

Dobwalls and Trewidland NDP additional survey analysis

Introduction

Boscawen CEP were asked to do some additional analysis of the Dobwalls and Trewidland Neighbourhood Development Plan survey. Specifically, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group wanted to see if there were significant differences in survey answers between Dobwalls, Trewidland and rural areas.

Boscawen were asked to look at survey answers in the following subject areas:

- Landscape and environment
- Relative importance of conservation issues
- Transport provision
- Shoppers car parks
- Local heritage
- Housing Need

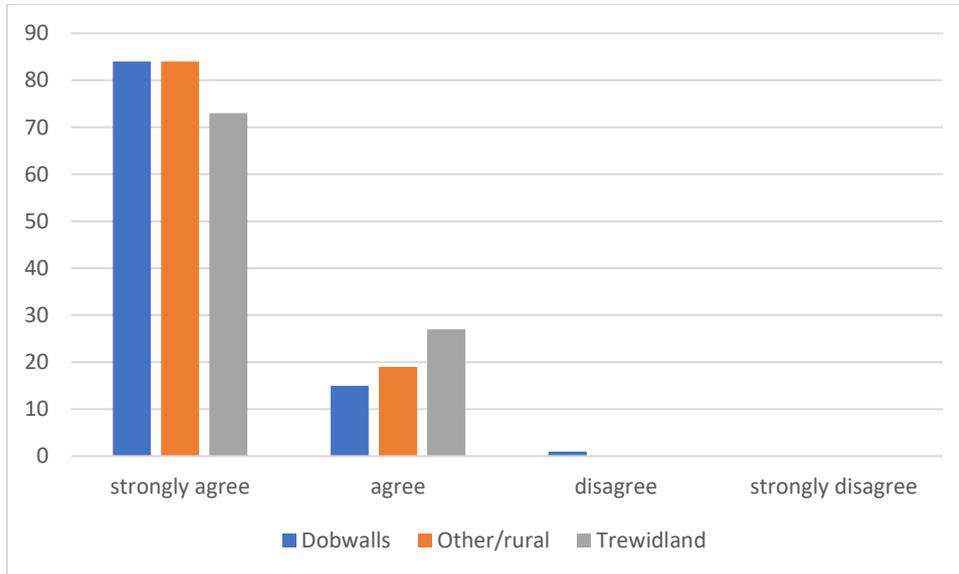
The additional analysis shows that the survey answers were broadly similar across the three geographic areas in landscape and the environment, the relative importance of conservation areas and local heritage.

There were some marked differences in the need for transport provision, shoppers' car parks and differences of emphasis for the housing need questions.

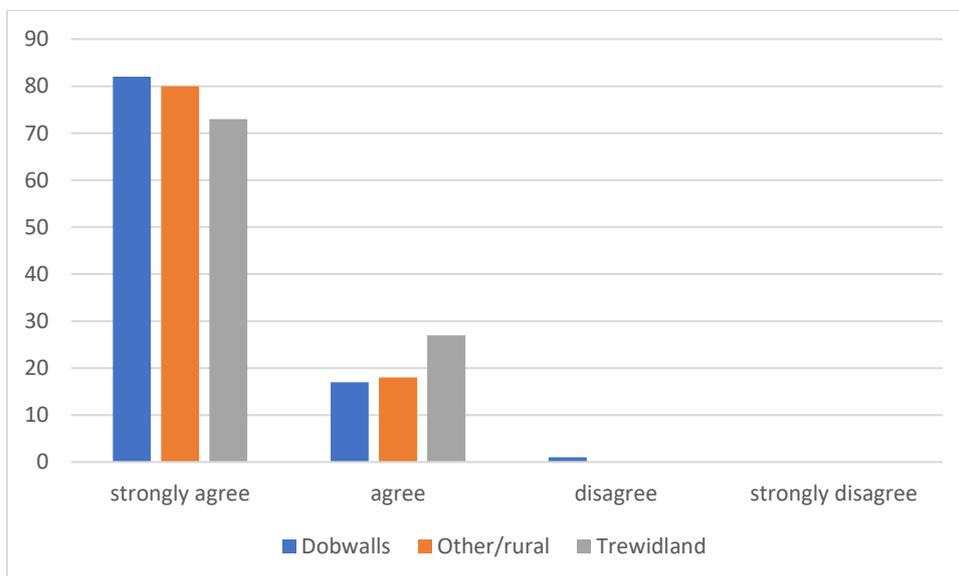
Landscape and environment

How far would you agree with the following statements?

