

Consultation report

A27 Fareham - Results of Public Consultation (June 2015) Major Highway Improvement Works

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1.0 Introduction

Hampshire County Council as part of improving the Access to Fareham and Gosport, improvements proposed on the A27 commenced with two schemes out of the five improvement schemes in Fareham, representing a £24 million investment in the area and being delivered from 2015 to 2018. The schemes have been designed to improve access, increase safety and reduce congestion in and around the town.

In June four public exhibitions were held detailing five improvement schemes which were attended by Hampshire County Council officers and residents, who had the opportunity to view plans and details of the proposed improvements, raise any concerns, gauge the level of support for the schemes and identify areas for further consideration with the officers who attended. A total of 359 members of the public attended these exhibitions at the venues, dates and times listed below;

Fareham College	Titchfield Community Centre
Monday 15 June 2015 1pm to 8pm	Tuesday 16 June 2015 1.30pm to 8.30pm
Monday 29 June 2015 1.30pm to 8.30pm	Thursday 25 June 2015 1.30pm to 8.30pm

The public consultation was launched on 15th June and communicated to the public through press announcements, the website and letters delivered to frontages and this closed on 24th July 2015. A questionnaire for feedback which could be returned at the event, via a freepost envelope or online. The exhibition plans and information, are still available to view on the scheme website. Copies of the exhibition material and questionnaires were also made available at Fareham library.

This report has been written with the aim of presenting the results from the questionnaires and categorising the qualitative data (written responses) into categories to present common themes in the feedback provided within the questionnaires.

Overall, there were:

- 229 questionnaires in total were received by Hampshire County Council's Strategic Transport team.
- 50 of these responses were completed through the online questionnaire via the scheme's web-site.

2.0 Summary of Results

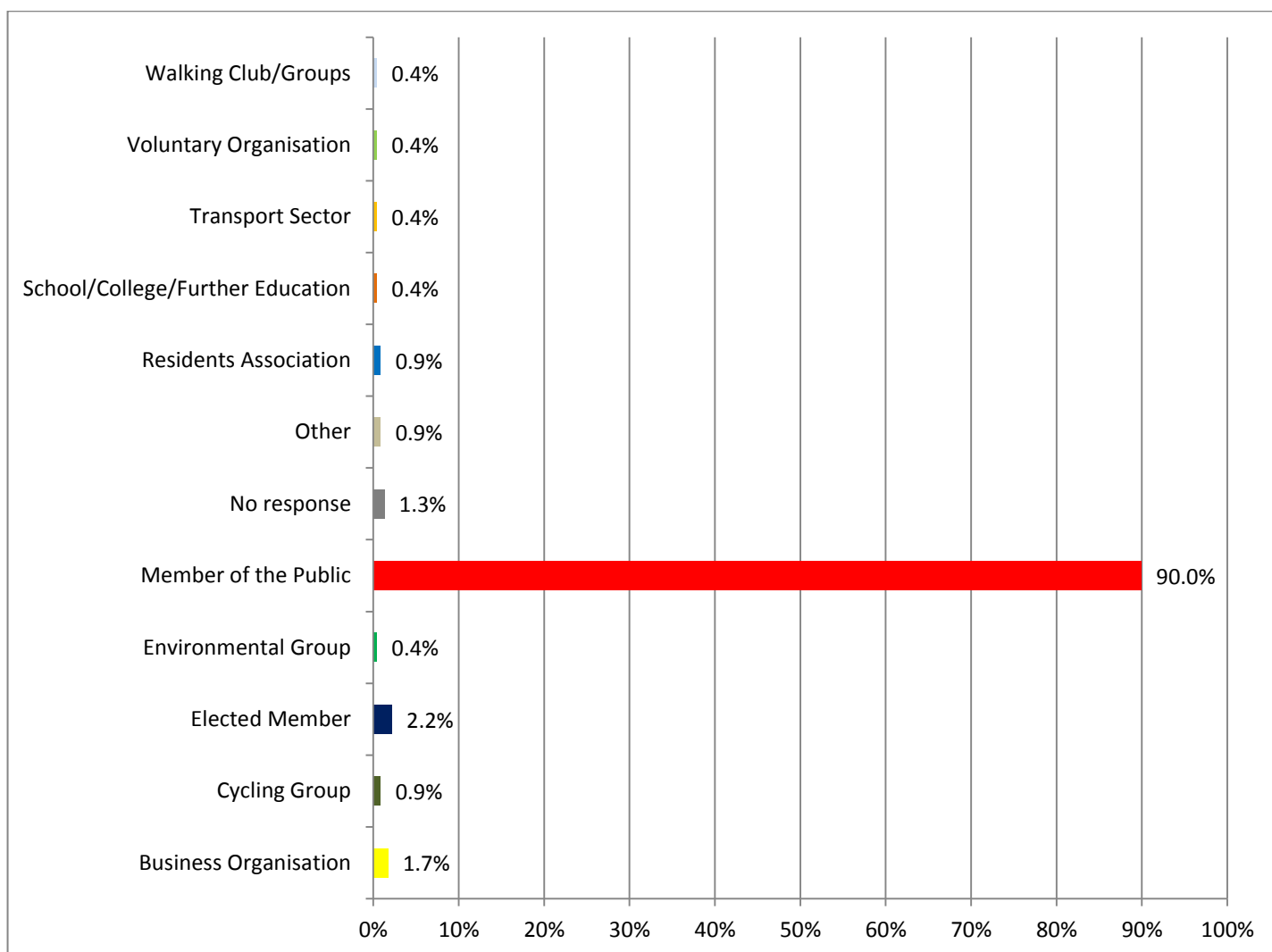
The responses to the questionnaires identified positive levels of support for the schemes and their objectives. Please note that while all of the quantitative questions were answered, not all respondents gave qualitative (written) responses. Of the respondents that did provide qualitative responses, they may have made more than one point. Comments that were made once by a single respondent may not be able to be grouped into a common theme, but all were recorded and grouped where possible.

