

Report on the Update of the Crail Action Programme

1. Introduction

The Crail Action Programme & Place Matters (“Action Programme”) document presents an opportunity for the Community to become involved in projects and initiatives for Crail, which will be implemented in the future. Furthermore, this Action Programme will contribute to the creation and shaping of the Fife Council planning policy when the current FifePlan is replaced.

Crail Community Partnership is grateful to all who responded to this consultation which enables the projects in the Action Programme to move to the next stage - implementation.

2. Consultation Methodology

The proposed Crail Action Programme was the subject of a four-week consultation period in January and February 2025. This included an open session held in Crail Community Hall on 01 February 2025 for the public to ask questions and air their views.

Information on the proposed Action Programme was published by Crail Matters (the local newspaper) and the full Action Programme was available on the Crail Matters website, linking to a survey to ascertain views. Crail Matters published an accompanying article on the 17th January with links to the Action Programme document and access to the survey. A Link to the survey was also published on 24th and 31st January and again on 7th and 14th February.

The open session was held on 01 February 2025 which was attended by 79 people. Attendees were able to see posters giving details of the programme, and members of Crail Community Partnership were available to provide further information. 18 surveys were completed during the session. Informal verbal feedback suggested strong support for the Action Programme.

In all, 72 completed survey responses were received; 87% of respondents were permanent residents, 8% second home/short term let owners, 2% business owners and 1 visitor. The survey results showed overwhelming support for the Action Programme. Comments received (outlined below) indicate priorities and delivery issues which Crail Community Partnership will take on board as part of its implementation of the Action Programme.

3. Survey Outcomes – Summary

The survey outcomes revealed very strong community support across five overarching themes: Integrating New Development (84%), Affordable Homes (84.5%), Business and Tourism (81.2%), Community Facilities and Local Services (88.8%), and Environment (76%).

The most supported individual action points included maintaining community areas (98.6%), improving digital connectivity (93%), healthcare access (91.5%), upgrading local paths (91.3%), and enhancing public transport (90.1%). Harbour investment and infrastructure improvements also received 90% support.

The least supported actions were East Neuk destination development (64.3%) and cycling network development (61.2%), reflecting lower enthusiasm for tourism-focused and cycling initiatives.

4. Summary of Comments

27 comments were submitted of varying length and detail.

Overall, comments highlighted exciting initiatives but also raised concerns about implementation and priorities. The need for a structured programme with clear timelines and responsibilities was emphasised, along with concerns about succession planning for community efforts.

A major issue is the Crail Airfield development, where residents strongly oppose moving forward without an appropriate access route. The suggestion is for collaboration with the Crail North site to create an integrated solution. Alternative uses for the airfield, such as a solar farm or battery park, were proposed if access issues persist.

Affordable housing and employment opportunities for young families were supported, but the Action Programme was criticized for being too focused on environmental projects and lacking initiatives for youth. Environmental projects, such as the Pinkerton and Kilminning improvements, were seen as incomplete, with calls to finish existing projects before starting new ones.

Traffic calming, parking management, and pedestrian zones were proposed to address congestion, particularly around Denburn Narrows.

Concerns were raised about holiday lets hollowing out the community, with calls for a moratorium.

The reliance on a small group of volunteers for community work highlighted the need for succession planning.

Disabled access, EV charging points, and better pathways in wildlife areas were also emphasized. There were conflicting comments on increasing visitor numbers while restricting parking and development.

Overall, the programme was seen as aspirational but needed clearer actionable steps, funding, and collaboration between stakeholders. The community urged practical solutions, completion of ongoing projects, and a focus on long-term sustainability.

