

Survey conducted by the Woodham Infrastructure Group

We'd like your views on the way the 'debate' on SWF's Fire Station/Service has been handled - and on the way plans for the necessary infrastructure that should accompany the development North of the Burnham Rd are being dealt with. Please take a couple of minutes to complete this questionnaire so we can use the results to your advantage.

The infrastructure improvements for which we are campaigning are every bit as important for those who will be living and working in the new development north of the Burnham Rd (B1012) as they are for those south of the Burnham Rd.

Things are moving fast so we may conduct another survey (if you can bear it) when more information becomes available.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION prior to completing this survey see The Town Council's excellent 'Response to Stage 2 Masterplan - Site 10' (link - <https://www.southwoodhamferrer...>) an extract from which appears on our website: www.w-i-g.co.uk.

The 'Countryside' website can be found at: <https://consultwithyou.co.uk/c...>

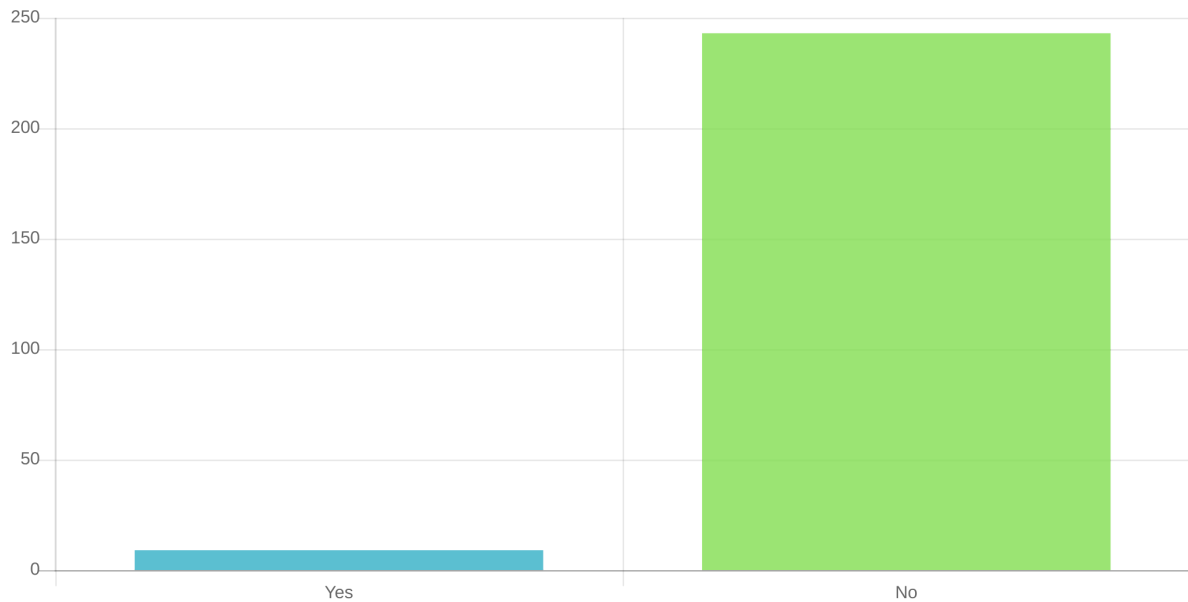
See particularly the mention of a new primary school on page 2 and the map on page 8 showing 'a new traffic light junction' as well as a mentions of the proposed Toucan crossings..

In the unlikely event that there is anyone in SWF who is not aware of the proposed changes to the fire service, here are two links which set out both sides of the argument:.

<https://www.maldonandburnhamst...> and <https://www.essex.pfcc.police....>

PLEASE JUST TICK ONE BOX FOR THE ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION.

1 FIRE STATION/SERVICE: With regard to the public meeting on 29th September 2021, attended by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (Roger Hirst) did you think the commissioner listened to and acted on the points made by the town's residents?