Any additional comments sent via letter or email has not been combined with the questionnaire responses which were analysed as part of the process of preparing this report. This is because they may have been made by the same individual and/or could be difficult to categorise. However, all postal, email and telephone queries and comments have been recorded separately.

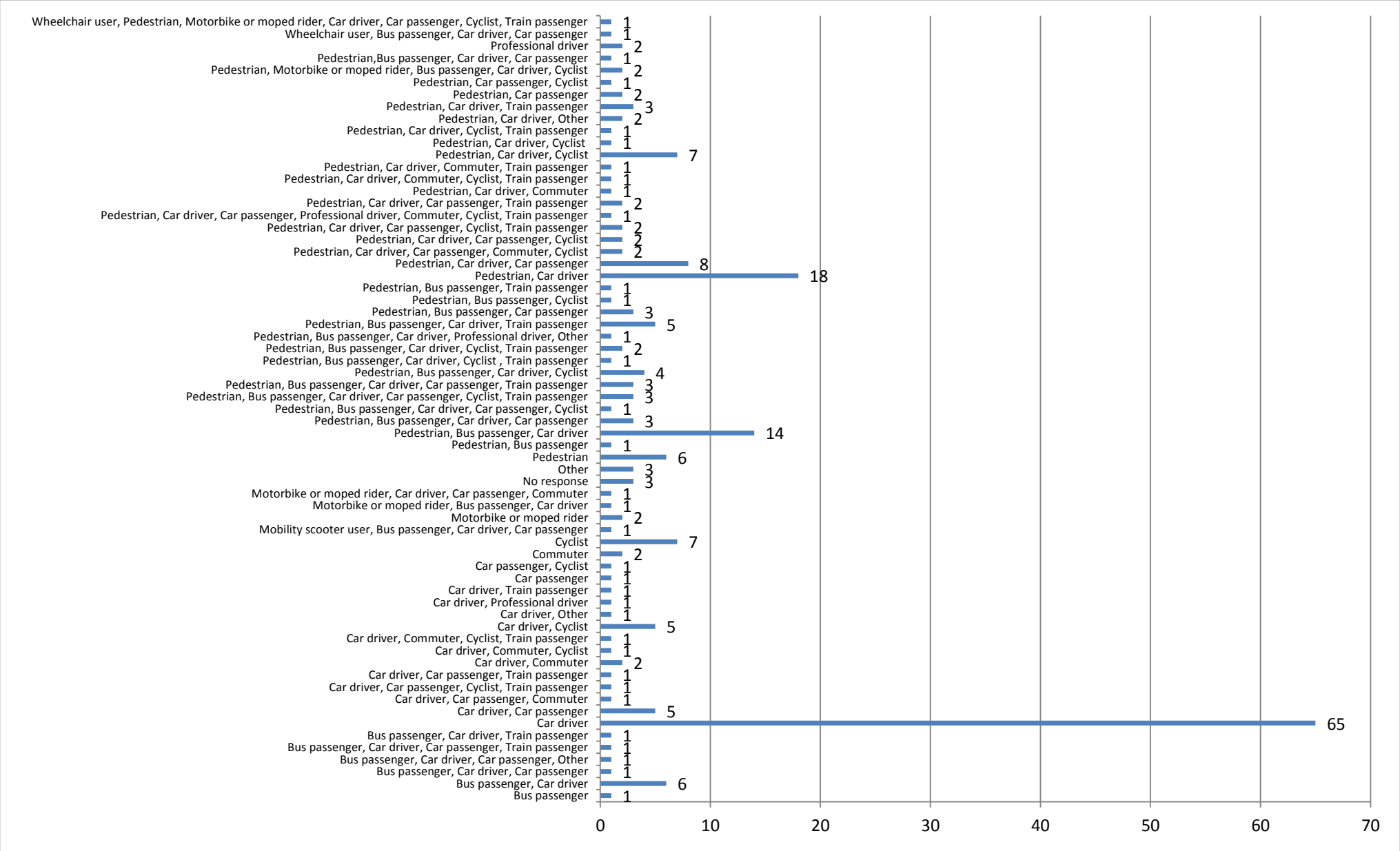
3.0 Analysis of questionnaire responses

Those who attended the public consultation were asked to complete a questionnaire which contained a series of open and multiple choice questions to gauge the level of support for the schemes, to provide an opportunity for the public and other stakeholders to raise any concerns and to identify areas for further consideration. Information regarding the schemes and the questionnaires were made available online, providing those who couldn't attend the public consultations with an opportunity to voice their opinions.

