

# Heslington Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Responses from staff (238)

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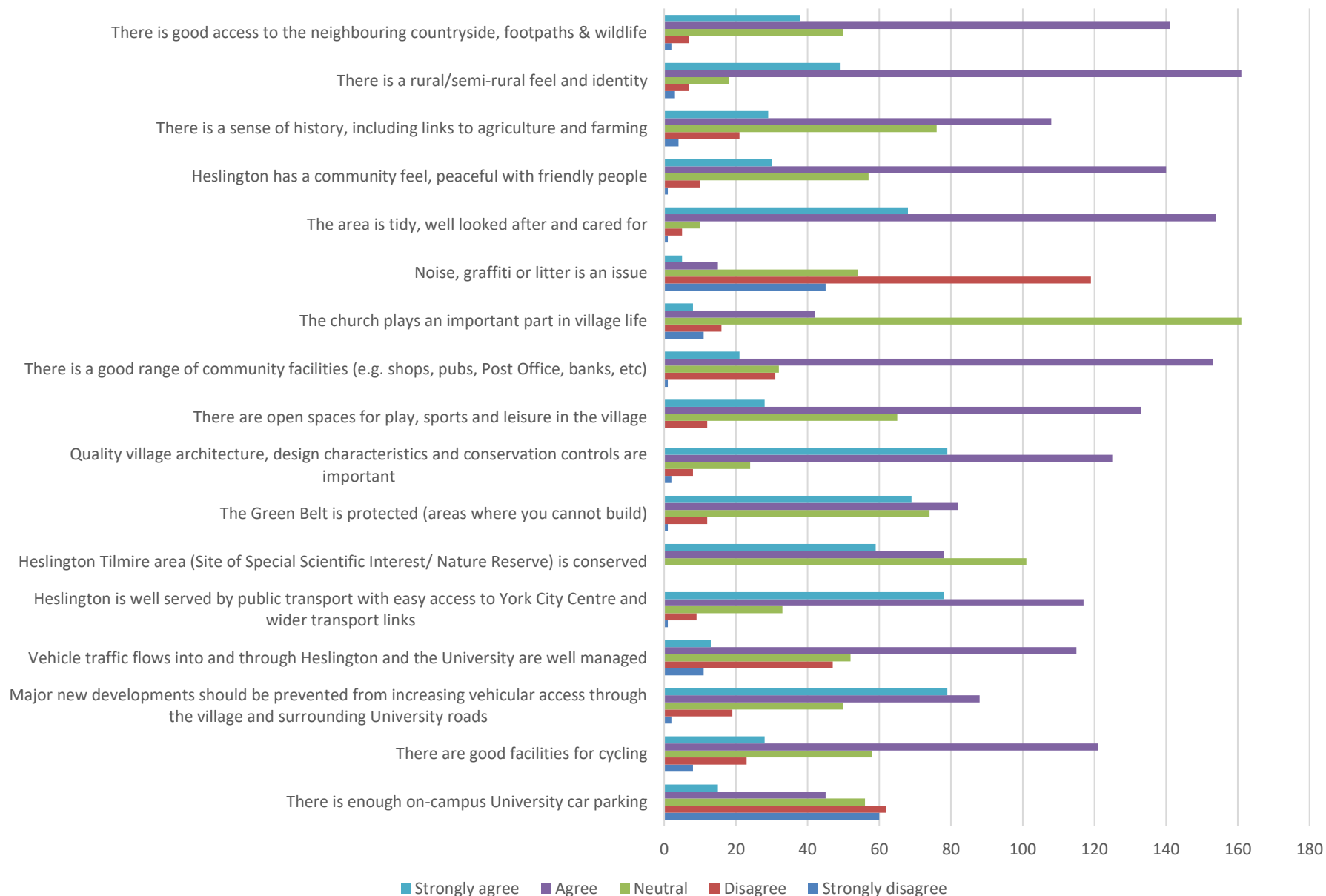


### Question one - What are your views about off-campus areas in Heslington? (Not in the City)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
<i>There is good access to the neighbouring countryside, footpaths &amp; wildlife</i>	2	7	50	141	38
<i>There is a rural/semi-rural feel and identity</i>	3	7	18	161	49
<i>There is a sense of history, including links to agriculture and farming</i>	4	21	76	108	29
<i>Heslington has a community feel, peaceful with friendly people</i>	1	10	57	140	30
<i>The area is tidy, well looked after and cared for</i>	1	5	10	154	68
<i>Noise, graffiti or litter is an issue</i>	45	119	54	15	5
<i>The church plays an important part in village life</i>	11	16	161	42	8
<i>There is a good range of community facilities (e.g. shops, pubs, Post Office, banks, etc)</i>	1	31	32	153	21
<i>There are open spaces for play, sports and leisure in the village</i>	0	12	65	133	28
<i>Quality village architecture, design characteristics and conservation controls are important</i>	2	8	24	125	79
<i>The Green Belt is protected (areas where you cannot build)</i>	1	12	74	82	69
<i>Heslington Tilmire area (Site of Special Scientific Interest/ Nature Reserve) is conserved</i>	0	0	101	78	59
<i>Heslington is well served by public transport with easy access to York City Centre and wider transport links</i>	1	9	33	117	78

<i>Vehicle traffic flows into and through Heslington and the University are well managed</i>	11	47	52	115	13
<i>Major new developments should be prevented from increasing vehicular access through the village and surrounding University roads</i>	2	19	50	88	79
<i>There are good facilities for cycling</i>	8	23	58	121	28
<i>There is enough on-campus University car parking</i>	60	62	56	45	15

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## Question one cont. – any other comments (38)

I would like the church to play more of a part in the village, perhaps more activities/groups meeting in the church, advertising the church opening times etc so that more local people are using it, need more cycling hoops. Don't know if the Heslington area is conserved or not - don't have enough information about the area - see below comment about having a 'guide' to Heslington badly needed also information about where to walk around Heslington would be good. Heslington East has been landscaped very well and improved the outlook for the residents of Badger Hill/Field Lane with lovely walks for them.

Litter and noise in the village are issues that need dealing with.

The chicanes along the main road from Broadway to Heslington are dangerous to cyclists with drivers cutting them up to pull in, and following other vehicles around the chicane rather than waiting. Drivers do not respect the wait for the other side to go. If traffic calming is the issue this can easily be achieved with speed bumps.

The village has really benefited from the presence of the University - banks, post office, an excellent bus service into the city and a goodish one to villages and towns to the east. Students may not be the most considerate of neighbours but overall the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. Heslington has to aim to preserve its village feel. (Without the University to act as a buffer I'm pretty certain that it would have been swallowed up by suburbia.)

I think it is important that Heslington retains some access to countryside, but not that it is cordoned off by green belt. Sympathetic development between campuses East and West could increase amenity in the village without changing its character.

A small playground/play area would be welcomed.

I can only answer as a member of staff so all questions are not relevant to me!

To be honest, I feel that people working at Heslington Village used to be more friendly than they are now. I have had a few experiences of being treated differently because I am, visibly, an immigrant.

Campus parking would be sufficient if it was limited to people who live outside of the ring road. I don't understand why someone who lives 3 miles away is given the same priority as someone living 30 miles away!

I live in Heslington.

I would like to see the option for a university park and ride service from Grimston Bar.

I would like more to be done to ensure nature reserves and green belt areas are protected.

