

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY



You may have heard of the plans to build thousands of homes around Baldock. We have a chance to influence what happens.

Complete the survey online at:  
[www.bbplan.co.uk](http://www.bbplan.co.uk)  
 by 14th February 2018

**YOUR OPINION COUNTS!**

Or fill in and return the survey on pages 3 and 4 of this section to one of our collection points: • Baldock Community Centre • WH Smith, Whitehorse Street • Clothall Common Food & Wine • Weston Way Post Office • Bygrave Church • Clothall Church

The survey is open to anyone living or working in Baldock and the parishes of Bygrave and Clothall. Each person in a household can respond. Extra copies of the form can be downloaded from [www.bbplan.co.uk](http://www.bbplan.co.uk), or scan the QR code.



Baldock could almost double in size over the next 20 to 30 years, if plans put forward by our local councils get approved. We'll know for sure some time in 2018, when the outcome of the examination into North Hertfordshire's Local Plan is made public.

To get the best outcome for Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall if it goes ahead, we are producing a neighbourhood plan.

A neighbourhood plan can't stop the developments happening. But it can influence how it takes place, and protect the things that local people value most about the town.

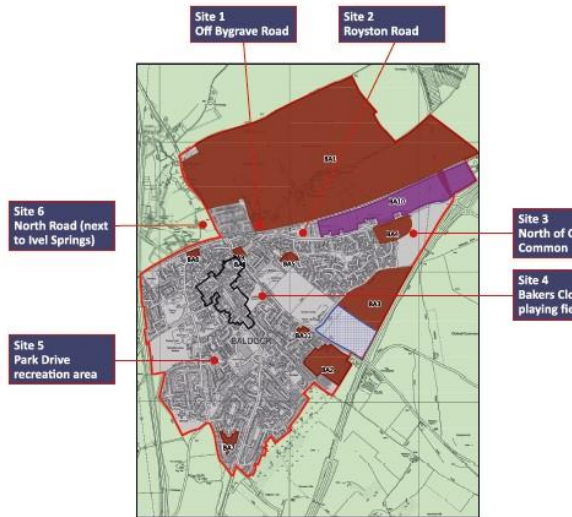
To help produce the plan we need to know what you think about some important issues. The survey is short so it's easy to complete, but there is space at the end to add any extra comments.

The neighbourhood plan will cover the whole of Baldock, as well as Bygrave and Clothall parishes (as some of the new development would be in these areas).

Once complete, the neighbourhood plan will have force in law as something the district council need to consider when deciding any planning applications.

The neighbourhood plan is being produced by a small number of volunteers drawn from community organisations in Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall, support by a wider group of local residents and business representatives. We are independent of the district and county councils. Further information is available on our website [www.bbplan.co.uk](http://www.bbplan.co.uk), where you can also find out more about what the plan can and can't influence. If you like to join the group or think you could help with the plan please email us at [info@bbplan.co.uk](mailto:info@bbplan.co.uk)

The map shows the location of sites that are mentioned in the questionnaire. The areas shaded brown or purple are the areas being proposed for development in North Hertfordshire's local plan (brown is residential, purple is employment, purple grid is open space).



## Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY

Please could you respond to this survey online at [www.bbplan.co.uk](http://www.bbplan.co.uk), or else tear off and return this form to one of the collection points listed on the front page. Please reply by 14th February 2018.

### How should Baldock grow?

The neighbourhood plan can help ensure new developments have the right facilities and feel part of Baldock. To do this, we need to know what you think about the way the town should grow.

Q1 If Baldock's expansion goes ahead, how important do you think each of the following things will be?

please tick one box for each issue	Very important	Important	Not important
Good footpath, cycle and road connections between existing parts of the town and the new developments			
New homes and facilities that meet the needs of people already living and working in Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall			
Keeping a gap between Baldock and Bygrave, so that Bygrave stays a separate village with its own rural character			
Ensuring historic features like hedges and Bygrave Road are kept as part of the new development			
Designing the new buildings and streets to reflect Baldock's existing character			

### Housing

To help make sure the new developments provide the sort of homes that local people need, it would be useful to know what types of housing you think should be the priority.