Overall conclusions

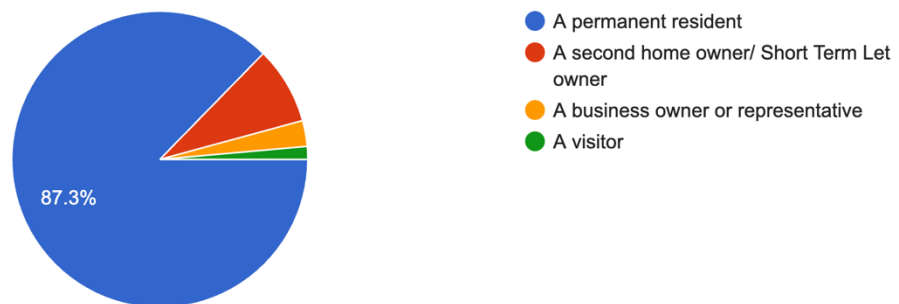
The consultation process was successful in engaging with the Crail community, and overall the community expressed strong support for the Action Programme.

Crail Community Partnership
21 February 2025

Appendix – Responses to Individual Questions:

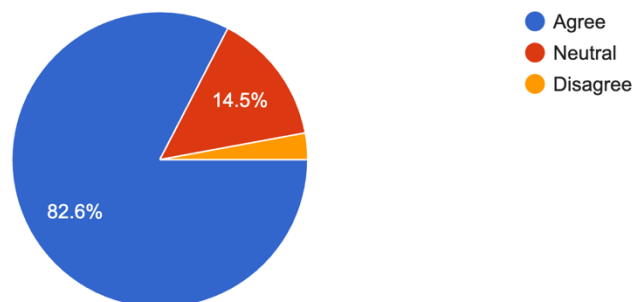
Please advise if you are

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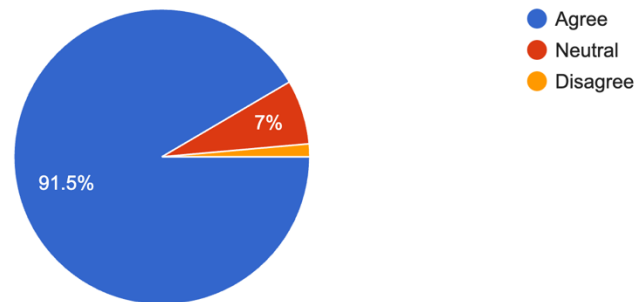
Action Programme Feedback Integrating New Development: 1. Use Local Place Plan as framework for Crail North and Crail Airfield

69 responses



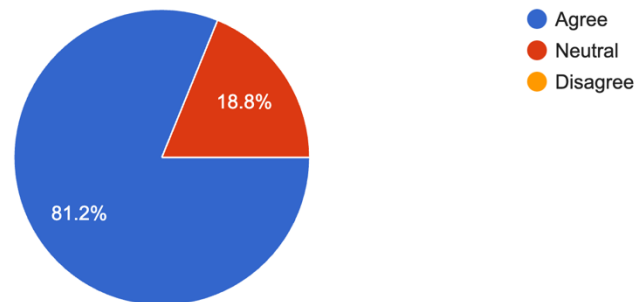
2. Improve access to healthcare facilities

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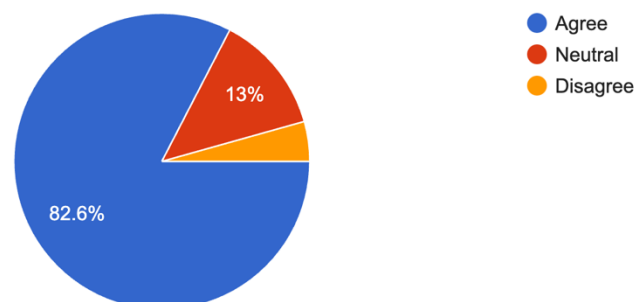
3. School facilities

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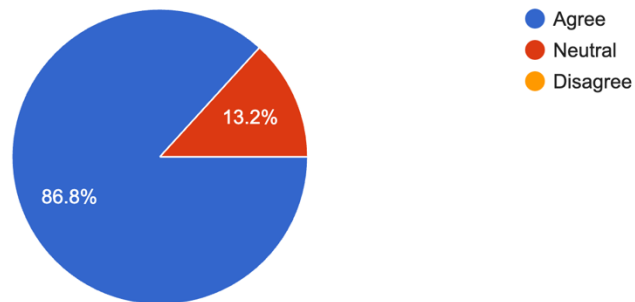
4. Master Plan and Design Guides for Crail North and Airfield