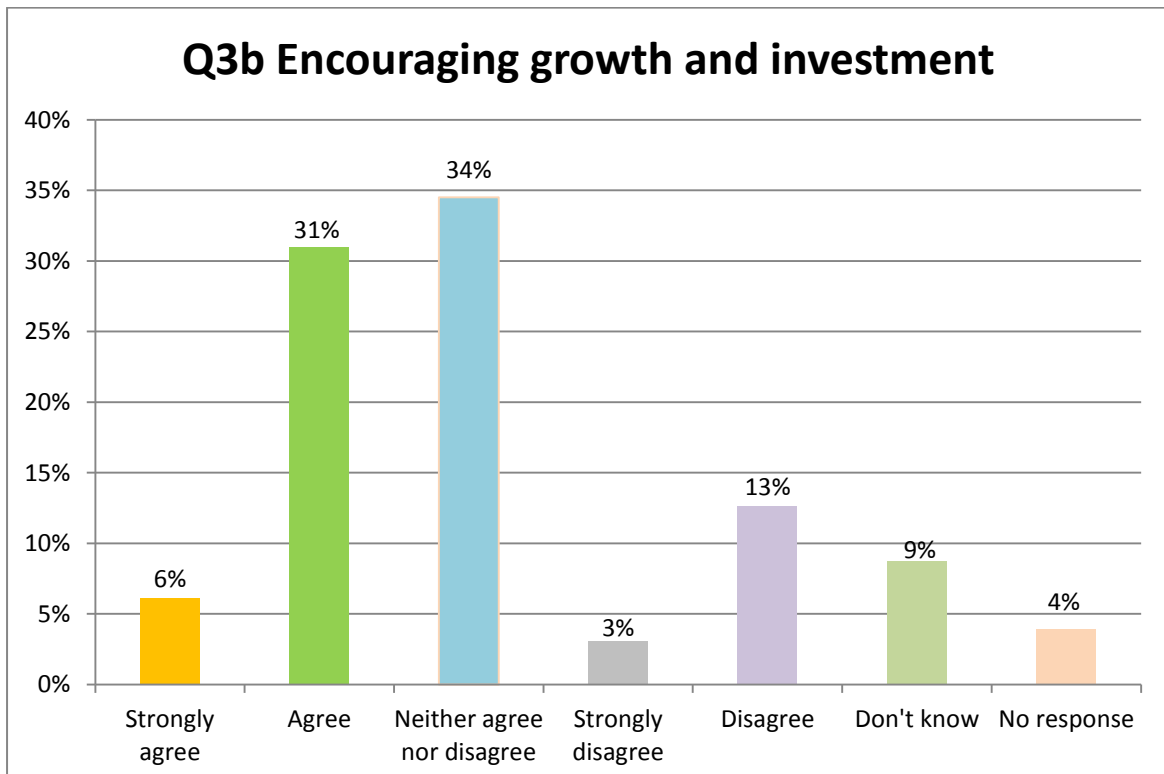
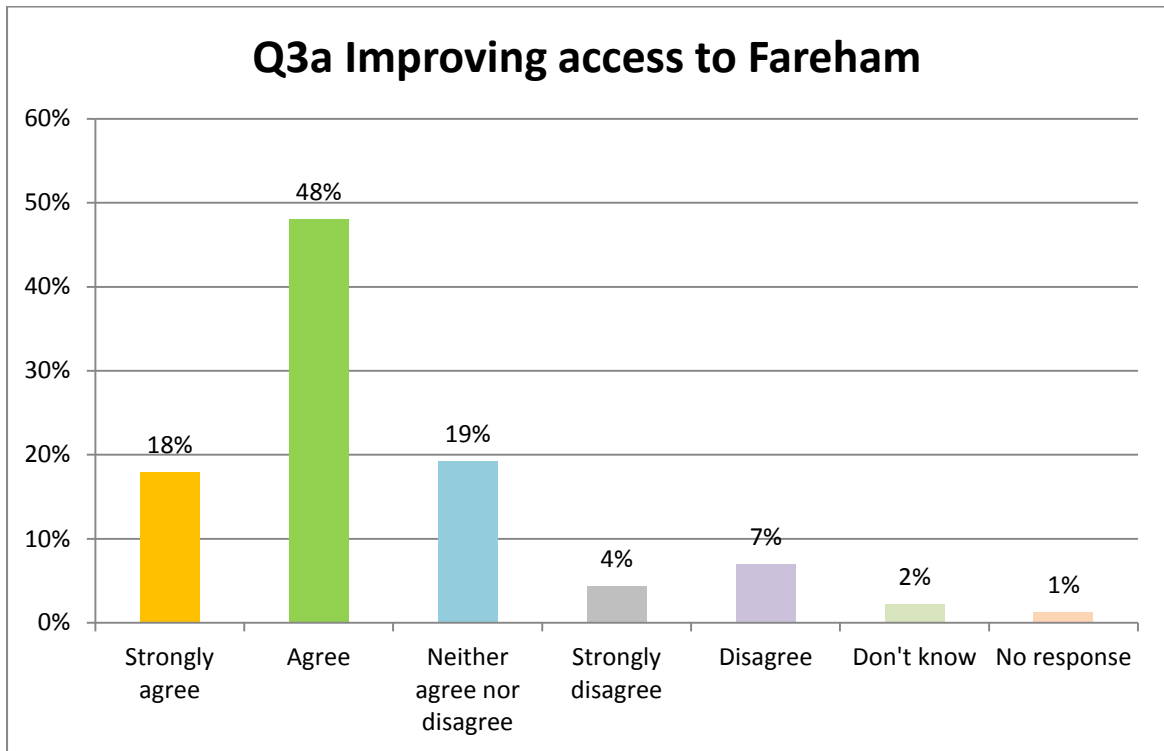
