

# Public Consultation Summary

**Improving Selkirk car parking - Attracting more visitors - Improving links with the Haining**

## The study:

- The consultation is part of a Feasibility Study to investigate options and develop proposals for increasing Selkirk's car parking, providing campervan pitches closer to the town centre and increasing links between the town and The Haining
- The end point of the study is to produce concept proposals and an action plan to take them forward rather than a fully detailed and agreed final scheme
- There are no plans to seek planning permission at this stage and there have not been any conversations with potential funders
- The Feasibility Study was commissioned to take advantage of the SOSEP funding to enable a conversation to be had to look at car parking, developing links with The Haining, and attracting more visitors

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You provided:

**A total of 858 responses.**

**These included:**

- **354 responses from people living in Selkirk or the TD7 postcode**
  - **415 responses from campervan only users / potential visitors**
- **477 responses from people use Selkirk by means other than Campervan only – these are used as the base for the survey results provided here**

*Note that the figures do not add up as they either overlap or exclude responses – see full report*

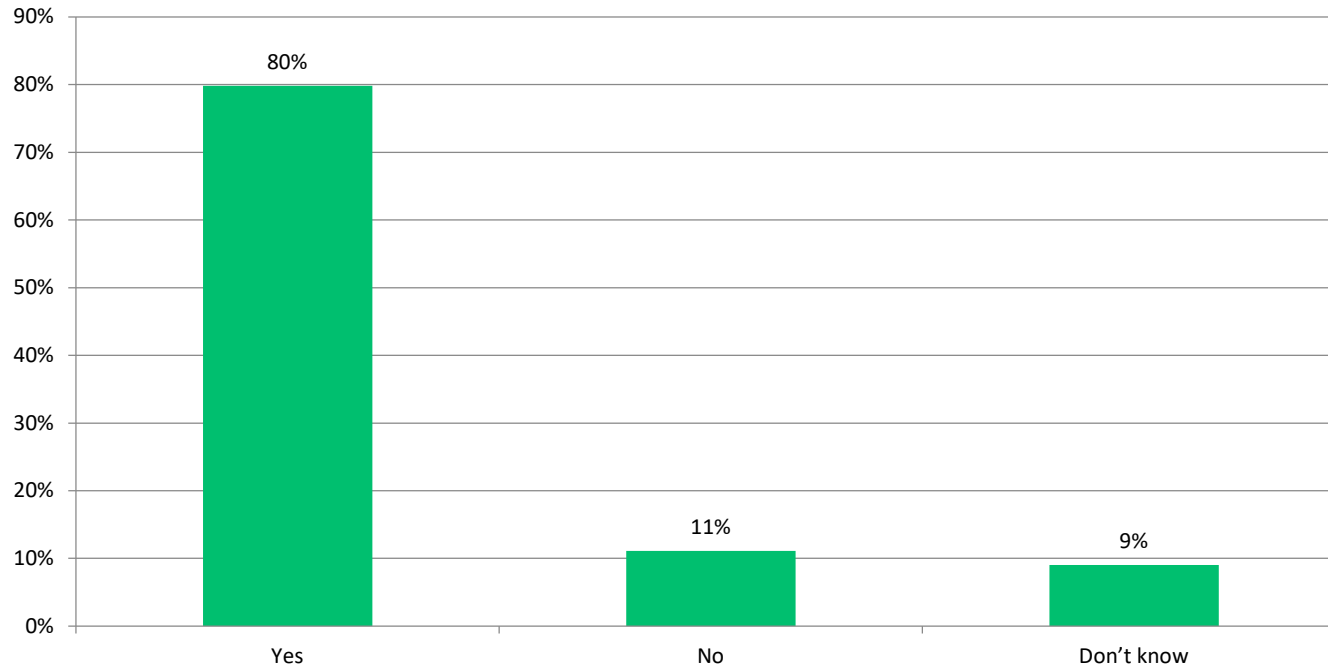
# Transparency:

We need to...

- Be fair and objective in our survey analysis
- Reflect the views of all
- Not let the survey results be biased by the large number of campervan responses
- Make sure we properly listen to and understand local people's views
- Be open and share our results

# You say:

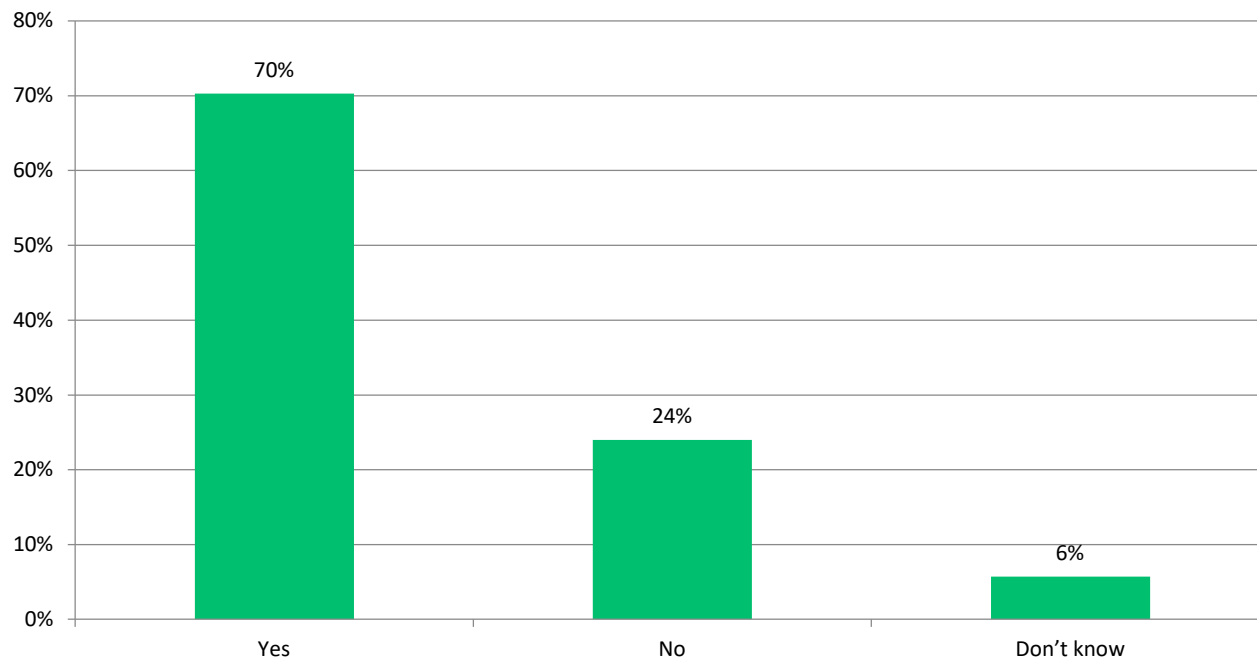
Do you think Selkirk needs more car parking?