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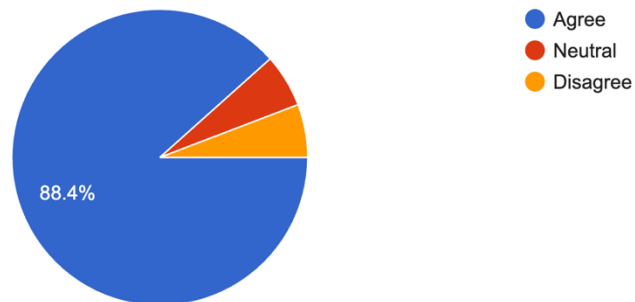
5. Working with local housing associations

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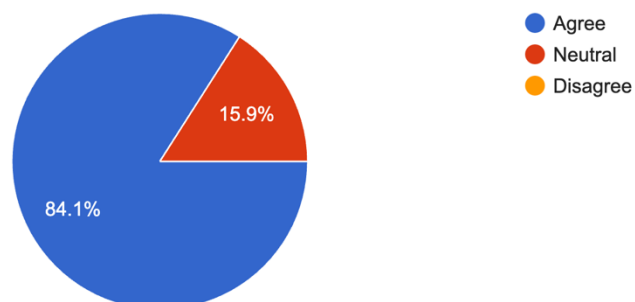
6. Use of brownfield sites for affordable homes

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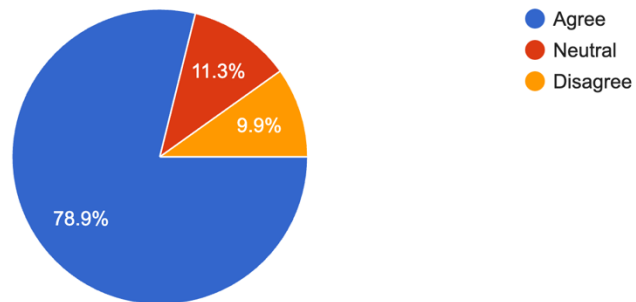
7. Diverse financial models to maximise affordability

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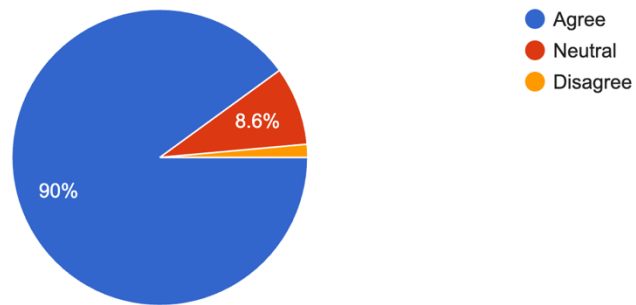
8. Restriction on use of new houses as principal residence only

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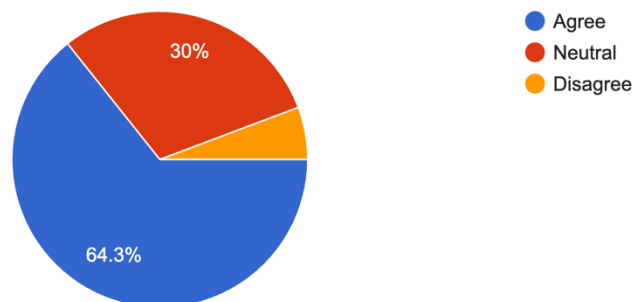
9. Harbour Investment Plan

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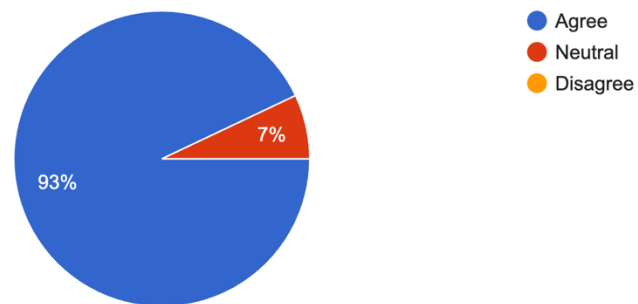
10. East Neuk destination development

