

ANNEX 1



Caring for our Countryside survey analysis

Summary report January 2019

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1. Introduction

The Caring for our Countryside survey launched on 8th October and ran for 6 weeks, the survey was available online through Surrey Says which is our online tool for sharing surveys with residents. Paper copies were also made available through the Contact Centre.

A mixture of digital, social and printed media were used to ensure it reached as wide an audience as possible, please see Table 1 below for a full list:

Table 1: Method of distribution

Method of distribution
Email to Members, MPs, Parish Councils, District and Borough Councils to share with networks
Email with editorial and social media posts to Surrey Communications group and Parish Councils
Email to stakeholders and registered volunteers
Social media including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
Promoted through Google Advertising
Posters distributed to County Council offices, District and Borough Councils, Parish Councils, Libraries and National Trust sites
Promoted through Surrey Wildlife Trust networks
Email to Countryside Forums
Email to Surrey Youth Focus – tweeted to all members
Email to Disability Network
Email to Countryside access forum
Articles in Communicate and Issues Monitor
Explore Surrey e-newsletter
Surrey Matters e-newsletter
Posters displayed at countryside sites
Banners on the county council website homepage
Mike Goodman video on digital press office

The purpose was to ensure that Surrey residents could give their views on the future of the Surrey Countryside Estate over the next 25 years which would feed into the 25 year strategy being which is being developed in partnership with Surrey Wildlife Trust.

Total responses

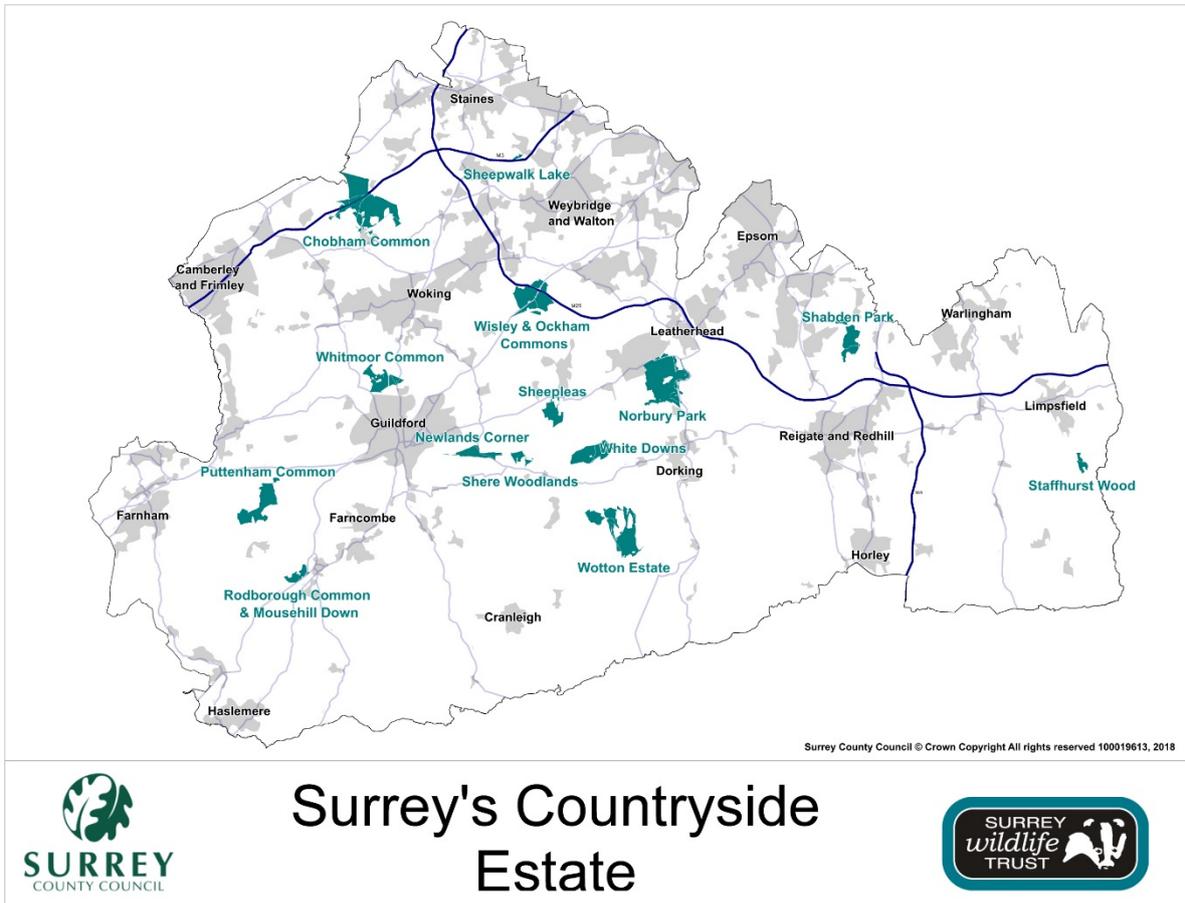
Online, via Surrey Says – 1367
Hard copy – 0
Letter – 0
Email – 0

This paper shows the number of responses received and summarises the responses to the Surrey Says survey.

It should be noted that multiple choice questions did not have any restrictions on the number of entries. This means that respondents could select as many options as they felt applied.

Surrey Countryside Estate map

A map of the Surrey County Council countryside estate sites was included for reference in the survey:



2. Headlines

The headline results from the consultation are provided in table 2 below:

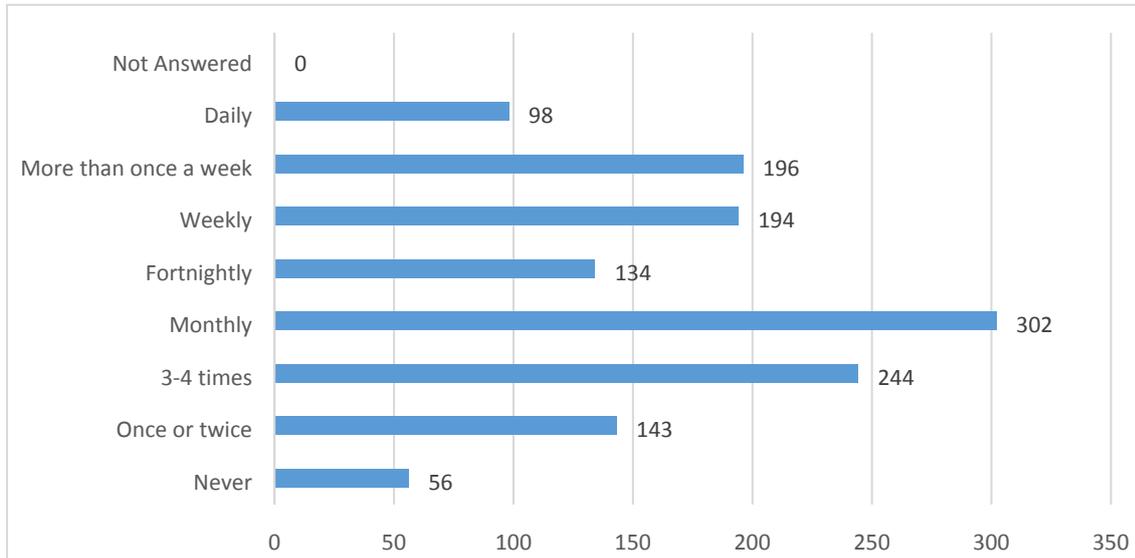
Table 2. Headline results

Survey subject	Headlines
How often have you visited SCC sites in the last 12 months?	96% of respondents have visited the countryside sites in the last 12 months
SCC sites visited in the last 12 months	The most popular sites visited were Newlands Corner, Chobham Common and Wisley and Ockham Common
What activity does your visit involve?	Walking, Dog Walking and Nature Watching is the most popular activity at the sites.
Which site do you visit most often?	Chobham Common, Newlands Corner, Rodborough Common and Mousehill Down were selected as the site they visit most often.
How do you usually get there?	74% of respondents travelled to the countryside sites by car.
How long does it take you to travel there?	Travel times to the countryside sites ranged between 6-30 minutes
What would make your journey easier?	The main themes were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the countryside should be free • Improve infrastructure and congestion • No improvements • Improved paths • More public transport available
Would you like to see any of the services?	Most popular services selected were more walking routes, improved information boards, Toilets, more way markers 22% of respondents wanted to see no additional services
How important are the countryside sites to you?	83% of respondents said that the countryside sites were very important to them
Why do you give that score for importance?	When asked why they gave that score for importance the most popular reasons were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value open greenspace, wildlife, habitats • Countryside sites improve health and wellbeing • Important that countryside sites protected
Please rank the following three statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained so all Surrey residents can access and enjoy it • Valuable habitats and landscapes are protected and improved • Protected from public sector cuts by generating its own income 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64% of respondents felt it was very important that the sites were maintained so all Surrey residents can access and enjoy them • 78% of respondents felt it was very important that valuable habitats and landscapes are protected and improved • There was no overall majority of responses for whether it was important to protect from public sector cuts by generating its own income. 33% of respondents felt it was very important or important 34% neither important nor unimportant 33% very unimportant/unimportant

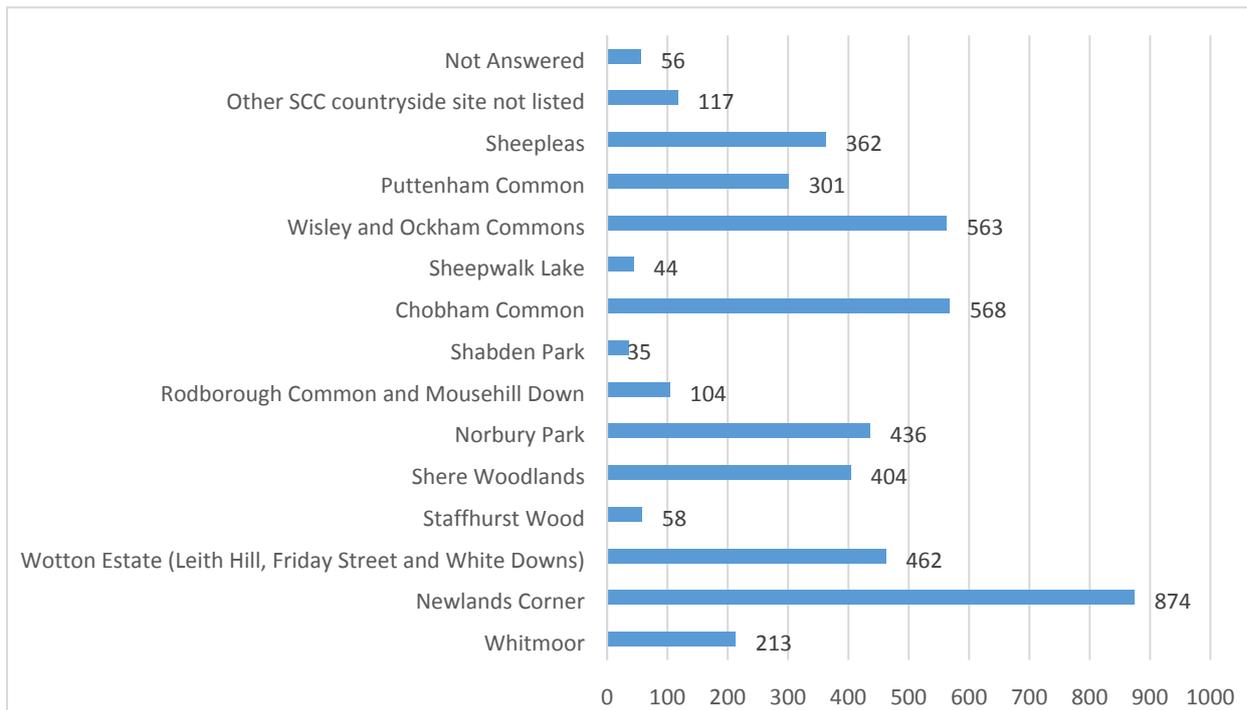
<p>SCC countryside sites better now</p>	<p>The main themes were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the countryside should be free • The countryside should be protected and remain the same • Countryside sites should be well maintained
<p>SCC countryside sites in the future</p>	<p>The main themes were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The countryside should be protected and remain the same • Concern for future of countryside sites • Access to the countryside should be free
<p>Non SCC site visited in the last 12 months</p>	<p>When asked which other non SCC site they have visited most often in the last 12 months the following were the most popular sites selected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Hill • Horsell Common • Frensham Pond
<p>How does the non SCC site compare with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking • Wildlife • Footpaths • Guided trails • Toilets • Refreshments • Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of respondents felt the non SCC sites they visited most often was neither better nor worse when comparing Car Parking, Wildlife, Footpaths, Guided trails, Toilets, Refreshments and Activities.
<p>Any other comments</p>	<p>The main themes were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The countryside should be protected and remain the same • Access to the countryside should be free • Countryside sites are valued and should be protected and maintained for wildlife, habitat and environment

3. Appendix A: Survey analysis

Question 1a. How often have you visited the SCC countryside sites?



Question 1b. In the last twelve months which SCC countryside sites have you visited? (Please tick all that apply)

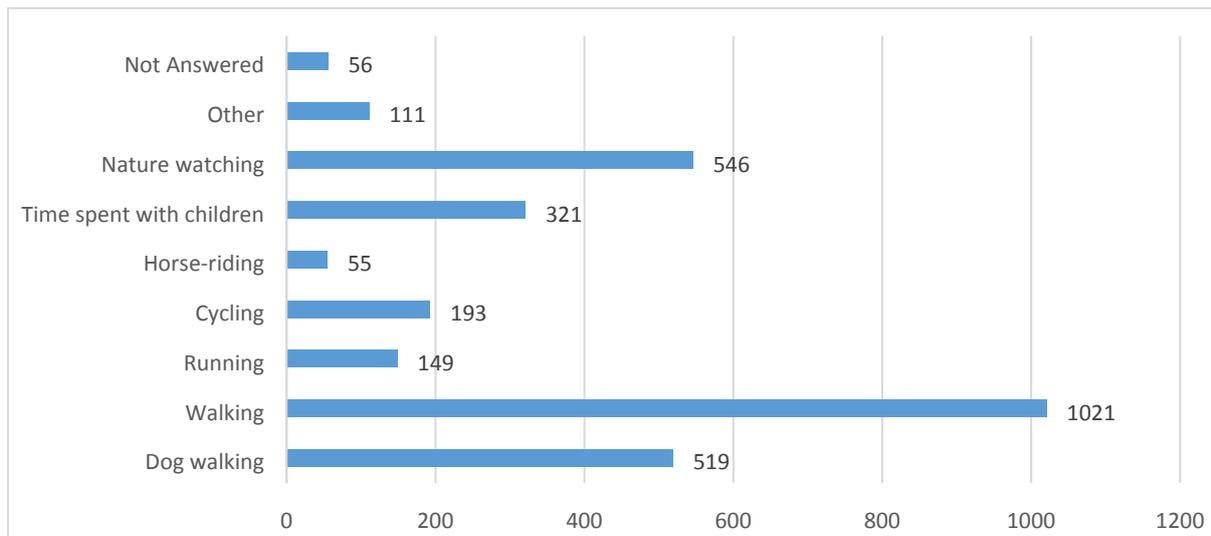


101 other sites were selected, of these the most popular sites specified were:

Brentmoor Heath, Broad Street Common, Chitty's Common and St Martha's

Within this section, users also selected non Surrey CC sites.

