

## Second Questionnaire.

### Results and Analysis.

**The judges' votes are in, the people have spoken!**

**200 Questionnaires sent out.            103 forms returned.            Return rate 52%**

**Spoilt/defaced/apparently fraudulent forms returned = Nil.**

A huge “thank you” to everyone who took part. It was apparent that many people put a lot of thought into their responses. We have an involved, concerned and participative local community.

#### **Statistical analysis – methodology.**

In this document we present the results of the survey, comment on the returns and also collate and comment on the written comments which people added – either in answer to specific questions or in the free text boxes – such as the “Good Life” aspects and “Gripes” section.

This is a small size survey so weight cannot reliably be placed on very low individual scores - a difference of half a dozen scores one way or the other for example will not be of much statistical or practical significance – that could after all just be one large family voting and some people may have ticked a wrong box in error. The data in red in the boxes overleaf show the actual numerical returns. We comment on the scores on the basis of percentages which are more meaningful but minor differences in percentages cannot carry much weight.

So we are looking for clear expressions of opinion – big percentages which are indisputable in capturing public preference. Where there is a large majority in one direction we can further test where the balance lies within that preference - is for example, the balance towards strong support rather than just moderate support. In this way we can gauge the strength of feeling on issues.

We have also collated comments made below each question and comments made in the free text sections. The later comments were numerically too small to meaningfully express as percentages but nonetheless capture a broad range of opinions in the Parish.

In calculating percentages, data is rounded to the nearest significant figure which helps reduce spurious accuracy.

Note. Some respondents chose not to answer some questions so sub totals do not always add up to 103.

**Section 1. Personal descriptive section.**

Number returned anonymously.

Total returned anonymously

**16**

**Comments.**

**16 % of respondents chose to remain anonymous.**

Totals for how many gave their dates of birth in each age grouping. (3 declined age details).

18 to 29

**1**

30 to 45

**3**

46 to 64

**39**

65 to 84

**53**

85 +

**4**

**Comments.**

**38 % of respondents were in the age group 46 to 64 years of age.**

**51% were in the age group 65 to 84.**

**The results therefore primarily reflect the views of people aged 46 and over – we simply do not have enough people in the parish or responding who are aged between the ages of 18 and 45 to gauge their views in distinction from everyone else. Questionnaires of this sort must however reflect the demographics as they are, rather than how they might be if the Parish had a more balanced age profile.**

**Demographic questions continued.**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Do you live here permanently?	<b>Total 94</b>	<b>Total 8</b>
If not a full-time resident are you here for more than 3 months of the year?	<b>Total 10</b>	<b>Total 2</b>
If not a full-time resident, do you intend to move to full-time residency here in the next five years?	<b>Total 2</b>	<b>Total 8</b>
Do you own your home here?	<b>Total 91</b>	<b>Total 6</b>
Do you rent your home here?	<b>Total 4</b>	<b>Total 35</b>
Does another member of your family or household own this home?	<b>Total 26</b>	<b>Total 30</b>
Are you in paid employment?	<b>Total 27</b>	<b>Total 58</b>
Are you fully retired from paid employment?	<b>Total 64</b>	<b>Total 21</b>
Will any family members be likely to want a home in The Parish in the next 5 to 10 years?	<b>Total 10</b>	<b>Total 73</b>

**Comment.**

**91% of respondents live here permanently. We cross checked this by asking “if not full time resident do you live here more than 3 months of the year” and only 10% said yes to that.**

**So our response base is overwhelmingly the views of those who live here permanently – there is no evidence that second home owners have an undue influence on the opinions expressed. Views of second home owners are of course important and valid but this survey has without question primarily captured the views of our full time residents.**

**88% of respondents own their own home here. Our rental sector is tiny – 4%**

**62% of people are fully retired from paid employment.**

**Looking to the future, only 10% of people think that a family member is likely to want a home in the Parish in the next 5 to 10 years. This may reflect the age profile of our respondents.**