4% (9)

Yes

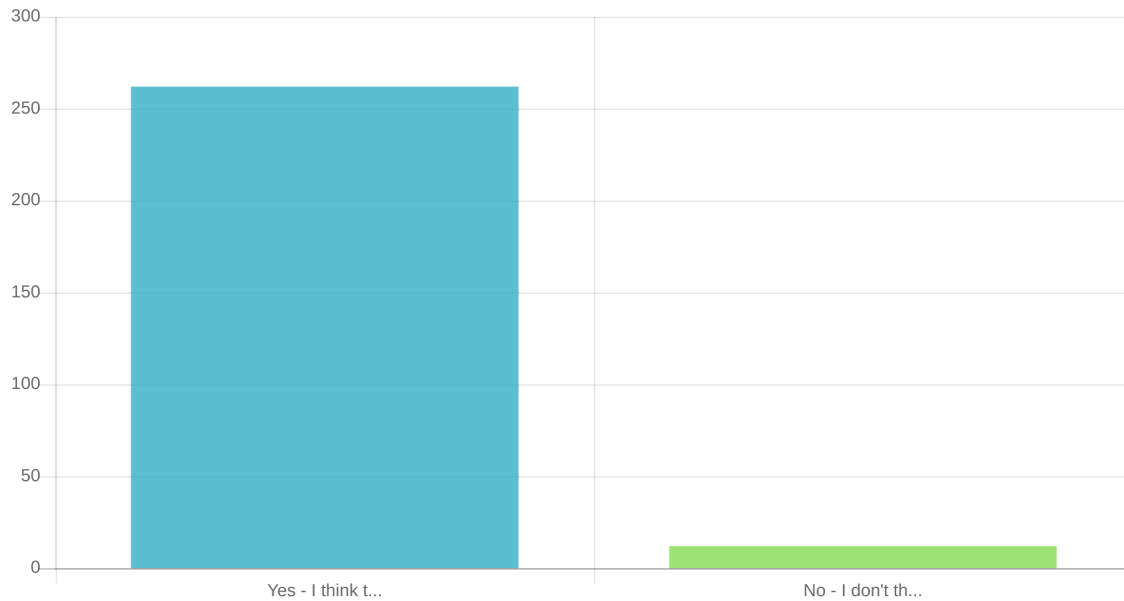
96% (243)

No

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Responses

2 With regard to the points discussed at the meeting on 29th September 2021 attended by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - Do you think the town and the surrounding area will be more unsafe (i.e. the residents will be more at risk) if the plans the Commissioner set out (Downgrading the Station to 'on call' only) are implemented?



96% (262)

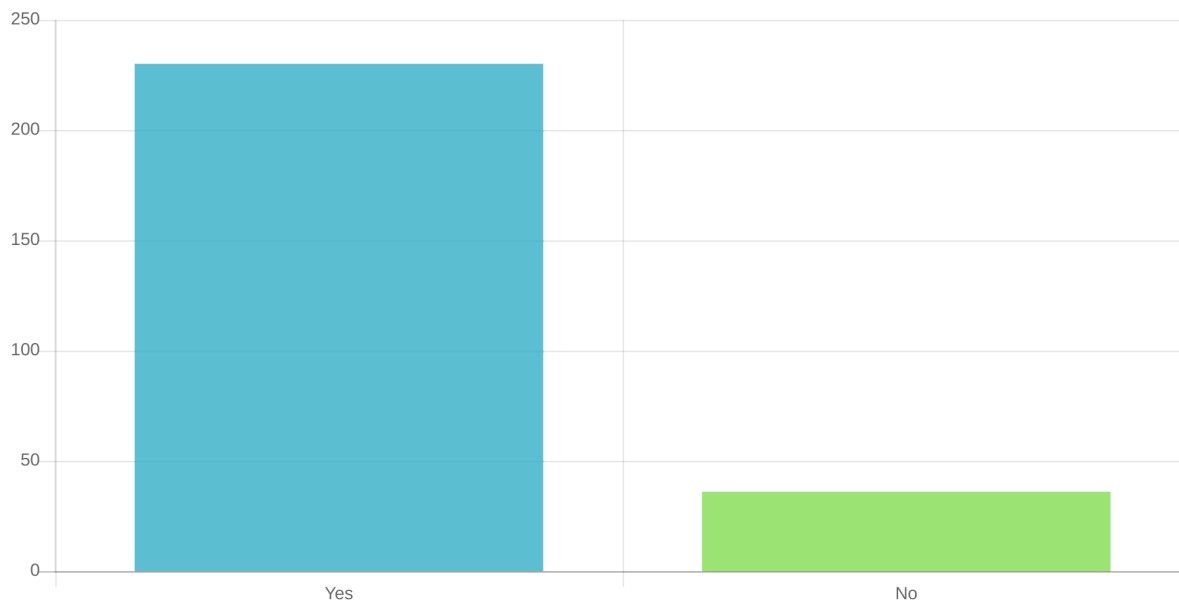
Yes - I think the residents will be more at risk

4% (12)

No - I don't think this change will make any difference

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Responses

3 If a tragedy occurs as a result of the implementation of the proposed changes do you think the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner should be expected to resign immediately?