Question 1c. What activity does your visit involve? (Please tick all that apply)

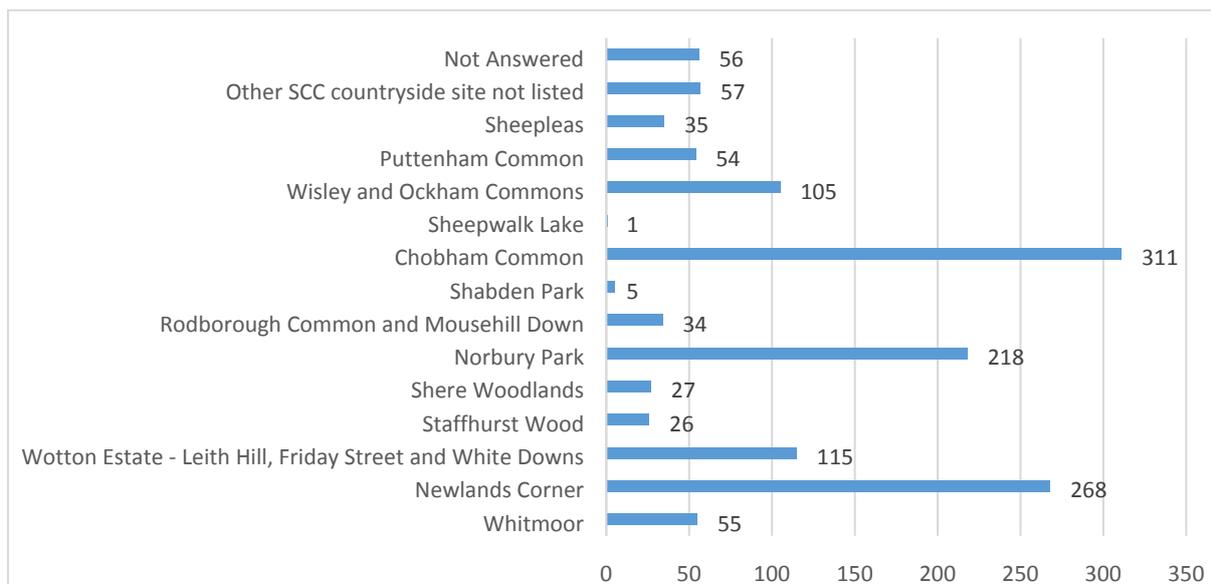


There were 111 other responses selected, the following activities were stated:

Conservation/ Volunteering/ work	Relaxing/ enjoying views/ socialising	Photography	Visiting café	Picnic	Drawing/ painting	Other (see below)
46	27	14	10	6	5	34

Other activities specified: Motorcycling, Car park charges were a barrier to visiting, live here/nearby, angling, geo coaching, model air crafting, monitor activities of SCC/SWT. Scouts, Time spent with grandchildren, assisting dog search, camp building, car owners club meet, education field studies, exercise, foraging, ideas for songs, litter picking, Nordic walking, sledging, using toilet, wildflowers and supervising Duke of Edinburgh groups

Question 2a. Which site do you visit most often? (select one answer)

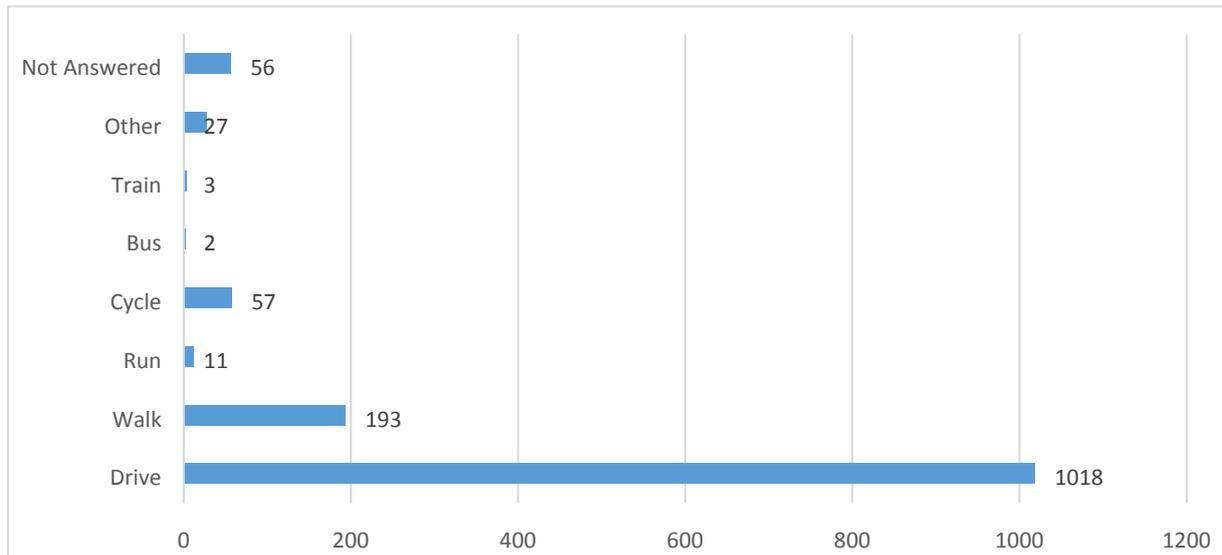


There were 59 other sites selected, of these the most popular sites specified were:

Esher Commons, Ashted, Brenmoor Heath, Ranmore, Bisley Common, Black Heath

Within this section, respondents also stated non Surrey CC sites.

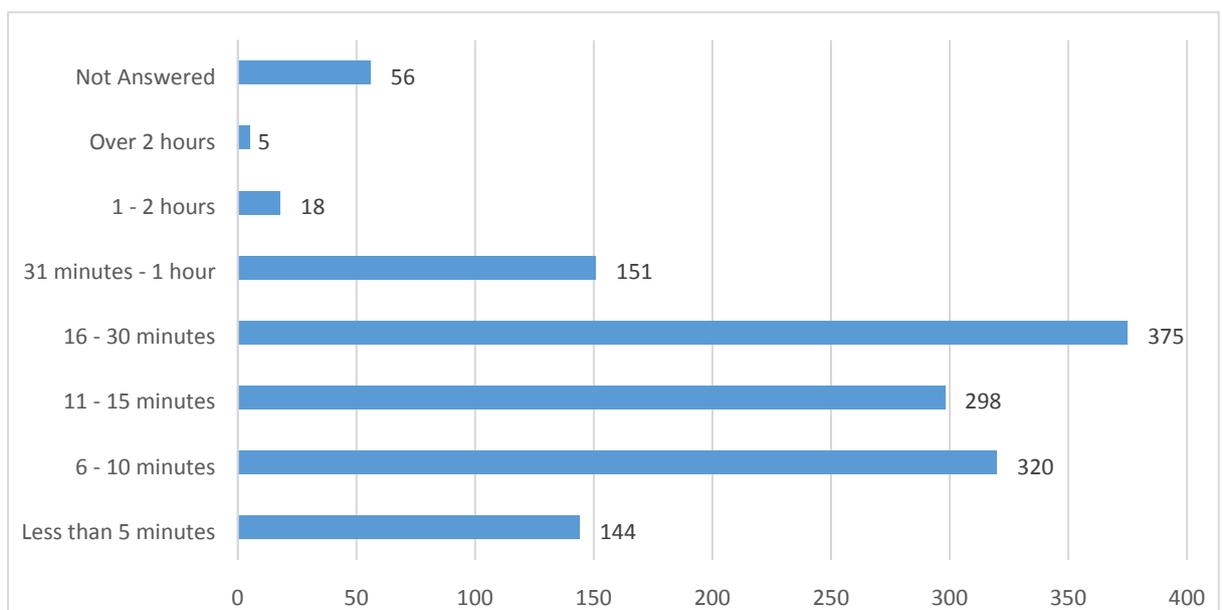
Question 2b. How do you usually get there? (Please select one answer)



There were 27 other responses:

Walk	Drive	Horse	Cycle	Car park charges barrier	Other comment	Motorbike	Public transport	Run	Live nearby	Car share
19	16	12	11	9	7	6	2	1	1	1

Question 2c. How long does it take you to travel there? (Please select one answer)

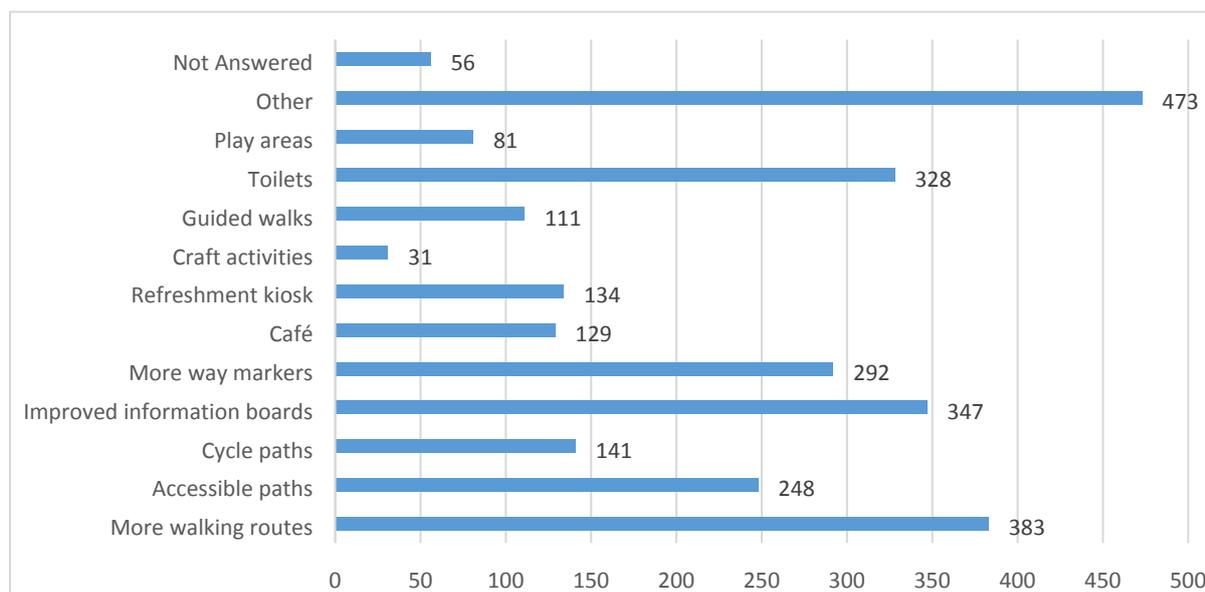


Question 2d. What would make your journey easier? (Free text box)

There were 679 responses to this question, one sample comment has been provided of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged response	Count	Sample comment
Access to the countryside should be free	190	No car parking charges.
Improve infrastructure/congestion	180	Less traffic on the road.
No improvements	166	Nothing. My journey is easy.
Improved paths/cycle ways/bridle paths	49	More bridleways.
Would like to see more public transport available	31	A bus service to access the site.
Improved parking provisions	15	more parking spaces.
Safety improvements to access countryside	15	Safe places for pedestrians to cross roads.
Comment not relevant	14	Wings.
Less cyclists	14	Less inconsiderate cyclists.
Living closer	10	If I lived closer.
Improvements to access	8	Having accessible foot paths for my wheelchair. And having the temper available at Newlands corner so I can explore properly with my family.
Change to car park charges	5	Reasonable car park charges. Currently too high.
Complaint regarding questionnaire	5	Truly odd question!
General site maintenance improvements	4	Less pot holes.
How I access the countryside depends on location	3	I like visiting numerous places, so my mode of accessing depends how far away the site is.
Improvements to prevent traveller access	3	No travellers.
Bike racks available	2	If there were cycle parking.
Would like to see improvements to signage	2	Clear signage at the entrances.
Comment regarding weather	2	Prefer not raining.
Comparison to other non SCC site	2	(Trusting that other controls are put in place to protect wildlife (e.g. like is done in lightwater country park).
Free bus ticket for 60+	1	Free bus tickets for 60 plus.
Health improvements	1	Being fitter.
Woodland management	1	Removal of trees.

Question 2e. What services would you like to see?



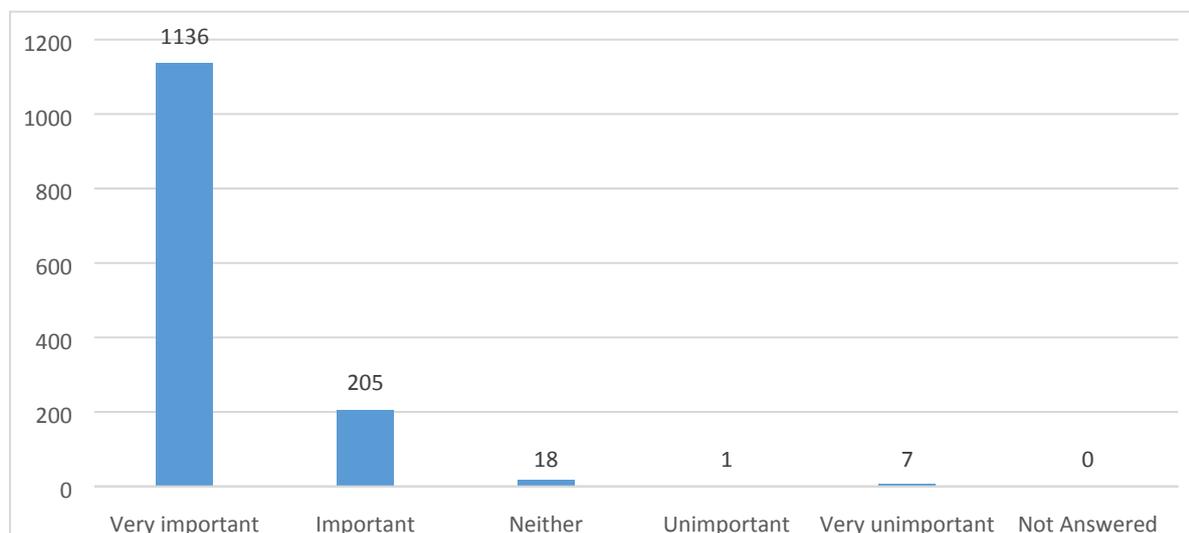
543 respondents selected other, below are the most popular choices:

None of the above	Free parking	More dog/waste bins	Keep sites Natural	Improve paths	Maintain sites	Conservation/wildlife protection	More staff at sites	Other (see below)
294	76	55	43	36	18	16	8	76

Other services specified:

Improve parking, remove signage/bollards/yellow lines, more seating, more signage, toilets, comment regarding questionnaire design, enclosed area for dogs, information boards, nature events, bird hides, café, consultation pre-determined, improve café/visitor centre, improvements to cycle paths, keep sites clean, more countryside available, security/cctv, discourage cyclists, gates, goats, guided horse rides, horse tie up areas, play areas, public transport, restrictions on professional dog walkers, traveller prevention, water for dogs.

