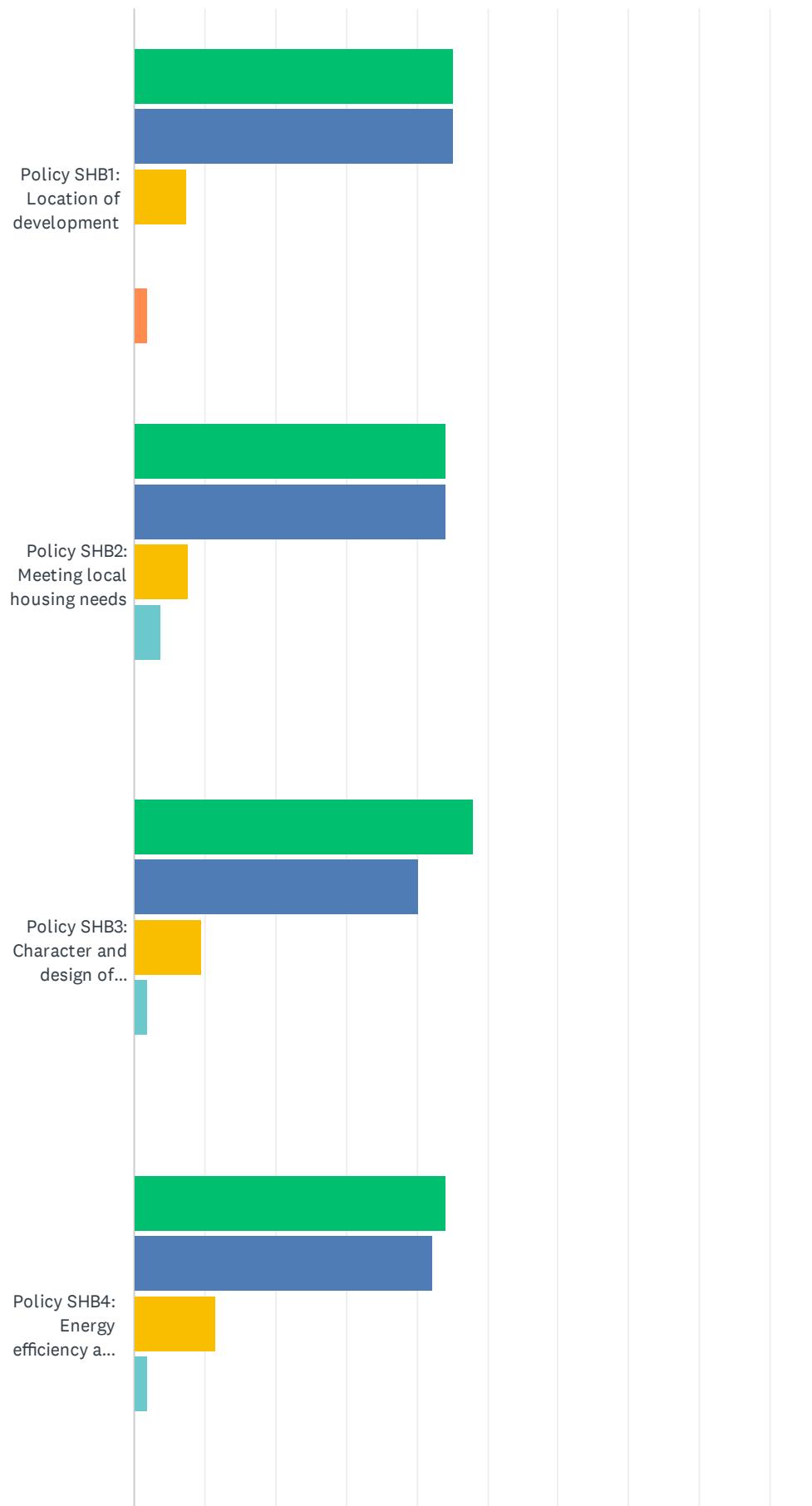
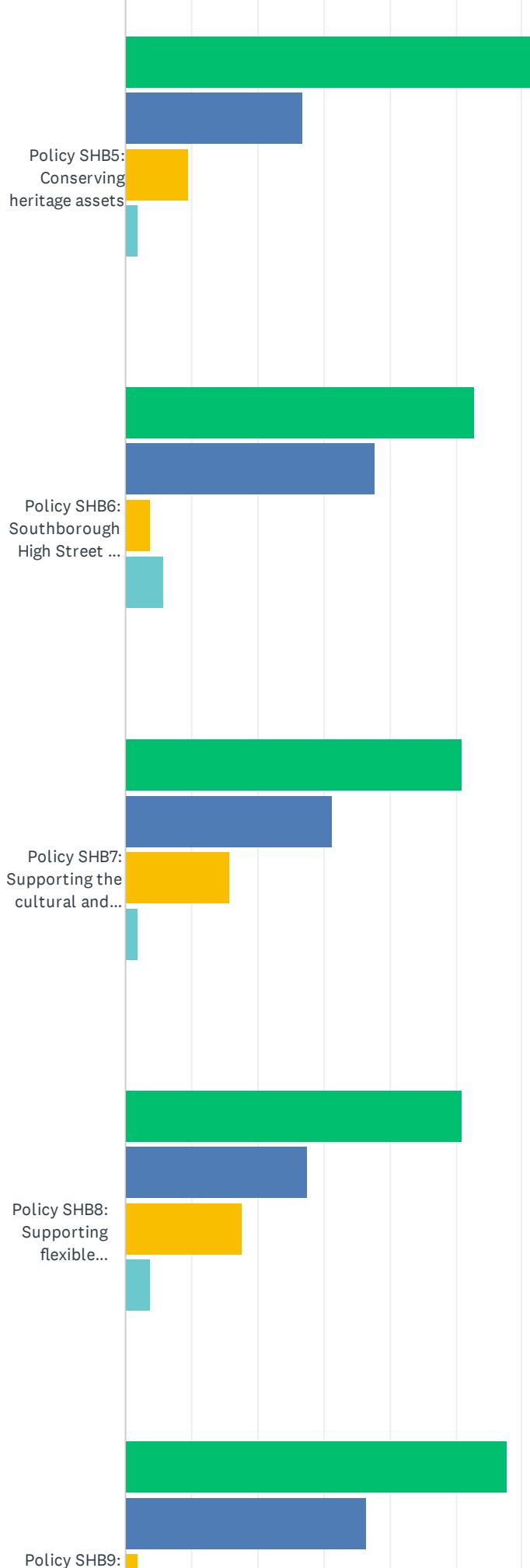
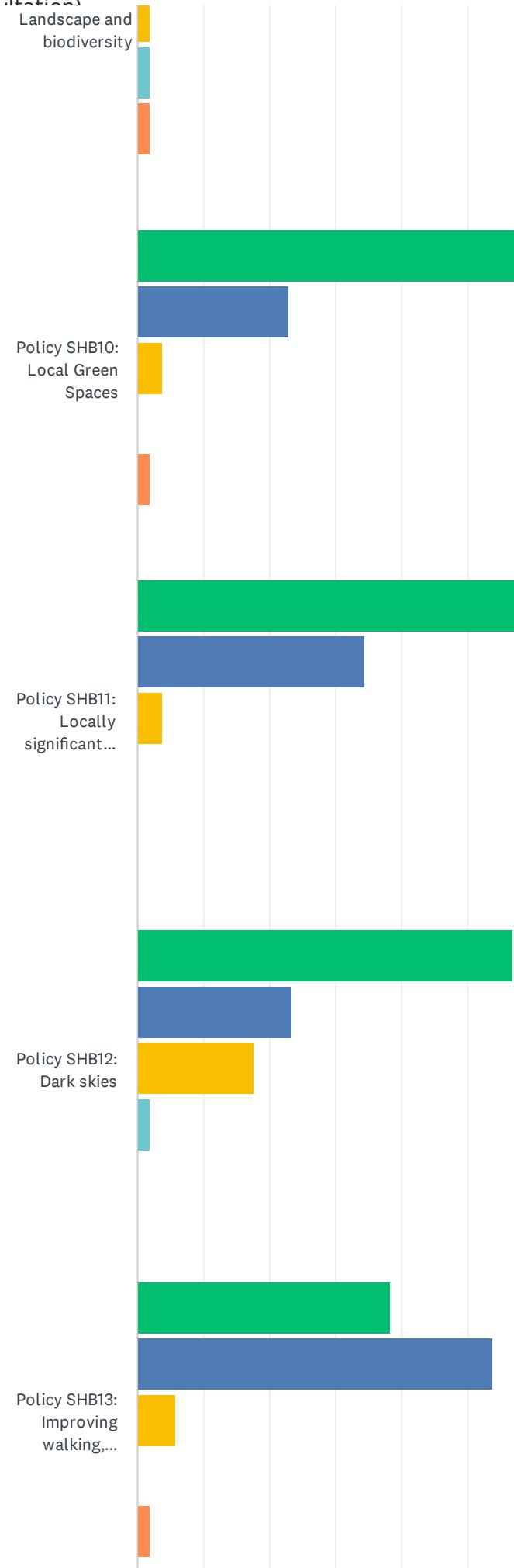