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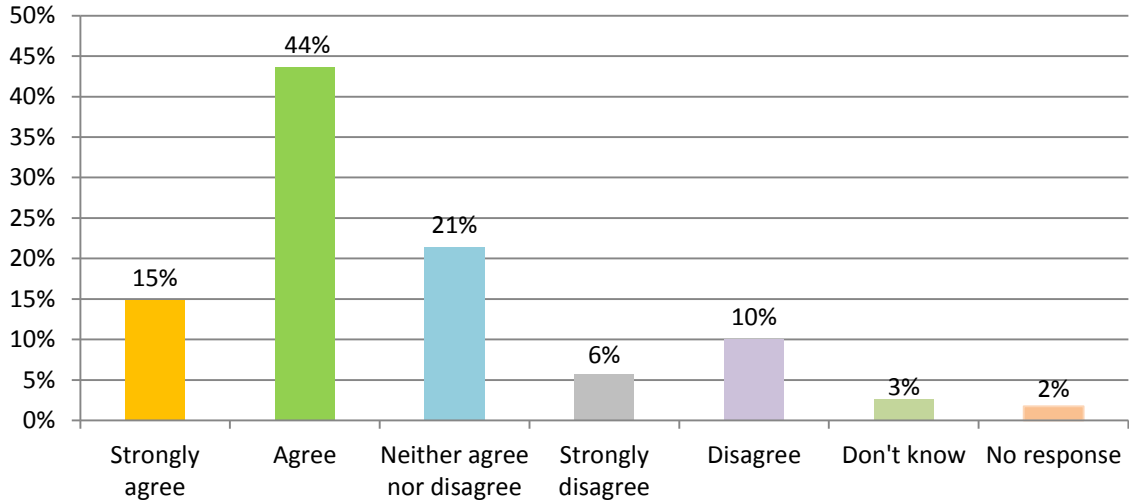
Q2 How do you use these routes?