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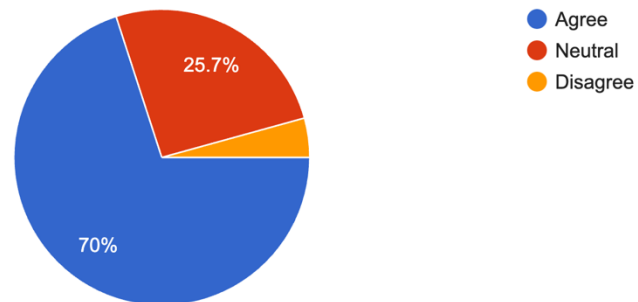
11. Better digital connectivity

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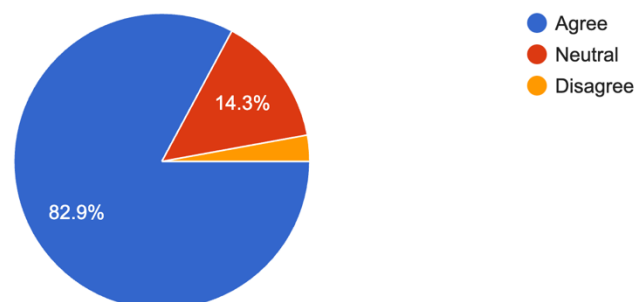
12. Affordable homes for hospitality workers

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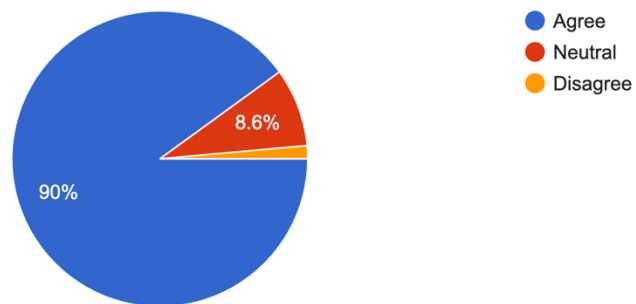
13. Creation of workshop and business premises

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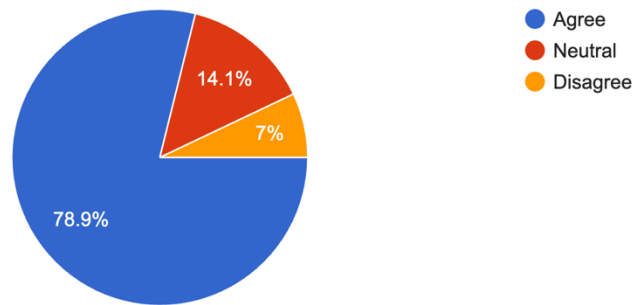
14. Infrastructure improvements incl toilets and signage

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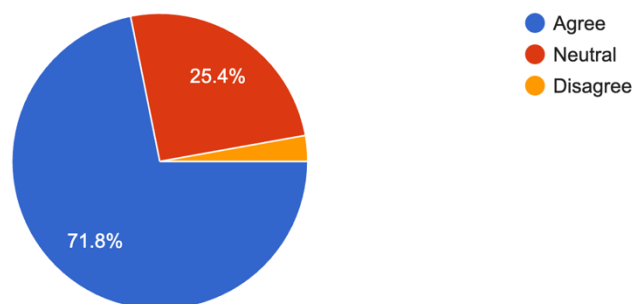
15. Provision of visitor parking

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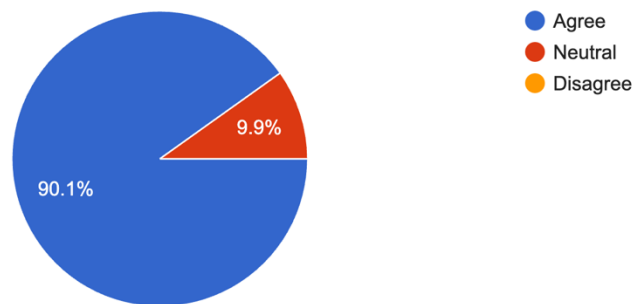
16. Development of active routes