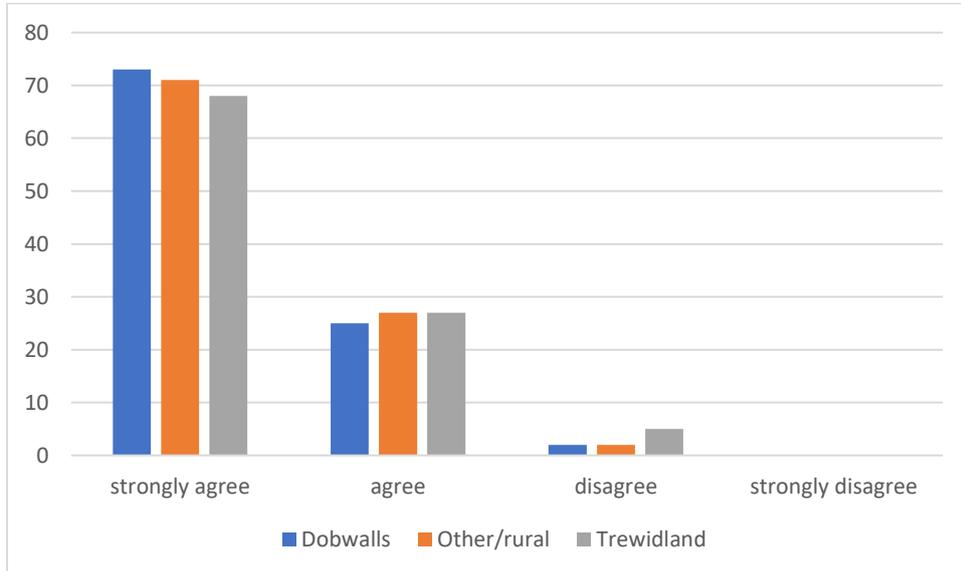
'It is important to protect the natural beauty and character of the landscape of the Parish': (%)



'It is important to protect and enhance existing wildlife and wildlife habitats including; trees, woodland, wetland, heathland and Cornish hedges': (%)



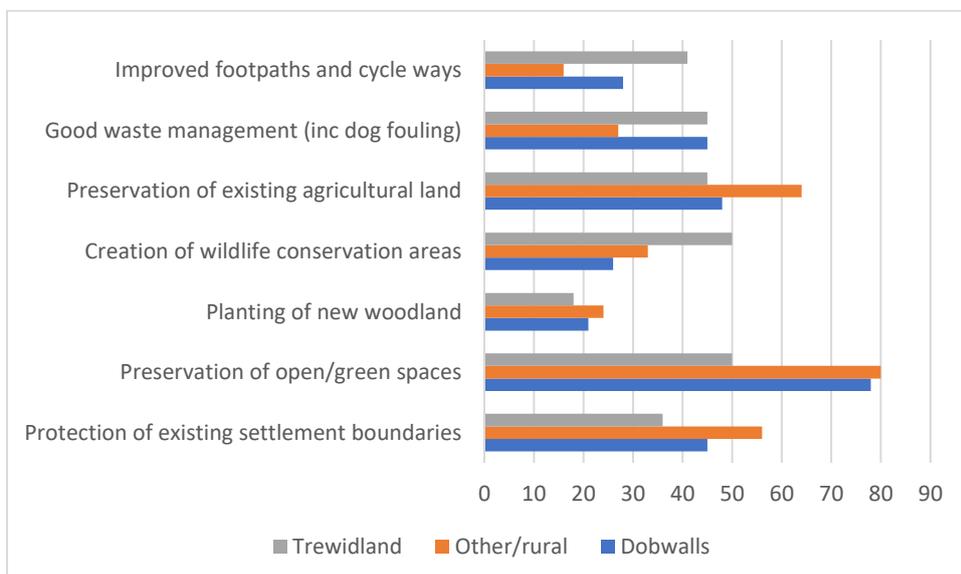
'It is important to create new wildlife habitats as part of new developments. Amongst other things this may include; trees and woodland, wet features, Cornish hedges and flower-rich grassland': (%)



In answers to landscape and environment questions, the data demonstrates that respondents from across the Parish strongly agreed with all of the statements, although it can be said that more people agree more strongly with the protection of wildlife habitats than see the need to create new ones.