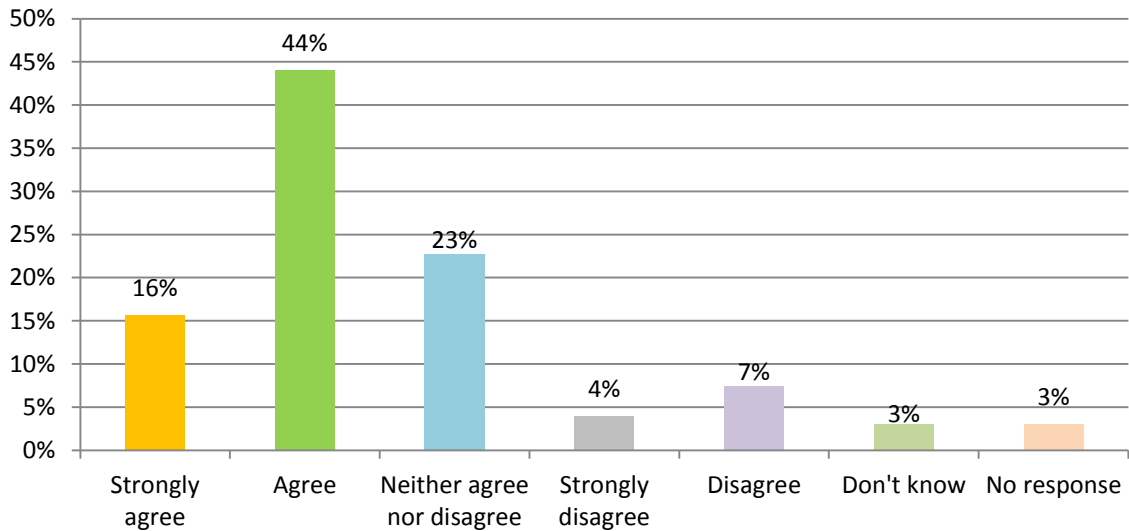
Q3 Please tell us to what extent you think these schemes will deliver their objectives for each of the following:



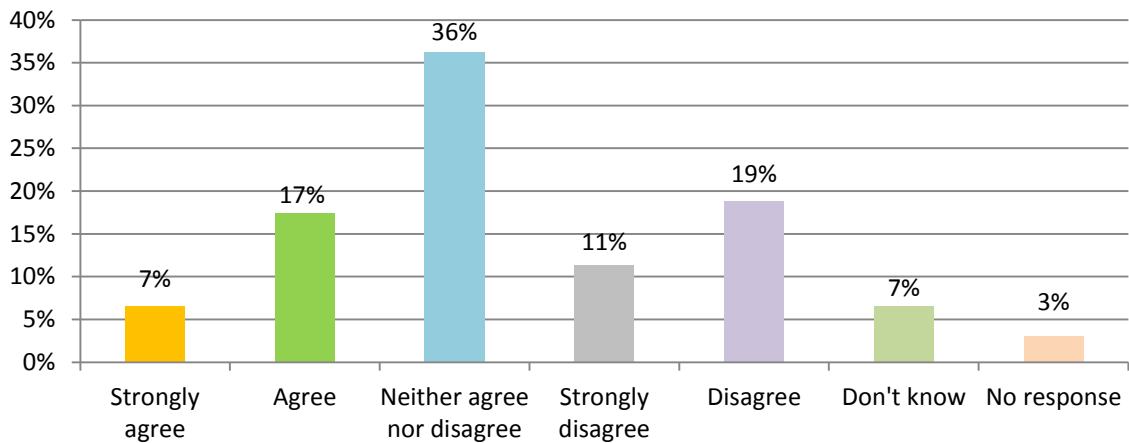
Q3c Improving safety



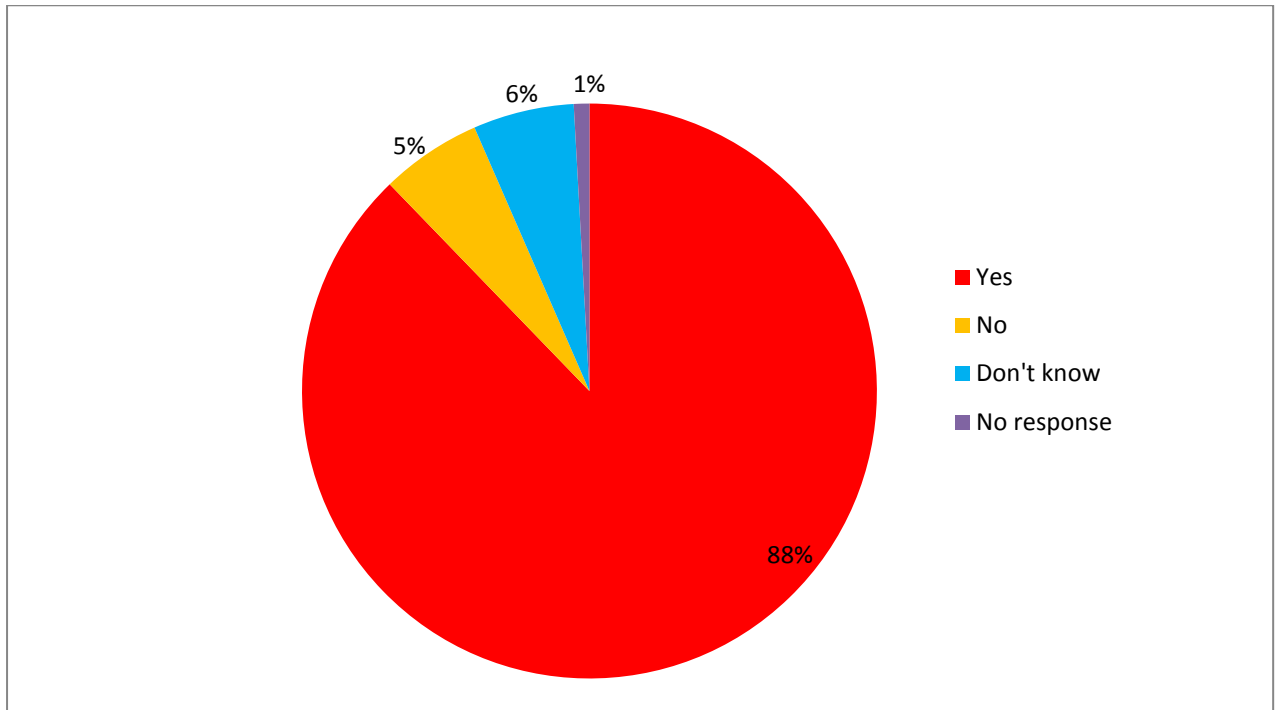
Q3d Increasing capacity



Q3e Improving the environment



Q4: Do you understand the likely impact the construction works will have on your journey?