Q2 If more homes are built here, how important are each of the following?

please tick one box for each type of home	Very important	Important	Not important
1-2 bed houses			
3-4 bed houses			
5+ bed houses			
Flats			
Retirement properties			
Custom or self-built homes			

### Recreation

The district and county councils are proposing new facilities like schools, shops and a GP surgery if development goes ahead. But more information is needed about the recreation facilities that should be provided, so we need your views about this.

Q3 If Baldock expands significantly, how important will it be to provide each of the following?

please tick one box for each type of facility	Very important	Important	Not important
Pitches for football, rugby or cricket			
Fitness trail			
Tennis courts			
Indoor sports hall			
Additional venues to hire (for clubs etc.)			
Other recreation facilities (please specify)			

### Station parking

Parking at Baldock station is limited, and cars are often parked some distance away, adding to congestion on local roads. However, more station parking might just encourage more people to drive into the town. We'd like to know what you think about this.

Q4 Do you think that more parking should be available at Baldock station?

Yes  Not sure  No

Q5 If more station parking is provided, where do you think it should be?

see map on page 2 for site locations – please tick if you support one or more of these sites, which could be accessed by new footpaths between them and the station	Yes	No
Site 1: Off Bygrave Road		
Site 2: Royston Road (relocate existing commercial use further along the road)		
Somewhere else (please specify)		

### Open space

The neighbourhood plan can give more protection to areas of open space that local people value, especially where there is public access to them. To do this, we need to know how much some areas are used. We have excluded Avenue Park and the nature reserves at Ivel Springs and Weston Hills, which are relatively well protected already.

Q6 How often do you use the following areas of open space?

see map on page 2 for site locations	Most days	Most weeks	Sometimes	Never
Site 3: North of Clothall Common				
Site 4: Bakers Close playing field				
Site 5: Park Drive recreation area				
Site 6: North Road (next to Ivel Springs)				

Q7 Are there other things that you think the neighbourhood plan should consider?

We know that many people are concerned about things like traffic and affordable housing if the developments go ahead. We have not asked about these here, as they are not things that the neighbourhood plan can control, but we and other groups are continuing to raise these issues with the district and county councils.

### About you

We'd be grateful if you could provide a few details about yourself to help us assess the responses. We have kept these to a minimum, and none of the questions will identify you individually.

Q8 What age group are you in?

Under 18  19-24  25-39  40-59  60-74  75+

Q9 Where do you live?