I would like to see Badger Hill included in this, as it is as affected as Heslington by University plans, yet always seems to be left out.

The Grimston Bar park and Ride to come through the University complex.

Preserving the historical character of Heslington is very important.

Parking on the roads around campus is really bad and getting worse. It is causing dangerous obstructions to traffic flow. Also, where cycle paths are provided (such as alongside Heslington Lane / athletics track) cyclists should be forced to use them! Most still choose to cycle along the very narrow road instead of on the cycle path which runs parallel to it and thus are causing a danger not only to themselves but also to other road users!

The Green Belt and Tilmire Area - I don't know where these are and don't really understand the questions here?? Cycling on campus is pretty good, but some of the road surfaces around Heslington Village are in a poor state of repair. There is a disconnect between the campus and the community of Heslington. It would be good to have more joint activities e.g. lunchtime walks together, volunteering in the local school etc.

Cycle paths are poorly maintained - often get punctures so use the road.

There is nowhere near enough provision for cycling and bike racks on campus. Healing Tom is a very posh little fake village inhabited by posh people.

I'd like a delicatessen/cafe/restaurant with healthy food in the Village.

I wasn't sure how to interpret the green belt question.. i strongly agree that it should be protected- I'm not sure whether it is or not.

The chicanes are a nuisance and cause more noise and pollution with queueing cars than is necessary. Speed bumps to slow traffic without obstructing traffic would be better.

na

It would be helpful to have more well kept footpaths through the village fields to extend the footpaths across the campus.

The campus is the problem, not the village and surrounding area. The hanging of huge banners, ugly plastic transfers with tacky tourist pictures of York stuck to doors, huge commands applied to bridges and other areas instructing people to 'create', 'inspire' etc only put everyone off, insult our intelligence, and degrade the whole architectural environment. The 60s buildings should be respected and cleaned. They are widely admired.

Priority for cycling routes to be improved. The 'roundabout' and field lane are very dangerous to cyclists and a block to moving around.

The chicanes on Main Street, especially near The Stables, cause major traffic backlogs onto the roundabouts, damaging air quality and reducing safety. I have seen numerous accidents where cars have misjudged these and collided - they should be removed.

I don't know Heslington, as I live in Osballdwick and haven't got a car.

nothing to add

My answers with regards to conservation etc are based on what is, not what I think it should be. It's a difficult balance. I'd like to see more protection of greenspaces.

there was at least one multi-pronged and one leading question above. Any answer apart from 'neutral' is surely a nonsense in such cases.

Greenbelt should be protected at all costs. We need to resist new developments on greenfield land.

Traffic lights at church/Uni junction are appalling - always huge queue in the mornings when school traffic present. Timings need to be altered at these times to allow more through traffic. Sometimes have to queue from B&Q to this junction.

Quality village architecture is important but too much strict conservation ends up leaving a dull imitation of some period in history. Bold building should be encouraged.

It is difficult to find a parking space on campus, which leads staff to park in the village etc.

The University of York should provide better parking facilities for staff. There has been a lot of building work, surely an underground car park would be a good idea.

I would like to see a connection between the Park and Ride and Heslington. This would seem to be an obvious way of reducing car traffic around Heslington and the university

## Question two - What future changes would you like to see off-campus in the Heslington area? (Not in the city) (55)

shame the sports playing fields are proposing to be built on

More shops / facilities for people at the University to use. I would also like cycle routes to be improved

Fewer houses of multiple occupation

picnic area

Better bus service

enhanced bike lanes/off road paths.

Roadside gutters fixed to limit the spray on pedestrians during wet weather

more planting of trees shrubs and flowers and cafe areas

More shops in the old banks would be good. It is such a shame that the majority of the bank branches have now shut.

A footpath from David Lloyd through to campus as directly as possible across the new planned estates

Less family housing converted to student housing in the village. Redevelopment of the old Norwegian Study Centre as per the imaginative plan suggested some years ago, ie, small, eco-friendly, affordable housing for purchase - but not for student housing!

A better cycling route between the university sites, maybe another shop in Heslington. The roundabout always has drivers beeping-maybe the road signage or layout could be improved.

Less "nimbyism". There are far too many irrational objection to University developments. The village is enhanced by the University's presence and would not benefit from the wealth of facilities that it has without the University community adjacent. There are very few if any villages of that size in the country that have the local amenities on the scale the Heslington village enjoys

We need more dedicated cycleways.

It would be nice to have a cafe in the village, with bistro style tables to sit outside on a sunny day for those who would prefer a non-licenced social gathering (the cafes in the university are characterless).

More available accommodation that is not student led (Uni employees with families)

Better pedestrian paths.

None.

More shops and cafes.

Protection of assets (bank branches and post office), car free days in the village, perhaps with village fetes and stalls to promote local businesses and student/ resident cohesion.

More bike parking, ideally undercover. More cycle lanes always welcome too.

More links between village community and the University (eg for University events)

No more student accommodation

An improved bus service during vacation periods

UoY Security Services having more responsibility for surrounding immediate areas (Heslington AND Badger Hill), not just on campus, for any issues or noise disturbance within the community that can be linked directly back to the University.

Multistorey car park for staff at the University would avoid parking on the streets

More public seating / benches, e.g. in green field near church

Lighting for the path across Walmgate stry (is that Heslington?)

Improvements to the road surfaces. More opportunities for campus and village to interact (village events could be published in Staff News). Guided lunchtime walks / cycles to help explore the countryside and nature on our doorstep- I am not sure where the public footpaths are.

Housing for poor people and refugees

A public bicycle hire (or share) scheme.

Real, properly signed bike routes around the Heslington West and East campuses, between them, and to York Sport Village. At present, the route from Heslington West to York Sport Village is not properly established and signage is very poor.

more off-road cycle lanes to keep the flow of traffic uninterrupted at peak times and stop build ups

improvements to cycle lanes

Get rid of the chicanes

na

Better signage would be nice, not obvious where paths out of the village lead

Just try to protect the village from the continued growth of the university. I'm sure the village benefits from the proximity to the university but it would be a shame if there were too much further development.

Walker friendly and cycle friendly paths through fields and farmland

Better range of shops / banks etc

More signposting and easy access to footpaths and cycle paths where university staff could walk/cycle for a break at lunchtime.

The widening of the footpaths on University Road may have been a good move but no one understands why lay-byes were not created for buses. The result has not made University Road safer. On the contrary, cars backed up behind buses and attempting to overtake them has made the road more dangerous for pedestrians, buses and cars. Why were lay-byes not created when the footpaths were widened?

A clear cycle route from town/fulford through to Heslington and the east campus either through or next to west campus.

better integration between university and village.

Better integration of paths and cycleways to the country side - a lot of scope here.

A safe cycle route past Lord deramore school. A secure, prosperous future for the Deramore pub

More and improved cycle lanes/tracks linking other areas.

A community café in the village would be nice. It's nice to get away from the University sometimes. Somewhere locals might sell their produce too, like arts and crafts.

non student housing close to Heslington

Keep it small, community driven and with a village feel. Resist temptation to grow.

More cafe/ sandwich shops for more competition



More open pedestrian areas making the cars less of the focal point. Reducing the size of road drastically and generally make it more open. Some bold local planning to make a really nice place to walk about as the majority of the users of the village want to do.

More parking spaces on campus and the University to consider limiting parking permits to those who cannot walk/cycle/get on public transport to come in to work.

