

# Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan

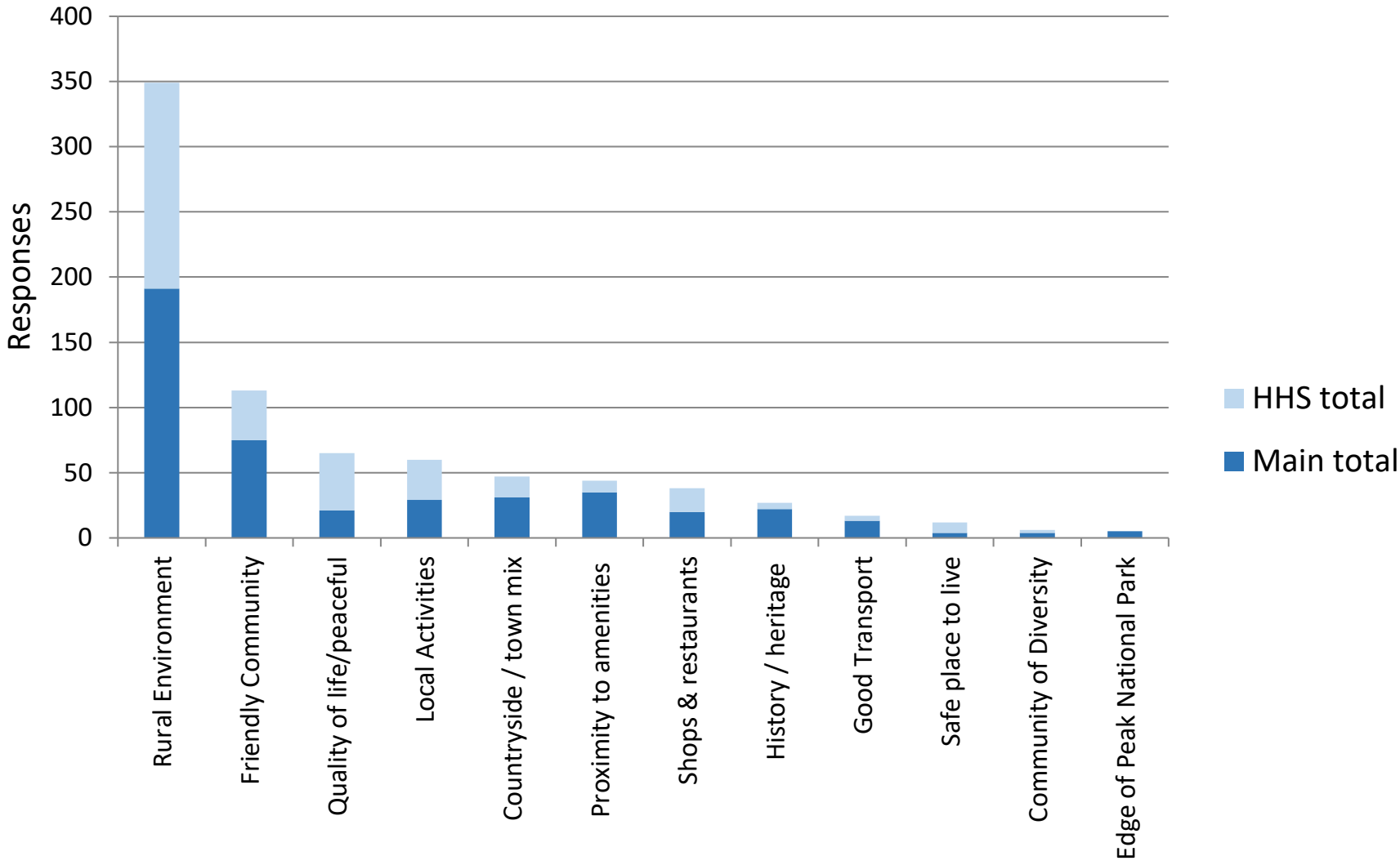


Summary results from consultation analysis  
Discussed by NHP Steering Group on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

# General background

- All graphs are based on data collected through the surveys undertaken during Spring / Summer 2017 as part of the initial consultation questionnaire.
- 475 questionnaires were analysed: 228 from Holmfirth High School (marked HHS) and 247 from the main on-line / paper survey (marked Main).
- All answers have been read and categorised according to key themes.
- Themes mentioned in at least 5 responses are included in the graphs.
- All the themes mentioned in an answer are included so many responses included several different themes.
- The quotes included reflect the range of answers received.

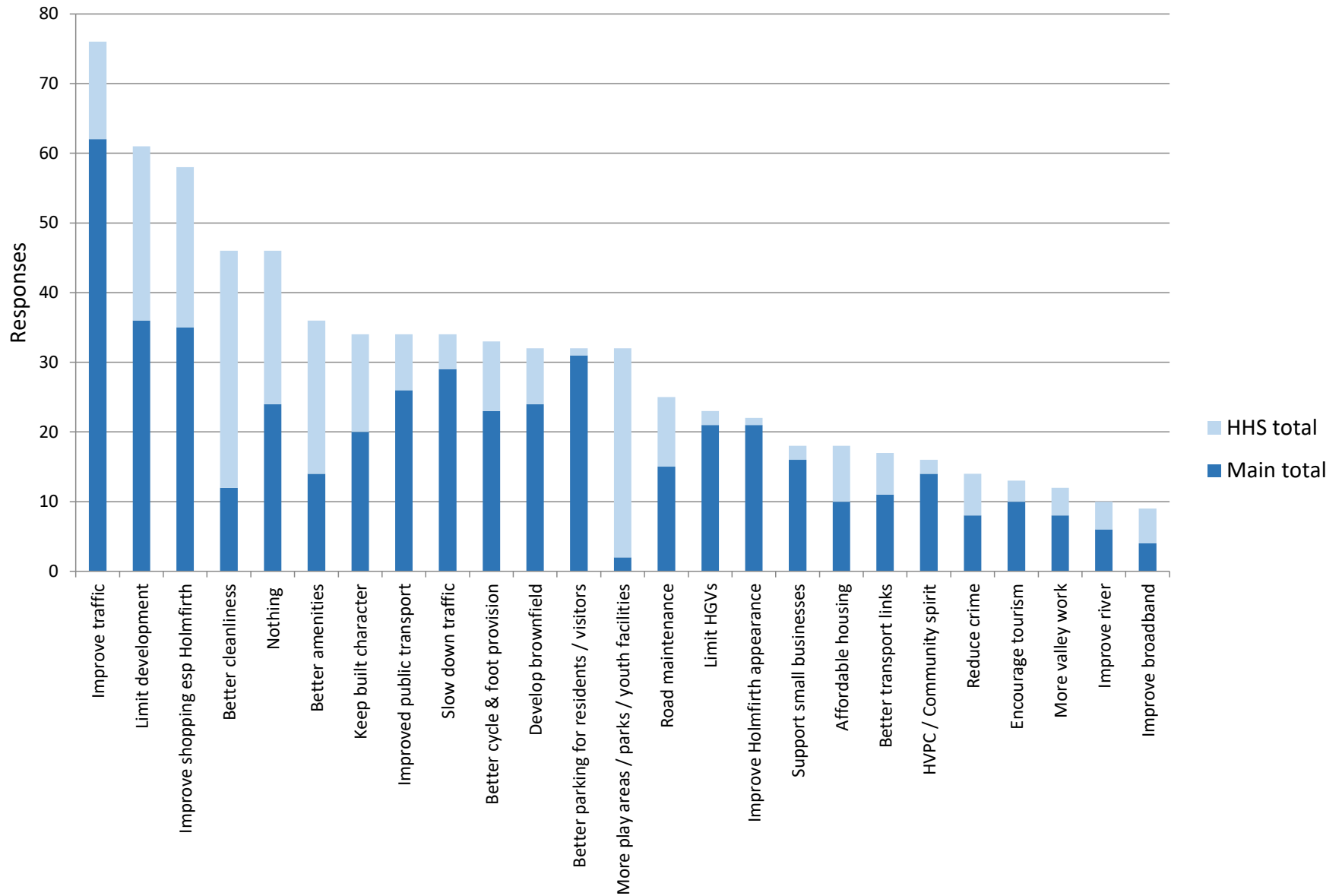
# Q1: What do you like most about living in the Holme Valley?



# Q1: Some quotes from the community

- “Beautiful well kept countryside, great towns and villages. It feels safe & friendly. Lots of well organised fun events.”
- “I have always lived in the Holme Valley. I can trace my ancestors back to the 1841 census. I have a sense of belonging, it is my home.”
- “I always say I can turn left out of my front door and within 5-10 minute walk there are numerous very good shops, restaurants and businesses. Or turn right and be almost in the middle of nowhere within a couple of minutes walk/drive. The communicable distance to Leeds/ Manchester /Sheffield is also a big bonus.”
- “Beautiful green space on the doorstep, combined with easy access to nearby towns and cities.”
- “The scenery and the friendly community.”
- “Safe, friendly, fun and beautiful.”
- “It's beautiful and there is lots of countryside, I couldn't think of a better place to grow up in.”