## Section 2. Setting the scene – Sustainable Development for our Neighbourhood.

**Q2.1** The Localism Act was introduced in November 2011. The aim of the Act was to devolve more decision making powers from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils. **We would like to gauge whether or not you agree with that aim.**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral / no opinion	Agree	Strongly agree
<b>How far do you agree with that aim of the Act?</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>37</b>

**Comment on these scores – is this a popular Government policy?**

**90% of people agree or strongly agree with the aim of devolving decision making down from central government.**

**Within that very large majority, the balance is more on the side of *agreeing* rather than *strongly agreeing* – there are some cautions and caveats mentioned.**

**Q2.2** How important is it to you that the views of people living in St Sampson Parish are taken account of when planning decisions which affect life here are made by planning authorities?

	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral / no opinion	Important	Very important
<b>How important that local views are taken account of?</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>65</b>

**Comment on these scores – should the planners listen to people living in the Parish ?**

**94% of people think it is important or very important that planning decisions take account of local views.**

**Within that very substantial majority the balance is heavily towards *very important* rather than just *important*.**

**Planning Authorities please take note!**

## Collation of written comments made in response to Questions 2.1 and 2.2.

The following comments were added in response to these two questions. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Localism is beneficial and vital

Local opinions must be heard

Our local NDP will feed into the Cornwall Council Local Plan

Too much Nimbyism

Criticism that Parish Council has been over-ruled by County Planners

Parish Councillors must be informed, skilled and engage with all the community (x6)

Hostility to doorstep petitions

Decision makers must be skilled – Cornwall Council incompetent

Act does not deal with energy and transport

Act unusable and may be scrapped

Community consensus rather than just Parish Councillors should make decisions (x4)

Government is saving money by cutting Cornwall Council budget

Localism could be intrusive

Scepticism about idea of a NDP

### Q2.3 Would you like to see more new **housing** development in St Sampson Parish

	Strongly oppose more housing	Moderately oppose more housing	Neutral / no opinion	Moderately support more housing	Yes, strongly support more housing
<b>Are you for or against more housing in the Parish?</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9</b>

### Comment on these scores – are people for or against more housing?

**59% of people moderately or strongly support more new housing.**

**Within that majority, the balance is heavily towards *moderate support* rather than *strong support*.**

**31% of people oppose or strongly oppose more houses and the balance within that grouping is towards *moderate opposition* rather than *strong opposition*.**

### Collation of written comments made in response to Question 2.3

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Need for a balanced demographic, a mix of development and affordable homes for young people(x7)

Housing development should be based on verified need

Development should be small scale infill and blend in (x5)

No building work in this A.O.N.B

No more holiday homes

No large developments

Low Cost Housing is away round planning rules to benefit wealthy land owners

Leave the village alone as a retirement and holiday village

Transport and infrastructure problems if more houses are built

Criticism of decision not to allow development on “Harry’s Field”

More homes would push down house prices

Parish should do its bit to meet national need for housing

#### Q 2.4 Would you like to see more **commercial** development in St Sampson Parish?

	Strongly oppose more commercial development	Moderately oppose more commercial development	Neutral / no opinion	Moderately support more commercial development	Yes, strongly support more commercial development
<b>Are you for or against more commercial development in the Parish?</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6</b>

#### Comment on these scores – are people for or against more commercial development?

**56% of people moderately or strongly support more commercial development. Within that majority, the balance is heavily towards moderate support rather than strong support.**

**28% of people oppose or strongly oppose more commercial development. Even balance between oppose and strongly oppose.**

**15% of people were neutral on this.**

## Collation of written comments made in response to Question 2.4

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Commerce (including home businesses) should be encouraged to keep the Parish vibrant (x9)

Infrastructure and parking problems - passing places, emergency vehicle access. (x10)

Noise worries.

Use redundant farm buildings.

**Q2.5** The Government view is that there is a **clear presumption in favour of sustainable development**. How important is it to you that such development is **sympathetic to the character and size** of St Sampson Parish?