A higher proportion of only those living in Selkirk / TD7 postcode felt that Selkirk needs more parking (84%), although the percentage of those thinking it does not also increased (13%).

# You say:

Do you use the main Selkirk town centre car park (also known as Halliwell's car park and West Port car park)?



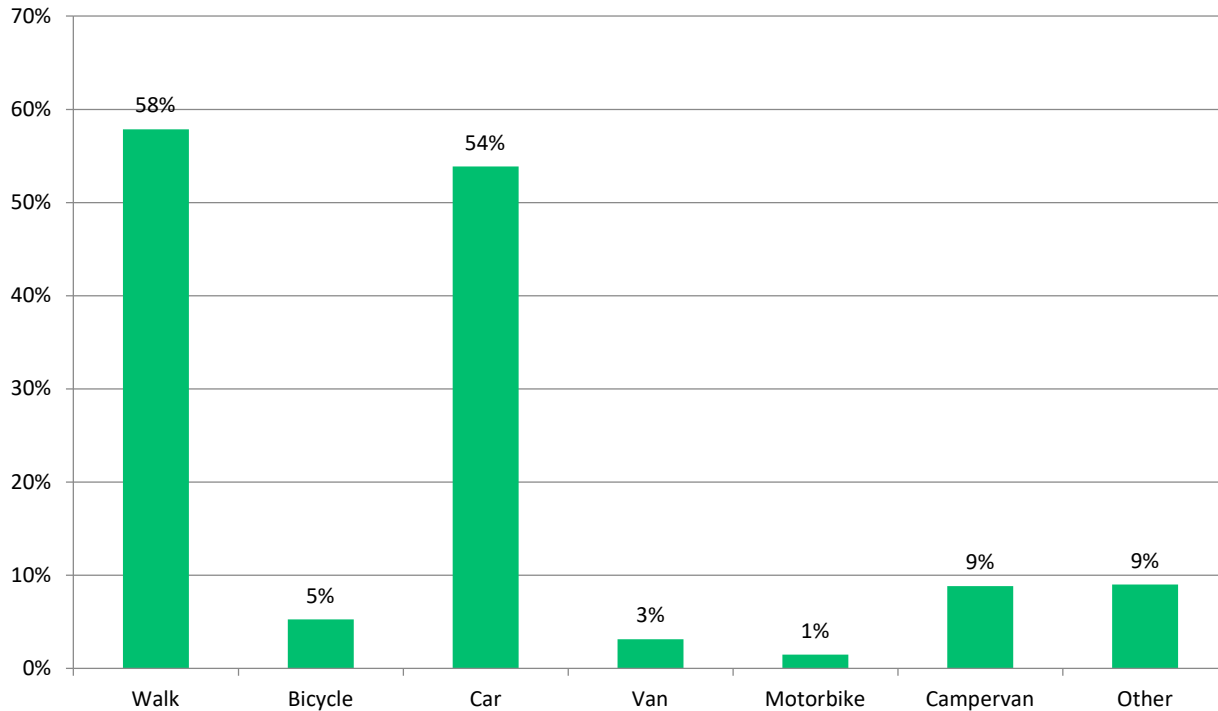
A higher proportion (79%) of Selkirk / TD7 postcode residents use Halliwell's car park.

## Why Don't you use it?

- Just walk / don't need to / don't own a car
- Busy, confusing and tight spaces
- Park on the street instead
- Spaces too small for large vehicles or campervans / motorhomes
- Normally / often full
- Too far to walk / carrying heavy shopping
- Don't shop at this end of town

# You say:

How do you normally travel to Selkirk town centre?

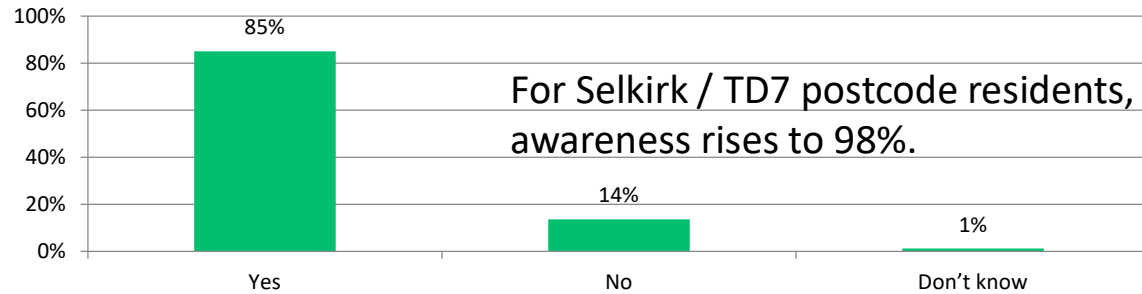


For Selkirk / TD7 postcode residents, those walking into town rises to 73%.