86% (230)

Yes

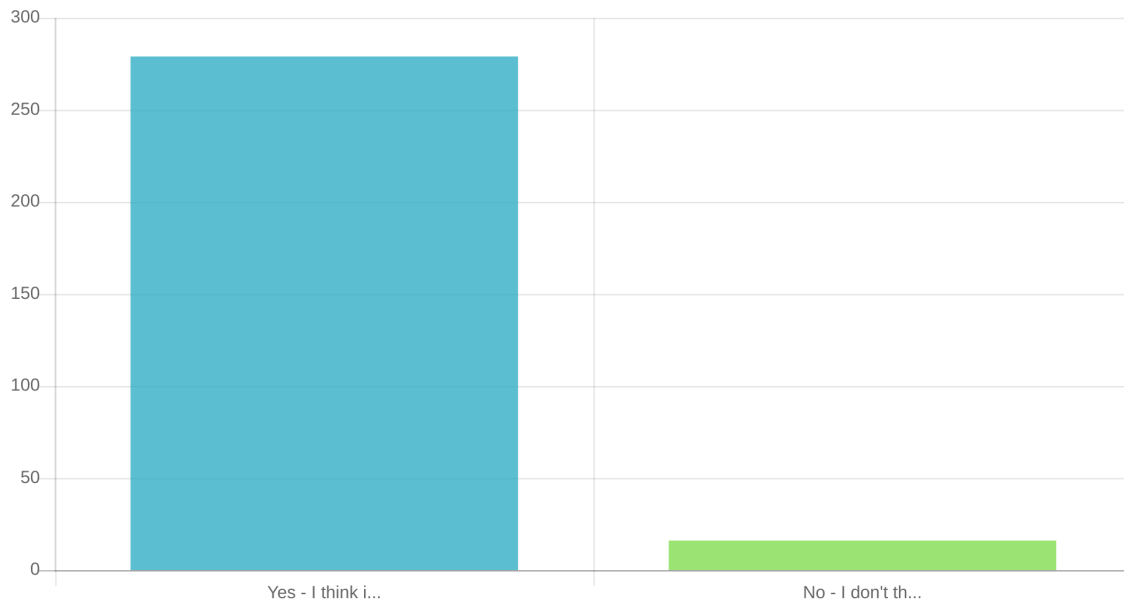
14% (36)

No

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Responses

4 INFRASTRUCTURE: In a recent Focus article we read: "Your Town Council supported the downgrading of the Burnham Road to a 40mph one. Given the above is happening and cannot be contradicted, this makes perfect sense." Not everybody agrees that this makes perfect sense when no alternative route (other than the Ferrers Road) is available. SO THE QUESTION IS: Do you think that a 40 mph limit on the Burnham Road (B1012) - when combined with the planned 6 pedestrian crossings and the 2 additional roundabouts that are part of the plan - will cause extensive traffic jams?



95% (279)