A larger shop would be nice

It would be great to have a coffee shop off campus

### Question three - What local transport do you use and how frequently?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
<i>Bus</i>	22	34	52	99	31
<i>Cycle</i>	63	20	19	28	108
<i>Car</i>	67	54	29	54	34
<i>Motorbike</i>	0	1	2	4	231
<i>Taxi</i>	0	4	13	74	147
<i>Walk</i>	92	72	40	23	11
<i>Park and ride</i>	0	1	11	32	194

Other:

good to have park and ride

I go running through Heslington

I commute from the east coast to work at the university and it is not possible for me to access public transport as it would add a further 90 minutes to my journey

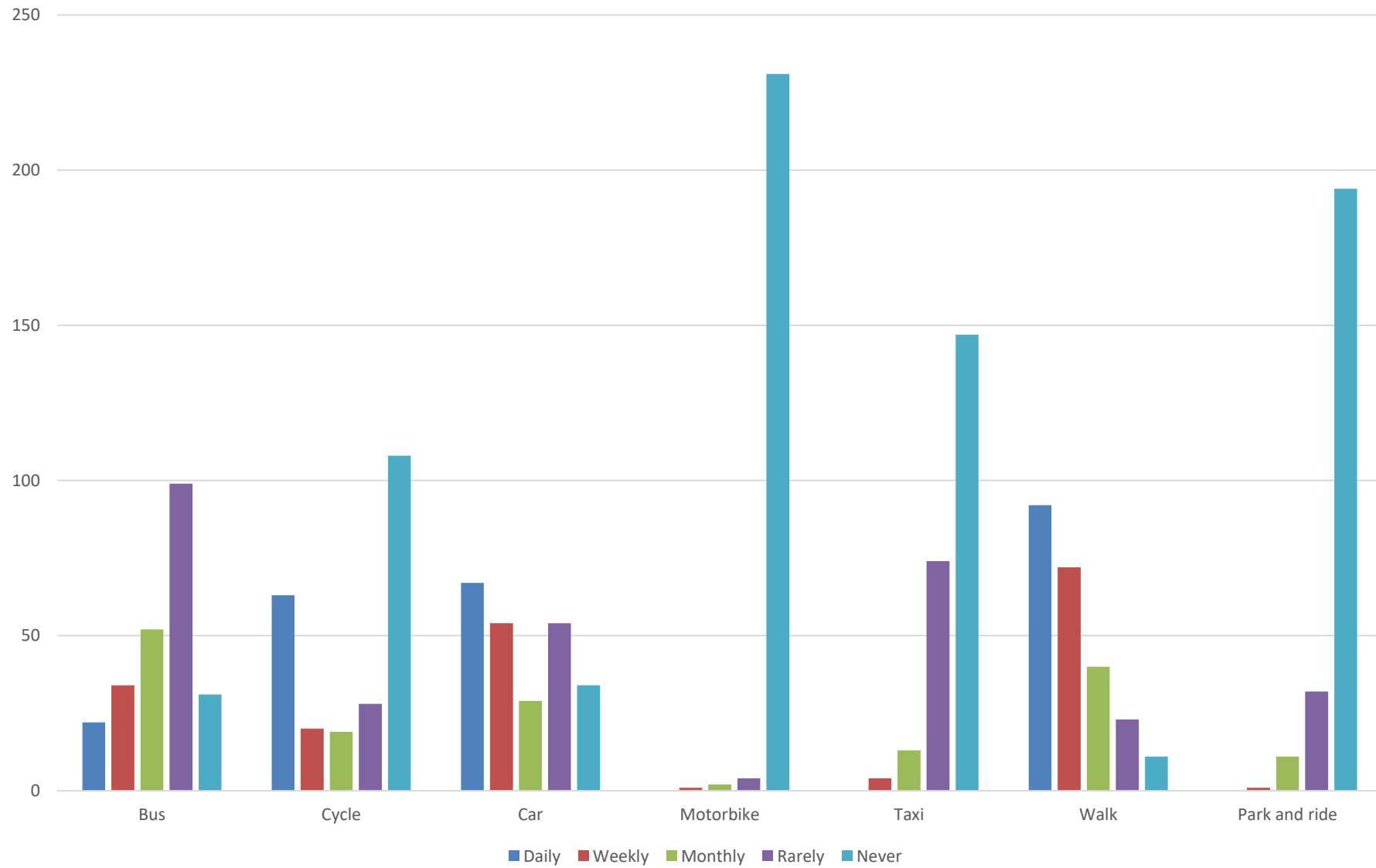
Car is only to get to work in the morning and home again

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I travel in to work from Pocklington. I mainly use the EYMC 45 bus but once or twice a week I use my car

Fiat 500, four times per week

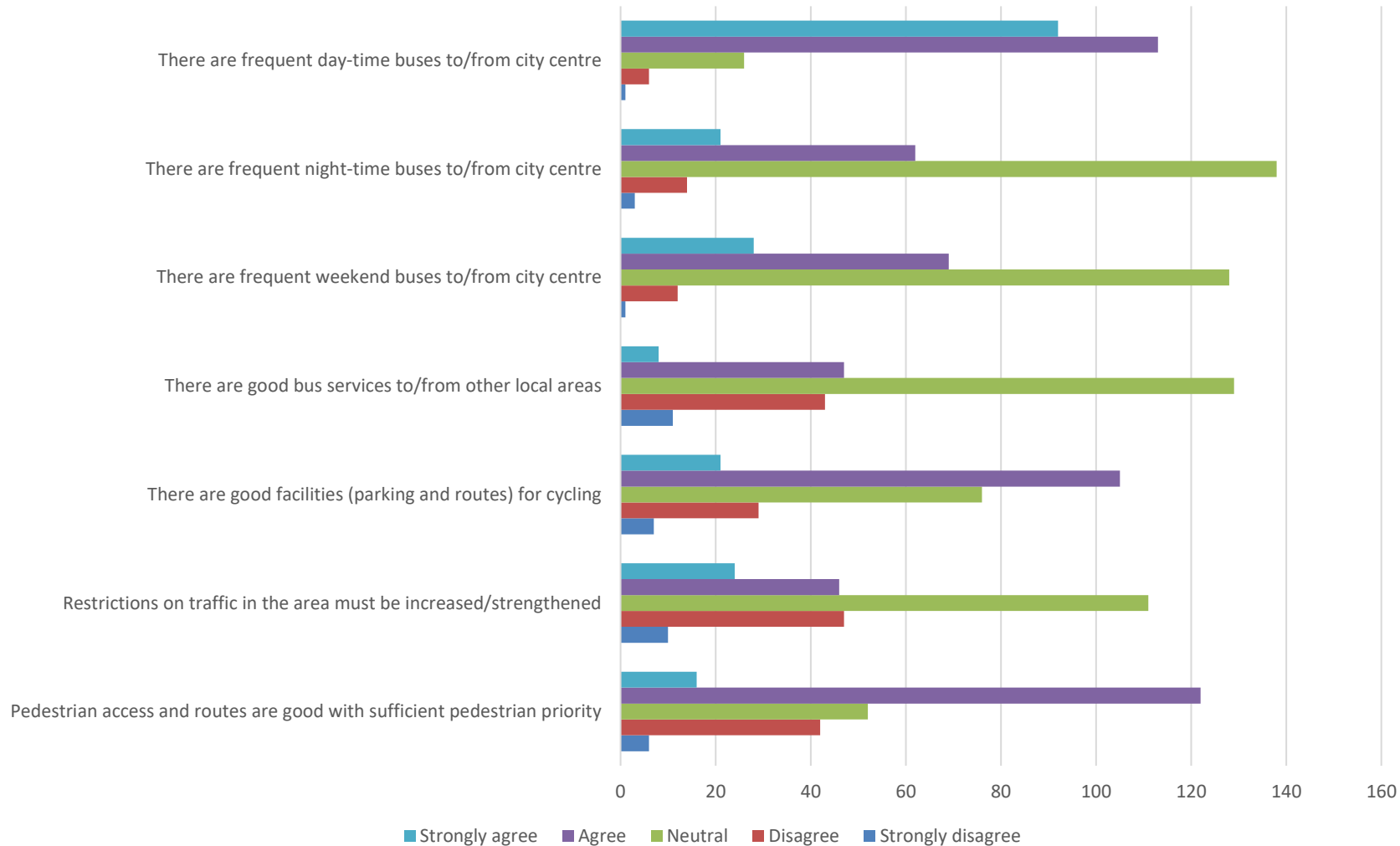
### Question three - What local transport do you use and how frequently?