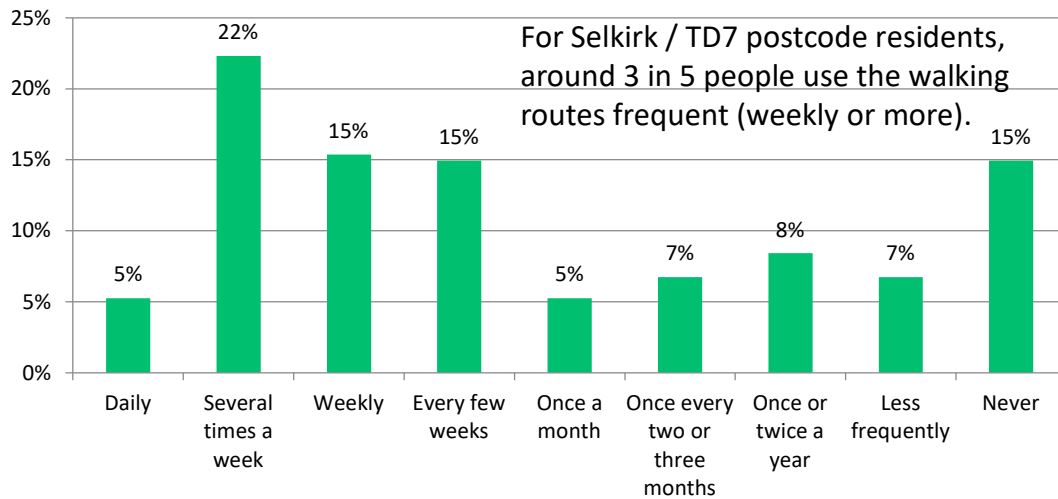
Other included public buses which were not included as a separate answer

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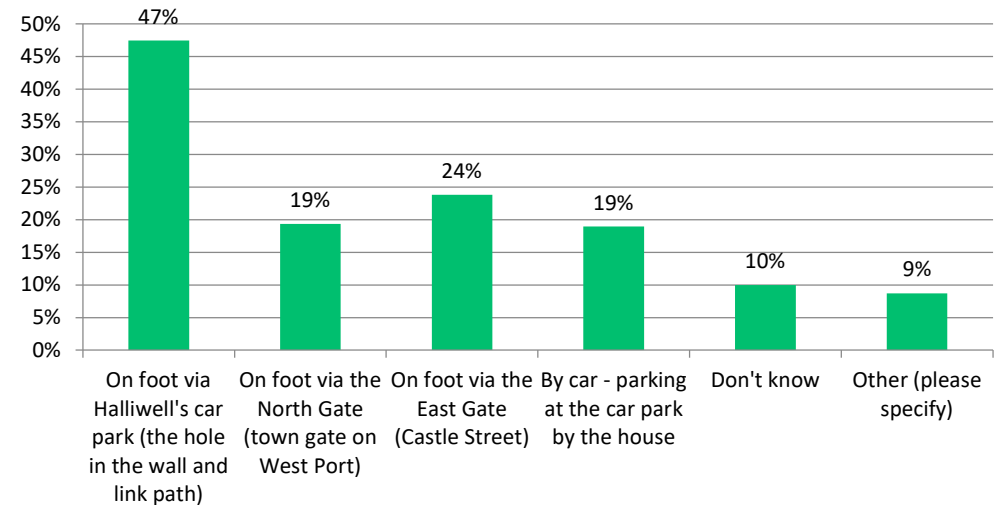
### Are you aware of walking routes around the Haining Estate?