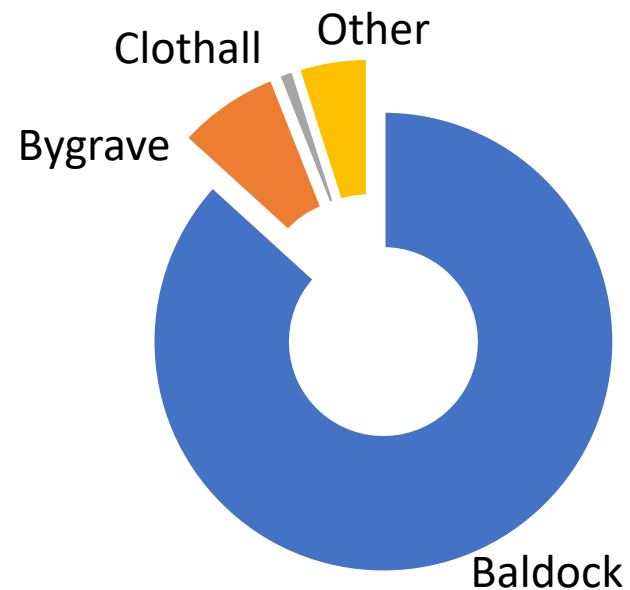
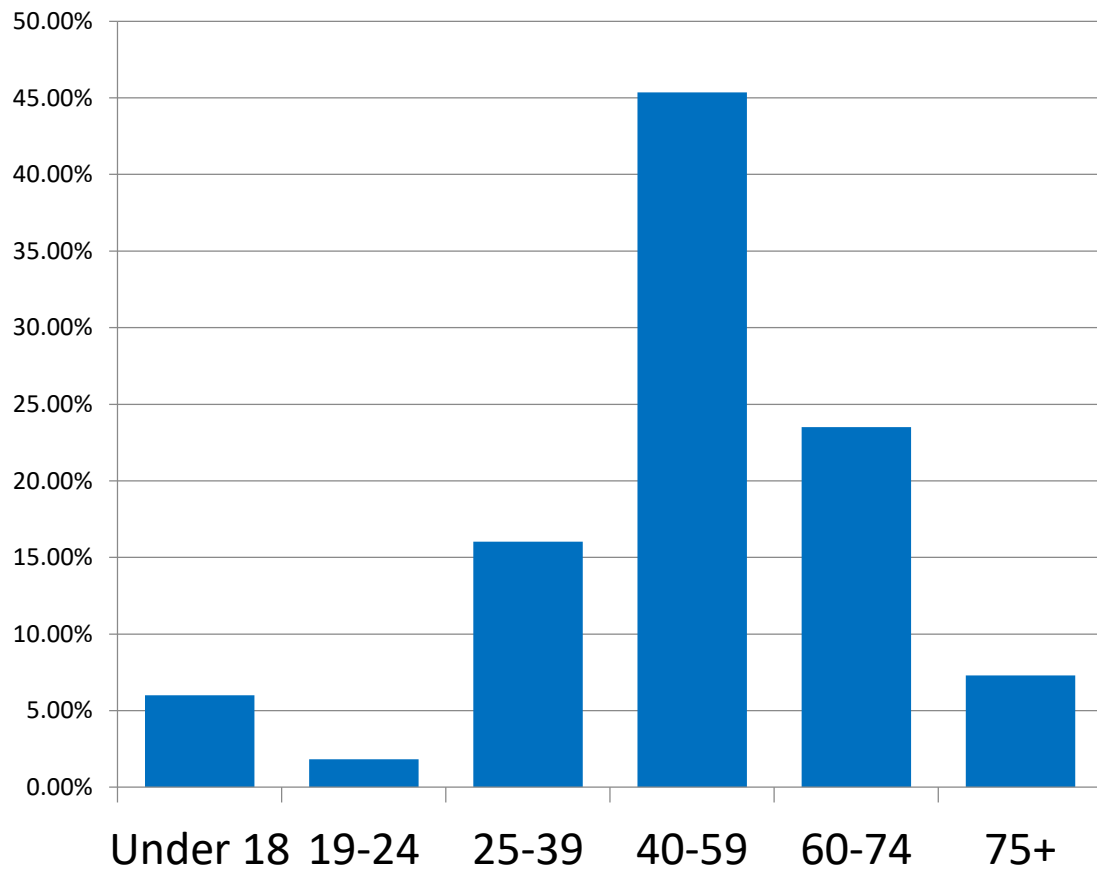
Baldock  Bygrave  Clothall Village  Other (please specify)

Thank you for taking the time to help us to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall.