#### Question four - what do you think about the transport systems/ infrastructure?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
<i>There are frequent day-time buses to/from city centre</i>	1	6	26	113	92
<i>There are frequent night-time buses to/from city centre</i>	3	14	138	62	21
<i>There are frequent weekend buses to/from city centre</i>	1	12	128	69	28
<i>There are good bus services to/from other local areas</i>	11	43	129	47	8
<i>There are good facilities (parking and routes) for cycling</i>	7	29	76	105	21
<i>Restrictions on traffic in the area must be increased/strengthened</i>	10	47	111	46	24
<i>Pedestrian access and routes are good with sufficient pedestrian priority</i>	6	42	52	122	16

## Question four - what do you think about the transport systems/ infrastructure?



## Question 4 cont. - Any other comments (41)

EYMS now reduced buses not great, less flexibility

The motor traffic restrictions (chicanes plus traffic lights) restrict traffic movements, leading to increased noise, pollution and frustration. For many of us, car is the only option (I work at the University and live 25 miles away - with no public transport available).

I agree that it is important to manage the traffic coming into the Heslington area. However, simply imposing restrictions without providing alternative routes doesn't improve the situation, but merely creates gridlock. I'd like to see the University working more with the local bus companies to provide more direct bus links to Heslington from the other areas of York, rather than having to change buses in town, which rules this out as an option for most people. This would give some of the University commuters a realistic alternative mode of transport from the car.

Buses are both dirty and very noisy. Electric buses should be in use on all routes serving Heslington, especially at night.

Restrictions on traffic should be redesigned-they currently put cyclists at risk and create the opposite effect of 'calming' where drivers are impatient so speed up and pull in to turn off, or try to speed up past you or the chicane before they see the oncoming traffic pulling out to go round. If you let the traffic flow continuously and slowly it would be safer. The cycling provision is not consistent-it is either on the pavement, in a road section, or not at all present.

Walking into Heslington requires crossing busy roads in front of Heslington Hall, and the village main street itself is surprisingly busy, largely because the village has a good selection of facilities.

It would be safer to add a pedestrian crossing between Lord Deramore's school and Heslington church. I would also like to see a pedestrian crossing at the end of Heslington village (Main Street) as it joins the roundabout.

There should be a n/a button as I don't know what the bus services are like at w/e but had to put "neutral"

First bus drivers, particularly for 66, have not been very friendly - my colleagues and I both have experience of feeling the drivers' been very rude. I personally miss Transdev services, and I don't like First having the monopoly in the area.

I'm not sure how you can restrict traffic further but it is very busy!

The chicanes on Main Street do not work, especially in rush hour - there is traffic build up onto Field Lane and by Church Field and Lord Deramore's School. Working in Heslington Hall overlooking these chicanes as I do, I see the problems they cause and a number of 'near-misses' as drivers are too impatient to wait.

the public transport provision to Heslington is good, although drops-off out of university term time which can be a problem

The roundabout at near Heslington Hall can be a bit tricky for both pedestrians and cyclists.

We need more safe cycle paths off the road for the safety of our children (especially those attending Lord Deramore School and the Campus Nursery)

The bus route 66 serves heslington hall to town, but it is a disappointing service and would benefit from more competition. A bus service to serve the other side of the village, past the sport centre and then down to Broadway (to provide access to places other than the city centre, would be a great improvement. For example the route the arriva 27 used to serve, but providing a service more than once an hour and also in the evening, and more publicized to provide competition to the 66 which provides an increasingly poor service.

The roundabout and Innovation Way should be better controlled as it is very difficult for pedestrians trying to cross the road and the cars travel extremely fast along there.

The route for Park and Ride buses from Grimston to come through campus

Traffic calming infrastructure on Main Street/Field Lane seems to impede the flow of traffic at busy periods. Could these 'islands' not be replaced with zebra crossings?

I live in North Duffield and would love to use the bus for work but cannot sacrifice the additional time required to use two buses for a car journey that takes me 25 minutes or less!

The stray without lighting can be dangerous in winter - more lighting would help people to see better and feel safer.

Cycle routes are adequate, but the only cycle parking I know of is that in the pub car parks - more bike racks would be useful.

Why is there no provision for poor people in Heslington? Why is it so relentlessly privileged road surfaces in very bad condition for cyclists

na

Park and ride should allow park and walk to campus. This was the original intension of the University expansion but never happened. I feel this would encourage traffic control within Heslington and a healthier workforce at the University.

The bus services are much poorer outside termtime, which is a real problem for staff and PG students, most of whom are here all year round! There are few if any buses to areas of York outside the city centre. I live in Clifton and if for any reason I can't cycle to work as usual, I end up driving because the bus services would involve 2 buses, which is expensive and takes over an hour. The traffic "calming" on Main Street (near the back of Heslington Hall) where one direction of traffic is required to give way to the other, are in fact the very opposite of calming! This causes major back-up of traffic, including onto the Heslington Hall roundabout, on a regular basis, makes drivers very frustrated and makes danger for both cyclists and pedestrians trying to cross the road. This should be done away with. I can't see any problems with simply allowing cars to flow at the normal speed down Main St - or put in a 20 zone with cameras. The current arrangement is hugely counter-productive.

Crossing roads near the Heslington Hall roundabout remains awkward without making diversions.

Better road surface for cycling and more cycle racks would be appreciated!

More busses needed.

Cyclists are often inconsiderate of pedestrians, especially the younger riders and parents cycling to the school- keens to cycle over rules the amount of parental control with children often not in good control of cycle or scooter and a long way ahead of parents on pavement not suitable for cycles or scooters not enough buses outside term-time

It's difficult to cross the road on the roundabout in front of hes hall

Where I don't know, I've put neutral as there's no N/A option. The chevrons on Heslington Lane make things worse, traffic would flow more easily if they were removed. It doesn't put people off using their car, it just makes the traffic worse.

again at least one multi-pronged question which cannot be answered sensibly

More segregated (physically separate from the road) cycle routes leading into town and surrounding areas of York would be a good investment. Likewise for routes leading south away from the city. Far too much vehicular traffic now, needs to reduce not increase. Similarly for parking, far too many occurrences of

people parking inconsiderately on pavements, grass verges, etc. - not necessarily in Heslington itself, but certainly in the surrounding area around South-East York

Could improve pedestrian pavement on university road up the hill from thief lane towards Wentworth, the pavement is too small.