### How often do you use the walking routes around the Haining Estate?

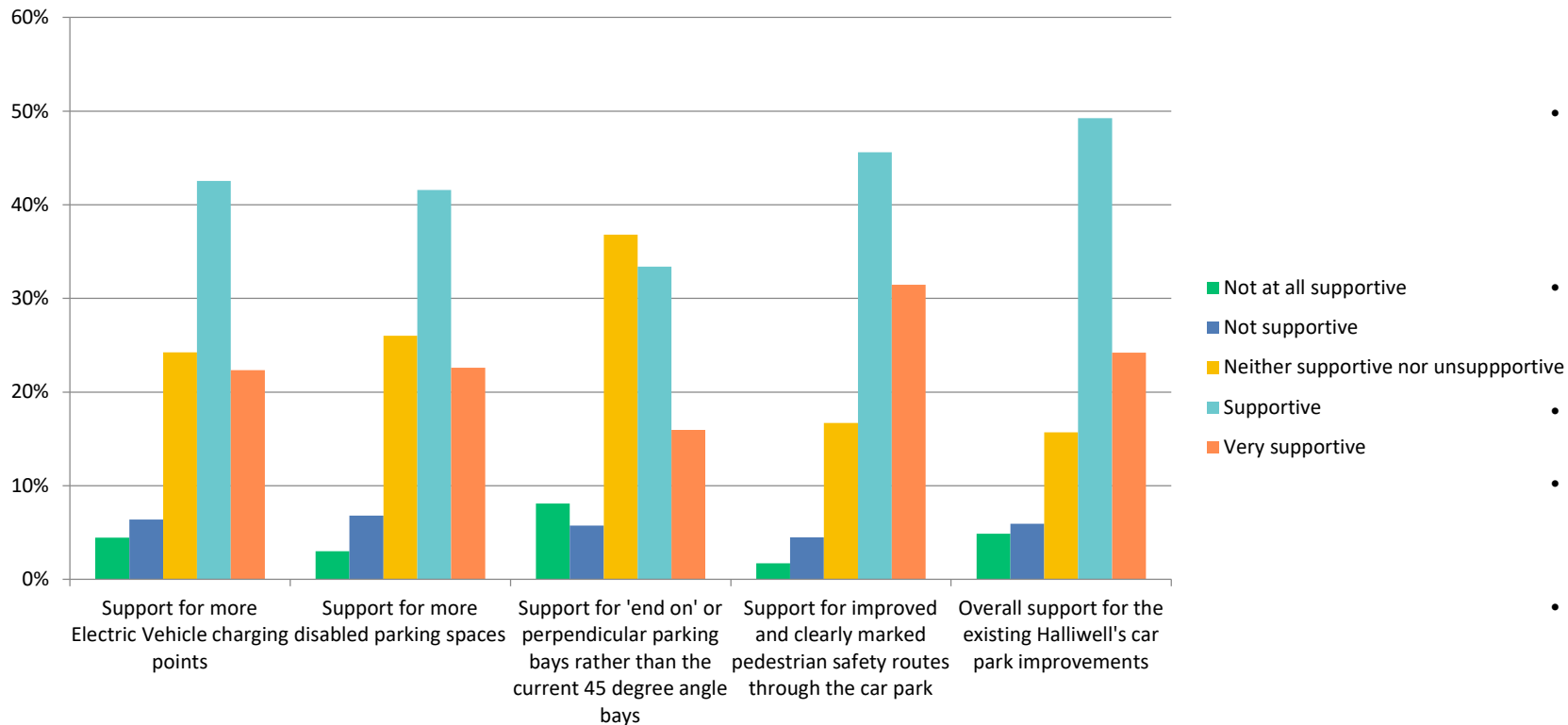


### How do you normally access the Haining Estate?



# You say:

Do you support the suggested potential improvements to the existing Halliwell's car park?



## Comments included:

- Prefer the angled parking to end on parking
- Desire for parking for longer vehicles and campervans / motorhomes
- Changes aren't going to provide many extra spaces (high cost for small gain)
- Suggest making Market Place disabled parking
- Addition of coach parking
- Addition of parent and child parking
- Too many electric charge points

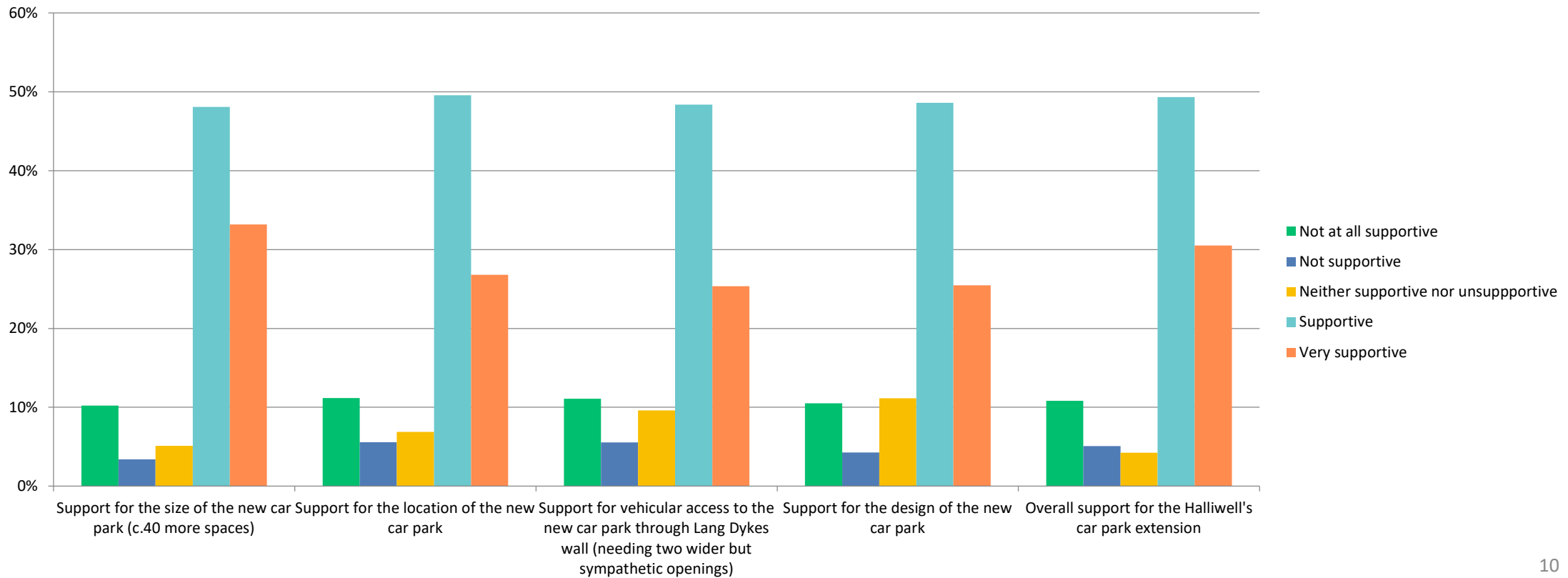


# We need to:

- Think about how best to include minibus parking
- Include motorcycle parking (replacing two car parking bays)
- Include pedal cycle parking (location tbc)
- Explain the benefits (pedestrian safety) of end on parking over angled parking
- Consider longer vehicle parking (for vans, larger 4x4 and daytime campervan parking)