	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral / no opinion	Important	Very important
<b>How important is it that development is sympathetic to the size and character of the Parish?</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>68</b>

**Comment on these scores – is there concern about the local suitability of development?**

Character is subjective, it is in the eye of the beholder so everyone may have different views on what the characteristics of the Parish are but a very large majority agree that development should be sympathetic to what we have. 90% of people think it is *important* or *very important* that development is sympathetic to the size and character of the Parish.

Within that large majority the balance of opinion is heavily towards *very important*.

Size matters – it was a recurring theme in free text comments. We go into detail about maintaining the character of the Parish at Question 4.3 below.

## Collation of written comments made in response to Question 2.5

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order.

We are custodians for future generations

Development must be low impact and sustainable.

No change please

Character of village is subjective

Village has no character

Overhead wires spoil the character of the village

### 3. The economic role of planning.

**Q3. 1** If there was a proposal to **open small businesses** in the village how much would you support or oppose them?

	Strongly oppose	Moderately oppose	Neutral / no opinion	In favour	Strongly in favour
Café	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>23</b>
General shop	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34</b>
Farm / community shop	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>
River-based activities business	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24</b>
Provision of land for growing fruit and vegetables	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>
Arts and crafts shop	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>
Other comments on small businesses					

**Comment on these scores – what commercial development would be welcomed?**

**76% of people are in favour of or strongly in favour of a cafe.**

**77% are in favour of or strongly in favour of a general shop.**

**78% are in favour of or strongly in favour of a farm/community shop.**

**61% are in favour of or strongly in favour of river based activities business.**

**63% are in favour of or strongly in favour of provision of land for growing fruit and vegetables.**

**50% are in favour of or strongly in favour of an arts and crafts shop.**

### Collation of written comments made in response to Question 3.1

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

- Businesses must blend in with village character
- A café would harm the pub
- Traffic parking and noise problems (x6)
- Risk of naff shops and too much signage
- Internet shops would give local employment with a shop front
- River activity must fit with A.O.N.B
- Marine business sorely missed
- Make more use of Village Hall
- Shop would not be viable (x5)
- Fruit and veg growing area not needed
- Community orchard needed
- No heavy industry

**Q3. 2** Employment opportunities in our Parish are currently limited. How important is it that we create or encourage jobs within the Parish?

	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral / no opinion	Important	Very important
<b>How important is it that we create or encourage local employment</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>

**Comment on these scores – do we need more employment opportunities?**

**57% of people think it is important or very important that we create or encourage local employment. Within that majority the balance of opinion was towards *important* rather than *very important*.**

**23% of people were neutral on this.**

**This perhaps not an overwhelming endorsement for jobs but as mentioned in the demographics section, 62% of our respondents are retired so employment may be less of a concern to them and given our age profile offspring may already be in employment.**

## Collation of written comments made in response to Question 3.2

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Local employment attracts young people

This is a retirement village - realistically not likely to encourage jobs (x4)

Lots of trades already

High cost of housing is a block to local jobs

**Q3. 3** How do you rate the existing **infrastructure** in St Sampson Parish for meeting current needs and likely needs over the next 15 years?

	Very inadequate	Inadequate	neutral / no opinion	Adequate	More than adequate
Access road down from main road ( B3269)	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7</b>
Roads in Golant village area	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>
Parking provision in Golant for residents	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
Parking provision in Golant for visitors	<b>6</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>
Communications/connectivity/internet	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>
Mobile phone signal/wifi	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
Alternative transport options - public footways/cycle paths/bridleways/water taxi	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>
Bus/train/road/taxi links	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
Water dispersal/sewerage facilities	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>
Other comments on infrastructure .					

## Comment on these scores – what do we think of our infrastructure?

There is a wide range of views on the adequacy of the infrastructure in the Parish to meet current and future needs. There is generally not much scoring at the extremes with some frequent scoring for *neutral/no opinion*.

Most criticism is directed at the mobile phone signal – 75% thought it inadequate or very inadequate.

52% think that parking provision for residents was inadequate or very inadequate. Parking problems also come up later in the free text sections and under “Gripes” towards the end.

