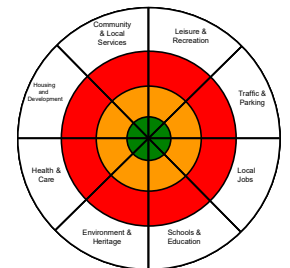


# Kelsale cum Carlton Neighbourhood Plan

Initial Engagement Event  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018



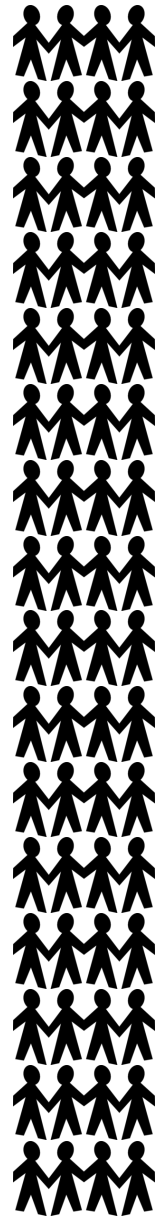
# Attendance

Attendance across both Saturday and Sunday was steady.

There were at least 120 attendees across both days.

This number slightly understates the total attendance, as not all 'signed-in' to the attendance book.

There is a large imbalance in those attending from Kelsale village and other parts of the Parish which needs to be addressed in future engagement activity.



Kelsale



Curlew & Dorley's



Other Areas



Carlton



Beaumont Estate

**Note:** 14 attendees who signed-in were non resident, coming from Essex, Nottinghamshire, Benhall Saxmundham, Middleton, Westleton, Sizewell and Aldeburgh



# Topic View

Around 100 of the attendees participated in the 'Topic Target' exercise to gauge the degree of concern felt by residents with facets of Parish life.

This exercise is not designed to give a definitive picture to the Neighbourhood Plan Teams.

Instead it is intended to provide an overview of broad topics potentially of concern to residents, and enable further work to be undertaken to explore them in depth.



## Saturday – ‘Really Concerned’

The 3 principle areas of focus for Saturday’s participants in the Topic Target exercise and expressing themselves as ‘Really Concerned’, were:

1. Environment & Heritage
2. Housing & Development
3. Health & Care

Lesser, but also of real concern were the areas of Local Jobs and Community & Local Services.

Overall, two thirds of views expressed on Saturday were in the ‘Really Concerned’ category, perhaps reflecting how much unease there is about the future of the economy, public services and the housing challenges that the coastal area of Suffolk is facing.

%age expressing ‘real concern’ by category

## Sunday – ‘Really Concerned’

In contrast, the principle area of focus by a significant margin for Sunday’s participants in the Topic Target exercise and expressing themselves as ‘Really Concerned’, was:

1. Housing & Development

Lesser, but also of real concern were the areas of Health & Care, Environment & Heritage, Community & Local Services and Traffic & Parking.