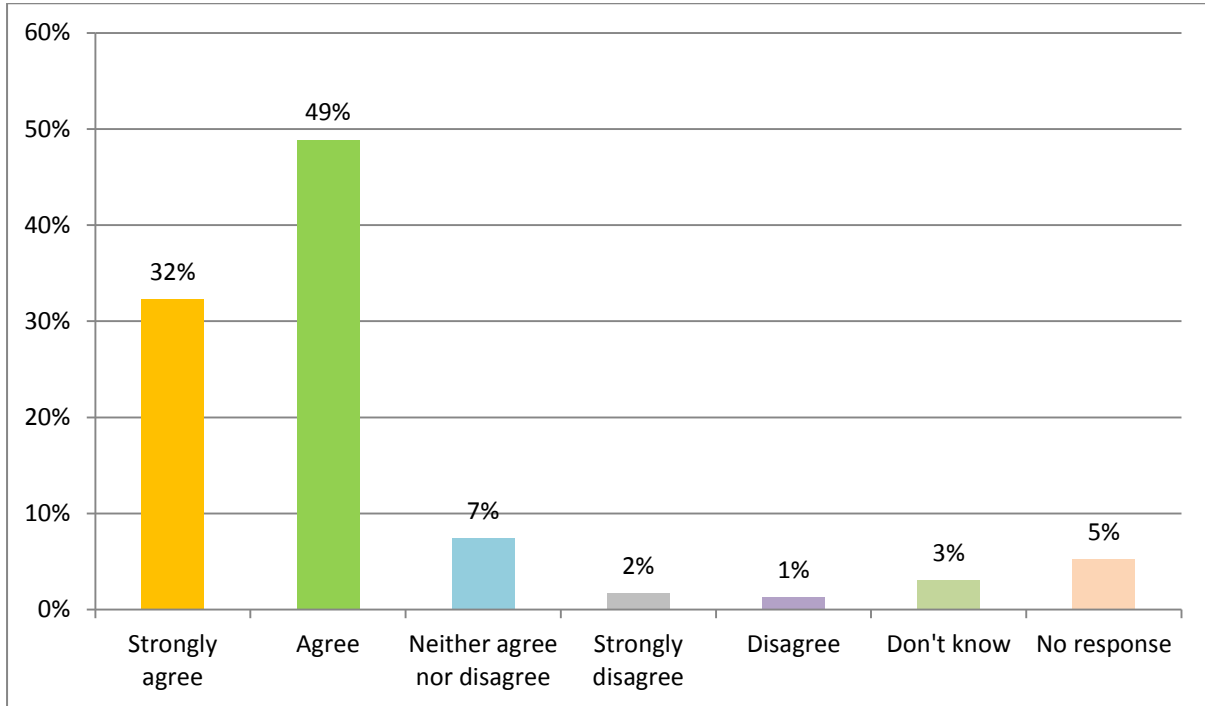
Q5 Please tell us what other improvements you would like see in the future

- Those consulted were asked what transport improvements they would like to see in the future in Fareham, the responses are summarised below in Table 1.

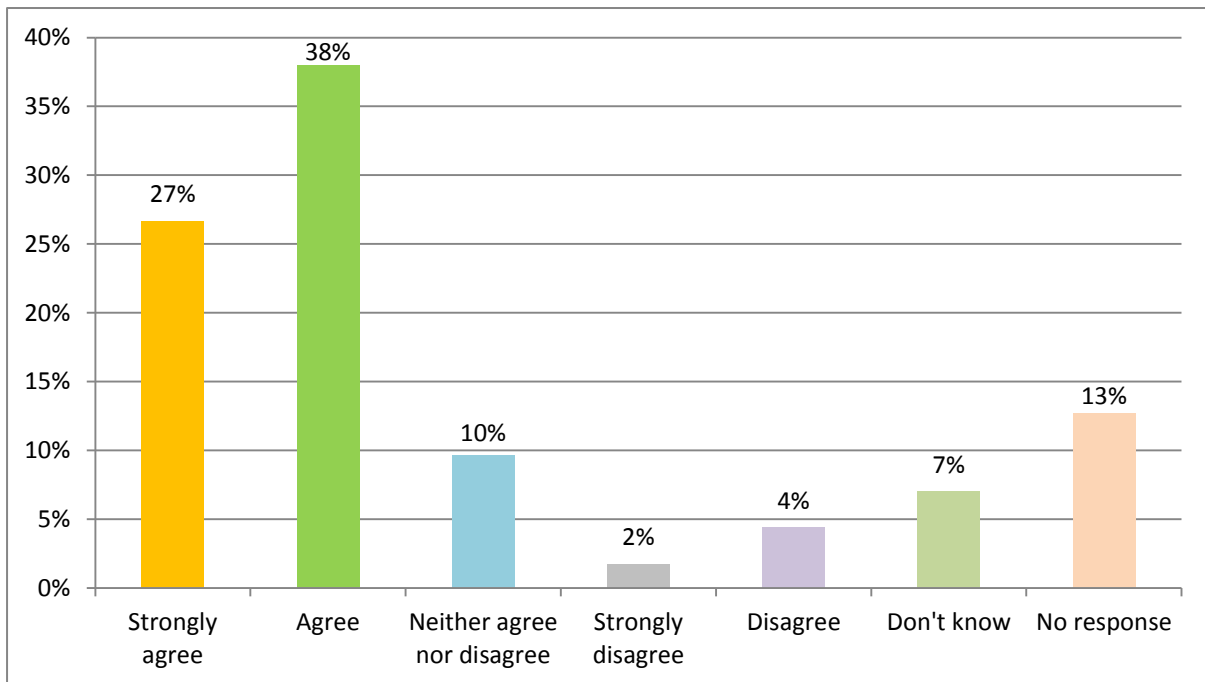
Table 1 Summary of Respondents Preferred Future Improvements