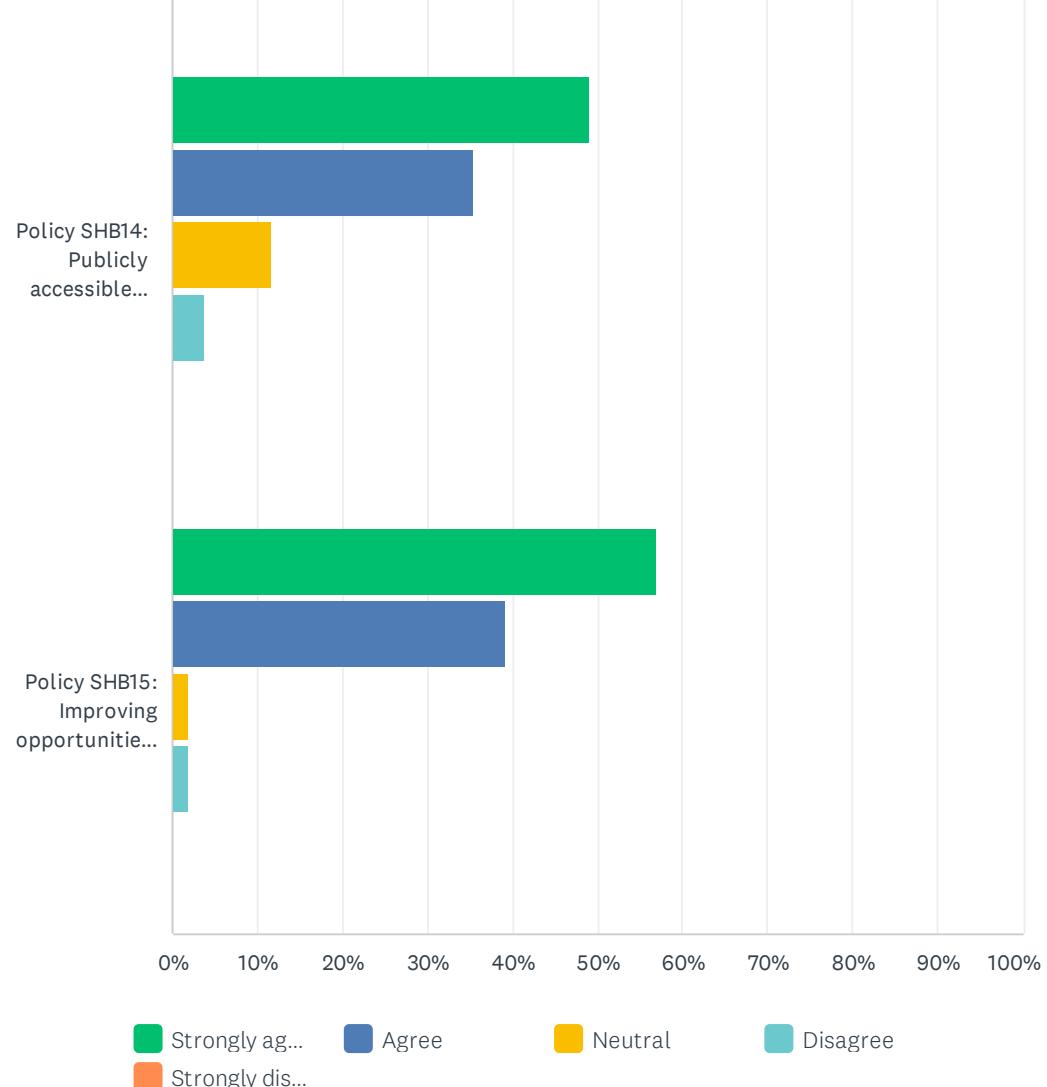
Q1 To what extent do you agree with the following policies?