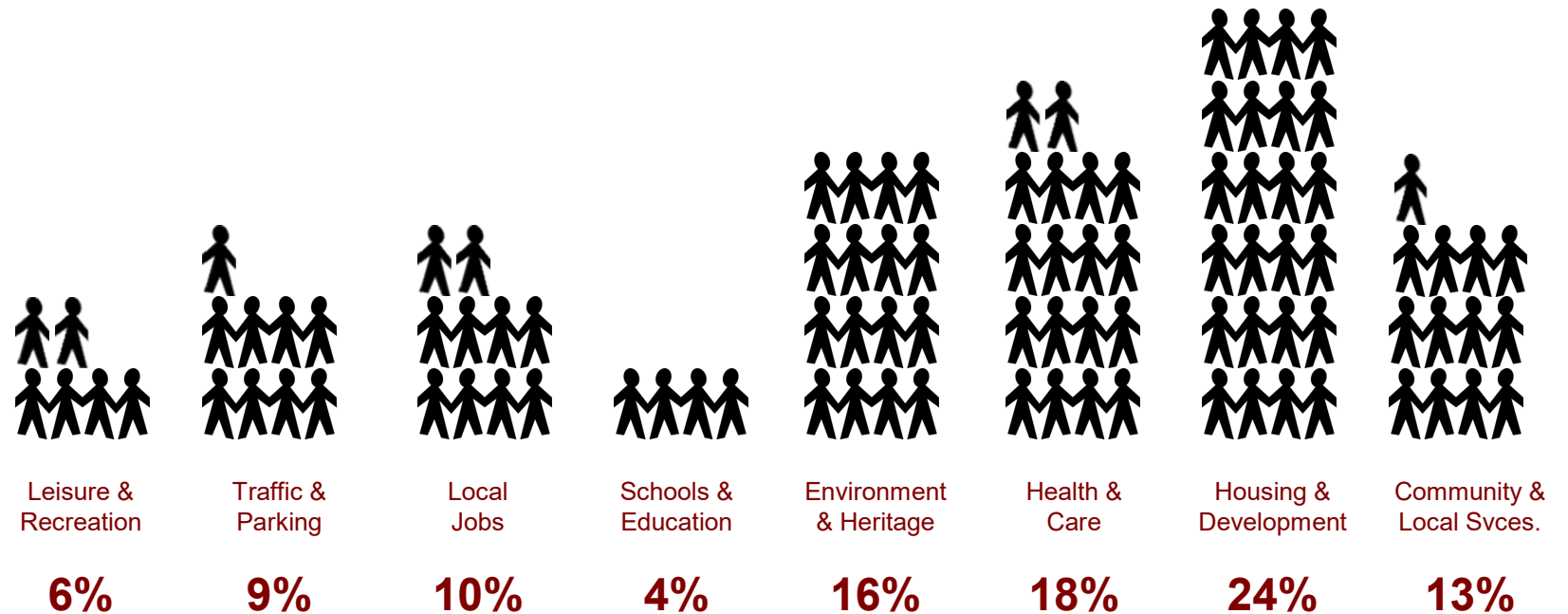
Overall, three quarters of views expressed on Sunday were in the ‘Really Concerned’ category, again perhaps reflecting how much unease there is. However at nearly a third of views expressed Housing & Development is at the front and fore of many peoples thinking.

# Topic View

Consolidating the results demonstrates that the predominant concern for those participating in the Topic Target exercise and expressing themselves as 'Really Concerned' is Housing & Development, followed by Health & Care, Environment & Heritage and then Community and Local Services.

Respondents were also asked to make comments in respect to their concerns.

The comments made, the interlinking of some issues and potential areas for more work are summarised and explored in the latter pages of this document.



%age expressing 'real concern' by category


# Topic View


This chart demonstrates the depth of concern felt by residents when those who have expressed themselves as 'Worried' are added to those who were themselves 'Really Concerned'.