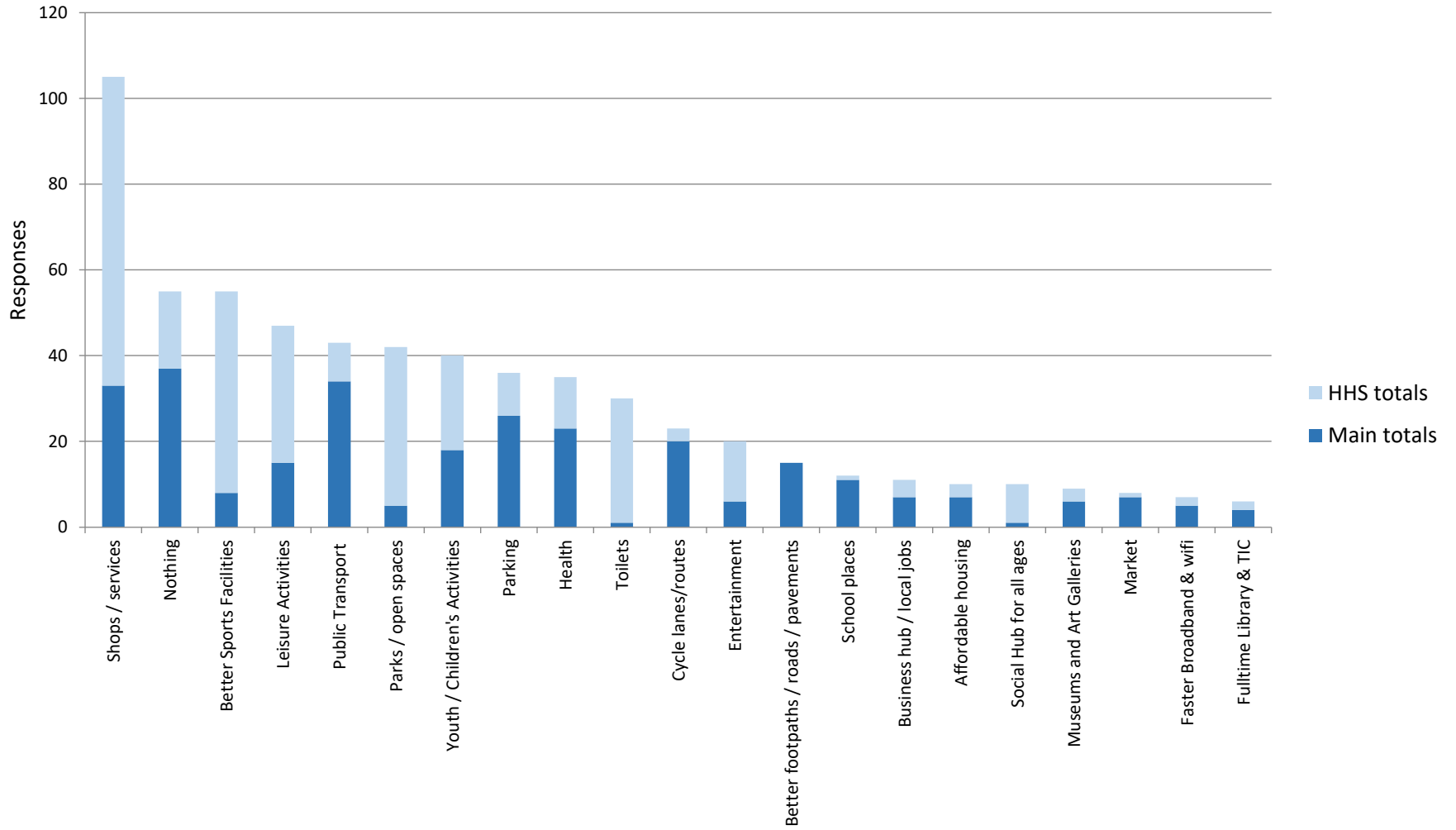
## Q2: What would you change about the Valley and how would you make the change?



## Q2: Some quotes

- “Make all village centres 20mph zones, to ensure drivers are respectful of peoples places where they live and feel they can walk safely.”
- “Traffic and road networks. More 'unsuitable for heavy traffic signs'. One way systems around villages. Timeslots for unloading goods lorries.”
- “Solve all the traffic congestion problems, especially Holmfirth centre.”
- “Independent shops, lower rent, make the centre less charity shops and encourage local makers and business people.”
- “More outdoor places to do fun things in the summer.”
- “Nothing: I like the Holme Valley just the way it is.”

### Q3: What facilities are missing in the valley?

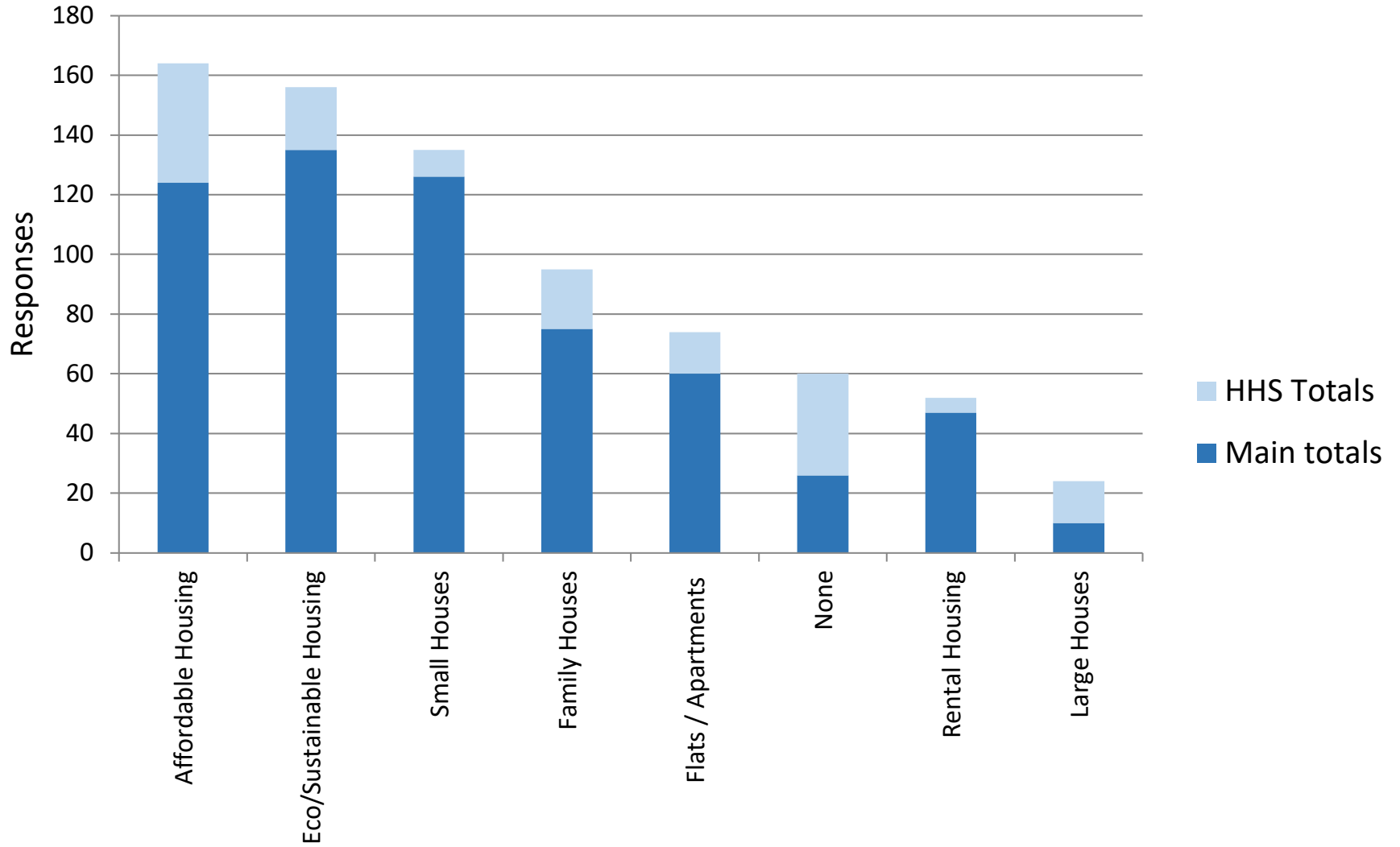


## Q3: Some quotes

- “The valley meets all my needs.”
- “Interesting shops. Seems to be all Charity shops and Estate Agents. Shame.”
- “More youth clubs or facilities for the young.”
- “I think the valley has a wide range of shops, enough supermarkets and would like to see a more rural feel it small shops, markets etc.”
- “Nothing that cannot be found within half an hour's drive.”
- “A trampoline park and more things for teenagers to do.”



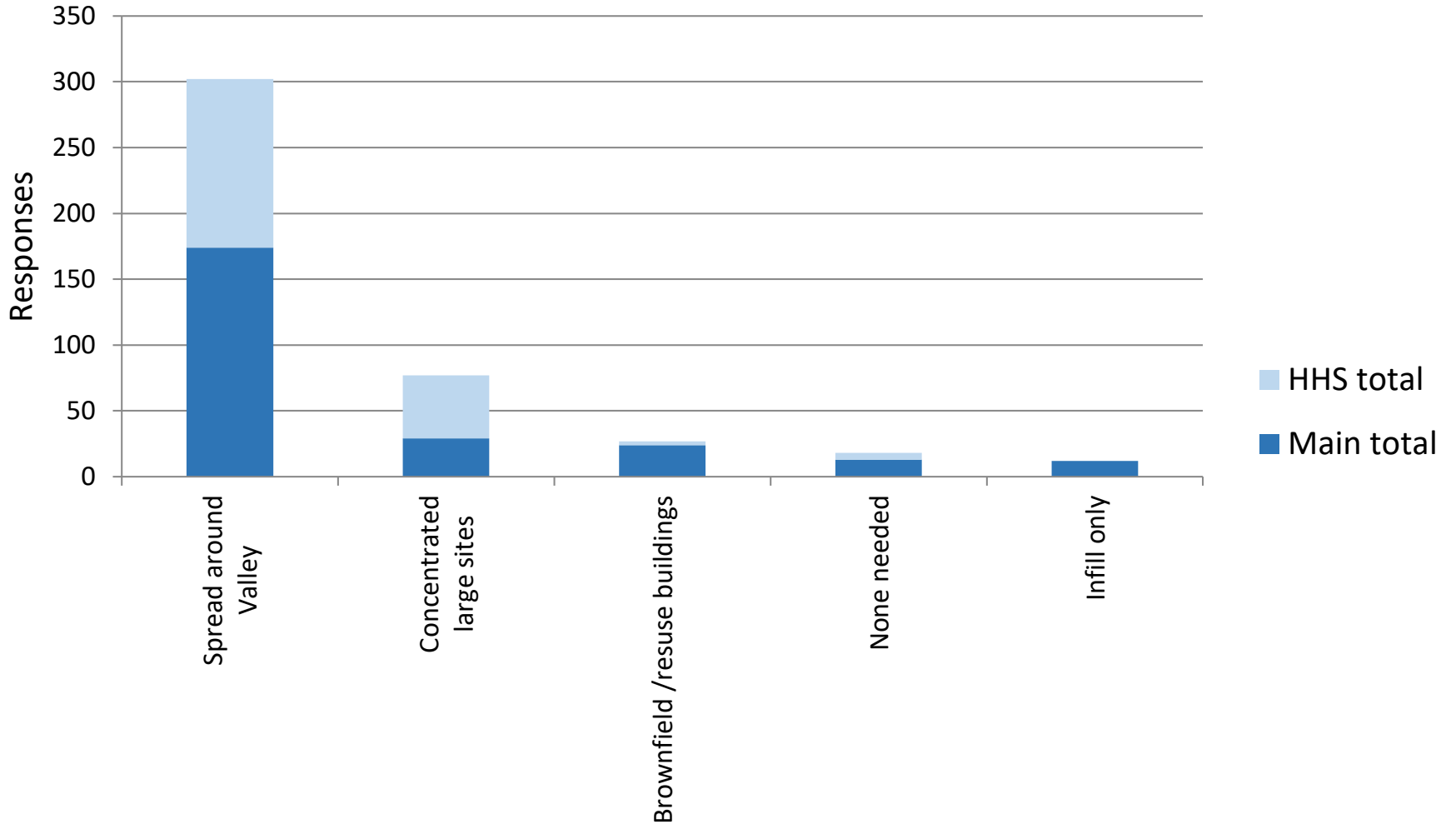
# Q4: What sort of additional housing is needed in the Holme Valley?



