

Magor with Undy

Placemaking Plan Consultation Full Report

May 2025



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Key Messages from the Consultation

Physical Proposals

Western Gateway

- Respondents agree with need to announce Magor village from here (67%), to improve pedestrian safety and use of signage and artwork to raise the profile of the Gwent Levels destination but comments on a simpler phased approach that represents value for money, with some observations on future design detail within the carriageway as well as signage/form of artwork for future consideration;
- Some “quick win” suggestions around community tree planting and wildflower planting.

Junction with MOT Centre

- Strong agreement on the need to re-enforce this junction as a better way to access the Co-op edge of the village centre with simple carriageway treatment and signage;
- Need to consider on-street parking within this area and some underused pieces of land and underused buildings.

Roundabout by the Co-op and Wheatsheaf Inn

- 66% of respondents see a need to improve this arrival point that addresses redundant buildings, on-street parking and a simpler junction at the Co-op e.g. T-junction with a need to explore a one-way flow out past the fish and chip shop on Newport Road;
- Some comments on keeping the redesign simple but linking into the B4245 and with the village centre.

Withy Close Car Park and Linkages

- 84% of respondents agree that this car park is hidden and is perceived to be for the sole use of the neighbouring residential homes;
- Improvements: remove containers, improve signage, town maps, way-marker and some simple landscaping directing you alongside the Baptist Chapel

Magor Square

- 68% of respondents are in favour of the proposals, but 52% would visit more often if improvements were made; approval is conditioned specifically:
 - Wider village parking strategy to address off and on-street parking need that supports popping in parking and servicing;

- Shared space design – more details on this – conservation type material, differentiation between footway and carriageway;
- Trees and planting details; some concern over location and practicalities of trees within the square;
- Trial or phased approach that is low cost but tests the proposed allocation of space between vehicles, pedestrians and building frontages.
- Other ideas: coloured sails, more shelter, 30 min short stay parking, communal seating

Other Facilities

- Main items that need provision or improvement include:
 - Toilets – public or a local partnership model;
 - Cycle stands and shelter and bike mechanic stations, water refill points;
 - Evri/amazon locker linked to a local business;
 - Skate Park for young people;
 - More electric car charging points;
- The survey and comments have also raised concerns over reduced services in the local doctor's surgery and reliance on the surgery in Caldicot

Pedestrian Routes and Links

- 84% of respondents agree with better linkages

- More signage between neighbourhoods and MUCH, Sycamore Fields and village centre with better lighting and use of wildflower planting
- Physical map and also a welcome pack for new residents
- Community clear up of footpaths
- Better links to Whitewall on road
- Links out to Undy are poor – footways ponding and overgrown
- Mixed view on the form of signage – traditional versus artwork

Active Travel Routes

- 83% agree with the need for active travel route improvements, specifically:
 - B4245 to the east – poor pedestrian footways out to Rogiet and Severn Tunnel junction
 - Sympathetic lighting along Moors Road
 - Magor with Undy walkway station a key priority with AT routes integrated

Community Life

- Most respondents agree with the need to improve destination signage, trails and paths management between the Gwent Levels and the village centre and a

better awareness of opportunities to walk, cycle and explore the Levels from the village centre

- To a lesser extent, the development of new visitor products had greater levels of disagreement
- Respondents agree with the need for better communication on community life and activities, whether this be digital or through physical householder promotion. Respondents value the current programme of events and activities which the community needs to build on.

Priorities

- Strong grouping of priority proposals, with the Co-op approach and roundabout, improving the public realm and experience at Magor Square and implementing active travel routes and infrastructure across the town.
- A secondary grouping of priorities is the need to improve the western gateway on the B4245 with Newport Road and to continue to build on the organisation of community and social events that draw people into the village centre.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to report on the consultation for the Magor with Undy Placemaking Plan held between the 14th February and the 9th March 2025.

It specifically presents analysis of both face to face consultation and also digital feedback received. Comments by email are found within the appendices to this report.

2. How People Had Their Say

Outline format for consultation

Opportunities for community consultation included the following:

- The local community was signposted to Monmouthshire County Council's Let's Talk website and engagement tool where they could register and find out more information on the Placemaking Plan process;
- Two days of face to face community drop in sessions were held at Magor Baptist Church and Magor with Undy Community Hub (MUCH) which involved:
 - A physical display that presented background, key issues and analysis, a draft vision and a series of draft proposals;
 - Opportunities for the local community to identify other issues and ideas;
 - Complete a paper copy of the community feedback survey or provided with an A6 postcard with survey link.
- Ability to download and view the proposals through Monmouthshire County Council's Let's Talk website and to provide feedback through an online survey;

- Obtain paper copies either at the community drop in sessions or from Magor with Undy Town Council with completed copies returned to these offices;
- Email the County Council's regeneration team with comments.

Examples of promotion

The opportunity to have your say on the placemaking plan was promoted by:

- A joint press release
- Social media accounts
- Email notice to local stakeholder organisations
- Poster distribution amongst local businesses and groups
- Installation of correx signs in Magor village centre and at MUCH

Images that show the type of promotion are shown overleaf.

Image 1 – Promotional Activity

Magor with Undy

Your village centre, your plan, your say

Survey Closes Sunday 9th March

Magor with Undy Town Council and Monmouthshire County Council are developing a Placemaking Plan for the village centre and its links to local neighbourhoods.

We want to hear from you as a resident, local business, voluntary organisation or someone who has an interest in the future of your village centre.

This is your opportunity to look at our ideas and give us your views.

Want to know more?

To view plans and fill in our survey, visit:
letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/enhancing-magor-undy

Email: MCCRregeneration@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Community drop in sessions

Friday 14th Feb, 1-7pm Magor Baptist Church, Magor Square	Saturday 15th Feb, 9am-2pm Magor and Undy Community Hub, Newport Road
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**Enhancing...
Magor with Undy
Regeneration projects**

LET'S TALK MONMOUTHSHIRE
Your Community. Your Voice

Plan funded and supported by:
monmouthshire sir fynyw
Magor with Undy Town Council
Hydrefydd Tref Magwyr a Gwndy



Magwyr gyda Gwndy

Canol eich pentref, eich cynllun, eich barn

Aroiwg yn Cau Dydd Sul 9fed Mawrth

Mae Cyngor Tref Magwyr gyda Gwndy a Chyngor Sir Fynwy yn datblygu Cynllun Creu Lle ar gyfer canol y pentref a'i gysylltiadau â chymdogaethau lleol.

Rydym ni am glywed gennych chi fel preswlydd, busnes lleol, mudiad gwirfoddol neu rywun sydd â diddordeb yn nyfodol canol eich pentref.

Dyma eich cyfle i edrych ar ein syniadau a rhoi eich barn i ni.

Sesiynau galw heibio cymunedol

Dydd Gwener 14eg Chwefror 1-7pm Eglwys y Bedyddwyr Magwyr, Sgwâr Magwyr	Dydd Sadwrn 15fed Chwefror 9am-2pm Hyb Cymunedol Magwyr a Gwndy, Heol Casnewydd
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A ydych am ddysgu mwy?

I weld cynlluniau a llenwi ein haroiwg, ewch i:
sgwrsioamsgwyr.co.uk/gwella-magwyr-gyda-gwndy

E-bost: MCCRregeneration@monmouthshire.gov.uk

**Gwella...
Magwyr gyda Gwndy
Prosiectau adfywio**

Cynllun wedi'i ariannu a'i gefnogi gan:
monmouthshire sir fynyw
Cyngor Tref Magwyr gyda Gwndy
Hydrefydd Tref Magwyr a Gwndy

SGWRSIO AM SIR FYNWY
Eich Cymuned, Eich Llals

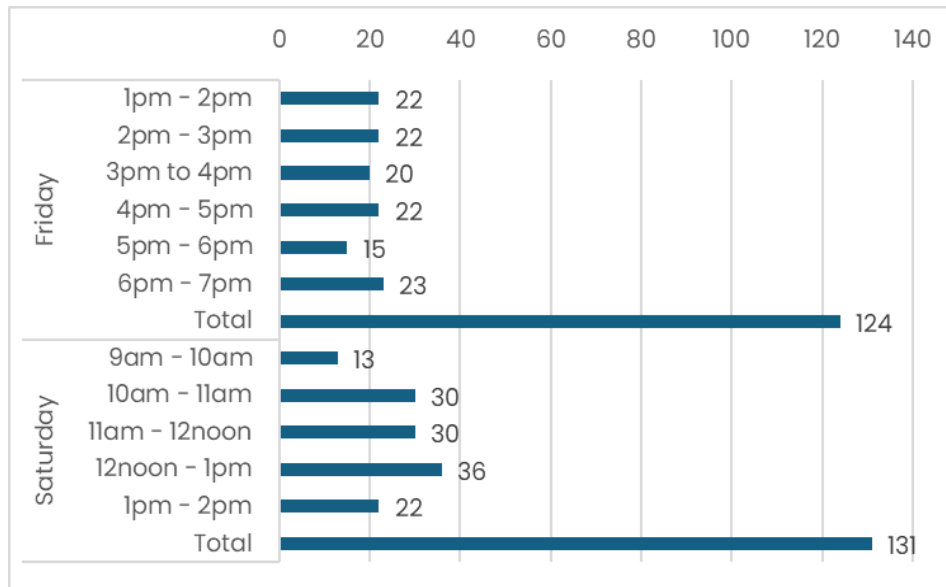
Source: Chris Jones Regeneration

Participation Figures on:

Face to face

255 no. people attended the two days of face to face consultation with Figure 1 below showing the distribution across the two days.

Figure 1 - Number of People Attending Consultation Event by Day and Time



Source: Chris Jones Regeneration

Digital

- 1298 no. had an awareness of the Plan by visiting the project page
- 281 no. downloaded the proposals document
- 179 no. completed the feedback survey with 156 no. completing the Create Communities map

Email/correspondence

- 5 no. emails were received with comments

3. Face to Face Consultation

Format

On entering the community drop in sessions, people that attending were met with the following information and tasks:

- Display Boards
 - Purpose of consultation
 - Key facts and figures on Magor with Undy today
 - Place analysis
 - Draft vision
 - Opportunities Framework
 - Series of Themes and Proposals
 - How to Make Comments
- Provision of A6 survey cards with QR code and weblink
- Provision of paper survey copies
- Other comments – post-it notes
 - Other issues
 - Other ideas
 - Large OS map for people to note specific locations for ideas and challenges

Images of the display boards are shown overleaf with photos of the event in Figure 3.

Why We Are Here?

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A PLACEMAKING PLAN?

Magor with Undy is a community-led placemaking project. The purpose of a placemaking plan is to provide a clear vision and strategy for the future of the village, based on the needs and aspirations of the community. It is a tool for guiding development and investment, and for ensuring that the village remains a vibrant and sustainable place to live and work.

THE PROCESS TO FIND

1. **UNDERSTANDING THE PLACE** - Research and analysis of the village's history, culture, and current challenges and opportunities.

2. **VISIONING & VISUALISING IDEAS** - Developing a clear vision for the future of the village and creating visual representations of the proposed changes.

3. **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION** - Engaging with the community to gather feedback and input on the proposed plan.

4. **DRAFTING THE PLACEMAKING PLAN** - Finalising the plan and preparing it for implementation.

THE BENEFITS OF A PLAN

1. **Clarity and direction** - A clear vision and strategy for the future of the village.

2. **Community engagement** - A platform for the community to voice their views and aspirations.

3. **Guidance for development** - A tool for guiding investment and development in the village.

4. **Improved quality of life** - A plan that addresses the needs and aspirations of the community, leading to a better quality of life for all.

Challenges and Opportunities

Through a series of local and strategic conversations, listening events and activities, and other exercises, we have gathered a wealth of information about the village. This information has been used to identify the key challenges and opportunities for the community, local businesses and other groups and organisations.

The following text and figures illustrate some of the data behind the stories told through the Placemaking Plan process.

LOCATION

- Magor with Undy is a village in the heart of the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales.
- It is situated between the towns of Cardiff and Newport, and is close to the M4 motorway.
- The village is a mix of rural and urban, with a mix of housing, businesses and green spaces.

PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY - POPULATION

- The population of the village is around 1,500 people.
- The population is made up of a mix of ages, from young families to retired couples.
- The population is diverse, with people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY - EDUCATION & SKILLS

- The village has a primary school and a nursery.
- There are a number of businesses and organisations in the village that provide training and skills development opportunities.
- The village has a mix of skills, from traditional crafts to modern technology.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY - HOUSING & HEALTH

- The village has a mix of housing, from traditional cottages to modern houses.
- There are a number of health services in the village, including a GP surgery and a health centre.
- The village has a mix of health needs, from common ailments to more complex conditions.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY - WHERE PEOPLE SHOP/LEISURE TIME

- The village has a number of shops and businesses, including a supermarket and a range of local businesses.
- There are a number of leisure facilities in the village, including a sports ground and a community centre.
- The village has a mix of leisure needs, from casual shopping to more formal entertainment.

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- Transport and accessibility** - The village is a mix of rural and urban, and there are a number of challenges related to transport and accessibility, including limited public transport and a mix of road types.
- Housing** - The village has a mix of housing, but there is a need for more affordable housing and a mix of housing types.
- Health and wellbeing** - The village has a number of health services, but there is a need for more health services and a focus on preventative health.
- Education and skills** - The village has a primary school and a nursery, but there is a need for more educational and skills development opportunities.

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- Location** - The village is a mix of rural and urban, and it has a good location for businesses and investment.
- Community** - The village has a strong sense of community and a number of local businesses and organisations.
- Heritage** - The village has a rich heritage and a number of historic buildings and sites.
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Our Vision and Goals

VISION

Magor with Undy is a vibrant and sustainable village, where people live, work and play. It is a place where the community is at the heart of everything, and where the village has a strong sense of identity and character.

OUR GOALS

- Improve the quality of life** - Create a village that is a good place to live, work and play.
- Improve the environment** - Create a village that is green and sustainable.
- Improve the economy** - Create a village that is a good place for businesses and investment.
- Improve the community** - Create a village that is a strong and vibrant community.

GATEWAYS

The village has a number of gateways, which are the points where people enter and leave the village. These gateways are important for the village's identity and character, and they need to be well-maintained and attractive.