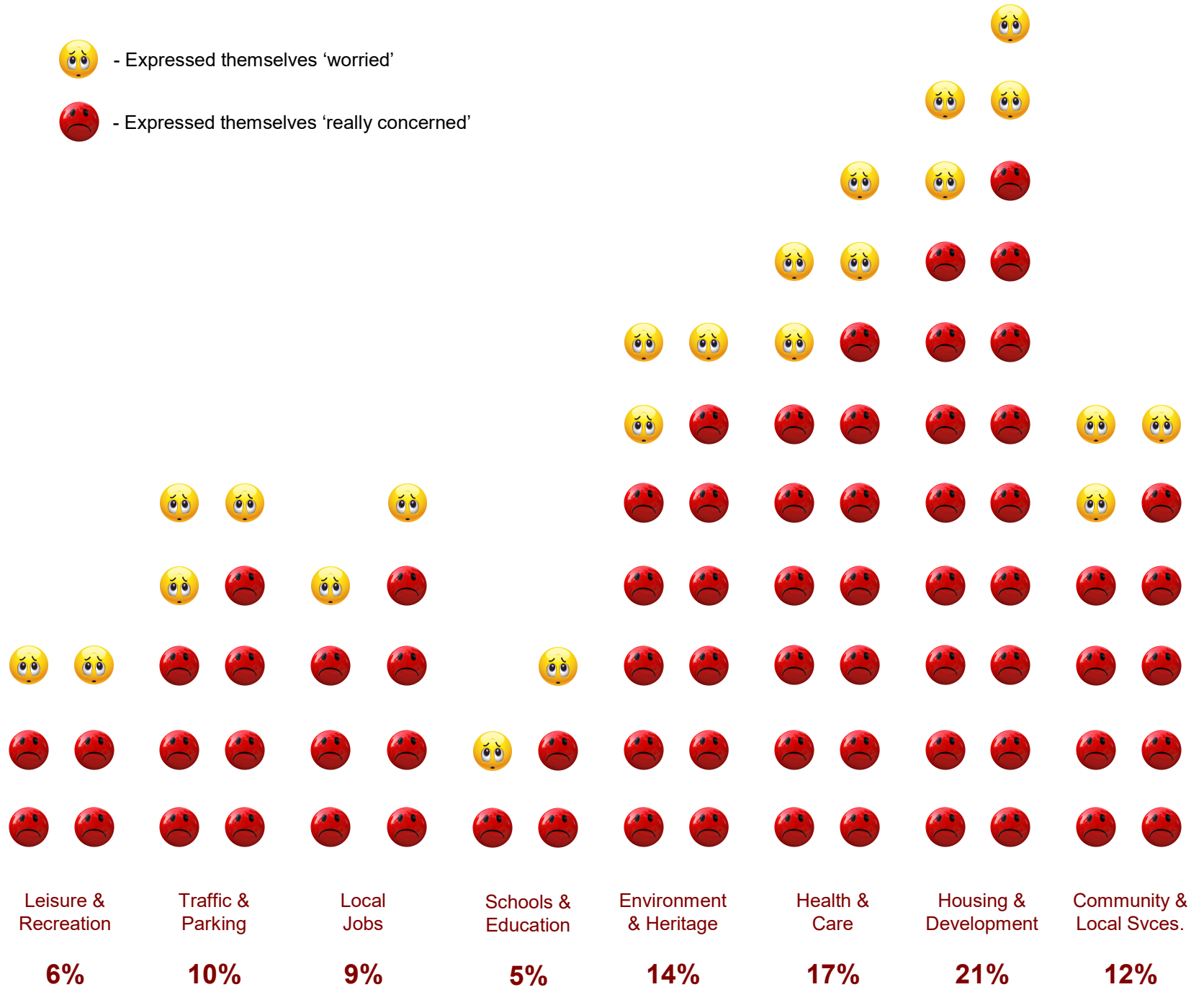
What is clear is that if those participating in the Topic Target exercise are illustrative of the Parish as a whole, then 1 in 5 residents are 'worried' or concerned by Housing & Development.

Perhaps an equal, or even greater cause for concern given the demographic of the Parish is the depth of worry in respect to Health & Care.

Moreover, even taking the most optimistic view, just 1 in 20 of the Parish is likely to be unconcerned by all of these topics.

 - Expressed themselves 'worried'

 - Expressed themselves 'really concerned'