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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
Policy SHB1: Location of development	45.28% 24	45.28% 24	7.55% 4	0.00% 0	1.89% 1	53
Policy SHB2: Meeting local housing needs	44.23% 23	44.23% 23	7.69% 4	3.85% 2	0.00% 0	52
Policy SHB3: Character and design of development	48.08% 25	40.38% 21	9.62% 5	1.92% 1	0.00% 0	52
Policy SHB4: Energy efficiency and design	44.23% 23	42.31% 22	11.54% 6	1.92% 1	0.00% 0	52
Policy SHB5: Conserving heritage assets	61.54% 32	26.92% 14	9.62% 5	1.92% 1	0.00% 0	52
Policy SHB6: Southborough High Street and other neighbourhood centres	52.83% 28	37.74% 20	3.77% 2	5.66% 3	0.00% 0	53
Policy SHB7: Supporting the cultural and creative economy	50.98% 26	31.37% 16	15.69% 8	1.96% 1	0.00% 0	51
Policy SHB8: Supporting flexible workspaces and opportunities for homeworking	50.98% 26	27.45% 14	17.65% 9	3.92% 2	0.00% 0	51
Policy SHB9: Landscape and biodiversity	57.69% 30	36.54% 19	1.92% 1	1.92% 1	1.92% 1	52
Policy SHB10: Local Green Spaces	71.15% 37	23.08% 12	3.85% 2	0.00% 0	1.92% 1	52
Policy SHB11: Locally significant views	61.54% 32	34.62% 18	3.85% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	52
Policy SHB12: Dark skies	56.86% 29	23.53% 12	17.65% 9	1.96% 1	0.00% 0	51
Policy SHB13: Improving walking, cycling and equestrian opportunities	38.46% 20	53.85% 28	5.77% 3	0.00% 0	1.92% 1	52
Policy SHB14: Publicly accessible off-road car parking	49.02% 25	35.29% 18	11.76% 6	3.92% 2	0.00% 0	51
Policy SHB15: Improving opportunities for community and cultural facilities, sport and recreation	56.86% 29	39.22% 20	1.96% 1	1.96% 1	0.00% 0	51

