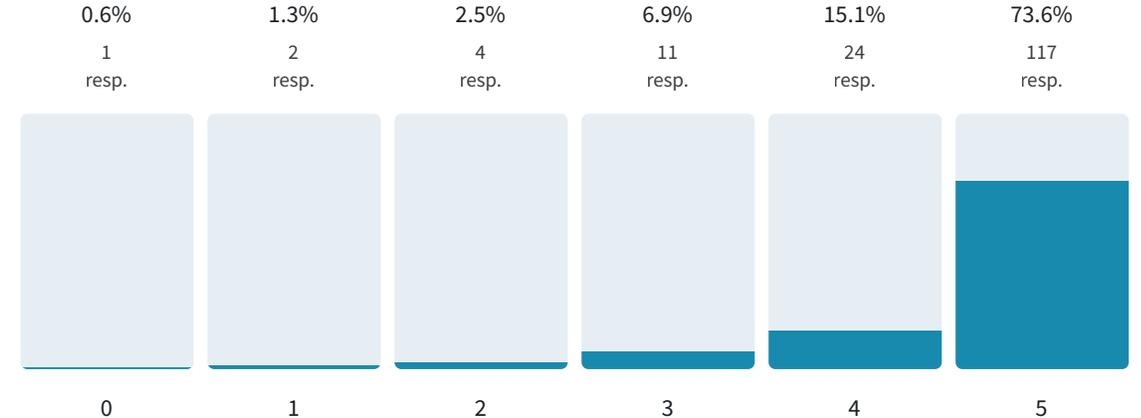
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v. Programme of events in Sixmilebridge

Before the COVID-19 Pandemic, there was an annual Sixmilebridge Winter Music Festival. Festivals, markets and events can help bring new visitors to places which can increase trade and spending in local shops. Improvements to the central spaces in the town could be designed to accommodate festivals and programmed events in the future.