# Schools and Education

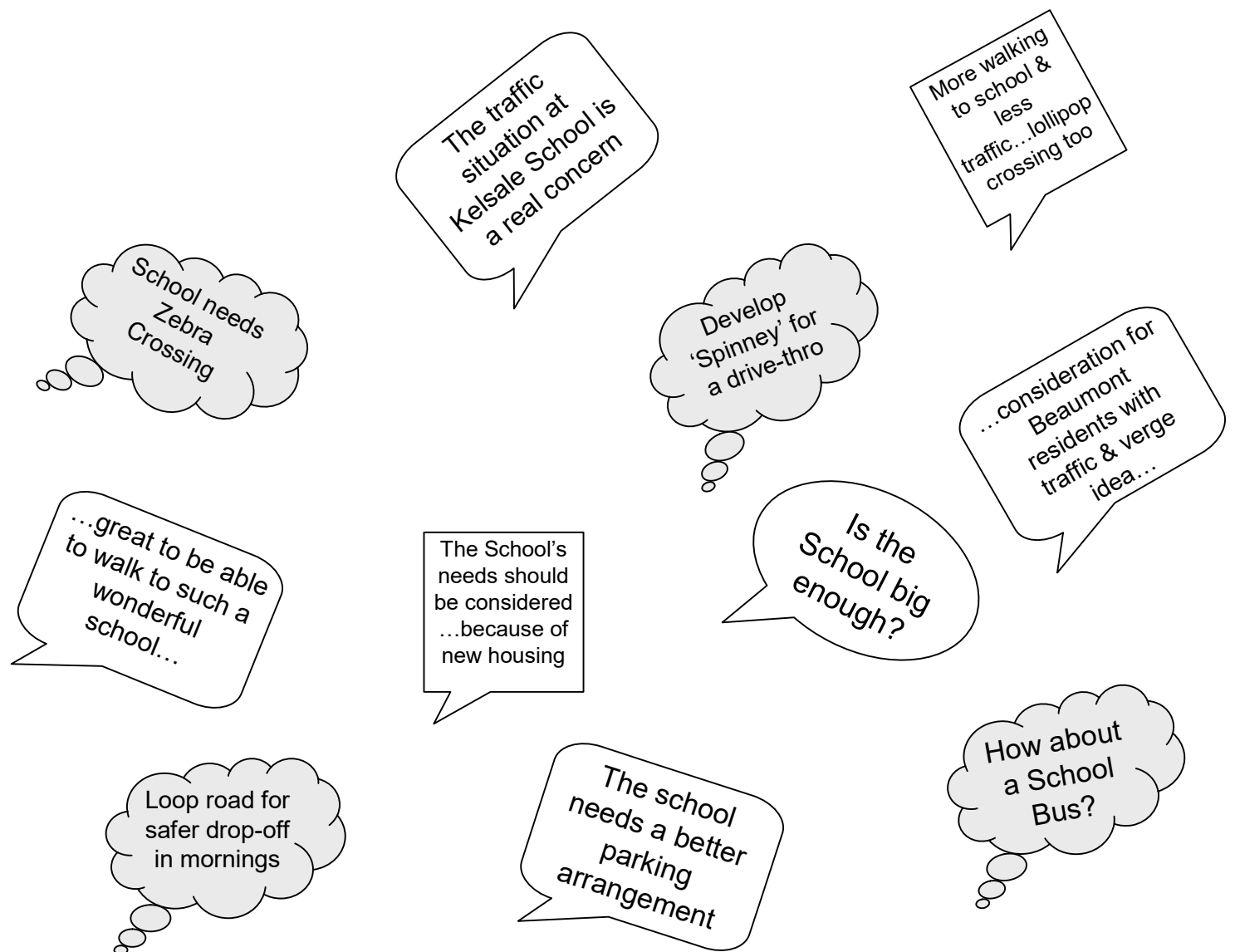
The comments made in support of the Topic View exercise show a keen focus on Kelsale's Primary School. However, there were no obvious comments in respect to schooling for older children, continuing education, training or development. This will need further exploration.

Three themes are clear in the limited comments made;

a) drop-off & pick-up traffic & parking arrangements

b) the longer term strategy vis-à-vis size of school for the likely growth in the locality

c) the provision of a school crossing method to safeguard children



# Traffic and Parking

A range of issues raised in a broad topic area.

Themes emerging by volume of mentions;

1] Main Road & Carlton Road traffic levels & speed

2] 'Quiet Lanes' options for Rosemary Lane, Tiggins, Curlew/Dorley's, East Green, Butchers & Lowes?

3] Cycle paths

4=] Parking in Bridge St.

4=] Curlew/Dorley's traffic speed & couriers

5] Hedge cutting & verges

More cycle paths to school, Sax, etc. Used by mobility scooters too!

Speed of traffic using Carlton Road, also amount of traffic increased to great extent

Parking in Bridge St. especially when very good car park!

Designate cycle routes and Quiet Lanes

Any development should be on Main Road as Carlton Road & Rosemary Lane can't cope with more traffic

Too much traffic in lovely narrow lanes

Dorley's Corner Lane due mainly to online shopping, the courier vans speed up with no regard for speed restrictions – one day another accident will occur! God forbid

School pick-up traffic is not ideal

Dangerous parking on a bend at Carlton Road Green... isn't it an offence any more?