Question 3a. How important are the SCC countryside sites to you?



Question 3b. Why do you give that score for importance? (Free text box)

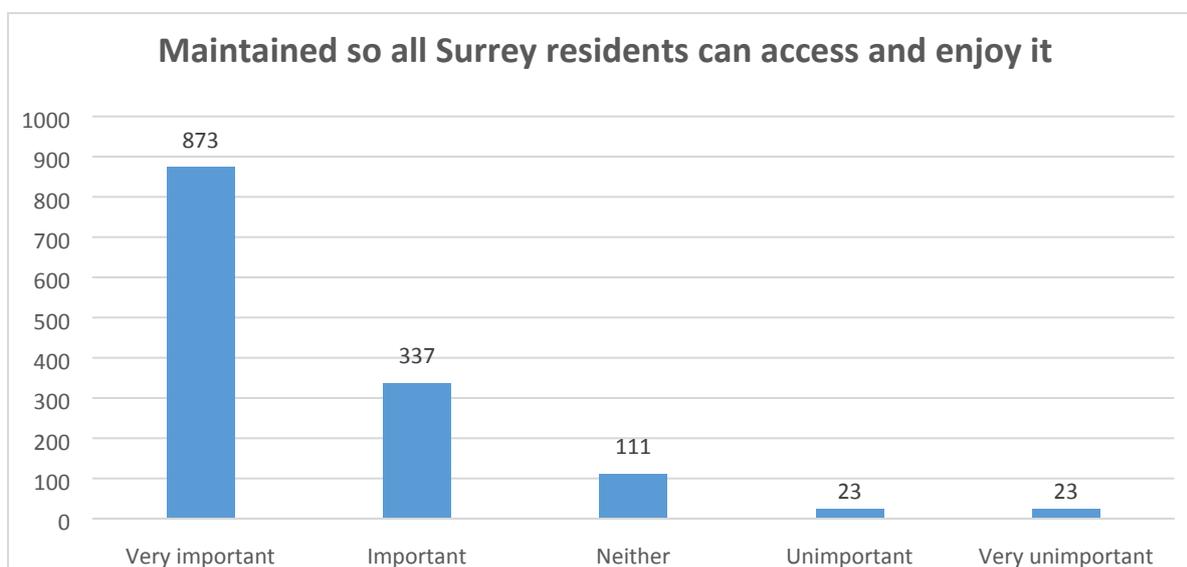
There were 1234 responses to this question, one sample comment has been provided, of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged response	No.	Sample
Value open greenspace, wildlife and habitats	598	I value our precious green spaces and the wildlife that inhabits it
Countryside sites improve health and wellbeing	430	Walking essential for good health and wellbeing both physical and mental.
Important that countryside sites protected	185	Urban areas are taking over and housing developments are increasing. Nature areas should be left as natural as possible.
Would like free access to countryside sites	143	Access should be free to encourage more people to use it.
Provides access for all	131	They provide large areas of countryside which are ideal for walking dogs, children.
Reason for living in Surrey	115	Major plus point of living in the area
Countryside sites are important for future generations	59	The countryside is a gift we must protect for future generations!
I visit the countryside for enjoyment and activities	44	Walking is one of life's great pleasures, especially in 'peaceful countryside'
Countryside sites are important for environment	35	Improvement I levels of polition
Respondents felt they were important to teach about the education of the countryside	17	Its what makes children understand more than life with playstations
Use other non SCC sites	10	I belong to National Trust and other organisations and I use there's.
Countryside sites belong to people of Surrey	9	Most of this land has been gifted to the people of Surrey
Comment not relevant	9	Chobham Fire Station is crewed by on call firefighters who have only 4 minutes to get to the station, this is impossible at certain times of the day meaning no availability..... let's hope this doesn't result in fatalities.
I Volunteer/work at sites	8	volunteer in countryside management weekly.
Improve access	5	It would be great if there were Walker only paths to protect walkers and dogs from injury from dangerous cyclists. Unfortunately the most dangerous cyclists seem to ignore signs and cycle on footpaths anyway but it might help.
I have not visited/occasionally use SCC countryside sites	4	Because i have not visited

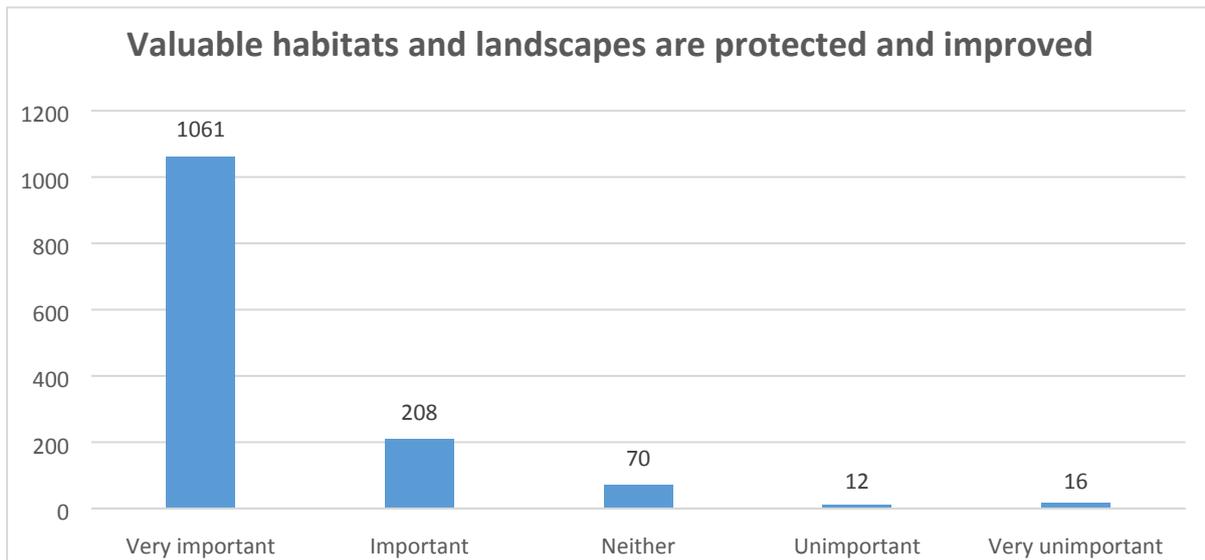
Public ownership is important	3	In public ownership are relatively safe from exploitation and the chances of appropriate management are improved.
Respondent would like to see changes to the car park charges scheme	3	At the moment not being able to use the parking machines (due to no smart phone) limits where I would go and must put a lot of people off visiting the sites.
Respondent felt consultation pre-determined	3	It would seem this survey by the council is to monetise the wild by improving "the experience" and adding human activity to the wild therefore rendering loss of habitat and purity of nature.
Countryside sites too far away	2	Too far away - lots of other sites nearer
Part of sites should be used for housing	2	Having said that I also feel strongly that we should not protect every inch of green to the detriment of progression, as it seems at the moment we cannot provide a modern place to live due to the strong feeling that nothing should ever change.
Respondent felt there were better places to visit	2	Better places to go.
Respondent expressed concern around activities taking place at site	1	You need to try and prevent some of the things that happen at these sites
Trees restrict views	1	The (unwanted) trees restrict views and are a major fire risk.
Would like to see more bins available	1	Maybe more bins for the idiots that hang plastic bags in the trees

Question 3c. How would you like to see the countryside in 25 years' time? Looking at the statements below, please select their importance to you.

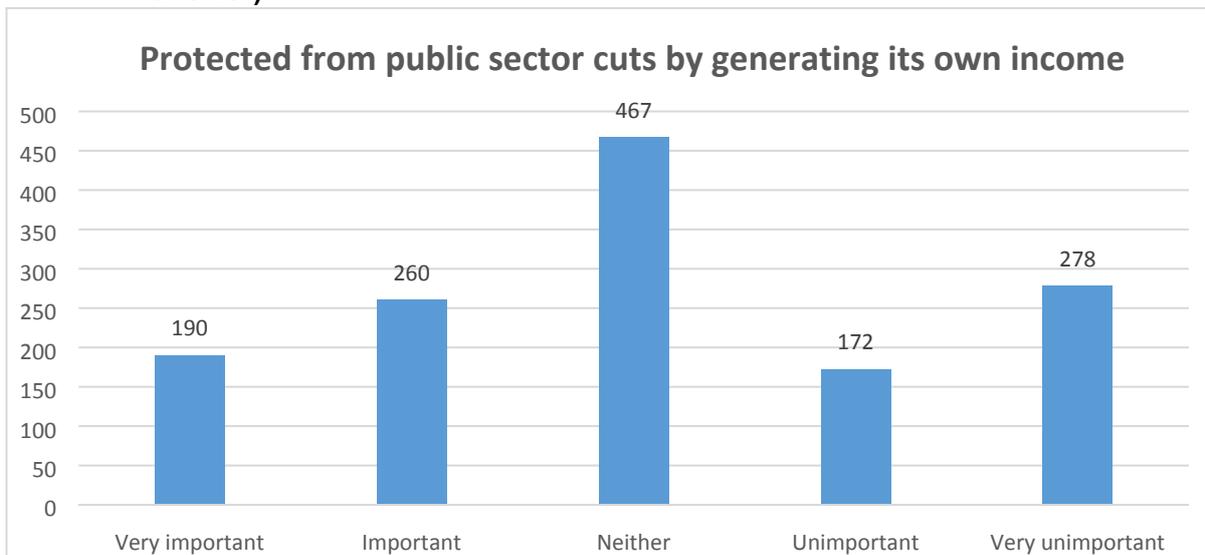
- i. Maintained so all Surrey residents can access and enjoy it: (select one answer)**



ii. Valuable habitats and landscapes are protected and improved (select one answer)



iii. Protected from public sector cuts by generating its own income (select one answer)



Question 3d. What should we do to make the sites better now: (Free text box)

1147 responses to this question, one sample comment has been provided, of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged response	Count	Sample comment
Access to the countryside should be free	406	No car parking charges.
The countryside should be protected and remain the same	323	It's natural, leave it that way.

Countryside sites should be well maintained	124	Nothing but continue the maintenance and repair to access that is currently done.
Countryside sites are valued and should be protected and maintained for wildlife, habitat and environment	96	Preventing growth of foreign species and protecting current fauna and flora.
More funding should be made available	91	Eradicate the significant inefficiencies in SCC's current spending to free up budget to maintain the lands.
Improve access to the countryside	76	Improve the condition of bridlepaths so they are suitable for horses to ride them. Or make all routes by-ways so all routes are accessible to all.
Would like to see more activities/facilities	61	Provide more facilities to attract families and children to the sites.
Change to car park charging	59	If a carpark charge has to be made then a reasonable charge could be applied not (£1.30) a hour is ridiculously expensive amount to pay.
Use more volunteer/friendship groups	58	Let a 'friends group' run the sites.
Suggestions for alternative ways for generating income	48	Create pop-up cafes to generate income (or give permission to the people who are actually doing the maintenance to have cafe's or coffee trucks on site to generate their own funding).
Would like to see more bins/ dog waste bins	44	More dog poo bins.
Complaint regarding questionnaire	43	SCC also needs to engage rather than enforce, consultations need to be that!
Countryside sites should be managed differently	36	As per other countryside sites hand them over to a Trust who will raise funds to keep them in better order.
Improve advertising to engage and encourage more to visit	34	Encourage more people to use them!
Access to the countryside is important for health and wellbeing	32	They are essential for the well-being of the residents.
Improve education of countryside sites	32	There could be more school outings.
Would like to see more staff presence at sites	30	Just needs the park rangers reinstated- a tiny cost to SCC on the grand scale of things.
Would like to see improvements to signage	29	Improved signage, way marking and noticeboards.
Public access should be reduced	19	Stop overuse/incorrect use of the sites and prevent damage to the area.
Comment not relevant	18	Councillor Goodman could resign.
Improvements to management of dog walkers	16	Control dogs and dog excrement.
Comments relating to woodland management	14	Get rid of all the silver birch

Improvements to prevent traveller access	14	Make them less accessible to travelling gypsies.
Minimal maintenance is all that is required	13	The local natural habitats have for generations looked after themselves as they're thousands of acres that are not accessed by people or dogs or horses. Therefore there is no need for any intervention by SCC
Support car park charges	11	Make as self supporting as possible through car park charges
Comparison to other non SCC site	10	Let us come in for a stroll without trying to turn it into a park like Virginia Water.
Concerns around land being sold	9	Do not worry local people by threatening to sell off the land and develop it.
Joined up approach with other landowners	9	Work closely with the NT to provide a joined up approach to the countryside in the area.
Improvements needed to prevent fly-tipping	8	Track and prosecute those who would litter or flytip on these beautiful sites.
Listen to public	8	Use local groups and Facebook type polls for any key / large expenditure to get local opinion.
Would like to see more public transport available	8	I agree that people should be deterred from driving, but that means that public transport links have to be excellent and provide a service which can replace cars, which the current system absolutely does not.
Legislate against off road driving	7	Stop motorbikes and 4-wheel drive vehicles using our lanes and paths.
Support council tax increase	7	Suggest you bite the bullet and put council tax up.
Would like to see more countryside made available	7	EXPAND - and add more!
Concerns around displacement parking	6	People are parking on verges which ruins sites.
Noticeboards/ Signage should be removed from countryside sites	6	Get rid of intrusive and non-essential clutter such as notice boards, extra waymarking signs, etc.
No suggestion made	6	I dont know
Improvements to management of cyclists	5	Provide an effective ban on dangerous cyclists
Concerns around activities taking place at countryside site	4	I stopped going to Ockham Common because of the shameful goings on that happen there
Improvements needed to congestion/ infrastructure	4	When determining strategic road/transport development, take into consideration improveing access to the sites (including foot, cycle, horseriding and motor vehicle) and possible road bypass measures. For example, the Hindhead tunnel has made a fundamental improvement to the enjoyment of 'The Devil's Puinch Boel' area.
The council should be open and transparent	3	Be honest and say how bad the financial state of the council is in.
Security improvements needed	3	Improve security features.

Countryside sites important for climate control/flood management	2	As well as natural flood management and climate change mitigation.
Improvements should be made before charging	2	SCC should honour its promises and improve toilet facilities at Newlands Corner.
The council should campaign to remain in EU	1	Campaign to stay in the EU.
Support building housing on countryside	1	Build houses.
Would like to see more viewpoints	1	I'm thinking mainly of Norbury Park. Open up a few more viewpoints (but not too many).