Most people are reasonably content with the roads down to and in the village.

64% think the access road down from the B3269 was adequate or more than adequate.

62% of people think the roads in the village were adequate or more than adequate.

54% of people think that bus/train/road/taxi links were inadequate or very inadequate.

## Collation of written comments made in response to Question 3.3

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Community bus needed

Open train line for passengers

Traffic calming needed at Castledore

Water taxi needed (x4)

Water taxi Unrealistic

Tatty carpark and bins

Council should adopt Gumm’s Lane

Sewage smell

Poor mobile phone signal

Pub should be a community asset

Lane sides need to be cut and maintained

Larger post box opening required

Footpaths and cycle paths need improvement.

Footpaths need improvement

Improve boat launching facilities

2 car residents and visitors should pay

## Section 4. A social role for planning.

**Q 4.1** If housing development were to take place, in which of the following locations should it be?

	Strongly unsupportive	Unsupportive	Neutral / no opinion	Supportive	Strongly supportive
Redevelopment / enlargement of housing stock in existing Golant Village area	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>
Infilling development in existing Golant Village area/Brown field sites	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>
Greenfield sites in extension of Golant Village area	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>
Greenfield sites at the “top of the Village” – Torfrey area and up to the main road (B3269)	<b>20</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>
Greenfield sites in wider Parish	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>

**Comment on these scores – where should any more houses go?**

There is a wide spread of opinion on where if anywhere new houses should go with significant numbers neutral on the issues.

There were however some areas of consensus. 51% of people were supportive or strongly supportive of infilling development in the existing Golant village area/brown field sites.

49% of people were unsupportive or strongly unsupportive of housing development in greenfield sites in extension of Golant village area - so there is some opposition to the village creeping outwards. This was somewhat balanced by 40 % of people who were supportive or strongly supportive of this type of development – not many of those were strong supporters however.

54% were unsupportive or very unsupportive of development in greenfield sites at the top of the village in the Torfrey area. On the other side of the fence, 35% were supportive or strongly supportive but with not many strong supporters.

Tellingly, 43% of people were unsupportive or very unsupportive of development in greenfield sites in the wider parish. We had quite few people neutral on the issue and only 30% were supportive or strongly supportive.

So in overall conclusion here, parishioners generally like our greenfields to remain green.

Despite the wide spread of opinion and more than a few neutral scores, these are important findings because if large numbers of new house were to built in the Parish, the only viable place for them to be built would be away from the steep slopes of Golant village up on the expanses of flatter land leading up to the western boundary of the parish at Castledore. The results show that there is some community support for infilling development in the existing Golant village area/brownfield sites (which implies a limited number of houses) but a majority position of community opposition to house building on any of the greenfield sites.

## Collation of written comments made in response to Question 4.1

The following comments were added in response to this question.

A.O.N.B. should prevent development

Opposition to large developments

**Q4.2** If **commercial** development were to take place, in which of the following locations should it be?

	Strongly unsupportive	Unsupportive	Neutral / no opinion	Supportive	Strongly supportive
In the existing Golant village area	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>
In the wider Parish	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>

**Comment on these scores – where should we have more commercial development?**

**Commercial development would be more welcomed in the wider parish than in the existing Golant village area - 51% supportive or strongly supportive of commercial development in the wider parish. Significant numbers neutral on this issue.**

## Collation of written comments made in response to Question 4.2

The following comments were added in response to this question.

Depends what commercial development and where

Support for shop and boat related commercial development but not other development

Infrastructure problems

**Q4. 3 What constraints should be placed on new building or re-development of existing buildings?**

	Should not be a constraint	neutral / no opinion	Important constraint
Ridge heights consistent with surrounding buildings	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>84</b>
Low rise only	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>
In keeping with character of Village	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>77</b>
Not reduce existing views of neighbours or block light	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>80</b>
A <b>change of use</b> which needs Planning Permission must provide sustainable benefits for the neighbourhood	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>66</b>
Other comments on constraints			

**Comment on these scores – what should planners be taking note of?**

Some significant numbers of people were neutral regarding planning constraints but there were some large majorities.