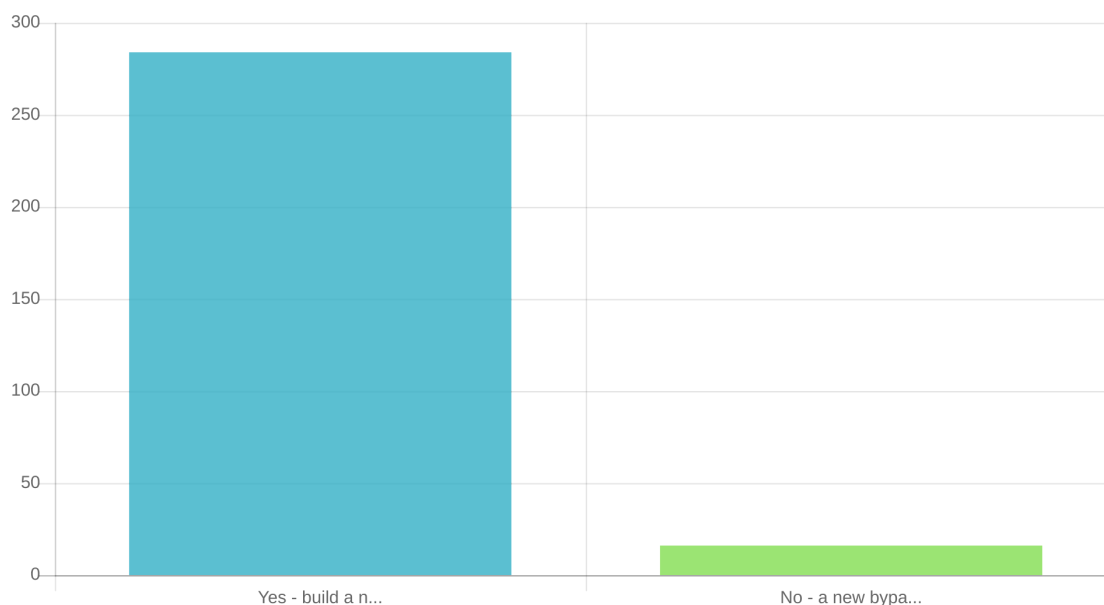
Yes - I think it will result in extensive traffic jams

5% (16)

No - I don't think it will result in extensive traffic jams

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Responses

- 5** Under the current plans we are losing the town's bypass - given that the Burnham Rd (B1012) is going to become an 'urban street which will pass through the extended town- and there are no plans to replace it with a new bypass. Should Chelmsford City Council and Essex Highways reconsider their 'Masterplan' highway proposals and build a new northern bypass for SWF for the sake of the town's residents & workers (and those from the Dengie)?



95% (284)

Yes - build a new northern
bypass

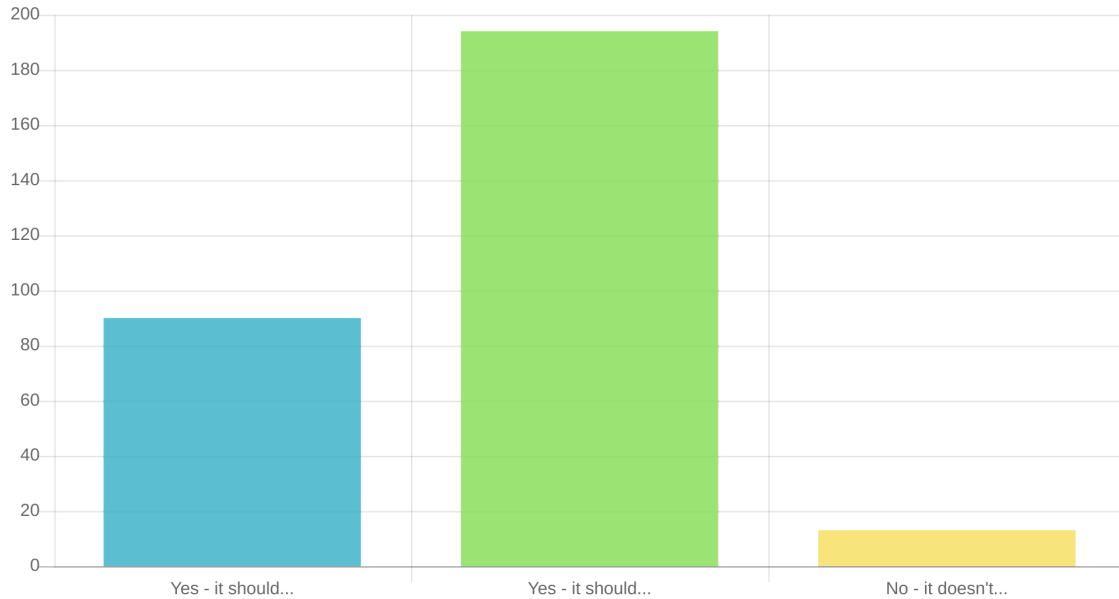
5% (16)

No - a new bypass is not
needed

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Responses

6 Should the A132 (Burnham Rd) from South Woodham to the Rettendon Turnpike be strengthened/widened and/or converted to a dual carriageway?