#	PLEASE ADD ANY COMMENTS YOU HAVE ON ANY OF THE POLICIES. PLEASE INDICATE WHICH POLICY YOU ARE COMMENTING ON BY QUOTING THE POLICY NUMBER.	DATE
1	SHB2 Justification – In para. 5.7 possibly highlight link/synergy between focus on 1-3 bedroom housing and the character areas CA3 and CA4 where existing urban grain/historical context potentially dictate this mix of sizes. SHB4 – Is there any way that a preference for rooftop solar to solar farms on agricultural land can be incorporated into justification or policy? SHB13 – Para 9.9 re TWBC Better Streets needs to be re-worded as the LTN aspects of the proposals have been withdrawn as not supported by the local communities. I think some improvements to pavements and lighting are still being considered but will not be Active Travel England funding. SHB13 – para 9.14. Concerned at apparent blanket support for upgrading footpaths to bridleways. Principle is fine and happy with horses, but upgrade would allow cyclists to use, potentially putting walkers at risk on shared space.	1/31/2025 6:07 PM
2	Please consider disabled accessibility and access to natural areas for those with special needs. All considerations to enhance biodiversity and promote the respectful use of natural areas is greatly appreciated.	1/31/2025 2:10 PM
3	As regards SHB6, SHB13, and SHB7 notably, though noted in SHB13 I believe, there needs to be a focus on improving disabled accessibility around Southborough, and particularly into businesses. Any new businesses, community spaces, or even 'pop-ups', should be required to have a minimum of accessibility standards met. This includes for those with physical disabilities (wheelchair users, vision impaired, etc.), or those who are neurodivergent for	1/31/2025 1:55 PM

example. More businesses offering a portable ramp, for instance, or a focus on levelling out pavements and level crossings when improvements are made.

4	I would like to ask if there any plans for children's play areas and facilities in the football field area? Many years ago there was an area of the field nearest the Yew Tree Road allotments side of the field but it was removed and never replaced. I am afraid there is so much to read that I just can't face wading through all 15 planning policies in detail.	1/31/2025 9:38 AM
5	SHB2 I would like to see many flats for older people with 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, to enable more people to stay in their own homes as they need increasingly intensive care, including an overnight carer. SHB3 I strongly support the design guide and the principles of SHB3. I would like more use of red bricks in future developments rather than brown and yellow ones in recent developments which do not go well with Southborough's historic buildings. SHB11 Please add as a significant view the view over the fields at the end of Vicarage Road, looking north east towards the oast house and the countryside beyond. This is part of a footpath: there is a stile into the field. SHB13 The aspirations are good but the reality is that cycling along the A26 is dangerous and unpleasant. I would also like to see something done about the ridiculous bottleneck caused by the railway bridge near High Brooms station. SHB14 Be very careful not to further damage the viability of the High Street by making it impossible for people to park there while popping to the shops.	1/30/2025 11:00 PM
6	SBH 2&3 - maintaining the character of the area whilst meeting the housing needs is an important part of retaining character and cohesiveness of the community. SHB 6 - ensuring that the retail units are occupied, relevant and attractive is important to meet the needs of the local community and to encourage growth and provide employment opportunities in the area. SHB8 - provision of flexible working spaces is an interesting idea to support modern working practices, though to be successful care will be needed in the design and provision of facilities (e.g coffee/tea shop. This should encourage "home workers" away from working in coffee shops. It should also be made attractive for working away from the house for mental health improvements by providing a division between working and home space. SHB13/14 - these are both important aspects to improve the area, but if implemented should not impede traffic flow on key routes through and into/out of town. Careful design is necessary.	1/30/2025 6:48 PM
7	It is really hard to go through all these policies with a fine tooth comb. The volunteers and paid staff putting this together have done a fabulous job and need the thanks of everyone in the town for their enthusiasm and efforts.	1/30/2025 5:56 PM
8	Policy SHB14. Publicly accessible off road car parking is essential, particularly the retention of public car parks (which I and many others would expect to include the existing 2 hour free parking to encourage visitors to use the local shops).	1/30/2025 5:00 PM
9	TEST	1/30/2025 9:57 AM
10	All Policies are supported	1/28/2025 7:09 PM
11	POLICY SHB6: Any development of the High Streets or retail areas should be supported by loading bays, or short term parking bays which do not affect traffic flow. There are too many narrow pinchpoints where a single parked vehicle can obstruct the road leading to long tailbacks whilst unloading. The same is true for bus stops which are located close to major junctions such as Yew Tree Road. POLICY SHB13: any efforts at improving public transport are overshadowed during school term times, forcing people to use private cars. Walking and cycling proposals are only sustainable during periods of good weather, and should not be developed at the expense of efficient public means of transport.	1/28/2025 6:55 PM
12	Well done so good to see all these documents in one place. Thank you.	1/28/2025 6:29 PM
13	SHB1 / SHB2 - rather than extra housing only being reliant on new buildings, the thought to maximise un-occupied spaces and restore areas (specifically on the High Street) for additional housing option sounds VERY sensible. Not only will this locate more people slap-bang in the centre of Southborough this can also only have a knock-on benefit to local on-doorstep shops and businesses. Possibly easier said than done, but without many other option available in regard to space, this is surely a good idea.	1/28/2025 2:41 PM
14	HOUSING My ambition is for our own to increase in size with new buildings in accord with government plans to increase housing considerably .I do not like the term affordable because we need a supply of homes to low earners and those on benefits. Its ludicrous to call affordable homes that a not provided at low rents giving secure accommodation to families and single people struggling to survive'. TO AIM FOR 50 OR 60% builds to be affordable is no good unless the homes are council homes or equal. This country needs to have government funded homes and this is the only way that this aim can be fulfilled. We have some area which which could describe as no go for building as the slightest planning application will be met head on by NIMBIES.wE NEED TO BE MORE GENEROUS. I live	1/28/2025 11:15 AM