Why don't people use the Car Park? Use or lose!

Hedges need to be cut on Main Road footpath

Traffic in Main Road always exceeds the speed limit!

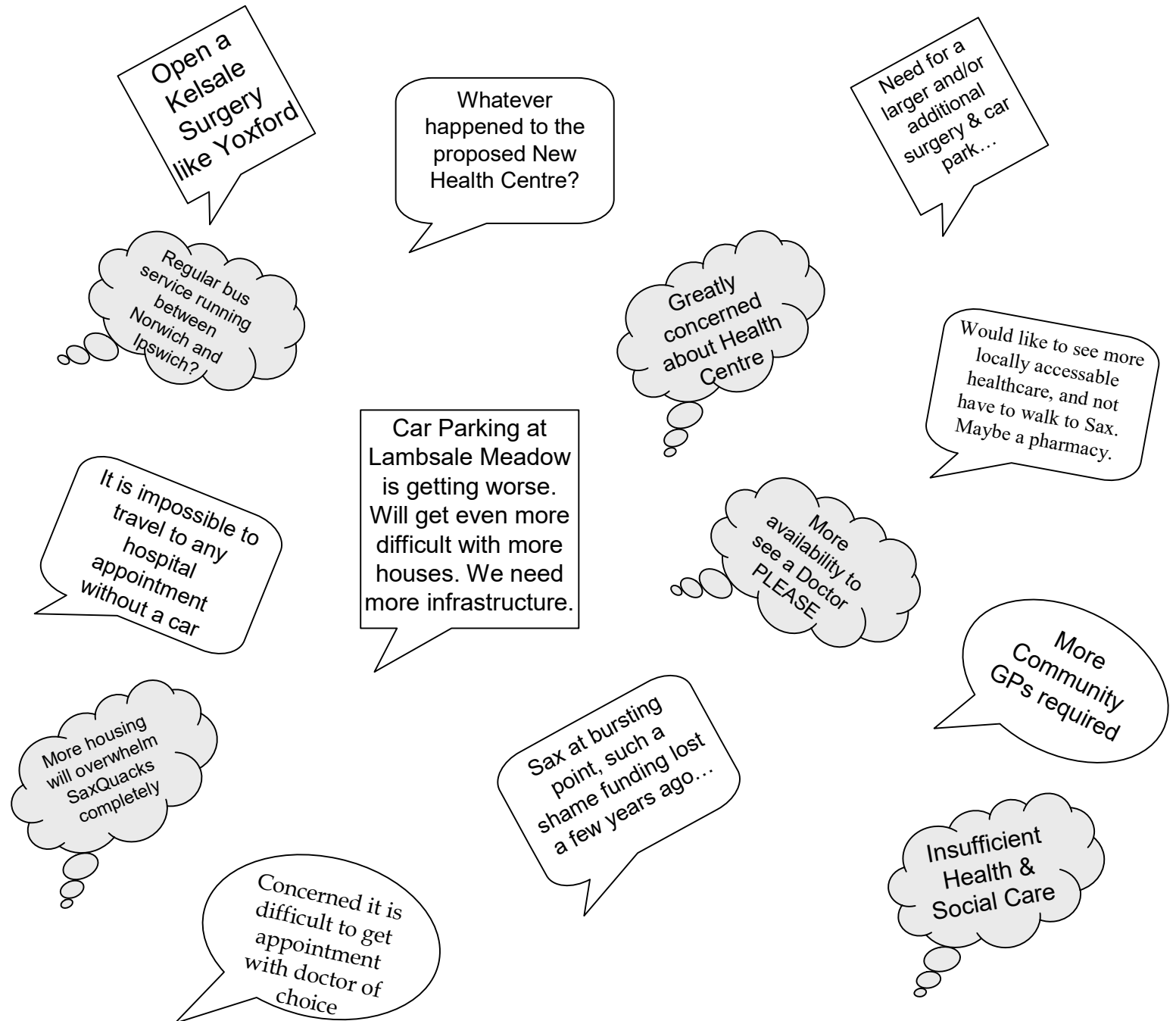


# Health & Care

A considerable number of comments made, but focused on a very limited number of issues. This is again a topic that may have been influenced by the demographic of the respondents?