30% (90)

Yes - it should be strengthened/widened

65% (194)

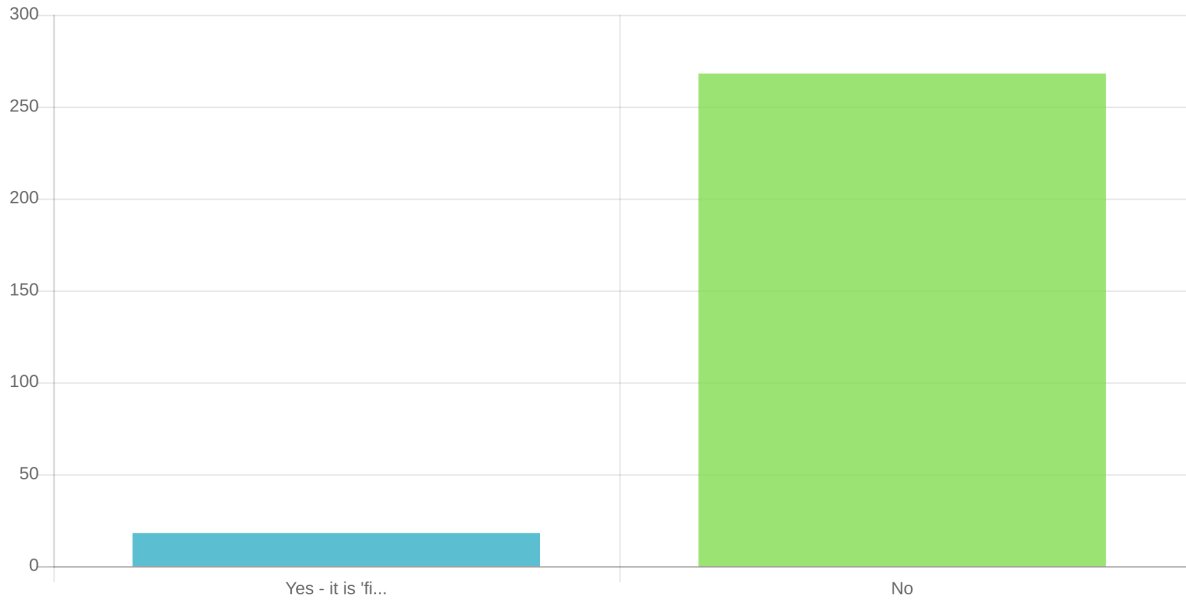
Yes - it should be strengthened/widened AND converted to a dual carriageway highway

4% (13)

No - it doesn't require alteration and/or improvement

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7 Do you think, on the basis of your knowledge of its performance here and elsewhere, that Essex Highways is 'fit for purpose'?



6% (18)

Yes - it is 'fit for purpose'

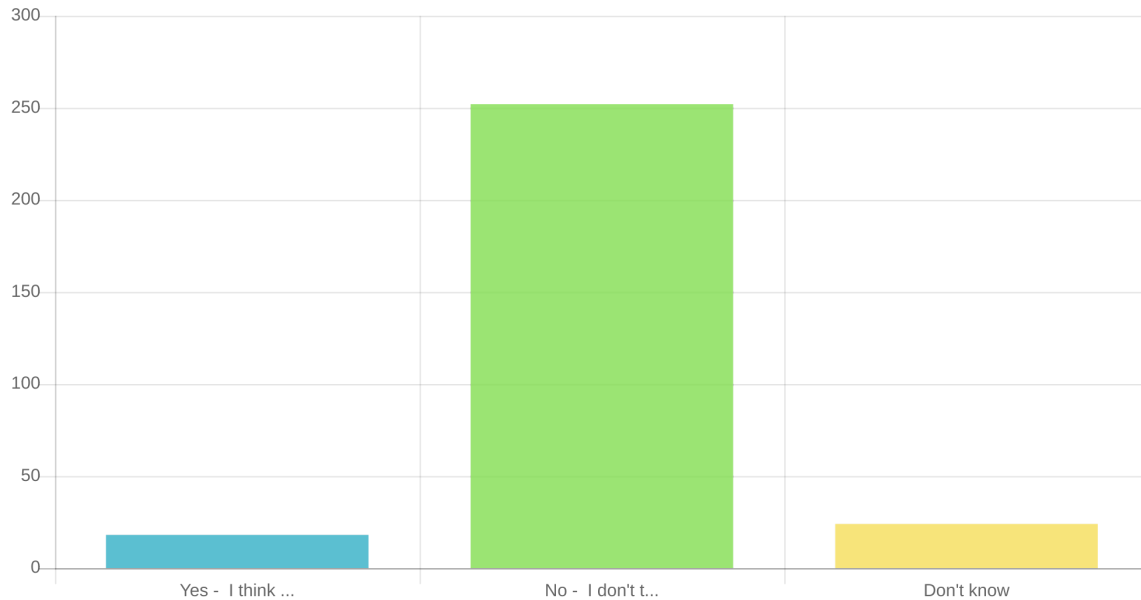
94% (268)