# Q4: Some quotes

- “We don't need any more housing - it is oversubscribed!”
- “Houses that first time buyers can afford and old people are able to remain living in.”
- “Sensibly sized and placed development taking account of current infrastructure and facilities including schools.”
- “All new housing should be eco or sustainable as an investment for the future.”
- “We are building too many large houses in places that cannot cope e.g. Schools roads etc.”
- “Some small and affordable housing and some family houses.”

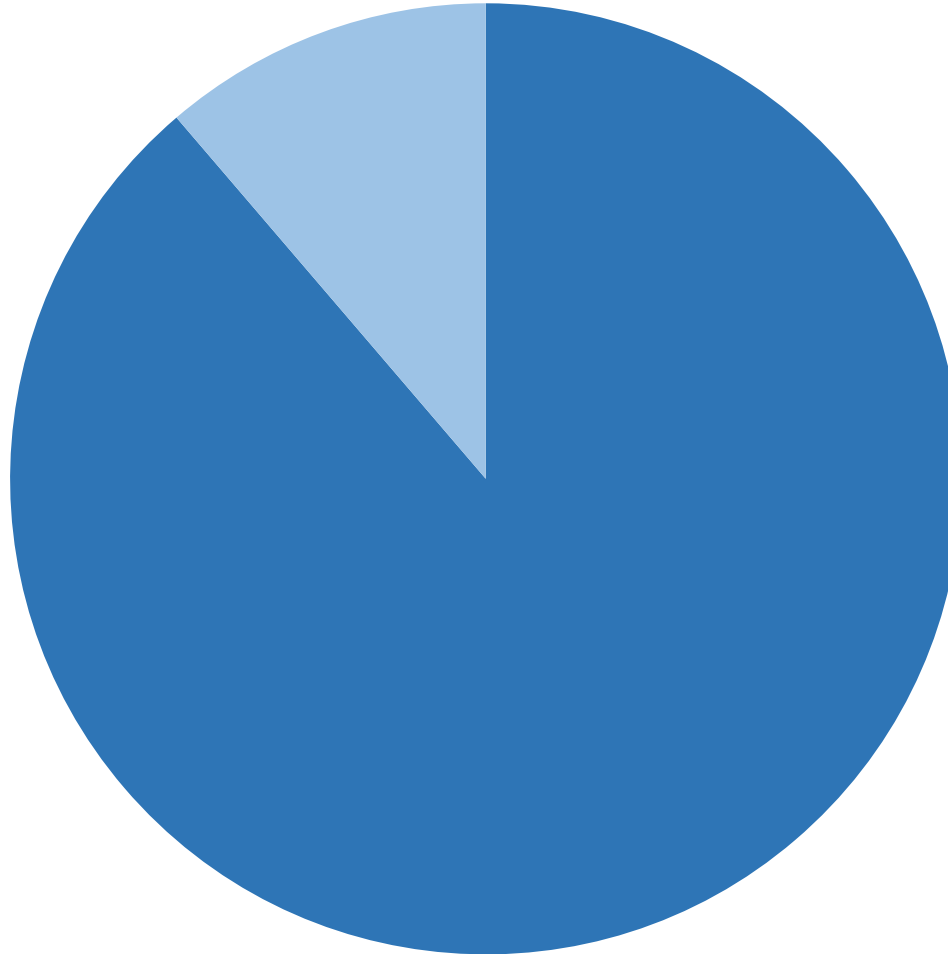
## Q5: Should additional housing be concentrated in large sites or spread around the Valley?



# Q5: Some quotes

- “The valley is not sustainable for more building.”
- “I think there should not be lots of houses clustered together, because there still need to be nice places, and enough countryside, so that the Holme Valley isn’t ruined.”
- “Large sites not only spoil the area visually, they have a great impact on local facilities from traffic to doctors and schools. No large sites should be built without all the infrastructure and support places being created first.”
- “I really don't like estates, never have. I would LOVE to see modern eco houses added to the stock to accentuate the iggeldypigeldyness of Holmfirth area.”
- “Concentrated sites would overwhelm individual communities.”
- “Lots of brown sites available, please leave the green fields alone.”

**Q6: Should new building on brownfield sites take priority over greenfield sites?**



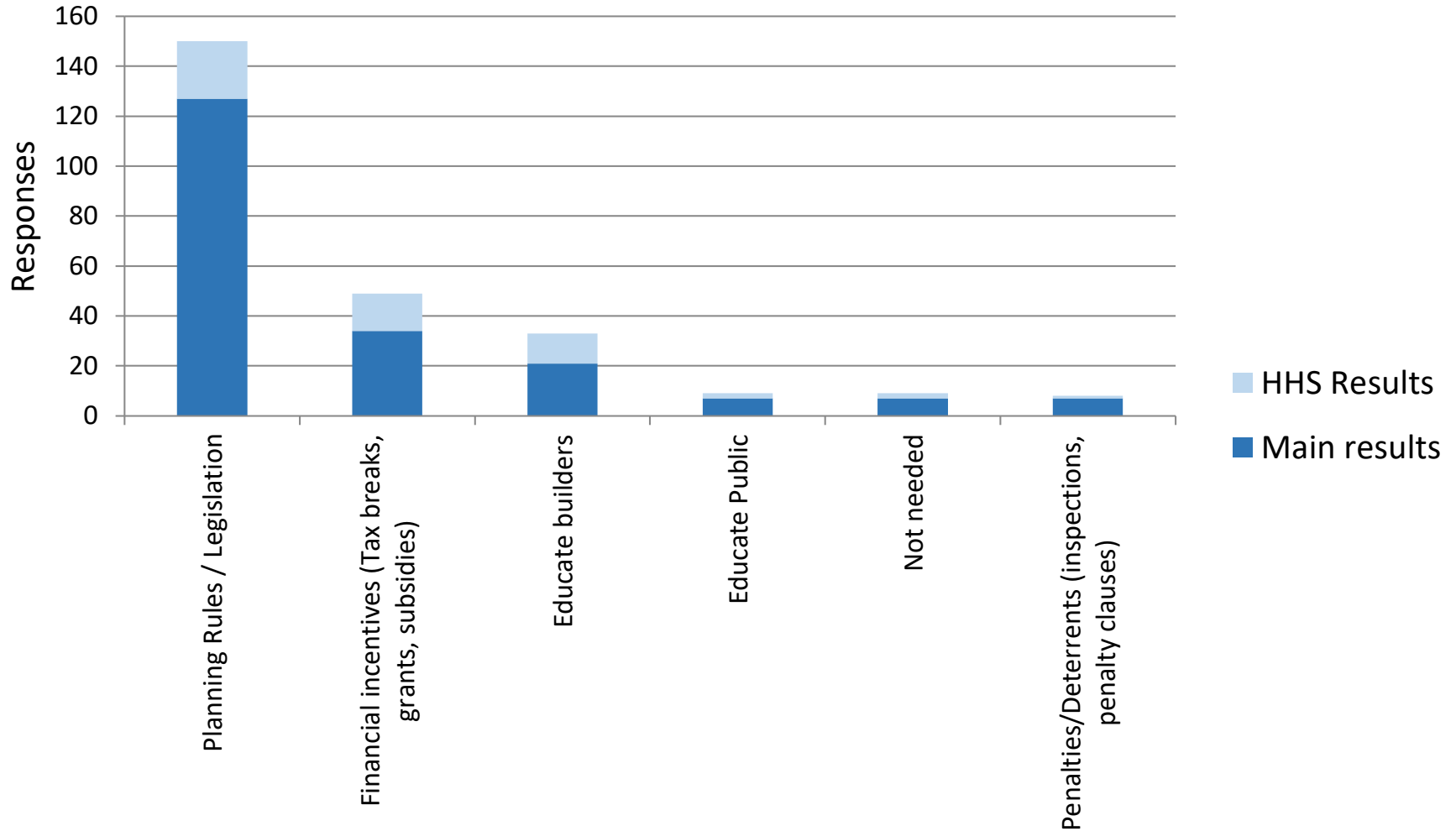
■ Yes

■ No

# Q6: Some quotes

- “We actually need farmland to grow food! Not a single acre more should be built on. Climate change will affect global food supply and at the moment we are increasing our population without a thought and in addition ruining our farmland. Its so irresponsible.”
- “No greenfield sites should be used until all brownfield areas in Kirklees have been used up.”
- “Of course brownfield sites should be used. Once the green areas are gone they are gone forever.”
- “Supportive of greenfield sites. Without question more housing is required.”