Relative importance of conservation issues

'Looking ahead, which of the following do you think would be most important to you? Please tick your top three only: (%)'



Answers to questions about the relative importance of conservation issues were broadly similar across Dobwalls, Trewidland and Other/rural areas though there were some subtle differences which may reflect specific local context.

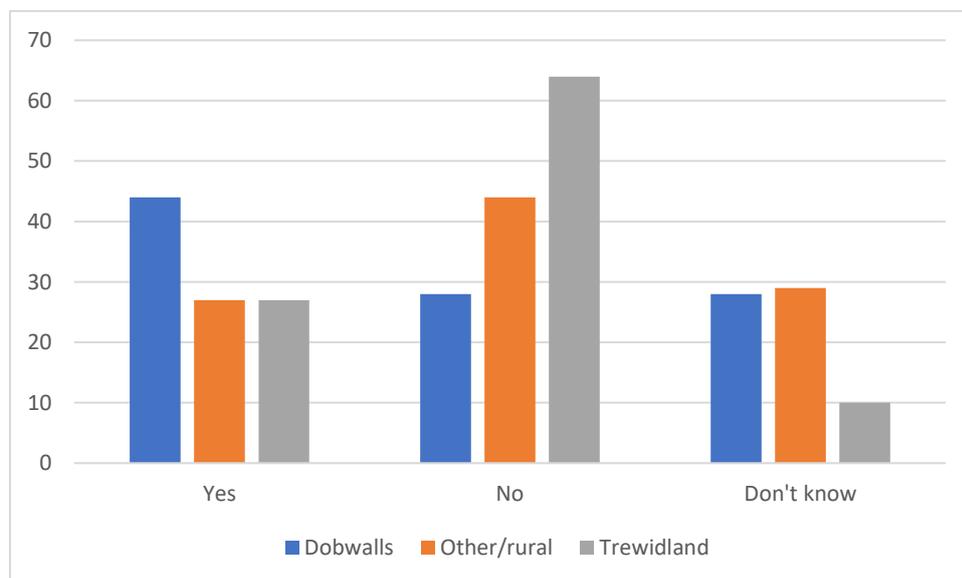
In Dobwalls, preservation of open/green spaces, preservation of existing agricultural land and protection of existing settlement boundaries were considered important whereas, planting of new woodland and the creation of wildlife conservation areas was less important.

Conversely, in Trewidland, creation of wildlife conservation areas was considered important, as was Improved footpaths and cycle ways. Oddly the preservation of open/green spaces was seen as less important than in Dobwalls and Other/rural areas, as was the protection of existing settlement boundaries.

In Other/rural areas, protection of existing settlement boundaries and preservation of existing agricultural land were considered more important than in either Dobwalls or Trewidland, whereas good waste management (inc dog fouling) and improved footpaths and cycle ways were considered of lesser importance.

Transport provision

'Do you think that current public transport provision is adequate for your needs?'