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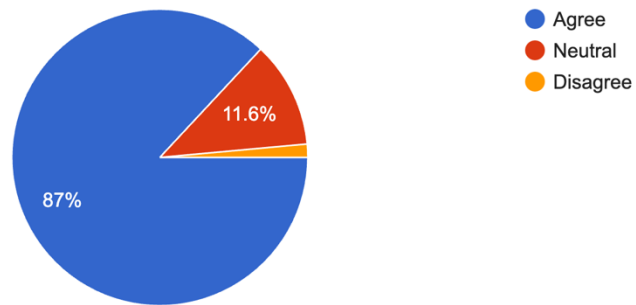
17. Co-ordinated public transport

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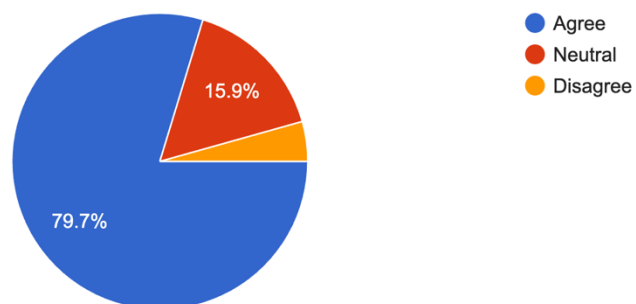
18. Co-ordinated plan for community buildings

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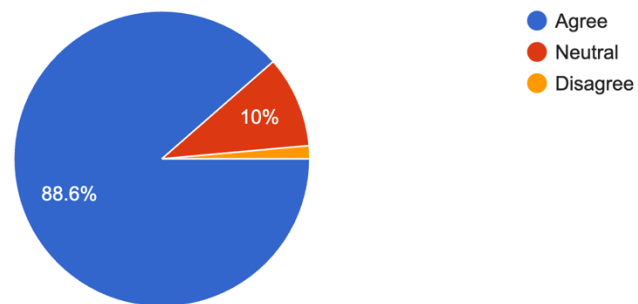
19. Provision of EV points

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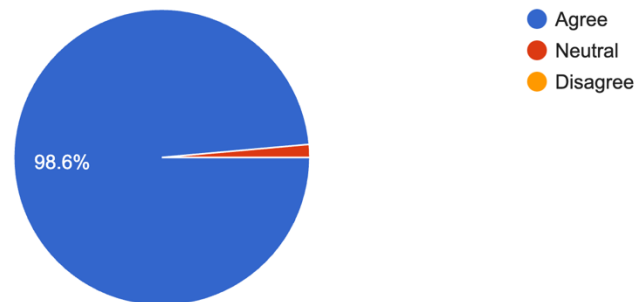
20. Co-ordinated support amongst community organisations

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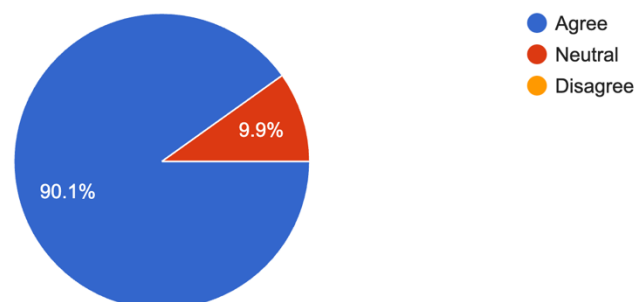
21. Maintain and improve use of community areas