HERITAGE AND LEISURE

The village has a rich heritage and a number of historic buildings and sites. It also has a number of leisure facilities, including a sports ground and a community centre. These facilities are important for the village's identity and character, and they need to be well-maintained and attractive.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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Gateway To Village Centre

OBJECTIVE

To enhance the village centre within the Street Levels Plan, improve the way that people enter and leave the village, and to create a vibrant and sustainable village centre.

GATEWAY FROM THE WEST

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The Village Centre

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THREE DIFFERENT STREET AN

The village has three different street types, each with its own character and identity. These street types are important for the village's identity and character, and they need to be well-maintained and attractive.

BOUNDARY AND APPROACH

The village has a clear boundary and a good approach. The boundary is important for the village's identity and character, and the approach is important for the village's accessibility and connectivity.

VISITOR COMPLAINTS

The village has a number of visitor complaints, which are related to the village's identity and character. These complaints are important for the village's identity and character, and they need to be addressed.

MAJOR SQUARES

The village has a number of major squares, which are important for the village's identity and character. These squares are important for the village's identity and character, and they need to be well-maintained and attractive.

B4245 Gateway - West

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THE CHALLENGE

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Magor With Undy In The Gwent Levels

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The image shows two large informational panels for the 'Sgwâr Magwyr' exhibition. The left panel is titled 'Sgwâr Magwyr' and features a large photo of a street scene with a person walking. The right panel is titled 'Sgwâr Magwyr' and features a large map of the square area. Both panels include text in Welsh and English, and various smaller photos and diagrams.



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Key Messages

Post it notes

The local community either spoke to members of the place-making team where notes were made, or people independently wrote about their issues and ideas on post it notes.

Gateways	Footpaths/Connections	Transport & Movement	Land and Buildings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Avoid vague crossings with block paving as it leads to confusion as experiences around the Cross in Caldicot ▪ Ensure landscaping in Magor in character and not urban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve lighting on underpass on footpath under railway to Undy Westend (by railway bridge) x2 ▪ Quality of pavements is poor ▪ Address pavement parking ▪ Better foot access to Magor services for young people (McDonalds and Costa) ▪ Better cycling links to Undy ▪ More street lamps ▪ Redwick Road – hard to cross ▪ B4245 – do not get rid of pavements. Big lorries make it unsafe to walk along pavements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Train station – a must; ▪ New junction on M48 that links into Severn Tunnel Junction x3 ▪ Some more bus stops ▪ No.75 bus route needs more publicity ▪ There is a gap in 75 services – more frequent 74's ▪ Walkway station – convenient for the train but without parking – no good for majority of residents particularly the elderly and ill ▪ School travel plans – we need to change the behaviour of parents ▪ One way from roundabout past fish and chip shop x2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CPO derelict land plots in Magor and Undy – they are a mess and preventing use for wider community ▪ What's happening with house with scaffolding ▪ Expedite the development of derelict areas – e.g. behind the Wheatsheaf – Magor Motors ▪ Stop building houses – we are on a floodplain

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Better signage to Magor Marsh from village using Sycamore Terrace and Railway footbridge (less road to walk along) ▪ Crossing the B4245 is dangerous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ½ hourly bus services ▪ Road with chip shop junction onto Newport Road is dangerous 	
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Magor Village Centre	Shops, Services and Facilities	Parking	Streetscene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need bollards outside Mango House ▪ The roundabout outside the Co-op does allow you to turn around ▪ Pedestrianise The Square x3 ▪ Current maintenance of Square – cleanliness? ▪ Look at how questions might read to a sceptic on survey re: pedestrianisation ▪ Better signage to The Square x2 ▪ The one way sign outside chapel – people ignore them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Would like Candyfloss ▪ Toy shop ▪ Book shop ▪ Need to encourage more non-food/drink/beauty business to The Square ▪ Disagree with non-food offer limited – shop variety is limited ▪ Public toilets X5 ▪ Grand opening for everything ▪ More community services ▪ Better park/shop/facilities in Undy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limit off-street parking for 2 to 3 hours ▪ Manage car parking – it is not adequate ▪ Parking not enough X3 ▪ Double yellow lines around the Blenheims to stop commuters parking and blocking drives ▪ No long term stay parking in Square ▪ Stop long term parking in the car parks – people park and then car share ▪ More parking outside Co-op 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More litter bins X2 ▪ Clear dead grass on B4245 ▪ Clean existing signs ▪ Weeds, moss on pavements – do basics first ▪ Signs to say no littering ▪ Bins at bus stops ▪ If new signs are put up, please take down the old ones!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why new trees in Square – like sun in the space ▪ Will trees compete with memorial ▪ Erect a semi-permanent canopy in Magor Square for local displays and exhibitions – seating of coffee bar and pub ▪ Remove railings from memorial in Magor Square and add seating x2 ▪ Put a fountain in the middle of The Square x2 ▪ If paved in village centre, keep with rustic period look not too modern like Caldicot ▪ Ban the car from The Square ▪ Disabled car only access to village square ▪ Do not put Cross Design in Square – it will ruin its heritage. Listed in Domesday so design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A place for games for dads, mums and children ▪ Clothes shop ▪ More teenagers ▪ Ice cream shop in square ▪ Build a Lidl or Aldi ▪ Half day closing at doctors – worries for the future ▪ With growing community “insist” that Doctors surgery opens in afternoon again (the vets are open so NHS should be able to) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local enforcement of disabled bays – time limit? ▪ Improved parking at Wheatsheaf pub as dangerous ▪ Attracting visitors to The Square is fine but where will cars park. At bus times existing car parks full as parents pick up children or off the school buses. 	
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<p>should be in keeping with such an ancient Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenge over maintenance of greenery and landscaping ▪ Small statues in Square ▪ Controlled parking zone in Square – servicing regime ▪ If you pedestrianise Magor Square people will not shop in the village ▪ Create a pavement both sides of the road outside Baptist Chapel ▪ Pedestrianised areas and landscaping in Caldicot enhance the town – need similar in Magor and protected pedestrianised and non-traffic areas to enjoy the square 			
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Health and Well-being	Space and Amenities	Homes	General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 81 years old I find it very difficult to see a local doctor when I really need to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscaped park area for people to have walk and seats to sit on Put BBQ or picnic tables at the Hub More mountain bike facilities like tarmac – pump track for all abilities and designated bike trails around Magor and undy to help with pedestrian movement Lack of public space – a square Use the green spaces between the tennis courts and hub for a skate park, small football pitch – something for the youth to use x2 Nature and trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What about apartments with garden space for older residents to buy Elderly homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good ideas! Involve girl-guiding and scouts in planting and enhancing public spaces More history signs by ruins Poster on the local history so people know how cool the village is Ideas will enhance our town

i. Plan notes

Image 2 – Photos of Map with Notes



Source: Chris Jones Regeneration

Using a large format OS map base of Magor with Undy, members of the public either marked up their comments or placemaking plan team members listened to people, made notes and also drew on the map. In addition to the open post it notes comments, map based notes included:

- How local neighbourhoods can link into the village centre?
- Linkages to and from the future walkway train station
- Worries over people parking on immediate residential streets close to walkway station
- Some concerns about school drop-off and pick-up parking
- Use of land on the northern side of Undy Primary School – pocket park or informal parking area
- Parking and speeding traffic problems along Kensington Park and Seymour Way
- Pedestrian links via the subway under the trainline, onto West End and towards Undy Football Club
- Improvements to the pedestrian routes east along the B4245 out to Undy and Rogiet, linking into Severn Tunnel Junction
- Creating circular walking trails through Whitewall and the Levels, linking into Undy

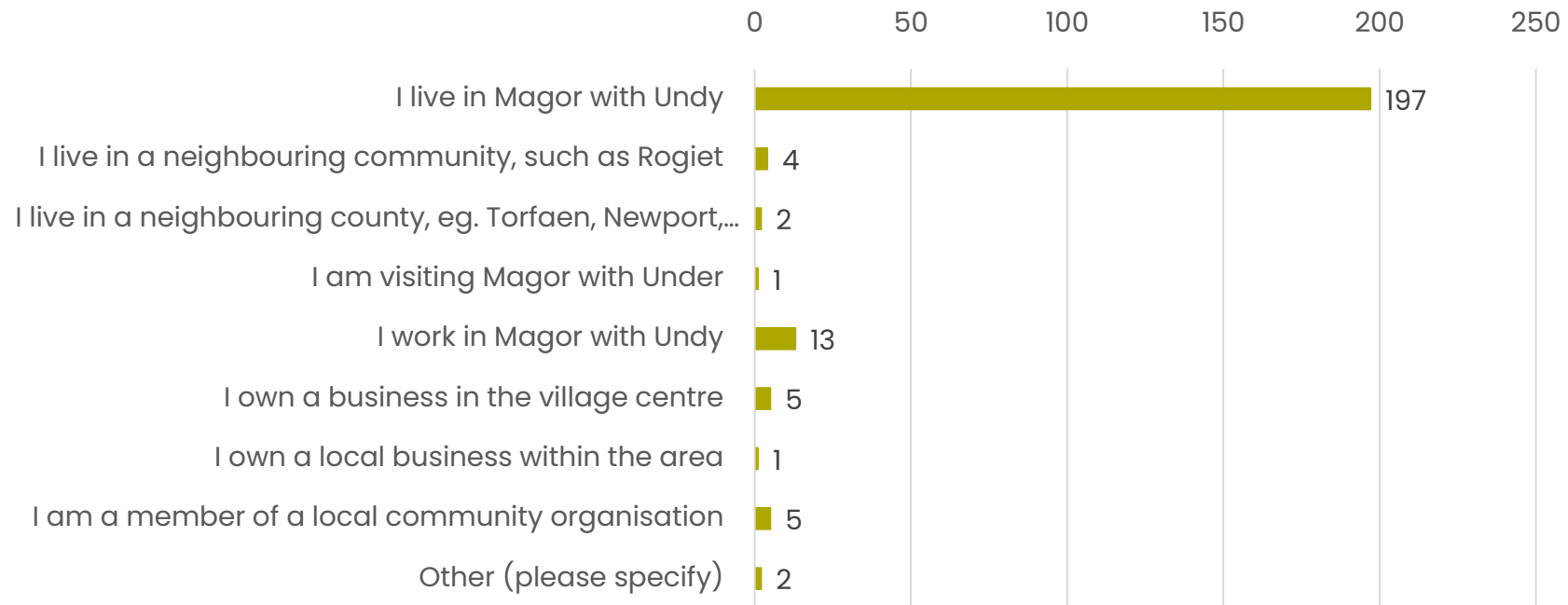
4. Let's Talk Monmouthshire

Summary Results

The Respondent

Figure 3 shows that the majority of respondents live within the community of Magor with Undy, followed by a drop off to those that work or own a business in the town.

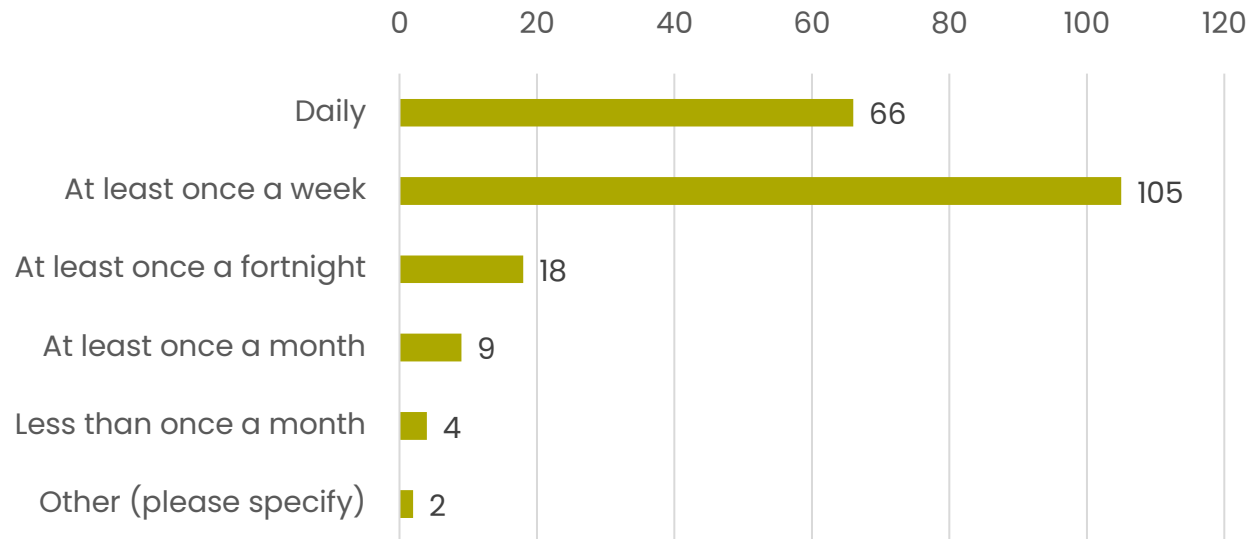
Figure 3 – Who Are You?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=204

Figure 4 indicates to us that 51% of respondents visit the village centre at least once a week with 32% visiting daily.