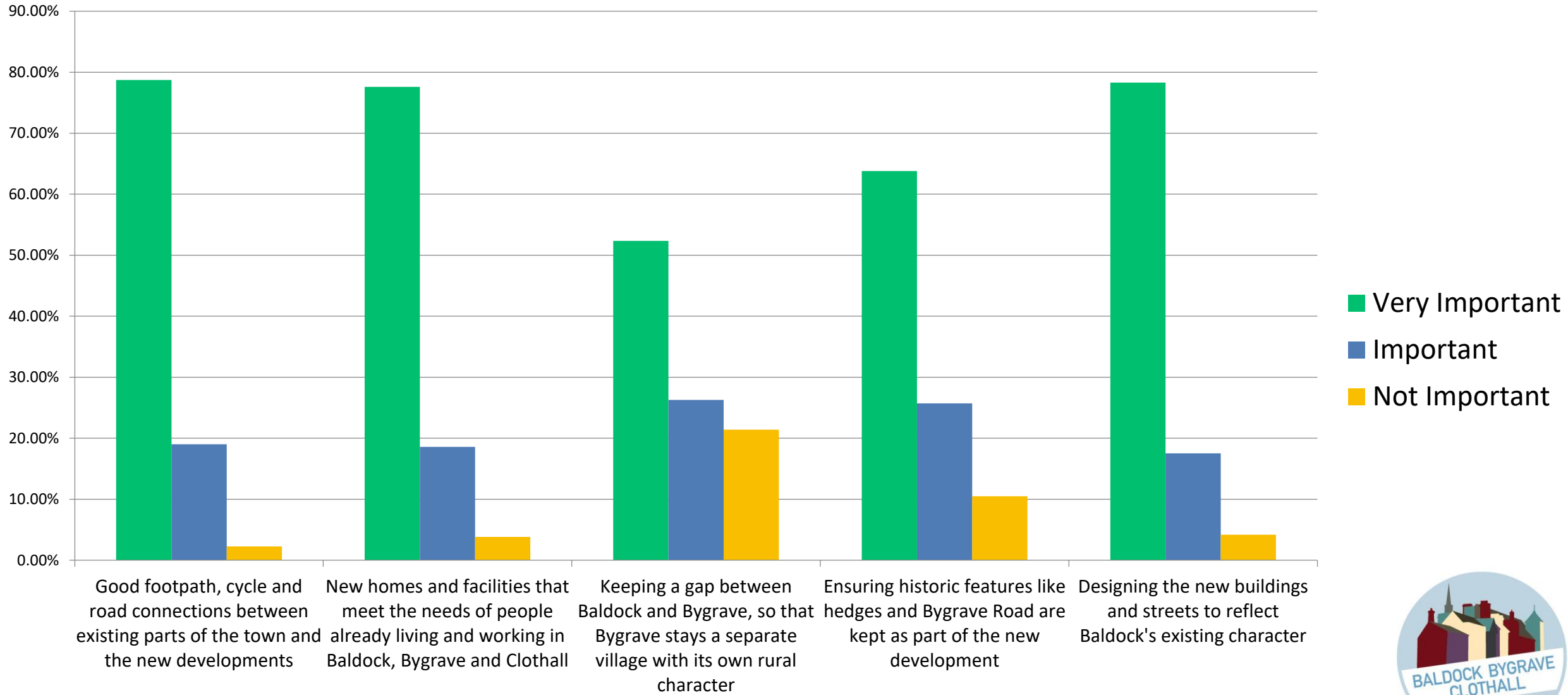
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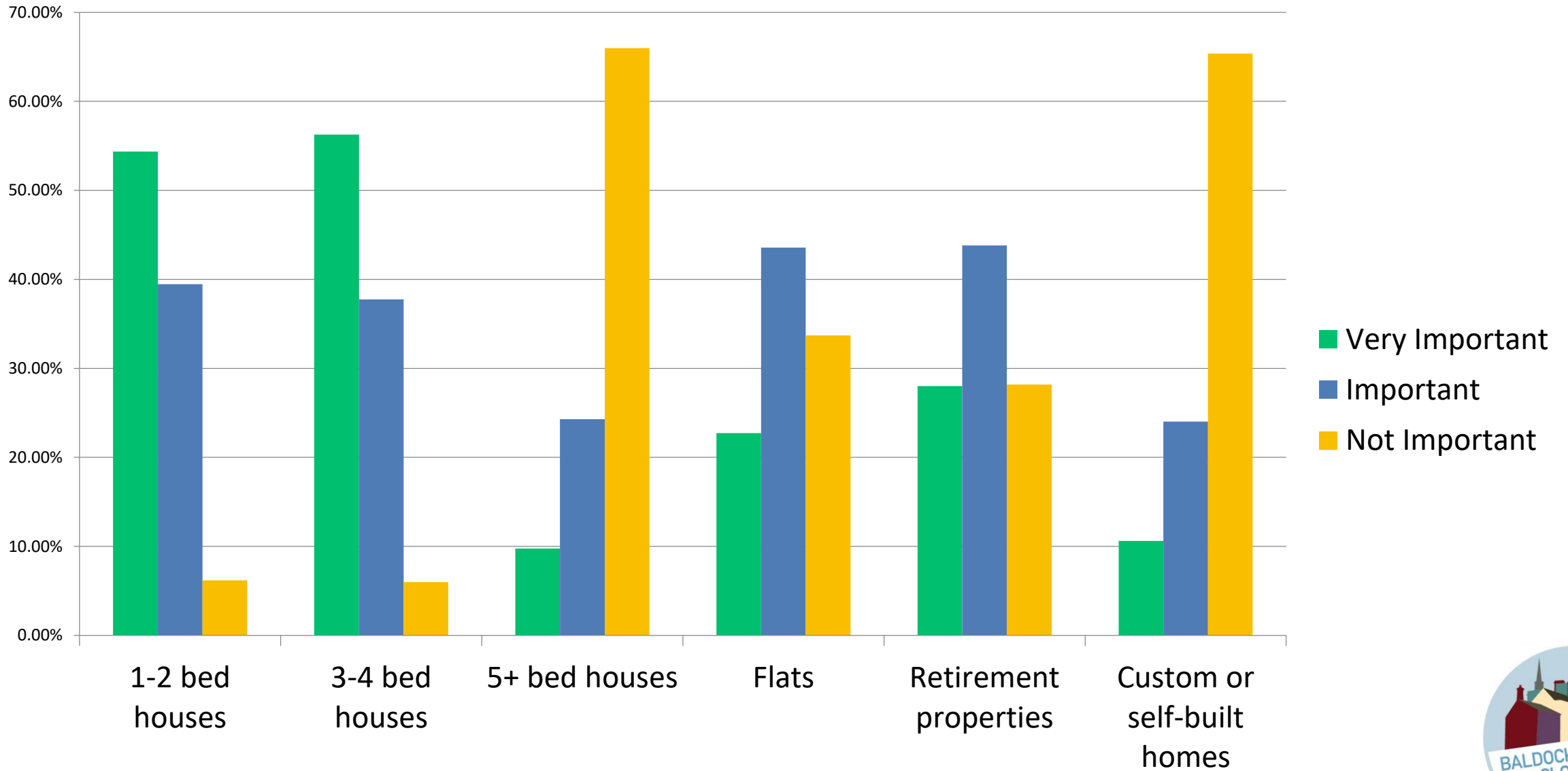
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