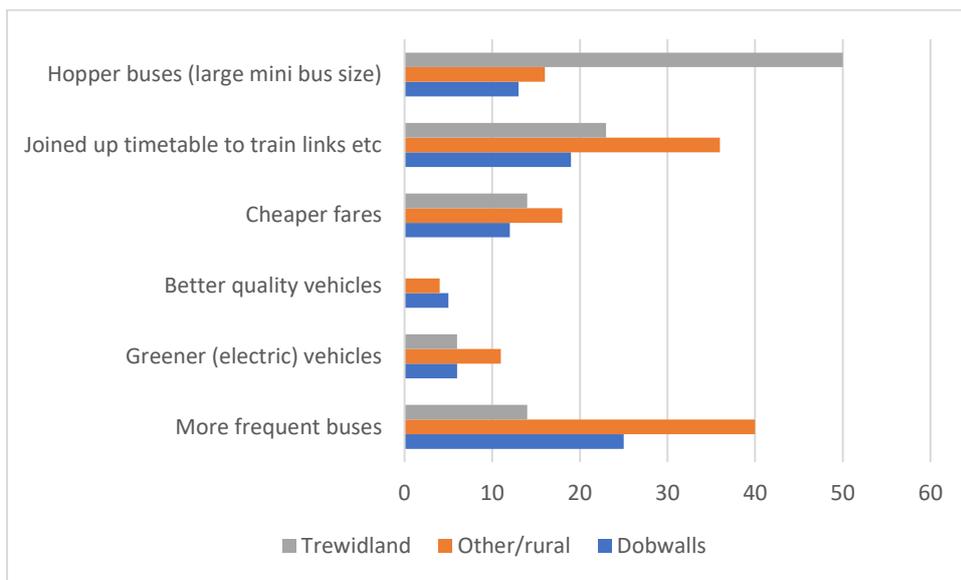


Analysis shows that more respondents in Dobwalls felt that current public transport provision was adequate (44%), than in either Trewidland or in Other/rural areas. Trewidland residents were least happy with their public transport provision with 64% of respondents stating that current public transport provision is not adequate for their needs. Nearly 45% of respondents in Other/rural areas also felt public transport was inadequate.

There were a number of 'other' responses with five people in Trewidland noting that there is no bus at all in the village. Three people asked for better transport for people with disabilities and two asked for later buses.

On the surface it would appear that parishioners feel public transport is better in Dobwalls than in rural areas. This may well reflect easier access to trains and possibly the frequency of buses, though some Dobwalls residents also complain about the latter (see below).

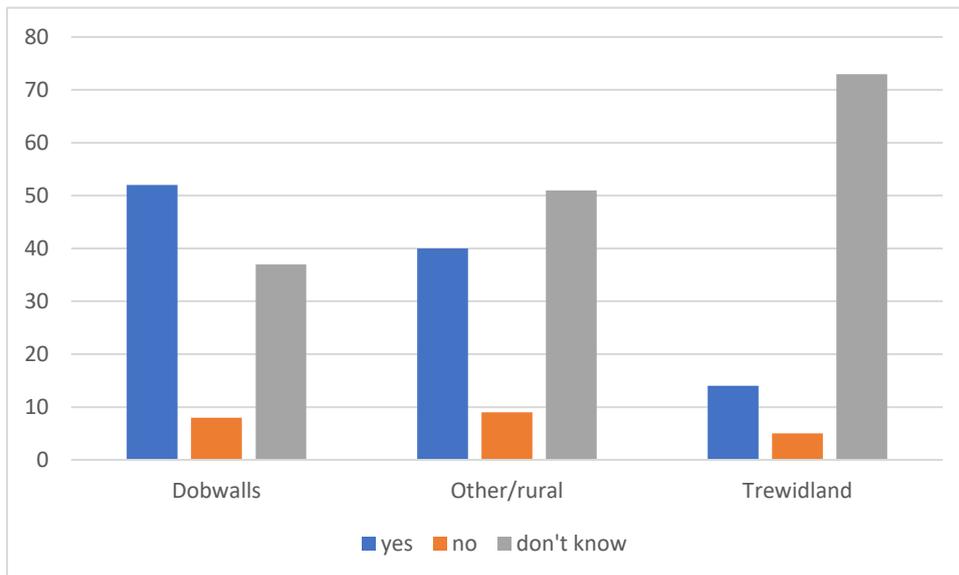
'If NO, what would improve the situation for you? Please tick all that apply:'



Analysis demonstrates that half of respondents in Trewidland favour the use hopper buses in their area. A significant proportion of respondents in Other/rural areas) stated that they would like a joined-up timetable to train links and more frequent buses (36 and 40% respectively). One quarter of respondents in Dobwalls would like more frequent buses.