Much better cycle routes. These are routes separated from traffic and pedestrian making it feel safer to cycle into and around the area. The current mixing of all traffic forms makes cycling quite a scary experience and puts people off. Making the priority pedestrians, bikes then cars is proven to change the usage patterns. By making the cyclist always go the longer route, up and down curbs, stopping all the time it makes it clear that you want more people to drive.

The 66 bus is an ongoing frustration with long gaps at times between buses, especially out of term time (is 28 minutes acceptable?)

The traffic calming measures on Heslington Road where it becomes Main St road between The Stable and Heslington Hall are exceptionally dangerous to pedestrians and vehicles alike - drivers race to get through. It is a terrible place for pedestrians to cross between the two buildings. Likewise the "roundabout" area on the junction between the 4 main access routes (Main St, Heslington Road Field Lane and University Road is not safe for pedestrians or cyclists.

There is no real clear route to cross on foot or to navigate when cycling.

Pedestrian and cycle safety around Hes Hall roundabout is the main shortcoming. A bus from the South Bank/Bishopthorpe Rd area towards the University and Heslington (without going into the city centre) would fill a gap.

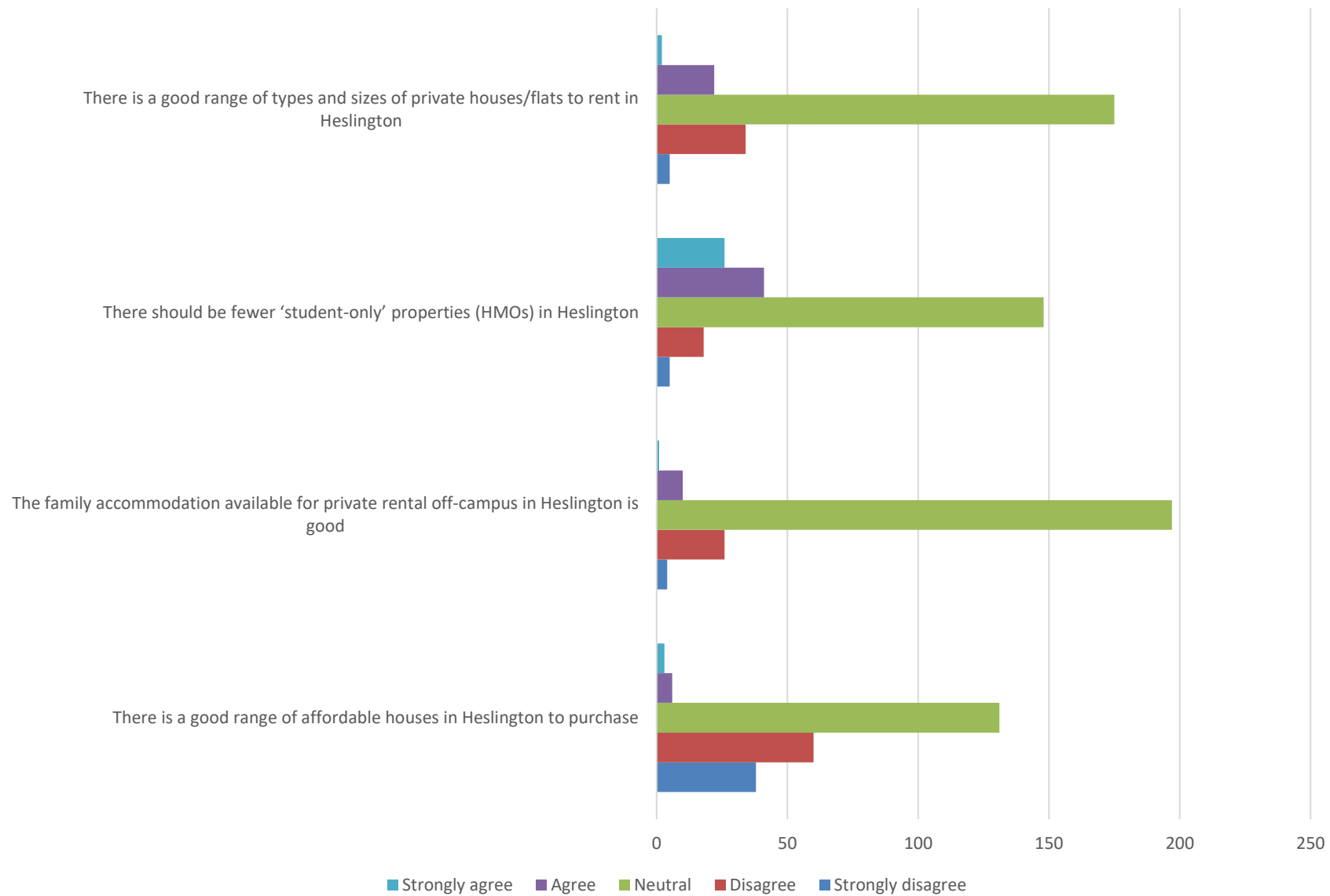
Crossing the road on foot near the roundabout at the end of University Road (just outside the village) can be hazardous



### Question five – Does the mix of Heslington housing/living accommodation meet your needs?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
<i>There is a good range of types and sizes of private houses/flats to rent in Heslington</i>	5	34	175	22	2
<i>There should be fewer 'student-only' properties (HMOs) in Heslington</i>	5	18	148	41	26
<i>The family accommodation available for private rental off-campus in Heslington is good</i>	4	26	197	10	1
<i>There is a good range of affordable houses in Heslington to purchase</i>	38	60	131	6	3

## Question five – Does the mix of Heslington housing/living accommodation meet your needs?



## Question five cont - any other comments (17)

In future please add n/a and don't know as options as some questions I don't know enough about to answer

I grew up in Heslington but could not afford to purchase a house there now.

Housing in Heslington is expensive - there should be more affordable housing available.

Student accommodation is essential to the well-being of the University and hence the benefit of the village

I believe it is morally wrong to discriminate against students and other residents of HMOs. I cannot believe that such a question is included on the parish questionnaire. Shame on those who think they are better than some other people.

These questions are not relevant to staff but we can't not answer them so I had to put Neutral.

I cannot comment as I have no residential links to Heslington, I just work here.

Again I am including Badger Hill in my response here, because it is just as affected as Heslington.

There should be more public housing of good quality for poor people

na

No idea, have just put neutral for all

The question relating to reducing student only accommodation has to be taken in the context of the benefits to Heslington that students and the University in general bring. By comparison with many other villages of its size, Heslington is unusually well-served by pubs, shops, banks, and public transport.

I wanted to leave this question blank (but was forced to put Neutral throughout) - I don't live in the village so do not have enough knowledge to comment.

No

N/A So selected neutral for all.

neutral is more likely 'I don't know' here

I'm not sure anyone can describe Heslington as 'affordable', but resist the urge to build low-cost substandard housing.