Themes emerging by volume of mentions;

- 1] More doctors, dentists, surgeries & appointments
- 2] Enlargement of Sax Health and/or satellite sites
- 3] No alternative but driving for Hospital services
- 4] KcC Surgery/Pharmacy
- 5] Visiting GP with Village Hall surgery, like P.O. arrangement
- 6] Community GPs





# Local Jobs

A surprisingly low number of comments in this area which may be a reflection of the demographic of those attending?

Themes emerging by volume of mentions;

1] Active encouragement of businesses to KcC. Ronald Road Industrial Area Plan. Possible retail opportunities?

2] Build Live and Work mixed environments, studios, etc.

3] Local 'Distributed Work' initiative, better broadband required.

4]'SAT' business to area for Training & Apprentices

5] No house development without local jobs?

Encourage broader range of businesses on the Industrial Estate.

No plan for Ronald Road Industrial Area.  
New houses = commuting to work.  
GREEN SUFFOLK?

Would like to work locally, more local jobs reduce traffic.

Use Industrial Estate for mixed retail use too

Encourage businesses to the area

Diversification – distributed working is ever more possible.  
Ensure the infrastructure is there to promote it i.e. fast broadband, good transport links.

With more housing of course it is important for some provision for studios or Live/Work environments



# Environment & Heritage

Despite being the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest area of expressed concern, the comments were largely concentrated into a few but significant themes below, ranked by volume of comments;

1] Preservation of the rural environment

2] Protection of wildlife & habitats, more surveys, etc.

3] Maintain 'green space separation' of KcC

4] Sympathetic re-use of KcC's older buildings

5] Developments to have integral wildlife areas & thoughtful native planting?

6] Learn from the lessons of Brook Farm, Hopkins & A12 developments in Sax!

Need to protect important wildlife sites & habitats for rare and special species we enjoy in the Parish

Make sure KcC keeps its identity & remains separate from Sax!

Protect green spaces and undeveloped separation between Kelsale, Carlton, Curlew Green, East & North Greens, Sax, etc.

What are KcC's strengths? Peace & rural environment – which could be swamped if future plans are unchallenged

Safeguard hedgerows, roadside verges and pockets of rough scrub, pasture & meadow

Do not allow the destruction of our rural environment!

We are losing natural features that make KcC a great place to live, by gradual process of attrition. See SCDC's 'Call for sites' map.  
  
All semi-natural areas that are good for wildlife & never surveyed are easy meat for developers!

Improve Main Road footpath, stepping into busy road is dangerous

A more concerned & integrated approach to the welfare of wildlife, farmland and flora as the encroachment of building extends into rural parts of Parish

We need any development to include wildlife areas, suitable ecological planting, native trees, ponds, etc.

Encourage the use & re-use of KcC's old buildings, they need a new life that preserves their connections with the past, but breathes new life into them



# Leisure and Recreation

Both days shared a broad and ambitious perspective on Leisure & Recreation, themes shown below by number of mentions;

- 1] Green spaces preserved & woodland planted
- 2] Improved children and youth provision, post school, evenings & holiday
- 3] Village Shop & Cafe
- 4] Safeguard allotments, uplift with water, etc.
- 5] Sports Club/Pavilion on Rec, usable for events etc.
- 6] Safe cycle routes/paths, rural routes, Green Lanes, bridleways etc.
- 7] Swimming Pool!
- 8] More L&R in village



Would like to have more leisure and recreation facilities including a Village Shop.

Safer off road cycling route to Sax, maybe Yoxford

Need to preserve the open spaces and plant more woodland, etc.

We need a gym, sports club, changing rooms, swimming pool, etc.

More bridleways and access to countryside

Safe cycle paths & routes

Suggestion: cricket, sports pavilion, changing rooms on the recreation ground, great facility for weddings, parties and village events, etc.