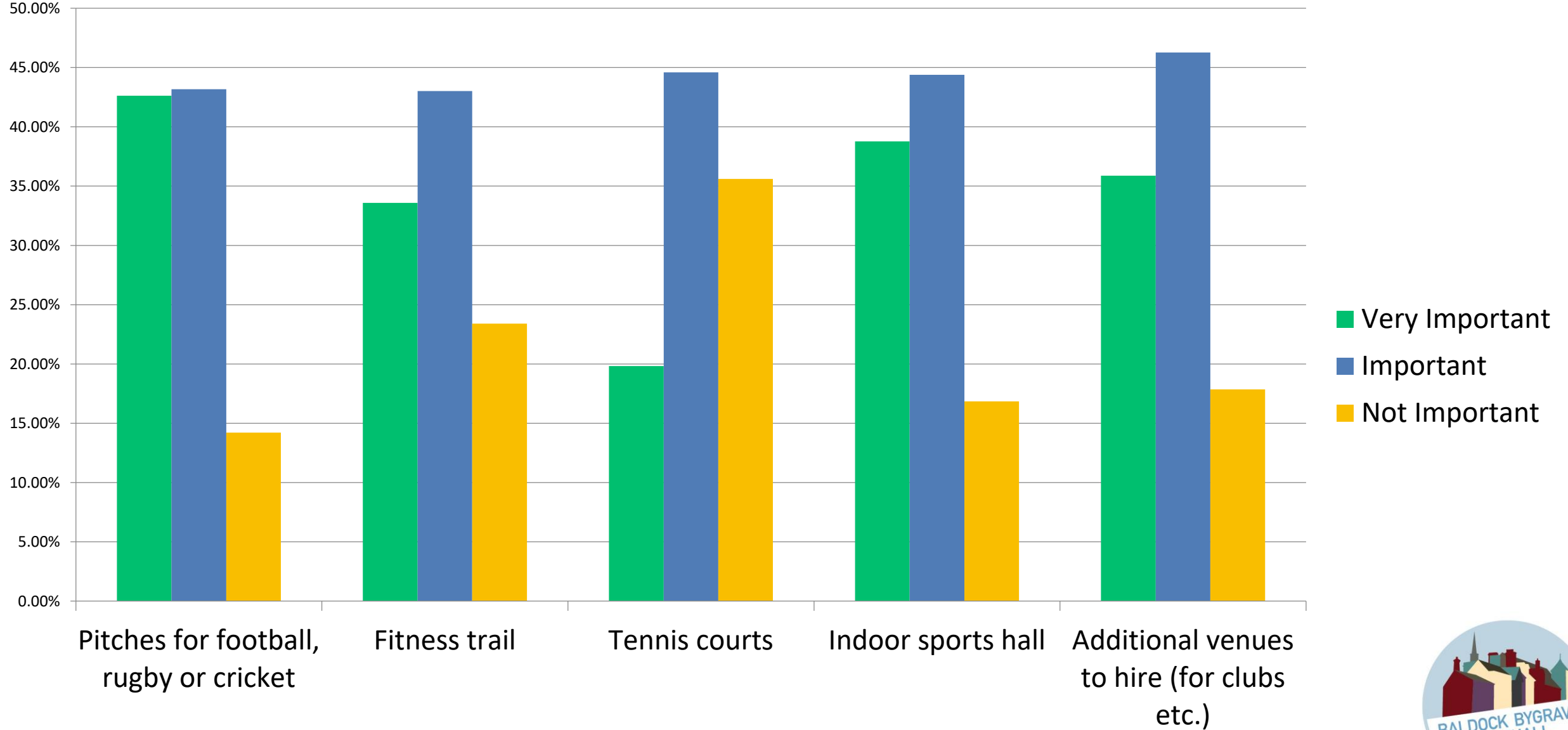
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## If more homes are built here, how important are each of the following?