Question 3e. How do you see the sites in the future: (Free text box)

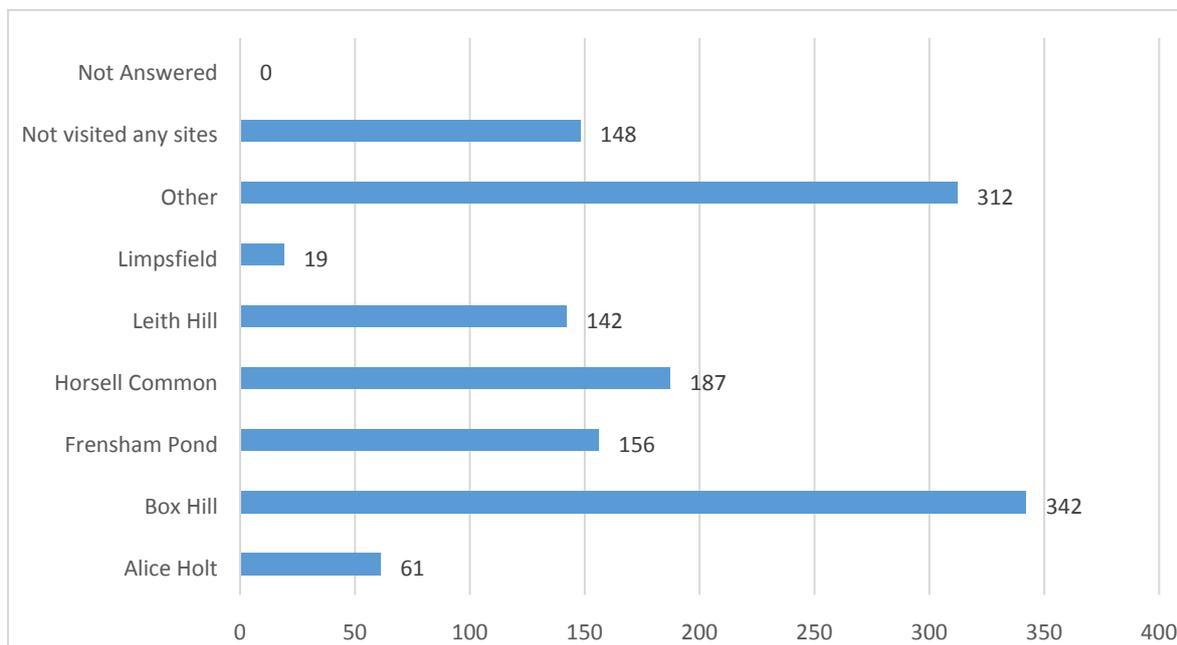
There were 1090 responses to this question, one sample comment has been provided of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged comment	Count	Sample comment
The countryside should be protected and remain the same	398	It should be a natural area as free as possible from any urbanisation.
Concerned around future of countryside	169	If the SCC has their way, covered in tarmac and houses.
Access to the countryside should be free	167	Free of parking charges.
Countryside sites should be well maintained	133	I WANT to see the parks maintained and looked after in the future.
Countryside sites are valued should be protected and maintained for wildlife, habitat and environment	117	I think that these countryside spaces need to be managed with as little interference as possible of natural habitats so that wildlife can continue to thrive.
Concern that sites will become empty/ inaccessible	88	If the present trend is followed inaccessible.
Concern that sites will have deteriorated	67	Ruined probably.
More funding should be made available	48	Should be funded by the Council without putting a charge on them by use of parking charges.
Important for future generations	32	Protected for future generations to enjoy.
Comment not relevant	30	Next elections cannot come soon enough.
Important for health and wellbeing	30	We have the most fantastic free facility on our doorstep which improves our fitness, encourages sociability, allows us to enjoy nature - all things which we need to improve the population's physical and mental health.
Countryside sites continue to be a vital resource	29	Invaluable resources for the public as open spaces
Countryside sites should be managed differently	19	Why can't you pass them/sell them to the National Trust to manage?

Would like to see more activities/facilities	19	Appropriate facilities such as refreshment kiosks, toilets, low key interpretation o major sites (Chobham, Whitmoor, Norbury).
Improve access	18	Easier access without a car and even some lanes without vehicle access at times.
Use more volunteer/friendship groups	17	Encouraging volunteer groups to support maintenance.
Alternative ways of generating income	15	Perhaps SSC should be investing in (chargeable) clubs for children (forest clubs) and grown-ups to install enjoyment of the countryside and this way of keeping active instead of an indoor gym.
Improve education of sites	14	It is also essential that the right information be given to the public in order for people to understand that the countryside doesn't stay as it is without careful management, e.g. that scrub would naturally takeover the downs and they would eventually be covered in woodland. In other words, most of our 'natural' countryside has become as it is through human activity.
More countryside available	13	I would hope that the number of sites would increase.
Countryside sites will be busier	11	More footfall as population increases.
Minimal maintenance is all that is required	10	Just as nature intended with minimal maintenance.
Public access should be reduced	10	I don't think you should advertise or encourage more people to use them.
Complaint regarding questionnaire	9	I mean seriously, this question is pathetic.
Comments relating to woodland management	9	Woodland management, such as harvesting hazel is a reasonable approach.
Joined up working with landowners	9	Part of a network of well managed habitats providing corridors for wildlife to thrive, with all landowners working together to ensure this happens.
Comparison to another non SCC site	8	As an example, where i live in Bletchingley it appears that the grass verges are now not being trimmed as often which allows plants, grasses and flowers to flourish that otherwise don't.
The council should encourage more to use	8	Opened up as much as possible for everyone to use. I can go to Norbury Park and never see anyone - sometimes I don't think people realise what is on their doorstep.

Would like to see improvements to signage	8	Clear information boards at principal access points.
Change to car park charges	7	If parking fees are introduced all over, the people that use them will not use them as often, as the fees are unreasonably extortionate. If they were reasonable, folk wouldn't mind contributing towards the maintenance.
Support car park charges	7	I would prefer to contribute by paying for parking.
Would like to see more bins/dog waste bins	5	Make everyone aware of how important it is to maintain it be keeping it clean and tidy. Also provide more dog poo bins.
Would like to see more public transport available	4	Accessed by public transport to limit private cars intruding and polluting.
Would like to see more staff presence at sites	4	Reinstate the money for rangers for the SWT. They were doing a great job in managing the sites.
Concern of CRC closure impact on fly tipping	3	Becoming a dumping ground for fly tippers.
No suggestion made	3	I have no idea.
Would like to see grazing	3	Allow controlled grazing (goats sheep cattle) to control vegetation.
Concern regarding displacement parking	2	Will encourage visitors to park where they shouldn't and result in access difficulties and potential accidents.
Improvements to prevent traveller access	1	At increasing risk from so-called travellers.
Support council tax increase	1	Council Tax should increase if necessary to pay for this if central Government cuts require this. Tax adds value to a society. It does not take away from the public good.
Vehicle access should be restricted	1	I would not like to see vehicle access to the interior of Norbury Park.

Question 4a. Which one non SCC site have you visited most in the last 12 months: (select one answer)



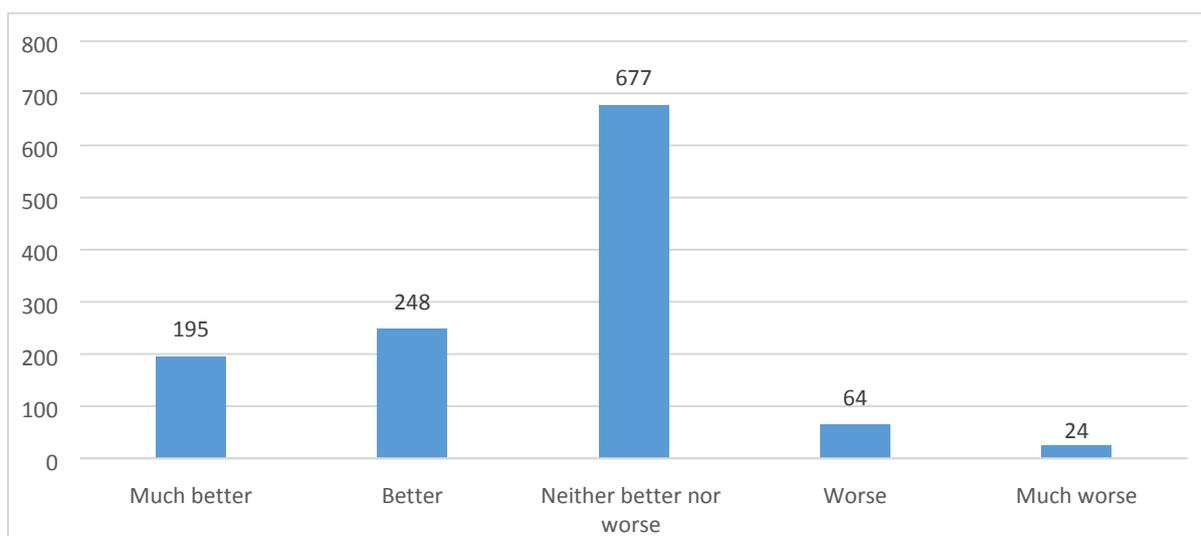
There were 177 other sites selected, the most popular other site selected were:

Polesden Lacey, Bookham Common, Ranmore, Winkworth Arboretum, Leith Hill, Lightwater Country Park, Norbury Park, Ashted Common, Newlands Corner, Thursley Common

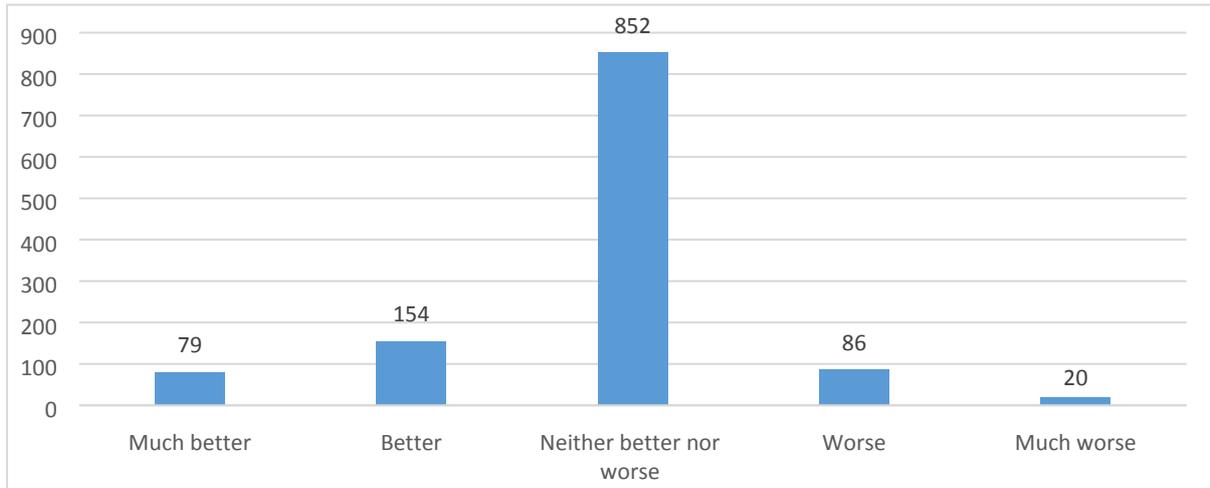
Within this section, respondents also stated Surrey County Council sites.

Question 4b. How does the above site selected compare in terms of the following (please select one answer)

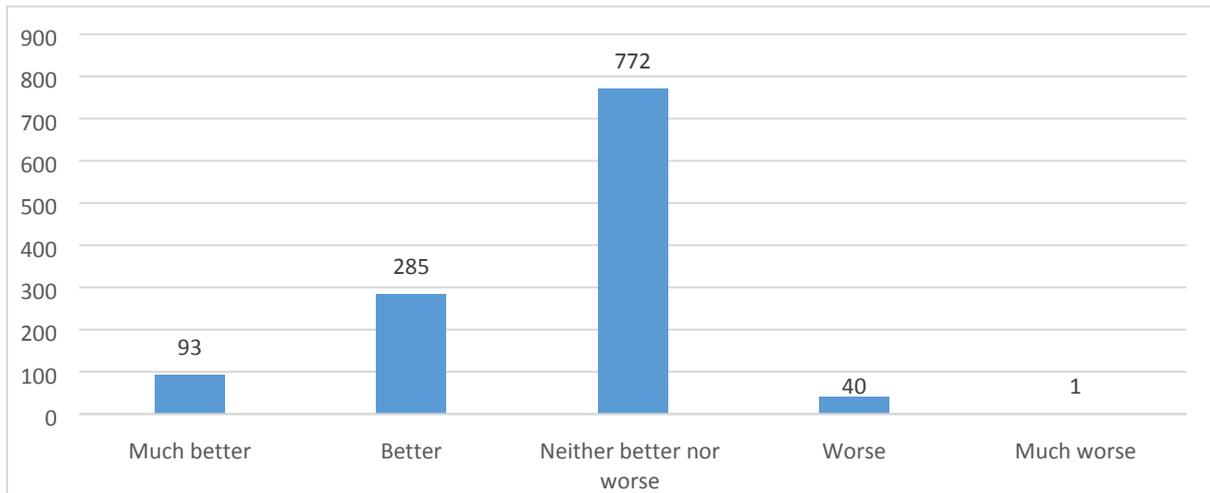
i. Car parking



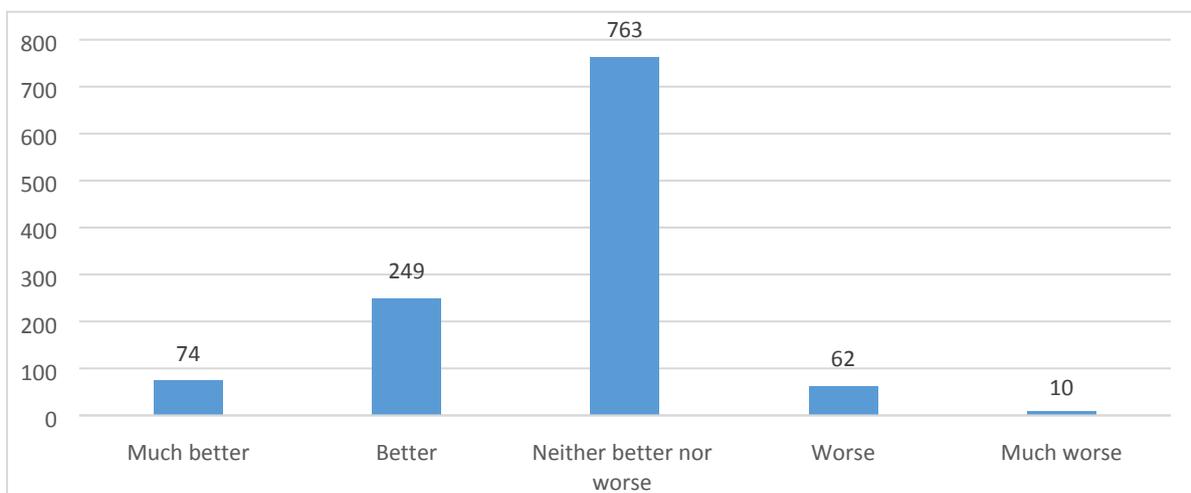
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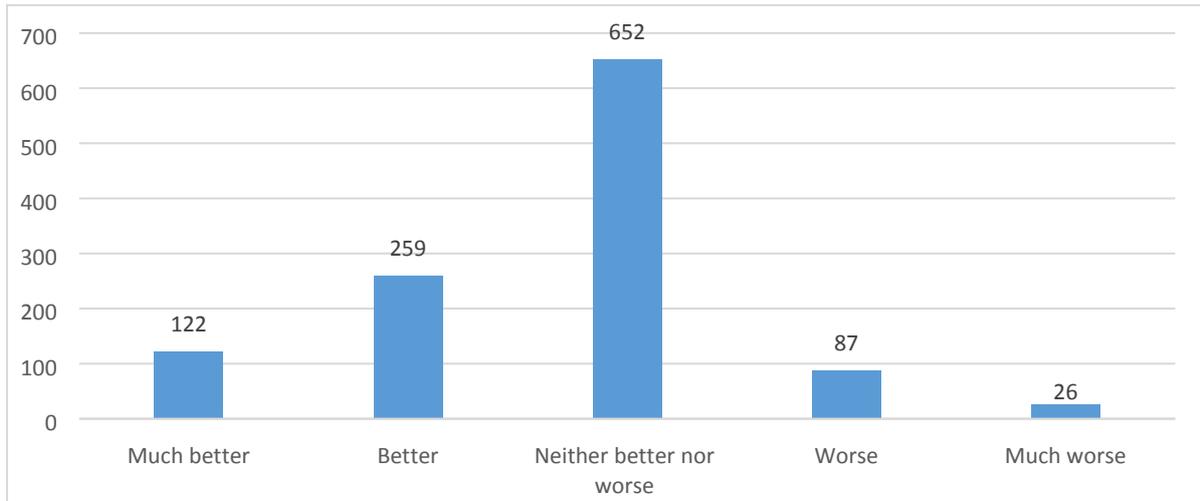
iii. Footpaths