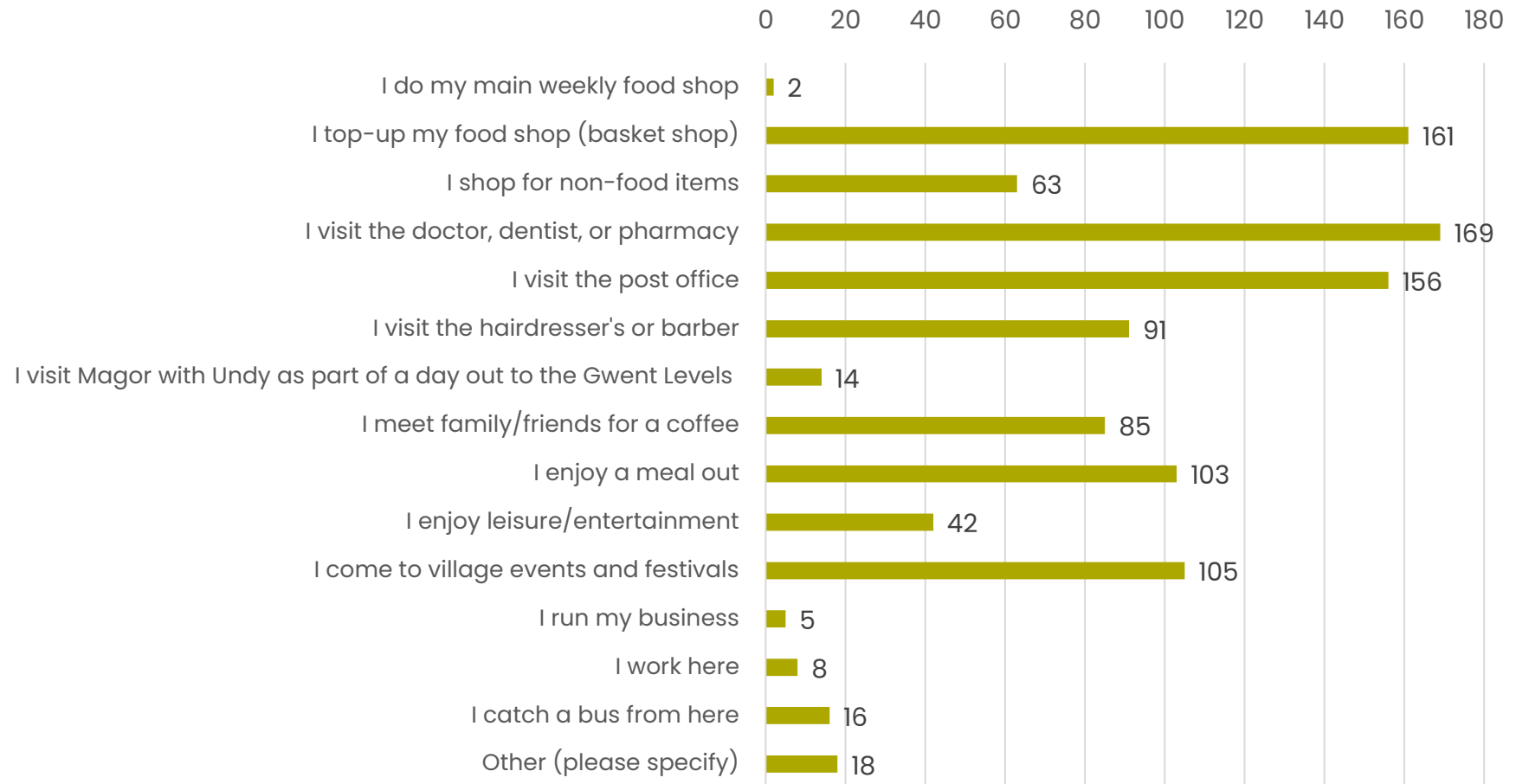
Figure 4 – How often do you visit Magor village centre?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=204

When asked what are the main reasons respondents visit the village centre Figure 5, indicates to us that a visit to the doctor, dentists or pharmacist, followed closely by a top-up food shop and then by a visit to the post office. The second grouping relates to enjoying a meal out, village events and festivals, visiting the local hairdresser/barbers and meeting up for a coffee.

Figure 5 – What are the main reasons you visit the village centre? (tick all that apply)



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=204

Magor with Undy Today

When respondents were asked how they rate the village for a number of aspects, Figure 6 indicates to us that those areas that require improvements:

- ✖ local facilities
- ✖ travelling by public transport
- ✖ arrival and entrances into the village centre
- ✖ public spaces and landscape.

Where people rate aspects as very good to good, these tend to be about its

- ✓ location
- ✓ the people and the community and
- ✓ walking within the community

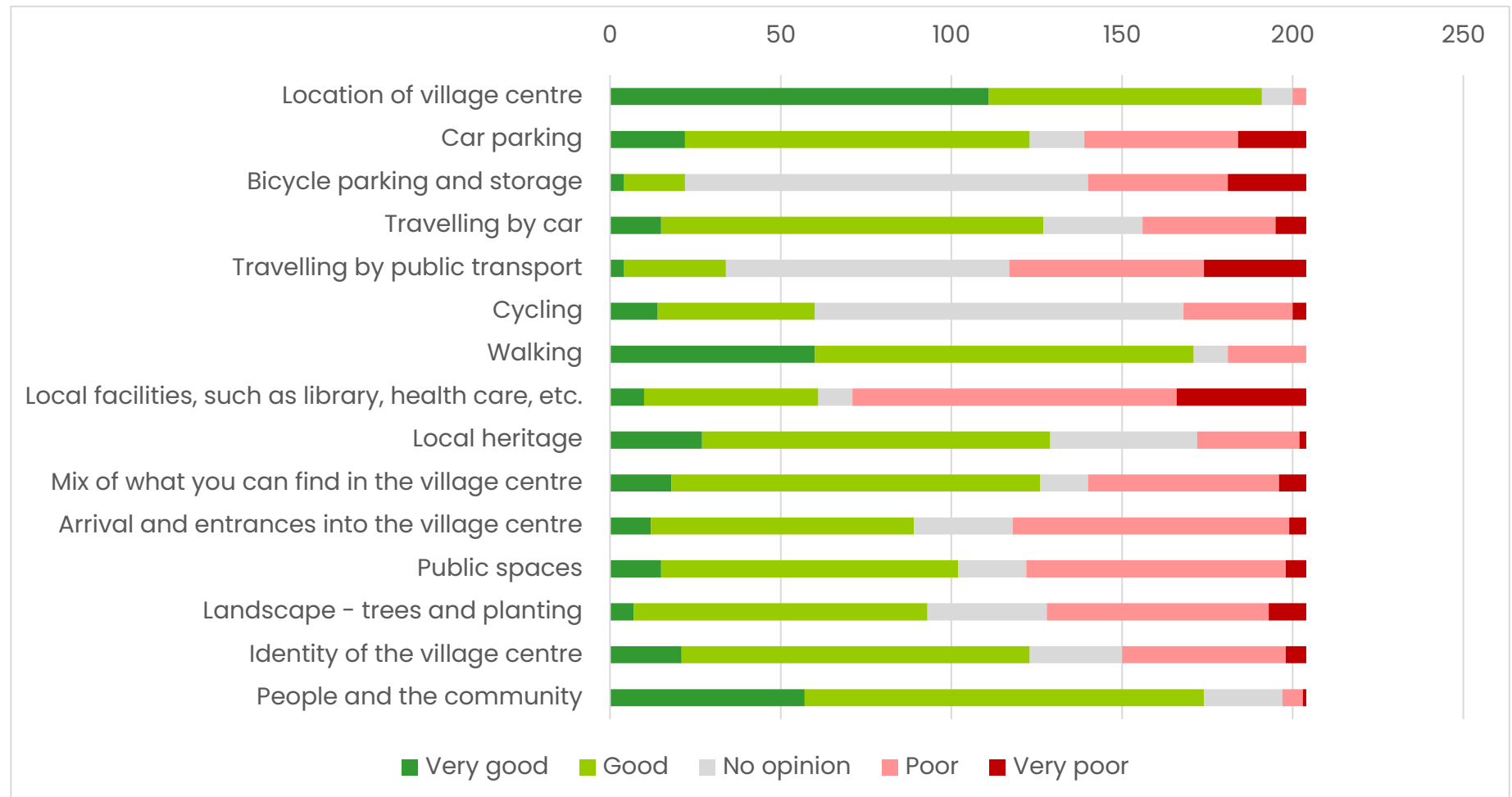
Statements on town life in Figure 7 indicates that some aspects have greater levels of disagreement than others. These include:

- ✖ ability to be seen by a local doctor or dentist
- ✖ ability to park easily when people pop into the village centre
- ✖ Magor with Undy feeling part of the Gwent Levels

Those aspects where people feel in agreement with include:

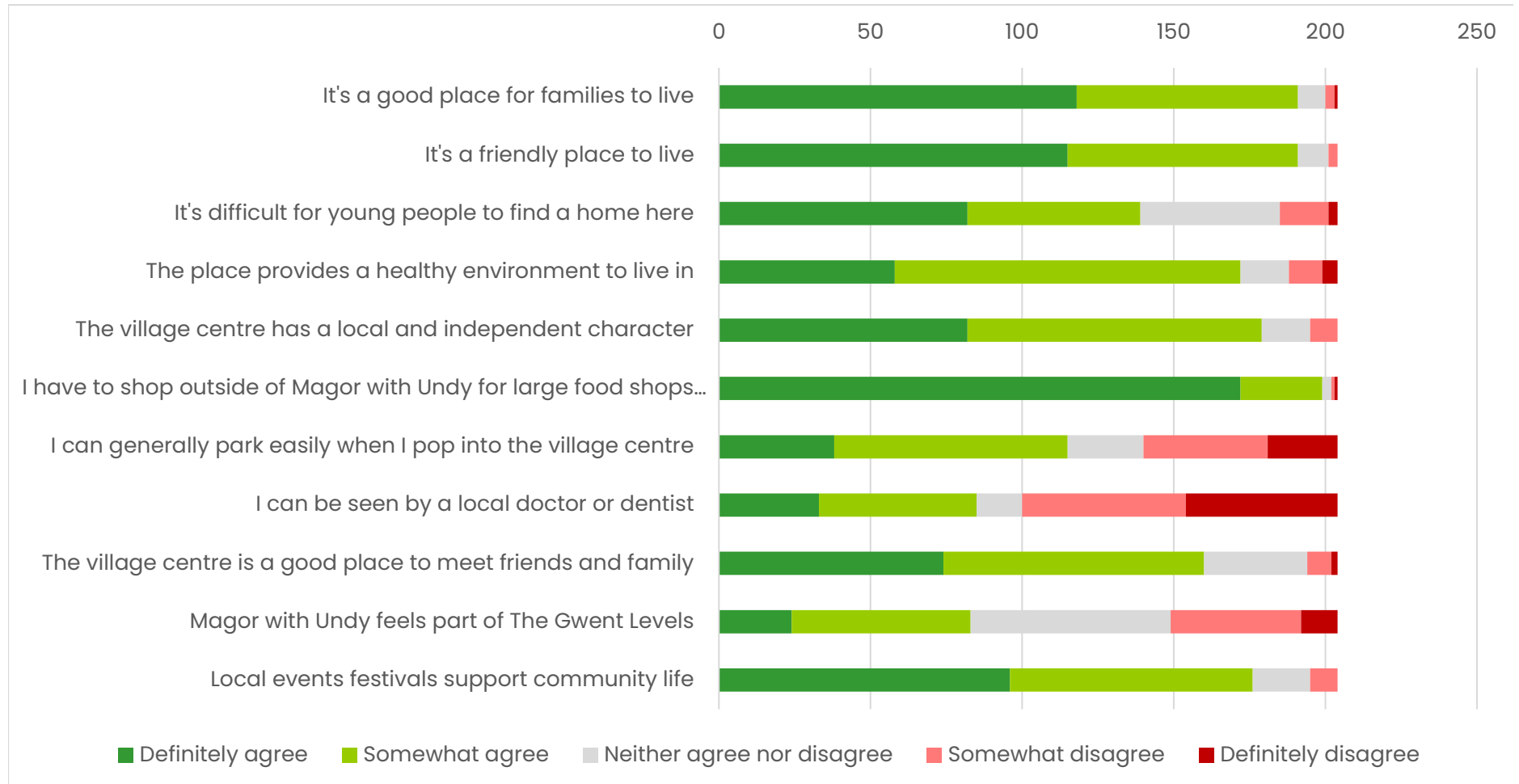
- ✓ Residents have to shop outside for large food shops
- ✓ The town is a good place for families to live and is friendly
- ✓ The place provides a healthy environment to love in
- ✓ The village centre has a local and independent character
- ✓ Followed by the role of community events supporting community life and the village centre being a social place

Figure 6 – How do you rate the village for the following...



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=204

Figure 7 – To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Magor with Undy?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=204

Draft Vision

The following draft vision was shared with respondents, asking them to rate it.

"Magor with Undy is a community known for its welcome in the Gwent Levels. Centred around its village square, local people meet for a coffee bumping into visitors who are exploring Magor Marsh and its lanes that lead you down to the Severn estuary.

Destination shops and eating places attract people from outside the area with the village known for events, festivals and social gatherings.

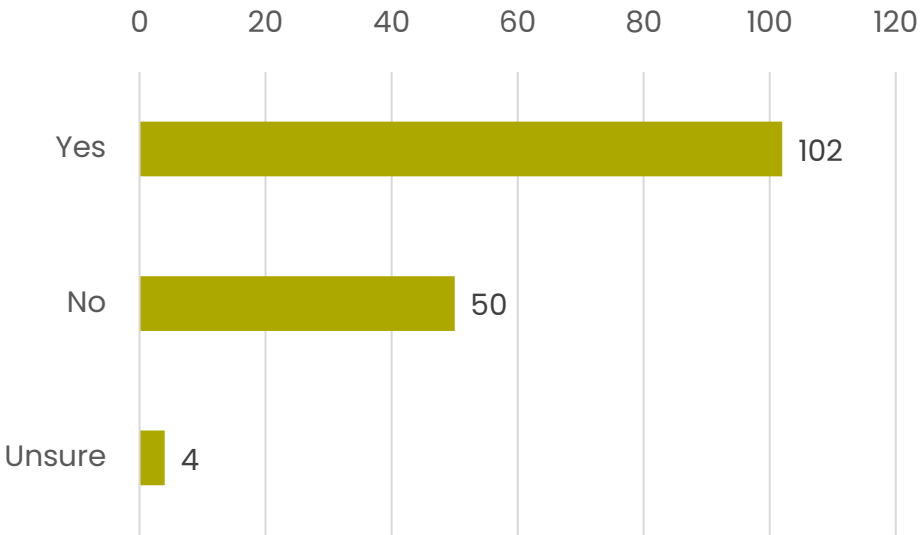
its recently opened Magor with Undy walkway train station has made the area accessible to all, with its diversity of homes attracting people young and older due to the open space and range of community activities that bring residents together."

70% of respondents either totally agree or agree with the draft vision with 21% either totally disagreeing with or disagreeing with it.