## Question six - Which services and facilities do you use off-campus in Heslington? Tick all that apply (238)

<i>Service</i>	<i>Numbers</i>
<i>Post Office</i>	207
<i>Banks</i>	168
<i>Local shops</i>	202
<i>Places of worship</i>	15
<i>Primary school</i>	14
<i>Pre-school or after school clubs</i>	8
<i>Group activities e.g. Scouts/Cubs, Brownies/Guides</i>	4
<i>Sports fields/Church field (other than those on campus)</i>	41
<i>Pubs</i>	190
<i>Village Hall / Community Centre</i>	10
<i>Golf club</i>	5
<i>Local footpaths / access to countryside</i>	134
<i>Allotments</i>	7

### Other (8)

would be nice to have a 'guide' to heslington available and make people aware of events/groups going on and also to encourage people to use the village more

Playground

Although I do not currently reside in Heslington village, I used to be a local resident

None of the above - I have checked a box because I could not complete the questionnaire otherwise!

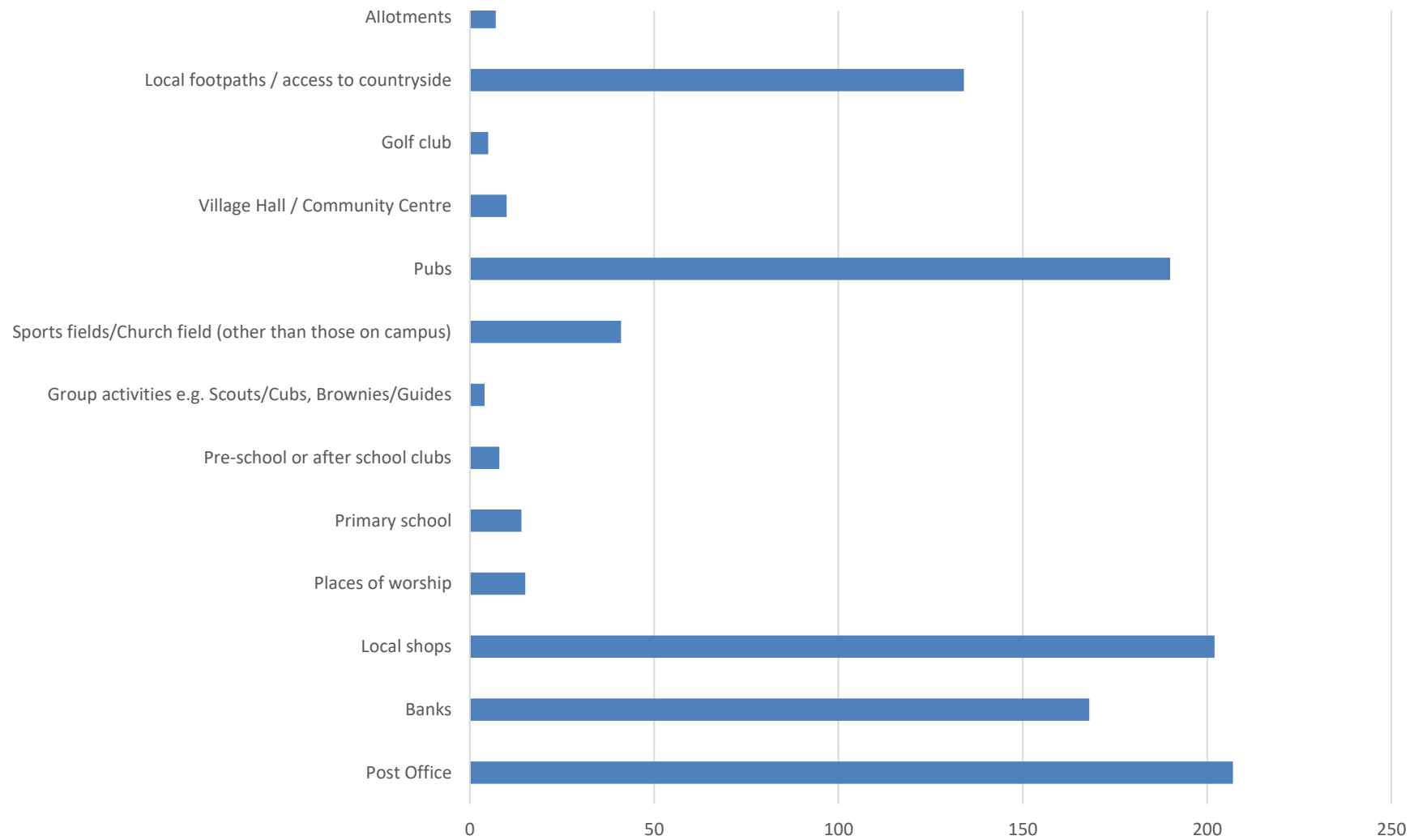
zumba class held at local school

I don't use any off-campus facilities. The above question should have a "none" option. I ticked "allotments" just to be able to submit the survey but I don't use allotments.

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This is a lie but the form is not set up for no ticks!

### Question six- Which services and facilities do you use off-campus in Heslington? Tick all that apply (238)



## Question seven - Are there any other Heslington Community facilities you would like to see? (23)

Cafe (2)

think current provision is ok

It would be nice to have a tea room/coffee shop in the village or some other shop which are not owned by the same organisation.

Independent Cafe (not a chain). Local shop open on a Sunday for newspapers, milk, etc.

cafe/tearooms/ late night shop

bicycle shop

I would like to see a skate park for local teenagers. This might be something that could be developed jointly with the University. Teenagers seem to be ignored in so many communities, and people are angered when they populate areas designated for the

n/a

A delivery service from Brown's [it is an excellent establishment!].

Cafes and shops

I think it would be great to have a B&B

More places to get lunch

Cafe, parking

A greater range of shops/cafes - another Bishy Road type street would be lovely

A couple of cafés, even a restaurant, and more shops are needed.

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A nice independent card/gift shop or a good independent alternative take-out lunch option to browns.

more cycle routes to the countryside

A community café.

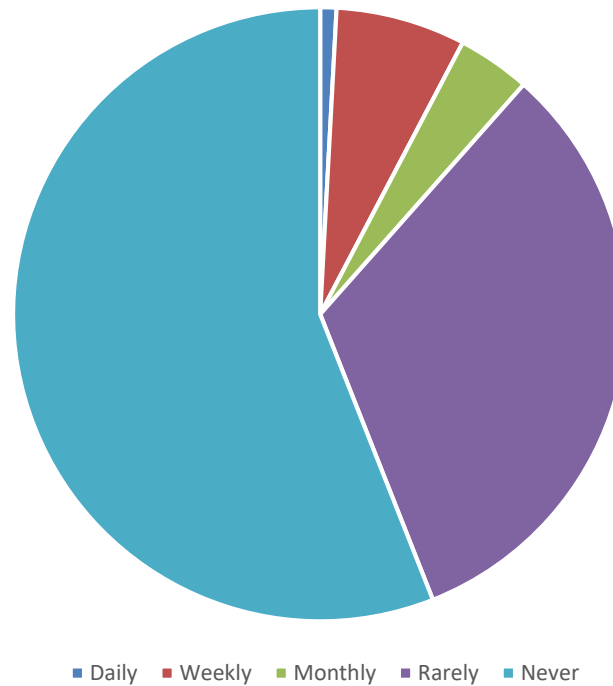
A defibrillator

Maybe a restaurant? Some more benches, picnic tables. The ones in the park are great.

Lunch time services at the church

### Question eight - How often do you get involved in off-campus, local volunteer/ charity activity? (234)

<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Daily	2
Weekly	16
Monthly	9
Rarely	76
Never	131



## Question nine - What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a village close by? (80)

nice quiet feel, with needed facilities so don't need to go into town too often

It is a nice place to walk around, I like how the residential village feel contrasts to the large university campus. I would like to see more green spaces and more spaces for nature.

