

# Thornbury Neighbourhood Plan



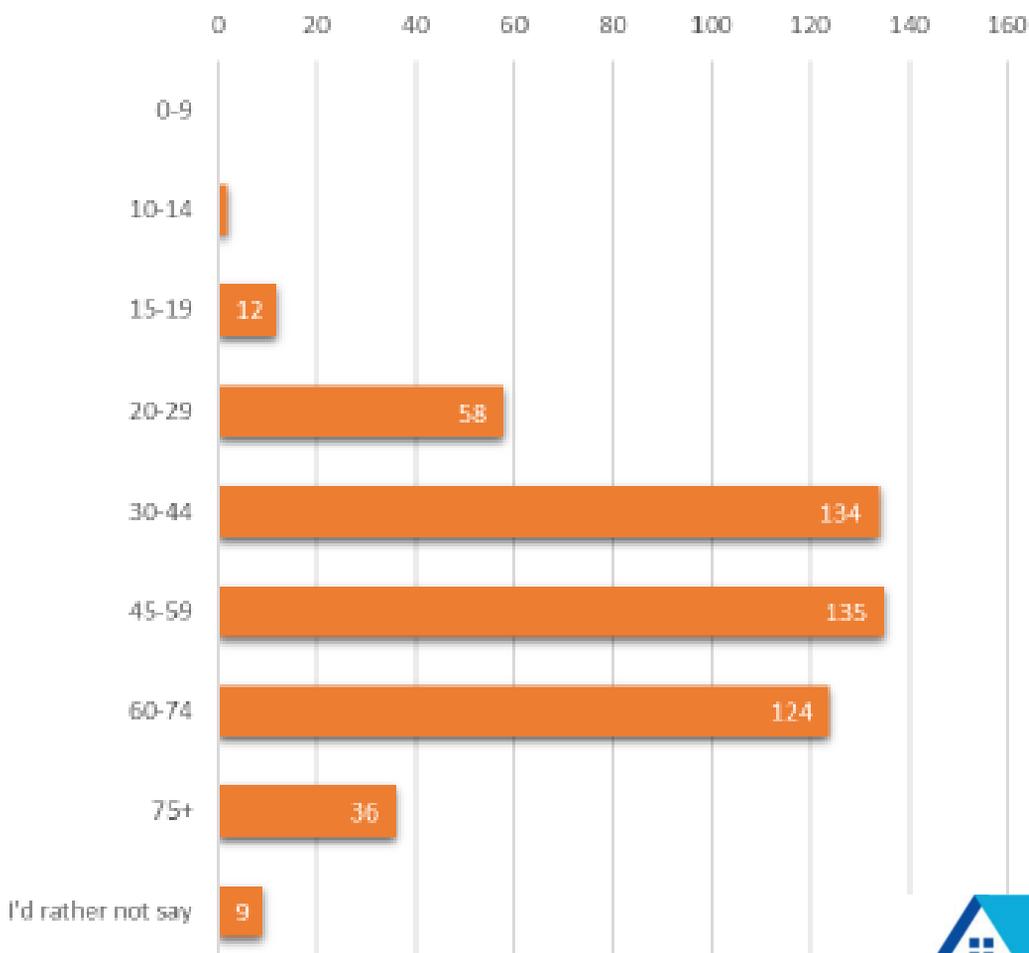
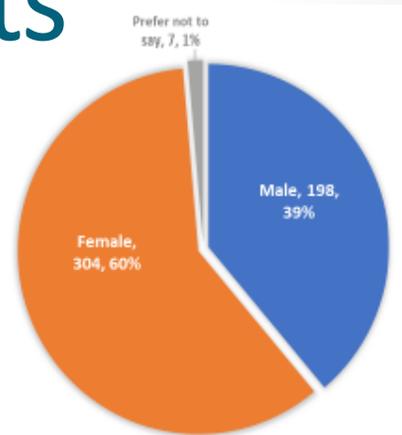
# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- **Neighbourhood Plans** are a key component of the Localism Act 2011 and offer communities the opportunity to shape their environment, so they have more influence over local planning decisions.
- A Neighbourhood Plan, once made, forms part of the statutory local development plan for the area. Planning applications are then determined in accordance with the policies set out in both the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan
- **The Plan cannot** influence the number of homes to be built in Thornbury as this is set through national and South Glos policy