Type of Improvement	Percentage of Responses
Bus Transport	5%
Cycling Facilities	11%
Rail Transport	3%
Traffic Improvements	27%
Environmental	11%
Mobility Provision	8%
Pedestrian Facilities	12%
Other	22%
Total	100%

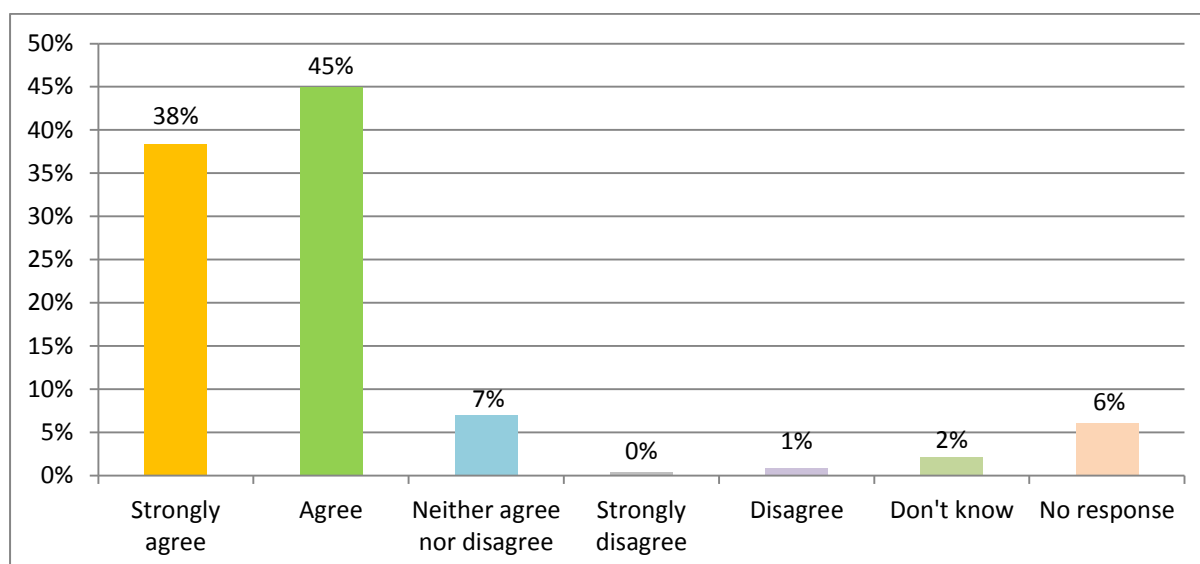
Q6 Having attended the exhibition, I feel better informed about the proposals planned for this route.



Q7 My comments were listened to by Hampshire County Council



Q8 The information was clearly displayed and accessible



Q9 Please provide any additional comments you would like to take into consideration

An open question was asked to provide respondent's with an opportunity to provide feedback and raise any issues regarding the Fareham Schemes. In total 214 out of 229 respondents used this section to express their opinions. A summary of responses are provided below in Table 2.

Table 2 Summary of the comments received regarding the Fareham Schemes and Consultation

Scheme / Topic	Percentage of Responses
St Margarets Roundabout	12%
A27 Segensworth to Titchfield	9%
A27 Bishopsfield Road to Station roundabout	28%
General comments not attributed to one specific scheme	48%
Feedback regarding the public consultation event	3%
Total	100%

It can be seen from Table 2 above there was a higher proportion of general comments on the schemes. Specific issues raised for the individual schemes have been summarised in a separate report available on the website.

Finally, In conclusion, the public consultation proved to be an informative and insightful experience for members of the public and stakeholders who gained a better understanding of the proposed schemes, whilst Hampshire County Council was able to gauge local opinions and gain valuable feedback which will be taken into consideration prior to construction.