Shoppers car parks

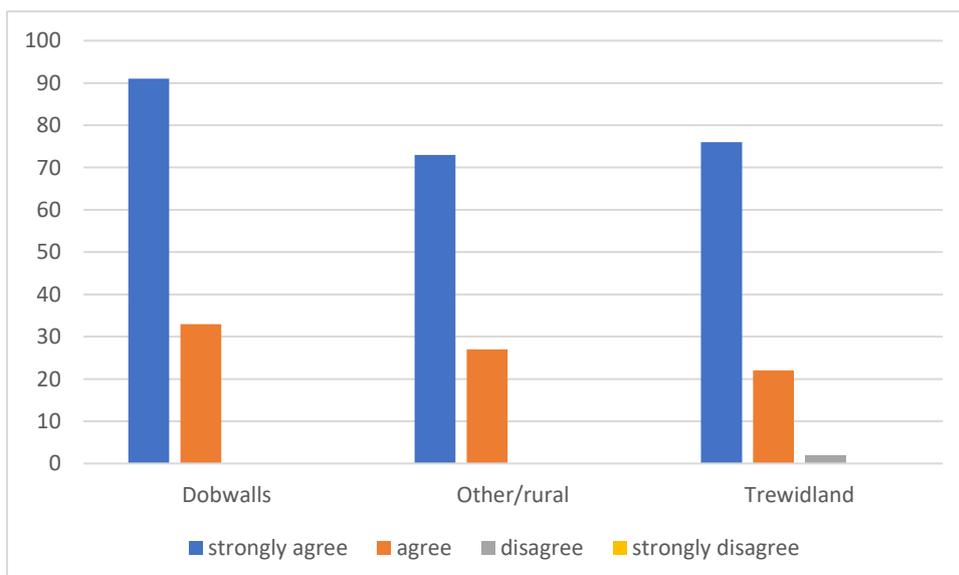
'Do we need more shoppers' parking for cars in your local area?'



This chart shows that respondents in Dobwalls (52%) and Other/rural areas (40%) feel they need more shoppers' parking. Across all areas, though in Trewidland especially, a significant proportion of respondents were uncertain if they needed further shoppers' parking.

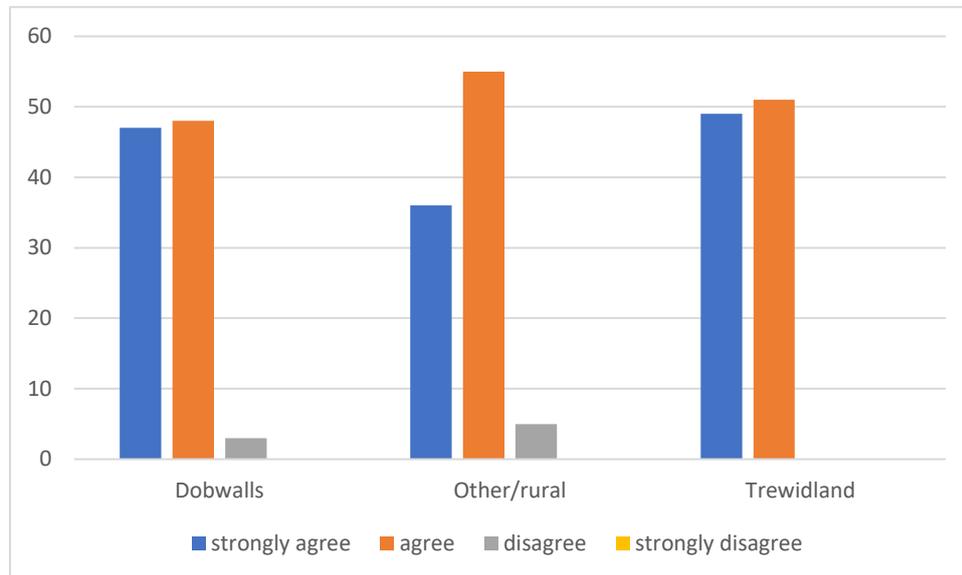
Local heritage

'It is important to protect and enhance heritage and historic sites, historic buildings, ancient industrial sites and Cornish Hedges'