Gateways

Figure 7 and Figure 9 indicates that 67% of respondents agree with the need to improve the gateways at the western edge and by the junction with the MOT centre, but with some comments on the shared space design, signage/artwork and whether a simpler phased approach would provide better value for money.

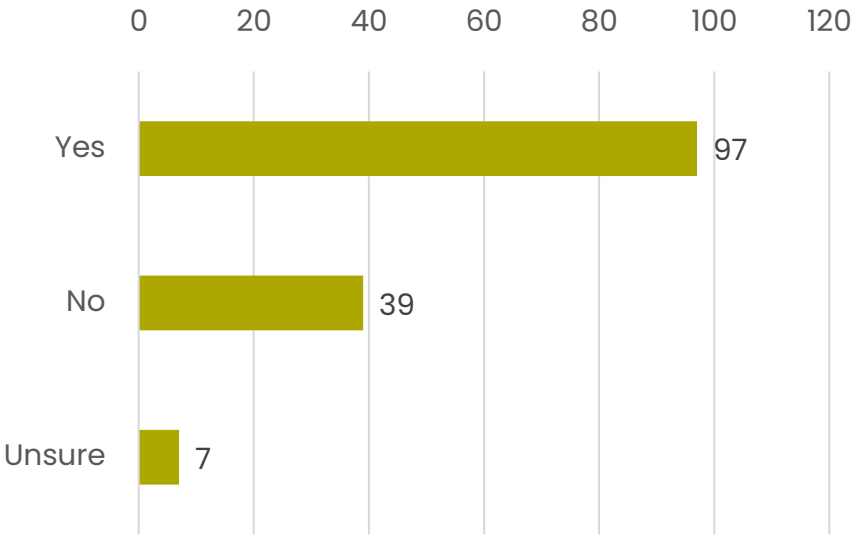
Figure 8 – Do you agree with the proposal to improve the gateway into Magor from the west and the announcement of Magor Square from here?



Source: Let’s Talk Survey n=156

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Figure 9 – Do you agree with the proposal to improve the gateway at the junction with the MOT garage towards the Co-op?

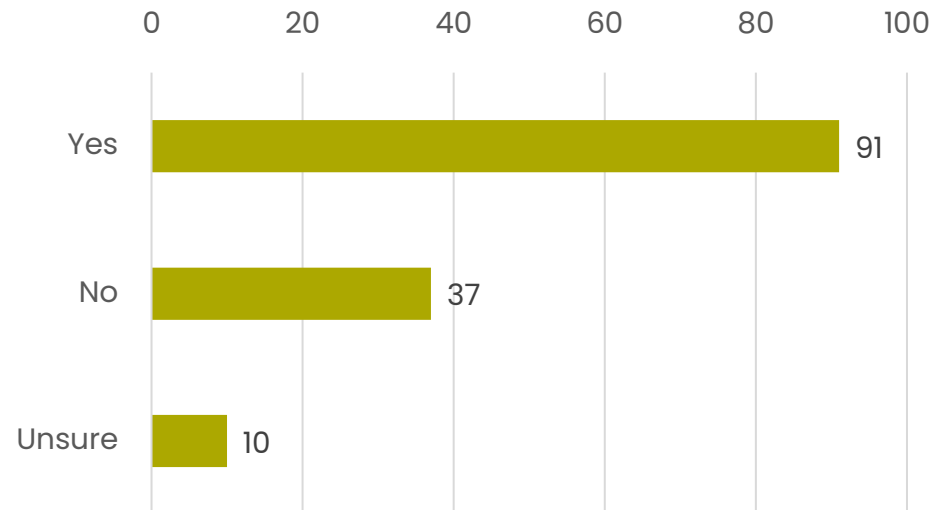


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Arrival

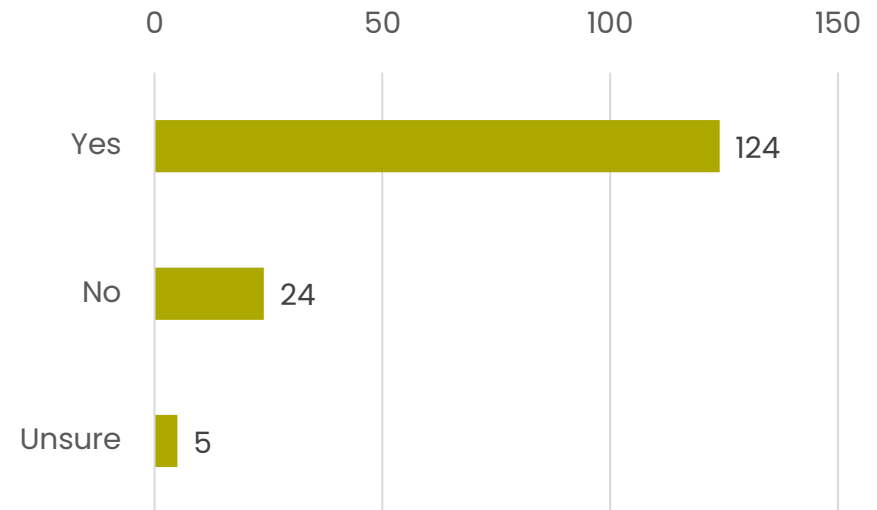
Figure 10 and Figure 11 indicate that 66% of respondents agree on the need to improve the existing roundabout area, with comments related to a T junction arrangement, managing on-street parking, exploring ways to maximise off-street parking, tackling eyesore properties and recommending a one way out past the fish and chip shop. Some respondents are happy with the current arrangement as it currently provides efficient traffic circulation.

Figure 10 - Do you agree with the proposal to improve the existing roundabout area by the Co-op and Wheatsheaf Inn?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=138

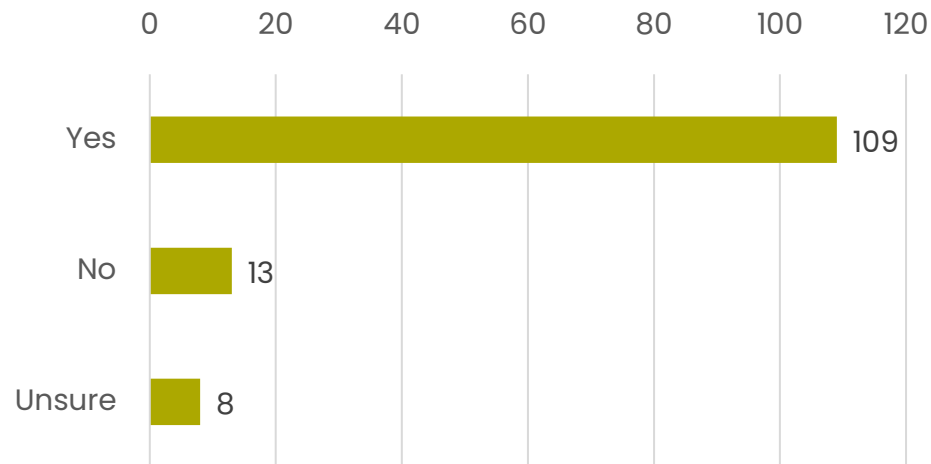
Figure 11 - Do you agree with the need to improve signage for visitors to all car parks and information points?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=153

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Figure 12 – Do you agree with the proposal to improve Withy Close car park and the linkage to the village centre alongside the Baptist Church?



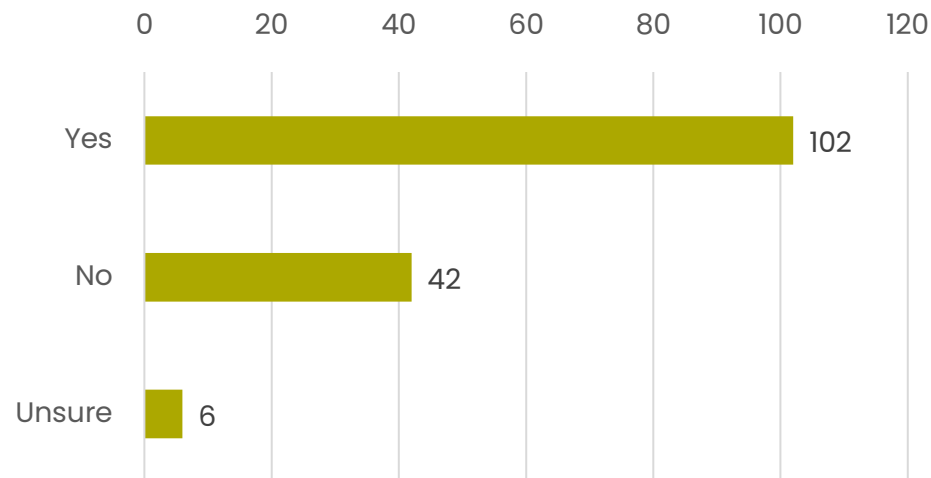
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Magor Square

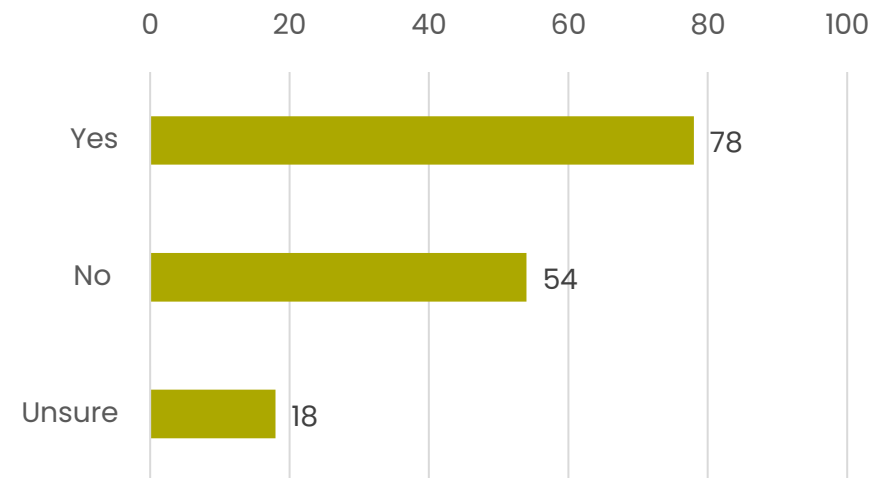
Figure 13 and Figure 14 indicates that 68% of respondents are in favour of the proposals to enhance Magor Square with 52% visiting more often if the improvements are made. In the open comments constructive comments about on-street parking management, trees and landscaping (position and maintenance), use of sympathetic materials, differentiating the carriageway with the footway and other points of detail. Those that object to the proposal raise concerns over the need, cost versus benefit primarily and the general look of the design.

Figure 13 - Do you agree with the proposal to enhance Magor Square?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n= 150

Figure 14 - Would you visit more if these improvements were made?



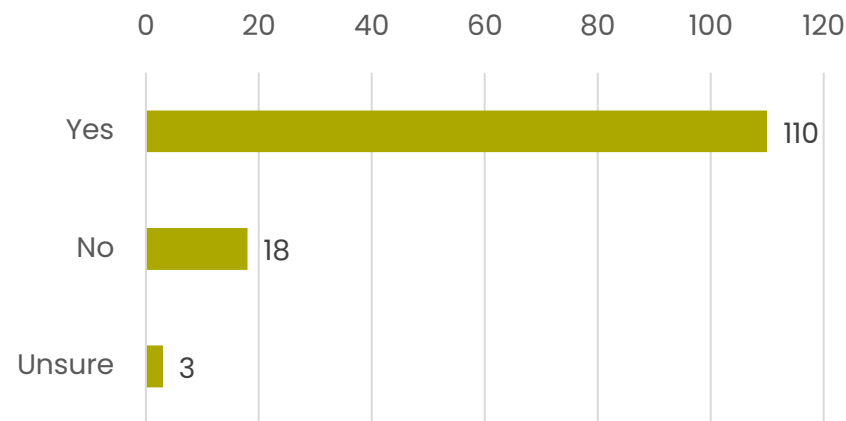
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Local Facilities

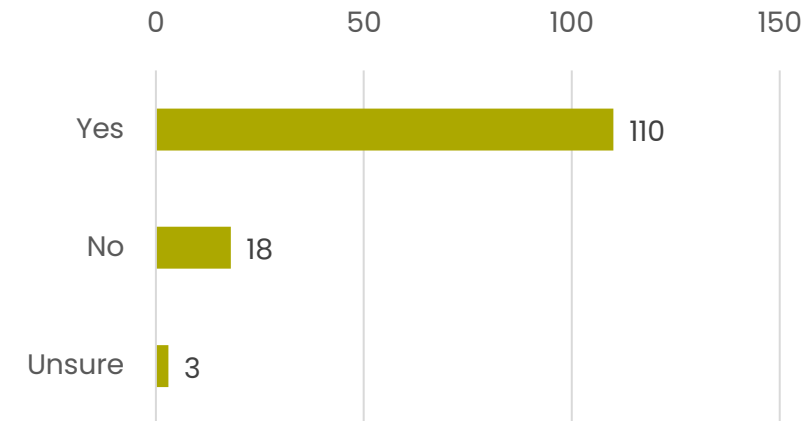
Figure 15 illustrates that the community sees a need to improve local facilities at 84%, with the need for public toilets as the top priority with a number of options suggested including a partnership with a local business in addition to a community/publicly run facility. Other suggestions include bike mechanic stations, local amazon/Evri locker and cycle stands. Facilities for young people are suggested, including a skate park near the Hub building. Respondents also raise concerns of the diminishing loss of services with worries over the doctor's surgery and its current hours of opening.

Figure 15 - Do you agree with the need to improve facilities in the village centre?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=131

Figure 16 - Would you use them?