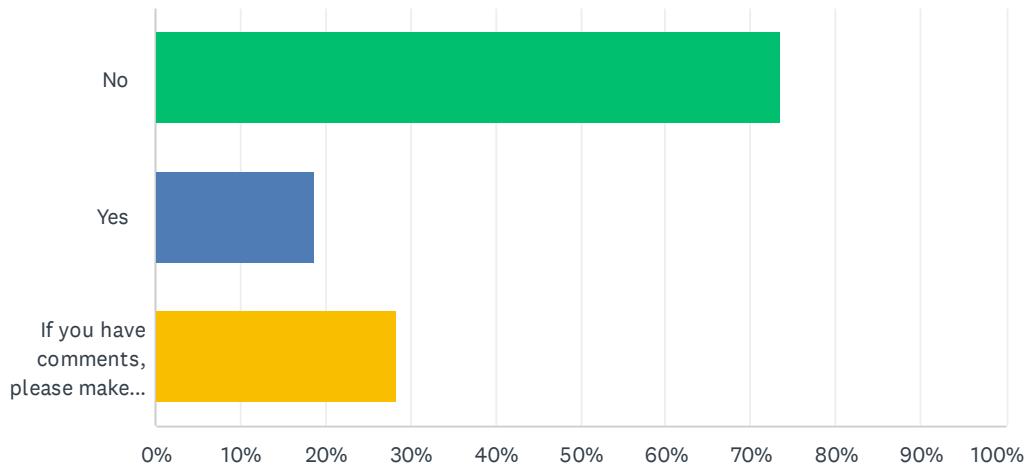
	in High Brooms and have had a huge storage unit build within 50 yds of my home blocking out any view that might have been seen from my window. No one asked and I wonder could the same thing have happened in Pennington Road or parts of TW Not likely.	
15	SHB13 Regarding cycling: Certain areas could be a danger to cyclists and motorists due to blind spots.	1/27/2025 2:35 PM
16	SHB15 The current extensive allotments are generally unkempt and underused. Possibly due to a cultural shift in an age where, in spite of promotion in certain sections of the media, the hard graft of maintaining a productive allotment appears not to be something which appeals to currents more physically active generations (generally younger people!). Maybe no need for more allotments until the current units are all being productively cultivated	1/27/2025 11:24 AM
17	There are plenty of brownfield sites that would be better suited to development. Building over ancient woodlands and areas of outstanding natural beauty would be a travesty.	1/24/2025 7:10 PM
18	SHB 15 There needs to be a development of interesting play areas for small children, and also areas for older children and teenagers : skate park, pump track, climbing facilities...	1/24/2025 5:15 PM
19	SHB1: Development of brown field sites preferred. Point 4.3 states TWBC Local Plan is looking to add 42 dwellings to SHB housing stock. The TWBC Brownfields Register lists around 83 potential units, nearly double the requirement. While perhaps not all will be developed, they should easily cover the requirement, particularly with the infill currently happening, eg Pound Cottage/Manor Fields, Weavers, West Park Avenue, Doric Avenue (just the ones I know about). Plenty of diversity there. SHB2: I'm surprised more sheltered housing is needed. Not all the current over-75s will need it, or want it in Southborough. McCarthy&Stone struggled to sell. Many more along St Johns Road. SHB3: If only... Brookfields is an excellent example of a design that's sympathetic to its environment. SHB13: I am not convinced the current infrastructure can support Pedestrian/cyclist-friendly solutions in the town centre. The A26 is a main through road and anything that would slow down traffic would hugely impact on pollution as well as the economy of neighbouring areas as well as the London Road businesses. Increasing the number of bridle ways by redesignating footpaths would make for some very muddy walking... horses will churn up the soil, that's understood, which makes walking very difficult. Even more so for anyone less fleet of foot, while you're also trying to increase access for the mobility challenged. Please consider the balance very carefully! Hedgerows, trees and soft verges are a lovely touch, but will need to be maintained. Public Transport: there should absolutely be a (mini?)bus between Southborough Town Centre and High Brooms Station, going on to Kingstanding (cinema etc) and the Hospital.	1/23/2025 6:16 PM
20	Generally I support, or at least understand the reasoning for, all the policies I have reviewed in the plan and only make two specific comments. SHB5 - I'm not sure why the Brickworks Freehouse should be considered a heritage asset. SHB11 - Understandably all the views listed are from a public access position. However, I am fortunate together with my near neighbours to enjoy a wonderful view looking eastwards across the valley between views 4 and 8b. Our view is distinct and differs somewhat from the other two. Whilst only occupiers of the dwellings currently enjoy the view, who is to say that access may change in the future? It would be a travesty for the potential view to be lost to future communities.	1/23/2025 3:39 PM
21	SHB6 - vital that policies and approach incentivises small enterprises to locate to the area to ensure the local neighbourhood areas support what the local population needs (in accordance with 20 minute neighbourhood principles). Southborough needs to be seen as a destination in its own right, rather than a road you drive through to access Tunbridge Wells neighbourhood areas (like St. Johns). SHB15 - Pennington Park presents a real opportunity to enhance opportunities for teenagers. The repurposing of the bowls green to be a mini golf does not seem to be the best use of the space. Perhaps a skate park/ramps would provide something more suitable for teenagers. Improving the informal football facilities would also be useful - the lack of means we see quite a few small groups of teenagers using the cricket green (and using the batting cage or the side of the pavilion, causing small amounts of damage and in contravention of the bye-laws).	1/23/2025 10:32 AM
22	It's a very strong NDP. We need the NDP to stop Southborough and High Brooms becoming a featureless dormitory suburb of Tunbridge Wells, specialising in homing old people.. All the policies are important but the critical ones are SHB6 and SHB7 which ensure the town has a thriving centre. It's a great place to live, but that is not enough, we need local jobs and local shops. In my view the next most important policies are SHB1 and SHB2. We need more housing, but it must be in keeping with the area in which it is build. By area I don't mean the whole town, I mean the 100-150 yards around the new residences. What is appropriate for the old town local brick houses is not appropriate for housing next to the common, and vice versa.	1/21/2025 2:33 PM
23	SHB1/2/3-Although abutting the study area the allocated residential site AL/RTW5 south of	1/20/2025 4:50 PM