# You say:

## Do you support the potential extension to Halliwell's car park?

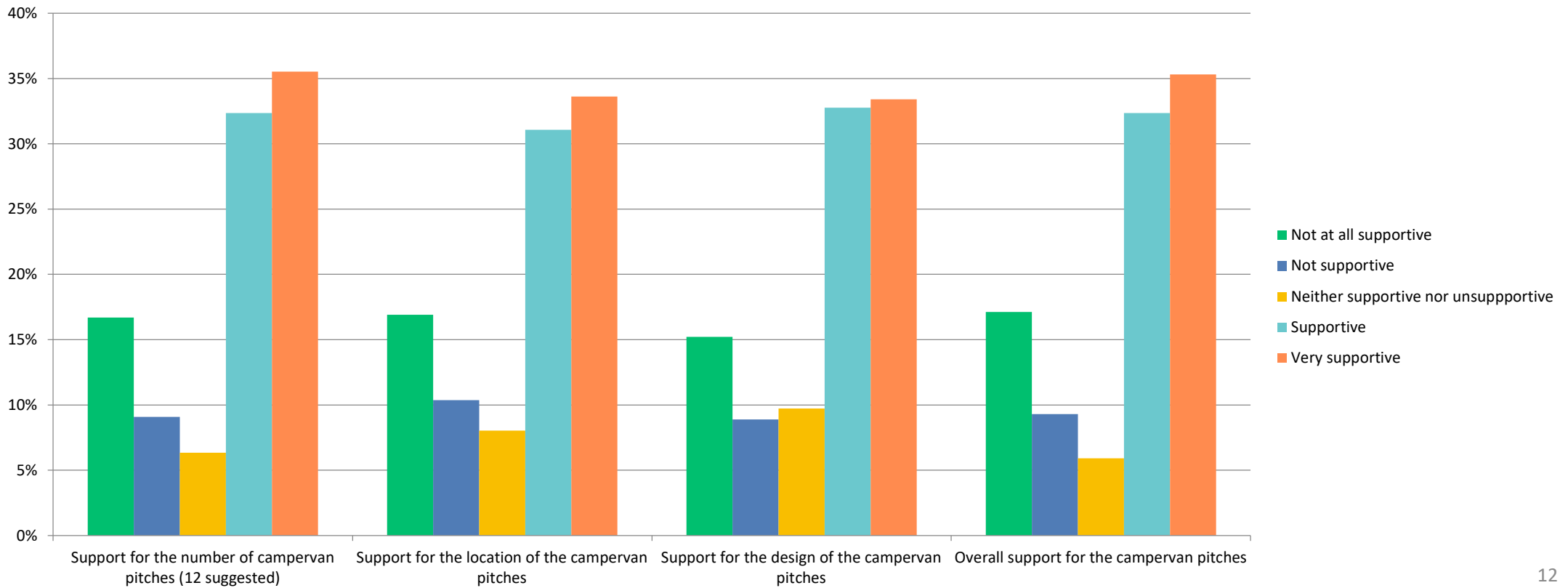


# We need to:

- Provide a 'greener' design with increased trees / foliage integrated within the car park extension, including between the two rows of car parking spaces
- Explain the nature and wildlife benefits of improved management of Chicken Acre
- Investigate an environmental offset to balance any tree felling and ensure that the result is more trees not less

# You say:

Do you support the potential provision of campervan pitches (12 suggested)?

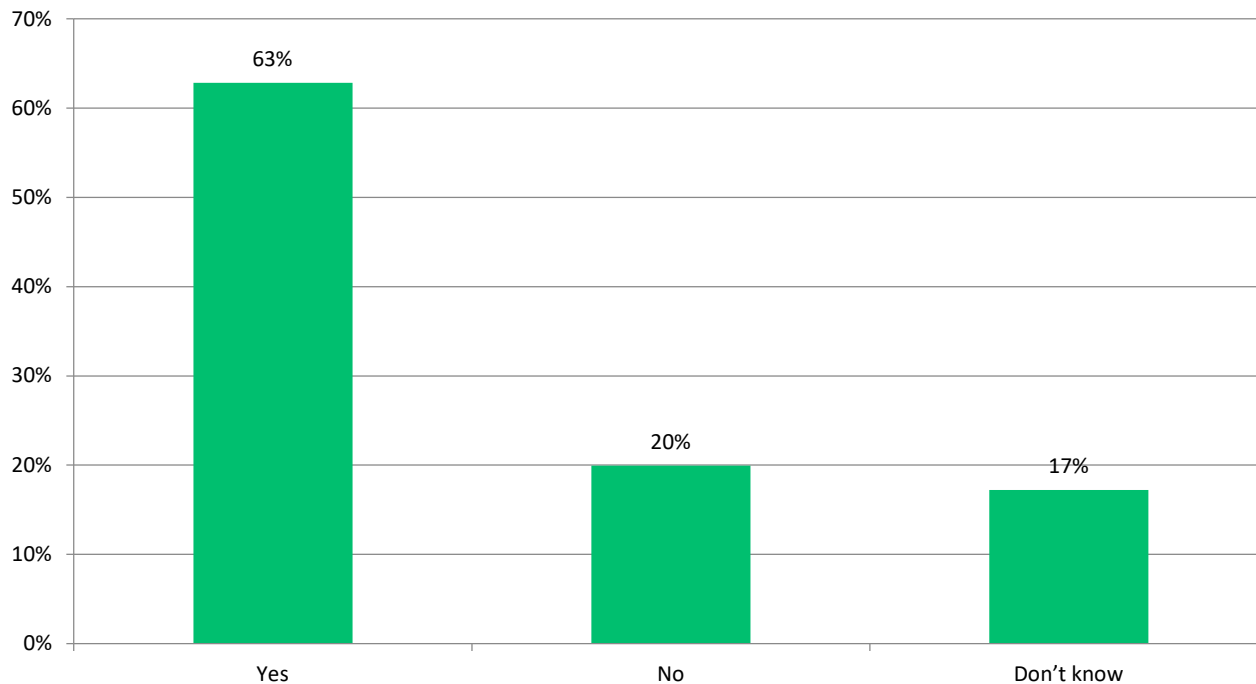


# We need to:

- Include recommendations for landscape improvements to Victoria Park or other sites for larger motorhomes (unable to access the Haining)
- Include a suggested indicative location for low key (high quality) composting toilet
- Include a suggested indicative location for drinking water point
- Include a suggested indicative location for waste-water and CDP or Elsan point
- Consider and recommend management proposals to address local concerns

# You say:

Do you support the idea of creating a link path through the old kirk yard between the Haining and the town?



For Selkirk / TD7 postcode residents, those in favour decreased to 59% and those opposed increased to 25%.