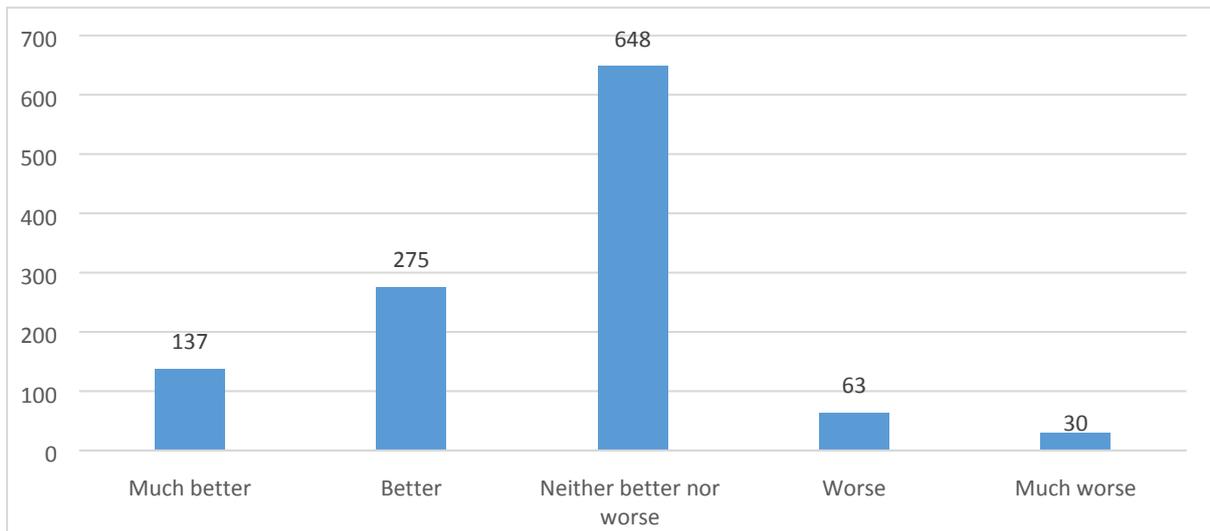
iv. Guided trails



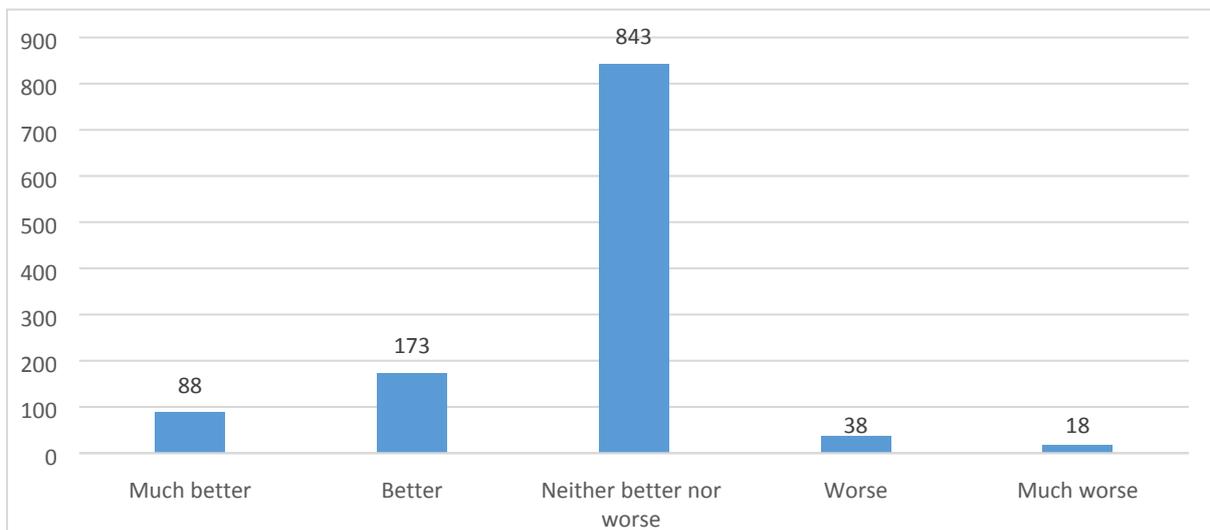
v. Toilets



vi. Refreshments



vii. Activities



Question 5. Do you have any other comments on the future of the SCC's countryside sites? (Free text box)

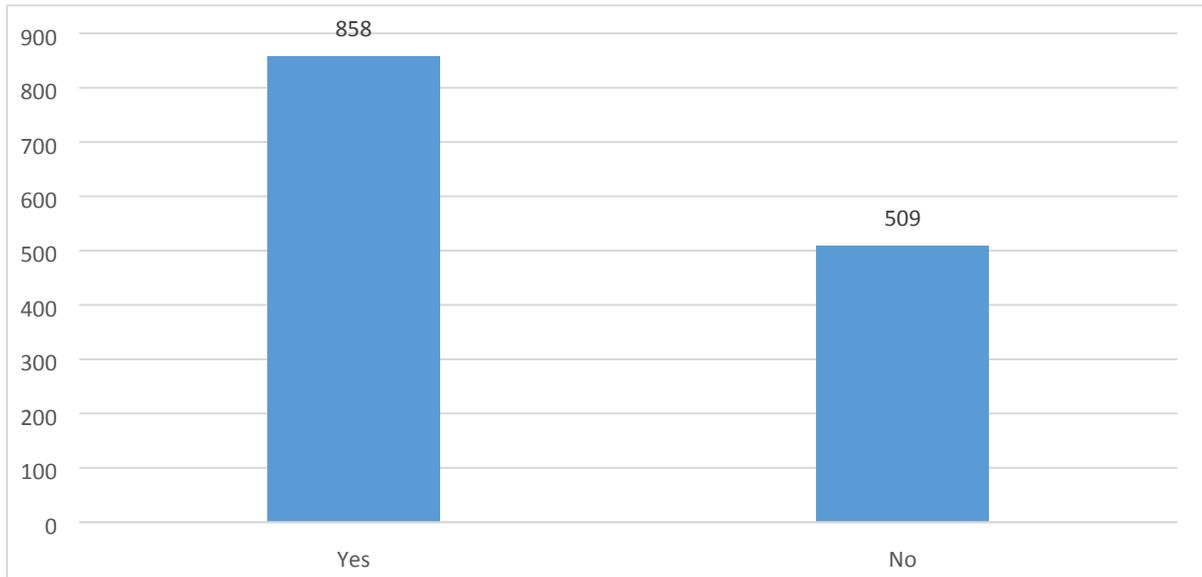
There were 915 responses to this question, one sample comment has been provided, of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged response	Count	Sample comment
The countryside should be protected and remain the same	292	Please don't consider income generating schemes on these sites. They will be incongruous and damaging at worst, and at best they are likely to be bodged (like the Chobham common parking scheme).
Access to the countryside should be free	279	There should be free parking for everyone to enjoy the countryside. The parking fees are unacceptable.
Countryside sites are valued and should be protected and maintained for wildlife, habitat and environment	95	The fundamental value of countryside and the habitats within it, rather than simply as a playground for people, needs to be better appreciated. It costs comparatively little to manage habitats and maintaining biodiversity is vital.
Comparison to another non SCC site	57	I dont want to compare these sites to the likes of virgina water or Alice holts. Places like Chobham common were perfect for dog walks in the wild, 5 minutes round the corner from my home and ideal for local exercise in untouched and unspoilt countryside. You've completely ruined that for me, my family and many others. I don't care if you place Disneyland in the middle of Chobham common.
Complaint regarding consultation	55	I also find this survey very leading and reinforcing of your own plans and ideas which is not the purpose of public survey. This is public money being spent for political purposes.
More funding should be made available	54	I pay my council tax and expect the council to invest that appropriately in the countryside to maintain it for everyone. I don't expect to be taxed again at point of use through parking fees.
Change to car park charging	49	At least give local resident free permits and just charge business dog walkers or visitors who are not residents of Surrey.
Important for health and wellbeing	48	There is evidence that green space improves mental health, for example Barton and Pretty's research (2010) concluded that access to green space improved mood and self-esteem (both indicators of mental health). The Government is keen to improve public health and 'wants everyone to be able to make healthier choices, regardless of their circumstance' (gov website, July, 2018).
Concerned around future of countryside	42	With SCC's and the Government's current policies and plans the future for the

		countryside looks very bleak not just in Surrey but everywhere.
Important for future generations	42	As I now approach retirement I would like to think that should I be fortunate enough to have grandchildren I could share the same experience with them in the years to come.
Countryside sites should be well maintained	41	SCC has a statutory obligation to maintain the Commons and that is what it should do. The commons need to maintain their SSI status.
Improve advertising to engage and encourage more to visit	33	There needs to be a better understanding among the general public that land maintenance is not free and leaving the land without maintenance endangers its balance.
Countryside sites should be managed differently	29	Have a strategic partnership to run them with the National Trust.
Use more volunteer/friendship groups	28	I would like to see more support and recognition of the work done by volunteers and volunteer groups - especially those who are entirely volunteer groups and largely self-funded.
Alternate income generating ideas	22	Generate income by events and rent for cafes etc.
Would like to see more activities/facilities	19	If cafes were introduced at sites I feel these would generate more income than the car parking alone and attract more visitors.
Comment not relevant	16	Why would I bother?
Listen to public	12	Please, listen to the local population complain, if you do a consultation at least listen to it and then try not to do the exact opposite like last time.
Improve support to SWT	11	Money from council tax should be ring-fenced to support SWT and allow them to protect the countryside in the way they used to be able to do.
Support car park charging	10	I consider it reasonable for the public to make a contribution to the cost of upkeep as is the case with land managed by other organisations such as the National Trust.
Minimal maintenance is all that is required	9	With a minimum of intervention.
Public access should be reduced	8	Please discourage use of sites of special value and focus encouragement on other sites such as parks.
Support increase council tax	8	I'd rather pay more Council Tax.
The council should be open and transparent	6	I would suggest that there is a need to be open and transparent when you have stakeholders who are impacted by your decisions (this survey is a commendable start).

Would like to see more countryside made available	6	They are precious and we should be doing more to expand and protect them from council income.
Would like to see more staff presence at sites	6	Allow them to reemploy rangers for their sites, the sites have suffered without designated rangers. The rangers had built up years of experience and knowledge of the sites, which was discarded in exchange for making the sites management centralised and less personal.
Improve access	5	The SCC/SWT policy of installing height barriers on car parks denies access to many bridleways and open countryside to a sizable section community who could otherwise access it by trailer or horse box.
Support income generation	5	Extremely valuable assets - worth long term investment and would support income generation.
Improvements needed to congestion/ infrastructure	4	Spend your money on repairing our roads.
Improvements to management of dog walkers	3	I will repeat the need to manage dog walkers better especially commercial ones.
More information required to comment	3	Without being given firm and accurate financial information on management and income figures, it is not possible for users to make sensible and valid suggestions. Withholding such information does not engender confidence in the interests of the community being of any serious interest.
Improvements should be made before charging	2	Improve the facilities then add charges, don't charge people to go outside on the common.
Improvements to prevent traveller access	2	Getting rid of the travellers by making it illegal to dump their vans on any land they deem fit, as the have done in Ireland.
Support housing	2	The need for housing is much more important.
Would like to see more bins/ dog waste bins	2	More dog waste bins.
Would like to see more public transport available	2	I think that vision needs to incorporate how people will reach the countryside by means of public transport.
Concerns around activities at site	1	Neither is the unsuitable/antisocial behaviours on Wisley and Ockham Common.