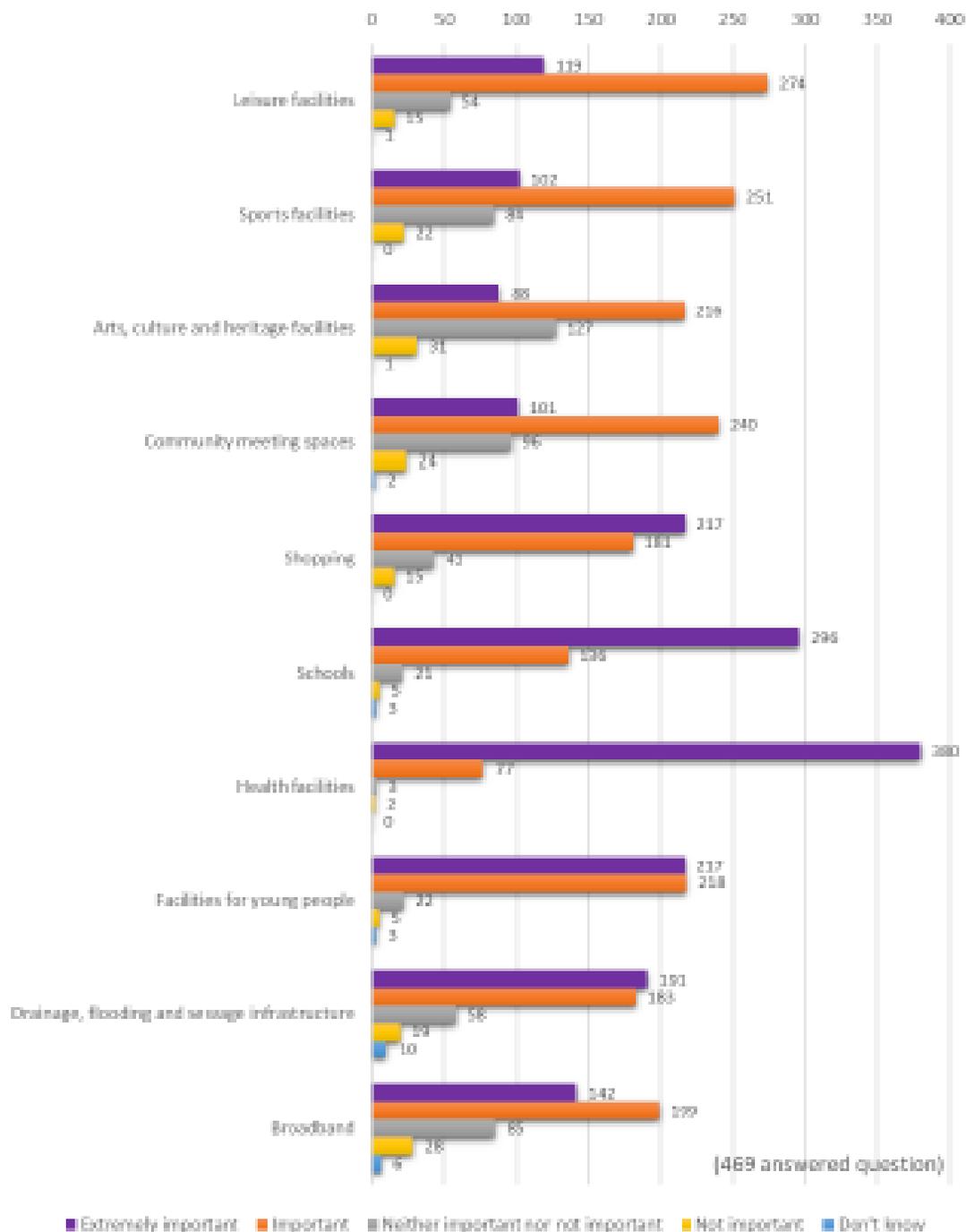


# The survey results

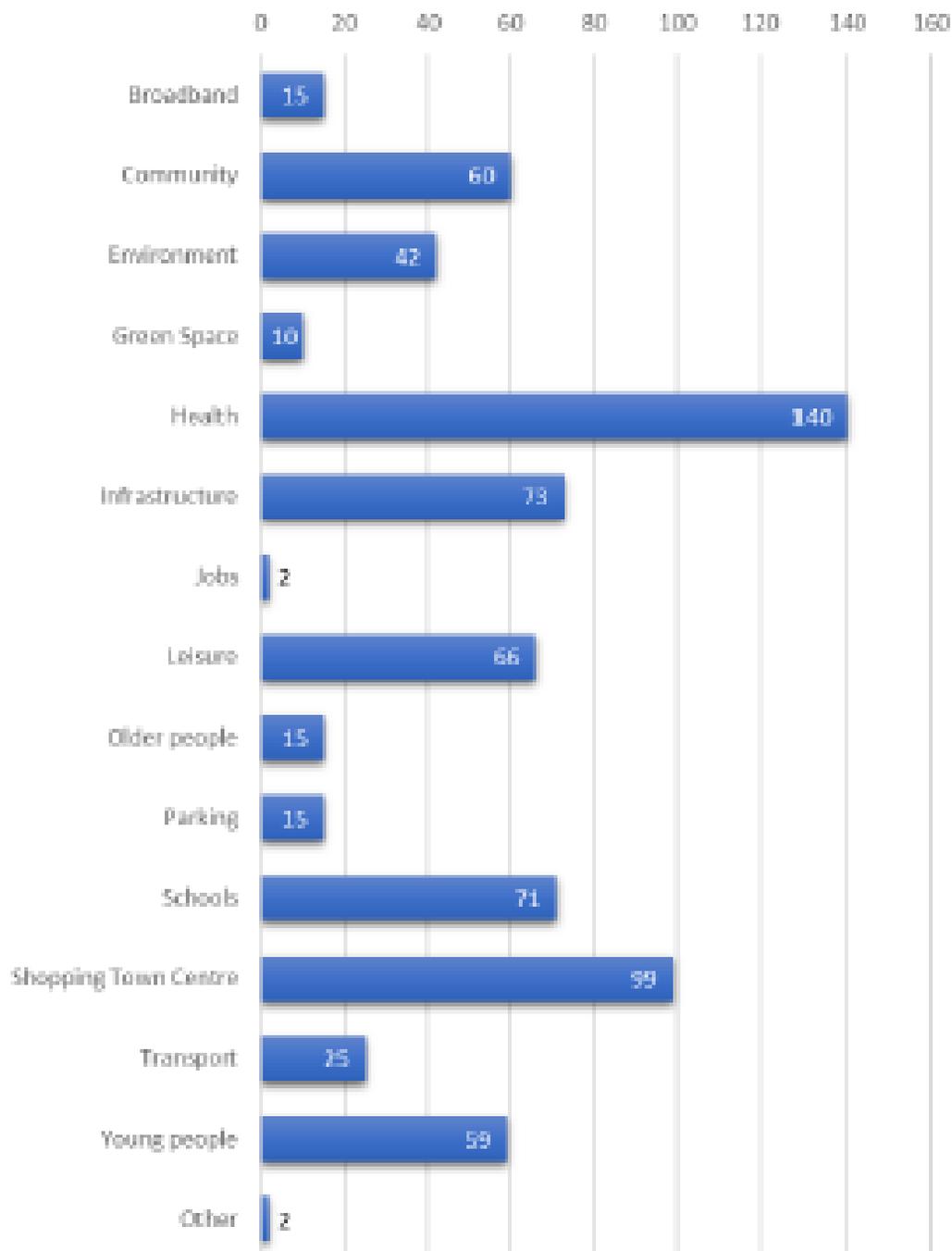
530 responses to our  
Jan/Feb 18 survey



# What did residents say are the priorities for the next 10-15 years?



# Our residents considered the following 'extremely important' or 'important' issues



# What matters most to our community?

- The historic character of Thornbury and the importance of its 'rural feel'.
- The spirit of 'community' in Thornbury with the active involvement of so many residents in clubs, learning, festivals and markets which all create a sense of belonging and connection.
- The need for Thornbury to retain its own identity and to avoid becoming part of an urban sprawl on the outer fringes of the large city of Bristol.
- The provision of adequate infrastructure and services to cope with rising demand including schools and healthcare facilities.
- The importance of the town centre and its viability and offering.
- The need for new homes to cater for younger and older people, be affordable, high quality and tenure blind.
- The importance of access to the natural environment within the town including through its network of landscaped pathways such as the Streamside Walk as well as the easy access to the countryside and its varied wildlife.
- Sustainability and the desire for the town to reduce its carbon emissions and be resilient to the impact of climate change.
- The requirement for sustainable modes of travel including walking and cycling.
- Improving local employment opportunities, offering better life chances locally for younger Thornbury residents and easing the burden on the already challenged transport infrastructure by reducing the need to commute.





We translated residents' issues into a draft vision and some objectives – what do you think?