No

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Responses

8 Concerns about climate change are, rightly, at the top of the agenda at present. That said, do you think that the developer's homage to green issues is genuine - or simply an attempt to save money and avoid making the necessary improvements to the local highways?



6% (18)

Yes - I think that the developer's homage to green issues is genuine

86% (252)

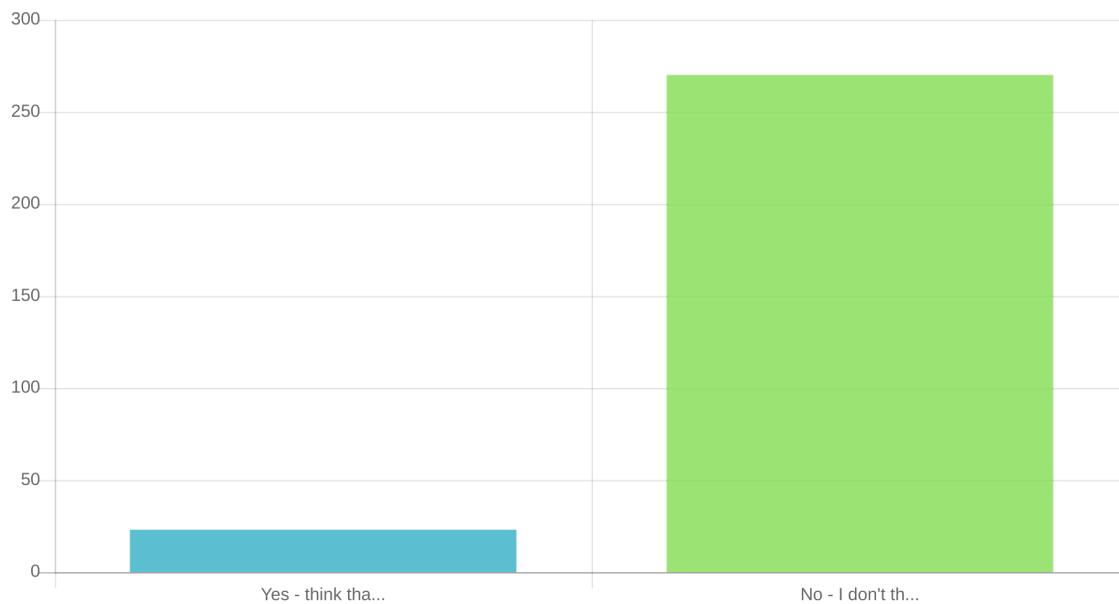
No - I don't think it's genuine (and I do think it's simply an attempt to save money and avoid making the necessary improvements to the local highways)

8% (24)

Don't know

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Responses

9 Do you think that concerns about the increased traffic pollution due to (a) 'stop/start' traffic flows along the Burnham Road (B1012) past residential property, a primary school and a health centre - and (b) the additional traffic on the Ferrers Road and other 'rat runs' through the existing part of the town (which are likely to be much busier as drivers try to find a way past the B1012) have been taken sufficiently seriously by the developers and planners?