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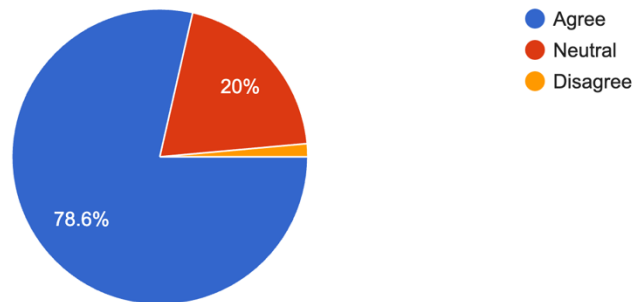
22. Improved connectivity with surrounding communities & core services

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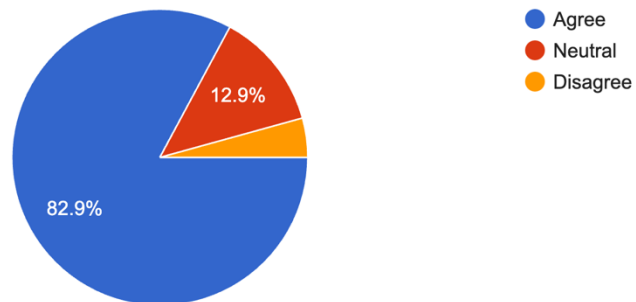
23. Biodiversity positive

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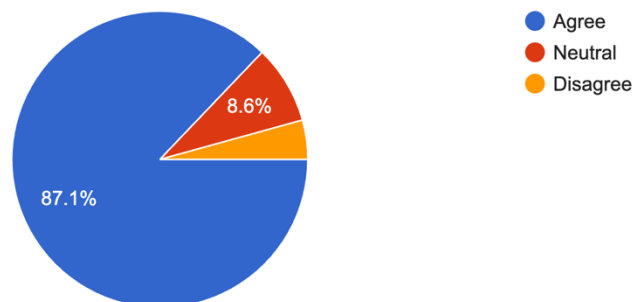
24. Wildlife habitat creation and maintenance

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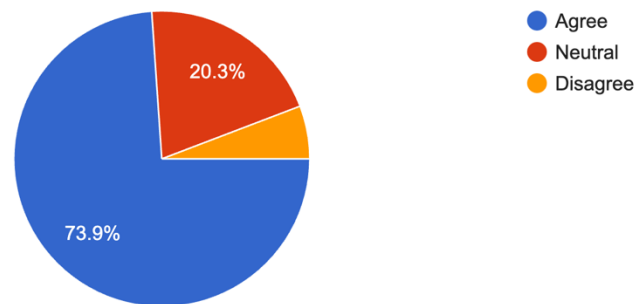
25. Wildlife habitat maintenance

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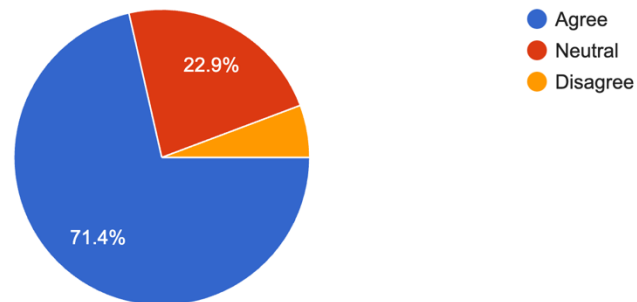
26. Extension of green corridors Southwards incl Denburn Fields

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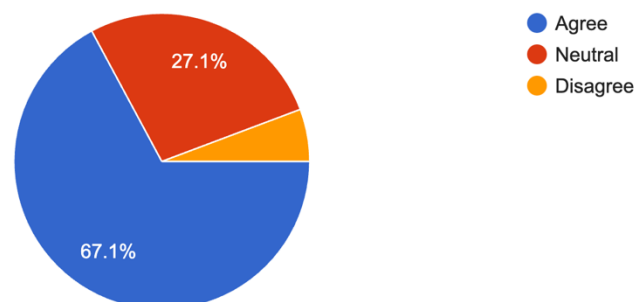
27. Extension of green corridors northwards incl Denburn Woods/Crail North