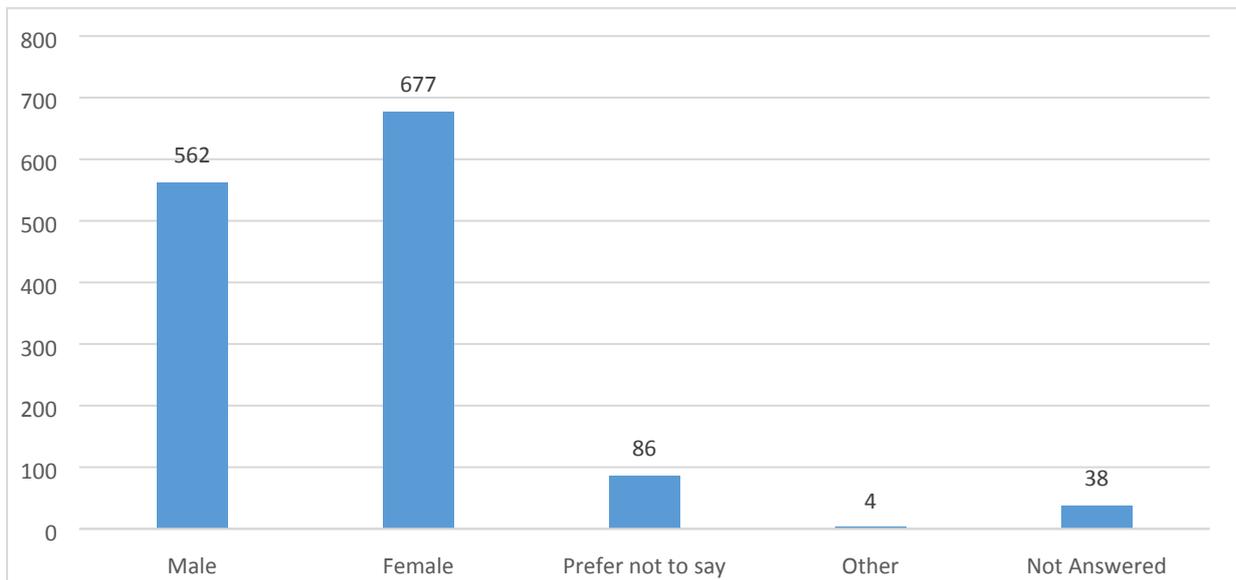
Question 6: Would you like to continue receiving updates of the strategy? (Select one answer)



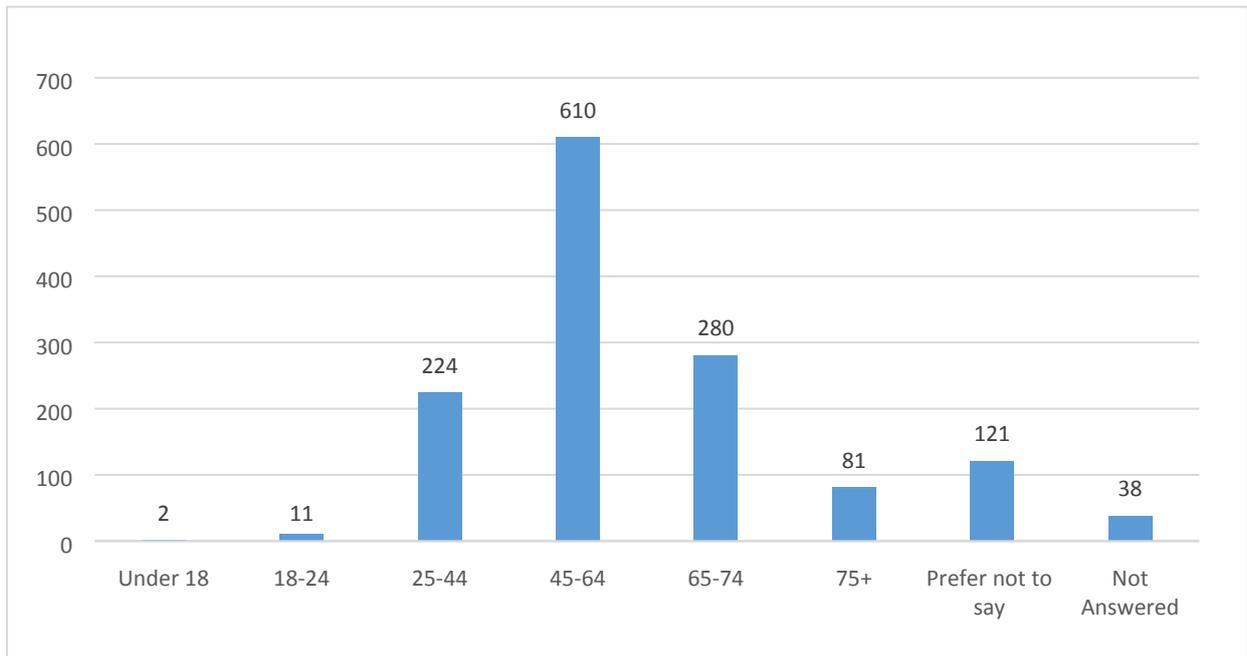
Question 6b. Free text box for email address

There were 861 responses as part of this question

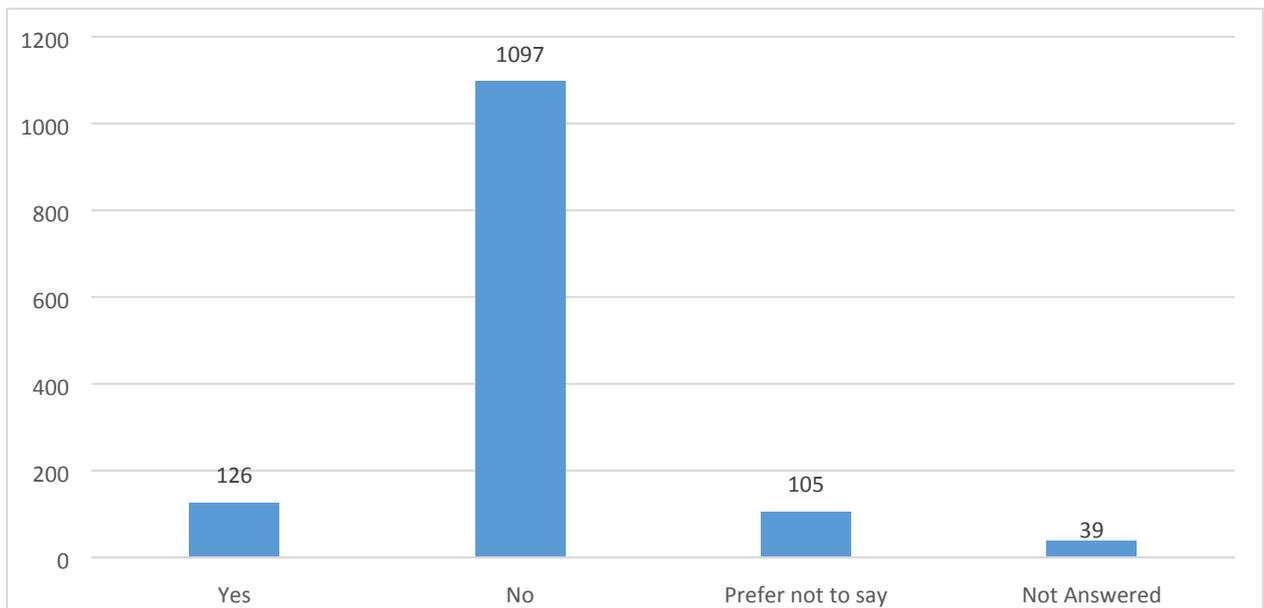
Question 7b. What is your gender?



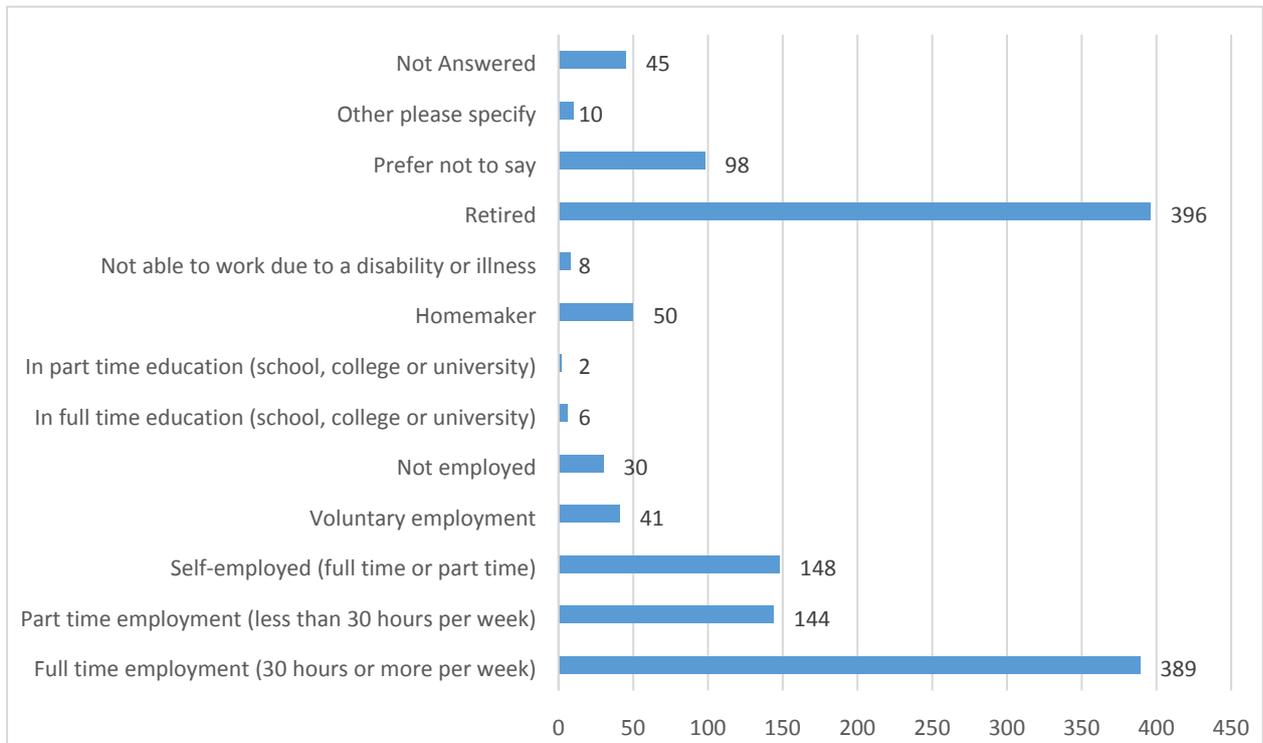
Question 7c. What is your age?



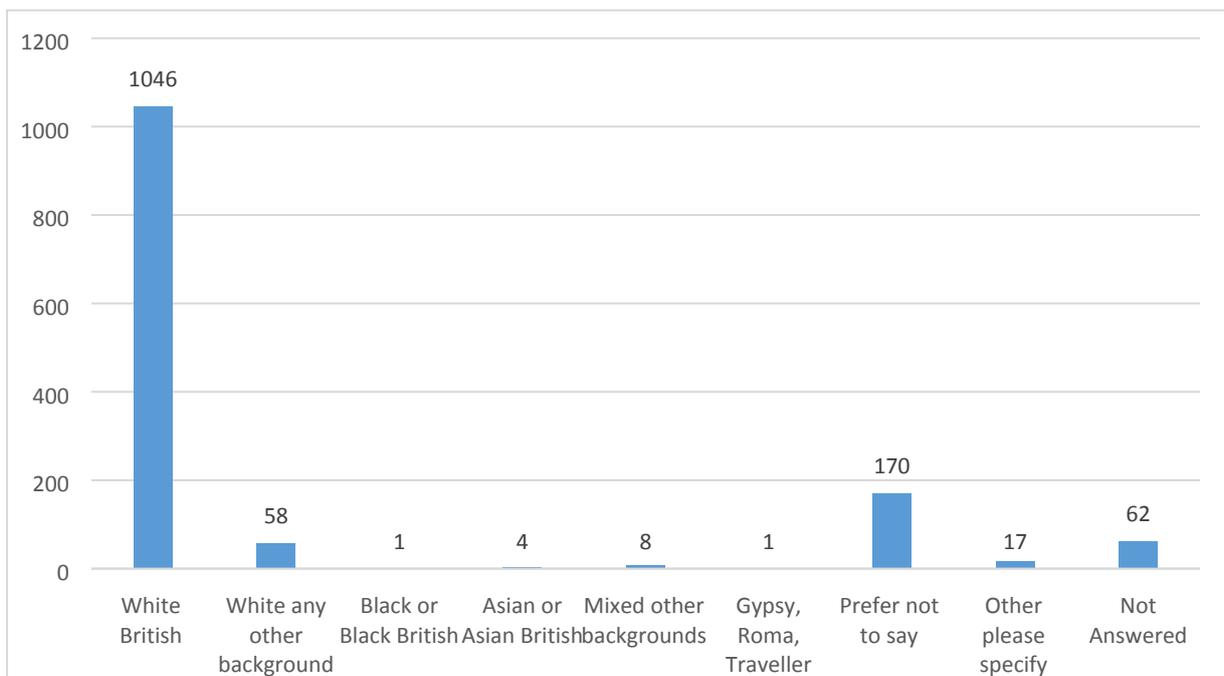
Question 7d. Do you consider yourself to have a disability or longstanding condition which affects how you live your life?



Question 7e. Which of the following categories do you feel best describes your employment status?



Question 7f. Which of the following categories best describes your ethnicity?



Question 7a. Please enter your postcode below: (free text box)

Postcode area	Count	Area
GU24	93	Woking, Chobham, Bisley, Pirbright, Brookwood, Donkey Town, Surrey, West End, Normandy, West End
GU20	69	Windlesham, Bagshot, Chobham, Sunningdale, Winkfield Row
KT22	65	Leatherhead, Oxshott, Fetcham, Ashtead, Great Bookham
GU21	61	Woking, Knaphill, Sheerwater
KT23	56	Great Bookham, Effingham, Surrey
GU1	54	Guildford
RH4	50	Dorking, Brockham, Wotton, Westcott
GU2	47	Guildford
RH5	44	Dorking, Shere, Great Bookham, Ockley, Abinger Hammer, Effingham, Surrey, Ranmore Common, Newdigate, Capel, Holmbury St Mary, Friday Street, Beare Green, Westhumble, Walliswood, Abinger, Abinger Common, Abinger, Sutton Abinger, Abinger, Russ Hill, Holmbury Saint Mary, Shere, Wotton, Oakwoodhill, Abinger, Coldharbour, Mickleham, Mickleham, Jayes Park, Ockley, Leith Hill, Wotton, Forest Green, Abinger, Parkgate, South Holmwood, South Holmwood, Holmwood, South Holmwood
GU7	41	Godalming, Shalford, Eashing, Hurtmore
GU18	37	Lightwater
GU22	35	Woking, West Byfleet, Brookwood, Pyrford, Send, Send, Mayford, Ripley
GU15	34	Camberley
KT21	34	Ashtead, Epsom
GU23	31	Ripley, Woking, Send, Send, West Clandon, Wisley, Ockham, Ockham, Send Marsh, Bridge End, Ockham
GU4	31	Guildford, Woking, Shalford, West Clandon, Chilworth, Albury, West Horsley, East Clandon, Sutton Green, Surrey, Jacobs Well, Surrey, Blackheath
GU3	29	Guildford, Normandy, Compton, Woking, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Puttenham, Fairlands, Wood Street Village, Wanborough, Artington, Artington
KT24	27	Shere, East Horsley, Effingham, Surrey, West Horsley, Ripley
GU5	25	Shere, Bramley, Gomshall, Shalford, Peaslake, Albury, Shamley Green, Womersley, Farley Green, Surrey, Stroud Common, Thorncombe Street, Palmers Cross, Grafham, Burrows Cross, Shere
GU8	21	Chiddingfold, Milford, Elstead, Dunsfold, Witley, Plaistow and Ifold, Shackleford, Hydestile, Hambledon, Hambledon, Pitch Place, Thursley, Bowlhead Green, Thursley, Enton, Loxhill, Thursley, Thursley, Busbridge, Busbridge, Wormley, Surrey,