# Our draft vision

Thornbury will retain its market town and historic character and its sense of community. It will keep and expand its green spaces, streamside walks, connections with nature and access to the countryside. It will be resilient to climate change and will provide well planned, high quality, sustainable and affordable homes. It will support the prosperity and wellbeing of its residents by providing a vibrant town centre, quality local jobs, a good choice of retail and employment facilities and appropriate services.



# Our draft objectives



## Thornbury will:

- Preserve its unique character and historic identity and rural separation through well planned holistic high quality placemaking and design. Provide high quality, well designed, affordable, tenure-blind sustainable housing that meets the needs of people of all ages.
- Support a vibrant, unique and historic town centre with mixed retail, business and residential facilities and a thriving economy that provides jobs for local people to enable them to work where they live.
- Support the timely provision of appropriate services, infrastructure and community facilities to meet the needs of a growing population.
- Be resilient to climate change, support and protect the natural environment through sustainable development and strengthen its sense of community, creating connections to enhance integration between existing and new developments.
  - Promote active, smarter and sustainable ways of getting around, establishing appropriate transport infrastructure to support population growth, developing the network of paths and cycleways and green corridors.

# Contact Us

Tell us what you think about our vision and objectives.

If we achieve our vision, does Thornbury sound like the kind of place you would want to live?

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