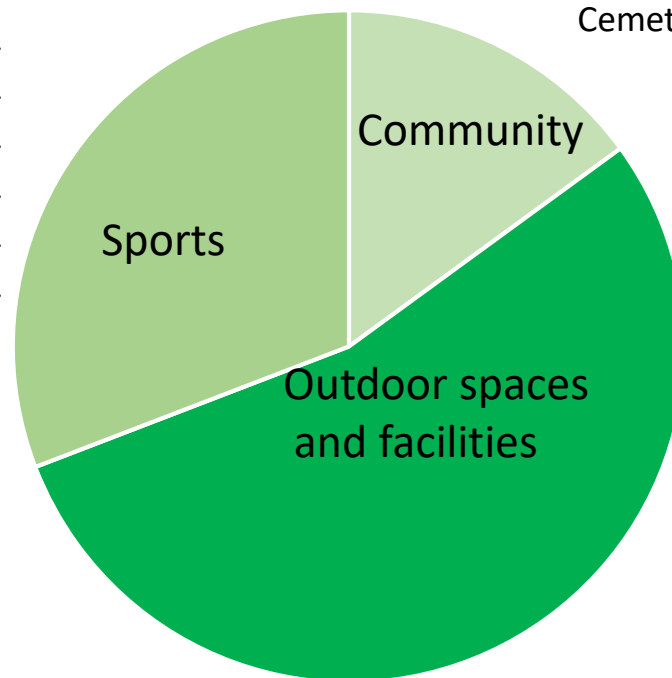


## If Baldock expands significantly, how important are each of the following?



Swimming Pool	41
Gym	15
Skate Park	12
Outdoor exercise equipment	11
All waether pitches	4
improved football ground	3
Hockey and Netball pitches	2
Golf club	2
indoor bowling	2
Bowling alley	2
Basket ball courts	2
Ice rink	2
Gym for over 65s	1
Speedway track	1
Wheelchair accessible sports	1
Putting/Crazy gold	1
Indoor tennis courts	1