		Sandhills, Surrey, Brook, Surrey, Peper Harow, Highstreet Green, Enton Green, Hascombe, Hascombe
KT14	20	West Byfleet, Byfleet, Woking, Weybridge
RH1	20	Redhill, Merstham, Nutfield, Surrey, Bletchingley, Salfords, South Nutfield, Whitebushes, Outwood
GU6	19	Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Alfold, Alfold Crossways, Ewhurst Green, Ewhurst
KT11	17	Cobham, Oxshott, Hersham, East Horsley, Great Bookham, Fetcham, Stoke d'Abernon, Downside, Martyr's Green, Ockham
KT12	17	Walton-on-Thames, Hersham, Weybridge, West Molesey, Molesey
KT15	17	Addlestone, Woking, Weybridge, Chertsey, Ottershaw
KT18	16	Epsom, Leatherhead, Ashted, Headley
KT16	15	Chertsey, Ottershaw, Addlestone, Chobham, Longcross, Lyne,
GU16	14	Camberley, Frimley, Pirbright, Deepcut, Frimley Green, Mytchett
KT13	14	Weybridge, Addlestone
KT20	13	Epsom, Banstead, Tadworth, Walton-on-the-Hill, Buckland, Pebble Coombe, Lower Kingswood, Box Hill, Mogador, Surrey, The Hermitage
RH8	13	Oxted, Limpsfield, Crowhurst Lane End, Tandridge, Surrey, Titsey, Tandridge, Tandridge, Surrey, Limpsfield Chart
KT10	11	Esher, Claygate, Oxshott
GU25	10	Virginia Water, Chobham, Lyne, Surrey, Stroude
GU9	10	Farnham, Badshot Lea, Runfold
KT19	10	Epsom, Ewell
GU19	9	Bagshot
RH2	9	Reigate, Reigate Heath, Sidlow, Buckland, Irons Bottom, Leigh, Leigh
RH6	9	Horley, Burstow, Crawley, Copthorne, Charlwood, Norwood Hill, Horne, Horne, Surrey, Shipley Bridge, Wrays, Burstow
CR3	8	Caterham, Woldingham, Coulsdon, Warlingham, Kenley, Whyteleafe, Bletchingley, Chaldon
GU10	8	Farnham, Churt, Frensham, Tilford, Tongham, Crondall, Wrecclesham, Rowledge, Ewshot, Runfold, Bucks Horn Oak, Dippenhall, Spreakley, Shortfield Common, Batt's Corner, Bentley, Charleshill, The Sands, Millbridge, Headley, Holt Pound, Rushmoor, Surrey, Dockenfield, Seale
KT8	8	West Molesey, Molesey, Walton-on-Thames, Hampton, London, Esher, Hampton Wick, Molesey
TW20	8	Egham, Englefield Green, Staines, Chertsey, Thorpe
GU12	7	Aldershot, Ash Vale, Tongham, Ash, Normandy
RH3	7	Betchworth, Brockham, Buckland

TW17	7	Shepperton, Upper Halliford, Littleton, Spelthorne, Lower Halliford
TW18	7	Staines, Stanwell, Egham Hythe
SL5	6	Sunningdale, Ascot, Windlesham, Chobham, Sunninghill, Winkfield Row, South Ascot, Chavey Down, Cheapside
SM7	6	Banstead, Epsom, Sutton
TW16	6	Sunbury-on-Thames, Feltham, Walton-on-Thames, Hampton, London
KT17	5	Epsom, Ewell, Banstead, Sutton
KT4	5	Worcester Park
GU14	4	Farnborough
KT6	4	Surbiton, Tolworth, part of Long Ditton, Seething Wells
KT9	4	Chessington, Esher, Claygate, Malden Rushett
RH9	4	Godstone, Woldingham, Bletchingley, South Godstone
GU27	3	Haslemere, Chiddingfold, Fernhurst, Easebourne, Grayswood, Linchmere, Kingsley Green, Henley, Easebourne
SM2	3	Sutton, Epsom, Banstead, Ewell
SM5	3	Carshalton, Sutton, Coulsdon, Banstead
CR0	2	Croydon, Addiscombe, Woodside (part), Selhurst, Broad Green, Spring Park, Shirley, Addington, New Addington, Coombe, Forestdale, Waddon, Beddington, Thornton Heath (part)
CR5	2	Coulsdon, Chipstead, Banstead, Old Coulsdon, Hooley, Mugswell
CR6	2	Warlingham, Farleigh, Hamsey Green, Chelsham
GU26	2	Hindhead, Grayshott, Beacon Hill, Headley, Bramshott Common
GU35	2	Bordon, Headley, Headley Down, Lindford, Oakhanger, Kingsley, Arford, Whitehill
KT3	2	New Malden, Morden
SW15	2	Putney, Roehampton, Kingston Vale, Putney Heath, Putney Vale, Richmond Park, Roehampton Vale
TW15	2	Ashford, Feltham, Staines, Stanwell, Ashford Common
CE3	1	Invalid postcode
CM8	1	Witham
CR2	1	Croydon
DN22	1	Ranskill, Retford
EX5	1	Bradninch, Broadclyst, Cadbury, Clyst Honiton, Clyst St. Mary, Cranbrook, Newton St. Cyres, Silverton, Talaton, Whimble, Woodbury
GU11	1	Aldershot
GU28	1	Petworth, Graffham, Northchapel, Byworth, Lodsworth
GU29	1	Midhurst, Cocking, Easebourne
GU51	1	Fleet, Church Crookham, Crookham Village

KT1	1	Kingston upon Thames, Molesey, Hampton Wick, Molesey
KT2	1	Kingston upon Thames, New Malden
KT5	1	Surbiton, Kingston upon Thames, New Malden, Chessington, Worcester Park
KT7	1	Thames Ditton, Molesey, Esher, Long Ditton, Molesey
NN3	1	Abington (East), Bellinge, Blackthorn, Boothville, Ecton Brook, Great Billing, Headlands, Kingsley Park, Lings, Little Billing, Moulton, Moulton Park, Rectory Farm, Round Spinney, Southfields, Spinney Hill, Standens Barn, Weston Favell
OX29	1	Barnard Gate, Brighthampton, Church Hanborough, Combe, Crawley, Curbridge, Ducklington, Eynsham, Freeland, Hailey, Hardwick, High Cogges, Long Hanborough, New Yatt, Newbridge, North Leigh, East End (North Leigh), Old Shifford, Shifford, Standlake, Stanton Harcourt, Stonesfield, Sutton, Yelford
PO20	1	Selsey, West Wittering, East Wittering, Tangmere, Oving, Westergate, Eastergate
RG12	1	Bracknell, Binfield, Winkfield Row
RG42	1	Bracknell, Binfield, Warfield, Winkfield Row, Hawthorn Hill, Berkshire, Popeswood
RH17	1	Ansty, Ardingly, Balcombe, Bolney, Chelwood Gate, Cuckfield, Danehill, Handcross, Hickstead, Horsted Keynes, Wivelsfield, Wivelsfield Green
RH19	1	East Grinstead
SW18	1	Wandsworth Town, Southfields, Earlsfield
SW19	1	London
TN8	1	Crockham Hill, Edenbridge
TW9	1	Richmond, Kew, North Sheen
UB4	1	Hayes
RH7	1	Dormansland, South Godstone, Lingfield, Felbridge, Newchapel, Surrey, Felcourt, Crowhurst, Crowhurst, Surrey
SM1	1	Sutton
AA1	1	Invalid

4. Appendix B: Site specific tagged responses

This report shows the tagging by six different sites, the counts are based on the site that respondents said they visited most often.

Table 3: Responses by question

	Overall	Chobham Common	Newlands Corner	Norbury Park	Wisley & Ockham Common	Puttenham	Sheepleas
What would make your journey easier?	679	167	126	98	60	29	17
Why do you give that score for importance?	1234	278	235	197	93	53	30
What should we do to make the sites better now?	1147	269	219	183	89	47	29
How do you see the sites in the future?	1090	252	211	170	80	47	28
Do you have any other comments on the future of the SCC's countryside sites?	915	226	176	139	69	39	27

The table above shows the number of responses per question for each site further analysis was completed on.

Question 2d. What would make your journey easier? (Free text box)

One sample comment has been provided of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged response	Overall	Chobham Common	Newlands Corner	Norbury Park	Wisley & Ockham Common	Puttenham	Sheepleas	Sample comment
Access to the countryside should be free	190	77	44	31	10	0	3	No car parking charges.
Improve infrastructure/congestion	180	34	40	22	19	12	4	Less traffic on the road.
No improvements	166	36	19	25	17	12	5	Nothing. My journey is easy.
Improved paths/cycle ways/bridle paths	49	14	6	6	4	1	2	More bridleways.
Would like to see more public transport available	31	4	10	2	5	1	2	A bus service to access the site.
Improved parking provisions	15	5	1	1	0	0	0	more parking spaces.
Safety improvements to access countryside	15	4	2	2	2	0	0	Safe places for pedestrians to cross roads.
Comment not relevant	14	0	2	4	3	0	1	Wings.
Less cyclists	14	0	3	2	2	0	0	Less inconsiderate cyclists.
Living closer	10	3	2	1	0	0	0	If I lived closer.
Improvements to access	8	1	0	3	1	0	0	Having accessible foot paths for my wheelchair. And having the temper available at Newlands corner so I can explore properly with my family.
Change to car park charges	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	Reasonable car park charges. Currently too high.
Complaint regarding questionnaire	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	Truly odd question!
General site maintenance improvements	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	Less pot holes.

How I access the countryside depends on location	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	I like visiting numerous places, so my mode of accessing depends how far away the site is.
Improvements to prevent traveller access	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	No travellers.
Bike racks available	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	If there were cycle parking.
Would like to see improvements to signage	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	Clear signage at the entrances.
Comment regarding weather	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	Prefer not raining.
Comparison to other non SCC site	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	(Trusting that other controls are put in place to protect wildlife (e.g. like is done in Lightwater country park).
Free bus ticket for 60+	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Free bus tickets for 60 plus.
Health improvements	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Being fitter.
Woodland management	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	Removal of trees.

Question 3b. Why do you give that score for importance? (Free text box)

One sample comment has been provided, of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged response	Overall	Chobham Common	Newlands Corner	Norbury Park	Wisley & Ockham Common	Puttenham	Sheepleas	Sample
Value open greenspace, wildlife and habitats	598	147	100	96	44	28	14	I value our precious green spaces and the wildlife that inhabits it
Countryside sites improve health and wellbeing	430	88	85	72	39	24	9	Walking essential for good health and wellbeing both physical and mental.
Important that countryside sites protected	185	58	33	25	14	8	1	Urban areas are taking over and housing developments are increasing. Nature areas should be left as natural as possible.

Would like free access to countryside sites	143	48	38	14	7	4	2	Access should be free to encourage more people to use it.
Provides access for all	131	34	29	19	9	3	6	They provide large areas of countryside which are ideal for walking dogs, children.
Reason for living in Surrey	115	25	18	29	11	2	3	Major plus point of living in the area
Countryside sites are important for future generations	59	15	13	7	3	1	3	The countryside is a gift we must protect for future generations!
I visit the countryside for enjoyment and activities	44	6	10	5	5	1	1	Walking is one of life's great pleasures, especially in 'peaceful countryside'
Countryside sites are important for environment	35	8	6	4	1	4	0	Improvement in levels of pollution
Respondents felt they were important to teach about the education of the countryside	17	5	6	2	1	1	0	It's what makes children understand more than life with playstations
Use other non SCC sites	10	0	3	0	0	1	0	I belong to National Trust and other organisations and I use there's.
Countryside sites belong to people of Surrey	9	1	4	2	0	0	1	Most of this land has been gifted to the people of Surrey
Comment not relevant	9	2	2	1	2	0	0	Chobham Fire Station is crewed by on call firefighters who have only 4 minutes to get to the station, this is impossible at certain times of the day meaning no availability..... let's hope this doesn't result in fatalities.
I Volunteer/work at sites	8	0	3	1	1	0	0	volunteer in countryside management weekly.
Improve access	5	1	0	2	1	0	0	It would be great if there were Walker only paths to protect walkers and dogs from injury from dangerous cyclists. Unfortunately the most dangerous cyclists seem to ignore signs and cycle on footpaths anyway but it might help.
I have not visited/occasionally use SCC countryside sites	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	Because i have not visited

Public ownership is important	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	In public ownership are relatively safe from exploitation and the chances of appropriate management are improved.
Respondent would like to see changes to the car park charges scheme	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	At the moment not being able to use the parking machines (due to no smart phone) limits where I would go and must put a lot of people off visiting the sites.
Respondent felt consultation pre-determined	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	It would seem this survey by the council is to monetise the wild by improving "the experience" and adding human activity to the wild therefore rendering loss of habitat and purity of nature.
Countryside sites too far away	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Too far away - lots of other sites nearer
Part of sites should be used for housing	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	Having said that I also feel strongly that we should not protect every inch of green to the detriment of progression, as it seems at the moment we cannot provide a modern place to live due to the strong feeling that nothing should ever change.
Respondent felt there were better places to visit	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	Better places to go.
Respondent expressed concern around activities taking place at site	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	You need to try and prevent some of the things that happen at these sites
Trees restrict views	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	The (unwanted) trees restrict views and are a major fire risk.
Would like to see more bins available	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Maybe more bins for the idiots that hang plastic bags in the trees

Question 3d. What should we do to make the sites better now: (Free text box)

One sample comment has been provided, of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged response	Overall	Chobham Common	Newlands Corner	Norbury Park	Wisley & Ockham Common	Puttenham	Sheepleas	Sample comment
Access to the countryside should be free	406	133	93	58	30	12	6	No car parking charges.
The countryside should be protected and remain the same	323	87	63	44	28	14	8	It's natural, leave it that way.
Countryside sites should be well maintained	124	13	22	24	7	9	7	Nothing but continue the maintenance and repair to access that is currently done.
Countryside sites are valued and should be protected and maintained for wildlife, habitat and environment	96	17	12	17	10	7	4	Preventing growth of foreign species and protecting current fauna and flora.
More funding should be made available	91	19	13	17	6	4	3	Eradicate the significant inefficiencies in SCC's current spending to free up budget to maintain the lands.
Improve access to the countryside	76	16	10	15	5	4	4	Improve the condition of bridlepaths so they are suitable for horses to ride them. Or make all routes by-ways so all routes are accessible to all.
Would like to see more activities/facilities	61	10	17	11	2	1	2	Provide more facilities to attract families and children to the sites.
Change to car park charging	59	13	12	16	6	1	0	If a carpark charge has to be made then a reasonable charge could be applied not (£1.30) a hour is ridiculously expensive amount to pay.
Use more volunteer/friendship groups	58	11	11	10	4	2	0	Let a 'friends group' run the sites.
Suggestions for alternative ways for generating income	48	7	9	14	4	1	1	Create pop-up cafes to generate income (or give permission to the people who are actually doing the

									maintenance to have cafe's or coffee trucks on site to generate their own funding).
Would like to see more bins/ dog waste bins	44	11	6	9	4	3	1		More dog poo bins.
Complaint regarding questionnaire	43	9	15	3	3	3	2		SCC also needs to engage rather than enforce, consultations need to be that!
Countryside sites should be managed differently	36	7	5	10	2	2	1		As per other countryside sites hand them over to a Trust who will raise funds to keep them in better order.
Improve advertising to engage and encourage more to visit	34	6	5	4	4	3	1		Encourage more people to use them!
Access to the countryside is important for health and wellbeing	32	8	4	5	2	4	0		They are essential for the well-being of the residents.
Improve education of countryside sites	32	6	4	5	3	2	1		There could be more school outings.
Would like to see more staff presence at sites	30	7	5	7	3	1	0		Just needs the park rangers reinstated- a tiny cost to SCC on the grand scale of things.
Would like to see improvements to signage	29	4	5	3	2	4	1		Improved signage, way marking and noticeboards.
Public access should be reduced	19	4	2	5	0	1	2		Stop overuse/incorrect use of the sites and prevent damage to the area.
Comment not relevant	18	8	3	2	1	0	0		Councillor Goodman could resign.
Improvements to management of dog walkers	16	4	3	1	1	0	0		Control dogs and dog excrement.
Comments relating to woodland management	14	3	1	1	3	0	0		Get rid of all the silver birch
Improvements to prevent traveller access	14	10	0	0	2	0	0		Make them less accessible to travelling gypsies.
Minimal maintenance is all that is required	13	4	0	1	0	0	1		The local natural habitats have for generations looked after themselves as they're thousands of acres that are not accessed by people or dogs or horses. Therefore there is no need for any intervention by SCC