**82% of people think that ridge heights on new builds or re-development should be consistent with surrounding buildings.**

There were balanced views for and against low rise only being a constraint.

**75% of people think that new build or re-development should be in keeping with the character of the village. The character of the village is hard to define but it is easier to define what would be out of character – a new branch of MacDonalds or Burger King down at the Pill for example would presumably be easily identifiable as being out of character.**

**No one owns the view from their house- the legal viewpoint on that is crystal clear. That is not to say however that the view from a property is an irrelevance - clearly the opposite is the case because those putting up a new build or re-developing can be relied upon to ensure that there is the best possible view from their resulting property and those who have enjoyed a view for years are likely to be understandably aggrieved if a new build or re-development alters their view or light adversely. This can impact on property values as well as perceived quality of life so it is not surprising that it is a matter of concern. 78% of people think that new builds or development should not reduce existing views of neighbours or block light. Planning Authorities please take note!**

**Some changes of use do not require planning permission but where permission is required, 64% of people think that such a change must provide sustainable benefit for the neighbourhood - as opposed to just benefitting the applicant.**

### Collation of written comments made in response to Question 4.3

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Parking

In keeping with character does not mean boring and traditional (x6)

Each development should be judged on its merits

No right to aview

Unfeasible to have constraints (x4)

Character is already lost (x4)

Off road parking is a must for new developments

#### Q4. 4 What do you think about the current mix of the housing stock in the Parish?

	Not enough	Just right	Too many
Large houses	<b>0</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>11</b>
Small houses	<b>25</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1</b>
Affordable housing	<b>66</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>
Social housing	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>
Housing for rent	<b>22</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> homes / holiday lets	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>71</b>
B&Bs	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3</b>
Houses for elderly/supported people	<b>50</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>

Comment on these scores –what do we think of the mix of housing stock?

**Most of the big numbers here are in the “just right” column but there are some strong opinions expressed.**

**64% of people think there is not enough affordable housing.**

**69% think that we have too many second homes.**

**49% think that there is not enough housing provision for elderly or supported people.**

No written comments for in response to Question 4.4

**Q4. 5 How important is it to you that we value and maintain the following Parish/Village assets or amenities for the benefit of all?**

	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral / no opinion	Important	Very important
Golant Village Green	2	0	0	17	81
The Village Hall	2	0	0	17	81
The Playground	4	2	4	23	65
Free access to the Pill/river/slipways/quay	2	0	3	22	71
St Sampson's Parish Church	3	1	11	19	66
Public car park	2	1	5	23	68
Reserved parking for residents	2	1	5	22	67
Public toilet	4	0	1	26	70
The Downs	3	0	2	30	65
The Saints' Way and other public footways	2	0	4	32	58
Other comments on assets					

**Comment on these scores –what are our favourite assets?**

The Parish assets which we listed in the Questionnaire all received strong endorsement with most respondents rating them as *very important* rather than just *important*.

95% of people think the Village Green and the Village Hall are important or very important.

85% of people think the Playground is important or very important.

90% think that free access to the Pill/river/slipways/quay is important or very important – so visiting grandchildren must be factor.

83% think that St Sampson Church is important or very important.

88% think that the public car park is important or very important.

86% think that reserved parking for residents is important or very important.

93% think that the public toilet is important or very important.

92% think that the Downs are important or very important.

87% think that the Saints Way and other public footways are important or very important.

## Collation of written comments made in response to Question 4.5

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order.

Charge for access to river

Access to river should be free for residents

Pub should be regarded as a community asset

Playground is only used by visiting kids

Car park should be free

Keep the public toilet open

Curtail visitor parking on the street

### Q4.6. How do you rate the facilities, land and building utilisation in the Parish for the following groups of residents and visitors?

	Not enough provision	Just right	More than enough
Children	<b>12</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3</b>
Young people (teenage to young adults)	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2</b>
Older people	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>5</b>
Less able bodied/visually impaired/ poor health	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>
Other comments on those with particular needs.			