8% (23)

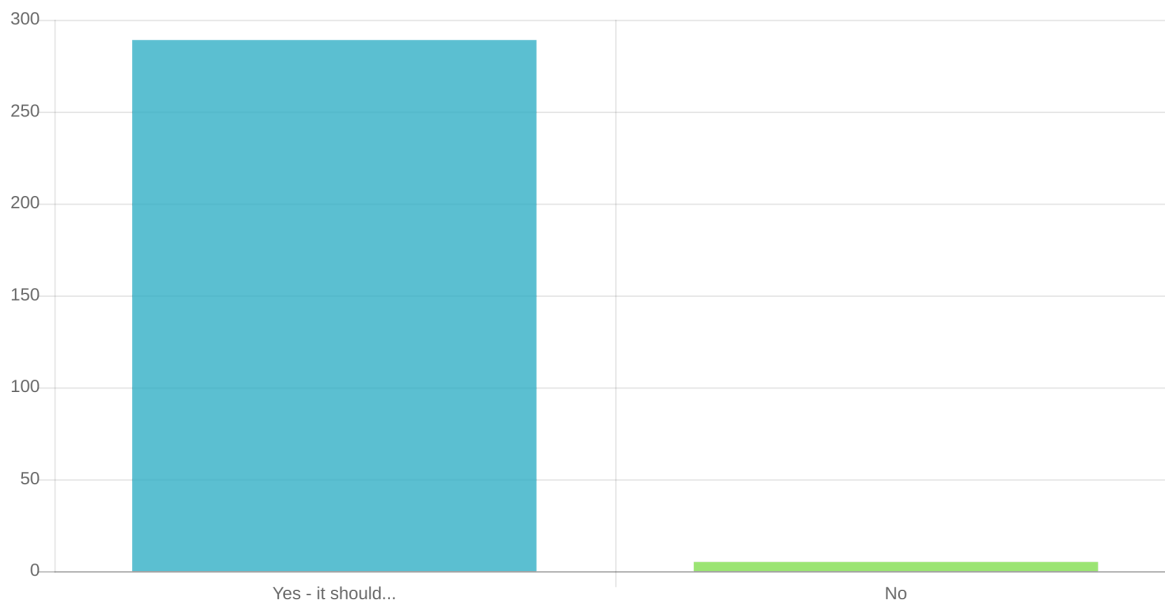
Yes - think that concerns about increased traffic pollution have been taken sufficiently seriously by the developers and planners

92% (270)

No - I don't think that concerns about increased traffic pollution have been taken sufficiently seriously by the developers and planners

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Responses

10 The Town Council set out the infrastructure improvements that should accompany the new development in its excellent 'Response to Stage 2 Masterplan - Site 10' (see links above). Its position was reaffirmed at meetings attended by the public (see, for example, the helpful points made by Cllr Massey: https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/woodham-infrastructure-group/episodes/2021-10-11T13_53_22-07_00) SO THE QUESTION IS: should the Town Council continue to fight hard (within the restraints placed on it) to achieve adequate infrastructure improvements for the town (and the new development) in accordance with its position as stated above?



98% (289)

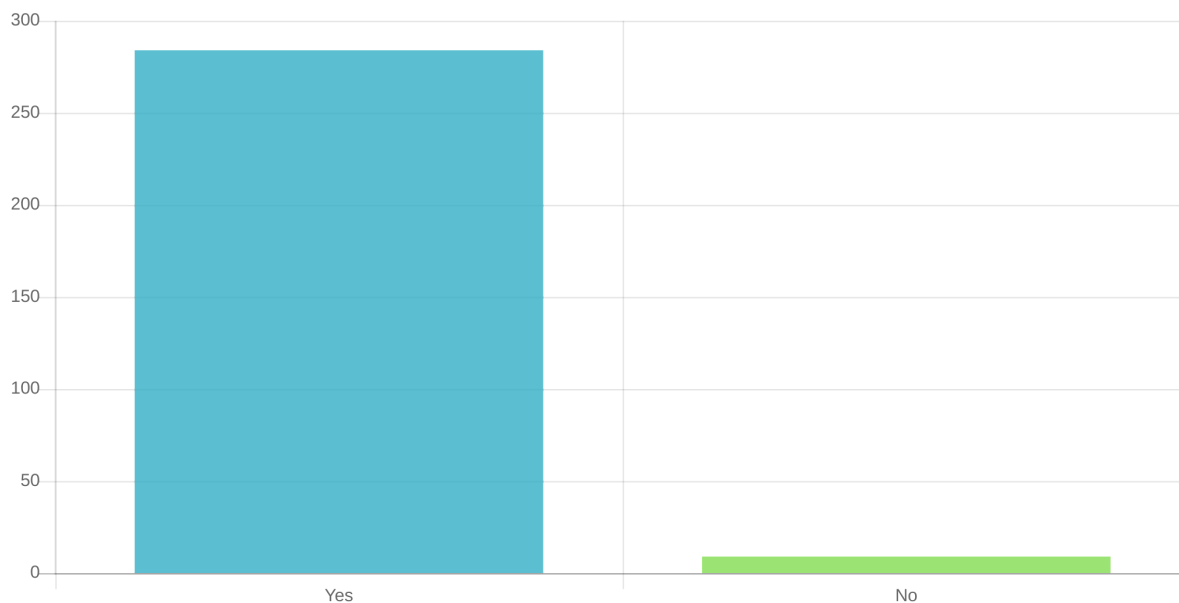
Yes - it should continue to fight hard for adequate infrastructure improvements for the town