Support car park charges	11	2	3	1	1	0	0	Make as self-supporting as possible through car park charges
Comparison to other non SCC site	10	2	1	3	0	0	0	Let us come in for a stroll without trying to turn it into a park like Virginia Water.
Concerns around land being sold	9	3	2	0	1	0	0	Do not worry local people by threatening to sell off the land and develop it.
Joined up approach with other landowners	9	1	0	2	0	0	0	Work closely with the NT to provide a joined up approach to the countryside in the area.
Improvements needed to prevent fly-tipping	8	0	1	0	1	1	0	Track and prosecute those who would litter or flytip on these beautiful sites.
Listen to public	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	Use local groups and Facebook type polls for any key / large expenditure to get local opinion.
Would like to see more public transport available	8	1	3	1	0	0	0	I agree that people should be deterred from driving, but that means that public transport links have to be excellent and provide a service which can replace cars, which the current system absolutely does not.
Legislate against off road driving	7	1	2	1	0	0	0	Stop motorbikes and 4-wheel drive vehicles using our lanes and paths.
Support council tax increase	7	0	1	2	1	0	0	Suggest you bite the bullet and put council tax up.
Would like to see more countryside made available	7	2	2	0	0	1	1	EXPAND - and add more!
Concerns around displacement parking	6	1	2	1	0	1	0	People are parking on verges which ruins sites.
Noticeboards/ Signage should be removed from countryside sites	6	2	0	2	1	0	0	Get rid of intrusive and non-essential clutter such as notice boards, extra waymarking signs, etc.
No suggestion made	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	I don't know
Improvements to management of cyclists	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	Provide an effective ban on dangerous cyclists
Concerns around activities taking place at countryside site	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	I stopped going to Ockham Common because of the shameful goings on that happen there
Improvements needed to congestion/ infrastructure	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	When determining strategic road/transport development, take into consideration improving access to the sites

								(including foot, cycle, horseriding and motor vehicle) and possible road bypass measures. For example, the Hindhead tunnel has made a fundamental improvement to the enjoyment of 'The Devil's Puinch Bowl' area.
The council should be open and transparent	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	Be honest and say how bad the financial state of the council is in.
Security improvements needed	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	Improve security features.
Countryside sites important for climate control/flood management	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	As well as natural flood management and climate change mitigation.
Improvements should be made before charging	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	SCC should honour its promises and improve to toilet facilities at Newlands Corner.
The council should campaign to remain in EU	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	Campaign to stay in the EU.
Support building housing on countryside	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Build houses.
Would like to see more viewpoints	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	I'm thinking mainly of Norbury Park. Open up a few more viewpoints (but not too many).

Question 3e. How do you see the sites in the future? (Free text box)

One sample comment has been provided of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged comment	Overall	Chobham Common	Newlands Conrer	Norbury Park	Wisley & Ockham Common	Puttenham	Sheepleas	Sample comment
The countryside should be protected and remain the same	398	96	79	55	29	19	11	It should be a natural area as free as possible from any urbanisation.
Concerned around future of countryside	169	47	40	24	13	5	2	If the SCC has their way, covered in tarmac and houses.

Access to the countryside should be free	167	49	40	26	12	7	3	Free of parking charges.
Countryside sites should be well maintained	133	18	22	26	7	6	2	I WANT to see the parks maintained and looked after in the future.
Countryside sites are valued should be protected and maintained for wildlife, habitat and environment	117	23	11	22	12	8	7	I think that these countryside spaces need to be managed with as little interference as possible of natural habitats so that wildlife can continue to thrive.
Concern that sites will become empty/ inaccessible	88	26	25	15	7	0	3	If the present trend is followed inaccessible.
Concern that sites will have deteriorated	67	19	12	11	3	2	1	Ruined probably.
More funding should be made available	48	7	6	8	3	4	1	Should be funded by the Council without putting a charge on them by use of parking charges.
Important for future generations	32	9	3	4	3	0	1	Protected for future generations to enjoy.
Comment not relevant	30	10	4	2	3	1	2	Next elections cannot come soon enough.
Important for health and wellbeing	30	10	4	4	4	1	0	We have the most fantastic free facility on our doorstep which improves our fitness, encourages sociability, allows us to enjoy nature - all things which we need to improve the population's physical and mental health.
Countryside sites continue to be a vital resource	29	7	5	4	3	2	1	Invaluable resources for the public as open spaces
Countryside sites should be managed differently	19	5	2	4		0	2	Why can't you pass them/sell them to the National Trust to manage?
Would like to see more activities/facilities	19	3	3	2	1	1	0	Appropriate facilities such as refreshment kiosks, toilets, low key interpretation o major sites (Chobham, Whitmoor, Norbury).
Improve access	18	3	0	4	2	0	1	Easier access without a car and even some lanes without vehicle access at times.

Use more volunteer/friendship groups	17	3	2	3	2	1	1	Encouraging volunteer groups to support maintenance.
Alternative ways of generating income	15	3	1	5	2	2	0	Perhaps SSC should be investing in (chargeable) clubs for children (forest clubs) and grown-ups to install enjoyment of the countryside and this way of keeping active instead of an indoor gym.
Improve education of sites	14	2	3	1	1	1	0	It is also essential that the right information be given to the public in order for people to understand that the countryside doesn't stay as it is without careful management, e.g. that scrub would naturally takeover the downs and they would eventually be covered in woodland. In other words, most of our 'natural' countryside has become as it is through human activity.
More countryside available	13	0	3	1	1	0	2	I would hope that the number of sites would increase.
Countryside sites will be busier	11	0	0	4	3		0	More footfall as population increases.
Minimal maintenance is all that is required	10	4	0	1	2	1	0	Just as nature intended with minimal maintenance.
Public access should be reduced	10	2	3	3	1	1	0	I don't think you should advertise or encourage more people to use them.
Complaint regarding questionnaire	9	4	3	0	0	0	0	I mean seriously, this question is pathetic.
Comments relating to woodland management	9	1	0	3	0	1	0	Woodland management, such as harvesting hazel is a reasonable approach.
Joined up working with landowners	9	0	1	3	0	0	1	Part of a network of well managed habitats providing corridors for wildlife to thrive, with all landowners working together to ensure this happens.
Comparison to another non SCC site	8	2	1	1	2	1	0	As an example, where i live in Bletchingley it appears that the grass verges are now not being trimmed as often

								which allows plants, grasses and flowers to flourish that otherwise don't.
The council should encourage more to use	8	1	1	3	0	1	0	Opened up as much as possible for everyone to use. I can go to Norbury Park and never see anyone - sometimes I don't think people realise what is on their doorstep.
Would like to see improvements to signage	8	2	1	1	0	0	0	Clear information boards at principal access points.
Change to car park charges	7	2	3	1	0	0	0	If parking fees are introduced all over, the people that use them will not use them as often, as the fees are unreasonably extortionate. If they were reasonable, folk wouldn't mind contributing towards the maintenance.
Support car park charges	7	1	3	0	1	0	0	I would prefer to contribute by paying for parking.
Would like to see more bins/dog waste bins	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	Make everyone aware of how important it is to maintain it be keeping it clean and tidy. Also provide more dog poo bins.
Would like to see more public transport available	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	Accessed by public transport to limit private cars intruding and polluting.
Would like to see more staff presence at sites	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	Reinstate the money for rangers for the SWT. They were doing a great job in managing the sites.
Concern of CRC closure impact on fly tipping	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	Becoming a dumping ground for fly tippers.
No suggestion made	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	I have no idea.
Would like to see grazing	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	Allow controlled grazing (goats sheep cattle) to control vegetation.
Concern regarding displacement parking	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	Will encourage visitors to park where they shouldn't and result in access difficulties and potential accidents.
Improvements to prevent traveller access	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	At increasing risk from so-called travellers.
Support council tax increase	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	Council Tax should increase if necessary to pay for this if central Government cuts require this.

								Tax adds value to a society. It does not take away from the public good.
Vehicle access should be restricted	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	I would not like to see vehicle access to the interior of Norbury Park.

Question 5. Do you have any other comments on the future of the SCC's countryside sites? (Free text box)

One sample comment has been provided, of which spelling/gramma mistakes have been not been corrected:

Tagged response	Count	Chobham Common	Newlands Corner	Norbury Park	Wisley & Ockham Common	Puttenham	Sheepleas	Sample comment
The countryside should be protected and remain the same	292	88	54	37	24	12	7	Please don't consider income generating schemes on these sites. They will be incongruous and damaging at worst, and at best they are likely to be bodged (like the Chobham common parking scheme).
Access to the countryside should be free	279	88	63	31	19	10	14	There should be free parking for everyone to enjoy the countryside. The parking fees are unacceptable.
Countryside sites are valued and should be protected and maintained for wildlife, habitat and environment	95	16	17	19	10	4	4	The fundamental value of countryside and the habitats within it, rather than simply as a playground for people, needs to be better appreciated. It costs comparatively little to manage habitats and maintaining biodiversity is vital.
Comparison to another non SCC site	57	17	12	14	4	1	1	I don't want to compare these sites to the likes of Virginia water or Alice holts. Places like Chobham common were perfect for dog walks in the wild, 5 minutes round the corner from my home and ideal for local exercise in untouched and unspoilt countryside. You've completely

								ruined that for me, my family and many others. I don't care if you place Disneyland in the middle of Chobham common.
Complaint regarding consultation	55	21	9	5	1	1	0	I also find this survey very leading and reinforcing of your own plans and ideas which is not the purpose of public survey. This is public money being spent for political purposes.
More funding should be made available	54	15	2	10	5	2	3	I pay my council tax and expect the council to invest that appropriately in the countryside to maintain it for everyone. I don't expect to be taxed again at point of use through parking fees.
Change to car park charging	49	10	13	14	5	1	0	At least give local resident free permits and just charge business dog walkers or visitors who are not residents of Surrey.
Important for health and wellbeing	48	10	6	2	7	3	4	There is evidence that green space improves mental health, for example Barton and Pretty's research (2010) concluded that access to green space improved mood and self-esteem (both indicators of mental health). The Government is keen to improve public health and 'wants everyone to be able to make healthier choices, regardless of their circumstance' (gov website, July, 2018).
Concerned around future of countryside	42	14	9	4	2	0	1	With SCC's and the Government's current policies and plans the future for the countryside looks very bleak not just in Surrey but everywhere.
Important for future generations	42	5	8	6	4	2	2	As I now approach retirement I would like to think that should I be fortunate enough to have grandchildren I could share the same experience with them in the years to come.
Countryside sites should be well maintained	41	6	9	10	3	2	0	SCC has a statutory obligation to maintain the Commons and that is what it should do. The commons need to maintain their SSI status.
Improve advertising to engage and encourage more to visit	33	7	5	3	2	5	1	There needs to be a better understanding among the general public that land maintenance is not free and

								leaving the land without maintenance endangers its balance.
Countryside sites should be managed differently	29	5	2	12	1	0	0	Have a strategic partnership to run them with the National Trust.
Use more volunteer/friendship groups	28	4	2	6	1	1	0	I would like to see more support and recognition of the work done by volunteers and volunteer groups - especially those who are entirely volunteer groups and largely self-funded.
Alternate income generating ideas	22	3	5	7	2	0	0	Generate income by events and rent for cafes etc.
Would like to see more activities/facilities	19	3	3	5	0	2	0	If cafes were introduced at sites I feel these would generate more income than the car parking alone and attract more visitors.
Comment not relevant	16	4	2	1	2	2	0	Why would I bother?
Listen to public	12	6	0	1	1	1	0	Please, listen to the local population complain, if you do a consultation at least listen to it and then try not to do the exact opposite like last time.
Improve support to SWT	11	5	1	1	0	1	0	Money from council tax should be ring-fenced to support SWT and allow them to protect the countryside in the way they used to be able to do.
Support car park charging	10	0	1	0	2	1	1	I consider it reasonable for the public to make a contribution to the cost of upkeep as is the case with land managed by other organisations such as the National Trust.
Minimal maintenance is all that is required	9	4	0	1	0	2	0	With a minimum of intervention.
Public access should be reduced	8	2	2	3	0	0		Please discourage use of sites of special value and focus encouragement on other sites such as parks.
Support increase council tax	8	2	2	1	2	0	0	I'd rather pay more Council Tax.

The council should be open and transparent	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	I would suggest that there is a need to be open and transparent when you have stakeholders who are impacted by your decisions (this survey is a commendable start).
Would like to see more countryside made available	6	0	1	1	0	0	2	They are precious and we should be doing more to expand and protect them from council income.
Would like to see more staff presence at sites	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	Allow them to reemploy rangers for their sites, the sites have suffered without designated rangers. The rangers had built up years of experience and knowledge of the sites, which was discarded in exchange for making the sites management centralised and less personal.
Improve access	5	0	0	1	1	0	1	The SCC/SWT policy of installing height barriers on car parks denies access to many bridleways and open countryside to a sizable section community who could otherwise access it by trailer or horse box.
Support income generation	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	Extremely valuable assets - worth long term investment and would support income generation.
Improvements needed to congestion/ infrastructure	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	Spend your money on repairing our roads.
Improvements to management of dog walkers	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	I will repeat the need to manage dog walkers better especially commercial ones.
More information required to comment	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	Without being given firm and accurate financial information on management and income figures, it is not possible for users to make sensible and valid suggestions. Withholding such information does not engender confidence in the interests of the community being of any serious interest.
Improvements should be made before charging	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	Improve the facilities then add charges, don't charge people to go outside on the common.

Improvements to prevent traveller access	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	Getting rid of the travellers by making it illegal to dump their vans on any land they deem fit, as the have done in Ireland.
Support housing	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	The need for housing is much more important.
Would like to see more bins/ dog waste bins	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	More dog waste bins.
Would like to see more public transport available	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	I think that vision needs to incorporate how people will reach the countryside by means of public transport.
Concerns around activities at site	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Neither is the unsuitable/antisocial behaviours on Wisley and Ockham Common.

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