Speldhurst Road/West of Reynolds Lane, Caenwood farm represents a threat of increased coalescence, should respond to and reflect the prevailing built and landscaping features of the nearest Character area namely Prospect Road CA3. Furthermore the increased traffic generated by the additional allocated housing will adversely affect current road and pedestrian safety along Speldhurst road already under considerable pressure being an overused 'rat run' by existing levels of cars, some travelling at excessive speed and heavy duty commercial vehicles as well as daily farm machinery. Prior to granting Planning Permission, S106 and S278 agreements should be entered into with the Developer and KCC to improve road safety introduce new vehicle speed reduction measures, dedicated resident parking bays and ensure site ingress/egress respects the existing TPO's along Speldhurst Road.

24	my primary interest is the building of homes particularly social housing the proposal as all proposals are based on what most people would like to see, but unlikely. As far as social homes are concerned they are badly needed but we need a desire to actually start building and unless there is a government funded housing programme to actually build social homes they are not going to happen. Annoyingly there are certain areas that one could describe as no go areas where any attempt to build will be quickly crushed. Unless these hoped for builds happen where will all the young people on lower wages live where will all the poor old live We live in a society where there are many people who will need cradle to grave care and someone has to foot the bill. I wonder who that will be perhaps the tax payers will rise to the occasion.	1/20/2025 12:18 PM
25	I think that the policies are extremely well thought out.	1/19/2025 4:33 PM
26	Alternative forms of transport must be considered in the planning of new estate homes - safe, dedicated, lit and with incentives, such as a shortcut.	1/19/2025 4:21 PM
27	Whilst I agree with all weather pitches at the Ridgewaye we should add flood lighting also. With regards "affordable Housings " there are many definitions what we should provide is "Social " housing. With regards the nighttime economy what is needed is actual policing that can be seen it is non existing currently. With regards the tennis courts at Pennington Park they should be free I strongly disagree with charging for this facility it becomes a non accessible facility for many.	1/18/2025 1:07 PM
28	Disagreed with the housing policy as I believe the number of houses will not keep up with the housing need in the area. Additionally I believe the focus should be on building only affordable and social housing.	1/18/2025 11:42 AM
29	I particularly like the vision for the neighbourhood plan. I strongly agree that any development should consider the boundaries between Southborough, Bidborough, TWells and High Brooms to prevent them becoming one large urban area. I like the idea of promoting walking neighbourhoods and also improving bus links with the stations and hospital I agree with the need for improved road safety through the introduction of new crossings. I think road safety would be improved if drain covers on roads could be kept level with the roads - I know this is Kent Highways issue	1/16/2025 5:18 PM
30	As a general comment, I strongly agree with the proposal to make speed limits 20mph. I regularly walk with my toddler and some roads do not feel particularly safe to cross. For example, on Yew Tree Road the cars come very fast and there isn't easy visibility. There are also a lot of parked cars. Alternatively, I would support the addition of more pedestrian crossings in order to be able to cross roads safely. I would also support any proposals to improve parks / recreational facilities for children.	1/15/2025 6:20 PM
31	SHB1 I agree with this as long as there is NO development of any sort that would mean clearing ancient woodland in Brokes wood. As far as I can see it is outside the area for development, but note that a lot of land parcels in Brokes Wood have been sold lately possibly to developers. SHB15 we definitely need something like a skate park or other area for teenagers (mainly boys) to congregate. Perhaps turn the little used bowls area in Pennington Rec into one. Run a youth club from the hub or liaise with Southborough FC re using their clubhouse. A Mens shed would also be beneficial, and could be located in same place as the youth club so men of all ages could tinker with engines etc together.	1/10/2025 4:33 PM
32	SHB11 Locally significant views - from Speldhurst Road looking to Rusthall is missing	12/14/2024 12:52 PM
33	Re Policy - SHB13, you are never going to get folks to walk within Southborough if they have a car. Cycle lanes are dangerous as they are normally within drainage systems. Perhaps some roads around Southborough should be 20 miles an hour	12/12/2024 1:06 PM