Youth Club	9
Cinema	8
Childrens Activity Centre / Scouts	5
Local community Centres	5
Churches	3
Theatre	3
Schools	3
Bygrave Village Hall	3
Shops	3
Communal seating areas / social areas	2
Pubs / Nightclub	2
Library / facilities for ART/music/drama	2
Cemetery	2

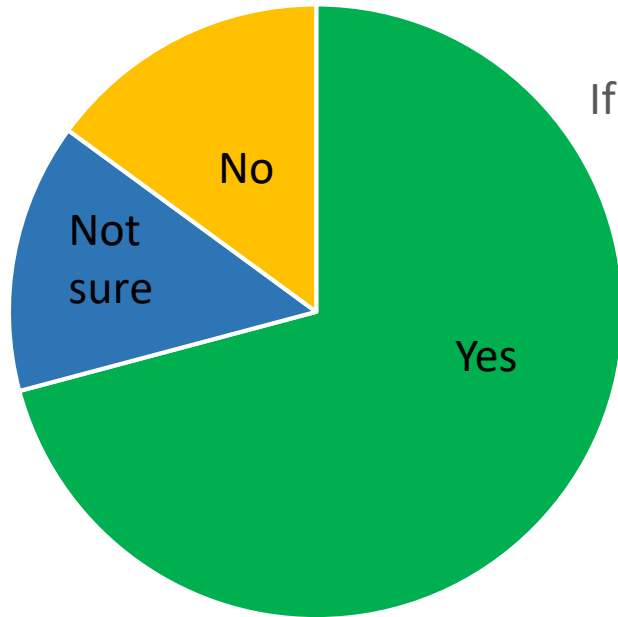


Natural wildlife/Lakes/places to sit/flowers and trees	65
Playground/ Swings etc / dog free / ball games	46
Cycle Paths / Greenway extension/child friendly routes	27
Maintain Footpaths / Bridleways	14
Dog walking areas	12
Cycle track/ running track	12
Allotments	3
Ivel Springs Nature reserve visitor centre	2