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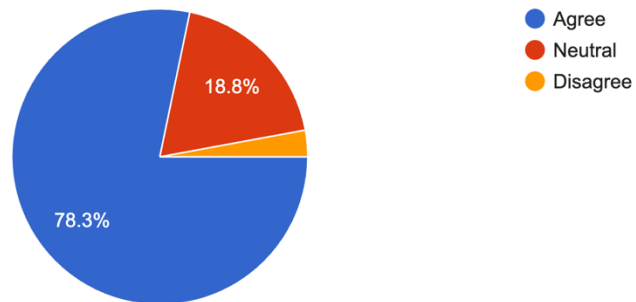


28. Green corridors incl Pinkerton Triangle

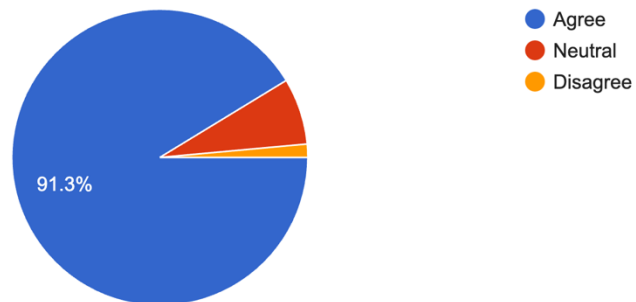
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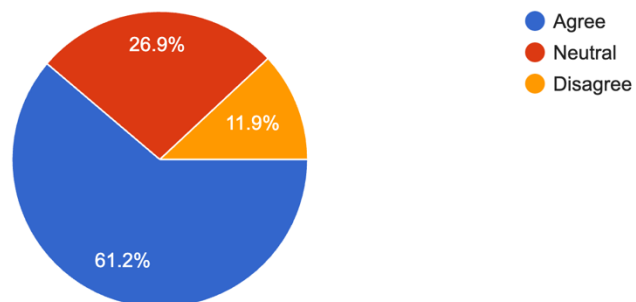
29. Green corridors – 10,000 trees for Crail
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30. Upgrade local paths network
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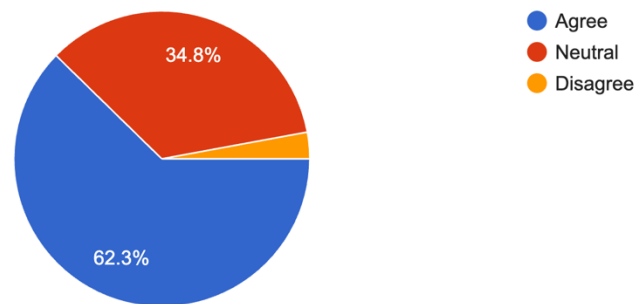


31. Development East Neuk cycling network
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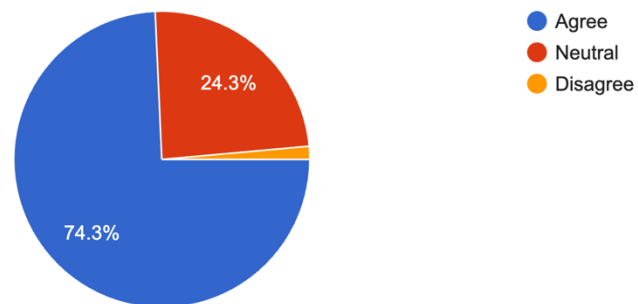
32. Develop and implement Active Travel Plan

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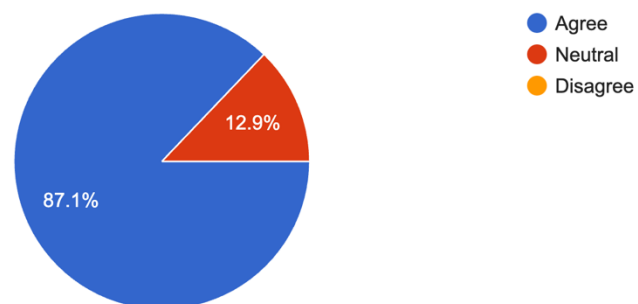
33. Dark Sky Protection

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34. Improve recycling facilities

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35. Improved waste management

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