Plenty of opportunity for quiet recreation in the area!

More facilities like the Fun Factory (hopefully to re-open) needed, particularly for children & teens.

Younger people – what is there for them after school and during the holidays?

Excellent provision of allotments.

Could do with access to water and perhaps other small facilities?

# Community & Local Services

Interesting comments from both days with focus on more facilities and broader community activity. The themes below are in order of weighted importance;

- 1] A 'visiting store' or 'community shop'
- 2] Improved bus services
- 3] Elderly/disabled access & support services
- 4] More P.O. & mobile library style facilities
- 5] A Community Centre cum 'Local' community hub
- 6] Electric Vehicle charging points in car parks
- 7] More PC transparency
- 8] Better street lighting
- 9] Children/youth provision
- 10] What local services?



Need a centre or gathering place... to give the community a real focus!

Encourage residents to engage in Village Hall, events, activities, etc.

"P.O. in Village Hall a lifeline"... "P.O. great"... "P.O. & library"...

"A community shop"...  
"Community local shop"... "local shops"...

More community groups & activities

Inadequate cycle paths & bus services – forces people into their cars!

"It would be good to have a shop or pub"... "It would be good to have a pub in the village"...

More local bus services please

Where are the young people & what are they doing in the evening, weekends & holiday?

What about the young?  
Imagine being 16 again – where are the facilities & support for the young generation?

"More transparency in the KcC Parish Council"... "too many vested interests"... "should be more information"...

# Housing & Development

A lot of comments as you would expect, but focused on two major themes, possibly reflecting the demographic distribution and/or the locality of the responding person

## 1] NO large development

## 2] Low cost affordable housing a priority for young and old alike

Thereafter the comments were largely individual or about infrastructural components desired with or prior to any significant growth:

- Houses in local vernacular
- KcC Police, Health Centre, etc.
- No development – PERIOD
- Get unused houses into use
- Keep green spaces
- Controlled occupancy – no 2<sup>nd</sup> homes or holiday lets
- Parking integral to development