## Q7: How can we require developers to build more energy efficient and sustainable homes?

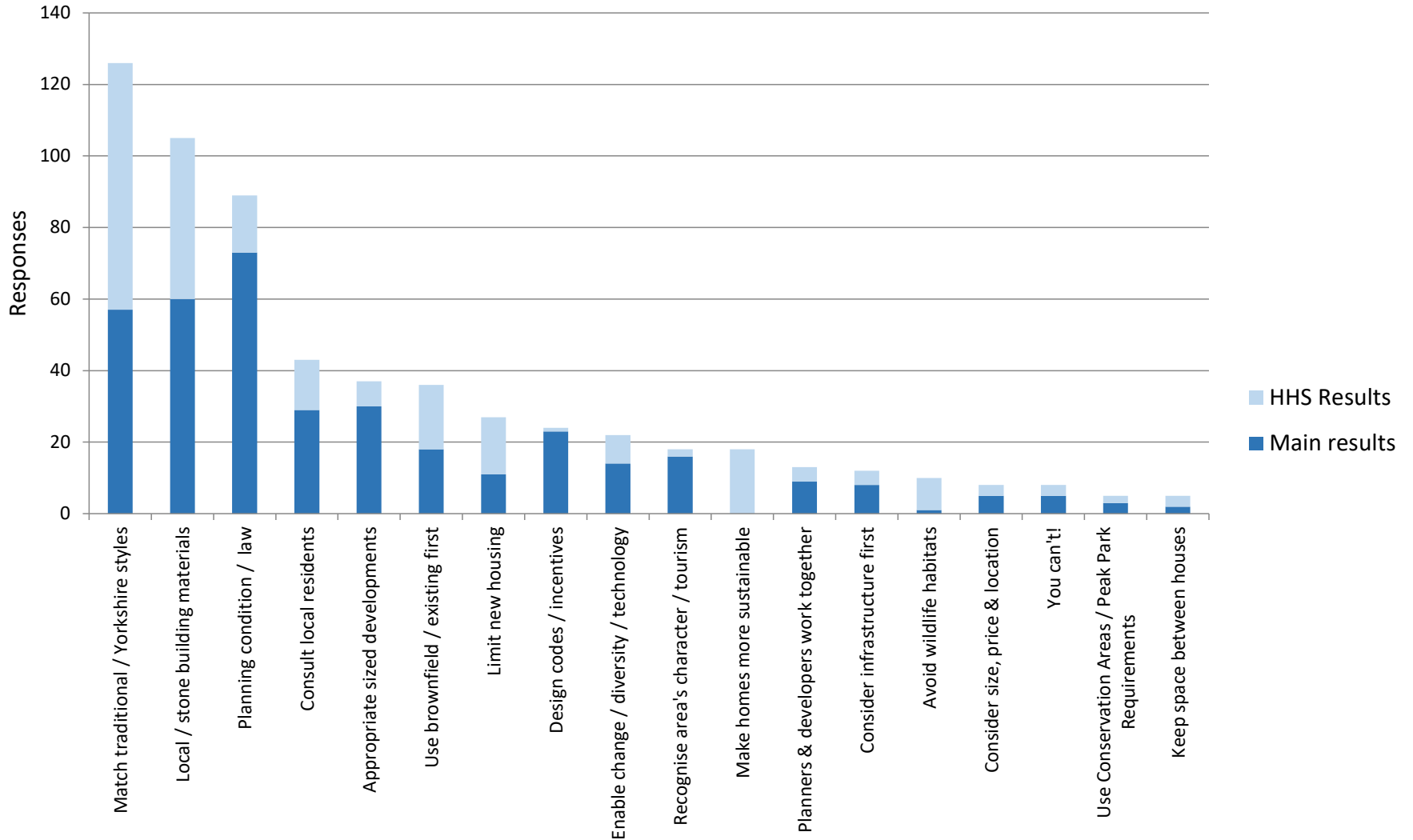


# Q7: Some quotes

- “Have a set of guidelines which all developers are required to follow in order to have a more energy efficient and sustainable home.”
- “Provide incentives for companies to install these in homes.”
- “By adding solar panels, rain water collection systems, recycled products.”
- “Penalty clauses if non-compliant. Tax breaks to encourage / incentivise.”
- “Require it as a condition for planning consent.”
- “Don't grant planning permission for anything that doesn't meet high standards. Make Holmfirth known as an eco-town. “



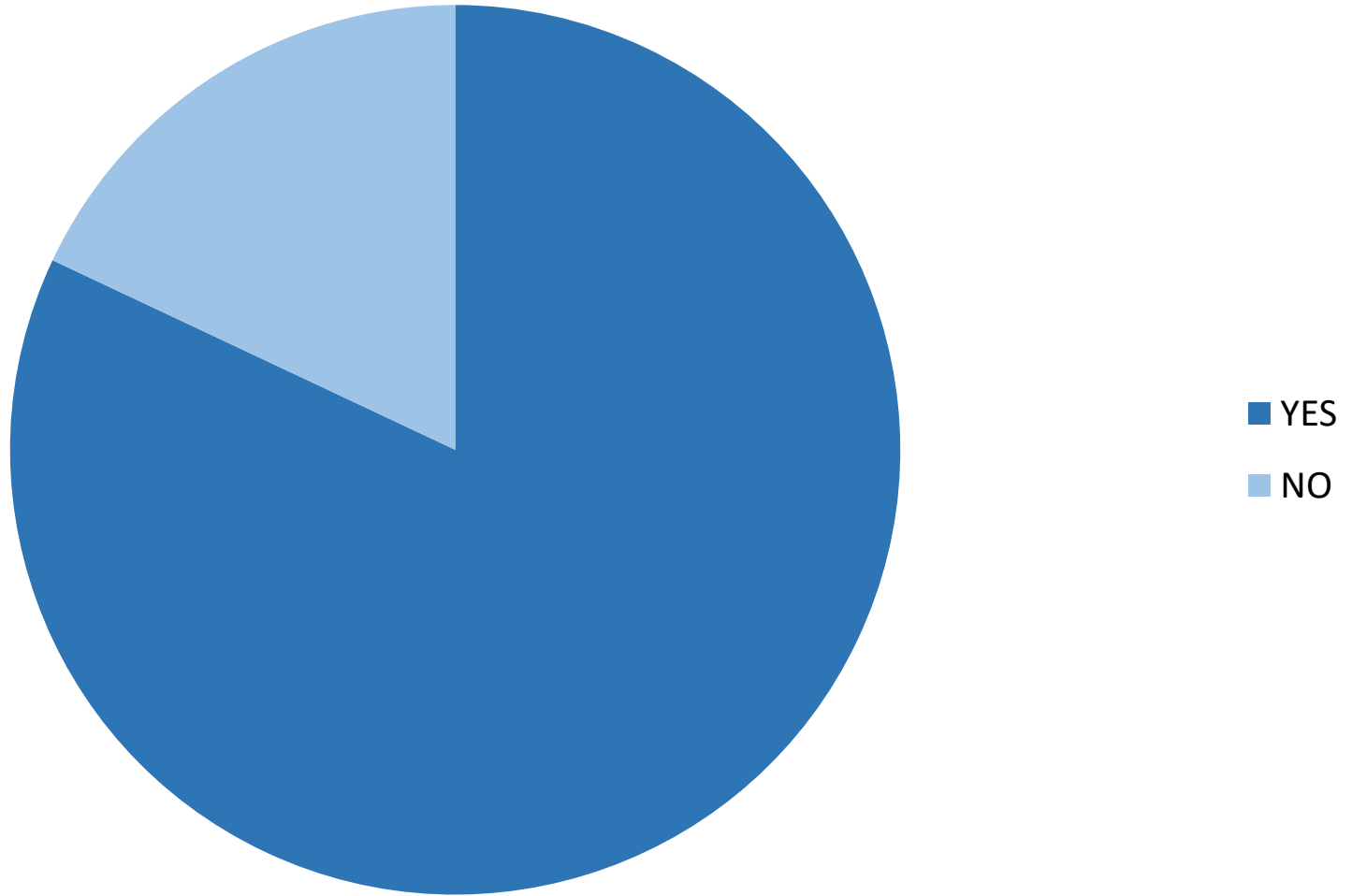
## Q8: How can we ensure new housing and economic development are sensitive to the Valley's character?