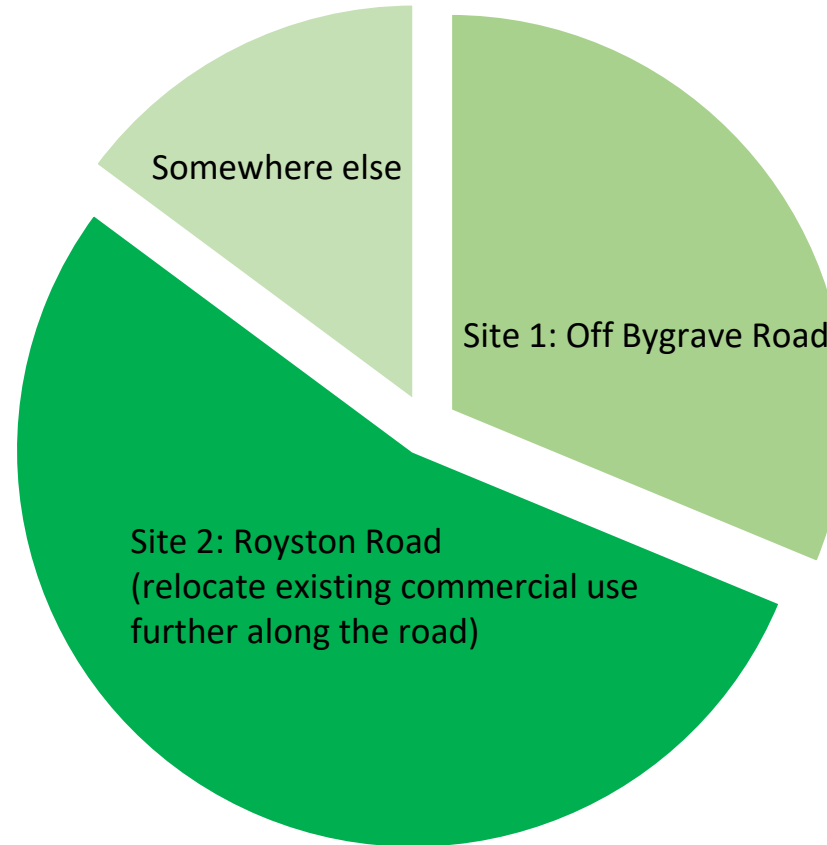
## Other Recreation Facilities



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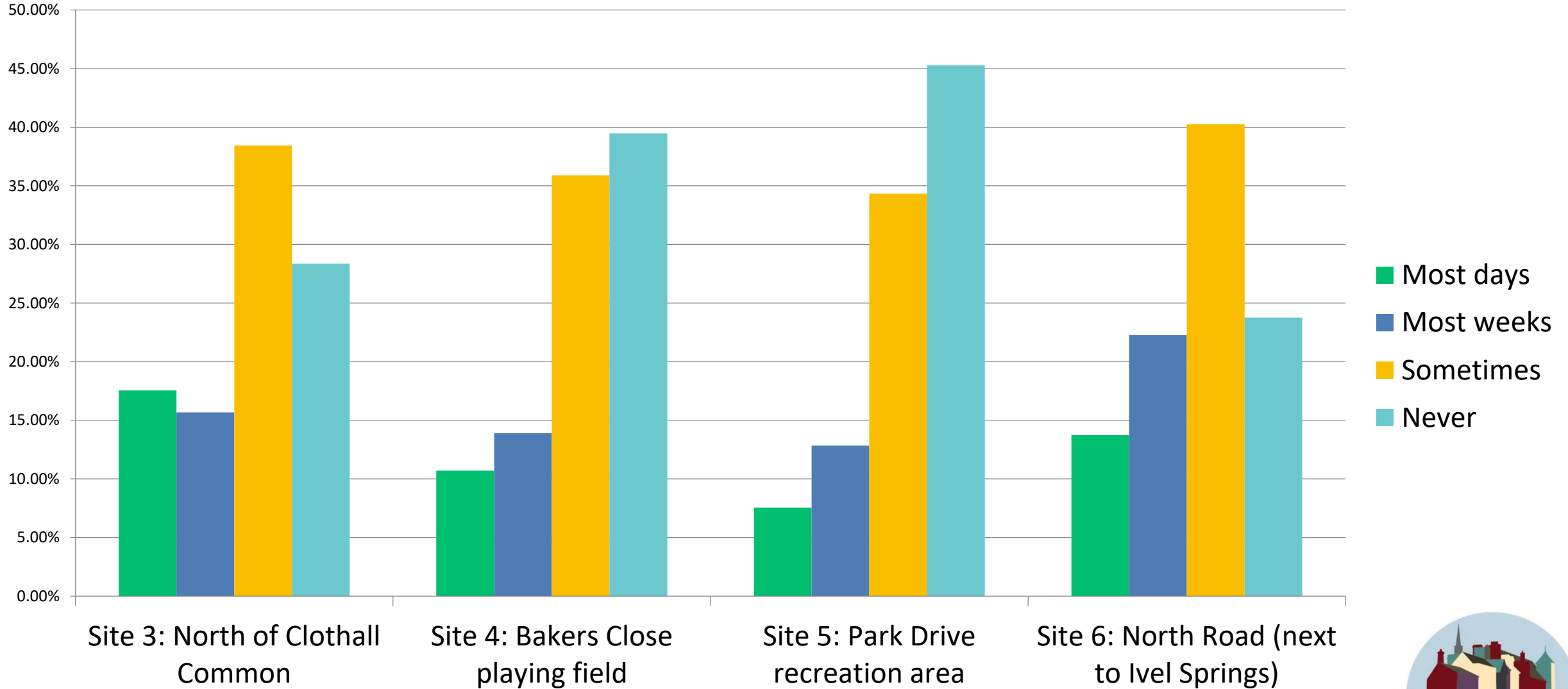
### Somewhere else :-

- Multistorey on current carpark North Road
- Park and Ride from services
- Not on local roads
- Relocate Station
- Engine Pub site
- Tesco/Clothall common park
- Icknield Way - disused factory site

### Consider:

- wheelchair access
- cost of parking
- better parking restrictions

# How often do you use the following areas of open space?







## Other Issues to consider

