

Harkstead Parish Council Questionnaire Feedback Nov 2023

Residents were invited to feedback their priorities for the parish over the coming years. They were offered 13 local topics:

The future of the Baker's arms, The children's playground, connectivity (Broadband), dog fouling, electric vehicle charging, footpaths bridleways & roads, the foreshore, greener Harkstead, planning issues, The Millennium Green, public transport, parking, traffic/ speed. (In alphabetical order)

They were invited to list their top 5 priorities. They were also invited to add their own suggestions and give their opinion on moving the parish council noticeboard to a more convenient position in the village. (It is currently in the village green car park)

To give a clear picture of the priorities, the following weighting was given:

Priority 1 = 5

Priority 2 = 4

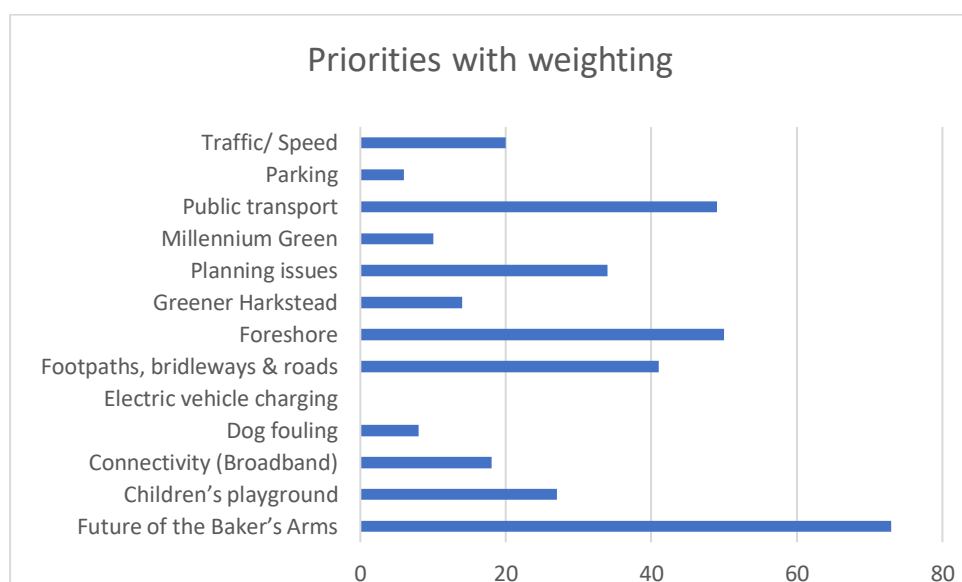
Priority 3 = 3

Priority 4 = 2

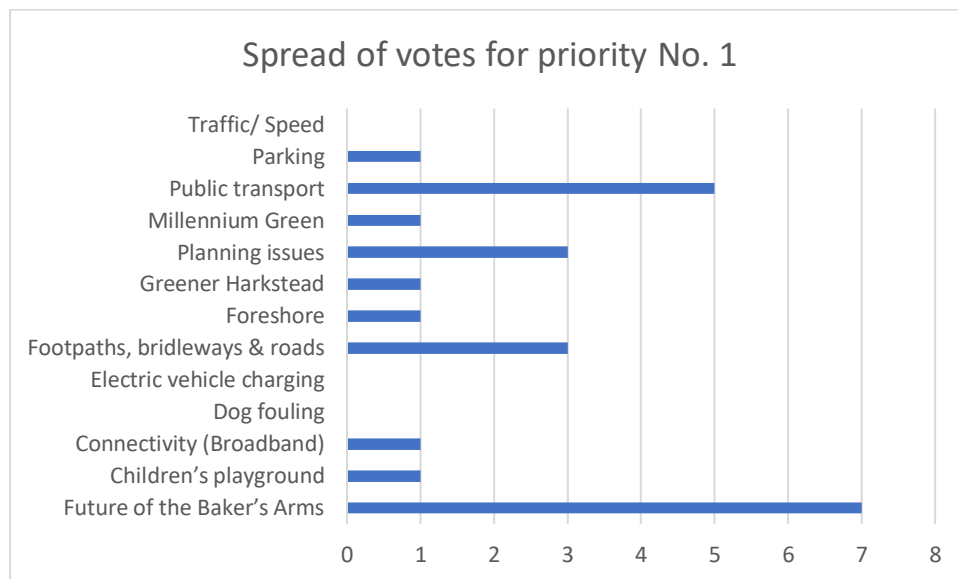
Priority 5 = 1

From around 123 households there were 26 responses (21.14% return). 5 responses via email and 21 returned questionnaires to the village hall mailbox. Two were answered incorrectly, a number of others did not give all 5 priorities.

With the above weighting applied the results were:



It is also interesting to note how the highest priority (Priority 1) was spread:



Other priorities suggested were:

- antisocial behaviour
- Dumping green waste on shore lane
- Bus connection
- millennium green mower
- playground equipment
- bus timetable
- pub reopening
- damage to roads by HGVs: Lower Road
- pub reopening
- promote village social activities
- antisocial behaviour
- village hall

Feedback on moving the parish council noticeboard to a more convenient position resulted in:

Yes	8	No	4	Neutral	12
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It would appear clear that the top priority for our residents is the future of the Baker's Arms, and this also gained the most no 1 priority votes. This is followed by concerns around the foreshore, public transport, planning then footpaths bridleways and roads.

The 'Other' suggestions also add weight to the 'priorities' feedback with the 'pub reopening' and 'public transport' both being mentioned twice.