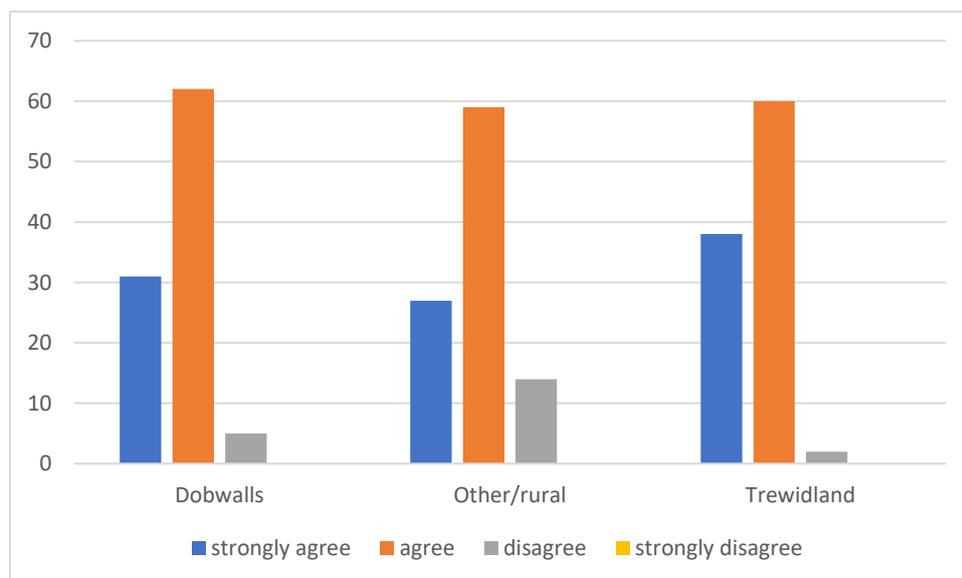
Responses are similar across the Parish for this statement, with all but one respondent either agreeing or strongly agreeing that It is important to protect and enhance heritage and historic sites, historic buildings, ancient industrial sites and Cornish hedges.

'Effort should be made to preserve local tradition and customary events'



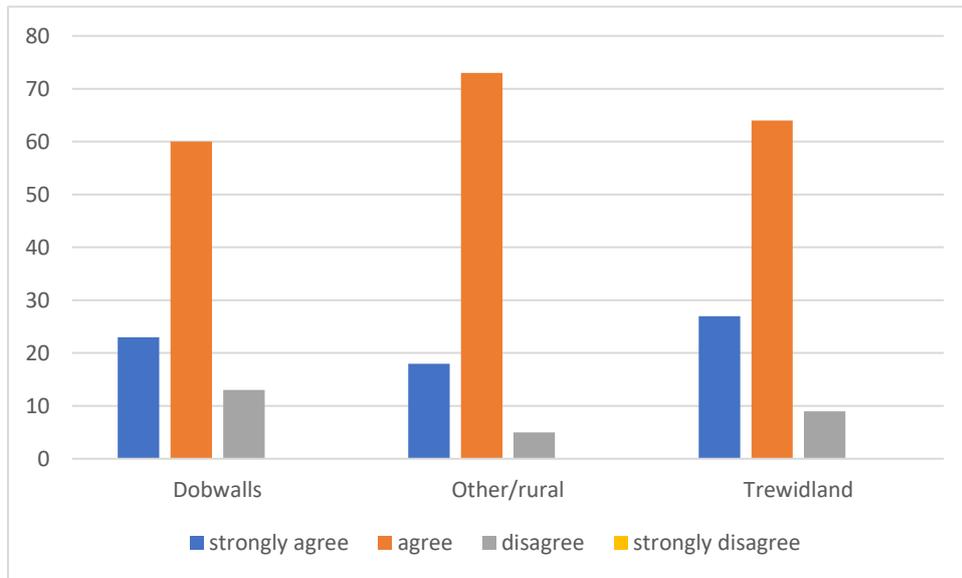
Responses to this statement are similar across the Parish, though respondents in Other/rural areas appear to show slightly less support for efforts to preserve local tradition and customary events.

'We should do more to present our local Parish and settlement history'



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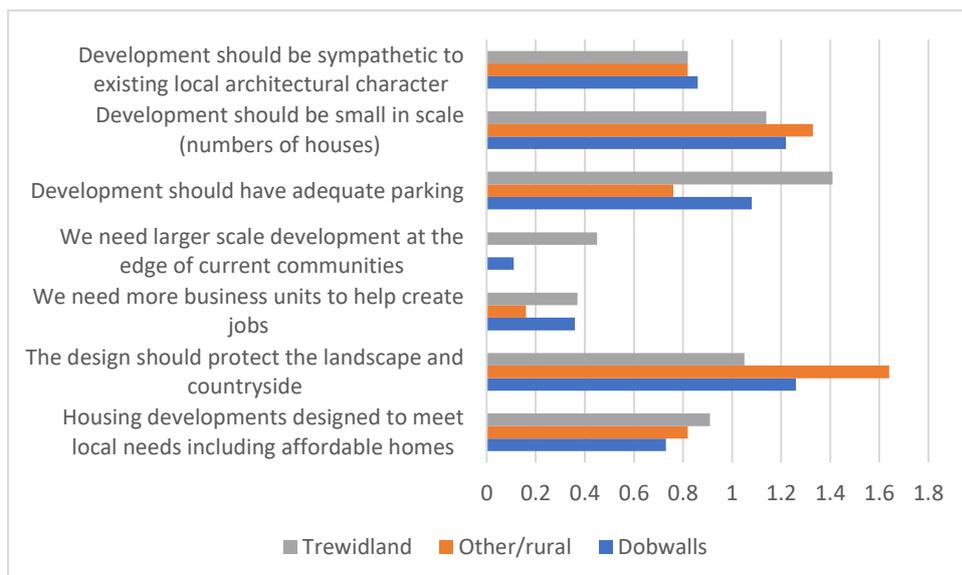
'Our cemeteries and war memorials are being appropriately maintained'