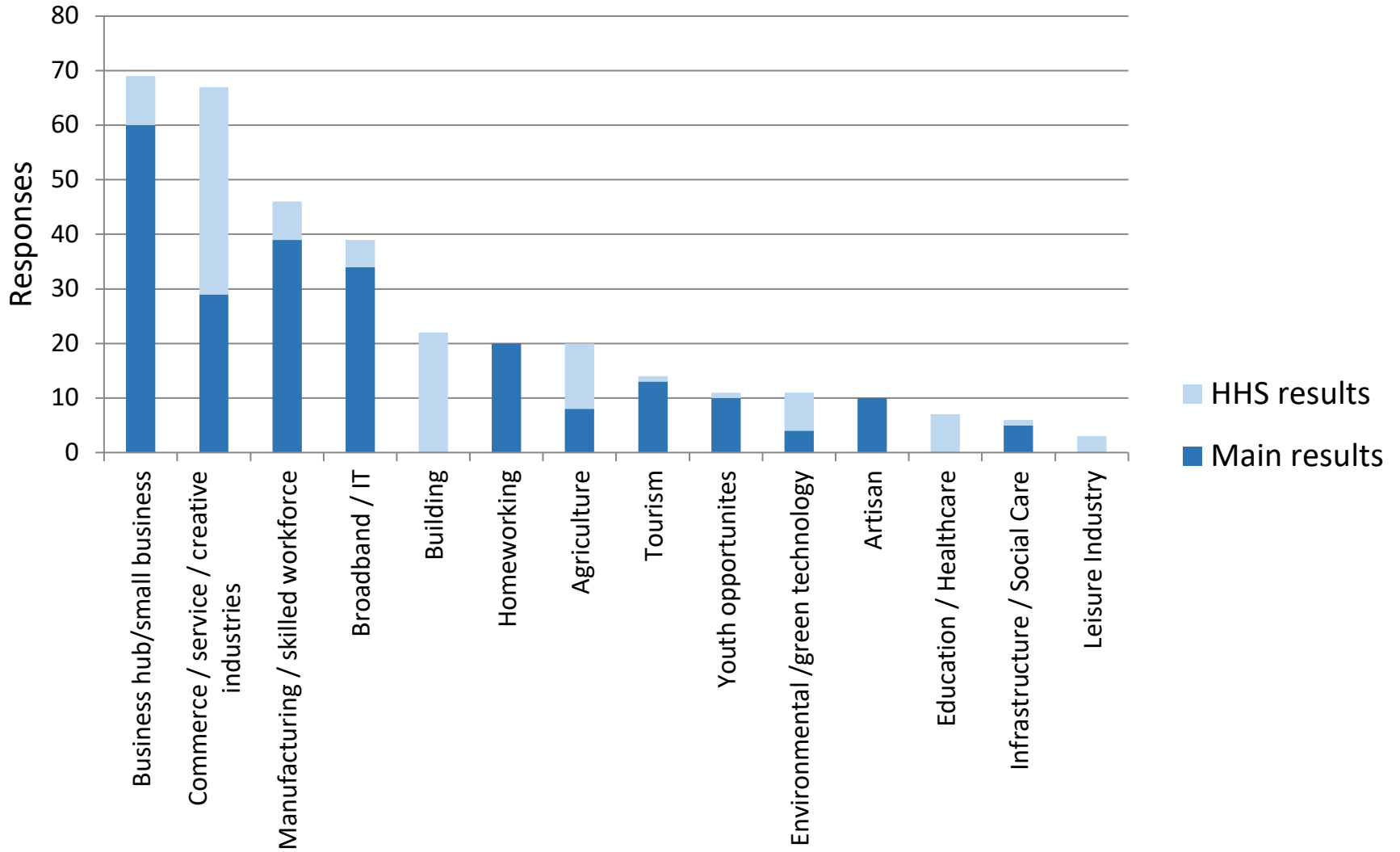
# Q8: Some quotes

- “Use existing buildings first. Use local materials.”
- “Build homes out of local stone but enable all the modern features are installed (e.g. Solar panels).”
- “We shouldn't need to preserve the valleys "character" we should embrace new changes in the valley.”
- “The Holme valley would not be the Holme valley without its green fields and beautiful scenery.”
- “Keep all new housing for the next generation of locals. My children are unlikely to be able to afford to live here which should be addressed right away. Big chains should not get planning permission. Keep houses off green fields.”
- “The demand for wooden guttering and window frames is archaic given the wide range of modern (heritage style) materials now available. The message is 'mixed' and confused! Why would Kirklees use NON heritage style ugly street lighting in Conservation Areas when demanding such out of date materials? Planning and Development Officers could do better to make it work both practically and aesthetically.”
- “Adherence to an agreed range of styles/ materials etc. Limiting the high street chains by offering lower business rates to independent traders.”
- “Stipulate no housing should reach above current skyline would be a priority as views are what makes the valley.”

**Q9: Should the Neighbourhood Plan enable more people to work in the Holme Valley?**



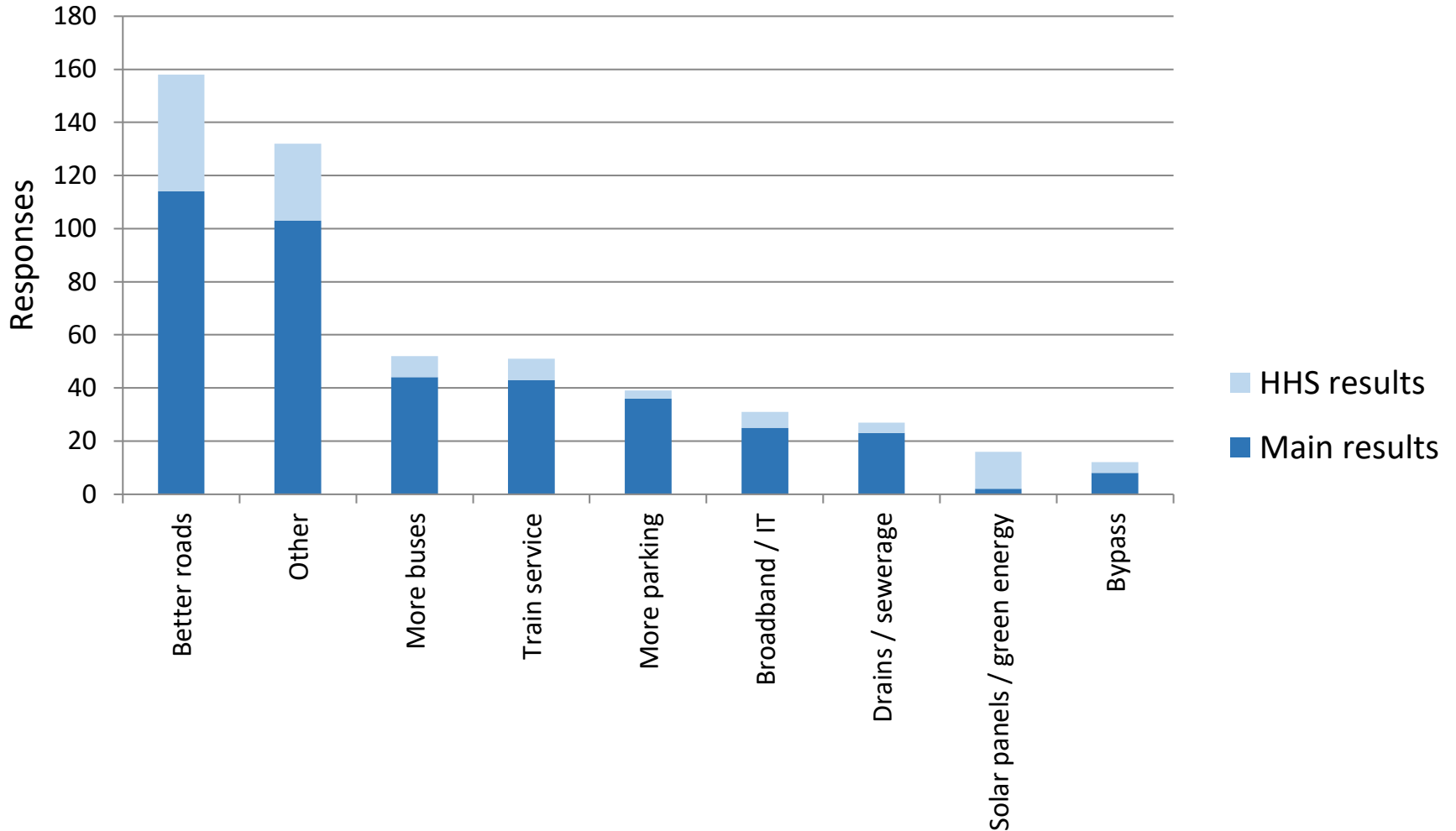
## Q9: If so, what sort of work opportunities are desirable?



# Q9: Some quotes

- “Mix - homeworking (fast broadband), manufacturing, service.”
- “Home based, so improvements to broadband and mobile connections, craft, arts, consultancy, tourism related.”
- “Digital economy jobs - marketing, development, programming, design, creative. As someone starting a business and hoping to recruit and stay in the valley, I'd love a hub to work from and network with others working in the digital economy in the valley. I'd rather not go to one of the big cities but I need space and qualified people.”
- “Traditional jobs that link to our roots and high tech jobs that protect future employment.”
- “Opportunities for jobs should be based around helping the environment.”
- “Yes, industrial areas need to be retained and mill complex refurbishments need to include a mix of development (some housing and some commercial/industrial).”
- “I think opening new shops would offer work and also people who want to build houses should use Yorkshire stone as that creates jobs for people in quarries. It's all about benefitting local people rather than others from outside Holmfirth.”
- “Not sure why more are needed-is unemployment an issue?”