Q2 Do you have any comments on the Southborough and High Brooms Design Guidance and Codes (Appendix A of the Neighbourhood Development Plan) that have been prepared for the area?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 2



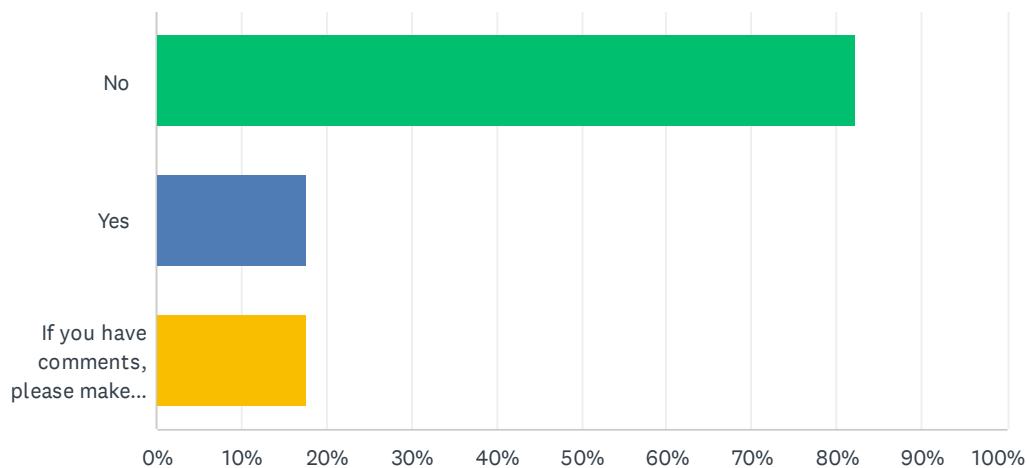
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
No		73.58%	39
Yes		18.87%	10
If you have comments, please make them here.		28.30%	15
Total Respondents: 53			

#	IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS, PLEASE MAKE THEM HERE.	DATE
1	This is a very detailed survey which really needed a longer time period for full consideration - would suggest it needs further consultation.	1/31/2025 6:17 PM
2	I support them.	1/30/2025 11:04 PM
3	SHB3 I strongly support the design guide and the principles of SHB3. I would like more use of red bricks in future developments rather than brown and yellow ones in recent developments which do not go well with Southborough's historic buildings.	1/30/2025 11:00 PM
4	I agree with the Design Guidance and Codes	1/30/2025 5:00 PM
5	TEST	1/30/2025 9:57 AM
6	Well managed consultation process involving local people and their ideas which should establish a clear path for the development of the area	1/29/2025 7:40 PM
7	Small number of minor spelling errors should be identified and corrected. e.g. POLICY SHB4: ENERGY "EFFICENCY" AND DESIGN	1/28/2025 6:55 PM
8	felt the community plan was well presented and welcome	1/28/2025 11:15 AM
9	The desire for gardens rather than hard-standing is fine in principle BUT many people seem to find it difficult to keep such spaces looking good - maybe guidance/a volunteer opportunity?!	1/27/2025 11:24 AM
10	This appendix, and B and C, are only accessible from the Home page (via the arrow), but are not available when going into the full pdf.	1/23/2025 6:16 PM
11	We have high density housing at present, but the infrastructure has not increased in the past 40 years. Same roads, energy, water etc.	1/21/2025 8:59 AM

12	See above Prospect Road Character area CA3 should inform the design of the AL/RTW5 build form	1/20/2025 4:50 PM
13	well done a very well written document.	1/20/2025 12:18 PM
14	Lots of very sensible comments in this document to protect the unique character of Southborough and High Brooms. The local planning office must uphold this when making decisions	1/16/2025 5:18 PM
15	Homes need space outside to dry washing	12/14/2024 12:52 PM

Q3 Do you have any comments on the Non Policy Actions (Chapter 13) that have been identified?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No	82.35% 42
Yes	17.65% 9
If you have comments, please make them here.	17.65% 9
Total Respondents: 51	