As with the other local heritage statements, responses to this statement are similar across the whole Parish.

Housing Need

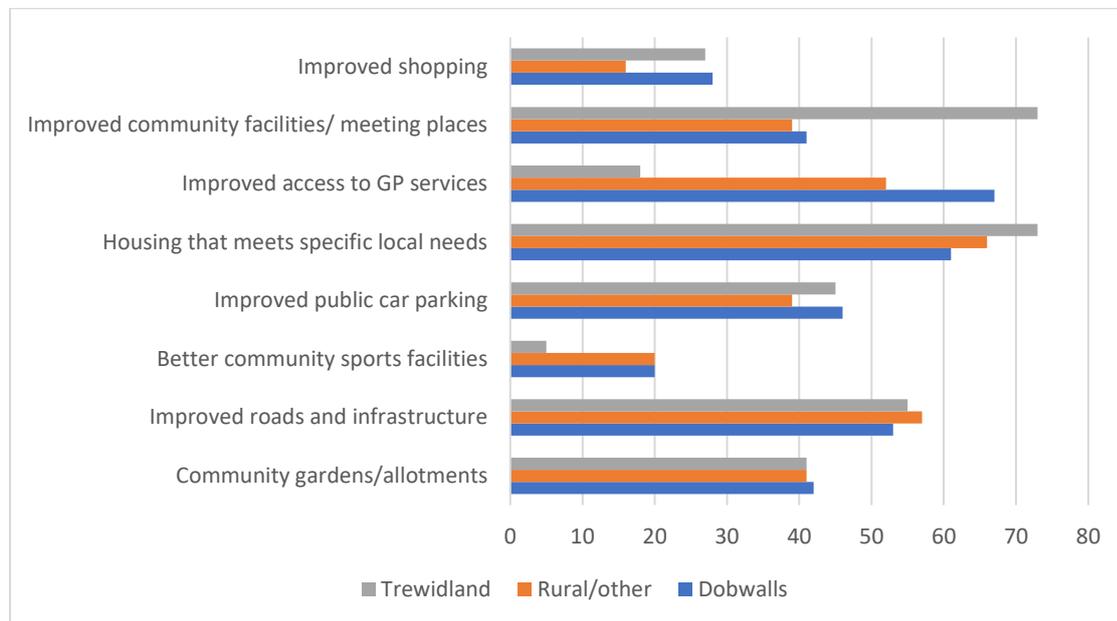
'If development proposals are put forward in our Parish in coming years, what are the three most important things that should be considered? Please rank your top three ONLY from the list below in order of preference'



The sum of the Responses (from 1 – 3) for each choice was divided by the total number of responses for that geographical area. The analysis shows that Dobwalls and