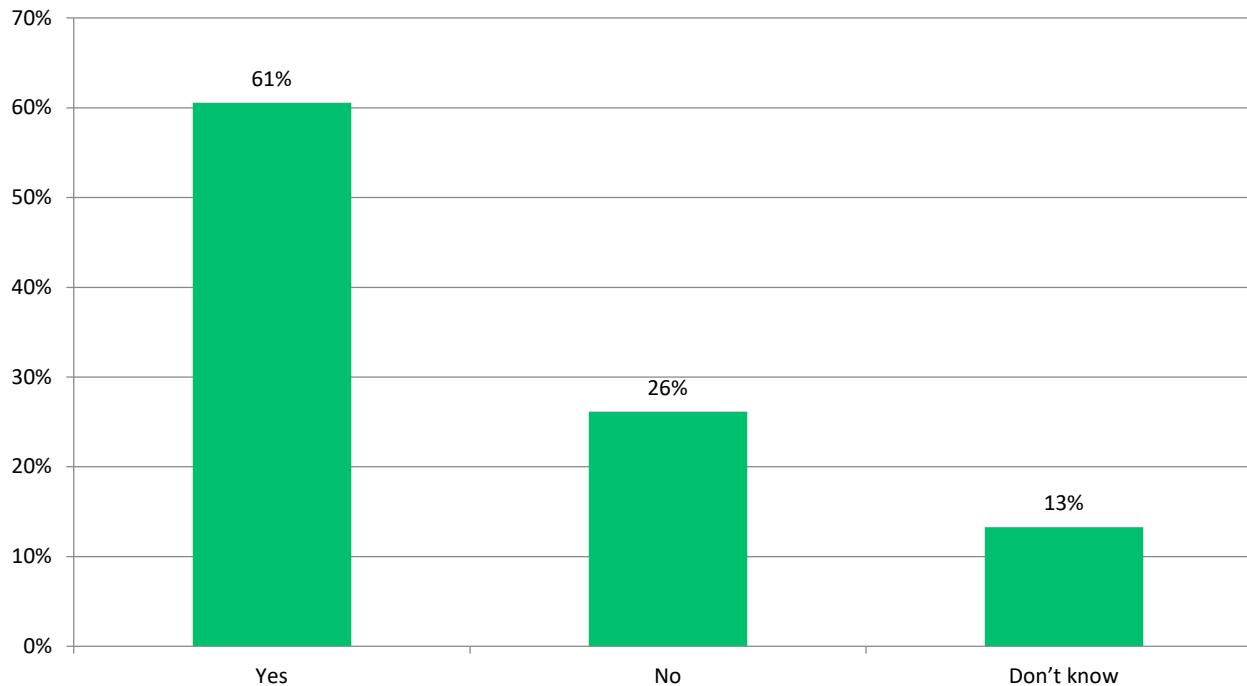
## Most frequent comments:

- Great idea, like improved pedestrian safety
- Good link between the Haining and the Old Kirk
- As long as it's sympathetic to nature and as an active cemetery
- Would make old kirk yard too busy and spoil sensitive, respectful nature
- Disrespectful to kirk yard
- Not needed and not a direct route with narrow pavements on Kirk Loan
- Could be abused – rubbish, dog mess, teenagers

# You say:

For Selkirk / TD7 postcode residents, those in favour decreased to 56% and those opposed increased to 32%.

Do you support the idea of providing a space for temporary event camping in Chicken Acre?

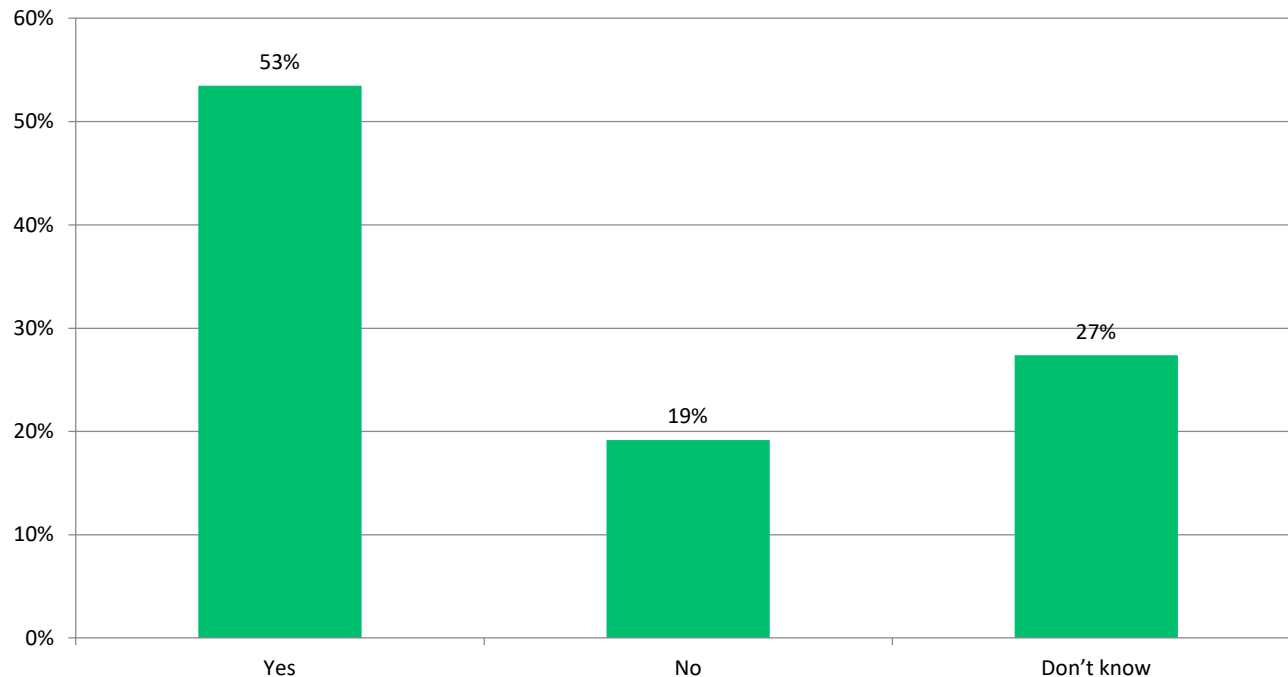


### Most frequent comments:

- Could be abused – e.g. dirty camping, noise
- Would need toilet facilities and need to be well managed
- Opposed to cutting down of trees, impacts on wildlife
- Not sure on business case / if needed
- Useful / a good idea for temporary camping for occasional Haining events but not general camping
- Worries about 'traveller' use
- Would like to see other areas considered first for a campsite

# You say:

Would you like to see minibus parking (pick up / drop off) included within the car parking plans?