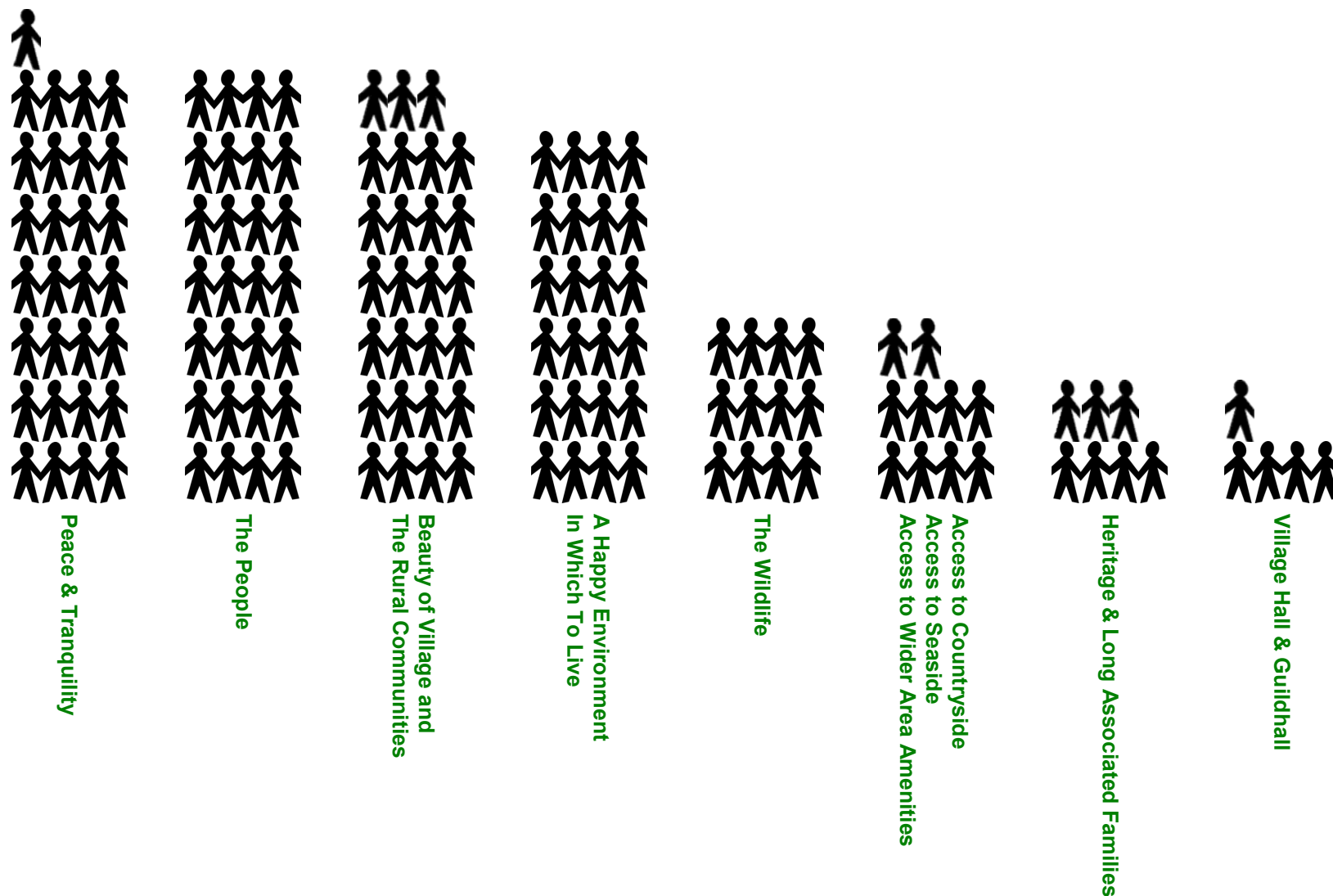


# What do KcC residents love about KcC?

Attendance across both Saturday and Sunday gave their top likes of Kelsale cum Carlton.

The table on this page shows the number of times a particular attribute of KcC was given in the feedback.

There is an large imbalance in those attending from Kelsale village and other parts of the Parish which needs to addressed in future engagement activity.



**Note:** 3 or less mentions were made of; The Recreation Ground, Churchyard & Lych Gate, Access to Railway, Social Club, Local Schools, River Fromus, Allotments, Limited Development, P.O., Limited Traffic, Quiet Lanes



# Children at our School like...

The children at Kelsale School have strong, clear views about what they like of Kelsale cum Carlton...

"It is very calm..."

"Lots of birds... peaceful"

"The community is kind..."

"It is very peaceful & everyone is kind..."

"It is serene, calm, quiet & picturesque..."

"I like the calm atmosphere"

"A sense of community ..."

"I like how it is peaceful ..."

"I like that it is a friendly place..."

"How calm it is..."

"How it is always quiet..."

## ...and what they don't like!

The children at Kelsale School have strong, clear views about what they dislike of Kelsale cum Carlton...

"There are no shops..."

"I dislike the noisy factories behind the school"

"No skatepark!"

"The factory is loud..."

"I don't like that there are no restaurants..."

"Not enough street lights..."

"The traffic..."

"The factory is loud..."

"...no shops or places to visit..."

"Noisy factory..."

"Nothing really..."



# What do KcC businesses have to say!

Many thanks are extended to the following employers for their input:

- UK Power Networks
- OMNIS Software
- Skinners
- Crasl
- Ice Watch
- Rainstick
- Jayar Auto Parts
- Teakcroft
- Polarseal
- Frimpeks
- The Fun Factory
- Clean Tabs Ltd
- Sabona



'More retail on the industrial estate...'

'...need change of use to retail as well...'

'...could trade direct with public...'

'Pleased to be included...'

'...would send comments to Parish Clerk...'

'...need for care with children and lorries, fork lifts, etc...'

'...permissible retailing from some existing businesses?'

'Poor state of Sax impacts on KcC...'

'...plenty more room...'

'...Fun Factory bringing more people in...'

'...coming to Village Hall at weekend to participate...'

'...other businesses would then start up...'