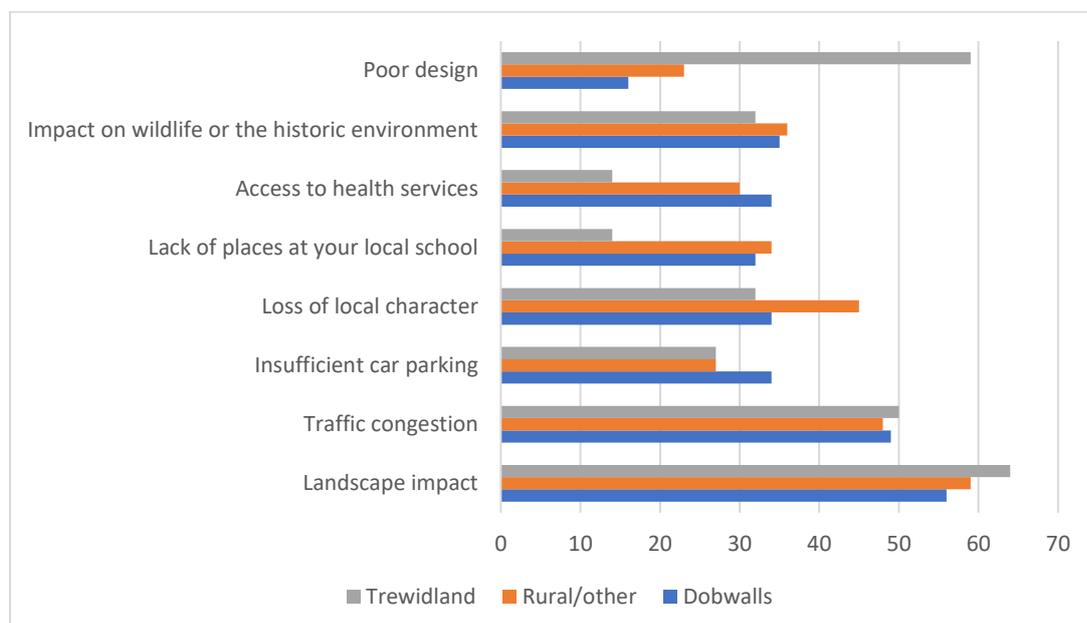
Other/rural areas were particularly in favour of design protecting the landscape and countryside. Trewidland respondents favoured developments having adequate parking.

'What improvements would you like new development to bring to your community? Please tick all that apply.'



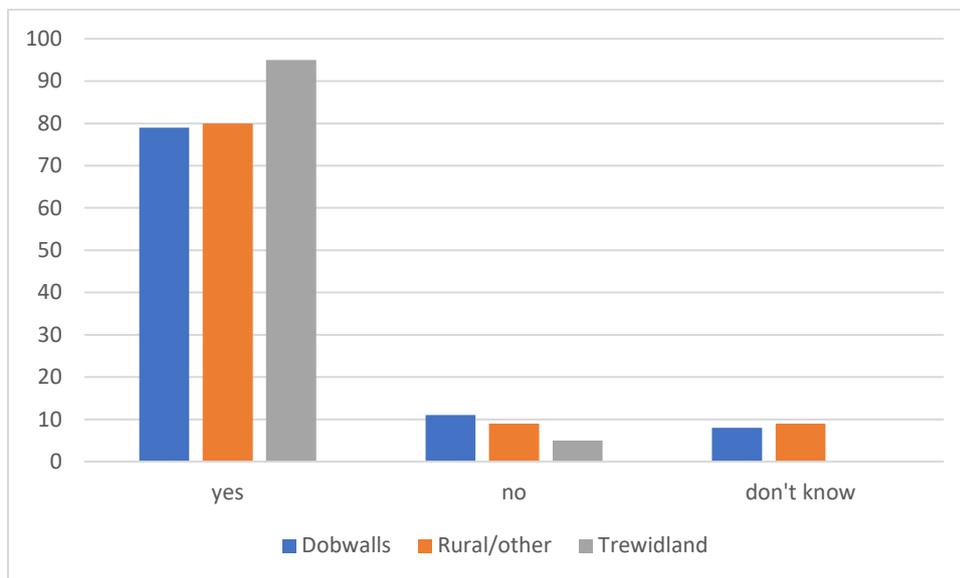
Although most geographical areas have broadly similar responses, there appears to be need for improved community facilities/meeting places in Trewidland. Better sports facilities seem to be a relatively low priority in all areas, but especially in Trewidland. Improved access to GP services was seen as important in Dobwalls and Other/rural areas but less so in Trewidland.

'What concerns you about potential impact of new residential development in the Parish? Please pick your top three only.'



Although most geographical areas have similar responses, Trewidland was more concerned by poor design and a lack of local schools places than other locations.

Do you think that we should prioritise affordable new homes for people with a local connection?



There were similar responses across the whole Parish. However, Trewidland was slightly more in favour of prioritising affordable homes for people with a local connection than other locations.