### Comment on these scores - do facilities, land and building utilisation meet needs of different groups?

Many of the scores here are in the "Just right" column but around 41 % of people think that more should be done for teenagers and young adults and also the less able bodied , those who are visually impaired and those in poor health.

## Collation of written comments made in response to Question 4.6

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Need disabled access to Village Hall

Hills make it difficult for less able (x4)

Provide dog poop bags on Village Green

Youth Club is needed

Neighbourly tradition is a good thing to encourage

Transport such as a bus is vital

No money is available for improvements

Footpaths are underused

### Section 5 - An environmental role for planning.

**Q. 5.1 How important is it to you that we protect our environment or reduce our carbon footprint in the following ways?**

	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral / no opinion	Important	Very important
Support small scale solar panels on/near new buildings and re-developments	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>17</b>
Support large array solar panel “farms” on suitable fields	<b>48</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Support small scale private wind turbines on suitable land/buildings	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>
Support large array wind “farms” on suitable fields	<b>65</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Form a Community Energy Project	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>
Developments should demonstrate how their design/ construction/ operation will minimize fossil fuel use and natural resources	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26</b>
Create environmental management plan for The Downs	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>21</b>

Comment on these scores – views on protecting the environment and reducing carbon footprint.

67% of people think that small scale solar panels on or near buildings are important or very important.

The position was reversed on the question of large array solar panels, 67% of people think it is unimportant or very unimportant to support them.

54 % think that it is unimportant or very unimportant to support small scale private wind turbines. 78% were similarly opposed to large array wind farms. The Parish is thus only marginally against small turbines on private land or buildings but substantially opposed to large wind farms in the area.

Fairly balanced or neutral position on forming a Community Energy Project.

67% support the idea that developments should minimize fossil fuel and natural resource use.

71% were in favour of having an environmental management plan for the Downs.

### **Collation of written comments made in response to Question 5.1**

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Everyone should turn down heating and lights

Harness natural resource – tidal energy

Water quality poor

Rubbish collection issues

Need a management plan for the Downs

Opposition to wind turbines (x4)

Benefit of renewable energy

Create collection point for on-line deliveries

A.O.N.B.

Renewable energy should be self- sustaining

Solar panels on buildings must be out of sight

Leave the Downs alone apart from the paths and benches

**Q 5.2 Are existing environmental management controls adequate to protect our natural and built environment?**

	Relax or loosen existing controls	Just right – keep as they are	More needs to be done/ improve/tighten controls
Abandoned/dilapidated boats/wrecks	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>
Recycling/ refuge collection /litter	<b>0</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>27</b>
Road speed limits	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>27</b>
River speed limits	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>21</b>
Semi derelict/ dilapidated buildings	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>39</b>

**Comment on these scores regarding environmental management controls.**

Existing environmental management controls were generally scored in the “just right” column.

73% of people would like more to be done regarding abandoned /dilapidated boats/ wrecks .

38% would like semi derelict/dilapidated buildings to be improved.

**Collation of written comments made in response to Question 5.2**

The following comments were added in response to this question. No particular order – where four or more similar comments were made this is indicated in brackets.

Make it easier to do up derelict buildings

Less cats

Restrict road speed coming into village from Castledore

Enforce speed limits on roads and river

Land owners should manage their land

Too much street furniture

River pollution

Farm waste/pollution

## Section 6. What makes St Sampson Parish special?

**Q6.1 What are the best things about living in St Sampson Parish?** For example you might like...”living near the river”, the “wildlife”, “our community organisations”, “ peace and tranquility” etc.

Scores for the number or mentions for a particular good point about living in the Parish.