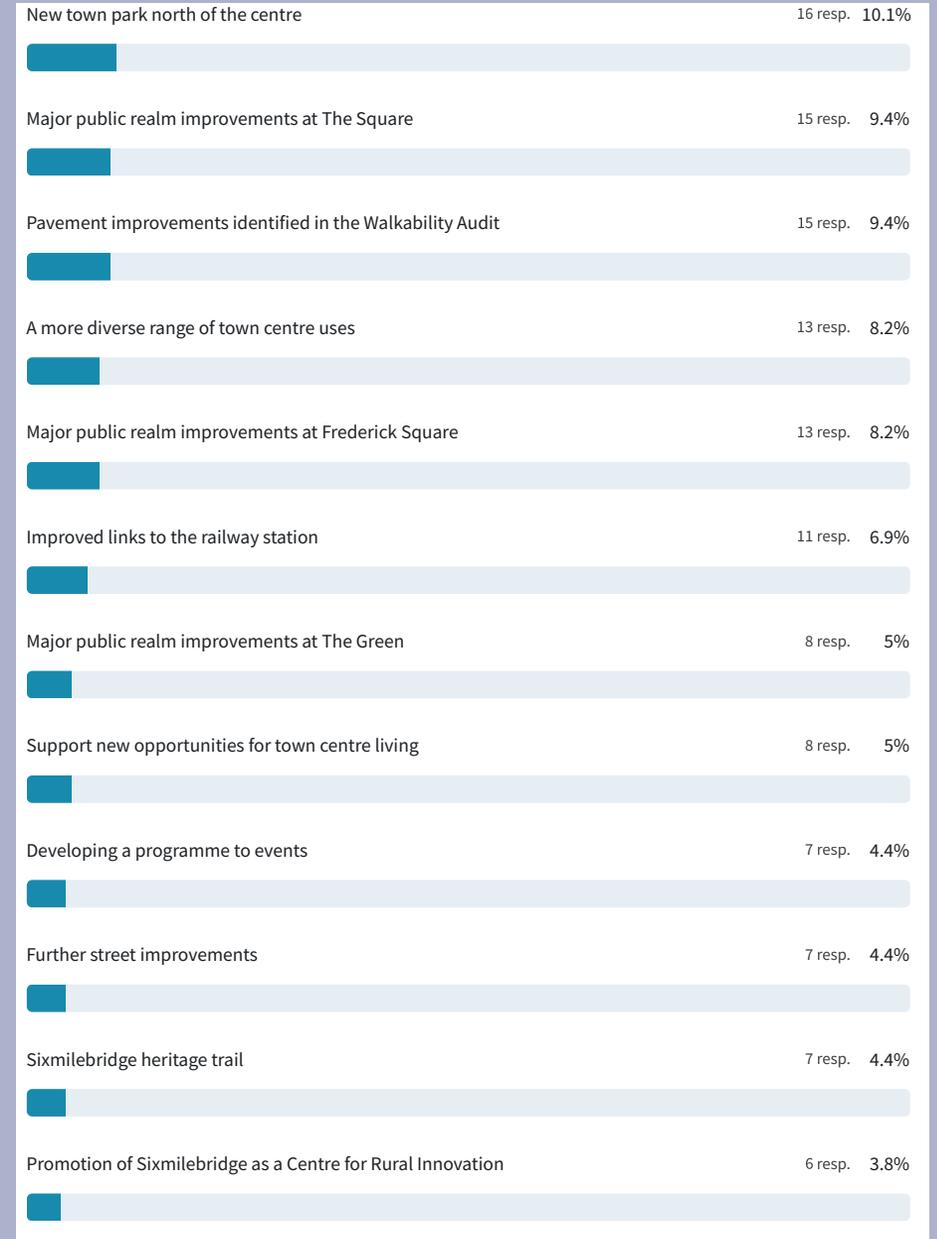
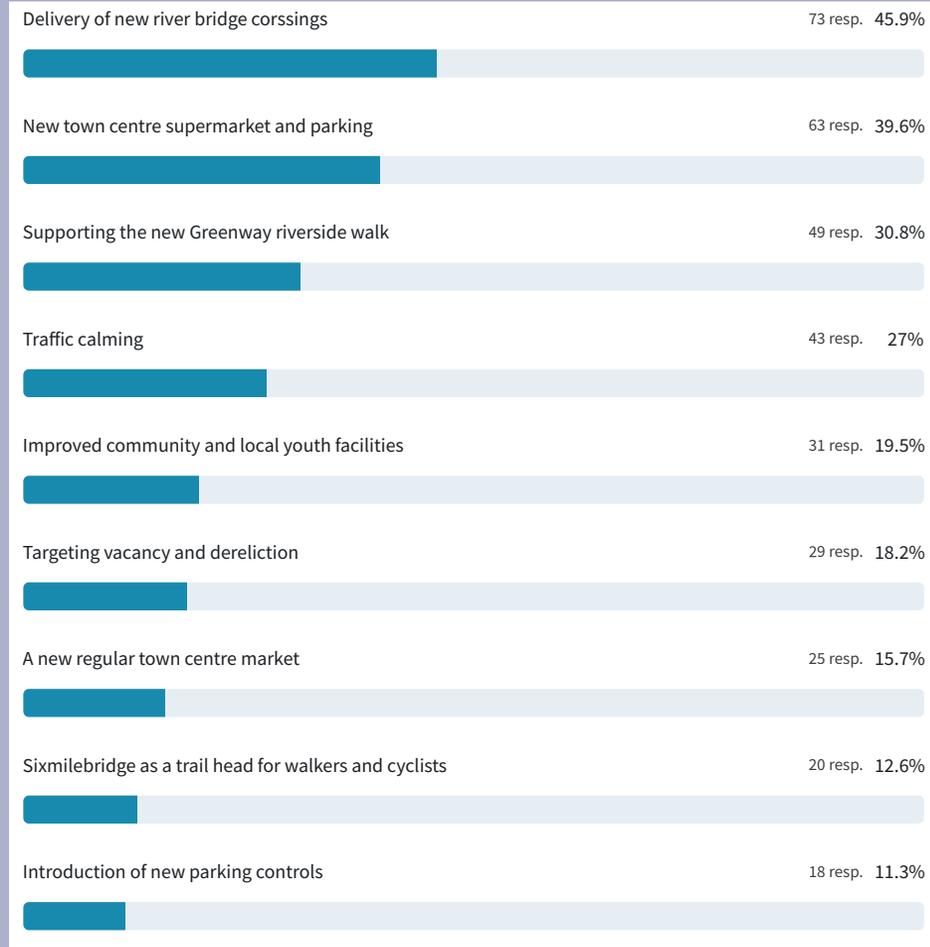
Would you be pleased to see more festivals, markets and events in Sixmilebridge?

4.6 Average rating



Q35 Priority projects

We have shared and sought your feedback on over twenty potential project ideas for Sixmilebridge. If you could only delivery three of these, which three projects would you prioritise?



Q36 do you have any other project ideas?