#	IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS, PLEASE MAKE THEM HERE.	DATE
1	Encouraging Active Travel to include mapping twittens (which may not be PROWs) and identifying potential "permissive paths" that could fill gaps in walking routes (with landowner permission)	1/31/2025 6:07 PM
2	Definite no to the all weather pitch on the Ridgwaye fields	1/31/2025 5:37 PM
3	I support them.	1/30/2025 11:04 PM
4	On the sections of encouraging active travel and road safety, careful consideration is needed in the plans to ensure that the existing congestion on roads during rush hour is not increased, or merely moved to a different location. Please consider the comments made on the "Better Streets of St. John's and St.James' " for useful comments and ideas.	1/30/2025 6:48 PM
5	I agree with the Non Policy Actions (Chapter 13) that have been identified.	1/30/2025 5:00 PM
6	Improved public transport services to High Brooms Station from Southborough.	1/24/2025 5:15 PM
7	Its a shame that these areas of concern cannot be included. But I can see a plan needs limitations in its scope to be viable. If every area of concern was included it would be to complex.	1/21/2025 2:33 PM
8	Very happy that these have been included in the document and hopefully many of them can be carried out. Lots of great ideas which would greatly enhance our neighbourhood.	1/16/2025 5:18 PM
9	Public footpaths need attention. Pavements need hedges outside buildings to be trimmed as can take up large parts of pavements, obstructing movement.	12/14/2024 12:52 PM

Q4 Is there anything else you wish to tell us about the Neighbourhood Plan?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 30

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I appreciate all the hard work and creative thinking which has gone into producing the policies and hope that many of them will come to fruition over the years. I feel very strongly about the importance of protecting local green spaces and significant views. I also really hope our High Street can be rescued from decay and that historic buildings are preserved and put to appropriate use. Much as I love Southborough, our current High Street fills me with dismay.	1/31/2025 9:43 PM
2	Just want to say the document is a great piece of work, well done to all involved	1/31/2025 5:37 PM
3	No thank you.	1/30/2025 11:04 PM
4	Well done for such a comprehensive piece of work. I attended the meetings in St Thomas' Church and the Civic Centre when this was in development and the recent exhibition in the Civic Centre, so I have some sense of how long this has gone on and what an undertaking it has been.	1/30/2025 11:00 PM
5	Parking - the town council must fight for its 2 hours of free parking in the Yew Tree Road Car park. This is vital to build up the vibrancy of the town and cohesion of our town community. Green spaces - we definitely need to do our bit as a town to plant more trees and encourage bio-diversity. Common - cricket pitch. We need to do our best to maintain our cricket presence in the town by supporting their activities and leasing out the ground for the pavilion for no more than a peppercorn rent. Roads - the town council needs to be an advocate for better road surfaces. Slay/fill the potholes! We need to do our best to support local businesses. They are our lifeblood as a community. We also need to make sure that we protect the identity of Southborough and High Brooms as a separate community that is distinct from but part of the wider Borough.	1/30/2025 5:56 PM
6	N/A	1/29/2025 7:40 PM
7	The production of the draft plan and the consultation process have been well managed. This document represents an excellent starting position that can be built upon and improved. The Southborough Society is keen to support the future stages of approval and implementation.	1/28/2025 7:09 PM
8	Well written by local people for local people and businesses	1/28/2025 6:55 PM
9	All seems well put-together and balanced - a very interesting read - the strength of Southborough are the people and the community and the amazing things both can achieve - support community events/culture/sport etc. to flourish and the rest will follow. Would have liked to see more about parking provisions for use of the sporting areas which is woefully inadequate at present and greatly affects local residents near these sites.	1/28/2025 2:41 PM
10	well done those who worked hard to present the plan in a coherent way	1/28/2025 11:15 AM
11	The preservation of green belt, AONB should be paramount.	1/27/2025 9:53 AM
12	Extensive bus service needed between Southborough and High Brooms station	1/24/2025 5:15 PM
13	Just my congratulations to the team for all the hard work and research that has gone into this report. Good luck with implementing all those wishes!	1/23/2025 6:16 PM
14	No	1/23/2025 3:39 PM
15	I would like to thank all the people who contributed to it.	1/21/2025 2:33 PM
16	N/A	1/21/2025 8:59 AM
17	Its been a massive piece of work and very interesting to read.	1/20/2025 12:18 PM
18	Thank you for listening. This is an excellent, comprehensive document	1/16/2025 5:18 PM
19	Please see above.	1/15/2025 6:20 PM
20	The main thing is that the proposals are actually carried out, and not referred for later planning, which might never be achieved	1/14/2025 4:02 PM

21	Seems too good to be true, & as long as TWBC or KCC can't override! More thought needs to be given, especially in High Brooms, where there is more terraced & houses with no off road parking nearby, to the provision of EV charging.	1/10/2025 4:33 PM
22	Hi, I can't understand what you are referring to when you talk about the bounds oak way bridleway in potential walking improvements. There is no reference to improving traffic flow along A26 in Southborough. I believe this could be achieved with a few changes to turning off the A26 near Yew tree road. (For example introducing no right turns)	1/5/2025 12:57 PM
23	Please make sure that we don't have to live around broken dilapidated buildings for so long. The NatWest bank and Chinese have been boarded up for such a long time now.	12/18/2024 8:52 AM
24	Section 106 payments should be spent in this area, not elsewhere.	12/14/2024 12:52 PM
25	You need to look at the problem of access to High Brooms Industrial estate. For too many years the access via North Farm Road and Dowding Way via the low bridge is a joke. There needs to be a brave decision to either make this one-way or get Railtrack to make the bridge wider for two way traffic. alternatively folks will have to use the A21 for access to and from the estate.	12/12/2024 1:06 PM