For Selkirk / TD7 postcode residents, the response was similar, those in favour decreased slightly to 51% and those opposed increased slightly to 21%.

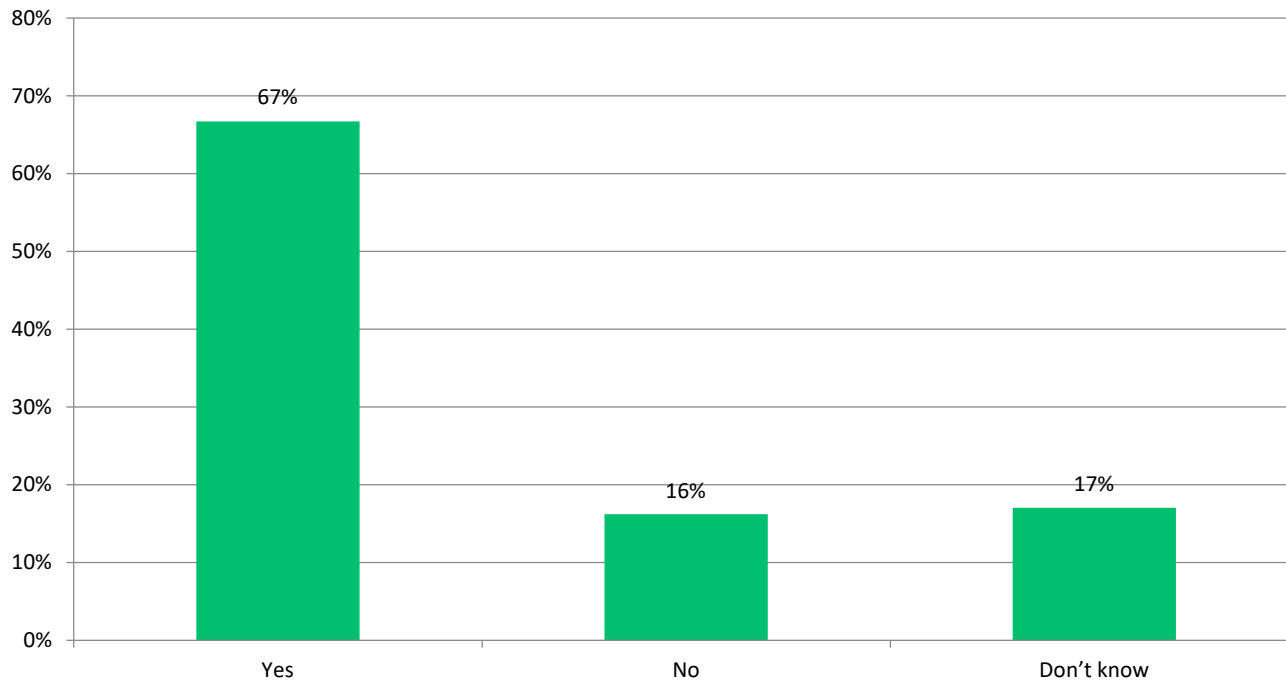
## Most frequent comments:

- Good for Haining events
- Good for larger buses / touring coaches
- Don't think / understand why it's required
- Should use existing bus stops / park and ride from Victoria Park / be at the other end of town
- Good for inclusion and encouraging more town visits
- Don't know about demand



# You say:

Would you like to see parking for motorbikes included within the car parking plans?



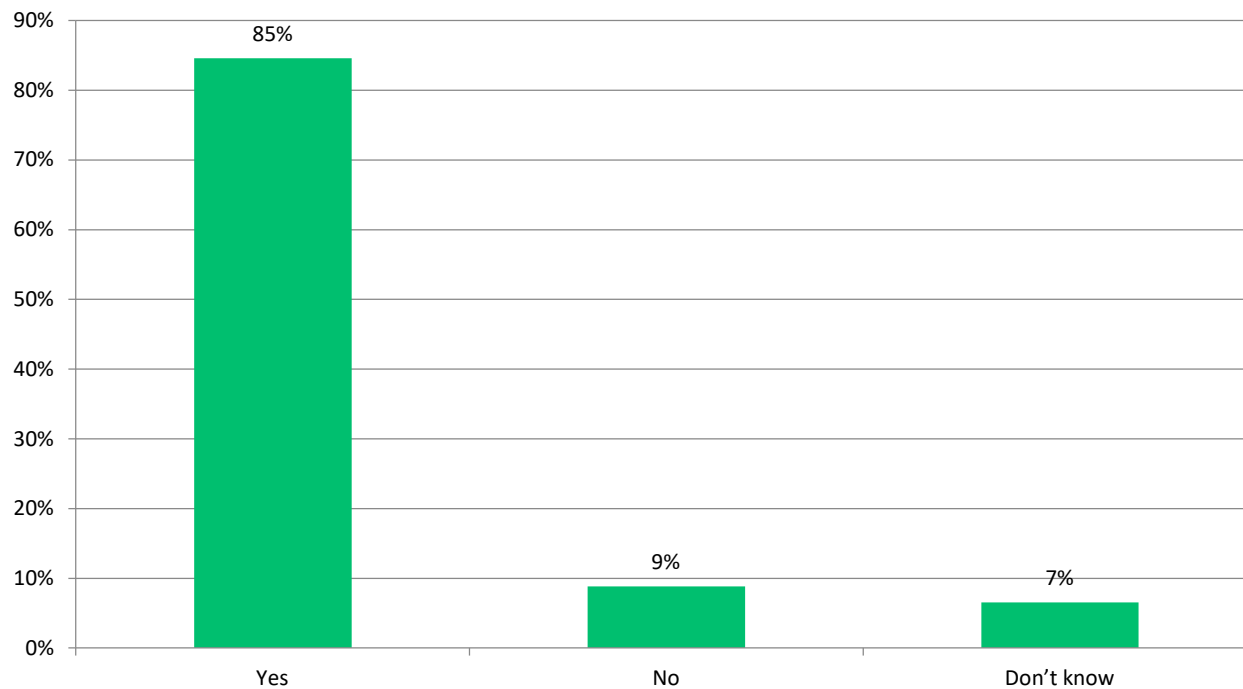
For Selkirk / TD7 postcode residents those in favour decreased slightly to 65% and those opposed increased to 19%.