I have family living there so I am able to combine visiting them with my job.

Fortunate to work in beautiful surroundings with access to post office/banks, nice places to walk at lunchtime.

It gives a lovely atmosphere

A community feeling

Facilities, open space, quiet roads and sense of community

community atmosphere

I only see advantages of having the village nearby, it is great to be able to visit the shops, go to the pub and to walk / run around the village and surrounding areas.

Good contrast to the university, nice place to walk around.

Sense of community and belonging to same. Sense of history. University is lucky to operate in such a unique environment and should work closely with the village to preserve it. Such qualities attract students from across the globe who cherish them and who feel happy to study and live in Heslington - and their experiences in turn attract others to this lovely place.

The banks and post office are really useful, close to where I work, the village has a different feel to the city, with good dog walking as well. Having the pub and Browns are also good for socialising close to work but not at the university. I don't see any disadvantages.

Heslington provides facilities that most villages would envy yet largely retains a village atmosphere.

Access to the facilities (which depend on the University community for their business). The amenity of a beautiful village - its architectural character should be protected, especially along the Main Street.

Integrated communities

Access to village amenities is an advantage. I cannot think of a disadvantage

Access to off campus facilities, and the support of those facilities by the university presence. A sense of being part of a long established community, however tenuously, with a sense of history.

Ease of access to Post Office & banking

Community feel, local amenities handy on lunch breaks

Not so much a village but shops, banks, pubs and somewhere to get a sandwich.

Good for banks and post office

Advantages - strong local shops and facilities which probably wouldn't be there if there were no students. Disadvantages, I imagine for the residents!



It reminds you that you are part of a community and not just a University. It's also a very pretty little village and I hope the University does not spoil this in the future.

Nice for staff to be able to eat and socialise and do errands in village

It is good to have a village feel to the university.

All positives - amenities, facilities, preventing the university from becoming an insular entity.

+vantages: Normal life balance, attractive village, sense of history, good local community and church -vantages: student life can encroach on normal life of non-university residents, and areas such as Badger Hill can become swamped with student-let houses (so much so that non-university residents move away, creating yet another opportunity for buy to let for students)

A sense of normality, connection to real life. I don't much like working at a 'campus university', if I'm honest - too insular.

It makes working on a campus much more pleasant and the feel of the village is a real asset to the university and should be protected.

Shops, banks, post office etc. - very convenient

Plenty of amenities and feel part of a community

Access to amenities, but it also helps retain a good rural community environment which helps balance out the impact of the campus.

Shops, pubs, integration of university/work with village life

The shops and bank

Fewer amenities but a more peaceful setting

handy shops. nice walks at lunchtime. lack of choice of food options / places to entertain visitors / very restricted parking

Lots of snobby over privileged people NIMBY-ing

Range of local shops (though these are probably available because of the close proximity of the university.

There are no disadvantages. It gives character and facilities to campus life.

Very few for me, because I don't have time to go into Heslington village, needing to get back to my own family life in a different part of York. I spend my whole time in the area at work on the university campus.

local amenities

Access to services such as the pubs and shops.

Good to get away from the work environment/campus and have access to facilities

Access to the post office, banks and shops as mentioned above.

friends, shops, bank, post office

Pubs, post office and pub particularly useful.

shops advantage

Great for working at the University, popping in for lunch, use of post office etc. Also good to be close to the countryside for lunchtime walks and to be able to use the allotments. It is very handy and a very pretty village.

Shops, post office, bank, pub...

It's an attractive place to get off campus with great facilities for its size

No disadvantages. Advantages are that its good to get away from campus sometimes and be in a 'normal' environment, being near a village gives us more choice regarding shopping etc.

It is good to have the bank and shops in the village - I much prefer using those shops than the university shops.

Feels rural, and part of community (at least Monday to Friday)

Advantages - you can visit the post office/banks in the lunch time which serve both students and staff. The village is easily walkable from the campus.

Nice to have the shops, especially Browns and the post office. Lovely to have somewhere pleasant to walk at lunchtime.

The banks, post office, and alternative shops are useful, as are the pubs to be able to take students or visiting academics to lunch. This is important given the lack of a staff club or alternative eating places on campus.

I see no disadvantages. Advantages include: the use of the Church for chaplaincy, the pubs, banks and post offices [all of which are otherwise quite far from campus]. The slightly rural atmosphere makes for a nice environmental setting for that side of the campus.

Can get away from campus. Varied facilities. Its prettier than campus.

It provides a `real world' focus for staff and students

The extra facilities are great and it is good to feel connected to a place, but i wonder if the villagers feel the same!

roots university in a real place, not business park. mutual benefits for village and university in having range of amenities available that are unlikely to be provided otherwise.

Good use of services e.g post office - would like to see more useful shops - food, etc

facilities not offered on campus

Advantages - nice to have a bit of 'normality' outside campus to visit. Good stop off point between both west and east campus. Handy for post office. Good pub for staff to visit. Disadvantages - village may get spoilt by students misbehaving, traffic congestion and pollution, losing green belt around village, village getting lost in surroundings, losing identity and solitary feeling.

It is just a nice place - Heslington

Involvement with the community and local business is an advantage and being able to walk out in to the countryside and such a pretty village is good for health, stress relief and mindfulness.

You have access to the shops

It makes it a more pleasant environment, the amenities are good, it's nice to get away from campus sometimes. The disadvantages I think are to the village, not the University.

Encourages me to leave my desk at lunchtime and go for a walk

nice to have an option outside of campus

Many and varied

The rural feeling and ease of access to the countryside is a fantastic feature of the local area. Would be a shame to lose this.

I live in the village and enjoy the surrounding areas.

The concentration of local facilities such as shops and places to eat/drink. There can be a focus on preserving the twee village feel over progress and modernization can feel a little narrow minded for a area so close to the city and the University.

Shops are OK but sometimes a limited range. It would be a help if buses into the city centre were more frequent (particularly at lunchtime)

Heslington Village is important to the university in the facilities it provides to staff and students alike

Residents who would rather not have the Uni on its doorstep

Shops and other facilities are useful. The campus feels more part of the community and less isolated.

Access to Post Office, banks

## Demographics

### Age

<i>14 to 17 years</i>	0
<i>18 to 19 years</i>	0
<i>20 to 24 years</i>	5
<i>25 to 29 years</i>	14
<i>30 to 34 years</i>	26
<i>35 to 39 years</i>	40
<i>40 to 44 years</i>	26
<i>45 to 49 years</i>	38
<i>50 to 54 years</i>	40
<i>55 to 59 years</i>	26
<i>60 to 65 years</i>	17
<i>Over 65</i>	5
<i>Prefer not to say</i>	1

### Gender

Male 59  
Female 167  
Prefer not to say 8

Male and female are biological sex and not gender. They are real things unlike gender which is a set of changeable stereotypes.