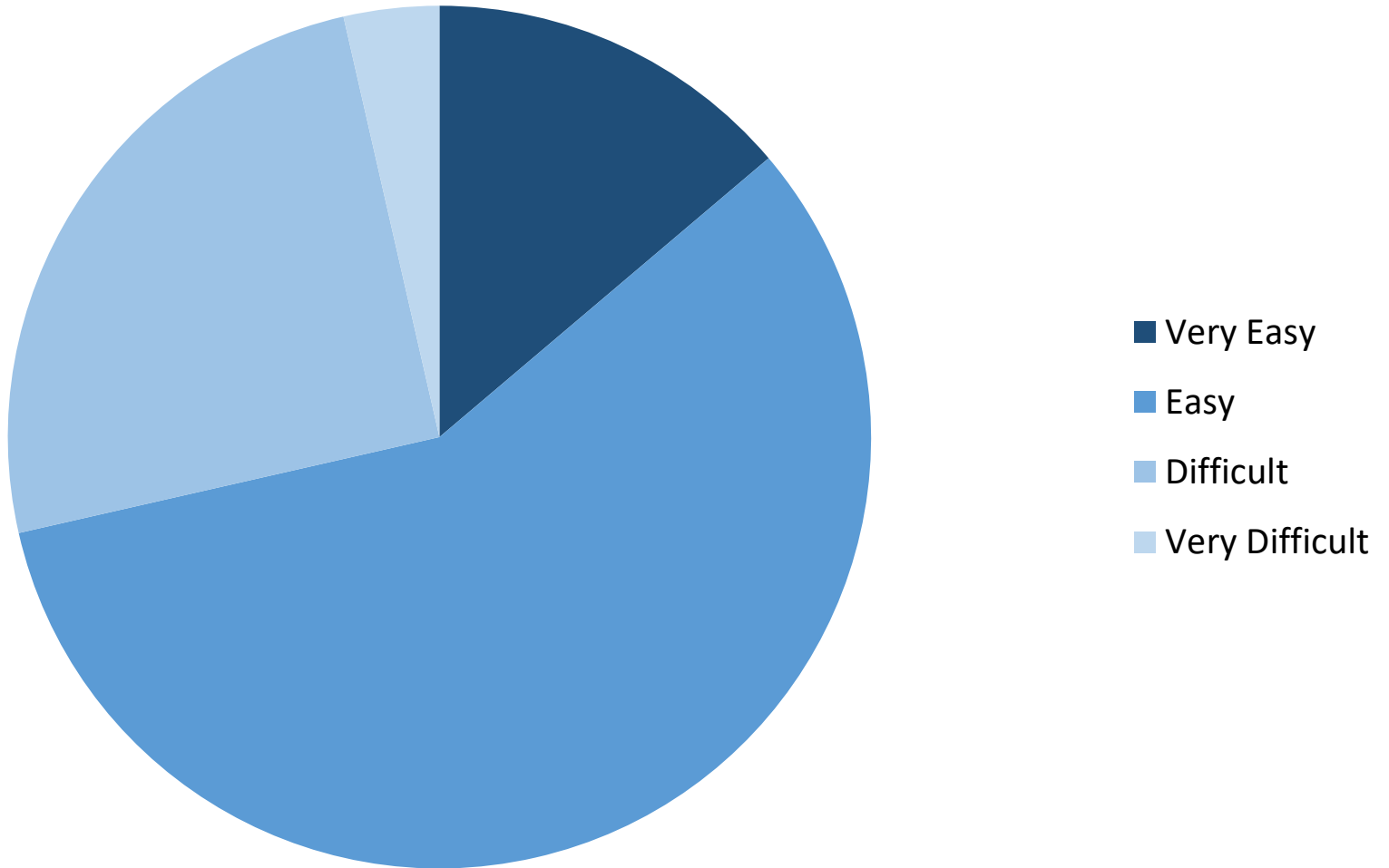
## Q10: What infrastructure changes are needed to support new building in the valley?



# Q10: Some quotes

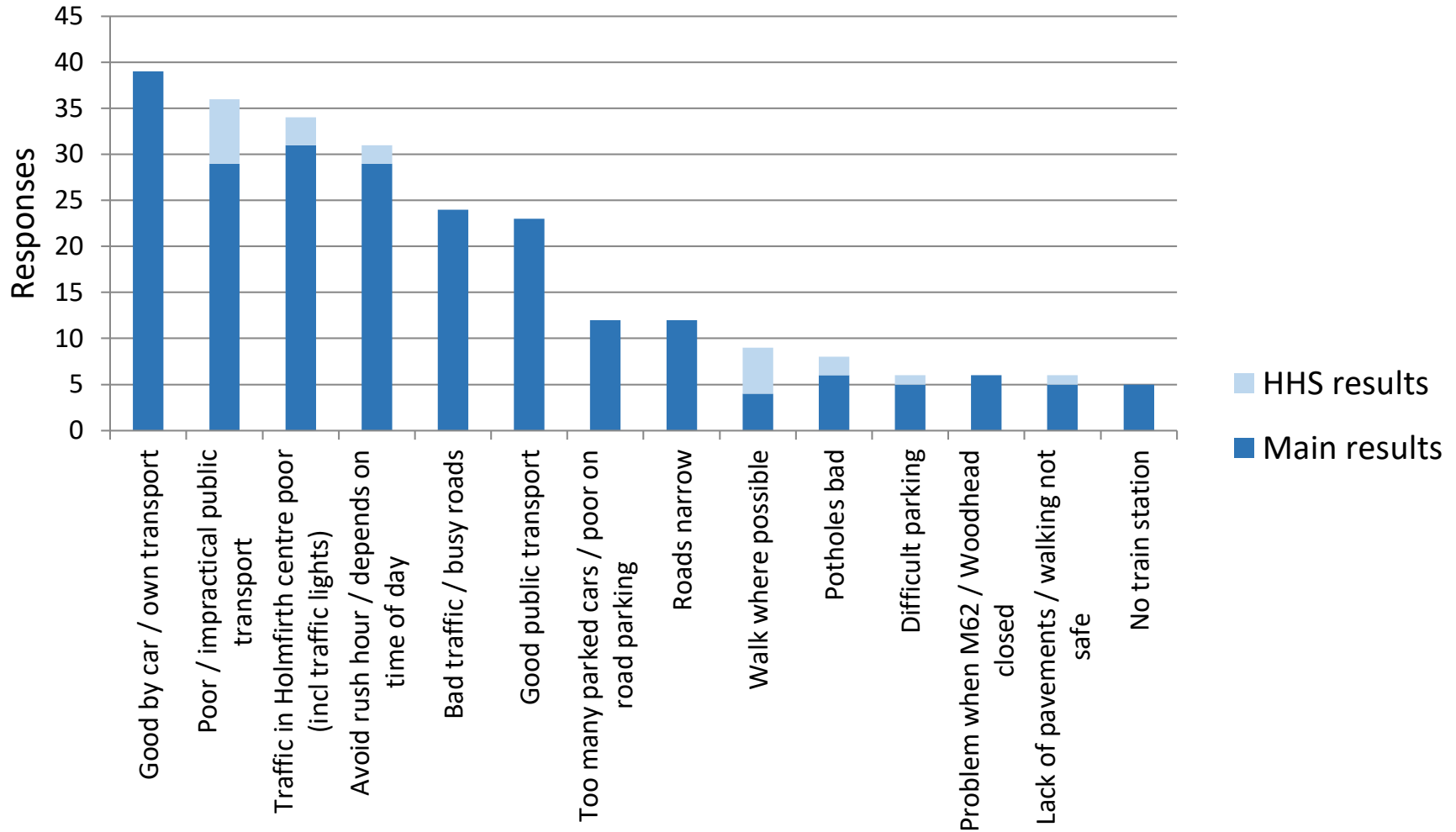
- “Road improvement and other transport infrastructure. The cycle and walking provision is lamentable.”
- “Additional public transport. The character of the area can not be maintained with road improvements. ( wider faster roads).”
- “The road system and network needs addressing. The valley is already choked by cars and the level of roadside parking is ridiculous. Connecting Holmfirth to the rail network would be a huge benefit for locals, employees and tourism.”
- “Improvements to schools, healthcare, public transport and walking cycling infrastructure.”
- “Road surfaces, one way systems, roundabouts longer traffic light changes.”
- “Better traffic management if there are to be more houses in the Valley, with more cars. Town centres need more parking (perhaps underground).”

**Q11: How easy do you find it to move around the Holme Valley and further afield?**





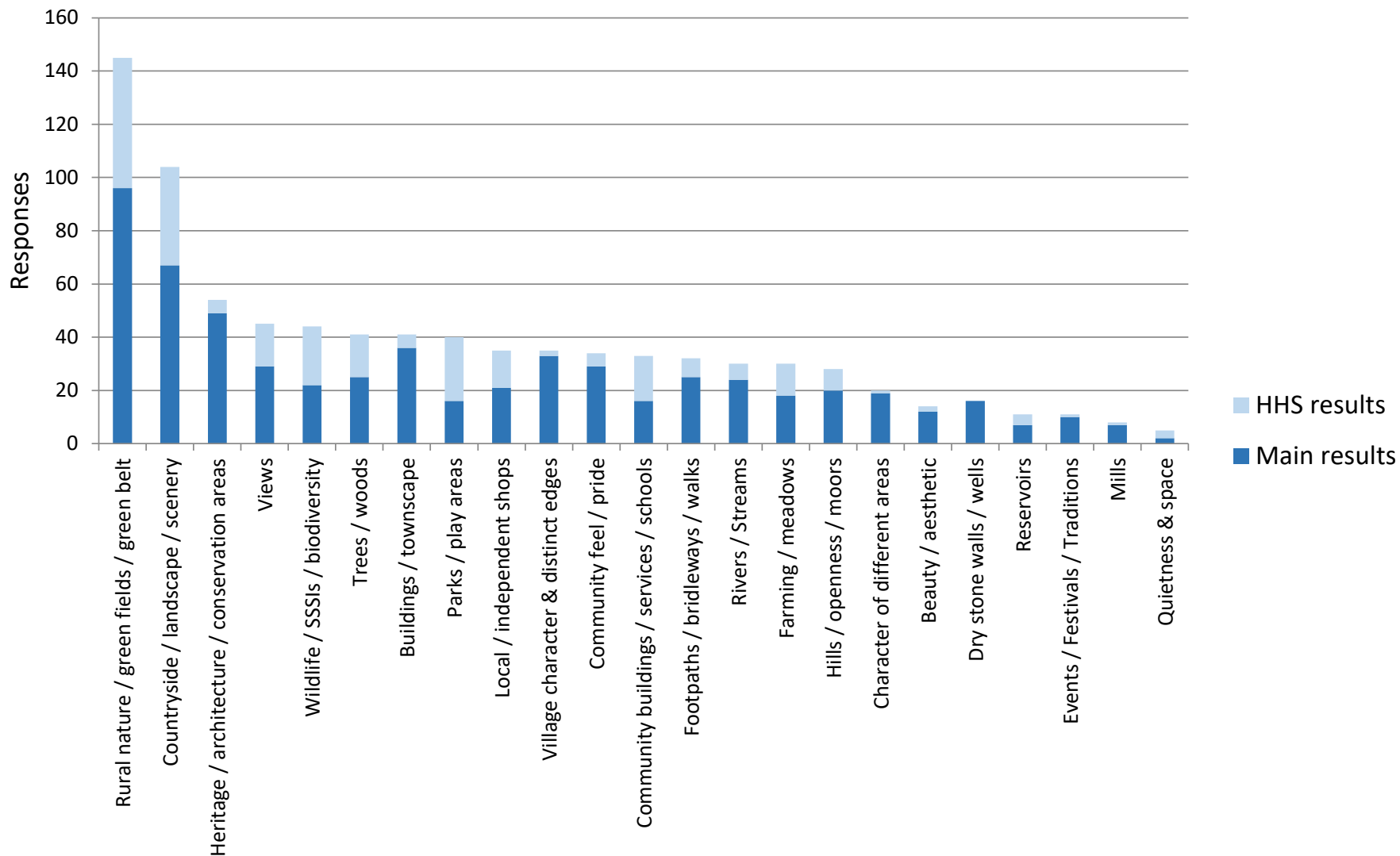
# Q11: Comments on how easy you find it to move around the Valley and further afield



# Q11: Some quotes

- “Public transport network is good. Vehicle access satisfactory.”
- “I would like to be able to use more public transport but it is just not practical.”
- “Good bus service, easy connections to surrounding town but narrow streets road side parking becoming increasingly to ensure smooth traffic circulation.”
- “I feel we have a good road structure, and it is easy to travel around but there is a lot of traffic congestion especially at peak times.”
- “The centre of Holmfirth is grid locked at key times of the day. Juggernauts and heavy duty vehicles should have limited access.”
- “The main difficulty is at peak hours along the Valley floor. This can be addressed with better public transport including rail and park and ride.”
- “Easy by car and bus, but not on foot or bike.”