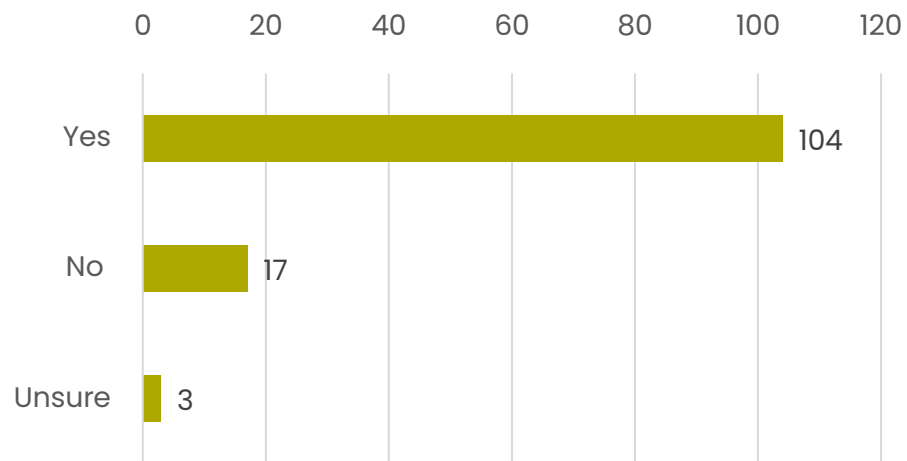


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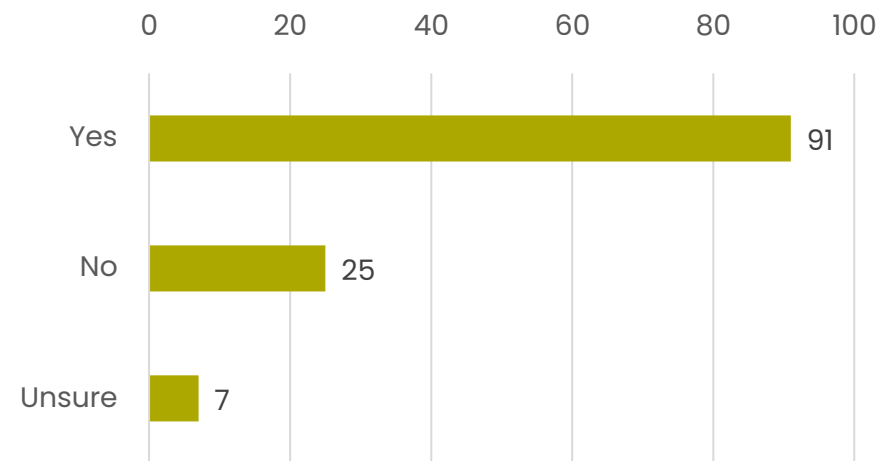
Figure 17 and Figure 18 focus on pedestrian routes between the village centre and neighbourhoods and also the specific link from MUCH through Sycamore Fields, with 84% and 74% respectively agreeing to these improvements.

Figure 17 – Do you agree with the need to improve the pedestrian routes into the village centre from neighbourhoods in Magor with Undy?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n= 124

Figure 18 – Do you agree with the need to improve the links between the village centre and Magor-with-Undy Community Hub through Sycamore Fields?

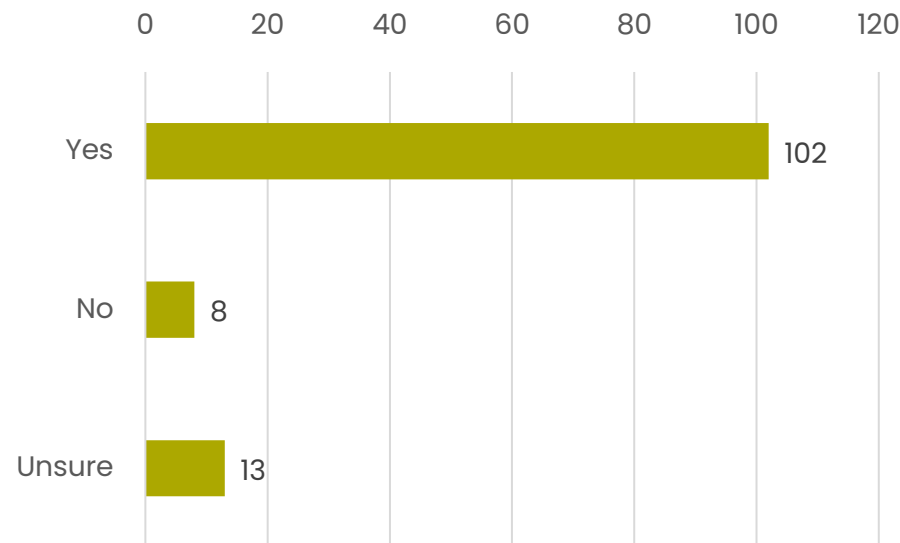


Source: Let's Talk Survey n=123

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Figure 19 shows strong agreement to active route improvements with neighbouring communities, places and train stations and Figure 20 also shows agreement with improving local heritage interpretation.

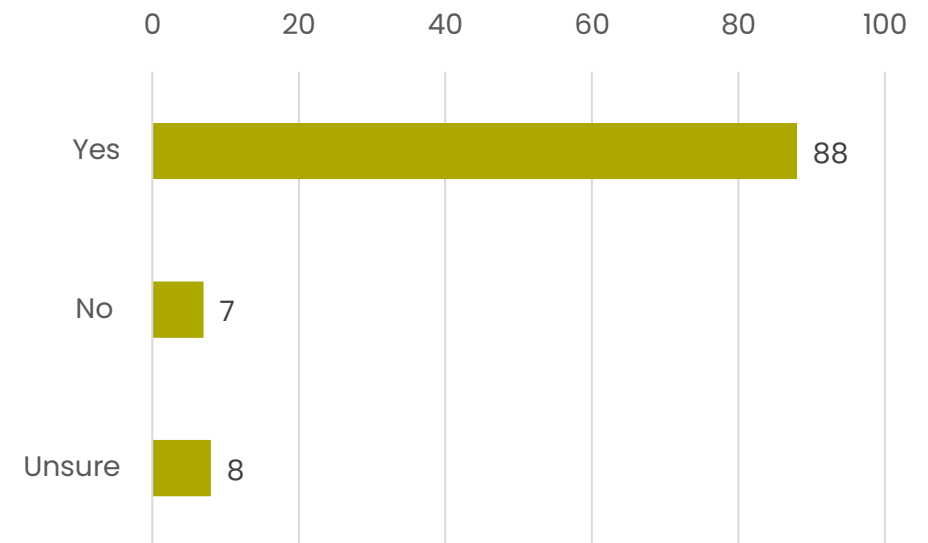
Figure 19 – Do you agree with the proposed active travel routes between Magor with Undy to the east to Severn Tunnel Junction and out to Newport in the west?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=123

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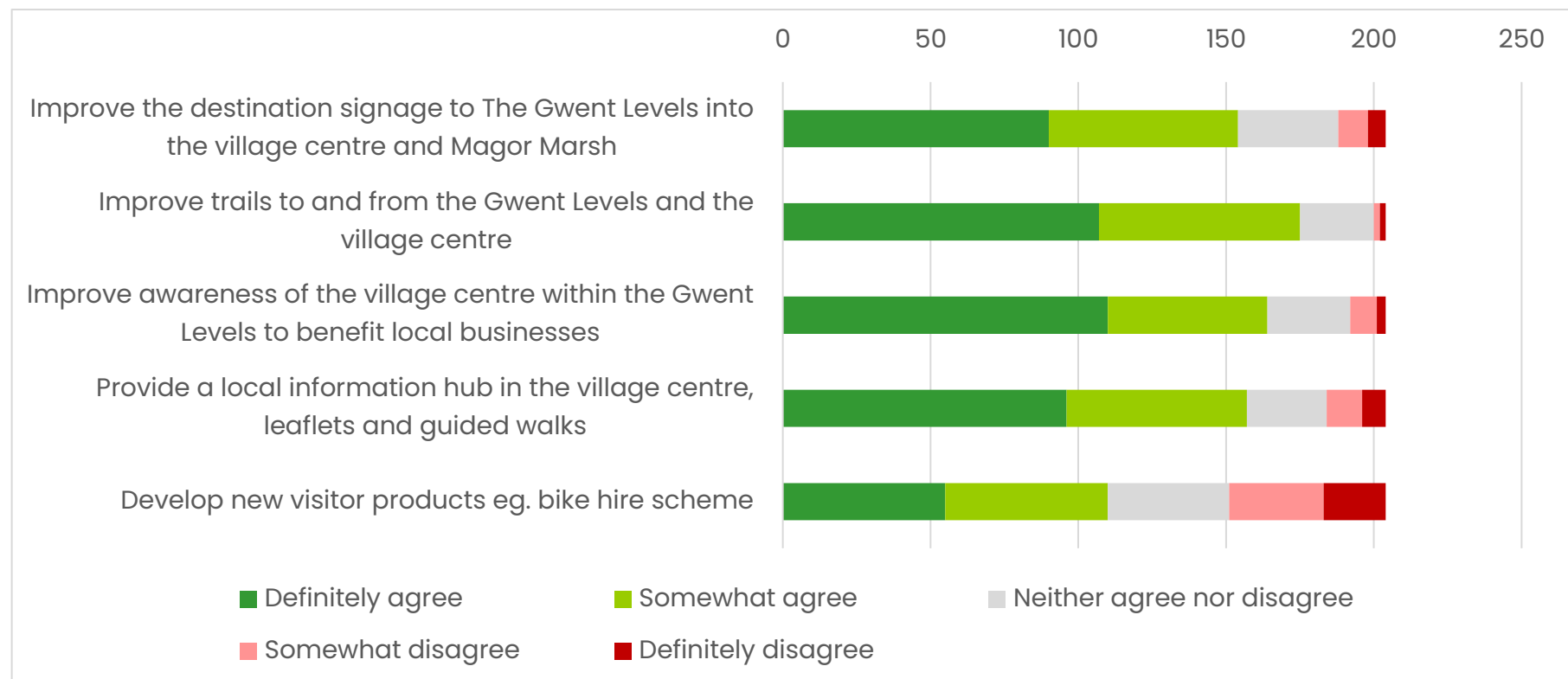
Figure 20 – Do you agree with the need to improve the visibility and interpretation of local heritage within the community through physical and digital mediums?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=123

Figure 21 shows that most respondents agree with the need to improve destination signage, trails and paths management between the Gwent Levels and the village centre and a better awareness of opportunities to walk, cycle and explore the Levels from the village centre. To a lesser extent, the development of new visitor products had greater levels of disagreement.

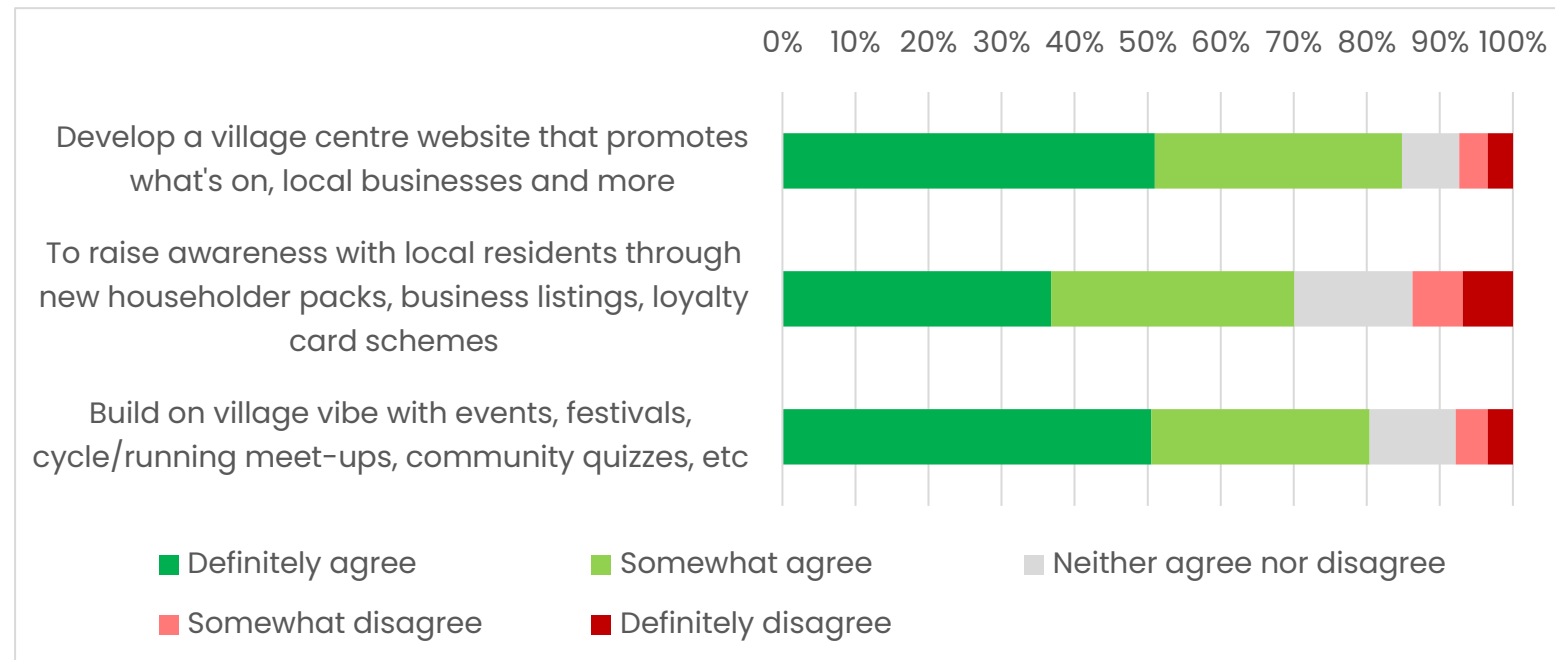
Figure 21 – To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following visitor-focused proposals?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n= 204

Figure 22 shows that respondents agree with the need for better communication on community life and activities, whether this be digital or through physical householder promotion. Respondents value the current programme of events and activities which the community needs to build on.