## Most frequent comments:

- Already too many bikers in Selkirk
- Would be better than parking on pavements / on Market Place or in front of shops
- Need to have facilities to chain / lock bikes up

# You say:

Would you like to see pedal cycle parking / racks included within the car parking plans?



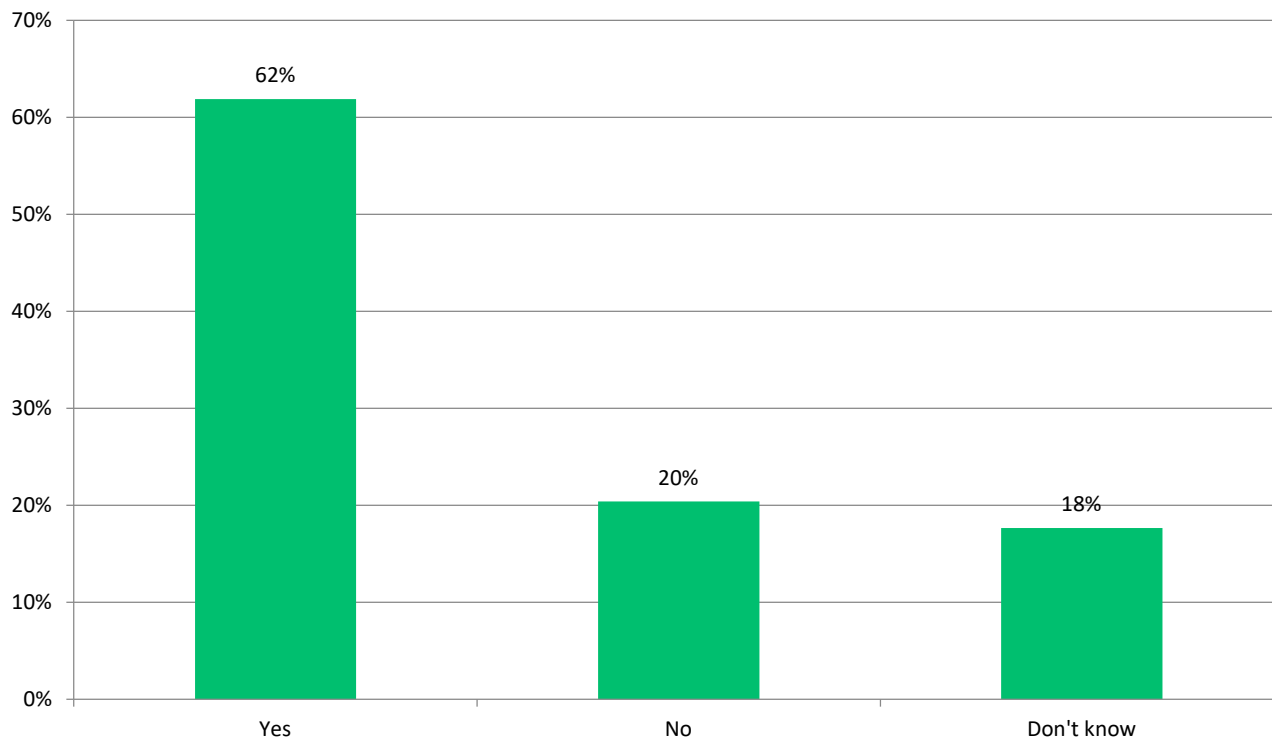
For Selkirk / TD7 postcode residents, the response was similar, those in favour decreased slightly to 83% and those opposed increased slightly to 11%.

## Most frequent comments:

- Definitely!
- Good to encourage green transport
- Need to be secure
- E-charging would be good
- Don't need to be in car park, could / should be in town

# You say:

## Do you support the tree thinning in Chicken Acre?



For Selkirk / TD7 postcode residents, the response was similar, albeit increasing both for those in favour (to 64%) and those opposed (to 23%).

### Most frequent comments:

- Supportive if carried out professionally and sympathetically, not harming nature
- Good to return to original historic appearance
- Open nature is safer for women, children and vulnerable groups
- As long as thinned trees are planted elsewhere
- Opposed, lots of birdlife within them
- Need more trees not less
- Should not return it to open parkland, mixed native woodland and wildlife is preferred
- Woodland needs to be managed properly, too many trees and in poor condition

# We need to:

- Include proposals for a sensitive and respectful path through the Kirk Yard
- Include the proposals for a temporary camping area for events
- Include the proposals for the thinning of Chicken Acre
- Consider an environmental offset to balance any tree felling and ensure that resulting trees are more, not less
- Work with environmental agencies to safeguard and enhance the existing wildlife / nature

# You say:

## **Most frequent general comments for proposals overall:**

- Good for encouraging more footfall / visitors / economy
- Haining not appropriate place for car park / camping
- Don't want to lose trees or wildlife
- Uncertainty on benefits or management
- Are other locations in Selkirk for car parking / campervans – would like to see more options
- Good for welcoming visitors and connecting the Haining with the town
- Like the Aire style / campervan proposals – good to be encouraging campervans
- Shouldn't be encouraging more cars
- Trees and biodiversity are more important than car capacity – is there a more environmentally friendly way
- Prefer angled parking
- Need more parking but unsure on campervan pitches
- Good to see campervan pitch proposals
- Supportive as long as it respects history of the estate and woodland environment
- Support the current car park improvements but not the rest
- Not welcome or needed
- Not enough justification or consultation
- Well thought out and presented
- Town needs more parking and campervan pitches