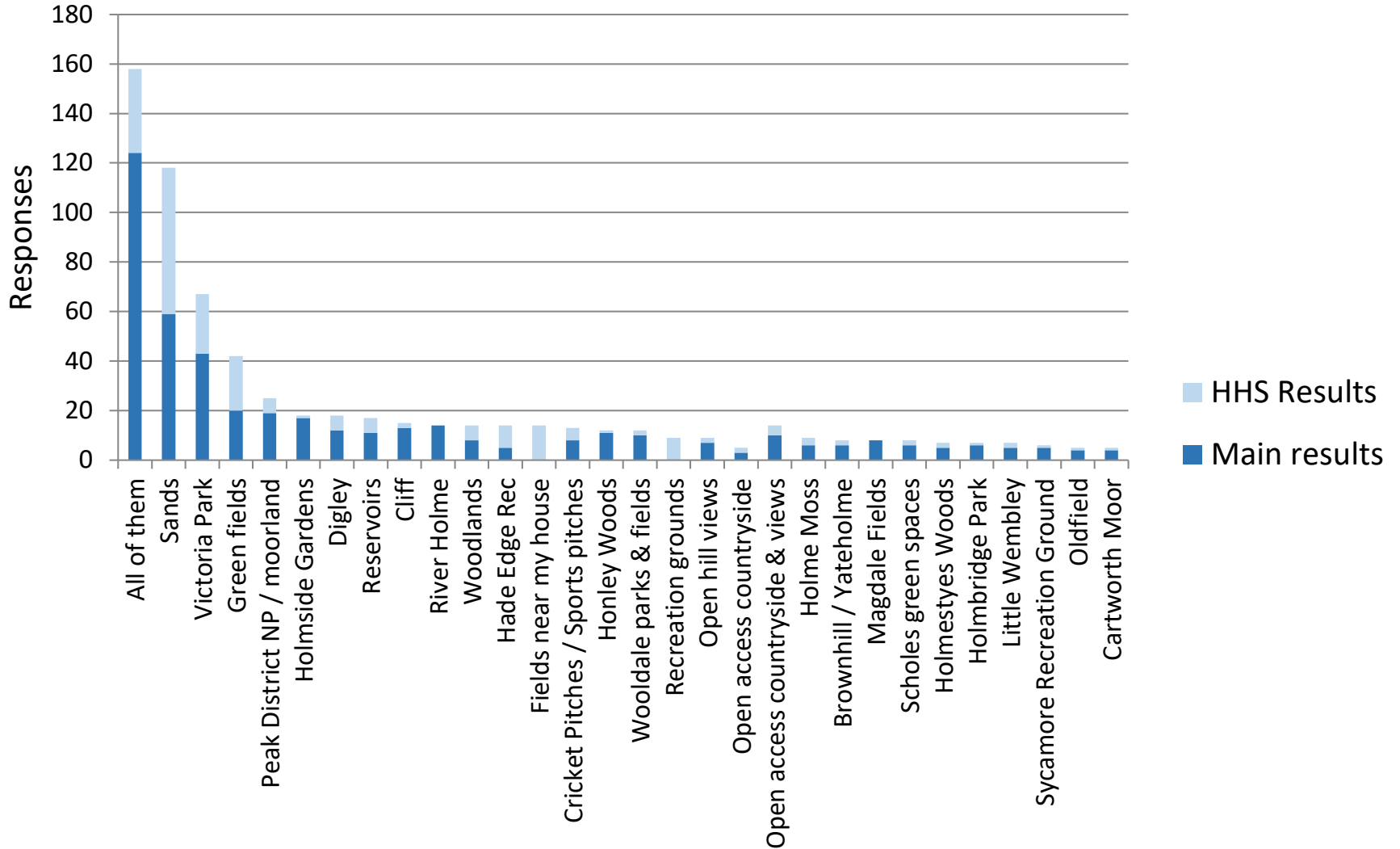
## Q12: What specific features of the Holme Valley are important and should be protected?



# Q12: Some quotes

- “Landscape and views, sense of community and sense of intimacy and neighbourliness that comes from small communities.”
- “The individual identities of the villages within the valley and the green spaces that separate them. The visual feel of a rural area with clusters of development rather than the large bland spread of large housing developments. It isn't about individual features more the overall feel of the place - as long as people feel that they live and belong to the Holme valley or a particular village within the valley and don't feel they live in Huddersfield or Kirklees, then the Valley will live on and prosper.”
- “The views from my house! Clean river, small town independent shops & pubs, not obviously big corporate chains. Character of people who care about where they live and their community of neighbours.”
- “The walking rights of way defined the area. Everyone used to walk to work, from home to the mills, or workshops. The network of paths, access and freedom is amazing and should be promoted as an asset. I can walk all day on quiet paths, with no map or mobile phone and feel very safe. “
- “Character, landscape, plant & animal life, small scale farming, Leisure activities like the beer festivals, music festivals, food festivals, art festivals. The Valley is so rich in heritage, and it should be retained in such a manner so that we can pass it on to our next generations and be proud of what we did. I for one would hate to look back and say "if only I'd been more outspoken...”
- “I feel that the most important thing that should be protected is the countryside. Without the countryside what is the Holme valley?”

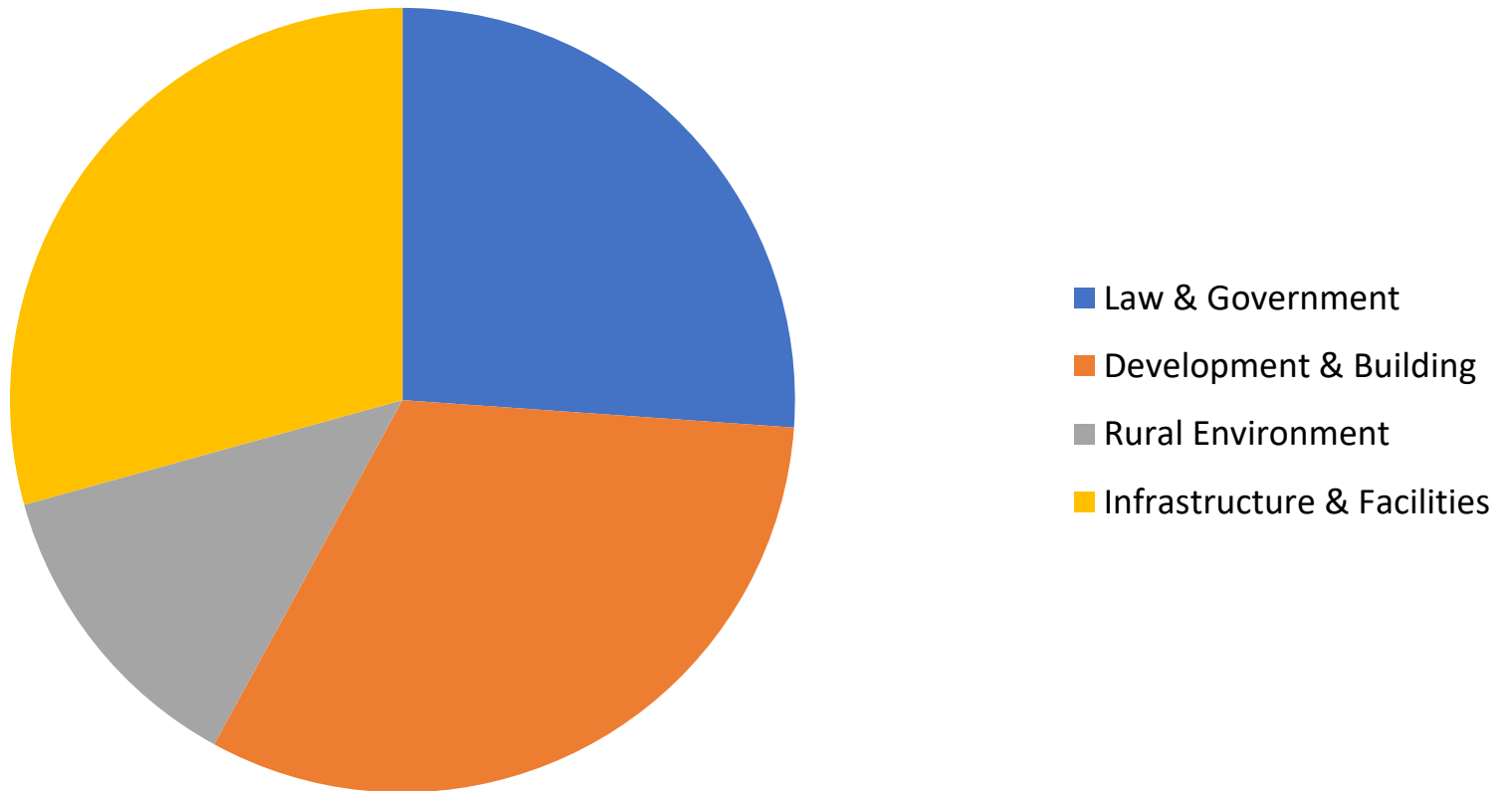
# Q13: Which parks and green spaces are important to you?