*The Good Life.*

*Totals*

A.O.N.B.	2
Boats, canoes, kayaking and and river use	27
Clean village	1
Good access to the rest of Cornwall	2
Great community	73
Lack of through traffic	4
Landscape and walks	38
Local activities and events	20
Local amenities	6
Lovely Dogs	1
Low crime rate	10
Mild climate	1
Nature	3
Near to train station at Par	2
Nice neighbours	22
Not many street lights	1
Peace and tranquility	62
Playground	1
Pride and ownership	2
River views	66
Rowing Club	5
Rural setting – non urbanisation	25
St Sampson’s Church	9
The Fisherman’s Arms Pub	32
The Golant Pill	2
Village Hall	2
Wildlife	18

**Comment on these scores – best things about living in St Sampson Parish.**

**We will do some more analysis of the results in phase two.**

**The stand out “Good bits” are:-**

**Great Community;**

**Peace and Tranquility;**

**River views;**

**each being mentioned by 60% or more of respondents.**

**Q6.2 What are the worst things about living in St Sampson Parish?** If there are any things you really do not like about life here please list them - no need to rank them. No need to list trivial matters but if it is important to you it may be important to others also.

Scores for the number or mentions for a particular dislike about living in the Parish.

*Totals*

Assets not listed/defined under Local Government rules	1
Blatant flouting of planning regulations	2
Bonfires	1
Building work	1
Cows crossing road – muddy and dangerous	1
Development blocking existing view/light	1
Difficulty in launching boats	1
Dog poo	16
Don't own the foreshore	1
Elderly population and unrepresentative of real world demographics	5
Jimmy Marine – noise, dust, traffic smell	1
Lack of facilities for old people	1
Lack of footpath to Fowey at shore level	3
Lack of public engagement with Parish Council	1
Lack of public transport	19
Lack of toilets	1
Lack of Welcoming signs	1
Lack of young families and young ladies	6
Light pollution and poor street lights	3
Mains water quality	1
Motorists/visitors who can't drive properly	3
Narrow roads and steep hills	6
Nimbyism	2
No cafe	5
No library	1
No night club/ facilities for young adults	2
Opposition to affordable homes	2
Parish Council not engaging with parishioners	1
Parishioners who don't take part in village life	1
Politics and petty rivalries	1
Pollution of Pill after heavy rain	1
Poor IT	1
Poor phone signals	8
Poor road verges on Water Lane	5
Remoteness of our outlying homes	1
Road conditions on– Water lane	2
Scruffy village and litter	8
Second homes and holiday lets – too many	6
Thoughtless parking/lack of parking/parking problems	21
Too far from a shop	1
Traffic too fast	9
Wasting money on white lines in car park	1
Winter road access, lack of road salt	1

**Comment on these scores – worst things about living in the Parish.**

**The gripes are much more thinly spread than the “Good bits”.**

**The stand out dislikes were:-**

**Dog Poo;**

**Lack of public transport;**

**Parking problems;**

**all were mentioned as a *dislike* by between 16% and 20% of respondents.**

**Q6.3 Other issues.** Please tell us about any concerns **related to Planning and Development** not covered elsewhere in the Questionnaire here which are important to you.

**Comments from the “Other issues “ box. Due to small numbers these are not numerically scored but will be read alongside the scored data to capture any recurring themes.**

Access roads must be a priority
Affordable housing should be in areas opened up by A30 widening and A303 improvements, not in a small transport dependent village
Affordable Housing – lack of it restricts the social mix in the community
Café – we need a cafe
Development should be small scale and for permanent residents only
Development – hostility to infilling development to squeeze in more houses
Development - hostility to any development
Development - Need to retain a balanced demographic
Development – don’t let developers spoil the village or Parish
Development - flouting of planning regulations
Development - preserve Golant as a retreat/ refresher from urban lifestyles elsewhere.
NDP work - thank you for doing this questionnaire and NDP work
NDP Questionnaire should not need a cash prize bribe to get replies
NDP work – our efforts will be ignored
Nimbies - Criticism of Nimbies in the Parish
Parking is a priority
Parish Councilors important /valued
Parish Council needs teeth, should not be self- selecting and should work with other communities
Pub is very important to the community
Railway – re-open it for passenger trains
Small scale and size of this Parish very important fact
Storage for kayaks
Toilet – keep public toilet open all year
Village shop required