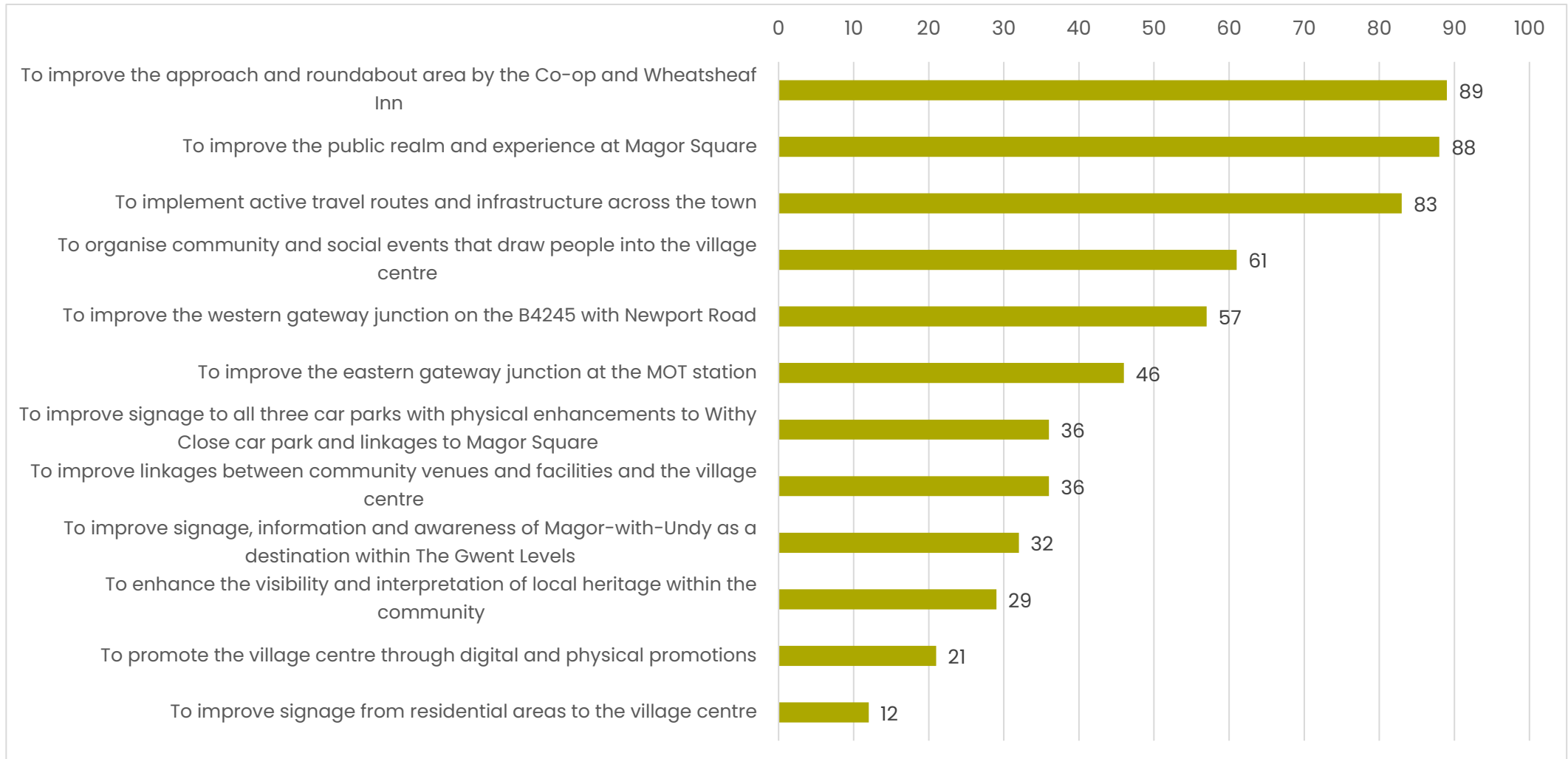
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Figure 23 shows a strong group of priority proposals, with the Co-op approach and roundabout, improving the public realm and experience at Magor Square and implementing active travel routes and infrastructure across the town. The secondary grouping of priorities is the need to improve the western gateway on the B4245 with Newport Road and to continue to build on the organisation of community and social events that draw people into the village centre.

Figure 23 – From all the proposals, what are, for you, the TOP THREE PRIORITIES?



Source: Let's Talk Survey n=204

6. Key Messages from the Consultation

Main Themes – Physical Proposals

Western Gateway

- Respondents agree with need to announce Magor village from here (67%), to improve pedestrian safety and use of signage and artwork to raise the profile of the Gwent Levels destination but comments on a simpler phased approach that represents value for money, with some observations on future design detail within the carriageway as well as signage/form of artwork for future consideration;
- Some “quick win” suggestions around community tree planting and wildflower planting.

Junction with MOT Centre

- Strong agreement on the need to re-enforce this junction as a better way to access the Co-op edge of the village centre with simple carriageway treatment and signage;
- Need to consider on-street parking within this area and some underused pieces of land and underused buildings.

Roundabout by the Co-op and Wheatsheaf Inn

- 66% of respondents see a need to improve this arrival point that addresses redundant buildings, on-street parking and a simpler junction at the Co-op e.g. T-junction with a need to explore a one-way flow out past the fish and chip shop on Newport Road;
- Some comments on keeping the redesign simple but linking into the B4245 and with the village centre.

Withy Close Car Park and Linkages

- 84% of respondents agree that this car park is hidden and is perceived to be for the sole use of the neighbouring residential homes;
- Improvements: remove containers, improve signage, town maps, way-marker and some simple landscaping directing you alongside the Baptist Chapel

Magor Square

- 68% of respondents are in favour of the proposals, but 52% would visit more often if improvements were made; approval is conditioned specifically:
 - Wider village parking strategy to address off and on-street parking need that supports popping in parking and servicing;
 - Shared space design – more details on this – conservation type material, differentiation between footway and carriageway;
 - Trees and planting details; some concern over location and practicalities of trees within the square;
 - Trial or phased approach that is low cost but tests the proposed allocation of space between vehicles, pedestrians and building frontages.
- Other ideas: coloured sails, more shelter, 30 min short stay parking, communal seating

Other Facilities

- Main items that need provision or improvement include:
 - Toilets – public or a local partnership model;
 - Cycle stands and shelter and bike mechanic stations, water refill points;
 - Evri/amazon locker linked to a local business;
 - Skate Park for young people;
 - More electric car charging points;
- The survey and comments have also raised concerns over reduced services in the local doctor's surgery and reliance on the surgery in Caldicot

Pedestrian Routes and Links

- 84% of respondents agree with better linkages
- More signage between neighbourhoods and MUCH, Sycamore Fields and village centre with better lighting and use of wildflower planting

- Physical map and also a welcome pack for new residents
- Community clear up of footpaths
- Better links to Whitewall on road
- Links out to Undy are poor – footways ponding and overgrown
- Mixed view on the form of signage – traditional versus artwork

Active Travel Routes

- 83% agree with the need for active travel route improvements, specifically:
 - B4245 to the east – poor pedestrian footways out to Rogiet and Severn Tunnel junction
 - Sympathetic lighting along Moors Road
 - Magor with Undy walkway station a key priority with AT routes integrated

Community Life

- Most respondents agree with the need to improve destination signage, trails and paths management between the Gwent Levels and the village centre and a better awareness of opportunities to walk, cycle and explore the Levels from the village centre
- To a lesser extent, the development of new visitor products had greater levels of disagreement
- Respondents agree with the need for better communication on community life and activities, whether this be digital or through physical householder promotion. Respondents value the current programme of events and activities which the community needs to build on.

Priorities

- Strong grouping of priority proposals, with the Co-op approach and roundabout, improving the public realm and experience at Magor Square and implementing active travel routes and infrastructure across the town.
- A secondary grouping of priorities is the need to improve the western gateway on the B4245 with Newport Road and to continue to build on the organisation of community and social events that draw people into the village centre.

7. Appendix A: Email Correspondence

Email Correspondence

As a resident of Magor with Undy, I've read with interest MCC proposals contained within the Placemaking Plan and broadly agree if it comes to fruition will greatly enhance the area. I'm particularly interested in Magor Square and the surrounding area. One thing jumped out at me as I read through the document, creating "a better setting for the Wheatsheaf Inn". Whilst the plan is to change the current road roundabout to a traditional junction, I wonder what the plans are regarding Pond House, the cottage which sits to the side of the Wheatsheaf and which has been derelict or perhaps semi-derelict for many years? It is a complete eyesore and whilst I'm fully aware of legal restrictions regarding local authority powers over privately owned properties I'd be interested to know if MCC is prepared to take action against private owners who choose to leave their properties to effectively rot. In terms of improving the setting for the pub, either demolishing or radical improvement to this property is, in my view, something that needs to happen before that can be achieved. Furthermore I'm aware of a rejected planning application to extend and renovate the property so I would be very interested to learn exactly what future MCC sees for it.

I've attached three photos of Pond House taken 25th February 2025.

I'd be very interested in your thoughts and comments regarding this property and the current negative affect on the area.

Best regards

Dave Westley

I attended the Magor and Undy future development plans information event at the Hwb and would like to suggest a pedestrian crossing point at the far end of Undy, by the main road bus stop near the Rockfield Grove turning. There are a few crossing points along the Magor to Undy road but I think another is needed. It is very near the change of speed from 40 to 20mph so traffic from Caldicot is still going quite fast and cannot be seen due to a curve in the road. Also, traffic coming downhill from the other way is speeding up as it approaches. A lot of children get off the school buses to cross the road to Rockfield Grove at 3pm and it is dangerous, potentially an accident waiting to happen.

Sent from my iPhone

Good evening,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing in response to the recent consultation for improving Magor and Undy. One suggestion that I often think about, and believe is a regular topic of discussion, is the creation of a pavement linking Undy to Rogiet. While I appreciate the plans for a train station at Magor, I feel that Severn Tunnel Junction, being a larger station, should also be actively promoted as an additional resource. If a pavement were available, it would enable residents from both areas to explore and use the train by foot or cycle, rather than driving being the only realistic option.

I am aware of a back route from Rogiet to Undy behind Severn Tunnel Junction and the sea wall. Although this is a pleasant walk, it is not practical for daily commuting. Having walked along the B4245 and observed other pedestrians and cyclists using this route, I feel there is a responsibility for both councils to make it safer.

Thank you for considering my suggestion.

Many thanks,



Hi there

I've really enjoyed reading your goals and opportunities for Magor with Undy regeneration project. Your findings talk a lot about presence and announcements from the main roads, and mentions that the population mostly use their cars for getting around to neighbouring wider areas (asda/aldi in caldicot, caldicot leisure centre etc).

I have been in touch with local councillors previously who have secured grants and funding to be able to pave the section of cycle path (route 4) between Undy and Rogiet, which is currently a mud, stone and pot-hole dirt track, and completely un-cycleable. However I am told this will take a good few years to complete.

I mention it here because, whilst it has not been mentioned in the scope of this project, I believe it to be a really important "quick win" for the community and for visitors. Currently, access to Magor with Undy from surrounding areas is all car-based. Having this small section of cycle path paved would not only improve access between Severn Tunnel Junction and MwU (a clear huge benefit to residents), but would also mean that visitors from surrounding areas may even choose a morning's bike ride down to one of Magor's pubs or cafes for lunch or coffee, or maybe a trip to the Marshes to see the beautiful wildlife.

Not to mention with our more middle-age population, we need help and resource to encourage active travel, rather than feeling we have little choice but to resort to our cars.

Please may you consider adding it to the scope of the regeneration project? I know it's not big and sexy like an art installation, but improved connectivity I think is a really important first step for residents and visitors alike. And seeing as the funding may already be secured, all we need now is a regeneration team with a bit of welly to be able to drive this win forward!

Thank you for considering this important request and I look forward to seeing the regeneration of our lovely village come into action.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

Undy resident

Hi [REDACTED], unfortunately I missed the drop-in sessions at the hub in Magor but I hear that there plans for a couple of trees for the square. I'm a resident of Undy and have worked in tree care for just short of 30 years initially as a contractor and then as a consultant for the last 13 years or so. I was recently elected to [REDACTED]. I don't want to interfere, tote for work or stir up trouble. I am keen however to see that any tree planting specified as part of the project is done correctly. I don't doubt for a moment that MCC has the best intentions and will commission an appropriate designer / contractor, but I've seen many planting schemes fail due to simple issues that could have been foreseen. If you think it would be of assistance and is appropriate, I'm happy to meet with you and your team to share some lessons learnt on urban tree planting and management. I'm happy to come to you or you can come to our office in [REDACTED] let me know and I'll be glad to help.

Just to confirm, I'm not looking for work or a paid service, quite the opposite, I don't work on development and regeneration projects anymore. I just want to do what I can to assist a project in my hometown.

Cheers.

Neil Davies, Business Manager

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8. Appendix A: All survey open text feedback

Open Comments

Gateways

Positive

It will enhance the current 20mph speed limit-which is being largely ignored at present

Agree with signage and planting of trees

Agree

I know a lot of people see this as a main thoroughfare but this is a village and it's where we live. Implementing these proposals would help to reinforce this to traffic passing through as well as announce the existence of the square and encourage visitors. It's only by encouraging use of the existing facilities that we can attract new businesses and improve the offer within the square.

I agree but art work is to much. Less is more

Great idea for pedestrian and linking the two parts of the village, might annoy the drivers who just transit through the village to commute to the M4 but if it naturally slows them down and makes the village identity stronger then I'm all for it.

I think this is a great idea. There has been accidents on the main road involving pedestrians of our community over the years. Walking from homes to our village needs to feel safe. People do not realise they've arrived in such a great place, we must celebrate it from the main road.

Constructive

This is a main thoroughfare of the village and need to clearly still be marked as a road.

Don't agree with raised table it's a main road, change of surface instead and the rest of the proposal I agree with

Need to keep clear definition between footpath and roadway - this system feels quite unsafe in Caldicot and hasn't enhanced that area

The pictures show the pavements and road at the same level only distinguished by color/type of material. Surely this will make it much more dangerous for pedestrians. Children might not notice this difference and think they can wander across the road freely. A road without a Kirk has nothing to stop vehicles creeping over onto the pavement section.

I'm not at all sure about this. I agree some kind of town entrance might be nice, but if we're going to do that, why not at the entrance of the town rather than here? There is already a crossing place here and I don't see how extending that along a stretch where one can't enter the road space from the north is of any benefit. The concept of mixed road space or pedestrian priority can make sense in some places no doubt, but this is a busy main road and I do not feel it is a sensible

approach here. Signage to the square could doubtless be improved, although it might be better to have an announcement sign at the entrance to the town and then better, very clear, signs where one should turn in.