# Q13: Some quotes

- “Woodhead Rd should not become an urban corridor with no breaks.”
- “All, but playgrounds etc are embarrassingly poor. Victoria Park is not somewhere I would visit except for an art event. The little green spaces near Bloc & Longleys are great- we need more of this level of creativity.”
- “Holmside as it is within the hub of the town for a quiet sit down. Victoria Park is underused as it needs better signage and facilities.”
- “Even the daffodils on the verges are important.”
- “Without them we would not be living in the countryside.”
- “All of them! Sands is disappointingly bland. There needs to be much better access for people who use wheelchairs or are less mobile.”
- “Most places of environmental significance are important to me, as the entire point of living in the countryside is the rural atmosphere and the picturesque views.”
- “Place where you can bike ride, horse ride and do things like that.”
- “Defo the skate park it is amazing I love going and having fun there.”

## Q14: Is there anything else you would like to comment on?

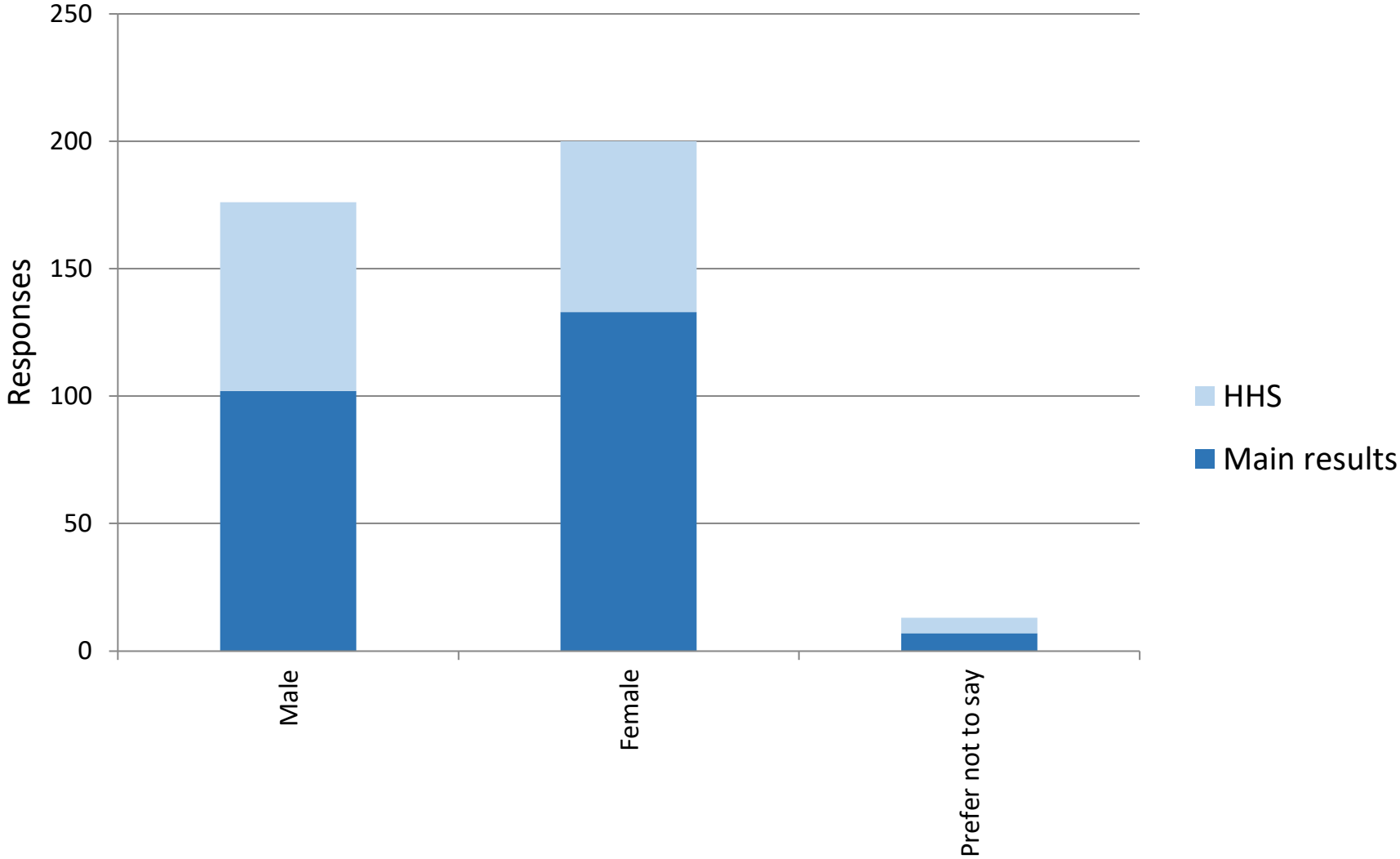


# Q14: Some quotes

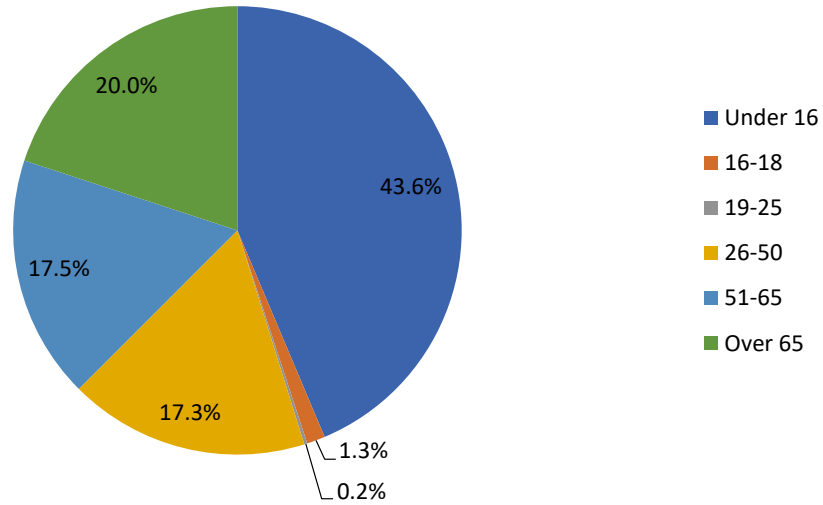
- “The valley needs to remain attractive and not have lots of additional buildings. There are some clusters of brownfield that could be used more fruitfully!”
- “We need to be brave in our architecture to create an interesting creative community.”
- “We think serious thought needs to be given to how to keep residents of the Holme Valley informed and involved.”
- “Thank you for doing this survey. I think that we are very lucky to have a way of life in the Holme Valley where people, young and old, can thrive and get on. Thanks for what you do.”
- “This valley cannot take much more traffic without a bypass. More houses= more cars. No thanks.”
- “The Holme Valley is rich in natural resources - lets use them to create a lasting legacy for our children and grandchildren a place where we are proud to live and work and support the Holme Valley to prosper - it has been neglected over the years and it shows - previous poor planning with no infrastructure hasn't helped - lets turn it around help small business to grow and employ local people and create and characterful and charming Holme Valley for the future.”
- “It feels as if Holmfirth is ignored & off the radar. It has so much potential beyond Last of the Summer Wine which has surely seen its day & brings only day visitors if that. It's a fabulous area for walking, cycling, the arts etc but we need some emotional investment alongside any financial.”
- “Don't make it big keep it small. People like to live here because it's small, quiet and has enough building. If someone wants to live here and there's not enough room they can find a different location (sorry to be mean).”
- “No I love my valley just the way it is.”



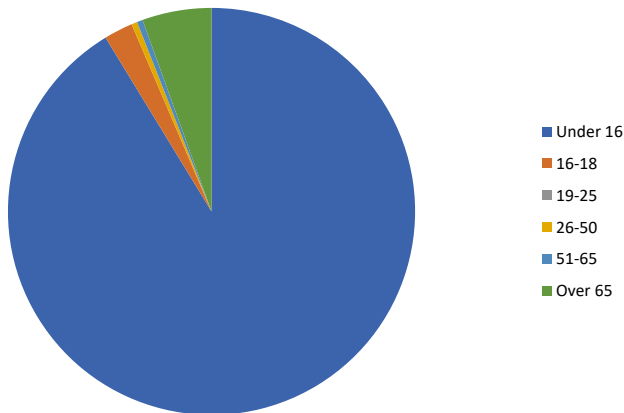
# Q15: What is your gender?



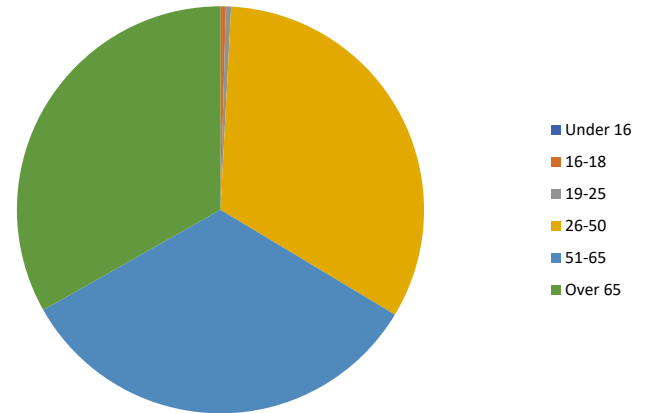
### Q16: What is your age? Overall total % in each age group



### Holmfirth High School % in each age group



### Main survey % in each age group



## Q17: What is your postcode?