Project ideas included those about security, including focusing work at the station to improve arrival experience and increasing local security presence



A number of people mentioned introducing public art and sculptures to the town linked to its heritage, as well as a local history month, emphasis and education on historical figures



Walking based projects mentioned included creating a walking bus for school children, creating more attractive walking routes through town and walking paths either side of the bridge



Better promotion of Digihub, especially for young people

People wanted to see a secondary school considered



Respondents want more community facilities, including spaces and activities for young people, community gardens and allotments and community centres for older people



Some said they wanted to see a project focused on making the river safe for swimmers and more water-sports activities



More EV charging points throughout the town

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TOWN CENTRE FIRST MASTERPLAN

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Sixmilebridge has been chosen to receive funding to develop a plan under the Government's Town Centre First Initiative. Clare County Council, in collaboration with the Sixmilebridge Town Team, is leading the development of the plan which will set out a strategy for the future of the town.

Your involvement is really important. Having already provided feedback on what you like and dislike about the town, we would now like to hear your feedback on some ideas proposed as to how Sixmilebridge can be enhanced. Your views will help shape the future of Sixmilebridge to be a great place to live, work and visit.

Find out how you can get involved overleaf.

Talk to the team at the drop-in event!
Saturday 6th May
10am - 2pm
Town Square

Complete the survey!
see details overleaf

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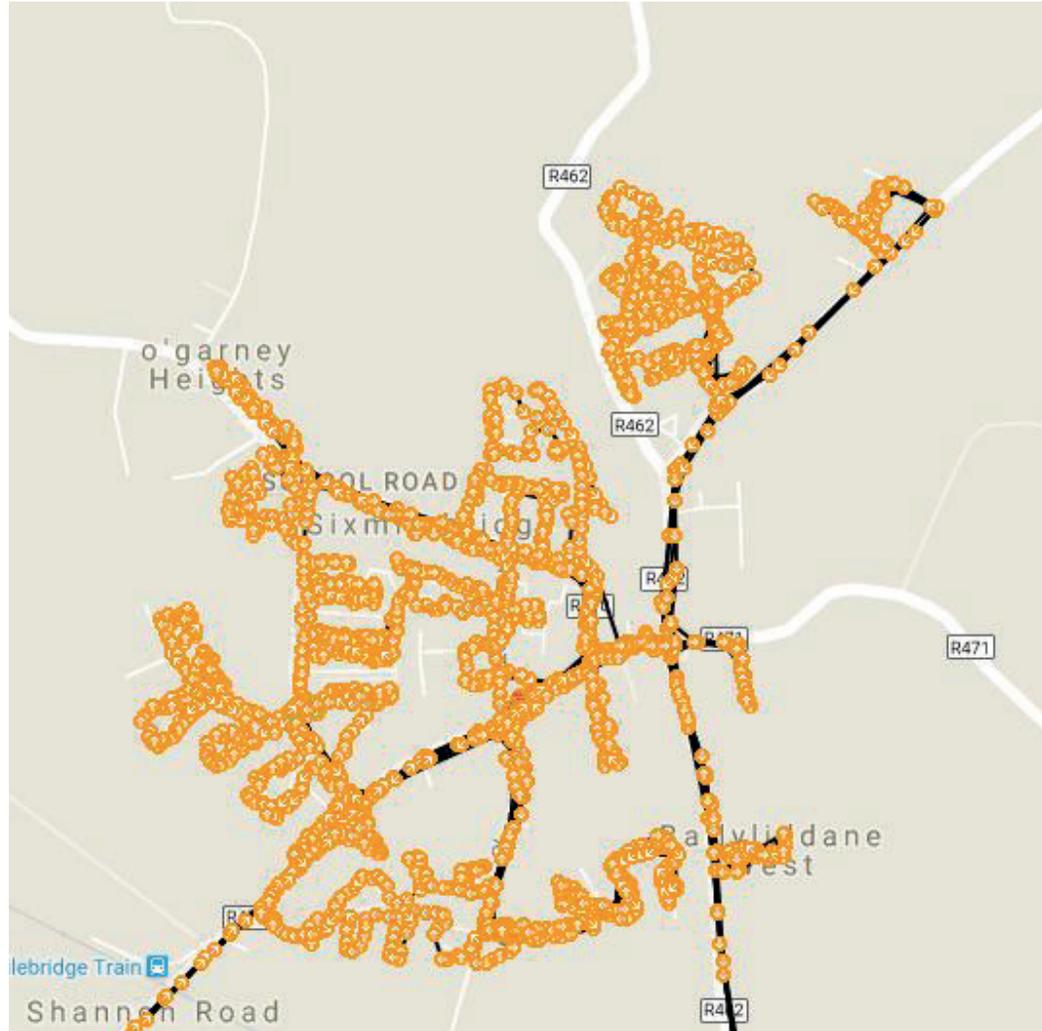
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