I don't think this is necessarily a priority. You could find easier to implement ways of announcing the village centre without the disruption roadworks and closure would cause on an already busy road. Perhaps install artwork, signage, add planters etc. and neaten up the existing grasslands on that stretch of road.

Negative

Waste of money. This is a major road with a heavy amount of daily traffic.

Will slow traffic even more on main road. We need local amenities first, not wasting money on making things "look nice"

A complete waste of money. Doesn't look very practical (people walking in front of a car in AI picture). In my opinion there is nothing wrong with the current set up. There are no safety concerns for pedestrians with the current crossings (I regularly cross these with a young child). The proposed signage looks like a car dealership

No changes are needed. AI image looks unsafe. I frequently cross this area with a young child and do not feel unsafe

Concerned about lack of obvious pedestrian crossing, similar idea has not really worked in Caldicot

This would impede the flow of traffic and spoil the "village feel".

If you narrow the road between St. Brides Rd junction and Newport rd. junction it might cause traffic tailbacks. At the moment turning right onto Newport rd. from the west doesn't interrupt the flow of through traffic as there is ample space to pass near the kerb. I also have concerns over safety when crossing the road if you make crossings "informal". Surely the B4245 is far too busy for this? Definitely need to keep the traffic light crossing.

Arrival

Positive

Look good

Please remove the mini roundabout and implement a T Jcn

Improvements to make it safer for pedestrians would be welcome. A lot of pavement parking goes on this road which makes it difficult for pushchairs and wheelchairs as well as forcing pedestrians to either walk in the road or on the grass. Again encouraging visitors into the square will benefit the existing and potential, future businesses.

Definitely needed - please include safe cycle lanes within your plans. Please consider car limiting designs, particularly those which will stop cars parking on the paths and blocking junction and access.

Yes difficult junction to get out of

It would make sense to do something to allow people to safely use Co-Op and Wheatsheaf and get to the doctors, dentist and school - but only if it still allows parking near the shop and pub

Room for improvement especially in regard to pavements. Street parking still needed for Co-op but cars left for work in garage should be monitored.

Agree

Constructive

Magor Motors is a blot on the entry to village and the road used as it's car park making it difficult for pedestrians and restricting the highway.

Should be improved, but we need some education about usage if the trend is to move towards a Danish style of traffic/pedestrian integration.

Selfish east bound vehicles turning right, block the traffic. A dedicated central lane would assist

B4245 is a busy road and provides a through road to the M4 from Caldicot industrial estate. Great idea but reducing traffic has to be a priority.

Consider reducing parking where will the cars go? Inevitably they will end up parking in residential streets.

Think this image looks great but people are too lazy to walk to the village now so inconsiderate and illegal parking is just going to get worse

agree with improvements but maybe reduce car traffic approaching from this gateway. Just because it serves cars today doesn't mean it should continue to.

Much traffic is actually local and just needs re-routing to appropriate parking areas

Negative

No need to narrow road. put down double yellows to stop selfish school time parking along this section.

Withy Close Car Park

Constructive

The charging points were removed some time ago, and the markings on the tarmac need to be cleaned off. Remove disabled parking spaces, move to Magor Square

I think the main improvements needed here are signage to find the car park and then a clear direction from there to the town's attractions - even a map with the classic "You are here" would be helpful.

Remove the unsightly storage container to make it more attractive and an additional parking space.

Please remove the container and make the space available for parking

Please remove storage box

Friends of mine refer to this as 'the secret car park' as they had been visiting for years but didn't know it existed until I told them it was there.

I thought this was a private car park! Proves that we need better signage for those like me that didn't realise we can park there.

There needs to be plenty of disabled parking available

Improvement required. Looks like parking for a council estate.

It will all link in, in a coherent way

Also, each car park should sign post to all other car parks, in case one is full. Would it be possible to have digital signs in car parks and on entry points into Magor indicating number of spaces available in each car park and if full (like the car parks and entry roads in Cardiff)

Definitely, this is certainly an 'invisible' car park for most visitors. Resident only signage doesn't help.

Remove unsightly signage

There should be 15m of pavement between the Mango House and Mia's Coffee Shop. This is the narrowest point of the access to the Square where pedestrians must now step into the road.

Clearer signs would probably be beneficial for people who are not familiar with the area

I have clicked "support" because I strongly support better signage - make clearer how much of this car park is public, how much private. I do NOT believe landscaping is necessary. The more important thing is to keep this car park free from payment; so a low-cost, low maintenance approach is best.

I don't think this needs to be landscaped and cannot understand how it could be done without losing parking spaces. This car park, and the other car parks in the village, all seem to be full most of the time these days so we need to retain as many parking spaces as possible.

Car parks always full. Don't get rid of spaces

The Vision mentions that some people have the impression that the Withy car park is a private car park. There is an MCC sign in the car park, however the first sign you see is a sign stating residents parking only, which is on the back wall of the car park and must be meant for the car park behind this one (i.e. the parking spaces outside the houses). Removal of this sign, if possible, would help, plus a simple sign stating 'Withy Walk Car Park' with an MCC logo, or similar at the entrance would suffice, I'm sure.

Yes. I went to a funeral only yesterday at the Baptist Church and i found it difficult to park. I normally walk to the village but I was going to the crematorium afterwards. I needed a car.

Do not remove the trees, they add character

Negative

Looks a bit tired at the moment and people don't realise it's there and park in the square

Magor Square

Open Comments

Positive

I love the idea of having trees planted to provide shade and seating areas underneath for visitors to use without feeling pressure to purchase a coffee
The ideas look really good. The paving definitely needs updating as navigating a wheelchair is tricky at the moment.

What a fantastic idea it is to plant trees in square - provide shade and seating underneath

Ensure car parking retained and no charges. Charges would kill both shops and restaurants.

Make sure the changes are compatible with the safe movement (e.g. slabs lifting by tree roots, heavy foliage causing wet slipping hazards/blocked drains)

Constructive

The tree planting is positive. The paving does not reflect the heritage of the village. However, improved consistent paving is required.

How will this impact deliveries for local businesses? A lack of distinction between path and road in this area would not be beneficial for either road or path users. Please make the village solely for pedestrians (except for deliveries)-there is no need for cars to drive through the village

Making this a safe and pleasant place to have lunch, a coffee or sit to watch the world go by would be lovely for the community. Encouraging better use of the square by locals and by visitors from further afield would safeguard our existing shops and hopefully enable a more diverse offer in the future.

Would need some more diverse shops rather than hairdressers/barbers as right now that's all Magor square has to offer. Needs more decent eating establishments

I visit this regularly with the current set-up. Maybe consider more double yellow lines to prevent people parking. This would be a lot less expensive than repaving the whole area

I visit pretty much daily regardless. Putting in double yellow lines to prevent car parking would be a lot less expensive than repaving and pedestrianising the whole area

Making the paving more uniform looking is a good idea but not sure about the tree. In the picture, on a sunny day it looks lovely but, in the autumn, when there are slippery leaves on the surface, not so sure. Also wondering about the events in the square, trees and other "central furniture" might make layouts awkward.

Whilst I agree improvement is needed, I do think it worth taking into account the atmosphere of the village and its heritage. Modernising it isn't synonymous with improving it. As someone else said, we don't want it to feel like a new estate! But I think some level of improvement is needed to its current state.

not convinced that present parking will be maintained. Frequently visit square but unable to park in any car park, so go to Caldicot instead for shops. Square was SO much better before it was messed around with for covid.

I am not against some improvements to the square, but these should be limited in scope so as not to spoil the traditional look and feel of the place.

Like all bar the square paving. Use of materials more suited to its character would be my preferred choice.

Shame it can't be completely pedestrianized.

Love the idea of trees. Seating that doesn't belong to the local cafe & pizza would be welcome. What about totally pedestrianise the whole square, fed up of avoiding cars

I'm not sure about the mature trees and am concerned that they would dominate the War Memorial, which would be tragic. Tidying the Square is fine and further restricting vehicles is also OK as long as cars have other places to go (see comments about the Co-Op roundabout) and delivery lorries can still operate safely. The Square is a relatively small space and only so much can be done with it - we can't have 100 thriving businesses there and we can't have bike hire racks taking over, so whatever zoning is proposed needs to be mindful of the totality of the proposals as the redevelopment of the Square is the lynchpin.

This would encourage people to spend more time in our beautiful village

This is a great proposal. It would help the village make more use of the outside space in spring, summer and autumn. Make it more pedestrian friendly for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc. helping to make it a more inclusive place to visit. It would make the village centre more cohesive and hopefully reduce thoughtless parking

Empty shops filled. No more salons or coffee shops please! More benches and trees.

Stop all car access except for disabled parking, residents and necessary deliveries. No one else needs car access as there are car parks all round. Improve access and signage to car parks and put time limits on at least one, (e.g. max 3 hours or similar), to keep it free for shoppers.

Square needs a big overall to make it fully pedestrian focused. However landscaping needs to be done properly and not as an afterthought.

The roadway through needs to be clearly marked and indicated in order to protect pedestrians and especially children who may inadvertently wander onto the allocated road area

Access needs to be maintained for funerals at both Chapel and Church.

I wouldn't visit more as already go daily, I might stay longer as I can walk to the square – if it had more plaza like features – e.g. outside covered seating areas for the restaurants, pubs, take aways and coffee shops – provided for and maintained by the council to make it fair for all businesses. Trees would take up unnecessary space, but enhancing the "plaza" feel to the square would be good as long as the ability to park is not reduced and that the time to park in the square is a least an hour rather than 30 minutes – as for example it takes 20 minutes for a prescription to be filled, and when you are ill you don't need the hassle of worrying about the parking restrictions. Main Car Parks must remain free and with no time limits

Please plant fantastic mature trees to improve the square. Mature enough that they won't interfere with events in the square

Improvements wouldn't make me visit more because I live here. Visitors often ask about public toilets so that needs sorting. The right trees and planting would enhance the area if chosen wisely in regard to size and maintenance.

Pedestrianise the whole square. There's no need for traffic and there's plenty of access from vehicles to the square/churches easily. This means that local events would be easier to plan/rearrange in mitigating circumstances (the Frost Fayre 2024 is a good example).

Would prefer disabled parking bays only. People do not need to take their cars into the Square. Would much prefer pedestrian only space

I visit regularly and it would make it far more modern in the old settings

I think it should pedestrianised. With coloured sails to encourage people sit in the square

The challenge will be to create a space that can be used year round. With the UK weather creative ways of providing shelter and outdoor eating/meeting places will be key to a successful proposal.

this needs to emphasise pedestrian and cyclist experience. Magor has a lot of cycling groups coming from outside the town, definitely more than from the town and they are an important source of income should the square be more welcoming. need to make sure cars cannot park outside of the allocated spaces like they do today, every day. if this continues it won't matter what improvements are made. it will feel the same as it does today. really important to get this right Awful idea to waste significant money on changing road surfaces – makes it confusing for pedestrians and drivers, little added value

Please do not put any dog bins in the village centre as this would not be in keeping with the fresh new design.

I think fewer people would abuse parking if there was a set time limit, hopefully it will encourage people to park around the outskirts and walk into our lovely village.

Keep clear definition between footpath and roadway

Golden Lion looks a good idea.

Does short stay car parking mean there would be charges or traffic warden?

Neither would be welcome.

Reduce parking in the square during the summer months but keeping disabled bays. This will allow for social areas to be created.

Parking in the square is an issue. Due to the limited spaces people believe parking is permissible and abandoned cars and vans around the war memorial. There should only be disabled parking available

please consider the square being only pedestrianized after 6pm. The post office needs all the trade it can get. People want post offices. So, keeping 3 parking spaces in front of the post office but say only 30 mins parking limit. After 6pm, close the square to traffic so we can have cafe style tables out in the square.

maybe this would work from Easter through end Sept

Must not lose the feel of a village square with its irregular and uneven paving. Your artists impressions look too clinical.

The survey mentions the shops, most are hairdressers or empty. The council needlessly took over one of the shops for their office limiting the chance for shop variety leaving the remaining spaces in less desirable locations.

I agree Magor square needs a facelift, but not the horrible design put forward. Do not like the cross design, it is not in keeping with heritage of square, which dates back to doomsday book. Flattening the pavements on either road is dangerous for pedestrians. At 4.30 pm cars speed through square from main road B4245 to go over old bridge & down Bare rift common to A4810. Magor square used as a shortcut for cutting g off jxt 23a. Traffic needs to be slowed down to prevent residents being knocked down, especially children & elderly. During covid square was a great hub for community as there were undercover places to sit outside. This facility has now stopped & most places (cafes/shops) are shut at weekends & quite early during week.

Car parks are too small

All vehicles must be delivery only for the businesses. No through access.

Negative

For the love of god, leave the square alone. Nothing wrong with how it is at present. And please no change of the road and pavement surface.

It will lose all character and look like some new estate, not an old established village.

Utter waste of money

Why visit there's nothing there, better off having a trip to Usk or Cribbs

It wouldn't make any difference.

No i do not agree, I think the council need to find an architect with a bit more imagination and one who will design something that complements the historical characteristics and aesthetic of the village, not just another city centre concrete design. If I wanted to live in a city I would, this is a village !

We have recently bought a cottage in the village after moving away from a town. We chose this particular village as it was very quant and we very much appreciated the old village feel, we fear these new plans would completely ruin the character and aesthetics the village has to offer. Please if you feel the need to make "improvements" do so with materials that complement what is already in place, a beautiful village.

It completely removes the character of the square

The business in the square have been begging you not to pedestrianise the square. Please listen to them, it's so much easier to get stuff online, don't make it harder to use the village center or we'll lose even more visitors

Please don't change the old character of the square by removing the old characterful paving stones and replacing them with featureless paved areas.

Such an odd choice to make it look more like a city centre than an old village. All fresco areas outside the

Don't change the paving to the featureless modern one used in Caldicot!

Plans are too modern and takes away from the character of the village. Materials in keeping with the village are preferable. Current plans turn the village into a copy of other local town/ urban landscape lacking character and individuality. Lack of vision and obviously plans prepared by people who don't live in the village. Too modern for historical village

Poor use of money and major disruption to area whilst unnecessary work carried out - this is chaos in Caldicot

I don't think there is a need for change in the landscaping of the square. The road colour and design seems to have caused problems in Caldicot where they have done similar. I think it's more straightforward the way the road layout is now. The amount of time it would take to complete this work (and money) is far too much and unnecessary

I don't like the look of the design, the uniqueness of Magor is being lost.