Non-binary

## Do you live in the Parish? (238)

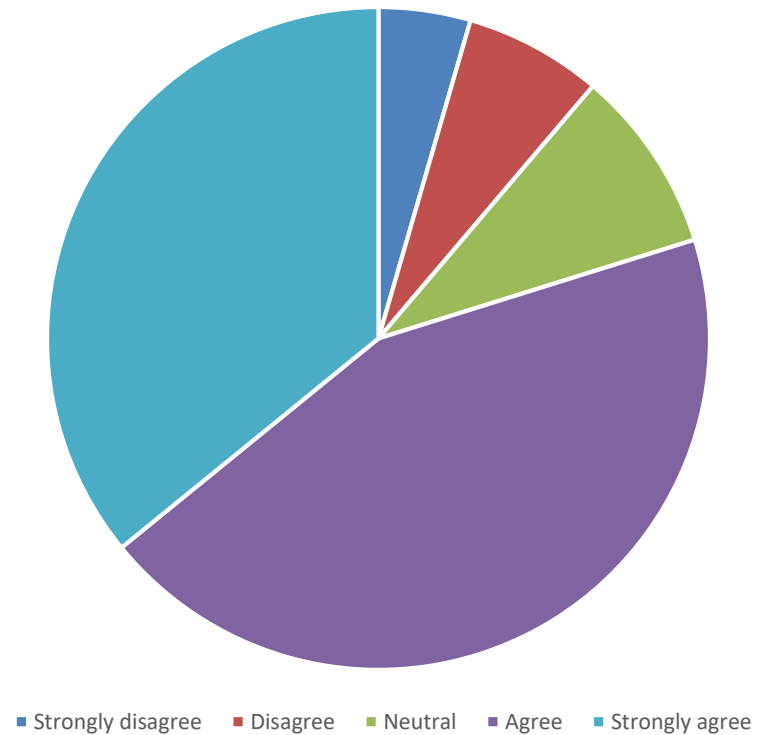
Yes 19

No 221

## If you do not live in Heslington - how far do you agree with the statement - "It is easy for me to commute to work"? (223)

### *Easy to commute*

<i>Strongly disagree</i>	10
<i>Disagree</i>	15
<i>Neutral</i>	20
<i>Agree</i>	98
<i>Strongly agree</i>	80



## If difficult to commute please tell us why (42 responses)

eyms don't provide quite enough buses during busy times (early/late commutes)

I have to cycle on a horrible road where people overtake you leaving 30cm.

As stated above - the traffic restrictions in Heslington appear deliberately designed to hinder traffic movement

I drive in on the 1079, and the traffic is very slow

The commute is easy however parking is difficult.

I live on the other side of York, I have to walk 25 minutes to Merchantgate to get a bus which then takes up to 20 minutes. A bus which went from Clifton/Bootham -> Inner ring road -> Hull Rd -> University would be very welcome.

It is relatively easy to commute to work in the car and on the push bike (in good weather) but I would very much like to see the bus links improved - I'd be very keen to travel by bus if there was a direct one from near my home. Whilst the buses from town are numerous, buses from anywhere else in York are almost non-existent.

Traffic on tang hall is awful. Field lane is always queuing

Can be better with more dedicated cycleways.

It is difficult for me to use public transport to commute to work as I live in a small village on the East Coast and we only have one bus per week (Thursday only, at 10.00 am) into the local village, which would take me to the nearest town. I would then need to take a bus to Hull, and from Hull take another bus to York. Alternatively, I could take a bus (Thursday only) to our nearest town, then take a train to Hull, take another train to Doncaster, then take another train to York, then take a bus to the university. The best option for me is to continue to drive in which takes approximately 50 minutes.

Access to the university from major transport routes (north south and west of the university, plus to the railway) is always a bottleneck, so although the routes exist the time taken to reach the university is almost always extended by congestion. In addition public transport from the university to many areas where staff may live is a 2 stage process and thus inconvenient

The traffic coming in to Heslington off the 1079 is sometimes bad. I would prefer to cycle/walk if there was more available homes in the area.

It takes longer by car some mornings than it should, and it's hard to predict when it will take longer. The chicanes on Main St/Heslington Lane are ridiculous. There are so many parked cars, crossings and other obstacles, that traffic is naturally slowed anyway, all they do is create unnecessary tailbacks. Also the school crossing lady, whilst necessary, causes more problems by stopping traffic too regularly and therefore creates tailbacks. She should wait until there are a few more pedestrians every time. Finally, I would commute more often by bike if there was a cycle path all the way from my home (Dunnington).

I live in a village approximately 20 miles from Heslington, with no reliable bus service so need to drive, but I do car share. The amount of traffic leaving the A64 into the Fulford turnoff is so heavy, it queues onto the main road, making it very dangerous; so use the Grimston Bar turnoff, but there is no synchronization of the traffic lights. It would be useful to have a bus from Grimston Bar park and ride to Heslington west campus, as well as ones to the city centre.

It would be difficult to commute if I had to drive and park on campus or if I was reliant on the buses as there are very few routes operating to and from the campus. I am lucky as I can walk!

It is easy when the weather is fine as I usually cycle from Fulford. However, a good bus service which provided an alternative in winter would be a real asset. I think this is also true for students living in fulford (and myself) who would benefit from an evening service between heslington and fulford to encourage them to participate in evening activities and events, both on and off campus.

No direct bus link

Distance and bus timetable from my home into York

I commute from Leeds and despite traffic congestion around campus, the car is still far cheaper and quicker than public transport

As previously stated, I'd love to use the bus but it takes too long so - of course - I cannot be prised out of my car!!

Ridiculous changes to cycle paths in mid- term

Distance (30 miles)

Only one bus service provider - which at times offers below par services

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I commute from Leeds so it is a long way to start with, but the traffic into York and getting a parking space on campus can be problematic if you arrive after 8.30am.

Limited parking is the main issue especially when you cannot be in before 9 o'clock in term time. If your job takes you out and about as mine does it can be impossible to park later.

A64 traffic; bottle neck at Hull Road in the morning

Because I get to work (at the Uni at 07:45) it is easy to commute but if I leave it later it is NOT!!

I live 20 miles away from work.

But note my previous answers on buses - I love cycling to work but if anything happens to prevent that (for example I recently had a back injury), then I don't have many options.

Cycling too dangerous to the East Campus

No continuous cycle path from/to city centre.

I can only use my car, I have no public transport options from my village.

Traffic to Heslington/University is increasing without public transport links from commutable villages; particularly East Riding. Grimston Bar roundabout congestion has only gotten worse since works done two years ago. Lack of bike lanes slows traffic and endangers cyclists.

traffic into campus appalling - due to poor traffic management at Hes Church/Uni traffic lights.

The cycle routes, such that they are, feel dangerous and busy. Always having to give way or go round the cars makes for a slow journey. Having to share the road or path with pedestrians feels like cycling is an afterthought.

The summer months when cycling are very straightforward - the winter months on the bus are a different matter altogether (daily frustration with infrequent buses &, I have to say, grumpy drivers)

Access from Fulford interchange is appalling

I live in a village (18 miles outside of York) with no public transport so I have to drive to work. It's getting much busier on the roads and my commute is getting longer. When I get in I often have difficulty finding a space to park, which causes stress. Some of my colleagues live close to the Uni (e.g. Badger Hill) within easy walking distance and yet drive in and have a Uni parking permit - I think this is wrong.

Public transport from my home is very difficult which means I have to drive. Traffic is an issue as is University parking. This means that I need to start work earlier than I otherwise would in order to avoid traffic and ensure I get parking closer to my office.

I work flex-time but parking is a problem if I arrive later especially in the winter.

I would like to cycle more but the roads leading to the University are hazardous and need better cycle lanes, in particular Tang Hall Lane and Melrosegate. Terrifying. Also the Stray is dangerous in winter