2% (5)

No

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Responses

11 Should the Town Council take soundings from the public before agreeing and publicising a clear strategy for dealing with the highways problems we have now and anticipate in the near future?



97% (284)

Yes

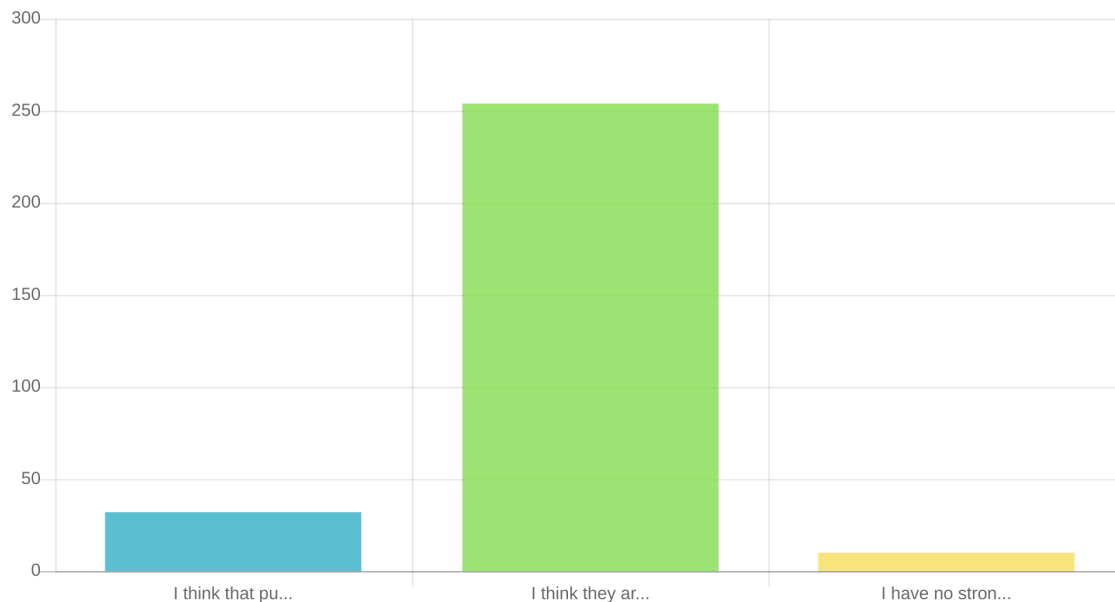
3% (9)

No

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Responses

12 PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS IN THIS PART OF ESSEX: There has been discussion about the merits or otherwise of public consultations given the way they're conducted in this part of Essex? Do you feel that public consultations here are worthwhile exercises? Or do you think they are just tick-box exercises and that the decisions always seem to have been made prior to the 'consultation'? (This question, needless to say, doesn't apply to surveys carried out by the Woodham Infrastructure Group given that ours are truly wonderful in every way and eminently worthwhile!)



11% (32)

I think that public consultations here are worthwhile

86% (254)

I think they are just tick-box exercises

3% (10)

I have no strong opinion either way