Agree with comments making it pedestrianised after 6pm. Also the concern that the character of the Square is lost with the type of paving shown

The disabled and short stay carparking MUST be retained. New trees may take up too much space although the well maintained planters are good. I visit the square several times a week and this would not change.

I believe the square should be totally pedestrianised, only allow vehicles access to church for funerals. All cyclists to dismount.

Not keen on copying the generic Caldicot design. Pedestrianise the square – ban all vehicles & bicycles.

Would suggest that the parking in the square is for disabled only and improvements made in the existing car parks.

Magor Square is a historic setting and has been used for filming because of its traditional village square appeal. The vision is completely out of character for the area and will depersonalise it, making it look like any other faceless village. The current paving is not that old and could be tidied up if needed, it is much more in keeping with the nature of the village. The current proposal would cause confusion and might even be dangerous, especially to pedestrians, in my opinion, as there are no easily distinguishable definitions between pavement and road. How are guide dogs supposed to know how to navigate these areas? The square is closed on occasions such as the Frost Fayre, and this works well, but there are a large number of elderly and disabled people in the village who visit the Post Office and Chemist who rely on parking as close as possible so some parking should be allowed. The messy planters blocking access across the square are unappealing and should be removed or improved. Traffic wardens should stop people parking in silly places around the memorial or in the middle of the open area.

waste of money

I think the designs are not suitable for such a small space as Magor Square. I think the addition of a square on the pavement will cause confusion – this is what has happened in Caldicot where similar layouts have been employed.

Cars and sitting out areas don't agree. Dangerous for children.

If we have large trees, these will drip rainwater onto the cenotaph. It's a vital part of Magor Square and maintained each remembrance Sunday for a service.

Magor Square is a lovely setting which only requires some enhancement. Repair the flagstones and repair the tarmac filling. Please do not propose substantive changes and hard landscaping – it is not required. Enhancement with improved planters, planting, shared public cafe space etc would be great.

Local Facilities

Are there any other facilities you would wish to see?

Public toilets

We desperately need a public convenience within the Magor Square vicinity. More dog friendly facilities are needed.

Toilets, yes! I think bike stands is a great idea as the area is popular with cyclists accessing the Gwent levels

It can be really frustrating when residents can't use local facilities such as cafes etc due to the volume of cyclists. This is an issue we have already – it doesn't need to be made worse

Some more green space and traditional planting schemes would be nice together with dedicated wildflower areas on the verges and roundabout at the entrance to the village from the M4.

If we are seeking to attract tourists then we have to provide the infrastructure for them and this sort of stuff is thus essential.

Public Toilets

A bike tool station would be great for cyclists

Re-open the Dr surgery, for sure. Evri / amazon locker - the one at rogiel is always full. Bakery.

You want to attract more traffic to an area that has limited parking, it's a nightmare to use the area on a normal day. Whilst Caldicot is equally as its easier to park and you can at least do a shop.

Toilets high priority. Dogs low priority.

Definitely need facilities for visitors

Definitely, we are currently one of those towns without toilet facilities.

Give the pubs rate rebates if they open their toilets to the public outside of licencing hours. Same for the Hub. No need for public toilets.

The questions is to broad from the specifics of the statement - so disagree as don't know what I am specifically agreeing with - e.g. I don't think we need toilet provision as cannot imagine where they would go other than taking up car parking space, are difficult and costly to maintain, and are a magnet for vandalism, drugs and other illicit activity. Public can and do use the pub facilities if necessary, cut it could be encouraged to make a small donation to the pub when they do - e.g, 20p

Village needs a public toilet close to the square

Extra defibrillators and blood kits.

Please consider sympathetically so not left with more street furniture littering the place

Library

Again, trying to turn a village into a city, if this isn't Cardiff

look to expand the maps around the area to include cycling routes that take in other towns and villages in the area. Magor square is a great stopping point and could attract a lot more cyclists to it if this is done right

Parking meters .. no cycling in village square â€¦ the name centre is not correct .the name should remain as square

Against toilets unless regular maintenance is guaranteed

GP surgery open both morning and afternoon!

Toilets needed

put electric car charging points in other car parks..

If toilets being installed ensure they are well maintained and cleaned. Also not a place for drugs.

prospective clothing/furniture Magor-undy projects

I don't think there is an urgent need for extra facilities such as water refill points etc, but I do think they would be used if there

There are already several outlets that provide dog bowls and toilet facilities.

Public toilets are expensive and difficult to keep clean and well maintained.

This is probably the best suggested improvement, it would be beneficial to the local community and visitors.

Would be useful and beneficial, however Monmouthshire County Council would need to provide adequate maintenance and cleaning services for the facilities and to ensure they don't get vandallised.

Youth club, sporting activities, skate park etc

Councils are closing public toilets because they can't afford to maintain them who will pay ? Increase in Community tax ? No

Cycle stands are the most attractive of all these proposals! And the maintenance points are a welcome addition if they can be provided easily and cheaply. Public toilets an excellent idea, although potentially costly to maintain in perpetuity. Is there any option to subsidise local businesses to offer toilet facilities during their normal opening hours? Also e-bike charge points (although I'm not sure how these would work).

Toilets are available, and always have been, in the pubs and cafes in the village. As a friendly area, owners have always been considerate of the needs of visitors to the village. I can't see where toilets could be placed to be aesthetically pleasing and worry that they would be misused or become an eye sore. People seem to manage perfectly well with cycles in the village already and I cannot see the need to change this. A water point might be nice, but I'm not sure how much it would be used in reality. Undy is no longer a dog friendly area as recent signage clearly shows so on the odd occasion someone might want to walk through the village with their dog, I'm sure they won't want to stay for long. As a responsible dog owner, I don't believe a village centre is the correct location for a dog waste bin but there are no dog-friendly exercise areas nearby in which to place one either.

Definitely toilets (with water refill taps) and bicycle racks, and any other facilities for encouraging cycling. I think it would be essential as part of this consultation to find out if improvements can be made to the Cycle Network No.4 that runs through Magor, Undy and Rogiet to Caldicot. The current track surface (large stones/ballast) has caused damage to many bikes (such as chain/gear problems) which has resulted in stranded cyclists needing assistance and having to abandon their journey.

More diversity of shops

Skateboard parks for my 16 and 12 year old grandchildren. There is very little for the teenagers to keep them busy and amused.

Improved cycle parking, water points. There is an opportunity for some of the businesses to be paid a small sum for their own facilities to be used if they are agreeable e.g. wheatsheaf, mia;'s etc. No need for a new one.

Toilets

Linkages

More signage to the MUGA court . Improve the routes from Rockfield & Greystone housing estates.

Walking along the main road is not pleasant. If traffic stuck to 20 it wouldn't be so bad but traffic speeds pass and the pavements, in places, are very narrow.

Along Magor Motors Lane through to the Co-op roundabout

Improving path surfaces so that routes are not muddy might encourage use. Map for people new to the neighbourhood might make people aware of these routes.

Like the idea of a welcome pack for the new houses

The outskirts of Undy is very isolated from Magor

Signs to all points of interest, e.g. the ruins by the Church car park, Magor Marshes, etc. plus signage to services and facilities, e.g. post office, toilet(s), car parks, bike park, etc. may be useful too. Also a few maps around the village detailing all these and local walks

Signage to The Hub and Tennis Courts, which will also need repeating at the end of Sycamore Terrace as does signage to Magor Marsh

All existing paths/ walkways need to be cleared of obstacles/ undergrowth/ litter.

Provision of and regular emptying of rubbish and dog poo bins improved.

Excellent informative idea

Traffic calming is an absolute must through undy and Magor (lots of other towns in Monmouthshire seem to have much better representation of these things).

crossings at the entrance to undy for example prevent any safe crossing of the road from Rockfield estate and the new houses that are being built. Don't just focus on crossings and pedestrian routes that circle Magor square, look at how other concentrations of people in undy specifically can safely travel to the village centre. This right will increase footfall into the centre

Back of the village where the bus stop is on a corner - speeding cars - pelican crossing

It would be good to have pedestrian/cycle lanes from the causeway around Whitewall as walking or cycling around there, especially with children, can be dangerous without this.

Provided information on the map at the Hwb.

Better lighting and pathway link from MUGA to Sycamore Fields

No as the ones indicated show exactly where required

A pedestrian bridge from Undy to Magor at the east entrance

Route from underpass/bridge to Undy playing fields via Whitehall Gardens. Village centre to village hub past tennis courts – poor surface – pooling places.

Pathways need to be maintained more in the summer, cutting back the hedges etc more so there is easier access to the village, especially for pushchairs and wheelchairs

Improving the local environment is always a positive. I don't think you need signage all over the place

More footpaths/cycle paths but not to the extent like they have at Caldicot where it makes it more dangerous when cars and pedestrians interact

The footpath past the hub could be more inviting, you feel as though you are walking through a car park. will be a challenge to get people in the new Rockfield estate to walk to the village

Improve route from the Causeway to the Hwb for pedestrians & cyclists.

Overgrown conifers around the telephone exchange spoil the potential to improve the route from the Hwb to Sycamore Terrace. This is vital before the new railway station opens.

Signage needs improving. Routes used by walker / visitors to Magor Marsh & Bridewell Common (Whitewall & The Causeway) should have a weight limit imposed and 20mph speed limit. Because as it stands it is a potentially dangerous routes. Street art is a distraction from our delightful countryside and a waste of money.

Would agree that pedestrian routes into the village should be improved, however this should extend to the entrance to Magor from the very West of the B4245

Nice idea, presumably quite easy and cheap to do. The arrow signs are good. I like the concept of "3 minutes to a coffee" but would prefer a more attractive / less obtrusive style of sign.

Tidy up current routes and walkways and provide lighting in darker areas. The blue sign in the photo is hideous and out of keeping with the village feel in the area, it looks like a sign at a music festival. Community art would spoil the village which has old, attractive buildings with interesting architecture. The appeal of Undy lies in it's age and history. It doesn't need brightly coloured murals better suited to deprived nondescript urban inner city areas.

But they need to be maintained

There are lots of walkways through the various parts of Undy that new residents (and some who have lived here for years) don't know about. It is often quicker to walk from Undy to the village than to drive, but without knowing the routes they would assume they need to walk the same route as they would drive.

A crossing at the Blenheim and Queen's Garden over the main road to the bus stop for Caldicot. School children cross this dangerous road every morning to go to school.

Use the grass areas to plant wildflower beds.

Figure 19 indicates that 83% of respondents wish to see the implementation of the active travel routes between Magor with Undy and Severn Tunnel junction, which is due to the poor experiences of walking or cycling along the B4245 to the east (see previous open comments.)

Active Travel

Yes, this should be the priority over other projects. There is currently no safe path between Magor/Undy and Severn Tunnel Junction.

Safe travel better Magor, Rogiet and Caldicot should be top priority, ideally linking from the square to Caldicot castle. Improved access to Wentwood forest would also be useful

An active travel route to Rogiet and Severn Tunnel is badly needed. There is a route via the moors road but there is no lighting so is not safe during the winter months.

Definite need for a pathway between Magor/undy and Rogiet so that people are able to access Severn tunnel junction.

Desperately needs a joint foot/cycle path from Undy to Rogiet

This is by far the most needed improvement

Safer pedestrian access to Severn Tunnel is really needed.

Make it easier for children to cycle to school, stop the culture of getting in the car to do a 3 minute journey

The sooner the better for the train station and the pathway between Undy and Rogiet

This would make a massive difference. Possibly the biggest one of all questions asked so far.

It's been needed for decades. It's dangerous to cycle to Severn tunnel and it should be an easy route to take

A path from Undy to Rogiet is also needed. Also, Magor walkway station must be a priority

Make sure that STJ becomes the 'drive to' station (e.g. when having luggage) and Magor & Undy Walkway becomes the walk/cycle to or drop off station.

Especially if this means active travel routes linked to good public transport – including the absolutely needed and must have before anything else – railway station – the railway station will make it better for young people to get jobs, for visitors to access Magor – know about Magor – create jobs, decrease traffic on roads – encourage visits to the shops before or after travelling to work etc
Magor/Undy station much needed and long overdue. Better and more frequent bus services.

Essential on this very busy road. Currently no safe to cycle or walk to STJ

Having a Magor train station would significantly improve access to the area and help connect to other parts of the country

you need to create cycle lane between undy and Rogiet to allow safe travel of pedestrians and cyclists to station and other amenities that are offered in wider Caldicot too. also, traffic calming in undy and Magor with introduction of crossings at undy and Magor entrances and chicanes and speed bumps
A safe and sensible way to get to Severn tunnel junction would definitely encourage me to use the train more

If it stops people parking

We need a pathway from Rogiet to Undy, when there is traffic, this gives people the option to walk/cycle or catch a train.

Create long awaited pathway along B4245 between Undy and Rogiet

Cycle route needed so cyclists do not use B4245 between Undy and Severn Tunnel – a fast and dangerous road. So many more cyclists on the roads in this area. We don't want any more deaths.

as mentioned, a dedicated footpath/cycle route to STJ and beyond

Cycle/footpath from Undy to Rogiet

Focus on the station first

interesting to develop the idea of gateway to the levels. Footpaths and routes exist so maybe more signs / maps. encourage foot/cycle traffic past Undy church to the village centre. improved cycle route to Rogiet

There needs to be a pavement/cycle path between Undy and Rogiet. My concern regarding the new station is "where will people try to park"? I understand that it is titled a walkway station but in reality, there are few houses within a reasonable walking distance.

Active travel routes would be welcomed however a station at Magor would reduce the need for travel routes between Severn Tunnel and Magor.

Strongly support this. In fact, if cycle / pedestrian access was better, then Severn Tunnel would become a practical station for Magor / Undy.

At the moment cycling on Magor Road is dangerous. Many ignore the speed limit. I have tried the walk from Undy to Severn Tunnel along the main road – it is a dangerous main road with no pavements. Our son lives in Bristol, and we want to catch the train Temple Meads.

We absolutely need a footpath from Undy to Rogiet/Severn Tunnel Junction.